

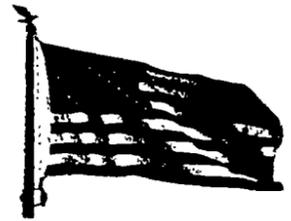
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Crowd celebrates new police station



Niles Mayor Nicolas Blase speaks at the Police Department's Open House Sunday, Aug. 21. The station has been operating for over a year and this is the first time the public has been able to tour its state-of-the-art interior. The open house was delayed in order to resolve lingering doubts about the need for an elevator at the station, located at 6300 W. Touhy.

Leaning Tower YMCA resident dies after fall

Niles Police say that 62-year-old man was highly intoxicated at time of accident

A highly intoxicated 62-year-old resident of the Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles was found badly injured early Friday morning near the Y's loading dock and was pronounced dead about four hours later at Lutheran General

Hospital in Park Ridge.

According to Niles Police, the resident, Terrence Honan, was highly intoxicated and walking near the rear of the of the YMCA, located at 6300 W.

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Niles Trustees, Mayor visit out of town OTBs

Blase maintains OTB a non-issue

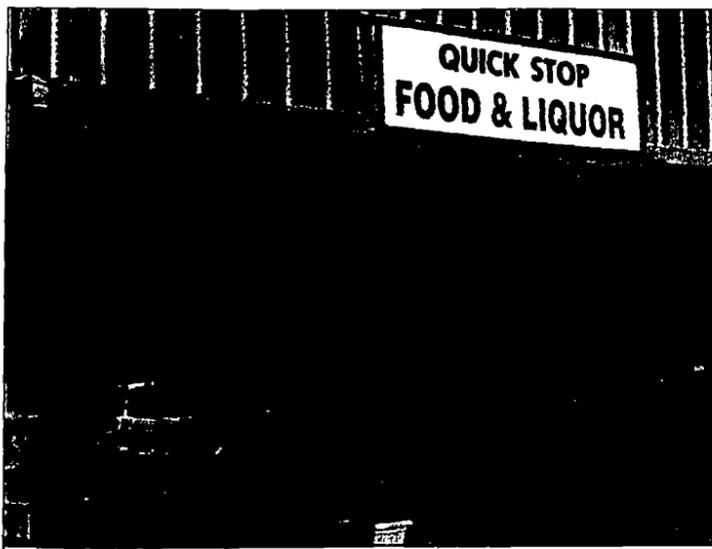
BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Four Niles Trustees, four members of the village's Zoning Board and Mayor Nicolas Blase visited two out of

town off-track betting facilities operated by Inter-Track Partners, Inc. last week. Inter-Track has applied for a special use permit to open a similar OTB at the former Circuit City site in Golf Mill near Greenwood Ave. and Church St. Blase said he was very

Story Continues...
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Quick Stop reopens after appeal to state liquor commission



Quick Stop Food & Liquor, located at 9404 Waukegan reopened last week after an appeal to the state liquor commission.

Owner puts store up for sale with court date pending

Less than two days after it was closed by the Morton Grove Liquor Commission for violations of the liquor ordinances in connection with a Glenview teen's drowning, Quick Stop, located at 9404 Waukegan, reopened following its appeal to the state liquor commission.

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier made the decision to close the store after allegations that they accepted tattoos as proof of legal age to buy alcohol and other violations of the liquor ordinance involving sale to minors. Glenview Police

have charged Quick Stop Owner Pinal Vyas with illegal sale of alcohol to a minor after their investigation into the drowning death of Glenview Teen Joseph Tyrpak lead them to Quick Stop.

Glenview Detective John Garza said that Vyas sold alcohol to teens who later took it to a party in Glenview. Tyrpak also attended that party and, after it was broken up disappeared, only to be found two days later in a nearby pond.

Signs on the door at the Quick Stop this week advertised that the establishment was

for sale and that interested parties should inquire within. Vyas' attorney John Minkus failed to return calls for comment. Vyas is facing up to \$2,500 in fines and a year in prison on the illegal sale of alcohol to a minor charge. His court date is set for Sept. 6. The hearing of the state liquor commission will be held afterwards, on Sept. 14 at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago.

Krier, who revoked Vyas' license last week, charging that

Story Continues...
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NEWS

Tonight is last chance for Leaning Tower concerts

The last of the Niles Leaning Tower Concert series will be held tonight, Thursday, Aug. 25.

The band will be the 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 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. For more information please call Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005.

YMCA: Police say man's alcohol problem was known

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Touhy. His death was apparently accidental, caused by a fall and a blow to the head around 4:14 a.m. Friday, Aug. 19.

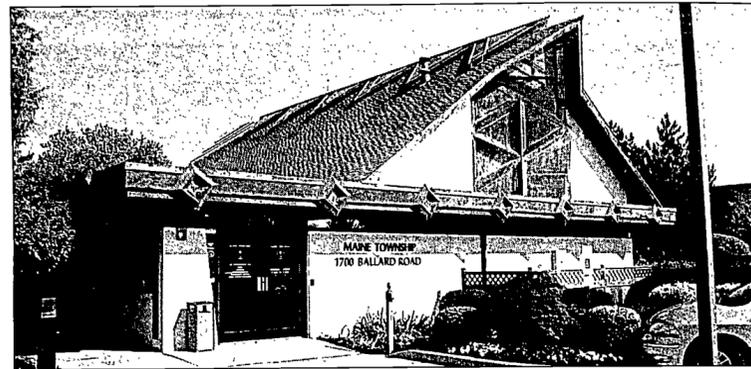
Police said that, at this time, there was no sign of foul play and that an unknown individual who worked for a maintenance

service found Honan and called the police.

"When he was found and taken to the hospital brain activity was reported," said Niles Police Information Officer, Sgt. Jim Elenz. "Around 8 a.m., Dr. Wigder said there was no brain activity."

Elenz said that Honan's daughter had been notified about the death.

Evidently, Honan was a known abuser of alcohol, Elenz said. Residents of the Y said that he frequented local bars. When police searched his room, Elenz said that a number of empty beer cans were found.



The Maine Township Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. is a Frank Lloyd Wright, Jr. construction. They've received state money for the second half of their renovation project.

Maine Township to receive long-awaited state funding

Maine Township recently received word from State Senator Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest) that the second half of a state grant was scheduled to be released this week. Half of the \$500,000 grant for renovations to the Township building had been previously received and the remaining \$250,000 will be dispersed this week.

"I am pleased to have helped secure the much-needed and long-awaited funds for Maine Township," Garrett said.

The grant was earmarked for both interior and exterior capital improvements for the Maine Township building.

"Maine Township appreciates the efforts of our legislators in helping us maintain the quality of services we provide our residents," said Bob Dudycz, Maine Township Supervisor. "Our building is a Frank Lloyd Wright property that will someday achieve landmark status and this grant is an investment for the future. We especially thank Senator Garrett for her help."

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Second Annual St. John Brebeuf Athletics Golf Outing set for Sunday, Sept. 4

A Message from SJB Athletics

Join us at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course on Sunday, September 4 at 3:15PM.

Dinner follows at Fairway Banquets at 6:30PM. Cost for golf and dinner is \$95, including drinks. Golf only: \$50; dinner only: \$45.

Please email Tom Rueve at trueve@aol.com or call 847-663-9188 to reserve a tee time or make a dinner reservation.

This golf outing benefits the SJB Athletic Program.

Last year was fun, let's make this year even better.

NILES OTB: Golf Mill could see peripheral business from OTB

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impressed with the two OTBs he had seen.

"There were impressive," he said. "Clean, nice-looking and spacious."

Blase said that he and the other Niles officials visited during midday and there weren't many patrons in the facility at those times.

Inter-Track operates 16 OTBs state-wide including three in

Chicago. The proposed Niles OTB would be their largest at 26,000 square feet.

"They may come to play the horses, but they may also need a carton of milk."

*Nick Blase
Niles Mayor*

"They're planning for a big operation," Blase said.

Blase also reiterated the fact that the OTB could bring as much as \$600,000 to the village's coffers, a claim that was disputed by some residents in

neighboring Morton Grove, where Inter-Track proposed an OTB last year only to be turned down with a change of village government in April. OTBs are no longer a permitted use in Morton Grove.

Blase said that he thought the former Circuit City was a good site for an OTB because it was mostly commercial in the area and it had ample parking.

"There's plenty of parking, about 350 spaces," Blase said, "and it's non-residential on at least one side of the street."

Blase also said that he believed that Golf Mill Mall might see some peripheral business from patrons that come to the OTB.

"I think there will be some help to Golf Mill," he said. "They may come to play the horses, but they may also need to buy a carton of milk."

Schapiro named new MG Library director

The Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Benjamin Hall Schapiro will be the new Director of the Library following the retirement of Sharron L. McCoy on August 31. In a recent interview, Mr. Schapiro said, "I am really looking forward to working with the dedicated staff and Trustees at Morton Grove Public Library and expect to build upon the excellent work of my predecessor for the benefit of the Morton Grove community."

Mr. Schapiro brings to the position many years of professional experience in library customer support services, library software, and academic libraries. Mr. Schapiro has worked as a public services librarian and assistant professor at the National College of Education, where he also served as Head of Circulation and Head of Reference.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Fredonia, Mr. Schapiro holds a Master's degree in Library Science from Columbia University in New York, as well as management certificates from the School of Business Administration of Loyola University in Chicago.

Estelle Cooperman, President of the Library Board of Trustees said, "The Board is most enthusiastic about Ben's qualifications and is looking forward to continuing the Library's delivery of exemplary services."

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Niles Parish Throws Party for Priest's 50th Birthday

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

Six hundred people jammed St. John Brebeuf parish Sunday to celebrate the 50th birthday of Father Thomas May.

May has been pastor of the parish for the past seven years.

He said he had a wonderful time at the birthday party.

"It was great. It was a wonderful time seeing everybody and talking to everyone. There was food, drinks and entertainment," he said.

May was raised in Norridge and graduated from Niles' Notre Dame High School in 1973. He then attended DePaul followed by Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained as a priest in 1983.

He said working as a priest in his own neighborhood is a benefit since he knows many local families from his childhood.

The party was held in the newly-built parish ministry center. The new \$3-million addition was completed last year.

The center includes a large gathering space, a chapel, offices, a stage and audio-visual equipment.

"I was very touched. It was a really special day."

Fr. Thomas May
Pastor, St. John Brebeuf

"

He said the party was initially planned as a surprise — but he caught wind of the event when it

was published in the parish bulletin.

"I didn't know all the details, but I knew something was coming," he said. "I was very touched. It was a really special day."

May had served in a handful of other parishes before coming to Niles.

He said the work of a priest is never dull and he was called to the ministry because of the spiritual rewards of public service ministering to people on a day-to-day basis.

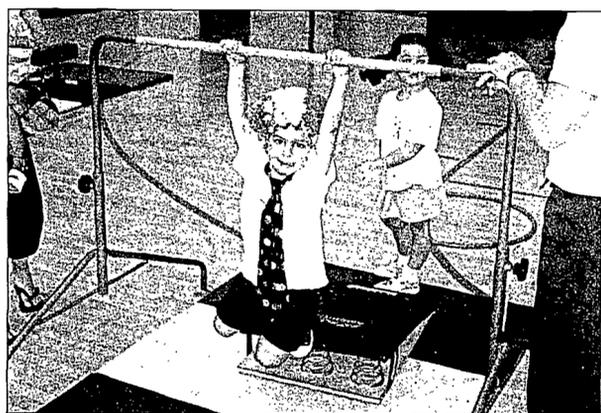
"It's a very fulfilling life," he said.

Currently at St. John Brebeuf, the community is gearing up for the first day of school next week and renewed activity of church committees and organizations such as the Catholic Women's Club, Parent Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Knights of Columbus.

"Usually, these groups slow down over the summer and get going again in the fall," May said.

St John Brebeuf, 8301 Harlem, includes a 540-student school and 3,200 registered parish families.

Day of Fun at the Niles Family Fitness Center



Children ages two to four celebrated the final trip to summer day camp at the Niles Family Fitness Center Friday Aug. 12 with special activities and a pirate themed day of fun.

Children Program Coordinator Jenny Steinfeld, a mother of two with a background in education, said 32 youngsters were on hand for the last day celebrations.

Over the course of the eight week summer day camp children play water games, and have trips to the park, story-times, art projects, speakers, snacks and other activities.

"The kids really have a lot of fun," she said.

Camp Little was held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Pictured here, the children were playing in the gym of the fitness center and were preparing to head downstairs for a last day party.

-Jeff Borgardt

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Bowling League Needs Bowlers

From the League

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MG Trustee DiMaria lauds Fire Dept. after family 'blows up stove'

Morton Grove Trustee Dan DiMaria thanked and congratulated the Fire Department at the Monday village board meeting for responding swiftly and professionally after, in his words, his wife and daughters "decided to blow up [his] stove."

"I just want to say that the fire department responded quickly and professionally," said DiMaria. "You never realize how good you guys are until you have to call on your services."

DiMaria also said that his son found the whole experience very exciting and thought watching the fire department's equipment in action was very cool.

Morton Grove Fire Chief Tom Friel said that the fire was a "run of the mill oven fire" and that it occurred early last week. He added that he appreciated the compliment.

"We appreciate any positive comments as well as comments that can help us provide better services," he said.

Friel also said that the DiMaria's family was very conscientious with fire safety, saying that the quick action of his wife saved the house from significant smoke damage.

"There's not a lot of fire with an oven fire," Friel said, "but there is a lot of smoke."

DiMaria did make one request: that Friel keep the better looking firemen away from his wife.

"What good-looking guys?" Friel asked later. "I didn't think we had any of those."

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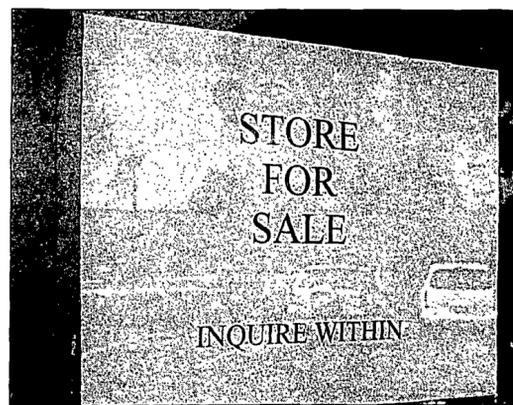
Krier didn't take decision lightly

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if he were allowed to remain open he would continue to sell alcohol to minors, said he was very disappointed that the store had reopened and was still pursuing an appeal to the Illinois Liquor Commission to keep it closed.

"I didn't [close Quick Stop] lightly," said Krier. "I don't think he should be operating in the village."

The state liquor commission automatically reopens an establishment with a revoked license when an appeal is filed unless there have been multiple offenses within a 12-month period. Vyas purchased the store in November of last year and only applied for a liquor license in February, so it is unlikely that the commission would grant such an appeal, Krier said.



Quick Stop Owner Pinal Vyas has evidently put his store up for sale. His attorney, Jonathan Minkus, did not return calls for comment. The sign pictured above has been posted on the door at 9404 Waukegan, Morton Grove.

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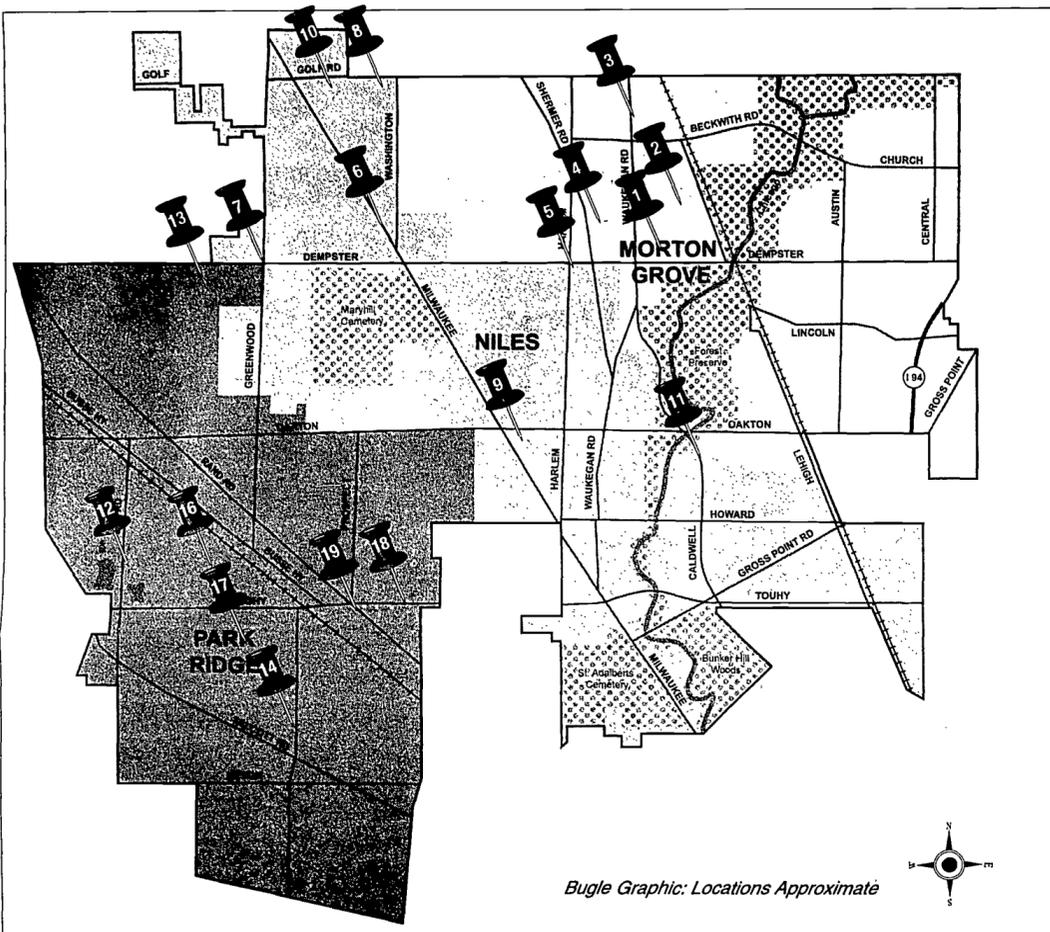
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MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 19.

- 1 Bally Theft (Bally Total Fitness)**
Officers responded to a theft call on the 6800 block of Dempster Aug. 16. While the victim was working out, someone removed a credit card from his wallet.
- 2 Vehicle Damaged (9000 Oak Park)**
On the night of Monday, Aug. 15 someone entered a vehicle and tried to steal the sound system of the vehicle.
- 3 Gas Drive Off (9500 Waukegan)**
The driver of a grey Mercedes

Benz pumped gas and drove off without paying Aug. 14.

- 4 Battery (8900 Sayre)**
A 53-year-old of the 7500 block of Palma in Morton Grove was arrested for hitting and kicking a woman. A court date has been scheduled in the Skokie Court House.
- 5 Retail Theft (7200 Dempster)**
A woman, 34, of Niles was cited for retail theft after allegedly putting TJ Maxx clothing in her baby stroller and walking out without paying.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 19.

- 6 Three Lockers (X-Sport Fitness)**
Three lockers were looted at a Niles health club on the 9200 block of Milwaukee the late afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 18. In two of the cases, the thief cut open the lock, removed items and then replaced the lock with another one. One victim, a 38-year-old man, lost three credit cards and \$15 cash. A second man, 37, lost three credit cards, \$10 and a cell phone. The third victim, a 26-year-old banker lost his wallet. The first two had their locker locks replaced. The third found his lock on the floor.
- 7 Tape Measure Swiped (8600 Dempster)**
A Des Plaines man, 27, was caught trying to steal an \$11 tape measure from Home Depot Aug. 12. He had no criminal background and was fined \$50.
- 8 Postal worker arrested (8300 Golf)**
A U.S. Postal worker was arrested for driving on a suspended license Aug. 18.
- 9 Camp Counselor DUI (8000 Osceola)**
A camp counselor, 17, of North Riverside was arrested for public intoxication, DUI, breaking curfew and possession of alcohol by a minor last week.
- 10 Accident arrest (8300 Golf)**
A 19-year-old Chicago motorist was arrested for driving without a license and insurance after an accident.
- 11 Stereo, Speakers Taken (7900 Caldwell)**
A Dodge Dakota had windows smashed and stereo and speak-

ers taken Aug. 19.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, Aug. 22.

- 12 Flag Burning (400 N. Dee)**
A large Italian flag in front of a residence was set ablaze the night of Aug. 15.
- 13 Apartment Burglary (1800 Parkside)**
An apartment was burglarized Aug. 16 between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A \$1,000 gold chain and \$750 cash was reportedly taken.
- 14 Harley Stolen (1800 Stewart)**
Someone opened a residential garage door Aug. 14 and stole a 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle.
- 15 Drag Racing (Des Plaines)**
A man, 20, was arrested in Des Plaines on a Park Ridge warrant for illegal drag racing.
- 16 Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Aldine and Cedar)**
Two 19-year-old Bartlett residents were arrested for criminal trespassing, damage to property, unlawful use of a weapon and attempted theft Aug. 13.
- 17 Resisting Arrest (Cumberland and Crescent)**
A 26-year-old Chicago man was arrested Aug. 14 for resisting arrest, DUI, driving on a suspended license and speeding.
- 18 Backpack Crime (300 W. Touhy)**
Someone took a wallet and cell phone from a backpack outside of the rear door of a business Aug. 10.
- 19 Leaving Accident (Prospect and Touhy)**
A woman, 40, of Chicago was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, DUI, failure to yield and driving without insurance Aug. 13.

All information printed in the 'Police Blotters' is obtained from written reports of the respective police departments. Publication in the Police Blotter does not presume guilt or innocence

Bugle Police Blotter...Keeping You Informed With What's Going On In Your Neighborhood



News from the Police Reports

The man with a bag of money

Money found in Morton Grove KFC parking lot

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

A Waukegan man didn't want to play the fool after his mother found a bag of money in the parking lot of a Morton Grove KFC so he devised a clear plan of action and stuck to it.

“Come on...I'm retired CPD [Chicago Police Department], I know the law.

A Waukegan Man Currently in possession,”

The man called Morton Grove police Aug. 8 and explained that his mother discovered the bag of cash. The bag had the words "National Citibank" written on them, the man told police. Police asked the man how much money is in the bag. At this point the caller told

police "if they call you and tell you they lost some money from National Citibank, I will give you my phone number and you call me and if they have the right number [amount of dollars] they get the money, all of it. But if they don't...no."

The man then described the amount of money in the bag as "small." Morton Grove police advised the man that if he does not fork over the bag money, he is guilty of 'theft of stolen or mislaid property.'

"Come on! I'm retired CPD, I know the law," he retorted. The caller then reiterated his plan to hold onto the bag of money but said he wants it returned to its rightful owner. This is not the man's first experience with lost and found money. He told police that he found unclaimed money in Morton Grove once before.

At that time, he handed the money over to police. No one claimed the cash and police kept it. The caller felt that was unfair and that he at least deserved a reward after the money had gone unclaimed for 30 days. Since he never got a cent from that past money, he will now keep this bag of money until its rightfully claimed, he said.

Three individuals escape police at Chick Evans

Alleged thieves crash mini-van into golf course parking lot, flee on foot

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Three individuals driving a green, wood-sided mini-van escaped from police in spite of the efforts of two K-9 units and four police departments on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The three people allegedly burgled the Jennings Auto Dealership in Glenview, stealing what police described as "auto accessories."

Police pursued the individuals south on Waukegan Rd. where they turned east onto Golf Rd, subsequently crashing into the

parking lot of the Chick Evans Forest Preserve Golf Course. They then fled into the Forest Preserve on foot.

Police from five departments, Niles, Morton Grove, Glenview, Skokie and Golf locked down the perimeter and called in two K-9 units to search the course for the suspects. The perimeter remained in place for approximately four hours, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and lifted after it was clear the suspects had fled.

According to Morton Grove Cmdr. Brian Bolger, the three individuals remain at large.

CrimeStoppers at National Night Out



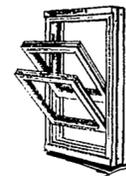
April Goldenberg and Norbert Johnson, Directors of the Niles Crime Stoppers manned the Niles Crime Stoppers booth with information for all who attended.

If you witness a crime or burglary call 847-588-6533 and you may qualify for a cash reward and you never have to give your name.

Notre Dame Community Youth Band

The Notre Dame Community Youth Band is beginning its 23rd season and is inviting elementary school musicians with at least one year of experience on a band instrument to participate. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning September 14 at Notre Dame H.S. for Boys, 7655 W. Dempster in Niles. Cost is \$50.00 per semester. Saturday classes for beginners will start in October. For more information call 773-282-9153.

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor

A special thanks to Mayor Blase

Dear Editor,

From the residents on Stolting rd. Park Ln. and Sunset rd.

Many of us signed a petition two years ago to stop the parking on our streets, from the games held at North Park. Well it finally happened.

Thanks to Mayor Blase, and the cooperation of Park Ridge's parks Director Mr. Lang there will no longer be games played at North Park. Our streets are again ours on weekends. It's so true people come first in Niles. We should all give our Mayor a call (847) 588-8001. Thank you Mayor Blase.

S.P. Resident against OTB

Dear Editor,

This is in regard to the possible OTB site for Golf Mill. My wife and I strongly disagree with the possibility of

having the site in that area, or any area in Niles.

We would urge you to vote against the special use permit. Besides the regular people that would use the site, it would also attract every kind of low life and loosers also.

Golf Mill has enough problems with shop lifters already. No need to add to it. The proposed site is right next to a grocery store, that is frequented by women with children and senior citizens. Just imagine the possibilities for a gambling addict.

According to the article in The Bugle, dated August 18, 2005, Mayor Blase considers it a non issue. We disagree. People just don't know about it.

If you are reluctant to vote against it, at least give the people of Niles a chance to vote on it in a referendum.

Adam Szpak, Niles

Blase election issue was gambling

Dear Editor,

I recently read in your newspaper that Mayor Blase has not heard from many Niles resi-

dents regarding his plan to approve off-track betting parlors in Niles. He can't see any problem with them, as they are a good source of revenue.

I've only lived in Niles 30 years, so I wasn't around when he was first elected to office. But from what I've heard from residents who were here then, Mayor Blase was primarily elected on his platform to clean up Milwaukee Avenue of all the gambling joints that existed from one end of town to the other. It seems we've come full circle. Now he wants to bring gambling joints back into town.

I realize it takes money to run a village, as anything else. However, there's a fine line between fiscal responsibility and greed. I thought this town had family values. I can think of many reasons OTBs are undesirable, and as Mayor Blase also has a family, I'm surprised he can't think of any.

Perhaps, instead of looking for new (and unsavory) sources of revenue, he should take a look at how he is wasting the money we have. A case in point is the duplication of services by the Niles Park District and the Village of Niles: why do we have TWO brand new, state-of-the-art fitness centers? Instead

of being in competition with each other, why not try working as a team? After all, you're supposed to be serving the same group of people - the Niles residents.

Frances Konieczny, Niles

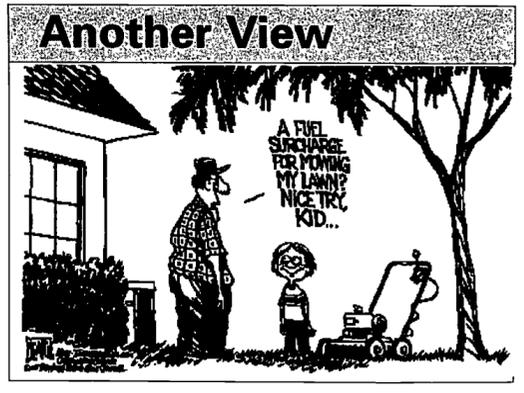
'All American City' shouldn't have OTB

Dear Editor,

Why would an "All American City" where "People Count" want to have OTB in their village?

Gamblers would be attracted to Niles. Would they be spending their money here?

Joan Czerlanis, Niles



Cindy Sheehan: From pathos to nonsense

BY ROBERT J. CALDWELL
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

To state the obligatory caveat first, Cindy Sheehan deserves the respect and sympathy that attend losing a son who died bravely in the service of his country. The pain and grief she feels over the death in combat last year of Army Specialist Casey Sheehan warrants the sympathy of all Americans, whatever their views on the Iraq war.

Now for caveat number two: Losing a son in Iraq may enhance Cindy Sheehan's newly celebrated "moral authority" to speak on the war but it confers no special standing for the validity of her views.

Why add this latter stipulation? Well, because, to be blunt, Cindy Sheehan's proclaimed opinions on the Iraq war and related issues range from the incoherent to the just plain nutty.

She says that the Iraq war is an

evil conspiracy deliberately concocted and waged on behalf of Israel; an assertion that has endeared her to such neo-Nazi kooks as David Duke. She also says that Bush launched the Iraq war to "make his buddies rich, that it was about oil."

At an anti-Iraq war meeting at San Francisco State University last April, Sheehan proclaimed that "the biggest terrorist in the world is George W. Bush." Sheehan says Bush and a host of other conspirators in Washington should be impeached. At the same San Francisco session, she declared the Iraq conflict a "nuclear war" that is contaminating Iraq "for practically eternity now."

Despite such nonsense, Sheehan has become an iconic heroine for a newly forming anti-war movement. Media specialists are advising her. Joe Trippi, Howard Dean's former campaign manager, is helping to run her Web site. The

avidly anti-Bush MoveOn.org is promoting her and helping sponsor anti-war vigils around the country in her name. Can another Michael Moore "documentary" film be far behind?

Newspapers put her on page one because she camped out in front of President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, protesting his refusal to meet with her for a second time. Pundit critics of the Iraq war have lionized her as a grieving mother stifled by a callous president who can't be bothered to interrupt his vacation to console her.

Sheehan elaborates on her case for a second meeting with the president by saying that Bush provided no consolation in the first meeting with her last year, behaving instead as if he were "at a party."

But that's not what Sheehan told her hometown newspaper, the Reporter, of Vacaville, Calif., in June 2004 immediately after meet-

ing with Bush. "I know he's sincere about wanting freedom for the Iraqis. I know he's sorry and feels some pain for our loss. And I know he's a man of faith," Sheehan told the newspaper after Bush met with her and other families of soldiers killed in Iraq.

Indeed, Sheehan said Bush's personal consolation had brought her grieving family together. "That was the gift the president gave us, the gift of happiness, of being together," she said.

Now, suddenly, the same president, according to Sheehan and those who are celebrating her, is an unfeeling oaf unwilling to say he is sorry for her loss.

This is a travesty of the truth.

In fact, Bush meets regularly, and without publicity, with the families of soldiers and Marines killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As Newsweek notes in its current issue, the president has met personally with some 900 family members of about 270 soldiers

and Marines killed in combat.

Those who have attended these meetings describe them as deeply emotional with family members and Bush hugging each other and in tears. Newsweek's account quotes Rachel Ascione, whose Marine brother was killed in Afghanistan, saying the president told the families, "I want you to know that I didn't go into this lightly. This was a decision that I struggle with every day." Then Ascione said Bush teared up and, struggling to regain his composure, said, "I am sorry, I'm so sorry."

A few families of those killed in Iraq have rallied to Sheehan's side. Many, many more families say she doesn't speak for them or for their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Moreover, more than a few of these families say that Sheehan's antics and her wildly extremist rhetoric are hurting the cause for which their loved ones died.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Park View students return to cooler school

BY TRACY YOSHIDA
CONTRIBUTOR

Students and teachers at Morton Grove Park View School District 70 will return to school in a fully air-conditioned and more energy efficient building this year.

With the hopes of starting a summer school program at Park View in the future, air-conditioning has been added to the entire school, which is a major component of the project that

cost the district more than \$5 million.

"It's a lot more energy efficient this way," said Supt. Gary Zabilka. He said that the school district would save approximately \$100,000 per year in energy. He said that not only will the building be cool, but the quality of air will also greatly improve. Zabilka said more moisture will be kept out so mold will also be eliminated.

Prior to this project, only the offices were air-conditioned along with one wing of the

school that contains eight classrooms, most of which are kindergarten and first grade classes. Zabilka said that the district hopes to begin a summer school program at Park View, which was a huge motivating factor for this particular project.

Zabilka said the heating system will also be upgraded and more energy efficient. More energy efficient lighting also replaced the traditional fluorescent lighting and the classrooms and hallways have new ceilings

as a result of this project. Some

areas of the building were repaired as well.

In addition, a fire sprinkler system and a building-wide intercom system were also added. Now, there will be speakers in every classroom and in the hallways, as well as an integrated bell and clock system.

In order to pay for this project, the school district issued bonds and over 17 years, at about \$500,000 per year, it should be paid off, according to Zabilka.

Zabilka said the district has

been discussing this project for the past year and a half and he is very excited about it.

"In the next couple of weeks, the whole building should be cooled off," said Zabilka. The oldest part of the school building was built in the 1950s and additions to the school were made in 60s, 70s and 90s.

Last year, 800 students attended Park View. Zabilka said that currently about 750 students have enrolled, but he expects the total to be close to 800 by the start of the school year.

Maine East plans activities, 'class wars' for Homecoming week

Maine East is planning "A Havana Nights Homecoming" the week of September 6-9.

Dress-up activities include "Pajama Day" on Tuesday, Havana Beach Day on Wednesday, Color Wars Day on Thursday, and Spirit Day on Friday. Each day

will feature different cafeteria games: a hula hoop contest, limbo contest, juice sipping contest, and dance contest.

Daily "class wars" are also scheduled with potato sack and balloon stomping, a tug-of-war, a sponge contest, and a clothing-changing contest. Other festivities

include Wednesday's Powder Puff Football Game from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the stadium (Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the gate) and the Firelight Rally at the stadium on Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. during which the homecoming king and queen will be crowned.

Friday's events are an all-school homecoming assembly, a carnival from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., and the sophomore football game at 5:30 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

The homecoming games will be Maine East vs. the New Trier Trevians. A halftime show during the varsity game will feature a

homecoming court parade. The Homecoming Dance on Saturday concludes the week of special events.

The community is invited to join the fun at the Powder Puff Football Game, the Firelight Rally and the football games.



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Jazz band, other extracurriculars will return to District 63 this year

"We are very excited to bring back these programs.

Katherine Ruh
District 63

More than 50 teachers and several extracurricular activities will return this school year to East Maine School Dist. 63.

Over the last three years, the district cut \$7 million from their budget in order to maintain a balanced budget. As a result, all of the extracurricular activities were eliminated as well as 80 staff members. Last year, a referendum was passed and as a result the district had an extra

\$2.2 million to work with this year.

Students and parents will be happy to know that orchestra will return this year, as well as jazz band, pep band, lab band and marching band. Athletics, such as basketball, volleyball, wrestling and track will also return. After school programs at the junior high and elementary schools, such as student council, battle of the books and dance clubs, will also come back.

"We are very, very excited to bring back these programs," said Katherine Ruh, executive director of East Maine School Dist. 63. "We had to slash to get down to where we needed to be."

This year, an extended day program was also added for ESL kindergarteners, which helps children master literacy and the English language. Ruh said that they have also added instructional coaches who will work with the new teachers. Another plus is that the class sizes will be back to 25 to 1. Last year, some classes contained more than 30 children.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Culver Teachers Return to Class With No Contract

Agreement 'Very Close to Being Done'

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

Culver School teachers returned to class this week for the first day of school without a contract.

Niles Council of Teachers co-president Sarah Santana said "we are very close to being done."

The union and the school board discussed the contract in closed session at the past school board meeting last Tuesday.

They spoke for between 30 and 45 minutes. After the closed session, the board did not take action related to the contract.

The teachers contract covers 49 faculty members at Clarence E. Culver school, 6901 Oakton.

The past four-year contract accord expired this summer. Santana said the new contract is "almost done" and lawyers

are now reviewing the agreement. She said the contract is similar to the past agreement.

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Sarah Santana
Teacher Union
Co-President

tract] is completed, there is nothing to discuss," she said.

Once the contract is completed, she said she'd provide more details.

On Monday, teachers were at school for a teachers insti-

tute day and PTA luncheon. On Tuesday, students were set to begin class with a half-day at the K-8 school with more than 550 students.

Supt. Gene Zalewski said this is not the first time teachers worked without a contract. Four years ago, the last agreement was not finalized until Oct. 22.

That agreement included pay raises at the rate of the consumer price index and a 'step' pay rate schedule.

Both Santana and Zalewski said the teachers were set to work without a contract.

The past agreement expired June 30. Talks between the union and school board began in February.

Zalewski, who is retiring at the end of the year, said he is not the proper source to discuss the talks as they are handled by the school board and the teacher union.

D64 facing budgetary challenges

BY TRACY YOSHIDA
CONTRIBUTOR

Park Ridge School Dist. 64 is facing budget challenges this year and also had to increase their class sizes as a result. Last year, the district had a \$1,110,000 deficit and this year there will likely be \$88,273,000 in budgeted excess due to some cuts that will be made, according to Ron Wade, interim business manager for Dist. 64. The total revenues for this year's tentative budget are \$46,539,226 and the total expenditures is \$46,450,953. The bulk of last year's deficit came from \$652,553 in the education fund and \$802,520 in the Tort fund.

"It does put an increased burden on teachers to meet the needs of the students," said Diane Betts, associate supt. for curriculum, about the increased class sizes. She said that the quality of instruction has not been greatly affected by the increased class sizes.

"We really tried to make the cuts as far away from student instruction as possible," Betts shared. In order to reduce spending, there were some cuts made in supplies, technology, staff and professional development and they reduced a position in the warehouse delivery department.

Wade said the final budget will be presented to the board of education on Sept. 26 and there will be a public hearing at that time.

"So far, I haven't made any changes to the tentative budget," said Wade, who will be replaced with the new business manager, Bruce Martin.

"We may need to go further," said Betts, in regards to any budget cuts in future years. She said they will try to keep the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible.

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RESURRECTION MEDICAL CENTER'S SHEILA COOGAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NURSES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER

Sheila Coogan, Nurse Manager of the 3-South nursing unit at Resurrection Medical Center (RMC), has been elected President of the Greater Chicago Area Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACCN).

Coogan, who lives in the neighborhood served by Resurrection Medical Center, is enthusiastic and excited about taking on the responsibilities as an AACCN chapter president. "I have been working full time for the last 33 years, 28 of them at Resurrection Medical Center," Coogan said. "I enjoy working with my staff and helping care for patients, particularly helping relieve some of the anxieties of sick people," she said.

While pursuing her nursing career at Resurrection, Coogan earned her B.S.A. and B.S.N. degrees, and in 2002 earned a master of science in nursing degree from Lewis University. She did much of this while raising six children, all of them born at Resurrection Medical Center (RMC).

Coogan thrives on challenge; she is credited with helping start several new services at Resurrection Medical Center, including Same Day Services and the hospital's rehabilitation unit, "which was really needed here in this com-

munity."

"Many of the nurses here at RMC are part of the community, and we develop close relationships with the people in the community. Resurrection's nurses are very giving and caring," Coogan said.

She praised the Sisters of the Resurrection, who founded Resurrection Medical Center, "for being so well educated— and for encouraging us to be, too. They have also encouraged me to teach, as well as learn."

Among her many duties, Coogan is an advisor for nursing programs at North Park University and Oakton Community College. Resurrection Medical Center is a member of Resurrection Health Care, a family of health care services providing advanced medical care and exceptional customer service with compassion and hope. Our hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, home health services, behavioral health programs and other services are conveniently located in many Chicagoland neighborhoods.

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NOR-WOOD LIFE CARE DONATION AIDS LOCAL CROP WALK

Nor-wood Life Care NFP, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, gave a boost to the Norwood Park community CROP WALK scheduled for Sept. 25. Donations from the Resident Council of Norwood Park Home, a division of Norwood Life Care, and the Home's July chapel collections, were presented to Helen Murphy (center), CROP WALK sponsor coordinator and pastoral assistant/administrator of New Hope United Methodist Church, 7115 W. Hood Ave. in Chicago. Joining Rev. Marilyn Hendricks (left), Nor-Wood Life Care chaplain, in the presentation (from second left) are: Norma Talik, secretary; Betty Ohlgren, treasurer, and Joseph Schultz, vice president, all Resident Council officers. Aside from helping the less fortunate in the community through the CROP WALK and other activities, Nor-Wood Life Care also partners with Norwood Park School on intergenerational programs and is currently conducting a "Support Our Troops" campaign through air mile donations and letter writing. One-quarter of the funds raised through the CROP WALK remains in the community and is divided equally between four local charities, including Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, New Hope Community Food Pantry, and The Salvation Army.



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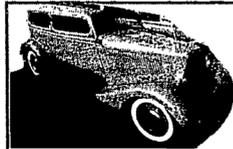
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BUSINESS

Tips on touring colleges with your off-spring



During my summer vacation, I didn't get near a beach and I left the tourist traps alone. Instead, I spent a lot of time inspecting dorm rooms, eating in cafeterias and listening to enthusiastic tour guides.

Like thousands of other parents, I spent my vacation touring colleges. My husband, daughter and I put more than 1,400 miles on our rental car in pursuit of our goal of visiting nine campuses in the Pacific Northwest during a week when the weather made us feel as if we were trapped inside a toaster oven.

With college costs soaring, many parents - my husband and I included - want to see just what our money will buy and how far it will stretch. If you're at that same stage in parenthood, you may be interested in what we learned.

Here are some tips:

Ask intelligent questions. During our campus visits, my daughter, Caitlin, pulled many of her questions from a great guide developed by the National Survey of Student Engagement. The survey, which was launched with support from the Pew Charitable Trusts, attempts to measure the quality of education that a student receives at specific colleges and universities.

The project is a welcome antidote to the exclusivity obsession that has been fueled by U.S. News & World Report's annual college guide and all the other publications that pay highest homage to the schools that are in a position to reject the vast majority of their applicants.

Measuring the quality of learning by an incoming freshmen class' Scholastic Aptitude Test scores should be far less relevant than what kind of learning occurs once a student has enrolled.

The NSSE surveys students at hundreds of schools on critical issues, such as academic rigor and faculty-student interactions. The survey seeks to learn, for instance, how often students discuss ideas generated by the curriculum with faculty outside of class.

How often do students receive prompt feedback from professors on their academic performance? How easy is it to ask questions in class or contribute to discussions?

During the most recent school year, 538 four-year schools participated in the project, and those numbers have been growing every year. You can find a list of participating schools at NSSE's Web site at www.iub.edu/~tilde/nsse, but you'll have to approach individual schools about obtaining a copy of their results.

At the NSSE site, you can also download a copy of the free guide that my daughter used: "Colleges. What You Need to Know Before You Go. A Guide to Help You Ask the Right Questions on a College Campus Visit."

Know your place. My husband and I are journalists, so we are hard-wired to ask questions. But on a college tour, it's best to pull back and let your child ask first. It gives applicants a chance to see how poised they can be.

On the second day of our trip, Caitlin was unexpectedly invited to speak privately with an admissions counselor. Leaving us behind, she looked nervous as she walked down the hall, but when she reappeared 45 minutes later, she was glowing. On a different day, she felt crestfallen when she blanked after an admissions officer asked about her extracurricular activities, but it was an equally valuable experience.

Think about timing. Visiting colleges during the summer was convenient for us, but you won't necessarily get to absorb the full college experience. At the primarily small liberal arts colleges that we toured, the campuses were nearly deserted. If you plan a visit when a school's in session, you may be able to arrange for your child to spend the night in the dorm and sit in on classes.

Nearly all the schools we visited offered these options, but I wouldn't expect this sort of treatment at public universities.



John Capalnas, owner of A-American Custom Flooring speaks at the Grand Opening Ceremony of his new location at the former Kraft Plant at Howard and Caldwell Aug. 10

A-American Grand Opening celebrates a man's life of triumph over adversity

Ribbon cutting became community event

John Capalnas, owner of A-American Custom Flooring, Inc., opened the largest flooring showroom in Illinois on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Those in attendance included the Mayor of Niles, Nicholas Blase, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, State Senator Chris Lauzen, Chicago Alderman Dick Mell, and Romania's Consulate General in Chicago, George Predescu.

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story of a man's desire for freedom and his pursuit of the American dream. Mr. Capalnas escaped Romania's brutal communist dictatorship in 1985 and immigrated to the United States with his family as political refugees. With a limited command of the English language, Mr. Capalnas relied on his wood working skills to survive and provide for his family. His first job in the United States was installing hardwood floors.

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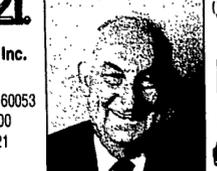


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For mom, baby signs an on-going experiment

While her vocabulary may not be wide yet, this 20-month-old Morton Grove child can let her mother know her diaper needs to be changed, she's hungry or she's all done, in signs

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Cynthia Levin's daughter Yara is only about 20 months old, but for the last 12 months she's been telling her mother that she's had enough to eat or that it's time to change her diaper, though not necessarily with speech.

Yara is one of those children in the country that can communicate through signs to her mother and Cynthia feels that the limited sign language has cut down significantly on frustration that

“I thought I was just talking to myself.”

Cynthia Levin
Morton Grove mother
who taught her child
signs

both parents and children feel when they don't understand each other.

“I think it definitely cut down on the number of tantrums,” said Cynthia. “She was able to communicate to me that she wanted more to eat or a specific toy or to change her diaper whereas a lot of her friends would just cry if they didn't get what they wanted.”

A mechanical engineer by profession, Cynthia quit her job to become a stay-at-home mom. At one of her baby shower she received a book on baby signs, a variable technique that many mothers teach their children in order to facilitate communication as young as six or seven months.

Cynthia started teaching the

signs in the books to Yara on a whim.

“I did it primarily to keep myself entertained,” she said. “I thought I was just talking to myself.”

One day, when Yara was around seven to eight months old she made a noise to get her mother's attention and made the sign for horse while pointing to a horse in the children's book, “Brown Bear.”

“I realized she was talking to me,” Cynthia said. “I was so excited because it was an unrelated book.”

She immediately went over to the Morton Grove Library looking for some more signing books. What she found was what she called an “excellent” collection including a signing video.

“The video has a ton of signs,” Cynthia said. “They had kids speaking full sentences.”

Cynthia decided that she didn't want to go that far and, instead focused on those words that she felt would be especially useful such as “more,” “all done,” “yes” and “no.” She even tried to teach her “pain” so that Yara could tell her if she had an ear infection.

“Pain is a difficult sign to teach though because the child actually has to feel pain to understand it,” she said. “You have to wait for her to feel pain and hopefully, if I'm a good mother, it doesn't happen that often.”

Cynthia is currently eight months pregnant with her second child and intends to try signing again.

“And we're going to do more and sooner,” she said. “I really was just sort of screwing around and I didn't expect it to take.”

She's also passing the word. “I just recently sent the same book over to a friend,” Cynthia said. “It's sort of an on-going experiment.”



Yara Levin, 20 months, makes the sign for “more” to her mother. Yara has been signing a variety of things to her mother since she was eight months old. Her mother says the ability to communicate with her young child cut down on tantrums. (Photo by Andrew Schneider)

A-AMERICAN: Officials praise owner for perseverence

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desire to own a business, a right he was refused in Romania, Capalnas opened a small flooring store named A-American Custom Flooring. Twenty-years

later, his immediate family, two uncles and over twenty cousins are flooring contractors in the Chicagoland area. “I am grateful that America afforded me the opportunity to start my own business,” said Mr. Capalnas. “I am humbled by our success and I intend to continue serving our loyal customers as Chicagoland's best flooring supplier,” he continued.

At the ribbon-cutting, Lauzen praised Capalnas for his work. “Today is a significant day in

the life of one individual immigrant,” he said. “Today represents the culmination of honest, hard work for one individual company. And, today is a positive statement of resilience for one inspirational people. While we trumpet one Romanian immigrant, John Capalnas, and we applaud the success his Illinois company, American Custom Flooring, we are really here to recognize the spirit of an entire people: Romanian-Americans, their families,

friends, customers, and suppliers, many of whom are here today.”

To date, A-American Custom Flooring, Inc. has outgrown two previous locations and, in the process, developed a reputation as the premier supplier of flooring finishes in the Chicago metropolitan area. It currently supplies thousands of contractors, builders, and home owners with quality material and craftsmanship.

The recent acquisition of the

300,000 square foot, former Nabisco Bakery building in Niles will allow A-American to better serve the northwest suburbs by providing homeowners the largest selection of colors, styles and prices. Best of all, materials, in most cases, are readily available in the well-stocked warehouse. The showroom itself is over 20,000 square feet and displays more samples than any other store in Illinois.

the PET STOP



Hare today, raccoon tomorrow

It's all in a day's work for Niles' Animal Control Officer, Peter Babikan

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Being sprayed by a skunk is not a pleasant experience and most people would probably expect a full-time animal control officer like Niles' Peter Babikan to have been sprayed innumerable times, but he has only been sprayed once, on the hand.

“It's a combination of luck and skill,” said Babikan. “I know what the animals reactions are and I can read them. But it's about common sense too. You should know that if you run up to an animal you should expect it to respond.”

Babikan has been Niles' animal control officer for three years, ever since he responded to an ad in The Bugle

“Each day can be different,” he said. “Some days I get hardly any calls and some days I'm swamped.”

Some communities don't maintain a full-time animal control officer like Babikan and, instead, make it the secondary duty of a community service officer. Babikan can even, on occasion, chip in with community service or traffic control as needed.

“I can help out in a pinch,” he said. “But my first priority is animal calls.”

Babikan's job responsibilities range from answering calls about trapped wild animals to stray domestic animals to allegations

of animal abuse. Babikan thinks that his job is extremely important, because crimes against animals can sometimes be a tell-tale sign of other crimes.

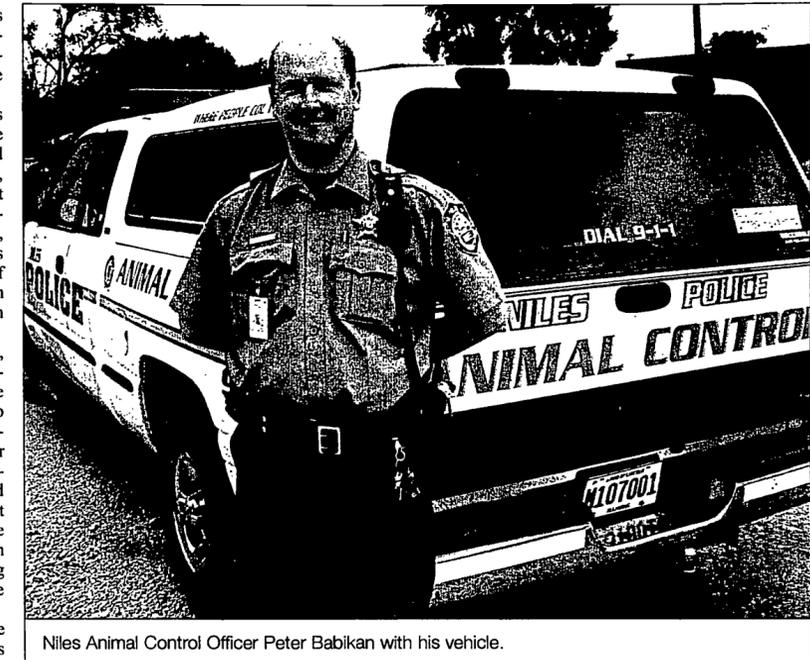
“I think some departments don't pay enough attention to the animal control position,” said Babikan. “They just think, ‘Oh, the animal control officer.’ But they don't realize that when animal crimes are being committed, human crimes are sometimes being committed as well. If there's an animal that's abused in a household, sometimes a person is being abused.”

Over the last three years, Babikan has seen a lot of different things, from the mundane, like wild animals digging up stoops to cat houses, homes where an individual is unable to care for two or more cats that have not been sterilized. Those cats breed and before the individual knows it kittens have grown up and the homeowner can't keep up with feeding the animals or cleaning the litter boxes. Often those homes become uninhabitable.

If a resident did call with a case of a wild animal who was trapped, injured or making a nuisance, Babikan would have several options.

“First, I try and offer advice,” he said. “Then we try to get the animal to leave on its own and, finally, we can try a humane trap.”

Sometimes, if it's a situation like a raccoon trapped in an attic, Babikan has the option of refer-



Niles Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan with his vehicle.

ring the individual to a private animal control company.

Babikan can even act as the first contact for information on more exotic pets.

“I once got a call from a person who wanted to know if it was legal to have a monkey as a pet,” he said. “We don't have an ordinance against it but I told him he

might want to inquire with the state because they might have some regulations restricting, for instance, the species of monkey.”

While Babikan has been both skillful and lucky in avoiding injuries or spraying at the paws of Niles' wildlife, he was sent to the hospital once.

“I was bit by a cat,” he said. “It

was an old cat, the cut got infected and I spent three days in the hospital.”

Babikan took the job three years ago because he hoped he could bring a better understanding of animal issues to the community and the Police Department. He's certainly done that and, usually, without a scratch.

Hey Readers! Like our new "Pet Stop" Section?



We hope you're enjoying our new Pet Stop Section. Check out our first pet of the month, Suzy, on the next page. If you think your pet is the most lovable, send your photos to:

Pet Stop: Pet of the Month
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Or e-mail: editor@buglenewspapers.com

Good luck!



PET STOP

Points on Pets

Debark pets only after careful consideration

R.G. Elmore, D.V.M.
Copley News Service

Q: We are wondering if having our noisy little Pomeranian debarked will be harmful for her. We live in an apartment complex that has noise policies and we are worried about getting kicked out if we do not do something soon about our dog's barking. We love our dog and do not want to do anything to her that will be harmful.

A: Although debarking of dogs by surgically removing their vocal cords has been done for many years in large kennels and research facilities, this procedure should not be done without much consideration of alternative means to control barking in pets.

Many pet owners do not real-

ize that debarking does not entirely remove the ability for a dog to make vocal sounds. The abnormal noises made by debarked dogs is extremely irritating to many people. It must also be remembered that over time the vocal cords of some debarked dogs regenerate and the dog regains the ability to bark. Therefore, the procedure is only temporary in some dogs.

Consulting an animal behaviorist or your veterinarian about behavioral debarking is advisable. This will involve rewarding your dog for not barking and punishing her for barking at inappropriate times. Devices, such as sound emitters or shock collars, designed to distract dogs whenever they bark, are often

effective. These devices are fitted so that they are activated whenever the dog's throat starts to vibrate at the beginning of a bark. Placing your dog in a crate in the innermost area of your apartment while you are gone might minimize the irritation that barking causes for your neighbors.

Before having your dog surgically debarked you should observe some dogs that have had this procedure. You might find that the vocal sounds that these dogs make are unacceptable. Likewise, you should talk to some owners of debarked dogs about any personality changes that occurred following the procedure. Your veterinarian can help you decide how to best

handle your dog's barking problem.

Q: We have noticed that after playing outside for several hours during the day that our light-colored dog's skin appears to be reddened and she is a little sore when we cuddle with her. Is it possible that she gets sunburned?

A: It is quite possible that your light-colored dog is getting sunburned while playing outside for several hours in the sun. Sunburning in dogs can lead to serious problems such as intense pain, skin peeling, sores that can become infected and skin cancer. Unprotected areas such as the nose and lips are particularly vulnerable to sunburning.

To prevent sunburning in your

dog you should practice the same precautionary procedures for them as you do for yourself. This includes limiting the amount of exposure to the sun and applying sunblock products to her exposed areas. Just as in humans, overexposure to the sun can be very harmful for our pets.

Send e-mail to copleysd@copleynews.com or write to *Pets, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest will be answered in this column.*

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Attend a 'Pet Blessing'

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker St. Des Plaines, invites the public to the annual Pet Blessing on Saturday October 8, 2005. The event will take place at 10:00am in the Church's meditation garden. Questions may be directed to the church office, 847-824-2043.

Pet of the Month - Suzy



Suzy, pictured with her owner Buddy Szarchowicz of Morton Grove is The Bugle's Pet of the Month for August. Suzy is a registered pet therapy dog who visits nursing homes to help treat patients. She is retired after seven years. She was originally a feral dog that her owner rescued from the Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. To be our next "Pet of the Month" send your submissions to The Bugle, 7400 N. Waukegan, Niles, IL 60714 and make sure to provide us with an explanation of what makes your pet special to you.

Do you have a unique story to tell? You can be featured in our next Pet Stop!



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M.L.S. Commissioner Don Garber

SPORTS

SPORTS ROUNDUP

MLS trumpets its drug-testing system, but even it contains some flaws

MARK ZEIGLER
Copley News Service

Erythropoietin is a drug developed for cancer and anemia patients. It increases the body's ability to produce red blood cells and thus its ability to deliver oxygen to muscles.

It works almost miraculously for patients whose red blood cell counts are lowered by chemotherapy. It also works miraculously, athletes began discovering in the late 1980s, in endurance sports such as cycling and distance running, and the difficulties in detecting it in a urine test made it all the more attractive. Soccer, with its huge dollars and huge premium on endurance, would seem an obvious beneficiary.

Someone asked FIFA President Sepp Blatter exactly that last November. His response: "I do not think EPO has worked its way into football."

Not two weeks later, an Italian judge ruled Juventus team physician Riccardo Agricola had "resorted to the use of drugs and substances - some absolutely forbidden such as EPO - to influence results which could not have been achieved with regular training systems." The conviction pertained to 1994-98, a period when Juventus reached the UEFA Champions League final three times and won three Italian league titles.

And so it goes with soccer and doping. The ostrich sticks its head in the sand while sticking a needle in its arm.

It is in that gray area where Major League Soccer sits, the gap between Blatter's assessment and Juventus' reality, between a drug problem and the potential for one. EPO and other banned substances probably haven't worked their way into MLS, but how equipped MLS' drug-testing program is to stop them if they ever do remains to be seen.

MLS Commissioner Don Garber

testified before a Congressional subcommittee in March alongside representatives of other pro sports, and he proudly declared his league "has been free of doping" and called its anti-doping policy "one of the strictest in professional sports."

And it is. Players face a minimum of two unannounced tests per year, and there is no limit on the number of times they can be tested, and the program encompasses the offseason, and MLS has adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency's full list of banned substances, and Garber has the option of terminating a first-time offender's contract - the only pro sport with such a provision.

"In addition to the policy, the random testing and the education process which have all proven to be effective," MLS spokesman Simon Borg said in an e-mail, "the quality of individuals who play in MLS are directly responsible for the exemplary track record in American professional soccer."

It's also tough to afford a regimen of banned substances in a league where the minimum salary hovers around \$30,000.

But with more success comes bigger stakes, and with bigger stakes comes the human tendency to achieve them using all means possible. A few years back, French star Emmanuel Petit put it this way: "We will all have to take drugs to survive the demands of domestic, European and international fixtures. Some footballers already do."

So could it happen in MLS? While its current policy is far ahead of other U.S. leagues, even appearing Draconian compared to baseball and hockey, it is still not on par with the Olympic movement - containing enough loopholes for players to swim through.

The league has banned EPO but does not actively test for it because it involves both a urine and blood test, and MLS does not conduct blood tests, Borg said, "because of the invasive nature of testing, liability and economic factors."

Added Borg: "The league will continue to investigate efficient and effective testing methods for EPO as they become available. That said, although there have been isolated cases in Europe, we

believe that EPO is not an issue in MLS today." Another loophole: The league tests year-round, but players aren't required to provide detailed schedules of where testers can find them, as Olympic athletes are.

There also is the potential for conflict of interest when you are promoting and policing your league at the same time. MLS controls its testing program instead of farming it out to an independent agency, as the Olympic world does. Garber has the power to terminate the contract of any player who tests positive, but he also has the power not to. The minimum sanction for a first-time offender? There isn't one.

In other words: If Landon Donovan tests positive, is he booted out of the league? Is his test even made public?

Proposed Congressional legislation would change that by putting drug testing for pro sports under a single government umbrella. MLS opposes it, preferring to "create a tailored program that best addresses the needs of the sport and its player pool."

Which is another way of saying that it doesn't think it needs a more stringent drug program because it doesn't think it has a drug problem.

Not yet, at least. Visit [Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com](http://www.copleynews.com).



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Good putting stroke depends on left hand

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- **Left wrist:** Your left wrist must not break down throughout the putting stroke, including follow-through. If the left wrist breaks down, it causes the face of the putter to close, resulting in a pulled putt (the most common miss in putting). Conduct your putting stroke with your arms and shoulders, keeping the back of your left hand facing your target line and your left wrist from breaking down and you will love the results.

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SENIORS

Flu shot information available at Niles Senior Center

Niles Senior News

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.
Drop-off registrations for programs advertised in the September Naturally Active are due at the Center by Friday, September 2.

FLU SHOT INFO AND REGISTRATION FOR NILES SENIORS IN SEPTEMBER NATURALLY ACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE
The September issue of Naturally Active contains information about this year's flu shots, as well as the Flu Shot Registration Form. Completed registration forms must 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. Trip registration will begin following the meeting. For more information, contact Jaymi 847 588-8420.

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 9th

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

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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. If you are planning to attend the September 15th meeting, please register in advance by calling (847) 588-8420.

CHECK OUT OUR HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS
Registration is required; please call for more information
Weight Management Support Group, 1st Thursday of every month 1:00-2:30 \$10 annual fee
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Thursday of every month 1:00-2:30 \$10 annual fee
Arthritis Support Group, 4th Thursday of every month 1:00-2:30 \$10 annual fee

GRIEF WORKSHOP TO OFFER SUPPORT - THREE SESSION SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER
Beginning Wednesday, September 14, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can come for one workshop or join us for the entire series. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW or Melanie Amin LCSW for more information (847 588-8420). The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30PM- 3:00PM and will focus of the following areas:
Workshop #1, Sept. 14th - "What Has Happened to Me?"
Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one
Workshop #2, Sept. 21st - "Dealing with Expectations of Ourselves and Others"

Pinochle tournament, watercolor class with Maine Township's MaineStreamers

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!

WATERCOLOR CLASS
Wednesdays, September 7 to October 26
5 to 7 p.m.
Attend this class to make internet surfing and e-mailing fun. We will cover web pages, web sites, printing, searching and finding information, attaching files in e-mail, sending pictures and more.

Instructor: Beverly Ellstrand
Cost: \$30 for 8 classes
Our watercolor classes cover tricks and techniques that will enhance your painting skills. How to texture with eggshells, use salt, wax paper and plastic wrap to make interesting backgrounds will be demonstrated. We will also touch on perspective and composition. This class is open to everyone on all levels and if you prefer to bring your own project feel free to do so.

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Cholesterol, blood pressure screenings at Morton Grove

Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE
Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110
August 22, 2005

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

SENIOR CENTER "TRASH OR TREASURE" RUMMAGE SALE

The Morton Grove Senior Center "Trash or Treasure" Rummage Sale will begin early at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. "Treasure" may be in the eye of the beholder for rummage hunters. Any last minute rummage merchandise like clothing, tools, household items, books, music, and kick-knack are now being gratefully being accepted at the Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information please call 847/470-5223.

OLD VILLAGE BUS TOUR
The Morton Grove Historical Museum is sponsoring guided bus tour of historically significant sites in Morton Grove from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 11 departing from the Museum in Harrer Park. Bring the family to learn more about the first pioneer settlers to the area and about more recent developments in Morton Grove history. The Honorable Mr. Richard Hohns, former Mayor of Morton Grove, will guide these interesting and informative tours. The tours are free and can accommodate up to 20 passengers each. Call the Museum to reserve a spot, 847/965-0203.

"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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
The Morton Grove Advisory

Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

AARP MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM
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'Blending of the 2 Souths' pairs quail and pinot noir

RON JAMES
Copley News Service

THE CHEF

Many of us might not consider Birmingham, Ala., to be a culinary destination. But for years savvy chefs and in-the-know gourmards from around the country have been making a pilgrimage to Frank Stitt's Highlands Bar & Grill. In 2001 Gourmet magazine named the restaurant fifth best in the country along with the likes of The French Laundry and Spago Beverly Hills.

Stitt's journey to culinary fame began in rural Cullman, Ala., where he grew up near his grandfather's farm.

"I feel a real spiritual connection to the food and to the land because of my Southern agrarian upbringing," he said. "When I grew up, there was a lot of pride in being a small farmer."

Fortunately for his loyal fans, Stitt didn't want to be a farmer - but he didn't consider being a chef either.

However, while studying philosophy at the University of California Berkeley in the mid-1970s, Stitt worked for Alice Waters at Chez Panisse for "a bit of goat cheese and a small food credit. It was the spirit of that kitchen that really wowed me," he said.

At that time, he also began reading the works of noted food and wine writers Elizabeth David and Richard Olney. With a letter of introduction from Waters, Stitt headed to France to meet Olney just weeks before he was to grad-

uate. Olney, who was writing a monumental French cooking series for Time-Life, hired Stitt as an assistant. That job led to meetings with Julia Child and Simone "Simca" Beck, the legendary duo who, with Louisette Berthole, authored the now classic "Mastering the Art of French Cooking."

Stitt's rich experiences in France triggered an epiphany that would put him and Birmingham on the culinary map. In one inspired moment he envisioned blending traditional ingredients from the U.S. South and culinary traditions with his love of foods from the South of France. This cuisine would be, as Stitt put it, "a blending of the two Souths."

Stitt opened Highlands Bar & Grill in 1982 to rave reviews. It was followed by Bottega and Bottega Cafe.

Cuisine" by the same organization in 1994. Bon Appetit magazine named Stitt a culinary legend in 2003.

THE DISH

Great chefs have a passion and respect for food, and Stitt exemplifies and evangelizes those virtues.

"One of our jobs as managers is to identify those folks who have that sparkle in their eye," he explains. "For instance, one of my grill chefs who worked with me for 10 years would kind of pat the food before he put it on the grill and massage it with a little bit of oil. There was almost this spiritual connection there of respecting the ingredients and caring for them."

"With this dish, you could substitute Cornish game hens, duck or

South Carolina, but most butchers or specialty markets sell semi-boneless quail, ideal for stuffing," he said. "The flavors of good, tart apples and aged balsamic vinegar make a wonderfully savory, yet light, wintertime first course with one quail. Or you can make it a main course by serving two."

THE WINE

"I'm equally fascinated with wine as I am with cooking," Stitt said of the Bethel Heights pinot noir he selected to go with his quail. "When I was in France, Steven Spurrier of the Academie du vin let me spend time and taste with him. I remember the time we tasted each wine from the Villages all the way up to the Premier Crus."

This is the same Spurrier who will be remembered for his

always thinking about the wine when I create a dish. Bethel Heights from Oregon's Willamette Valley is one of our favorites. Their pinot noir has a delicacy, acidity and fresh berry juiciness that is not overly sweet. The quail dish with the apple and pecans has this salty-sweetness and there is richness in the corn bread. It has enough going on that this pinot is just the perfect match for it."

"I think with pinot noir you really need to respect its place, its sense of terroir," Bethel Heights' partner Pat Dudley said. "As the French would say, 'It's more than soil.' It's the mutation that pinot noir is known to do as it adapts to its place and begins to express its place. We find the fruit from vineyard blocks separated by as little as 30 feet can express



1988 and 1990, respectively, which serve contemporary Mediterranean cuisine. Recently, he added an upscale French dining spot, Chez Fonfon.

He has received a multitude of awards and honors including the James Beard Award for "Best Chef of the Southeast" 2001 and "Rising Star of American

chicken. But quail is something we have on our menu all season. It's just one of the archetypical Southern ingredients that I love." Stitt stuffs quail with a variety of ingredients including ham, tasso (a smoked pork), chicken liver, foie gras, crayfish, or corn bread as he uses in this recipe.

"Our quail come from a farm in

very different characteristics."

THE RECIPE

ROAST QUAIL WITH APPLES AND PECANS
2 firm tart apples, such as

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ALLITERATIONS

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By Charles Preston

ACROSS

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- 57 Department of France
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- 60 ___ Paulo

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(Last Weeks Answers)
ANYTHING GOES

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PERFECT PAIRINGS

pairs quail and pinot noir..... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

- Fuji, Braeburn or Granny Smith
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1 celery stalk, diced
- 2 shallots, diced
- 1 cup corn bread, crumbled
- 1/4 cup chicken broth or canned low-sodium broth
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 thyme sprigs, leaves removed
- 1/2 cup pecans, lightly toasted, 1/2 of them roughly chopped
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 semi-boneless quail, wing tips trimmed, rinsed and patted dry
- 1 tablespoon canola or olive oil
- 2 cups mixed lettuce (such as oak leaf, Lolla Rossa, arugula and/or mizuna) trimmed, washed and dried
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinaigrette salad dressing

Yields 4 servings as an appetizer.

Preheat oven to 450 F.

Quarter and core apples. Dice 1/2 of them and set aside. Thinly slice remainder lengthwise and set aside.

In medium saute pan, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add carrot, celery, shallots and diced apples, saute until softened, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and

add crumbled corn bread. Add chicken broth, melted butter, thyme and chopped pecans; toss thoroughly to combine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Sprinkle cavity of each quail with salt and pepper, to taste, then stuff a little corn bread mixture inside. Season outside of quail with salt and pepper, to taste. Tie legs together with kitchen twine. Heat oil over high heat in heavy oven-proof saute pan just large enough to hold quail without touching each other. Add quail and sear, turning occasionally, until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer pan to oven and roast quail, for 6 to 9 minutes; roast meat should still be rosy color. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, toss lettuce with remaining apples and pecans and just enough of vinaigrette to coat. Unbind quail's legs. Arrange salad on serving plates and place quail alongside. Drizzle a little more vinaigrette over each quail and serve.

Ron James welcomes comments and suggestions. E-mail him at ron-james@perfectpairings.us. Listen to his "Gourmet Club" radio show and see archives of previous columns at www.perfectpairings.us.
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- Choose the correctly spelled word.
- 1. a. annoint 5. a. independant
- b. anoint b. independant
- 2. a. battallion 6. a. millenium
- b. battalion b. millentium
- 3. a. brocoll 7. a. sacrogligous
- b. broccoll b. sacrillegious
- 4. a. existance b. existance

How hard can my name be to spell? It's Brock O. Lee!



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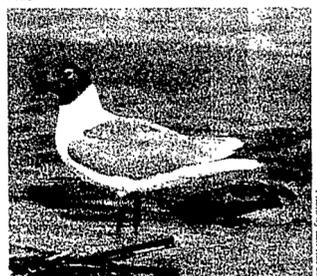
Haah-ha-ha-ha!

Ever go to the beach and get laughed at?

The seemingly amused culprit is the laughing gull, named for its strident and insistent laughlike call.

North of the Carolinas, the laughing gull is the "summer gull" advertising the busy summer season. From the Carolinas south to the Gulf Coast, it's a year-round resident, foraging on everything that creeps, swims or flies small enough to chow down. Hundreds may gather to snap up the vicious, biting green-head flies of the salt marsh.

The laughing gull is but one member of the large gull family: all versatile long-winged birds with slightly hooked bills that swim and float in the water but rarely dive. In breeding plumage, the adult's head is black, its wings and back gray, its neck and underside white. The bill is a deep red. Look for it greedily scrapping with other gulls over the tasty morsels on the beach.



Laughing gull *Larus atricilla*

15-17 inches

Habitat: coasts, estuaries, salt marshes

Range Key: ☐ Summer ■ Year-round ■ Winter

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REAL ESTATE



DECOR SCORE Mastering your inner space

Rose Bennett Gilbert Copley News Service

Q: Everybody else complains about rooms that are too small, but I have the opposite problem: the entire downstairs of our new house is one big open space. All the houses in this complex are like this. Yet, I haven't seen many room arrangements I like enough to live with. People just seem to throw in everything so you can't tell where the "dining room" is and where the "living room" begins. I like more organization. But how?

A: Yours is a bewilderment of riches. To tame so much space without actually building walls or barriers, you'll have to think organized.

That's just what the design team from Fitzgerald Design Systems has accomplished in the spacious country home we show here. Not only do the rooms all flow together, the ceiling soars two stories high, further exaggerating the effect of openness. To bring things down to size without abusing the graciousness of the space, the designers used area rugs and wall-hung art.

One rug anchors the seating area in the foreground, staking a visual claim to the "living room" seating grouping. Backing that claim is a pair of flower paintings hung over the sofa. By night, table lamps, one at each end of

the sofa, literally embrace and demarcate the space within a warm circle of light.

On the other side of the room another, smaller and less-formal seating area invites relaxing by the fire. Meanwhile, yet another arrangement - the dining table and chairs - claims the area just off the kitchen as the "dining room." Each of the elements is self-contained and holds together as a cohesive unit, even as they blend into the overall space. Color has a lot to do with the success of the arrangements: the palette of soft creams and yellows unites the entire first floor, balanced by the dark woods of the floor, furniture and overhead beams.

For more info on mastering inner space, have a look at a very smart book by Kira Wilson Gould with Saxon Henry, called "Big Home, Big Challenge" (McGraw-Hill). In addition to using area rugs and furniture groupings, the authors list other ways to define space, among them: a change of color; change of elevation; architectural details such as beams, wainscoting and columns; variation in floor texture, finish or pattern; and modulated lighting.

Q: We moved from one apartment to another and were disappointed to find that the lovely swags we had made for our first windows didn't fit the second. They were custom-made and the

fabric coordinates with our sofa cover, so we're trying to find a way to keep them. Any suggestions?

A: I have a brilliant solution, stolen directly from designer Jerome Hanauer, (917) 446-5158, who faced a similar situation for clients changing apartments in New York City. When they found that the new windows weren't compatible with the size of their old swags, Hanauer simply removed each swag from its supporting board, pulled out the stitches and took out the lining to let the fabric lie flat once again.

Then he brushed wallpaper paste inside the top of the window reveal and up to the ceiling line above, and pressed the fabric in place, carefully squaring the sides and top edge. When the fabric was dry, he edged the sides in flat braid (attached with Elmer's glue), and then gave the entire fabric surface a coat of clear shellac to "bring up the colors," the designer explained. Voila! Creative recycling that cost nothing and looks like a million.

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HOME HOW-TO

Don't pout over chipped grout

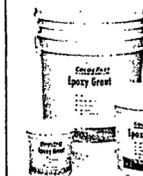
Rather than patching or mending damaged grout, remove and replace it.

PATCHING GROUT

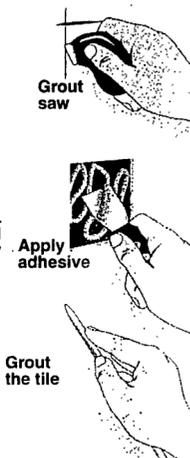
Remove grout: Use a grout saw (a tool with a grit blade).

Apply adhesive: Butter the back of the replacement tile with a water-based adhesive like Liquid Nails and smooth it out.

Grout the tile: After waiting 24 hours for the adhesive to cure, follow the manufacturer's instructions for mixing the grout and press it into the joints with a rubber spatula or a flexible plastic spreader. Press firmly and move diagonally across the tile joints to ensure that they are completely filled.



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A GREENER VIEW

Don't let pests sap life from your trees

Jeff Rugg
Copley News Service

Q: I have a question about a magnolia tree. Last year, ours was dripping a sap-like substance and covered everything under it in black stuff. We had the tree sprayed three times last year and once this year, but it is still dripping. One man said that we need to take it down, but we hate to lose the tree. It still has beautiful green leaves and we would love to save it. Do you have any suggestions?

A: The black stuff is a fungus called sooty mold.

It can be washed off and is only harmful to plants if it covers leaves so thickly they can't get enough light.

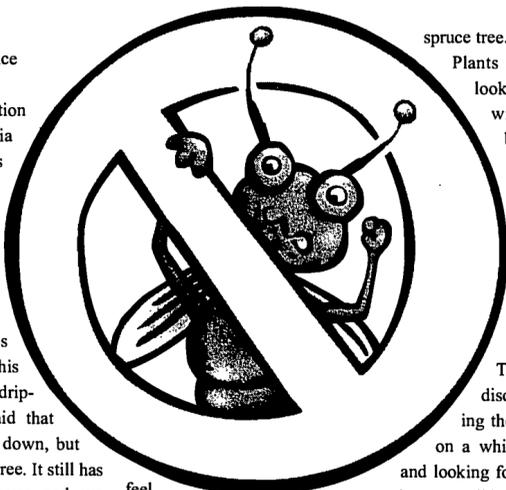
Sooty mold grows on the sugary sap that drips on everything below a tree that has sucking insects. Some insects chew holes in leaves and some are sort of like a mosquito; they stab the leaf with a sucking mouth part and drink the sap.

Typically, sucking insects are tiny and have a simple loop in their digestive system, so sap goes in and sap goes out. The droppings are sugary enough to feed the fungus. Sometimes, there are enough insects feeding at the same time that you can actually

feel the sap raining down from the tree. And now that you know what it is, you may not like that idea.

Small pests tend to not be much of a problem in areas that are getting regular rains, since much of the population can get washed away during a rain. Dry plants not only get more insects, but the insects cause more damage, since the insect is sucking out the sap and the plant can't replenish it quickly.

Spider mites are often red or black and about the size of grains of pepper. They are classified as spiders, not insects. Insects have six legs; spiders have eight. Spider mites produce tiny webbing that cover the bottoms of leaves. They may be tiny, but they can cause a great deal of damage; they can kill a blue



spruce tree.

Plants with mites will look off color. They will look dry and brown, and webs will be between the needles or on the leaves.

The top of an individual leaf will have tiny discolored speckles.

The mites can be discovered by knocking the bottom of a leaf on a white piece of paper and looking for "pepper grains" that are walking around. Under a magnifying glass, you can see them better - and count their legs if you want to.

Some insecticides state on the label that they kill spider mites. Aphids are green, white or brown and are often found in clusters on the ends of stems. They are about the size of salt grains on a pretzel and have soft bodies that squash easily. If they are only on the end of a stem, just prune the tip and step on it.

Some species of aphids spend the winter and a spring generation or two on one kind of plant and the rest of the year on another kind.

Colonies of aphids can cause a plant's new growth to be curled and distorted. Aphids that move from one plant to another can spread viral and other diseases. They have an interesting life cycle. The egg hatches in the

spring into what is sometimes called a stem mother. Wingless, she gives live birth to more female aphids. A new generation comes in only days, so there are many generations each summer. Some are born with wings so they can fly to other plants.

At the end of the season, a stem mother gives birth to males and females that mate. This female lays fertilized eggs that hatch in the spring as stem mothers. In warm climates and greenhouses, there can be years of generations without fertilized eggs being produced.

Scale insects look like scabs about the size of a half a pea. Sometimes, they look like seashells and other times like tiny cotton balls. Under the scale is an adult insect that is protected by the covering.

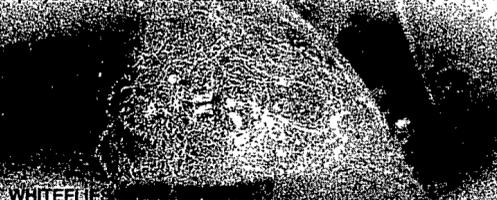
The female lays eggs that hatch into "crawlers" that move around. During the crawler stage, they are much more susceptible to insecticides. Once they settle down, they develop the scale covering. The scale can be killed by spraying the plant with a horticultural

Story Continues...
see GREENER VIEW page 25

GARDEN TIP

Whiteflies gone wild

Sucking insects are very common and cause lots of damage. The best cure for them all is a systemic insecticide that soaks into the plant to get them wherever they are. White flies are no exception and can be scrubbed off the leaf by hand or sprayed with water to eradicate.



WHITEFLIES

...are so tiny it takes a dozen or so to make a line 1 inch long.
...fly around a plant that is infested when the plant is bumped.
...land on the bottoms of leaves. (Hundreds may be living on the bottom of a single leaf.)
...have short life spans. Dead ones may remain on the leaf when it is turned over, while the live ones scatter like snowflakes.
...are common in greenhouses.
...can't survive the northern winter outside.
...have a crawler stage that feeds on the leaf.
...are resistant to insecticides in the egg and adult stages, so a repeat spray every few days will be needed to control them.

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oil that smothers the scale. Mealy bugs are soft-bodied relatives of the scale insects. They are usually covered in a white or gray fuzzy wax. A bunch of them together look like cotton balls. They are active when young, but as they mature, they tend to hide in the joint where a leaf meets the

stem. Whiteflies are so tiny it takes a dozen or so to make a line an inch long. You will see them fly around an infested plant when the plant is bumped. They have a crawler stage that feeds on the leaf. They land on the bottoms of leaves. Hundreds may be living on the bottom of a single leaf. They have short life spans. Dead ones may remain on a leaf when

it is turned over, while the live ones scatter like snowflakes. Often common in greenhouses, they can't survive a northern winter outside, unlike all the other insects mentioned. They are resistant to insecticides in the egg

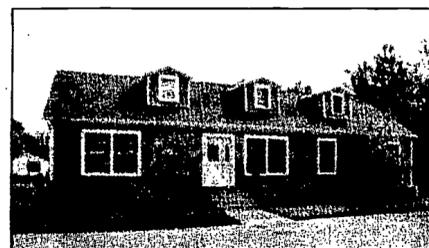


and adult stages, so a repeat spray every few days will be needed to control them. Sucking insects are very common; the ones listed here are the most common kinds that cause lots of damage. Leafhoppers, cicadas and many others also cause damage in some years and on some plants. The best cure for them all is a systemic insecticide that soaks into the plant to get them wherever they are. Other kinds of sprays tend to not get through the covering on scale insects and not get on the undersides of leaves to get the other kinds. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com. © Copley News Service Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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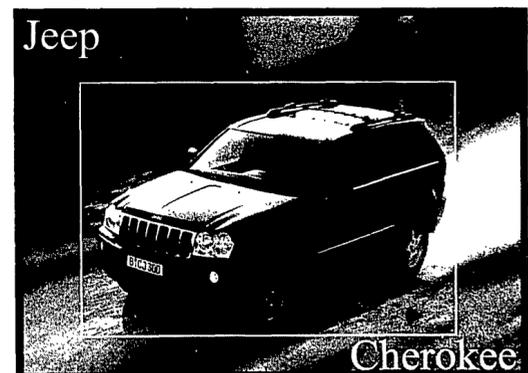
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Updated Jeep takes a bow in the Old World

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SIENA, Italy - Tuscany might seem like an odd place for Jeep to introduce its new Grand Cherokee to the world's news media. But Jeep was intending to make a statement with this venue. "The outgoing model's strong suit was off-road," said Mark Allen, design manager for the new Grand Cherokee. "The new one is just as comfortable on-road as it is off-road." Tuscany's lush, rolling hills and its equally sinuous roads were an ideal showcase for the new Grand Cherokee's refined attributes. Half the roads here are unpaved; a significant portion of the demonstration route was composed of stages from the tortuous San Remo Rally. Even the paved roads here are full of twists and turns. The new Grand Cherokee was designed, tested and developed on roads like these throughout the world - from Patagonia to Scandinavia, from the Alps to the Utah's High Uintas, from Death Valley to the Rubicon. Jeep is hoping the international launch of the vehicle goes off with more hoopla than its U.S. debut a few months earlier. The '05 Grand Cherokee arrived in dealer showrooms around last Christmas, with all the fanfare of a gift left by a Secret Santa who had rung the doorbell then ran away. Jeep dealers, who rightly believe the new Grand Cherokee is a vastly superior vehicle to the old one, waited in vain for an expected rush of buyers, who never came. In fact, the outgoing model, in its final few months in the marketplace, handily outsold its replacement. Jeep has already started offering incentives on the new GC to get it moving. One of these days, people will realize

this is a completely updated product, with clever new mechanicals, a choice of three sophisticated drive systems and an available Hemi engine. Hello? Anybody out there?



It's sold in Laredo and Limited models, and pricing starts at \$26,845 for a two-wheel-drive Laredo with V-6; add \$2,000 for 4WD. The Limited 2WD with 4.7 liter V-8 starts at \$32,500; with Quadra-Drive II, \$35,090. The Limited with Hemi and Quadra-Drive II is \$38,585. How has such a significant refinement of the Grand escaped prospective buyers? Jeep and its dealers would like to know. A few miles of Tuscan back roads in the old model followed by a similar jaunt in a new one convinced us that the new Grand Cherokee is more than a worthy successor and deserves a second chance. Loaded with the Hemi, Quadra-Drive II all-wheel-drive system and the Limited comfort package, the Grand Cherokee was a guilty pleasure. So was pitching it around boundary

roads between budding chianti vines, fields of sunflowers, rows of stately cedars and herds of curious sheep on a bright, sunny spring day in the heart of Tuscany. The less whiz-bang Quadra-Trac II full-time 4WD system offers a true low-range gear for those who need it. Even with QD-II, the new Grand Cherokee has a substantial 7,716-pound tow rating. Two-wheel-drive models are also available, but the Hemi only comes with QD-II. Another reason the new Grand Cherokee grips the road so well is because it has a longer wheelbase, a wider track and a longer, lower, more aerodynamic body. But the automaker has managed to preserve Jeep's "core values" such as sharp approach and departure angles, high ground clearance, wide-ranging wheel travel and even a 20-inch fording depth. We proved that, splashing through a man-made off-road torture track, with multiple mud bog crossings on a private Tuscan hunting estate. The new Grand Cherokee is easily the most handsome Jeep ever, inside and out. Interior treatments are a cut above any previous Jeep and provide comfort as well as convenience. Hopefully, the grungy, hard-core Jeep crowd won't hold that against it. A nitpick: The optional navigation system lacks any off-road capability. A decent aftermarket system will at least provide some off-highway data. The better models allow users to download detailed U.S. Geological Survey (and similar type) maps. It would be heaven to be able to tie in an onboard Jeep navigation system with the best features of a hand-held GPS unit. Another gripe we had with this new model was the humongous A-pillar, which almost had us cross-eyed during continuous cornering maneuvers. But Jeep said the windshield lies a lot

lower now, thanks to that beefed-up post. The roof is much stronger and much less likely to be crushed in a rollover. That reminds us that Jeep has equipped this model with a rollover mitigation system, which interacts with the standard ABS to slam the brakes on any wheel that needs it, reduces engine torque and compensates for driver error to achieve greater vehicle stability. Oddly, in a lot of key areas, this Grand Cherokee doesn't see up as well against Jeep's own Liberty, which is a good \$10,000 cheaper. It is 10 inches longer than a Liberty, though it still doesn't offer a third row seat. Jeep fans who want that option will have to wait for the upcoming Commander. While in Europe, we had a chance to drive the new Mercedes-sourced 3.0-liter V-6 turbo diesel, which is not offered in the United States. We expected to be wowed by the 380 foot-pounds of pulling power, and were surprised when we weren't. The 215-hp engine couldn't break nine seconds in a zero-to-60 sprint, and it tended to lag in slow corners. In less-demanding maneuvers, however, it had polite road manners and great fuel economy: Jeep hopes to offer it in the United States by model year 2007. By then, the Jeep showroom should be vastly different - and improved - from what it is today. Overall, DaimlerChrysler is committed to upgrading the quality, reliability and functionality of all future Jeep vehicles. The new Grand Cherokee is a demonstrable first step in fulfilling that promise. Jerry Garrett is a freelance motorjournalist and contributing editor to Car and Driver magazine. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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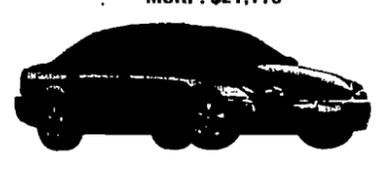
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