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Fannie May locations in Niles and Park Ridge are set to open in upcoming weeks. They are two of 47 stores in the Chicago area. For the story, turn to page 11.



Howling for Victory

Niles West Director of Student Activities Peter Geddeis watches the Wolves take on New Trier Friday night October 15 at Niles West. The Wolves tasted a bitter defeat 35-6. For photos from the game, see pg. 13.

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1000 line up for flu vaccine at Costco

Niles Senior Center vaccines all spoken for

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Nearly 1000 people lined up in chilly weather Saturday for flu vaccinations at the Costco Store in Niles, one of the few places where the vaccine was available.

Personnel at the Niles Senior Center had been directing interested individuals to the Costco store because all 1,400 doses of vaccine were spoken for, despite reports in local papers, including *The Bugle*, last week.

"When we sent the information out we thought we had more than enough," said Jim Stavish, director of the Niles Senior Center. "But that was before the shortage was announced."

Last year the Senior Center had some problems with vaccine provider Chiron, Inc., causing them to choose another company this year. That was fortunate as it turned out, when authorities identified contamination in Chiron's vaccine and removed it from a market, prompting a shortage of tens of millions of doses this year.

Because of the shortage, providers all over the country such as drug stores, senior centers and even discount outlets like Costco have committed to furnishing the vaccine only to those that are at high risk for serious complications from the flu virus, such as children under seven, seniors over 60 and those with chronic ailments.

Stavish said that the Niles Senior Center was better off than most, because those who signed up for their shots would still receive them.

"Some municipalities and senior centers that had scheduled clinics had to send out letters canceling them," said Stavish. "Those who have spots scheduled in September and received confirmation in the mail will still receive their vaccination but we don't have any additional shots."

After last week's *Bugle* reported that the Senior Center had its supply of vaccine, Stavish said that they were inundated with calls from interested individuals.

"We've been getting phone

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Photo by Allen Kalina/Bugle

Nearly one thousand people line up outside of the Costco store in Niles to receive flu vaccine Saturday morning October 16.

Park Ridge EDC to disband

With pressure from council increasing, EDC declares victory, quits

With a recommendation from the Park Ridge City Council's Economic Development Task Force due in only a few weeks, Park Ridge's quasi-governmental Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announced Monday that they would voluntarily dissolve when their city funding ran out at the end of May 2005. It was chartered in 1992.

The EDC has come under increasing scrutiny after the election shake-up in April 2003. \$84,000 to fund their operating expenses was fiercely debated this year and, when it was

approved, a task force was appointed to study the city's economic development function and whether some other method of accomplishing the same task could either be conducted with greater city oversight or relegated completely to the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

Official comment from the EDC was that their task had been accomplished, and that they could voluntarily dissolve, leaving economic development in the city's hands.

"The Park Ridge Economic Development Corporation has fulfilled its primary purpose of reshaping the culture of Park Ridge by making economic development a high priority for residents and city leaders," said Jeff Beutler, the EDC's chair. "The EDC board believes that there is important economic

development work to be done. However, it is clear from the strategic dialogue of city leaders, staff and the mayor's task force that the city believes it is ready to assume responsibility for continuing the economic development function."

Ald. Howard Frimark (4th) is sorry to see the EDC go. Currently in his first term, Frimark was the first president and chair the EDC and has been one of their most ardent supporters at the council.

"I really feel they've been an important economic tool," Frimark said. "The drawback of their departure is that we won't have an independent

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For an opinion on the EDC, turn to pg. 8 'Ding, dong...'

Mosque opponents, proponents finish cases

The Morton Grove Plan Commission concluded its last evidentiary hearing on the Muslim Community Center's (MCC) proposed mosque and school expansion to the existing school at 8601 Menard. A short meeting was scheduled for last night (Wednesday) so that commissioners could select a date to deliberate and vote on the proposal.

Commissioners enduring a grueling five nights of hearings for a total of over 20 hours of direct testimony from MCC experts and neighbors of the proposed

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Police arrest PR man for soliciting sex

Park Ridge resident Steve Demos, 41, of the 1400 block of Good was arrested by the Park Ridge Police on Sept. 29 for soliciting sex from a minor. The arrest was conducted in cooperation with the Wisconsin Dept. of Justice and the Racine County Wisconsin Sheriff's Dept.

thirteen-year-old Wisconsin girl for sex. The Park Ridge Police Investigation Division became involved when it was learned that several of the internet messages were sent from public access computers located in the Park Ridge Library. Demos was turned over to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department pending extradition proceedings to Racine County. He

is facing the following charges in Racine County, WI: -Exposing a child to harmful material -Attempted solicitation of a child for prostitution -Attempted child exploitation -Seven counts of Attempted exposure of a child to harmful material Demos's bond was set at \$100,000 and police said the investigation is continuing.

MG's Action Party conducts voter survey

The Action Party, dominant party in Morton Grove village politics for decades conducted a survey of voters in the village in order to get the pulse of the community, according to Party President Dan DiMaria. DiMaria, a trustee of the village, said that the party members were concerned that those individuals who were outspoken at the board's meetings were only a small segment of the population and wanted to get a more com-

plete view of the village's residents. "We wanted to get a feel for the pulse of the community," DiMaria said. "We have all these nay-sayers at the [board] meetings we wanted to know if this is really what the community thinks." The party hired a private company to call voters within the village at the end of September. The surveyor asks voters what issues they think are important. It was also used by the party to deter-

mine what trustees would be best positioned to run for mayor of the village should current Mayor Dan Scanlon decide not to run for another term. "That was a very small part of the survey," DiMaria said. "We really wanted to find out what the community felt about important issues." The results of the survey couldn't be released, DiMaria said, because the information was proprietary and it belonged to the party.

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Mosque

development. Under a recent Illinois Supreme Court ruling, Klaeren v. Village of Lisle, anyone could file as an interested party in advance of the hearing which would afford them the right to cross-examine witnesses and present their own cases.

The hearings began with two nights in September when the MCC presented its proposal and the interested parties cross-examined witnesses. The hearings resumed last Tuesday with the interested parties putting on cases of their own.

Concerns that were raised by many of those neighbors who opposed the project ranged from flooding to the landscaped buffering to the fate of three little-leaf linden trees that currently occupy the contested Capulina Right-of-way. It is rumored that the trees were planted by a man named Eckhart, one for each of his three children.

Early on, some members of the commission expressed concern for the trees, which were to be eliminated under the plan and those concerns were echoed by several neighbors, many of whom argued that they would rather deal with a few more cars of the streets than lose the mature trees.

vents saving the three mature linden trees," said MCC neighbor David Conrad. "These are trees that have taken decades to attain their stature."

Conrad, who owns one of the homes on the eastern border of the MCC had a variety of other criticisms, arguing that lighting on the eastern side of the parking lot could shine into the windows of his children's bedrooms.

During cross-examination, Pat Kansoer, managing member of the Morton Grove Organization (MGO) was prevented from examining witnesses about the nature of the mediation agreement and strongly protested that the mediation agreement was the heart and soul of the plan.

"There are many different parties who have come forward in support of this plan," Kansoer said. "However, the overwhelming majority of those who oppose it are the residents who will be most directly affected if it is approved." Kansoer argued that excluding testimony on the mediation was wrong, because it was the only reason to ignore what he termed "19 defects" of the MCC's plan.

"The chairman has sought to protect [the commission] from hearing testimony regarding the

lynchpin of this plan, an agreement that is the major difference between the plan you rejected over a year ago and what is before you now."

Plan Commission Chair Ron Farkas had ruled during Kansoer's direct testimony that questions regarding the mediation were irrelevant, but thought better of the ruling the following night and offered him the chance to ask his questions, but Kansoer said he was unprepared to proceed with a direct examination, since he hadn't been informed in advance.

Kansoer's group, the MGO, asked for a continuance Monday night since their lawyer, Doug Cannon hadn't been able to attend the hearing the night they were called to present their case. When Cannon's arguments for a continuance were rejected by Farkas, he intimated that the constitutionality of the hearings might be challenged under Klaeren and that he would be submitting a legal brief to the commission on behalf of the MGO.

"I strongly disagree with your ruling," Cannon told Farkas. "I object to many rulings before the chair and would like to provide a legal brief to the commission under Klaeren, the 24 families represented by the MGO have property

rights." During cross-examination and in summations by the opponents and proponents of the plan, one major concern was flooding, currently a problem in the neighborhood according to some residents.

Resident Marilyn Scheinplug, for one, said that she often had water in her basement even with flood controls. What would be the result, she wondered, if much of the existing green space near the MCC's school was paved.

"There's a two-foot drop between the MCC's property and the homes to the east," Scheinplug said. "Where is all that water going to go?"

Village Engineer Ryan Gillingham argued that, since water collected by the parking lot was going to pass through a five-inch restrictor, the amount of water running off the property and into the area's combined sewer system could be reduced.

"We take the amount of water that would be allowed to run off if the parcel was vacant," said Gillingham. "That's how much is permitted to run off after the improvements."

In summations, the MCC said that they hoped the project would be approved, citing a myriad of

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compromises they had made such as lowering the minaret and dome height.

"The MCC has gone through intense negotiation sessions with the village," Kaiseruddin said. "For more than six months our arms were twisted. We have no more room for compromises."

Kaiseruddin also cried out for relief from some of the financial requirements that the village had heaped upon the project, such as a seven-foot fence along their eastern border, a private fire hydrant and extensive landscaping, but said they were still willing to fulfill their obligations.

"Please don't make it so expensive that we can't afford it, because that would be another way of killing the project," he said.

The Plan Commission still must deliberate publicly on the evidence they heard in the hearings before submitting a report to the village board. A date of November 9 was originally proposed for the deliberations. If a date around that time was set, the village board wouldn't be able to vote on the proposal until the second meeting in November or perhaps the first meeting in December.

For more coverage on the hearings, turn to page 4, 'High School.'

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Vaccine

calls all day with people upset," he said. "The articles didn't say we were accepting new people, it said that we were going to move forward as originally scheduled."

Some inoculations will be reserved for Senior Center staff and the village's first responders, Stavish said, but even so some national health experts are predicting a health crisis. Some are recommending that hospitals anticipate more flu cases this year with the possibility of converting whole floors to flu wards and canceling elective surgeries.

Lutheran General Hospital also has its supply of vaccine, but if local hospitals are hit with a greater number of cases, it could strain the health system, experts predict, possibly necessitating federal bail-outs as hospitals cancel more profitable elective surgeries to care for greater numbers of flu and related ailments. Last year, the flu season started in mid-October.

It's possible that the situation is being exacerbated by all the media attention and Stavish is philosophical about it.

"Last year we had a lot of vaccine left over," he said. "If we order more next year, I think we'll probably end up with more left over."



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(Left) Costco store manager Brian Thomas uses a bullhorn to announce blocks of numbers that will be allowed into the store to receive flu vaccine.

(Below) Costco employee Rodney Baja hands a ticket to Marcia Perlman of Morton Grove and explains the procedure for individuals to receive the flu vaccine at the store Saturday morning, Oct. 16.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)



High school a possibility at MCC, officials say

During Plan Commission hearings, representatives of the Muslim Community Center (MCC) admitted that the organization was still considering holding high school classes at the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard in Morton Grove. However, MCC President Mohammad Kaiseruddin said repeatedly that even if the village granted a proposed expansion to the school, holding high school classes there would prevent parallel sections of the lower grades.

"Our highest demand is in the primary grades," Kaiseruddin told the Plan Commission. "While we have considered holding high school classes, we'd have to cancel additional classes in the primary grades which would reduce the quality of education. We plan to open parallel classes for kindergarten, first and second grades because we have a long waiting list and that's where the demand is."

The current enrollment of the school is about 240 students. Kaiseruddin said that he expected enrollment to grow to 300 to 320 following the proposed addition. Plan Commission Member Richard Dorgan argued that, if the school were expanded to 18 classrooms, as the MCC's plans call for, up to 595 students could be enrolled at the school without violating village fire codes.

Kaiseruddin argued that, while that was technically true, the MCC's education philosophy called for no more than 25 students per class. And, he said, if you limit it to 25 per classroom, the maximum enrollment is 400 students.

In the waning hours Monday night, rank and file members of the MCC urged commission members not to take pre-emptive action to prevent the MCC from opening a high school at the MEC.

"Please do not include a clause banning a high school on the property," said Morton Grove Resident Abdul Khan. "Everyone benefits when such a school is present. I would like my children to have the opportunity to attend such an Islamic school."

The MCC's Attorney, Yasir Aleemuddin, also argued against such a clause.

"The MCC has not submitted a plan for a high school," he said. "I ask that the Plan Commission not take pre-emptive action that would, in effect, single us out."

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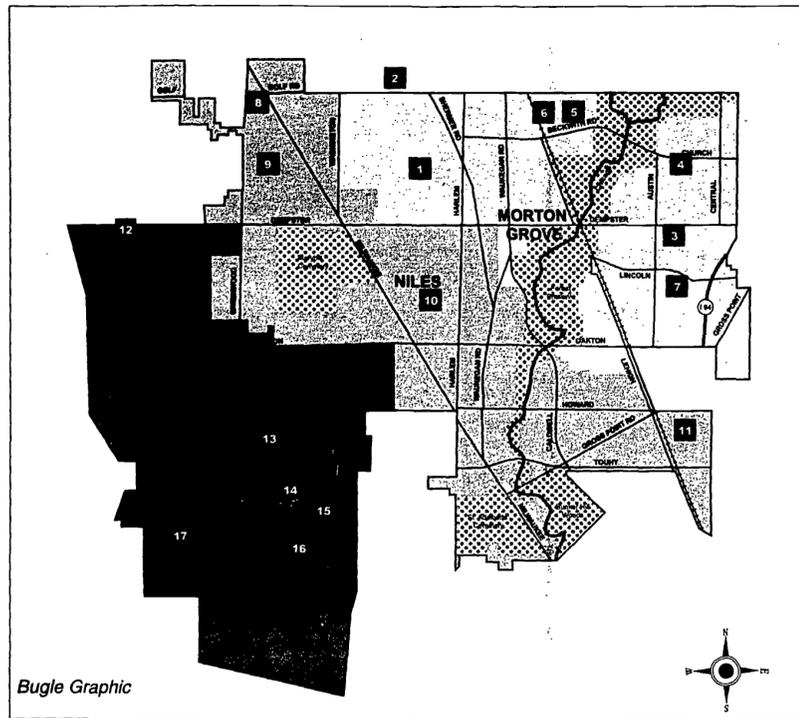
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POLICE BLOTTER



MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending October 16, 2004.

- 1** **Wallet lifted (7200 Dempster)**
A 52-year-old Niles woman told police someone removed her wallet from her purse while she was standing in line at home furnishings store in the 7200 block of Dempster Saturday evening October 16. The woman told police her black tri-fold wallet contained \$500 in cash along with numerous credit cards and identification.
- 2** **Vandalism (7400 Emerson)**
A Morton Grove man told

police someone used a 40 pound landscaping stone to smash the rear window of his 1990 Mercedes parked in his driveway in the 7400 block of Emerson early Sunday morning October 10. The window was valued at \$500.

- 3** **Van stolen (8500 Marmora)**
A 35-year-old Morton Grove woman told police someone stole her 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan while it was parked in front of her home in the 8500 block of Marmora sometime overnight October 7. The woman told police she heard a noise outside about 3 a.m. but she did not get a look out the window.
- 4** **Tools stolen (9100 Parkside)**
A 47-year-old Morton Grove

woman told police October 7 someone removed \$2,200 worth of tools from a shelving unit in her garage in the 9100 block of Parkside sometime between July 2 and August 26, 2004. The woman told police she came into the Morton Grove police department to report her license plates were missing. She said that on August 26 she and her husband noticed the tools were missing from a built in shelving unit in the garage. The couple told police they believe the same person who took their license plates may have taken the tools. The report does not explain why the woman took 41 days to notify police.

- 5** **Car burglary (9200 Ida)**
A \$2,000 navigation system along with \$400 in cash was stolen

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending October 18, 2004.

- 8** **Hold 'em (Golf Mill)**
A 17-year-old Niles youth was arrested for shoplifting two Texas Hold'em poker sets from Gamers Paradise in Golf Mill Friday afternoon October 15. An off duty Chicago police officer assisted the store manager in following the youth through the arcade area of the mall to a locker where the youth stashed the two games. Both the off duty police officer and an employee of the store saw the youth grab the two

games and run into the mall. The games valued at \$39.98 were recovered from the locker. The youth has a court date of November 17, in Skokie.

- 9** **Taser used to subdue Park Ridge man (9000 Cumberland)**
Police had to use a taser gun to subdue a 36-year-old Park Ridge man who tried to flee police as they responded to an overdose in the 9000 block of Cumberland Tuesday October 12. According to police they were originally called to the address to assist an ambulance. Police said when they arrived they saw a man trying to pull the 36-year-old Park Ridge man from the behind the wheel of van behind 9022 Cumberland. Police said they ordered the man to turn the van off and get out, but the man started driving the van back and forth to get out of the parking space. Police said at one point the driver of the van backed up nearly pinning a police officer between the van and a squad car. The officer escaped injury by jumping over the squad car. The van smashed into the squad car and other parked cars before stopping. Police said they had to use a taser to subdue the man. Inside the van police found 3 grams of cocaine, syringes, drug paraphernalia, and open beer cans. The driver of the van was taken to Lutheran General Hospital for a blood sample.

Police arrested Nicholas Kanatselis, the driver of the van, of 667 Northwest Highway in Park Ridge and charged him with Possession of a controlled substance, Possession of drug paraphernalia, Aggravated driving while with a revoked license, Aggravated DUI, reckless driving, driving of the influence of alcohol and drugs, disobeying a police officer, improper backing, no proof of insurance, and damage to village property. Kanatselis was held for bond court October 13 and has a preliminary hearing October 28, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in room 106 in Skokie.

- 10** **Masked man robs gas station (8600 Oakton)**
An armed robber wearing a Halloween mask held up the BP gas station at 8010 Oakton Monday night October 11. According to police the masked man walked into the gas station about 8 p.m. and walked directly over to the counter displaying a gun and ordered the clerk to give him the money. The clerk believing the gun was not real refused twice to turn over the money. The clerk said the robber grabbed a display of cigarette lighters and headed out the door toward the 8000 block of Oakton where he eventually dropped the lighters in a parking lot.
- 11** **Car stolen (5700 Touhy)**
Niles police are looking for 40-year-old Morton Grove man

who allegedly took a 2005 Nissan Altima from the car dealership he worked at in the 5700 block of Touhy on September 25. The manager of the dealership told police the man had been working at the dealership for three days before he left with the car. Two days later the dealership contacted the man who told them he had emergency surgery and would be back to work on September 30. By October 12 the man still had not returned the car.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending October 14, 2004.

- 12** **Burglary (1400 Marcus Ct.)**
Someone burglarized a home in the 1400 block of Marcus Ct. Saturday night October 9. Police said the thief entered the home by removing a bedroom screen.
- 13** **Vandalism (200 N. Busse Hwy.)**
Vandals smashed the driver's side window of a 1998 Plymouth Voyager parked in the 200 block of N. Busse Highway Tuesday October 12.
- 14** **Vandalism (400 S. Crescent)**
Vandals spray painted the back license plate of a 2004 Infiniti

parked in the street in the 400 block of Crescent Saturday night October 9.

- 15** **Vandalism (500 S. Crescent)**
Vandals spray painted the trunk of a 1991 Mercury Cougar parked in the street in the 500 block of Crescent Saturday night October 9.
- 16** **Vandalism**
Vandals spray painted walls, signs, and garages at 600 S. Vine, 300 S. Clifton, 400 S. Northwest Hwy., 100 Stanley street, and 200 W. Gillick during a vandalism spree from October 10-October 12.
- 17** **Yard light stolen (1100 S. Knight)**
Yard lights valued at \$60 were

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

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What's the most important issue for you in this year's elections?

Next week, we'll be at Kappy's Restaurant as per usual, asking people "Who would you choose for president if the election was held today?"



"The issue of the draft with the war going on. It really goes against my grain because I've got to many young boys in the family."
-Kate, of Niles



"I would like to see something done about tort reform because I think we're driving a lot of doctors away."
-Bob, of Chicago



"The war is important because we don't need to be over there with so many lives lost now. And health care, because it's becoming overly expensive."
-Scott, formerly of Morton Grove



Ding Dong, The Witch is Dead

The house has fallen on the Wicked Witch of the East. The Park Ridge Economic Development Corporation (the EDC), the wicked witch of the east, is dead.

The EDC was a private, not-for-profit, 501(c)3 corporation instituted at the behest of former Mayor Ron Wietecha some dozen years ago. The role of the EDC was envisioned to be that of a collection of "experts" to advise the City on the best ways to describe Park Ridge to prospective businesses so that their location here would add to City sales tax and real estate revenues.

The EDC was initially funded as a public-private venture with the City kicking in some moderate number of tax dollars to supplement funds raised by the EDC from participating members. Over time, however, that funding percent from public dollars grew and grew, as private sector contributions diminished.

a free office in City Hall, and that Director acted in concert with City Staff in promoting and assisting new business development.

What's wrong with that, you ask? Well, if the vision sounded good, the implementation stunk up the place.

The EDC, as a private corporation, had no requirement to be "open" about its discussions of City business. And the EDC members were primarily those business people who would benefit first and best from new businesses entering the City. (Wolves in sheep's clothing, I liked to call them.) And, finally, there is no substantial evidence that the EDC ever did good things for the City after all (even if some businesspeople in the City did benefit from their positions on the EDC).

I've been using the past tense here because, now, the witch is dead. The EDC has recently announced that it's disbanding voluntarily. (Yeah, right. Voluntarily.)

The voluntary part is the likelihood that the City Council Economic Development Committee will recommend that the City discontinue funding the EDC after May, 2005. No City

money, no EDC. Good riddance. But the saga isn't over - because there's a Wicked Witch of the West, too, in this story.

That witch is the replacement economic development function the Committee is likely to recommend, that a new City Staffer be added to perform the economic development function internally at - you guessed it - even more annual cost to City taxpayers than was wasted on the EDC. But hey, it's only money. (And more Staff.)

Here's my suggestion to the Park Ridge City Council: we don't need no steenkin' economic development function, City Council.

If you're doing your job - to make Park Ridge an irresistible place "to live, work, and raise a family" - people and businesses will come, without an economic development function of any kind.

If you're doing your job - and not pushing an economic development string, outsiders will be envious of those who live and work here and will bid for the opportunity to relocate here, all by themselves.

Do your job. Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain (the Economic Development Committee and the Mayor) asking for a new City Staffer. Or April, 2005 may bring the buckets.

And you know what happened when water hit the Wicked Witch of the West.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com

Letters Education funding needs state leadership

Dear Editor,

I've been reading the letters both pro and con to the proposed District 63 referendum and have decided it was time to add my thoughts into the mix. I am for passing the referendum, and I'd like to explain why.

I've been reading the letters by Mr. Ken Butterly, and feel his intentions to hold people of authority responsible are well and good, however I feel he is focusing his attention on the wrong group of people. I would like to see him focus his energy on our state legislators. District 63, like too many other school districts in this state, are struggling because of the way our state provides funds to our schools. The current system at the state level desperately needs reform.

I disagree with Mr. Butterly's opinion that the only way to the truth is by the Freedom of Information Act. I believe the school board has done everything in its power to get as many 'heads' as possible in on this problem to help figure out a solution. Teachers, parents, and community input was sought and welcomed - I truly feel this board did all it could to inform the community of the problem as it brewed and eventually came to a head. Mayor Blase, who in the past has been very vocal about not passing referendums when he deemed them unnecessary, had complimentary words for the efforts of Superintendent Williams and her staff and urged voters to vote with their conscience. I interpreted that as an endorsement, although I wish Blase would have come right out and said that he endorsed it.

I believe this referendum is just like getting a flu shot - no one wants to inflict pain upon themselves, but in the long run it's the responsible thing to do. When you think about it as one lump sum, it may seem like a lot of money per household. But if you think about it as a monthly expenditure, it would increase a monthly burden by approximately \$20.00. Is that worth having a school district with decent class sizes? Is it worth having extra curricular activities? Who would want to move into this school district if they find out their children may end up in classes that are pushing 40 children per classroom? Who would want to move into a school district that does not offer sports or instrumental music? I believe no one would want to move into this area once this information was discovered, and I believe property values will slump because of it.

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To sum it up, I believe I'm fairly educated about this crisis situation and believe the school board has done a reasonable job of informing the community and managing what finances it has. I believe that the true problem is not with the school board but lies at the state and federal levels. I believe this referendum is reasonable and necessary to maintain the quality of education needed to attract families to this area. Although I am not thrilled with the thought of another tax increase, I believe it is the right thing to do.

Pam Foley, Niles

63 referendum about 'quality education'

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 2, the voters of eastern Maine Township face a critical decision. Please vote "yes" on the East Maine Dist. 63 tax referendum.

Even before the last referendum attempt narrowly failed in March, Dist. 63 was spending the least per student, the least per teacher, and the least per administrator of any neighboring district, according to information in the Illinois school "report cards."

Since the March vote, Dist. 63 has had to implement drastic cuts to meet a budget shortfall similar to those affecting school districts throughout Illinois. The district's nationally acclaimed band program has been suspended. Some classes have more than 30 students; some have combined grades.

This is not a question of trying to keep up with affluent districts. Dist. 63 will almost certainly continue to spend less than the districts that border it, even if the referendum passes.

The question is whether a district that was already spending less than its neighbors will fall to a whole lower level of service to its children and community. By voting "yes," we can avoid that and continue to provide quality education in eastern Maine Township.

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I parked my car and sadly looked up at clouds that whisked by like dirtied gossamer. I was longing for earlier months that were filled with beaches and bikinis when my daydream was interrupted. Eleanor pulled up in the next parking space and my thoughts of summer warmth dissolved like the grains of salt on the rim of a margarita glass.

As we walked to the front entrance, she cheerfully chatted and I nodded vigorously to hide my shivering. Eying Eleanor's coat I privately resented her practicality... I had dressed too lightly.

We entered our town hall and she headed for her office chattering pleasantly with each receding step. As she turned away I shivered and rubbed the lingering chill from my jacket.

In the darkened hallway, fall's murkiness dawdled but I was distracted by strong talk and warm laughter. I looked to the source of the clamor and it appeared that our

coffee nook overflowed with people who heatedly argued.

Not wanting to interfere, I watched the action and wondered about the debated subject. It had something to do with voting in the upcoming elections because words like contestant, debate and selection drifted towards me. I hesitated, not wanting to interrupt for a little while because a political contest can bring forth impassioned rhetoric.

"Quite a get-together" said Bill, as he walked up slipping a large screwdriver into his tool pouch. I nodded and smiled because Bill normally kept quiet about topical matters. "I can see that," I replied. It always makes me proud to see my friends talking about important matters.

From a distance I could see Nancy was agitated because of her stiffened posture and her hands fluttering about her neck. "I don't agree," she insisted. "Texas is superior." Diane waded in with a passionate response. "You have no taste! I can't believe you won't even join our party."

Kiki spotted me, left the group and twittered as she rushed past us. "I love this kind of talk," she said. "It makes me hungry for more."

Knowing the boss was looking, the group quickly dispersed with predictable results. One person backed away and bumped into another who was reaching for the creamer. Hot coffee sloshed over manicured fingers and indignant shrieking resulted.

The need to intervene was overpowering so I stepped in and tried to calm everyone. "There is no need for this hostility," I said. "We can all debate without hurting each other."

Everyone froze in place! I tried to

break the silence by playing the role of Solomon. "You can vote for your candidate of choice and still be right."

They looked at me strangely as I talked about voting and how I was proud of them for being interested in the American political process. I looked at their blank stares and asked, "What's wrong, I didn't mean to interrupt but it sounded like trouble was brewing."

Margie walked up and asked, "How are the preparations for our chili party?"

I took on a blank look as she told me how far off base I truly was. The subject had nothing to do with politics because the words I'd heard referred to Texas style chili at a party where contestants competed for a trophy.

"But I thought you all were talking about the November 2nd election. Voting is important and our most precious right as Americans."

Margie explained, "That was yesterday's topic. Of course we all plan to vote but why go over the same subject?" She patiently explained that a chili contest would be held at the party on election night. The staff was setting the menu and discussing their preferences.

Margie looked at me tolerantly and urged everyone to return to work. I felt a little silly about the incident but I was secretly delighted with everyone's display of civic pride.

Oh well, I was way off this time but as I walked to my office I envisioned an appetizing chili cook-off and hoped that my invitation was in the mail.

Please join us on November 2nd and vote.

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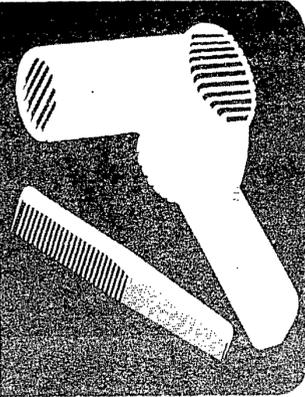
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(NUI) - Today, we're all "getting real." When it comes to attracting a significant other, natural beauty now beats out the processed hair, acrylic nails and fake tans of the past.

Another plus to natural beauty is its ease and efficiency. Simply enhance what nature gave you. How? Follow these tips and you'll be a natural from head to toe.

* Show off your skin. Thick, caked-on foundation is for clowns only. Instead, try a tinted moisturizer that will give you a radiant glow.

* Be a clear winner. Long, candy red claws are a disco do, but a natural don't. Brush on a couple coats of clear or sheer nail polish on tidy, square-trimmed nails to add shine.

* Life is rosy. A hint of color on cheeks creates a vibrant, youthful complexion. Try a translucent cheek stain that, unlike a true blushing face, won't subside within seconds.

* Tame the Tammy Feyes. Black mascara will smudge the most sublime natural look. Use a brown mascara that will thicken lashes without making them appear like spider legs. A clear mascara is also a great option.

* Treat your tresses. Get clean, sensational-smelling hair with a



natural shampoo, such as Nature's Gate Organics Chamomile and Lemon Verbena Shampoo, Health Magazine's Healthy beauty Award winner for "Best/Healthiest Shampoo."
* Love your lips. The most luscious lips leave bright lipstick and sticky gloss behind. Lip balm with sun block now comes in a host of tints, softening lips with just a touch of color.
* Get a gorgeous grin. Your original pearly whites may have

become stained and yellow, and there's nothing natural about that. Treat your teeth to a low-abrasion whitening toothpaste that will whiten teeth, freshen breath and help maintain good overall oral health.
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Fannie May stores reopen

Fannie May opened the first of 47 Chicago-area locations in Oak Lawn Tuesday, the first in a series of staggered openings throughout the metropolitan area that will include stores in both Niles and Park Ridge and will conclude with a triumphal grand opening of its downtown Chicago site Nov. 19.

Fans of the famous confections were dismayed when the retail locations were closed last year, prompting a run on the stores. Many, fearing the worst, stocked their freezers with their favorite candies. However, locals will have cause to rejoice when the Niles location 8534 Golf Rd. opens, possibly as early as next week, according to a company spokesman. The Park Ridge location, at 31 S. Prospect should open the second week in November.

"We're proud to be back, carrying on the Fannie May tradition for future generations," said Alan Petrik, executive vice president and general manager of Fannie May Confections, Inc. "Each store will have a broad array of chocolates, just like our loyal customers remember."

The Niles and Park Ridge locations were revived, according to sources within the company, because they were among the highest-grossing stores in the chain.

Hynes Elementary School hosts screening

Registration for Early Childhood Screening will be held at Hynes Elementary School November 16 and 17 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free developmental screenings are being conducted for all children 3, 4 and 5 years of age who live in Golf School District 67. The purpose of the screening is to assess a child's

general development and to detect any problems or delays in vision, hearing, motor, cognitive, social-emotional and/or speech and language development. To schedule an appointment for the 45-minute screening session, or for more information, please call Pat Steinman, 847/965-4500, prior to November 4.

EDC Disbands

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voice in economic development." Frimark felt that the EDC filled a different role than the Chamber of Commerce, working toward retaining old business and attracting new business rather than looking out for its members.

"The EDC was concerned about bringing in new business," he said, "whereas the Chamber is about networking and the success of its members."

Ald. Mark Anderson (5th), also in his first term has been one of the EDC's harshest critics on the council.

"I think its dissolution is kind of a non-event," he said. "I was primarily concerned about the city

funding it." In addition to its \$84,000 a year budget, the EDC was housed in city hall and given access to its phones and office equipment.

"I'm now concerned about what's going to replace it," Anderson said. "I'm hoping that the Task Force's recommendation will be a solution to our long-term economic development quandary."

The EDC Task Force, chaired by Ald. Andrea Bateman (3rd), is expected to meet once more before offering its recommendation to the council, possibly as early as the first meeting in November.

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D63 referendum letters

Letters from D63 Children

Dear Parents,
I would like to talk to you about the referendum. If it does not pass the kids won't have after school activities like Newspaper Club and Lighted School House. It is important because we need your help. We are not the only district in trouble. You can make a difference. So if you vote yes, kids will want to go to school more and more. So please tell everyone to vote yes on Nov. 2nd 2004.
Thank you,
Sincerely,
Patricia, age 9

Dear Kids,
So you want to keep after school activities like Lighted School House? If so, please tell people who walk their dogs, walk by your house, people who live on you block, and please tell your mom, dad, or whoever takes care of you. So tell everyone to vote

yes on Nov. 2 2004. So we can have after school activities back.
Sincerely,
Patricia, age 9

Dear Editor,
I go to Nelson School. I'm in 4th grade and I want the school to have more activities for all the kids that come to Nelson School. For me, I would like to have music because I would like to learn to play an instrument. I hope you can help my school.
Thank you,
Gustavo, age 9

Dear Editor,
Save POM-POMs, save band, save Student Council, save Junior Great Books, and save our school. Vote yes for District 63.
Brandy, age 9

Dear Editor,
Vote for District 63.
Angie, age 9

D63 in full compliance with FOIA

Dear Editor,

In a letter published in the Oct. 7 issue of The Bugle, Mr. Kenneth Butterly of "Citizens for Responsible Education" alleges that East Maine School District 63 has not complied with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in responding to the 559 (actually 571) requests he has made since April (actually May 5) 2004 for information pursuant to that Act. As the District Records Custodian, I have the responsibility of reviewing and responding to each request for information made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

I take strong exception to Mr. Butterly's insinuations that the district is evading the "legal requests" he has made and that information is being withheld. I have had a number of conversations with Mr. Butterly to explain the intent and the requirements of FOIA. Mr. Butterly's claim that a number of the District responses to his requests cited the exemption that a public body is not required to create documents is accurate. He has chosen to interpret this as withholding information. However, the fact is that although the act is intended to insure that "all persons are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and employees" the act also "is not intended to be used to violate individual privacy...or to disrupt the duly undertaken work of any public body." or "...to create an obligation on the part of any public body to ...prepare any public record..." Any information that Mr. Butterly has requested that is available in a public document maintained by the District has been provided to him. The District is in full compliance with the provisions of the act.

Michael J. Johann, D63 Board of Education

Please Note 'no' for D63 referendum

Dear Editor:

Mr. Dean Kokinis, a member of the District 63 Referendum Committee wrote in his September 23rd letter to the editor "that administrative salaries are too high and that some of their raises were ill timed". In addition to excessive administrative salaries, we have excessive salaries for many teachers as well. Information received from District 63 administrators under the Freedom Of Information Act shows immense "salary packing" over the years for many teachers 1 or 2 years before retirement. This underhanded tactic is meant to substantially increase retirement pay since the Illinois Teacher Retirement System calculates retirement benefits based on the most recent salary years.

As for "ill timed" excessive salary increases, I would remind Mr. Kokinis the BOE is charged not only with short term financial management, but must take into consideration the long term financial impact as well and particularly with salaries since these are recurring expenses. Those excessive salary expenditures have in large measure caused the recent cutbacks. I sympathize with Mr. Kokinis's summary of the current conditions he enumerated in his letter. I too would like to see genuine education excellence preserved and enhanced if possible. The fact is, however, that the current financial plight of District 63 is largely self-inflicted through inept and ill-considered financial management. Now the BOE wants a 22% tax increase referendum to make up for their ineptness.

Mr. Kokinis's challenge to referendum opponents to "have the 'guts' to look the kids in the eye and tell them they are just a 'tax amount' and that they don't deserve a first class education" is vitriol that deserves no response. I do wonder, though, if Mr. Kokinis and his ilk have the "guts" to challenge the BOE's reckless and wasteful spending or, the "guts" to eyeball senior citizens, many of whom are struggling on fixed incomes, and ask them cough up a 22% tax increase simply to continue doing business as usual.

District 63 BOE needs to put its financial practices and house in order. Adventures into Ponzi health equipment schemes do not serve the purpose of preserving and enhancing education excellence. A no vote November 2nd will serve notice to the BOE that they need to rearrange their financial priorities and truly stretch dollars.

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Senior Living

Today's Scene Facing life head-on with Alzheimer's disease

BY DIANE ROSSETTI
Copley News Service

The long goodbye, as some call Alzheimer's disease, was brought home again recently when former President Ronald Reagan died. Years ago, he publicly announced the diagnosis that eventually would rob him of speech and memory.

Alice and Bob Entwisle of North Canton, Ohio, understand the debilitating disease just as the president and former first lady did.

Bob Entwisle was diagnosed with Alzheimer's eight years ago while he still worked as an engineer at The Hoover Co. Alzheimer's robs victims of higher intellectual function. Early symptoms and signs include memory loss, decreased ability to concentrate and solve problems and mild emotional instability progressing to disorientation, confusion, hallucinations and the eventual inability to carry out daily activities and personal care.

Today, thanks to a can-do attitude and the support of friends and neighbors, Entwisle struggles onward.

"He tells himself and others that every day he's going to get through that day the best he can. He's a very dedicated person at anything he undertakes," said Alice of her 73-year-old husband, "whether it's shaving, dressing or setting the table. He has a lot of anguish at putting the silver on the table every night. But he's not taking this disease sitting down."

It's a battle, and he's a major part of the battle.

That battle is being fought by an estimated 4.5 million Americans. The number has more than doubled since 1980. Nearly 50 percent of those who live to 85 will develop Alzheimer's disease.

The Entwisles are active in both Akron and Canton Alzheimer's support groups. Alice calls them "a lifeline with other people in the same boat."

The groups provide outlets for patients and their caregivers. They meet together first, then split into patient and caregiver groups where both can vent frustrations and gain insights and answers from others. The meetings are just part of the couple's determination to maintain social contacts as they struggle with the disease's progression. Couples - one of them the patient, the other the caregiver - often get together with other couples from the support groups on dinner dates.

The Entwisles still enjoy visits to a vacation cottage on a lake in Michigan.

Bob values his independence, his wife said, and sets off daily on a mile-long walk around their neighborhood.

Help sometimes arrives from the Area Agency on Aging, she said. There is respite care available as well as help with housecleaning so Alice can spend more time with her husband.

Bob has participated in some clinical trials at University Hospitals in Cleveland, hoping his efforts may help bring about a vaccine against or cure for Alzheimer's.

Karl Herrup is director of the University Memory and Aging Center at University Hospitals. His is a three-part mission.

Providing clinical care for those suffering Alzheimer's and related dementia comes first. The second is education, both of the public as well as health care professionals. And the third is research.

"Education is part of the treatment," Herrup explained. "Alzheimer's really is a family affair. The worse it gets for the individual, the harder it gets for the family."

The real burden of the disease, he said, shifts to the caregiver. His center has a group of social scientists who study the caregiving and the problems attendant to it, such as treatment decisions and when decision-making shifts from patient to caregiver.

Though Herrup, 55, sees the havoc Alzheimer's wreaks on patients and their families, he is guardedly optimistic about the world his grown children will experience in their later years.

"I don't think they'll worry about this disease. I don't think there is going to be a sin-

gle magic bullet but a series of small victories, Herrup said.

"Ten years ago, we had nothing to offer, now we have drugs that improve the quality of life. There is just a profusion of stuff in the pipeline - vaccines, anti-inflammatories. And we're trying a new type of drug that was introduced to control blood cholesterol. What we've discovered almost accidentally is people who have been on it turn out to have a reduced risk of Alzheimer's. It's a considerable fraction. That's a lead."

In the meantime, psychiatrist Daniel Amen, a brain-imaging specialist, suggests that a healthy lifestyle may help ward off or at least postpone Alzheimer's disease.

Amen, assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and human behavior at the University of California Irvine College of Medicine, stresses five points.

The first is protection of the brain you were born with.

Avoiding toxic substances such as coffee, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs or a toxic work environment also is important for brain health, he said.

Amen believes diet plays a significant role in the development of memory problems. He eats a package of blueberries daily. "I call them brainberries because they're filled with antioxidants and fiber. They're a wonderful little treat and better for you than a bowl of ice cream," he said.

Omega 3 fatty acids - anything that is good for the heart is good for the brain - work to protect good blood flow.

Regular exercise also boosts blood flow to the brain. Brainteasers are as valuable as physical exercise.

"When your brain learns something new, it makes new connections," he said.

"You go to the gym and work out your muscles. The same thing is true of the brain."

Television is the equivalent of junk food for the brain, he said, "because it provides everything for you. You don't have to do anything. You're like a sponge. How many muscle do sponges have?"

He recommends a daily multiple vitamin plus supplements of Vitamins E, C and B.

Decades before Alzheimer's strikes, individuals are their own best weapon against falling victim to it.

"Prevention is the key. People don't develop symptoms until they are far along in the illness," said Amen, whose latest book is "Preventing Alzheimer's." "Many don't get diagnosed until they are in the moderate to severe stages. It's sort of like diagnosing diabetes after they've lost their sight."

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SENIORS

A sense of humor does the body good

By Marsha Kay Seff
Copley News Service

An older friend recently reminded me, "Only the very young and the very old know it's not necessary to stand on their sense of dignity."

But as I watched my mom carefully dress the other day, I realized that living with dignity, in the face of indignities, is the best revenge against aging.

Let's face it, in spite of medical advances and the best of care, vintage bodies, like classic cars, eventually get squeaky, creaky and rusty. The hearing goes; so do the eyes, teeth and bladder, and the hair, knees and hips. The first thing many older folks do when they climb out of bed each morning is reach for a cane or walker. Then they add their hearing aids, eye glasses, dentures, Depends and wig or "rug" before donning an alphabet soup of pills. And then ...

Here's where the dignity comes in: The women, especially, sit down at the ironing board to steam out the wrinkles in a cotton blouse with a collar high enough to hide the neck and bright enough to give the face a lift. And they don black or navy slacks, because dark colors make them look slimmer.

They wear dangle earrings to offset hearing aids. And though they might not wear as much makeup as they once did, they cling to their favorites. There's the foundation with sunscreen to smooth out furrows and guard against skin cancer. The mascara and eye shadow that bring out the color in fading eyes. The lipstick that cakes and bleeds into the tiny lines around older mouths, only to disappear with the first sip of coffee.

THE REAL TROUPERS
People such as my 85-year-old mother make no apologies for wanting the body and face in the mirror to look their best.

"I admit, I'm still vain," Mom says. "Vanity and dignity are all I have left; I don't have to depend on something or someone else for them. They're all mine."

She enjoys shopping for hip clothes - "not the old lady stuff." She wears stretch denim slacks because they show off the figure she's fought so hard to keep in check. She loves whimsical sweaters, which spark conversations with friends and strangers. And the shades in her blouses have to match her pants - exactly.

Her passion is wigs, blond and curly to hide her thinning hair. And that's also the reason she shuffles to the shower at her assisted-living facility in stylish straw hats. She still sours

drugstores for the perfect cosmetic products, which she now applies in front of a magnifying mirror. She laughs at the paradox of holding her body together with spit and polish, but she keeps trying. But she's still pretty enough to turn her share of octogenarian heads.

Her positive attitude, I'm certain, will triumph over her aches and pains, the failing parts and the wrinkles.

Pam Robinson, a nurse and administrator of Southern California Medical Clinic in Chula Vista, Calif., emphasized the importance of a sense of humor in older people. "The only way to live with (aging) is to look at the bright and humorous side."

She said that older women might be better than the men their age at staring down indignity because they've survived things like gynecologists' stirrups.

It's all part of life, the bladder that leaks and the teeth that wiggle, she points out. You do the best with what you have - and don't have - and keep on smiling. You cling to your dignity, even as your lipstick creeps up to your nose and down to your chin.

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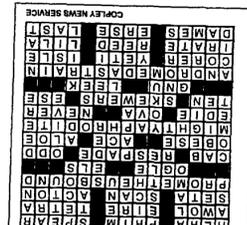
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Family far away? Has cooking become too much trouble? If so, please join us for our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon Celebration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving meal featuring turkey 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 SPECTACULAR, 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 Drengenberg will speak on Wholistic Medicine: What it Means to You. Sign up required. 10 person minimum. Snacks will be served. 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.

Maine Township

The following are some of the new classes, events, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township. For further information on free membership or any of these events, call 1-847-297-2510.

"NOT-SO-TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON"
Tuesday, November 9
Doors Open: 11 a.m.
Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee, Niles
Cost: \$13 members/\$14 guests + \$1 fish

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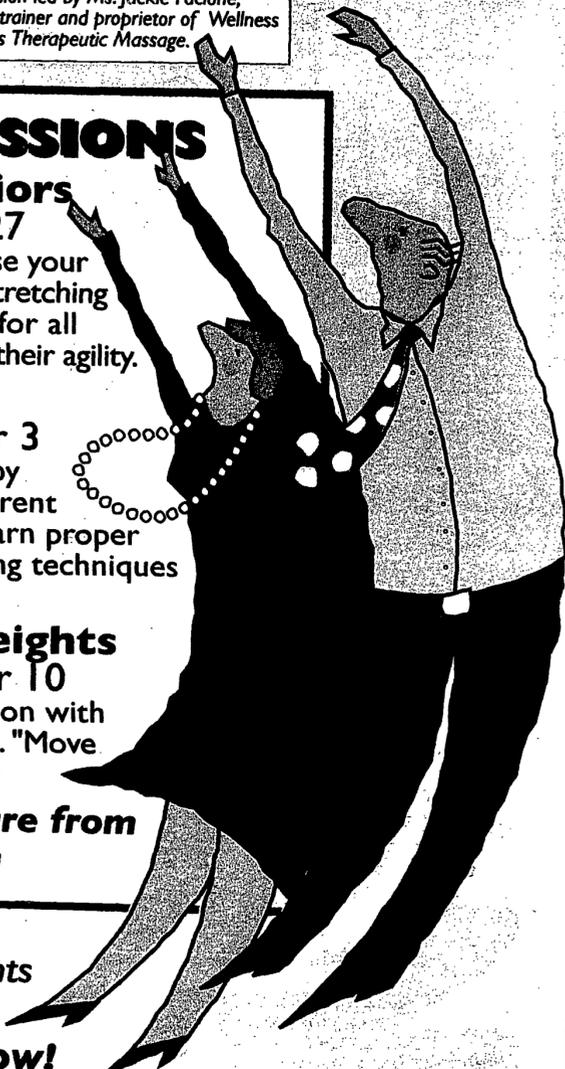
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At the Club meeting Monday, November 8 at 10am Rosalie Lindquist will discuss "Getting Started and U.S. Resources.

Our generation is the bridge between the past and the future. The research done now is handed down to those who follow and gives life to the past. Whether

your ancestors came in from Europe through Ellis Island, as "free people" or indentured servants, these are questions we hope to learn through research. Other puzzles will concern their modes of living, how did they settle and where and what did they do to make a living.

Rosalie Lindquist has had much research experience and has formulated a very interesting program and will give examples of what she has uncovered about one of her ancestors and

how she unearthed the information.

WRITERS WORKSHOP
The Writers Workshop meets in the library the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 11am. This innovative group is currently discussing the writer's greatest tool - imagination. In November they will test this premise by discussing 'Epistles from purgatory.' Join them!

Questions can be answered by calling 847-692-3527 or come in at 100 S. Western.

Maine Township

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walks a tightrope, to name a few. Bingo will follow. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Wednesday, November 3.

WOMEN'S TEA
Thursday, November 18 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Cost: \$2 Continental Breakfast

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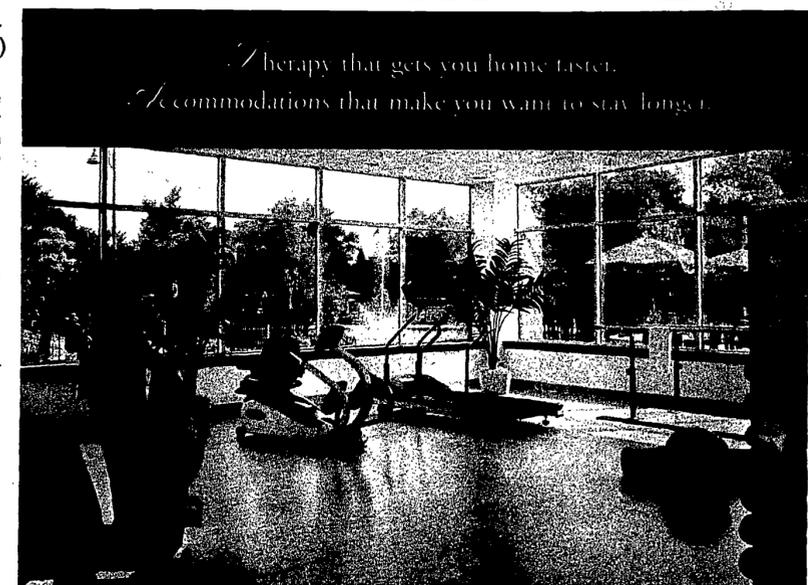
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FLU & PNEUMONIA IMMUNIZATIONS

The Morton Grove Senior Center regrets to announce that due to the national shortage in manufacturing of influenza (flu) vaccine, the Village of Morton Grove flu immunization clinics must be cancelled for 2004. The Senior Center will provide pneumonia immunizations at a single clinic on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. The pneumonia immunization is usually a one-time dose but is occasionally repeated if the person is over 65 years of age and more than five years have passed since their last pneumonia shot. There will be no charge for those residents who have Medicare Part B

and bring their Medicare card with them. Residents who do not have Medicare Part B will be charged \$25 for the pneumonia shot. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Seniors will depart via deluxe motorcoach from the Morton Grove Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 11 for the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. "All You Can Eat" buffet and \$5 in gaming coins are included. The cost is \$30 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$34.50 for non-members. The coach will be launched at 9:45 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

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A Bitter defeat

(Below) Niles West's Rashard Mendenhall #5 breaks a tackle on his way to a first down against New Trier Friday night October 15 at Niles West.



(Left) Senior Chloe Castro of the Niles West Poms squad leads the squad in the "Nerd Dance" during half-time entertainment at the Niles West-New Trier game Friday night October 15 at Niles West. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)

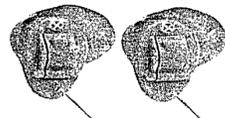


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Dr. Bello	21	13
5 Team 16	20	14.5
Team 4	20	15
Team 6	19	16
Team 20	19	16
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DAY DATE TIME

SAT 10/23 11AM - 12PM

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Niles West Player named to Army All-American Bowl 2005

Niles West running back Rashard Mendenhall of Skokie, Illinois was selected as one of 78 elite high school players to participate in the 2005 U.S. Army All-American Bowl to be held January 15 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The selection of the six-foot, 190-pound

senior to the Bowl was announced in front of the entire school by U.S. Army representatives at the Homecoming Assembly held today. Mendenhall, who was incidentally crowned Homecoming King at the same assembly, was ranked among the top five running backs in the nation.

Every January, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl showcases the nation's top high school football players with a traditional East vs. West gridiron match-up. The fine, young student-athletes are to be commended as they demonstrate the values of leadership, discipline, teamwork and commitment to excellence.

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LIFE

EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Monday, October 25

7PM Morton Grove Board meeting

Tuesday, October 26

8PM Niles Board meeting

COMMUNITY

Saturday, October 23

St. John Brebeuf will celebrate the opening of the new parish center at 8305 N. Harlem. There will be a ministry fair and activities throughout the day including refreshments, raffles and family-oriented events.

Activities will begin at 3:00PM with a marching band and ribbon cutting.

Sunday October 24th

"A Charity: The Art of Giving, Perspectives From Various Faiths" which is the Third Annual Muslim Community Center Ramadan Interfaith Event will be held Sunday October 24th 4:30-7:30pm. The program includes: Presentations include Youth and adults of various religious communities will share insights on the topic of charity from the perspective of their respective faiths.

Wednesday, October 27

The Maine Township Bingo Committee chairs Tom Bondi and Bob Sroka are pleased to announce a free Senior Citizen Bingo Party to be held at the White Eagle, 6845 N. Milwaukee, Niles on Wednesday Oct. 27. Niles Mayor Nick Blase sponsors the event with Maine Township Democratic Committeeman Laura Murphy. This is the party's 30th year. For more information or free tickets can be obtained by calling (847) 692-3388.

Thursday, October 28

The community is invited to join Norwood Park Home, 6020 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, on Thurs., Oct. 28, from 5pm - 7:00pm. Member of the community are invited to join residents and family members in this traditional ethnic celebration that includes two hours of dinner, dancing and live entertainment.

Friday, November 5

Norwood Park Home Plans Annual Spaghetti Dinner For Nov. 5. Continuing a longstanding tradition, Norwood Park Home, a division of Norwood Life Care NFP, once again, will hold its Annual Spaghetti dinner amid a festive Italian atmosphere with decorative banners, streamers and balloons.

Sunday, October 31

The Village of Niles and the Niles Police Department present tier annual Halloween Party from 3pm-7pm at St. John Brebeuf Gymnasium 8301 North Harlem Avenue Niles, IL. Haunted House, Candy Games, Prizes and Dace painting! This annual celebration is Free of Charge.

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TEMPURA FLORETS WITH PEANUT BUTTER-GINGER DIPPING SAUCE

1 small box tempura mix, prepared and ice cold

Florets from 1 head cauliflower

Oil for deep-frying

Yields 6 appetizer servings.

Place prepared tempura batter in

Chef Harry presents Here's a heads-up on cauliflower

As autumn's bounty continues, the cruciferous cauliflower is particularly delicious. While it is available all year round, you can find fresh, home-grown varieties that are incredibly flavorful this time of year at farmers markets. You might also find hybrid varieties that are tiny or full of color. When you do, it's time to get creative.

Select cauliflower with firm heads of tight florets. The leaves should be vibrant and crisp. The most common white cauliflower should have creamy white florets. The green, purple (which turns green when cooked) and hybrid varieties should look bright and fresh. All should feel heavy for their size.



Cauliflower can be stored, wrapped in plastic, in the refrigerator up to five days. Like all vegetables, cauliflower is best when consumed as soon as possible after picking or purchase. It's a great source of vitamin C.

For a simple and delicious side dish, boil trimmed cauliflower - whole or cut - into florets covered with half milk and half water in a pot covered until tender. Add butter, salt and pepper, to taste. Just drain and serve.

You might also cook cauliflower until it is soft. Drain it, add butter and mash it until it is creamed liked mashed potatoes but with significantly fewer carbohydrates.

Next time you are produce shopping, don't walk past the cauliflower. Give it a good look, a quick exam and then take it home and have some fun. Cauliflower deserves a place in your culinary repertoire.

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Place prepared tempura batter in

2 cloves fresh garlic, minced

1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 tablespoons hoisin sauce

1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter

About 1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar

Yields about 1 1/2 cups.

In small mixing bowl, mix all ingredients together except rice vinegar.

Slowly add vinegar while stirring until mixture is texture of mustard, adjusting vinegar amount as needed.

CAULIFLOWER SALAD

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

1/4 cup ketchup

1/3 cup sweet pickle relish

2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped or grated

1 small onion, minced

Florets from 1 head cauliflower

Juice from 2 fresh lemons

Yields 8 servings as salad.

dressing. Cover and refrigerate or serve immediately. Serve over greens, if desired.

SCALLOPED CAULIFLOWER

Florets and tender stalks from 1 head cauliflower, chopped

3 shallots, chopped

1 stick butter

1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped

2 tablespoon unbleached all-purpose flour

1 cup white wine

1 cup cream

1 cup grated parmesan cheese

Yields 6 to 8 servings.

In large, heavy, oven-proof saute pan, saute cauliflower and shallots in butter over medium heat, about 4 minutes. Add basil to pan and sprinkle flour over and cook, 3 minutes.

Pour wine over cauliflower and slowly add cream. Cook until thickened.

Remove pan from heat. Sprinkle bread crumbs over pan and then cheese. Place pan under broiler until golden brown on top, about 3 to 5 minutes. Serve hot or warm.

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BUSINESS

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Tips on making your Portfolio inflation proof

By Casey Colton
For News USA

(NUI) - Inflation is like kryptonite to your savings Superman. It saps the buying power of money you're stashing away to pay for retirement or your daughter's college tuition. In fact, in just the last 25 years, Americans have seen the purchasing power of their dollar tumble to little more than 40 cents.

Of course, all the talk today is that inflation is dead. And it's true that the government's measure of consumer price inflation increased at the slowest pace in more than 30 years in late 2003. But this pace is only true if you exclude rising food and energy costs. What's more, record-low interest rates, the sagging dollar, and massive U.S. trade and budget deficits have put inflation back on the radar for stock and bond investors.

Fortunately, one relatively new type of investment is designed specifically to beat inflation over time. Inflation-adjusted bonds pay interest just like other bonds but with a twist. Their principal value is adjusted for changes in inflation.

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Different types of inflation-adjusted bonds are issued by the U.S. Treasury, government agencies and large corporations. The government has also made inflation-protected bonds available to individual investors in the form of Series I Savings Bonds.

One of the easiest ways for individual investors to tap the power

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Inflation-protected funds avoid this problem by distributing the principal adjustments as a dividend so you're taxed on the inflation adjustments your investment makes over time. But it's important to remember that because those principal adjustments are paid out as dividends, you have to reinvest your fund dividends to realize the inflation protection the fund is designed to provide. If you spend the dividend, you don't get the inflation protection.

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Supreme Court taking on sticky issue of eminent

By Phyllis Schlafly
Copley News Service

The American Dream is to start a small business and develop it through years of hard work and investment. Millions of small businesses form the backbone of the United States' economy, annually creating between 60 percent and 80 percent of new jobs. Location is the key to most businesses, and entrepreneurs typically build their reputation at a particular spot. But lately, many have been greeted by a surprise message from city hall: Their town is taking their property for the benefit of someone else.

A lifetime of effort is suddenly snuffed by the arbitrary decision of a few councilmen or unelected city planners. Business owner can claim only an appraised value for the hollow building and land that he actually owns. He receives zero compensation for the goodwill and revenue stream from customers he has nourished for years. A business leasing its property usually receives no compensation. Employees get nothing. Citizen outrage about these intrusions into private enterprise has reached the U.S. Supreme Court, which announced Oct. 3 it will address this controversy. It has been 50 years since the high court has issued a major ruling in this area (*Behrman v. Parker*, 1954) and much mischief has happened in the meantime.

U.S. and state constitutions recognize the power of eminent domain but prohibit governments from taking property unless for a "public use," which traditionally meant building a public facility. The rationale was that some properties are essential to public functions, such as roads or even a city hospital, and there must be some way to deal with owners who refuse to sell.

But activist judges have redefined "public use" to mean almost anything, including unproven claims of economic benefit to the com-

munity. Increasingly, local politicians are ignoring constitutional limits.

Municipalities are seizing properties from small businesses to hand over to big businesses for private development. A small business that has existed successfully on a street corner for 40 years can be taken and replaced by a big shopping mall or office building that might end up in a massive bankruptcy a few years later.

The sharp increase in these "takings" of private property from one business to give to another is often traced to the "Poletown" decision by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1981. That ruling authorized the demolition of hundreds of businesses, more than 1,000 homes, and even several churches in a community made up of Polish immigrants near Detroit in order to build a new General Motors plant.

Thousands of businesses in several states are under similar threats of having their properties confiscated by local governments, typically for the benefit of large corporations. This deters investment and subjects millions of workers to the risk that a bureaucrat may force them out of their jobs.

In some cases, a municipality even announces a massive plan to seize properties for development long before it could become a reality. That depresses property values, scares away improvements, and lowers appraised values, thereby reducing the price the town eventually pays.

Good news arrived in July when the Michigan Supreme Court unanimously repudiated its own Poletown decision and held in favor of property owners. Siding with Edward Hathcock against the County of Wayne, the court declared its prior ruling against private property to be a "radical departure from fundamental constitutional principles."

But that "radical departure" lives on in other states, and even the new Michigan decision continues to allow takings of so-called

"blighted" property. It's not too hard for a town to hang the "blighted" label on almost any property it wants to seize for a lucrative development project.

In the densely populated Northeast, outrage over threatened seizure of property has boiled over in local elections. In the Democratic township of Franklin, N.J., a powerful incumbent mayor was upset in November 2003 by a Republican challenger who opposed a planned use of eminent domain. Elderly homeowners are just as angry as businessmen. A "big box" retailer such as Costco or Home Depot might look at a group of modest attached houses and dream of a parking lot, but residents see a lifetime of memories.

Often the projects are financed on the backs of the same taxpayers fighting to oppose them. Development bonds are guaranteed at public expense, with the ultimate benefits going to large corporations that flatten the area for a megastore to sell goods made in China.

In March, a 4-to-3 decision by the Connecticut Supreme Court authorized the town of New London to take the properties of Susette Kelo and many others for a private development by the wealthy pharmaceutical corporation Pfizer Inc. Manufacturing Viagra surely is not the public use that the Founding Fathers had in mind when they wrote eminent domain into the U.S. Constitution.

President Bush has an excellent opportunity to win the support of small business in the coming election. He should announce that his administration will defend private property before the Supreme Court this fall.

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REAL ESTATE

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BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service

Decore Score

A question of balance

Q: You wrote a column recently about how to arrange the furniture in a room. One of your key points was about "visual composition." You said to include vertical things like tall clocks in an arrangement. I have a question about proportions, like how big the sofa can be in a space. Suppose you have a living room like mine that measures 27 by 18 feet and is two stories tall. It's huge. I don't know how to fill it all up. Are there any guidelines on how to balance proportions?

A: That column also addressed the importance of "eyeballing" an arrangement. In a room as large as yours, your eye and common sense should tell you when a piece looks too puny, too low or insignificant. To fill the space visually, you need over-scaled pieces, say, a shelter sofa with a high back, or a sectional that stakes a claim on a goodly amount of floor space. Pattern and color are also space-fillers. Large, all-over designs "weigh" more than plain surfaces. Ditto for bright and dark colors, as opposed to light or neutral colors.

Balance your large seating arrangement with another, equally weighty gathering of furniture, maybe a secondary seating area with chairs, attendant tables and lamps. Another counterbalance to an upholstery grouping would be a game table with chairs under a hanging lamp. So would be - if it fits your lifestyle - a grand or baby grand piano. To balance all that horizontal action, think verticals like a tall clock or large works of art, even a collection of smaller artworks, hung in a floor-to-ceiling arrangement. Floor-length



window curtains would also work; so would an imposing armoire or secretary, and a tall bookcase or wall of bookshelves.

Designer Jiu Ho offered a highly original solution to the vertical equation in the news-making New American Home he decorated for the latest Homebuilder's Show in Las Vegas, shown in this photo. Startling, exciting, totally out of proportion - but that's the fun of it - the

giant red lampshade steals the show in the dining area. But don't try this at home.

It takes a pro like Ho, who knows the "rules" on proportion well enough to break them this dramatically.

WHO LOVES LUCY? New York designer Eric Cohler, for one. He credits Lucy Arnez's design sense with firing his early ambition to become a designer. "She was

up from Lucy, among them, the use of shutters, layered window treatments, wallpaper stripes hung horizontally, skirted sinks and tiered art wall arrangements.

No surprise that Cohler will have a say in the design of the Lucy & Desi Museum to be built in an old department store building in her hometown of Jamestown, N.Y. He's also writing a book on the comedienne/designer he actually met once (his grandmother played golf with Lucy's second husband).

"She wasn't as funny in real life as on the show," Cohler recalls. "She looked down at me and said something usual, like 'Hello, little boy.'"

CAN YOU DE-STRESS THROUGH DECOR?

According to wallpaper expert Paula Berberian, you can. The Brewster Wallcovering Co. of Massachusetts, where Berberian manages creative services, is bringing the outdoors in, in an effort to infuse tranquility into today's over-stressed lives. The focus is on natural colors, like beach sands and mossy greens and natural textures, like grass cloth in gentled hues, and real cork, cut sliver-thin and applied to a copper-colored metallic background. "You eat better, sleep better, altogether feel better in a more natural environment," Berberian explains.

Her point: If you're about to climb the walls, try redecorating them instead.

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always rearranging things on the sets of the 'I Love Lucy' show," Cohler explains. "When I was a kid I'd jump up from watching reruns and rearrange my parents' living room."

Now grown up into an award-winning interior designer (just named to The Circle of Excellence by the International Furnishing & Design Association of New York), Cohler says he's still rerunning ideas picked

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
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Q: We want to open up our kitchen in our "new" old house (a 1929 center-hall Colonial). Our contractor has suggested that we take out the butler's pantry so we can use the divider as an eat-on counter (with four children under 10 that would really suit our lifestyle!). I'm worried about losing the storage space if we take out cabinets to make room for an open countertop. Any chance I can have it both ways?

A: In remodeling, as in most things, life is a trade-off. First, I'd urge you to re-think the demise of your butler's pantry. They are such a cherished icon of an earlier, easier world that contemporary builders are beginning to put them back into new construction. If, however, your lifestyle dictates otherwise, study the kitchen in the photo we show here.

It comes close to letting you have your storage and your eat-on counter, too, thanks to designer Jim Livingston's apparent ability to defy gravity. He's hung double-access cabinets (by Wood-Mode) high over the divider that also serves as an eat-on counter. The leaded glass windows and interior lighting make the cabinets appear to float lightly over the divider, opening the kitchen to adjacent space without sacrificing cabinet storage. (For a closer look at

other Wood-Mode custom cabinet options, click on www.wood-mode.com).

Q: I have moved my home office into our son's bedroom now that he's gone off to college. Since he'll be back for weekends and holidays, he'll need a comfortable bed, but the room is so small (10 by 12 feet) that my computer desk leaves no space for a sofa bed. Do you have any suggestions?

A: A good night's sleep is where you find it - which can be in some surprising places these days. Have a look at a double-duty ottoman bed: by day, it's a seat; at bedtime, it pops into a single bed (one source: Hammacher-Schlemmer, www.hammacher.com, \$379.95). They also offer a bed hidden in a club chair for \$379.95.

Q: What's coming down the color pike for the coming year?

A: Look for colors to cool down and style up, blending, mixing, flowing, and shining, says Doty Horn, director of color and design for the paint giant Benjamin Moore. Predicting color trends for a recent gathering of the International Furnishings & Design Association of New York, Horn sees color drawing from such influences as water ("rhythmic, reflective, quenching" - think aquas, especially "iced" aquas); from femininity (blush rose, "rose passion," "iced" peach); and from Expressionism (high sheens and pearlized colors, luminous whites

that "glow from within," and liquid silver, brown and gray, gray, gray. Look for carbon - almost-but-not-quite-black - and for neutrals with a peachy-pink cast that change color before your eyes).

Ubercolorist Kenneth Charbonneau warned the design group that orange is still hanging in ("Longer than I ever thought!") ... that red will take on more "attitude," and that a return to outright prettiness in design may involve what he calls "fashion-victim pink." Most of all, Charbonneau reports, we will be living with colors that do not, repeat, do not look "chemical," rather, we're in for the likes of leather browns, golden yellows, and a "return of the berries." He also forecasts the end of the classic injunction against mixing warm (yellow-based) and cool (blue-based) colors. Plus, he says you can expect a lot more glitter in your home life: sheer black curtains shot with silver, for example, and other fabrics with embedded metallics. In sum, the guru told the IFDA, "Be ready for some tasteful glitz."

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REAL ESTATE

Creating counter space

The bigger they are, the harder they fall

You may not have been in the path of one of the recent hurricanes, but you can still learn some tree planting and tree maintenance lessons from the areas that have been hit.

Wind damage from hurricanes covers a wider geographic area than thunderstorms or windstorms along the coastlines, but they are less frequent, so tree problems go unnoticed for longer periods of time. When the winds finally do come, they can destroy larger trees. The damage comes in two broad categories - trees either get blown apart or blown down.

Multi-trunked trees can be a problem in high winds if one of the trunks is weaker than the other. Once it breaks or falls down, the rest of the tree is at greater risk. Many trees planted in recent years have an upright growth pattern. They fit better in smaller yards and street areas, but they often grow with many of the branches so close vertically to the trunk that they offer no support for branches that lean outward. When the wind blows a vertical branch outward, it snaps off.

Whenever a tree's trunks are so close that the barks touch, there is a strong potential for a split tree. A

tree's outside bark is dead tissue. Dead tissue between two tree trunks is not strong enough to support the tree as it gets larger. This weak area will split when strong winds blow. It doesn't matter if the two trunks are touching at ground level or if they are 10 feet off the ground, this is a tree with a strong potential to split.

A side issue is that the mulch should never ever be piled up on the tree trunk. It should always be a few inches thick and flat over the root ball. There has been a horrible trend for some maintenance companies to pile wheelbarrow loads of mulch at the base of each tree. The tree will survive for a while, as the trunk rots and the roots die, but eventually (in a windstorm) this ridiculous practice will catch up to the tree. If a newly planted tree is tied up, the trunk needs to be allowed to move several inches in all directions so it can flex and strengthen. If it is held rigidly in place, it will weaken and not be able to stand a strong wind. Just like a broken leg in a cast will not develop strong muscles, a tree held too tight will not be strong. Guy wires should be wrapped so the trunk remains protected and the bark is not damaged.

Trees that have been cut in half or have huge chunks missing because

of power line pruning will have a strong potential for failure in high winds. The top of a tree needs to stay balanced in shape to help it remain standing. Tall trees should not be planted under power lines. If the trees were there first, the power lines should be installed under ground rather than damaging the tree. The simple short-term solution is to prune the tree because the tree will last for years, but eventually the short sightedness of this becomes apparent when the tree breaks and the power is lost.

Drainage problems are more serious for existing trees than for newly planted ones. All new construction should take into account the existing drainage patterns for the existing trees. Any disruption will cause health problems to the trees. Native trees that were growing in a proper soil condition are not going to do well if the native soil condition is damaged. Also, native or non-native trees planted into the wrong soil and drainage conditions will not thrive and are strong candidates for being blown over in a windstorm. It is amazing how many large trees are planted in locations that can't possibly sustain them for the long

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Trees

term. Most forest trees should not be planted in small unrigged parking lot islands, in concrete sidewalks with metal grates, in the 5 foot space between the curb and sidewalk and in the medians between streets. The roots of a healthy strong forest tree grow several times farther than the branches. So, if the book says the tree grows to 50 feet across, the roots can grow 150 feet across. A 10-foot-square parking lot island will stunt the tree's growth and the roots will not

be able to support the top in a wind-storm. If a large tree has lots of space to grow roots in only one direction and the winds come from the other direction, there is a strong potential for the tree to blow over. Large trees need large root systems balanced in size and shape with the top. Along the edge of a wooded area, there is a natural transition from low to high plants from outside the woods to inside the woods. Whenever construction occurs in

wooded areas, it creates new bare edges. If the new edges don't have a mix of low to high plants, the high plants are exposed to winds that they weren't exposed to in the past. Trees that used to be in the middle of the woods are now at the edge of a clearing along a street or golf fairway. In addition, many forest trees naturally only have leaves at the top of the plant. The strong winds pushing on this "sail" can snap the tree in half. This is especially true of skinny trees like pines and palms that

often grow in natural groves. If you do have a tree with broken branches, either have it professionally pruned by a licensed arborist or learn how to do it properly yourself. Never over-prune a damaged tree. It needs as many leaves as possible to produce enough food to heal its wounds. Don't waste your time keeping an old heavily damaged tree when a new smaller properly planted tree would be better, but also don't remove trees in fear of future windstorms.

If you have a tree that is blown over, straighten it back up as soon as possible. In the meantime, use wet blankets to keep the exposed roots wet. When straightening it back up, never pull it past the upright point, because that will damage the roots still in the ground on the other side. Don't over-fertilize a root-damaged tree, the roots are in enough stress already. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenview.com. © Copley News Service

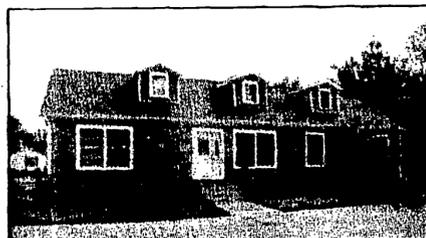
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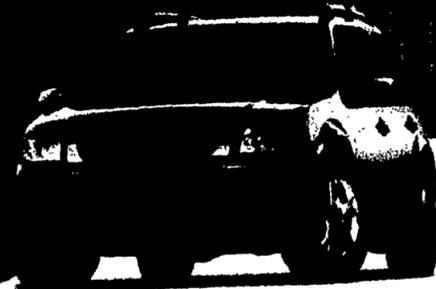
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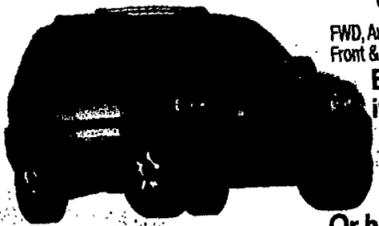
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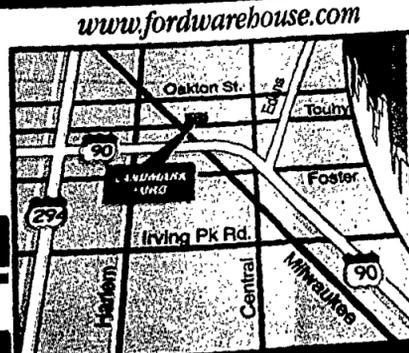
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