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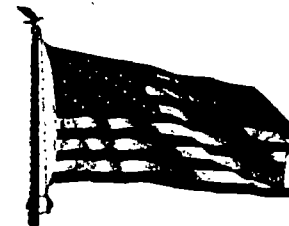
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Niles' Ticket Scofflaws given a break

Village will offer three-month amnesty before cracking down

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
 EDITOR

It's time to pay up, oh ye ticket scofflaws.

The Niles village board agreed in principal last Tuesday to a three-month ticket amnesty program that would allow those with outstanding parking tickets to pay the original balance of the ticket without penalties.

The village began investigating outstanding tickets earlier this year and discovered that, of 5,300 tickets that are outstanding from the year 2000, 2,646 are attributable to

Niles residents. 562 of those have three or more outstanding tickets and fines.

The village is owed \$1,118,649 in those 5,300 back tickets. Half of that money is penalties that is assessed after the ticket remains unpaid. But Attorney Joe Annunzio said it's unlikely that the village can get the money from those who don't live in Niles.

"We should concentrate on the people who are in town first," he said, observing that the village really has no mechanism capable

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Morton Grove considers unified development code

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
 STAFF WRITER

In an effort to make obtaining village code compliance information more customer friendly, an attorney is reviewing the possibility of creating a unified development code in Morton Grove.

The unified development code, that has not yet reached the village board, will unify sections regarding development through a single land use ordinance that

combines the provisions usually found within a jurisdiction's subdivision regulations.

"I think it's more customer friendly for citizens and businesses," said Joseph Wade, village administrator.

Some positive aspects of the unified development code are creating a logical way of dealing with outdated and conflicting code provisions, the need for more flexibility in regulating

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Easter Greetings & Lunch



Niles children had a chance to have Lunch With the Easter Bunny on Saturday at the Howard Leisure Center.

Illinois towns hold meetings to combat underage drinking

One hundred Illinois communities came together in a national effort to raise public awareness about the dangers of underage drinking during "One Night, One Mic, One Hundred

Meetings Day" on March 28.

In Park Ridge, two town meetings were held; one at South Park, 833 Talcott Ave. and the other at Township Hall, 1700 Ballard. There was also a

meeting held in Des Plaines at the Teen Center.

The special event was proclaimed by Governor Rod

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Schakowsky joins Morton Grove EDC to discuss Dempster funding

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

A special guest, U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky, attended a Morton Grove Economic Development Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 22.

"It's not very often you have a congressional representative as your guest," said Village Administrator Joe Wade.

Wade said that the Dempster St. improvement project was discussed and Schakowsky expressed her support of the project and offered any assistance she could give. In 2003, she successfully secured \$1.45 million in federal grants for the project.

The Dempster St. project includes improving safety and traffic flow on Dempster St. (such as center turn lanes) and creating off street parking lots. The total cost of the project is about \$8.3 million.

Morton Grove Community Development Director Bill Neuendorf said this project is challenging because it is funded by nine separate sources (such as state, federal, etc.) that all have different rules. Most roadway projects have two or three sources, said Neuendorf. At the EDC meeting, a representative from Lou Lang's office was also in attendance and

expressed their support of the project.

So far, eight of the nine sources are secured. Neuendorf said that the state has pledged \$3.6 million, but they haven't committed to a time those funds would be avail-

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Morton Grove
Village Administrator*

able.

"So far we've secured eight, which is a minor miracle in itself," said Neuendorf. He said they will continue pursuing the missing piece of the puzzle.

In addition to the project, at the meeting, Wade said they discussed how to attract businesses. One possibility that came up was having a business street fair, such as the one that is held in Evanston. Consumer leakage was also an item on the agenda.



Members of the Morton Grove Economic Development Commission and Village Board meet with U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky last week to discuss federal funding for projects in the municipality.

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Internet Safety experts to speak in Niles W.

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Wednesday Apr. 12 about protecting their children from identity thieves and predators online.

The presentation is scheduled to begin a 7 p.m. at Niles West in

Skokie. The experts are expected to discuss the growing popularity of online blogs and provide tips on how children can create a safer web page on the popular blogs.

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of collecting the money if they fail to pay.

Generally when a person receives a ticket in the village of Niles a procedure is followed to collect it. If the individual refuses to pay then they're sent to a collection agency.

"But the collection agency just

sends out a couple of threatening letters saying 'you have to pay,'" said Annunzio. "If that doesn't work they stop because they aren't going to make a lot of money on it."

In that case, the scofflaw wins. Some perennial violators may have learned that if they just hold out long enough they may never have to pay. So now the village is trying a carrot instead of a stick.

If those with outstanding tickets pay during the planned three-month amnesty, the penalties will be forgiven, effectively dropping the amount owed in half for many of those with outstanding tickets.

But if they don't pay during the amnesty, the village could take more drastic measures: the bal-

ance could be added to a municipal water bill or tied to a resident's vehicle so that when they come to village hall for the yearly vehicle sticker they would have to pay any outstanding tickets first. The village is also investigating hiring some part-time summer help to do in-house collections.

More details on the specifics of the program will be forthcoming.

"I don't think we can do too much to collect the money," said Village Manager George Van Geem, "as long as we do it nicely."

So scofflaws, the message from the village is pay up, or else they could just assess the entire amount, both ticket and penalties to your water bill.

In 2004, an Illinois Youth Survey showed that more than half of the 12th grade students reported drinking alcohol in the past month. Of this amount, 35 percent reported binge drinking in the two weeks prior to taking

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hold events

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Blagojevich and the goal was to raise awareness and find solutions to the problems related to underage drinking, prior to Alcohol Awareness Month held in April.

Each community that participated developed their own discussion topics and follow-up activities to address their specific local issues.

Underage drinking is directly linked to violence, suicide, traffic crashes, sexual assaults, unwanted pregnancies, other drug use and failure in school.

Medical and prevention professionals also find that many parents and adults do not see the consumption of alcohol as harmful and they sometimes provide the alcohol because they figure teens will drink regardless.

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the survey.

In 2005, a report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that traffic crashes were the number one killer of teenagers and more than 1/3 of teen traffic deaths were alcohol-related.

Some preventative measures include raising the prices of alcoholic beverages, training sellers and servers of alcohol in the state and local laws, having parents tell their children they expect them not to drink and school-based prevention programs.

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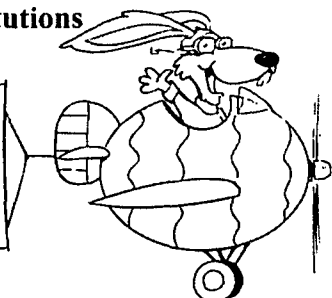
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In order to be named a "Gold Medal School" a district must rank

in the top 16 percent of all school districts nationally.

"We are extremely pleased and proud," said Dr. C. Steven Snider, superintendent of School Dist. 207, in a press release. "This award is validation for all the years of hard work our teachers, administrators and parents have dedicated toward making sure our children have a bright future."

Editor Bill King, of Expansion Management, said that the Education Quotient issue is the magazine's most popular of the year among readers.

The Education Quotient is in its 15th year and is nationally well-respected.

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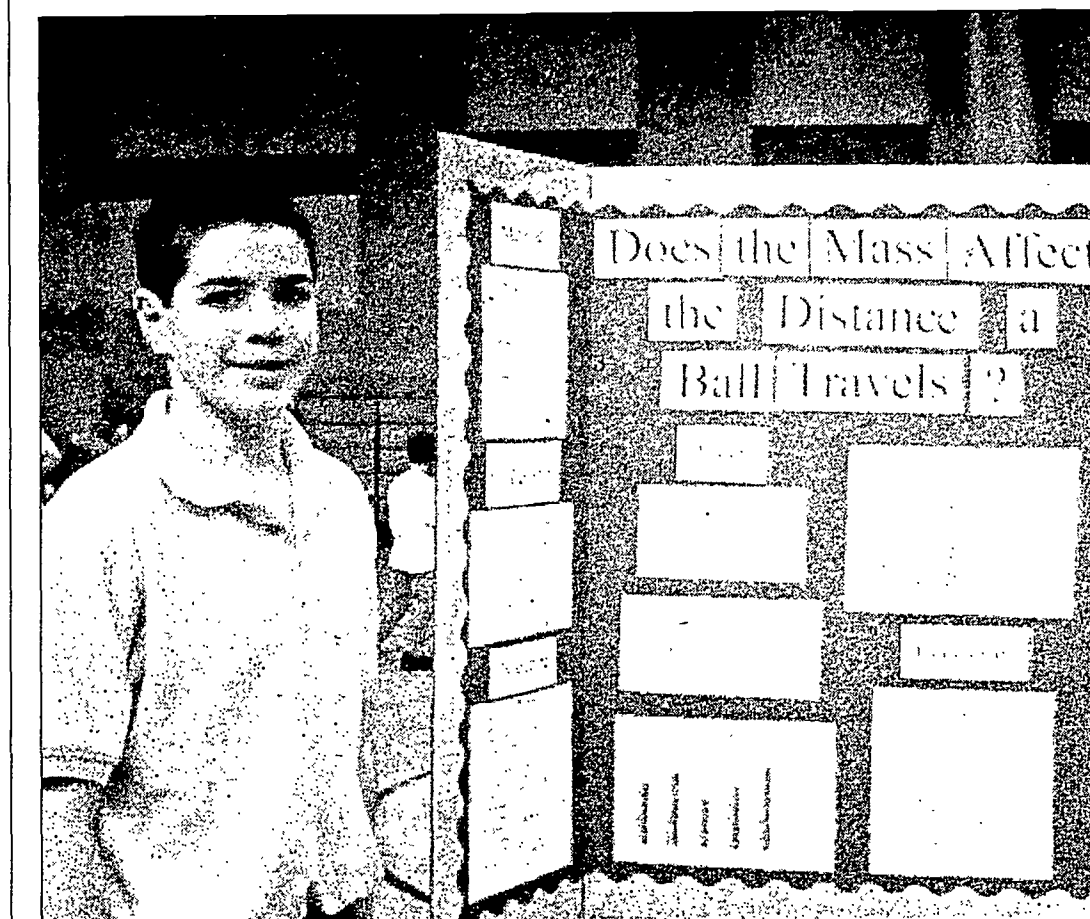
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St. Juliana Junior High Science Students
Receive Recognition

On March 16th the seventh and eighth grade students of St. Juliana School displayed their science projects in the Rev. Donald Ahearn Activity Center. The projects were viewed by the students from Kindergarten through 6th grade and they listened to the student scientists explain their hypothesis and results. The science fair judges evaluated all the students' projects for the quality of their research paper, exhibit poster, and oral presentation.

Congratulations to the fol-

lowing students for their fine work on the Science Fair projects. These Overall Awards were based on the judges combined scores for showboard design, presentation skills, and scientific method.

8th Grade Overall Winners:
1st Place was awarded to Daniel Mueller for his project about "Does the Mass of a Ball Affect the Distance It Travels?"; 2nd Place winners (tie) Tracey Mangan and Margaret Collins for "Do Some Nuts Give Off More Energy Than Others?" and Ed Wallace

for "Which Materials Color Flame the Best?"; 3rd Place (tie) Michael Sipusich and Billy Hopkins for their project titled "Is DNA An Efficient Identifier?"; Megan Broderick and Jenny O'Shea for the project titled "Does Mint Help You Take a Test?"; Honorable Mention to Donald Lappe, "Trebuchet! Which Projectile Flies the Farthest?"; Sean T. Mulroe and Tim Hirsch for "Which Liquid Has the Highest Density?"; Devn Pechnick and Paige Wzorek for "Electricity by Fruits."

NEWS

Walldren pens Science Fiction Novel 'Human Resources'

Park Ridge native's love of writing came from father

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

When he was a boy, Park Ridge Native Scott Walldren used to put together books with his father. Those creative afternoons were some of his earliest memories of his love of writing.

Walldren has continued his passion for writing and at the end of this past October his first novel, Human Resources, was released.

This novel depicts life in a world where no reform takes place, as many of America's corporations fall under public scrutiny. Human Resources is described as a "new kind of satire of corporate intrigue."

"I was curious about business decisions," said Walldren, who is an assistant project manager at American Eagle, in Park Ridge, a web-design company.

"I wear so many hats," shared Walldren, who is 26 years old. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from North Park University, where he graduated summa cum laude and he is currently pursuing a master's degree in Liberal Arts. In addition to being a writer, he is also a web designer, digital artist, photographer, and a musician.

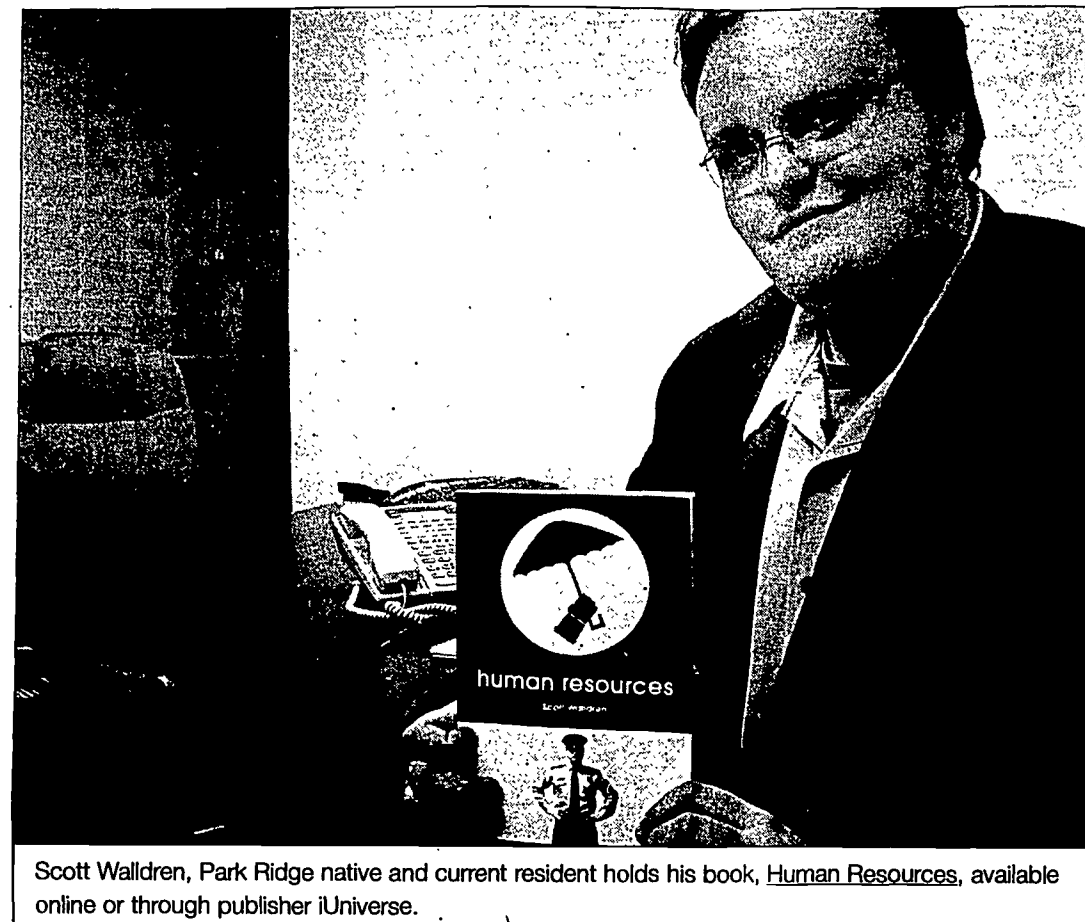
Where did Walldren's passion for writing begin?

"My father was a writer," said Walldren. He and his father, who was published in the Saturday Evening Post, used to spend their afternoons writing and illustrating together. When he passed away, Walldren said it was quite "a blow." He wanted to continue his passion, and so, he kept writing, which he said was one of his only refuges.

Walldren grew up in Park Ridge, attending Field School, Lincoln School and then a private high school in Niles.

Walldren has a love for other cultures and film and studied Japanese for two years. Music was always one of his greatest passions in life. He has made several recordings.

Human Resources is pub-



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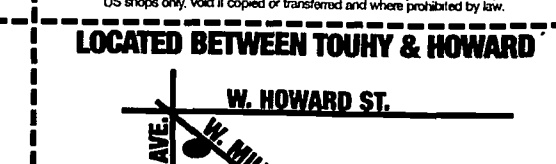
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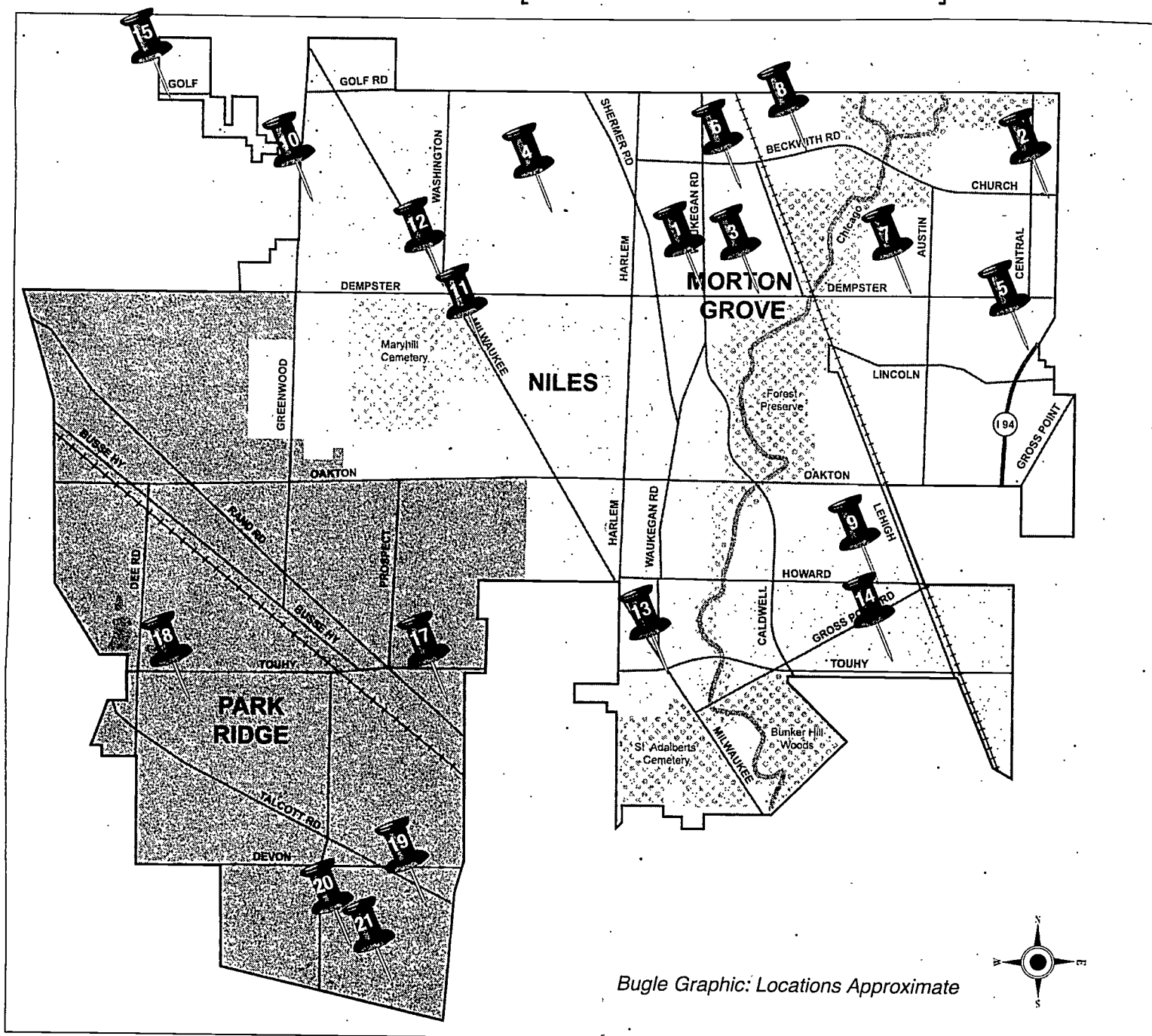
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1 Aggravated Assault (Dempster and Waukegan)

Police said two victims were passengers in a vehicle in which the driver nearly collided with the offender's vehicle on March 23. The offender rolled down the window and began yelling racist words to the victims. At Dempster and Waukegan, the offender exited the vehicle and threatened the two men with a baseball bat.

2 Graffiti on Garage (9200 block of Luna)

Unknown offender(s) used a white, yellow and black paint or marker to write gang graffiti on a resident's garage sometime between March 20 and March 27.

Police said the offender(s) also painted/marked the Dead End sign by the easement of the property.

3 Hundreds of Items Stolen (6900 block of Dempster)

A worker at a retail store chased a female shoplifter out into the parking lot on March 29. Police said a bag with \$143 worth of items was stolen and recovered, as well as three bags containing \$220 worth of items. These bags were found in the store.

4 Suspicious Phone Call (5600 block of Emerson)

The complainant said she was at her parents' home when they received a suspicious phone call on March 25, said police. The complainant said the offender kept asking for her mother and when she told him she was her mother, he knew it wasn't true. The complainant said she believes he was from Nigeria. In 2004, her parents

sent about \$60,000 to a Nigerian 419 Lottery Scam through Western Union wire transfer. She was concerned that the offender is trying to get her parents to send more money.

5 Attempted Auto Burglary (5600 block of Crain)

Police said the complainant went on vacation and when he returned noticed that the trim on the passenger side of the vehicle was damaged between March 18 and March 25. When he opened the door, he noticed the molding was loose and the trim on the driver's side was also pulled back. Nothing was missing, said police.

6 Fraudulent Drivers License Arrest (9200 block of Oak Park)

An 18-year-old Riverwoods man was arrested for possessing a fraudulent driver's license on March 22, said police. The police

stopped a blue BMW traveling westbound on Beckwith at 80 miles per hour in a 30 mph zone. Police searched his vehicle and found a South Carolina Driver's License. The offender admitted it was fake and said he paid \$100 for it.

7 DUI Arrest (6200 block of Dempster)

Police arrested a 53-year-old Mt Prospect man for driving under the influence on March 28. Police said offender was drifting from one side of the lane to the other and had a strong odor of alcohol on him, as well as red, glassy eyes. Police said this person was arrested in 1983 with a DUI and in 1993 with reckless driving, also DUI related.

8 Illegal Dumping (Neenah and Beckwith)

Unknown offender(s) dumped trash in the retention area south of

the complainant's property. Police found broken liquor bottles, beer cans, beer cases and other garbage at the site on March 24.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Monday, Apr. 3

9 Death Investigation (5600 block of Howard)

A 33-year-old male from Chicago died following a motor vehicle accident on March 27, said police. The man was transported to St. Francis Hospital, where he died from injuries from the accident.

10 Burglar Found in Kitchen (9000 block of Clifton)

Police said the complainant woke up and found a man in his kitchen wearing dark clothing on March 30. The offender immediately fled from the kitchen and out the back door. Complainants found an empty bottle of beer on the kitchen counter, pieces of ham and two packets of honey on the floor and a \$5 bill and some singles were taken from the victim's wallet that was on the counter. The offender was later found asleep in the back seat of a vehicle that did not belong to him. The offender was charged with residential burglary and criminal trespass to a vehicle. He is identified as a 41-year-old male from Chicago. Bond is \$75,000.

11 Public Intoxication (8700 block of Milwaukee)

Niles Police responded to a report of a dispute at a bar on April 1. Police said the offender was highly intoxicated and the employee at the bar took away his car keys and called him a cab. The offender refused to get into the cab and swore at an officer, as well as shoved him in the chest. The man also urinated in full view in the parking lot and was issued a ticket for public intoxication and public urination.

12 Speeding 45 Miles over the Limit (7500 block of Milwaukee)

A Chicago male, 20 years old, was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 35 mph zone south/east bound on Milwaukee on April 1, said police. Police also charged the man for having expired insurance.

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vehicle was towed by Skokie Auto. Bond is \$2,000.

13 DUI Arrest (Milwaukee and Touhy)

Police said a complainant said that the driver was all over the road and had sparks coming from his vehicle on April 1. The complainant said he hit a pole and then headed northbound on Harlem from Howard. The vehicle almost struck an unknown white utility vehicle, as it moved from the curb lane to the center lane.

14 Retail Theft (7300 block of Melvina)

A 20-year-old Chicago male was arrested for retail theft on March 27, said police. The suspect was employed by the store in the merchandise return department. Police said the suspect and others were being investigated for thefts from the store for over \$10,000. The suspect stole a Sony Camcorder from a box and put it in his pants pocket, said police.

15 Graffiti on School (9400 block of Hamlin)

Police said unknown offender(s) put graffiti on the south gym doors, north doors and walls leading to the playground, south side of the trailer, boiler room doors and electric box at the elementary school. The report was made on April 3.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, Apr. 3

16 Criminal Sexual Assault

An 18-year-old Park Ridge resident reported to the police department that she was the victim of an aggravated criminal sexual assault on March 21, said police. The victim said the incident happened on

March 19 inside of her home. The suspect is an 18-year-old male acquaintance. The incident is under investigation.

17 Burglary to Vehicle (1300 S. Grove Street)

Unknown offender(s) entered a victim's 2004 Infinity FX35 by breaking the driver's door window, said police. A \$350 radar detector was taken from the vehicle.

18 Spray Painted Profanities (300 N. Hamlin)

Profanities were spray painted on several parts of the school playground by unknown offender(s) on an unknown date and time. The police report was made on March 27.

19 Stolen Of Motor Vehicle (1600 S. Washington St.)

Police said someone took a victim's 2000 Chevy Silverado that was parked unlocked with the keys on the driver's seat on March 29, said police.

20 Coach Lamp Broken (1300 block of S. Prospect)

A victim discovered the glass on the coach lamp in his front yard was broken, said police. The incident occurred between March 23 and March 24. Police said the estimated cost of the damage is \$50.

21 Charged with Battery (700 block of N. Prospect)

Police said a 16 year old male was involved in an altercation with another juvenile at a residence. The 16 year old was charged with battery and released to a guardian. Police said he was given a court date of April 11.

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor

'Niles 986' leader thanks voters

Dear Editor,

Whether or not you voted yes or no on the recent off track betting referendum in Niles, a debt of gratitude is owed to everyone who had the courage to stand up for our rights.

Something broke down in the democratic process when the Village refused to look at the petitions asking for a referendum. If we hadn't filed a lawsuit none of us would have been able to exercise our right to vote on this issue. Our tax dollars were spent trying to keep us from giving advice to the Mayor and the Board on the issue of the appropriateness of an OTB. Since the referendum was only advisory, it is baffling as to why money and effort was expended to deny the citizen's right of free speech. In the past months our Mayor has been quoted as not being "a referendum type of guy" and our Village Manager stated that

he's a not "a political guy." Thank goodness there are citizens who are people's rights types of guys.

In the March 30 issue of the Bugle, Mr. Bilocerkowycz of Lucky Magee's once again referred to what a "squeaky clean reputation" they have. It continues to amaze me that he fails to realize that crime was never our issue. In fact, he and the Village were the only ones that talked about crime. I repeatedly spoke at meetings at which Mr. Bilocerkowycz was present and stated our concerns about the closeness of the OTB to a residential area, traffic congestion and the lack of citizen input, never crime.

What the referendum showed was not overwhelming approval or a victory of "the silent majority" as stated by Mr. Bilocerkowycz. It shows that the Village is still as divided on this issue as it was back in September when the Board of Trustees voted 3-3 on off track betting. The victory here is that in spite of massive efforts by the Village to stop it, the citizens won the right to vote.

So, to every one who came to the Board meetings, passed or signed a petition, distributed flyers, registered voters, encouraged their neighbors to vote, was a poll watcher, and voted on the referen-

dum, I say thank you. You and your efforts show that people do count in Niles.

A group of people made a difference in Niles. They listened to you. And they will keep on listening and seeing that our elected officials do the right thing.

Rosemary Palicki, Niles

Niles Resident takes issue with quote

Dear Mayor Blase,

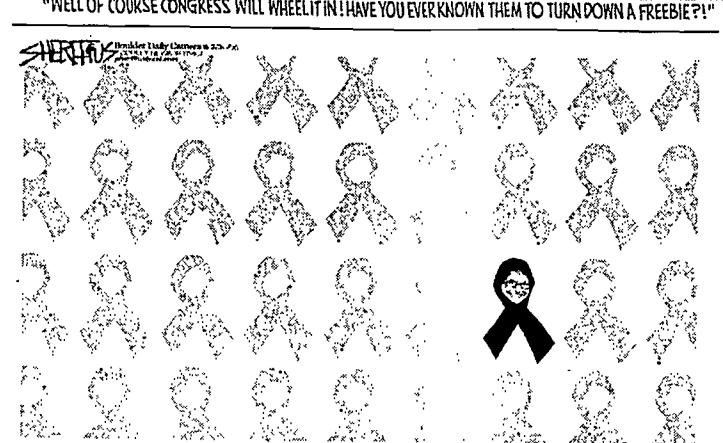
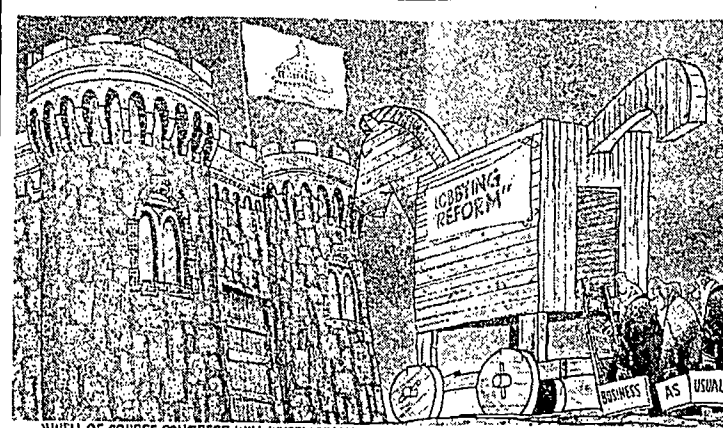
I have been a Niles resident for many years and have supported you, as I felt you were doing a good job. I must now, however, take issue with a quote by you, which I read in a local newspaper.

You state, in regards to the recent Cook County smoking ban, "The county's plan may not necessarily be a good fit for Niles. Banning smoking in bars and restaurants can be damaging to business."

What an awful thing to say! How in the world can you put the love of the almighty dollar ahead of the health of human beings? How about searching your soul, Mr. Mayor, and prove to us that Niles is indeed the village "Where People Count."

Eunice Shparago, Niles

Other Views



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BUSINESS

Money makeover: luck helps, but strategy best

BY RACHEL LAING
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Anthony Sarain has had a fair share of two components important to growing wealth: discipline and luck.

The 42-year-old engineer has been careful to live within his means and to sock away a good portion of his disposable income. He also bought a four-unit rental property in San Diego and Qualcomm stock before either real estate or shares of the local wireless giant became such hot tickets.

But Sarain knew his luck could run out, and he wanted to make sure he was in a good position to weather a stock market drop. As a single dad, he also worried about his lack of an estate plan, which he knew could cause trouble for his two daughters if he died prematurely.

"I had all these nagging worries, but I didn't know how to make it better," he said. "Being busy with life, it's hard to figure all that stuff out."

So Sarain volunteered for a San Diego Union-Tribune Money

Makeover, sponsored by the newspaper and the San Diego chapter of the Financial Planning Association.

The association chose Charles Foster, a certified financial planner and certified investment adviser with Blankinship & Foster in Solana Beach, Calif., to work with Sarain and to make recommendations. The firm's Robert Pascual also assisted in developing the plan. In exchange for sharing his story, Sarain received a comprehensive financial plan at no charge.

Sarain was right to be concerned about diversification, Foster said. Sarain has been purchasing the stock of his employer, National Semiconductor, through the employee stock purchase plan. Between that and his purchase of Qualcomm, Sarain has more than 80 percent of his liquid portfolio in large-cap growth stocks that could easily go south.

Aside from the two stocks doing well, Sarain's justification for holding on to so many shares was that he would have to pay 25 percent federal and state capital gains tax on

Story Continues...
see MONEY AND YOU next page.

Morton Grove holds revitalization meetings on Dempster, Waukegan

Last month, a group of business owners, design and construction professionals and local officials came together to discuss ways to revitalize businesses along Dempster St. and Waukegan Rd. in Morton Grove.

Bill Neucndorf, community and economic development director for the Village of Morton Grove, said that it is essential to create a unified district in order to remain competitive with other regional shopping centers.

Neucndorf said that some simple façade updates can increase visibility, customer traffic and sales. Examples are bright, welcoming awnings, consistent outdoor lighting, bold, effective signage, recognizable streetscaping such as flags, benches, banners, bus stop shelters and seasonal plantings and other forms of landscaping.

Peter Theodore, of Camburas and Theodore, provided advice about architecture and design. He said that it is important to have consistent but not identical design features to create a "unified theme" throughout the district, by the use of design standards. He said that existing brick and masonry can be stained in order to up date the aesthetics at a low cost. He also said that window and door systems can be electrostatically repainted as opposed to being completely replaced.

Jay Rossman, of NutraLawn, landscaping, provided landscaping tips that would attract more customers. He said that pots and hanging planters are effective when there is minimal space between building and sidewalk. He also said that fountain grasses are effective and inexpensive.

From J & D Signs, John Swanson said that different

types of signs can be effective, such as box signs, dimensional lettered, monument signs and neon signs. In addition, he said that signs on awnings stand out better than on wall mounted signs.

Kurt Meyer, of Rose Group, general contractors, shared information about prices. He said that awnings are estimated to cost less than \$1,000. He said cosmetic changes such as minor carpentry, awnings, new signage and improved lighting cost less than \$10,000.

John Hunt, of Cambridge Bank, provided various financing methods. He said that Small Business Administration offers several loan programs that are federally subsidized. He also recommended the Illinois Capital Access Program. He recommended minimizing fees by working with your banker directly with smaller loans.

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BUSINESS

Edward Jones Investment Representative hosts Financial Seminar

Edward Jones investment representative Nick Katsoolias of Niles is hosting an education seminar titled "Setting and Achieving Personal Goals: A common Sense Approach" at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Apr. 10 at the Niles Public Library. It will also feature Linda Mathis and Jacki Skibbie speaking from the Niles Family Fitness Center on "Goal Setting for Fiscal and Physical Fitnesses." Please RSVP to Joy Culver before noon on Monday Apr. 10 to assure a space.

The upcoming seminar is designed to provide participants with a logical, systematic approach that will help them develop a plan to achieve their financial goals. Topics to be discussed include: understanding the value of using a systematic approach to investing, identifying all monetary sources available and knowing how to prioritize one's financial goals.

The seminar is free, but space is limited. To make a reservation, call Katsoolias at (847) 663-1650.

MONEY AND YOU:

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proceeds from their sale.

But Foster pointed out that Sarain stood to lose far more if those stocks took a hit or if the stock market had an overall correction.

Foster recommended that Sarain reduce holdings in those stocks by about half, selling \$125,000 of National Semiconductor and \$20,000 of his \$55,000 in Qualcomm stock.

With the after-tax proceeds from the sale, he should diversify by purchasing bonds, international mutual funds and a fund with mid-cap and large-cap value stocks, which Foster described as good companies whose share price is temporarily down because of a change in management or an industry downturn.

These stocks, Foster said, have a better chance of going up than current "market darlings" Qualcomm and National Semiconductor.

Overall, Sarain should reallocate his stock-heavy investment portfolio to less than 75 percent in equities and at least 25 percent fixed-income assets such as bonds.

"The right time to sell stocks is when you're feeling great about them," Foster said. "The worst time is when you're feeling bad, and most people do it backward. He should trim while things are good, and have cash in bonds to buy stock when things are bad."

Foster told Sarain to continue maximizing his 401(k) contribu-

tions and using his employee stock purchase plan, which allows him to buy stock at a steep discount.

Assuming the company is doing well, he should purchase \$12,000 per year of the stock. With every purchase, however, he should sell off an equal amount of National Semiconductor stock that he's owned for more than a year - allowing him to pay lower long-term capital gains rates - then put the proceeds into his diversified investment portfolio.

Sarain is currently in a slight cash crunch as he puts his older daughter, Alix, through college. His alimony payments stop next year, and in 2008 his daughter will graduate.

Foster cautioned Sarain against increasing his spending as his changing situation provides a greater cash surplus. Foster advised devoting most of that extra money toward investment and savings.

Because the industry in which Sarain works is prone to job losses, he should increase his liquid reserves to cover his own expenses for six months, as well as vacancies at his rental property. Foster recommended keeping between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in cash and short-term fixed-income investments.

Another major concern of Sarain's was that he lacked an estate plan. Foster said this poses a serious problem because Sarain is financially responsible for his daughters, and the process of distributing his assets after his death could be a drawn-out one. Not spelling out his wishes also leaves room for conflict

among survivors.

Sarain's untimely death "could end up in a major family squabble between his parents and ex-wife," Foster said. "He could avoid all that by expressing his wishes in a will."

In addition to a will, Sarain should execute a living trust and title all his assets - including the house and rental property - in the name of the trust. This puts a trustee selected by Sarain in charge of distributing the assets according to his wishes when he dies, avoiding the delays and costs of the probate process.

The trustee also would be instructed on what to do with his assets if he were incapacitated, ensuring that his assets were managed and his children were cared for according to his wishes.

While the trustee of Sarain's living trust would be able to attend to the trust assets if Sarain were unable to make decisions, his 401(k) and IRA cannot be titled in the trust's name.

Sarain also should have a durable power of attorney for health care and financial decisions in case he becomes unable to make decisions.

If Sarain were incapacitated at a time when a major market event threatened his qualified assets and his portfolio needed to be adjusted, only someone with a durable power of attorney for financial decisions would be able to authorize appropriate adjustments on his behalf.

Foster said these measures are particularly important for Sarain because he rides a motorcycle and, therefore, has a higher chance of being in an accident that could temporarily incapacitate him.

Another area in which Sarain is relying too heavily on luck is in insurance. Foster's analysis of Sarain's insurance found he is significantly underinsured in several areas.

For college savings for daughter Katja, Foster recommended a 529 college savings plan, which allows savings to grow and be withdrawn for college costs tax-free under current laws.

He cautioned Sarain only to save about one-half to two-thirds of the total anticipated college expenses, because some of the costs are not qualified under 529 plans.

Because of the cash squeeze with Alix in college, Sarain said that for now he'll stick with his original plan of using the revenue stream from his income property to pay Katja's college expenses instead of diverting income to the 529 plan.

If he changes his mind, Foster said, Sarain can fund a 529 with up to \$12,000 per year and can catch up by paying five years into the fund at one time.

Aside from the college savings plan, Sarain said he's already implemented Foster's advice.

"I was pretty dubious going into it," Sarain said of the planning process. "It's that whole engineering thing - 'I can do anything better than you.' But I was pleasantly surprised."

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NSC Highlights

For a detailed description of programs & activities or to ask about membership or registration requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420. Visit us online at www.vniles.com.

Pre-registration is required for most programs. Call for more info.

APRIL REGISTRATIONS

Drop off Registrations from the April Naturally Active are due at the Center on Friday, April 7. In-person Registrations will begin 8:30AM on Wednesday, April 12, for programs with space available. NILES SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY,

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If you are currently enrolled with Circuit Breaker, please contact the Niles Senior Center for assistance in reenrollment. Renewals may be made over the internet or by mail.

New applicants MUST file a paper form. Income limitations apply. Call the Center for more information 847 588-8420.

AMERICAN STROKE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION, May 10, 12:30PM - 1:30PM FREE

Lynn Michel, APN, Stroke Coordinator, Lutheran General Hospital, will discuss the new American Stroke Association Guidelines in stroke prevention and how to recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke. This is a free lecture open to all. Following the lecture will be the Free Monthly Blood Pressure Screening (from 1:30-3PM). All are welcome.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION,

Wednesday, May 31, 2006. Niles couples celebrating 50, 55, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage are invited to this Niles Senior Center annual Anniversary Celebration.

Were you married in 1956, 1951,

1946, or 1941 and earlier? Please contact the Senior Center for information on how you can be a part of this wonderful afternoon. Contact: MaryAnn 847 588-8420.

OVER 90's CELEBRATION, June 22, 2006

Are you or someone you know celebrating your 90th (or over) birthday in 2006? If so, this celebration is for you! Please contact Jaymi Ostman at the Niles Senior Center for more information about this wonderful celebration.

GRIEF WORKSHOP TO OFFER SUPPORT - BEGINS April 12

Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants may attend one, two, or all three workshops. The sessions will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00PM and will focus on the following areas:

Card Club party, Senior Prom at Park Ridge Senior Center

Park Ridge Senior News

prizes. Reservations are required and should be made immediately by mail. There is a charge of \$8.50.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

The Park Ridge Senior Center is again sponsoring Life Line Screening on April 25, 2006.

The screening consists of carotid artery screening in the neck for plaque buildup; abdominal aortic aneurysm screening; peripheral arterial disease screening for plaque buildup in the lower extremities and osteoporosis for bone density. All four screenings cost only \$129, are quick and easy and could be life saving.

SENIOR PROM

Students from Lincoln Middle School have planned

Appointments fill quickly due to limited space. Call 1-800-324-1851.

CAMERA CLUB MEETING

The Camera Club will meet on Tuesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. World traveler Rosalyn Pachter will return from Spain and France in time to present this program. She has created a new digital flip album with the "best of her best" photos of her many travel destinations. Everyone is welcome.

SENIOR PROM

Students from Lincoln Middle School have planned

the "senior prom" with a 40's theme complete with decorations, a D.J. to play the great music from the 40's and refreshments. The date is Friday, April 21 from 5-8 p.m....it's free but reservations must be made. So dress up and come over...it should be a great evening.

25th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

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Love to read? Know someone who does? The Morton Grove Senior Center is selling books that can no longer be shelved in its Library. All proceeds will go to support the Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove. The sale will be held from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 13 in the Senior Center. Paperback books are 10¢ and hardbacks are 20¢.

OSTEOPOROSIS LECTURE & SCREENING

Osteoporosis is a progressive disease that causes bones to become thin and brittle endangering them to breakage. The Morton Grove Senior Center will offer a free lecture followed by free bone density screenings at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. This program is co-sponsored by ARC Health. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 847/470-5223.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

"PIRATES OF PENZANCE" SHOW - cancelled

The Morton Grove Senior Center's "Pirates of Penzance" Show and Luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations. Please call the Morton Grove Senior Center at 847/663-6127 for more information.

"HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER" WORKSHOP

Thinking of buying a computer? This Workshop meets from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22 at the Morton Grove Senior

Center, and the Center's Computer Instructor RJ Bruno whose 20+ years in the industry, will help give some clarity and assist with the computer-purchasing process. Get questions answered like, "what do all those numbers and abbreviations mean anyway!" The cost for the Workshop is \$8 for Senior Center Members and \$10 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

"LET'S DO LUNCH"

Come visit the "Lunch Bunch" any Monday through Friday at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. The following special "Lunch Bunch" events are coming up:

- Antique Clocks on Thursday, April 27. Lunch will be Turkey Ham.
- May Day Party on Monday, May 1. Lunch will be Veal Parmesan.
- Nat King Cole Audio-Biography at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3. Lunch will be Crispy Chicken Fillet.

- Mothers Day Party on Friday, May 12. Lunch will be Chicken with Broccoli and Cheese.
- Parkview School Jazz Band on Wednesday, May 17. Lunch will be Meatball Stroganoff.
- Patio Grill on Friday, May 19. Lunch will be Smoked Beef Sausage.

- Fashion Show on Thursday, May 25. Lunch will be Herb Baked Chicken with Rice.
- Memorial Day Party on Friday, May 26. Lunch will be Seafood Salad.

The lunch cost is a \$2.75 to \$3 donation. For information about the menu or transportation call the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch."

TWELFTH NIGHT

Twelfth Night is one of Shakespeare's great "golden comedies," featuring shipwrecked identical twins, a handsome love-sick Duke, beautiful women who have forsown men, a vulnerable heroine disguised as a man, and a noble pirate king. In classic Shakespearean style, all the plot twists are resolved with practical jokes, bawdy wordplay, and plenty of romance! The bus departs from the Morton Grove

Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3 and returns at 6 p.m. The cost is \$75 for Senior Center Members and \$86 for non-members and includes transportation, show and lunch choice of Salmon Dijonnaise or Chicken Vesuvio. Register in-person at the Senior Center.

AARP MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" formerly known as "55 Alive" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 11 in the Prairie View Community Center; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, June 3 and 10 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTSLori Biala-Smith Named Director
Of Nursing
At Norwood Park Home

Lori Biala-Smith, a resident of nearby Norwood Park Township, was named Director of Nursing at Norwood Park Home, a division of Nor-Wood Life Care NFP at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. She succeeds Barbara Hillyer, who retired to return to her home in central Illinois.

"We are very excited to have Lori head our team of nurses and caregivers," said Mike Toohy, Norwood Park Home administrator. "She brings clinical expertise along with a passion for customer service excellence and an acute sensitivity to the needs of our residents and caregivers."

For most of her professional career, Lori was employed with the Resurrection Health Care System. Most recently, she was Director of Patient Care Services at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston and, earlier, was their Director of Quality Resource Management. At Our Lady of the Resurrection in Chicago, she

held positions of Director Quality Assessment/Performance Improvement, Project Coordinator and Manager - Extended Care Unit. She also served as an independent contractor and an instructor in nursing at Wright College in Chicago.

"I am a long time resident of the Norwood Park area and am delighted to be a part of Nor-Wood Life Care" said Lori. "I look forward to meeting the many family members and friends of Norwood Park Home and contributing to their longstanding tradition of providing excellent quality care and service to those who entrust their lives to us."

Lori holds a Master of Business Administration degree with a specialty in health care administration from Dominican University in River Forest, and received her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Loyola University in Chicago.



She is a board member of The Learning House Foundation, an advisory board member for North Central Association of School Accreditation, and a member of the American Association of Nurse Executives and the National Healthcare Cost and Quality Association.

Lori is an honored member of the 1998, 1999 and 2000 International WHO'S WHO of Professionals and is a Gold Member of The Manchester Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals for 2004-2005.

The Feast Of Divine Mercy
April 23, 2006

In 1931, Our Lord, Jesus, appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun from Krakow, and gave her the mission of spreading His message of Mercy to the world. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II announced that Sister Faustina was to join the ranks of SAINTS. On that same day, the Pope formally announced that the Sunday after Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Again, this year St. John Brebeuf Church will celebrate this feast with Confessions at 2:00 pm, followed by a procession of the Knights of Columbus at 3:00 pm, and then Mass, Exposition, Divine Mercy Prayers and display of a relic of St. Faustina. All this in Polish and English.

GLENVIEW TERRACE HOSTS
MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S
COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center hosts a monthly Alzheimer's Community Support Group every third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

All persons living in the community with family members with Alzheimer's disease are welcome to attend this Alzheimer's Association affiliated support group where they can ask questions about the disease process, receive educational material and seek support from other families living through the same situation.

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center is located at 1511 Greenwood Road in Glenview. To find out more about the Alzheimer's Community Support Group, call Mr. Vasquez at (847) 729-9090.

Polish Women's
Civic Club Spring
Luncheon
Installation
Of Officers

On Monday, May 8th, 2006, the Polish Women's Civic Club will celebrate their annual Spring Luncheon with Installation of Officers.

The festivities begin with cocktails and visiting at 11:30 AM followed by lunch at 12:30 PM at The Wyndham Drake Hotel in Oakbrook, at 22nd and York Road in Oakbrook, Illinois. After lunch there will be the Installation of Officers for the

coming year, and the induction of new members.

The proceeds of this event will be used for the charitable activities of the not-for-profit Civic Club. We will hold a raffle at the event.

Tickets are \$55.00 per person and reservations must be made no later than April 30th to insure a reservation. For more information call Alicia Dutka, 847/382-6339.

President Camille Kopsielski and Roberta Kaminski, chairman, and the committee, invite you, family and friends to this event to help us continue our philanthropies.

Liberty Bank to Host Adult Driving Course

Liberty Bank for Savings is hosting the adult driving course "55 Alive" on Tuesday and Thursday April 11 and 13 at 10 a.m. The course will take place at the bank's Norwood branch, 6210 N Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.

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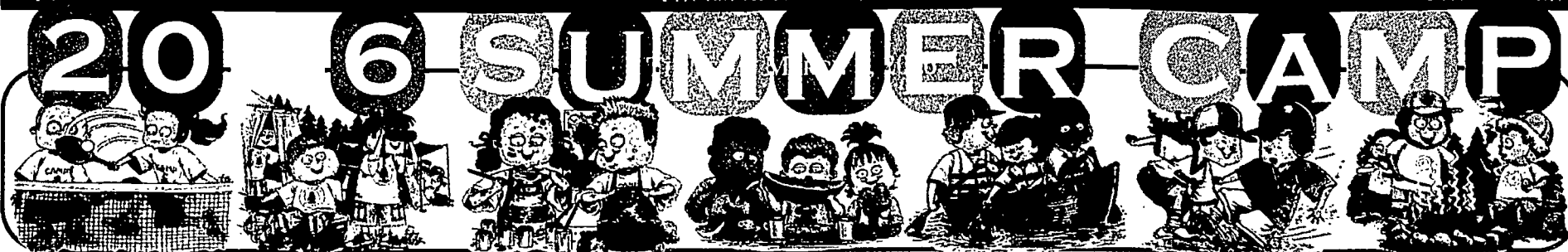
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	1:30 PM	Good Friday Family Service
	7:30 PM	Good Friday Traditional Service
April 16 th	7:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:30 AM	Congregation Celebration Breakfast
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 AM	Easter Morning Service



Camp Trends Specialty Camps

Camps are designed in a variety of styles and formats and provide activities that vary to meet many interests. Most camps offer a general program of outdoor activities of hiking, swimming, sports and games, arts and crafts, and nature awareness. Some camps have special emphasis on programs such as horseback riding, water sports, music, or adventure challenge activities. While camps provide facilities and services for a broad range of children, youth, and adults, some camps provide services to special groups: There are programs for seniors, families, campers with cancer, gifted and talented children, youth at risk, diabetics, asthmatics, or persons with disabilities.

Of the estimated 12,000 American camps, approximate-

ly 8,000+ are resident camps and 4,000+ are day camps. Resident camps are designed for campers staying at camp from several days to eight weeks. Campers sleep overnight in cabins, tents, teepees or other forms of shelter, and participate in a variety of supervised activities. Having grown by nearly 90% in the past 20 years, day camps offer sessions and age-appropriate programs similar to resident camps. Campers are often transported to camp by a bus or van, and return home each day in the late afternoon.

Other trends incorporate less traditional models for the camp experience. Trip Camps provide programs where the participants transport themselves to different sites by backpacking, riding, or canoeing.

The Benefits of Camping

How Parents View The Camp Experience

Why Is It Important To Send My Child To Camp?

Youth development experts agree that children need a variety of experiences in their lives to help them grow into healthy adolescents and healthy adulthood. For children to develop positive behaviors, their experiences must produce:

- A sense of industry and competence
- Do they develop skills? Do they learn to work for what is important? Are they successful at what they do?
- A feeling of connectedness to others and to society

(Do they feel like they "fit"? Do they see a role they can play in their group, family, or community? Do they have friends?)

• A belief in their ability to make decisions

(Do they learn to make good choices? Do they see the results of their decisions?)

• A stable identity

(Are they learning what their skills are? Are they receiving positive feedback about themselves?)

To help us understand what camp accomplishes, approximately 1000 parents completed a survey after their children returned home from camp in the summer of 2000. On a scale of 1-5 (with 1 = strongly disagree and 5 = strongly agree), parents rated the top five outcomes of camp for their child as follows: (on a 5 point scale) 1. My child felt successful at camp (Average score: 4.63) 2. My child made new friends (Average score: 4.60) 3. My child gained new skills (Average score: 4.39) 4. Camp encouraged my child to get along better with others (Average score: 4.35) 5. Camp helped my child have a better idea of what s/he is good at (Average Score: 4.20)

Camp can provide an excellent experience for your child to learn and develop. According to the Search Institute, young people have seven developmental needs: 1. Physical Activity 2. Competence and Achievement 3. Self-Definition 4. Creative Self-Expression 5. Positive Social Interactions 6. Structure and Clear Limits 7. Meaningful Participation

The camp experience is uniquely positioned to provide all of these developmental needs

for children. Consider camp as the perfect partner to family, school, and community youth activities in helping your child learn independence, decision-making, social and emotional skills, character building and values - all in an atmosphere of creativity and enrichment under the supervision of positive adult role models.

In today's pressure-oriented society, camp provides a non-threatening environment for America's youth to be active, to develop competence in life skills, to learn about and enhance their own abilities and to benefit from meaningful participation in a community designed just for them.

Yes, camp is for everyone! Don't let your child grow up without it!

Do you feel different about yourself when you are at camp?

"I feel different because I feel like I am accomplishing something by being here." (13-year-old female)

"At school there are defined groups of people, but at camp, everyone feels wanted." (15-year-old female)

"Yes, because I'm with people my age and people who respect everyone." (11-year-old male)

"At camp I think that I can do more and be proud of myself." (13-year-old female)

"At camp I have a personality that is different from home. I'm less cautious to do fun or exciting things. I don't feel as alone as I sometimes do at home." (14-year-old male)

"When I'm at camp I feel that I can be more open with others and myself. I tell people things at camp I wouldn't speak of back home. I feel so much more in tune with myself here and I can discuss issues so much more openly." (15-year-old male)

"I don't have to be fake to anyone. Everyone here accepts me as I am, and I'm not judged or criticized." (15-year-old female)

If explaining camp to friends, what would you say you learn here?

"I learned to listen to what other people say." (10-year-old male)

"I learned a lot of team work

skills." (13-year-old female)

"You learn how to relate to people on a level deeper than that of school or everyday life because you live together." (14-year-old female)

"I learn a lot about respect and my real values in life, what they really should be." (14-year-old female)

"Values like how to be responsible and respectful." (13-year-old female)

"You learn mostly how to interact with different kinds of people and are open to different ideas. You learn how to cooperate well with others who share and don't share the same opinions as you." (15-year-old female)

"I learned to have fun, be a leader, discipline, and most of all - respect." (12-year-old male)

"You learn how to make new friends, learn different sports, and learn that camp can be a very good part of summer!" (9-year-old female)

Campers Speak: What Did I Learn at Camp?

We asked campers what they learned at camp and received interesting answers, which may be used to enhance stories about the camp experience.

"I learned mostly about how to get along with my peers, but also I learned to take on more responsibilities like managing a schedule and helping to take care of younger campers." (14-year-old male, Netimus)

"One main thing I learned last year was to be more open to others. That especially helped me into my first year of high school. It helped me get to know more people and to not judge them by their physical appearance, but rather the person they really are." (15-year-old female, Lake Hastings YMCA)

"My experience helped me look at challenging situations differently and instead of giving up, finding a way around them." (14-year-old female, Netimus)

"At school there are defined groups of people, but at camp, everyone feels wanted." (15-year-old female, Campus Kids)

"I was more confident, wanted to know everything, was excited to be in school, and got good grades in the 7th grade." (12-year-old female, Morry's Camp)

SPORTS

Lady Wolves grab first win

Niles West 1,
Leyden 0

BY ALI BHANPURI
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

Frigid temperatures could not subdue the Niles West girls' soccer team last Saturday afternoon, as the Wolves (1-3) notched their first victory of the season in a hard fought 1-0 win over Leyden in winter-like weather.

The Wolves, who played Maine South and Maine East earlier this week, did not appear to be phased by the cold conditions, scoring the lone goal of the game within three minutes of the opening whistle. Sophomore co-captain Cory Zielke knocked in the winning shot from short distance, capitalizing on a near open goal and a thin defense.

The Wolves had over 10 shots on goal in both halves, but could not take advantage of their opportunities. According to head coach Brett Clish, this is a factor that has plagued past teams as well.

"Finishing has been a constant problem for us. This year we've done a lot of drills to work on finishing our shots," Clish said. "We had a lot of opportunities, which is a good thing. I was hoping we'd get more than one goal, but I guess today one was enough."

The Wolves controlled the tempo of the game, dominating the time of possession. For the first 10 minutes of the second half the ball rarely slipped over midfield and onto Wolves' territory, allowing the girls to maintain their lead. However, as the half continued Leyden began to penetrate the Wolves' defense and nearly kicked in the tying

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Brett Clish
Wolves Coach

goal at the 25-minute mark. Clish attributes Leyden's late surge to substitutions he had to make to rest some of the Wolves' key defenders.

The physical play from senior co-captain Stefani Masterton helped the Wolves get out of a few sticky situations as well as help the team keep control of the ball. On the other side of the

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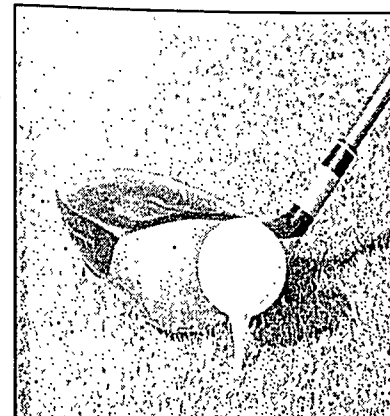
Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Tee ball lower for better control

Many golfers tend to tee the ball higher to get more distance and although it can be extremely effective, it doesn't increase accuracy. Teeing the ball higher for extra distance is fine on holes with wider fairways or if there is carry involved. But when accuracy is critical off the tee, try teeing the ball slightly lower for better control.

Making a tighter, more compact swing will also help with control. By keeping your head behind the ball, accelerating through the shot, and releasing the club with your hands you will find that you still get good distance off the tee and your accuracy is greatly improved.

This is not an attempt to try to discourage teeing the ball higher for extra distance. It's a reminder that each tee shot presents a different situation and when faced with the situation where accuracy is more critical than distance, you will be a better player if you understand your options.



Copley News Service/Tina Mickelson, PGA

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The Week Ahead in Sports

Friday, April 7, 2006

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Lake Forest @ Niles West	4:45 p.m.
Boys Gymnastics	
Maine South & Niles West @ Mundelein	6 p.m.
Boys Tennis	
Maine South @ Conant	4:30 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Maine South @ Warren Invite	5:30 p.m.
Girls Softball	
Lake Park @ Niles West	4:45 p.m.
Maine East @ Von Steuben	4:30 p.m.
Niles West @ Resurrection	4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 8, 2006

Boys Baseball	
Fremd @ Maine South (DH)	1:30 p.m.
Lane Tech @ Notre Dame (DH)	2 p.m.
Mather @ Maine East (DH)	10 a.m.
Niles West @ Prospect (DH)	3 p.m.
Boys Track and Field	
Gans-Zeedyk Invite @ Niles West	1 p.m.
Maine East and Notre Dame @ Prospect	12:30 p.m.
Boys Volleyball	
Niles West @ Glenbard East Invite	9 a.m.
Notre Dame @ Libertyville	8:30 a.m.
Girls Track and Field	
Niles West @ Riverside Brookfield Invite	10 a.m.
Girls Softball	
Maine South @ Addison Trail (DH)	10 a.m.

White Sox Great Kittle at Resurrection Conference



Ten-year-old Sydney McGinnis of Park Ridge watches as former Chicago White Sox slugger Ron Kittle signs his autograph for her Resurrection Medical Center's Youth Sports & Health Conference on Saturday, May 1. Kittle was the guest speaker at the event.

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field, senior midfielders Lizzie Steinert (co-captain) and Alison Temkin helped in the Wolves' offensive attack. Temkin was a few feet off from scoring the game's second goal midway through the second half, after a header attempt scarcely missed the net.

According to Clish, a major reason for the win was the team's improved communication. He noted that the team's on-field communication was "trying" in the previous three games, but that they did a "nice job today." Clish added that "too much talking is better than none at all."

As a team, the Wolves' preseason goal was to win fourteen games. With the entire season ahead of them, Clish feels the goal is obtainable but acknowledges that it will be no easy task.

The Wolves host Lake Park tomorrow evening in a non-conference match.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES

Antique or Junque
This Pitcher is a Good Catch

Anne McCollam
Copley News Service

Q: I am enclosing a photo of a blue-and-white pitcher that was handed down to me from my mother's side of the family. It is decorated with bands of swastikas at the top and bottom and a large one on each side. I've been told it was made before Nazi Germany and the swastika was originally a symbol of good fortune. It has no manufacturer's mark that I can find.

I would appreciate any history you can provide on my pitcher. I think it's beautiful, but with the swastikas all over it, I feel uncomfortable displaying it, so there won't be any possible misunderstandings by my guests. I would, however, enjoy displaying it if you can confirm it has a positive history and meaning.

A: The swastika is an ancient symbol that represented good fortune and goodness to many cultures that include American Indians, Chinese, Celts, Mayas, Vikings and Greeks. The Nazi party adopted the swastika as their national symbol of a master race and incorporated it in their flag from 1935 to 1945. The Nazis managed to obliterate a centuries-old symbol of goodness in a few years. Nelson McCoy Sanitary Stoneware Co., the Crooksville Pottery Co. and Robinson-Ransbottom Pottery Co. all made similar pitchers.

Your pitcher is circa 1920s and depending on the condition, would probably be worth \$150 to \$250.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of my clear crystal bowl and matching candlestick holders.

The bowl is 13 inches in diameter and the pattern is "Provincial." My mother received the set in the 1930s and it is in mint condition. Who made it and what is it worth?

A: A. H. Heisey Glass Co. in Newark, Ohio, used the mark you provided. The "Provincial" pattern was produced in clear crystal and selected pieces in limelight green.

Your set would probably be worth \$100 to \$150.

Q: For years I have had an oak barrister's bookcase. There are four shelves; the top and bottom two have glass doors and the second shelf is actually a desk with a wooden door. I have never seen one like mine, only those with shelves for books.

Is mine rare and what is it worth?

A: Most are just bookshelves, but occasionally one with a desk shelf surfaces. With or without the desk area, barrister bookcases are in demand. Your bookcase was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Q: While going through my parents' things, I found an old book by James Whitcomb Riley. The title is "A Hoosier Romance" and was illustrated by John Wolcott Adams. It is hardcover with a picture of a young woman attached on the front cover that was illustrated by Howard Chandler Christy and it was published by Bobbs-Merrill in 1912.

What can you tell me about our book?

A: James Whitcomb Riley was



born in Greentown, Ind., in 1849. Many of his books and poems were written for children and often in an Indiana country dialect. Two of his most famous poems are "Little Orphant Annie" and "When the Frost is on the Punkin." The poem "A Hoosier

Romance" was first published in 1909 in the magazine A Woman's Home Companion. It was also made into a movie in 1918. The value of your book would probably be \$35 to \$50.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre

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ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES

Collectors call for Philip Morris

BY LINDA ROSENKRANTZ
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIBLES

Some tobacco-advertising collectors, nostalgic for the era before cigarette packages and promotions were plastered with dire health warnings, have focused on one commercial icon that was not a drawing or a cartoon figure, but a living trademark. This was Johnny the Bellhop, symbol of the Philip Morris Co. for more than four decades.

British tobacco merchant Philip Morris was one of the earliest producers of cigarettes, getting into the business as

Philip Morris, Esq., "Tobacconist and Importer of Fine Seegars" on Bond Street in London just a few years after miniature cigars had immigrated to England from Spain in 1856. He took advantage of the demand for "Russian mode" cigarettes by British soldiers returning from the Crimean War. According to advertising-history expert Hannah Campbell, Morris employed a group of rollers from Russia, Turkey and Egypt who could turn out 3,000 cigarettes a day.

As demand for the Philip Morris brand grew, the company began a global expansion, exporting to many countries, including, by 1919, the United States. The American Philip Morris Co. began to manufacture its own cigarettes in Richmond, Va., in 1929, soon becoming a megamember of the competitive cigarette industry, a position it still holds today.

The bellhop character had already been seen on the side of the Philip Morris package and in ads for more than a decade

when it took on a three-dimensional human persona in the form of Johnny Roventini, a Brooklyn-born former bellhop at Manhattan's New Yorker hotel. Then a 22 year-old, just over 4 feet tall and weighing 54 pounds, he went on to play the role for another 30 years. His trademark protracted pageboy cry, "Call for Phil-lip Mor-ris, Call for Phil-lip Mor-ris," uttered in a perfect boyish, B-flat-range voice, became a catchphrase throughout the country.

It was the head of the firm's advertising agency, Milton Biow, who came up with the idea of finding a real person to do their radio commercials, beginning the search for an appropriate representative in 1933 by going to several New York hotels asking for their best bellboys. Roventini won the competition hands down and was soon making his first commercial, to the accompaniment of the "On the Trail" movement from Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite."

The engaging young man was a giant success on Philip Morris-sponsored shows, such as a long-running variety show called "Johnny Presents," "The Rudy Vallee Show," "Crime Doctor," "It Pays to be Ignorant," "The Milton Berle Show," "This is Your Life" and "Break the Bank," becoming a celebrity in his own right, appearing at conventions and ballgames, traveling across the country in a chauffeur-driven Austin, always in his red uni-

form and white gloves, handing out cigarettes. A human public relations campaign, charming people with his warm and friendly personality and smile, he was well-paid, signing a contract stipulating that he would always travel with a bodyguard and never ride the New York subway during rush hour.

Collectors interested in this character focus primarily on print ads, but there are a few other pieces of memorabilia as well. Primary among them are the 12-inch cardboard cutout merchandising display figures made in the 1940s, and other tin and cardboard store and outdoor signs, hotel-room fire-warning signs featuring Johnny, and various types of "Vote for Philip Morris" metal pin-back buttons made by Whitehead & Hoag.

Colorful vintage magazine ads are also in demand, including a "Johnny on the Spot" campaign, depicting Roventini interacting with farmers, cigarette girls, circus performers (Johnny walks a tightrope), pilots and stewardesses. Several holiday-oriented ads are accompanied by such questionable slogans as "You can't help inhaling but you can help your throat" and "You're safe with Philip Morris."

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Is this Antique worth much?

Copley's Anne McCollam evaluates flow blue plate



Q: Recently while visiting Florida I saw your column in the local paper and have a question. The blue and white 9-inch diameter plate in this photo was left to me by my grandmother. In 1981 she said it was 150 years old. Marked on the back is a crown and the words "Manilla - P. W. & Co. - Ironstone."

Do you think it has any value?

A: Podmore, Walker & Co. made your flow blue plate sometime between 1834 and 1859. They have made ironstone in Tunstall, Staffordshire, England, since 1834. Flow blue ware can be recognized by the blurry cobalt blue design against a white background. "Manilla" is the name of the pattern.

An example of your plate can be seen in "The Collector's Encyclopedia of Flow Blue China" by Mary Frank Gaston. Its value would probably be \$125 to \$150.

ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES

Fake Lalique vase could frost you

BY ANNE MCCOLLAM
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I recently bought the frosted glass vase seen in this photo at an antiques shop for \$100. It stands 5 inches tall and is decorated with dancing nude females and bunches of grapes. The bottom is ground, unmarked, and the sides of the vase have visible mold marks. The dealer said it could be an unmarked Lalique.

Is there any way to tell if it is an authentic Lalique vase?

A: If the dancing nudes could talk, they would be singing, "Fake, fake!" As a rule, Lalique glassware was signed, but obvious mold seams are a clear indication your vase is not an authentic piece. Although most Lalique glass was pressed, the mold marks are virtually impossible to detect.

The quality of the glass is another way to spot a fake. If there are any flaws, lack of crispness in the design, or if it is not pristine, it's a knockoff. Many similar fakes are made in the Czech Republic and some even have forged Lalique marks.

The dancing nudes are ancient Bacchantes, young women devotees of Bacchus, the god of wine. Lalique produced several versions of Bacchantes vases.

Original Lalique Bacchantes range in values from \$2,000 to \$35,000. Your vase was made in the mid- to late 20th century and would probably be worth \$50 to \$125.

Q: This mark is on the bottom

of a porcelain vase that I have. The vase stands 9 inches tall and is decorated with a white rose against a cream background. The top and the base

They used the "Royal Saxe" mark from around 1890 to 1900.

Your vase would probably be worth \$325 to \$425.

Q: What can you tell me about

is marked with a Dow Jones and Co. plate.

A: There is limited collector interest in stock ticker machines, but to the right person, it would probably be worth \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Q: I have a pottery pitcher that is decorated with an apple and leaves that are shaded from a dark to a lighter green, all against a warm cream background. It stands 8 inches tall, was made by Watt Pottery, and is marked "17 USA." What can you tell me about its history and value?

A: Watt Pottery Co. was located in Crooksville, Ohio, from 1922 until about 1965. They introduced their Apple Series in 1952 and the line was in production until 1962. Bowls, mugs, pitchers, plates, baking dishes and teapots are just some of the pieces included in the line. Although there are several variations of the pattern, any Apple Series piece is highly collectible. Some pieces were offered as premiums at hardware and grocery stores. The number "17" is the design number.

Your pitcher would probably be worth \$275 to \$300.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).

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are dark pink and there are ornate gold handles on each side.

Could you please tell me who made it, how old it is, and if it has any value?

A: Your vase is a nice example of R.S. Prussia porcelain and was made by Erdmann Schlegelmilch in Germany.

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Copley News Service

THE CHEF

Chef Charlie Palmer can't believe his good fortune. "I wake up every day and I have to pinch myself," he says with a laugh. "My God, how did I get so lucky?"

Luck may have played a part, but the keys to Palmer's success as one of America's most popular and acclaimed chefs and restaurateurs have been talent, entrepreneurial drive and passion.

"I'm a very ambitious guy," says Palmer, acknowledged as the guru of progressive American cuisine. "After a number of years of working for someone else, I realized that I had to work for myself. I wanted to make my own imprint on the food world and do things the way I wanted to do them and hope that folks would like that."

Upon meeting Palmer, one is struck by his unassuming confidence and impressive physical stature - no wonder he wanted to play professional football. He was born in an upstate New York farming community where his exposure to fresh produce and dairy products still influences his culinary thinking. His first foray into cooking was in high school when a home economics teacher talked him into taking her cooking course in exchange for all the food he could eat.

At 16, when Palmer realized his dream of a football career wouldn't materialize, he turned his focus to food. After working for free in a hotel kitchen near Hamilton, N.Y., he enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America and later worked in various kitchens in France, including the legendary Georges Blanc's.

Back home, Palmer was tapped

as executive chef of The River Cafe, which soon won three stars from The New York Times. In 1988, at age 28, Palmer opened his first restaurant, Aureole, in Manhattan's trendy Upper Eastside. It was two weeks after Black Monday, he recalled with a chuckle. "I can't tell you how many people told me I was the craziest guy they had ever met. I just wanted to do what I wanted to do. But when you're 28 and not married, you don't have anything to lose."

Despite the stock market dip and a very competitive restaurant scene, Aureole was a hit. It received a three-star rating and was among New York's top four dining spots in the 1995 Zagat guide.

Today, Palmer has built a small fine-dining empire with more than 1,000 employees. He is a master of fostering talent and getting the very best efforts from his teams of chefs, cooks, service staff and managers. Although he doesn't have day-to-day kitchen responsibilities, he still loves to be in the kitchen.

"These days, I can jump into the line and spend two or three hours with the new fish guy, teaching him how to cook to the standards of my palate," Palmer explains. "I can coach him and just walk away and then go upstairs and do an interview and not have to worry."

His enterprises include nearly a dozen restaurants, including Aureole, Metrazur and Kitchen 22 in Manhattan; Aureole and Charlie Palmer Steak in Las Vegas; and Dry Creek Kitchen in Healdsburg, Calif.

He has authored three cookbooks - "Great American Food," "Charlie Palmer's Casual Cooking" and "The Art of Aureole" - and been honored

with many awards, including the James Beard Award in 1997 for "Best Chef: New York City." He lives in Healdsburg with his wife and four children.

THE DISH

Gemelli Pasta with Wild Mushrooms, Rosemary and Caramelized Onions is classic gourmet comfort food. Gemelli pasta is made up of two short strands of pasta twisted together into a spiral. This dish is cooked in the style of a risotto. The dry pasta is added to the mushrooms and onions and then liquid is slowly added. The starch from the pasta thickens the sauce, while the savory flavors of mushrooms and caramelized onion fully permeate the pasta.

Ziti, fusilli, macaroni, penne or rigatoni may be substituted. While Palmer prefers wild mushrooms because they are usually more flavorful, you can use white, button and Portobello mushrooms. Some wild mushrooms are poisonous and unless you are knowledgeable, avoid harvesting them yourself. Choose fresh mushrooms that are dry to the touch, firm and free of blemishes. Some wild mushrooms are available dried. Look for packages containing large pieces, rather than broken bits. Two ounces of dried equal about 1 pound of fresh mushrooms.

"It has the depth of character to match the earthy mushrooms and elegant silky texture and bright fruit that matches the creamy pasta and caramelized onions," she explains. "It won't over-

whelm the dish and really works with the spring flavors."

THE WINE

The wine received 90 points from "Wine Spectator" and 90 points from "Wine Enthusiast."

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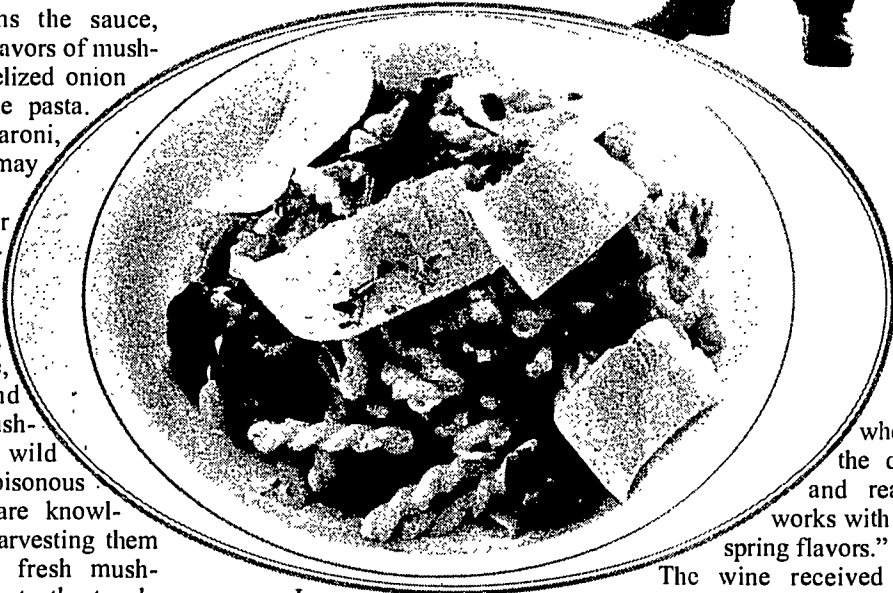
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LIFE

IN FASHION

Golden girls will shimmer brightest at sunset

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This spring fashion designers have taken a shine to metallics - and gold is the biggest sparkler of all. Especially with accessories, the fashion industry is digging up some great treasures that are sure to put a gleaming glint in the eyes of golden girls who have been melting in past seasons of fashion's obsession with icy, cool colors.

"Gold is a top accessory choice this spring," says TJMaxx fashion spokeswoman Laura McDowell, "whether as a gorgeous piece of jewelry or an accent in the form of a buckle or grommet on a soft, leather handbag. Metallic gold shoes also work well with the season's beige and white neutral palette."

The metallics - in silver, copper, bronze and gold - have been dazzling fashion consumers for several seasons, but this spring and summer, as the weather warms up, expect to see the golden tones light up wardrobes.

The warm golds of the current fashion season fit nicely into what color expert Leatrice Eiseman, calls the "sunset" color palette in her latest book, "More Alive With Color" (Capital Books; March 2006; \$30). Eiseman organizes colors into palettes of morning, noon and night. The "earthy" colors so popular now blend right into the "sunset."

"The elements of fire and earth underscore the sunset (p.m.) palette and speak of a mellowed, golden evening," says Eiseman. "Warm tones prevail, as they light up your predominantly golden undertones."

So if you are one of those who is glad gold is back, then it might be time to add some more "spice" to your wardrobe. Eiseman suggests using gold accessories to complement greens like pesto and coriander; shades of honey gold, apricot cream, cranberry and hot chocolate. Cadmium orange, amber yellow, muted clay and camel are other spicy earth tones, as well as pinky coral tones, that make golden girls smile.

"Have fun with fiesta red and bright chartreuse," adds Eiseman to those who want to go with the gold this season, "and light up the sky with a deep periwinkle and magenta haze. When it's time to cool down, try a bit of celestial,



della robbia, moonlight blue, or blue-greens like fir and feldspar." And she does caution that golden girls should avoid being too cool for fashion school: "The colors you should use most sparingly are icy, cool and almost transparent," she says. "They're too cold for you and will melt in the presence of your warm coloring."

But if you do want to combine your golds and silvers - another very current fashion trend - it's best to keep the finishes compatible, advises Eiseman, and choose warm Florentine golds and deep coppers to complement brushed pewters and antique silver looks.

"Combining silver and gold also offers more versatility and opportunities for accessorizing," she says. She worked with a jewelry

designer to create a ring that coordinates her own personal colors, using both silver and gold with colored gemstones. "This ring goes with everything I own," she says, "and it makes a very personal statement."

But the bottom line on gold? "Let your eye be your guide," says the color expert. "At one time, grays were only worn with silver. Now we see gold against charcoal and it looks marvelous." Sharon Mosley is a former fashion editor of the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock and executive director of the Fashion Editors and Reporters Association.

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POP TALK

Orton finds 'Comfort of Strangers' comforting

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Still in the process of finding herself, Beth Orton is getting close ... very close.

The search hasn't been easy. She looks back on her experience in the late 1980s on the Lilith Fair tour as "a painful experience."

"I felt like the new girl at school. Everyone seemed so polished and good at what they did. I'd just sit and cry, I felt so outside of it all."

And in the wake of her 2002 album "Daybreaker," which she laments as being emotionally empty ("I was trying to make other people happy"), she initiated her "quest to find the joy in my life and my work." Will somebody please remind Orton - an insightful songwriter and the airy British voice who, when collaborating with William Orbit and the Chemical Brothers and Crystal Method, for a time gave beauty to electronica - just how good she is? No need, thanks to the "Comfort of Strangers."

On her latest album, Orton makes the soul-deep connections that she's been craving. "I've always, truly in my heart, wanted to do that record," she said. "For years, I've had this running dialogue in my head about certain situations that sum up how you feel when you lose somebody you love, and the aloneness that comes with that."

"It was like wanting to put my hand across the seat in a taxi, and almost feeling the other hand touching mine."

Helping Orton, 35, make her connections on "Comfort of Strangers" was guitarist-producer Jim O'Rourke (Sonic Youth), who she says nurtured her desire to be "very, very honest" on the album, one recorded in minimal takes and over just a couple of weeks' time.

"I write really simply," Orton says. "Sometimes people want to complicate it. Jim took the simplicity as it is and somehow, by laying it completely open, it became complex."

The raw experience of "Comfort" also seems to have convinced Orton that her cameo forays into electronic music, which had to a degree defined her earlier albums (especially her 1996 debut, "Trailer Park"), were behind her. "I don't know if I have any (more) interest in that," she said.

Orton, who speaks fast and furious and throws a certain four-letter word around in an endearingly benign fashion, initially dabbled in acting back in her teen years, even appearing in a production of Rimbaud's "A Season in Hell." While she says she has "an incredible compulsion to make music, but not to act" these days, those long-ago experiences on the stage weren't for naught.

"Sometimes, when I make a video, I get really excited, and I think that's because I have quite a few characters rolling around in me." Most of the characters who inhabit, through Orton, the songs of "Comfort of Strangers" are bereft and in post-breakup hurt, but they're never desperate. The common thread is, simply, love. As if love could be simple. "I love my home," Orton said. "I've got some lovely friends here, and I find I really need my life and I need to be in contact and connected with my life in order to go outside of it. I love touring, but I find it very hard to leave. In some ways, I'm really not built for the work I do, because I find it hard to leave."

But, she added without hesitation, "I'd live anywhere for love." She makes the point on "Comfort of Strangers," and if she retired from music-making today, she'd be comfortable with this record as a career coda: "I'd be happy to leave it on this note. I feel like I've said my piece."

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1 onion, peeled, quartered and sliced thin
Salt and freshly ground white pepper, to taste
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 pound gemelli pasta
5 cups chicken stock, boiling hot

1 1/2 cups sun-dried tomatoes, quartered and plumped
3 tablespoons goat cheese
1 teaspoon chopped rosemary
1/2 pound baby spinach, cleaned
2 teaspoons truffle oil
Pecorino Romano, shaved thin with a vegetable peeler
Yields 4 servings.

Lightly brown butter in heavy, large saucepan. Add mushrooms and saute to golden brown. Stir in onions and continue to cook until deep golden, about 10 minutes. Season with salt and white pepper. Deglaze pan with

wine and reduce to a syrupy consistency. Stir in pasta and add 1/3 of the chicken stock. Add sun-dried tomatoes. Simmer pasta, stirring often. Add more stock when liquid has almost fully absorbed into pasta. Continue until all stock is fully absorbed.

Incorporate goat cheese, rosemary and baby spinach. Adjust seasoning. Equally divide pasta among heated pasta bowls. Finish with a drizzle of truffle oil and shaved pecorino Romano.

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Something weird happened last summer at Patriot Scientific Corp. The company made money.

Since the technology developer was launched in San Diego in 1987, Patriot had always lost money. Its quarterly losses were as predictable as the daily commuter traffic tie-ups on the freeway.

As a corporate ne'er do well, Patriot financed its operations for some 18 years by issuing millions of shares of stock, which usually traded over the counter for pennies a share. The company has about 427 million shares outstanding, including warrants, options and convertible bonds, according to filings with government regulators. But Patriot's outlook began to brighten last spring, and these days, the biggest question appears to be just how bright Patriot's future might really be.

"Right now, you're talking to a company that 60 days ago had stock trading in the 12 to 14 cents range," said David Pohl, a lawyer and board member who became Patriot's chief executive in June.

Recently, Patriot's stock closed at \$1.60 a share, a 14 cent gain in bulletin board trading of more than 6.2 million shares.

So what happened?

After spending some 15 years trying vainly to commercialize various technologies, Patriot moved in early 2002 to generate revenue instead by licensing its proprietary technology to other companies. The company focused in particular on technology for a specialized computer chip dubbed "Sh-Boom," which Patriot acquired in 1994. Patriot concluded that a group of patents covering the Sh-Boom microprocessor design represented a fundamental innovation that had been absorbed throughout the semiconductor industry. The industry just didn't realize it.

Patriot moved to correct that oversight, initially by filing a series of patent infringement lawsuits in early 2004 against some major Japanese computer makers. The company also sent letters to some 150 other companies, notifying them of potential infringements on Patriot's patents.

Patriot, which is now based in Carlsbad, Calif., revised its strategy last year by forming a joint venture with the TPL Group, a Cupertino, Calif., firm that specializes in intellectual property licensing. Patriot withdrew the patent lawsuits it had filed against the Japanese computer giants, and TPL filed new cases on behalf of its joint venture with Patriot.

"I think of this as the business

model of the new millennium," said Mark A. Lemley, a professor of law at the Stanford Law School who specializes in intellectual property and patent law. A number of other firms, such as Forgent Networks, Acacia Research and Rambus are pursuing similar strategies, Lemley said.

"Ten years ago, there was one guy who was making a living doing this - Jerome Lemelson," Lemley said. "Now there are certainly dozens that are actively trying to make a living at it and probably hundreds more in the wings."

The motivation is clear.

Recently, the maker of BlackBerry wireless e-mail devices agreed to pay \$612.5 million to NTP, a private patent holding firm in McLean, Va., to resolve a long-running patent dispute. The case threatened to shut down BlackBerry service nationwide.



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A rising tide of such cases also has prompted Congress to consider patent reform legislation. "Hundreds of patent infringement cases are pending against computer software and hardware manufacturers," Emery Simon, a lawyer for the Business Software Alliance trade group, said in testimony last year before the House Judiciary Committee. He argued that the problem has become endemic in the technology industry.

Stanford's Lemley said the patent reform bill proposed by Congress raises broad concerns for inventors, however, by restricting the legal power they now have to shut down patent infringers and by limiting their

monetary damages.

"The problem is, how do you distinguish between the people who are abusing the system and the people who are making legitimate use of the system?" Lemley said.

At Patriot Scientific, Pohl maintains the BlackBerry case bears no resemblance to the business strategy his company has been pursuing in recent years. Patriot's goal is not to litigate, Pohl said, but to negotiate with other technology companies for the licensing rights to a group of related patents held jointly by Patriot and TPL. Patriot settled on this course after nearly getting derailed in the patent litigation it initiated in 2004.

Patriot had acquired its patent rights to the Sh-Boom chip that were tied to Russell H. Fish, a Silicon Valley engineer. But Fish was only one of two inventors who developed the Sh-Boom chip. TPL held the rights from the other co-inventor, Charles Moore.

Patriot initially claimed to be the sole owner of the significant patent claims. But the company was no match for TPL, Fish said in a recent interview.

"TPL just outmaneuvered, outbluffed and outpoker-played them," Fish said. "It was really amateur hour, but that's the way it tends to be with these penny stocks."

During the dispute, Pohl and other members of Patriot's board

stepped into fire the New York law firm that was handling the patent litigation. They also replaced Patriot's chief executive and chief financial officer.

"At some point, the executive committee decided their views were at odds with management as to the desirability of combining the interests of Patriot and TPL," Pohl said. "Ultimately, the negotiations resulted in a joint venture being put together. Then it was decided that a change in management would be prudent for the company. 'Under terms of the joint venture, Patriot also wisely decided to let the TPL Group oversee the chore of patent licensing and litigation. In regulatory filings last year with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Patriot disclosed that it had reached two licensing agreements with major chip makers. Intel agreed to make a one-

time, lump-sum payment of \$10 million to license the technology. AMD reached a similar deal for roughly \$3 million.

Patriot later disclosed that Hewlett-Packard had reached a similar lump-sum deal for \$10 million. In recent months, Patriot announced it also has reached licensing agreements with Fujitsu and Casio, although the value of those deals have not been disclosed.

None of these deals requires royalties or other types of recurring payments, but Pohl sees no shortage of revenue. "There is such a mother lode out there to be mined that this doesn't concern us at the present time," Pohl said. The patents are valid through 2015, he added, and the joint venture has identified hundreds, if not thousands, of products that potentially infringe. Aside from desktop computers, notebooks and servers, Pohl said the list includes digital TVs, portable media players, DVD recorders and players, cell phones, microwave ovens, dishwashers, medical equipment and even automotive electronics.

The potential licensing revenue could be substantial, although Stanford's Lemley said the value of the deals disclosed by Patriot so far appear relatively minimal. He suggested the deals are being struck close to the "nuisance value" of the litigation itself. "The thing about patent litigation is that it is extremely expensive - typically \$5 million per side in legal fees," Lemley said. In any case, the revenue generated so far has enabled Patriot to show a profit in its fiscal 2006 first quarter - for the first time in 18 years. The company reported

not income of more than \$4.4 million, or a penny a share, for the three months ended Aug. 31. The company also listed more than \$11.8 million in assets on its balance sheet. As a result, the company paid a cash dividend this week of 2 cents a share to qualified shareholders. In its announcement last month, Patriot said the move was "virtually unprecedented among Microcap stocks" - referring to companies with a total market valuation of less than \$250 million.

"We have \$17 million in cash and five employees," Pohl said. "So why not do something that has hardly ever been done before by a microcap. Let's distribute some of this cash to our shareholders." The dividend also amounted to a broad signal to the market that Patriot has crossed the line into profitability.

In early March, the company announced plans to do it again. The company declared it will pay a cash dividend - this time 4 cents a share - to qualified shareholders of record as of March 31. Such moves have spurred investors to push up the price of Patriot's stock. With the price now at \$1.60 a share, Patriot isn't a penny stock any more - and with the company's market valuation close to \$500 million, Patriot is no longer a microcap.

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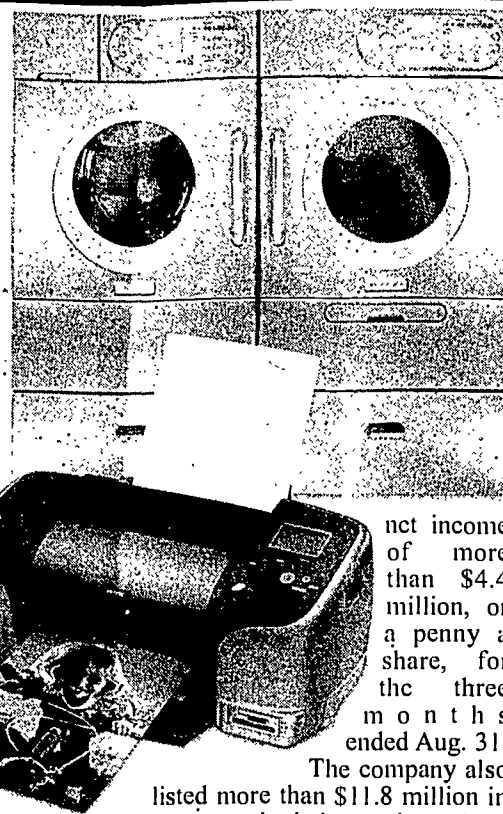
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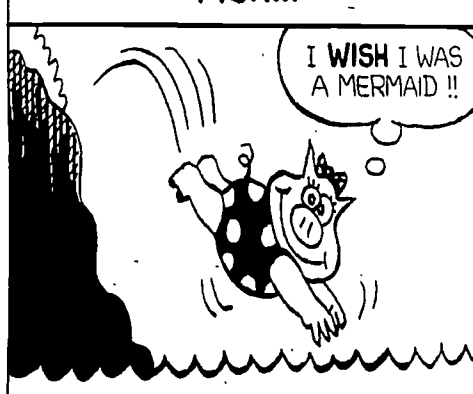
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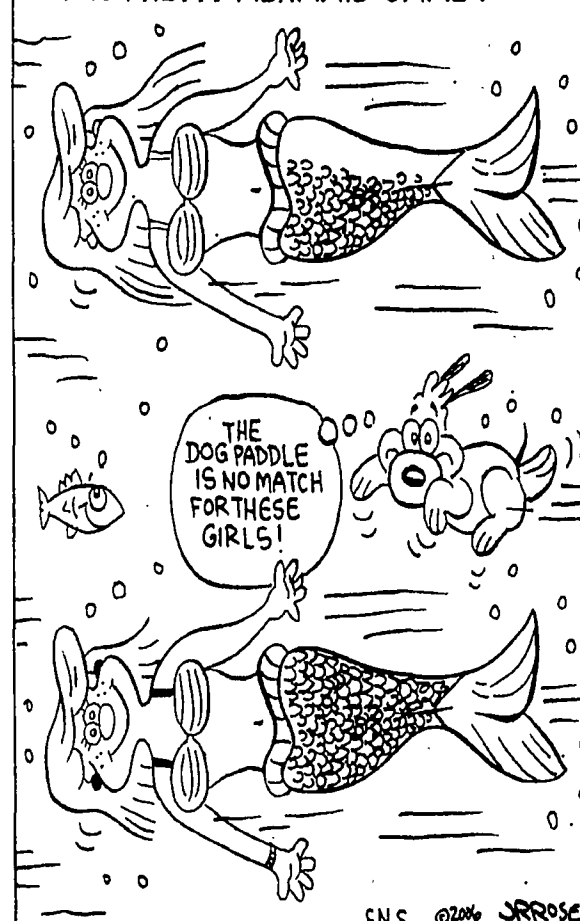
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Dissecting a Sentence

Read the following sentence and answer the questions below.

After their last song, the band left the stage briefly before returning for an encore.

1. What is the first noun? _____
2. What is the adverb? _____
3. What is the pronoun? _____
4. What is the main verb? _____
5. What is the adjective? _____



Answers: 1. song 2. briefly 3. their 4. left 5. last

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Lizzie goes a-courtin'

Fresh from hibernation, collared lizards take to breeding in uniquely lizard fashion.

She blushes reddish-orange spots on her neck and sides to signal her availability. He defends her and all other females in his territory. Arching his back, bulging his throat and sucking in his sides for intimidation, he



aggressively confronts all intruders. As a further show of strength and virility, he performs a series of enthusiastic pushups so powerful his front feet often leave the ground. But if that doesn't deter the rival, he chases him off.

He approaches her with a series of rapid head bobs. They do-si-do, both bobbing their heads. He grabs the back of her neck and attempts to mate, but if she's not quite ready, she twists and rolls him off. Success produces a clutch of up to 13 cream-colored leathery eggs laid in loose sand or under a rock three weeks later - and abandoned forever.

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Hardwood floors add warmth, increase home's resale value

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Q: We have bought a house that is still under construction (should be completed by early summer), so now is the time to make important decisions, like whether or not to pay extra to have "beams" across the great room ceiling, or whether to choose hardwood (also extra) or go with ceramic tile. We're going a bit crazy just picking out little things like bathroom faucets and cabinet styles for the kitchen. Help us decide about the beams and floors - this house is costing a good deal more than we'd expected already.

A: Well, duh - and I don't mean to sound rude. Personality doesn't come cheap, especially in new construction. Nearly every home-builder falls prey sooner or later to the "trade-up syndrome." And that's not necessarily a bad thing. While you could have saved money by going with your builder's standard options - they're usually in the mid-price range - you are paying extra to have the house customized to your taste and lifestyle. Because it expresses your personal preferences, albeit at a price, this once-standard home will ultimately turn out to be uniquely yours. More good news: it will no doubt command a better resale price, too, thanks to that distinctive personality.

However, only you can decide how much that's worth right now. Beams, even faux ones, evoke both a sense of the past and a feeling of warmth, stability and coziness because they bring the

ceiling down to more human scale. That can be a great asset if your great room is two stories or taller. Color is another, less costly way to tame space - intensive color used overhead and on the walls.

Beams and color combine in the great room we show here. It won a Benjamin Moore HUE Award last year for the California design team from Moore Ruble Yudell. Between the wood tones overhead and the saturated color on the walls, the large space looks and feels warm and cozy, despite its inherent grandeur.

For much the same reason, you should think long and hard before passing up the chance to have hardwood floors installed now, when it's easier and therefore less expensive. Wood is warm; tile is cool. Both last practically forever. Both are relatively easy to maintain. The decision rests on your taste, your budget, and how much resale value occupies your thinking: hardwood floor are always an asset when you sell.

Q: My brother and sister-in-law spent a long weekend with



silver, or example. Or make their own marinara sauce, sew the family's clothes, or wax hardwood floors. And that's understandable.

But other people find solace in such traditions, and a sense of accomplishment in practicing them.

For instance, as a Southern-born woman, I like - honestly, like - to polish the silver. Seeing it gleam and shine somehow connects me to my foremothers - and to a long tradition of living with and loving beautiful things.

Others, like your sister-in-law, cherish fine linens for the bed. Not the generic "linens," which may not be linen at all but blends of man-made, perhaps with cotton, that look and feel far from the real thing. Yes, fine linens must be ironed - that's how you achieve

their fabled crispness - and yes, they can be costly - but we're talking heirlooms here. Linens can last for generations (and beyond: the Bayeux tapestry contains linen, and most old masters are painted on it).

In fact, flax, from which linen is made, is the oldest textile plant grown in Europe, which is still the source of the finest linens (we don't grow textile flax in the U.S.). Look for the label of The Masters of Linen, an association of industry professionals, that guarantees you are getting the real made-in-Europe thing in sheets, towels and clothing for your bed and yourself.

Or for your sister-in-law. Fine linens are perfect wedding or anniversary gifts. In Europe, in fact, they are the gift that's traditionally given to observe the 12th wedding anniversary. For more facts visit www.mastersoflinen.com.

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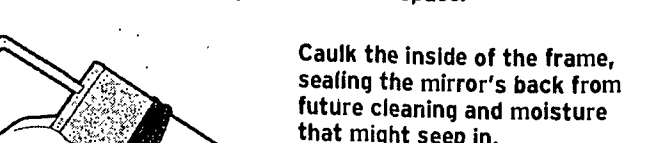
HOME HOW-TO

Prevent mirrors from darkening

Silver oxidizes from exposure to moisture over time, or to the vinegar or ammonia in glass cleaners. Cutting the mirror down, framing and sealing it will prevent this from occurring sooner.



Spray or brush the back of the mirror with a clear varnish or melted paraffin.



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A GREENER VIEW

A healthy mix of lawn grass is in the bag

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Q: Regarding grass seed, a bag containing various grass species is called a mixture, and would likely work best for most average lawns that have varying conditions. A blend of hybrid grasses (not true species) works best if your yard has the same growing conditions throughout. Is this correct?

A: Yes, you have that correct: Blends are all varieties of one species and mixtures are a combination of species. Lawns look best with a blend of as many varieties of the same kind of grass as possible. Each variety will do a little better or worse depending on shade, wear and tear, disease resistance, drought resistance, etc., and so the whole lawn stays looking good, even when one variety is not doing well at a certain time or even if it dies out of the lawn completely.

A mixture will have some grass seeds for the sun and some for the shade, maybe some for wet or dry conditions and possibly a grass for short-term but quick startup. Again, the more varieties of each grass species in the bag the better.

Look on the seed bag; it should have as few weed seeds as possible and very little dirt and debris content. It must say on the bag what growing season the bag was intended for. Seed will last for several years with a slow decline in the percent of seeds that will germinate. A germination rate of more than 95 percent is typical.

Q: We have been getting several fliers advertising aeration services. In some of the fliers, they are advertising dethatching and aeration as separate services. How do they differ, and how do you determine if you need both? Some of the fliers state that a lawn needing aeration will need it two or three more times to get the full effect. Does that mean spring and fall of the same year, and then spring and fall of the next year? Now that it's officially spring, when can we aerate the lawn?

A: Also, is it appropriate to wait to seed or fertilize and instead spread (if you choose to do so) organic matter over your newly aerated lawn? And are we talking compost or something simple like peat moss?

A: Dethatching should almost never be done to a healthy lawn. It tears up almost all the good grass that is growing above the

thatch. Since thatch is a part of the grass plant - it is composed of live and dead aboveground roots and stems - ripping it out will only cause harm.

Another negative is that all that damage to the remaining good grass plants will provide many entry points for disease organisms. Thatch is not the dead grass leaf blades that died over the winter. It is not the dead grass blades cut off by a mower and it is not dead grass plants that died from some reason. All these grass plants and parts are part of the organic matter that will benefit the remaining grass plants or new grass seeds if it remains on the lawn. It may look like something good is being done when this organic matter is removed, but it is not.

Very few lawns have an actual thatch problem. A true thatch problem will look like a thick layer of felt separating the soil

Several aerations in a row would mean one in each active growing season for as many seasons as it takes to cure the problem. It should not have to be done every year if the lawn is not getting compacted from too much use.

Lawns should be aerated when the grass plants are actively growing. Starting earlier in the spring may be gotten away with, and ending as the plants go into dormancy from summer heat is better than doing it just before winter cold sets in.

Typically, the cores should dry out for a day or more before being raked or mowed to break them apart. They don't have to be broken apart manually, as they will eventually fall apart on their own, but some people can't wait for that to happen because they don't like the look of the cores on the lawn.

Some portions of the cores contain organic matter that will fall into some holes before the soil portion, thus mixing the soil with new organic matter. It is kind of like tilling the lawn without removing the lawn on top.

The lawn can be top-dressed with a either a 1/4-inch-thick layer of good topsoil, peat moss or composted organic matter. Grass seed and fertilizer can also be added at the same time as the aeration or top dressing material. Rain or irrigation water will help wash all this stuff back into the holes.

Q: What is the best timing for fertilizer? Do you recommend doing weeding and feeding separately?

A: Weeding should only be done when there are weeds that need to be treated. Any other application of weed killer is inappropriately adding pesticides to your and everyone else's environment. Many people in the U.S. have been misled into thinking they need to waste their money and damage the environment by treating a problem they don't even have.

Lawns often need to be fertilized because grass plants are being artificially maintained at a very low height with very few grass leaves as compared to the size of an unmowed plant. By "harming" a grass plant with a mower, we create the need to maintain the grass plant with other care, such as watering, fertilizing, applying disease and insect treatments, aerating and other cultural practices. Don't do more harm to the lawn or the environment by doing chemical treatments that don't need to be done. Healthy lawn grasses are very resistant to weed, insect and

disease problems.

A strong healthy soil is probably more important than most fertilizer applications. Organic matter and compost tea applications create a healthier environment for plant roots and will benefit a plant more than a few fertilizer applications.

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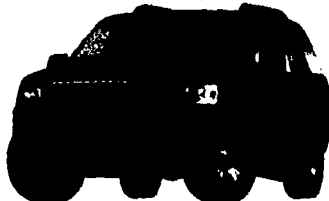
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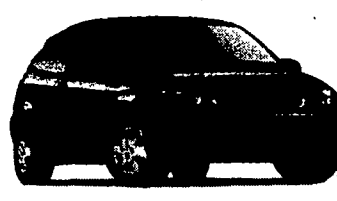
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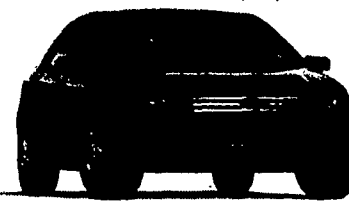
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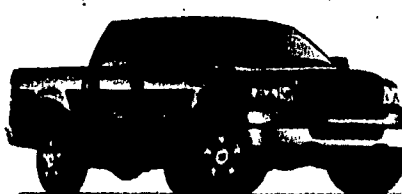
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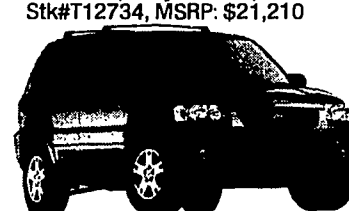
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