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The Niles Park District broke ground for their new multi-purpose gymnasium last week. The building is expected to be completed next fall. For the story, see page 4.



### Dive into Sports

Maine South and Niles West faced off in both swimming and football this weekend. For coverage, turn to the sports section, page 17.

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## Interim director of MG Chamber resigns

Board members chip until new director is found

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Vicky Cosa, acting director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce resigned two weeks ago to go back to school, according to Chamber Vice-President Lisa Williams. While Cosa was only an interim director, board members have had to step in to fill the void while the search for a new director gets underway.

"She was never made the full director," Williams said. "We're currently accepting applications for the position."

The Chamber has hired someone to man the office and answer the phones while the board members, especially President Terry Liston and Williams pitch in to help plan events like the business after-hours until a new director is selected.

"We're all doing our part," said Williams. "I'm doing our newsletter and Terry has been stepping in too."

The new director needs to have a variety of qualities, but most of all, they need to be self-motivated.

"We're looking for someone who's a speaker," said Williams. "They need to be able to plan events, be incredibly organized and be an energetic self-starter."

Several resumes have crossed the Chamber board's desk, according to Williams. They're currently being reviewed.

"The nice thing about the Morton Grove Chamber is that it's small compared to its neighbors," she said. "As a result, a director can affect big changes in a small time."

Williams and the board feel a responsibility to fill the void because the Chamber is so important to the business community in Morton Grove.

"It's an incredibly valuable organization," said Williams. "We just want to make sure that the progress we've made in the last few years continues."

The future is also bright, she said, expecting great things from the new board members.

"We've got a lot of good people coming in with next year's board," she said.



## Ready for the Runway

Pookie gets ready to strut her stuff on the runway at the Niles Senior Center's third annual Pet Parade Monday, Oct. 11. For more photos from the event, turn to page 11.

## Judge dismisses MGO suit MGO leaders move fight to state court

Federal Judge James F. Holderman dismissed the Morton Grove Organization, LCC's (MGO) suit against the village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Community Center (MCC) last week.

Holderman ruled that the MGO didn't have standing to bring a suit against the village in federal court, but said that he would not rule on several issues

in the complaint that were under the jurisdiction of state courts.

Pat Kansoer, managing member of the MGO said that the group plans to file its case again in state court by the end of business on Friday.

"The membership of the MGO was disappointed that we didn't have our day in court," he said. "But it's not over."

Kansoer said that the new suit would ask for \$14.5 million in

damages.

Holderman replaced the case's former judge, Paul E. Plunkett last month and ruled faster than expected. Plunkett originally set a date of Oct. 28 for a final determination on the case, but Holderman cancelled it, prompting speculation that he would take some time to familiarize himself with the case's particularities.

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## Flu vaccine shortage cancels local clinics Lutheran General, Niles Senior Center clinics still scheduled

A shortage of flu vaccine has cancelled clinics around the country including the annual clinics at the village of Morton Grove's Department of Family and Senior Services. However, the Niles Senior will proceed with its originally scheduled flu clinics and Lutheran General Hospital also has a full supply of the vaccine.

The local counties negotiated a

price for the vaccine as a group with the British Chiron Corp., the nation's second largest supplier of the medicine. Morton Grove also placed its order through Chiron.

Authorities in the United Kingdom suspended Chiron's manufacturing license last week after evidence of contamination turned up in some batches of vaccine at its Liverpool plant. The

company had planned to deliver 45 million doses to the United States this year.

Health officials in the United States have urged healthy adults to skip immunization in order to save more doses for those at high risk for severe complications, such as babies and toddlers, those 65 and

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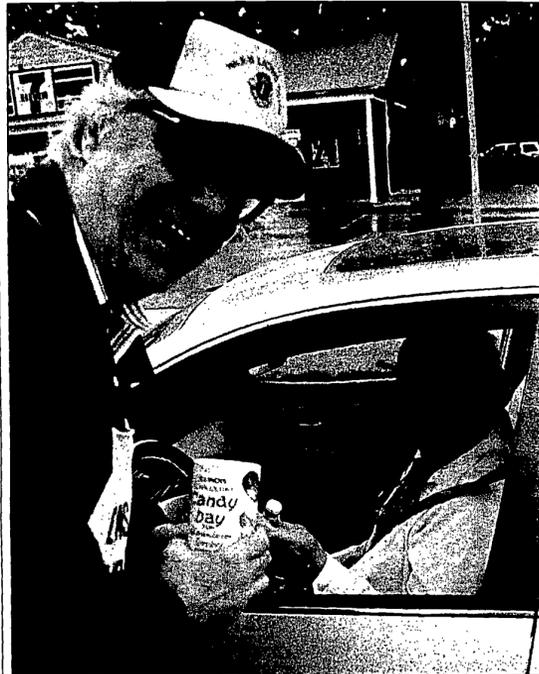
Photo by Allen KalataBugle

NEWS



Park District's Gonzales joins National Guard

Demi Gonzales, employee of Niles Park District, was recently congratulated by President Jim Hynes. Demi enlisted in the Army National Guard and will start training at Fort Knox on Monday October 4, 2004. The entire Park District wishes Demi well and are very proud of his decision to serve, said Executive Director Joseph LoVerde. Pictured, left to right, Commissioners Bill Terpinas, Chuck Barbaglia, President Jim Hynes, Demi Gonzales, Vice-President Elaine Heinen and Executive Director Joseph LoVerde



A Sweet Smile

Norbert Johnson President of the Niles Lions Club gets a donation from Paul Rauch of Park Ridge Friday evening at Oakton and Milwaukee during the Lions Club annual candy day.

NEWS

Customer day, Halloween tour planned at Park Ridge Park District

Oakton Driving Range Customer Appreciation Day Come to the Oakton Driving Range for Customer Appreciation Days. This event will take place on Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy coffee, rolls, soft drinks, hot dogs, free instructional clinics, trick shots, contests and giveaways. On Saturday, Special Guest, Jim Thornton (former Bears player, currently on celebrity golf tour) will be at the Range from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Oakton Driving Range is located at 2800 W. Oakton, Park Ridge, IL. (847) 692-3580

prairie this Halloween season. Wander through this tall grass terror for chills and thrills. Tip toe through a scary maze, past the things that go bump in the night. Younger children are invited to attend the Fun (non-scary) Haunted Prairie early in the day. If you're ready for a fright, sign up for the Scary Haunted Prairie beginning at 7:00pm. In case of inclement weather, the rain date for the event will be the following Saturday, October 23. We encourage families and individuals to register in advance for the event, but participants may also pay at the door. All proceeds from this event benefit the Wildwood Nature Center Prairie.

Halloween Ghost Tour You won't want to miss this afternoon tour hosted by Chicago Ghost Hunter, Richard Crowe. The tour features locations from O'Hare in the north to Resurrection Cemetery in the south including Gangster ghost tales, an Indian burial ground and more! Material is suitable for all ages. No excessive walking or stairs. Tour is conducted on a luxury coach bus. We will stop for a refreshment break (purchases optional).

Paws Park Halloween Party Looking for a way to show off your dog? Dress him/her up in their scariest costume and participate in the Paws Park Halloween Party. Dogs will be able to parade around Paws Park and those with the best costume will receive a prize. The event will be held on Saturday, October 30 from 1:00 p.m. through 1:30 p.m. at Paws Park, 2800 W. Oakton. The fee is \$3 per dog with Paws Park membership and \$5 per dog without a Paws Park membership.

Haunted Prairie frightens Enjoy the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District's outdoor haunted

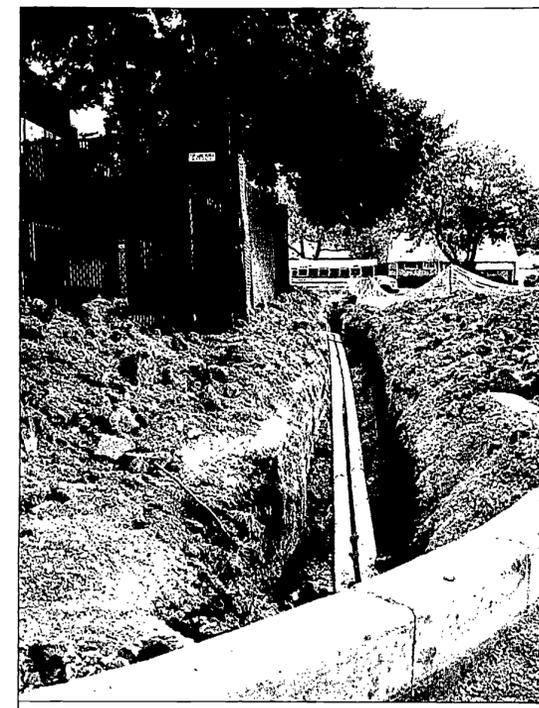
Construction begins on Oasis cell tower

Construction has begun on a new cell tower that will be shaped like a flag on the southwest corner of the Niles Park District's Oasis Water Park. When the tower is completed, it could hold antennas from up to four different cellular carriers and bring up to \$100,000 a year to the District's coffers.

U.S. Cellular is building the tower and will be its first tenant. The District is currently negotiating with Sprint to be the second carrier. An initial payment of \$10,000 from each carrier will help the District to beautify the property.

The construction of the tower will require the Ciabbari Garden to be reconstructed. The Garden was dedicated to a Niles resident who passed away. Park District Director Joe LoVerde said that the Garden would be reconstructed when the tower was completed and rededicated.

At the tower's base, a plaza will be constructed with paving bricks and benches for people to sit on.



A trench was recently dug around the Oasis Water Park Building in order to route telecommunications lines to a new cell tower being constructed to resemble a flag pole at the southwest corner of the Niles Park District's property.



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NEWS

### Annual Halloween party approaches

Niles Police caution residents about early sundown

Halloween is right around the corner and the Niles Police wish to remind area youths, parents and motorists to be aware that with October comes early sundown and decreased visibility. Remember to be safe while walking or driving after dark.

During the Halloween season, remember not to accept rides or candy from strangers. Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious people or circumstances.

As an alternative to Trick-or-Treating, the Niles Police Department and the village of Niles will be hosting their annual Halloween Party. This year, the part will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf School, 8301 Harlem.

The police encourage youths and their families to come to the event.

### Park Ridge VFW held safety program

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Park Ridge Post #3579 had their safety program "Fifty-Five Alive."

Classes were held Wednesday, Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. People that registered had to attend the two days to receive their certificate to present to their insurance company to receive their discount on their car insurance.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW served refreshments during the break period.

### Park Ridge Garden Club hosts meeting

The Park Ridge Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on October 14 at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave. Guest Speaker Lou Ann Grabowski, landscape architect and faculty member at College of DuPage, where she teaches Landscape Design, will discuss water gardening, and outdoor lighting. Guests are invited. Guest fee \$3.00.



### Turning a shovel-full

(Left to right) Niles Park District commissioners Elaine Heinen, Ray Czarnik, Chuck Barbaglia, Jim Hynes, Bill Terpinas, and Park District President Joe LoVerde break ground for a new 35,000 square foot multi-purpose gymnasium at 7800 Caldwell Ave. Wednesday morning October 6, 2004. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

### Park District breaks ground for new building

The Niles Park District broke ground for their new multi-purpose gymnasium to be built on the former Moscow Nights property near the intersection of Howard and Caldwell.

"We anticipate having bids in and construction started by the middle of October," LoVerde said. The Park District chose to go with

a design/build contract with architect Wight and Company, guaranteeing a maximum price of \$5.75 million for the new facility, well below the \$6.5 million originally budgeted for construction.

"We're hoping to put the key in the door at that price," LoVerde said. The difference between the bud-

geted amount and the guaranteed price would be used to fund several capital projects in the District, including updating the neighboring Tam Tennis Complex so that it would be handicapped-accessible.

"We're hoping we'll be able to realize some savings," said LoVerde. "As long as they're putting

an elevator in the new building, they can put one in the Tam Complex as well."

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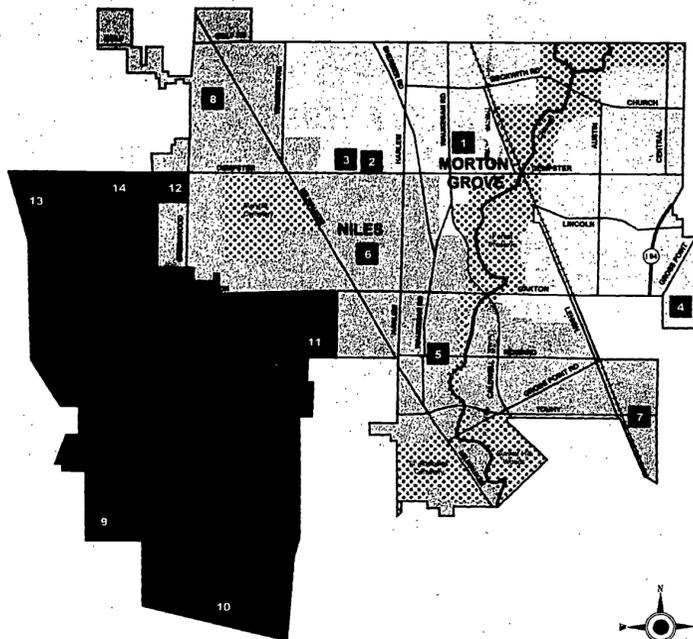
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# POLICE BLOTTER



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jam the items into her pants. Police said they recovered 18 items from the girl including four pairs of slippers.

**4 Syringe found (5400 Keeney)**

A Morton Grove woman called police Sunday afternoon October 3 after she saw a child playing with a syringe with a needle attached to it in the 5400 block of Keeney. The woman said she approached the child and took the syringe away. She also said she checked to see if the child was bleeding. Police said they found another syringe in the same area during their investigation.

**NILES**

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending October 8, 2004.

**5 Car stereo system stolen (7700 Nordica)**

A 51-year-old Niles woman told police someone broke into her 1990 Chevy Suburban sometime between September 27 and September 30 and removed stereo equipment valued at nearly \$1,500. The woman told police the thieves allegedly took the items to a local pawn shop but they left with the items after the owner would not give them full value.

**6 Bathtubs stolen (8200 Octavia)**

An estimated \$7,200 in bathroom fixtures and tools were reported stolen from a house under construction in the 8200 block of Octavia Wednesday morning October 6. Among the items reported stolen were two bathtubs. The owner told police someone gained entrance to the home through an unlocked window.

**7 Photo paper theft (5700 Touhy)**

A 33-year-old Skokie man

added a battery charge to his shoplifting charges when he pushed away an Office Depot employee trying to stop him from stealing photo paper from the store in the 5700 block of Touhy. Sunday evening October 3. The employee told police she watched the man walk over to the display and remove two packages of photo paper. She said she tried to stop the man outside of the store, but he pushed her away. The employee said moments later the man walked back into the store and took more photo paper and walked out. The employee said this time she did not confront the man but followed him to get a description of his car and license plate number. About two hours later Skokie police located the car in the 5000 block of Greenleaf in Skokie and took the driver into custody. The employee at the store identified the man and a search of the man's apartment produced the stolen photo paper. The papers were valued at \$112.42. The man was charged with retail theft and aggravated battery. He has a court date of October 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Skokie.

**8 Shoplifting (Golf Mill)**

A 30-year-old Niles woman and a 25-year-old Deplaines woman were charged with felony retail theft after security guards at the Sears store in Golf Mill watched the women fill a plastic bag with \$347.00 worth of clothing and conceal the bag in a baby stroller and walk out of the store. The two women have an October 8 court date.

**PARK RIDGE**

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending October 11, 2004.

**9 Thieves make big haul on Devon (1700 Devon)**

Burglars made off with more than \$16,000 worth of computers, stereo equipment, jewelry, and cash after forcing open the front door of a home in the 1700 block of Devon sometime during the morning hours of Friday October 1. The owners of the home also told police the burglars stole their car titles.

**10 Car burglary (1000 Higgins)**

A 1996 Toyota Tercel parked in a parking lot in the 1000 block of Higgins was burglarized Monday night October 4. An Aiwa car stereo valued at \$300 and leather jacket valued at \$250 along with a cell phone were taken.

**11 Construction tools stolen (700 Oriole)**

Nearly \$2,000 worth of construction tools were stolen from a 1986 Chevy van parked in the owner's driveway in the 700 block of Oriole Tuesday night October 5. The owner said thieves popped the rear window.

**12 Vandalism (1400 Carol)**

Vandals punctured all tires and smashed the windshield of a 1992 Chevy Cavalier parked in a lot in the 1400 block of Carol Thursday September 30.

**13 Office theft (1500 N. Northwest Hwy.)**

Someone made off with two wallets from purses left in an office in the 1500 block of N. Northwest Hwy. Friday afternoon October 1.

**14 Specimens stolen (1800 Dempster)**

Someone removed a specimen box containing 6 prostate specimens from the rear stairwell of a medical office in the 1800 block of Dempster Monday night September 27.

**SUMMARY OF CRIME:**

Morton Grove

Theft-5  
Burglary 2

Niles

Theft-6  
Burglary-2  
DUI-5

Park Ridge

Arrests-22  
Burglary 4  
Vandalism-2  
Theft-3

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**MORTON GROVE**

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**1 Insurance salesman to make claim (6800 Dempster)**

A laptop valued at \$2,300 was taken from a rental car parked at the Prairie View Shopping Center Monday morning October 4. The owner of the laptop, an insurance salesman

from Ohio, told police someone opened the rear passenger door of the 2005 Chevy Classic and removed the laptop. The owner said there were no signs of forced entry. He also told police he used the car's remote locking device to lock the car when he left but could not be certain that it worked.

**2 Purse lifted from cart (7230 Dempster)**

A 52-year-old Inverness woman told police someone stole her purse from her shopping cart while she was shopping at a store at 7230

Dempster. Saturday afternoon October 2. The woman told police someone distracted her while shopping and someone else must have lifted her purse. The woman said the purse, valued at \$350, contained \$500 in cash and a Visa card.

**3 Lingerie theft (7200 Dempster)**

A 17-year-old Chicago girl was arrested at clothing store in the 7200 block of Dempster Friday night October 1 after a security guard watched the girl fill a shopping cart with various lingerie items and then

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### What was your favorite Halloween costume?

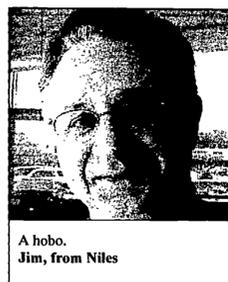
*Next week:*  
What's the most important issue to you in the presidential campaign?  
We'll be at Kappy's Restaurant again in Morton Grove at 11 a.m. on Thursday morning. Hope to see you there!



My favorite costume was a ballerina.  
Winnie, from Buffalo Grove



A clown.  
Eleanor, from Skokie



A hobo.  
Jim, from Niles



By Chuck Baldacchino

## Would you buy a used car from this man?

Ever bought a used car? From a dealer or from on a lot?

The stereotypical used car salesman's first questions have to do with "color" or "options". He/she (stereotypically, he) will NEVER ask you if you want to buy a car. He will CERTAINLY NEVER tell you the PRICE of the car up front.

His focus will be distraction; it'll be to get you "invested" in the car that's in front of your eyes, the one HE wants to sell. The car will have been polished and vacuumed and had a scent device liberally applied to the inside. (Maybe even with a "new car" smell.)

Oh, he'll let you kick the tires, but he probably won't let you look under the hood, or under the car for oil-drip spots. He'll say it's your, and it was only driven by a little old lady back and forth to

church. And a test drive? Maybe, but with the radio on and a constant patter from his mouth - maybe to drown out any noises that might make you nervous.

Well, at the recent Uptown Redevelopment (UR), Target Area 2 (TA2), public input meeting, what the residents who bothered to attend got was the used-car-salesman treatment.

There were lots of pretty pictures. Not ACCURATE pretty pictures, but prettied-up pretty pictures. With plenty of self-serving "errors" in the form of "artist's conceptions", "approximate renderings", and wishful thinking.

But pay no attention to those, folks. (As in "Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.") This is just a conceptual presentation to give you a "flavor" of what to expect on TA2. There are some problems to be worked out; but let's not worry about those. There are some regulatory bodies that have to be heard from; but let's assume they'll agree to what we'd

like them to allow us to do. And just look at all the pretty colors!

And the price? Oh, let's not worry our pretty little heads about the cost of this project. Price is no object to get this great Uptown for Park Ridge, is it? So let's not even talk about it. Isn't this plan just so "you"? Look at all the pretty pictures!

The "presentation" would have been a joke if it weren't so serious. (I guess a used car salesman needs to make money, too. That ethics play no part in this process has come to be accepted.)

Well, caveat emptor. (Let the buyer beware.) What I saw was the crew arranging deck chairs on the Titanic. (Or maybe what I heard was the band playing "Nearer my God to thee".) But it was a train wreck (oops; an iceberg collision, to keep the metaphor consistent) waiting to happen.

You'd have seen it, too, if you'd bothered to be there. 30,000 adults in Park Ridge. 13,000 property tax payers in Park Ridge. And all we could get to see (and comment?) were about 30 citizens?

What a sham. What a shame.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com

## Letters

### Hopefully facts, not emotions will prevail at MEC hearings

Dear Editor,

On the first night of the hearings for a Special Use permit for the MEC property, MCC President Dr. Kaiseruddin displayed a slide that said the Fire Department and an independent traffic consultant hired by the Village of Morton Grove appeared without previous notification to MEC and conducted traffic counts on 7/13/04. The Passenger to Car Ratio (PCR) determined by them that day was 2.43. The MCC has agreed to a much lower PCR of 1.5.

And independent consultants hired by the Village have previously confirmed the findings of the MCC's traffic consultant that traffic would not be an issue with the expansion.

The Bugle in its 9-30-04 edition reported that some questioners the next night "pointed out that the MCC knew when the traffic counts were to be conducted. They called for an independent traffic count".

Either the questioners chose to ignore deliberately what was presented by the MCC or are misinformed. One questioner admitted she was not even present on the first night of the hearings. Yet she saw fit to try and discredit the MCC by insinuating that since the MCC knew when the counts were to be taken that the counts were somehow staged. It's obvious that some people feel more secure in their unfounded positions rather than listening or making an effort to understand what is being proposed.

It's not surprising that most if not all of these mosque opponents are members of the Morton Grove Organization (MGO), a group vigorously and unabashedly pursuing a lawsuit to shutdown prayer services at MEC.

If we stick to the facts rather than unfounded suspicions and opinions, we all can have a common understanding of what the MCC is proposing. But that doesn't appear to be in the interest of some. These opponents will have their say, but hopefully, at the end of the day, facts and not emotions will determine the outcome.

Abdullah Khan, Morton Grove

THE BUGLE

# COMMENTARY

Thursday October 14, 2004

## Letters

### District 63 referendum will impact students' future

Editor, Bugle:

Our community is made up of a variety of citizens. Some of our residents worked many years and are now enjoying their retirement here. We have people that just want to live in a smaller community that is within reach of the "big city". We have some families where both parents work hard so as to provide a safe living environment for their children as well as to give them the best education possible. Certainly our community includes an abundance of children.

It is by no mistake that we reside here. After all, we chose to live here. We chose to live in this community because of the many qualities it has to offer, including our great school district. In turn, these things help to secure two of our most important investments, our property values and our greatest investment of all, our children's future. By investing in our schools, you are investing in your future as well, as you can expect to retain your property values. Furthermore, by investing in the early education of our children you help to set the stage for a learning process that will last a lifetime.

By voting yes to the District 63 referendum, you will directly impact the future of our children.

Scott Langlo, Niles

### What's the rest of the story on the garbage containers

Dear Editor

What is the rest of the story?

Morton Grove village administrator Ralph Czerwinski states in a public relations piece that the new garbage collection is a success. The Village board instituted in 2004 \$300 to \$400 per household per year in new taxes including the garbage tax, fuel tax, sales tax, prepared food tax and a new ambulance tax (God forbid you should get sick). In addition, we are all paying property taxes (which will be increased in 2005 due to reassessments), telecommunications tax, electric consumption tax and gas use tax.

In a recently released study by the Senior Affordable Housing Committee of Morton Grove, it stated among other things: The number of seniors over the age of 65 increased nearly 17%. The fastest growing segment of seniors in Morton Grove is residents older than 75 years of age. The number of Morton Grove seniors over the age of 75 living below the federal poverty line doubled - from 18.1% to 32.1%.

In addition there are many in the community who have suffered a catastrophic event such as loss of income from a layoff, job termination or death or absence of the primary wage earner of the family.

We have many seniors and others who bought and paid for their houses long ago and now are facing increasing real estate tax as well as other taxes mentioned above who just can't afford it any more. How will they pay for all these new taxes - cut down on their prescription drug use? Eat cat food?

The Village is spending (in the 2004 budget) over \$2,000,000 in legal, consultant fees, TIF feasibility studies, engineering services and an additional \$5,000,000 to "pay off" Elliott Builders for a senior affordable housing complex that was never built. (This of course does not include legal fees we are paying to defend the Village in various law suits - for which we are self insured to the tune of \$700,000 per year and going up). In contrast the garbage tax comes in at \$1,100,000. In fact, we have saved public works employees time by not having to answer complaints or track down trash blowing down the streets, how come the salary and overtime expenses keep rising?

It seems to me that garbage is still being scattered across the neighbor's yards in the Village of Morton Grove.

Now you know the rest of the story. Good

Roy Kogstad, Morton Grove

### Don't think 63 referendum is appropriate

Dear Editor:

I take issue with several comments made by Ms. Kaczowski in her September 23rd letter. In it she asked why I am interested in District 63 management matters since I am not a resident of the District 63 community. There are two reasons:

First, I pay county, state and federal taxes that help fund various District 63 programs.

Second, District 63 is a feeder district to District 207's Maine East High School. District 207's budget considerations are in large part determined by the education level of competence of District 63 students. If a substantial portion of District 63 students entering Maine East need remedial programs, this requirement will divert already limited funds. The additional administrative and teaching resources needed would divert tax funding from the normal freshman curriculum, and eventually lead to the need for additional tax increases. I pay taxes to District 207.

Now, my purpose in questioning the board about their involvement with a health equipment Ponzi scheme was prompted by my concern about the likely financial loss exceeding \$100,000 to District 63 and its student programs, among them the award winning band program.

Since the board chooses not to respond publicly to my inquiry, I started researching the health equipment scam on the Internet. Here are some of the facts I have uncovered so far:

As reported by the National School Board Association... on a typical sale, a school pays \$223,000 to School Fitness Systems (a NSFF owed company), which covers the cost of equipment, training, and shipping; a \$3,000 fee to authorizing agent School Fitness Systems, and a "royalty payment" of approximately \$134,000 to NSFF (National School Fitness Foundation). This means District 63 probably spent at least \$360,000 on the purchase of health equipment for Gemini school. Illinois (as does Minnesota) requires competitive bids for large equipment purchases. Did District 63 enter the contract without seeking any competitive bids regardless of state law and prudent business practices?

On the same Web site, I found that one Minnesota district rightly questioned the value of the fitness products and instead, applied for and received a federal grant for \$150,000 that allowed them to place fitness equipment in all of its schools without putting a large amount of limited funds at risk. Why didn't District 63 do this?

I don't know when District 63 entered into their contract with NSFF, but in March 2004, Minnesota State Auditor Patricia Anderson and Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch issued separate reports urging school districts to exercise caution in entering into contracts with NSFF. In fairness, I don't know if District 63 had knowledge of this warning, but the District might have been made aware of the situation had they been tuned to their National School Board Association network.

The Rockford Register Star on July 29th, 2004 reported that NSFF filed bankruptcy and that court papers filed in the bankruptcy proceeding show that our District 63 may be owed as much as \$340,000.

There were hundreds of Illinois school districts pitched, but only a handful bought into the NSFF scam. East Maine District 63 was one of them.

I simply can't understand why Ms. Kaczowski and her associates are not vitally interested in this scandal since it will have a negative impact on their children's education. Are the District 63 taxpayers aware of the NSFF transaction and its financial repercussions, or is District 63 trying to cover up an embarrassing and (as in Minnesota) an illegal transaction because no bids were asked for.

There are other highly questionable financial actions and policies taken by this BOE over the past few years that need to be clarified to District 63 tax paying public before hastily moving for a 22% tax referendum. I don't think a tax referendum is appropriate at this time and urge voters to vote no on the District 63 referendum this November 2nd.

William Brehan  
Des Plaines  
Citizens For Responsible Education  
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NEWS

Burglary suspect warms up in police custody

A 23-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for residential burglary and burglary to an auto early Monday morning, Oct. 4 after police found him hiding in the bushes just a few blocks away from a home he allegedly burglarized in the 9000 block of Meade September 27.

Police said they were called to the home of the Morton Grove family in the 9000 block of Meade after the couple said someone walked into their home and entered their upstairs bedroom while they were asleep.

According to the owners of the home their younger sons must have left the front door unlocked and the intruder just walked in.

The woman told police when she saw the man in her home she started shouting to her husband to "grab the gun" in an attempt to scare the intruder into thinking the couple had a weapon.

The woman told police the intruder

ran down the stairs and out the door and that she and her husband chased him.

Forty minutes later police canvassed the area looking for the intruder and brought in a canine unit to help in the search.

A police officer sitting in his squad car noticed the silhouette of a man walking near the 9000 block of Meade who matched the description of the intruder.

Police said they found the man hiding in the bushes near Greenwood and Moody covered with leaves. Police said the man told them he was tired and cold and decided to "lay down in the bushes."

Police took the man back to the home on Meade to get a positive identification from the couple and then took the man into custody.

While at the police station the man waived his rights and told police he had been drinking with a friend earlier

in the evening and asked a friend for a ride. He said during the trip home an argument ensued and his friend dropped him off near Dempster and Austin.

Police said the man told them he walked through the neighborhood and entered the home on Meade to "see what I could grab" later, however, the man told police he entered the home because he was cold.

Police said while they were processing the man they received a call about a burglary of a van in the 9100 block of McVicker. The caller stated he found a set of keys that did not belong to him in the ignition and that his CD player was missing. The key ring on the keys had the word Frank connected to them and the man police had in custody was named "Francisco." Police showed the keys to Francisco who admitted to them he had entered the van and somehow left the keys behind.

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MGO Suit

lars.

"He was a little quicker than expected," said Ted Hadley, the village's attorney for the case. "Obviously he was able to familiarize himself with the case quickly."

Hadley has not yet been retained to represent the village should the MGO file in state court, but Village Administrator Ralph

Czerwinski said that it's a possibility.

"We're not sure if state court is [Hadley's] specialty," he said. "Obviously, we'll look into it."

Czerwinski and Morton Grove Mayor Dan Scanlon were glad that the case was dismissed though, citing over \$100,000 the village has spent in legal fees.

"While we were confident we

would ultimately prevail in the lawsuit, the village has expended countless hours of staff time and almost \$100,000 in legal fees," Scanlon said. "We are hopeful that this unfortunate chapter in the history of Morton Grove is behind us and that village staff and elected officials can resume the business of providing services to the residents."

Vaccine Shortage

over, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases.

Flu vaccinations at the Niles Senior Center will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Oct. 28. They will be administered to persons 18 years and older and the cost is \$15 for non-Medicare individuals and free to Medicare. Those on Medicare should bring their card to the Senior Center for the immunization. Spaces are limited at the clinic. For reservations, call (847) 588-8420. Lutheran General Hospital also reported last week that they had already received their supply of the vaccine and that immunizations would be available. However, they said that they were planning on following guidelines from the U.S. health officials asking that vaccines be administered to high-risk and elderly individuals.

The Cook County Department of Public Health will be delaying the start of their shot clinics due to the current shortage of flu vaccine.

"We are working with vaccine manufacturer Aventis Pasteur, Inc. to secure enough flu vaccine to provide to our residents who need it the most," said Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H., Chief Operating Officer of CCDPH.

"Unfortunately, we are faced with a situation that requires some patience from the community while we work toward a solution."

The delay of the clinics was a direct result of the announcement from vaccine manufacturer Chiron Corporation that its vaccine supply would not be released. Chiron, whose license was suspended Tuesday by British officials, was scheduled to provide almost 50 million doses to the U.S., approximately half of the vaccine that would be needed for the upcoming flu season.

Because of the shortage, CCDPH will be adhering to strict guidelines for vaccinations when supply becomes available:

- Infants 6 months to 23 months of age,
  - Individuals aged 2 and older who suffer from chronic disease such as heart, lung, kidney disease, asthma or diabetes,
  - Women who are pregnant during flu season, October through February,
  - Healthy individuals 65 and older
- Vaccinations are for suburban Cook residents

Morton Grove was supposed to receive its supply of vaccine from the Chiron Corporation, and received confirmation last week from a middleman that they would not receive any this year.

Consequently, the village canceled its 2004 clinics. They had originally planned to vaccinate up to 825 adults age 50 and older. Residents who

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scheduled appointments will be notified of the cancellation.

Although the Department is unable to provide flu vaccinations, they will be able to provide pneumonia shots. Pneumonia immunizations are usually a one-time dose, but they are occasionally repeated if the individual is over 65 years old and more than 5 years have passed since the last pneumonia shot. They will be provided on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the village's Senior Hotline at (847) 470-5223.

The counties negotiated a price for the vaccine as a group with Chiron Corp., the nation's second largest supplier of the medicine.

British authorities suspended the company's manufacturing license this week after finding evidence of contamination in some of the vaccine at a plant in Liverpool, England, which derailed the company's plans to deliver over 45 million doses to the U.S.

U.S. health officials implored healthy adults to skip the shot, saving the vaccine for people at highest risk for severe complications from the influenza virus. Those most at risk, according to the Centers for Disease Control, are babies and toddlers age 6 months to 23 months, people over 65, pregnant women and patients with

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NEWS



Local dog celebrities strut their stuff at 'Pet Parade'

(Upper Left) Eli May, a bloodhound, gets ready to show off at the Niles Senior Center's Pet Parade, Monday, Oct. 11.  
(Above Right) Snickers enjoys a moment of quiet contemplation during the Niles Senior Center's third annual Pet Parade, Monday, Oct. 11.  
(Second Right) Celly Fiedor and Roxy get ready to show off at the Niles Senior Center's third annual Pet Parade Monday, Oct. 11.  
(Third Right) Snickers, a demure border collie, strolls down the runway with Catherine Genovese at the Niles Senior Center's third annual Pet Parade Monday, Oct. 11.  
(Below) Toy-Toy the pug, left, and Vicki Peake pose for a photo during the third annual Niles Senior Center Pet Parade Monday, Oct. 11.  
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## NEWS



## MG Library hosts actress portraying explorer Kingsley

"Fish and Fetish," a lecture by 19th-century African explorer Mary Kingsley will be reenacted by Actress Betsy Means at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., in a program co-sponsored by the library and the Morton Grove Historical Society. Kingsley made her first trip to Africa in 1893 to bring back sam-

ples of fish for the British Museum and collect information on African religions. She lived among cannibals and sent back articles to the British newspapers. In 1897 she completed a book, "Travels in West Africa" which continues to be on the lists of best travel books.

The meeting is open to the public without charge.

## Niles Park District holds annual Halloween Parade & Party

By News from the Niles Park District

Get your costume ready for the annual Halloween Parade and Party on Saturday, October 23. Join us for a bewitching stroll from Oak Park (Main Street and Ottawa) to Grennan Heights Field House. Once at Grennan Heights there will be ghouly games, ghouly goodies, spooky surprises and much more! This event is open to all children up to 6th grade. The parade will kick-off from Oak Park at 10:30 a.m. and end at Grennan Heights at 11:00 a.m. where there will be

Halloween fun to be had until 1:00 p.m. Fees are Res \$5 and Non-Res \$10. Please register early for this popular event. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 20. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6633.

Monsters Ball: This new family special event is perfect for the whole family who want to experience some Halloween fun. Enjoy dinner, followed

by a spooky firelight Halloween story time that will put you in the mood for our Monsters Ball! Come dressed in your costume and be prepared to move to the music, play games and have a "monster" good time. Fee of \$10/res and \$12/non-res includes dinner, story and dancing to the DJ. All participants must register for this event. Event will be Friday, October 22 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Don't miss out, register today. Call (847) 967-6633.

## Volunteers needed for Park Ridge Park advisory committee

The Park Ridge Park District is seeking volunteers from the community to serve on their Outdoor Pools advisory committee. The Park District has several similar committees that offer input to the Park Board on mainte-

nance, improvements and other issues.

If you would like to be considered as a candidate to serve on the Outdoor Pools committee or a similar committee for the Community Center, contact Maryanne Lucarz at

(847) 692-3482, by fax at (847) 318-6808 or by e-mail at prpdadm@aol.com. You can also contact Renie Schreiber, manager of Public Relations at (847) 692-3346, by fax at (847) 692-6949 or by e-mail prpdreie@aol.com.

## Morton Grove Lions host fish fry

The Morton Grove Lions Club will be hosting a fish fry dinner on Friday, Oct. 15 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center at 6140 Dempster, Morton

Grove. Tickets to the dinner are available for an \$8 donation. It includes a complete fish dinner, dessert and coffee. They can be purchased through Lions members or at the

door. The Morton Grove Lions have been meeting for 64 years and work to help the blind and visually impaired in the Morton Grove area.

## SCHOOLS

## Emerson Middle School receives AIMS honor

School District 64's Emerson Middle School has been named a demonstration school by AIMS, the Association of Illinois Middle Level Schools. AIMS is a statewide professional association that focuses on advancing best practices in teaching at the middle school level.

To be designated as a demonstration school, certain criteria must be met. These include academic excellence, student access to and opportunities for a valued curriculum, and organizational structures such as class schedules, extra-curricular clubs and activities that are appropriate to early adolescents. In addition, a demonstration school must have programs in place and a positive attitude that supports putting children first.

A team of four AIMS representatives conducted an on-site visit of Emerson before approving the District 64 school as a demonstration school. Staff and administrators showed evidence of Emerson's many

assets including its learning teams, peer mediation and structured writing programs, strong electives, excellent special education program, and its integrated approach to curriculum, among others.

As a demonstration school, Emerson can expect other middle school personnel to visit the building to observe and learn about its excellent programs. Emerson will also become a mentor school for Forest Park Middle School, located in the near west Chicago suburb of Forest Park.

District 64 has been an active member of AIMS since 2001 when the Board of Education commissioned an independent evaluation of the programs and services offered at both Emerson and Lincoln Middle Schools.

Emerson was the only school selected to receive the demonstration school honor at this time. It will retain its demonstration school status for at least five years.

## Parents Award D64 Music Scholarships

The Band and Orchestra Parents Association (BOPA) of School District 64 sent 20 students to summer music camps this year through their scholarship program. This program has been in

place since the parents' group was organized 30 years ago.

Seventh grade students who are accepted into the top performing bands and orchestras at Lincoln and Emerson Middle Schools are eligible to receive a summer camp scholarship.

The following students received scholarships and attended summer



## SJB Third Graders learn about 'Brotherly Love'

Recently, at St. John Brebeuf School, the third graders met their new parish priest, Father Jacek Jura. Father taught them that Philadelphia means "City of Brotherly Love." He also expressed the need to practice acts of kindness towards others. Since then, the SJB third graders are working on being friendly to other children and making new students feel welcome at school.

music camps. University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana: Tony DiGiacomo, Katherine Eichman, Christina Gale, Megan Gluchman, Jonathan Black, Lauren Greico, Jaimie Connelly, Bobby Porter, Michael San Gabino, Andrew Hemphill, and Jennifer Williams.

University of Wisconsin at

Madison: Chloe Hawkins, Brigid Walsh, David Martin, Zachary Timm, and Timothy Warnock.

University of Wisconsin at

Whitewater: Luke Elderkin and Nick Tumminello

American Suzuki Institute at Stevens Point: Maximilian Steiner

Midwest Young Artists: Alexander Stolfo

Two Lincoln Band students, Michael San Gabino and Bobby Porter, were presented with the Illinois Summer Youth Music Achievement Award for outstanding musical accomplishments while attending the University of Illinois camp. The University awarded them scholarships to return to the camp next summer.



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## Edward Jones What Do All Those Indexes Mean, Anyway?

The Dow Jones Industrials, the Nasdaq Composite, the S&P 500, the Russell 2000: The list of stock market indexes goes on and on. But how much attention should you pay to all these lists? Actually, if you know the basics of these indexes, you may be able to gain some insights that can help you make better investment decisions.

### Some Popular Indexes

By reading *The Wall Street Journal* or other financial publications, you can find a broad listing of stock market indexes. But here, in a nutshell, are a few of the more popular ones:

• **Dow Jones Industrial Average** — Comprising 30 leading companies, the Dow is often considered the one index that indicates the general state of the market. Yet, some investment experts criticize this index for encompassing so few companies and for a lack of diversity.

• **Nasdaq Composite Index** — The Nasdaq tracks the stocks on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (Nasdaq) market. Because the Nasdaq includes many companies in the technology sector, this index can rise and fall quickly.

• **S&P 500** — This index tracks 500 companies in a variety of industries, including transportation, utilities, financial services and energy. Many money managers and pension plan administrators use the S&P 500 as a benchmark for judging the overall performance of their fund against the stock market.

• **Russell 2000** — This index measures the performance of 2,000 "small-cap" stocks (stocks of smaller companies just starting to grow). Smaller companies are often newer — and generally have less capital — than the larger companies measured

by the S&P 500 and the Dow. Consequently, the Russell 2000 is more volatile than these indexes.

### Using Indexes Wisely

How can you use these indexes to help yourself become a better investor? For starters, you can employ an index as a "measuring stick" to compare the performance of the stocks you own against other stocks in the same general "universe." So, for example, if you own small-company stocks, you might want to contrast their return with that of the Russell 2000. Or, if you have technology holdings, you can see how they stack up against the Nasdaq. You also can benefit from looking at indexes from a historic perspective. By comparing today's market movements — as illustrated by various indexes — against similar movements from the past, you can become aware of important trends and what they've signified. Just go back a few years to the late 1990s, when the technology-heavy Nasdaq soared prior to falling hard in 2000. Much of the run-up in that index was caused by unbridled investor enthusiasm in so-called "dot-com" companies. But their poor — or non-existent — earnings couldn't support their stock prices, which eventually tumbled. If at some point you saw a similar thing happening in the Nasdaq, you might want to review your technology holdings.

### Look Beyond Indexes

As we've seen, stock market indexes can be useful — but they also can be "over-used." When an index is down, for instance, investor sentiment can become unjustifiably bearish — which could lead you to avoid investing in high-quality, undervalued companies. Remember, an index, no matter how large or well-constructed, is not a substitute for the entire market — or for your own good judgment.

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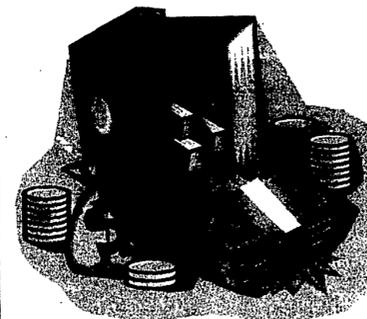
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RSVP by November 9th
- Session #3 "Holiday Photo Memories"  
Thursday, December 2nd - Part 1 4:00 to 6:00pm  
Saturday, December 4th - Part 2 9:30 to 11:00pm  
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For more details on the programs listed below and/or to find out about our other programs and activities - events, trips, or classes - Please call the Senior Center at 847/588-8420

**THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**  
Family far-away? Has cooking become too much trouble? If so, please join us for our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon Celebration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving meal featuring turkey and all the fixings will be served at 12:00 noon. Reservations are required by Friday, Nov. 19th. Cost: FREE but canned

goods or monetary donations to the Niles Family Services Food Pantry are requested.

**MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY SPEC-TACULAR**  
Friday, December 3rd, \$22.  
Join us at the White Eagle, 6845 Milwaukee Ave, Niles, for this annual holiday event. Check-in begins at 10:30am, with programming starting at 11:00am. Lunch features a family style feast with beef, chicken, and fish, plus delicious side dishes. Entertainment will feature the Frank Martello Orchestra. There is limited space so don't wait until the last minute to purchase your ticket. You must register in advance; seating reservation requests must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004. If space is available, non-residents may purchase a ticket beginning Monday, Nov. 22nd. Cost: \$22

includes lunch, table raffle, door prizes, and entertainment. CASH bar available.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS - OCTOBER**  
Nurse's Third Thursday Lecture Series - Oct. 21st, 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Free  
Carol Dreginberg will speak on Wholistic Medicine: What it Means to You. Sign up required. 10 person minimum. Snacks will be served.  
Flu shots - Tues., Oct. 26th, Wed Oct. 27th & Thurs., Oct. 28th. By appointment only. See September Program Guide for details or call the Senior Center.  
Diabetic Support Group - Thurs., Oct. 28th, 1:00pm - 2:30pm. \$10/yr. Sign up req.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**CARBON MONOXIDE PROGRAM**  
Carbon Monoxide Program Volunteers are needed to call members of the Senior Center

to schedule appointments for the annual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing Program. Appointments begin in November and run through March. Please contact Kelly at the Senior Center (588-8420) for more information.

**TAX COUNSELORS**  
Volunteer Tax Counselors (with or without previous experience) are greatly needed to help local seniors with their Tax and Circuit Breaker preparations. Volunteers will receive free training at the Niles Senior Center in January. Tax appointments will run February, 2005 - April 14, 2005. For more information, call MaryAnn at 588-8420.

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**Park Ridge Seniors**

**55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING**  
The Park Ridge Senior Center is again offering 55 Alive/Mature Driving Tuesday and Thursday, October 26 and 28 from 9am to 1pm. This is a great defensive driving course. Completion of this course may entitle you to a discount on your auto liability insurance. Pre-registration is required as class size is limited. There is a \$10.00 charge preferably a check made payable to A.A.R.P.

office advised seniors not to divulge any personal information to anyone not authorized to receive it. If you are a victim of this scam, take immediate steps to contest any unauthorized withdrawals, and then work with the bank to transition to a new account.

**WELLNESS SCREENING**  
A wellness screening will take place Wednesday, November 3 from 9am-11am. This is an excellent health test and it takes only a few minutes to draw blood. Please pre-register by calling the Senior Center. Remember to fast for 8-12 hours before the test. There is a \$43.50 charge.

fresh ideas and new opportunities for programming. Attend the meeting so the group as a whole may benefit from your experience and abilities.

Mark the following dates on your calendar for November and December. On Tuesday, November 23, Father Britto Berchmans of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Barrington will be the speaker on "The DaVinci Code" by Dan Brown. And the Club's Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 2 at Chambers.

**SCAM ALERT**  
The Illinois Department on Aging has received a report of a possible scam that is in operation in Illinois. A potential senior victim was called, and given a return number to call. When the senior called, she was convinced to pay \$299 in return for medications for life. She was also advised that her pharmaceutical cards were no longer any good. The senior was then asked to provide her bank account number.

The Office of the Attorney General confirmed that they are receiving a lot of these calls, and that they are mostly scams out of Canada. The Attorney General's

**CERAMICS CLASSES**  
The Center has a new ceramics teacher. Judy, the former teacher, has moved to Tennessee. The new teacher is Mickey Currie. Classes continue to meet on their regular schedule of Monday, Tuesday, or Friday night. If you're interested in getting started stop in and meet Mickey and see what goes on in class.

**WOMEN'S CLUB**  
The Women's Club is having a planning meeting Wednesday, October 27 at 1pm. This very active group is always looking for

**ANNUAL FALL DINNER DANCE**  
The Annual Fall Dinner Dance will be Tuesday, October 26 at the Fountain Blue. Cocktails are at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm. The menu includes soup, tossed salad, your choice of NY strip steak, broiled salmon or chicken champagne, baked potato, green beans and carrots almandine and rainbow sherbet for dessert.  
Music for your dancing.... or listening pleasure... will be provided by Ed. Knaack. Reservations are required. Prices are \$31.00 for steak, \$29.00 for salmon or \$26.00 for chicken.  
As always, call the Center at 847-692-3527 for information.

**Maine Township**

Listed below are a few of the upcoming programs for all Maine Township seniors. For further information on these and all senior programs and activities call 1-847-297-2510 or visit [www.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

**RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS**  
Thursday, October 14  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Stan London  
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Getting your driver's license renewed? If so, plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam. Next Class: Dec. 9.

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**"MARY'S READERS" BOOK CLUB**  
Love to read? Love to talk? Join "Mary's Readers" on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee for meetings in October through December is only \$2.50. Please register in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

**COMPUTER CLASS**  
- Getting Started With Computers  
This four-week course is designed for those with little or no

experience using computers and will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 16 through Nov. 6 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Topics include computer terminology, hardware vs. software, mouse operation, Windows navigation, keyboard introduction, computer concepts and more. This course is a great place to start. Lots of hands-on and loads of fun! The fee for this class is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register at the Senior Center.

**COMPUTER CLASS - Internet**  
Develop the tools needed to work within the Internet. A prerequisite is the "Getting Started With

Computers" Class or equivalent. This four-week course in the Morton Grove Senior Center is from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register at the Senior Center.

**"OCEAN'S ELEVEN" MOVIE**  
A rag-tag group of con artists and ex-cons team up for the heist to end all heists in this high-profile remake of the 1960 Rat Pack favorite. As with its predecessor, Ocean's Eleven opens with its titular hero Danny Ocean (George Clooney

stepping into the Frank Sinatra role) eager for a new challenge. The similarities to the original end there, as Ocean conspires with his old pal Rusty Ryan (Brad Pitt) to rob 150 millions dollars from an underground vault that serves three of Las Vegas' biggest casinos. Also starring Elliot Gould, Bernie Mac, Matt Damon, Carl Reiner, and Julia Roberts. The Morton Grove Senior Center will host the showing of this feature film at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18. The cost is \$50. Popcorn and pretzels will be served. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

Learn to create new word documents, saving, editing, formatting, changing fonts and inserting graphics. A prerequisite is the "Getting Started With Computers" Class or equivalent. This four-week course in the Morton Grove Senior Center is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register at the Senior Center.

Maine Township

"A Day at the Races Returns"  
Tuesday, October 19  
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Cost: \$3 includes lunch

Along with our races we will also play Whammo, an exciting Bingo-like card game. Come on out and join in the fun. There will be prizes too.

**OCTOBERFEST LUNCHEON**  
WEDNESDAY, October 20  
Doors Open: 11 a.m.  
Chateau Ritz  
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Cost: \$13 members/\$14 guests+ \$1 fish

Roll out the barrel...and have a great time at our Octoberfest luncheon. Our lunch will feature Cream of Potato Soup, Sauerbraten, Potato Pancake, Red Cabbage, Apple Sauce and a baked Apple with Cream for Dessert.  
Fred Moore, will do his "GEMUETLICHKEIT" program for

us, which is traditional German Folk Music. A special treat will be given as our way of wishing you a Happy October. Bingo will follow. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Wednesday, October 13.

**Day Trips**  
The following Day Trips are 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 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

**"A FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS" TRIP**  
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin  
Sunday, December 5  
\*Features a Brunch  
Wednesday, December 15

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\*\*Features a Lunch  
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$67 members/ \$72 guests  
A Fireside Christmas has become a cherished tradition. This year's edition is a new and spectacular musical celebration from time-honored favorites to bright new dances. You will be treated to all the best of the holiday season.

\*Sunday Brunch features freshly carved Turkey and Ham, Eggs, Chicken Breast Tempura, Pepper Crusted Lamb Patties, Salads, Fruits and Desserts

\*\*The Luncheon Menu features Chicken Saint Nick-Chicken Breast lightly breaded, sautéed and crowned with Comed Beef, Scalloped Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus and a Holiday Treat for Dessert.  
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**OCTOBER REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS**  
In-person registration began Wednesday, October 6th. (Mail-in/Drop-off Registration is no longer available for October as deadline was Friday, October 1st.) Please call 588-8420 to check on ticket availability or for more information.

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During in-person registration, you may pay with cash as well as check or credit card. Fill out & sign the Registration Form in the October Program Guide - or pick up form at the Senior Center. Special accommodations needed? Let us know when you register. Visit the Village of Niles online at www.niles.com.

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For the win! Maine South's Hannah Artwick grabs a breath on her way to winning the 200 IM with a time of 2:28:11 against Niles West Friday October 8.

Sports roundup

Gold medalist reunited, at least for a time, a divided nation

By Jerry Magee  
Copley News Service

Swimmingpool Nhang. Freestyle Zuze. Breaststroke Musendame. Butterfly Masocha. Backstroke Banda. Individual Medley Mbofana. A few parents in Zimbabwe weren't so original. They simply named their newborn girl Kirsty from the middle name of Coventry. Kirsty Coventry Mapurisa. Or Kirstee Coventree Kavamba.

And that was just in the first week after 20-year-old Kirsty Coventry returned to Zimbabwe from the Athens Olympics the most unlikely of conquering heroes: a woman, a white woman, a white woman from what is considered the elitist sport of swimming.

But she had three medals around her neck, a bronze from the 200-meter individual medal, a silver from the 100 backstroke, a gold from the 200 back. That was enough for the Chinotimba family. It had a baby a few days after Coventry touched the wall first in the 200 back to complete her improbable medal collection. The child's name: Threemedals Chinotimba.

Understand that Zimbabwe, the landlocked and largely forgotten country in southern Africa, does not win much of anything. Unemployment is at 70 percent. The annual inflation rate is either 300 percent if you trust the government figures or 750 percent if you listen to independent economists. The per-capita income is \$400, which works out to 19 cents an hour. The average life expectancy, because of the preva-

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Maine South Runs to Homecoming win 41-10 over Niles West  
Final seconds of first half see three scores in 47 seconds

BY MIKE SANTORO  
msantoro@buglenewspapers.com

A wild end to the first half gave way to a dominant second half stand as the Maine South Hawks celebrated Homecoming with a win over the Niles West Wolves, 41-10. Early on, both teams established the run, leading to a quick game full of large breakaway touchdown runs. Unfortunately for the Wolves, the Hawk defense kept star runner Rashard Mendenhall in check, while Hawk runners continued to burst through the line for scores.

The reliance on the run was a new look for the Hawks who have traditionally dominated through the air. Maine South uncharacteristically ran the ball twenty-one times. At one point they put together a touchdown drive consisting of nine run-

ning plays and zero passes. This provided the offensive line, already proved pass blockers, to show it can also open up holes for runners Andy Cupp, Steve Madden and Jake Bachmeier.

"We knew they couldn't stop the run." Maine South coach Dave Inserra said. "Sometimes you get a little fancy. We just stuck to the basics and put it on the linemen's shoulders."

The Maine South defense added help by shutting down Mendenhall, an extremely talented back who continually turned sure losses into two yard gains. These short gains were all Mendenhall could get all day as a group of Hawks constantly met him in the backfield. Except for one long touchdown run, Mendenhall was held to a mere fifty-six yards.

"We put it on the defense and told

them they just have to trust the system." Inserra said. "Go where they are supposed to go. Rashard is a tremendous ball player, but eleven guys versus one; he's not going to get through that."

Mendenhall's sole touchdown run came at the end of the first half which saw three scores in the final forty-seven seconds of play.

With Maine South up 7-3, Hawk senior Derek Walsh had a huge punt return to put Maine South at the Niles West twenty five yard line with forty seven seconds remaining. On the next play Cupp burst through the line for the score.

The Wolves had thirty-three seconds to respond, and they did so in quick fashion. Mendenhall took the ball to the outside and with one big block; he used his amazing speed to sprint past all the Hawk defenders for a seventy-six yard touchdown

This gave the ball back to the Hawks with fourteen seconds. After an incomplete pass, the Hawks looked to run out the half with a run up the middle. Bachmeier however had his own ideas and after breaking an initial tackle cut back the defense and took the ball seventy three yards for the final touchdown of the half. No time remained leaving Niles West no chance to respond.

The Hawks went on to score three more touchdowns in the second half to seal the game, but it was the first half that everyone remembered. Forty-seven seconds. Four plays. Three touchdowns. Amazing.

Niles West will play its Homecoming game at 7:30PM Friday against New Trier. Maine South's next game is 1PM Saturday at Evanston.

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Team 16	16.5	12.5	
Team 4	15	13	
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Candlelight Jewelers	11	17
Niles Dairy Queen	9	19
Skaja Terrace Funeral Home	7	21

High Series/High Games

Janet Trozzo	503/188
Mary Johnson	472/170
Sandy Panuce	470/177
Millie Kroll	169
Melissa Lang	161
Helma Drag	159

SPORTS

Sports Roundup

the debut of women's field hockey in 1980 after the U.S.-led boycott had robbed the tournament of five of its six teams and Moscow organizers hastily invited anybody who could put together a team.

Now Zimbabwe had three, in a single Olympics, in a single sport. In swimming, no less. The country's national pool, built in a high-density housing area for the 1995 All-Africa Games, has long seen better days. A Harare newspaper describes it as "a green festering body of water."

It's easy to assume that Coventry is like many swimmers in the Olympics, a U.S. collegian who finds a tenuous ancestral tie to an obscure country that gets them a free trip to Athens during summer break. And indeed, Coventry just started her senior year at Auburn.

But Coventry is Zimbabwean, as confusing and painful as that can be at times. She was born there and learned to swim there at 18 months and competed for local clubs there and still spends her summers there.

"It's my home," she says. "It's where I was born. It's my culture. I will always represent Zimbabwe. ... Color doesn't matter to me."

Formerly Rhodesia, Zimbabwe gained independence from white minority rule in 1980 and soon became known as the "breadbasket of Africa," the political and economic model of black majority

rule. But President Robert Mugabe, in the view of Western governments, has become increasingly dictatorial over the past decade, and the situation boiled over in 2001 when he ordered white-owned farms be "repatriated."

That meant government-backed groups invading the countryside and forcibly removing thousands of white farmers from their land without compensation, sometimes resulting in death. The country's white community has accordingly shrunk, from 300,000 to about 30,000 of the 12.6 million population.

Coventry's parents own a chemical business in Harare, the capital, and still live there. But her extended family has not been untouched by Mugabe's land reform program that stirred racial tensions.

"Then it really hit me," she says. She looked past her parents and saw thousands of Zimbabweans - thousands of black Zimbabweans. There were traditional dancers and tribal drummers. There was a motorcade waiting. There were fathers holding up their daughters so they could get a glimpse of the blonde, blue-eyed, pale-skinned icon. "Welcome home," one handmade sign read, "to our princess of sport."

The whole thing was broadcast live on national TV, for 2 1/2 hours. "It was very, very overwhelming,"

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Coventry says. "I felt so much pride, seeing how much it meant to so many people. It really brought tears to my eyes. ... There were no political issues. There were no racial issues. Everything was put aside for a few days so people could celebrate. I can't really put it to words."

The weekly Financial Gazette newspaper did. "When Coventry went to Athens," it wrote, "her stated goal was to 'show the Zimbabwean soul.' At the end of her glorious sojourn, Kirsty Coventry has not only shown her Zimbabwean soul, but soothed it too." Her stay included numerous appearances. There was a meeting with the minister of sport, who was banned from going to Athens because of European Union sanctions forbidding travel by Zimbabwean government officials. There also was a state dinner with Mugabe himself, who presented her with a diplomatic passport and \$50,000 of "pocket money."

One of the days was spent touring Harare. Coventry speaks limited Shona, the indigenous language of the country's northern half, and asked one of the coaches accompanying her what people kept shouting as she was driven through the streets.

The translation came back: "Give her a farm."

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SPORTS FACT

Only in soccer

England is thinking about introducing the penalty box to outdoor soccer. It likely would be similar to indoor soccer or ice hockey, where players are sidelined in a "sin bin" for a set number of minutes for certain infractions, giving referees use



of a punishment more severe than a yellow card but not as harsh as a red card's immediate expulsion. If the proposal proceeds, you most likely will see it first in England's lower leagues, which traditionally have tested controversial new rules before they are implemented in the Premiership.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

**Thursday, October 14th**  
 7:30 PM Library Board Committee Meeting (3rd floor conf. room)

**Tuesday, October 19th**  
 Niles Parks meeting 6pm

**Thursday, October 21st**  
 Morton Grove Parks 7pm

COMMUNITY

**Saturday, November 13th**  
 Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club Queen of Peace Guild will hold its 32nd annual Holiday Craft and Bake sale the weekend of November 13-14, 2004 in Paluch Hall (lower level of the church), corner of Greenwood and Normal, Niles between the hours of 9AM-6PM (Saturday) and 8 AM - 2PM (Sunday). There will be a wide variety of handmade holiday craft items, which includes afghan, angels baby knit sets, dolls, house decorations, ornaments, wreaths and more. The event will include raffles, games, and homemade baked goods. Coffee and rolls will be served all day. There will something for everyone. Proceeds benefit the parish. For information, Call the Ministry Center, at 847-823-2550.

**Wednesday, October 20th**  
 The Eight Components of Wellness  
 The phrase, "Take charge of your life!" is often echoed by health professionals who stress the importance of managing time, maintaining an exercise regiment, eating healthy foods, and setting aside time for rent and relaxation. This process will be explained further during the Timely Talk, "The Eight Components of Wellness," on Wed., Oct. 20, at 2:30 p.m. The event will be held at Norwood Park Home, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago.

**Saturday, October 23rd**  
 Holiday Craft Show  
 Saturday, October 23, 2004 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM St. John Lutheran Church 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles IL 60714 (Between Harlem and Touhy) Over 40 vendors will be selling handmade items. The bakery booth and Kris Kringle's Kitchen will be serving up tasty treats. Sponsored by the Ladies Circle of St. John and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For more info (847) 698-7547 or (847) 647-9867.

**Thursday, October 28th**  
 Community invited to join Norwood Park Home in Celebrating Relive an old-style Bavarian party by attending Oktoberfest at Norwood Park Home, 6020 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, Thurs., Oct. 28, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to join residents and family members in this traditional ethnic celebration that includes two hours of dinner, dancing live entertainment. The Oktoberfest dinner will include sauerkraut, bratwurst, German potato sale, apple strudel, and beer. The cost is \$10.00 per person payable in advance. This popular event usually draws a capacity crowd. Diners should make their reservations early but no later than Thurs., Oct. 21, by calling Serena Worthington at (773) 577-5326.

**Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:**

**Niles**

- Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles IL.
- Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center 6676 Howard St., Niles, IL.

**Park Ridge**

- City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL.
- Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL.

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- Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina Morton Grove, IL.
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Today's Lifestyle  
 Home-base business finds 'Shortcut' to success

BY LISA REICOSKY  
 Copley News Service

And now, here's Cathy with today's 'Daily Shortcut.'

News anchors around the country are reading that line more and more as Cathy Markino's home-based business grows steadily. What is a "Daily Shortcut"? It's a one-minute tip for cooking, cleaning, organizing, traveling, decorating or health and beauty, demonstrated and taped by Markino at her home and aired as a filler on local newscasts in nine markets in the United States.

Known as just "Cathy" by viewers, Markino and videographer Mike Simon of Image Video spend two days per month taping the ready-to-air segments. Markino said that the hottest shows on television right now have to do with decorating and cooking, but many people don't have the time to sit through an entire show.

"That's why 'Daily Shortcuts' works," she said. "It's only a minute. You don't have to watch an hour-long television show." Markino spent 10 years working in television newsrooms as a producer and an assignment editor, the last eight and a half in Cleveland. She quit nearly a year ago to start this endeavor, which affords her more time with her family.

"It's so much nicer to do softer stories about home and family - I realized that's what's important," she said. "I wanted to do something on my own," she continued. "I just had

this idea of reaching this target audience" (women ages 25 to 54). Markino gathered a focus group of friends and family and asked, "What if, every day on the news, you had a segment that gave you shortcuts - would you watch it?" They said yes, and she got busy.

Markino said she doesn't put on airs and she is not a know-it-all. Often she uses tips e-mailed to her Web site from viewers, always giving them credit for the tip. "They really seem to love it. They seem to embrace that," she said, noting that she uses ideas from one poster from Kalamazoo, Mich., at least once a month.

Her Web site - [www.dailyshortcuts.com](http://www.dailyshortcuts.com) - gets about 16,000 hits per month. And don't think for a minute that just because she only tapes twice a month, this is a part-time job. "It's a constant process," she assures. "I'm constantly researching."

Part of the job is testing her tips before taping day, because sometimes things don't go as smoothly as they read on paper. "Crayons in the microwave was the worst," she said with a laugh. "I had to buy a new microwave the next day." (The tip was about making shaped crayons in candy molds. She opted for melting them in a glass bowl set in hot water on taping day.)

Often, a week's worth of segments will carry a running theme. For example, this summer she presented low-cost beach party ideas, such as using little plastic sand shovels to write names of guests at their place settings. Segments in August featured back-to-school ideas, such as making stylish T-

shirts for girls, and how to make Capri length pants out of regular pants your daughter has outgrown. Simon often contributes ideas as well. His latest: Shortcuts aimed at your pet.

- Is your cat lounging on the furniture while you're away? Make it uncomfortable by placing something that crinkles (like tin foil) on the couch.

- Moving to a new home with a pet? Take a supply of water from the old house and gradually replace it with your new home's water until the animal is used to it.

- Unsightly dog bowl mess? If you can spare the space, place the bowl in the lowest drawer of your kitchen. Close it when the dog is finished eating.

Holidays provide limitless material for Markino. Last December she presented a month of decorating and gift ideas you can make yourself.

- Do you have a cute mitten that is missing its mate? Sew a handle on it, fill it with holiday candies and hang it on a doorknob.

- Instead of bows, top your presents with something useful, such as hair ribbons and barrettes.

"(Shortcuts) are basically for busy people. If you have five things in your pantry, you can make dinner," Markino says.

This month, the feature began airing on three new stations in Montana. For the last year she's been on in Kalamazoo and Lansing, Mich.; Shreveport, La.; Bangor, Maine; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Springfield, Mo.; Joplin, Kan.; and Panama City, Fla.

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IT'S GREEK TO ME

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for clues.

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By Charles Preston

- ACROSS
1 Wife of Zeus
5 Straight-laced
9 Poseidon's prop
14 Desertion letters
15 Land of the leprechauns
16 Aquarium fish
17 Caterpillar hair
18 Read rapidly
19 Take steps
20 Aeschylus play
23 Wolfish look
24 Trains to the Loop
25 Car for hire
28 Prepare to plant, again
31 \_\_\_ man out
34 On the heavy side
36 Crackerjack
37 Burn balm
38 1995 Woody Allen film
42 "What Am I singer" Brickell
43 Games
44 When hell freezes over!
45 Sawbuck
46 Shishkebab rods
49 Computer add-on
50 Serengeti sight
51 Vichyssoise ingredient
53 Michael Crichton novel
61 Chef's tool
62 Hairy Himalayan?
63 Maui, e.g.
64 Fit to be tied
65 Cattail, e.g.
66 Wallace, of Reader's Digest

- DOWN
1 Diary lock
2 Antique store item
3 \_\_\_ tiller
4 Texas shrine, with the
5 Mortar's go-with
6 Weaiti
7 Dies
8 Remote button
9 Belmont building
10 Carlsbad's river
11 You too, to Caesar
12 Graceland middle name
13 "Atlas Shrugged" author
21 Gulf Coast creature
22 Ceremonial meal
25 Hale-Bopp, e.g.
26 Put up with
27 Kick off
29 Custard apple
30 \_\_\_ du lieber!
31 Healthy oil
32 Mollycoddles, with on
33 Plow pioneer
35 Theima or Louise, e.g.
37 Orange punch
39 Dogpatch name
40 Ancient greeting
41 Get-go
46 Saws wood
47 Puts on cloud nine
48 Put down roots

- ACROSS
50 Marathoner Waitz
52 Narwhal's nosh
53 Battery fluid
54 Myrta's role in "The Thin Man"
55 1/8 ounce
56 Bronte heroine
57 Apple yard feeders
58 It's on the map
59 Problems
60 Like Felix Unger

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Niles Mayoral address approaches

Niles Mayor Nick Blase will speak Oct. 20 at the Niles Chamber of Commerce's annual "Mayoral Address to the Niles Business Community." Village department heads will also update the business community on pressing updates in Niles. Some topics to be discussed include: -Economic development plans -Future construction plans

Tracking the national debt. U.S. national debt increased in July 2004 by \$44,027,342,065. The new total is \$7,373,698,630,545. Includes a small graphic of a dollar sign and a box.



MONEY & YOU

Inherited IRA grows to stunning proportions. Baby boomers aren't optimistic about their chances of inheriting much money from mom and dad. Most boomers, according to the AARP, don't expect anything. And those who have already had free money dumped into their laps have pocketed an average of about \$48,000.

for decades after the original owner has died. All the Internal Revenue Service requests is that a beneficiary make a modest withdrawal each year. When the money is left largely undisturbed and sheltered from taxes, it's amazing how fast those dollar bills can replicate. To appreciate the beauty of an inherited IRA, you need to understand its potential. Let's suppose that a 45-year-old woman inherits a \$50,000 IRA from her mom. Rather than cashing in the IRA and paying income tax, she chooses to stretch her required withdrawals over the next 38.8 years, which is what the IRS says is her life expectancy. If the IRA grows at an average annual rate of 8 percent, she'd pull out \$303,113 before the IRA is depleted.

loved ones. It's true that a Roth beneficiary will have to make yearly withdrawals - the IRS won't wait forever for this money to be recycled. But your children, grandchildren or whoever inherits the cash won't pay any taxes on the withdrawals. In contrast, anybody who inherits a traditional IRA will owe income taxes. If you don't need your IRA cash and the money is just parked inside one until the children inherit it, you might want to consider converting it into a Roth. Converting a deductible IRA into a Roth requires that you pay income taxes on whatever amount you decide to convert. You can't convert to a Roth if your gross adjusted income exceeds \$100,000 during the year of the conversion. The same ceiling applies to singles and married couples.

lifetimes. If the money remains in a 401(k), that's pretty much the end of the party. Your beneficiaries most likely would have to cash in the account far sooner than they may like. There is, however, a loophole. A widower or widow can transfer inherited 401(k) money into his or her own IRA. - Don't fumble an IRA handoff. Trying to discern the logic in great swaths of the IRS code can drive a person into therapy. And here's one of the code's great head scratchers: If you inherit an IRA, you must leave the giver's name on the account. If you substitute your name, the IRS can consider the IRA cashed out, and you'd owe applicable taxes on the whole splattered mess. There is one significant exception to this IRA booby trap: If you inherit your spouse's IRA, you can roll it into your own IRA. When inheriting an IRA from someone other than a spouse, simply add your name and Social Security number to the account. Be careful if you wish to move mom or dad's old IRA to the place where you keep your investments. Your parent's financial institution could suggest cutting you a check, but if you cash the check and then move the money, the IRS will conclude that the IRA has been disbanded. - Read more. Hard to believe that someone could write an entire book about IRAs - or would want to. But Ed Slott, an accountant in Rockville Centre, N.Y., who undoubtedly knows more about IRAs than anybody else I've ever interviewed, did just that. If you have questions about IRAs, you can probably find the answers by delving into his book, "The Retirement Savings Time Bomb," or his monthly newsletter, Ed Slott's IRA Advisor (www.irahelp.com).

Identity theft plagues consumers

(NUT) - A serious new e-mail scam is emerging called "phishing" or "carding." Internet scammers are using increasingly sophisticated lures as they "fish" for users' financial information and password data. In one common ploy, criminals pretending to be from legitimate businesses tell recipients that they need to confirm or validate their information to keep their accounts active and direct them to look-alike Web sites - tricking consumers into submitting sensitive personal data. Scams like these can have a serious impact on the growing crime of identity theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission, reports of stolen identities rose 88 percent last year, growing from 86,000 in 2001 to 162,000 in 2003. "We recommend that consumers not reply or click on the link in the e-mail unless they are certain they are linking to a secure Web site," said Diana Don, Capital One's financial education director. "The FTC recommends you contact the company requesting the data by phone to verify that the request came from them and that they need this information." Capital One also suggests reviewing bank and credit card records on a regular basis and reporting suspicious activity to the police. Most importantly, experts agree that consumers must act quickly in order to save themselves from fraudulent expenses charged on credit cards. Prompt action can also save the government valuable time in their efforts to curb online crime and catch "phishing" criminals.



# REAL ESTATE

THE BUGLE

Thursday October 14, 2004

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
Copley News Service

## Decor Score A pushover problem

**Q:** I have trouble visualizing the way a furniture arrangement is going to look. It's more of a problem since my husband developed a bad back and can't push things around so I can "eyeball" them in place. Maybe there are some guidelines to good arrangements that would help me make decisions upfront?

**A:** Ah, your husband's aching back! We could have spared him the pain had you only written sooner. The secret: graph paper, the kind you find in the stationery store, ruled on a scale where one-quarter-inch equals a foot of floor space. You might be lucky enough to find standardized furniture templates in the same scale. If not, it's easy enough to measure your own furniture, draw it to scale on the graph paper, label and it cut out. Now, your problem is a pushover, literally: you can rearrange - and re-rearrange - things with a fingertip while your husband reads the paper.

Of course, you are right: "eyeballing" is the litmus test of how the arrangement actually works in real time. But there are basic guidelines that will help things fall into place, attractively and comfortably.

First, find your focal point. A fireplace always works as the center of a seating arrangement. Ditto for a large window with a great view. You can even focus the room around the seating arrangement itself, especially if you anchor the grouping with an area rug.

As you plan your arrangement, consider three key criteria:

- Navigability. You have to be able to get into or to walk through the space, open doors and windows,



and not block radiators and air conditioners.

- Convenience and comfort. Furniture pieces should be placed so they are close enough for conversation (in a living room). Leave ample walk-around space (dining and bedroom). Every upholstered chair should have a lamp and table nearby. There should be plenty of push-back room when you get up from the dining table.

- Visual composition. The arrange-

ment should be balanced according to both furniture size and the visual "weight" of color and pattern. Don't crowd one end of the living room with floral upholstery, for example, or position two main pieces together, like the sofa against the grand piano. And remember the vertical dimension of a room, too. So you don't end up with all horizontal lines - across the sofa, chairs, tables, and such - balance with a tall clock, large wall hanging, or floor-

length window curtains. The room we show here illustrates some of these key points. That dramatic window is the natural focal point, but here, it's not about the view. The window frames the arrangement of the furniture, serving as backdrop for the sectional sofa and skirted table. For all its elegance, the seating area is masterfully arranged for intimate conversations and long afternoons with a book.

**Q:** What's happening to the country look?

**A:** It's still going strong, reports a happy Nancy Soriano, who should know - she's editor of Country Living, the magazine that made it all happen in the first place. But what's new is the simplicity of today's country-style rooms. Can the clutter; strip the shelves; neaten those collections, Nancy told members of IFDA-New York (International Furnishings & Design Association).

"Today's country look is modern in its simplicity, openness, lightness and uncluttered space," Nancy said. Her perfect example: a traditional canopy bed, but without the canopy. "That's modern country."

**NEED A BRIGHT IDEA?**

Every room does, but not too bright, warns graphic artist Milton Glaser. The National Design Award winner, who gave us the "I (Heart) New York" icon, once remodeled a supermarket chain, he recently told art students at a seminar sponsored by the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, at Steelcase in New York. In kindness to stressed food-shoppers, he eased the glare of the overhead fluorescents and added softer lights at lower levels throughout the space. Interpreting Glaser's message for the home: think table lamps instead of ceiling fixtures. They're more intimate, more relaxing, less tiring.

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## REAL ESTATE

### Taking care of business in a 1-room apartment

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
Copley News Service

**Q:** My husband is planning to start his own business - in our one-bedroom apartment. He's trying to be nice by leaving it up to me where he should put his computer desk. I need advice. I don't know which will be worse, to have his work space in the bedroom or living room. Please answer quick. He quits his regular job soon.

**A:** Reach for the WD-40: you'll need a really slick shoehorn to work an efficient home office into a one-bedroom apartment. But it can be done. Where you locate it, bedroom or living room, depends on more than available space. I'd nix the bedroom. As Clodagh, the famed one-name New York designer, has often pointed out, it's bad feng shui. Or bad karma. And definitely bad for both rest and romance. A stack of papers, bills and unfinished business does not make a peaceful backdrop make for either past time.

The living room is a better bet. Plan well and you can fit in the office function without over-

whelming the room's warmth and hospitality. In the photo we show here, interior designer Michelle Slovak manages to evoke such a playful, inviting atmosphere you almost overlook the computer desk under the window. She's done it with rich, warm colors and a light-hearted scheme, based on animal prints and patterns.



She finds beauty in the beasts, from the leopard-spotted carpeting to the zoological toile on the valance and curtains that frame the window and computer desk. Two-for-one furniture makes great sense when your floor space is limited. Look for other two-faced furnishings, such as wooden file cabinets disguised as end

tables, and ottomans that pop open as space for hanging files. Fold the computer away at quitting time, and the "office" is ready to party. Only one question remains: who's serving the lunch in the boardroom?

**Q:** We're doing over the kitchen in our 1958 ranch and would love to use appropriate appliances, like the old-fashioned Roper range that has been in my great-aunt's garage for years. Does it make sense to have it restored to working order? I understand that restoration is expensive. Or should we just buy a new range that only looks old?

**A:** For many reasons, renovating a classic old stove makes great sense ... dollars, too, and lots of them! There's a groundswell of interest today in vintage appliance, especially stoves from the 1930s through the early 1950s. That's when antiques aficionados tell me America's stove manufacturers first discovered the concept of "planned obsolescence," and began making appliances deliberately designed to wear out in

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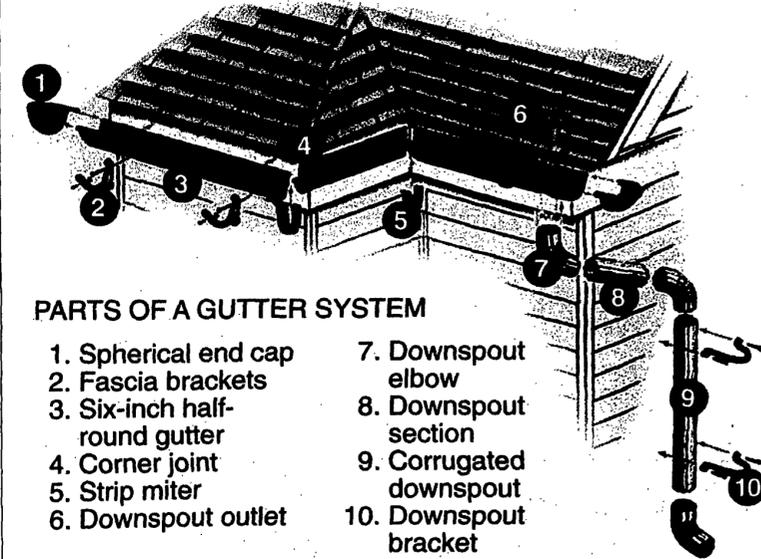


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## Decor Score A pushover problem

Q: I have trouble visualizing the way a furniture arrangement is going to look. It's more of a problem since my husband developed a bad back and can't push things around so I can "eyeball" them in place. Maybe there are some guidelines to good arrangements that would help me make decisions upfront?

A: Ah, your husband's aching back! We could have spared him the pain had you only written sooner. The secret: graph paper, the kind you find in the stationery store, ruled on a scale where one-quarter-inch equals a foot of floor space. You might be lucky enough to find standardized furniture templates in the same scale. If not, it's easy enough to measure your own furniture, draw it to scale on the graph paper, label and it cut out. Now, your problem is a pushover, literally: you can rearrange - and re-arrange - things with a fingertip while your husband reads the paper.

Of course, you are right: "eyeballing" is the litmus test of how the arrangement actually works in real time. But there are basic guidelines that will help things fall into place, attractively and comfortably. First, find your focal point. A fireplace always works as the center of a seating arrangement. Ditto for a large window with a great view. You can even focus the room around the seating arrangement itself, especially if you anchor the grouping with an area rug.

As you plan your arrangement, consider three key criteria:

- Navigability. You have to be able to get into or to walk through the space, open doors and windows,



and not block radiators and air conditioners. Convenience and comfort. Furniture pieces should be placed so they are close enough for conversation (in a living room). Leave ample walk-around space (dining and bedroom). Every upholstered chair should have a lamp and table nearby. There should be plenty of push-back room when you get up from the dining table.

- Visual composition. The arrangement should be balanced according to both furniture size and the visual "weight" of color and pattern. Don't crowd one end of the living room with floral upholstery, for example, or position two main pieces together, like the sofa against the grand piano. And remember the vertical dimension of a room, too. So you don't end up with all horizontal lines - across the sofa, chairs, tables, and such - balance with a tall clock, large wall hanging, or floor-

length window curtains. The room we show here illustrates some of these key points. That dramatic window is the natural focal point, but here, it's not about the view. The window frames the arrangement of the furniture, serving as backdrop for the sectional sofa and skirted table. For all its elegance, the seating area is masterfully arranged for intimate conversations and long afternoons with a book.

Q: What's happening to the country look?

A: It's still going strong, reports a happy Nancy Soriano, who should know - she's editor of Country Living, the magazine that made it all happen in the first place. But what's new is the simplicity of today's country-style rooms. Can the clutter; strip the shelves; neaten those collections, Nancy told members of IFDA-New York (International Furnishings & Design Association).

"Today's country look is modern in its simplicity, openness, lightness and uncluttered space," Nancy said. Her perfect example: a traditional canopy bed, but without the canopy. "That's modern country."

NEED A BRIGHT IDEA? Every room does, but not too bright, warns graphic artist Milton Glaser. The National Design Award winner, who gave us the "I (Heart) New York" icon, once remodeled a supermarket chain, he recently told art students at a seminar sponsored by the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, at Steelcase in New York. In kindness to stressed food-shoppers, he eased the glare of the overhead fluorescents and added softer lights at lower levels throughout the space. Interpreting Glaser's message for the home: think table lamps instead of ceiling fixtures. They're more intimate, more relaxing, less tiring.

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### Taking care of business in a 1-room apartment

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Q: My husband is planning to start his own business - in our one-bedroom apartment. He's trying to be nice by leaving it up to me where he should put his computer desk. I need advice. I don't know which will be worse, to have his work space in the bedroom or living room. Please answer quick. He quits his regular job soon.

A: Reach for the WD-40: you'll need a really slick shoehorn to work an efficient home office into a one-bedroom apartment. But it can be done. Where you locate it, bedroom or living room, depends on more than available space. I'd nix the bedroom. As Clodagh, the famed one-name New York designer, has often pointed out, it's bad feng shui. Or bad karma. And definitely bad for both rest and romance. A stack of papers, bills and unfinished business does not make a peaceful backdrop make for either past time.

The living room is a better bet. Plan well and you can fit in the office function without over-

whelming the room's warmth and hospitality. In the photo we show here, interior designer Michelle Slovak manages to evoke such a playful, inviting atmosphere you almost overlook the computer desk under the window. She's done it with rich, warm colors and a light-hearted scheme, based on animal prints and patterns.



She finds beauty in the beasts, from the leopard-spotted carpeting to the zoological toile on the valance and curtains that frame the window and computer desk. Two-for-one furniture makes great sense when your floor space is limited. Look for other two-faced furnishings, such as wood-veneer file cabinets disguised as end

tables, and ottomans that pop open as space for hanging files. Fold the computer away at quitting time, and the "office" is ready to party. Only one question remains: who's serving the lunch in the boardroom?

Q: We're doing over the kitchen in our 1958 ranch and would love to use appropriate appliances, like the old-fashioned Roper range that has been in my great-aunt's garage for years. Does it make sense to have it restored to working order? I understand that restoration is expensive. Or should we just buy a new range that only looks old?

A: For many reasons, renovating a classic old stove makes great sense ... dollars, too, and lots of them! There's a groundswell of interest today in vintage appliance, especially stoves from the 1930s through the early 1950s. That's when antiques aficionados tell me America's stove manufacturers first discovered the concept of "planned obsolescence," and began making appliances deliberately designed to wear out in

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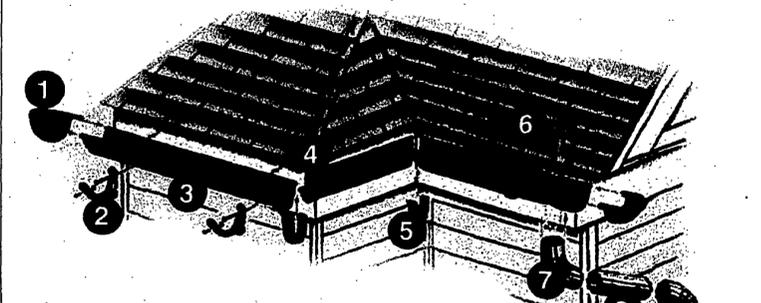
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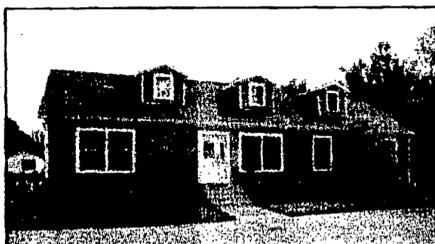
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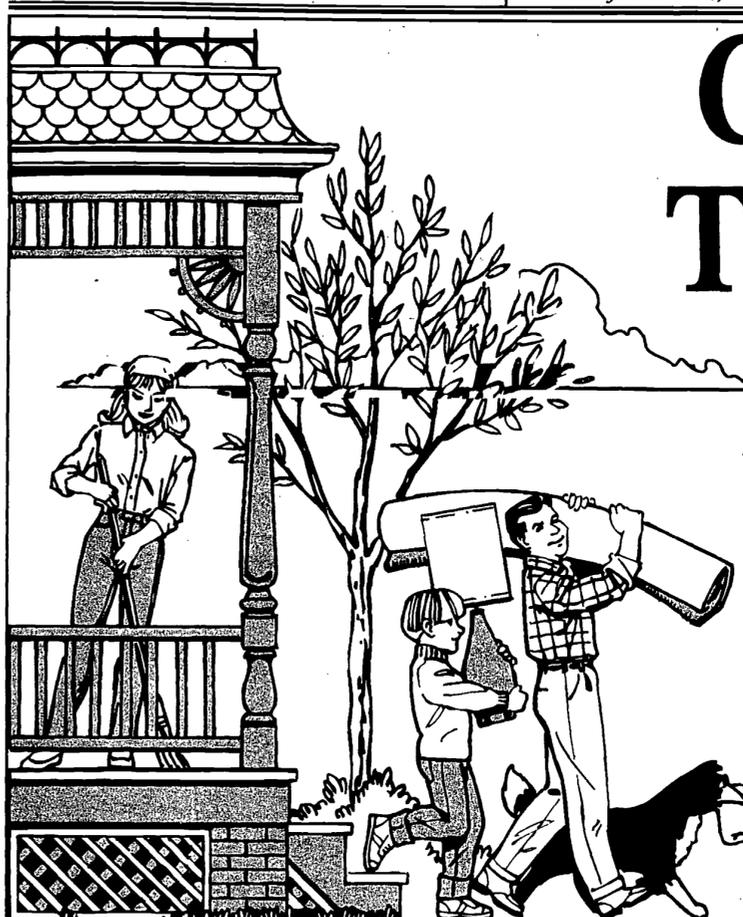
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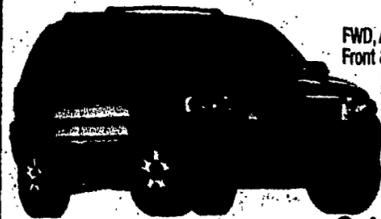
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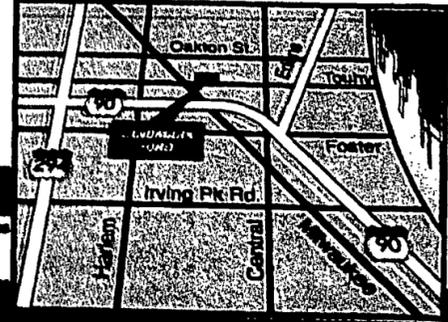


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