

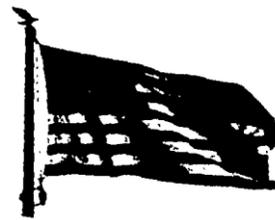
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Auto hits, kills Niles woman in Oakton crosswalk

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

Maria Keller, 87, of the 8100 block of north Ozanam, Niles, died a few hours after a vehicle struck her

at a crosswalk at the southwest corner of Oriole and Oakton St. on Thursday, Sept. 29 at approximately 3 p.m.

Keller was hit by Mike Troiani of the 8200 block of West Monroe, Niles, according to Park Ridge Police. He was driving westbound

on Oakton St. at Oriole. Troiani in a 1996 Chevrolet Caprice, turned left proceeding southbound on Oriole when he struck Keller in the crosswalk.

Troiani was charged with failure to exercise due care. His initial court date is Oct. 26 at the Cook

County 2nd Municipal Courthouse in Skokie.

"At 87, she sustained enough injuries to die from," said Park Ridge Deputy Chief Tom Swoboda. "The paramedics did transport her to the hospital. She died about three hours later."

Park Ridge Police learned about the accident after they were contacted by Niles.

"We got notified by the Niles Police Department," said

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Morton Grove offers top staff position to Glenview official

Joe Wade, assistant village manager for the neighboring Village of Glenview, may become the new village administrator if approved by the Morton Grove village board.

"I've already offered him the job and we'll bring it in front of the board," said Richard Krier, the mayor of Morton Grove. If approved, Wade will be taking the place of Ralph Czerwinski, the current village administrator and past fire chief.

Krier said that he didn't feel he had enough time to hire a firm for the interviewing process, as some municipalities do. Instead, he utilized the con-

tacts he has and received about 10 to 15 resumes. He conducted two interviews, and discovered that Wade was the man for the job.

"Joe is very well educated," said Krier. "He was just very impressive in the interview process."

Krier said that since Wade is coming from the neighboring Village of Glenview, where he's been for 22 years, he's familiar with Morton Grove and its happenings.

"I'm really looking forward to

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D64 issues 'working cash bonds' to cover apparent shortfall

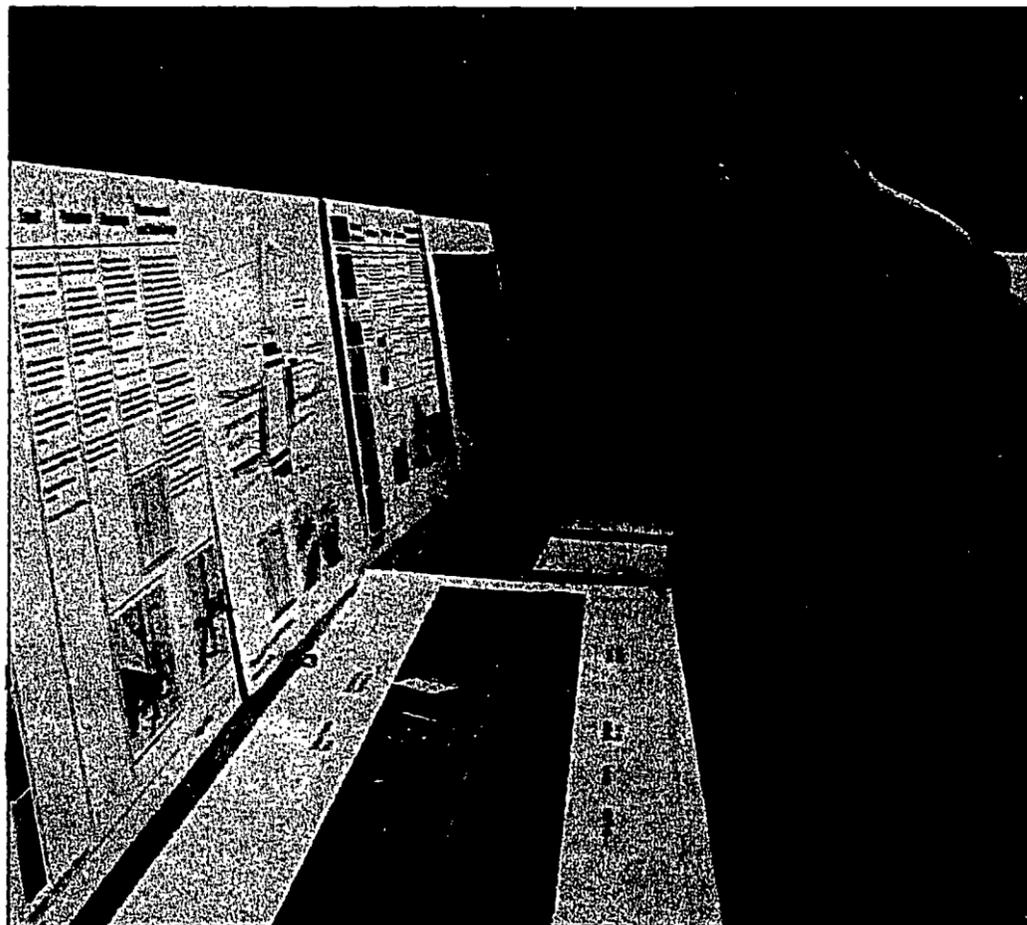
School District 64's Board of Education approved the 2005-06 budget and the sale of working cash fund bonds at its meeting on September 26.

At a public hearing preceding the regular Board meeting, Business Manager Bruce Martin reviewed key aspects of the balanced budget for 2005-06. School Board President Chris Mollet stated that a balanced budget is the result of reductions approved by the Board in February 2004. These reductions included increased class sizes, cuts in the elementary foreign language program, and decreased spending

on staff development. At the time, those cuts were put in place, the board and staff said, to increase the District's overall fund balance to 20 percent.

Projected revenue in the operating funds total \$44,896,039. Expenses in the operating funds are expected to total \$44,874,377, resulting in a positive difference of \$21,662. However, District officials said that its cash flow problems will remain and are acute, reaching a projected \$5 million by

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Visitors to Niles Village Hall inspect drawings and concept plans for a new Milwaukee Avenue last Friday. The visitors ranged from curious residents to local and prospective business owners.

A Vision for Milwaukee

Niles' Consultants display fruits of Corridor Study at open house

Consultants helping the village of Niles plan for a new Milwaukee Corridor unveiled the first draft of their comprehensive plan last Friday.

The plan is the result of

over a year of effort on the part of village staff like Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, the point man for the project and consultants with Camiros, Ltd., a planning firm and KLOA, a

traffic engineering company.

The plan outlined a variety of proposed improvements in the corridor, from new uses of particular parcels of land to

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D64: Board members consider future referendum

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District officials also said that the cash flow problem is a result of the accumulated impact of tax caps, which limits the amount of revenue school districts can collect, loss of revenue due to property tax appeals, and the late receipt of tax revenue from the Assessor's Office. School districts receive tax payments (for District 64 nearly 80% of its total revenue) only twice

per year. Late tax receipts can result in serious cash flow problems, the reason that District's maintain fund balances.

At the September 12 public hearing, the Board heard from 10 members of the community. Seven of those who spoke urged the Board to issue bonds, which would result in a cost to taxpayers of approximately \$100/year (on a home with a sale price of \$800,000) for the three-year term of the bonds. Superintendent Sally Pryor said that no petitions were filed by community members objecting to the sale of the bonds within the 30 day period provided which expired on September 23, something that opponents of the measure have called a "back door referendum." If ten percent of registered voters had signed petitions, the Board of

Education would have been required to go to a referendum to put the question to voters in March 2006.

The Board approved the sale of General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds (working cash bonds), not to exceed \$5 million, at its meeting on September 26. Proceeds from the bonds will be used to address the District's cash flow shortage and to meet its payroll and operating expenses. Mollet also directed the District's administration to examine the 20 percent fund balance policy and make a recommendation to the board about its adequacy.

Several board members also spoke to what they called the need for a referendum in the District's near future. The District's last referendum was in 1997.

TOP JOB: Wade still needs confirmation of village board

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it," said Wade, who may begin his new position on Oct. 23 if it's approved by the village

board. This will give him and Ralph a few days to work together before Ralph leaves. "I like the people. I've heard great things about Morton Grove."

Wade said that the Village of Morton Grove seems to have a great sense of community spirit. He mentioned their Fourth of July events and their upcoming community event, which is a fund-raiser for Hurricane Katrina victims. Wade said that his experience

working with big development issues, such as the creation of the Glen Town Center and dealing with various T.I.F. and land issues will be useful in his new position.

Although Wade admits that it's difficult leaving his friends in Glenview, he is looking forward to making new ones in Morton Grove.

"This is the perfect job to fit my life," said Wade.

Alderman: Time for More Cable TV Providers

You could call Alderman Rex Parker an old-fashioned trust-buster.

The Park Ridge alderman is working to bring another cable company to the city and change the status quo system, which features only a single cable TV provider.

Parker is crafting a city ordinance that tells Park Ridge to allow a second cable service provider to operate.

The alderman said Des Plaines and Arlington Heights have allowed a second cable company with positive results.

Cable TV customers in each of these towns choose between Comcast and Wide Open West for cable TV service.

Another possible cable TV provider is RCN.

Parker said he heard Comcast is now allowing HBO only for new customers who receive digital cable. Though they offer an initial

discount for digital cable, it ends up costing consumers more in the long run.

"They are saying if you want to watch 'The Sopranos' then you have to get digital cable."

Other constituents have also complained about Comcast service, Parker said.

Having a second cable provider would likely cause the cable company to think twice before raising rates, the alderman added.

"When you have a competitive situation, it's much better for consumers," Parker said.

Parker, who works in design marketing, was elected in 2003.

He is meeting with a city attorney to craft language for the ordinance and then hopes it can be taken up in the public works committee before a vote by the council.

A Comcast press spokesperson did not return phone calls before press deadline.

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Larocco's the name, peacekeeping's the game



Jim Larocco, director-general of an Italy-based peacekeeping force recently visited his alma mater, Notre Dame.

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN STAFF WRITER

His job is to maintain peace between Israel and Egypt, as the director general of the Multinational peace keeping force, based in Rome, Italy.

His name is Jim Larocco and he is a 1966 alumni of Notre Dame High School who visited the school on Friday, Sept. 30 to receive a Cornerstone award for his diplomatic service and to talk with students about the current state of the Middle East.

"I really received a terrific education here," said Larocco, who now lives in Rome. "This is a very special place for me."

Larocco said that the Cornerstone award is very meaningful to him and that the teachers at Notre Dame High School encouraged him to think about his future and think about diplomatic service.

"Notre Dame captures young minds in their most formative stage, and helps shape them to recognize that our world cannot survive without dedication to the kind of service that keeps

families, communities, countries and the world community one where peace and justice is advanced," said Larocco, in a statement provided by Notre Dame High School.

For seven years, Larocco

Secretary of State Colin Powell.

His diplomatic career has taken him to many parts of the world, such as Saudi Arabia, China, Egypt, Israel, and much more. During his visit at Notre Dame High School, he talked to the students about issues such as terrorism, peace in the Holy land, recent situations in Gaza and Palestine.

Originally from Edison Park, Larocco has been enjoying spending time with his family members who live in the area. When he visited Notre Dame High School in 2004, the baseball team was in the state tournament and he describes the experience as being "so much fun."

A baseball fan at heart, Larocco said his "now favorite" nephew gave him tickets to the Sox play off games and he is very excited about that.

Other Cornerstone award recipients were Father Ken Molinaro, who received the award of Faith. He was a past president and principal at Notre Dame; and Tony Kozole, the director of alumni relations, and a teacher, coach and mentor at Notre Dame for 42 years.

Jim Larocco NDHS Grad

AUTO ACCIDENT: Park Ridge learned after Niles

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Swoboda. He said that 3/4 of that intersection is in Niles, but the

southwest corner, where the incident happened, is located in Park Ridge.

Swoboda said that someone called 911 and initially the Niles police and fire were dispatched to the scene of the incident.

Keller was taken to the Lutheran General Hospital by the Niles Fire Department and died at approximately 6:15 p.m.

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Niles Board approves purchase of rugged ambulance laptops

Ambulances in Niles will be able to be ready for an alarm at a faster pace, after laptops are added to the three ambulances.

The laptops will allow medical reports to be filled out on the computer as opposed to being handwritten, and then they will be elec-

tronically submitted to the hospitals. When the ambulances return to the fire stations, then the medical reports will be downloaded into the station's computers so they will also have the records on file.

"It'll speed up the actual writing of the reports," said Niles Deputy

Fire Chief Barry Mueller.

As a result, the ambulances will be able to return to the station at a quicker rate and be ready for another alarm sooner.

Mueller said that currently the clerk enters the information into the computer after it was already hand-written and with the pur-

chase of the new laptops, it will eliminate this extra step.

The purchase of the hardened Panasonic Toughbook ruggedized laptops was approved at a recent village board meeting. The total cost of the project is \$13,050, with the financial aspect being divided between the Fire Department

(software) and MIS (hardware). Mueller said they will go out for bid and install the laptops as soon as possible.

The laptops are the latest version which includes an improved screen, greater memory, lighted, water-resistant keyboard and improved wireless capabilities.

'Sweet' Days ahead



At the past Sept. board meeting, Niles mayor Nick Blaze and the Village Board proclaimed Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15 as Lions Club Candy Days. The Niles Lions Club is accepting donations and giving away candy to help blind, visually impaired, deaf and hearing-impaired people.

Pictured are Lions Club members Nick Blaze, Phil Bergquist, Ingrid Kubitz, Robert Callero, Randy Greco, Chris Kutselas, Russ McAnderson, Glenn Steude, Andy Przybylo, Norbert Johnson, Ann Samson, Marie Kylbo and Gerlinde Kubitz.

Next MG Forest Preserve 'Friends' workday Oct. 8

The next work day for the Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserves is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Linne Woods in the area of the horse bridge.

The group will clear out invasive plants such as garlic mustard and buckthorn and reintroduce native plants, and as a result, there will be a greater variety of birds and other animals in the area.

Participants will meet at the far north end of the forest preserve

parking lot off of Dempster street, just east of the railroad tracks and Lehigh Ave. Those participating, should wear boots or sturdy shoes to work in. Work gloves and tools will be given to participants.

Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve is dedicated to the preservation and protection of the Cook County natural areas that run through Morton Grove and Niles. Everyone is welcome to participate in the workdays.

For further information, call John Thill at 847 966 0231.

Get a jump-start on Christmas

People can get a head start on their holiday shopping at the "Spirit of Christmas Bazaar" on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Park Ridge Community Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church is located at 100 S. Courtland. Proceeds from this event will be used to support various community outreach pro-

grams, such as the Rainbow Hospice, Avenues to Independence, H.O.M.E. WINGS, Lifespan Crisis Hotline and the Park Ridge Youth Campus.

A luncheon will take place at noon, which will be followed by a performance by Pam Putman and Shannon Plate called "Chocolates and Promises."

often ignored by developers and boards alike.

The pedestrian amenities, such as lower street lamps, wider sidewalks and parking lanes to create a buffer with traffic are also problematic since they require either village funding through, for instance, a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District or piecemeal development to coincide with new development.

The project was funded, large-

ly, by a grant from the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to look at the bus system that runs down Milwaukee and, accordingly, the plan calls for several bus turn-offs, lanes that would allow buses to leave the street during peak hours for loading and unloading.

Those plans are, of course, subject to the same difficulties as the pedestrian amenities or the redevelopment proposals.

NEWS

Cracking the case

The Bugle's Editor reports from the Niles Citizen's Police Academy

The Niles Police Department sponsors a Citizen's Police Academy each year. This year, our editor, Andrew Schneider, has joined the class and will be providing The Bugle's readers with a look at how the police department operates. Who knows, after reading this you may want to join up for next year's session!

Week 2: The Academy and Specialties

Sergeants Mike Bobba and Joe Penze gave a presentation during Week 2 of the Citizen's Police Academy ranging from the hierarchy of the Department, the procedures for Police applicants, specialties and the procedures for a driving under the influence (DUI) traffic stop.

So you wanna be a police officer?

Becoming a police officer is no easy task. First and foremost you have to be between the ages of 21 and 35 and you must also pass rigorous physical and psychological screenings and even a credit report. If you satisfy all of those things, then the hard part begins.

"It's a pretty long process from start to finish," said Penze.

The Niles Police participate in a group interviewing and evaluation process for police applicants where candidates interview for multiple departments and, if they pass the screenings, are sent to the state of Illinois Police Academy where they learn the basics required to do the job. Once they've completed the work and Niles decides they want the individual, then they come to the department for hands-on training with a field training officer for 15 weeks.

Once they've finished their field training they remain on probation for two years so that the department and the Niles Police and Fire Commission can evaluate their performance.

Bobba said that the department has a "very low" rate of failure once a candidate has reached the probationary period.

You're an officer, now what?

Once an individual officer has cleared all the hurdles and is no longer on probation, he or she can decide to go through further edu-

cation and become a specialist.

Some specialties at the department include a school resource, truck overweight, evidence technician and firing range officers.

The truck overweight officers, for example, learn a great deal about specific weight requirements for freight trucks that travel on local roads. It's a job that includes a lot of arithmetic.

Bobba and Penze both agreed that evidence technicians are great officers to make friends with, because they're always needed at crime scenes and the officers that want to learn the specialty are rare. "It's not everyone who wants to learn about and spend time dusting for fingerprints," said Bobba.

DUI

By far, the most high-stakes work for individuals today are driving while intoxicated or under the influence (respectively DWI and DUI). If a driver is convicted of DUI then it can cost them their license. If they hurt or injure someone it can cost them their freedom. Consequently, the requirements for officers are extremely strict. They must be trained to run the "breathalyzer" apparatus and need to be regularly recertified.

The tests they administer on the scene are also complex. They include saying the alphabet backwards, checking a driver's eyes and asking them to touch their noses or walk a line.

One thing I definitely learned (as if I didn't already know), I'd better be careful how much I drink if I'm going to get behind the wheel.

NEXT WEEK: Andrew Schneider was unable to attend Week 3 because the Niles Village Board meeting. Next week's column will cover Week 4. If you'd like more information on the Citizen's Police Academy, contact the Niles Police Department at (847) 588-6500.

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pedestrian amenities. The final plan will be present-

ed to the village board at their meeting the last Tuesday in October and could be adopted as part of a strategic plan for the corridor and the village, or not at all.

The study doesn't actually propose any specific development which is the primary problem: the ideas are great, but where will the money come from?

For example, in the area of Milwaukee, Harlem Ave. and

Howard, the Camiros plan calls for a new traffic island and plaza to replace an existing White Castle Restaurant in the center of the intersection and a theater/auditorium, bookstore and cafe to replace an existing Taco Bell and Dunkin Donuts.

The board could adopt the plan as a strategic vision, similar to the comprehensive plans that many municipalities use to guide development, but those plans are

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Niles Board votes to stay with O'Hare Noise Commission

Village Attorney: Relationship with commission very good

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Niles approved a resolution that will allow the village to continue being a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission for another five years.

Niles has been a member of the commission since 2000 and the agreement was going to terminate on Dec. 31, 2005 if they did not pass the resolution that extends the agreement to Dec. 31, 2010. This resolution was approved at the Village of Niles board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The commission consists of 33 municipalities and school districts that meet on a monthly basis in order to discuss various noise issues and concerns involving O'Hare Airport. The commission may make recommendations to the city regarding flight patterns, the implementation of soundproofing programs, preferential runway usage and more.

"I think it's gone really well," said Joseph Annunzio, village

attorney for the Village of Niles, who has been involved in the commission ever since Niles joined in 2000. "All the municipalities involved wanted to have an agree-

"We're not getting the same kind of noise complaints."

*Joe Annunzio
Niles Village Attorney
On the changing nature
of O'Hare Complaints*

ment to keep this going....It's just an excellent opportunity for all of the suburbs and the city of Chicago."

Annunzio feels that the noise problems that generate from airplanes at O'Hare Airport have improved over time. He said that the new jets are significantly quieter than the older jets.

"We're not getting the same

type of noise complaints," said Annunzio. He said that they are starting to hear more about "individual events," such as a woman sitting in her backyard who complains that a jet flying over her house is too noisy. Some people also complain of airplanes being too low. Annunzio said that sometimes the bigger airplanes appear to be too low because of their size, but the planes are required to be at least 3,000 feet away.

Annunzio said that the commission has a website that allows them to track which airline a specific plane is from, based on its time and location of a reported event.

In addition, with the "Fly Quiet" program, Annunzio said that airplanes are taking off and landing in industrial areas or forest preserves at night, between 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Therefore, residents are not as disturbed at nighttime.

On the topic of expansion, Annunzio said that the commission does not have an opinion on the expansion. He said they leave that up to the individual communities. Annunzio said that the commission plans to explore the topic of air pollution as well.

LGH Doctors perform unprecedented surgery

Surgeons at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge performed a life-altering surgery on a woman suffering from a rare gum disease that will allow her to no longer be afraid to leave her home.

Diane Edwards of Zion and her twin sisters, Thelma and Velma, 49, of Waukegan, all suffered from gingival fibromatosis, a very rare hereditary condition that affects only one in 750,000 people. The condition causes the gums to grow out of control. A mass of tissue protruded from Diane and her sisters mouths,

impairing their ability to eat and speak and making them feel embarrassed to appear in public.

"It's a very rare disorder," said Lutheran General's director of plastic surgery, Loren Schechter, M.D., who performed the surgery on Diane on Thursday, Sept. 22. Schechter, who also performed the surgery on her twin sisters, said that this condition requires two surgeries involving the upper teeth and a portion of the jaw. He said the surgeries take several hours.

Schechter said that the risks of the surgery include bleeding dur-

ing the surgery and breathing problems after the surgery. He said that Diane seems to be recovering fine from the surgery. Among her two sisters, she had the "worst presentation of the disease," according to Dr. Schechter. "A lot of people think plastic surgery is strictly for breast enhancements or to enhance one's beauty," said Colette Urban, manager of media relations at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. For these women, however, she said the surgery was truly "life altering."

News from the Police Reports

Fake e-mails solicit financial information

Two computer users fall prey to scams

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

Two Morton Grove computer users had their identities stolen after completing fake requests for information offering consumers a lesson to be careful online.

Computer thieves often sent out emails posing as legitimate retailers, request personal information and then use the information to make purchases.

Last week, two Morton Grove residents were scammed in these schemes.

First, a man, 53, of the 9200 block of Luna was victimized. He received an email that appeared to be from the online auction company E-Bay.

The e-mail requested that he update his account information.

So, he entered his information and then tried to submit the information. However the page wouldn't go through. He decided to contact E-Bay. They informed him that they never sent such an email.

Instead, it was thieves pretending to be them.

He contacted police and his credit card companies and advised them of the situation. At the time of the police report, the thieves appear to have made two purchases for a total of \$2.

Then, on Sept. 20 a woman, 57, of the 9300 block of National contacted police. She had received an email from the

online money wire service PayPal that also requested an update of account information. She sent out her name, date of birth, social security number, and account information from her Glenview bank.

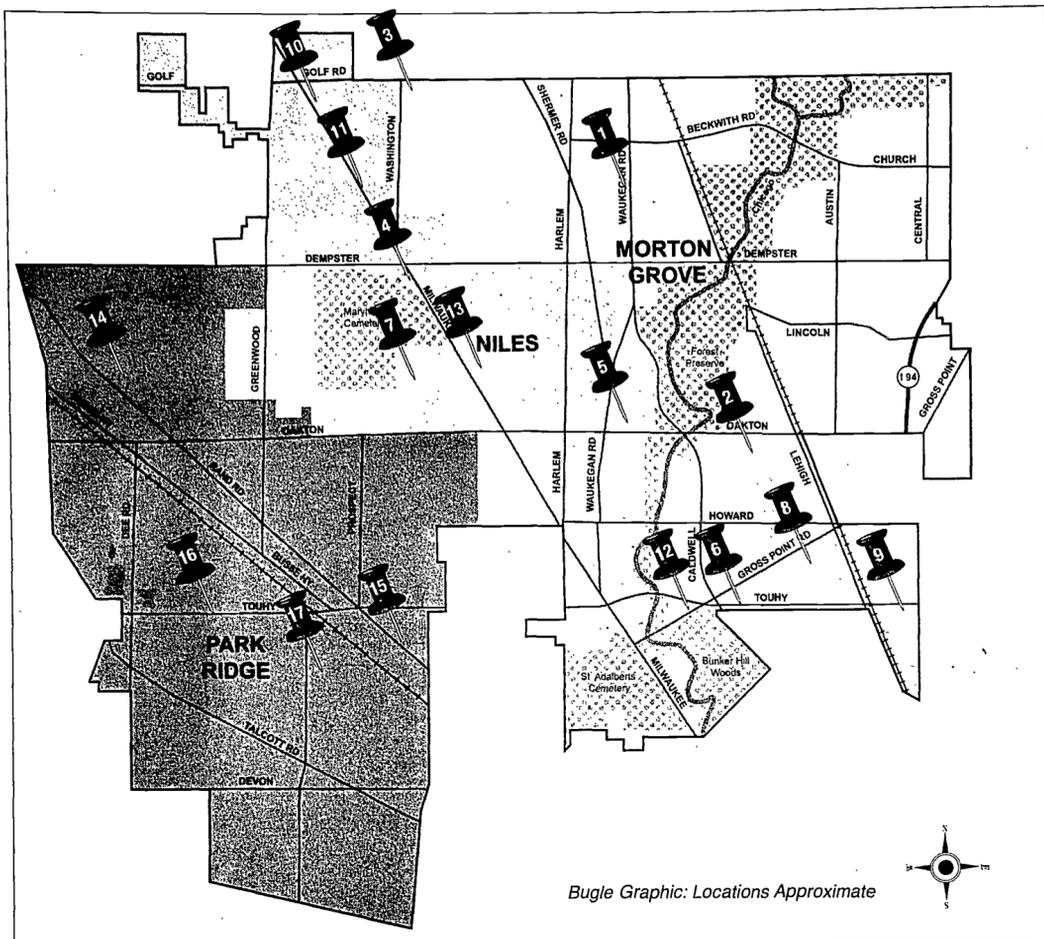
The thief then used the information to establish a PayPal

Authorities remind computer users to be cautious and to refrain from entering financial information.

account under her name and she soon discovered a fake \$208 charge. The purchase was canceled and the accounts were aborted. Then, she received a phone call from her credit card company. The phone company caller was seeking to verify that she made a \$5,000 purchase and the goods should be shipped to the United Kingdom. She said "no" and the purchase was cancelled.

Authorities advise computer-users to be cautious and to refrain from entering financial information, especially banking accounts, in response to emails.

POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

A Lincolnshire creative director left his wallet at X-Sport Fitness and then discovered a variety of false charges on his credit card.

12 Assault (Touhy YMCA)

A man was arrested for assault at the YMCA on 6300 Touhy Sept. 25 following an argument in the elevator that escalated into an attack.

13 Firefighter's credit cards used (Golf Mill)

A Chicago firefighter, 49, was the victim of identity theft last week when his credit cards were used to make purchases at Golf Mill Mall.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, Oct. 2.

14 Gun Car Robber (1100 Dee)

A victim was threatened with a handgun after approaching a vehicle as a thief yanked the radio out of the dashboard Sept. 29. The victim saw a Hispanic man standing in front of the vehicle in a parking lot on the 100 block of Dee. As the victim walked closer, the victim observed that the vehicle window was shattered and the car radio/ DVD player worth about \$1,000 was missing. The victim confronted the thief. The man brandished a handgun and then ran away.

15 Tent Fire (300 S. Washington)

A tent camped in a parking lot caught fire about midnight Sept. 23. The tent and camping equipment fire caused an estimated \$1,000 in damage.

16 Hosed (100 N. Knight)

A residential basement was flooded when someone turned on the hose outside the basement window.

17 \$30,000 jewelry taken (200 S. Fairview)

Approximately \$30,000 in jewelry was taken from a residence in the 200 block of S. Fairview between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sept. 25. No more details were immediately forthcoming.

All information printed in the 'Police Blotter' is obtained from written reports of the respective police departments.

MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, Sept. 30.

1 Storage locker emptied (9000 Waukegan)

A man who rented a U-haul storage facility on the 9000 block of Waukegan had about \$5,000 in property stolen from the locker Sept. 24. The missing items include furniture, a bike, toys and other household items.

2 Fire (7800 Long)

A housewife and three children escaped a home blaze Sept. 25 that began in the basement of a residential house and caused extensive damage to the structure.

3 Employee theft (7900 Golf)

A juvenile Skokie employee of OfficeMax, born in 1988, quit his job after being caught retrieving a \$10 coupon from the trash and using it himself.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Friday, Sept. 30.

4 Disorderly Conduct (8700 Milwaukee)

A man, 63, of the 8300 block of W. Berwyn in Chicago left a restaurant on the 8700 block of Milwaukee covered with vomit and beaten up after a night of drinking. The problems began around 2 a.m. Sept. 22.

At that time, the man became infuriated when a female patron declined to dance with him. He started shouting and making a scene. When bouncers approached him, he challenged them to fight. The intoxicated man was escorted outside to a parking lot.

What happened next is disputed. According to the man, a bouncer knocked him down and he hit his head.

But the restaurant's employees say he fell over on his own due to his drunken state.

When police found him, he was lying between two cars in the parking lot and covered in vomit.

He had trouble recounting the night's events. He was transported to Lutheran General Hospital and a nurse discovered a bruise on the man's groin. Police asked him if he was kicked there. He said he was but he didn't remember who did it.

The bar was cited for over-serving a patron and the man was cited as well.

5 Wine head hit (6900 Monroe Court)

A Morton Grove girl, 20, was arrested for hitting another girl over the head with a wine bottle Aug. 30. The victim suffered a concussion and was treated at Glenbrook Hospital.

6 Suicide feared (Touhy YMCA)

The fire department transported a disabled woman, 71, to Lutheran General Hospital after learning she is suicidal.

7 Nicor fake (8200 Elmore)

A family was correctly suspicious when a man rang the doorbell Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. claiming to be from Nicor. The father asked to see identification from

the man toting a clipboard in street clothes. He displayed a faded card and said he needed to check the meter. Nicor says that their employees finish the workday at 4:30 p.m.

8 Sweater stolen (Costco)

A man, 42, was arrested for stealing a cashmere sweater from Costco on the 7300 block of Melvina.

9 Bank Forgery (5600 Touhy)

A landscaper, 38, reported that someone forged his information at local banks and withdrew \$3,600 from his account.

10 Purse snatching (Panera Bread)

A woman, 31, was eating at Panera Bread on the 9400 block of Milwaukee Sept. 28. She got up from her seat to get a spoon for her tea. When she did, a black man with a mustache wearing a gold sweater and blue pants grabbed her purse from the table and ran away.

11 Identity theft (9200 Milwaukee)

COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor

OTB is a bad bet for Niles, surrounding towns

Dear Editor,

Watching the proceedings of last Tuesday night's Niles Board Meeting to approve the rezoning from B1 to B2 for an Off Track Betting Facility reminded me of a carefully orchestrated play being acted out. The three trustees that voted against the OTB were indeed sincere in their objections, but the other trustees who voted for it seemed to have less substantial reasons. Mayor Blase probably had done a head count prior to this meeting and knew he could swing the vote his way as he broke the tie breaking decision with a vote for the OTB. The mayor has stated he has no interest in a proposed referendum by the citizens of Niles to ask the residents about their desires for such a facility in Golf Mill. He feels he was elected to make decisions for the people of the village regardless of how many residents oppose his support of the OTB. The main reason for supporting the OTB seemed to be one of finances, yet it was clearly pointed out that the loss of revenue to residents would amount to about 15 dollars a year per person. It was also pointed out by a trustee that this amount could easily be made up by a minor tax on say restaurants or something similar. Seems like the Niles village clerk is doing her part to stonewall the petition sent to her, because they don't want to hear from the residents. It may be too late to stop construction of an OTB in Golf Mill, but when business starts to fall off there, and

when the residents hopefully get some say in this matter, it will become obvious that this is a bad deal for Niles and the surrounding communities.

Sherwin Dubren, Morton Grove

Some Morton Grove officials use position as 'bully pulpit'

Dear Editor,

The Morton Grove village board meeting of Sept. 26 was a showcase for democracy in action—the best and the worst.

The best was honoring our firefighters who volunteered to go to Slidell, Louisiana and help out the storm victims. They worked with the local firemen and, on their "time off", helped local firemen work with their own storm ravaged houses. What a great bunch of guys!

On the other hand, three people from the audience attacked Mayor Krier for defending himself from false charges. One of these people accused Mayor Krier of using his office as a bully pulpit. Unfortunately, some of the people in question were using the lectern as a bully pulpit for their own agenda.

It would be nice if we could all get together keeping in mind what's best for the village.

Harold Cohon, Morton Grove

Supporter disappointed with Caucus Party

Dear Editor,

I was an obese child not interested in sports. That factor plus the

unfortunate circumstance of having a first name that rhymed with the word "fat" gave me an early working experience with the phenomenon of bullies and mob behavior.

The dictionary defines a bully as "a person who is cruel or overbearing, especially to smaller or weaker people." It also defines "mob mentality" or "groupthink" as "a term coined by psychologist Irving Janis in 1972 to describe a process by which a group can make bad or irrational decisions."

On Monday, September 26th, there was, unfortunately, a classic example of both Bully and groupthink by many members of the Morton Grove Village Board and the Mayor.

Bullies are odd creatures. They appear at unexpected times, they threaten consequences before they enact them, they're powerful, they're unsophisticated. They use the language of domination and intimidation. Bullies are a mixture of threats, cowardliness, subterfuge, and idiocy. They use empty language to conceal faulty generalizations; to ridicule viable alternatives; they attribute negative motivations to others, thus making them appear contemptible; and they rename and "reframe" opposing viewpoints.

According to the report in a local paper Thursday, September 29th "Roy Kogstad's fellow Caucus Party officials criticized him Monday for failing to provide the board with information about a proposal to drop the village's gasoline tax prior to the meeting, giving information to reporters before giving it to board members and not providing enough information for them to make a decision on the issue."

Let us consider two facts; A) the members of the Board who belong to the opposition party also participated in this barroom brawl, although, to be sure they stood

aside to let the Caucus Party stalwarts decimate an elected official who had the temerity to suggest that it might be a good idea to give back some of their own money to the people. B) each member of the board had notice for two weeks of the Trustee's intention and had the same amount of time to do the homework he did. Yet, rather than debate factual points, we were treated to personal attacks and patronizing characterizations. Let us take time to remember here that in real life this Trustee is an accountant who deals with numbers every day in making his living. It would seem to make sense to give more than a passing examination to his views on financial matters.

Individual Trustees acting like a schoolyard mob beating up the nerdy kid, while distasteful could, charitably be characterized a "debate" between equals. When the Mayor weighed in, it was not only a violation of the rules of order, but the equivalent of the schoolmaster jumping in to give the nerdy kid a kick in the kidneys after the other bullies had knocked him down. Is this an indication of how you intend to conduct fair and open government, your honor?

What was left out of the article was that a number of persons, all of whom were Caucus Party supporters in the previous election, stood to speak in protest to the way Trustee Kogstad had been treated. The point was made by one speaker that Old-Time machine politics seemed to have replaced fairness. The object lesson was that the way Kogstad was treated was the way anyone who didn't toe the Party line would be treated. It was a way to exercise party discipline.

It's difficult to know how to stand up to a bully, but it's possible. One rule in dealing with a bully is to never, ever, ever accept

their terms. You can expose them sometimes. You can challenge them sometimes and demonstrate to others how they run. You can stand up to some of the threats and demonstrate their emptiness. But the number one thing to remember is that bullies get their power by convincing others not to express theirs. In order to oppose a bully, it's not so much about opposing them on their terms, as it is championing yourself on yours.

There is a power exerted in groupthink that includes loyalty, camaraderie, guilt projection, and which exerts strong pressure to remain silent, even when the behavior is known to be wrong or immoral. Breaking ranks becomes more of a crime to the group than the abuse itself. A mentality develops that justifies the abusive behavior. The victim "deserves it" because he has been "so very bad." If the evidence isn't strong enough, the mob mentality exaggerates and manufactures crimes that the victim didn't commit, to justify abuse.

Those who refuse to get caught up in mob mentality and try defending the victim are the true heroes. They fight for the rights of others, and often take it in the neck themselves.

They are treated as traitors, or turncoats. True heroism and stewardship of our influence does not allow us to remain silent in face of abuse, even if there are negative consequences.

I commend Trustee Kogstad for having the courage of his convictions and I also salute those who stood to speak for fairness in the face of the schoolyard bullies Monday night. As a resident who had supported the Caucus Party because they promised change I am sorely disappointed in the result so far.

Patrick C. Kansoer,
Morton Grove

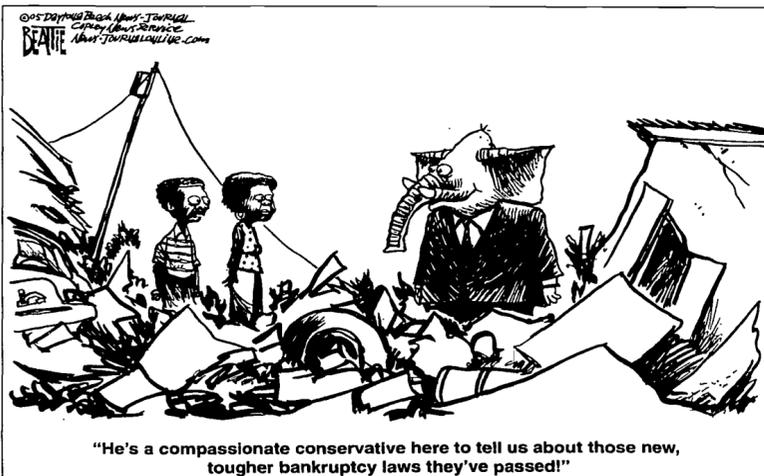
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BUSINESS

For retiree cash pullouts, 4 percent yearly a good start



If you're on the verge of retiring, don't walk away from your job until you can answer this puzzler: How much money can you safely pull out of your retirement accounts each year without running out of cash?

Actually, I exaggerated when I implied that this was some sort of insurmountably tough question. Answering it won't require a 60-something to spend hours hunched over Excel spreadsheets while agonizing about retirement projections. Does anybody know what the cost of regular unleaded gasoline is going to be in 2025, much less a box of Grape-Nuts? I sure don't.

Actually, the correct response is simple. Your nest egg shouldn't shatter if you start your first year in retirement by pulling out just 4 percent of whatever is in it. If you've got a \$1 million cushion, that means you could safely withdraw \$40,000. If you're starting out with \$250,000, you could only touch \$10,000. After that first year, you'd adjust the initial amount that you withdraw by the rate of inflation. And you'd keep repeating this same exercise every year for the rest of your life.

All sorts of highly respected researchers have concluded that this initial 4 percent rule should work, even if your retirement lasts three decades. And most financial experts strongly suggest that you plan on a 30-year retirement. If you suspect you'll only live 20 years in retirement, you might be able to bump up your withdrawal rate to 5 percent or 6 percent.

At this point, you may not be feeling particularly grateful to learn the trick to turning your nest egg into a saltwater taffy pull. You are probably still hung up on that 4 percent figure. If so, you share the reaction of a large gathering of mostly retired women, who listened to me yammer on

about retirement issues recently. When I broached the subject of the 4 percent rule, you would have thought that I had just told the ladies that an asteroid, the size of the Goodyear blimp, was about to smash through the roof of the church community room.

The 4 percent admonition is truly a joke without a funny punch line. And that's why financial planners can be such pills when conversations with their clients veer toward the importance of stockpiling a ton of cash for retirement. Obviously, the more you save, the more financial freedom you'll enjoy in your twilight years. The puny withdrawal rate may also not seem quite so scary if you've got a pension - and better yet, if your spouse does, too. And, of course, you'll have a Social Security check, too.

In retirement, what you siphon out of your accounts isn't your only concern. You also have to focus on what you've got stashed inside them. Many seniors, who are terrified that someday they'll have to cash in their last certificate of deposit to buy peanut butter and day-old Wonder bread, hoard their money in certificates of deposits, money markets and savings accounts. These risk-free investments aren't paying much more than what you could expect had you stuffed the cash inside an empty mayonnaise jar. What many CD aficionados don't understand is that taking zero chances with their life savings is the riskiest move they can make. That's because if you want your nest egg to last for decades, and particularly if you scoff at that 4 percent rule, you'll need to include some growth. If "growth" isn't in your vernacular, you'll want to seriously consider reinserting it. And that, shudder, will require adding stocks - preferably inexpensive stock index funds - into your portfolio.

Of course, most retirees have stamped down the path

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Grand Opening Nelson Realtors



Niles mayor Nicholas B. Blase joined Niles Chamber ambassadors and board members for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Century 21 Nelson Realty to the community on Thursday, September 29, 2005. Their new store is located at 7636 Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

It's a Woman's World Local chambers increasingly offer programs for area's businesswomen

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

Women in Business networking group is becoming increasingly popular at the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

"It's doubled in size," said Katie Di Maria, the director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce. She said that nine people attended the first meeting and 18 people were at the second meeting. "Everyone's been very responsive to it."

The group started a few months ago and meets from noon to 1 p.m., generally during the third or fourth week of the month.

"Essentially, women are the largest growing minority business owners," said Di Maria. She said that the meetings provide an opportunity for business owners, managers, self-employed women and other female representatives to interact with other females in the business world.

This month's meeting will be held on Sept. 29 and will feature

a business coach who will make a brief presentation on how to give a "two minute commercial," or make a memorable first impression.

Di Maria was a past director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and she said that they have had a successful Women in Business networking program for a couple years. After a member of the Niles Chamber board showed interest in starting a similar program, the two of them worked together to create the program in Niles.

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce has a Women in Business program that's been going for about four years.

"Of our groups that's probably our most effective and cohesive," said executive director of the chamber, Chelle O'Connell. She said the women are all very supportive of each other.

O'Connell said that about 25 or more women attend their monthly morning meetings. The last meeting took place on Friday, Sept. 30 from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The topic was on stress management.

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BUSINESS

BARNETT ON BUSINESS TRAVEL

So long, America West! It's been (mostly) fun

I had high hopes that America West Airlines wouldn't vanish in its impending merger with US Airways, but, with apologies to

Frank Sinatra, it's certainly an "Oops, there goes another regional airline" into the boneyard. A federal judge has approved

US Airways' emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy and the merger plan and shareholders for both airlines have overwhelmingly blessed the marriage slated to be consummated Sept. 27.

But I simply cannot understand why America West CEO Doug Parker would allow his airline's name to be swallowed up. He had more brand equity. After all, US Airways was not only bankrupt financially, its reputation for greedy pricing on routes it dominated is mud with many business travelers. Service has been so-so. USAir flight attendants were always soldiering on, but then it's hard to muster a smile when your paycheck is whittled away or in jeopardy.

America West, meanwhile, seemed to try harder. Remember, this is the airline that was launched with the morale-building if ill-fated idea that all employees should do each other's jobs - hustle bags, sell tickets, schmooze with travel agents back when travel agents had clout. America West was a great host, too, in the early

days. Free drinks for everyone in first class and coach.

The Phoenix-based airline lurched along through a series of management changes, operational hassles and staff grumbles of sloppy aircraft maintenance policies. It was never a JetBlue with 32 to 34 inches of legroom, personalized TV sets and movie channels and a jovial cabin crew that practically whistles while it works. And it was never as spirited and spunky as Southwest.

Still, America West pricing always seemed fair to me, the flight attendants were mostly cheerful Arizonans and in all my trips over the years, I can't remember a flight from hell. Some delays and dumb moves, yes, but nightmarish moments, no.

But then I didn't live in Phoenix. Skip Boyer, a writer and executive producer with Best Western, the global lodging company headquartered there, has "fond memories" of America West and was reliving the "good times just last night over olives encased in gin."

Boyer recalls the time he and

some colleagues arrived at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and America West had lost all record of his reservation.

"We made many new and interesting friends as we waited on standby for 12 hours," Boyer said.

He remembers the "time we were eight hours late getting into Phoenix, while most our luggage went to Chicago. We laughed about that for an hour, requiring more olives."

Yet show me a glitch-free journey today and I'll show you an armchair traveler. Seasoned road warriors and well-traveled vacationers almost expect some flub-up on a trip and are amazed when there's not a hitch.

My memories of USAir, however, are forever stained by the time I had to fly last minute from Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh and was sledgehammered with a \$601 fare for the one-hour flight. I didn't have time to drive it and still make a meeting. US Air wouldn't budge. It was take it or leave it, and I knuckled under.

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conservative portfolio turned out to be the most disappointing. It was divided this way: stocks (20 percent), bonds (50 percent) and short-term bonds (30 percent). If the 4 percent rule had been followed, the median value, after 30 years, would have been \$180,000. In contrast, the median ending value of a nest egg that was divided this way: stocks (60 percent), bonds (30 percent) and short-term bonds (10 percent) would have been \$395,000. The latter portfolio would have retained 79 percent of its purchasing power compared with 36 percent for the conservative portfolio.

If you'd like to read more about this research, which was published in the Pricc Report Winter 2005 issue, visit the fund company's Web site at

State Rep. Mulligan to address Park Ridge Chamber Oct. 12

Illinois State Representative Rosemary Mulligan (R-65) will address the membership luncheon of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce on Wed., Oct. 12. The event will start with networking and registration at 11:30 followed by lunch at noon at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge.

Rep. Mulligan will give a legislative update following the lunch. She will take questions from the audience following her remarks.

The cost is \$25 for Chamber members paid in advance or \$30 at the door. Non-members pay \$30. There are no cancellations allowed the day of the event.

For further information, contact the Chamber office at 847/825-3121 or visit www.parkridgechamber.org <<http://www.parkridgechamber.org>>.

MONEY: Retirement investors shouldn't cower at stocks

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well traveled. They load up on CDs and bonds, and maybe a utility stock or two, so they can live off the interest income and dividends. But favoring this approach keeps retirees chained to low-producing investments that turn into clawless kitty cats when inflation roars. The smarter strategy is embracing

something called total return investing. With this approach, you divide your money between cash, bonds and stocks, which provide the octane. Then annually you'll siphon off a percentage of the entire portfolio, which can come from interest income and dividends, as well as capital gains from stock funds. By following this strategy, you shrink your chances of dying broke.

If you can't fathom venturing beyond the lobby of your local bank when it's touting its latest CD specials, you might be interested in research that T. Rowe Price, the mutual fund family, conducted. In the study, the researchers examined what could happen to the typical all-cash portfolio during a 30-year span. They assumed that the

cash investors would withdraw 4.5 percent the first year and adjust future withdrawals by inflation. So what were the portfolio's chances of surviving that long? Zero to none. In contrast, if a retiree kept 10 percent in cash and divided the rest of his or her retirement portfolio between stock and bond funds, the chances of making it to the 30-year milestone surpassed 80 percent.

Retirement investors who don't cower at the prospects of embracing stocks in their portfolio are also more likely to retain more of their purchasing power. Researchers at T. Rowe Price simulated 100,000 different market scenarios when testing the possible success of several model portfolios with starting balances of \$500,000. The most

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Singer Jimmy Damon will make a one night stand at the Kokonut Restaurant, 6913 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL Friday evening October 7, 2005. The popular Chicago entertainer will serenade patrons with romantic favorites of the past such as *Fly me to the moon*, *It had to be you* and *Unforgettable*. Reservations can be made for the three hour show that begins at 9:00 p.m. For information call Karl at (847) 647-1112. His rich baritone voice has earned him performances before every mayor in Chicago since Richard J. Daley, Sr. On August 12, 1995, Mayor Richard M. Daley proclaimed "Jimmy Damon Day in Chicago." Damon has appeared on numerous network shows including the Tonight Show and frequently participates in the Jerry Lewis telethons. Damon's hit show, "My Way" was the only show authorized by Frank Sinatra while he was still living.



St. Juliana School Conducts Campaign For Hurricane Katrina Aid

The Student Council at St. Juliana School conducted a school-wide campaign for Hurricane Katrina relief. It began with Prayer for Success at the all-school liturgy on the Feast of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 14th. From that date through September 28th there were daily school-wide collections, a Jar of Hope was brought to all school athletic events for

spectators to make donations, and there was a Basket of Hope raffle, where the students bought chances on a basket filled with school supplies, candy and surprises. The Basket of Hope raffle raised \$1542. The drawing for the raffle took place on September 21st. On Thursday, September 29th, at the all-school liturgy for the Feast of the Archangels, all the donations collected were

blessed and then forwarded to the National Catholic Education Association's Child to Child initiative.

The Student Council continues to sponsor their Jar of Hope at all athletic events. St. Juliana School students and teachers are living

out their mission of "evangelizing and teaching the Gospel message in the Catholic tradition while instilling ... an excellent academic foundation, a commitment to social justice, and a sense of civic awareness and personal responsibility".

Sweet Shop Benefits Alzheimer's Association



Glensview Terrace employees recently organized a Sweet Shop selling cookies, donuts, cakes and sweets to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association. Families, residents and employees all enjoyed the homemade goodies.

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NEWS

Morton Grove-Slidell Fundraiser set for Oct. 15

BY TRACY YOSHIDA GRUEN
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Morton Grove is pulling together to help the people of Slidell, Louisiana, after four members of the Morton Grove Fire Department recently returned with heart warming stories and photographs in the aftermath of the hurricane.

A fund-raising event, called "Morton Grove to Slidell Hurricane Relief" will be held on Oct. 15 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at

Harrer Park. The event will feature family games, food, musical entertainment, a beer garden, raffle and a fireworks display. The village is selling teal wristbands that say "Morton Grove, IL—Slidell LA" and all the proceeds will directly benefit Slidell. People can attend the event with a wristband or make a donation.

"I'm always amazed with the volunteerism in this community," said Morton Grove Village President Richard Krier. At a recent village board meeting, Krier publicly recognized the actions of

the firefighters.

"That's the best part of being mayor, to do things like this," said Krier.

District Chief Jim Neville was one of the four Morton Grove firefighters who volunteered to take a trip to Slidell to help out the Slidell firemen and the hurricane victims. Neville's wife, an ER nurse at St Francis hospital, was also deployed to the area as part of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team. A group of doctors and nurses treated about 50,000 patients, said Neville. Lt.

Pat Schey, and firefighters Will Paces and Andrew Eason were the other men that went on the trip.

"It was an experience," said Neville. "It was gratifying to help someone. The four of us looked at it as an opportunity to help people."

Neville said that the firefighters in Slidell worked eight to 10 days straight and they needed a break. Many of them lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina.

While in Slidell, they put out fires, answered various emergency calls, helped restore power and

guttled homes that were damaged.

Neville wanted to acknowledge the other firefighters in the department who also volunteered to go down to Slidell.

"There are other guys in the department who would have done the same thing," shared Neville. "I think if they asked us, we'd do it again."

The Morton Grove Moose, at 6419 Chestnut St. has also organized a collection drive for new clothing and supplies such as sheets, towels, pots and pans.

Niles Library offers cards for Katrina Refugees

The Niles Public Library is providing a temporary library card for families from the New Orleans area that have relocated to Niles.

Niles Public Library Director Cary Czarniecki said that there is at least one family that he is aware of that is from New Orleans and is staying with a family in Niles.

Czarniecki said that the Chicago Public Library is offering a similar program and they decided to follow their model. The accommodation library cards will be good for six months.

Normally, individuals receive library cards after providing a proof of residency and drivers license.

Construction at Touhy/Harlem



Ledwrick Williams of J.E.M. Traffic Control in Chicago sets up traffic controls for a construction project at the intersection of Touhy and Harlem Monday afternoon. Williams said new sewers and water main piping are being installed. The project is expected to last about three weeks and snarl traffic at the busy intersection. Construction began Sunday evening.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

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News Briefs

Morton Grove reviews Civic Center Rents

The village of Morton Grove approved an ordinance that allows the staff and village administrator to periodically review and adjust the rental rates of the American Legion Civic Center, without going in front of the village board for approval.

"It was an ordinance that was recommended by staff," said Bud Swanson, coordinator of family and senior services at the center. "This ordinance will simplify the modifications."

"It doesn't seem practical to make the rate changes a law,"

said Ralph Czerwinski, village administrator for Morton Grove, which was the case when the board's approval was required.

Swanson said that the process will be simpler, because they won't need the village board's approval to adjust the rates by \$5, \$10 or \$100, for example.

"We feel the rates are competitive," said Swanson. "We like to tweak them once in a while."

The American Legion Civic Center is utilized by senior citizens during the daytime, for various senior classes, clubs and activities. On evenings and weekends, the center is rented out by various service groups, such as The American Brain Tumor Association, Asian American Accupuncture, soccer clubs and much more.

The center also is a place to hold birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other celebrations.

The center is becoming increasingly popular, since 2002.

In 2002, the revenue from the center was about \$16,000. In 2003, the revenue totaled approximately \$21,000. In 2004, it was about \$31,000 and in 2005 it grew to \$42,000.

"We think it's a beautiful facility," said Swanson.

Civil war group to focus on 1863 Atlanta

The Northern Illinois Civil War Round Table will discuss the 1863 Atlanta campaign of General William Tecumseh

Sherman at their next Oct. 7 Tennessee was defeated at meeting held at the Arlington Heights library.

Speaker Greg Biggs is the former associate editor of the "Blue & Grey" magazine.

His lecture "The Campaign to Atlanta: Part One" will join the military campaign at Dalton, Georgia and travel with the troops to the first battle line at Kennesaw before the famous battle of Atlanta.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at the library, 500 N. Dunton in Arlington Heights.

The race to Atlanta was a major turning point in the civil war.

The road to the major city was opened on Nov. 25, 1863 after Brandon Bragg's Army of

Chattanooga.

In Dec. 1863 Confederate chief Jefferson Davis replaced Bragg with Joseph E. Johnson.

Johnson's forces sought to cease the forward progress of Sherman's marching masses as they headed toward the critical city of Atlanta.

Brigg's lecture will examine the strategies, personalities, politics and battles in this campaign. The speaker is a native of Clarksville, Tennessee.

Hungry civil war enthusiasts will be eating dinner before the lecture at the Little America restaurant at 299 W. Central in Mt. Prospect. Those interested in eating dinner should contact Greg at 847-358-8438.

SCHOOLS

ABC7 Anchor Roz Varon visits Alma Mater, Maine East

Roz Varon recently walked the halls of Maine East High School—this time not as a student, but as an Emmy-award winning traffic and transportation reporter with ABC 7 morning news.

Varon returned to her alma mater to kick-off a new "School Days" segment that features the positive activities that are happening at schools in the suburbs and in Chicago.

"It's always nice to go back," said Varon. "I've kept in touch with several faculty members over the years."

When Varon was a student at Maine East High School, she participated in theatre, choir, speech team and the student council. David Barker, the current principal at Maine East was the student council president at the time when Varon was a student running the assemblies. She described Barker as a fabulous and dedicated role-model.

"I was always interested in performing," said Varon, who grew up in Niles in a house that her parents built. "I'm a born Ham."

Varon said in the broadcast they recognized the incredible diversity at the school, the "winning teams" and the "fabulous" fine arts program.

"It was great," said Dino Di Legge, assistant principal of students at Maine East, about having Varon back at Maine East. Di Legge said that it was like a mini pep-rally, with performances by the cheerleaders, dance team and the band inside the fieldhouse. He said that a couple weeks ago Varon visited the school to take a walk down "memory lane." She was surprised to see her name still painted on an area of the fine arts department, recognizing members of the school play.

In 1989, Varon became the first full-time traffic reporter in Chicago. She reports on travel times and traffic obstacles, as well as topics such as driving safety, tollway hikes and road construction plans and repairs.

"I'm the only one left out of the original team," said Varon. "I enjoy my job very much. I have a dream job because I get to interact with people all the time."

Varon said that the only downside of the job is the early hours. To be prepared for her 5 a.m. broadcast, she has to wake up at 2:30 a.m.

Although sometimes a little sleep deprived, it's clear that her hard work has paid off. Varon took home an Emmy Award in 2003 for her contribution to the Water Main Break coverage. In 2003, she won the Woman of Achievement Award from the Girl Scouts of Illinois Crossroads Council and in 2002



Roz Varon, Maine East Grad, ABC7 Traffic Anchor

she won the Anti-Cruelty Society Media Person of the year award. Her other awards include a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD About You) award and the Highway Safety Education Award from the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1999.

Having a sentimental connection to the area, Varon said that she cried when she recently found out that her parents sold the house they had built in Niles many years ago. In their 70s, Varon's parents have built a new home in Antioch.

Other famous Maine East alums include Harrison Ford (class of 1960), Hillary Rodham Clinton (class of 1965) and Jami Gertz (class of 1983). Hugh Brannun, who played Mr. Green Jeans on Captain Kangaroo is also an alum, class of 1927.

Rock'n Run held for Hurricane Relief Fund

On September 27, Maine East held its annual "Rock'n Run" with this year's proceeds to benefit the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund and the American Red Cross.

The total run participants included 1583 students and 12 teachers. The laps run totaled 13,022 with 8.6 the average number of laps and 2.15 miles the average distance run. An impres-

sive 3,255.50 miles were completed.

Three students tied for the top male student who ran the longest distance in 25 minutes: Mike Pytel of Niles, Leon Faber of Des Plaines, and Peter Pekala of Niles each completed 16 laps (4miles) at 6:15 Avg/Mile. Bella Darji of Des Plaines ranked as the top female student who ran the longest distance in 25 minutes with a total of

14 laps (3.5 miles) at 7:08Avg/Mile.

The 8th period boys Team Sports class averaged the most laps - 10.83. Mr. Glenn Olson's 2nd period sophomores earned \$801.74, the largest donation, while Danielle Haizlip of Des Plaines earned \$552.70, the largest amount donated by one student. The endeavor raised a total of \$8462.64 to aid hurricane victims.

Hynes students visit MG Nature Preserve

Students from Hynes Elementary School were some of the first students to participate in a tour of the Morton Grove Nature Preserve, that includes six rotating stations of hands-on activities involving rocks, minerals, plants and granite boulders.

There was also bird watching, plant identification, and a prairie scavenger hunt so the children could learn about the ecosystem.

"It was quite fun," said Mary Busch, a local naturalist. "It was a beautiful day."

Busch said that the tours of the prairie are available for groups at this time. They also plan to provide tours for smaller groups and families in the near future.

The Morton Grove Historical Museum has also added a new "traveling trunk" to their collection of various themed-trunks that visit local schools.

The new trunk is a natural history trunk and it will contain various specimens that are related to geol-

ogy and the ecosystem. Students may find deer antlers, gold fish nests, ancient fossils, pressed plants, various rocks and much more in these trunks.

"The trunks have been very well received," said Mary Walsh, the curator of the Morton Grove Historical Museum. She said she's very excited to work with Busch.

"I always had a love of science," shared Busch, who has received her bachelors degree in environmental studies.

Busch said that she continues her studies through various workshops given by scientists that belong to Chicago wilderness and ecological restoration groups. She said her daughter is a sophomore at a local high school and she enjoys hearing what her daughter is studying in her science classes.

Some of the other trunks from the museum are a Civil War trunk, World War II, a toy trunk that involves the evolution of toys, toys in space and more.

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There's a 5,000-square-foot house in Praia D'el Rey, an exclusive community about 50 miles north of Lisbon, Portugal. One side of the house overlooks the back nine of a championship golf course. The front side sits on a bluff above one of the most spectacular stretches of coastline on the planet.

This is where Francisco Marcos lives.

Who is Francisco Marcos? He is one of the most influential, and most fascinating, figures in American soccer.

Marcos is the founder and president of the United Soccer Leagues, an organization of professional, amateur and women's soccer leagues that serves as the country's de facto minor league system. There are 12 teams in the USL first division and another nine in the second division. There are 54 teams in the amateur PDL. There are 34 in the women's W-League. Dozens of youth clubs belong to the Super Y-League.

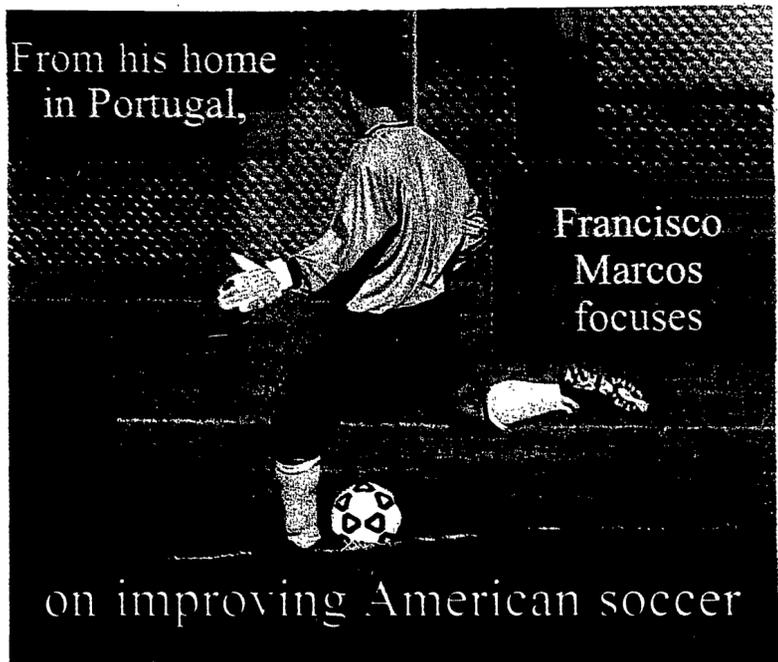
Marcos, 59, also sits on U.S. Soccer's board of directors. Earlier this year he was the head of the delegation for the U.S. men's team at the under-20 World Championships in the Netherlands, a post he'd held twice before. He is fluent in five languages. He's worked the last nine World Cups in some capacity.

But he is something else first, something he can't and won't deny. He's a soccer fan. A Sporting Clube de Portugal fan. Marcos spends a week each month in the States, usually at the USL headquarters in Tampa, Fla. The rest of the time he is in Praia D'el Rey, in the dream home he built on a plot of land that would make California's ocean cliffs look ordinary. In his native Portugal. An hour's drive from Lisbon's Alvalade stadium and his beloved club.

"My schedule is dictated by Sporting home games," Marcos says. "If we have a home game on Saturday, I leave (for Tampa) on Sunday. If it's on a Sunday, I leave Monday."

Last season he missed five home games. And when he's in Tampa? His home there is equipped with a special satellite dish that gets Portuguese TV.

Marcos was born not far from Praia D'el Rey, in a town called



From his home
in Portugal,

Francisco
Marcos
focuses

on improving American soccer

Bombarral known for its vineyards and rock pears. He moved to New York City at age 15 and played college soccer at Hartwick College upstate in the late 1960s. After exhausting his eligibility, he formed a team of former Hartwick players but soon realized it had no suitable league to play in.

So he founded one. It was called

the Empire State Soccer League. He was the commissioner. It was a theme he continued nearly two decades later, after spending seven years organizing European trips by U.S. youth clubs and another 10 working in NASL front offices. When the NASL folded in 1984, Marcos realized that there was no place for the country's players to develop.

So he founded one. Originally it was the Southwest Indoor Soccer League in Texas and it was a feeder system for the Major Indoor Soccer League. But it morphed into the United System of Independent Soccer Leagues that included outdoor teams, and ultimately today's USL. The USL first and second divisions, which used to be called the A-League, are not directly affiliated with Major League Soccer but provide dozens of players nonetheless. And despite infinitely more modest budgets, USL teams have routinely knocked off their MLS brethren in the U.S.

Open Cup, reaching the semifinals each of the past two years. The Rochester Raging Rhinos won it in 1999.

The idea is to create a soccer oasis in every corner of the United States and Canada, whether it's a pro, amateur or women's team, or all of the above. And for the most part that has happened, although USL clubs have long been criticized for their financial instability.

"People accuse me or praise me for my vision," Marcos says. "My vision is as far as the next curve. I went as fast as I could to the next curve, then saw what was around it. That literally was how it was built. We didn't know where it would take us."

"I think what we perform is a critical function that is underappreciated. I have no problem with being the No. 2, being the czar of the little guy. I guess being from a small country, there's no disgrace being the small guy. I have no problem having 5,000 people in a 7,000-seat stadium rather than trying to explain why only 10,000 people are in a 60,000-seat stadium."

Marcos sold the USL to Umbro in 1996 but has remained as its president. In 2001 he took a year's sabbatical and moved back to Portugal with his family. One of the first things he did was buy season tickets for him and his son to Sporting Clube de Portugal.

"The club allowed me to feel emotionally attached," Marcos says. "It was thicker than blood. You can change your wife, but you can't change your club. That's just the way it is."

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Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Drill for proper backswing

I like the following drill because it accomplishes two things. It provides a good stretch for your shoulders and back as well as gives you the feel for a proper takeaway. A good time to utilize this drill is on the first tee box. It will provide a nice stretch that will warm you up for your round of golf as well as promote the proper feel for what you want to accomplish in your takeaway.

Take your regular address position, minus the golf club. Cross your hands, left over right, so the backs of your hands are facing each other. Keeping the backs of your hands pressing against each other, make your backswing and hold the position at the top. You will feel the stretch through your shoulders, arms, back and left side of the body. Pay attention to how it feels as you swing your arms to the top. It will feel like your takeaway is wider. That is because your backswing is being conducted with your shoulders and arms instead of the hands. Try to duplicate this feel in your regular full swing.



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A: After World War II, friends and former British servicemen Leslie Smith and Rodney Smith

where from \$100 to \$2,000.

Q: We recently purchased an old home and discovered a jukebox in the knotty-pine rec room. From the amount of dust on it, we could tell it had been there for a long time. We cleaned it up, plugged it in and to our surprise it worked. It is marked "Model 1422- Rock-Ola." There are 10 78-rpm selections and it has wonderful colored revolving lights and an elaborate grill on the front with the speaker at the bottom.

Q: The pottery vase seen in this photo is 11 inches tall and in perfect condition. It has a matte finish that feels like silk. The trees, peacocks, and flowers are all cream colored against the green-gray bark-like background. Marked on the bottom is the word "Weller."

What can you tell me about my vase?

A: Just about any American Art pottery collector would be proud as a peacock to have your Weller Pottery Co. vase. Samuel A. Weller started his pottery in Fultonham, Ohio, in 1872. He later moved his pottery to Zanesville, Ohio, in 1882. Your vase is an excellent example of Weller's Knifewood line that was designed by Rudolph Lorber. He joined the pottery in 1905 and was responsible for designing new lines until the 1930s. The Knifewood line was decorated with high-gloss or matte glazes and featured animals, birds and flowers. The pottery closed in 1948.

Your vase was made between 1910 and 1919 and would probably be worth \$650 to \$750.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a porcelain teapot that I inherited from my grandmother. The teapot is approximately 7 inches tall and is decorated with scenes of people in 18th century clothes and also applied flowers and leaves.

Can you tell who made my teapot, when it was made, and what it is worth?

A: Carl Thieme Saxonian Porcelain Factory used the mark you provided in the very early 1900s. They have made decorative porcelain since 1872 to the present in Potschappel, Saxony, Germany. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, Thieme produced beautiful porcelain inspired by 18th century Meissen ware. Your teapot would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

Q: I still have my Matchbox car collection that I had in the 1970s. Some are marked "Lesney" and include the original boxes; all are in excellent condition. Do they have any value today?



We wouldn't want to ever sell it; we're having too much fun, but would like to know what it is worth and how old it is.

A: Your jukebox rocks! It was made in 1946 and depending on the condition is probably worth \$4,000 to \$6,000, possibly more to the right collector.

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opened a small die-cast business. In 1953, Jack Odell, who served as an army engineer in the British military, joined with Leslie and Rodney and established Lesney Products. The name of the new company was formed from the first three letters of Leslie's name and the last three of Rodney. They began making the Matchbox series of small-scale cars and trucks. Cars marked "Lesney" were made from around the early 1970s to 1982.

Mattel Inc., which made Hot Wheels, bought the Matchbox company in 1997 and the miniature cars continue to roll off the assembly line, only now in Philadelphia. Even though many of the models are in the \$20 to \$25 range, it's not unusual to find some any-

Niles Historical Society to host mini-Antiques

The Niles Historical Society will be having a smaller version of the "Roadshow" with professional appraiser, Karl Gates on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m.

Gates will examine and evaluate various treasures, junkie and collectibles; but no weapons or jewelry. There is a limit of one article per person, but if there's enough time, they will gladly accept more than one item. There is a fee per article. If people bring large items, they should keep in mind that the meeting room is upstairs.

Programs, parking and admission is free, but donations are accepted. There will be free refreshments. Socializing and tours are free.

The Niles Historical Museum is open every Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If those times do not work, they can make arrangements for a visit at another time. For more information, call 847 390 0160.

Putting historical eyeglasses into focus

Before the widespread acceptance of the kinds of "temple" eyeglasses we wear today to correct our collective myopia, presbyopia and astigmatism, there were centuries of various kinds of uncomfortable "nose-spectacles," much of which involved considerable eye clenching, nose-squeezing and facial contortion.

After spectacles first appeared at the end of the 13th century, it would be 500 years before anyone came up with a way of attaching comfortable ear/sidepieces to hold them on. The first nose-spectacles were fairly heavy objects made of wood or horn with an unhinged bridge. But in time, a great deal of inventiveness and fine craftsmanship would be exhibited in the design of the various kinds of monocles and hand-held eyeglasses, many of which became elegant status and fashion statements and are, therefore, now of interest to collectors.

First of all, let's define our terms. A monocle - the word obviously derives from the concept of a single lens - is an eyeglass for one eye, held in place solely by manipulating the facial muscles, as exhibited in numerous early screwball comedies and war movies - often identifying the villain. Sub-categories are the "quizzing glass," favored by Europeans, an early version of the monocle that had a single lens for reading, while the hand-held scissors-glasses - which did indeed resemble a pair of scissors - consisted of two eyepieces joined by a nose-pinching, hinged handle, a form refined by the French. Even more of a nose-pincher was the self-described pince-nez, eyeglasses clipped to the side of the nose by a spring that tended to block the nasal passages, while the lorgnette was a pair of eye-

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Bedroom set inspired by 18th, 20th century design

Q: The vanity and matching bench seen in this photo are part of a bedroom set that was made by the Widdicomb Furniture Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Also included in the set are two twin beds with wrap-around footboards and a high-boy. The upper part of the high-boy has double doors that open to reveal four drawers. The top drawer is deeper than the other three and is for storing folded shirts. Marked in one of the drawers are the words "Inspected Mar. 1924." The finish is the original as well as the hardware and the overall condition is perfect.

Please tell me what the style is and if my set has any value.

A: John Widdicomb Co. has made furniture since 1897. Your bedroom set was inspired by several different 18th century periods of furniture and 20th century modern. The wrap-around footboards reflect 18th century French design. Vanities with mirrors and matching benches like yours are 20th century creations.

As a rule, manufacturers in the early 1900s referred to a bedroom set or grouping as a "suite." Collectors would consider your circa 1920 bedroom furniture a sweet deal in the \$1,000 to \$1,500

range.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a pottery vase that stands 8 inches tall. The vase is decorated with oak trees shrouded with Spanish moss and a moon shining through all against a matte background of blue and green. It is in mint condition, no chips or cracks.

I would like to know its vintage and value.

A: Newcomb College in New Orleans established their pottery in 1895. Each piece was hand thrown on the potter's wheel and hand decorated by women students in the art department. Originally, the designs reflected a strong arts and crafts influence. By the early 1900s their motifs began to evoke a dreamy romantic quality that eventually gave way to art deco patterns. The letters "A.F.S." are the initials of Anna Francis Simpson, one of their most outstanding artists. The pottery closed in 1940.

Your vase was made in the 1920s and the value would probably be \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Q: I have a G.I. Joe Action Soldier in the original box. He has brown hair and a 12-inch-tall, jointed body. My parents purchased the doll for my birthday in 1964. It was made by



Hasbro, and is in excellent condition.

Could you tell me what it's worth?

A: Encouraged by the success of Mattel's Barbie doll for girls, Hasbro launched their G.I. Joe for

boys. Hasbro chose the name based on the 1945 film "The Story of G.I. Joe" starring Robert Mitchum. With the exception of an interval of several years in the late 1970s and early 1980s, production of the extremely popular

action figure and the accessories continues to the present day.

Your 1964 G.I. Joe Action Soldier is listed in the "Official Hake's Price Guide to Character Toys, Fourth Edition" by Ted Hake at \$400 in near mint, boxed condition.

Q: My mother gave me her mother's two Royal Doulton porcelain bottles. They are figures of men each wearing a hat, a long, dark blue cloak and holding a cup. Both are marked with a lion above a crown and the words "Royal Doulton, England."

I have looked in books and asked antique dealers and have been unsuccessful in my search for any information on my bottles.

A: You have decanters that were made by Royal Doulton. The decanters originally contained Sandeman Port and were made in the 1930s for the distillery. Each one would probably be worth \$125 to \$150.

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EYEGLASSES:

Most valuable category?

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glasses held in place by a vertical, often ornamental, handle.

For the most part, monocles and spectacles without sidepieces were used by the upper classes throughout the 19th and early 20th century. Affluent ladies favored the lorgnette, particularly the elaborate examples with side-mounted handles of gold, silver, mother-of-pearl or tortoiseshell, while their

stylish spouses might sport a monocle or pince-nez.

The monocle - associated in modern times with three iconic characters, the puppet Charlie McCarthy, Planters' Mr. Peanut advertising symbol and Eustace Tilley, the top-hatted Regency dandy who has appeared on covers of the New Yorker magazine since 1925 (as well as any number of supercilious characters in movies) - were generally mounted in gold, silver, baser metal or tortoiseshell and would be attached to the gentleman's buttonhole by a ribbon or cord.

The pince-nez appeared in 1840, and also usually hung from a ribbon or chain. Later in the century, "shooting" or "scenery" examples

were introduced; these were tinted and sanded, leaving a small polished round space in the center.

By far the most valuable category is the lorgnettes, in all their diversity of form, materials and mechanisms. Some were remarkably elegant, often made of gold and decorated in enamel, sometimes encrusted with pearls or other gems. Generally, both sides of the handle were identically decorated, so that they were suitable for both right and left-handed users. Not meant to really correct ocular problems, they often had only slight magnification, while some might have a greet tint to relax the eyes. A symbol of sophistication and stylishness, the lorgnette's positions and movements

would be used as social signals, much in the way that fans and handkerchiefs were.

Also of interest as corollary collectibles are the often-ornate cases made to house nose-spectacles. They were made of a variety of materials, including gold, silver, enamel, ivory and bone, boxwood and other woods, and copper and other metals, some with finely carved, sculpted and inlaid decoration. Some had luxurious linings as well, of silk and velvet and even fur. The most elaborate examples were made in China, of finely carved or painted wood, enhanced with cloth, embroidery or sharkskin.

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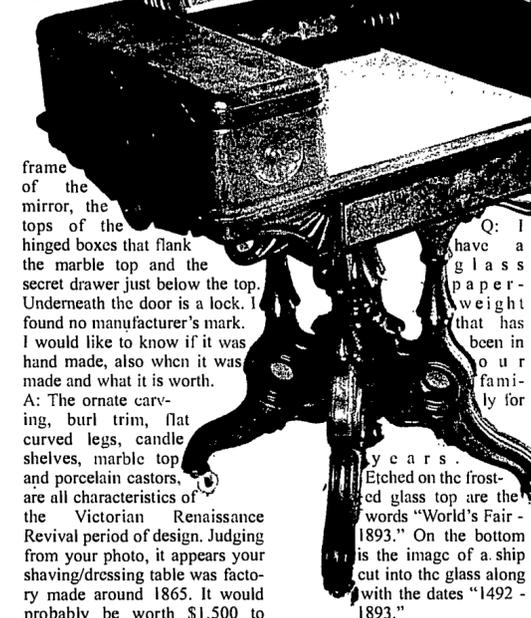
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A: The ornate carving, burl trim, flat curved legs, candle shelves, marble top and porcelain castors, are all characteristics of the Victorian Renaissance Revival period of design. Judging from your photo, it appears your shaving/dressing table was factory made around 1865. It would probably be worth \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Q: More than 90 years ago, a friend of my mother's gave her a set of porcelain dessert dishes. Each piece has the enclosed mark on the back. The dishes are decorated with pink roses and green leaves against a white background and trimmed in blue and gold. They are 7 inches in diameter and in perfect condition.

I would appreciate learning more about my dishes.

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Bedroom set inspired by 18th, 20th century design

Q: The vanity and matching bench seen in this photo are part of a bedroom set that was made by the Widdicombs Furniture Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Also included in the set are two twin beds with wrap-around footboards and a high-boy. The upper part of the high-boy has double doors that open to reveal four drawers. The top drawer is deeper than the other three and is for storing folded shirts. Marked in one of the drawers are the words "Inspected Mar. 1924." The finish is the original as well as the hardware and the overall condition is perfect.

Please tell me what the style is and if my set has any value.

A: John Widdicombs Co. has made furniture since 1897. Your bedroom set was inspired by several different 18th century periods of furniture and 20th century modern. The wrap-around footboards reflect 18th century French design. Vanities with mirrors and matching benches like yours are 20th century creations.

As a rule, manufacturers in the early 1900s referred to a bedroom set or grouping as a "suite." Collectors would consider your circa 1920 bedroom furniture a sweet deal in the \$1,000 to \$1,500

range. **Q:** This mark is on the bottom of a pottery vase that stands 8 inches tall. The vase is decorated with oak trees shrouded with Spanish moss and a moon shining through all against a matte background of blue and green. It is in mint condition, no chips or cracks.

I would like to know its vintage and value.

A: Newcomb College in New Orleans established their pottery in 1895. Each piece was hand thrown on the potter's wheel and hand decorated by women students in the art department. Originally, the designs reflected a strong arts and crafts influence. By the early 1900s their motifs began to evoke a dreamy romantic quality that eventually gave way to art deco patterns. The letters "A.F.S." are the initials of Anna Francis Simpson, one of their most outstanding artists. The pottery closed in 1940.

Your vase was made in the 1920s and the value would probably be \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Q: I have a G.I. Joe Action Soldier in the original box. He has brown hair and a 12-inch-tall, jointed body. My parents purchased the doll for my birthday in 1964. It was made by



Hasbro, and is in excellent condition.

Could you tell me what it's worth?

A: Encouraged by the success of Mattel's Barbie doll for girls, Hasbro launched their G.I. Joe for

action figure and the accessories continues to the present day.

Your 1964 G.I. Joe Action Soldier is listed in the "Official Hake's Price Guide to Character Toys, Fourth Edition" by Ted Hake at \$400 in near mint, boxed condition.

Q: My mother gave me her mother's two Royal Doulton porcelain bottles. They are figures of men each wearing a hat, a long, dark blue cloak and holding a cup. Both are marked with a lion above a crown and the words "Royal Doulton, England."

I have looked in books and asked antique dealers and have been unsuccessful in my search for any information on my bottles.

A: You have decanters that were made by Royal Doulton. The decanters originally contained Sandeman Port and were made in the 1930s for the distillery. Each one would probably be worth \$125 to \$150.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).

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EYEGLASSES: Most valuable category?

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glasses held in place by a vertical, often ornamental, handle.

For the most part, monocles and spectacles without sidepieces were used by the upper classes throughout the 19th and early 20th century. Affluent ladies favored the lorgnette, particularly the elaborate examples with side-mounted handles of gold, silver, mother-of-pearl or tortoiseshell, while their

stylish spouses might sport a monocle or pince-nez.

The monocle - associated in modern times with three iconic characters, the puppet Charlie McCarthy, Planters' Mr. Peanut advertising symbol and Eustace Tilley, the top-hatted Regency dandy who has appeared on covers of the New Yorker magazine since 1925 (as well as any number of supercilious characters in movies) - were generally mounted in gold, silver, baser metal or tortoiseshell and would be attached to the gentleman's buttonhole by a ribbon or cord.

The pince-nez appeared in 1840, and also usually hung from a ribbon or chain. Later in the century, "shooting" or "scenery" examples

were introduced; these were tinted and sanded, leaving a small polished round space in the center.

By far the most valuable category is the lorgnettes, in all their diversity of form, materials and mechanisms. Some were remarkably elegant, often made of gold and decorated in enamel, sometimes encrusted with pearls or other gems. Generally, both sides of the handle were identically decorated, so that they were suitable for both right and left-handed users. Not meant to really correct ocular problems, they often had only slight magnification, while some might have a green tint to relax the eyes. A symbol of sophistication and stylishness, the lorgnette's positions and move-

ments would be used as social signals, much in the way that fans and handkerchiefs were.

Also of interest as corollary collectibles are the often-ornate cases made to house nose-spectacles. They were made of a variety of materials, including gold, silver, enamel, ivory and bone, boxwood and other woods, and copper and other metals, some with finely carved, sculpted and inlaid decoration. Some had luxurious linings as well, of silk and velvet and even fur. The most elaborate examples were made in China, of finely carved or painted wood, enhanced with cloth, embroidery or sharkskin.

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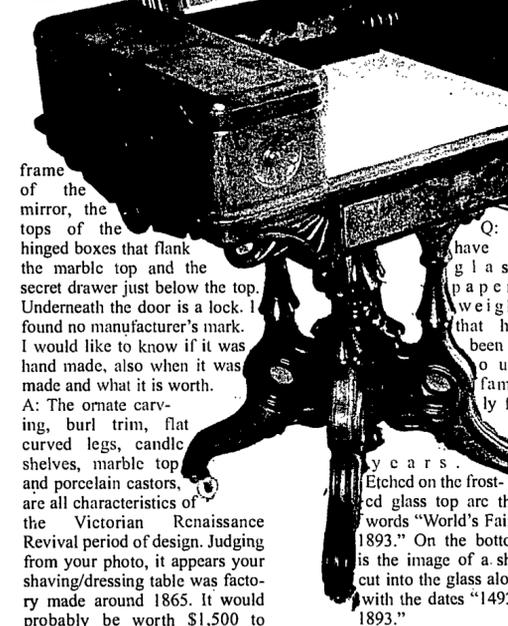
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To answer the last question first, they were Nathaniel Currier and James Merritt Ives. Massachusetts-born Currier had initially set up a shop in New York at the age of 21 in 1835, when lithography was relatively new in the United States, and he realized that publications would be in need of illustrations. In 1840, his "The Awful Conflagration of the Steam Boat Lexington" appeared in the New York Sun newspaper, which had commissioned him to make a lithograph from a sketch of the disaster by one of its survivors, and its great success made him instantly and nationally known.

In 1857, he made the talented James Ives, who had been hired as a bookkeeper, a partner. At that point the company's name was changed from N. Currier, Lithographer, to Currier & Ives, becoming the largest lithographic producer in American during the second half of the 19th century. Together they would produce some 10 million hand-colored prints of almost 10,000 subjects that would provide a panoramic view of American life in that period, comprising rural and frontier scenes, ships and trains, political figures, sporting events (including 750 different horse-racing prints, both Currier and Ives being racing enthusiasts), presidents and other political figures, American Indians, major disasters, religion, entertainment, children and family groups.

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Niles Senior News

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

OCTOBER REGISTRATION
Drop off registration for programs and classes listed in the October Naturally Active are due at the Center Friday, October 7. Walk-in Registrations for programs with openings will begin Wednesday, October 12th

NILES SENIOR CENTER FLU SHOT NOTICE
The Senior Center is currently

attempting to procure additional vaccine for the flu shot clinics. If you did not get an appointment for one of the clinics in October, you may put your name on a waiting list (847 588-8420). If we are able to obtain additional vaccine you will be contacted. You may also contact your personal physician, pharmacy, local hospital or the Suburban Cook County Health Department, 708-492-2000, for possible flu shot locations.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
Carbon Monoxide Program
Volunteers are needed to call members of the Senior Center to schedule appointments for the annual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing, provided by the Community Development Dept of the Village of Niles. Appointments begin in November and run through March. Please contact Kelly for more information (847 588-8420)

AARP-Tax-Aide Program
We are looking for volunteers for

the upcoming tax session. This program is administered by AARP in cooperation with the IRS. It is the nation's largest free volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service offered to low and middle income taxpayers, with a focus on seniors over the age of 60. If you are interested in learning how to become a Tax-Aide volunteer, please call MaryAnn (847 588-8420). Free training is provided.

4TH ANNUAL PET PARADE,
Monday, October 10th at 1:00PM

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BANQUET DATES SET
For more information please contact the Senior Center. Please register at least one week in advance

MEN'S GOLF BANQUET,
Thursday, October 27th at The Lone Tree Manor
Please register no later than October 20th.

WOMEN'S GOLF BANQUET,
Friday, October 28th at Hackney's on Lake
Please register no later than October 21st

THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION, Thursday,
November 24th Noon

Family far away? Has cooking become too much trouble? If so, please join us at the Center for our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration. A traditional Thanksgiving meal, featuring turkey and all the fixing will be served at noon. Reservations are required by Friday, November 18th. There is no cost but food or cash donations to the Niles Food Pantry would be greatly appreciated.

MOONLIGHTERS - RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR,
Wednesday, December 7th 5:00PM - 10:00 PM \$45.

Niles residents age 55+ are invited to experience this great Holiday Show at the Rosemont Theatre. Dinner will be served at the Senior Center prior to our motor coach departure to the show. Dinner will feature a salad, a half-rack of ribs, baked potato and dessert.

FIRESIDE CHRISTMAS,
Wednesday, December 14th 8:00AM - 6:30PM \$60

We're off to Fort Atkinson WI for another wonderful day! Gift Shops! Bakery! Lunch featuring Roast Tenderloins of Beef Medallions plus mouthwatering side dishes, concluding with one of their fabulous homemade desserts! Following lunch, you'll experience the joy of the Holidays with the spirit lifting Fireside Holiday musical celebration. Check-in at the Center is 8:00AM.

Grandparent support group available

Maine Township Senior News

Maine Township's Mainestreamers Offer Programs and Trips For Fall

The Maine Township Mainestreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is

free and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter that details all activities for the upcoming month. All activities take place at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For further information on membership or call Mainestreamers at 1-847-297-2510.

Grandparent Group Support
The grandparent group offers support to grandparents who care for

their grandchildren and provides information on different topics that the group requests. Children's Home and Aid facilitates the group. They meet once a month at the Maine Township building. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. This month's topic will include sharing traditions with the grandchildren. The group is always looking for new members! Come and join the group for a cup of coffee, refreshments and conversation about

grandchildren. Free children's books are given away at each meeting.

RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS
Thursday, October 13 1 to 3 p.m.
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Need to renew your drivers license? Plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam.
Next Class: December 8!

Opera discussion group at Park Ridge

Park Ridge Senior News

OPERA DISCUSSION GROUP

Leo Rizzetto, moderator, has chosen the programs for the Opera Discussion group for October. On Thursday, October 13 starting at 1 p.m. "The Goldwyn Follies" will be presented. This can be considered mindless, but is quite an enjoyable grand old musical, in gorgeous color, from 1938. It features the music of George and Ira Gershwin, including hits like "Love Walked In," "Springtime," and "Love is

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Life Line Screening will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center Thursday, Oct. 13 with appointments starting at 9:00 a.m. Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete and is individually priced at \$45. Sign up for a complete wellness package (all four screenings) and pay only \$129. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Life Line at 800/324-1851.

at the Morton Grove Senior Center, and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite local senior citizens to join in numerous free school productions to be performed during the coming weeks. For details call the schools at 847/825-4484 (Maine East), 847/626-2000 (Niles North) and 847/626-2500 (Niles West). The events include: Maine East's Choral and Orchestra Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17. Niles West's "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20. Niles West's Fall Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Niles North's Choir and Orchestra Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Maine East's Variety Show at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3.

USED BOOK SALE

The Morton Grove Senior Center Library is selling books that are slightly used, tenderly loved and can no longer be shelved in the Library, for five cents per book. The sale begins at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 17. All proceeds from the sale will go to support the Julia Molloy Education Center in Morton Grove. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Coordinator, Kathryn Williams by calling 847/663-6127.

FLU AND PNEUMONIA IMMUNIZATIONS

The Village of Morton Grove will provide influenza (flu) and pneumonia immunizations this fall for residents age 50 and older. An influenza immunization is given

annually and is the primary method of preventing the flu and its possible severe complications. The pneumonia immunization is usually a one-time dose but is occasionally repeated if the person is over 65 years and more than five years have passed since their last pneumonia shot.

There will be no charge for Morton Grove residents who have Medicare Part B and bring their Medicare card with them. For those residents who do not have Medicare Part B, the charge for the flu shot will be \$20 and the charge for the pneumonia shot will be \$35.

Those who should not receive the flu shot would be anyone allergic to chicken eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past or anyone who has previously developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome in the six weeks after getting the flu shot. Any person with an active infection or fever should postpone their shot until their symptoms subside.

Resurrection Medical Center will be administering the immunizations at the Morton Grove Senior Center on: Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They dis-

you to a discount on your automobile insurance. Please pre-register by calling the Senior Center, 847-692-3597. There is a \$10.00 charge. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to AARP.

PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE

If you have questions about the new Medicare Part D-Prescription coverage you are invited to a special informational seminar and explanation of this coverage and circuit breaker changes to be given on Thursday, October 20 from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Any senior is invited to attend.

Discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

FOREST PRESERVE PRESERVATION

Join Eloise Sapperstein of the Cook County Forest Preserve as she discusses local forest preserves and what neighbors can do to protect plants and animals while enhancing the natural beauty and cleanliness of the environment. This free lecture will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"UNLOCK YOUR HIDDEN POWERS" WITH DR. JOYCE BROTHERS

The North and Northwest Suburban Senior Center Activity Directors are hosting a power lunch with the always-fascinating Dr. Joyce Brothers on Thursday, Oct. 27 at Allgauer's Banquet Hall in Northbrook. Lunch, raffle and transportation will be included. The bus will depart from the

HELP READERS READ

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

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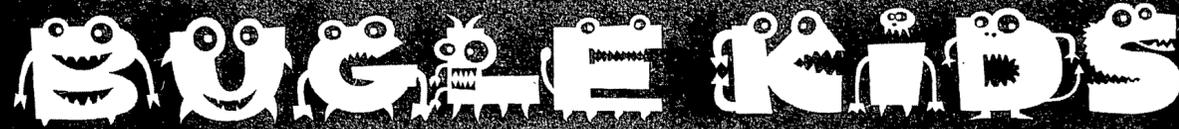
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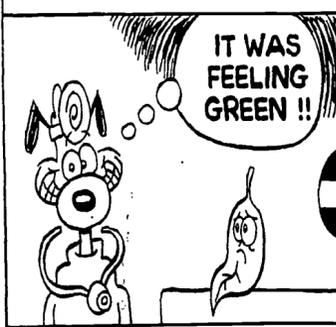


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Gold-plated rubies



Literally intertwined in the tapestry of autumn foliage grows the American bittersweet. Its vine-ripened fruit of gold-plated rubies catch the eye like tiny sparklers in the late-season woods; a singular and spectacular autumn sight to behold.

The deciduous woody vine climbs as high as trees provide support. Not a tightly binding twiner, bittersweet doesn't choke its host tree, but winds loosely through its branches. Its destructiveness comes from its thick and rapid growth, which competes with the tree for life-sustaining sunlight. If uncontrolled, it can seriously damage a homeowner's woodlot or a mountain forest.

As an ornamental climber, bittersweet is an attractive part of a wildlife garden feeding songbirds, game birds, foxes and squirrels, while brightly flecking the leafless landscape in late fall. Its seeds ripen after the vine has dropped its dark green oval leaves. A bright yellow seedcase then splits open to reveal the scarlet fruit.

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Grammar Matters

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Providing Verbs for Proverbs

A proverb is a wise saying. Below are incomplete proverbs that are missing two verbs. All of the verbs begin with the letter "L." Can you fill in the blanks?

- _____ sleeping dogs _____
- _____ and _____
- _____ before you _____
- _____ your money and _____ your friend.



Answers: 1. Let sleeping dogs lie. 2. Live and learn. 3. Look before you leap. 4. Lend your money and lose your friend.

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LIFE

PERFECT PAIRINGS

Clay-pot pheasant paired with Sleepy Hollow pinot noir

RON JAMES
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THE CHEF

What are the chances that a baby-sitting job would send a young man from Africa's Ivory Coast to New York City, where he would become one of America's pre-eminent chefs?

"I was fortunate that I had a brother in New York who was studying to become a pilot," said chef Francois Kwaku-Dongo. "His wife became pregnant and they needed a baby sitter, so in 1981 they sponsored me to come to New York."

As a youngster, Kwaku-Dongo admits he was more interested in soccer than cooking.

"When you grow up in Africa, most of the cooking was done by your mothers and sisters - so I didn't pay much attention to it," Kwaku-Dongo said. "But I was always ready to eat when they called me for dinner!"

While in New York, he discovered he needed a job to pay for college courses in literature.

"I became a dishwasher," he said. "That's the best way to learn. Now that I've become a chef and a partner, I understand what a dishwasher goes through. So I can coach them and show them that even a dishwasher can become a chef."

Kwaku-Dongo quickly advanced from dishwasher to part-time prep cook at the restaurant Alo Alo in New York. There he discovered his passion for cooking. Once again serendipity helped him to rise in his new profession.

"I was fortunate to have some of the best chefs coach me during my career," he said. His first mentor was chef Francesco Antonucci, owner of New York's Remi restaurant, who, Kwaku-Dongo recalls with a laugh, "never let anyone but Italians touch his food. But, fortunately for me, his pasta chef got sick: I shyly said, 'Francesco, I can do the pasta with your guidance' and he said 'OK.'" For five years Kwaku-Dongo made pastas, risottos, gnocchi and raviolis so well that he soon became sous chef.

The next twist of fate occurred when Kwaku-Dongo was asked to help Wolfgang Puck, then a chef whose star was on the rise, prep food for an appearance on "Good Morning America."

"Wolfgang's brother, Klaus Puck, worked at Remi and we became very good friends. I worked him so hard," Kwaku-Dongo said with a chuckle, "that Wolfgang asked me to work for him as a line cook in Los Angeles."

Wolfgang Puck also coached Kwaku-Dongo as he worked at Chinois on Main in Los Angeles, Granita in Malibu, Calif., and Postrio in San Francisco, and within five months Kwaku-Dongo was sous chef to chef Makoto Tanaka at Spago West Hollywood.

By 1992, Kwaku-Dongo was executive chef of Spago West Hollywood and was named one of L.A.'s best upcoming young chefs. In 1996, Puck chose him to open Spago Chicago, where Kwaku-Dongo received rave reviews in the local and national press.

Recently Kwaku-Dongo decided to

slow down a bit. He took the position of executive chef at L'Escale in Greenwich, Conn.,

where he lives with his wife Ruth and baby-sits his own children, Joseph-Paul and Christine-Elizabeth.

THE DISH

Kwaku-Dongo chose Clay-Pot Pheasant Breast with Pheasant-Leg Sausage, Kabocha Pumpkin and Peppers for his pairings dish. Although pheasant isn't a common dish in the United States, it has for many years been considered food fit for a king. The new "Joy of Cooking," by Marion Rombauer Becker, Ethan Becker and Irma S. Rombauer (Scribner, \$35), refers to pheasant under glass as "the ultimate in upscale dining in an earlier era."

In this recipe, Kwaku-Dongo substitutes a clay pot for a

glass dome. "When I think about this dish, I think about fall. I think about leaves changing," he said. "I serve the pheasant two ways to get the best out of the bird. I saute the breasts and I grind the leg and thighs with pork to make sausage. Both are served with a reduction of pheasant broth."

Kwaku-Dongo sears the breast to medium rare to keep it tender and then braises the sausage and the breast in their own liquids for added flavor. Almost any poultry can be used for this dish, including chicken or duck. You can order pheasant from most good butcher shops or from online vendors such as www.chefsware-house.com.

Kabocha has exceptionally sweet flesh and flavor similar to that of a sweet potato. This winter pumpkin originated in Japan but is now widely available in the United States. It has a hard turban-shaped shell with green and pale green stripes.

THE WINE

Kwaku-Dongo selects an Arcadian 2000 Pinot Noir from Sleepy Hollow Vineyard in Monterey, Calif., to go with the pheasant dish.

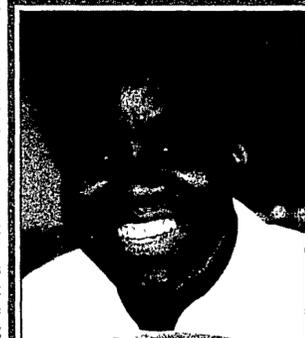
"Pinot noir works very well with spices but isn't overpowering and for this dish the Arcadian pinot goes very well with the combination of the sausage and the breast of pheasant without taking over," he said.

Arcadian winemaker and owner Joe Davis agrees.

"Francois is right on target - pinot noir lends itself exactly with this fall dish," he says. "Sleepy Hollow vineyard pinot noir is redolent of earth tones and some of the decayed leaves and mushroom characteristics you sometimes find in pinot noir. Often pinot noir will have strawberry or dark red berry fruit flavors - in the case of Sleepy Hollow vineyards, it exhibits more of the earth tones and lends itself perfectly to the nuttiness of both the pumpkin and the pheasant and the sausage."

"Pinot noir doesn't overpower this dish because it generally is a very elegant wine - almost feminine wine in some ways," Davis said. "It doesn't have the tannins you'll find in cabernet or merlot - it's more supple - perfect for a dish like this."

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THE RECIPE

CLAY-POT PHEASANT BREAST WITH PHEASANT-LEG SAUSAGE, KABOCHA PUMPKIN AND PEPPERS

6 whole pheasants, breasts removed whole, leg meat removed from bone and ground
Sausage:
8 ounces ground pheasant leg meat

8 ounces ground pork butt
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 pinch of ground black pepper
1 pinch of crushed red pepper
1/2 tablespoon toasted fennel seeds
1 ounce chicken stock
Pheasant breasts:

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 large yellow onion, sliced
3 roasted red peppers, sliced
3 roasted yellow peppers, sliced
1 medium Japanese (kabocha) pumpkin, peeled, seeded and sliced
5 to 6 cloves of garlic, diced
1 pound sausage (from recipe above)
1 quart stewed tomatoes, drained
Yields 6 servings.

To prepare sausage: In a large bowl, mix together ground pheasant leg meat, ground pork butt, salt, paprika, black pepper, red pepper, fennel seeds and chicken stock.

In a medium saute pan, saute sausage mixture until medium rare, adjust seasoning, drain and reserve.

To prepare pheasant breast: In

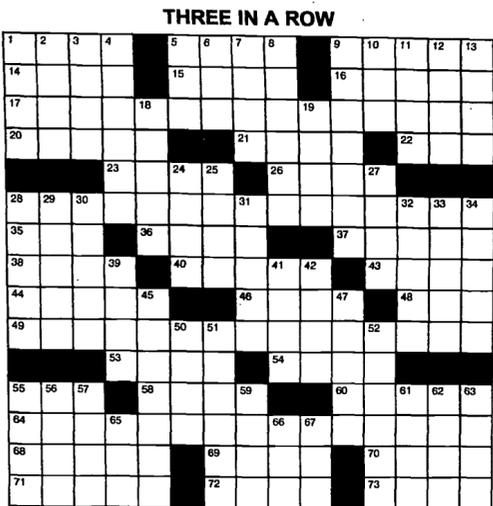
the same medium saute pan in which the sausage was cooked, sear pheasant breasts in olive oil until golden; remove breasts to plate and reserve oil.

In same pan, saute onion, red and yellow peppers, pumpkin and garlic until soft. Add sausage to sauteed vegetables. Place vegetable-sausage mixture in 6 individual clay pots.

Add pheasant breasts on top of sausage mixture. Pour stewed tomatoes evenly into pots until breasts are just covered. Cover and transfer to preheated 350 F oven, bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the oven after 15 minutes and baste with cooking liquid.

Return to the oven and continue to cook until liquid has almost evaporated and pheasant is coated. Serve immediately in the clay pot.

LIFE



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DOWN

- 1 Stephen King thriller
- 2 Riyadh native
- 3 Back of the neck
- 4 James Michener novel
- 5 Limit
- 6 Pic ___ mode
- 7 Slammers
- 8 Type of ulcer
- 9 First lady of Greek mythology
- 10 Time gone by
- 11 Drains
- 12 Mah-jongg piece
- 13 Dragonwyck author Seton
- 18 Approaches
- 19 Nimbus
- 24 Clinches a victory
- 25 "___ That Tune"
- 27 California wine valley
- 28 Oracular
- 29 Majorca or Elba: Sp.
- 30 Extra from "Lawrence of Arabia"
- 31 Gaucho's lariat
- 32 White, of "Wheel of Fortune"
- 33 Paul Newman, for one
- 34 Safe havens
- 39 Cause of a Macy's riot
- 41 Ring the bell
- 42 Shield border
- 45 It's not grand if it's grand
- 47 Copy of National Geographic, e.g.
- 50 Simba or Elsa
- 51 "The Scarlet ___"
- 52 ___, anyone?
- 55 From a distance
- 56 They put a man on the moon
- 57 Mayberry sot
- 59 "The Fugitive" actress Ward
- 61 Scintilla
- 62 "Star ___"
- 63 Salinger heroine
- 65 Call upon
- 66 Tuck's companion
- 67 Make doilies

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- 1 Site of Jesus' first miracle
- 5 "Li'l Abner" creator
- 9 Linguine and fettucine
- 14 River to the Caspian
- 15 Out of the wind
- 16 Once more
- 17 Display of Tokyo cookware?
- 20 Overweight
- 21 Macho man
- 22 Red or Black
- 23 Malaysian sarong
- 26 Curtain that no longer exists
- 28 Episcopal priests' road trip?
- 35 Botanist Gray
- 36 Before final
- 37 Swiftly
- 38 Thumb and Mix
- 40 Alliance created in 1954
- 43 Diminutive soldiers
- 44 Showing lots of guts?
- 46 Actress Spelling
- 48 One-word refrain from "Wayne's World"
- 49 Round up baseball players for the midseason classic?
- 53 Empire State canal
- 54 ___ majesty
- 55 Yucatan year
- 58 Camp beds
- 60 Come together
- 64 Cater the cast of La Traviata?
- 68 Mongolia resident
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- 70 Tidbit of gossip
- 71 Hoarse
- 72 Engrossed
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LAST WEEKS ANSWERS



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IN FASHION What not to wear around your neck

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"The quickest and most effective way to accomplish a stylish appearance is with accessories," say the fashion experts, Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine, authors of their latest style book, "What You Wear Can Change Your Life," (Riverhead Books) and hosts of the popular BBC America's "What Not to Wear" television series.

As regulars on "Oprah," the two Londoners take a hilarious approach to telling their fashion-challenged subjects how to best enhance their appearances, and determining which accessories best suit you, "depends very much on the shape and size of your bones," they tout. The duo jokingly use themselves as examples of this "bone thing," referring to Susannah as the "pudgier" one who is more fine-boned and is more suited to delicate accessories. "Thin Trin," however has heftier bones that allow her to wear bolder accessories.

And in the spirit of the season, when necklaces are dangling from every store mannequin, these two Brit wits offer lots of advice on what necklaces to wear, and not to wear:

- The bottom line is that if you have a short neck, squat face or have ample cleavage, necklaces should be one of the lesser items in your accessory collection. Unhappily, short necks, especially necks with a suggestion of a double or triple chin,

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REAL ESTATE DECOR SCORE Divide and conquer

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"Jeffrey Bilhuber's Design Basics," published by Rizzoli. He's positioned tall, matching bookcases in the middle of this large, longish living room, effectively dividing the space in twain

Here's a nifty new idea for kids' walls: paper they can paint themselves. It comes embossed in cool designs (numbers, raised hearts and stars). Leave it blank white until your Little Darling arrives,

also suggest that you go for a low, tight pile in an allover pattern, instead of a plush surface and solid colors that are quicker to show soil.

Q: I am seriously thinking of painting my living room walls black, but everyone tells me I'm just seriously demented! My furniture is contemporary, like chrome and glass, and my sofa is covered in white denim. I think I will love the way the black walls will make everything "pop!" Am I crazy, or what?

A: Relax. Personal passions are seldom "crazy" to the person who holds them, only to onlookers who just don't get it.

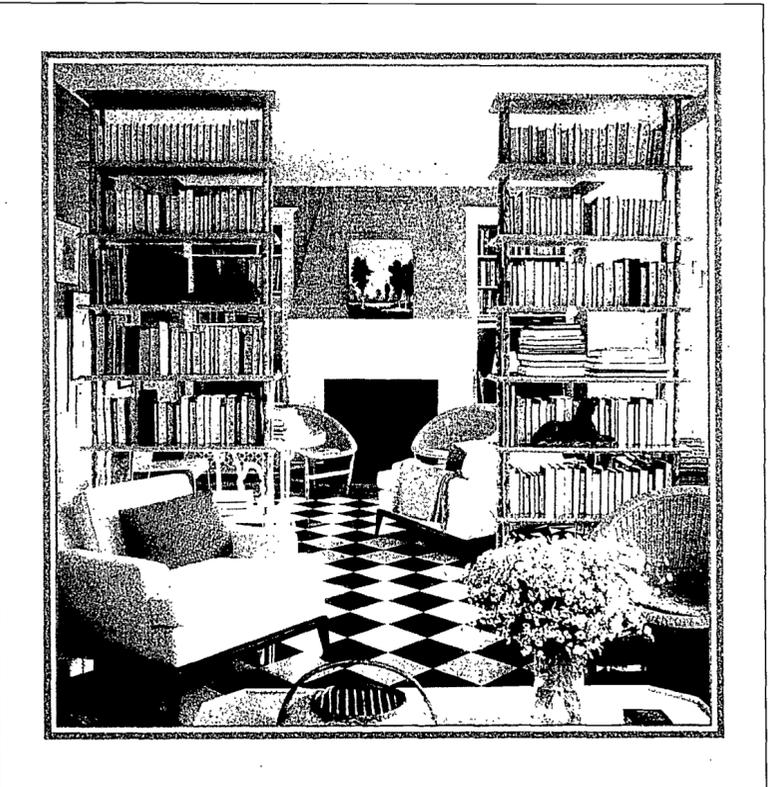
If this is your living room, and no one else calls it home (who may not share your passion), then you should have your walls black and never mind the naysayers.

Heighten the "pop" by painting the woodwork a brilliant white, the glossier the better. Ditto, the ceiling.

Just be aware that dark colors really soak up the light, so you'll need to bring in more lamps and other light sources than usual. But - here's a bright thought - you may also enlighten your friends in the process.

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never looks balanced. Besides, everyone wants to sit in the end by the fireplace. Can you suggest a better furniture arrangement?

A: There are many ways to divide and conquer space problems. You were getting warm with your dual seating areas, but balancing them can be tricky, as you found out. One solution is to put two sofas back-to-back with a narrow table between them. By facing in opposite directions, the sofas make it clear that the room works both ways.

New York designer Jeffrey Bilhuber offers another solution in the photo we show here (borrowed from his advice-rich book,

without actually closing it off. Because they are almost ceiling-high and laden with books, the dividers morph into architectural elements: traffic flows easily around them, but the two seating areas remain separate and distinct.

Q: Help, quick! We're adopting a 6-year-old girl and I haven't a clue what to do with her room. Like, should we just paint the walls or choose wallpaper? And what should we put on the floor, carpet or linoleum? We're expecting the call from the agency in a couple of weeks so please answer fast!

A: Without even passing GO!

then let her choose her own color scheme and paint it herself. Logically enough called "Kids Paintables," the wall-coverings are made by a U.K.-based company, Graham & Brown. Have a closer look at www.graham-brown.com.

Now, about her floors: I vote for carpeting over linoleum, mostly for comfort's sake. The floor is every child's favorite play space, so make it soft, warm and easy to clean (especially if you're going to turn her loose with that paintbrush). Your rug dealer can show you what's new in carpet fibers that virtually refuse to stain or spot (nylon usually wins out). I'd

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A GREENER VIEW

There's splendor in the grasses

JEFF RUGG
Copley News Service

These days, the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence - and I don't say that because the grass hasn't been watered all summer.

Fall is when most ornamental grasses begin to show off their best colors. The rusty reds, maroons and golds are highlighted by the low angle of the autumn afternoon sunshine. This is especially true if the grasses are backlit.

If it is possible in your landscape, plant some tall ornamental grasses where the afternoon's western sunlight will be behind the grass, lighting it up from behind as the sun sets.

Many ornamental grasses stay under 2 feet tall as medium-sized mounds, until they bloom and produce seed heads that can reach up to 8 feet tall. The native tall grass prairie plants of the upper Mississippi River valley were tall enough that riders on horseback had a hard time seeing very far.

Grasses are typically found in open sunny areas, so most will do best if given at least six hours of direct sunshine. White variegated varieties help brighten up shady areas, but too much shade will cause the plant to lose some of the white variegations. Yellow striped varieties can get sunburned if given too much sun.

Plants grown in the shade or in high-humidity areas can have some problems with fungal disease problems known as rusts.

Most ornamental grasses are hardy from zones four through 10, with many hardier to zone three. A few are not as hardy, especially pampas grass (*Cortaderia seloana*), which is only hardy to zone seven, and fountain grass (*Pennisetum*) and Japanese blood grass (*Imperata*), which are only hardy to zone five.

Although many ornamental grasses are drought-tolerant and can get by without supplemental water beginning a couple of years after planting, most will produce showier seed heads if watered weekly during extended dry seasons. Most of the native tall grass prairie grasses will do well in very moist conditions. The flat croplands of middle America weren't opened up to farming by the plow as much as they were opened by the drain tile. Flatlands don't dry out quickly, so many prairie plants do well in the wet rain-garden areas of the modern landscape.

The dry, dormant grass plant provides seeds and shelter for birds in the winter, but it can be cut down anytime after it goes dormant until it starts to regrow in the spring. Dried grass stems and bunches of leaves make great additions to flower arrangements and wreaths.

The clumps can be burned off if there isn't a possibility of the fire spreading. They can be cut off with a hedge clipper, too. Removal of the dead grass isn't necessary, but tidies up the landscape.

In a natural area, the dead grass replenishes the grass plant's need for nutrients. Rather than fertilizing ornamental grasses, which tends to cause lanky, unkempt growth, just add a couple of inches of compost or mulch around the plant each spring.

Most of these grasses grow in clumps and don't spread quickly. After several years, the center of a clump might not have much growth, with a ring of grass around it. If you don't like this, dig up the clump in the early spring, so you can see what has green growth and what doesn't. Throw out the old parts and replant the green parts or transplant some to other areas.

In spite of having the potential for hundreds, if not thousands, of new plants from all the seeds produced, most ornamental grasses are not very weedy. I have big and little bluestem grasses and ornamental oat grass in one perennial landscape bed under a honeylocust tree. The oat grass is trying to take over that bed, several other beds and the cracks in the concrete driveway, while the other two grasses are just getting by. I have tried burning it and hand pulling all 10 million new plants, but next spring I might have to resort to spraying to kill it.

off. It looks pretty; I wish it were in a location that I wanted it to spread, but I can't let it take over the rest of the bed.

I had been told that Japanese blood grass, with its bright red new growth and red fall color, would take over the bed, but I couldn't keep it alive, and it is gone.

QUICKLY SPREADS
If you think that a grass might spread too quickly in your landscape, plant it in a flowerpot directly in the ground. It might try to spread out over the pot's edge, but you can trim it back to the rim.

Fall is the best time to buy ornamental grasses at the garden center. Look at each plant's height, color and style of seed head to see if that is what you want. If you buy them earlier in the season, you will have to depend on pictures in books to guide you. Arboreta and botanical gardens are also good places to go in the fall to find out what the mature plant looks like.

Tall grasses can be used as short temporary screen plants. They are not as thick or long-lasting as shrubs or trees. They make great companion plants to flowering plants, especially plants with larger leaves.

Grass plants all have thin upright leaves growing in a mounded shape, which contrasts nicely with medium-to-coarse textured plants.

Use tall grasses in the back of a flower bed to act as a backdrop and use smaller grasses and perennial flowers mixed in front as accents.

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GARDEN TIP

When good grass goes bad

Most ornamental grasses are hardy from Zones 4 through 10, but a few that are not as hardy include:

1. **Pampas grass** (*Cortaderia seloana*) hardy to Zone 7

2. **Fountain grass** (*Pennisetum*) hardy to Zone 9

3. **Japanese blood grass** (*Imperata*) hardy to Zone 5

DRY, DORMANT GRASS PLANTS...

...provide seeds and shelter for birds in the winter.

...make perennial additions to flower arrangements and wreaths.

...replenish surrounding plants' need for nutrients with just a couple inches of compost or mulch added around the plant each spring.



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Which woods burn best?

The best woods for burning in the home:

- Apple:** Slow, steady burn. Pleasant scent.
- Ash:** The best burning wood.
- Birch:** Burns quickly. Pleasant scent.
- Cedar:** Burns with little flame. Pleasant scent.
- Cherry:** Slow burning with good heat. Pleasant scent.
- Larch:** Crackly, scented and fairly good for heat.
- Laurel:** Has a brilliant flame.
- Pear:** Good heat and a good scent.
- Plane:** Burns pleasantly, but is apt to throw sparks if very dry.
- Plum:** Good heat and scent.
- Thorn:** One of the best woods. Burns slowly with great heat.
- Walnut:** Good, aromatic wood.
- Weymouth pine:** Lovely scent and a cheerful blue flame.
- Yew:** Burns slowly with fierce heat and a pleasant scent.

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IN FASHION:

What not to wear... CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

look terrible in necklaces.

- Long necks are easy to strangle because they look fab in chokers, chunky pieces and long, dangly, jeweled wreaths. They are genetically bred to wear necklaces, although even they have their limitations.

- Look at the neckline of your top as well as the tone of your outfit before deciding which beaded collar to wear. Slash-neck styles are barred from necklaces - do earrings instead.

- Busy women cannot do long and dangly because the line of the necklace becomes distorted once it hits the chest.

- Short necks are best entwined by delicate pieces that don't take up too much space between the chin and the breasts.

- Sloping, padded-with-fat shoulders are best suited to necklaces that are fine and filamented with small beads; angular, architectural necklaces need a good pair of coat-hanger shoulders to carry

them off.

- Flat chests are wonderful boards on which to rest a huge show-stopping piece that can reach as low as your belly button.

- Never wear lots of gold chains together, unless you are a rap star.

- As you will only be wearing a turtleneck with a flat chest, a long necklace that is bold and flamboyant is the S&T (Susannah and Trinny)-approved option. Chains and pendants over turtlenecks look cheap.

- Long necks look weak and giraffe-like when circled by a thin choker. They can carry something much wider and look amazing in it.

- A long neck coming out of a round-neck top looks fabulous with a big chunky necklace at the collarbone level.

- Don't wear an over-the-top necklace and wild earrings together unless they are part of a set.

- A busy chest can carry off a

delicate droplet necklace that ends just as the top of the cleavage. Never allow a pendant to disappear into a cleavage ravine. Sharon Mosley is a former fashion editor of the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock and executive director of the Fashion Editors and Reporters Association.

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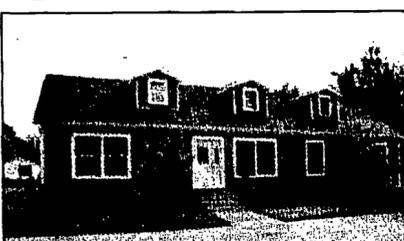
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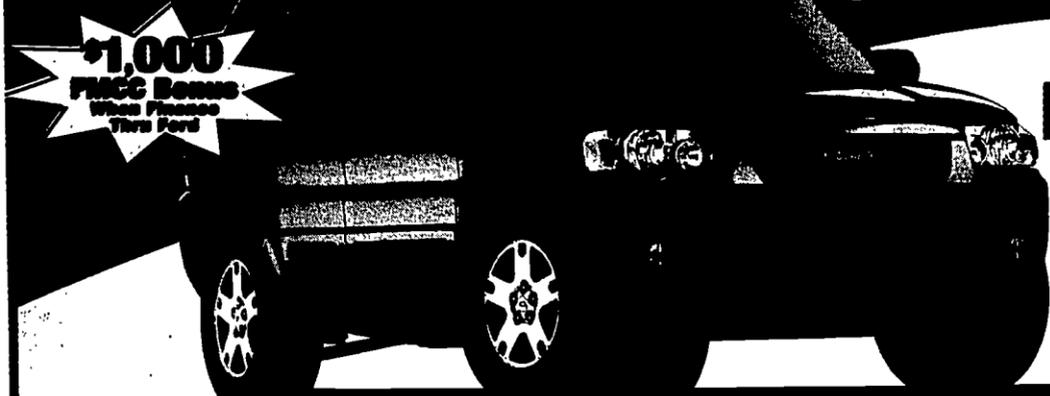
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