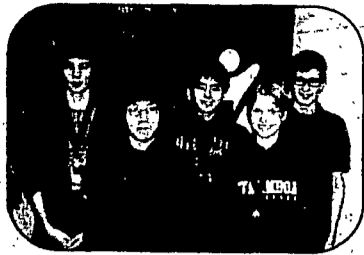


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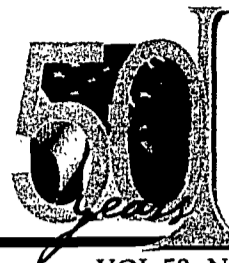
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Widening plan for Cumberland on horizon

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

An informational meeting regarding widening Cumberland Ave. between Church and Ballard was held prior to the Niles village board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

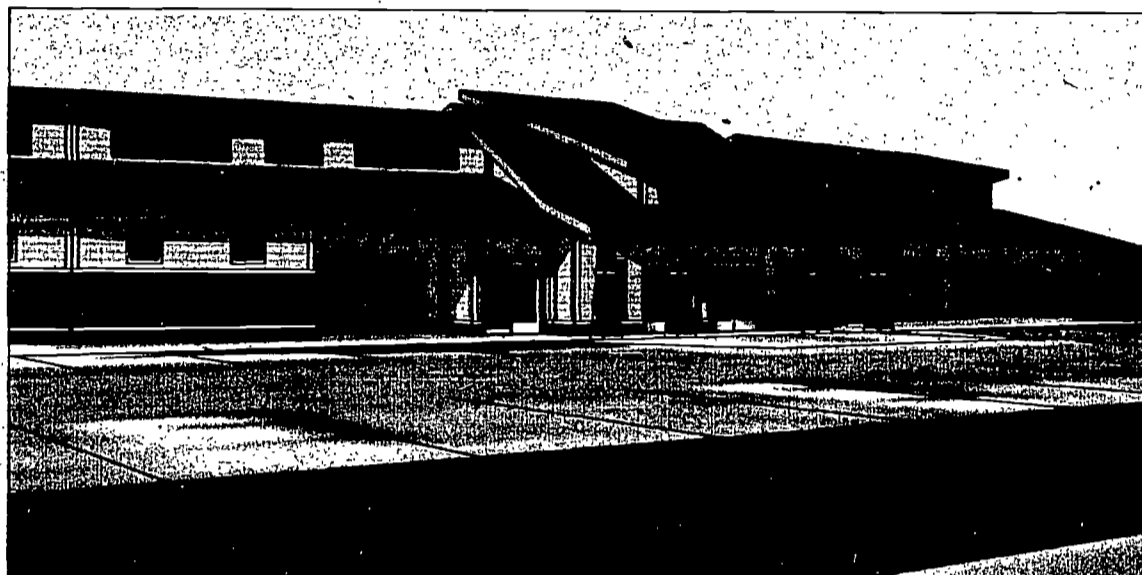
"Cars are constantly being sideswiped and hit," said Niles Public Works Director Scott Jochim. "A lot of people use Cumberland to get to Golf Mill. It's a heavily congested area."

Jochim said the village will receive a close to \$700,000 grant from the Northwest Council of Mayors to widen Cumberland Ave. by about two feet on each side to make the street safer for drivers.

"The board was very enthusiastic," said Jochim, about their reaction to the project at the informational meeting.

"We hope to bid it out in early '08," shared Jochim, who said it has to go through the state review process, which could take a couple of months.

Once it goes through the state review process, Jochim said they can then start the final design for the project. If everything goes as planned, the project may begin in early spring of 2008.



Above: An artist rendering for the front of the Oasis Facility. Below: Poolside rendering.

Oasis facility plans released

Demolition of old facility in late April

The Niles Park District recently released the design plans for Oasis Water Park.

When it is completed, the facility will be a 10,000 sq. ft

one-level center that contains a new bathhouse and a 4,000 sq. ft. multi-purpose room that can be divided into three different rooms.

Demolition of the building is set to take place on either April 19 or April 20.

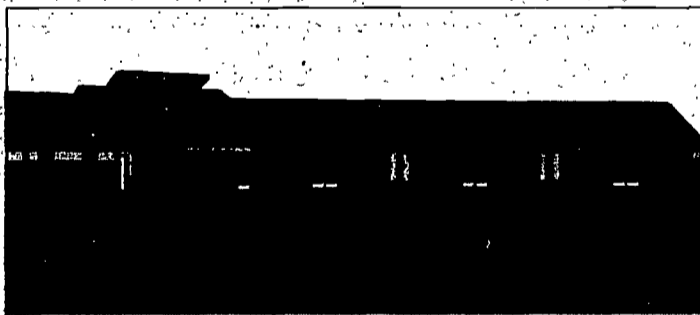
The new pool area may

include a dropslide and water pads.

The park district has been working with the architect to finalize the details and discuss parking issues. One change from the original plan is that instead of 116 parking spaces there will be a total of 110 for safety purposes.

The sale of \$5 million in bonds recently took place. Demolition could take place earlier, but since the location is a polling place for the upcoming elections it will take place after April 17.

While under construction, special rates will be provided at the Morton Grove pool.



Smoking control ordinance approved

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Niles will soon become less smoky.

After much discussion, the Village of Niles approved a final smoking ordinance at the board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Smoking in public places will be banned in Niles, except for in bars, private residences, retail tobacco stores, hotel and motel rooms designated as smoking rooms, when smoking is part of a theatrical production, in restaurant, hotel or conference rooms when they are being used for private functions as long as the smoke does not infiltrate into non-smoking areas, outdoor areas of places of employment, private and semi private nursing homes and in a bar area of a restaurant subject to several conditions, such as the bar and the area adjacent have to be separated from the nonsmoking areas by at least eight feet.

According to the village's ordinance, an establishment is

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'Endangered' historic home now destroyed

Crews demolish historic house in Park Ridge

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A bulldozer took down a historically significant home in Park Ridge built by Barry Byrne, who once worked for Frank Lloyd Wright on Monday, March 5.

The home was located in the 500 block of Cedar Court. Built in 1923, at the center of a

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A home in the 500 block of Cedar Ct. in Park Ridge designed by an architect who was a disciple of Frank Lloyd Wright was demolished Monday, less than a week after it was designated one of Illinois' most endangered landmarks.

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Marzullo, Butterly off Dist. 63 ballot

Arine Marzullo and Kenneth Butterly of Niles have been knocked off the April 17 ballot.

Marzullo, who has been on the East Maine School Dist. 63 board of education for 11 years and a new candidate Butterly, were removed from the ballot following a 2 1/2 hour meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The electoral board that voted to remove Marzullo and Butterly is composed of the chairman of the board of education, Jane Wojtkiewicz; board secretary, Kathy Ruh and Steve Levy, who is the board member with the longest continuous years of service who is eligible.

"I have hired an attorney and I'm taking it to the Circuit Court of Cook County," said Marzullo. "I've lived here 41 years. I love this town and I love this school

district," said Marzullo. "What is their greatest fear?" wondered Marzullo. She said that politics shouldn't interfere with school district matters and she emphasized her extreme support of the teachers in the district.

Former East Maine School Dist. 63 board member, Sonja Witschonke-Mess objected to Marzullo and Butterly's statements of candidacy.

The objection stated, "the title of the state office for which the candidate/respondent Anne E. Marzullo, has submitted nominating petitions for is inaccurate." The objection states that the office for which she is running for is listed as "Board Member" and that the legal title of the office is "Board of Education Member."



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

New freeze of electricity rates a very bad idea

It may take a little flak for this column, but I have to go on record as saying that the new proposed rate freeze on electricity providers is unfair and puts Illinois utilities at risk. I understand that the burden on customers is high (my electricity bill last month for a small apartment was \$251.52) and the state legislature can go ahead and extend the rate freeze for another decade if they want, as long as they do it after the current contracts for electricity expire.

What the state legislature is considering is extending a rate freeze that was in place for about a decade. When it was originally implemented, legislators hoped that when the freeze expired rates would go down for consumers. Obviously, that didn't happen; Chicago-area customers saw increases as much as 25 percent and those downstate saw 55 percent increases. These were deplorable numbers, but ComEd signed contracts to pay that much for power and are passing along the cost to the consumers.

Now, after consumers are crying out for support, the state legislature is trying to change the rules in the middle of the game, suggesting that utilities that signed contracts for a set amount should have to charge consumers less than they themselves are paying for power.

While organizations like the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) and state legislators are quick to point out that ComEd is part of a huge company with divisions that generate power (and huge profits) it isn't fair to allow a utility to hold a public auction for power, sign a contract to pay and then tell them they're going to have to swallow the price increase themselves.

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Dominick's on Greenwood Ave., Niles closing in April

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Dominick's located on Greenwood in Niles is one of 14 Dominick's stores closing its doors in the Chicago area in April.

"The store is under performing," said Wynona Redmond, spokesperson for Dominick's. She said all 14 of the Chicago

area stores were chosen because they were "under performing." On average, the stores that are closing have about 60 or less employees, many of which are part-time workers and the stores are not profitable.

Niles Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said that the store will close sometime in April.

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a bar if the sales of food consumed on premises are 49 percent or less of the gross sales and beverages are 51 percent.

"I'm quite proud of it," said Andrew Przybto, owner of the White Eagle Banquet in Niles and member of the smoking ordinance committee.

"My only regret is that we were unable to address the concerns of those who work in an environment where there's smoking," said Przybto.

The village held three public hearings prior to creating this smoking control ordinance in order to receive input from community members. They wanted to approve their own ordinance before the Cook County ordinance would come into effect.

Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio said "it's going to be tough on some of these guys." However, he said they strived to please as many residents as possible.

"We didn't make any exceptions for anybody," said Annunzio.

Niles Chamber Director Katie DiMaria said that

My only regret is that we were unable to address the concerns of those who work in an environment where there's smoking."

Andrew Przybto
OWNER OF WHITE EAGLE BANQUET

Howard Street Inn was the only business that has shown much concern regarding the ordinance because they sell food and beverages and also cater to many children and families.

"We will stay the same," said a representative of Howard Street Inn.

Niles Park District Director Joseph LoVerde said he believes Howard Street Inn will be able to continue operating as they have, with smoking and non-smoking sections and claim themselves as a bar. He said the ordinance does not say anything about under age people being prohibited in a bar, so he believes Howard Street Inn can continue to serve people of all ages.

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five-home cul-de-sac, it was recently added to a list of 10 most endangered Illinois buildings by Landmarks Illinois.

"It's kind of sad," said Judy Barclay, who is running for Park Ridge alderman and has been working with city staff to create a preservation ordinance to help protect historic sites in Park Ridge. She is also a member of Citizens United

to Retain Residential Balance.

Barclay said that neighbors in the area are concerned that such a unique and historic piece of architecture has been demolished. Barclay said that the home was "in dire need of repair," but she wishes that it could have been preserved.

Barclay wishes that the home had received "preservation status" so that it may have received funding to help retain it.

Neighbors have told Barclay that the plan is to build a sim-

ilar stucco home in its place.

"It won't be the same," said Barclay.

Barclay said that Park Ridge is a very rich city with many historically significant sites. She feels they should be embraced and used to attract visitors into town.

"Places like Oak Park do it," said Barclay. "Why can't we?"

Currently, the City of Park Ridge does not have any type of preservation ordinance to protect historically significant sites.

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Another Dominick's to close located nearby is the store at 1020 Waukegan Road in Glenview.

To prepare for future growth and success, Dominick's will remodel 20 of its stores so it

will be in the Lifestyle format, which will offer a large selection of natural and organic foods, full service meat and seafood counters, full service bakeries, floral design centers and olive bars. The stores will have a warm earthy feel to them.

Once the 14 stores close their

doors, the total Dominick's store count is expected to be 83.

Dominick's anticipates that jobs for those working at the stores that are closing will be available at the newly remodeled lifestyle stores.

The Niles store that is closing is located at 8900 Greenwood.

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If the state legislators are truly interested in helping people who are struggling through the increased cost of electricity, consider a tax rebate or a pro-

gram to give assistance to those who can't afford the increased rates.

And if a rate freeze needs to be implemented, fine. Just wait for the current contracts to expire.

None of this changes the fact

that consumers need to be more interested in finding ways to conserve power rather than rebating it so that people like me can continue to run incandescent light bulbs instead of the ultra-efficient compact fluorescent bulbs.

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The Moves: Doorway forward/backward sway.

Works on: Balance and body awareness.

Set-up: Choose a doorway that has the same floor surfaces on both sides. Stand in the doorway as if you were going to straddle the threshold. Stand with your best posture and with your hands in a comfortable position. Your feet should be shoulder-width apart at the

beginning and can move closer together as you improve.

Step 1: Visualize your body being stiff like a board. With this posture, you will sway forward over your toes and then back toward the heels. These movements are very subtle and controlled. First, allow your chest to move forward over your toes without bending at the waist, hips or knees. Go as far as you can without losing balance, or until you feel your heels wanting to lift from the ground. Pause for a second, then sway in the opposite direction toward your heels.

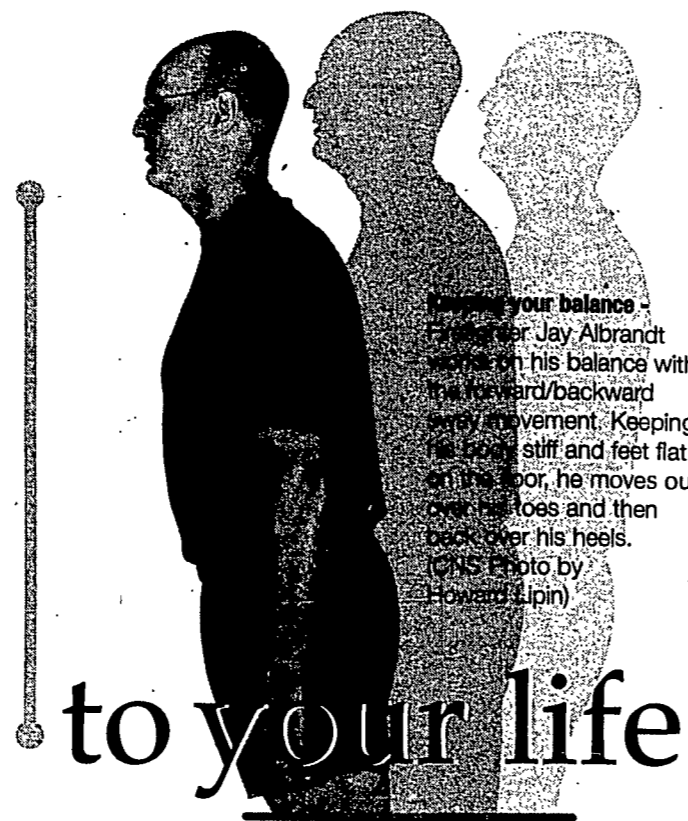
Sway toward your heels as far as comfortable. Pause and repeat.

Repetitions: Perform this activity for one to five minutes a day.

Precautions: Losing balance and falling is a real hazard with this exercise! Until you have complete confidence, place a hand on the doorway, one in front, one in back, while you practice.

Options: For more challenge, add slow head movements to the sway.

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Bring your balance
 Dr. Jay Albrandt swayed on his balance with the forward/backward sway movement. Keeping his feet stiff and feet flat on the floor, he moves out over his toes and then back over his heels.
 CNS Photo by Howard Lipin

NILES FAMILY FITNESS CENTER NEWS & EVENTS

Glamour Girls, 6-10 years

Join us for this girl's only class and learn the secrets of getting glamorous. We will make our own lip gloss, bath salts, body glitter and more. Bring a friend!

3:45-4:30 p.m.
 Wed. 3/7-4/11
 \$30 Member
 \$40 Non-Member

Youth Yoga, 9-13 years

Tweens can now work their mind and body in a fun yoga format. Through various poses he/she will improve strength, flexibility, and mental focus.

4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Tues. 3/6-4/10
 \$42 Member
 \$52 Non-Member

Youth core Conditioning Basics 9-12 years

This class is designed to develop torso/core strength by working with the BOSU. Increasing core stability and strength will both enhance the athleticism of kids involved in sports and functionally train them for their daily activities.

4:15-5:05 p.m.
 Mon. 3/5-4/16

\$46 Member
 \$52 Non-Member

After-School Walking Club, 9-13 years

Come after school to the fitness center and a supervisor will lead you in warm-up activities, 30 minutes on the track and cool down stretches. Bring a friend.

3:15-3:55 p.m.
 Tues/Thurs 3/6-4/19
 \$24 Member
 \$36 Non-Member

Elite Instruction Basketball, 7-10 years

Mike Ipjian and Niles Family Fitness Center present a highly instructional, highly competitive basketball program. The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals, and offensive principles. The focus of the

clinic is to enhance both knowledge and performance while providing an opportunity for players to compete. Players will participate in 1-on-1, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5 tournaments, as well as various jumping-shooting competitions.

Fee includes:
 Elite Instruction Basketball
 Camp T-Shirt
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 Tues. 3/6-4/10
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Tae Kwon Do, 6 years-adult

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 Wed. 3/7-4/18
 Continuing II 6:05-6:55 p.m.
 Wed. 3/7-4/18
 Continuing II 9:10-10:00 am
 Mon. 3/5-4/16

**Morton Grove Park District
 March Calendar of Events**

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| March 8 Museum Star Watch | March 26 Spring camps begin with a Teen Trip to Millennium Park |
| March 10 Mom and Son Sports Night | March 28 Teen trip to Eskape for bowling and laser tag |
| March 15 Park Board Meeting | March 29 Paintball at Challenge Park (Teen Trip) |
| March 24 Teen Night at Prairie View | |

Time to take a new look at eggs

By Charlyn Fargo
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

In the last few years, eggs seem to have gotten a bad rap. Now, new research from the Journal of Nutrition finds an egg a day is OK - and might

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even help people see better. Egg yolks contain lutein and zeaxanthin, two carotenoid compounds that are linked with reduced risk for age-related macular degeneration.

Green and yellow vegetables, including spinach and corn, are also good sources of lutein and zeaxanthin. Chickens absorb the carotenoids from the feed (typically corn) and the nutrients concentrate in egg yolks. When we eat green and yellow vegetables or eggs, we absorb the compounds, and they are in turn, deposited in our eyes, technically referred to as a "macular pigment."

In the recent study, researchers at the University of New Hampshire randomly assigned 24 women to consume six eggs per week or a placebo

pill daily. After 12 weeks, macular pigment density had increased in the women eating eggs but not in those taking the placebo.

In the past, there was concern that eggs should not be eaten because of their cholesterol. Most agree now that in otherwise healthy people, an egg a day will not significantly boost cholesterol or triglyceride levels. While this is a small study, it makes that point that for most of us, eggs are still a good thing to consume in moderation.

- Eating Well magazine

Best tip:

Cooking Light magazine offers five tips for eating better and we think they're worth repeating. Try new foods; cook dinner more often; eat more whole grains; eat breakfast everyday; and snack more healthfully.

Winning Question

Q: What do you think of the juices and drinks now available with herbs and other natural supplements in them?

A: While the idea of getting something "extra" in foods seems attractive at first, these products pose several disadvantages. Some products could list an herb or supplement in the ingredients with no indication on the label of the amount in each serving. Even when a product lists the amounts, it may be at lower levels than studies have shown to be effective.

You could be paying extra money for something that contains too little of the added ingredient to offer any benefit. And even though they are "natural," supplements can interact with medications or cause problems for people with medical conditions.

If you want to use herbs or supplements, it's generally better to buy them separately than to pay extra for products that contain them. To get the whole range of vitamins, minerals and natural plant compounds, choose a plant-based diet. There's just no substitute for the benefits of boosting the amount of vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains we eat.

- American Institute for Cancer Research

NILES PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL EVENTS

Lunch with Bunny

Kids up to 3rd grade and adults are invited to celebrate Spring at a buffet lunch with Bunny. Bunny will be available for this perfect photo opportunity. Special entertainment and craft project included. All adults and children must register for this event. Lunch takes place on Saturday, March 24 at the Howard Leisure Center with two sittings, 11:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Fee is Children Res \$6, Non-Res \$11; Adults \$6.

Spring Egg Scramble

Bunny will scatter eggs filled with lots of goodies. Kids ages 1-8 are invited to participate. There will be complimentary refreshments and goodie bags for registered children. Remember to bring a basket to collect your treasures! Egg Scramble takes place on Saturday, March 31 at Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 N. Caldwell at 9:30 a.m. Fee is Res \$5; Non-Res \$10.

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Kids 8 years & up are invited to participate in this fun event

at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. Grab a flashlight and get ready for some egg-hunting! A pizza dinner will be served at Golf View Recreation Center before the egg hunt. Don't forget your flashlight and bag for your eggs. Siblings not registered and parents will not be allowed to participate in the hunt or dinner. Event takes place on Wednesday, April 4 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fee is Res \$10; Non-Res \$15.

Golf View Recreation Center

Niles Park District Golf View Recreation Center has (2) new state of the art strength training lines. We have added Hammer Strength which is plate loaded, and Cybex Vr3 which is your selecterized equipment. Each has its own unique features, so come and check them out and then walk for free on the indoor track. Remember you can pick up a seven day free pass to try out the new equipment and spend some time in our floor to ceiling windowed cardio equipment room. Please call (847) 967-1529 for information.

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On Monday, March 26, Club Fitness at the Morton Grove Park District will be hosting an open house for the community from 4-7 p.m. The club has recently undergone a renovation that will be the talk of the town! A new 17 piece strength circuit by Paramount is the highlight of the club. It not only looks great, but it is easy to use and can help you get the full body workout. Also new to Club Fitness are such machines as the Truestretch 800, Matrix Rad Trainer and the Paramount Functional Trainer to complete your fitness needs. Don't miss our open house as there will be some exciting offers during the evening.
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Fourteen brass fire hose nozzles stolen

MORTON GROVE

1 14 Brass Fire Hose Nozzles Stolen (5500 block of Lincoln)
Unidentified subject(s) removed 14 brass fire hose nozzles from the 5500 block of Lincoln on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Each fire hose cost \$50 so the total value of the stolen items is about \$700.

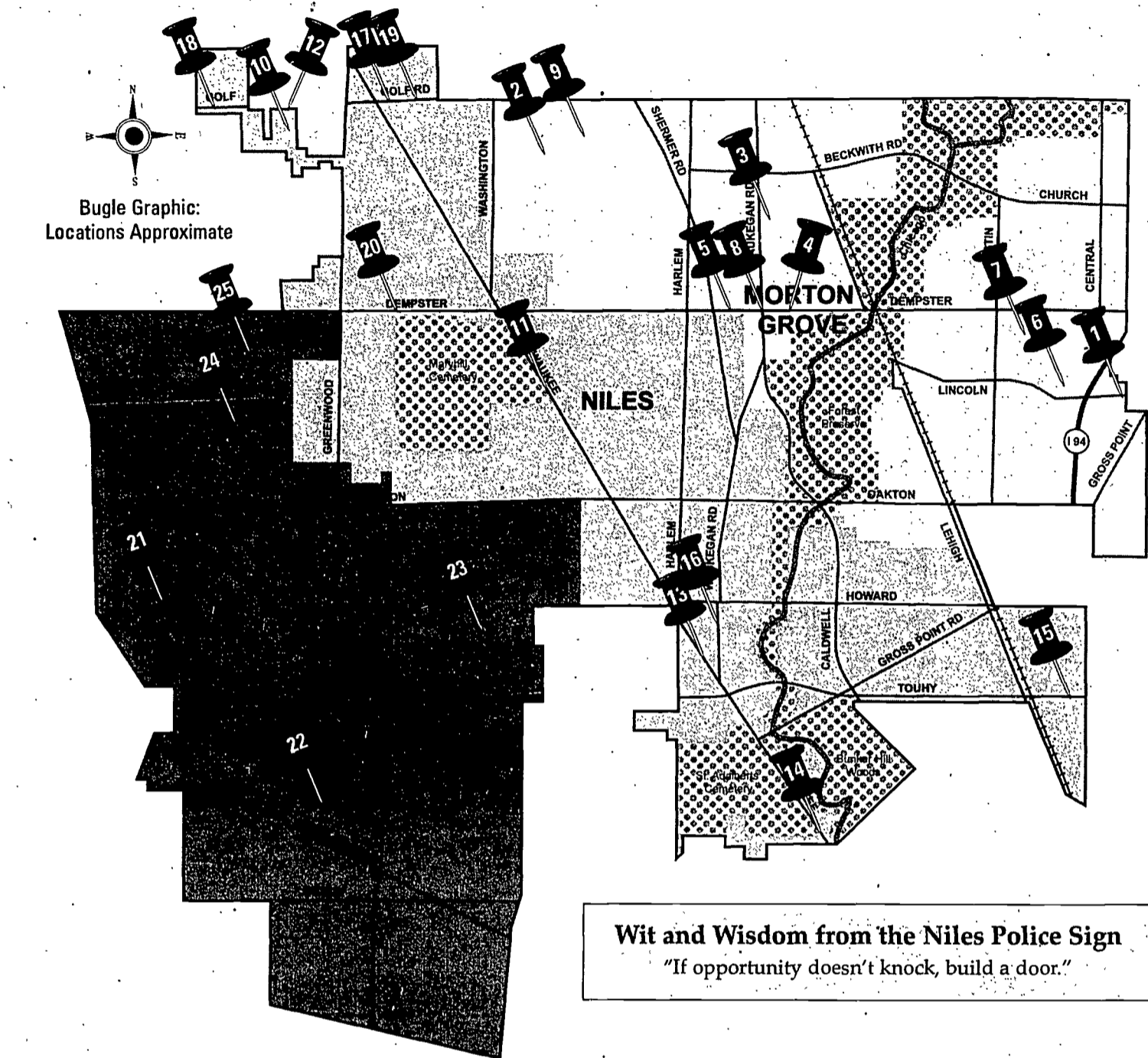
2 Criminal Damage to Residence (7900 block of Beckwith)
Unknown person(s) broke two first floor windows on the east side of a home sometime between Sunday, Feb. 25 and Monday, Feb. 26. The victim heard a noise while she was in her basement, but she did not see any suspicious person by her home.

3 Deceptive Practice (9100 block of New England)
A woman called the victim's residence and said she was a Nicor Gas employee and that there was a problem with the meter and that she needed the victim's social security number and Nicor account information on Monday, Feb. 26. The victim provided the subject with the information and then told his son who called the Nicor company. Nicor explained that no employee of theirs called the victim.

4 Three Lockers Broken Into On Same Day (6800 block of Dempster)
Three different victims had their locked lockers broken into and items stolen on Saturday, Feb. 24. One victim had \$100 in USC, a \$40 wallet, credit cards and a social security card stolen; another had a \$25 wallet stolen, credit card and ID cards stolen and the final victim had \$40, an ATM card and an insurance card stolen.

5 Credit Card Fraud (7100 block of Dempster)
The victim stopped at the police station on Monday, Feb. 26 to report credit card fraud. The victim said he last saw his credit card in his wallet in December of 2006. When the victim went to retrieve it on Friday, Feb. 23, the victim discovered it was missing, said police. Visa said that someone charged \$102 at various gas stations between Feb. 6 and Feb. 21.

6 Phone Taken Out of Jacket (8600 block of Menard)
Unknown subject(s) took a T-Mobile cell phone worth \$150 out of the victim's jacket pocket on Friday, Feb. 23. The victim



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

Wit and Wisdom from the Niles Police Sign
"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

said he placed his jacket down on a chair.

7 Criminal Damage To Vehicle (5900 block of Crain)
Unknown person(s) busted the windows and slashed all tires of the victim's vehicle on Sunday, Feb. 18.

8 Revoked Driver's License (Dempster/Waukegan)
A 47-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested for driving on a revoked driver's license on Monday, Feb. 26. The man was given a March 7 court date.

9 Suspended Driver's License (Lyons/Oriole)
A 40-year-old Morton Grove woman was arrested on Friday, Feb. 23 for driving with a suspended driver's license. She was given a court date of March 7 and bond is set at \$1,000.

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10 Fire at School (9400 block of Hamlin)
A faulty heater caused a fire

and smoke in the basement of the school on Monday, Feb. 26. Students and staff evacuated the school and were relocated to Feldman Park.

11 Cocaine Overdose (8500 block of N. Milwaukee)
The subject suffered chest pains after using 1 oz. of cocaine over a two-day period. The report was made on Saturday, March 3. The subject refused to reveal his source for purchasing the cocaine because he was afraid of retaliation.

12 Retail Theft (9000 block of Golf)
A subject removed the price tags off merchandise and put new price tags on them and purchased items for \$3.24, when the actual retail value was \$94 on Thursday, March 1.

13 Graffiti on Property (7300 block of Milwaukee)
Unknown subject(s) spray painted "The End is Near" on property located at the 7300 block of Milwaukee.

14 BB Shot at Window (6700 block of Milwaukee)
Police said unknown subject(s) shot a BB through a window panel sometime between Friday, Feb. 23 and Monday, Feb. 26. The panel below the panel with a BB hole in it was shattered. The total damage is about \$500.

15 Counterfeit Money Turned Over (5600 block of Touhy)
The complainant turned over 15 counterfeit dollar bills, two counterfeit 100 dollar bills and one counterfeit money order of \$950 on Friday, March 2. The complainant told police he didn't know when the currency was taken.

16 Identity Theft (7500 block of N. Waukegan)
The victim received a bill from Direct TV on Feb. 3 in the amount of \$302.10 for an account opened in her name at the suspect address. The report was made on Sunday, March 4 for activity that occurred

between May 2 and August 25 of 2006.

17 Gas Stolen (8500 block of Golf Road)
Unknown subject pumped \$41.84 worth of gas in his/her vehicle and then fled northbound on Greenwood on Monday, Feb. 26. Police said the vehicle had Illinois temporary plates, but the numbers were scratched off.

18 Retail Theft Arrest (9000 block of Golf)
A 61-year-old Niles woman was arrested after taking price tags off of womens' clothing, vitamins and books and telling the cashier the items were on sale on the 90% shelf on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The woman paid \$1.92 for 10 items with a value of \$173.90. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 13.

19 Warrant Arrest (8200 block of Golf)
A 31-year-old Niles man was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 28

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on a warrant arrest. The bond is set at \$1,000 and court date is April 27.

20 Felony DUI (8400 block of W. Dempster)
A 38-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested for a felony driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs on Wednesday, Feb. 28. The arrestee was involved in a hit and run crash at the 8400 block of W. Dempster. Bond is set at \$50,000 and the court date is March 6.

PARK RIDGE

21 Attempted Burglary (600 block of N. Park Plaine)
Unknown subject(s) attempted to enter a residence by cutting a basement window screen and breaking the window on Friday, Feb. 23. The victim related no access was gained to the residence.

22 Aluminum Ramp Stolen (600 block of S. Delphia)
Unknown subject(s) took an aluminum ramp with a value of \$500 and four 10' aluminum railings that were located against the south side of the

garage behind a wood fence sometime between Thursday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 22.

23 Burglary to Vehicle (400 block of N. Washington)
Police said unidentified person(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2005 Toyota Rav 4 and removed a purse on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The purse contained numerous bank cards, a driver's license and US currency.

24 Broken Vehicle Mirror (2100 block of Habberton)
Unknown person(s) used a part from a metal car jack to break the driver's side mirror and scratch the driver's front window of the victim's 2005 Honda Civic sometime between Monday, Feb. 26 and Tuesday, Feb. 27. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

25 Burglary to Church (1600 block of Vernon)
Unknown subject(s) entered the church through a kitchen window on the east side of the building by removing the air conditioning unit sometime between Wednesday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, Feb. 22. Once inside the church, the subject(s) entered the day care office by prying open the door and took \$120.

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A little more formal

My mom has some queer notions. She was a secretary and a receptionist when I was little and was proud of the fact that she could type faster than anyone and with great accuracy. She also is a word-smith and could beat anyone at Scrabble and later at the game Boggle. Her grammar is impeccable and her bosses would often ask her to clean up their writing and speeches. One thing she would not tolerate was bad language.

Now, bad language has two elements - foul language and poor usage. She hated both. Growing up in the inner city, fatherless and attending public school my mom's kids learned foul language first hand. She had learned to speak cleanly from her parents and after having my mouth washed out with soap on too many occasions I learned not to use foul language, at least not around my mom or grandma and grandpa. You see foul language soils conversation.



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We would not consider it polite to be seated near sewerage or have it smeared on our food. Why should we tolerate it in our conversations? My mom felt that peppering your speech with foul language was like throwing mud on your listener. It brings nothing to the table, but filth. You were literally forcing sewerage into them - through their ears and their minds. Foul language distorts the message and detracts from the meaning. It never enhances or clarifies. It is totally unacceptable, plus it shows poor class. My mother was and is still very much aware of class. Part of her family was relatively

well off and shunned her family. As a single mom and a woman, my mother was especially aware of how people would judge her and her children. They simply expected the worse from us, but we wouldn't give it to them.

Mom taught us to shake hands while looking the person in the eye and greeting them formally. We always called people Mr., Mrs. or Miss. People with "class" behaved that way. They treated adults with respect and due reverence for their age and position. She did not believe that children were to be seen and not heard, but that if we were to mature into full adulthood we must learn to interact appropriately and attract good society particularly with adults. How else would children learn?

She also hated poor grammar. I get nervous when she reads my articles as I am certain to have made many errors, but I am grateful for See Perspective, page 11

Letters to the Editor

There were other ways to save 'Chief'

Dear Editor,
While I read and generally agreed with your recent column about Chief Illiniwek, ("I won't miss Chief Illiniwek," Page Two Mar. 1) I'm surprised that nobody at the U of I considered a politically correct way to save the chief.

The leader of an Indian tribe is not the only case where someone is referred to as "Chief." A chief petty officer (CPO) in the United States Navy is also referred to as "Chief." By doing a simple wardrobe change the Chief can continue to be the U of I mascot.

Simply get rid of the feathered headdress, fringed buckskin suit and war paint and replace it with the uniform of a CPO which can be easily obtained at any Army-Navy surplus store. The new improved version of Chief Illiniwek can dance to a recording of Anchors Aweigh rather than the beat of a tom-tom. Problem solved! The U of I still has their chief (but a sailor rather than a native American) without offending any ethnic group. Now why didn't those geniuses at the U of I or the NCAA think of this?

Dan Weiler, Morton Grove

Wsol is choice for 7th

Dear Editor,
The race in the 7th Ward of Park

Ridge is once again highly contested. This time around there are three candidates.

The incumbent Frank Wsol is an honorable man who represents an independent voice in our city government. He doesn't always agree with Mayor Frimark but the two have a good working relationship with both having the best interest of the citizens at heart.

As an elected official, I know what it takes to commit oneself to public service. Wsol has what it takes and has proven it on many occasions.

Wsol's track record is one of integrity and accomplishment. For example, he was key in establishing the Community Health Commission which promotes good health through screenings and awareness.

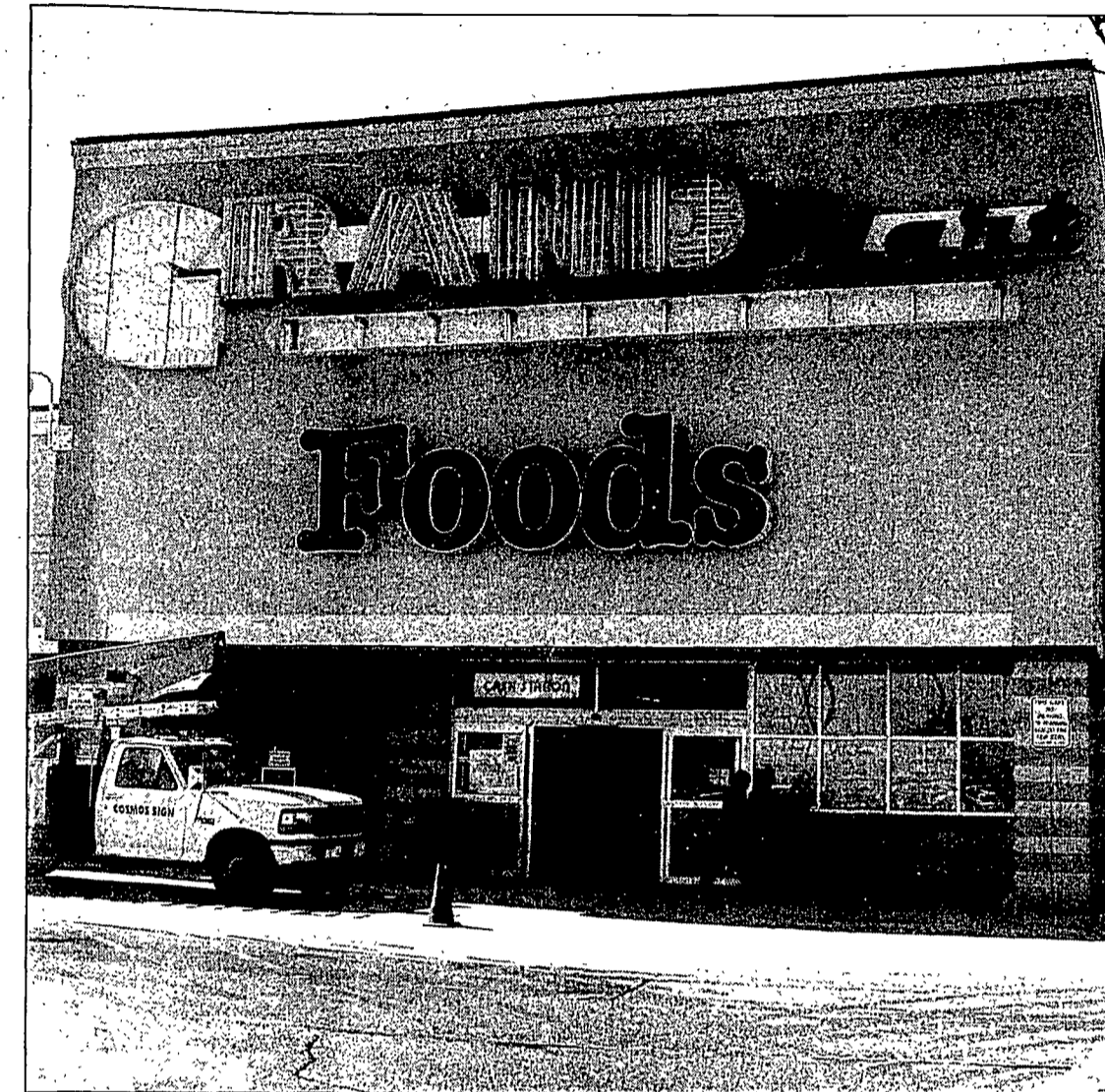
He has stepped up to defeat an ill-advised car wash project, supported a balanced budget with the Mayor, and worked on important infrastructure improvements in our neighborhoods.

His unproven opponents may have complaints against our city government or have their own ideas on how things should be; however, Alderman Wsol is the best choice and deserves another four years to continue the good work he has started.

Dick Barton, Park Ridge

Korean, Hispanic Grocer to open in Pointe Plaza, Niles

Grand opening scheduled for March 8



The new Korean grocer "Grand Mart" will replace the former Cub Foods at Pointe Plaza on Touhy in Niles.

A grand opening for Grand Mart, a Korean and International food mart will take place on Thursday, March 8 at noon.

The mart will take the place of the Cub Foods located in Pointe Plaza, 5740 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles.

This is the second Korean mart to come to Niles in the recent past, with the first being the Super H-Mart in the Civic Center shopping plaza.

Although Grand Mart is primarily a Korean supermarket based in the Washington D. C. metropolitan area, the food spans beyond Korean flavors.

"It varies depending on the demographics," said Niles

Community Development Director Chuck Ostman. Grand Mart often offers South Asian, Latino and traditional American groceries.

Grand Mart was founded in 2002 by David Min Sik Kang, a Korean American entrepreneur who originally owned and operated small Korean grocery stores in Washington D.C.

In addition to groceries, Grand Mart offers Korean bakeries and videos.

Ostman said Cub Foods shut down about four months ago, leaving the vacancy at Pointe Plaza.

Grand Mart also offers a "Grand Mercado" niche market inside its store that caters to Hispanic shoppers.

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Questions still pouring in about IRAs, taxes, refunds

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Individual Retirement Accounts may be simple, but they continue to befuddle

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investors. My recent column on IRAs prompted lots of questions. In fact, I get almost as many e-mails from IRA columns as when I trash annuities.

Here are some more IRA questions:

Q: What are the tax consequences for moving cash from a nondeductible IRA to a Roth IRA?

A: Before reading last week's column, I'm sure most readers had never spent even a nanosecond contemplating the merits of a nondeductible IRA. Until the Roth IRA came along, my husband and I used to feel like freaks for investing in a nondeductible IRA, which had been our only option. Our accountant used to tell us that we were his only clients who owned one of these IRAs.

But as I mentioned previous-

ly, the nondeductible IRA is enjoying sudden attention from those who make too much money to qualify for the more attractive Roth IRA. Thanks to recent legislation, these high-income earners will be able to move money that has accumulated in a nondeductible IRA into a Roth beginning in 2010. So now is an excellent time for these folks to start stockpiling money in nondeductible IRAs.

People who invest in a nondeductible IRA will have to pay tax when they eventually convert their account into a Roth. The tax hit, however, won't be as punitive as you might assume. In paying the tax, you exclude the nondeductible contributions that you've made.

If a 50-year-old puts \$5,000 into a nondeductible IRA for four years for a total of \$20,000 - and the account grows to \$25,000, he or she would only owe income taxes on the \$5,000. The math will be different, however, if you have more than one nondeductible IRA.

Suppose you also have an old nondeductible IRA that you haven't touched in years that

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Trader Joe's comes to Park Ridge

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Park Ridge has welcomed Trader Joe's into the city with open arms and hungry stomachs.

A ribbon cutting was held at the new Trader Joe's grocery store in Uptown Park Ridge on Friday, March 2.

"It's a wonderful specialty grocery store," said Randall Derifeld, community development director for the City of Park Ridge. "It's a good fit with our downtown."

Derifeld said the parking lot has been filled up with Trader

Joe's fans ever since it opened its doors.

The addition of the Trader Joe's is part of the second phase of a development plan. On the first floor of a building there is a Trader Joe's, Chicco (womens clothing store) and a Joseph A. Banks (mens clothing store.) Above the retail stores, residential units that have all been sold will be occupied.

Derifeld said that the developer, PRC Partners and Mid American Realty have been working together to bring Trader Joe's into the city. He said the city has known about Trader Joe's coming to town for

the past six to 12 months.

Some of the popular store's products include gourmet foods, organic foods, vegetarian food, unusual frozen foods, imported foods, domestic and imported wine, and "alternative" food items as well as basics like bread, cereal, and eggs. In addition to food items, other products sold at Trader Joe's include personal hygiene products, household cleaners, vitamins, pet food, and a selection of plants and flowers are also available. Many of the company's products are considered to be friendly to the environment.



Trader Joe's has opened in its new Park Ridge location in the Uptown Redevelopment.

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her early instruction. She would always correct us and expect us to speak proper English. She was not raising some street urchins out of a Charles Dickens novel. Sometimes, we would tease her for being so socially conscious, but it was a real gift to us that she took the time to make sure that we behaved and spoke in a manner much above our station in life. I am convinced that people treated me better and many opportunities in life came my way because we were taught at an early age to carry ourselves with the proper comportment (good one, eh? Look it up). Thanks mom.

It is shocking today that so many adults have not matured enough to control their language and worse that we expect so little of our children. For my part, I used to swear like a sailor; actually a sailor might blush at my mouth. As a young man and out of hearing of mother, I thought that real men swore and I really wanted to be a

man and fit in with the guys. Not having a dad around distorts a child's view of manhood.

I regret that foolish belief and years later, about ten years ago to be exact, I quit swearing cold turkey and haven't sworn since. My oldest son was born eleven years ago and I did not want him getting a distorted view of manhood. My kids speak comfortably around adults, shake hands, make eye contact and say "Hello Mr./Mrs./Miss Smith." They don't use foul language at all. I am grateful for my mom's hard work in this regard. Her "silly" self-consciousness has paid off. Sometimes it takes a real long time to listen, learn and apply the lesson, but it is never too late to start. Mom was right - you're always better off a little more formal.

Thanks to words, we have been able to rise above the brutes; and thanks to words, we have often sunk to the level of the demons.

- Aldous Huxley

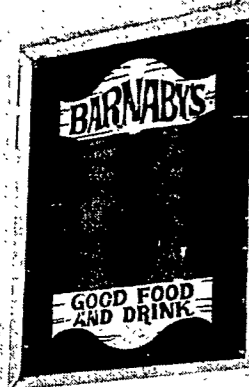
Rotary Club welcomes PR Taste Committee Chair



Bob Dudycz, left, trades mugs with Dan Davidson, President of the Park Ridge Rotary Club. As Chair of The Taste of Park Ridge, Dudycz was addressing the Feb. 23 meeting of Rotary and gave Davidson a souvenir cup from The Taste. In turn, Rotary speakers receive a special cup as a thank you gift. The meeting was attended by about 50 Rotarians and guests.

The Bugle 50th. Anniversary Business Of The Month

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Dwight Floepenack (Village of Niles Health Inspector), Howard Gervase (manager, part owner) and Andy Cajigas (employee at Barnaby's).



Barnaby's A Family-Owned Business

Barnaby's, located at 7950 N. Caldwell, has been a family owned business in Niles for more than 30 years.

"Everyone knows us in Niles, from the mayor down," shared Howard Gervase, who has been a manager and part owner for six years. His partner is Peter Kanwischer. Barnaby's thin crust pizza recently was voted the best thin crust pizza in the area. In addition to a variety of pizzas, hungry customers at the casual restaurant can enjoy burgers, beef sandwiches, chicken tenders, salad, veggie baskets, fish and much more.

"Before we put anything on the menu we make sure it tastes great," said Gervase.

"It's pretty inexpensive," said Gervase. He said there are no waiters or waitresses at Barnaby's so there's really no need for tips.

Gervase said they serve a lot of local baseball and other sports teams and families and they are very busy. Big carry out orders for gatherings with family and friends are also popular.

Barnaby's used to be a franchise, but now the Barnaby restaurants are independently owned. Gervase's family purchased the Niles Barnaby's 31 years ago. His family also bought the Barnaby name as well.

The Niles Barnaby's has 22 employees. It's opened from 11:30 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. They can be reached at (847) 967-8600.

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To register for this event, please contact Brenda (847) 268-8180 or email events@nileschamber.com

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Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre is a division of the Bethany Methodist Corporation, a not-for-profit health care organization that has served the Chicago community for more than

115 years. Whether your stay is short-term or long-term, Bethany Terrace can meet your needs. In addition, Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre also offer the following levels of care:

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St. Martha's hosts annual St. Joseph's Table Dinner & Live Auction

St. Martha's Catholic Church, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove, will be holding their annual St. Joseph's Table Dinner and Live Auction, beginning at noon on Sunday, March 18. All are welcome to attend this family event. A

voluntary donation is the cost of the meal. Also, a meatless dish to pass would certainly be welcomed. A wide variety of merchandise and gift certificates donated by local merchants and friends, as well as craftwork, will be auctioned.

Proceeds of the auction will be used to defray parish expenses. Come, bring the family, and enjoy good food and the lively auction. For more information call St. Martha's at (847) 965-0262.

Summit Square Hosts "Take Charge of Your Health" Program

Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence, 10 N. Summit Ave. in Park Ridge, will host a free program for persons wishing to take charge of their health again. Sponsored by AgeOptions, the program is a proven series of six classes taught by trained class leaders from Wednesday, March 28 through May 2. Each session is from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon.

During "Take Charge of Your Health," participants will learn how to talk to others

about frustrations over chronic illness such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma or other conditions.

Topics covered in the series will include: coping with fatigue, frustration, pain and isolation that may be related to ongoing health conditions; exercising to maintain and improve strength, flexibility and endurance; using medications; communicating with family, friends and health professionals; practicing good

nutrition; and evaluating new treatment options.

This program is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging via the Illinois Department of Public Health. To register for the program, contact Maria D. Oquendo-Scharneck at AgeOptions, 708-383-0528 Ext. 336 or at takecharge@ageoptions.org.

For further information, or to arrange a tour of Summit Square, please call 847-825-1161 Ext. 104.

"SPRING GARDENING" TALK AT NORWOOD CROSSING

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showcase of vibrant colors.

Schmidtke is a Master Gardener from the University of Illinois and contributing writer of the Daily Herald's "Ask a Master Gardener" column. He is a specialist at the

Harper College Plant Sciences Program and has expertise in organic gardening.

Along with gifts, refreshments will be available during this fun and informative afternoon. For more information on the Spring Gardening talk, call Mary-Anne at (773) 577-5327.

Avon will be holding its Walk for Breast Cancer in Chicago on June 2 and 3, 2007. Judith M. Faehse of Niles will be participating and is raising money. If you would like to make a donation, please contact her at 847-967-7352. For more information about the Walk visit www.avonwalk.org.



The Taste of Park Ridge thanked Bredemann Auto Group for its support of the annual fest. Here, l to r, are Taste Chair Bob Dudycz, John Bredemann, Joe Bredemann Sr., and Taste President Dave Iglow. The Taste of Park Ridge will be July 12-14, 2007. The Bredemann Auto Group displayed new vehicles -- one Chevrolet SUV and one Toyota model -- during last year's event.

Club Fitness Open House & Free Week Of Workouts

On Monday, March 26th Club Fitness at the Morton Grove Park District will be hosting an open house for the community from 4-7pm. The club has recently undergone a renovation that will be the talk of the town! A new 17 piece strength circuit by Paramount is the highlight of the club. It not only looks great, but it is easy to use and can help you get that full body workout. Also new to Club Fitness are such machines as the Truestretch 800, Matrix Rad Trainer and the Paramount Functional Trainer to complete your fitness needs.

Club Fitness already has the best membership rates around, and now with a brand new look we think you'll like what you see. Don't just take our word for it though! Come in and workout for free between March 26th and 31st. Experience our great staff, new equipment, and friendly atmosphere without any commitment.

If you have any questions please call us at 847-965-1200. Morton Grove Club Fitness is located at 6834 Dempster St in Morton Grove. Our hours are Monday through Thursday: 5:30am - 10pm, Fridays: 5:30am-9pm and Saturday and Sundays: 7am-5pm. Annual rates begin as low as \$188.

Turkey Trot Committee Delivers Check To New Horizons Center

Organizers of the 10th Annual Edison Park 5K Turkey Trot, which was held this past Thanksgiving Morning, tendered a check to New Horizons Center in the amount of \$38,500. New Horizons is planning to utilize these funds for the purchase of specialized bicycles for the children.

"We couldn't be more proud of the success of this year's Turkey Trot. More than 3,200 participants raised these funds to help these children enjoy a bike ride that millions of kids experience and never realize what a gift it is to be able to ride that bike," organizer Rita McGowan commented. "Gifting New Horizons with these monies is a true testament to the giving spirit of Edison Park."

The Edison Park Turkey Trot has become a tradition for many families who choose to begin their Thanksgiving celebration helping others by raising monies for those less fortunate. It's never too late to prepare for Thanksgiving 2007!

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Maine East wins FCCLA awards

On February 16, 30 Maine East Family Consumer Science (FCS) Career students competed at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Section Competition at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines. FCS teachers Fran Flores, Joanne Jonikas, Tracy Stewart and Adina Salmansohn sponsored the group. Award winners were: Seniors Elona Bahram and Amina Sehwal, both of Morton Grove - Preschool Storytelling Team - 1st Place, Seniors Katie Foley of Niles and Maggie Mansor of Des Plaines - Preschool Storytelling Team - 2nd Place, Seniors Agata Kurdziel of Glenview and Natalia Syska of Harwood Heights - Interior Design Display Team - 3rd Place, Senior Stephen Manahan of Niles - Career Opportunities Display - 2nd Place, Senior Faria Zafar of Des Plaines - Professional Career Image - 1st Place, and Senior Lauren Plummer of Niles - Food Production, Salad - 1st Place.

Students in the Child Development and Child Care Occupations-Preschool Program were also highly successful in the FCCLA Section Competition. Award winners were: Juniors Katie Levinson & Nina Alhaj, both of Niles - Preschool Storytelling Team, 1st Place, Senior Alex Suchor-Zygadlo of Niles - Preschool Storytelling Individual, 1st

Place, Sophomore Kajal Patel of Des Plaines - Personal Child Care Provider, 2nd Place, Sophomore Marian Lopez of Niles - Personal Child Care Provider, 1st Place and Personal Child Care Provider - 2nd Place, Sophomore Crystal Cisneros of Des Plaines - Personal Child Care Provider, 2nd Place, Sophomore Preethu Alex of Des Plaines - Personal Child Care Provider, 3rd Place, Senior Anna Czekaj & Junior Natasha Poonja, both of Morton Grove - Preschool Storytelling Team, 2nd Place.

The Culinary Team, competing at Casa Royale in Des Plaines, won the following awards: Freshman Erika Opperman of Niles - Red Ribbon, Cookie Decorating, Junior Janella Gianakopoulos of Niles - Blue Ribbon, Cookie Decorating, Senior Carme Ardito of Niles - Blue Ribbon, Salad Demonstration, Sophomore Tony Ortiz of Des Plaines - Blue Ribbon, Salad, Junior Monika Hernandez of Des Plaines - Blue Ribbon, Salad, Senior Erik Hagglund - Blue Ribbon, Relish Tray, Sophomore Enrique Gaytan of Des Plaines - Blue Ribbon, Salad, Senior Lauren Plummer of Niles - Blue Ribbon, Salad, Junior Mary Swoboda of Park Ridge - Blue Ribbon, Salad, and Sophomore Robert Lewosz of Des Plaines - Blue Ribbon and First Place, Most Outstanding in the Catering Event.

NDHS Parents, Alumni invited to attend welcome reception for Rev. John P. Smyth

A special welcome reception for Notre Dame High School's new leader, Rev. John P. Smyth, will be held on Sunday, March 11.

Parents, alumni, alumni parents and friends are invited to welcome Smyth to Notre Dame at the reception that will take place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in

the school's cafeteria.

Everyone is also welcome to attend an all-school St. Joseph Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, March 19. This will be the first mass in which Fr. Smyth will preside over.

Notre Dame High School is located at 7655 W. Dempster Street in Niles.

Regina Mathletes take second place

The Regina Dominican Mathletes Team competed in the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) Contest at Northeastern Illinois University on Saturday, February 24. They took second place in the Regionals. Katie Trela (Glencoe) qualified to compete at the State

Competition in April.

The purpose of Mathletes is to promote interest and excellence in mathematics for young women; the group is open to students demonstrating high achievement in Mathematics. Math teachers serve as coaches for each level.

Principal Dr. Alexandra Nicholson officially resigned from District 71

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Niles Elementary School Dist. 71 officially approved the resignation of Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, principal and assistant superintendent at Culver School.

The resignation was approved at the school board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and she will officially become the superintendent at West Northfield School Dist. 71 on July 1.

"She's one of the best principals I've ever seen," said Supt. Dr. Raymond Costa. "It's time for her to be a superintendent. She loves this school and the children."

Nicholson has been the principal at Culver School for nine years and she was principal at South School for two years before they were consolidated. Prior to working in Dist. 71, Nicholson also worked at School Dist. 64 for six years. At Dist. 64, she was principal and the director of



Dr. Alexandra Nicholson

instruction. Before working in the area, she was principal of two buildings in Highland, Indiana and the elementary coordinator in the central office.

"It's been a wonderful experience," shared Nicholson, about her time at Culver School. "I've enjoyed it tremendously."

Nicholson said they have accomplished a great deal regarding the instruction in

the district and that she will miss working with everyone at Culver.

"I just think she's going to be successful in her next position because she's done so much for this school," said Tina Nielsen, of Culver School.

"I think she was an excellent administrator," said Debbie Knysch, of Culver School. "I'm going to miss her very much. I think she's one of the best administrators I've ever worked for."

"I'm sorry that she's leaving," said Kathy Panke, of Culver. "I think it's sad for the district that we're losing her. She always put the kids first."

Knysch and Panke were very disappointed when Nicholson wasn't considered for the superintendent position when it was available and they wrote a supportive letter on her behalf stating they feel she would be a great superintendent for the district.

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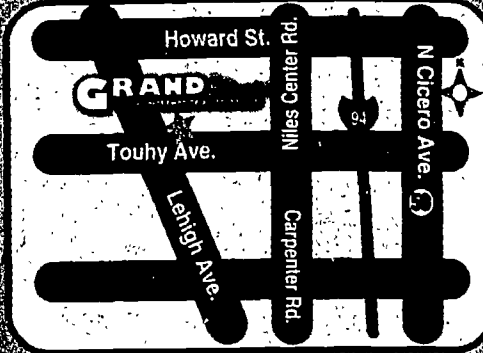
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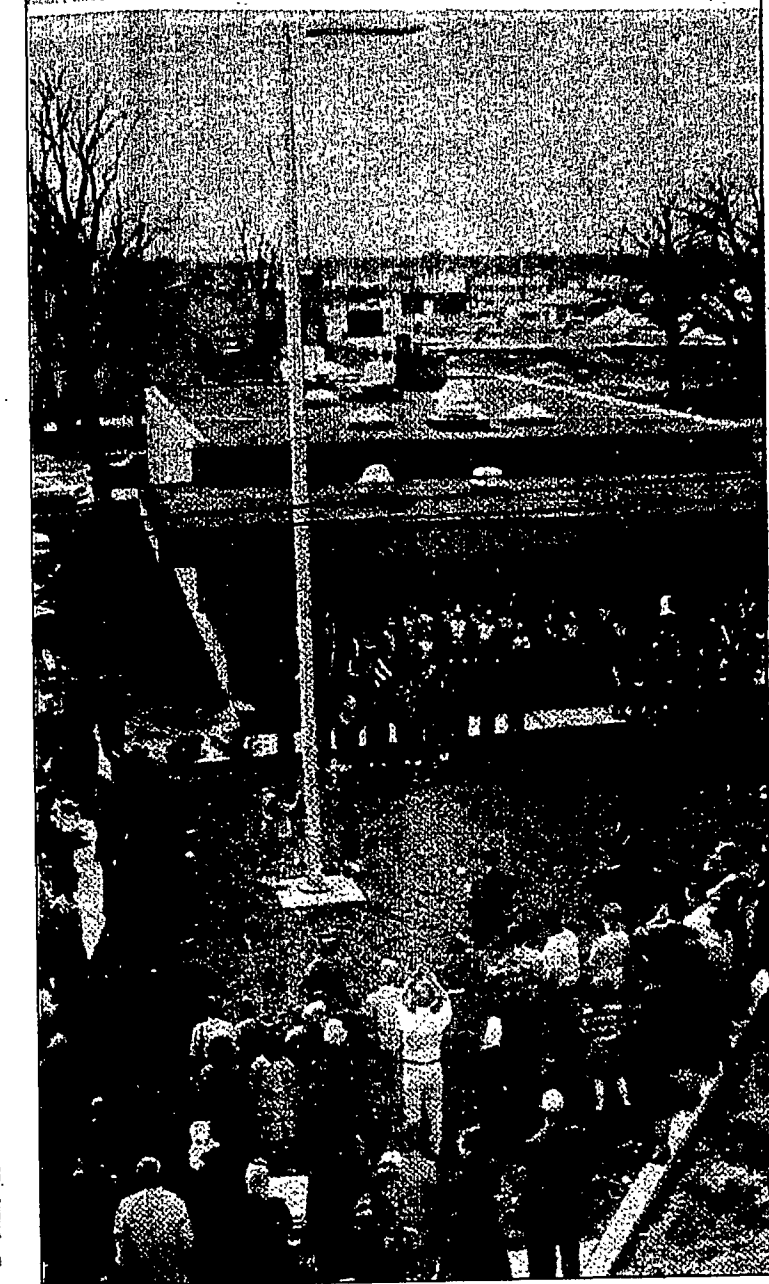
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All America Flag Raising

Several hundred Nilesites attended the All-America flag raising ceremony at the new courthouse-police station Sunday afternoon. In addition to the Niles West band, Girl Scout troop 716 and Boy Scout troop 45 joined in the festivity.



Niles, IL All-America City

One of 11 Winners in the USA

Thursday, April 8, 1965

Niles, Illinois was one of eleven cities and villages in the United States to receive All America City honors, it was announced today by the National Municipal League and LOOK Magazine, co-sponsors of the annual competition for the nation's cities.

Quoting the news release from LOOK, "In Niles, just north of Chicago, a bitter block by block, door by door campaign was needed to elect a reform slate in 1961. Reform was overdue, not only to bring

community services a breath of an eight-fold increase in population but to rid the town of gambling establishments. With citizens committees and government working together, the town now has an anti gambling ordinance, a new 52-acre park and community center, a new library building and a new village hall.

"The All America City designation is given each year to eleven cities whose citizens have made outstanding progress in solving community problems. The winning cities were picked from a field of

more than 100 by a jury headed by Dr. George H. Gallup, director of the American Institute of Public Opinion and Chairman of the Council of the National Municipal League.

In addition to Niles cities receiving the award include Green Bay, Wisconsin; White Bear Lake, Minnesota; Bluefield, West Virginia; Columbia, South Carolina; Fort Worth, Texas; Hazelton, Pennsylvania; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Keene, New Hampshire; South Portland, Maine and Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Sunday is Niles 'Finest Hour'

Thursday, May 6, 1965

Governor Kerner declared Sunday, Niles, Illinois Day; Congressman Rumsfeld had Niles' All America status recorded in the Congressional Record; Niles had a three hour parade down Milwaukee Ave. which was enthralling. Niles crowned its All America king and queen, gave awards to the many colorful floats and topped off the evening with an impressive dinner dance at Tam O'Shanter Country Club where it formally accepted the All America Award from Look Magazine and the National Municipal League. And most important, the man at the controls gave Niles a prelude to a

warm summer's day by keeping the sun high above, with a hot 85 degree glow wrapped around the town.

The parade began promptly at 2 p.m. at Howard and Milwaukee and wended north on Milwaukee to Golf Mill, where it was viewed by judges on the parade stand.

In the king and queen contest Caren Karpiak, aboard the Jonquil Terrace Homeowners float, was chosen queen. Kirk Lane's Wayne Paul Brandt was chosen king. Miss Karpiak's Queen runner ups included Sherry Jean Hill and Linda Brown. Niles Drugs, and Francine Kunicka, Crain Gardens Homeowners

Association.

Judges awarded the following awards for the paraders; Best decorated professional float, Niles Lions Club; Best decorated non professional float, Women's Auxiliary, Niles Police; Best theme, Niles Fire Department; "Niles, Whale of a City"; best decorated car, Niles Safety Council and Best Marching unit, Niles Township West High School.

The Medinah Temple marching bands stretched over a two block area. Their Arab Patrol, Oriental Band, clowns, police and fire units were most colorful.

St. John Brebeuf Church had a large contingent.

Niles Park Board Files Tam Condemnation Suit

Turn Down Alternate Plan

Thursday, August 19, 1965

Amidst sharp disagreement with village officials Niles Park District filed suit in Circuit Court Friday, asking condemnation of the 122 acres of Tam O'Shanter land on which the 18-hole golf course is located. The suit requests the court set an equitable sale price to be paid the owners of the property by the park district. Tam O'Shanter was sold in March, 1963, by a corporation owned by the late George S. May to Trust 632 of the Evanston Trust and Savings Bank. According to park attorney Jim Orphan the price was \$3,200,000.

According to the Park President Steve Chamerki the park district intends to turn Tam O'Shanter into a public golf course.

Only Scheel Remains Silent

Thursday, January 28, 1965

Niles Trustee Len Szymanski told The Bugle the past week that he would not run for a second term this April. Szymanski said he was withdrawing to enable him to devote more time to his family. He has two children, a son seven years old and a daughter, five. Szymanski is a senior research engineer for Borg Warner in Des Plaines.

In reporting his decision, Szymanski said the past four years work as a trustee was a "tremendous experience" and he noted he worked with "fine people" and found the inner working of government fascinating.

The withdrawal of Szymanski from the political scene leaves at least one opening on the Blase Forward Era slate. This week the

group officially announced trustee Bob Wente would seek reelection for a second term. Only incumbent trustee Ken Scheel has not yet announced his plans.

While Szymanski did not relate who would be chosen to replace him on the Blase ticket it can be expected an appointed official in the village will likely get the call. Since the zoning board seems to be the "farm system" which leads to a trustee job it can be assumed Szymanski's replacement will come from there. While Szymanski did not mention his successor he left the impression the Forward Era Party had already chosen its candidate.

Clara Blase Dies

Thursday, June 24, 1965

Niles is wearing its heart at half-mast as the result of the death of Clara Blase, wife of Mayor Nick Blase. She died at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday morning at

Lutheran General Hospital after a short illness.

The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. Visitation is at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, all day Thursday and Friday morning until 1 p.m.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Blase's survivors include two daughters, Marcella, 8 and Mary Jo, 2; her father, James Tsalikis; her brothers, Steven and Stanley and two sisters, Sandra Hagis and Kiki Raysakis.

In Memoriam Clara Blase

By Edna Walger

Thursday, June 24, 1965

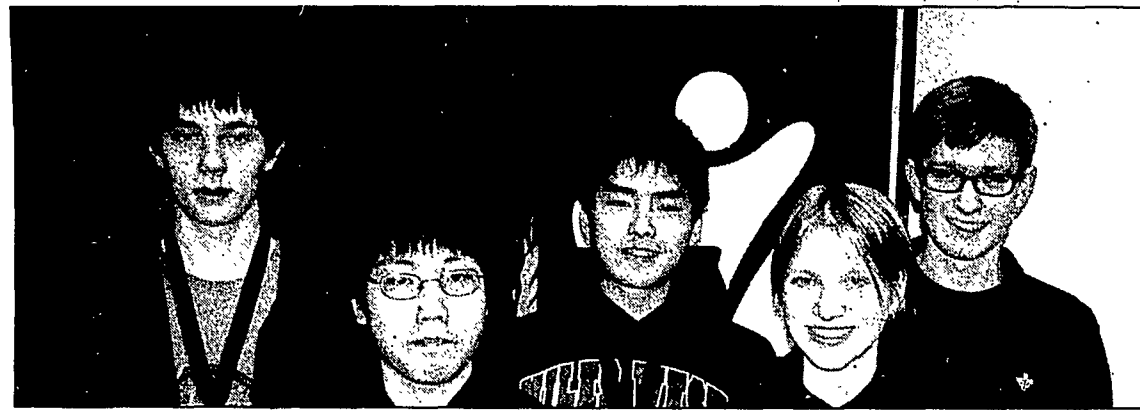
The people of Niles, who were privileged to know Clara Blase personally, are aware of the quiet dignity she brought to the functions over which she presided as first lady of our community.

No wife could have been more

dedicated as a helpmate to a husband in public life, more loving to those near and dear to her or more charming in contacts with those she met in the performance of her duties.

Though Clara was not blessed with robust health for many months during her brief periods of comparative feelings of well being she applied herself to whatever had to be done with all the strength she could muster. She was not above any task that needed to be done. She was willing and if she was able, she did it cheerfully.

If medals were given for statelyness and nobility of manner to persons in honored positions, Clara Blase would have been a most worthy recipient. We, the residents of Niles who knew and loved her, wish to express our sincere sympathy to her immediate family and thank them for sharing her with us.



WYSE Competition Winners at Oakton, Div. 1, 2

More than 200 high-achieving students from local high schools recently participated in the 2007 Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Competition (WYSE), sponsored by Oakton Community College. Students were tested in a variety of subjects, including biology, chemistry, engineering graphics, mathematics, physics, computer science, and English. **Below:** First place winners from Div. 1 (unlimited enrollment) schools are (l-r): Alex Anderson, New Trier (math); Harry Hsiao, Niles North (engineering graphics); Brian Yoo, Niles West (physics); Sara Doyle, Evanston Township (chemistry); and Will Vaughn, Loyola Academy (biology). **Below:** First place winners from Div. 2 (limited enrollment) schools are (front row, l-r): Christine O'Brien, Regina Dominican (biology); Huda Almansoori, Wilcox Academy (math); Katherine Szmyd, Regina Dominican (English); Brendan O'Reilly, Notre Dame (chemistry); Peter Romel, Notre Dame (tie, physics); (back row, l-r) Phillip Szachowicz (math), Joseph Casey (engineering graphics), and Robert Draths III (tie, physics), all from Notre Dame.



Regina Summer Sports Camp: What's Your Sport?

The Summer Sports Camp Schedule for girls grades 5-12, sponsored by Regina Dominican, is available on the Regina web site, www.rdhs.org (crawl line link). "There is something for everyone," says Dani Martinez, Camp Director. "Girls can participate in basketball, soccer, lacrosse, speed and conditioning, tennis, golf, volleyball or dance-poms."

What will girls learn?

Basketball Grades 5-8: defense positioning, ball control, and efficiency with proper shot selection, improved rebounding. Grades 9-12: skills and competitive habits required to break down defenders one-on-one, anticipate passing lanes, control the low post, handle the press and score with a shooter's follow through. Soccer Grades 5-8: technical development of offensive/defensive skills; tactical element through small-sided games; street soccer competition with prizes. Grades 9-12: technique and tactics, themes from 1v1, 2v2 into small-sided games: All soccer campers receive a soccer ball. Lacrosse Grades 7-9: stick handling, cradling, passing, catching, and

shooting, basic principles necessary to be competitive.

Tennis Grades 8-12

Advanced subtleties of singles and doubles on both sides of the ball, solid stroke techniques, game-simulation consistency, sound footwork, smashing serves. Golf Grades 8-12: beginner through advanced golfers; fundamentals and principals of chipping, putting, driving, course management and club selection; for participants who want to play competitively. Volleyball Grades 5-8: bumping, serving, setting, hitting and blocking techniques, game strategies, fundamentals/ preparation for high school play. Grades 9-12: advanced bumping, setting, blocking, hitting, serving, proper take-offs and landings; high-level collegiate mind-set. Dance-Poms Grades 5-9: teamwork, artistic impression, preparation for live performance, vigorous aerobic workouts, skills and training needed to make a school dance team.

Speed and Conditioning Grades 6-12

"Do you want to get faster and stronger? Do you want to

have winning-edge strength, endurance, flexibility, speed, and confidence, and have fun at the same time? Come and be at your best!" says Camp Director, Dani Martinez.

Locations

Regina Dominican High School, 701 Locust Road, Wilmette except for the following: Lacrosse and soccer is at Techny Divine Word, Northbrook 2001 Waukegan Rd., 1 mile north of Willow Rd. Golf is at the Wilmette Golf Club and Glenview National 9. Tennis: To be determined. Cost: one-week programs: \$150; two-week programs: \$275. No refunds. An official "Regina Dominican Camp" T-shirt is provided for all campers. Camps are arranged by the grade the camper is entering in the fall of 2007.

"In all of these sports the Regina Dominican tradition shines as you learn," says Bridget Veenema, Regina's Athletic Director. "Come be a part of the Regina athletic experience."

For information contact Summer Sports Camp Director Dani Martinez, dmartinez@rdhs.org, 847-256-7660, x253.

Regina Track and Field season begins

The Regina Dominican Panther Track and Field team began its 2007 season Saturday, February 24, 2007 at the Wheeling Invitational. Panthers Head Coach Mark Szczepkowski returns for his fourth year with the program; for the last three years he has served as head coach. Tim Smith returns for his second year after heading the cross-country team last fall; Jamie Cieplinski returns for her second season. John Smith and Tom Hagensick are assisting this season.

The 2007 Panther Track and Field team has 45 members, up from 39 last season. This is a significant increase in numbers from the 2003 season when there were 18 participants. Leading the way for the Panthers are the four senior captains: Amanda Labuz (Chicago), Maria Gobbi (Evanston), Elizabeth Ave Maria (Morton Grove), and Grace Ansani (Evanston).

One of the top returning members from the 2006 season is standout distance runner, Amanda Labuz. Labuz completed a cross-country season during which she qualified for the state championship and she plans to have a great season with her eyes on Charleston for the mid-May competition.

Sophomore Brittany Johnson returns in the shot put, discuss and sprints. Johnson broke the school record in the shot put four times last year, was an all-GCAC selection in the shot put, and was a finalist at the Palatine IHSA Sectionals. Sophomore Julie Campanaro also is a standout member of the sophomore class with great success in 2006 in the 400m dash, 1600m relay, and the 100m dash. With strong senior leadership and a wealth of new and returning talent, the Panthers are looking to improve upon their 7th place finish at the GCAC Outdoor Championships and are looking to qualify athletes to the state championship at Charleston in mid-May.

Poulos advances to NCAA Championships

Millikin University recently announced that sophomore high jumper Kapricia Poulos (Glenview, Maine East) will travel to Terre Haute, Indiana and the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to compete in the NCAA indoor Track and Field Championships.

A two-time All American in the high jump, Poulos will

enter the field with the second best jump in Division III, and has a school record jump of 5-8.5.

Poulos was one of just three Division III athletes to qualify for the championships automatically. She is the CCIW high jump champion and the conference's Most Outstanding Field Event Athlete.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, Classic Bowl, Niles

Points	Won	Lost
Skeja Terrace Funeral Home	42	21
Candlelight Jewelers	36	27
Bielinski and Bono Dental	31	32
Niles Dairy Queen	31	32
Classic Bowl	31	32
NorthSide Community Bank	18	45

High Series/Game: Janet Trozzo 546/199, Mary Wasilewski 485/169, Helma Drag 483/172, Dahlia Sarosario 455/162, Rémy Huszar 453/157, Cora Reyes 450/156, Mary Johnson 169, Kay Pecoraro 162, Linda Fahey 155, Mary Ann Slack 154

Niles Senior News

Free Emergency-only cell phones offered

Free 9-1-1 Emergency Cell Phones

Registration, Apr. 5 1 p.m. Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart and the Niles Senior Center invite Niles seniors who do not have a cell phone to register to receive a free 911 Emergency Cell Phone. Having a cell phone that can reach emergency services offers seniors an extra measure of security whether they are driving, taking public transportation, or participating in outdoor activities. In addition to a phone, each senior attending the April 5th event will receive two batteries, a charger and instructions on how to access 911 on their cell phone.

You must register in advance to attend this one-day event.

Used Cell Phone Collection

Niles Senior Center collecting old/unwanted cell phones. If you would like to donate your old and unwanted cell phone(s) to the Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors program, drop them off at the Niles

Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Any brand, make or model of cellular phone, whether working or not, is acceptable.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony New Computer Lab

Apr. 5 11 a.m. Join us as we officially introduce our updated computer lab. Learn about the increased capabilities of the new operating system and pick up a schedule of our expanded classes. Refreshments will be served.

AARP Driver's Safety Program

2 Day Class, Apr. 2 and 3rd 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$10

This two day refresher course is designed to tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn about normal age-related physical changes and how to adapt to these changes. Qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction/discount (both days are required to qualify for the discount). You must

pre-register for this course. Payment is due the first day of the course. Payment must be made by check only, made payable to AARP. The registration deadline for this course is Wednesday, March 14th.

Ragtime

Wednesday, Apr. 25 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$60

This 1998 Tony Award winning musical paints a nostalgic and powerful portrait of life in turn of the Century America. Before the show, we will dine at the Great Street Restaurant, located in the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. A fabulous buffet, fabulous skyline views, and a fabulous show await you! (Some stairs) Make your reservation by Friday, March 16th.

Federal Telephone Excise Tax Refund

If you are NOT required to file an individual tax return, you are still eligible to this refund. FORM1040 EZ-T is available at the Niles Senior Center. It is a very simple form to fill out as it only requires

name and address, your social security number and signature(s). This refund is included on the 1040 forms for those who are filing an individual income tax return.

Grief Workshop to Offer Support

Three-session Series to Begin in May

Beginning Wednesday, May 9, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas: Workshop #1, May 9 - "What has happened to me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process. Workshop #2, May 16 - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially if we feel that people want us to "move on" or "be happy again." Workshop #3,

May 23 - "Adjusting to a different lifestyle." At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW, at (847) 588-8420 for more information. This program is offered at no cost, but enrollment for this workshop is necessary.

Beginning Woodcarving

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. \$25

Instructor Irv Marion is inviting new woodcarvers to join his Wednesday morning class. During this special promotion, tools are included. For more information, contact MaryAnn 847 588-8420.

Hooked on Fishing Kick-off

Monday, Mar. 19, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we take a look at the upcoming season! Guest speaker, raffle, refreshments! 2007 schedule and season's info will be available. Free but please register in advance.

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Maine Twp. Senior News

Maine Twp. Seniors plan spring trips, classes

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.maine-township.com.

Watercolor Painting Class

Mondays, Mar. 12 to Apr. 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Instructor: Tom Dieschbourg. Cost: \$30
Join us as Tom Dieschbourg — professional, Park Ridge watercolorist — guides us through the techniques involved in the process of

doing transparent watercolor. When you complete this course you will be able to enjoy your talents and complete your own paintings at home, starting with the sketching and ending with your own masterpiece using this medium. Beginners are welcome. No supplies are needed for the first night.

Ballroom Dance Class

Tuesday, Mar. 13 and Thursday, Mar. 22, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Instructor: Frank Karl. Cost: \$7

Get your dancing feet movin' and come join Frank as he teaches the basic and advanced steps to the following dances: Rhumba, Swing, Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Cha Cha, Samba, Salsa, and Marengo. No gym shoes, please.

AARP's Driver Safety Program

Monday, Mar. 26 and Wednesday, Mar. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP Cost: \$10 check due on the first day, made payable to

AARP

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and the rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

WANTED

Maine Township Residents 90 years of age and older
If you are one of these special people or if you know of someone, please contact us at 847-297-2510 so we can send the celebrant an invitation to a special event in May.

FISH of Park Ridge

The FISH organization, which provides free transportation for medical appointments including dialysis, physical / radiation therapy and others, is now coordinated through Maine Township. To arrange a ride, contact Gloria Stepek at 847-297-2510. FISH is also looking for volunteer drivers interested in providing transportation. Call Ed Oken, president of FISH, at 847-696-0761 to volunteer.

Used Cell Phone Collection

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program scheduled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

MaineStreamers' Inaugural 'Swing into Spring' Expo

Save the date to attend

"Swing into Spring," to be held on Apr. 18, 2007 at the Chateau Ritz in Niles, IL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It promises to be a beneficial event for all those who attend. "Swing into Spring" will provide not only entertainment, but opportunities for health screenings, learning how to improve your finances, and getting information on other lifestyle improvement services. There will also be plenty of free goodies from MaineStreamers and the dozens of exhibiting organizations and companies. There is no cost and no reservations are needed. For more information call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member, call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

'Garden Party' Trip

Floribunda Gardens & DeVine Wines. Monday, Apr. 30, 10:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. \$63 members / \$68 guests
Guests should bring 2-3 pots to fill with Floribunda's great soil and beautiful selection of flowers and plants, or purchase everything you need there. Meander through the gardens, enjoy a peaceful moment by the pond, or gather advice from one of their knowledgeable staff.

Help readers read at Morton Grove Senior Center

Morton Grove Senior News

Help Readers Read

The Library at the Morton Grove Senior Center has a wide variety of large-print books, books-on-tape, periodicals, and paperbacks plus three personal computers and a magnifying reading machine. Books are borrowed and returned on the "honor system." Library visitors and can catch up on current local news, access the Internet, set up their own personal e-mail account, or enjoy quiet reading or discussions with friends. The only cost to use the Library is \$1.00 to log onto a computer (free if you're a Senior Center Member). The Center is currently searching for individuals who would like to assist with organization on the Senior Center Library Committee. If interested in contributing a few hours a month, call Bud Swanson at the Senior Center, 847/663-6110.

Brain Games

With age, people often see changes in memory, mental functioning, information processing, or having that "tip of the tongue" phenomenon. Liz Boomer of Arden Courts will discuss "Brain Games" at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 19 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register by calling the Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

Tai Chi

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for a six-week Tai Chi Class from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. beginning on Monday, Mar. 19.

Obituaries

Norma R. Cesarotti, 86

Norma R. Cesarotti, 86, of Niles, passed away Monday, February 26, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. She was born June 26, 1920 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Harry Cesarotti. Loving daughter of the late Porfirio Porfiri and the late Theresa (nee Cesarotti) Porfiri. Beloved mother of Charles (Judith) Giovannelli of Niles and Raymond (Phyllis) Giovannelli. Grandmother of Laura (Jerry) Kloberdanz, Scott (Mary) Giovannelli, Rochelle (Rich) Fallon, Christina Giovannelli and Nick Giovannelli. Great grandmother of Tony, Joe, Michael, Dominic, Alisa, Max and Macy. Services were held March 2, 2007 at St. Benedict Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. Memorials to: Mercy Home For Boys & Girls, 140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607.

Gertrude Klann, 93

Gertrude Klann, 93, of Niles, passed away Monday, February 19, 2007. She was born July 31, 1913 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Herbert Klann. Loving daughter of the late Rose (nee Kimnitz) Kubicki and the late George Kubicki. Beloved mother of Sharon Nelson and mother-in-law of Dennis (the late Lillian) Scarleski of Norridge. Grandmother of Jeffrey (Jennifer) Scarleski, Timothy (Donna) Scarleski, Scott Nelson, Terry (Jon) Pryga and Sheryl (Alex) Cappello. Services were held February 22, at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home.

Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She was a homemaker. In lieu of flowers Masses appreciated.

Lillian Ori, 73

Lillian Ori, 73, of Park Ridge, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born February 5, 1934. Beloved wife of the late Gino Ori. Loving daughter of the late Maria (nee Ori) Manfredini and the late Santo Manfredini. Cherished mother of John (Eileen) Ori of Arlington Heights, IL, and Sam (Linda) Ori. Grandmother of Sam, Gina, Gino (Tiffany) Joseph, Mark and Anthony. Sister of the late Laura (the late Bill Ricchio) and the late Louise. Aunt and great aunt of many. Services were held February 28 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at St. Mary Cemetery. She was a homemaker. Memorials to: National Kidney Foundation.

Frank M. Seymour, 78

Frank M. Seymour, 78, of Warren, VT (formerly of Morton Grove) passed away Thursday, March 1, 2007, in Warren, VT. He was born July 18, 1928 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Dolores Richardson Seymour. Loving father of Harlan (Mary Jo Griesenaur) Seymour and Nancy (Bob) Baron. Grandfather of Tristan, Matthew, Lucas and Jonathan Baron. Services were held March 7 at Simkins Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home.

Memorials to: American Lung Association, 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice, 600 Granger Rd., Barre, VT 05641.

Robert C. Taterka, 74

Robert C. Taterka, 74, of Park Ridge, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. He was born April 27, 1932. Beloved husband of the late Harriet Taterka. Loving son of the late Anthony Taterka and the late Angeline (Milas) Taterka. Beloved Grandmother of Sam, Gina, Gino (Tiffany) Joseph, Christine (Jeffrey) Gross, the late Sandra (fiance Kip Voigt) Toy (Mary) Taterka and Bob Taterka. Grandfather of James, Anthony (Paula), Cassie (fiance Mike Brown) Philip. Loving brother of Audrey (the late Edward) Matrejak and the late Norbert (Collette) Karey. Services were held February 22 at St. Tarcissus Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery. He was a land surveyor. Retired Illinois registered Land Surveyor for Chicago, Guarantee Survey Company and a life long Bear fan.

Esther Waller, 94

Esther Waller, 94, of Glenview (formerly of Morton Grove) passed away Friday, March 2, 2007 in Glenview, IL. She was born May 11, 1912 in Rice Lake, WI. Beloved wife of the late Hans Alfred Waller. Loving mother of Dennis (Susan) Waller. Grandmother of Keith and

Michele Waller. Cherished sister of the late Harold Frank. Services were held March 5 at Simkins Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, WI.

Frances M. Clark, 94

Frances M. Clark, 94, of Park Ridge, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at Glenview Terrace Nursing Home. She was born December 12, 1912 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Julius Weidinger and the late Pauline (nee Gregor) Weidinger; wife of the late Charles R. Clark; mother of Margaret (Leonard) Stancy, Charles (Nina), Thomas (Lucille), William (Terri), and Lawrence; sister of Ceil Nitschneider; sister-in-law of Donna Clark. Services were held March 5 at St. Bartholomew Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

John Gora, 67

John Gora, 67, of Morton Grove, passed away Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born February 1, 1940 in Trzetzewina. Beloved son of the late Jan Gora and the late Anna (nee Mordarska) Gora; husband of Anna (nee Duda); father of Barbara (Krzysztof) Celinski, Christopher (Agnieszka), Beata (Christopher) Gomez; grandfather of Nathan, Conrad, Izabela, David, Anthony, and Arabella; brother of Leopold (Marianna), Wladyslaw, Weronika

Lukasik, and the late Bronislaw Dyczka. Services were held March 3 at St. Ladislaus Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He worked in security.

Nancy A. Tomaras

Tomaras, Nancy A., passed away Thursday, March 1, 2007. She lived in Birmingham, AL and Chicago, IL with her husband Chris Tomaras, a Chicago businessman and Greek Community leader. She had a full and active life with extensive involvement in philanthropic and community affairs. She and her husband have been members of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church and Annunciation Cathedral, in Chicago.

Mrs. Tomaras is survived by her husband; her son Michael (Carol) Winstead; daughter Linda (Steve) Raye; grandchildren; Kristi (JD) Weir; Nikole (Donny) Burke; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007 in Birmingham, AL. The funeral and burial will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, IL at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, IL. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made in the Tomaras name and sent to the Greek American Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 220 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090.

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COOKING CORNER

Cherry tomatoes brighten winter

By Saimi Rote Bergmann
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Because it's nearly impossible to find a ripe, juicy, flavorful tomato in wintertime, we tend to flip right past the tomato salads in our cookbooks while planning holiday menus.

Cherry tomatoes to the rescue!

Unlike their full-size cousins, cherry tomatoes are flavorful year-round, whether grown in hothouses or shipped from warmer climes.

Ina Garten includes an elegantly simple cherry tomato and feta cheese salad in her new cookbook, "Barefoot Contessa At Home" (Clarkson Potter, \$35).

With just a handful of ingredients, Garten creates a dish you will want to make again and again.

The bright, clean flavors of tomatoes and fresh basil pair beautifully with pungent feta cheese and red onion. A simple dressing of champagne vinegar and olive oil marries the ingredients into a dish worthy

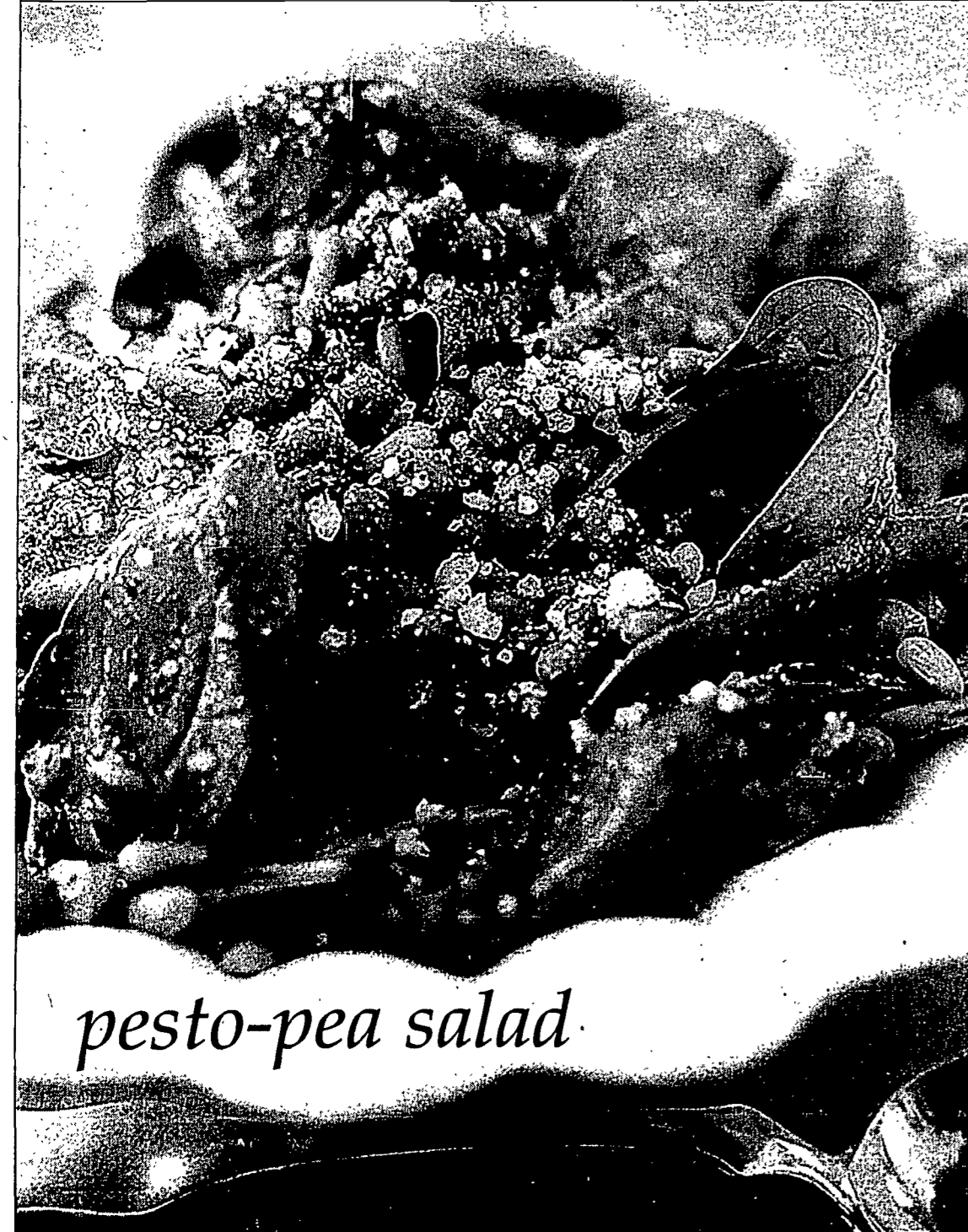
of a dinner party.

If you can't find cherry tomatoes, Garten offers another way to bring the bright hues of summer to your winter table - a salad made with frozen peas. Yes - peas.

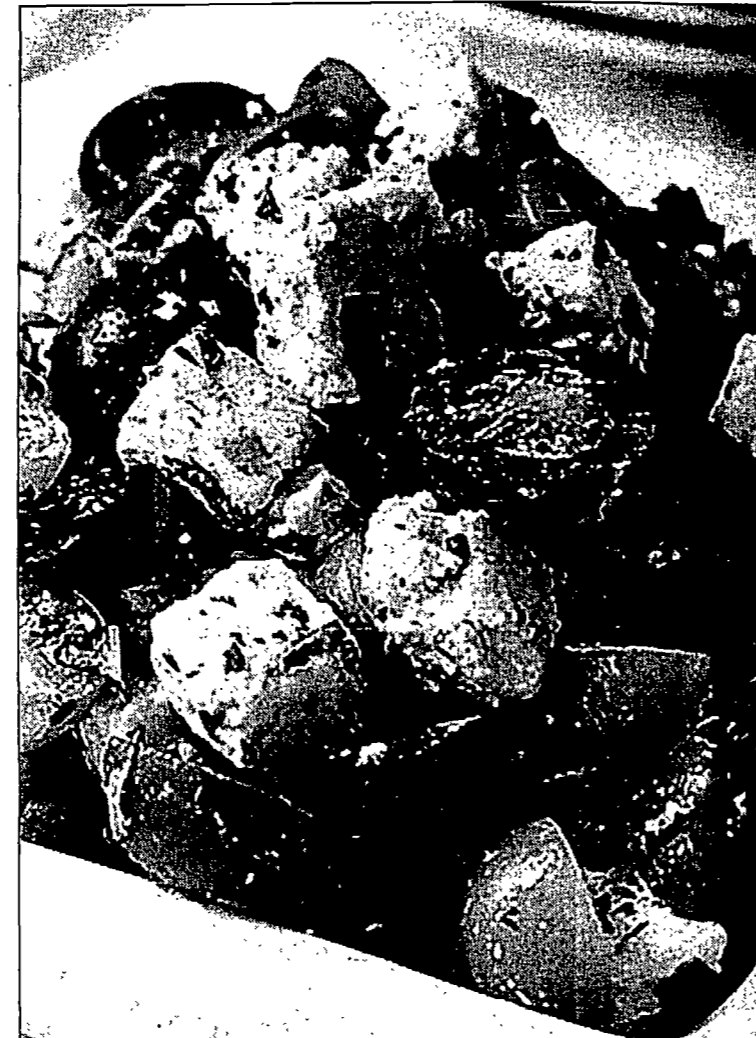
Again, the "Contessa" magically weaves a few simple ingredients into a remarkable salad of contrasting flavors and textures. You don't even have to make a dressing. Just toss peas, baby spinach leaves, and pine nuts with pesto and freshly grated Parmesan. It's magical.

1/4 pound baby spinach leaves, washed and spun dry
1 (10-ounce) package frozen peas, defrosted
1/2 cup prepared pesto
1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
Yields 4 servings.
Place spinach and peas in large bowl. Add pesto, cheese and salt. Toss well. Sprinkle with pine nuts and serve. "Barefoot Contessa At Home"



pesto-pea salad



tomato-feta salad

2 pints cherry tomatoes, red or mixed colors
1/2 cup red onion, small dice
2 tablespoons good white wine vinegar or champagne vinegar
3 tablespoons good olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves
2 tablespoons chopped fresh flatleaf parsley
1/2 pound feta cheese (Greek if available)

Yields 8 servings.
Cut tomatoes in 1/2 and place in large bowl. Add onion, vinegar, oil, salt, pepper, basil and parsley and toss. Dice feta into 1/2 to 3/4-inch pieces, crumbling it as little as possible. Gently fold into salad and serve at room temperature.
Note: Whisk oil and wine together until emulsified before pouring over tomatoes. Reduce onion to 1/4 cup and soak in cold water for 15 minutes for a more mellow flavor.

Money

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has generated a lot of growth. Even if you only want to convert your newer IRA to a Roth, you must still average in the earnings of any nondeductible IRA accounts. So if earnings represent 20 percent of the new IRA and 60 percent of the old one, you'd have to pay taxes on 40 percent of the account.

Nobody asked about the tax consequences of inheriting a nondeductible IRA - an even more obscure topic - but it's important to understand the handling directions so you can shrink that looming tax bill.

When you inherit a traditional IRA, you should determine if it's a deductible or a nondeductible account. Figuring this out isn't an easy as you might think, but it's worth the hassle.

If you inherit a nondeductible IRA, you won't have to pay federal taxes on the cost basis, which represents all the prior contributions. Suppose a father, for instance, plowed \$30,000 into a nondeductible IRA and it ultimately grew to \$45,000. The son or daughter would owe taxes only on the \$15,000. In contrast, if Dad had left a deductible IRA, the heir would face a tax liability on \$45,000.

'Black Snake Moan' skimpy

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

New Release

Black Snake Moan ★★½ - Perhaps not since Susan George slathered her body all over Sam Peckinpah's "Straw Dogs" (1971) has an actress

FILMS IN FOCUS

achieved such sluttiness as Christina Ricci in "Black Snake Moan." The title alone should warn off Ricci's early fans, who loved the moon-faced cutie of "The Addams Family" (1991). That girl is gone. Now, as sexpot Rae, Ricci is slenderly nubile and runs around clothed in sweat, a skimpy half-top and tiny panties. Old abuse vibes trigger nymphomania in Rae, who adores bullet-headed lover Ronnie (Justin Timberlake) but, once he exits, is available to his best friend and other studs. With less verve, Rae is a waif-eyed young woman, treated as less than a whore. Director and writer Craig Brewer wallows luridly with her, while Samuel L. Jackson steals the movie as Laz (Lazarus).

When Laz discovers Rae bloodily beaten on the road after her latest rape encounter, he takes her in, charitably. The ruling idea is that Laz, though full of blues old and new, will deny himself devil lust and so save them both. There are facile abortion mentions and dim stuff about Rae's miserable mother. But the movie snakes along with an earthy hiss, thanks to music, Jackson and Ricci's painful availability. A Paramount Vantage release. Director, writer: Craig Brewer. Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake, John Cothran Jr., Michael Raymond-James. Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes. Rated R.

Recent Releases

The Astronaut Farmer ★★★ - Heading south from the quirks of "Twin Falls Idaho," the Polish brothers (Mark, Michael) have gone to New Mexico, which subs for Texas, and made a sweet, congenial comedy of dreams. "The Astronaut Farmer" contains no murderously jealous astronauts. Billy Bob Thornton, looking more than ever like a Dust Bowl version of Humphrey Bogart, is the

dreamer named Farmer who wants to be an astronaut. Charles Farmer was once a hot Air Force pilot, but when his father died (suicide), he fell from NASA training and settled on the ranch, where cattle deposits and bank debts pile up. So what to do, stuck with 300-plus acres, a big barn and time to tinker? Of course: build a mighty rocket, with flight capsule on top. This oddball has something beyond root-for-the-roots sentiments. Thornton, well into his own orbit, is very genuinely appealing as a guy who wires his big dream machine to a loose but glowing screw in his head. Rise up, farm bird. A Warner Bros. release. Director: Michael Polish. Writers: Mark and Michael Polish. Cast: Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen, Bruce Willis, Gary Dern, J.K. Simmons, Gary Houston, Tim Blake Nelson. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated PG.

The Number 23 ★½ - It's supposed to get downright spooky after a while. Except it doesn't. Animal-control guy - that is, dogcatcher - Walter Sparrow (Jim Carrey) starts reading a tattered little self-published novel called "The Number 23" that his wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), picked up in a used bookstore. Eerily, the plot of the book parallels his own life. Eerier still - except it's not - is the book's fascination with what's known in certain more suggestive circles as "the 23 enigma." Carrey for the most part dials down, his energy level, but given that he's calibrated differently from the rest of us, his Walter is strung taut enough that even semi-dozing in his doggie van he suggests oncoming heebie-jeebies. A New Line Cinema release. Director: Joel Schumacher. Writer: Fernley Phillips. Cast: Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen, Danny Huston, Rhona Mitra, Lynn Collins. Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated R.

Bridge to Terabithia ★★★ - "Bridge to Terabithia" takes us down the old pike of Disney dreams, out past Norman Rockwell Estates toward Narnia City. It's a good trip. Katherine Paterson's prize-winning family novel has been adapted (partly by her son David) into a fluent, winning Disney vehicle. Set in one of those

cozy, idyllic towns that is partly suburban, mostly country, never urban enough to feel threatening, it is a story of youth surviving the puberty years (with mere winks of sexual interest). Josh Hutcherson is appealing Jesse, son in a large rural family, quietly artistic but all-guy. He is befriended by the spunky new neighbor, Leslie, played by hugely engaging AnnaSophia Robb. Her brisk, captivating smile is the golden ticket to a fantasyland in the woods that she names Terabithia. A lot of parents beg, bark and whine for family fare at the movies. "Bridge" shucks even its corn quota well, giving those parents (and their kids) what they claim to want. Folks, don't wait for the DVD. A Buena Vista Pictures release. Director: Gabor Csupo. Writers: Jeff Stockwell, David Paterson. Cast: Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Zoey Deschanel, Robert Patrick. Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated PG.

Music and Lyrics ★★½ - First, before the critical "meat" of "Music and Lyrics" - meat more like a taffy apple - let us light a perfumed candle for Drew Barrymore. Drew is dependably darling as Sophie Fisher, aspiring writer turned songsmith in "Music and Lyrics." She turns because Alex Fletcher (Hugh Grant), a musician, tells her that she has an innate flair for song lyrics, which we take at face value because the face is Barrymore's. Grant is the main but not broad stem of comedy as Alex, a has-been '80s pop sensation. He was the second-tier star of a group called Pop, their big hit being (such inspiration) "Pop Goes My Heart." After breaking away for a solo career that tanked, Alex is now a winsomely dutiful throb on the nostalgia circuit, playing venues like Busch Gardens and Knott's Berry Farm for fully ripened but giddy women. Grant happily rummages through his role, Barrymore is splendid with gulps and goofs, and Campbell Scott is an impeccably pompous author. A Warner Bros. release. Director, writer: Marc Lawrence. Cast: Drew Barrymore, Hugh Grant, Haley Bennett, Campbell Scott. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated PG-13.



Christina Ricci and Samuel L. Jackson star in the drama 'Black Snake Moan.' (CNS Photo courtesy of Bruce Talamon)

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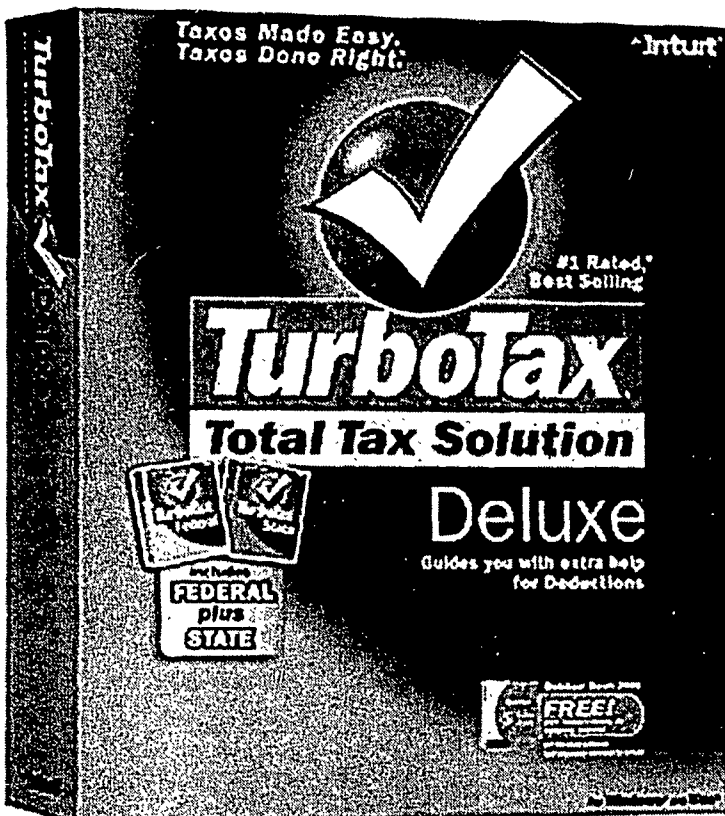
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MAYAANI (not rated) Friday: 7:00, 9:45; Saturday: 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sunday: 3:00, 5:45, 8:30; Monday: 4:45, 7:00, 9:45; Tuesday: 4:45, 7:00

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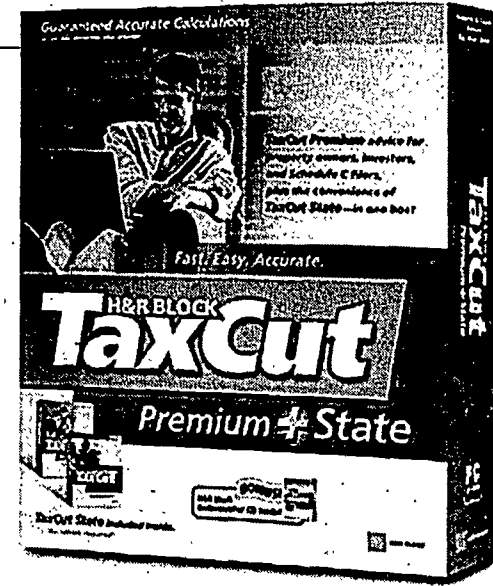
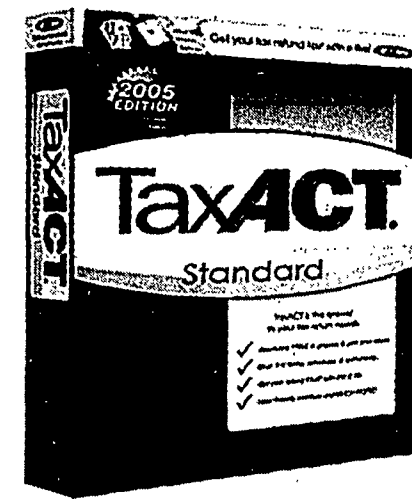
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Music & Lyrics (PG-13) 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
Dreamgirls (PG-13) 4:15, 7:30
Bridge to Terabithia (PG) 4:15, 6:15, 8:15
Friday, March 9
Music & Lyrics (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Bridge to Terabithia (PG) 4:30, 6:30, 8:45
Wild Hogs (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
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Tax Time - TurboTax, TaxCut and TaxACT are three of the top-selling tax preparation programs available to the public. (CNS Photo)



IRS offers free online federal tax preparation

By G. Patrick Kelley
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Decided to file your own taxes and looking for software? Or are you an expert looking for the best?

THE ALERT CONSUMER

There's a lot to choose from out there. A number of experts say TurboTax is the best this year, yet there are options for the less experienced and those who want to hold down the cost.

Professional accountants don't test software for consumers, although several certified public accountants in the Canton, Ohio, area said they use TurboTax. Running and checking tax software is left to research companies such as PC World, About.com and ConsumerSearch. All three reviewers declined interviews, but offered e-mail advice and the information on their Web sites.

In a class by itself for the uninitiated and unwealthy, the best bet is the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS offers free online federal tax preparation and e-filing for filers whose adjusted gross income is less than \$52,000.

If that doesn't sound like much, the IRS says 70 percent of all taxpayers - 95 million - qualify for its Free File, the free tax preparation and free electronic filing program. About 20 companies participate in the program, run by the IRS and the FreeFile Alliance, a consortium of tax preparation software companies.

The service is available only through the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. It's in its fifth year. This year it offers more consumer-friendly features and expanded services for Spanish-speaking taxpayers, they say.

There is no charge to use the IRS service, but the company helping you may charge a fee for transmission.

On your Own

For those of you who are a little more accustomed to doing it on your own, TurboTax from Intuit, TaxCut from H&R Block, and TaxACT from 2nd StorySoftware get the nod from PC World, About.com and ConsumerSearch.

All three reviewers declined interviews, but offered e-mail advice.

Taxcut

At about \$20, TaxACT is the cheapest and maybe best for beginners.

ConsumerSearch said it's "quick and accurate, but not as sophisticated as more expensive tax software." About.com said it's the most difficult to navigate and provides less tax help and advice than the other two programs.

All three agree that if you have a simple tax return or don't require much extra help, TaxACT is a bargain.

Taxcut

For those who have navigated electronic taxes before, ConsumerSearch calls TaxCut Premium the best budget tax software (at about \$25), and other reviewers said it's close to TurboTax Premier in sophistication, but TaxCut is cheaper.

But your taxes still have to be pretty straightforward, and if you have used TaxCut in the past, reviews say there's little reason to switch, according to ConsumerSearch. One feature is that if you are audited, H&R Block will help you prepare for your audit meetings with no extra charge (provided you e-file your return).

TurboTax

If you really know what you're doing, reviewers say

TurboTax Premier Federal (plus State) (about \$65) is the best tax software for complex returns, edging out TaxCut.

This version has a more comprehensive interview process, especially for complicated topics such as multiple stock sales, business deductions, depreciation and mortgage refinancing, as well as rental income and expenses, according to ConsumerSearch.

"It's overkill for taxpayers with simple returns," according to PC World.

Reviewers also said there's better guidance and more comprehensive support for less common scenarios in TurboTax than in its competitors. TurboTax Premier includes federal software and one free download of state software.

If the extra tools for stock sales or rental property aren't necessary, TurboTax Deluxe (about \$40) is less expensive.

Is your Return Complicated

Here are some factors that may require more sophisticated software:

- Mileage deductions, particularly in multiple categories, such as medical, charitable and business (your own or one where you are an employee).

- Depreciation expense, which you can claim on Schedule C or Form 2106 or both. Depreciation is more complicated if it involves continuing to expense items purchased earlier.

- Non-cash charitable contributions exceeding \$500, or a large contribution to a single group.

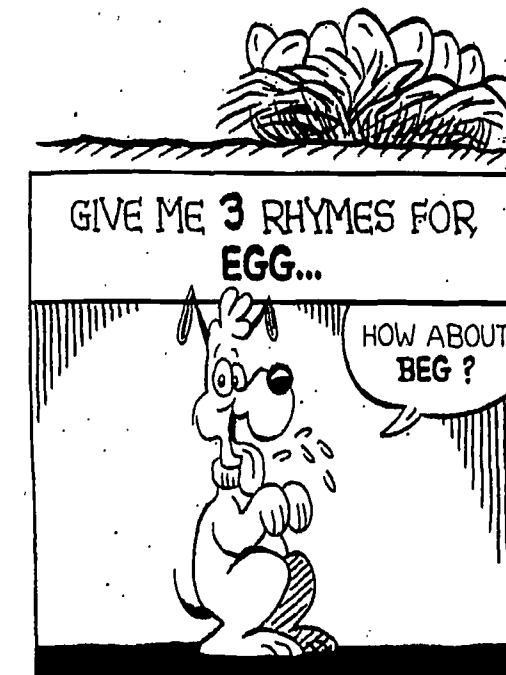
- Anything that might trigger the Alternative Minimum Tax.
- Asset sales or complications resulting from the ever-changing treatment of stock sales and dividends. (For example, selling shares that you purchased at several different times).

Source: PC World

By J.R. Rose - Copley News Service

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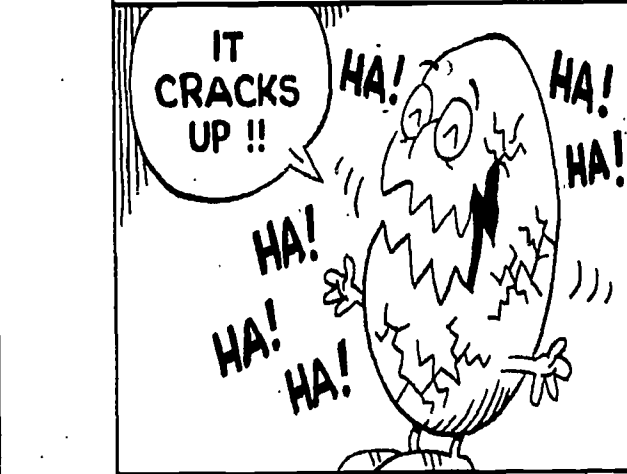
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Tim Herd's Watchable Wildlife Guide

wildlife observation in the right place at the right time

Week of March 11-17, 2007

Sky dancer



Enrolling in a promising thermal, the noisy ruddy hawk rises in soaring circles over its territory, calling constantly, then sideslips and dives steeply on folded wings to its starting spot, pulls up and repeats. The aerial nuptials of the extremely vocal red-shouldered hawk has begun. So suggestively appealing is the display, neighboring pairs often join the procession.

Courtship concluded, the woodland hawk builds or refurbishes its nest, most often found far from the forest edges, but near a water source. The bulky cup of twigs is usually constructed in the main crotch of a large tree and lined with leaves, lichen and other greenery - even the occasional cornstalk, piece of twine, and the woven nests of small songbirds.

The cheery egg basket welcomes a clutch of three to four bluish-white, brown-blotched eggs, which are then incubated by both parents for about 33 days. The naked young hatch at different times and vary in size, and fledge some 45 days later. Listen for the parental pair exchanging "kip" calls while feeding the nestlings.

WHERE TO OBSERVE

Ouachita National Forest, Ark.
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Shenandoah National Park, Va.

LOOK FOR

medium-sized hawk blotchy dark plumage with rusty-red shoulder patches brownish red underparts underwings show pale crescent across outer edges narrow white bands and tip on fan-shaped tail quick, choppy wingbeats

LISTEN FOR

high, clear, repeated "kee-aah"

Red-shouldered hawk

Buteo lineatus

15-18 inches

Habitat: dense forests with clearings and water

Range Key: Breeding Year-round Nonbreeding

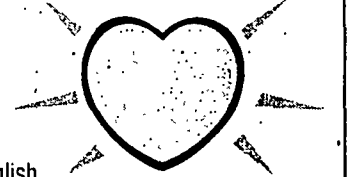


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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Body Language



An idiom is a quirky expression that cannot be literally translated. Many English idioms use body parts. Complete the following expressions with an anatomical part.

1. To be angry is to be "up in _____"
2. To ignore an insult is to "turn the other _____"
3. To be unable to manage things means to be "in over your _____"
4. To mildly shock people is to "raise some _____"
5. To be generous is to have a "_____ of gold."

Answers: 1. up in arms 2. turn the other cheek 3. in over your head 4. raise some eyebrows 5. heart of gold

Copley News Service

Take up your designer's counter proposal

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are trying to fit a new master bathroom into what was our son's long, narrow bedroom. Our designer/contractor is suggesting that we have dual lavato-

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ries, not on the same wall. His design calls for a long counter that angles around a corner with my husband's sink on one end, mine on the other. Two questions: Is this a good idea? How will that long countertop look?

A: Two answers: Yes, and terrific. It's a smart use of floor space, and that angled countertop will afford lots more room for you both. These days, tandem sinks are essential, especially for couples who work. They should be equal, but separate, says New York designer John Buscarello. He absolutely insists that the sinks be on opposite walls, if possible - the better to avoid domestic run-ins.

What material for the countertop? Many of today's laminates are very attractive - they can be made to look like everything from natural stone to burnished metals - but because the counter will be a major feature in your bath, you might want to invest in something with more presence.

In the subtly superb bath we show here, the counters are made of onyx. Not just the counters, but also the shower walls and tub walls, too. The homeowner so loved the look of the onyx slabs, she wanted them used throughout the bath, says the designer, Debbie Nassetta, CKD/CBD (the initials stand for Certified Kitchen and Bath Designer, a professional designation earned from the National Kitchen & Bath Association;



A Superb Bath - Deluxe natural materials such as onyx and crafted hardwood cabinets wrap this posh master bath. (CNS Photo)

www.nkba.org).

With its rich color and veining, the onyx raised the bar for the other material choices. The floors are marble and the handsome custom cherry wood cabinets are from Wood-Mode (www.wood-mode.com). Don't miss the angled corner cabinet and the architectural detailing of the frames on the large mirrors over both his and her vanity areas.

A Little Spring Refreshment

No hammers or paintbrushes are required for some of the quickest pick-me-ups imaginable. As fast as you can make your bed, for example, you can put

your entire bedroom in a totally new mood.

New York's recent textile market debuted some really different looks in bed linens by such top designers as Alexa Hampton, totally talented daughter of the late uber-designer Mark Hampton, and Clodagh, the Irish-born, eco-conscious designer who uses only one name.

Translated into textiles for Homestead Brands (including familiars like Cannon and Royal Velvet), their ideas for today's stress-down bedroom are softer to the eye and hand. Colors are quieter; patterns like paisleys, plaids, and old-fashioned florals were all about natural tones,

even monochromes. Tailoring is impeccable, almost manly, with important dressmaker touches everywhere: quilting, trapunto, tassels, wooden buttons. The net result is Bedroom As Retreat - and now for him as well as her (www.homesteadbrands.com).

Meanwhile, HGTV's Candice Olson's bedding ensembles might set off metal detectors slipping through the bedroom door. Designing for JLA Home (www.jlahome.com), she mixes metallics like silver and copper with surprises, like satins topstitched with never-ending whorls and pillows glinting heavy-metal accents. There are satiny ombre comforters in sub-

tle colors, and signature touches of feathers, beads and faux fur for true star quality.

Tall, talented and glam herself in gun metal satin, Candice brings a new kind of sensuousness to the most personal room in the house.

And isn't that a refreshing thought for any season?

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Choosing garden catalog companies for ordering

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I get a few garden catalogs in the mail, but I don't know if they are reputable companies. Can you help me know which companies I should order from?

A GREENER VIEW

A: Probably the safest companies to order gardening products from are ones that have a local store that you can purchase from. The second safest group are the companies that are members of the Mailorder Gardening Association. It is a nonprofit organization that helps the companies provide better service. Since most garden catalog companies are small family operations, it is in their best interest to help their customers.

In fact, the most recent survey shows that 95 percent of mail-order garden shoppers were very or somewhat satisfied with the way the seeds, bulbs and plants they ordered grew in their gardens. An equal

percentage (95 percent) of mail-order customers were very or somewhat satisfied with the way their gardening products and supplies performed.

A full 90 percent of all mail-order gardening shoppers had no complaints whatsoever about their dealings with the MGA-member mail-order catalogs and Web sites from which they ordered gardening products.

The MGA also sponsors a garden grant program for school-age children to introduce them to the joys of gardening and the values it instills.

The organization recruits judges from outside interests to decide which products are worthy of receiving the MGA Green Thumb Awards. For 2007, there were five plant winners and five product winners.

The winning products were selected based on their uniqueness, technological innovation, ability to solve a gardening problem or provide a gardening opportunity, and potential appeal to gardeners.

Brent and Becky's Bulbs won with the "Fire of Love" tulip.

The flower is deep red, and its double petals are ruffled. The foliage is extremely variegated with streaks of white, pink, green and purple on the wavy leaves. It blooms in mid-spring with flowers that reach 10 to 14 inches tall.

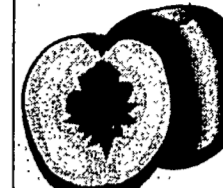
Growing apricots has been a challenge for many homeowners because the trees tend to bloom so early that late frosts can kill an entire year's crop. Sugar Pearls, from Henry Fields, blooms much later than other apricot varieties, ensuring larger and more reliable harvests for Northern gardeners. The fruit are self-pollinating so you only need one tree to get sweet golden-honey flavored apricots. Good for USDA zones 4-7.

"King Harry" makes growing organic potatoes easier than ever. Developed by Cornell University and field tested by Wood Prairie Farm, "King Harry" is resistant to the pests that bother Irish potatoes - including Colorado potato beetles and potato leafhoppers, because they dislike its hairy leaves.

GARDEN TIP

2007 MGA Awards

Mailorder Gardening Association Green Thumb Awards introduce five new plant varieties:



SUGAR PEARLS APRICOT

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Sugar pearls bloom much later than other apricot varieties, ensuring larger and more reliable harvests for Northern gardeners.



TRUGOLD PEACH

HENRY FIELDS'S SEED & NURSERY CO.
TruGold peach trees produce fruit that is rich and sweet peaches in the second year it is planted.

TULIP 'FIRE OF LOVE'

BRENT AND BECKY'S BULBS
The fire of love flower is deep red, and its double petals are delightfully ruffled. The stunning foliage is extremely variegated with streaks of white, pink, green and purple on the wavy leaves.

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ORGANIC 'KING HARRY' POTATO

WOOD PRAIRIE FARM
King Harry is an upright plant with pale purple blossoms that yields a heavy crop of bright-skinned tubers with pearly white flesh. King Harry is resistant to the pests that bother Irish potatoes, like beetles and leafhoppers.



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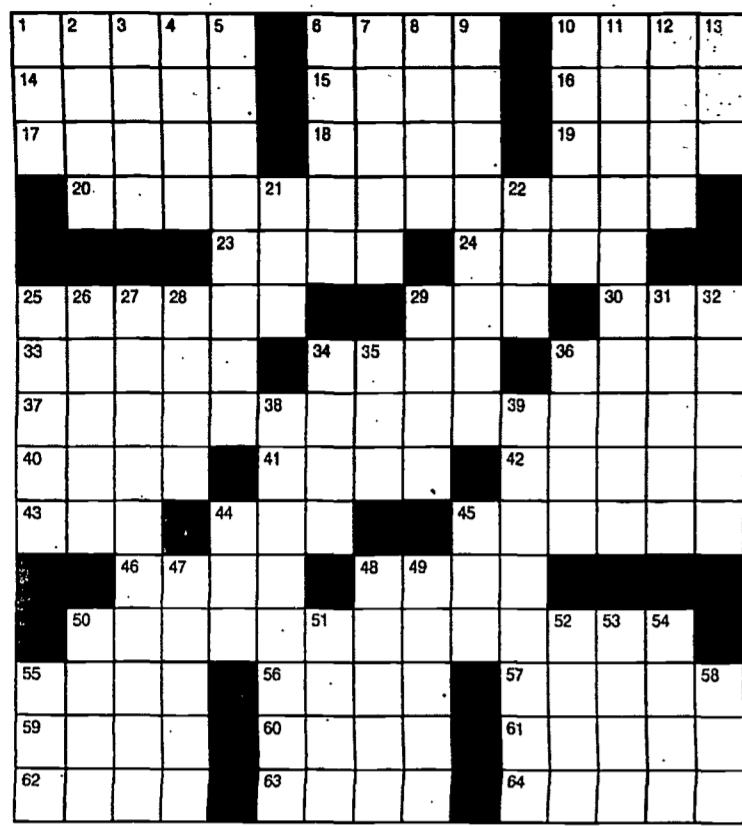
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Don't Let Your Electronic Gear Put You In Danger

Electronic gear can be a hazzard. Be aware that some items draw more electricity than others. If the addition of new electrical equipment is causing fuses to fail or circuit breakers to trip, you may be overloading your home's electrical system. That could be dangerous, because overloaded electrical circuits start a substantial number of fires in U.S. homes every year. Here are some tips to help keep you safe from electric shock or circuit overload. In the kitchen:
- Plug any kitchen appliance that uses water, such as coffee and espresso machines, blenders and juicers, only into GFCI outlets.
- Freestanding microwave ovens should not share a circuit with any other electrical appliance.
- In the living room:
- Large-screen televisions can draw a lot of power. Give them their own circuits.
- If room lights dim when an electrical component, such as a TV, is turned on, a circuit is probably overloaded. Either spread the electrical load to more circuits or have additional circuits installed by a licensed electrician.
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8060 W. Oakton St.
Oak Mill Mall
7900 N. Milwaukee Ave.
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9100 Golf Rd.
St. Andrews Life Center
7000 N. Newark
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7400 N. Waukegan Rd.
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8975 Golf Rd.
Village Creamery
8000 Waukegan Rd.
Village of Niles Town Center
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6300 Touhy Ave.
PARK RIDGE
Bank of Park Ridge
104 S. Main St.
Einstein's Bagels
23 S. Prospect Ave.
Maine Park Leisure Center
2701 Sibley.
Maine Township Bldg.
1700 Ballard Rd.
Morningfields
800 Devon Ave.
Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce
140 Euclid.
Park Ridge City Hall
505 Butler Pl.
Park Ridge Community Center
1515 W. Touhy Ave.
Park Ridge Senior Center
100 S. Western Ave.
Resurrection Nursing Center
Oakton & Greenwood
Scissorhands Barber
739 Devon Ave.
Starbucks
100 S. Northwest Hwy.
Starbucks
15 S. Prospect Ave.
Summit Square
10 N. Summit.
Uptown Train Station
Summit & Prospect
Venus Restaurant
18 S. Northwest Hwy.
Walter's Restaurant
28 Main St.
MORTON GROVE
Bethany Terrace
8425 Waukegan Rd.
Entenmanns
7931 Golf Rd.
Family Pantry
9259 Waukegan Ave.
CVS Pharmacy
5930 Dempster St.
Kappy's
7200 Dempster St.
Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce
6101 Capulina.
Morton Grove Library
6140 Lincoln.
Morton Grove Senior Center
6140 Dempster St.
Morton Grove Village Hall
6101 Capulina.
Produce World
8801 Waukegan Rd.
Super Cup Coffee Shop
8509 Fernald
CHICAGO
Family Pride Cleaners
6204 N. Sayre Ave.
First Nations Bank
7757 W. Devon Ave.
Happy Foods
6783 N. Northwest Hwy.
Kaages Korner Newstand
Northwest Highway & Oliphant (Downtown Edison Park)
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