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Notre Dame positively moving forward

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The mood is positive and everyone is on board and ready to start a new year.

Notre Dame High School in Niles is maintaining a positive

attitude, despite recent bumps in the road regarding a sponsorship transition.

The school hosted two alumni "Moving Forward" meetings that attracted 59 alumni on July 19 and 35 alumni on July 20.

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"It was very positive," said Teresa Connelly, the media liaison for Notre Dame High School. She said that the school has not received any

phone calls from parents saying they want to withdraw their students from the school. On the contrary, everyone seems to be on board and looking forward to a new school year.

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Niles heat alert issued

Due to the extremely hot weather, the Village of Niles has issued a Heat Alert from Friday, July 28 through Tuesday, Aug. 1.

During the heat alert, residents were advised to stay in their homes and to keep an eye on any elderly neighbors as well.

Marty Friedman, director of the Niles Family Services, said that they received one phone call from a senior woman who suffers from severe asthma and they have put her up at a hotel, because her air conditioning was not working properly.

Friedman said that when the police find out about someone who needs assistance they page the family services department and then the department finds them a cool place to stay.

In general, Friedman said after being warned about the heat on the news and through other forms of media, people are pretty cautious and look out for elderly neighbors as well.

According to Friedman, elderly people are often in the most danger, because they sometimes

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Super Sign will lead to Super Opening



Super H-Mart, soon to be Niles' newest grocery store, held a brief ceremony with employees on Tuesday, July 25 for their sign that was installed at their new location at the Civic Center Plaza in Niles. The store, a well-known east coast chain specializing in Korean food will also offer various gourmet items as well as providing a full-service grocery store. **Additional Coverage, Page 3.**

Sam's Food loses appeal for business license

Lost license following alleged liquor violations

The Morton Grove Village Board unanimously denied an appeal filed by Sam's Food, Tobacco, Beer and Wine, Inc. following the revocation of its business license at a hearing that was held on Monday, July 24.

"I'm very proud of the board tonight," said Morton Grove Mayor Richard Krier. He said that he didn't want to take a chance of someone getting injured and although he didn't

want to hurt the owner of Sam's, he said that he did not want to allow someone with those type of habits to operate a business in Morton Grove. Despite having its liquor license revoked by the village, Sam's had been continuing to have liquor on the premises.

Last September the Village of Morton Grove revoked the store's liquor license because they sold liquor to minors on several occasions. The owner of the store appealed to the state and lost in November.

"The state agreed with us," said Terry Liston, the attorney for the Village of Morton Grove.

"I'm very proud of the board tonight."

Rich Krier

MAYOR OF MORTON GROVE;
SPEAKING AFTER THE MEETING

Liston said that Morton Grove police officers got a tip from someone that liquor has been on the site and was possibly being sold, despite the fact that the liquor license was revoked. Someone from the village came out to check out the situation and issued the owner a ticket for possessing alcohol with the intent to sell it. Liston said there were

signs that said alcohol will not be sold to people under the age of 21 at the store.

The village has since revoked Sam's business license and the appeal to that revocation was expected to occur on Monday, July 24 in front of the village board. According to Liston, the board was expected to discuss whether or not the business violated a village ordinance, which would be a reason to revoke the business license.

The hearing started at 6 p.m. and then reconvened following the regular village board meeting.

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Residents discuss plans for Morton Grove TIF

About 140 people filled the room to discuss the Lehigh/Ferris TIF redevelopment on July 26.

"It went exceptionally well," said Bill Neuendorf, the community development director for the Village of Morton Grove. "It was an amazing evening."

Neuendorf said the village put a lot of effort into publicizing the event and they were happy with the turnout.

Small groups filled 13 tables and ideas pertaining to a preliminary list of key projects were discussed. Some of the key projects were a new Metra station, a new mixed-use parking structure, a senior housing project, a new public library, improve Lincoln/Lehigh/Ferris crossing, improve Lincoln Ave. streetscaping, realign Lehigh Ave., provide public access to forest preserve land, reconstruct Maine Street, construct a railwalk/bike path, and more.

At the workshop, S. B. Friedman and Company consultants and designers from Farr Associates gave a presentation that discussed the goals of the redevelopment district and



Morton Grove residents discuss concept plans for renovating the area surrounding Morton Grove's Metra station. Photo courtesy of the Village of Morton Grove.

the urban planning principles that go into creating a long-term vision for a changing neighborhood. They presented several examples of projects in other communities that may also be successful in Morton Grove.

In their small groups, the participants had the chance to voice their opinions regarding what they liked and what they didn't like in relation to various projects.

After the table discussion each table appointed a speaker

and that person summarized the main points of discussion of the entire group.

Eric Poders, a Morton Grove village resident, said that the meeting seemed to be very organized. However, he felt that the majority of the atten-

dees were from the TIF area, and therefore, the entire village was not well represented at the meeting. In addition, he said he felt rushed and his table didn't have enough time to finish discussing the list of projects and he felt some of the projects at the bottom of the list were some of the most important. Poders is an active resident who has formed a relationship with Neuendorf and several chambers of commerce to help attract more businesses to the village.

Neuendorf, however, felt that the village was well represented by residents who haven't lived in Morton Grove long and those who are long-time residents and a wide-variety of thoughts and ideas.

Mayor Richard Krier said that whether he or the trustees agreed or disagreed, the most important thing for them was to make sure that everyone's thoughts and ideas were represented. Krier said some residents made comments about ideas that he had not thought of previously.

Krier said data gained from the workshop will be put into a concise format and will then be reviewed by village trustees.

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do not feel the accurate level of heat and therefore they may suddenly become dehydrated.

In order to keep the residents safe from the heat, the Niles

Family Fitness Center will be open as a cooling center from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. The Niles Police station will be available as a cooling center when the Fitness Center is closed.

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Stupid Chicago Marathon

For the second year in a row I will not be competing in the Chicago Marathon.

I've been training as a runner on and off ever since I left high school and last year I made it to running 13 miles in an hour and 40 minutes. I was pleased.

The training schedule that I was using is called "Hal Higdon's Novice Marathon Training Program." It was set up on a progressing amount of running reaching to the marathon distance of 26 miles and then scaling back leading up to the marathon itself. Under the schedule you're supposed to run 3-5 miles three days a week, resting Friday, running a large run on Saturday and cross-training on Sunday.

The big run on Saturday is the crucial element of the program. It's the day that you build up your endurance for the marathon that you'll eventually run if all goes well. Unfortunately after about 13 weeks I started to go on trips with my parents on Saturdays. They were mostly day trips to visit family in other parts of the state but when you get home at 11 p.m. and try to con-



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

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sider spending an hour or more on your endurance run you start to fall out of your cycle pretty quickly.

That's what happened to me. So I didn't register for the

marathon and thought I'd train this year instead.

I was getting off to a slow start this year. Really only running intermittently. The recent heat has also made running a challenge. However, I received a press release in my office about a month ago informing me that the marathon closed its entrance window in late May, a full three months before the deadline registration.

So I won't be running the marathon this year. That's alright, it's a stupid marathon anyway.

All joking aside this registration thing is really going to kill my chances of ever running the marathon. I have a tendency to wait until the last possible minute to make decisions. The whole marathon training program is less than three months long so I'd have to register and then do the training program after I've paid the hundred dollar entrance fee.

Of course you can always run in the marathon, but you won't have an official time or one of those neat numbers.

Oh well, it's a stupid marathon anyway. I'll try again next year.

HMart Grand Opening scheduled for Aug. 25

The grand opening for H Mart, a Korean grocery store that will fill the vacancy left by Dominick's Finer Foods at Civic Center Plaza, is planned to be held on August 25.

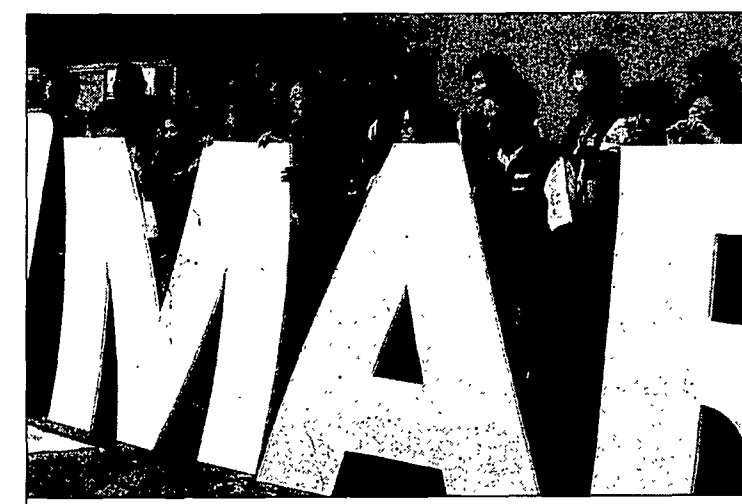
The Korean grocery store will sell a variety of Asian as well as American produce, seafood (fresh and frozen) and more. Some popular items are Somen (Asian style noodles), rice cakes, Bulgogi Tuna, canned Kimchi and more.

Asst. Community Development Director Rich Wlodarski said that there are other Korean and Asian markets in Niles, but "none of this magnitude."

The site located at 801 Civic Center Drive was previously occupied by an Omni and then a Dominick's.

Wlodarski said that there are a good number of Asians living in Niles, surrounding suburbs and Chicago who may shop at the market.

Originating from the East Coast, H Mart has served vari-



HMart employees pose for a photo Tuesday, July 25 with a sign that has since gone up at the store's site in the Civic Center Plaza in Niles.

ous cultural communities for 24 years with the four H's in mind, which are Healthy, Humane, Happy and Heartful.

The store in Niles will be the seventeenth branch of the company. There are stores in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Georgia.

Wlodarski said they will continue to work on filling any vacancies at the Civic Center Plaza.

Hmart also has a website that sells food items and appliances such as an electronic pressure rice cooker and in door electric grill.

The Hmart website is www.hmart.com.

Notre Dame

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The speakers at the event included Fr. Mike DeLaney, CSC-president NDHS, Joe Gurdak, NDHS board member, Tony Mandolini, NDHS board member, Skip Lason, president of NDHS Alumni Association and Gene Faut, vice president of NDHS Alumni Association.

Although the presence of the priests in the classrooms, administration and the community will no longer exist, the speakers assured that the spirit of Notre Dame will continue.

As explained at the meeting, the Archdiocese of Chicago will now be the guarantor for Notre Dame High School's line of credit. The high school will propose a two-tiered Governance Board model that will consist of about a six to seven board of owners that would appoint an operating board of directors. This has been approved by the Archdiocese and is the only model of this kind in the Archdiocese.

What can members of the community to do help Notre

Dame through this transition period?

■ Communicate that the school is not closing and keep current with what is going on via www.ndhsdons.org.

■ Consider giving opportunities. Currently, alumni giving is at 10% (up from 6% four years ago). The benchmark for a model secondary school Development program is around 25%. To note, for the past two years, 100% of faculty and staff have given.

■ Consider volunteering your time. For example, tutors are welcome in the Br. Andre Center. Attend special events like the opening Mass of the academic year on Friday, Sept. 15 and/or Reunion Weekend, Sept. 22-24.

■ Attend Alumni Meetings at NDHS. The next general meeting of the Alumni Association will take place Tuesday, Sept. 12.

■ Consider being a part of the enrollment outreach effort and hosting an NDHS night at your home for prospective students and their families. Alumni are also invited to be a part of Notre Dame's Open Houses this year on Nov. 2 and Nov. 12.

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Alumni Golfers upbeat about NDHS' future

Enthused about Notre Dame High School's future and proud of its legacy, over 260 alumni, friends and staff participated in the Alumni Association's 19th Annual Notre Dame Golf Outing held at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville on July 17. The Outing raised significant money for the Alumni Association scholarships, the Athletic Department and students in greatest financial need. Despite the heat index reaching over 100 degrees, the mood was positive in light of the recent announcement by the Priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross that they will withdraw sponsorship of Notre Dame after the 2006-2007 academic year.

"You've made Notre Dame a success. Let's keep it going," said Joseph Gurdak, chairman of the Notre Dame High School Board.

The Archdiocese of Chicago and the Notre Dame High School Board recently entered into a partnership to draft a proposal by August to present to the Holy Cross Priests



A.J. Kozole, Alumni Director, receiving an award from chief organizers Ray Gorzynski, '60, and John Ramos, '66. Kozole has been at NDHS for 43 years and will retire in August.

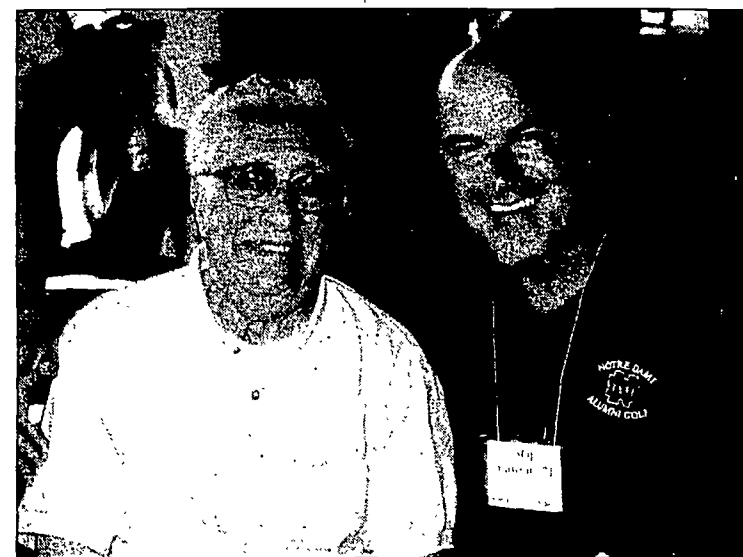
for a seamless transition of governance at the school. All academic and extracurricular programs will continue unchanged.

"The school is alive and well and we'll be here for a very long time," said Edward "Skip" Lawson '71, Alumni Association Board President-elect. "Notre Dame will have

a vibrant future under new management."

"I think it's (the transition) very positive and we'll be able to run ourselves in our own way," said Patrick Cummings '73, who had three sons graduate from Notre Dame and another is currently a junior there.

"I feel very confident that,



Edward "Skip" Lawson, Alumni Association president-elect, with retired longtime teacher Jim Maniola.

through the Board and Archdiocese, Notre Dame will thrive now and in the future," said Tom Nicholas '81, who attends this annual event to reconnect with classmates and friends every year. Many attendees expressed great appreciation for their Notre Dame educations. They are proud to be Dons, gentlemen of Mary.

"My father always used to say about Notre Dame, 'I sent a boy here and he became a man,'" said Cummings, who added that he sends his sons to the school because they can obtain a good education in an all-boys atmosphere that is small enough so the teachers and staff can really get to know each student.

"ND was the place where I went from being a mindless clod to thinking about the major issues of the day. I grew up with a social sense due to the faculty and students being involved," said John McCarthy '68, who added he

plans to become more involved with his alma mater.

While admitting he's not a golfer, McCarthy attended this year's event for the first time to honor A.J. Kozole, Notre Dame's Alumni Director, who's retiring in August after 43 years there. To show their appreciation for his service, the Alumni Association presented Kozole with a free, lifetime pass to attend subsequent Alumni Association Golf Outings.

Notre Dame thanks the 2006 Golf Outing committee for all its work: John Bamber '67, Mike Beil '67, Dan DiMaria '85, Tom Dieschbourg '67, Ed Duffy '78, Mike Egart '66, Ray Gorzynski '60, Ray Grish '69, Matt Kanzer '91, Jim Koziol '74, Al Piskorski '64, Bill Pittges '83, John Ranos '66, Tony Salemi '76, Larry Sowa '65, Joe Virgilio '69 and Dave Walsh '67.

Dempster St. parking lot approved in MG

Lot is one of six proposed for construction

A special use permit for the construction of an automobile parking lot at 6055 Dempster St. as part of the Dempster Street Corridor Master Plan was approved at the Morton Grove Village Board meeting on Monday, July 24.

The parking lot is one of six parking lots that are planned to be constructed, along with a new streetscape for Dempster.

The proposed parking lot is intended to enhance the use and enjoyment of adjacent properties in the immediate vicinity by providing parking for the businesses. There were no adjacent property owners who attended or testified at the public hearing indicating any negative impact on the use and enjoyment of the property.

"We were satisfied with the testimony we heard," said Plan Commission Chairman Farkas. Farkas said the Dempster Street improvement plan also includes sidewalks being widened and left turn lanes being added.

The village engineer said that the parking lot will minimize

traffic congestion and provide a safe place to park.

The proposed parking lot does not have access to any residential streets so it will not have any impact on the residential street system.

Joseph Wade, village administrator, said the sooner they can start on the project the better. The village board voted to approve the ordinance for the special use on its first reading.

At the public hearing, a commissioner questioned the intensity level of the lighting in the parking lot. The village engineer responded that the level of the light intensity could be reduced by using a less intense bulb, as long as there was enough lighting for use and surveillance. The need for alley improvements was also questioned by another commissioner and the village engineer said that topic would have to be included and discussed as part of the "Capital Improvement Program" for the village.

The plan commission concluded that the welfare of the community is enhanced with the implementation of the parking lot and encourage the orderly development of the remainder of the Dempster St. Corridor.

Heat wave means big waves at Niles' pools

If you're going to brave the heat wave and be outside during the recent 90 degree days, there may no better place to be than relaxing or splashing in the pool.

"The weekends have definitely been really crowded," said Denise Dublinski, aquatics director for the Niles Park District. Although the pools have been pretty crowded, Dublinski said that they were more crowded last year because there were more consistent hot days. This year, it was more of an erratic "heat wave" and more rainy days.

"It's a steady stream of people," said Cheryl Sychowski, the asst. aquatics supervisor. She said that the Oasis Water Park is a larger facility and is more crowded and Iceland, the other outdoor pool of the Niles Park District, generally attracts a family-oriented crowd.

Oasis Water Park on

Milwaukee in Niles is a popular spot this time of year. The facility has two water slides and two diving boards as well as a concession stand. Tuesday through Friday the pool is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday it's open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Monday through Saturday there is an adult lap swim from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. there is a pool pass holder swim. The rates are \$4 for residents and \$8 for non residents, and \$3 for seniors.

The Iceland facility is a popular spot for families looking to take a nice, cool dip. The facility includes a zero depth pool for younger kids and lap pool and a concession stand, as well as sand volleyball courts. Unlike the Oasis Water Park, people are allowed to bring in outside food to this facility.

3-month-old dies in Park Ridge

Police rule death ruled an accident

The Park Ridge Police Department received a 911 phone call of an unresponsive infant in the 1900 block of South Prospect on Sunday, July 23.

The Cook County Medical Examiners' office conducted a post mortem examination and ruled the cause of death as suf-

focation on July 24. The Park Ridge Police Department charged the 26 year old mother with one count of child endangerment, which is a class three felony.

When Park Ridge Police came to the woman's house they were met at the front door by the mother who was holding her baby. The infant was not breathing and resuscitation efforts began. The infant was

rushed to Resurrection Hospital while advanced life support was continued.

The three month old infant was pronounced dead at about 11:25 a.m.

The mother was taken for a bond hearing on July 27. Her bond was set at \$150,000. Her initial court date is Aug. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cook County second municipal courthouse in Skokie.

Correction



An incorrect caption ran with the photo above two weeks ago in The Bugle. We are re-running the photo and caption with apologies to our readers. WSCR Radio's Mike North, second from left, was among the celebrities calling bingo sponsored by Summit Square and the MainStreamers during Senior Day. L to R, State Senator Cheryl Axley, North, Audrey Yohanna, Summit Square, Marc Dennison, Mayor Howard Frimark, Alderman Mary Ryan and Taste President Dave Iglov.

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Letters to the Editor

Ode to Can-Man

Dear Editor,
Over the years he's cleaned up thousands of pounds of our litter—cans and bottles mostly. Day in, day out, keeping to himself, he combs our local trails and, byways, beautifying for miles by bending and stooping, and scooping up what we carelessly toss out car windows, baby buggies, bicycle baskets and hand. I've seen the disdain on people's faces when can-man wheels past with his cart of over-filled buckets dangling to and fro. Maybe what they don't realize is the irony of looking down their noses at an ecologist-neighbor. (And philosopher—I discovered that a couple nights ago while chatting briefly with him to say thanks; also finally learned his name.) because what Rod silently witnesses and humbly acts on almost 24/7, is our throw-away, it's-not-my-job poor-minded attitudes. Friend to fox, heron, muskrat, owl, doe, river, stream, oak, and willow, even the cleaner air we all breathe, Can-Man is a guy I'm proud to know!

Nora McClusky, Niles

A new kind of immigrant

Dear Editor,
So many letter writers have based their arguments on how this land is made up of immigrants. Certain politicians for example, suggest we should tear down the Statue of Liberty because the people now in question aren't being treated the same as those who passed through Ellis Island and other ports of entry. Maybe we should turn to our history books and point out to people like some Congressmen why today's American is not willing to accept this new kind of immigrant any longer.

Back in 1900 when there was a rush from all areas of Europe to come to the United States, people had to get off a ship and stand in a long line in New York and be documented. Some would even get down on their hands and knees and kiss the ground. They made a pledge to uphold the laws and support their new country in good and bad times. They made learning English a primary rule in their new American households and some even changed their names to blend in with their new home.

They had waved good bye to their birth place to give their children a new life and did everything in their power to help their children assimilate into one culture. Nothing was handed to them. No free lunches, no welfare, no labor laws to protect them.

All they had were the skills and craftsmanship they had brought with them to trade for a future of prosperity. Most of their children came of age when World War II broke out. My uncle fought along side men whose parents had come straight over from Germany, Italy, France and Japan. None of these 1st generation Americans ever gave any thought about what country their parents had come from. They were Americans fighting Hitler, Mussolini and the Emperor of Japan.

And we carried one flag that represented one country. Not one of those immigrant sons would have thought about picking up another country's flag and waving it to represent who they were. It would have been a disgrace to their parents who had sacrificed so much to be here. These immigrants truly

knew what it meant to be an American. They stirred the melting pot into one red, white and blue bowl.

And here we are in 2006 with a new kind of immigrant who wants the same rights and privileges. Only they want to achieve it by playing with a different set of rules, one that includes the entitlement card and a guarantee of being faithful to their mother country. I'm sorry, that's not what being an American is all about. I believe that the immigrants who landed on Ellis Island in the early 1900s deserve better than that for all the toil, hard work and sacrifice in raising future generations to create a land that has become a beacon for those legally searching for a better life. I think they would be appalled that they are being used as an example by those waving foreign country flags.

And for that suggestion about taking down the Statue of Liberty, it happens to mean a lot to the citizens who are voting on the immigration bill. I wouldn't start talking about dismantling the United States just yet.

Patrick Kansoer,
Morton Grove



Another Perspective
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Lifestyle Police

There are those that think they know best how to live your life. They work hard to pass laws to make you live the lifestyle they want for you. These lifestyle police will even lie to get you to do what they want. U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona recently warned Americans to, "Stay away from smokers." He hawked a report that concludes there is no safe level of secondhand smoke and there is no way for filtration systems to eliminate the health risks. "The science is clear. Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard,"

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Lifeway Foods acquires competitor

Morton Grove company produces cultured milk

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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Lifeway Foods, that has been located in Morton Grove since 1998, officially purchased Helios Nutrition on July 27. "They are our largest competitors," said Julie

Smolyanskaya, Lifeway's chief executive whose father is the founder of the company. "We now own the #1 and #2 Kefir brands."

Lifeway Foods, with sales revenue at about \$20 million in 2005 is the leading supplier of Kefir, which is a cultured milk product, that is rich in enzymes and micro-organisms that help balance the inner ecosystem.

The Morton Grove-based company has made distribution

"They are our largest competitors. We now own the #1 and #2 Kefir brands."

Julie Smolyanskaya
LIFEWAY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

deals in the past year with Target, Wal-Mart and Costco. They also have a location in Skokie.

As part of the deal, Lifeway, founded in 1986, agreed to pay

Helios a total of about \$8 million. Of that amount, \$2.5 million will be paid in cash while \$4.2 million will be paid over the next four years. Helios owners will also receive 101,000 shares of Lifeway stock, which is valued at \$1.3 million.

Lifeway and Helios have the same customers, such as Whole Foods, Wild Oats and other natural food stores. In addition, they participate in the same trade shows and buy the same

raw materials.

With a location in Minnesota, Smolyanskaya said that the acquisition also exposes them to a new market.

"It gives us another home town," said Smolyanskaya. Smolyanskaya said that Helios brought in about \$5 million in revenue in 2005.

In 2004, Lifeway acquired Ilya's Farm, a cream cheese company, making Helios the second acquisition.

Prayer won't boost mileage, but gas-use bible might

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
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I've got to start this column with an admission. My lack of knowledge about cars is appalling. V-8? Isn't that what's stocked between the cranberry and grape juice in the grocery store?

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But I decided that my ignorance of what happens after I insert my key into the ignition of my aging Volvo station wagon shouldn't deter me from sharing advice from a couple of automotive fanatics who can tell you what the melting point of an iridium spark plug is and, with a little prodding, would probably babble on about tribology, the science of moving parts. That's got to be a good Scabble word.

Why should you care about a couple of guys who have spent countless hours in their garages peering up into the greasy underbelly of their hot rods, cars and trucks? Because these car guys, Ron Hollenbeck, a former Navy aviator, and

Kenny Joines, who grew up building engines with his dad, promise to save you money at the pump. They've written a new book, "The Gas Mileage Bible" (Infinity Publishing, \$16.95) which is aimed primarily at people who drive vehicles that seem capable of making a tank of gas disappear almost as quickly as a bag of Lay's potato chips.

The authors of "The Gas Mileage Bible" share dozens of ways that we can prolong the time that elapses between our visits to the gas station. Some of it we've heard before: don't tailgate or speed - this will burn too much gas. Duh. But the authors provide lots of advice that I haven't seen anywhere else. They also resist the temptation to lay a guilt trip on what will probably be their most motivated audience - the drivers who tool around in Chevy Tahoes, Hummers and other urban tanks. I guess \$100 fill-ups are punishment enough.

The book provides technical information for the mechanically minded, but it's also a friendly read for drivers whose automotive brains haven't

developed beyond the Cambrian Period.

Here's just a few of the tips from the book:

■ Be nice to your car. It's pretty clear when reading this book that most of us are automotive slackers. We treat our cars as badly as the cads who keep their dogs chained to a tree. One way to atone for our sins and boost our gas mileage, the authors suggest, is to keep our cars tuned up. The best place to find out the proper care and feeding of your vehicle is the

lonely manual in your glove compartment. I confess I only open mine when a strange icon lights up on my dashboard. A good tune-up makes the engine's combustion process more efficient, which is necessary to get good fuel economy. A poorly tuned car can cost you 40 percent of the gas mileage you should be getting.

■ Use high-quality synthetic oil. Yes, this stuff can cost more than a month's worth of Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Synthetic oil, however, lasts far longer than

the petroleum-based stuff and it also keeps your engine cleaner. If you go to Jiffy Lube, it could cost you \$30 for an oil change that will require a return trip in 3,000 miles. With synthetic oil, which could cost \$90 or \$100, you might not need to change the oil for 10,000 to 20,000 miles. The expensive oil is more slippery, the authors observe, which provides better lubrication and allows the engine to operate much cooler. It also helps clean

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BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
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Don't Bank On House Profits to Fund Retirement

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To enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle, you will need to build your net worth *before* you retire. So you may be interested in knowing that, between 2001 and 2004, the typical household's net worth, adjusted for inflation, grew 1.5 percent, according to a recent Federal Reserve study. The good news is that this figure, while not appearing large, actually represents a sizable gain in family wealth. The not-so-good news, from a retirement savings standpoint, is that much of this increase in wealth came from *rising home prices*.

Why shouldn't you count on appreciated home prices to form a key pillar of your retirement savings? Won't the value of your home just keep rising?

Not necessarily. While it's true that housing prices have gone up significantly over the last several years, there is no guarantee that this trend will continue. Housing prices have fallen in the past — and they are likely to do so again.

But just as importantly, even an extended period of rising home prices may not help you as much as you'd think. After all, to profit from your home, you have to sell it — but then you have to live somewhere else. And even if you decide to "trade down," you're likely to find that smaller homes have also appreciated quite a bit, so your sale might not net you nearly as much as you'd hope.

To sum up: Your home may provide you with some of the money you will need during retirement — but not *all* of it. And that's why you need to look beyond your house and into the world of investments. To help pay for a retirement that may last two or three decades, you *must* invest regularly — at every stage of your life.

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Two Investment "Platforms"

Essentially, you have two main investment "platforms": your employer-sponsored retirement plan and your private investment accounts. And you'll want to pay close attention to *both* these platforms.

For example, if you have a 401(k) plan at work, learn as much as you can about the various investment options available — and choose the mix of investments that can potentially provide you with the growth you need, given your individual risk tolerance. Because it offers both tax-deferred earnings and a chance to contribute pre-tax earnings, a 401(k), by its very nature, offers some key advantages in saving for retirement. But you are ultimately responsible for your 401(k) plan's success — so study up on your choices, contribute as much as you can afford, review your progress and make adjustments as needed.

And while you are contributing to your 401(k) at work, you should also invest steadily in your traditional or Roth IRA. A traditional IRA offers tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA has the potential to grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

Finally, you will want to build a portfolio containing a diversified mix of stocks, bonds and other securities. Your financial professional can help you make sure these investments work in conjunction with your 401(k) and IRA to help you move toward your retirement goals.

So, if you aren't already investing consistently, start now. The years fly by, and before you know it, retirement will be looming. When that day arrives, you'll want to be prepared.

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Fed funds not that complex

By Malcolm Berko
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Dear Mr. Berko: During the past five years, the newspapers, radio, TV, financial mag-

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azines, etc., have been reporting changes in the Fed funds rate. What are Fed funds? Why won't the newspapers, etc., explain the meaning of Fed funds to businesspeople and consumers like me? I've read several articles on Fed funds and tried to read about it on the Internet but the words used are difficult to explain and the articles are so wordy that neither my business partner nor I can comprehend them. As businessmen, we should understand what Fed funds are and what they mean.

N.O.
St. Louis

Dear N.O.: The operations of the Federal Reserve are no more complex than are verbal instructions for boiling water. Understanding the meaning of the term "Fed funds" is easy as making change for a dollar. However, the Federal Reserve is a grossly overstaffed government bureaucracy; most of its protoplasmic bureaucrats overcomplicate explanations using "eco-speak" to describe simple events. It just makes them feel more secure. And, yes, you're too right: Most civilians wouldn't know a Fed fund if it dumped on their dumplings. But given proper license, here's a simple explanation of Fed funds for you and your partner:

The Fed requires all banks to keep a specific amount of money in a special account called a reserve account. A

reserve account is a bank's rainy-day savings account. For purposes of this answer, the amount of money banks must keep in their reserve accounts is 10 percent of their deposits. So if the Sunshine Bank has \$1,000 in deposits, it must have \$100 cash in its reserve account. Because the amount of deposits at the Sunshine Bank changes each day (increases or decreases), the amount of money it must legally keep in its reserve account changes every day, too.

There are thousands of banks in this country. Each day, some banks will have more money than they need to meet the Fed requirements in their reserve accounts while others will be short of reserves.

Let's assume that at the end of the business day, the Sunshine Bank doesn't have enough money to meet its Fed requirements, but the Rainy Day Bank has a surplus. Well, the Sunshine Bank borrows (overnight) from the Rainy Day Bank to meet its reserve account requirement. They are always overnight loans because the amount of deposits in a bank's collective checking or savings account varies by the minute and are repaid the following morning. The money loaned by the Rainy Day Bank to the Sunshine Bank is called Fed funds and the overnight interest charged by the Rainy Day Bank (determined by the Federal Reserve Bank) is called the Fed funds rate.

Consumers and business folks don't pay the Fed funds rate when they borrow money, but that rate is important. When Fed funds rates rise, so will other interest rates because the borrowing bank's

costs also rise. As Fed funds rates increase, so will the interest you pay on your adjustable rate mortgages, your home equity loans and your short-term business loans.

However, the interest rate you earn on your certificates of deposit, your savings accounts and money market accounts will rise. Therefore, if you have a 9 percent short-term loan and Fed funds rise by 0.25 percent, the interest on that loan will increase to 9.25 percent. However, banks being banks, do not expect the interest rates paid on your savings, CDs or money market accounts to rise as much as the rates you pay on your loans. The Fed funds rate is basically the Fed's primary tool for steering the economy.

Now sometimes the Rainy Day Bank may not have enough money in its reserve account to lend to the Sunshine Bank. This happens, but not frequently. So on occasion, when the Rainy Day Bank does not have enough money, the Sunshine Bank will go the Fed window (just imagine an old-fashioned bank teller's window) and borrow the money to meet the legal requirement for its reserve account. When the Sunshine Bank borrows money from the Fed window, they pay a "discount rate," which is usually about 1 percent higher than the Fed funds rate.

In case you're going to say, "I haven't the foggiest idea why it's called the 'discount rate,'" it's probably another one of those beastly words from the Fed's "eco-speak."

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out engine deposits. The authors recommend Amsoil, Red Line and Mobil 1. In general, you should select the lowest viscosity oil that's recommended for your car. They suggest that the best choice for most people is 5W-30.

■ Don't forget the tires. Check your tire pressure every week. And while you're at it, clean the oven and find the missing mates for all your socks. OK, saving money at the pump can be a tedious business, but the payoff is worth it. According to the car guys, maintaining proper tire pressure could be one of the most important ways to keep fuel mileage high. Driving on tires that are 20 percent underinflated can boost fuel consumption by 10 percent, which can cost you two or three miles per gallon. You should also get out the tire pressure gauge if the weather changes by 30 degrees. Keep the tires filled up near the highest pressure listed on the tires.

■ At the same time, you'll want to check your wheel alignment. Even hitting a curb or pothole once can throw your alignment out of whack. A misaligned car will waste more gas and require a trip to the tire store sooner than you'd like. Next time you're driving down a freeway, check to see if your steering wheel is centered. If it's cocked to the side when you are zooming straight ahead, it's time for an alignment appointment.

■ Make your vehicle more aerodynamic. We're not talking about turning your car into something that would fit in the set of "Back to the Future." A lot of the suggestions are easy - and obvious even to me.

"If you drive a truck, you might assume that you'll enjoy better gas mileage if you remove the tailgate. Not so, fellas. Wind moves smoothly over the air bubble in your truck bed when the tailgate is up. But when it's down or removed, the bubble collapses, which creates more wind resistance."

If you don't need the luggage rack, bike rack or car top carrier, take it off. (You should also clean out your car; it isn't supposed to be an archaeological dig.) If you drive a truck, you might assume that you'll enjoy better gas mileage if you remove the tailgate. Not so, fellas. Wind moves smoothly over the air bubble in your truck bed when the tailgate is up. But when it's down or removed, the bubble collapses, which creates more wind resistance.

■ Change your driving habits. Driving 50 or 55 mph might seem like you're trapped on a broken treadmill, but it's a cheaper way to travel. Driving at those speeds can save as much as 23 percent of fuel costs. The authors also recommend that drivers avoid idling their vehicles for more than a minute. Of course, that means you should get out of your car next time you want to order a hamburger. "The big gains are in relearning how to drive," Hollenbeck insists.

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Marathon Oil advertising sign had a good run

By Anne McCollam
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Q: The Marathon advertising sign in this photo is 72 inches in diameter and is in excellent

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condition. The banner at the runner's foot says, "Best in the Long Run."

Is it collectible and what is its worth?

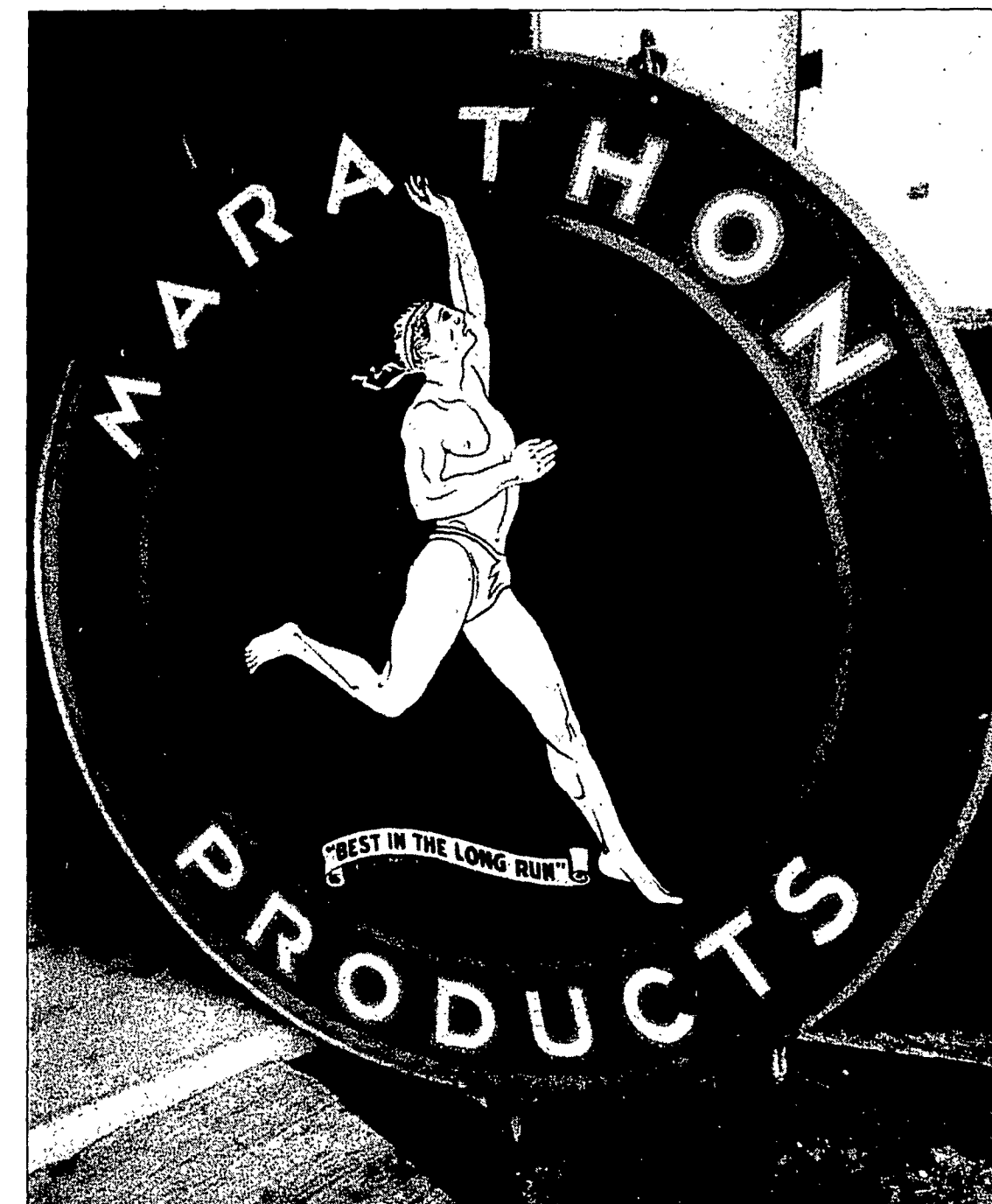
A: In 490 B.C., the Greek runner Pheidippides was dispatched to race to Athens with the news the Persians were defeated at Marathon, Greece, by the Athenians. From that time on, the word "marathon" has been associated with endurance and long-distance racing. Marathon Oil was the trade name used by Transcontinental Oil Co. They were bought out by the Ohio Oil Co. in 1930 and in 1962 changed their name to Marathon Oil Co.

Your sign has a nice crossover value. It would appeal to collectors of vintage advertising and gasoline memorabilia. A value of \$1,000 to \$1,800 would start many collectors' engines!

Q: The enclosed mark is on the bottom of a pottery vase that I inherited. The vase is round, stands 5 inches tall and is decorated with stylized flowers against a matte tan background.

For as long as I can remember, it sat on a shelf in my grandmother's china cabinet. Is it antique or junkie?

A: Your vase is an example of Marblehead pottery, one of the most outstanding Arts and Crafts potteries in America. Dr. Herbert J. Hall established the pottery in 1904 in Marblehead,



Mass. Although it began as therapy for his patients, it was so successful that by 1908 it became independent of the sanitarium and became totally commercial. They produced vases, tiles, pitchers and bowls. Many pieces were decorated

with matte glazes, including their popular Marblehead blue. The pottery closed in 1936.

Your ship has come in! Your vase is not junkie and would probably be worth \$600 to \$800.

Q: I have a Corinthian ware porcelain pitcher that I would

like to learn more about. It stands more than 4 inches tall and is decorated with a classical figure against a black matte background. Above and below the figure are borders with orange leaves. Marked on the bottom is a crest with two lions

and the words "Royal Bayreuth - P. T. - Priv 1794 - Bavaria."

What can you tell me about Royal Bayreuth, the age and the value of my pitcher?

A: Royal Bayreuth has made porcelain in Tettau, Bavaria, Germany, since 1794. Ancient classical Roman or Greek figures inspired their Corinthian or Classic line. The leaves on the borders are acanthus leaves that are indigenous to the Mediterranean area and also can be seen on Corinthian columns.

Your pitcher was used for cream and was made around 1900. It would probably be worth \$125 to \$175.

Book Review

"The Official Price Guide to Golf Collectibles" by Edward Kiersh is chockablock with advice on becoming an above-par collector. Readers will learn the criteria of golf collectibles, where the finds are, how to buy on the Internet, and tips on preserving, storing and displaying your collection. Kiersh has provided a history of the 300-year old sport, information on spotting fakes, condition problems, price values, and insights from top collectors and experts. This illustrated and comprehensive guide will appeal to both new and seasoned collectors.

"The Official Price Guide to Golf Collectibles" is softcover and published by House of Collectibles for \$20. It can be purchased at bookstores.

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This Disney memorabilia not Mickey Mouse

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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After the Disney studio's release of five timeless animated classics within a five-year period - "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Pinocchio," "Fantasia," "Dumbo" and "Bambi" - the onset of World

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War II and its resultant economic constrictions brought a halt to this full-scale production schedule, and Disney had to turn back to short cartoons and a series of theme-linked animated anthology films.

This was also a time when Latin American distribution had become important to Hollywood studios, because the European market had been virtually eliminated by the war. So two of these anthology films - the 1943 "Saludos Amigos" and the 1945 "The Three Caballeros" - were set below the border.

The first project was initiated when Walt Disney chartered a plane and, with a group of his studio artists, toured several Latin American countries under the auspices of the U.S. State Department, which had established what was called a Good Neighbor Policy. Live footage of the group's activities was shot and the artists made sketches of what they saw. Back at the studio in Burbank, Calif., the travelogue footage was combined with four related cartoon shorts to create a 42-minute mini-feature they titled "Saludos Amigos."

"Saludos Amigos" consisted of one sequence starring Donald Duck on a visit to Lake Titicaca, where he explores the Andes and has some lively interplay with an intractable llama. Another segment was titled "El Gaucho Goofy" with American cowboy Goofy becoming a clumsy Argentine gaucho. A third featured Pedro, a little Chilean airplane that replaces

his father in delivering the mail flying over a treacherous mountain route, the travelogue-like "Aquarela de Brazil." Finally, a cartoon introduced a new character named Joe/José Carioca, a parrot who teaches Donald to samba to two tunes that would prove to be popular hits: "Brazil" and "Tico Tico." This was very much a goodwill film, promoting Pan-American solidarity, and was premiered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, six months before its U.S. opening.

The animation material related to the film is of particular interest to collectors, as some of the studio's legendary talents were utilized, including Bill Tytla, Fred Moore, Ward Kimball, Milt Kahl and Bill Justice. It also got Oscar nominations for best song ("Saludos Amigos") and best scoring of a musical picture.

Donald Duck and the instantly popular new character José Carioca also appeared in the second film of the pair, the full-

length "The Three Caballeros," together with a trigger-happy Mexican rooster called Panchito, Pablo the Penguin and Little Gauchito, who goes hunting and finds a flying burrito (the donkey variety, not the food). Carioca has a full-production number called "Baia" about his native Brazil, and two other songs, the title tune "Three Caballeros" and the romantic "You Belong to My Heart" made it to the Hit Parade. The picture was a rich collection of fast-paced gags, stories-within-stories enlivened with clever visual puns, dream sequences and segments of live action combined with inventive animation (such as Donald frolicking with live bathing beauties).

Advertised as "the most startling advancement in motion picture technique since the advent of sound," (a bit of an exaggeration), it was a box-office success that has become increasingly appreciated by crit-

ics, fans and collectors over the years.

Disney built on the popularity of these films with a significant amount of now collectible merchandise, much of it centered on José Carioca. There were books (e.g. Tiny Golden Library's "Pablo the Penguin Takes a Trip"), greeting cards, ceramic and plastic figures, including a Marx Disneykins Tinykins figurine of Carioca, a Bakelite pencil sharpener, jewelry, stationery, and a number of record albums, as well as a 1944 sheet music souvenir album of nine songs. Disney has kept the franchise alive by issuing various 50th and 60th anniversary limited edition "Three Caballeros" collectibles.

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Masking, Duct, Scotch tape measures still measure up

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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For most of us, a tape measure is the most basic of tools, either a simple strip of yellow fabric or metal marked off in inches or, at best, encased in a retractable metal holder. It could come as something of a

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surprise, then, that it was once a highly decorative object, now sought after by collectors, along with thimbles, darners, pin cushions, scissors and sewing birds, wicker sewing baskets and other needlework

paraphernalia.

The tape measure came into use in England in the late 18th to early 19th centuries, replacing the bulkier wooden measuring sticks that had been in use for two centuries, and which measured in increments of a yard. The earliest examples, which are now rare, were marked in 'nails' - inches were to come later. They consisted of a length of silk or braid with a metal pull, which was attached to an extended final, wrapped and contained in a cylinder-shaped holder made of silver or gold, with a simple wind-up mechanism. The spring-return tape measure appeared in the

late 19th century, a time when their design and decoration became more elaborate, with engraved patterns, ribbed designs, and octagonal and other shapes. Major producers of figural tape measures were England, Germany and Japan, and the country of origin was usually stamped on either the tape or the housing.

An immense variety of materials that have been used to accommodate the cloth tape measure, including silver, brass, bone, ivory, mother-of-pearl - even seashells.

Particularly desirable are celluloid and Bakelite examples made during the first half of

the last century. Some of the figural ones had special significance, for example a pig, with a curly tail that served as a winder, was considered to be a portent of good luck.

The 20th century saw an outpouring of novelty shapes, from hats to turtles to high-button shoes, coffee grinders, china heads, fruit, ships, human and doghouses, and a menagerie of animals (fish were a favorite subject), often accompanied by humorous (or what passed for humorous) phrases and puns. These whimsies were regularly sold as souvenirs of various resorts - sometimes a seaside vacation would be commemorated by a tape measure enclosed in a seashell, say, or a Florida flamingo. One specialized type was made of vegetable ivory and studded with what are called Stanhope peephole pictures (named for their inventor, Lord Charles Stanhope); wherein a very small glass rod was inserted into these ivory tape measures with tiny black dots-producing a kind of primitive version of microfilm.

Tape measures were also a natural as vehicles for advertising giveaways - being small, useful and handy - and this area makes an interesting specialist niche for collectors. Companies of all kinds made use of this opportunity to promote their wares, from John Deere farm equipment to Texaco gas. Aside from sitting beside their other sewing tool cohorts in fitted sewing baskets and boxes, tape measures were also combined with other accoutrements, such as clocks, especially in Germany.

Tape measures, particularly of the Victorian figural variety, have become quite sought after, as have early wooden examples of transfer ware and Turnbridge ware, ivory, celluloid and other early plastics, bone, brass and sterling silver. (Note: A broken spring mechanism lowers the value considerably.) Here are a few prices cited in the "Antique Trader Antiques & Collectibles 2006 Price Guide":

- 1930s celluloid fish tape measure, Japan, \$135.
- Spring-loaded disc-style tape measure with Niagara Falls scene, 1920s, \$45.
- Victorian vegetable ivory barrel-form tape measure with original silk tape, English, 1860s, \$110.
- Round white measure tape measure with embossed cat's head featuring green rhinestone eyes, marked "Germany," c.1900, \$110.
- Wooden tape measure, model of a barrel, with manual wind, English, 1860s, \$175.

There are some more revealing

Cart should suit collectors to a 'tea'

By Anne McCollam
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Q: I have a wooden tea cart with drop leaves that I would like to learn more about. It has

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a removable glass tray and a handle for pushing, the wheels are wood covered with rubber, and it is in excellent condition. Its overall measurements are 18 inches wide, 27 inches high and 28 inches long. I would appreciate any information you can give me including its value.

A: Tea carts or tea wagons were popular from the 1920s to the 1940s. The trays could be removed for serving. As a rule, they were made of several kinds of woods and often stained mahogany.

The value of your tea wagon would probably be \$400 to \$500.

Q: This mark is on the back of a set of four Deldare Ware plates that belonged to my grandmother. Each plate is 8 1/2 inches in diameter and decorated with two men and one woman in 18th century clothes. The background is an olive green. Signed on the front

of each one are the words "Ye Town Crier." I have never seen Deldare Ware in antiques shops and once when I asked a dealer if she had any, she only shook her head and said that she wished she did. What can you tell me about my plates?

A: Buffalo Pottery made Deldare Ware. It is scarce and collectors are elated when they find a piece. Buffalo Pottery was founded in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1903. Deldare Ware was introduced in 1908, and the source of the name remains a mystery. There are at least four theories. One of the more credible stories is Louis Brown, one of the creators of the ware, and his wife while vacationing in Delaware were inspired to name their new art ware Deldare.

When a piece is chipped, it is evident the olive-green color goes throughout the body. Carefully examine your plates. Most pieces are signed with either initials or the name of the decorator.

After several financial difficulties and name changes, Oneida Ltd. in New York took over the pottery in 1983.

The value of each of your circa 1909 Deldare Ware plates would probably be \$100



to \$150.

Q: I have an old streetlamp in my front yard in Wisconsin, where I have lived for 25 years. It is cast iron and stands approximately 9 feet tall. The lamp was installed by a previous owner who told me it was given to him when they replaced old ones with modern lamps in Chicago.

I hope you can place a value on my lamp.

A: Architectural antiques are always in demand with collectors, decorators and restoration contractors. Your early 1900s streetlamp would probably be

worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: There was a framed picture of an adorable child sitting in a chair that hung in my bedroom when I was a child in the 1920s. It is signed "Maud Tousey Fangel." I still cherish the picture and plan to give it to my granddaughter.

Any information on the artist and the value will be appreciated.

A: Maud Tousey Fangel painted the original portrait of your print. She was born in Boston in 1881 and became a famous illustrator and doll designer in the 1920s and

1930s. She is well-known for her portraits of charming children. Fangel used her son as a model and did more than 1,500 portraits of him by the time he was 3. One appeared on the Cracker Jack box.

Your circa 1920s framed picture would probably be worth \$125 to \$225.

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New books: try Celine's shoes and Angelina's knives

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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In our celebrity-driven culture, we've gotten used to following the notables' public and private

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lives - not only their careers, but their friendships and rivalries, liaisons, marriages, pregnancies, baby namings, divorces and their taste in fashion, food and decor. So why wouldn't we be interested in what they collect?

"What Celebrities Collect" by Michele Karl (Pelican) tackles this juicy subject with uneven results. Some of the celebrity choices are predictable: film critic Leonard Maltin, movie memorabilia; Dick Clark, rock 'n' roll relics; Eric Clapton, guitars. Many of us are already familiar with Jay Leno and Barbra Streisand's passion for art deco, and surely Celine Dion is not the only celebrity who collects designer shoes.

There are some more revealing

entries, though, such as Johnny Depp's well-informed collection of rare first editions, Angelina Jolie's antique knives and Lea Thompson's Roseville pottery.

Unfortunately, the text is a bit short on hard information and a bit heavy on phrases like "supposedly" and "rumor has it," and there also may be a few too many snapshots of the author

and her husband posing with celebs, even one who said, "Sorry, Michele, I just don't collect anything."

Yes, Dion and innumerable other fashionistas do accumulate the latest Manolo Blahnik and Jimmy Choo shoe styles, but more serious collectors focus on vintage footwear. "Walking Dreams: Salvatore Ferragamo

1898-1960," edited by Stefania Ricci (RM Verlag), provides an intriguing view of one of the most inventive and fascinating characters in the history of shoe design.

One of 14 children born to a poor Italian farming family, Salvatore Ferragamo made his first pair of shoes at age 9, when his parents couldn't afford to

buy any for his sister's first communion. At 14, he opened a shop in the family's home, and six years later followed four of his brothers to America, soon setting up shop in California, where his clientele would include stars from Mary Pickford and Marlene Dietrich to Katharine Hepburn and Ava Gardner.

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High Strung



A rock band at a library? Yep, that's right. Many teens and older generations enjoyed listening to rock tunes played by the High Strung Band when they performed at the Niles Public Library on July 25 as part of their National Rock n Roll Library Tour.

Dates for Agency Funding Hearings

Maine Township has set the dates for their annual funding hearings. The 2006 hearings will be held September 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Maine Township Town hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. A third hearing date, if needed, will be held October 10 at the same time and location.

The township helps fund agencies that provide services such as: housing assistance for seniors, counseling for drug or alcohol dependant residents and daycare services for single parents. This kind of assistance is made possible by dozens of agencies throughout Maine Township and they need funding to make it possible to continue serving residents.

Maine Township grants between \$400,000 and \$450,000 annually. After organizations complete applications, they receive presentation time during the hearings in which they are to explain how their services benefit Maine Township's residents.

Hearing Info

Hearings are open to the public. Agencies interested in applying for funding from the township need to contact Michelle Biondo at 847-297-2510 ext. 271 for forms and assistance.

idents. After the granting of funds, throughout the year a township staff member visits the agencies to ensure compliance with grant provisions and agencies are required to submit monthly performance reports. The Township also supports these agencies with events and activities such as Agency Day with its training and networking opportunities provided to representatives.

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Perspective

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he said.

This report is supposed to guide individuals and law-makers on smoking, yet it contains no new research. The largest study of all passive smoking studies was published in the prestigious British Medical Journal in 2003, this analysis covering 35,561 Californians over a 39 year period found no "causal relationship between exposure to [passive smoke] and tobacco-related mortality," adding, however "a small effect" can't be ruled out. Just think about what the Surgeon General is stating. Smoking is so dangerous that there is no safe level, yet the real conclusion is the opposite. Studies show that inhaling second hand smoke is like smoking .004 cigarettes an hour, at this rate you would smoke a whole cigarette over the course of 250 days. Smoking only kills half of all smokers and the average age of death for a smoker is 67. So people who smoke a pack a day are at less risk of dying than the people who breathe just a little smoke?

Now, I do not smoke and recommend that no one smoke. It is not good for you. I hate smoke, especially when I dine. I prefer a restaurant that is non-smoking,

but when we create public policy based on half-truths or out and out lies we destroy liberty in the process. We must have civil debates based on truth, not on what we want things to be and tragically the biggest liar in the game is the government itself. Think about the commonly heard statement that talking on a cell phone while driving is like driving drunk. Over 212 million Americans use cell phones in 2006 compared to 4.3 million in 1990, nothing causes more accidental deaths than motor vehicles and drunk driving is the single greatest hazard on the road. You would think that given the rise in cell phone use there would be a massive increase in traffic accidents, right?

Traffic fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled have actually fallen. Chicago has banned talking directly on a cell phone with the exception of police officers. Do we really want all those cops driving "drunk"? The point is that many things distract us and accidents happen when we are distracted, but driving isn't that tough. People drive and talk to passengers, drink & eat, listen to the radio, daydream, look around and they still get from home to work and back again safe & alive. It would be great to live in a world without distract-

tions, but the reality is we live in an imperfect world. No law will be able to cover every aspect of human behavior and eliminate all risks, but that doesn't stop the busybodies from trying.

Is this the kind of world we want? Where every aspect of your life and behavior is regulated by law or where bureaucrats decide what you can and can't do? You get the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - unless your rulers outlaw it.

This is not the idea of America and it is not enshrined in our Constitution or Bill of Rights. The greatest line ever written is, "government shall make no law..." If only our politicians and the busybodies that nag us would get this through their thick skulls.

We should not accept inordinate risks while at the same time we should respect the rights of individuals to live life as they see fit. The only way to make decisions or pass laws is to base them on the facts and the truth and not on lies we want to be true. The truth is the truth and needs no lie to win the day. Laws on top of laws have not solved mankind's problems, only people can do that. Maybe it is time to stop trusting laws to get things done and start trusting the people again.

SPORTS

Patrick to join Andretti Green Racing in 2007

Andretti Green Racing announced it signed Danica Patrick to drive one of the team's IndyCar Series cars beginning in 2007.

Patrick, the 2005 Bombardier Rookie of the Year, is the third driver under contract to Andretti Green Racing for next season. She joins 2004 IndyCar Series champion Tony Kanaan, who won the July 23 race at The Milwaukee Mile, and Marco Andretti, who was named the JPMorgan Chase Rookie of the Year after finishing second in the 90th Indianapolis 500 in May.

"I've said all along that I just want to win races," Patrick said

during an interview with ESPNNews. "Andretti Green has won more races than anyone in the series. I've said all along that my passion, my heart, my soul has always been in Indy Car Racing. If there was a team that was going to give me a chance to win in the Indy Racing League, that's where I'm going to be."

Andretti Green currently fields four full-time entries in the IndyCar Series and intends to do so again in 2007. The team fielded a fifth car in the 90th running of the Indianapolis 500 for team co-owner Michael Andretti, who drove to a third-

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Danica Patrick
INDY CAR DRIVER

place finish. "Today is an exciting day for everyone at Andretti Green Racing," team co-owner Michael Andretti said. "Danica has shown great talent during her first two seasons in the IndyCar Series and has impressed Kim (Green), Kevin

(Savoree) and myself with her development as a driver.

"Our focus has been and always will be on winning races and winning championships. We certainly believe Danica will do that. She has made it very clear that one of her goals as a driver is to win the Indianapolis 500 and we are looking forward to giving her a great opportunity to do that."

Andretti Green Racing, which has won IndyCar Series driver and team championships the past two years, is the winningest team in series history with 22 victories. It also fields two cars in the Indy Pro Series.

Patrick, coming off her second consecutive fourth-place finish, was in the final year of her contract with Rahal Letterman Racing. The team also fields cars for Buddy Rice and Jeff Simmons.

"I obviously informed them recently that I wasn't going to be coming back to the team, and thanked (Bobby) for everything he's done," Patrick said. "Nobody stepped up four and five years ago. He did and gave me a chance and brought me to the Indy Racing League. I wouldn't be here without him. I will be forever grateful for what he's done for me."

Patrick's heart with IRL made choice

By Bill Center
COPELY NEWS SERVICE

Don't be surprised that Danica Patrick has decided to return to the Indy Racing League, albeit with a different team.

SPORTS UNLIMITED

It was her father, T.J., and not the 24-year-old driver, who brought up the possibility of racing's premier female driver jumping into a stock car.

Sure, Patrick admitted she was interested in NASCAR's Nextel Cup series.

But not now. And for many good reasons. Patrick is talented. She can flat-out drive, as proved by her finishes of fourth (as a rookie in 2005) and eighth in the past two Indianapolis 500s. Few drivers are as smooth over long runs as Patrick.

But she has some decided advantages in the IRL that she couldn't take to NASCAR.

First, her 100-pound weight works to her advantage in the IRL, where the cars are officially weighed without the drivers. The smaller the driver, the less added to the 1,400 pounds of the car - which translates into more mph and mpg.

Over in NASCAR, her car would have to carry 100 pounds of lead to bring it on line with the 200-pound "standard" for Nextel Cup drivers.

Plus, as Patrick herself admitted, the IRL has a 14-race season spread over 25 weeks with a lengthy vacation starting in September. Even if there is the expected merger with the Champ Car World Series, the open-wheel season would number no more than 22 races

over 33 weeks.

NASCAR's Nextel Cup is a grind in comparison, 38 events over a 41-week season with as many as 16 straight racing weekends without a break.

"That's a bit much for me at this time," Patrick said while discussing her options, which included: a) NASCAR, b) Remaining with Rahal Letterman Racing in the IRL and c) Signing with a different open-wheel team.

She chose "c," opting to sign with Andretti Green Racing.

Some will see Patrick's jump as being disrespectful to car owner Rahal, who began championing her career five years ago when she was still an unknown driver racing in Europe.

Rahal announced in 2004 that Patrick would be coming to Indianapolis the following year. And her on-schedule arrival gave open-wheel racing a much-needed shot in the arm.

But she has yet to win a race with a Rahal team that strug-

gled earlier this season as it changed from the Panoz to Dallara chassis. And in terms of exposure, Rahal reaped as many benefits from the association as the driver.

"I've had a very good run, a very good relationship with the team and Bobby Rahal," Patrick said recently. "He helped me when no one else stepped up. And I will forever be grateful for that."

"I feel Andretti Green is going to give me the opportunity to win races. I have to go with what I think is best for my future. I feel like Andretti Green is the place."

Over the two previous seasons, Andretti Green was the dominant team in the IRL. It was also, essentially, the Honda factory team. But this year, with everyone outfitted with Honda engines, the four-car Andretti Green powerhouse has struggled almost as much as Rahal Letterman. Tony Kanaan scored the team's first victory of the season Sunday at Milwaukee.

Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Go for it or lay up?

When making the choice between going for it and laying up, many factors go into the decision. The smarter you are about your decision, the better your results will be. Examine all the variables involved in the shot, not just whether or not you can hit the ball the required distance.

You might want to lay up if:

- You have a poor or uneven lie.
- There is wind in your face.
- The shot requires you to carry the ball the whole way. (Bunker or water in front of the green.)
- Your natural ball flight is in the direction of the trouble (i.e., there is water on the right side of the green and your natural shot is usually a fade)

It's OK to go for it if:

- You have a great lie.
- There is no wind or the wind is at your back.
- There is no danger in front of the green that would prevent you from landing it short and letting it roll up onto the green.
- Your natural ball flight is away from the trouble.



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Niles Senior Center 'brings the islands alive'

Niles Seniors

Men's Club Fall BBQ

The Men's Club Fall BBQ "Brings the Islands Alive," Friday, September 8 11:00AM - 2:30PM \$12. Tickets are going fast for this annual event. Lunch features the always tasty hamburgers and brats, freshly grilled to perfection by our master chefs. Then "journey to the islands" with the Royal Polynesian Review. Reserved seating! Cost includes lunch, entertainment and raffle.

Home Repair Rights

Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights, Wednesday, Sept 6 11AM - Noon
If you are planning a home repair/improvement project, it is important to ask the right questions to protect your investment. Ginger Troiani, Senior Citizen Construction Advocate for the Niles Senior Center, will discuss ways to protect yourself and minimize the possibility that a misun-

derstanding may occur. Time will be allotted for questions. Free but registration is required.

Pet Parade Oct. 9

5th Annual Pet Parade Monday, October 9th 1:00PM
The animal kingdom will reign supreme at our annual Pet Parade. Whether large or small, cute or scary, four-footed (or three), costumed pets and their adoring humans will take center stage to thrill animal lovers of all ages. All Niles Pet Owners are invited to enter their pets. Advanced pet registration required.

Effective Communication

The Effective Communication Group: A supportive, informational group that deals with hearing loss issues and the latest in assistive technology. We welcome anyone with Hearing Loss issues to the Effective Communication Group, which meets the last Thursday of the month. If you have any questions or want to look at assistive device cata-

logs, please contact Trudi Davis (847 588-8420)

Summer Movies

\$2.00 (with dinner) 5:00PM
This summer, join us for Niles Senior Center's weekly "Dinner and a Movie" featuring a broad spectrum of movie favorites from the 1930s to the present. Before the movie, enjoy the special \$2.00 Hot Dog Dinner (Hot Dogs - Pizza rotation started in mid July) served at 5:00PM and then relax and enjoy the movie. Advanced Registration is Required if you are planning to join us for dinner. If you want to come for the movie only there is NO charge and you are not required to register in advance. Following is a list of upcoming movies:

August 9 ~ Failure to Launch (2006 PG13) Matthew McConaughey (Hot Dog)
August 16 ~ Guys and Dolls (1955) Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando (Pizza)
August 30 ~ Take the Lead (2006 PG-13) Antonio Banderas, Alfre Woodard (Hot Dog)

Final Fishing Outing

The last "Hooked on Fishing" outing has been scheduled. We meet at the selected site at 8:00AM. Cost includes bait, morning snack, lunch and prizes. A valid Fishing License is required. Call MaryAnn (847 588-8420) for more information.

Friday, September 15 - Busse Woods, \$12 - Meet at the specified site at 8:00AM.

Friday, October 13 - Banquet at DesPlaines Elk Club 4 - 6:30PM \$15

Social Scrabble

The Niles Senior Center's

Social Scrabble Group Wants You.

If you enjoy playing scrabble, this group is for you! We meet every Friday at 10:00AM in Room 231. We have the games, but we need the participants. Drop on by and get acquainted.

Get Acquainted with the Center

New members are invited to get acquainted with the Center, August 17th from 10-11:00AM

Newcomers are asked to call the Niles Senior Center to reserve a place at our August 17th NEWCOMERS' TOUR. Take a tour of our beautiful facility and meet members of our staff. If you would like a tour, please register at the Front Desk at least one day in advance. 847 588-8420.

Lunch with the Red Hatters

On August 16th lunch is at Tsukasa of Tokyo, 561 Milwaukee Ave in Vernon Hills. Please register at least one week in advance. Call Kelly for costs, car pooling and/or directions. Red Hats and Purple Outfit required.

On Monday, September 11th, it's Red Hatter TRIP TIME. Take a two-hour trolley tour of Chicago and see where motion pictures have been filmed. Following the tour, we'll stop at Lawrey's downtown for a fabulous lunch. Cost \$40.

Grief Workshop

Grief workshop three session fall series is set to go in September.

Beginning Wednesday, September 13, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session

workshop

Grief workshop for residents touched by the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW (847 588-8420). The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00PM and will focus on the following areas:

Workshop #1, Sept. 13 - "What Has Happened to Me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or a loved one is a difficult process.

Workshop #2, Sept. 20 - "Dealing with Expectations of Ourselves and Others" Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially when they want us to "move on" or "be happy again."

Workshop #3, Sept. 27 - "Adjusting to a Difficult Lifestyle." We will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adapt to new social roles and responsibilities.

'Educated Caregiver'

The "Educated Caregiver" video series begins Wednesday, Sept. 6. Please contact Bev Wessels or Melanie Amin for more information about this program.

On Wednesday, September 6, at 1:00PM, the Niles Senior Center Caregiver Group will premiere the first part of our three-session "Educated Caregiver" Video Series. Our first session will help community members learn how to cope effectively with the demands of caregiving for spouses or other family members. This program is offered at no charge but enrollment is necessary.

Morton Grove holds Driver Safety Program

Morton Grove Seniors

AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP's "Driver Safety Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for motorists age 50 and older. 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 may receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Aug. 12 and 19 at the Morton Grove Senior Center; and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 12 and Thursday, Sept. 14 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

'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:

Hawaiian Dancers on Thursday, Aug. 17. Lunch is Chicken Legs in Pineapple Sauce. Patio Grill Day on Thursday, Aug. 24. Lunch is Hamburgers and Fries.

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

Brain Games Part II

As we get older, we often begin to see changes in our mental functioning, having difficulty with memory, processing information more slowly, or having that "tip of the tongue" phenomenon. Many of these are natural changes yet there are many things that can be done to help combat their effects on brain-

power. Come and learn about some of the functions of the brain along with some fun and interactive exercises at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. There is no cost but please register before Aug. 14 by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Botanic Garden

The journey will start with a delicious lunch overlooking one of the many beautiful Chicago

Botanic Gardens. After lunch, enjoy a fact filled narrated tram tour that will provide an overview of the 385 acres on Wednesday, Aug. 23. The bus will leave the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 2:30 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$25 for Senior Center Members and \$29 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

Baby Boomers Group

This new group, organized at the Morton Grove Civic Center, has scheduled a fun outing to Navy Pier and Ed Debevis between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29. The cost is \$30 for Civic Center Members and \$34.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Civic Center before Aug. 14.

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"Love Struck.Com" - a music-See Morton Grove, page 18

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Maine Township Seniors plan summer events

Maine Township Seniors

MaineStreamers

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.Mainetown.com.

'A Visit with Jack Benny'

Thursday, August 17 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon No Charge - Registration Required

Come and enjoy some of Jack's funniest moments in radio, TV and film. We will look at this great man's life and

laugh with Rochester, Phil Harris, Dennis Day and the rest of the greatest cast in history.

Men's Group

Tuesday, August 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cost: \$3 - Lunch Provided, Registration Required

Enjoy lunch together as we socialize. Sarah Martinez, a comedian who has worked at the Comedy Club, will perform a comedy/variety show following the meal. Don't miss this special program.

Coping with Loss

Wednesday, August 30, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., No Charge - Registration Required

As we age, the losses we experience tend to add up - loved ones, physical health, social roles, etc. How do we turn these losses into building blocks of wisdom and joy rather than despair? Dr. Lisa Campbell will share stories and ideas that help us consider the possibilities presented by losses of all kinds. Dr. Campbell is a licensed clinical psychologist with the Willow Wellness

Center, which specializes in psychological care for adults 50 and older.

Handyman Guides available

Fresh off the press... the brand new 2006 Handyman Guides are available to residents at no charge. The guide lists numerous handymen that offer services that included plumbing, painting, roofing, remodeling, snowplowing and many more. The book MUST be picked up at the Town Hall and is limited to one per household.

Passport Requirements

Clerk Warner reminds everyone that U.S. Citizens will need passports to travel by air and sea to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Bermuda and parts of Central and South America beginning in January 2007. Passports or other secure documents, such as the passport card currently under development, will be required for all land border crossings to Canada and Mexico beginning in January 2008. Clerk Warner invites everyone who needs a passport to apply in the Maine

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Day Trip

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Theatre Outing

"Into the Woods," Marriott Lincolnshire, Wednesday, September 20, 10:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cost: \$60 members/ \$65 guests

Enjoy a rare outing to the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre for their theatre production of "Into the Woods." Enjoy a sumptuous score and the biting lyrics of Stephen Sondheim. This fable picks up to discover what happens to Cinderella, Red Riding Hood and a host of other fairy tale characters.

Morton Grove

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cal, is coming to the Morton Grove Senior Center on Sept. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10. This production is the story of a dating agency and the problems of late-in-life dating. The North Shore Players will make audiences stand up and cheer. Don't miss this show! Written and directed by Helen Magid! The tickets are only \$12 each, for the best show in town! Tickets are now available at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Stop at the Reception Desk and make your reservation. For more information, call Bernie Friedman at 847/568-9242 or Betty Garcia at 847/251-3241.

Art Institute Senior Celebrations

Morton Grove seniors will be traveling to the Art Institute of Chicago on Wednesday, Sept. 6 to enjoy a special tour entitled, "Senior Celebrations" which includes lunch at the Institute. The bus leaves the Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. and returns at 2:45 p.m. The cost is \$25 for Senior Center Members and \$29 for non-members. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Aug. 24.

LIFE

Cowboy cuisine: Wild Horse viognier and wild salmon

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Horse, The Dude & The Chef

It was our first day at a dude ranch in the Rocky Mountains, near Steamboat Springs, Colo. The sky was clear and a cool breeze tamed the warmth of a bright sun. We had been riding

PERFECT PAIRINGS

most of the afternoon, winding up and down green hillsides and through meadows lush with wildflowers. My horse, Shooter, never seemed to mind carrying a man just a bit on the large side of his 6-foot frame. For that, I let him munch on wildflowers from time to time.

Back at the ranch, after a bit of rest and an opportunity to wash off the trail dust, we headed to the dining room. Aided by memories of old cowboy movies, I pictured simple but hearty fare served by a crotchety cook named Cookie.

My fantasy dissolved in the large dining room of the Home Ranch, a dude ranch with a difference. Although the room was log cabin rustic, the communal table settings were as beautifully sophisticated as those in trendy restaurants on either coast. This dinner was going to be more Daniel Boulud than Gabby Hayes - not beans and biscuits, but a six-course tasting menu matched with fine wines. This is a ranch for foodies as much as dudes, you might say.

Home Ranch guests are a well-heeled professional bunch, many with young'uns in tow. All relish the laid-back atmosphere of the ranch - and the day-long activities for children that made this a family vacation kids and parents could enjoy.

Although the ranch provides the traditional hiking, riding, fly-fishing and river rafting, it is the food and hospitality that keep these dudes coming back year after year. (Over half the guests on our stay were returnees.) The Home Ranch is one of a handful of dude ranches that belong to the exclusive Relais & Chateaux association whose high standards are based on the 5 Cs: "Courtesy, Charm, Character, Calm, Cuisine".

Home Ranch has a professional kitchen staff worthy of the finest dining spots. It is led by Executive Chef Clyde Nelson, who has been serving guests at the ranch for more than 17 years. He has been featured in several magazines including Bon Appetite, Food & Wine and Gourmet. Nelson, who grew up in Vermont and holds a degree in wildlife management, feels he was destined for the Home Ranch.

"I love the outdoors, I love and actively participate in all of the activities here - except horseback riding," he said with a laugh.

"After graduating from the University of Vermont," Nelson explains, "there were no jobs available in the forest service so I took a job as a dishwasher at a Vermont ski resort. I had a knack for being organized, so the chef, Anton Flory, recruited me for a new culinary apprenticeship program. I said sure. I could use a secondary career, so I worked with him for four years. He was one of the first Certified Master Chefs in America."

Flory eventually led the cooking school at the Culinary Institute of America.

Nelson and his crew prepare three gourmet meals a day for their guests. They pride themselves in using only the freshest

natural ingredients, most of which comes from the area.

"You won't find anything store-bought or prepackaged in our kitchens," explains the chef. "All of our breads, pastries, desserts, soups and even ice cream are made from scratch daily."

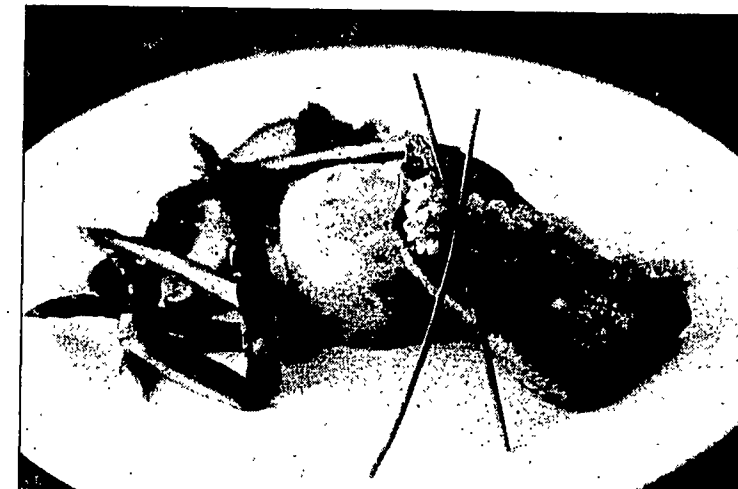
Lunch is served off the grill, poolside most of the time. During the week, most dinners are multi-course fine-dining experiences with some evenings featuring casual gourmet outdoor cookouts at a special place on the ranch.

As we took our seats for the wine pairing dinner, the Chef d'Cuisine, Philippe Shapiro, paraded out of the kitchen in his spotless whites to announce the feast.

"Tonight, ladies and gentlemen, we will start with elk and beef carpaccio with baby arugula salad, matched with a silky 2003 Belle Pente Estate Pinot Noir."

He rolled through the following six courses like a master maitre d', starting with grilled Copper River salmon with

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Grilled Copper River Salmon with Mango & Grilled Pineapple Salsa

6 to 8 (6 ounce) Copper River salmon filets (other salmon can be substituted)

Mango & Grilled Pineapple Salsa

1/2 super sweet pineapple, sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 ripe yet firm mango, cut into 1/4 inch dice
1/2 red bell pepper, cut into 1/4 inch dice
1 scallion, sliced 1/4 inch (green part only)
1 tablespoon finely minced cilantro
1 tablespoon mint, finely minced
2 teaspoons chipotle chile and puree, finely minced
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon fresh-squeezed orange juice
1 tablespoon sugar in the raw
1 pinch Kosher salt
Yields about 4 cups.

Heat cast-iron skillet (or grill) until medium-hot. Place pineapple slices in skillet 1 layer at a time. Dry saute (or grill) until caramelized dark brown on each side, approximately 5 minutes per side.

Remove core and dice into 1/4 inch pieces. In mixing bowl, place pineapple, mango and remainder of ingredients, stir together.

Serve at room temperature.

Salmon Marinade

1 serrano chile
1 clove garlic
1 tablespoon chimayo chile powder
Juice of 1 lime
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste
Yields 6 to 8 servings.

Have your butcher cut salmon filets into 6-ounce portions, all bones removed.

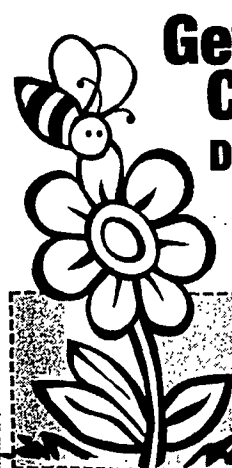
Mix together marinade ingredients. Place salmon in nonre-active dish or plastic baggy and pour in marinade about 1 hour before grilling.

Grill salmon over hot charcoal on a hot grill that is clean and oiled, 4 to 5 minutes per side.

Place on serving platter and top each portion with Mango and Grilled Pineapple Salsa (recipe follows). Pass additional salsa on the side.

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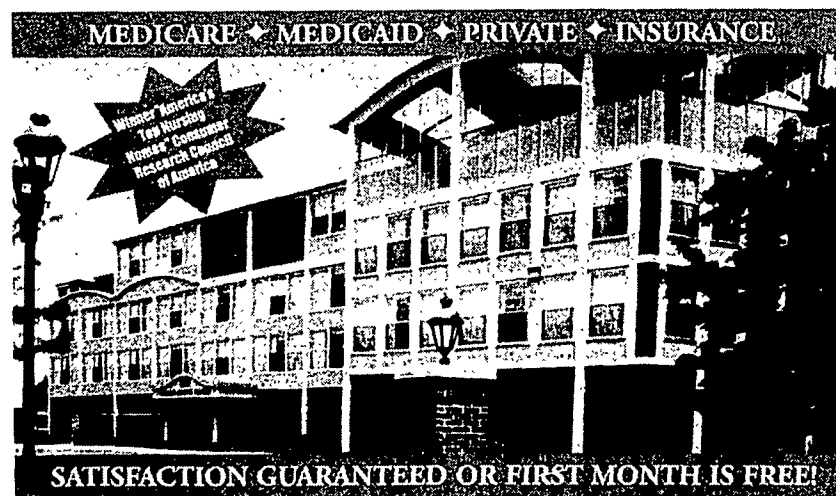
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New and recent releases: Woody Allen's 'Scoop'

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New Releases

SCOOP - It takes place in a London pub instead of a New York deli, and they're journalists, not comedians, but the opening of "Scoop" will remind

FILM IN FOCUS

Woody Allen fans of "Broadway Danny Rose." Would that this film had the life. Or the jokes. "Scoop" is not an adaptation of the classic Evelyn Waugh novel, but an original comedic thriller - light on comedy, light on thrills - and the second film Allen has shot in London. Like "Match Point," it features Scarlett Johansson, this time around as Sondra Pransky, a bubbly, slightly bubble-brained college student visiting rich British friends. She's also a reporter for her school newspaper. One night she attends a magic show featuring Splendini (Allen), a third-tier American prestidigitator who draws her from the audience to be placed in a box and made to disappear. As her molecules are supposedly being scrambled,



"Scoop" starring Woody Allen takes place in London and may remind Allen fans of "Broadway Danny Rose."

she receives a visitation from rumbled journalist Joe Strombel (Ian McKellen), who died only days before. While being transported across the river Styx with other recently departed souls, Joe got a tip on a great story: The

Tarot Card Killer, who has been terrorizing London, may be none other than Peter Lyman (Hugh Jackman), the upper crust of the upper crust. Joe gives Death (on loan from "The Seventh Seal" and "Love and Death") the slip and ends up as an apparition. Sondra must of course pursue this lead and break the story. A Focus Features release. Director and writer: Woody Allen. Cast: Scarlett Johansson, Woody Allen, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen. Running time: 1 hour, 36 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

THE ANT BULLY - In "The Ant Bully," little Lucas, whom his mother calls Peanut, is just such

a wanton boy. Sassy, bored, shrimpy and picked on by the local bully, he in turn bullies not flies but ants, whose colony in his front yard is a stage for the cadet sadism called mischief. Unknown to Lucas, underfoot is Zoc, an ant wizard, who devises a potion that can make a small boy bitty. Soon, some ants tower over the pest they call the Destroyer. Reduced, Lucas goes from water pistol terrorist to apprentice ant, even leading his tutors to the "sweet rocks" (jelly beans) they crave. John A. Davis directed a delightful entertainment. Beautifully crafted with rich spatial and color nuances, it has animation vivid but not

plastering, a restrained score, first-rank voices (Nicolas Cage as Zoc, Julia Roberts as a fem-ant sweetie, Meryl Streep as the radiant colony queen, plus Lily Tomlin, Paul Giamatti, Regina King, Ricardo Montalban). It's a likable movie, perhaps loveable. You might go home to move the bug spray farther back on the shelf. A Warner Bros. release. Director: John A. Davis. Writer: John A. Davis, John Nickle. Voice cast: Nicolas Cage, Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Ricardo Montalban, Lily Tomlin, Paul Giamatti. Running time: 1 hour, 27 minutes. Rated PG. 3 stars.

Recent Releases

LADY IN THE WATER - Just the idea of Paul Giamatti doing heroic underwater swimming is funny. It's the sprinkling of humor that could help you to stick with the floating whimsies of M. Night Shyamalan's "Lady in the Water." As janitor and fix-it man for an apartment building, Cleveland Heep (Giamatti) is not a happy man. In fact, he is haunted by past tragedy. His drab life takes a dramatic turn when he detects a strange visitor in the pool at night. She (Bryce Dallas Howard) is a narf, "a creature who has risen from 'the blue world.'" Heep bonds with her and must protect her from ugly, grass-haired wolves called scrunts. A Warner Bros. release. Director, writer: M. Night Shyamalan. Cast: Paul Giamatti, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sarita Choudhury, M. Night Shyamalan, Bill Irwin, Bob Balaban. Running time: 1 hour, 46 minutes. PG-13. 2 stars

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mango and grilled pineapple salsa, and ending with a decadent chocolate cake with homemade Turkish ice cream matched with a 2002 Andrake Reserve.

It was a meal to remember. I only wished that Shooter were there; I would have shared my baby arugula salad.

The Dish

Salmon is always a great fish to grill, but in this case the smoke and caramelized flavors of the grilled pineapple in the salsa take the flavor to a new level.

When it comes to salmon there are many, and sometimes confusing, choices for the con-

sumer. There's a lot of inexpensive farm-raised fish in our food markets. But, for a number of reasons, you might consider spending a few more bucks for wild salmon.

The average level of PCBs in farm-raised salmon is about 27 parts per billion. This is below the FDA's limit of 2,000 parts per billion. But the EPA suggests that consumption of any fish containing levels between 24 and 48 parts per billion should be limited to 8 ounces per month. More importantly, wild-caught salmon has a firmer texture and richer taste than its farm-raised cousins.

Copper River salmon season is mid-May to mid-June, but very good flash-frozen salmon is available nearly year round. Frozen fish can sometimes be better than fresh because of the

time it takes to get the fish to market. The best frozen salmon is glazed with a thin coat of fresh-water ice and then vacuum packed before freezing. This keeps the air away from the fish assuring "freshness" when you are ready to defrost and grill.

The Wine

What better match for salmon than a wonderful white wine from Wild Horse Winery. The winery produces four varietals of very nice white wines, any of which would be a worthy pairing for this rich and spicy dish.

We've selected the Wild Horse 2005 Central Coast Viognier (\$19). It has the fruity and floral characteristics to complement the salsa with the crisp acidity to contrast with the rich fatty salmon.

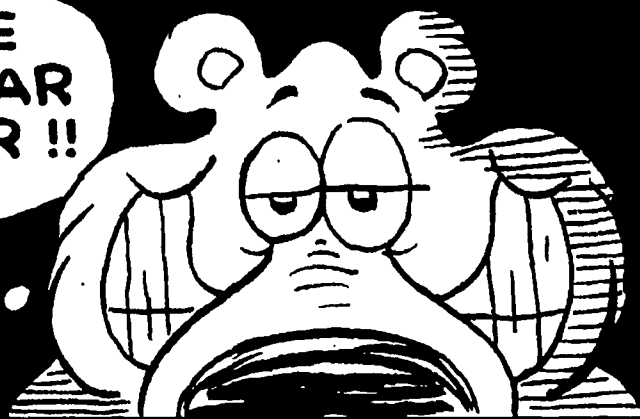
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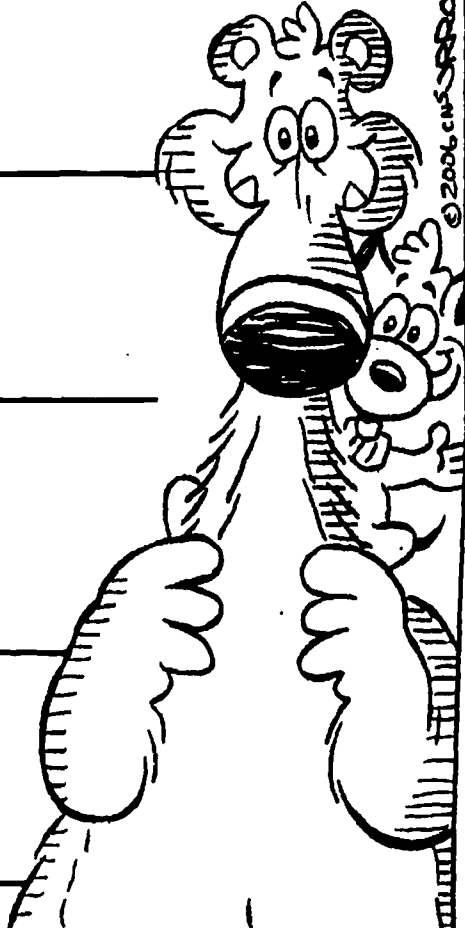


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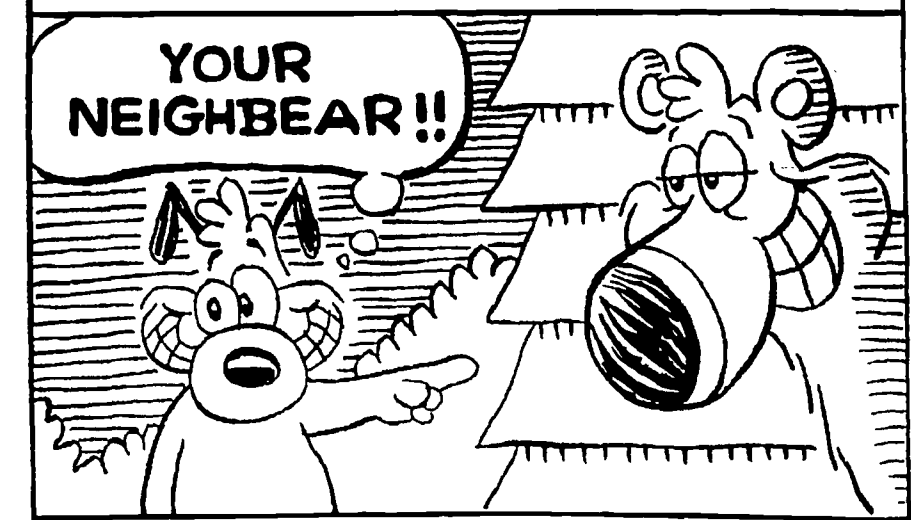
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Liberty Bank Announces Foster Branch Loan Officer

Timothy Zator is a new Loan Officer at Liberty Bank for Savings, 7111 West Foster Avenue in Chicago. Before joining Liberty, Zator was a Senior Loan Officer and Team Manager with Black Diamond Mortgage. He will serve customer needs for mortgages and other types of loans.



Aside from his work with Liberty, Tim is an avid sportsman and a long-time resident of Chicago's Northwest Side.

Tim has years of professional mortgage experience with several established institutions along with serving as a Sergeant in the Marine Corp. He is more than capable of helping customers with all their lending needs.

"I am excited to be working in my community and offering the quality products and services of Liberty Bank," Zator says. "I am especially looking forward to helping my customers understand the various options available to them and providing them with the information needed to make the best possible decisions about the lending products available."

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Broadway is Coming to NSJC

The Rothschilds
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NSJC is most excited to be presenting a very special performance! This is the one and only time this production is scheduled in the Chicago land area. The Rothschilds is a Tony award winning musical

from the writers of Fiddler on the Roof. It is a one man production starring Bernie Dean, a well known Jewish vocalist. Through music, drama, and narration, Bernie Dean recreates the rise of the Rothschild family from ghetto poverty to great wealth. It demonstrates their tradition of tzedakah and philanthropy that reached from Europe to Israel.

The evening is being underwritten by the Lawrence H. Charney and Bernard Grad Memorial Funds.

Prices are as follows:

General Admission - \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, students \$18 (These are unreserved seats.)

Contributor Level tickets include 7pm reception with Mr. Dean and reserved seats on a first come, first serve basis. Seats are assigned on the basis of contribution level.

Donor - \$75/admits 1
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Patron - \$350/admits 4
Benefactor - \$500/admits 6



Flick n' Float at Niles Pool!

Bring your family out to Niles Park District Iceland Pools for our summer movie night. "Ice Age" will be shown Saturday, August 5 at IceLand Skate & Swim, 8435 Ballard Road. Show time is 8:00-10:00 p.m., doors open at 8:00 p.m. Fee is Res \$2; Non Res \$4. Bring your own floats, snacks and drinks. First 50 kids at the door receive a prize. For information, please call (847) 297-8013.



Summer Concert Series at Oak Park

Niles Park District will be offering free family concerts at Oak Park, Lee & Ottawa, on Friday evenings in August. Children's entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with the main stage performances at 7:30 p.m.

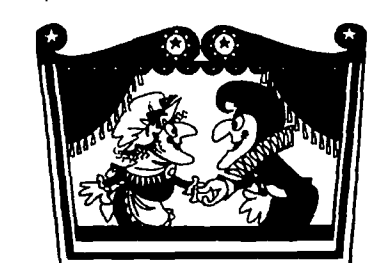
**Friday, August 4
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**Friday, August 11
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Mark Nichols**
Mark Nichols Puppet Place Theatre has been entertaining children and families.
Time: 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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Dr. Kathleen Gibson is a creative, dynamic and exciting family entertainer, songwriter, author and producer.
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well as remakes of Rock n Roll, and R & B Classics.
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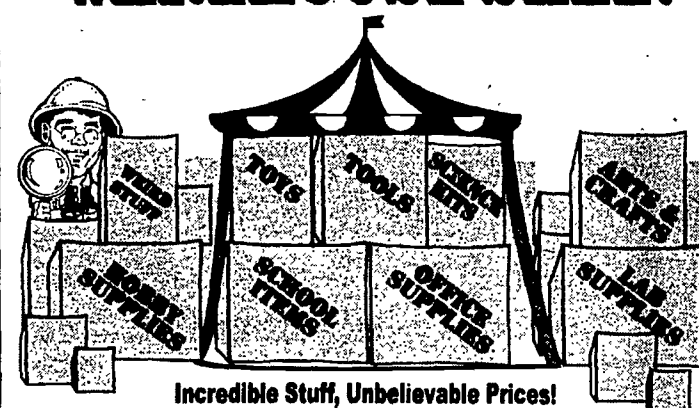
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High-tech outdoor porch is perfect for year-round relaxing

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: After sweating through this too-hot summer, we've decided to add an outdoor room to our house, a place like

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the front porch we had when I was a girl growing up. The whole family lived out there all summer long and in the fall my father would put up glass storm windows so we could sit out there during the winter, too. Is that still possible?

A: Not only possible, but probably even easier than a generation ago when your father had to lift storm windows into place. Today, there are combo windows that make light of heavy lifting and retractable screens that disappear into unobtrusive housing sleeves when they're not needed. You can even find motorized retractable screens that operate as easily as the TV remote (one resource to investigate is www.phantonscreens.com).

The beauty part of a screened area is that you can enjoy the warm breezes au naturel without the insect life that often blows in on them. The downside of screening is that you lose a little of the light, how much depending on the color of the screen itself.

On the other hand, you might opt for total climate control by enclosing your new outdoor room in eco-smart glass (look for a high R-Value rating for high energy-efficiency). Where glare and heat gain are problems, a professionally applied window film (such as Vista UVShield, www.vista-films.com) can work wonders without darkening the room.

The hospitable porch addition we show here is wrapped in glass and equipped for year-round relaxing with an overhead fan and a wood-burning fireplace. While the porch offers all the comforts of any indoor living room, it can combine easy living with low maintenance if you use a synthetic sisal rug, washable wicker furniture, and outdoor fabrics, including the pillow fringes, which are fade-proof and highly durable.

Also important: The architecture of the porch addition has been planned to echo the traditional character of the main house so it looks integral to the original rather than like an interloper. Painting or staining the wood to match the house or trim color also creates a sense of unity, according to expert Lee Anne White, author of "Outdoor Living Idea Book" (Taunton Press), from which we borrowed this photo.

Q: I'm planning to remodel a small bedroom next to the master bedroom as a private bath for my husband (his retirement present). Do you have any special recommendations?

A: Good lighting and a great shower. As any good bath designer will tell you, every bath needs two kinds of lighting: overhead or "walking-around" lighting from a ceiling-mounted or hanging fixture, and task lighting on at least two sides of the mirror. You have a wealth of fixtures to choose from. But never, never use standard, cool white fluorescent bulbs in a bath. Your poor husband will think himself ill every time he sees that greenish man in the mirror.

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Mountain ash going through rocky period

By Jeff Rugg
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Q: I have a 15-year-old mountain ash, about 1 foot diameter and 25 feet tall, that is showing some leaf loss (turning yellow

A GREENER VIEW

then brown) on fewer than 5 percent of the medium-upper branches on the east side of the tree. What is the likely cause and what action do you recommend, if any?

A: Mountain ash trees are typically short-lived trees. They will last 20 to 30 years. They get many insect and disease problems. They do not like hot, dry weather, so it could be that your tree is just losing some leaves due to the heat and drought that the country has been experiencing.

However, since you say they are localized to one area, I lean more toward an insect problem. They are very susceptible to borers. You might be able to climb a ladder to the problem area and

inspect the branches looking for small holes, but a licensed arborist is probably better at diagnosing this tree's problems.

Everyone with trees that were planted within the past five years should be watering them during any and all hot and dry spells. These trees do not have root systems growing in large enough volumes of soil to be able to get water during prolonged dry spells. Water them once every two weeks with a deep watering tool or by letting the hose soak the area past the ends of the branches for several hours, so the water moves down below the grass roots.

Q: Can you help my with an azaleas problem? We planted six bushes from a local dealer four years ago along our wooded area, where they get sun half the day. But the woods have grown around the bushes, and in the last couple of years they have not bloomed and have stopped growing. We fertilized them according to directions.

Should I or can I replant them where the sun doesn't shine very

often? Or have they been weakened by the pine and hardwoods that have grown around them, and should I write them off and get more next year?

A: Many azaleas do well in shade, even some pretty dark shade, but not every variety likes a lot of shade. I would ask your nursery for advice based on some pictures that you carry in to them to show them the location.

Another thing that might be going on here is that the bushes like acidic soil. You may want to have the soil tested, too. If the pines have been around a long time, you should be OK, but if they are also recent plantings, then the soil may not be acidic enough for the azalea roots to grow into the surrounding soil. If the roots didn't spread out, then the plant would do well while it took its nutrients from the soil in the original root ball, but the plant stopped growing as the roots didn't expand outward. Digging a much larger hole and using a lot of peat moss will help create an appropriate root environment for the azaleas.

GARDEN TIP

Mountain ash adds summer splash

American mountain ash trees (*Sorbus americana*) grow in zones 3-8 and reach a maximum height of 30 feet.



• The fall foliage color of American mountain ash is yellow to red to purple. But this tree provides great spring and summer interest as well. In spring it produces flat-topped clusters of small, white flowers. Those blooms yield to clusters of red berries in the summertime.

• These beauties prefer full sun and rich soil. While they like a lot of water, they also require good drainage.

• Keep an eye out for ash borers, to which these trees are susceptible.

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Stairway details elevate overall design

By Christine Brun
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Looked at creatively, a stairway can be a surprisingly upbeat part of a home. We generally think of a staircase

SMALL SPACES

simply as an architectural workhorse that provides access between one floor and another. However, it is also a space that can be decorated with an accent color or wall design to bring a dash of pizzazz to a small home.

Such a project is easiest if the house is built according to a traditional house plan with a clearly defined core that features square corners and offers simple starting and stopping points. In a more modern or complex layout that features bull-nose drywall corners and unusual angles, phasing in an accent color is more of a challenge.

The most basic and inexpensive way to apply some noticeable change is with paint. Try out an accent color that complements the rest of your decor in some way. This

might be a repetition of the color of your living room furniture or, if you have neutral fabrics, try to pull out a hue from artwork or flooring.

If your floor is brick and the furniture is off-white, for example, test some variation of terra cotta on one wall of the staircase. Once color is up on one wall, you might better determine if the situation can handle the same color on all of the surfaces.

This is often the favorite spot for a display of vintage family photos, and they will pop off the wall when placed

against a pleasing color. If you're in doubt, however, go softer on the color. You can always apply another coat of more intense color if you feel that the result is too bashful.

Another popular idea is to arrange the display of a collection, such as wall clocks. When a stairwell is narrow, it is best to take careful note of the depth of the items and remember that anything that projects more than a couple of inches might be an elbow-bruiser.

An active family bouncing up and down the stairs could knock off delicate items lightly secured to the wall. For this reason, consider all the ways in which you might decorate the staircase in zero-clearance ways.

In the photo shown here, an elegant rendition is a classical mural painted right onto the wall. Artist Dana Westring blends the baseboard and wall together with a faux-marble texture. This ancient technique, used since Roman times in Italy, makes an ordinary drywall or plaster wall appear ancient. Wall frescoes were popular in Greece, Rome, Byzantium and the far-flung Roman Empire.

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Don't be fenced in by too few shower enclosure options

By Linda Pescatore
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If you haven't taken a shine to the bright finishes typically available for bath and shower enclosure frames, you may find some new choices more to your liking. The latest addition to the

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options of shower enclosure maker Coastal Industries is a dark, classic oil-rubbed bronze finish. It followed on the heels of the successful introduction of a brushed nickel finish.

These less reflective surfaces impart a warmer feeling to a room that may be more in keeping with your overall design scheme - especially if you tend toward the traditional.

"Response to our brushed nickel finish was outstanding and we wanted to find the next hot trend in metal finishes," said Mark Rowlett, national sales manager for Coastal Industries.

A platinum finish was also recently introducing, rounding out the company's initial offerings of white, gold and silver.

For best results, the company recommends using only gentle, nonabrasive cleaners on bath and shower enclosures. Avoid vinegar-based cleaners and do not use steel or Teflon pads.

Coastal Industries' products are available nationwide through glass fabricators and dealers. For more information visit www.coastalind.com.

Root for the Home Team

Decor and demented sports fans are no longer mutually exclusive. Home Depot offers a line of Glidden paint in the colors of professional and college teams, among other sports organizations.

Sports fans have a special connection to the colors of their favorite teams, said Dr. Joel Fish, sports psychologist and director of the Center for Sport Psychology in Philadelphia.

"In fact, research has shown that the color of the merchandise is one of the top reasons why consumers purchase licensed sports apparel," he said.

The Team Colors collection offers nearly 600 paint colors representing more than 170 baseball, basketball, football, NASCAR and college teams, as well as the Women's National Basketball Association, Major League Soccer, U.S. Soccer, the Federation of Mexican Futbol, and the U.S. Olympic team.

A recent survey of adult sports fans (commissioned by Home Depot and conducted by Harris Interactive), showed that:

■ An estimated 51 million adults have purchased an item of clothing in the color of their favorite team.

■ 15 million sports fans have cheered for a team simply because they like the color of their uniforms.

■ Nearly 11 million say their favorite color is the color of their favorite team.

So start dreaming of a room in Chicago Cubs' blue and red, Pittsburgh Steelers' black and gold, or 600 other colors. And if you'd like to preview a room before it's suited up for the game, visit www.mostcolorfulfan.com and follow these steps:

1. Click on "Team Finder."
2. Select your favorite sport and favorite team.
3. Choose a room from the Glidden Team Colors Visualizer.
4. Select your color combinations and "paint" your virtual room.
5. Print the Team Colors Worksheet and note your selected paints.
6. Take your selections to a Home Depot paint specialist. You can locate a Home Depot near you via the online Store Finder.
7. Click on "Painting Tips" and follow Glidden's four-step game plan for achieving professional results.

You can also download a PDF file listing all the Team Colors if you prefer.

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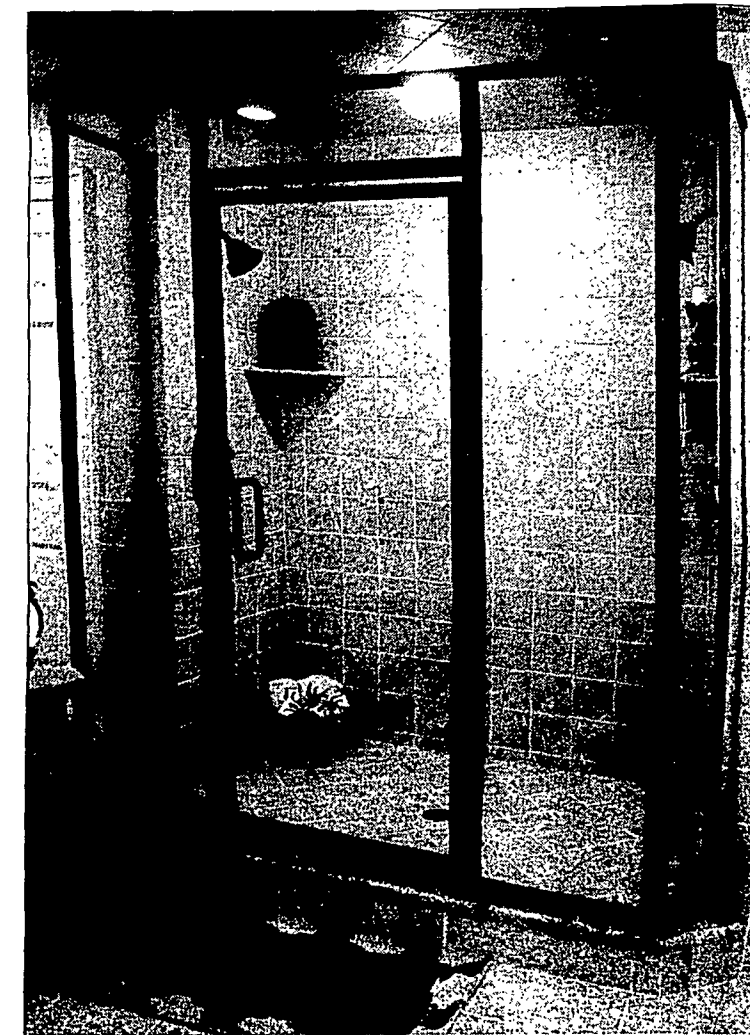
What's the next big thing in home design? Designers at fine-furniture maker Ethan Allen say it's fabric inspired by classic menswear.

This fall, expect to see herringbones, houndstooth checks, tartans and tweeds in grays, greens and browns covering everything from windows to bedding to armchairs.

The timeless lines of menswear lend a crisp, tailored look to a room, yet feel comfortable and unpretentious.

Create visual interest by mixing patterns and textures within a range of colors. In the bedroom, for example, top gray and white checked sheets with a subtle gray paisley duvet cover and pillow shams, then contrast the grays with warm, buttery walls and a sharp black bed frame. In the living room, drape a toffee leather sofa with a gray flannel coverlet with toffee fringe.

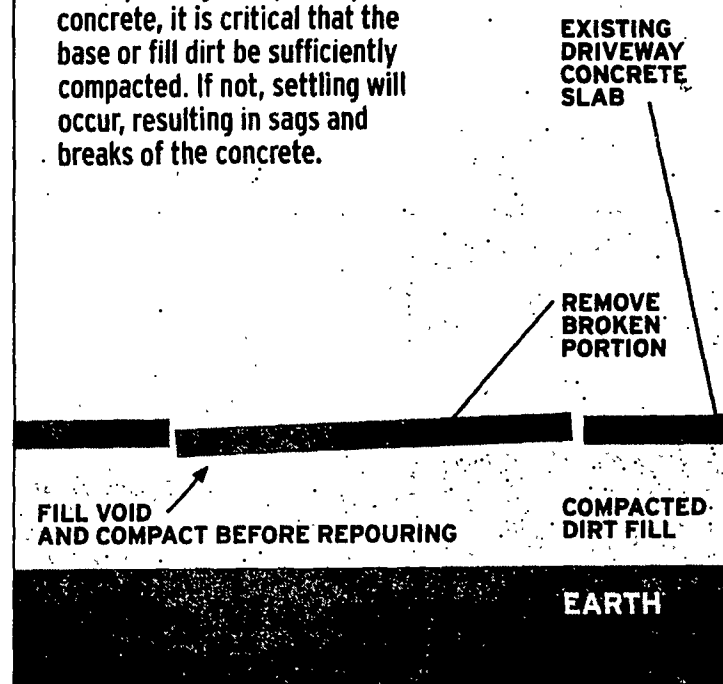
Some of the menswear-inspired fabric choices Ethan Allen recommends include its Bahall paisley in beige, McKenna checks in chocolate, Romney tartan in toffee, and Grommet, an interesting pattern of quilting and metal eyelets. For more information visit www.ethanallen.com.



HOME HOW-TO

Repair drooping driveways

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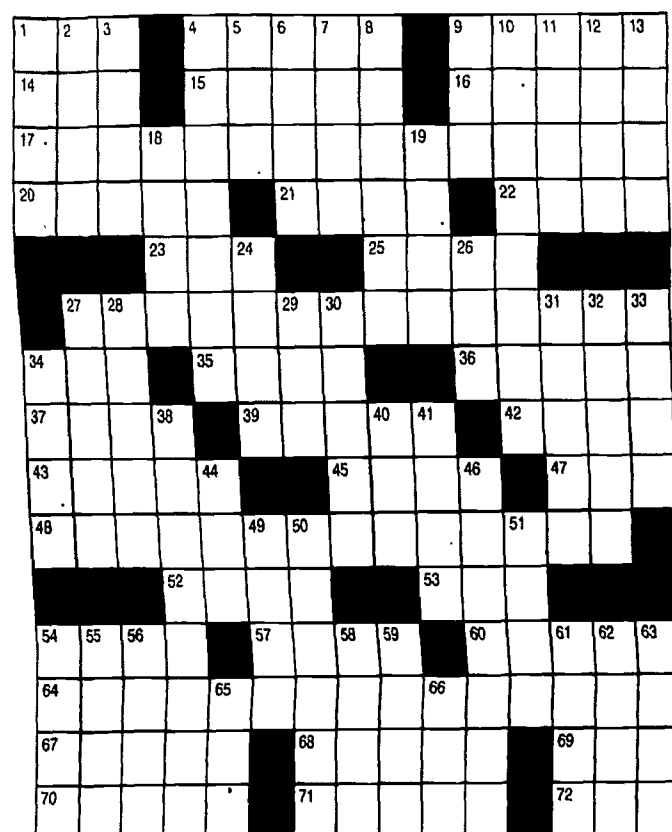
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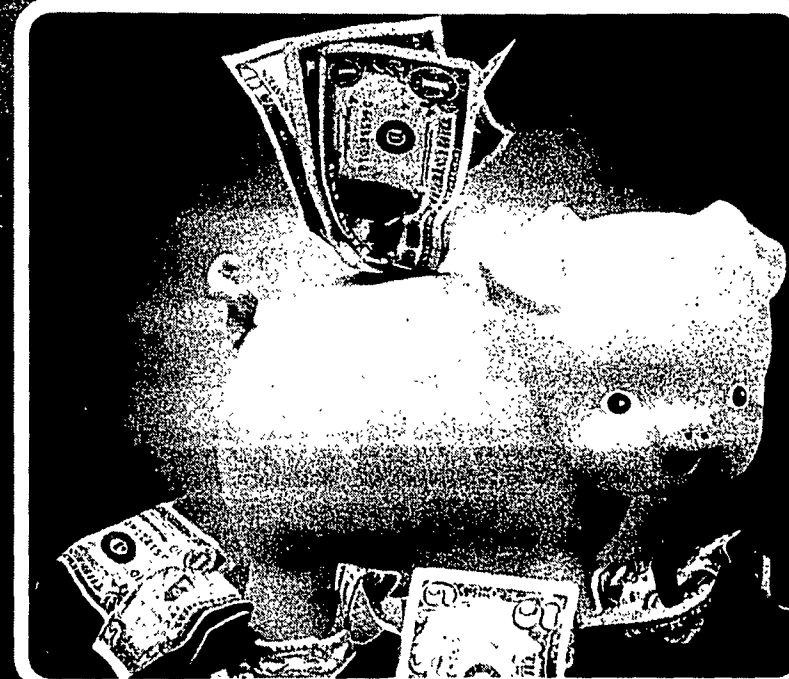
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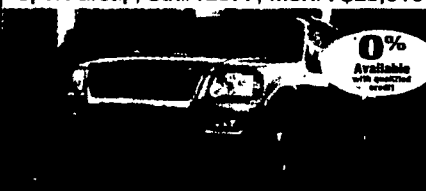
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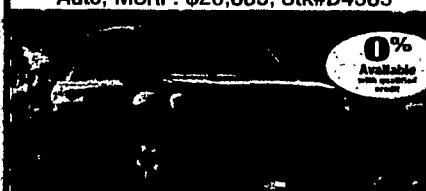
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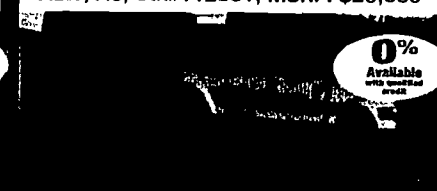
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