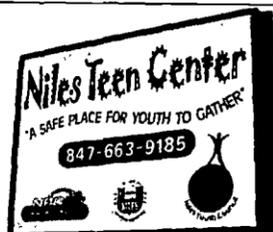


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Charges pending in beating, stabbing incident in Niles

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Niles Police were holding two men Tuesday after a Niles man was hospital-

Niles man stabbed, one of his alleged assailants shot

ized for stab and beating wounds Sunday, Aug. 7. No charges had been filed by press time but Police Spokesman Jim Elenz expected charges to be filed by

Wednesday. According to police, a Niles man who lives at 8023 W. Church heard noises coming from his backyard Sunday night and, upon

investigating, found between six and eight men congregated. He asked them to leave, prompting one to attack him with a baseball bat. Police say he was then

stabbed on the torso by one of the individuals.

Shortly thereafter, a gun was fired that struck one of the men

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Niles Police retire badge of officer

Shroud to be removed from memorial in Police Station today (Thursday)

Steven Zourkas was the first police officer ever lost by Niles in the line of duty and the Police Department is scheduled to retire his badge today (Thursday) at the Police Station at 10 a.m.

Zourkas was driving his squad car on Golf Rd. the morning of Friday, Apr. 8, 2005 when he swerved to avoid a pedestrian crossing against a red light. As a result of the maneuver, Zourkas lost control of the car which careened into the parking lot of the Highland Tower Condominiums.

The loss of Zourkas was unprecedented in the history of The Niles police force and the community mourned with his

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Walkers go on 'Relay'



Maine South students walk in the Relay For Life at Maine East Friday August 5 in memory of Jim Arsenault the father of classmates Ashley and Kelsey Arsenault. The event was the first of its kind in Niles/Park Ridge. The event was structured as a two-community initiative.

(Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Morton Grove store may have sold liquor in case of teen drowning

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Glenview Police, in cooperation with Morton Grove arrested a 42-year-old liquor store owner

MG Police say sale of liquor to minors still a problem

Monday night in Morton Grove saying that he sold liquor to minors, an act that may have led to the drowning of a Glenview teenager over the weekend.

Pinal Vyas, owner of the Quick Stop Food & Liquor Store, 9404 Waukegan Rd., Morton Grove was charged with selling alcohol to a minor and released on a

\$1,000 bond Tuesday pending a Tuesday, Sept. 6 court date.

Police allege that the alcohol was purchased last Friday and taken to a party that same

evening in Glenview.

Joseph Tyrpak, 16, of Glenview disappeared after the party broke up. His body was found by police Sunday in a

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NEWS

New Morton Grove Library Director Selected

After working at the Morton Grove library since 1980, library director Sharron McCoy's last day of work is slated for Aug. 31.

McCoy's replacement is librarian Ben Schapiero.

McCoy said she plans to continue her work for Habitat for Humanity during her retirement.

She said one of the best things about the Morton Grove library is the small, intimate size.

"You can see everyone and you are always able to be in contact. It's a very friendly atmosphere — its not overwhelming."

She said that new technologies and information automation has helped level the library playing field.

"Now, you can get the same information in a small library as a larger one," she said.

She said she decided to retire in order to have more time to do other things and relax.

"I'm retirement age too," she laughed.

Ads were placed for the vacancy in several library publications and posted on the Morton Grove library's website, which they call a "webrary."

Then, consultant Miriam Pollock was hired to help find the new director. Four or five 'library search' meetings were held and interviews were conducted and Schapiero was then selected.

Library president Estelle Cooperman did not have any information about the new director's background.

"There is a flier somewhere with his bio," she said. "But I don't have it."

Outgoing director McCoy also had little to say about Schapiero's.

"I think you should talk with the board president," she said. "I'm not going to go about doing their thing."

She said she believes that the new director previously worked for a company that makes library computer systems, but she is not sure. She said his bio is on the library computer system which had just crashed down.

McCoy has been director since 1988. The Morton Grove Library has an annual budget of \$2.5 million and 49 employees on the payroll.

An internet search of the name "Schapiero" did not yield any results. He was appointed July 14, McCoy said.

Morton Grove, County fighting parking scofflaws in St. Paul Woods

The Cook County Forest Preserve is making St. Paul Woods the last of its wooded areas to be opened each morning in an effort to work with Morton Grove to combat Metra commuters who park in the lot, avoiding village parking fees.

At the last village board meeting Monday, July 25 Resident John Thill spoke to the board, urging them for at least the second time to work with the county to make drivers parking in the woods park instead in the village spaces.

"On Friday I went by St. Paul Woods and counted 41 cars," Thill told the board. "Then I drove down Lehigh and counted 39 spaces. I don't need to spell out for you the lost revenue to the village."

Parking at the village's train station costs \$1.25 to drivers paying with cash and \$1.10 to those paying with a Metra debit card. If Thill's figures are cor-

rect the village could be losing over \$15,000 per year.

In response to Thill's comments, Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that the Cook County Forest Preserve had already been contacted by the village and that they were going to make St. Paul Woods the last stop when their employee opens the parking lot gates in the morning.

Whether that actually cuts down on the problem is still a question, however, since drivers parking in St. Paul could still arrive after the gates are open around mid-morning. Thill suggested that, if that doesn't work the Forest Preserve District should post "3-hour Parking" signs. Czerwinski thought it would be ineffective, since the Forest Preserve doesn't have the personnel to police the restrictions if they were put in place. But Thill thought it might, at least, act as a deterrent to commuters.

NEWS

No Local Money in Gigantic Federal Spending Bill

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Localities have gone empty-handed as a new \$286.4 billion transportation bill includes no money for Niles, Morton Grove or Park Ridge.

Ben LaBolt is a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9). He said the congresswoman has secured money in the past such as \$1 million that went to improving Dempster in 2003.

Schakowsky secured a total of \$12.8 million for the ninth district in the \$286.4 billion bill but none of the \$12.8 million will go to Morton Grove, Niles or Park Ridge.

LaBolt said the bill also includes

a "spending authorization" to expand the yellow line of the CTA which now zooms from Howard in Chicago to Dempster in Skokie. The spending authorization signals acceptance of the notion of adding more stops in Skokie but includes no actual money for that purpose. An additional stop would be planned for the Old Orchard Mall and Oakton.

The nearest spending measure in the bill is \$1.6 million to work on the Northwest Highway S-Curve in Des Plaines.

"This will help motorists from throughout the area," LaBolt said.

The S-Curve has been a constant source of disappointment to Des Plaines. 18 months ago, Des Plaines city hall officials publicly sought help from retiring south-

west suburban congressman Bill Lipinski in order to get funding for

"This is a long-awaited and bi-partisan bill."

Jan Schakowsky
Congresswoman

this project.

LaBolt said the congresswoman has secured other projects such as a \$150,000 community policing grant and \$63,000 fire department

funds over the past few years to benefit Morton Grove, Park Ridge and Niles.

LaBolt said yellow-line construction could move forward as the state and CTA submit formal plans.

President Bush was set to travel to Oswego to sign the transportation bill in the district of Republican U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert this week.

The bill includes money to create the 55-mile STAR line of Metra that transports train riders from suburb-to-suburb. It will bring riders down I-90 through the far northwest suburbs and then voyage south through the far-west suburbs to Joliet.

The bill also includes funds for a \$140 million western-access road

to O'Hare Airport. Bensenville and Elk Grove Village have long-sought this road which promises to bring the riches of O'Hare travelers flowing directly to their towns. The bill also includes \$100 million to clear congested rail traffic in Chicagoland.

In a press release Schakowsky said "This is a long-awaited and welcome bipartisan bill. For the 9th congressional district, enactment means resurfaced and safer roads, new bicycle and walking paths, expanded 'El' service and shorter commutes. My constituents will notice a real difference."

LaBolt also pointed out that Niles, Park Ridge and Morton Grove had not requested any fund-

BADGE RETIRED: Mayor, Chief to attend ceremony

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wife and newborn son. Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said that the retirement of his badge and

the police station memorial that has been shrouded until today was a fitting tribute to the man.

"It's a fitting way to do honor to his career with the department," said Strzelecki. "He is missed."

Zourkas' family and members of the police department were planning on attending the ceremony today along with Mayor Nick Blase and Village Manager

Mary Kay Morrissey and a police chaplain.

The Niles Police have never retired a police officer's badge before and Strzelecki said the entire department felt it was the best way to honor his memory.

"Zourkas was a fantastic guy and a good police officer," he said. "Other departments, like Chicago, have a tradition of retiring the badges of officers lost in

the line of duty and we felt this was the best thing to do."

Zourkas' wife received a full pension from the village of Niles and various charitable organizations have been in contact with the family in order to ensure stability for Zourkas' widow and son.

Zourkas' wife Ivy will be presented with a gold replica badge and necklace that she can wear

around her neck of her husband's retired badge number at the ceremony. The Mayor, The chaplain, the village manager and the police chief all planned on saying a few words in his memory. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the shroud will be removed from the station memorial, a bronzed image of Zourkas, that will hang in the station's lobby along with his badge and hat shield.

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Niles Youth Coordinator to depart

Eischen's last day will be Friday, Aug. 19

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Niles Youth Coordinator Christine Eischen, who shepherded the Niles Youth Council for two years during the formation of the new Niles Teen Center is departing for a graduate assistance program she announced Thursday, Aug. 4.

Eischen is a joint employee of the village of Niles and the Niles Park District. The Teen Center was installed last year in the former Tam Golf Driving Range just north of the intersection of Howard St. and Caldwell Ave.

Eischen said that she has been applying to graduate programs for several months and that she had been offered an assistantship to Concordia University. She said she could not pass it up.

"From my job here I decided that I'd like to jump into counseling," said Eischen. "I've realized it's an important job because of the things I've seen teens dealing with. I think it's important for me to add some professional training."

She said that she hopes to either come back to Niles after

her program or move on to social work in a community or a university. But whether or not she comes back professionally, she'll continue to be involved.

"I'm definitely going to come back and help chaperone events, volunteer," she said.

In spite of the great opportunity, Eischen said the decision to depart was a difficult one.

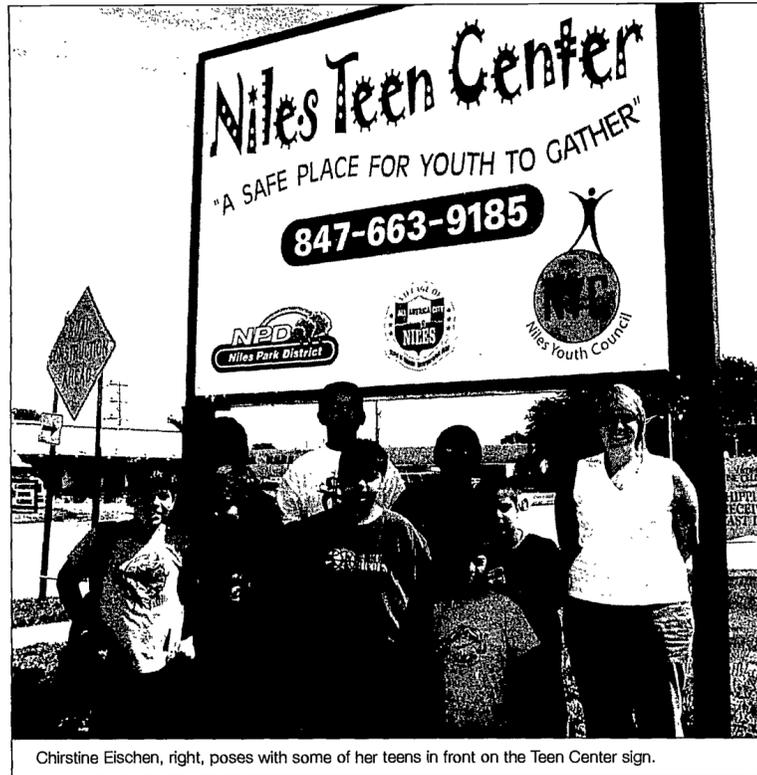
"I'm pretty sad," she said. "It was a really hard decision. This is a full-time job with full-time emotions."

Eischen said that she hoped that the position would attract a quality person after her resignation.

"Hopefully we get somebody good in the position," she said, continuing that she was definitely willing to volunteer her time after her official resignation to allow the new person to get up to speed. "I'm going to help the new person even if I have to come in on the weekends."

As to her years with Niles, she said she was proud of her work.

"I'm very proud to have opened the teen center," Eischen said. "We have good membership and programs. This is like leaving home for me."



Christine Eischen, right, poses with some of her teens in front on the Teen Center sign.

had just received his liquor license in May. The former owners of the store were cited twice for sale of liquor to a minor in

"Selling liquor to minors is a serious problem if it happens once."

Rick Krier
Morton Grove Mayor

2001 and 2004. They also said that Vyas worked for the former owners.

Morton Grove Police Chief George Inledon said that the Glenview Police made the arrest in Morton Grove because they're investigating the case. The village is conducting its own investigation for their liquor commission.

According to Morton Grove village officials, Vyas had recently purchased the Quick Stop from its former owners and

"We're taking the information that's coming in and forwarding it along to the mayor and the village counsel and administrator to look at the options."

Those options, according to Mayor Rick Krier, run the gamut from a citation to liquor license revocation.

"It's important that business owners in the village realize that having a liquor license is a privilege, not a right," Krier said. "In this case we'll look at everything from a citation to revoking the license but I don't want to say what we'll do because that would be pre-judging the case."

Krier said that liquor licenses are one of his primary concerns, evidenced by his refusal to issue the second installment licenses earlier this year and the subsequent review of all license procedures in the village.

"It's something I take very seriously," he said. "We need to know that the businesses we give licenses that are going to take them as seriously."

Inledon said that over the last

two years, the village has issued 30 citations for sale of alcohol to minors. That number does not necessarily represent the truth of the situation, which could be more or less severe, but Inledon said it's an issue that continues to be a problem.

"This is an on-going problem," he said. "We encourage parents to call us if they are aware of any

underage sales."

Krier agreed that this was a problem, but also cautioned that it was a problem everywhere and that parents play a key role in helping ensure the safety of minors.

"Selling liquor to minors is a serious problem if it happens once," he said.

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First Morton Grove 'Natural Resources' meeting Aug. 15

The first meeting of the new Morton Grove Natural Resources Commission will be held Aug. 15. The Commission was formed by the village board in

"They'll digest the material and come back with recommendations for the board."

Ralph Czerwinski
Village Manager

response to concerns about the health and welfare of trees in a village whose name includes a reference to trees.

Those concerns included the way parkway trees were being treated by contractors. Village Code requires those trees to be fenced in, but contractors were driving heavy equipment over the roots, some residents charged, damaging the trees and stunting their growth.

In response to these concerns and calls for a tree-cutting moratorium the board formed this commission. The nine-member body is charged with creating a tree ordinance for the village and examining the possibility of

a tree-cutting moratorium while the ordinance is being developed.

According to Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski, the commission members have received packets last week continuing a "Guide to Developing a Tree Preservation Ordinance," authored by the Minnesota Shad Tree Advisory Committee, a draft moratorium and examples of the tree ordinances of surrounding communities.

"They'll digest the material and come back with recommendations for the board," said Czerwinski.

While the commission members are currently digesting the information they aren't expected to make any monumental decisions at their first meeting.

"This first meeting they'll try and get acquainted with each other and their procedures," said Czerwinski.

The commission will meet once a month on the third Monday for at least a year. They're responsibilities are, as yet, undefined but they could eventually expand to oversight of all tree-removals in the village.

Village Trustee Dan Staackmann was selected as the board liaison to the commission, in part because of his experience on the Morton Grove Park Board.

New 'Al's Beef' to open on Touhy in Niles

Cleaners, Nextel Store will also occupy storefronts

A new restaurant, Al's Beef, will soon open in Niles at 5948 W. Touhy.

The restaurant serves traditional Chicago-style food such as hot dogs and Italian Beef. The first location was on Taylor Street in Chicago.

The Niles village board approved the application for the restaurant to open at their last meeting, Tuesday, July 26. The 80-seat restaurant will serve as the retail anchor for the development

and may eventually serve beer with their food, restaurant representatives told the village board, but

they had not applied for a liquor license and had no plans to do so for the immediate future.

There are four other storefronts in the development which will feature a Nextel Communications, cellular phone store and a cleaners. One storefront is still vacant. A ground-breaking will take place this fall with the stores planned to open in February or March of 2006.

A variance had to be obtained for parking at the development, but original plans to have two restaurants were scrapped early because of a lack of space.

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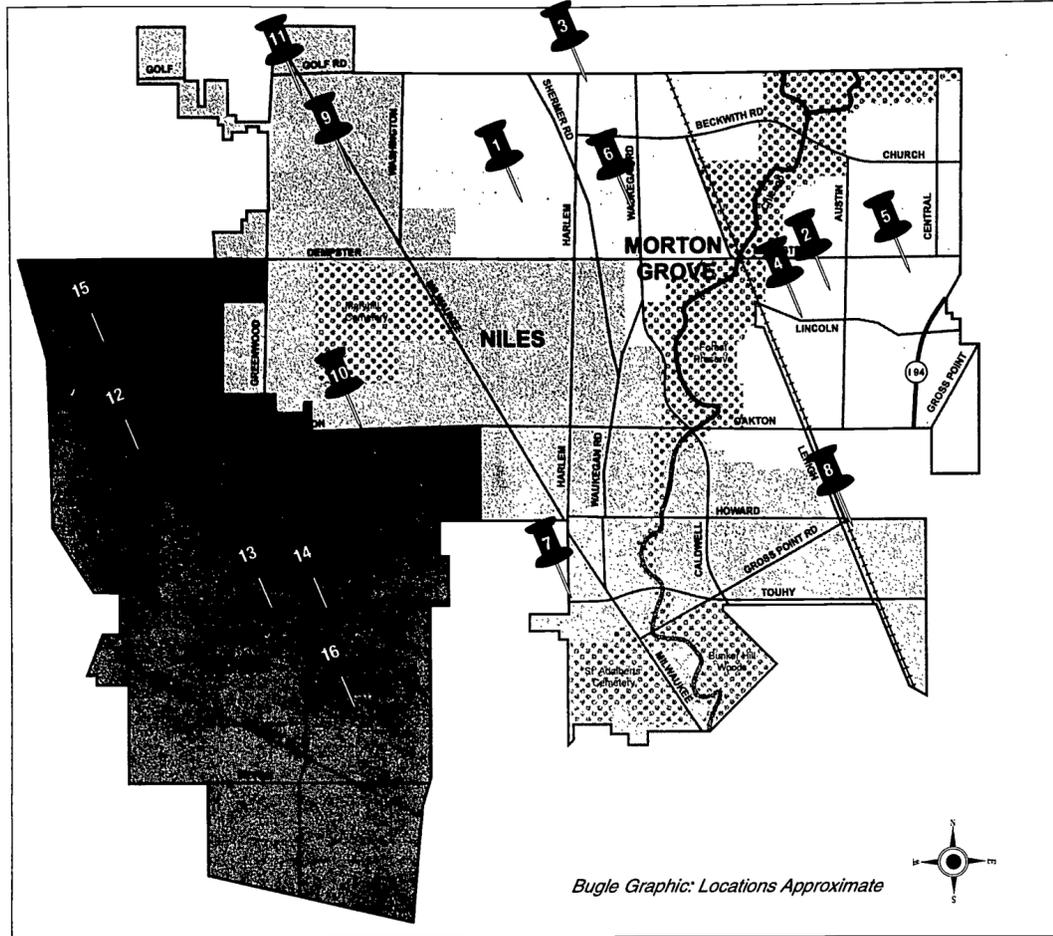
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MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 5.

1 Bank Call (8900 Olcott)

A homeowner received a phone call July 30 from an unknown man. The caller said the woman's Harris Bank account is in danger. The woman hung up but the man called again and told her to withdraw her funds. The woman is worried because the man knows her name, phone number and banker.

2 Empty beer, whiskey cigarettes found (Malley School)

Someone found empty packages of cigarettes and empty beer and whiskey bottles on the grounds of Malley School July 29 on the 8700 block of Menard.

3 Truck Gone (Avon Products)

A truck loaded with supplies was dropped off at the Avon

facility on the 6900 block of Golf May 19. Avon reportedly unloaded the materials May 21 and the truck was never seen again, according to a delayed report filed by the trucking company last week.

4 Neighbor Dispute (8500 Fernald)

Two women who live next to one another got into a fight over garbage removal practices in their building. Enraged, one of the woman, 24, dumped pasta on the door of the other, 21. Police told them to stay away from each other. One of the women is slated for eviction.

5 Post-surgery death (Illinois Bone & Joint)

A woman, 79, was coming out of surgery having staples removed from her hips from a previous surgery Aug. 2 at Illinois Bone & Joint on the 5700 block of Dempster when cardiac pulmonary arrest struck and she died. She was being moved to the X-Ray room at the time and had just finished her surgery.

6 Passed Out at Bar (9000 Waukegan)

A business owner, 47, passed out at a tavern on the 9000 block of Waukegan after drinking half a beer Aug. 2. He was transported to Lutheran General for medical attention.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 5.

7 Bar Fight (7300 Harlem)

A man was beat-up at a bar and restaurant on the 7300 block of Harlem July 31 at 4:03 a.m. According to one witness, the man was asked to leave and refused. Someone punched him in the face and then several people kicked him while he was on the ground. He suffered a bloody nose and lip and said he thinks his ribs were broken. Police believed the man and others in the bar were "severely intoxicated." The victim, 29, of Chicago will be sent a bill for ambulance services and was

transported to Lutheran General Hospital.

8 Sleeping at the wheel (6000 Howard)

A salesman, 32, of Connecticut was caught sleeping behind the wheel outside of Shotzee's bar Aug. 3. His driver's side seat was reclined and the man was unconscious when a police officer arrived. The vehicle was on the curb and grass on the wrong side of the road and the vehicle was parked with the ignition on. The man told the officer he had been drinking in Skokie. The officer told him he was in Niles and he said "really?"

9 Glove Compartment Jewelry Gone (9400 Milwaukee)

A woman dropped off her car for repair at a dealership in the 9400 block of Milwaukee last week. The woman, a UPS porter, reported that she left a diamond ring, \$2,500, gold chain, \$750, birthstone ring, \$100 and sapphire ring \$100 in her glove compartment. When she got the car back, these items were gone. The car dealer told police they sent the vehicle to a Chicago Body Shop for repairs.

10 Dental Crime (8200 Oakton)

A \$120 ladder was taken from the shed of Periodontics of Niles Aug. 2.

11 ComEd Yard (8300 Golf)

Copper cable was stolen from a large copper spool on a ComEd yard. A shopping cart was found on the scene.

12 Cell phone gone and found (1200 N. Good)

A cell phone sitting in the car was taken and then found on the street and returned to the owner July 29.

13 Underage drinking (1200 Touhy)

An underage man, 17, of Chicago was arrested for drinking. He has a Sept. 13 court date.

14 Car Stuff Gone (100 S. Cleveland)

Someone took a digital camera, briefcase, tape recorder and battery charger from a 2000 Chevy July 29.

15 Camera, Gameboy Gone (1200 N. Dee)

A digital camera, Nintendo Gameboy and \$3 cash was taken from inside a 2004 Toyota July 29.

16 CD Player Taken (700 S. Vine)

Someone entered a residential garage, opened a car and stole the audio CD player the night of Aug. 2.

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News from the Police Reports

Thieves pull off Golf Mill Jewel Heist

\$28K Diamond Tennis Bracelet stolen in separate incident

BY JEFF BORGARDT STAFF WRITER

Two masked prowlers entered Golf Mill Mall in the middle of the night Aug. 3 and cleaned out a jewelry store.

The men cut a hole in the gate of the mall store and dumped loads of gold and silver jewelry into two bags.

When the jewelry store alarm went off, a night mall cleaner was working by the food court and standing next to a water fountain.

He walked towards the sound of the alarm to the Zales jewelry store near JC Penny's and saw two men in masks clearing out the display cases of jewelry.

The burglars spotted the cleaner and pointed menacingly to a crowbar. The cleaner then ran away in fear.

The on-duty mall security

guard was on the other end of the mall during the incident and observed nothing.

Another night worker was on break sleeping in his car. The store alarm went off at

Several cases of gold and silver jewelry were gone, but the safe was intact.

2:48 a.m. The two men were wearing dark masks and blue sweat-shirts.

The Zales is located inside Golf Mill Mall at 239 Golf Mill Center.

The burglars cut a small hole in the night gate of the store-front to gain access.

Police received the call and

descended on the mall. They created a perimeter around the mall and searched for the prowlers in their blue sweat-shirts.

Police did not have an exact dollar amount missing from Zales as of Aug. 5.

However, a Zales employee reported that several cases of gold and silver jewelry were gone, but the safe was intact.

In a separate incident, someone stole a \$28,000 diamond bracelet from another Niles jeweler. Seven Goldenstar Jewelry, 5704 Touhy, reported someone took the bracelet between 4 and 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 28. The 26-carat bracelet was lifted as a man and two women were shown other items. These people were believed to be accomplices distracting employees as another man swiped the bracelet and walked out with the others.

Niles Police accepting applications for "Citizens' Academy"

The Niles Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy. Niles residents, Niles business owners, and Village of Niles employees are eligible to apply for the upcoming academy session. The Citizens Police Academy is a

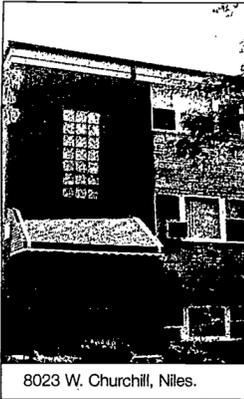
twelve week program designed to give participants working knowledge of the police department through education and participation in a working police environment.

The classes and discussions are held once a week from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Enrollment is limited to the first 20 students and there is no cost involved to accepted members. Classes start on September 13, 2005 and applications are due September 05, 2005. Those interested can pick up applications at The Niles Police Department located at 7000 W. Touhy.

STABBING: All wounded in stable condition

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8023 W. Churchill, Niles.

attacking the Niles resident, according to police. All the men in the backyard then fled on foot.

The gunshot victim was anonymously dropped off at Evanston Hospital while the Niles man was transported to Lutheran General Hospital after a 9-1-1 call from a relative.

Police and Cook County State's Attorney personnel were still conducting interviews with the Niles man on Tuesday in the late afternoon.

While only two men were being held at the Niles Police Station as of Tuesday, Elenz said that they had held up to six at an earlier point in the investigation.

Elenz said that the Niles resident was still in the hospital by press time, but that his injuries were not life-threatening. The man who suffered a gunshot wound was also in stable condition.

4th Niles 'National Night Out' a success

Heat causes attendance to decline slightly

Niles' fifth annual National Night Out event went very well Tuesday, Aug. 2 according to Organizer Ofc. Robert Tornabene, with attendance declining slightly due to excessive heat.

"We were very pleased with it," Tornabene said. "Attendance was down slight, but that was because it was much hotter this year than last year."

The National Night Out, now in its 24th year nation-wide, is designed as an event to "take back the night." Tornabene said that many of the popular activities, such as a new teen dance, may be continued again next year. The event was held again this year at Notre Dame High School.



Hula-hoops at the National Night Out.

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor

Krier set a high bar for his administration, now he must deliver

Dear Editor,

With regards to a Bugle article with quotes from/on the part-time village clerk's job in Skokie, if I remember correctly, the last part-time village clerk was a former high school teacher from Crane, Chicago by the name of Siegel. The entrance courtyard to the hall was dedicated to him. When the Caucus Party took over the part-time job remained part-time with a full-time clerk and benefits to the current tune of \$100,000? plus benefits. In addition, Skokie now has a part-time clerk at \$52,000 with benefits. Once again, part-time help is hired out of the Mayor's budget to hid the cost.

Since Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier has Cuacus backing I hope this is not the direction he is following. I do not have any qualifications to understand the nature of the two positions with the need for a portable laptop. On the other hand I am confused by the need for the village to buy one since our current clerk is a full-time political Caucus appointee to the position of executive secretary to the Niles Township supervisor at \$70,000 plus benefits. My point being one would think she would have milked the township for a laptop.

With regards to our paramilitary units, may I suggest a residency requirement, similar to Skokie's as a start for all top brass and administrative staff, i.e. 180 days to locate in our village as residents.

I would strongly endorse an outside appointment to the office of chief of police. I would suggest a person with strong credentials for cleaning house in two categories: 1. reduction in staff by retirement, 2. increase in the practice of "mating squad cars" should be eliminated as of now even if it is the two sergeants per shift. The practice does not add to the fine work of the dedicated and professionals.

Lastly, I am concerned about the "stealth health" work practices of the health department. I would prefer a list of violators and violations in the newspapers. In March, I wrote to the Health Office about a serious condition. As of July, I never received a response in writing or a call as to the disposition. If she does not have time to respond surely a system could be set up for the clerks to make their response. Is the purpose of the health department to protect the village workers, the business people or the populace. If you want people to shop in our village we need to upgrade our standards. I have not shopped at the place in question since March.

Thank you for your patience and consideration. There is an old peasant saying which reveals no matter how much things change, they remain the same. Mayor Krier alone sets the bar high for his administration. Now he needs to work hard to achieve it.

Bill Handzel, Morton Grove

The Maine Course

BY BOB DUDYCZ
MAINE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISOR



Summer Fun for Kids

Last Friday while inspecting the exterior walls of our building I spotted a pair of legs sticking out from behind a bush. My curiosity was stimulated and I walked closer.

As I approached, I noticed the legs moving and heard what sounded like a cat struggling with a fur ball. Alarmed, I hastened my step, rounded the bush and nearly fell over our resident building engineer and horticulturist Dave.

He was wearing walkman earphones and singing a tune as he weeded the base of one of our plants. He happily sang, "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer..." and each "lazy", "hazy" or "crazy" was punctuated with a mild grunt of satisfaction.

You see, Dave is a semi professional gardener and when he yanks out those pesky little green trespassers, he gets a satisfaction rivaled only by his daily lunch. Today he was digging around a Silky Dogwood and arose with a grunt as he stabbed the hard packed dirt with his trowel.

"Hey Chief, what can I do for you?", he asked.

I responded, "What was that noise you were making? I thought you needed help."

"I was doing a little sing-along to the velvet tones of Nat King Cole who put that tune on the charts over 40 years ago. Every year since 1963 when I hear that song it puts me in a great mood. It's about a special time when the ending school year bumps into hot months filled with free time. Unlike today, we knew how to have fun in the summertime."

Marie walked up and asked, "What's up? I'm studying our township ordinance book and it's too noisy around here."

I replied that Dave was of the opinion that young children today have no fun. "He says that kids today don't know how to play like he did 50 years ago." Dave rolled

his eyes the way he always does whenever I lecture him about the history of townships.

Marie piped in that we have plenty of things for young people to do. "You need to know about our summer camp program for underprivileged kids, Mister Smarty Pants! We have a special agreement with the Cook County Sheriff's office and they have lots of fun."

I agreed with Marie. In fact, this summer we doubled our program and had two sessions of two weeks where local children had supervised activities. "Marie worked with Therese and some volunteers and they all had a most memorable time."

Dayna apparently heard some of the conversation as she walked up with a stiff back and a display of attitude. "I hope no one is criticizing our summer camp program," she growled. "This program is the finest effort of the township. I spent some time with these little angels and it changed me forever."

Marie was excited as she added, "We went to see the Picasso, swam in the lake and built sand castles. We even walked through the Lincoln Park Zoo."

Dayna rapidly exclaimed about the day she took the kids to see a stage play and they all sat in open mouthed wonder. She learned that some of these little ones never seen a stage and a live play. It was a first experience for most of them.

Marie continued, "At those

young ages, they do not know about such things. I could only hope that our efforts give these children a new world of experiences."

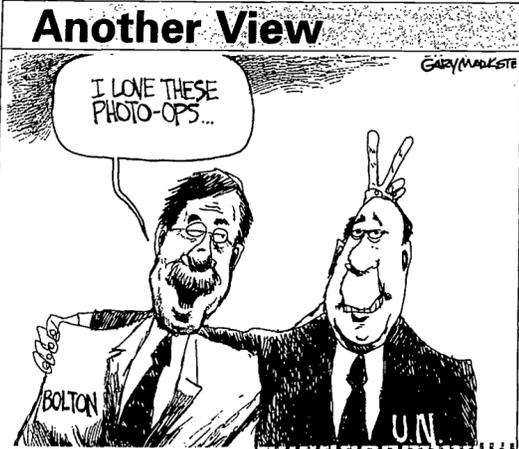
I always felt that it was our task to be role models for young people and to give them some wholesome memories. I fervently hope that our involvement might be the catalyst to turn around a youth who may be struggling with a personal crisis. This is a great effort and I was glad our Township Board agreed to double the program to four, two-week sessions next year.

I was proud of my staff. I watched as they walked into the building and the animated discussion continued even as the front doors silently swished closed behind them. I smiled at their dedication. They were so intense that anyone belittling the summer camp program would be blistered by these enthusiastic counselors. It was here that I realized that Dave was missing.

I looked around and heard that "cat working on a fur ball sound." I peeked over the top of the Silky Dogwood and saw Dave hiding and pulling weeds. I realized that he wisely retreated and returned to work so I figured that I had better do the same.

I slowly retreated and for the rest of the day I hummed "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer. You'll wish that summer could always be here."

So far it's been a great summer in Maine Township.



Stockbroker losses bring no trials, lots of tribulations

MONEY AND YOU
LYNN O'SHAUGHNESSY
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Economic Development in Niles Big Retail in Niles

This is the final installment in a three-part series analyzing economic development in Niles, Park Ridge and Morton Grove.

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

With thriving retail and shopping corridors, economic development in Niles is old hat.

Buyers flock to Niles for endless shopping and bring globs of cash to Village Hall.

Unlike poorer communities desperate for jobs and business, Niles planners aim for stability and sensible growth and don't need to "throw a party" every time a new business opens.

Village manager Mary Kay Morrissey said businesses enjoy the stability offered by Niles.

"We have a very stable board and we've had the same mayor for 43 years," she said. "Our board has always been there to support business, it's an important part of our community. We are always working at it and want to keep our businesses

alive."

Though stability is prized, with so many retail businesses turnover is inevitable. Currently, a new Wal-Mart will replace a K-Mart and a Korean Super H-Mart is slated to take the place of a former Dominick's.

The 87,000 sq. ft. supermarket is expected to open next April. The new Wal-Mart will be the village's second Walton family superstore.

Director of Community Story Continues... see NILES RETAIL page 10.

Grand Opening



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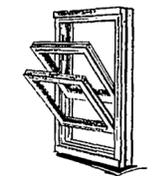
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Niles knows the retail business

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Development Chuck Ostman said the new Wal-Mart is moving into that location due to the bankruptcy of K-Mart.

Wal-Mart will not be the only major retailer with two large locations in Niles. Target and Home Depot each have two locations in Niles as well.

The Golf Mill Mall holds down the fort in a competitive retail area.

Lately, the mall has been changing. The expansion of Target is the major new change. Smaller shopfronts in the mall are being clustered on the south-end of Golf Mill as the larger anchors grow.

Four-decade Mayor Nick Blase said the village does not throw a party when a new retailer opens up in Niles.

"It's not like that here. We aren't trying to get one new business here or there or make one street corner prettier. We've been producing a lot of money for a long time. One new development is not a big thing for us. What we are talking about is getting peo-

ple shopping in Niles." Blase said the village 'lives and dies' by sales tax and does not rely much on property tax.

He said retail proceeds have been flat for the past three years. When asked what he thinks about when the term economic development is mentioned he answered in one word — "cash."

One new feature of Niles zoning law now lays out landscaping guidelines for commercial properties.

"This ordinance codifies the amount of landscaping required," Ostman said. "That's something relatively new that we've never had before."

The village has also been implementing a study of how to improve Milwaukee Avenue with better traffic flow and streetscaping amenities to improve the appearance of the roadway.

As for vacancies, the two major ones are the former SportsMart and Circuit City locations. The SportsMart is vacant due to a merger with another sports outlet retailer while the reason for the closing of the Circuit City is unknown.

Nonetheless, Niles still ranks near the top ten in the state in retail income. Not bad, considering the population and size of the village is well below 50th in the state by any measure.

The abundance of big shopping in Niles creates a need for police to monitor, record and process shoplifting. With roads jammed with stores, shoplifting is clearly one of the most frequent crimes reported in Niles.

But Niles is not all about big-box retailing.

The village, which is named after 19th century reporter and national political figure Hezekiah Niles, is now 51 percent residential, 17.9 percent commercial, 17.4 percent industrial and 13.8 percent public land and woods.

Ostman characterized this as a good mix.

The largest Niles employers include the big-box retailers, WW Granger, Bedford Group Exchange, Coco-Cola, AB Dick, Kraft, Village Hall, MRI and Metaldyne.

Printer Fort Dearborn Lithographers, aerospace stalwart MPC Products and wireless microphone makers Shure Inc. also employ many workers in Niles.

As for the housing market, the 30,068-person village has been the site of many teardowns for newer residents as the population ages. The controversial tear-

downs continue as property values skyrocket and low-interest rates fuel rampant real-estate speculation. Long-time residents sometimes complain when old-time houses are demolished and replaced by luxurious mansions leaving the neighboring homes looking poor by comparison.

Teardowns comprise the majority of new housing in Niles since the village has already been fully built up.

The mayor said the real-estate market is soaring dangerously high.

"What we are talking about is a bubble. It's not something unique to Niles. It's happening in the entire North Shore in Niles, Park Ridge, Morton Grove and Des Plaines."

Blase said the teardowns result in neighbors fearing higher property taxes and esthetics concerns. He said the hot real estate market is good for those selling their homes, but could spell trouble for those who invest in real estate property at artificially high prices.

"These are artificially high prices," he said.

The demographics of Niles have shifted slightly towards diversity though residents

remain predominately white. According to the 2000 census, Niles is 89 percent white, 7 percent Asian and 4 percent Hispanic. Total population dropped nearly 7 percent from 1990 to 2000.

Niles ranks number 60 in Illinois in population and has seen an influx of immigrants. Morrissey said several Polish-language speaking workers at Village Hall can communicate with new immigrants.

All told, Ostman thinks the Niles economy is strong.

"I think things are looking pretty good," he said.

With all these amenities, Morrissey says its no wonder that businesses and resident keep coming to Niles.

She cited a good transportation location near Chicago and the airport, strong schools, good village services, low taxes and an abundance of parks are the big strengths of Niles.

Blase recalls getting married and moving to Niles as young man. He moved to the suburbs in search of good schools, parking, freedom from crime and the 'good life' of suburbia.

"That's really what its all about," he said.



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NOR-WOOD LIFE CARE NFP LOOKS FORWARD TO 110TH ANNUAL PICNIC

Remember when picnics were family events with plenty of food, live music and entertainment, children's games, and good ole fashioned fun among neighbors and friends? If you look forward to the return of that carefree era, don't miss Nor-Wood Life Care's 110th Annual Picnic on Sun., Aug. 21 and be a part of a long-standing local tradition that began in 1896. The event will be held under a canopy of trees on the grounds at Norwood Park Home at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, from noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets ready to enjoy our barbecued finger licking treats! There'll be plenty of brats, hot dogs, chicken breasts, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, soft drinks, and ice cream to buy. If you're ready for some Norwegian specialties, try the open-face sandwiches, fløtegrøt, julekake, and

krumkaker. There will be a Jumping Jack for kids, and games for the entire family with prizes galore. The popular Friends of Chicago Animal Care and Lake Shore Animal Shelter will once again offer for adoption an assortment of puppies, dogs, kittens, cats, and other pets. A variety of entertainment will feature live music for dancing and listening throughout the afternoon. The sale of resident-made crafts and a raffle that offers an assortment of interesting and exciting prizes will round out the afternoon.

Here are some added bonuses. The 3rd Annual Furniture Sale is not to be missed, and a new treat will be the 1st Annual Book Fair. Don't miss browsing through the many hardcover and paperback books at attractive prices. In conjunction with the picnic, the Resale Shop across from the picnic will hold a Sidewalk Sale of Christmas items, collectibles,

clothing, household items and more.

"We look forward to our residents, their families and the local community coming together for this once a year event," said Trish Hinkes, executive director of Norwood Park Foundation, one of three divisions of Nor-Wood Life Care NFP. "It's an opportunity to interact with your neighbors and meet residents, family members, staff, and volunteers in celebrating 110 years of partnering with historic Norwood Park."

The picnic was first held in 1896 to celebrate the purchase of the Norwood Park Hotel that became Norwood Park Home. It has been held every year thereafter, bringing family and friends together for relaxation, good conversation and great food.

For more information about or to volunteer for the Annual Picnic, call Trish Hinkes at (773) 577-5367.



Some audience members at last year's picnic required only a little coaxing to take the stage and demonstrate their graceful Hawaiian dance movements. Donning colorful grass skirts and leis, the eager volunteers showed their skill in performing the Hula. This interactive event will be repeated at the 110th Annual Picnic when the Na Kapuna Ukelele Club returns to perform before a large afternoon crowd. Other live entertainment also is planned.

MORTON GROVE DENISON STUDENT NAMED HUGHES RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Denison University sophomore Marina Sodagar, daughter of Afzal and Seema Sodagar of Frontage Road, Morton Grove, has been selected as a Hughes Research Assistant and will collaborate with a faculty member on research over the summer.

ulations of *Cambarus Cavatus*." Her adviser is Assistant Professor of Biology Kristina Mead.

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Latest Internet fraud more sophisticated, dangerous

JONATHAN SIDENER
Copley News Service

Ultra-wary computer users religiously explore the Internet from behind the shield of a firewall. They regularly update and run virus- and spyware-prevention software. Some use the more secure Firefox browser, while others stick to Linux or Macintosh operating systems, which are less susceptible to hacking. But still all this may not be enough.

A new online scam called "pharming" can hit even the most conscientious computer users.

Pharming, like its predecessor phishing, is a deceptively playful hacker term for a devious criminal scheme. In both scams, Internet users are tricked into entering passwords, account numbers and other personal information on a Web page. The information is used to clean out bank accounts and commit other identity theft crimes.

Pharming is a more sophisticated version of the scam, and that makes it harder to detect, harder to prevent and harder to measure. Experts agree pharming poses an insidious threat. But because it is almost impossible to measure, estimates vary on how prevalent it has become.

In the older phishing scams, the digital con artists send e-mail that purports to be from a bank, credit card company or other legitimate e-commerce company. They attempt to persuade people to click on a link to a Web site where they log in and verify account information.

Alert Internet users know legitimate businesses never send out these "account verification" messages, and they simply delete phishing e-mail.

In pharming, the criminals have figured out a way to divert users to a deceptive Web page without the phishing e-mail. There are very few clues to the user that anything is wrong. As a result, even the most cautious Internet user can become a victim.

True pharming begins when savvy criminals hack into and corrupt a key piece of network hardware that controls Web browsing. In this type of pharming, called Domain Name Service poisoning, hackers break into DNS servers.

These servers use a system of

numbers, called IP addresses, to identify individual Web sites. Users type in the name of a site and the DNS servers translate the name into a numeric IP address. When a user types in a Web address, MyBank.com for example, the servers translate the name into the IP address for the site. The process is similar to selecting the name "Joe" from a cell phone contact list and letting the phone's software dial the number linked to the name. When the DNS directory is cor-

rupted, any user who types in MyBank.com would be redirected to the wrong IP address, ending up at a site that appears to be MyBank.com but is actually operated by the criminals. "There have been just a few known successful DNS poisoning cases," said Avivah Litan, an analyst who follows Internet security issues for technology research firm Gartner. "I think it's more worrisome than prevalent. But I think companies need to gear up to keep it from becoming a big problem." There are two related scams that use different means to divert users to the fake page. Many

experts consider them to be pharming attacks as well. In one, known as desktop pharming, individual computers are infected with spyware or virus-like programs that redirect Web traffic. Browser redirects, or hijacks, have been used for years by pornography sites and other unscrupulous Web businesses to steer users to their sites. Instead of sending Web surfers to a porn site, the pharming version of this well-known trickery redirects requests for legitimate

site will appear in search-engine results along with the legitimate site. A hacker, for example, might create the site MyBank.net. A search for MyBank would return MyBank.com and MyBank.net. Anyone who unwittingly clicked on MyBank.net would end up at the pharming site. While desktop pharming is widespread, it can be fairly easily prevented through the regular use of firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus programs, Litan and others say.

gon of phishing and pharming adds to the problem because they are meaningless terms to many people. He said he recently spoke to a room filled with senior citizens. Few said they knew what phishing or pharming meant, he said. "When I asked who was familiar with account-verification or Web site-hijacking scams, almost everyone who used a computer raised their hands." At San Diego Internet privacy company Anonymizer, founder and chairman Lance Cottrell believes that more than a handful of DNS pharming attacks are happening.

"It is hard to tell, but I think it's larger than it first appeared," Cottrell said. "I've seen some reports that it's a pretty widespread problem."

Cottrell said his company's service protects against pharming scams. Anonymizer redirects subscribers' Internet traffic to and then through its own servers. If a Web page request never reaches an infected DNS server, it cannot be pharmed by a corrupted server, he said.

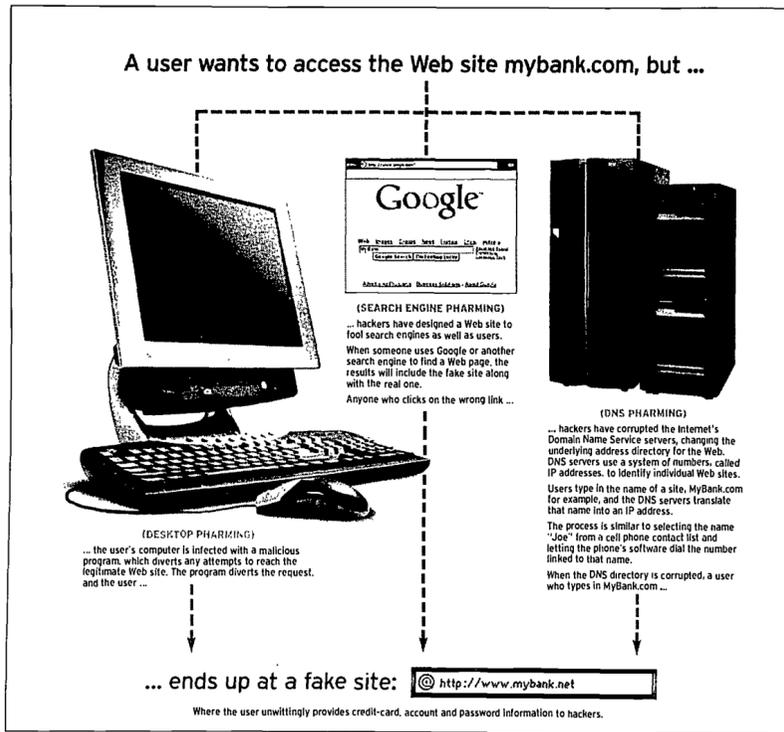
Anonymizer may offer protection to subscribers, but it does not solve the overall problem. That will require fundamental changes in the way financial Web sites are registered and the way they interact with customers, experts say. That will require costly upgrades to Internet hardware and changes in the way Web browsers interact with financial sites.

Litan, the Gartner analyst, said financial Web sites will likely have to do more than demand passwords from users. Solving phishing and pharming fraud will probably likely require two-way authentication, she said. Banks and credit-card sites will have to find a way to prove to customers that they are legitimate. She said the long-term solution will probably require some form of caller ID for the Internet.

Several systems such as Microsoft's Caller ID for E-Mail and Yahoo's DomainKeys have been proposed. "It will have to be a strong enough system that people can trust it the way they trust caller ID on their phones," Litan said. "It has to be something that can't be faked."

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At the San Diego-based Identity Theft Resource Center, co-founder Jay Foley agreed that pharming attacks are hard to measure, but he is concerned that they are on the rise. "There's really very little to alert people that it's happened until it's too late," Foley said. "My sense is that it's increasing. I don't think it's anywhere near the level of the account-verification (phishing) scams. "It's the next generation. More people know not to click on an account-verification fraud e-mail, so the bad guys are going to look for new and better methods." Foley said using the hacker jar-



NEWS

Public Workshop set Aug. 19 for Milwaukee Corridor Study

The village of Niles will host the second in a series of community workshops regarding the Milwaukee Ave. Corridor Plan on Friday, Aug. 19 in the village council chambers located at 1000 Civic Center, Dr., Niles. The workshop will be in the

form of a planning "charrette" focused on generating design concepts for potential redevelopment sites, roadway and traffic circulation improvements, bus facility improvements, site planning issues and streetscape and urban design elements. The design team lead by

Camiros, Ltd. and traffic consultant KLOA will work throughout the day on integrating solutions covering the broad range of issues along Milwaukee Ave. A special 9:30 a.m. invitation is offered to property owners who are interested in exploring

the potential for redevelopment of their site or area along Milwaukee Ave. or potential improvements to site plans including access control, parking and landscaping. The general public is welcome to stop by any time between noon and 5 p.m. to provide design input, whether grand ideas for the whole corridor or details for elements such as street furniture.

A final "pin-up" of ideas will occur around 5:30 p.m. and the public is invited to review and comment on the initial design concepts.

A summary of comments made at the last Public Workshop
Comments included are not representative of all expressed views

Comments from June 14, 2005 Public Workshop. This summary includes comment sheets response, followed by consultant notes. Camiros received back nine comment sheets. The comments are given in full, verbatim below.

My greatest concerns for Milwaukee Avenue are:

1. The level and constancy of noise pollution. No sooner are better mufflers put on the buses, then the buses blare out the stop announcements for the whole neighborhood to hear. Noise from overhead air conditioners on buildings. Drive-thru loudspeakers. Noise from outdoor vacuum cleaners from the shopping centers. Stores blaring their boomboxes on the street. Outdoor cafes that set up their audio equipment outside. Stop lights that announce through loudspeakers a change in the light (day and night). These are for the blind, but I think that the blind could be served without blaring every time the lights change.) Banging, clanging windchimes. It all adds up.
2. Not inviting. Lack of green space. Not environmentally friendly - greening movement. Need to maintain small businesses - not force them out.
3. Traffic congestion and access to the small businesses along Milwaukee. I also think it is important to maintain the character of the businesses along the street. I do not want to see large big box stores take over, also we don't need car dealership as has happened in Morton Grove, Waukegan Road, or Park Ridge, Dempster St.
4. Limited space for redevelopment. Cost to citizens. Value of end results, i.e., will residents be paying for something that doesn't improve their quality of life? Will Milwaukee improvement attract major retailers to corridor? Right now Golf Mill is an eyesore and offers little to consumers. I am concerned that there are very few homeowners at

5. Little shops will disappear or be forced out. Walking across the street. No new condos, this increases the traffic congestion. No new office space, more congestion from workers.
6. To have a comprehensive plan promoting retail and professional uses. Further to remove older blighted buildings and replace them with more modern and aesthetically pleasing structures. Many of the properties along Milwaukee Avenue are in a poor state of repair and detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. The street is also extremely congested, especially by the intersection with Oakton.
8. Viability of businesses due to lack of, or uncontrolled parking. Pedestrian access is very dangerous at most places along the corridor. Aesthetics: the time has come for aging area to be revamped. Traffic: can be better controlled, routed, with widened, additional lanes and better turning options.
9. Like so many other arterials, bikes and pedestrians will get engineered out when the total focus becomes moving and accommodating car traffic.

5. We could reduce some traffic congestion if we had dedicated bus lanes. I would love to be able to ride my bike down Milwaukee Ave. to do my shopping. But the traffic is so heavy I feel it is too dangerous. Want more small shops, less big boxes. Small shops are friendlier. Add a left turn lane into cemetery. Do not allow residents to park their cars on the apron, or right next to the street, blocks vision of cross traffic.
6. Newer buildings providing for retail and attracting national and local tenants/retailers. Additionally, as Niles is a attractive community and in demand for residential uses, it would be a good idea to develop the street with mixed use buildings containing retail and condominiums.
7. Bike route. Bike racks. Sidewalks along Mary Hill Cemetery for pedestrians.
8. Conformity, yet with diversity: a more "planned" area with many "flavors" along the way.
9. A combination of devices to move traffic more efficiently and quicker and devices to calm traffic to make this area more bike and pedestrian friendly.

Niles is currently underutilized. Aging population is car dependent, many times by choice. Is this expense justified?
8. Continued improvement on a good thing.
Overall comments:
1. It would be nice to have bike lanes.
8. Great presentation! Thank you!

Consultant team notes

- Transit table:
Barriers to transit use include:
1. Bike to bus transfer/storage.
2. Bike path along entire corridor.
3. Better shelter lighting, enclosure, heating.
4. Better information, education on transit.
5. Poor pedestrian access.
- Traffic table:**
1. Access consolidation: yes.
2. Relocate angle intersections
3. Cul de sac some local streets.
4. Redevelop Waukegan and Harlem. Redevelopment site at White Eagle.
5. Bikes??
6. Widen for left / multi lanes.
7. Condo traffic.
8. Geometrics and cross walks.

Visions table:

1. Build with what we have.
2. Branding corridor.

3. Bike access, racks
4. Theme
5. Diversity of uses (something for everybody)
6. Destination corridor
7. Lions Club project
8. Niles needs more green.
9. Make area more inviting.
10. Destination business area
11. Conducive to maintaining small businesses.
12. "Old Town, New Town, Our Town. Milwaukee Avenue: Thoroughfare of Nations. Old Town Flavor with New Form.

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NEWS

A Jewel of the Nile, in Niles

Owners Essam and Eva serve up all-natural Mediterranean food

When Essam and Eva Momeim purchased Open Pita in 1999, everyone knew what it was. Today, the mysterious Sphinx Café has replaced Open Pita but there's nothing mysterious about the healthy, all-natural fare that the Momeims serve up.

"This is [Essam's] life," Eva



Hookahs at the Sphinx Cafe. The restaurant was the first in the suburbs to offer the experience.

said, calling the restaurant his

first wife. "This is his passion."

The restaurant is one of Niles' hidden jewels. They have a lunch special for \$4.95 and everything served in the restaurant, from its ground beef to its lamb, seafood and vegetarian options is made fresh.

"Everything in the restaurant is made by us," said Eva. "It is all very healthy. That is our promise. There is something for everyone."

Eva said that one of her biggest surprises with Mediterranean food made by her husband was the all-natural rice.

"To me," she said, "rice was rice. Essam explained to me that much of the rice in stores is made from flour. Our rice is all-natural."

One of the staples of the restaurant is the pita bread, which is brought in fresh every day.

"We have nothing in Sphinx which is pre-made," Essam said. "Nothing is artificial."

Essam himself was born in Alexandria, Egypt and raised in Greektown. He came to the United States to work as an engineer and met his wife Eva in Colorado.

"It was almost love at first site," Eva said.

Eva said that the restaurant has become a part of their life and that she has enjoyed exploring the variety of Mediterranean cuisine with her husband.

"It's all very different," said Eva. "In Lebanon, for instance, people use a lot of garlic. Egyptians use parsley."

Beyond the all-natural cuisine and lunch and dinner specials, the restaurant offers unique cultural experiences. Those who are interested can try smoking a hookah (Sphinx was the first suburban restaurant to offer the exotic experience) or can visit the Café for one of its special themed nights, like "Arabian Nights" on Wednesdays or "Spanish Nights" on Sundays. Those events feature live music and unique foods.

For more information on Sphinx Café, its menu or its themed evenings visit their website, www.sphinxcafe.com or call (847) 967-0030.

One thing is certain, neither the hookahs nor the themed nights nor the great menu are the final innovations at the Niles Jewel.

"We're doing something new every year," Eva said.



Eva and Essam Momeim in front of the Sphinx Cafe.

2005 Leaning Tower Concerts Remaining Schedule

There are three concerts remaining in the Niles 2005 Leaning Tower Concert Series. The first of those will take place at the Leaning Tower Plaza tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

The concerts are free, open to the public and will be held at the Niles Leaning Tower Plaza, 6300 West Touhy Avenue in Niles. Food will be available by Howard Street Inn in Niles. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

August 11 - Blooze Brothers. A favorite act from last season, Blooze Brothers is a high-powered choreographed twelve-piece band covering a wide range of music. The nation's #1 Blues Brothers tribute band!

August 18 - Larry Bemben Orchestra. We welcome back the Big Band sound of Larry Bemben and his Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennet. The band is very versatile and plays a wide range of music.

August 25 - Half Day Bluegrass Band. From Chicago, a city sculpted by the power of the blues, another musical tradition that blends bluesy raw emotion with driving rhythm is at work. The band features mandolin, banjo, dobro, guitar and stand-up bass, tight vocal harmonies, and snappy attire.

The village of Niles has held concerts at the Leaning Tower Plaza since its rehabilitation several years ago. The Tower was originally designed as a water tower by one of Niles original residents, John Ilg. For more information please call Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005.

Waves in Oak Park?



Kids of all ages enjoyed the entertaining Carole Peterson at Niles Park District's Summer Concert Series last Friday. Concerts continue every Friday night through August 26. Call (847) 967-6633 for a list of remaining concerts.

SPORTS

Sports Unlimited

Gimmicks, giveaways necessary for baseball fans

Anthony Tarantino
Copley News Service

On the morning of July 12, 1979, the Chicago White Sox found themselves 10 games behind the California Angels and in fourth place in the AL West.

The Sox were struggling in the standings and with attendance. They had to do something.

Enter Mike Veeck, son of legendary owner Bill Veeck.

The younger Veeck had an explosive plan: fans bringing a disco record to old Comiskey Park could enter the gates for 98 cents.

Bad idea. The plan was to have local disc jockey Steve Dahl blow up the albums during a break in the scheduled doubleheader with the Detroit Tigers.

Disco Demolition Night has gone down as probably the worst baseball promotion ever.

Records whizzed through the stands and the subsequent explosion left a chunk of center field in flames. Fans began a near riot as players ran for their lives. Police on horseback swarmed the field and the Sox forfeited the second game.

But while baseball has since shied away from explosives, teams still strive to give fans a bang for their buck.

TREATS AT PETCO
George Stieren, the Padres' director of promotions and special events, said San Diego is at the forefront when it comes to fan appreciation.

The Padres have scheduled 30 freebies and 13 major special events in 2005, including an action sports weekend and a salute to the military during which the players wore camouflage uniforms. Stieren said other teams often call the Padres for advice.

"Going back to the Qualcomm days people said, 'Geez, how did you guys get

60,000 people on a Saturday night against the Expos?" Stieren said.

Aside from the typical hats, beach towels and T-shirts, the Padres try a few new giveaways every year. Stieren said this year's knit beanie giveaway was a sellout.

Stieren gets many of his ideas from everyday life.

"I was in Mammoth snowboarding earlier this winter and that's where I came up with the idea for the kids floppy hats."

Stieren saw lots of kids on the mountain wearing the camouflage hats and thought they would make a great giveaway. It worked.

"I try and pay attention to what the fashion is. It's not so much about what I like but what I think a big cross section of people would like," Stieren said.

"When I think of a giveaway I think of what my grandfather would like, what my dad would like, what my little brother would like and what I would like.

It has to appeal to all of them."

Not every idea is a winner. There are a few items Stieren won't use as giveaways. He recalled a game in 1995 when the Padres handed out radio baseballs. He wanted to bring back the promotion but was reminded that many of the radios were used as projectiles and ended up on the field.

Stieren said the Padres are hoping to honor the Negro Leagues with a throwback uniform in the future. He said honoring baseball history is an important part of his job.

What about next year? Said Stieren: "We hope to get championship logos on items to celebrate a great end of 2005."

TO DIE FOR
While the Padres are imagi-

native when it comes to the major leagues, the craziest ideas are born in the minors.

In 2003, the Hagerstown (Maryland) Suns won ESPN The Magazine's Promotion of the Year for giving away a funeral to one of its lucky (or unlucky) fans.

Fans were encouraged to write in and describe their final burrah. The winner won a free funeral from a local funeral home.

"They got people participating from not just our local area," said C.J. Johnson, the Suns' director of marketing. "They came from all around."

This year's ideas included a Shoeless Joe Jackson Day in which the team tried to set a world record for most shoeless fans at a game. About 800 fans participated. According to Johnson, the people at Guinness are looking into the record.

If that sounds ridiculous, consider that on what turned out to be the coldest day of the season the Suns had scheduled Eskimo Day. Fans were given chunks of ice as they entered the turnstiles.

"If (fans) had residency in Alaska or Canada they were allowed in for free," said Johnson.

The Suns' most recent promotion is a nod to the documentary "Super Size Me," where a man ate all his meals at McDonald's.

The Suns' spin involves an intern who must eat ballpark food for lunch and dinner each day. You can follow the intern's weight and body fat through the month of August with updates on the stadium scoreboard.

Come to think of it, Disco Demolition Night doesn't sound so bad after all.

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Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Thinner grips may straighten you out

If you struggle with hitting the ball to the right and feel like you have tried everything to straighten it out, you might want to try thinner grips. The thicker the grip, the more difficult it is to get the club face back to square at impact. You have to work harder to "turn the club over." Thinner grips allow more wrist action, making it easier to get the club face back to square at impact.

If you think thinner grips might be for you, try regripping just one club with a thinner grip first. It should be the club you have the most trouble with. If you see some improvement and are comfortable with the feel, go ahead and regrip your whole set with thinner grips. You should find that you don't have to work so hard to get the club face back to square at impact.



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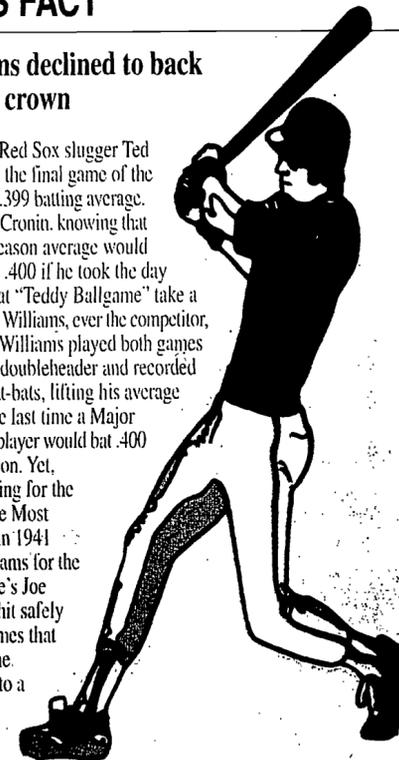
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SPORTS FACT

Ted Williams declined to back into hitting crown

In 1941, Boston Red Sox slugger Ted Williams entered the final game of the season nursing a .399 batting average. His manager, Joe Cronin, knowing that Williams' final season average would be rounded up to .400 if he took the day off, suggested that "Teddy Ballgame" take a seat on the bench. Williams, ever the competitor, refused. Instead, Williams played both games of the scheduled doubleheader and recorded six hits in eight at-bats, lifting his average to .406. It was the last time a Major League Baseball player would bat .400 for an entire season. Yet,

sportswriters voting for the American League Most Valuable Player in 1941 passed over Williams for the New York Yankee's Joe DiMaggio, who hit safely in 56 straight games that season and led the Bronx Bombers to a World Series championship.



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SENIORS

'Do Lunch' with the Morton Grove Seniors

Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE
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"PLAY THE CARDS" BRIDGE LESSONS

This is the title of the new 10-week Bridge Lessons course taught by John Krelle and offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. starting Aug. 18 through Oct. 20. The class fee is \$48 for Senior Center Members and \$57 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EXERCISE"

Hear about the benefits of exercise and then participate in an actual senior exercise class at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 at the Morton Grove Senior. This dynamic program is designed especially for seniors emphasizing non-vigorous exercise while increasing joint mobility and flexibility. There is no charge for this program, which is being presented by Fitness Instructor, Leslye Lehman of the Morton Grove Park District. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 847/470-5223.

COUNTRY WESTERN PARTY

Members of the Morton Grove Senior Center are invited to munch on Western fixins' from the chuck wagon; do some do-si-doe square dancing with caller, Cliff Benson; and enjoy the western atmosphere for the Senior Center at the Center's annual "Members-Only Event" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21. Those who are not already Members can still join in time for this party by visiting the Senior Center before Aug. 21. Membership fees are \$15 for an individual Morton Grove resident, \$25 for a resident married couple, \$25 for a non-resident individual, and \$40 for a non-resident married couple. For more information or for Members to register, please call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

DIABETES SCREENING

Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Screening is free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

"THE MERRY WIDOW" at the Cahn Auditorium
Everyone's after her money, and Hanna, the saucy widow, knows

just how to make them dance to her tune! This is one the most popular Viennese operettas of all time... filled with waltzes, cancons, and dreamy melodies. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24 and returns at 5 p.m. The fee is \$37 for Senior Center Members and \$44 for non-members. Please register in person at the Center and also note that there will be no lunch on this trip.

MALL SHOPPING

Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Aug. 30 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 10 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 11 a.m. Trips are free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others.

"PROTECT YOUR ASSETS" LECTURE

Join financial advisor, Arthur Miller as he helps provide some of the tools needed to protect personal financial assets at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 31 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Mr. Miller will discuss topics such as real estate investments, the stock market, nursing home and in-home care protection. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"ALDEN ESTATES OF EVANSTON" LUNCH AND

TOUR

Take a tour of Alden Estates of Evanston located at the border of Evanston and Skokie on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Learn about the amenities Alden has to offer from live-in apartments to day therapy and much more. A chef-prepared lunch will be provided their elegant dining room. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. There are a limited number of seats for this trip, which costs only 50 cents, so sign up early. Please register in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center Reception Desk.

"SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE" at the Drury Lane Theatre

Everybody loves a good mystery but what about one that tells of the demise of our favorite sleuth? Is this really the end of Sherlock Holmes? This astonishing play is guaranteed to keep the audience on the edge of your seats! Laugh and cry at this masterful work of intrigue and suspense. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14 and returns at 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$69 for Senior Center Members and \$79 for non-members and includes transportation, the show and lunch with your choice of roast turkey breast or roast sirloin of beef. Register in person at the Senior Center.

FOOT LECTURE AND FOOT SCREENING

The Morton Grove Senior Center will host Dr. Mark Neamand, Podiatric Physician and Surgeon at Alexian Brothers

Medical Center, for a free Foot Lecture accompanied by free Foot Screenings starting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Seniors can learn about general foot health, common foot problems, Medicare approved diabetic shoes, and foot surgeries. Please register for this program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

RTA REDUCED FARE PERMIT

The Morton Grove Senior Center is a distribution point for the RTA Reduced Fare Permit any weekday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. This card provides a half fare discount on the CTA, Metra, or Pace transit systems. Individual must be age 65+ and bring in a driver's license or Illinois identification card, plus a current color 1" by 1" photograph. If travelers do not have a photo, the Senior Center will take one for \$3. For more information, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

TAXI DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The Village of Morton Grove offers a discount to age 65+ riders of American Taxis. The discount is \$2.25 per ride. Coupons are available at the Morton Grove Senior Center for those who are registered. To register, seniors must present proof of age and proof of residency in person at the Senior Center. For more information call the Morton

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Defensive Driving classes in Park Ridge

Park Ridge Senior News

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Defensive Driving (formerly 55 Alive) will be held in August on Tuesday and Thursday, August 23 and 25 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Upon completion of this class, you may be entitled to a discount on your auto insurance. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 847-692-3597.

There is a \$10.00 charge. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to AARP.

ANNUAL STEAK FRY AND VARIETY SHOW

Dates for the annual steak fry and variety show at the Park Ridge Senior Center are Saturday, September 24 with dinner from 4:00 to 5:30pm, showtime is at 6:30 pm and Sunday September 25, dinner 3:00-4:30, showtime 5:30 pm.

Reservations are required following the current policy. This is a favorite event of the year. The Men's

Club prepares the meal which features steak or chopped steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, cole slaw, and apple slice.

After dinner, the Center presents their annual Variety Show. This year the theme is the "Fabulous Forties." This is a bargain event. Tickets are \$13.00 for steak; \$8.00 for chopped steak. The cast of the show is made up of Senior Center members who have been rehearsing for months.

MINI-MYSTERY TOUR

There is some space available on an American Classic Mini-Mystery

Tour scheduled for August 23-25. Their mystery tours are always fun and go to very different destinations. If you are interested in this trip, you can call American Classic Tours directly, 847-548-3333, for more information.

CAMERA CLUB

Dick Brandt of the Camera Club will present a double feature for the August meeting. The date is Tuesday, August 23 at 10 a.m. Presented will be "Japan" and "The Friend to Express." Come and bring a friend to see this outstanding program.

SENIORS

Niles Seniors plan overnight trip to Springfield

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights

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

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

AUGUST REGISTRATION

Drop-Off Registrations for programs and classes advertised in the August Naturally Active were due at the Center Friday, August 5th. Walk-in registrations are now being taken.

SEPTEMBER NATURALLY ACTIVE TO INCLUDE FLU SHOT INFORMATION

Be on the lookout for your September issue of Naturally Active. It will contain important information about this year's flu shots, as well as the Flu Shot Registration Form. Forms will not be available before the books are mailed. Completed registration forms will have to be returned to the Senior Center by 5:00PM Friday, September 9th. No appointments will be taken over the phone.

SPRINGFIELD INFORMATIONAL MEETING, Wednesday, Sept. 7th, 10:00 AM

Niles Senior Center is planning an overnight trip to Springfield on November 9th and 10th. The tour will include one night's lodging at the Hilton Springfield and a visit to the Lincoln Library. Plan on attending the meeting for more complete information.

FALL CLASS OFFERINGS NOW LISTED

The August edition of Naturally Active contains a full listing and description of the following Fall courses (please check Naturally Active or call for class times or other information including any prerequisites) Must register in advance. Minimum numbers required for a class to take place:

Intro to Computers, Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept. 12- Oct. 19 \$25

Pre-Intro to Computers, Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 20- Sept. 29th \$15

Intro to Computer Maintenance, Thursday, Sept. 29th (One Day Workshop) \$30

Intro to Microsoft Word, Tuesdays & Thursdays, Oct. 4 - Nov. 10 \$35

Sculpting with Clay, Mondays, Sept. 12 to December 5 \$20 returning students/ \$30 New Oil and Watercolor, Tuesdays, August 30 - Dec. 13 \$30 Stamping/Card Making Classes, Thursdays, Sept. 8 - Oct. 27th \$8 per session

WoodCarving, Wednesday

Mornings, Sept. 14 - Dec. 7 \$25

The Carving Center, Thursday Afternoons, Sept. 8- Dec. 8 \$25 Ceramics Class, Thursday Afternoons, Sept. 22 - Dec. 1 \$30

Quilting Class start delayed until September call for details

SOUNDS OF JAZZ, Wednesday, August 24th 5:30-8:00 PM \$10

Join us for at our August Evening at the Center. Join us for dinner, served at 5:30PM; feast on Grecian Chicken, Salad, Dessert then sit back, relax, and "slide into the groove" as John Temmermans dazzles you with his sounds of Classical Jazz. Must register in advance; open to non-residents.

MOONLIGHTERS OFF TO RENAISSANCE FAIRE, Sunday, August 28 10-5PM \$20

Travel back to the time when knights were noble and maids

were merry. Enjoy the joust! Laugh along with the master swordsmen as they teach "gentlemanly behavior," stroll the marketplace where over 200 artisans display their goods, and be prepared to be dumbfounded at the infamous Mud Show. Great Fun BUT All Walking! Purchase your own food from one of many stalls. Must register in advance.

MONTHLY GET ACQUAINTED MEETING 10AM - 11:00AM

Meet with the staff, learn what the Center offers in the way of classes, programs, and outings. You'll have a chance to tour the building, and ask questions. Meets the third Thursday of every month. The summer schedule of remaining meetings is as follows: August 18th. Please register in advance by calling (847) 588-8420.

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About 15 years ago, Diane and Michael Bird, of Loogootec, Ind., joined Compassion & Choices, the national organization that supports assisted death in terminal cases.

They did so, Diane says, after reading about Dr. Jack Kevorkian's crusade to help terminally ill people die with dignity.

"We sympathized with him and his patients," she said. Known as "Dr. Death" for helping 45 people die and ultimately put in jail for breaking the law, Kevorkian campaigned to change state and U.S. law forbidding assisted suicide, also called euthanasia.

Diane's decision was made easier because 20 years earlier she had seen her mother, Vi, 54, suffer to the point of wanting to die. Diane's grandmother and three aunts died from the same painful disease.

After consulting with the family, Vi's doctor administered morphine for pain and soon, Diane's mother died. There is often a fine line between the use of morphine as a pain reliever and as a killer.

Compassion & Choices includes two groups that merged together,

Compassion in Dying and End of Life Choices (www.compassion-andchoices.org).

Many people are more familiar with the assisted death campaign as the Hemlock Society, named after the philosopher Socrates who was condemned to death for supposedly corrupting the youth of ancient Athens through his teaching. He committed suicide by drinking a concoction made from poisonous hemlock leaves.

Compassion & Choices has 90 local groups, which provide education and service to members and the community. Local groups give Compassion & Choices a "tangible local presence," its Web site explains. On the local level, members launch ballot initiatives and promote the cause at the state legislature. They also distribute a newsletter and send out occasional surveys. The organization also provides people to assist those who want to die at a time of their own choice.

Assisted suicide is legal in several other countries, for instance, the Netherlands, since 1983. About 3,000 people request voluntary

euthanasia there annually. In Australia, assisted suicide was legalized by the Northern Territories but the federal Senate overthrew the law before anyone could use it.

Oregon is the only U.S. state to legalize assisted dying for terminally ill patients so far, but its constitutionality has been challenged by the U.S. Justice Department.

Known previously as Oregon v. Ashcroft, the case is now known as Gonzales v. Oregon,

The U.S. Department of Justice, in asking that the Oregon law be overturned, holds that the federal Controlled Substances Act empowers it, or the Drug Enforcement Administration, to punish physicians who prescribe controlled substances as contemplated by the Oregon law.

Both a U.S. District Court and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals have upheld the Oregon assisted death law. The two courts rejected the government's claim, arguing that the states have the right to regulate medical practice.

The Supreme Court will hear pro and con arguments in its 2005-

2006 session, which begins in October.

Assisted death for terminally ill patients will remain a contentious issue for many years to come. Like the abortion issue, people who oppose assisted death see it as a moral issue, one of murder.

Those in favor, though, like Diane Bird, don't view it as a moral issue at all. Rather it is "a sympathy and caring and empathy issue."

"No one should have to go through extended periods of extreme pain," she says. "Especially if she is asking to die and is in her right mind."

Wherever euthanasia is legalized, it comes with strict guidelines that must include: Patients who are terminally ill, often within six months of dying, have requested help in dying; and patients have consulted at least two or more medical persons who agree with the patients' decision. They also must be of sound mind. The Supreme Court's decision in the Gonzales v. Oregon case will provide an answer to the question of legalizing assisted dying in one

U.S. state, at least for the time being.

Whether or not euthanasia is legalized in the United States, the struggle to pass it has already resulted in some beneficial results for patients. Today, most doctors will give patients enough painkillers to control their suffering. Another may be the solution that is seldom talked about in public. Anecdotal evidence supports doctors quietly agreeing to give terminal patients a way out.

In California, a friend's husband suffered for a long time with throat cancer. He begged her to put him out of his misery. When she asked the doctor if he would do so, he said his hands were tied because it was against the law. However, he added, "What I can do is give you pills to control his pain. If you hoard them until you have a lethal dose and then give them to your husband, his struggle will be over."

To contact Compassion & Choices, phone (800) 247-7421.

Write to Compassion & Choices, P.O. Box 101810, Denver, CO 80250-9932

Computer workshop, pinochle tournament at Maine Township

Maine Township
Senior News

Maine Township's MaineStreamers Offer Summer/Fall Senior Programs

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is free and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter that details all activities for the upcoming month. All activities take place at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For further information on membership or call MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510.

Here is a sampling of available activities:
MEDICARE D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM
Thursday, August 18
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Presenter: Kris Sadur, Suburban Area Agency of Aging
No Cost - Registration Required
Learn about the changes in the

Medicare prescription drug program effective January 1, 2006! Maine Township also has staff available to assist Township residents. To make an appointment call 1-847-297 2510 and ask for the General assistance Office.

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE
Monday, August 22
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Presenter: William Goodman, Ph.D.
Cost: \$2 includes refreshments

With Dr. Goodman as your guide, you will explore the many benefits of laughter and discover how to laugh!

COMPUTER WORKSHOP
"e-Bay Selling 101 Part II"
Wednesday, August 24
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10 - Registration Required
Presenter: Lee Huber

Here is a workshop to learn the basics of buying, searching, how to pay and more details on e-Bay.

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT
Monday, September 12
12 noon to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$5 members/\$6 guests
Enjoy fun and competition at this

"Three-Handed Pinochle" Tournament. Refreshments are served at 12 noon. Competition begins after 1 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome!

Day Trips
The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-

2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

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Southeast Wisconsin
Thursday, October 6
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LIFE

PERFECT PAIRINGS

Oyster recipe is a real pearl

RON JAMES
Copley News Service

THE CHEF

Hiro Sone never forgot how his family appreciated the first meal he prepared for them at home in the rice-farming prefecture of Miyagi, Japan. He was only 11, but that praise was the fuel that propelled him into the prestigious Japanese cooking school Ecole Technique Hoteliere Tsuji where he trained under famous French chefs like Paul Bocuse.

After graduation, Sone was working at an Italian restaurant in Tokyo when a friend mentioned that two new restaurants about to open in Japan's capital were looking for chefs. Sone contacted the company and impressed them enough during an interview to be given his pick of the two jobs - one at The Hard Rock Cafe and the other at Spago.

"I didn't have any idea of what they were," he recalled. But when he learned a former chef at two famous Michelin three-star restaurants, Wolfgang Puck, was the chef-owner of Spago, he knew the direction his future would take.

There was only one problem: Spago specialized in California cuisine and "I didn't have a clue about it," Sone said. "At the time, the only American food I knew was hamburgers and hot dogs. So I asked everyone, 'What is this California cuisine?'"

"He really was quite a pest about it," his wife and partner, Lissa Doumani, said with a chuckle. "And of course, he got different answers from almost everyone. I finally gave up and said, 'Go ask Wolfgang.'"

Sone quickly mastered California cuisine and soon became the chef at Spago in Los Angeles. He and Doumani, who also had worked at Spago as a pastry chef, have become the "Lucy and Desi" of the food world. In 1988, they opened Terra, their award-winning Napa Valley restaurant in St. Helena, Calif. In 2003, the James Beard Foundation named Sone "Best Chef in California."

THE DISH

Fricassee of Miyagi Oysters in Chardonnay Cream Sauce is a sophisticated variation on a classic method of cooking seafood in a cream sauce. Recipes for fricassee oysters go back to 1896 in the Boston Cooking-School Cook Book.

Sone has a special fondness for Miyagi oysters, Doumani explained. "When Hiro called an area oysterman to ask what fresh oysters he had, to his delight he learned they had Miyagi oysters. He couldn't believe he had found oysters from his hometown." (If you can't find Miyagi oysters locally, look for any small, fresh oyster.)

"I was so excited about finding the oyster that I really wanted to do something special," Sone said. "So I thought about creating a dish that reflected Japan through the oyster and Napa through the chardonnay - but you can use any good white wine like sauvignon blanc or champagne."

The sauce calls for champagne vinegar, which has a



clarity that reflects its origins as a sparkling wine. Its clean taste and freshness are perfect for light or delicate sauces.

"We use champagne vinegar in the sauce to give it a nice acidity," Sone said. He suggests using Sparrow Lane Vinegar, made by Napa Valley winemaker Phil Toohey. It is available online or at gourmet markets.

THE WINE

Sone's food and wine pairing philosophy is quite straightforward: "If you have good food and good wine along with the pleasure of good friends, you don't worry about it - just enjoy it." For the oyster dish, he selected Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs (\$24) sparkling wine made from the chardonnay grape.

"The champagne works quite nicely with the acidity of the champagne vinegar in the sauce and contrasts nicely with the earthy mushrooms," Sone said. "The creaminess of the sauce and the chardonnay grapes used in the wine smoothes out the slightly metallic taste of the oysters."

Schramsberg, established in 1862 by German immigrants Jacob and Annie Schram, was the first winery with vineyards on the hillsides of Napa Valley. A century later, Jack and Jamie Davies took the reins of the winery determined to produce America's first Methode Champenoise sparkling wines. Their son Hugh Davies is now Schramsberg's winemaker and general manager.

"Blanc de Blancs (white from white) was the first wine we produced in 1965 and was America's first commercially produced chardonnay-based sparkling wine," Davies said. "This wine has a citruslike crispness that is ideal for seafood with a creaminess that contrasts perfectly with the bright acid backbone."

THE RECIPE

FRICASSEE OF MIYAGI OYSTERS IN CHARDONNAY CREAM SAUCE

20 small Miyagi oysters or other small fresh

Pacific oysters, scrubbed and rinsed

Chardonnay Cream Sauce:

2 teaspoons unsalted butter

2 teaspoons shallots, minced

1/4 teaspoon minced garlic

1 cup chardonnay

1/4 teaspoon champagne vinegar

1 1/2 heavy cream

2 pinches of saffron threads

Salt and freshly ground white pepper, to taste

Fricassee:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 tablespoons carrot, cut into julienne strips

2 tablespoons leek, cut into julienne strips

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

1 1/2 ounces of small chanterelles or any other

wild mushroom, cleaned

1/4 teaspoon garlic, minced

Freshly squeezed lemon juice (optional)

Story Continues...
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LIFE

IN FASHION

Shopping for back to school bargains

SHARON MOSLEY
Copley News Service

PERFECT PAIRINGS:

Oyster.....real pearl CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

Garnish:

- 2 teaspoons fresh chives, sliced
- 1 tablespoon salmon caviar
- 20 fresh chervil sprigs

Yields 4 servings.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Carefully shuck oysters, reserving oyster liquor. Strain liquor through fine-mesh sieve and reserve 2 tablespoons. Scrub and reserve 8 of the nicest rounded (bottom) oyster shells.

To prepare cream sauce: Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add shallot and garlic and sweat over low heat until soft, about 2 minutes. Add wine and vinegar and reduce over high heat until 1 tablespoon remains. Add cream, saffron and reserved oyster liquor. Bring to a boil. Lightly season with salt and pepper (be careful not to over-salt, as the oysters are already salty). Set aside and keep warm.

To prepare fricassee: In small saute pan or skillet, melt 1 tablespoon of butter over medium heat and sweat carrot and leek over low heat for about 2 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and transfer to the sauce.

In same pan, saute chantrelles and garlic in remaining butter over high heat for 2 or 3 minutes; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Add to sauce and bring to a boil. Add oysters, decrease heat, and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes, just until the edges curl and the oysters are firm, but not cooked through. Taste and adjust the seasoning, adding lemon juice if sauce is not acidic enough. Set aside and keep warm.

To serve, put oyster shells on baking sheet and heat in oven for 3 minutes or until warm. Place 2 oyster shells in center of each of 4 warmed plates. Evenly and quickly divide fricassee among and around the oyster shells and sprinkle with chives. Scatter salmon caviar and chervil over fricassee.

Ron James welcomes comments and suggestions. E-mail him at ronjames@perfectpairings.us. Listen to his "Gourmet Club" radio show and see archives of previous columns at www.perfectpairings.us.

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When it's time to go shopping for back-to-school clothes, some teens are carefully counting their baby-sitting money and opting to hit the secondhand stores, scoring lots of inexpensive, recycled merchandise that allows them to put together a one-of-a-kind look all their own. From Savers to Value Village to Buffalo Exchange, just to name a few, these thrifty retail outlets are great places to find trendy bargains.

Here are a few tips to put your "gently-used" treasures together:

- Because the bohemian fashion trend is still going strong, it's easy to find a great back-to-school outfit with the variety of eclectic clothing found in thrift and vintage stores. Just mix and match apparel and accessories from different decades.

Look for a fitted tweed blazer to layer over a '50s-era floral dress (shortened for a more up-to-date look) and team them up with 1960s leather boots to create a much more interesting alternative to the typical skirt and sweater.

- Pair dark jeans (cropped ones are hot this fall) or a fuller, short skirt with a belted wool jacket and a newsboy cap. Then look for a pair of broken-in boots or great heels to wear with those form-fitting jeans and jackets. The short skirt and boot look is a big one for fall; tuck jeans into boots for another trendy style statement.

- Don't be afraid to wear second-hand finds differently from their original intent. Belt a dress and wear it as a top. Turn a scarf into a headband. Find a button-front dress and transform it into a long jacket paired with a tank top. Layer a lingerie camisole under your favorite jean jacket. Wrap a huge shawl sarong-style over

jeans. Create a "new" little black dress from a black lace nightgown.

- Look for vintage leather pieces in good condition to add instant glamour to your school wardrobe: whether it's knee-high leather boots, a great leather jacket or a pair of gently worn leather pants - one piece of quality leather will definitely add a touch of luxury to anything else you wear with it.

- Denim is another style classic that is always a favorite with the

hand stores. In accessories, especially - handbags, hats, belts, shoes - remember, a little bit goes a long way. Fur-trimmed sweaters and coats are also great finds for fall.

- Accessories are always fun to discover at thrift stores. The quirky hat, the beaded purse, the dangling earrings or the funky shoes can be just the one item to give your whole wardrobe an A-plus for individual style.

Sharon Mosley is a former fashion editor of the Arkansas



back-to-school crowd, and vintage denim can be one of the "coolest" finds you'll ever unearth at a thrift store. Skip the dowdy stuff and go for the old Levi's and Lee jeans, skirts and jackets. Then add your favorite rocker T-shirts.

- Animal prints are other vintage "basics" that pop up in second-

Gazette in Little Rock and executive director of the Fashion Editors and Reporters Association.

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LIFE

What's New

New words in 2005 update of Webster's New World College Dictionary, Fourth Edition

- Al Qaeda
 - Baath
 - blog
 - blowback
 - Botox
 - B2B
 - cargo pants
 - chad
 - Cipro
 - civil union
 - criminous
 - digital camera
 - e-commerce
 - faith-based
 - fast-track
 - Fatah
 - globalization
 - Gulf War syndrome
 - Hamas
 - HD
 - hepatitis C
 - Hezbollah
 - HRT
 - identity theft
 - irritable bowel syndrome
 - keyword
 - LASIK
 - macular degeneration
 - Megan's Law
 - Mossad
 - newsgroup
 - omega-3 (fatty acid)
 - open-source
 - paintball
 - partial-birth abortion
 - peer-reviewed
 - plug-and-play
 - protease inhibitor
 - provocateur
 - reais
 - SARS
 - sheesh
 - shiraz
 - smiley face
 - street cred
 - syrah
 - tag-team
 - Taliban
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 - touch screen
 - Type 2 diabetes
 - USB
 - Webcam
 - webcast
 - webmaster
 - Wi-Fi
 - WMD
 - Xanax
- ON THE WATCH LIST:**
(Potential dictionary entries)
bling-bling (expensive, often flashy jewelry sported mostly by hip-hop artists)
decompress (to relax, to shed excess tension)
MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail price)
rover (an exploratory vehicle)
toon (short for cartoon)
red zone (a sports term)
phish (an Internet trap)
chick lit (literature for women)
bennies (benefits)
pissing match (a contest of wills or egos)
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 - 6 Contemptible fellow
 - 10 Uncertain
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 - 21 Region
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 - 32 Viking founder of Normandy
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Be the First to send in the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and your name will be listed in next week's Bugle.

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Addressing the Issue

Willie and Franny are getting married and are having a terrible time deciding how to address some of the envelopes. Can you help them?

1. How should they address an invitation to a married couple who are both doctors?

- a. Marcia and Robert Murray, MDs
- b. Dr. Marcia and Dr. Robert Murray
- c. Drs. Marcia and Robert Murray

2. How should they address an invitation to a Catholic priest?

- a. Father Kevin Gordon
- b. Reverend Kevin Gordon
- c. Father Gordon

3. How should they address an invitation to a judge?

- a. The Honorable Judge Julie W. Beecham
- b. The Honorable Julie W. Beecham
- c. Judge Julie W. Beecham



Answers: 1. c. Drs. Marcia and Robert Murray
2. b. Reverend Kevin Gordon
3. b. The Honorable Julie W. Beecham

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REAL ESTATE

Decor Score

What minimalism taught us

Rose Bennett Gilbert
Copley News Service

Q: I love my wife, but we certainly don't agree on our interior decorating ideas. I grew up in a home filled with antiques. My parents were great collectors. Looking back, I realize that they didn't have anything precious - we were allowed to play in the living room - but the collection was imagina-

ry checked pattern on the walls, for example, took more than 20 colors of paint and glazes to achieve. The furnishings themselves are totally spare to the eye, but rich in history and inspiration. The torchier is derived from a classic design by Giacometti; the drawing and chair are both by Austrian art deco architect and designer, Josef Hoffmann.

Hager has said that his major design influence was Jean-Michel Frank, the French master of materials who worked in Paris in the 1930s and is enjoying a renaissance among followers today. Frank used the most elegant, and expensive materials, such as shagreen (shark and stingray skin) and laboriously applied marquetry of straw. His rich and famous clients clamored for his one-of-a-kinds. And one was enough to achieve the "timeless monumentality" Frank - and Hager and maybe now your wife Alice - were striving for.

To add exhaustion to the equation, the American wallpaper industry also insists that walls be stripped and scrubbed clean before new paper is installed.

They must have never looked into an English country cottage where, I swear, the ancient walls are held up only by those successive layers of papers. I personally adore wallpaper. I have it in all but two rooms in my own home. But the wallpaper industry, you included, needs to show the decorating public that wallpaper is truly interesting, colorful and - surprise - a wise investment because it can be washed, and doesn't craze, crack or chip like paint. Otherwise, you may have to give up your day job. Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at copleysd@copleynews.com.

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tive and interesting. Alice, my wife, is much more particular about what comes in our front door, so our house is kind of bare. This is her territory, but I can't help thinking that less really is, well, less. Do you have an opinion about today's move to "minimalism"?

A: I do, and most often it agrees with yours. I like rooms filled with things. But they must be personal things, the accretion of an involved, active life. Things are what give a room its individuality. Without things, we'd be left with the necessities only, a sofa, a couple of chairs, a bed - the minimal survival furnishings. But wait; there's a flip side to this picture, the side your wife comes down on, and she's not alone. The minimalism movement has taught us to appreciate an increasingly endangered commodity: space. Space to breathe in. Space to stretch out in. Space

designed. You can see Hager's tight editing in the entry hall we show here. So spare and simple at first glance, its sum is much greater than the parts. That illu-

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A GREENER VIEW

The grass is always greener ...

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Q: Have you had any experience with Canada Green Grass seed? It sounds almost too good to be true - it withstands severe cold, drought, wind and snow. It reportedly ends bare spots, resists bugs, diseases and chokes out crab grass and weeds. It supposedly grows in just days and becomes a green lawn that stays green. What is its texture like? The cost is high, but because we live in a duplex condo, we have a very small front and side yard, and with the patio and vegetable garden in back, the whole thing isn't all that large. Just wondering if you have seen a lawn of Canada Green Grass and what you think of it.

A: The adage if it sounds too good to be true, it most likely applies to Canada Green Grass seed. It is a mixture of annual rye, Kentucky bluegrass and red fescue. The annual rye is the biggest problem for most people. It can prevent good long-term perennial grasses from establishing and then it dies, leaving you with mostly bare areas that need to be reseeded.

There will be people who will find their money well spent on this grass because they will get quick coverage from the annual rye. Then, there will be enough of the bluegrass to fill in without any extra effort on their part.

The red fescue in the mix is a

cool-season grass for the northern states or high altitudes. It does well in shade and tolerates low maintenance operations where it won't be fertilized or watered very often. It is very slow to establish and if the other grasses in the mix are growing well, they can choke it out. Even if it does grow, red fescue does not tolerate hot weather and will not survive a lot of wear and tear.

If you are in a northern state, you will definitely be better off spending less money on a high quality blend of Kentucky bluegrass or a mixture with red fescue, but without annual rye. If you are in a southern state, the only portion of the mix that will grow well is the annual rye, but it will only survive a few months.

If you water any grass seed so that the soil stays damp, the seeds will sprout. If you don't do that, the seeds won't grow, no matter how good of a quality or how much you paid. Once the grass is growing, it is easy to keep alive if it enjoys the proper climate and care. It is very hard to keep grass alive if it is in the wrong climate zone - no matter how much care it is given.

Q: We have seen ads in our local paper for zoysia grass. The say that zoysia will survive in sun and shade, that it chokes out crab grass and yet is so slow growing that it hardly ever needs mowing. What do you think of this kind of grass?

A: Zoysia is a slow growing

warm season grass that will do OK for some people. If you have full sun and a well-drained, slightly acidic soil - and can wait for a couple of years - it might work for you. If your soil holds water for a day or two after a rain or is not acidic, the grass will be yellow. If you have full shade, it will be very thin and let weeds grow.

It is only available as plugs, stolons or sod. If you use plugs or stolons, it can take several years to establish. The grass will then spread into flower beds. It does well in hot dry areas, but it is often advertised in Midwestern or northern states. Because it goes dormant and turns a funny straw color with the first frost and does not turn green again until the soil is warm, a northern zoysia lawn will be brown at least seven months a year.

It needs to be mowed weekly during the summer and a large lawn will require a heavier duty lawn mower and the blade will need to be sharpened regularly because the grass blades are hard to cut.

Q: Our town has banned all landscape watering, except by hand. It seems they thought it would be a good idea to shut down one of the water towers for the summer while they repair it. I know my grass can go dormant and not need a lot of water, but how much does it need?

A: Dormant grass is not supposed to be dead grass. They may look the same to the casual observer,

but even dormant grass needs water to keep it brown and yet alive. Typically, you could get by with watering it about one-tenth

of what is usual. If your lawn would need 1 inch a week to be

Story Continues...
see GREENER VIEW page 25.

GARDEN TIP

Grass claims grasp at straws

It is hard to keep any grass alive if it's in the wrong climate zone, no matter how much care it is given. For example, one look at any golf course and it's clear that grasses are high-maintenance projects that take a lot of water to keep green and need constant cutting and weeding.



■ The annual rye in Canada green, above, is the biggest problem for most people. It can prevent the good long-term perennial grasses from establishing and then it dies, leaving you with a mostly bare area that needs to be reseeded. The red fescue in the mixture is slow to establish, and if the other grasses in the mix are growing well, they may choke it out. Even if it does grow, red fescue does not tolerate hot weather and will not survive a lot of wear and tear.

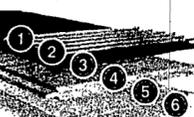
■ Zoysia, above, is a slow-growing warm-season grass that might work after a couple of years. Problem is, if the soil holds water for a day or two after a rain or is not acidic, the grass will be yellow. If there's full shade, grass will be very thin and will let weeds grow. A northern Zoysia lawn will be brown at least seven months a year. It needs to be mowed weekly during the summer, and a large lawn will require a heavier-duty lawn mower, the blade will need to be sharpened regularly because the grass is hard to cut.

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Floored by wood and laminate

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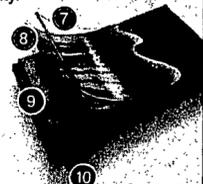


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GREENER VIEW Grass is greener

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green and growing, then one-tenth inch per week would keep it alive and dormant.

If the grass is not watered at all, some of it will die. When the rains do come or irrigation is allowed again, you will be able to see the areas that do not look as

full and green as other areas. You might need to add grass seed to large areas, but bare spots smaller than a saucer will fill in from the grass along the edges.

If you don't have to add grass seed, but do have a lot of thin spots, then you should apply a pre-emergent weedkiller to prevent weed seeds from sprouting up in the bare spots. A fall fertil-

ization will be useful too. It takes one or two years to get a good lawn back, especially if no water is given to the dormant lawn.

Another more important problem for your landscape is your trees and shrubs. These are long-term members of the landscape. You should not let them die just because your area can't manage its water towers or even if your

town is drought-stricken. Trees are supposed to last for decades and even though they grow large root systems many trees need watering during drought. The long-term effects of not watering them will last for a few years and manifest themselves with more insect and disease problems. Most of your lawn has tree and shrub roots growing under it. You

might have to water by hand, but go ahead and keep your trees alive by slowly watering your lawn.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com.
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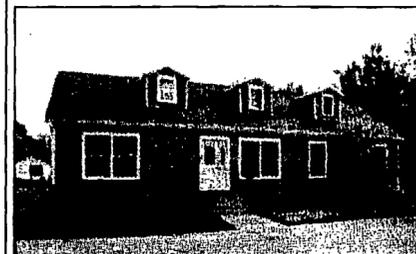
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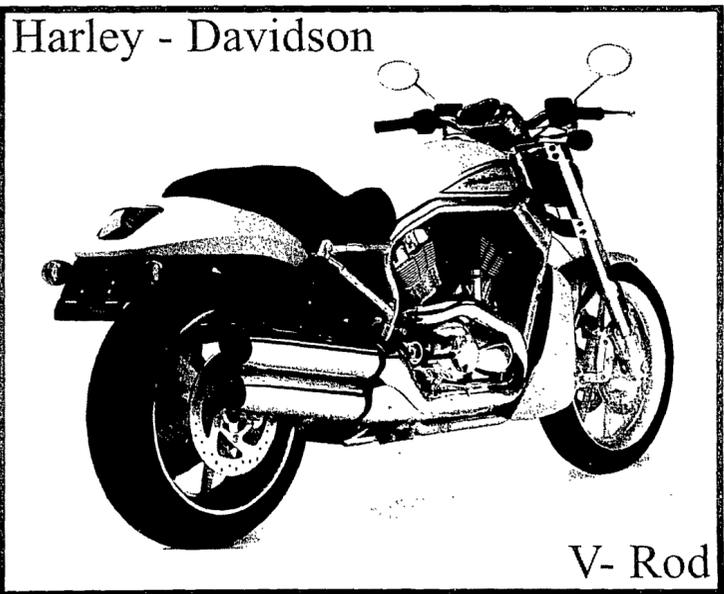
AUTO SCENE

Harley's Street Rod is hard to classify; odd duck might do it

JERRY GARRETT
Copley News Service

It is easier to say what the new Harley-Davidson Street Rod isn't, than what it is. "It's not a sport bike," says Harley-Davidson spokesman Paul James. "We call it a roadster," James says, "because it's related to some other bikes in our lineup with a standard riding position such as the Dyna and the Sportster." We call it an odd duck. But more than that, the Street Rod is the latest effort by H-D to figure out a

Too bad, in a way, because that is what it most resembles. At 650 pounds, the Street Rod is far too heavy to be a sport bike, although it has the straight-line stability of Kohutec's Comet. And turns about as quickly. "A lot of people would argue whether it's a cruiser or not," James says, "but it has some aspects that are distinctly those of a cruiser, such as the riding position." It's not a touring bike, although H-D offers a range of Street Rod touring accessories, such as fabric saddlebags, twin rider seat, a backrest and windshield. It's also no hot rod, despite its name. It has the same stock Revolution engine as its stablemate, the futuristic looking V-Rod. That 115-horsepower engine, which was developed in conjunction with Porsche, is water-cooled, while all other Harleys have less-powerful, air-cooled V-twins. (The Street Rod enjoys five more horsepower, thanks to a freer-flowing exhaust.) People call the V-Rod the Waterboy, playing off the "Fat Boy" nickname for Harley's biggest seller. So what then do you call the Street Rod?



raison d'être for its technologically advanced stepchild, the unusual V-Rod. "We said, in introducing the V-Rod, that it was the first in what would become a whole family of

motorcycles," James says. "The Street Rod is the next member of the family, and we will definitely do more." Critics say the V-Rod experience has been the one big misstep for Harley. And analysts on Wall Street say lower-than-expected U.S. sales of the V-Rod have held

back H-D's steadily increasing stock price. The V-Rod is considered a sales success in Europe, however, thanks to favorable exchange rates and broader tolerance for

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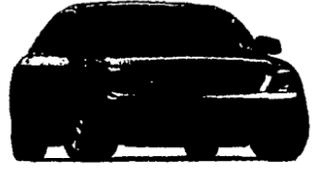
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