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Morton Grove Days Festival draws a crowd
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Front elevation

New retail center coming to So. Milwaukee

Demolition to make way for a 3,200 sq. ft. retail center on Milwaukee Ave., from Block Electric to the corner of Harts and Milwaukee is on the horizon.
The village granted a 21% parking variance at a recent

board meeting and Village of Niles Community Development Director Chuck Ostman says that demolition should occur in about three months. He calls the new development a very "unique building."

"It'll definitely benefit the area," said Ostman, about the single-story retail center that has a northern and southern parcel. The southern parcel has been approved by the village, but the developers have not presented plans regarding

the northern parcel as of yet. The southern portion will likely have 12 to 14 retail stores in the center and 100 parking spaces in front. Ostman believes there will be a variety of stores that will fill the center, including stores

that serve the condo owners in the immediate areas.
"It's definitely a difficult parcel of land to develop," said Ostman, about the southern parcel, which he says is rather narrow in depth.
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Niles Parade a huge success



With Born in The U.S.A. playing in the background, colorful, festive floats made their way down Ozark during the Niles Fourth of July parade on Tuesday, July 4.

Blase conducts first meeting since arrest

Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase has been back on the job for about three weeks following his arrest
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on federal corruption charges and presided over his first board meeting since then last Tuesday.
Blase didn't appear any different during the board meeting then at any other meeting in the past three years. He posed for photos with several different retirees and honorees as is customary. The board also referred several petitions to the zoning board and gave the green light to the major Mega Properties devel-

opment (see story, this page) on the southern end of the village.
No members of the village board conducted themselves any differently during the meeting, making reports and asking questions as per usual. The crowd was slightly larger during the meeting, though only one resident, Leonard Reinebach, spoke at any length after the conclusion of the board's business. The only noticeable difference at the meeting was the presence of members of the major media including an ABC7 news van, a reporter from the Chicago Tribune and at least three photographers.

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Leaning Tower Y concert series set to begin July 13

It's almost that time of year again for musical entertainment at the Leaning Tower.
The 2006 Leaning Tower Concert Series kicks-off on July 13 with Enzo Incandela/Al Anile playing Italian music. They return with a performance that gets the audience singing, laughing and clapping.
Concerts are free and held every Thursday at 6300 Touhy Ave., Niles from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. People can bring their lawn chairs and enjoy food

and music on a summer evening.
On July 20, Diamondback, a country band, will play classic country as well as oldies, country rock, southern rock and lowdown dirty blues.
On July 27, One of the series regulars, Meisner Magic, returns to perform polka music. Steve Meisner was inducted into the Polka Hall of Fame on June 25, 2004.
August Schedule
On Aug 3, White Saddle

Band will perform for the first time at this venue, offering a little country and a little rock and roll.
On Aug. 10, the Blooze Brothers, a high-powered choreographed 12 piece band will play a wide-range of music. This band is a Blues Brothers tribute band.
On Aug. 17, Kevin Purcell and the NightBurners will introduce their own unique type of high energy rockin' blues.
On Aug. 24, Jimmy Damon,

the only singer authorized by Frank Sinatra to perform his music during his lifetime, will entertain the audience.
Last but not least, on Aug. 31, Stuck in the Fifties will rock the audience and close the concert series with doo-wop from the 1950s, with tunes from Elvis, Buddy and more.
Refreshments are sponsored by the Howard Street Inn located at 6700 W. Howard St.

Morton Grove to hold TIF meeting July 26

A community workshop to discuss Lehigh/Ferris TIF Redevelopment District priorities and projects will take place on Wednesday, July 26 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center in Morton Grove.

Potential projects in the TIF district could include the realignment of public streets and utilities, improved rail crossings, new public park, farmer's market, etc, possible new Metra station, improved pedestrian walkway, new bicycle trail, new homes, new commercial space and new housing that is affordable to seniors.

One of the major objectives of the plan is to promote transit-oriented development, such as new homes, civic amenities, new commercial space and

public improvements.

The village believes that input from the public is essential in order to ensure that the framework plan for the area reflects the best long-term interests of the village.

The village established the TIF district in the neighborhood surrounding the Metra station near Lehigh and Ferris Avenues five years ago.

In the past few years, about 400 new homes have been built in the district and 140 more homes and 11,000 square ft. of commercial space have been approved for development in this area.

The public workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Civic Center at 6140 Dempster St.

Friends, Family and the Fourth

I went to Wisconsin for the 4th of July this year. I do every year. A friend of mine has a cabin in the Northwoods and I look forward to spending one or two weekends up there each year. It's become a bit of a tradition actually.

My friends are excellent hosts; they let us use their cabin, their motorboat, their water skis (if we were actually able to ski), their canoe and have even cooked for us. We've had a lot of fun up there and pictures from those trips are ubiquitous in my home.

This year proceeded pretty much the same as the last few - we all assumed that the trip was set to go, my friend and his family were prepared to receive us and we had the biggest turnout yet.

We didn't need to plan very much. After a few years it becomes fairly routine and everyone is good about splitting up the cost of food and gas (an ever-increasing item in our budget).

Then, about three weeks ago, a problem cropped up. Some family of mine was also putting together a trip to Wisconsin for the Fourth and, as the favorite son I was expected to attend. So I had a dilemma and decided to dis-



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patch it with my customary speed (slowly).

Last week I finally hit upon a solution: I would split my time between the two places. They are only about three hours away from each other so I could easily spend two days in each and still have some time to relax with both friends and family without disappointing either of them.

Of course, I neglected to tell my host friend until Wednesday of last week, giving him little time to adjust his plans. He was mad and I can't say I blame him. I had made a prior commitment to him and was central to the planning. I couldn't possibly bow out of half of the trip.

Which meant I then had to go and tell family that I wouldn't be going with them something that didn't go over

very well.

The Fourth of July marks the day when our forebears stood together and announced the creation of a new land that was dedicated to protecting the power of the governed against the power of the government. Being caught up in my unpleasant situation this Fourth helped me remember that the holiday isn't just a chance to get away from stress at the office or spend time with friends and family. My situation reminded me that the Fourth of July is a holiday about ideals like loyalty and freedom.

We celebrate those ideals by lighting sparklers, firecrackers or even the odd illegal pyrotechnic smuggled over the border from Wisconsin, but my situation reminded me all too clearly that the fireworks are just representative of our commitment to ideals, ones I failed to uphold this Fourth.

Just as those fireworks represent our commitment to defend our ideals so too should the time we spend with our friends and family merely represent our commitment to them rather than being, in itself, the extent of our commitment.

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Similar to the Shops of Niles, Ostman said that the only concern some residents had with the development

was whether there would be vehicles and noise behind the building. Ostman said that the plan will continue to provide residents with the quiet atmosphere they desire.

Ostman said he has talked

with residents who live in the area of the Shops of Niles, which he says is a very similar situation to the new development, and residents have not had any problems and they told him they were pleased with the Shops of Niles.

The northern parcel will include land north of Block Electric, such as the Econo Motel. Ostman said the northern portion may be a mixed use development with both commercial and residential.

Mega Realty is the owner and developer of the new development.

As other nearby villages and towns haven't found it quite as easy to attract new retail and businesses, the Village of Niles seems to welcome new businesses rather regularly.

So, what is their key to success?

"I think our process of redevelopment is shorter than other towns," said Ostman. "It works very well for Niles. We have a great relationship with the developers. We work very closely with all of the inquiries that come in."

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Rakosky honored by Morton Grove board

Board also honors local firefighters

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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For more than 52 years, Joseph Rakosky has served on various boards and commissions in the Village of Morton Grove and he was honored by Mayor Richard Krier and the board members at the village board meeting on Monday, June 26.

In fact, the mayor proclaimed June 26, 2006, "Joseph Rakosky Day" in Morton Grove. Rakosky and his family were present at the meeting and Krier presented Rakosky with a special clock as well.

"I want to celebrate someone who has given over 52 years to the village," said Krier. "Thank you for everything you have done."

Rakosky started out from 1954 to 1957 in Civil Defense where he worked in the communications division; then between 1957 to 1965 he served on the library board, where he served as treasurer and then president of the board during the first library

expansion. In 1965 he worked on the Cancer Drive, serving as chairperson for that year's campaign. He received the "Man of the Year Award" as well. Rakosky also served as a board member and chairperson between 1965 and 2006 on the board of environmental health.

At the meeting, Krier read, "It is only fitting that a grateful community would honor an individual who has donated their energy and strengths to make our wonderful community an overall better place to live, work and raise a family."

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Rick Krier
MORTON GROVE MAYOR

The proclamation states that Rakosky exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism.

Also at the board meeting, Fire Chief Tom Friel made a presentation about an incident that occurred in the village on June 17.

A 65 year old man was in town visiting his family for his son's graduation, explained Friel. While the man was traveling to his son's graduation with his two daughters, who are registered nurses, the man began to feel sick and suffered from sudden cardiac arrest. At Golf and Nashville in Morton Grove the man was

very important.

"It's out there to protect people and save lives," said Minx.

Also at the village board meeting, the board voted to postpone a reappointment of Sherwin Dubren to the Natural Resources Commission because they were unsure if he was still interested in the position. Trustee Staackman said that Dubren has been a productive member of the commission. Krier said he agreed with Staackman but he just wasn't sure if Dubren wanted to be reappointed or not. During the resident comment portion of the meeting, a man in his middle 30's approached the village board and encouraged the village to work hard at attracting more businesses, such as restaurants and shops into town. He commended the board for bringing Aldi into town, because of the revenue it will bring into the village. He said that they all need to work together and he suggested that the village utilize the younger people in the village to help revitalize Morton Grove with more businesses. Krier responded that they are working on bringing more businesses into the village.

unresponsive and slumped over in the car. Friel said that his daughter performed CPR on him and when the Morton Grove ambulance quickly arrived they performed CPR and also used an AED device. The man regained a pulse and was soon sitting up again. Friel said that sometimes in every day life people take things for granted and he said that we should truly appreciate life.

Trustee Minx said that sometimes people question the budget and the expenses that the village spends for fire/police equipment, etc., but she said that the equipment and services are

Lang holds first meeting as committeeman

Niles Township Committeeman Lou Lang hosted the first meeting of the "New" Niles Township Democratic Organization on June 25.

Lang's goal is to reenergize and build the Niles Township Democrats to help reelect Gov. Rod Blagojevich in November, to maintain Democratic majorities in both the Illinois Senate and House and also to take back the United States Congress.

At the meeting, held at the Oakton Park Fieldhouse in Skokie, Fund-raising, Issues and Membership Recruitment committees were established, attendees were surveyed on the Niles Township Democratic Agenda, the Niles Township Organization E-Network was started and they discussed a plan for a fall voter registration drive and other upcoming events.

Lang believes its important to help the party grow by reaching out to people of a variety of different backgrounds, regarding ethnicity, race and age, in order to accomplish various goals.

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Abatement Dist. offers tips to avoid West Nile Virus

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The summer season brings family gatherings, barbecues, picnics and yes, the dreaded mosquito.

The Northwest Mosquito Abatement District has been treating the water sources in Niles and Morton Grove since May.

"July is the peak season to be aware of infected mosquitoes," said Mike Szyska, director of the Northwest

Mosquito Abatement District.

While mosquitoes that have tested positive for the West Nile Virus have not yet been found in the Niles/Morton Grove area this year, they have been found in other areas.

West Nile Virus positive mosquitoes have been detected in Schaumburg, Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Bartlett and Palatine in the month of June.

There have been no human cases yet, but Szyska said people should take precaution

and wear repellent, especially during the evening hours.

The Northwest Mosquito Abatement District received 47 dead bird reports, according to a June 15 mosquito update, and none of the dead birds have been infected with the West Nile Virus.

The following are tips provided by the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District to help keep residents protected from infected mosquitoes:

Try to avoid outdoor activity from dusk to dawn when

the mosquitoes bite the most. If you do go out wear light colored protective clothing and insect repellent (always read label warnings and directions). Prevent mosquitoes from entering homes through unscreened or broken doors or windows. Residents are encouraged not to create mosquito harborage areas. Make sure tall grassy areas are trimmed and other vegetation is cut back. If plants must be watered do so in the morning so the vegetation and soil

has a chance to dry making it less attractive to mosquitoes. Empty any containers holding stagnating water like tire casings, birdbaths, flower pots and barrels that may produce mosquitoes. Un-maintained swimming pools may produce thousands of mosquitoes. Call the District to report stagnant water areas that remain wet for more than 7 days. Additional mosquito avoidance/control practices may be found at the District's web-site: www.nwmadil.com.

Feds subpoena documents from village

The Village of Niles has been busy putting together various records after they received two subpoenas by the U.S. District Court of Northern Illinois related to the arrest of Mayor Nicholas Blase. The records on about 50 businesses in Niles were due by the end of last week.

"We're still pulling them all together," George Van Geem, Niles Village Manager told the Bugle Newspapers on Thursday, June 29.

Van Geem said the village was ordered to provide records of

"anything that the village regulates", such as records dealing with zoning, licensing, permits, etc.

When asked specifics about the records and their relation to Weiner Insurance, Van Geem said that, "it's in their secret file," and he is not sure about the specifics.

"So far, we've received two," said Van Geem, about the subpoenas that were issued on June 5 and June 16. He said they were issued for the same reason but they had two subpoenas so that they would fit in all of the busi-

nesses. The Niles Public Library was also subpoenaed on June 12 to hand in documents involving its dealings with Weiner Insurance. The Niles Public Library has used Weiner Insurance for several years. Niles Public Library Director Cary Czarniecki said that he had never heard of SMP, which in the complaint is said to allegedly be an insurance company that is controlled by Mayor Blase.

Czarniecki said that they have turned over all of the documents related to Weiner Insurance that they were ordered to turn over.



Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase presides over a meeting of the village board Tuesday, June 27. The meeting was his first since his arrest by federal agents three weeks ago.

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Dist. 64 announces Ethical Leadership Award Recipients

Three eighth grade students from District 64 middle schools were selected as recipients of the 2005-06 Judith L. Snow Ethical Leadership Award. Selection criteria is based upon nominees' ethical and leadership skills, such as dependability, respect from and toward others, integrity, teamwork, and involvement in activities.

Many of the skills and attributes for the Judith Snow Award are also included in District 64's civil behavior ideals.

This year's winners are Anne Wave and Matthew Ammentorp from Lincoln Middle School and Stephanie Bergren from Emerson Middle School.

Judith Snow was a 25-year resident of Park Ridge and member of the League of Women Voters. She gave selflessly of her time and talent, and was highly respected within the League and the community for her courage and leadership.

The Judith Snow Ethical Leadership Award is sponsored annually by ELF, the District 64 Elementary Learning Foundation, and given to one or more eighth grade students who demonstrate ethical behavior in a leadership role. Recipients are awarded a special learning experience, and their names are engraved on a plaque to be displayed at their middle school.

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Morton Grove officer attacked by dog

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

1 Officer Attacked By Dog (9000 Luna)

An Officer responded to a report of two stray dogs on June 19. A pedestrian in the alley said this has been an on-going problem and told the officer who the dogs belong to. The officer went over to the owner's house and was charged at by a black dog who tried to attack him in the legs. The officer kicked the dog back and the dog ran into the house. The dog came back to charge again, and the officer kicked him back once again. The owner was given two citations.

2 Dancing on Tables (5800 Washington)

Police responded to a noise complaint that was coming from someone's backyard on June 23. The police saw a 49 year old Morton Grove woman dancing on tables at a party and the music was very loud. The subjects turned down the music, but then turned it back up again. The subjects said to police, "You are here in Morton Grove because you couldn't be Chicago cops." The subjects were issued citations for disorderly conduct and disobeying the noise ordinance.

3 Eggs, Syrup And Ketchup (7100 Beckwith)

Unidentified subject(s) threw eggs, syrup, ketchup, bbq sauce and ranch sauce on a vehicle and damaged its paint job on June 24. The unknown subject(s) are apparently the same ones that threw eggs and ketchup at a vehicle at 9200 Marion on a separate incident.

4 Dirt Bike Stolen (9100 Mansfield)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's backyard and removed her son's dirt bike on June 22. The bike was not locked up, said police.

5 Cherries Stolen From Tree (8400 Marmora)

Unidentified person(s) entered the victim's backyard and stole cherries from his cherry tree between June 26 and June 29. The police officer said it could not have been an animal because an animal would have eaten cherries but would have left the pit. The

whole cherries were missing from the tree.

6 Disorderly Conduct Arrest (7900 Golf)

Police arrested a 19 year old Morton Grove man after he retrieved his golf clubs from the trunk of his vehicle and began yelling at patrons in the facility on June 23. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is July 5.

7 Possession of Controlled Substance Arrest (6700 Dempster)

Police arrested a 24 year old Niles man for possession of controlled substance, failure to signal and improper lane usage on June 26.

8 Unlawful Use of Weapon Arrest (8100 Menard)

A 22 year old Morton Grove man was arrested after two swords and a metal grinder were found in his car on June 23. He was charged with unlawful use of a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

NILES

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

9 Pornographic Flyers (7900 Milwaukee)

Police said about 20 pornographic flyers were placed on various cars in a parking lot on June 26. The flyers contained a copy of a picture and a hand written message that stated, "Have you seen this girl? Wanted for perverted sexual acts!"

10 Employee Steals Carnival Ride Tickets (8300 Greenwood)

An employee of Fantasy Amusement put 12 ride tickets worth \$1.25 each in his pocket without paying on June 23. The offender paid a fine at the scene and was told to leave the premises.

11 Vehicle Stolen (8700 Milwaukee)

Police said a vehicle was stolen by unidentified subject(s) sometime between July 25 and July 26. The victim said she left the key inside the vehicle with the doors unlocked.

12 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (9200 Milwaukee)

Police said unidentified subject(s) shattered the front passenger window sometime between June 27 and June 28. The cost to repair the window is \$300.

13 Possession of Tobacco By Minors (8200 Oketo)

Three subjects, a 14 and 15 year old from Niles and a 15 year old from Park Ridge were issued tickets for smoking cigarettes on June 27.

14 Vehicle Dispute (Grand/Oak)

Police said the offender's vehicle almost struck the victim's vehicle on June 28. The offender started flashing gang signs and making threats to the victim. The offender has report-

edly threatened the victim three times.

15 Retail Theft Arrest (5600 Touhy)

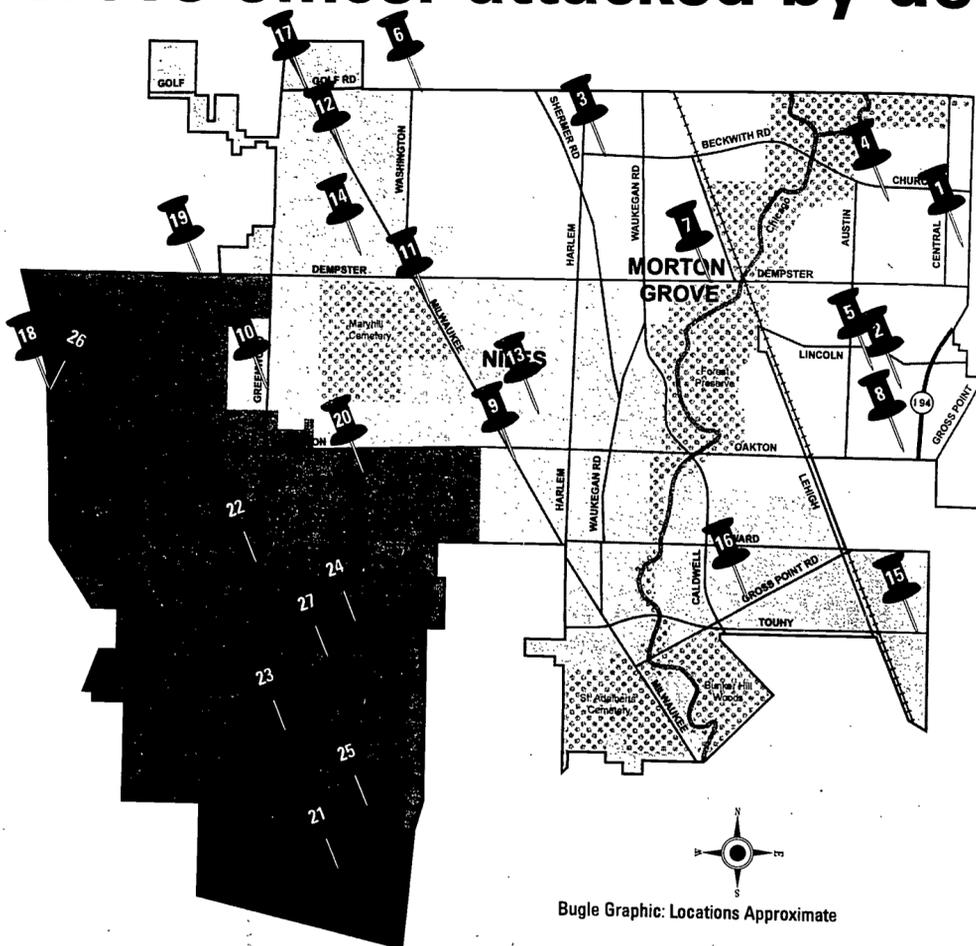
Police said a 22 year old Niles male was arrested for retail shop-lifting on June 26 after stealing six video games from a store. When the security sensor went off, the offender fled the scene on foot. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he was released on bond.

16 Suspended Driver's License Arrest (6200 Croname)

Police arrested a 27 year old Morton Grove man for driving with a suspended drivers license on June 27. The offender was involved in an accident at 6200 Croname. The bond was set at \$2,000 and the court date is August 6.

17 DUI Arrest (Milwaukee/Golf)

Police arrested a 69 year old female from Chicago for driving under the influence on June



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

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27. Police said she was weaving in her lane. The woman was not wearing a shirt, said police.

PARK RIDGE

The following information was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, July 3.

18 Chemical Kills Grass, Obscene Word Formed (Lundergan at Busse)

Unknown person(s) used a chemical to kill sections of the grass, forming an obscene word, on the corner of Lundergan and I-294, said police. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

19 Theft While in ER Room (1700 Dempster)

While the victim was in the emergency room of the hospital, someone took victim's gold chain with a cross that is worth \$1,250 on June 24, said police. The chain was placed on a stand next to a bed.

20 Coins Taken From Garage (900 N. Prospect)

Police said unidentified subject(s) took a box of about 200 U.S. coins from the victim's garage between May 29 and June 20, said police. There were no signs of forced entry.

21 Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1700 S. Prospect)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's 1995 Chevy Blazer by breaking the driver's side front window on June 26. The subject took a Roadmate GPS unit worth \$600.

22 Vehicle Stolen (500 Busse Hwy)

Police said a 2005 Toyota Camry was stolen from a business parking lot on June 22.

23 Flooring Material Stolen (500 S. Clifton)

Unknown subject(s) entered

a residence under construction between June 24 and June 26. Police said the subject took flooring material that is worth about \$3,800.

24 Violation of Curfew (Pickwick Plaza on Prospect)

A 13 year old male juvenile was observed at the Pickwick Plaza in violation of the posted 9 p.m. Pickwick Plaza curfew. The teen was charged with violation of curfew. His court hearing date is July 11.

25 DUI arrest (500 Devon)

A 51 year old Park Ridge male was arrested in the parking lot on June 23. The subject was involved in a traffic accident in the parking lot and was charged with driving under the influence and having no insurance and no seatbelt. The bond was set at \$2,000 and the court date is July 28.

26 Five Minors Arrested (2000 Busse Hwy)

Police arrested a 19 year old male of Park Ridge on June 23 in the parking area of Lake Belleau. Officers observed the subject riding a bicycle and hand over cash to one of the passengers and the passengers handed the subject a plastic baggie. The 19 year old was charged with possession of alcohol by a minor, possession of cannabis, possession of controlled substance and delivery of cannabis. The bond is set at \$50,000 and the court date is July 13.

Three other Park Ridge minors were arrested, as well as one minor from Niles.

27 Found on the Roof (First block of S. Prospect)

A 14 year old female and 14 year old male were observed on the roof of a building on June 26. They were charged with trespass and released on their own recognizance. They have a court date of July 25.

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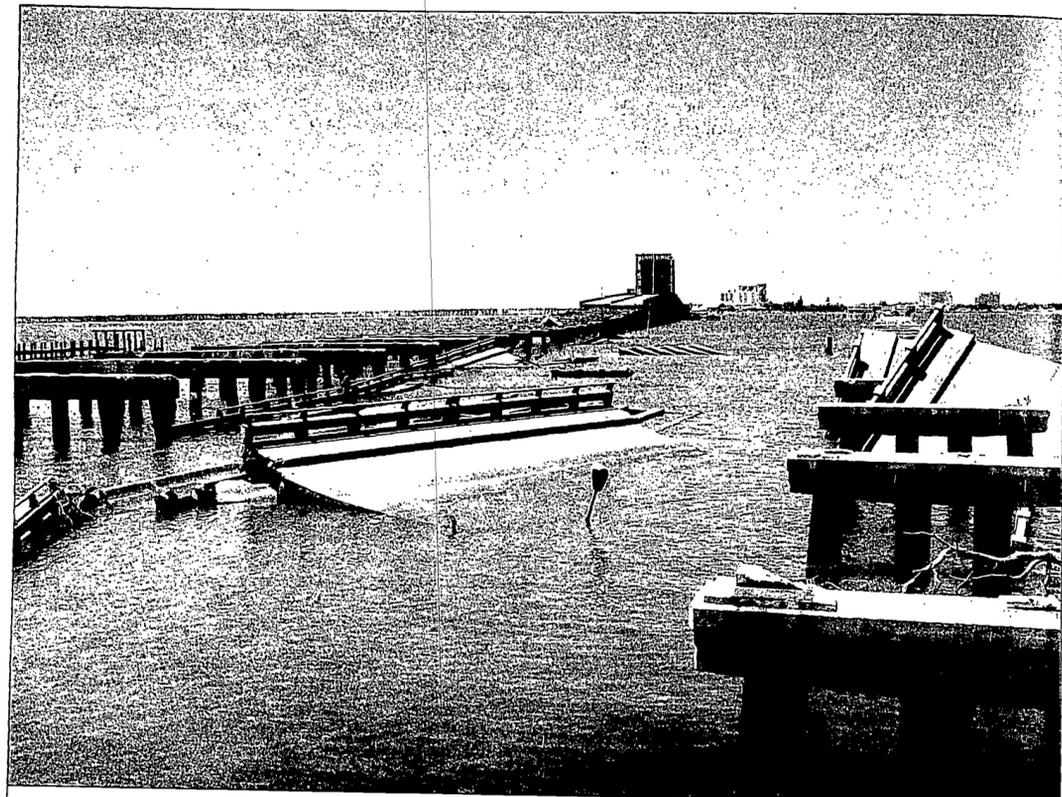
An Illinois weather enthusiast visits the Gulf Coast Region

By Mark Davis
BUGLE CONTRIBUTOR

Hurricane season is upon us again this year. For the most of us in the Midwest that might not seem too important. But to some of us, who have relatives and friends that live in the regions that are affected by Hurricanes, it can be nerve racking.

I have always been interested in weather going all the way back to grade school. As an adult, I've been a certified storm spotter for the NWS in Chicago for nearly 20 years and the weather officer for my city ESDA for nearly 4 years. I even have my own weather website www.mdweather.com. So naturally I also like to track hurricanes. So this year when the opportunity arose to meet with other hurricane enthusiasts, most of them living in Hurricane Alley as they call it, I jumped at the chance.

On May 20th we met in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, the area near where Hurricane Dennis made landfall in July of 2005. What we all have in common is that we are visitors to the website HurricaneCity.com and its message board run by Jim Williams. Jim does live web casts when Hurricanes threaten landfall to help inform and warn the public. The reason for the gathering was so we could meet each other, trade stories and talk about past hurricane experiences. The second half of the trip was to tour the damage inflicted on the gulf coast from Pascagoula, Mississippi to New Orleans, Louisiana, something I thought I was prepared for, not so.



Looking west to Biloxi, MS over Biloxi Bay, the Bay Bridge could not withstand the powerful storm surge from Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. (Photo by Mark Davis | May 21, 2006)

Four of us were able to make the trip. Myself, Jim Williams, Nancy Gibson, and Hanna Marshall. Together we traveled the gulf coast Highway 90 that follows the coastline from city to city. We started in Pascagoula, MS, the area has numerous oil refineries that were shut down by Katrina. All of them are operating again due in part to the hard work of the people of the area. In this area the damage is not as noticeable, some signs missing and blue tarps on some damaged roofs. The highway is not as close to the coast as it is further west so there could have been more damage but it wasn't visible. As we traveled west we still encountered blue tarps and blown out signs, mind you Katrina made landfall nine months before this trip. This was the same until we reached Ocean Springs where we were able to see first hand the destructive force of Katrina's storm surge. The Bay Bridge that crosses Biloxi Bay connecting Ocean Springs and Biloxi was destroyed. Large sections of the bridge deck were lifted off their piers and deposited into the bay leaving only the center section with the drawbridge intact. The only reason that it remained was because it was higher than the storm surge.

We had to turn around at that point and head north to I-10 to cross the bay and into Biloxi. Once reaching Biloxi you could really see what the residents went through. Large casino complexes reduced to rubble, empty slabs where stores and restaurants once stood, shells of gas stations with only the roof standing. Most buildings that survived the surge along the coast are all missing their first

floors. Large beautiful old homes that stood for hundreds of years are just a shell of themselves or completely gone. Most of the debris has been removed, and reconstruction has begun, especially the casinos which are a vital part of the local economy. Some of them are now open or are soon to be opened. They will provide a much needed shot in the arm for the city.

Next we headed to Gulfport, a city much like Biloxi. It too has casinos and cultural centers that help the economy of the area. There were still signs of the massive destruction. The twisted steel of the local marina, where dolphins performed for crowds everyday. Most of the dolphins were saved and moved to other parts of the country. Downtown Gulfport, which was flooded by the storm surge is alive again but only partially, some storefronts and restaurants are open but others are still empty. It will take a long time for these two cities to recover.

As we headed west toward the town of Long Beach, we

pass University of Southern Mississippi which is on Hwy 90. Most of the buildings appear to be structurally ok, but the campus appears to be deserted. Continuing west through Long Beach, we head into Pass Christian. This is significant because this is near where Hurricane Camille made landfall in 1969. Camille was said to be one of the most powerful hurricanes to make US landfall. Also Jim Williams had visited this area before the 2005 season to document the area where Camille made landfall. There was the Winn-Dixie supermarket that now stands on the spot where the Richelieu apartments once stood. Many people lost their lives in these apartments. It has been said they were having a hurricane party when Camille hit wiping out the complex. Now even the Winn-Dixie is gone, the parking lot being used for construction equipment storage. There was the pole at a local boat marina that shows with a mark how high the storm surge was when Camille hit. It too now gone only a short stub sticking out of

the water.

Just west of Pass Christian we had to turn back and go back north to I-10 because the Saint Louis Bay bridge between Pass Christian and Bay Saint Louis was also washed away. We headed toward Bay Saint Louis first entering Waveland. We stopped at a newly built, newly opened Wal Mart. The place was packed with local residents hoping to purchase the much needed supplies. And this is nine months later. We talked to some of the locals and heard of their struggles and their thanks to everyone throughout the country. Much of the credit goes to the hundreds of church group volunteers who came to help rebuild the areas. It wouldn't have happened without them. Waveland, Bay Saint Louis the picture the same, damaged homes, damaged boats, and businesses ruined, it's just a sad state of affairs. Next stop New Orleans, the damage there was well documented on the national news, could it get any worse.

To enter New Orleans we crossed Lake Pontchartrain on I-

Re/Max Exec: Balanced home market settling in

Slowing home sales are attracting a lot of media attention, in part because of the ripple effect they could have on the broader economy. In Northern Illinois, however, a slower pace to the market may be a much-needed respite, according to the leader of the region's largest residential real estate network.

Jim Merrion, regional director of Re/Max Northern Illinois, has more than 35 years of experience in the residential real estate marketplace. In his view, the current slowdown in sales may signal the end to a seller's market that has gone on for an unusually long period of time nearly five years.

"This is the longest seller's market that I've ever experienced," said Merrion.

"Nationwide and statewide we seem to be moving to a slower paced market but only gradually. As that happens, homes will take a bit longer to sell on average, and prices will increase more slowly or not at all. How much the market will shift is difficult to determine at this point, but I estimate that Illinois will be in what is called a "balanced market" environment at least through the last half 2006.

Through the month of May, total sales of attached and detached single-family homes tracked by the Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois were down 6.6 percent compared to the same period last year.

For Illinois as a whole, home sales for the January through April period (the most recent

data available) were down 1.1 percent this year. Based on data from the Multiple Listing Service of Northern Illinois, the average market time required to sell the homes that closed in April was 90 days, down from an average of 95 days in March. In May, that number fell to 85 days, compared to an 83 day average in May 2005.

"We must be careful not to oversell the shift in market conditions because the movement at this point hasn't been especially large," emphasizes Merrion. "Yes, we are seeing a decline in the number of homes changing hands, but the decline in Illinois was only about 10 percent statewide in April, and it is a decline from a year that represented the all-time peak for home

sales. The bottom line, however, is that we still have a very healthy housing market."

Merrion believes that the Chicago area, and Illinois generally, are only now on the verge of experiencing a truly balanced market for homes, with average market times likely to climb to 100 days by the fourth quarter of this year.

According to Merrion, the classic definition of a balanced market is one in which average sales times are 91-180 days and the inventory of listed properties is not larger than six months of average sales activity.

In contrast, a seller's market develops when the average time required to sell a property is 90 days or less and the inventory of homes represents no more than

four months of average sales. A buyer's market is one in which both the supply of homes for sale and average market time are 181 days or more.

"If we do move into a truly balanced market, it will be the first time we've been there for years — perhaps not since the mid-1990s. Housing activity soared right along with the dot-com boom of the late 1990s and then just kept going thanks to amazingly low interest rates," he said. "When the housing boom got rolling in the late 1990s, mortgage interest rates were close to 8 percent. They still are well below that level, so I can't envision the market slowing down dramatically, but a lot depends on what the Federal Reserve decides to do about interest rates."

Best to reject annuities that feature an inflation rider

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Inflation has spooked Wall Street. Fearful of inflation, the stock market has lost its traction

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and is behaving like a kid careening down a slip and slide. These inflation worries have prompted plenty of 60-somethings to wonder if a box of Raisin Bran will someday cost them \$49.99.

Not everyone, however, is perspiring at the prospects of price spikes. The inflation willies have opened up a new marketing opportunity for investment firms and insurers that would like retirees to embrace a type of annuity that until now has been relegated to corporate sub-basements. Insurers are eager to introduce retirees to an immediate annuity that offers peace-of-

mind inflation protection.

These inflation-protected annuities aren't new. In fact, they've been around, but widely ignored, for at least two decades. For many years, the percentage of customers who bought the immediate annuities with an inflation rider never inched up higher than 2 or 3 percent. Their unpopularity is actually a good thing because these inflation-fighting annuities deserve to remain in the cellar. While insurers will tell you that they combat inflation, what they may really do is fight your ability to pay your bills in retirement.

Before you can understand why these inflation-adjusted annuities should be avoided, you need to appreciate why purchasing a plain vanilla immediate annuity could make you feel like a member of Mensa. Immediate annuities can be a godsend for anybody with iffy financial skills. Not sure if you

fit into this category? Ask yourself this question: Can you round up the money in your 401(k), your Individual Retirement Accounts and any other cash stashed away for retirement and invest it in a way that will provide a reliable

source of income for 30 or more years - without ever running dry? If mastering Mandarin would be an easier task, you might want to make some inquiries.

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are refreshingly straightforward. You sink money into one and, in return, you start receiving monthly income for the rest of your life. Even if the money you originally invest runs out, the insurance company is obligated to keep mailing you checks.



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Baby Boomers Need to Avoid the "Legacy Gap"

If you are a baby boomer — born between 1946 and 1964 — and your parents are still alive, you may want to talk to them about an important subject: their plans for leaving a legacy. Their thoughts on the subject might vary from yours, so, to avoid misunderstandings that could lead to hurt feelings — and financial problems — you will want to make sure now that you are all "reading from the same script."

Of course, you may not be eagerly anticipating such a conversation. If so, you are not alone. Your fellow baby boomers and their parents are not doing a good job discussing inheritances and other issues related to legacies. In fact, fewer than one in three families have actually had a meaningful discussion on these matters, according to a study by Allianz Life Insurance Co.

Once you have this conversation, you may be surprised at how different your parents' attitudes are from yours. Consider this: Nearly 40 percent of the elder generation says it is very important to pass financial assets or real estate to their children, but only 10 percent of baby boomers feel the same, according to the Allianz study. So it's entirely possible that your parents own some assets that they want you to have — and you might not even know about them.

And it is not "greedy" for you to inquire about these assets. In the first place, your parents may feel strongly about leaving them to you. But just as importantly, if your parents have not planned their estate properly, their assets may not be distributed as they had intended. And unexpected inheritances may also result in unexpected tax burdens for the recipients.

Consequently, you may want to encourage your parents to work with an estate-planning professional to develop appropriate legal documents, including the following:

- **A Will** — If your parents die intestate — without a will — their assets might be distributed by a court. This could lead to a great deal of problems within your family.

- **A Living Trust** — Even if your parents have a will, their assets may have to pass through probate — which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, their assets can pass directly to their beneficiaries, without court interference, legal fees, lengthy delays and public disclosure.

- **A Durable General Power of Attorney** — This document allows your parents to appoint another person to conduct their business affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. In addition, you will want to look over the beneficiary designations on your parents' life insurance contracts and qualified plans, such as 401(k)s and IRAs. It's especially important to update these designations if remarriages and stepchildren are part of your family picture.

It's not easy to manage the estate-planning process. In addition to working with an attorney, you and your parents may well want to consult with a tax adviser to make sure everyone's interests are protected.

Do whatever you can to help your parents leave the legacies they desire. You'll be doing them a great service — and you could be taking a large burden off their minds.

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Workmen continue to repair the New Orleans Superdome which is scheduled to be finished by the start of the 2006 NFL season. (Photo by Mark Davis | May 22, 2006)

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10 this too was damaged by Katrina. Temporary bridge deck has been erected to replace the deck that was washed away. After crossing the lake you can see the area most damaged in New Orleans the ninth ward. Unfortunately all of New Orleans is under sea level being protected from flooding by levees. Though there was wind damage throughout the city, windows blown out, facades damaged and roofs blown off including the world famous superdome which housed many

evacuees during Katrina, but the main damage and loss of life was due to flooding. Cars and homes engulfed with flood waters trapping many people. Flood waters as high as twenty feet flooded the city in some parts and in other areas they were spared, the French Quarter being one of them. The number one tourist attraction of the city was for the most part dry. As we walked the streets of the city we could not help but notice that there were many homeless people living downtown. Some of them thanking us for coming back to New Orleans to visit and helping support the economy. The city has a long way to

go to even resemble a portion of what it once was. They re-elected their Mayor Ray Nagin, hopefully with the resources from the government and private sources he has the support and what it takes to bring New Orleans back from this disaster. This was one trip that will stay with me for a long time. As a severe storm spotter I have seen storm damage from wind, lightning, floods and tornadoes, but nothing prepared me for what I saw this weekend. Everywhere you looked as we traveled west along Hwy 90 you can see empty lots, a gutted motel or condo, even the occasional stilts, all that remains

where a building once stood. In most areas, there was nothing left for three to five blocks north of the highway. Now the sand on the beaches has been cleaned and replaced and reconstruction has begun. But it will take years to rebuild what took decades to make. They have been hit before like Camille, and have come back and I am sure they can do it again. With hard work and sweat the coast will return to what it once was, hopefully safer for the residents, with better construction and levee designs to protect them. My only hope is that they aren't hit with a major storm for a while so they can

get things in order. There are over 100,000 families living in trailers in the 150 mile long area and they will have to evacuate if a Tropical Storm or stronger threatens the area. They need our prayers and a little luck. My heart goes out to the people who suffered through this disaster. Let's hope we learned lessons from Katrina and are better prepared and a disaster like this doesn't happen again for a long time.

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Betty Ohlgren Inducted Into Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Betty Ohlgren, who prefers anonymity to public recognition, is becoming accustomed to unsought accolades. As part of Older Americans Month in Chicago, she recently was inducted into the 2006 Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame along with 11 luminaries, 32 other distinguished citizens and 67 Chicago park district representatives in conjunction with a special luncheon at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers.

Betty, a resident of Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-20 N. Nina Avenue in Chicago, was described in the ceremony program as having "volunteered in her communi-

ty for nearly 80 years. As a child, she volunteered for the Annual Picnic at Norwood Park Home, where she is now a resident and continues to serve. Her service has included board and committee work, making crafts for others, library organization, and thrift shop assistance. Ms. Ohlgren has received a number of volunteer awards including the Sheriff's Senior Medal of Honor in 2000. Her story of volunteerism caught the attention of ABC 7 news reporter Harry Porterfield, who last year selected Ms. Ohlgren as "Someone You Should Know" for his television segment.

Within the last 12 months,



Betty has received an assortment of other honors for her volunteerism on behalf of

Norwood Crossing. Life Services Network of Illinois, a statewide organization of not-for-profit retirement communities, named her Volunteer of the Year in 2005. Norwood Life Care Foundation also honored her last year with the Dr. Larsandrew Dolan Award for many years of volunteerism.

When asked what propels her to volunteer so much of her free time, Betty commented: "You must help people as long as you are able," she said, recalling the advice passed along decades ago by her mother and grandparents. "I believe you have to help those who need help"



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For further information on caregiver services, call SASI at (847) 864-7274.

Seniors Action Service Announces Director Of Eldercare Program

Executive Director Nan Anderson announces the appointment of Sarah Adams as the new Director of the Caring Home Aid Program for Seniors Action Service, Inc. (SASI). Adams matches professional caregivers with older adults wishing to continue living at home and maintain their activities. SASI has provided at-home care for over twenty years to adults throughout Chicago and suburban communities.

Adams, who has a background in direct client care, notes that "many of our caregivers are available on a 24/7, live-in basis, although a good portion of people request help for just a few hours each week. Our caregivers are knowledgeable about age-related and chronic illnesses, and can help with cooking and household tasks and

more hands-on personal care that may be required. Just as important are instances where friendly companionship is all that's needed to improve someone's day-to-day life. Our professional caregivers," continues Adams, "are tested for eldercare skills and must pass a criminal background check before they can join the registry. We also require each caregiver to attend several continuing education classes

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Glenview Terrace Hosts Monthly Alzheimer's Community Support Group

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center hosts a monthly Alzheimer's Community Support Group every third Wednesday at 6 p.m.

All persons living in the community with family members with Alzheimer's disease are welcome to attend this Alzheimer's Association affiliated support group where they can ask questions about the disease process, receive educational material and seek support from other families living through the same situation.

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center is located 1511 Greenwood Road in Glenview. To find out more about the Alzheimer's Community Support Group, call Mr. Vasquez at (847) 729-9090.

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Milwaukee Ave. A better plan

The current Milwaukee Corridor Plan is the wrong way to redevelop property. The command-and-control nature of local planning did not work in the Soviet Union, why do we think it works here? It presumes that a small group of insiders knows better than you what you should do with your property. Planned economies fail and innovators and entrepreneurs, who create new wealth and jobs, are punished. Keep in mind that the empty shops and stores exist because the original zoning plan created them and, even though the market has moved away, it keeps these properties trapped. The best plan would allow property owners, developers, renters, buyers and businesses decide the highest and best use for a property. That is the free market and an open zoning overlay does the trick.

Real Estate is tied to the concept of highest and best use.



Another Perspective
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Vacant property is evidence of a zoning mismatch. The market is extremely dynamic and what was popular or right yesterday may not be today. If you worry over the loss of mom and pop stores don't blame big box stores blame restrictive zoning ordinances that stifle change and innovation. Simple things like being able to build your residence above your store get stopped. A large part of the commuting nightmare is caused by overly restrictive zoning that does not allow people to live where they work.

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'Taste' committee hits airwaves



The Taste of Park Ridge hits the airwaves. Here, Comcast Interviewer Cindy Bravos of Community Connection gets event details from Chair Bob Dudycz, center, and Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frmark. The Taste runs July 13-15 in downtown Park Ridge.

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Three-year olds twins, Josie and William Thannert of Morton Grove enjoy the Morton Grove Days Festival with their grandparents on Saturday, July 1, as they do ever year.

Celebrating the Fourth

Residents enjoy fun, good eats at MG Days Festival

The Morton Grove Days July Fourth Festival provided families with carnival rides, live music and food between Saturday, July 1 and Tuesday, July 4.

The Windy City Amusements Carnival ran on all four days. Festivities took place at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center and Harter Park on Dempster St.

"It seemed very busy," said Joseph Wade, village administrator for the Village of Morton Grove, who attended Morton Grove Days on Saturday, July 1. "It was very festive. There was something for everyone."

Wade said he especially enjoyed the blues tunes that Saturday night's band provided.

On Saturday, July 1, main stage entertainment was provided by Best Days Behind and The Houseboyz. On Sunday, July 2, there was Soulfix at 2 p.m., Fabulous Beyondos at 4 p.m. and American English at 8 p.m.

The musical entertainment on Monday, July 3 was provided by Ronnie Rice.

On the Fourth of July, there was a bicycle decorating contest (at Dempster and Edens Expressway) at 1:30 p.m. and a parade at 2:30 p.m. Main stage entertainment included Ray arias, Forte and Rhumbuzzz.

Colorful fireworks finished off the festival on July 4 at 9:45 p.m. and there were raffle drawings as well.

Champs Sports Bar provided a Beer Garden on all four days as well.



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How would an open zoning plan work? Firstly, commercial real estate is high risk and tends to be under-priced relative to residential real estate. Commercial property is financed short term at high rates and large down payments of 20% or more. Add to this the long zoning processes, high construction costs, higher overhead costs, vacancies, etc. Because zoning is a political process the risks that your plan will be shot are high. Does it make sense that property owners need to beg politicians so that they can use their property? Most zoning is too restrictive and biased toward a process that benefits the few. The goal in politics is to transfer power from the politically weak to the politically powerful. All these issues raise risks, costs and hassles further undermining commercial development.

Over the long term, though, the governments heavy handedness in the marketplace creates strong disincentives to locate businesses here. An open zoning plan would allow property owners to maximize the value of their property and help any businesses that would locate here. By lowering the business risk, Niles would see faster turnarounds in vacant properties, less revenue loss and greater growth.

The Village would designate areas for growth and development, like the Milwaukee Ave. Corridor, and allow open zoning there. This would eliminate the need for abusing liberty through eminent domain and spur development and growth. If politicians knew the future better than the marketplace they wouldn't be politicians - they would be raking in the dough on Wall Street because they could predict the future. Nobody can predict the future and no one is in a better position to decide what is best for you than you and the free market is the best vehicle for doing this. You cannot move forward if you are focused on the rearview mirror. The "new" Milwaukee Corridor study is little changed, I am told, from the original study done about 35 years ago, back in the 70s. In areas ripe for redevelopment open zoning creates a greater focus on putting in the highest and best use for that development, not just what will generate the greatest amount of profit.

"Because zoning is a political process the risks that your plan will be shot down are high. Does it make sense that property owners need to beg politicians so that they can use their property?"

sales tax.

Vacant properties automatically get their property tax assessments halved. This hurts those institutions like schools and libraries which depend on property taxes to function. This then increases pressure on residential property taxes and leads to the kind of property tax increases we have seen recently on behalf of our local schools and libraries in their search for monies. This increases the costs of doing business here and begins a negative spiral.

Open zoning in redevelopment areas allows for the best of all worlds. It avoids eminent domain abuses, avoids politicization and corruption of the free market, gives individuals the maximum freedom to choose what is best for them and without secure property rights freedom and capitalism can not exist for long. At the same time it will reduce both the number of and length of vacancies, maximize the values of commercial property, reward investors and entrepreneurs and, this is for all you tax lovers out there: generate more revenue!

This is already being practiced in Anaheim California and other places to great effect. These towns are booming and businesses and citizens are benefiting. Why not do it here? Don't we deserve the benefits of the best ideas, those which keep individual liberty in the forefront? Open zoning redevelopment is a simple win-win solution that takes only courage and political will to implement. The old system is based on 20th, actually 19th century, politics. There is no reason for government to use threats, coercion or force in dealing with its people - using eminent domain for private gain is wrong. Tragically local government is mostly devoid of exciting new ideas. We deserve better in the 21st century. Open zoning redevelopment is the way to go.

SPORTS

Summer sports a big hit in Morton Grove

Softball and Little League have been a big hit this summer in Morton Grove.

In total, 336 kids participated in the boys little league and girls softball in Morton Grove.

Derek Einersen, vice president of the Little League said the season went very well, although they had a little less kids involved this year. The Rookie League includes 7 and 8 year olds, the Minor League includes 9 and 10 year olds,

the Major League includes 11 and 12 year olds and the Pony League is for ages 13, 14 and 15.

"The kids seem to really enjoy it," said Einersen. "It's a lot of fun. We had great weather this year."

Einersen said that it was his first year as vice president and although he says it was challenging, he says it was rewarding all the same.

"I think it went very well," said Ann Simkins, about the

season that recently came to an end. Simkins is vice president of the softball team in Morton Grove. She said that the girls seemed to have learned a lot this season.

There are four different groups based on age; the Pigtails, the Junior Ponytails, the Ponytails and the Senior Ponytails. The Pigtails consist of girls in grades K through second. The girls generally stay at a certain level for a couple of years and then they

move up to the next level.

The girls play about 12 games every season. They play teams from Skokie and Evanston as well.

The games are held at various parks throughout Morton Grove. Simkins said that they generally practice once a week, but some coaches have different practice schedules.

Next year, Simkins will be busy with her own four girls participating in Morton Grove Softball. She says that it's fun

to see all of the kids play against each other and she is happy they are getting physical exercise as well.

At the beginning of the year, they have a draft. Simkins said that sometimes the girls have to play against their friends.

"They don't like to see them strike out," said Simkins, about their friends on opposing teams.

There's generally two coaches per team.

USG Sheetrock 400 takes off at Chicagoland Speedway

Those attending this year's USG Sheetrock 400 race of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Weekend at Chicagoland Speedway, July 7-9, will not want to miss the 2006 U.S. Air Force "Cross Into The Blue" Tour showcasing once-in-a-lifetime simulations, interactive thrill rides, a state-of-the-art movie trailer theater and a first-rate, three-part Air Force video game.

The 2006, 60-city Tour coming to Chicagoland Speedway will provide an up-dose look into the U.S. Air Force through its unique interactives and challenging video game kiosks, featuring "F/A-22 Fighter" (a dog-fight mission); "Sky Surveillance" (navigating the unmanned aerial vehicle) and "Air Force Lifeline" (humanitarian relief mission navigating a C-17).

Entitled "Cross Into The Blue" to be easily identified with the national marketing initiative of the U.S. Air Force, the Tour comprises two customized, 53-foot trailers housing an authentic F-16 Fighting Falcon, giant movie screen, interactive elements and large

scale activities that will travel more than 120,000 miles in nine months. The Tour will have a presence at well-known city events throughout the country, as well as air shows, professional sports events and high schools, in hopes of providing Americans a closer look at the U.S. Air Force.

"We're passionate about what we do and certainly take pride in serving our country," said Brigadier General Dutch Remkes, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service Commander. "In sending out our 'Cross Into The Blue' Tour to cities across the country, we're making a commitment to share with the American people exactly who we are and what we do. It's also an excellent outlet for us to better educate recruiting prospects about our career opportunities, benefits and specialized training in aircraft maintenance, space and missile operations, air traffic control operations and other fields."

As part of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Weekend in Joliet, the U.S. Air Force "Cross Into The Blue" Tour activities will be located on the south-

western end of Chicagoland Speedway, behind the grandstands on the midway. Access is free and open to the public on Friday, July 7 (9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.); Saturday, July 8 (8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) and Sunday, July 9 (8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.).

While visiting the U.S. Air Force "Cross Into The Blue" Tour exhibit, NASCAR fans will enjoy the following: F-16 Fighting Falcon, visitors can peer into the cockpit of an actual F-16 fighter jet, which measures 49 feet 5 inches long,

stands 16 feet tall and has a wing span of 32 feet 8 inches.

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Dominance, three-part video game featuring "F/A-22 Fighter", "Sky Surveillance" and "Air Force Lifeline". The mission games are played on one of the six kiosks built into the state-of-the-art movie theater trailer.

Following its stop in the Chicago area, the U.S. Air Force "Cross Into The Blue" Tour will continue traveling the country to educate young men and women about the career opportunities and benefits associated with the U.S. Air Force.

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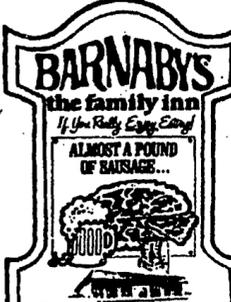
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Glass pitcher is a serious hit

By Anne McCollam
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Q: This is a photo of my cut glass pitcher. It was made in the early 1900s and was part of my grandmother's cut glass collection. Marked on the bottom are two hawks facing a fleur-de-lis above the word "Hawkes." The pitcher stands approximately 8 inches tall and is in pristine condition.

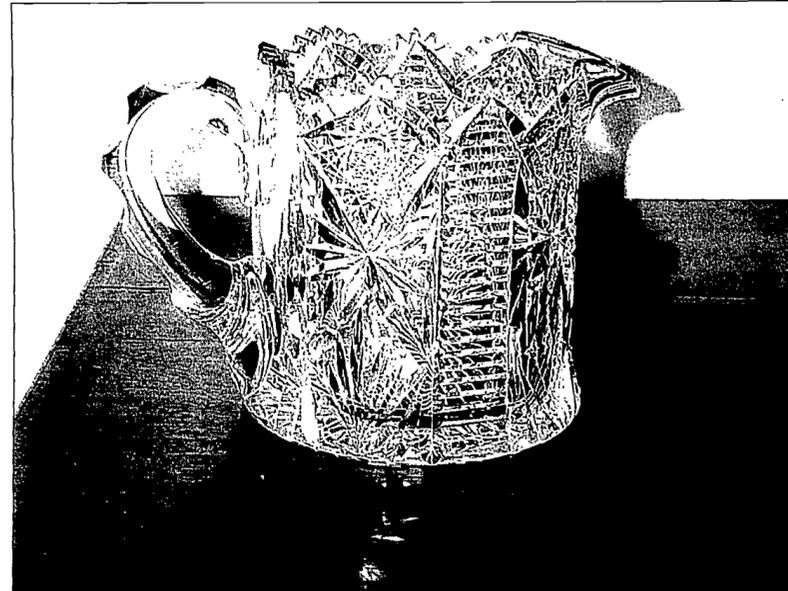
What can you tell me about my pitcher?

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A: In the world of cut glass collectors, as a rule, a pitcher like yours is referred to as a jug. T.G. Hawkes and Co. made your jug some time around 1903. They were located in Corning, N.Y., from 1880 to 1962. Your jug was made during the Brilliant Period of cut glass design, a time acknowledged as being of superb workmanship and quality that lasted from the 1880s to around 1917. Hawkes is credited with creating the famous cut glass pattern "Russian" for the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C., which was ultimately chosen to be the official dinner set in the American Embassy in Russia as well as the White House.

Your jug would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

Q: We have enclosed the mark that is on a set of porcelain dishes that belonged to our aunt. Also included with the mark are the words "Briarcliff - U.S. Patent Applied For." Our aunt bought the set in 1927 and never used any of the dishes because she didn't want to break them. There are a total of 93 pieces and each is decorated with pastel fruit and flowers against a white



background with gold trim.

What is the value of our set?
A: F. Thomas Porcelain Factory located in Marktredwitz, Bavaria, Germany, made your dishes. They were founded in 1908 and are presently still in business.

The value of your set would probably be \$800 to \$1,200.

Q: I have a 1918 Victrola VV-XI Victor Talking Machine that is in great working order and condition. The patent number is "VV-XIA445950." It stands around 40 inches tall, has a dark wood cabinet with two small doors over two tall ones, a lid that opens from the top, a crank to operate, and curved legs. Would you please tell me its value?

A: Victor Talking Machines Co. was in business from 1906 to

1929. The VV-XI model cabinets were available in either mahogany or oak. The patent number indicates your phonograph was made in 1918. Originally similar models were in the price range of \$100 to \$130.

The value today of your circa 1918 Victrola would probably be \$400 to \$600.

Q: Recently I purchased an antique cast iron nutcracker in the shape of a dog. He stands 5 inches tall and is 11 inches long from nose to end of tail. A nut is cracked by placing one in the dog's open mouth then using his tail as a lever to close his mouth and voila, a cracked nut! There is evidence of a bronze wash over the cast iron and there is no sign of a manufacturer's mark.

I paid \$85 and want to know if I spent too much.

A: Figural nutcrackers remain as popular today as they were in the past.

You didn't spend too much, especially if you're happy with your dog. Similar cast iron nutcrackers are seen in antique shops in the \$75 to \$125 range. Get your nuts out and get cracking!

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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Centreville, MI Antique & Collectible Market is back!

By Denise Stehman
PUBLICIST

The First Sunday Centreville Michigan Antique and Collectible Market is back! Bob Zurko with his great group of associates now manages it. I think everyone, the dealers and the customers, were as delighted to see its return. It opened on May 7th with some 200 dealers. To anyone who hasn't ever visited there, first let me mention that it's an outstanding fairground. It's pretty and immaculately kept up... a pleasure to visit.

The crowds were large and friendly. There was a huge variety in the merchandise which always makes for a more interesting show. Dealers were spread out on the grounds as well as in eight of the buildings. The weather could not have been more cooperative. And then of course, there was all that wonderful food...elephant ears, ice cream, sausage, pitas and all that regular stuff that you want to eat at a fair. Tables were set out under the trees and people sat around enjoying themselves while they swapped stories of their marvelous finds and buys.

It seemed to me that all areas of collecting were covered...post cards, pattern glass, prints, jewelry, furniture, collectible steins, quilts lamps, architectural pieces, linens, art glass, depression glass, fine antiques, you name it, it was there in all conditions and price ranges. Searching for that item that will round out a collection or just give pleasure is a lot of fun, especially if it's done in friendly surroundings which feature good food, good dealers, good parking. Centreville Market is just the place.

It will be held again on August 6, no show in September, October 1st. Now, just so you know...the hours are Saturday noon to 7 PM for early buyers (\$10)... Sunday 7AM to 3PM (\$3) for the general public. Come on, be there, you'll love it. Centreville Michigan Antique & Collectibles Market
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The sordid second lives of comic-book doctors

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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There have been some pretty weird doctors in the history of popular culture, from Dr. Strangelove to the present Dr. House on TV's "House," but they can hardly compare with those in early comic strips and books. With the exception of the relatively normal Rex Morgan, M.D., they were a pretty extraordinary bunch of medicos - some heroic, some villainous to the extreme.

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One of the earliest was Dr. Occult, created in 1935 by the team that would go on to conceive Superman - Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster (but credited to Legar and Reuths, quasi-anagrams of their real names) - and considered the first horror feature in comic books. Dr. Occult, who bore a family resemblance to Superman, was a trenchcoated ghost detective with a girlfriend named Rose Psychic. His career choice brought him into contact with creatures ranging from Vampire Masters to werewolves to snake gods to zombies. In one episode, he was a superhero precursor, donning a red and blue caped costume and flying through mystical landscapes battling evil.

Oddly enough, three other deviant doctors were introduced in the year 1940. Doc Savage had been a long-term character in pulp fiction magazines, whose full name was Clark Savage Jr. and who bore a strong resemblance to superstar Clark Gable. Called

The Man of Bronze, he had rippling muscles and a genius IQ, performed life-saving surgery and lived in a secluded Arctic hide-out called the Fortress of Solitude when he wasn't convening with his cohorts in a Manhattan skyscraper. Despite his name, he was one of the good Docs, vanquishing (but not killing) such foes as the Black Witch, the Annihilist, the Vanisher and the Czar of Fear. Doc Strange had a few different incarnations, first as the hero of "Thrilling Comics." He was a scientist who inventing Alosun, "a distillate of sunatoms endowing its possessor with limitless power." Unusually dressed in a business suit, he did don a red and blue costume of sorts on days he was soaring through the air fighting crime.

Another Dr. Strange, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, appeared in the 1960s, functioning both on his own and as part of the superhero team called The Defenders. The third doctor introduced in 1940 was the gold-helmeted Dr. Fate - actually archaeologist Kent Nelson - whose power to transform matter into energy was derived from an ancient Egyptian named Nabu the Wise. The following year saw the introduction of the blind Dr. Mid-Night, who, appropriately, set out to vanquish the forces of darkness, inventing a blackout bomb and accompanied on his exploits by a pet owl named Hooty.

Although not an official member of Stan Lee and Jack Kirby's iconic 1960s Fantastic Four, Doctor Doom (aka Victor Von Doom) was essential to the

series as its archvillain. In his death's-head iron mask - hiding a hideously scarred visage - and robotic full-body armor, this Darth Vaderish ruler of the mythic Eastern European nation Latveria represents pure evil, a tyrant out to control the world. Unlike some other comic book bad guys, however, he is given a fully developed back story, having gone to school with The Thing (Benjamin J. Grimm) and Mr. Fantastic (Reed Richards). The son of gypsies who were persecuted and killed, he vowed vengeance to be gained through the study of his mother's sorcery and the science he learned in American schools.

And this only scratches the surface. Some other time we'll talk about Doc Magnus, Doc Samson, Dr. Alchemy, Dr. Cadaver, Dr. Caesarean, Dr. Cobra, Dr. Cyber, Dr. Death, Dr. Demon, Doctor Destiny, Dr. Dred, Dr. Eternity, Dr. Evil, Dr. Gore, Dr. Gruesome, Dr. Macabre, Dr. Poison, Dr. Psycho, Dr. Spider, Dr. Strangefate, Dr. Strangelove, Dr. Villain and Dr. Zap.

It does make you wonder though - just what medical school did these guys graduate from, anyway?

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Rhinestones are more than fake diamonds

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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We all know what rhinestones look like, but most of us would be hard pressed to define what they are, beyond their resemblance to a diamond. Actually, the word's etymology couldn't be more straightforward: It originally referred to a kind of rock crystal found at the bottom of the river Rhone, which flows through six European countries. And since this crystal could be made to imitate diamonds,

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the term began to be applied to various kinds of (usually) colorless but high-luster gems of paste, glass or gem quartz, often faceted like the real thing. Although the word "rhinestone" now tends to carry connotations of cheap showbiz glitz, be it of the Las Vegas or the country and western variety, it actually played a rather distinguished role in the history of fine costume jewelry.

What was then referred to as imitation jewelry was seen in the Edwardian era (1890-1920) in forms very like their precious-stone counterparts, but the genre became much more prevalent from the Jazz Age on in the forms of clips, brooches, chatelaine and bar pins, bracelets, earrings, pendants, necklaces and bibs, as well as adorning such toilette items as hair combs.

There was a change of attitude in the early 20th century when Coco Chanel, Elsa Schiaparelli and other haute couture designers gave costume jewelry their endorsement, less-

ening the stigma of their being mere imitations and presenting them as having value on their own.

Many of the leading designers of costume jewelry worked with the sparkle of rhinestones, including Marcel Boucher, Trifari (whose most celebrated designer, Alfred Philippe, created molded glass and rhinestone pieces resembling Cartier's carved gemstone and diamond jewels), Napier, Miriam Haskell, Eisenberg, Kramer and Joseff of Hollywood, all of whose signed pieces are in great demand by today's collectors.

One noted for his particularly fine rhinestone work was Albert Weiss, who had worked for the Coro company before going out on his own in 1942. Weiss became noted especially for his innovative use of aurora borealis (known to collectors as AB) stones. These have a special coating via a method wherein microscopic layers of different materials are vacuum plated to glass, producing a striking rainbow-colored effect similar to that found in atmospheric phenomenon known as the northern lights. Among other things, Weiss also introduced the smoky gray rhinestone, which led to a black diamond trend.

A new book, "Rhinestone Jewelry, Figurals, Animal and Whimsicals" by Marcia "Sparkles" Brown (Collector Books; \$34.95) highlights the more fanciful elements of this category. Whether made completely of rhinestones or merely accented with them, the author highlights a variety of human figures: ladies, ballerinas, flamenco and other dancers, musicians, hobos, American Indians.

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Umbrella stand held up well

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: This umbrella stand was in my mother-in-law's house as long as I can remember. It is 24 inches tall and has creamy yellow matte glaze. Marked on the bottom are the letters "R - P" back to back and inside a circle of 14 flame points. Below that is the Roman numeral V. Above the mark are the numbers and letters "1066 - BY."

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Thank you for any information you can provide.

A: Rookwood Pottery made your umbrella stand. Maria Longworth Nichols founded the pottery in Cincinnati in 1880. The mark you so clearly described is their flame mark that was first used in 1886. Each flame point represents a year from 1886 to 1900. After that a Roman numeral was placed at the base and represented the year of manufacture. "V" shows your umbrella stand was made in 1905 and "1066-BY" is the design number. Your umbrella stand is an example of Rookwood's Architectural Faience line that was in production from 1902 to around 1940. After financial difficulties and several owners, Rookwood Pottery closed in 1967.

Your umbrella stand would probably be worth \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Q: Enclosed is the mark seen on the bottom of a porcelain vase that I recently bought at an arts and crafts show for \$400. The vase stands 8 inches tall and is decorated with pink roses and green leaves against a white background. It is in mint condition.



What can you tell me about my vase?

A: Willets Manufacturing Co. made your American Belleek vase. They produced porcelain from 1879 to 1909 in Trenton, N.J. Willets Belleek porcelain was known as the "Art Porcelain" line and was similar to Irish Belleek.

Your vase was made in the 1890s and anywhere from \$400

to \$700 would be a fair market value.

Q: I found two Baltimore and Ohio train tickets in the pages of an old family Bible. They are Sunday excursion tickets from Wheeling, W.Va., to Pittsburgh and dated Aug. 21, 1892. The tickets state they can only be used on the train leaving from Wheeling at 5:05 p.m. on the date stamped on the back.

I wonder if you might be able to tell me their value.

A: Railroad memorabilia are extremely popular with collectors. There is a plethora of items available that includes dinnerware, calendars, playing cards, switch keys, menus and linens. Collectors need to do their homework and be aware the market is teeming with reproductions and fantasy items.

Your tickets would probably be worth \$25 to \$35 each.

Q: In the early 1960s I was a stewardess for United Airlines and still have one of their Hawaiian travel posters. It is a scene of five people riding a huge wave in an outrigger. In the background is a mountain. The size is 40 by 20 inches and it is in excellent condition.

Does it have any value or should I toss it out?

A: Vintage travel posters are growing in demand. Don't pitch it, have it framed and keep it. Your poster was the creation of California illustrator Stan Galli. His Hawaiian outrigger posters were printed in the 1950s and 1960s. Galli was commissioned to illustrate scenes for United Airlines, General Motors, Saturday Evening Post, Reader's Digest and Pacific Telephone.

Your unframed travel poster would probably be worth \$350 to \$450.

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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blackmoors, genies and sheiks, waiters, organ grinders, soldiers, sailors and footballers, to name a few. From the animal kingdom comes a similar diversity - elephants, lions, leopards and tigers, roosters and cocks, lambs, donkeys, bulls, horses, rabbits, poodles and Scotties, cats and mice, turtles and frogs, snakes and spiders, butterflies, plus an aviary full of birds.

Most of the items in the book are priced in the two-figure range, but here are a few high-end exceptions from various periods, illustrating the tremendous growth of interest in costume jewelry:

- Eisenberg original king and queen chatelaine fur clips, \$965.
- Boucher diamante stork, \$900.
- Eisenberg gold-plated eagle with rhinestone stars in the background, \$875.
- Boucher Hispanic head with six emerald-cut glass tones in its sombrero rim, \$875.
- Lawrence Veba tropical tree pin with red glass flowers trimmed in rhinestones, and green rhinestone branches, \$295.
- Trifari ballerina with green rhinestones on tutu and crown, \$195.
- Brooch slide of a Shriner in full parade costume by Ora, \$165.
- Two sailors by Wendy Gill, \$110.

Linda Rosenkrantz has edited Auction magazine and authored 15 books, including "Beyond Jennifer & Jason, Madison & Montana: What to Name Your Baby Now" (St. Martin's Press; \$13). She cannot answer letters personally.

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Niles seniors looking for the next Senior Idol

Niles Senior Idols wanted

Do you have what it takes to become the Illinois Senior Idol? Any and all Niles seniors who are interested in auditioning, should contact Kathryn at the Niles Senior Center (847 588-8420). Individuals or groups of up to 4 people are invited to perform. Stop by the Senior Center Front Desk for a set of rules and an application. Seven cash prizes will be awarded. The Registration Deadline is Wednesday, August 9th. Transportation will be provided for qualifying Niles senior participants to Drury Lane for both the Auditions on September 6th and the competition of Sept. 7th.

Summer Evening Movie Schedule

\$2 (with dinner) 5:00 p.m.
This summer, join us for Niles Senior Center's weekly "Dinner and a Movie" featuring a broad spectrum of movie favorites from the 1930s to the present. Before the movie, enjoy the special \$2.00 Hot Dog Dinner (Hot Dogs - Pizza rotation starts in July) served at 5:00PM and then relax and enjoy the movie. Advanced Registration is Required if you are planning to join us for dinner. If you want to come for the movie only there is NO charge and you are not required to register in advance. Following is a list of upcoming movies:

- July 12 - Some Like It Hot (1959) Jack Lemmon, Marilyn Monroe (Pizza Night)
- July 26 - Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005 PG13) Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie (Hot Dogs)
- August 2 - Little Women

(1933) Katherine Hepburn, Joan Bennet (Pizza)
August 9 - Failure to Launch (2006 PG13) Matthew McConaughey (Hot Dog)
August 16 - Guys and Dolls (1955) Frank Sinatra, Marlon Brando (Pizza)

Afternoon in Paris

Thursday, August 3 12:00 - 2:00 \$12. Claudia Hommel is back to awe us with her cabaret show. Claudia and singer/pianist Bob Moreen will introduce you to "Marcelle" a Parisian cabaret owner who recounts through song and spoken word, the events of her life in France before, during, and after WWII. Tres Bien. Lunch served at noon followed by entertainment. Reservations required. For more information, contact Kathryn (847 588-8420).

Hooked on Fishing?

All Fishing Outings are open to residents and their non-resident friends. We meet at the selected site at 8:00AM. Cost includes bait, morning snack, lunch and prizes. And just in case you don't have a pole, we have a few that can be borrowed. A valid Fishing License is required. Call MaryAnn (847 588-8420) for more information.

Friday, July 21 is at the McHenry Dam on the Fox River - Shore Fishing \$12
Saturday, August 5th is the Bob Lindstrom Memorial Fishing Derby at Bangs Lake - on a boat \$15. There is no shore fishing on this outing. Since arrangements for the boats must be made in advance, registration for this outing must be made no later than July 21.

Social Scrabble Group

If you enjoy playing scrabble, this group is for you! We meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 231. We have the games, but we need the participants. Drop on by and get acquainted.

Newcomers

Get Acquainted with the Senior Center July 20th from 10:11:00 a.m. Newcomers are asked to call the Niles Senior Center to reserve a place at our July 20th Newcomers meeting and tour. Take a tour of our beautiful facility and meet members of our staff. 847 588-8420.

The Effective Communication Group

A supportive, informational group that deals with hearing loss issues and the latest in assistive technology. We welcome anyone with Hearing Loss issues to the Effective Communication Group, which meets the fourth Thursday of the month. If you have any questions or want to look at assistive device catalogs, please contact Trudi Davis (847 588-8420).

Lunch with the Red Hatters

The Niles Senior Center Red Hatters are off to several fine restaurants over the summer.

On July 25th, we're off to Toscana, 4907 Oakton in Skokie. On August 16th lunch is at Tsukasa of Tokyo, 561 Milwaukee Ave in Vernon Hills. Please register at least one week in advance. Call Kelly for costs, car pooling and/or directions. Red Hats and Purple Outfit required.

Plan ahead and nix surprise arrangements

By Doug Mayberry
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My husband and I don't understand today's family lifestyle. We have always tried to make plans for our holidays and family gatherings in advance. Recently we moved

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to a retirement community and are finding many activities and travel opportunities. Last month we took a quick discounted cruise and missed our grandkid's birthday party. When we returned, our son told us how upset his family was when we didn't show up. Unknowingly, they had also planned to leave the grandchildren with us while they went to a convention after the party. Our friends have similar complaints that their family always expects them to be available as well. We love our kids, but don't we have the right to have a life, too?

A: Absolutely. Somehow, when we retire many of our children assume we have nothing to do. A simple 24-hour advance phone call is sufficient to alert us when we are needed. They also may not realize how important it is for you to make new friends in your community. Book a family meeting to discuss your mutual feelings. Suggest what you would like to do for the holidays, vacations, birthdays and anniversaries for the rest of the year. Raising children and dealing with careers has never been more hectic than today, but it should not interfere with communication.

Most of us don't want to interfere with our family's

activities, particularly when your son and daughter-in-law invite their in-laws over. Each family has the right to some private family sharing.

The key is to keep your communication open and confirm plans after both parties have talked. Usually, scheduling conflicts can be compromised. The majority of us don't like surprises. Ask them if they do?

Q: Our granddaughter is now 16 and is a wonderful girl. Academically she is at the top of her class, heading toward college, friendly and we wouldn't ask for a nicer personality. Our only concern is her weight. She is 25 pounds overweight and is already finding boyfriends unavailable while her friends date regularly. Everyone in the family has tried to discuss the issue and convince her that boys like slim girls. She does not seem to care, but her brother tells us she said she really would like to have a boyfriend. She tells us that she has tried every kind of diet, but nothing works. What can we do?

A: There is no question that boys like slender girls, particularly as teenagers. Losing weight is a complicated issue affected by appetite, emotional stress, attitude toward exercise, eating too quickly and health issues such as hormonal disorders. Other important factors are boredom, parental conflicts, lack of attention or lack of love. Your granddaughter may not understand why she is having difficulties. It will require patience to analyze the underlying issues. A physical conducted by her doctor would be a good start to gain some understanding. Guiding

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Next year, 2007, is The Bugle's 50th year of publication in Niles. We are working now to mark this auspicious occasion and need your help. We know that The Bugle has been there over the years to cover the news that's important to our community. We're working now on special features for The Bugle's 50th and we'd like to make it even more special by providing a space for readers to share their memories.
Memories can be faxed to (847) 588-1911 or mailed to The Bugle 7400 N. Waukegan Rd. Niles, IL 60714. Thanks in advance for all your help in making 2007 The Bugle's Golden Year!

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Maine Township seniors plan summer activities

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.maintown.com.

Watercolor Workshop

Fridays, July 14 & 21
In this class you will learn to loosen-up your paintings. Specifically, we'll learn wet washes, splatters, salts, glazes using resists, clouds, fog, winter shadows, snowfall and creating special effects in watercolor. Learn to see color in a new way. Bring your lunch with you.

Those were the days Radio Players' Program

Monday, July 17
The Radio Players will perform re-creations of old radio shows for your enjoyment. Come and experience the "good ol'" days. Space is limited so sign up early.

Computer Workshop

"Microsoft Word Intermediate"
Tuesday, July 18

You will learn how to do the following: Columns, clip art, inserting pictures, tables, headers and footers, create a form letter, mailing labels, envelopes and mail merge. Learn more about the capabilities of Word at this workshop. Only the instructor will have a computer.

AARP Driver Safety Program

July 31, August 2
This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes to driving and the rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

Women's Tea

July 27
If you have a hobby, a beautiful photograph or a story, come show off and bask in your "5 minutes of fame." We'd love to hear from you or just come and enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

2006 Handyman Guide

Fresh off the press...the brand new 2006 Handyman Guides are available to residents at no charge. The guide lists numerous handymen that offer services that included plumbing, painting, roofing, remodeling, snowplowing and many more. The book MUST be picked up at the Town Hall and is limited to one per household.

New Passport Information

Clerk Warner reminds everyone that U.S. Citizens

will need passports to travel by air and sea to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Bermuda and parts of Central and South America beginning in January 2007. Passports or other secure documents, such as the passport card currently under development, will be required for all land border crossings to Canada and Mexico beginning in January 2008. Clerk Warner invites everyone who needs a passport to apply in the Maine Township Clerk's Office. We thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

Milwaukee Zoo Intergenerational Outing

August 11
Come monkey around with us at the Milwaukee Zoo. Enjoy a day with your grandkids, nieces or nephews at one of the top zoos in the nation. Included in the price are transportation, admission and the Sea Lion Show. Lunch will be on your own.

To stop a thief

By Joe Volz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

My wife, Kate, had her car stolen just once, while she was living in Washington and taking care of her son's home for the

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weekend. She had parked on the street rather than in the parking space behind the town house, as her son suggested. Since she was only a few short blocks from the U.S. Capitol, she figured it as safe.

When Kate came out the next morning, the car wasn't there.

At first, she thought she had not remembered exactly where she had parked it. But a search of several blocks was to no avail. She called the police.

A policeman explained that kids out for a joy ride were the most likely culprits. Often they strike at night, when they are out for a good time anyway. He added that they usually would drive a car until it ran out of gas

and then dump it. He warned Kate that it could take a while to find the car.

It did.

Kate had to rent a car at her own expense for the month it took before the police found her vehicle in a shopping center parking lot 25 miles away. She was lucky overall, nonetheless; the car hadn't been in a wreck, though its contents were ransacked and the radio had been stolen.

Summer is prime time for auto theft, police officers warn. And older people often are targeted, particularly if they don't drive their car daily. Thieves may gamble that you might not even notice it's gone for a day or two.

One way for you to make sure you know how to keep your car safe is to check with your local police department. Often, as part of their community outreach, police will give talks to senior groups or at senior centers to explain how a car thief operates and the steps you can take to protect your car from being stolen.

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her toward lifetime weight control should be the goal.

At some point she will understand that being overweight can shorten her lifespan. She needs to compare her caloric intake with the amount of calories she expends in exercise and daily activities. Millions of dollars are spent each year on the latest exercise fads, books, food supplements and other remedies to help us maintain the weight we desire. However, most of it doesn't work. Lighten up with the pressure to lose weight immediately. Committing to her desired weight is a challenge

only she can make! The best approach is to be patient with your granddaughter, try not to criticize her, point her toward making her desired goals and provide plenty of love and positive support. With her personality, it's reasonable she will find her way and those guys will be asking her to the movies in no time.

Doug Mayberry lives in a retirement community in Southern California. Send your questions to him at doug@msn.com or write to him at P.O. Box 2649, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

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LIFE

Grill Queens barbecue flank steak fit for a king

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chefs

"We met as enemies!" exclaimed tiara totin' "BBQ Queen" Karen Adler, with a laugh. "Judith and I had competing cookbooks. I was the Kansas City hometown girl and she was the Johnny-come-lately interloper."

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"I was the happy home wrecker," laughed Judith Fertig, the other half of the girls-at-the-grill duo. "But as fate would have it, we met at the Kansas City Chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food luncheon and - unfortunately - we liked each other!"

The two began working together on publishing projects through Adler's publishing house, Pig Out Publications, which specialized in books about grilling. Their first book together was "Fish & Shellfish Grilled & Smoked" (\$15.95). Their lives took a dramatic turn in 1993 when Kansas City radio DJ opened his femaphobic mouth and said: "Girls can't grill! Grilling is a man's sport."

The mitts were off and the infamous Kansas City Battle of the Sexes Barbecue Contest was on. Adler and Fertig decided that they could not only best the guys in burning meat, but that they could do it while maintaining a very feminine identity. And what's more female than a queen and her tiara and pearls? Thus the "BBQ Queens" were born.

With tongs and tiaras, the royal two gave the first competition their best shot, but came out on the short end of the rib. Undaunted, they came back the next year - and won. The following year they won again.

"The guys were so embarrassed that they folded their tents, packed up their briquettes and said they didn't want to compete anymore," chuckled Adler.

So there they were. Two queens without competition, but with great outfits. "We decided we had stumbled onto a good thing," remembered Fertig. "In 1997, we began our 'BBQ Queen' cookbook series with 'Easy Grilling & Simple Smoking With the BBQ Queens,' also from Pig Out Publications."

In order to publicize their books, the two began to make

appearances and soon were cooking across America.

"We took our tiaras on the road," explains Fertig with a chuckle. "We had the pearls, tiaras and sashes - the whole bit when we cooked. But the sashes kept getting in the way so we ditched them. The tiaras were a bit of problem, too; they pinched your head while you worked. So we made rhinestone hats for cooking and wore our real tiaras when we ate."

"One time when we doing a television show in St. Louis," continues Fertig. "We had bad tiaras, but darned good looking ribs. The show's hostess was beautiful, her name was Debbye Turner, and she mentioned that she, too, had a very special tiara. 'Really?' we said. We didn't think anyone normal would ever wear them. She flashed a smile and said that her tiara was from the Miss America Pageant, which she won in 1990!"

Fertig and Adler have cumulatively authored 20 cookbooks that have sold almost 500,000 copies. Harvard Common Press has signed them for four "BBQ Queen" cookbooks. They have taught more than 50,000 students around the country and have appeared in most major foodie magazines, including Food & Wine, Bon Appetit and Saveur. They have also appeared on scores of local television stations and the TV Food Network, HGTV and the DIY Network.

The Dish

Adler and Fertig have picked the tough but flavorful flank steak and elevated it to gourmet status. Their Grilled Flank Steak With Avocado Salsa Verde and Grilled Corn is big on flavor and color, and is easy to prepare.

"We just love it when a sauce can function as a vegetable serving as it does here," says Fertig. "Fresh tomatillos, those paper-husked small and green members of the tomato family, are available at larger supermarkets or at Hispanic markets. If you can't get tomatillos in your area, substitute 2 cups of fresh chopped red tomato. You won't have salsa verde or green sauce then, but it will still be dum good. If you wish, grill a second flank steak to have on hand for meals later in the week or for sandwiches."

The flank steak is also known as a London broil. It is cut from the long belly muscles of the cow. Although it has no association with London, the name has increased the popularity of the

cut and helped drive up the price. Even so, it's still one of the most affordable cuts in the meat section. Because it is a bit chewy, many recipes call for marinating or braising. In this recipe, it is grilled directly on the fire until rare or medium and cut on the diagonal, against the grain, to ensure tenderness.

"Make sure the corn is the freshest you can buy," emphasizes Adler. "Judith and I are from the Midwest - we're corn snobs. But some time ago I tried to grow my own corn. I was really excited when I picked my first crop. My husband asked why I left the corn stalks up after I harvested. I looked at him and said, 'I left the stalks so I can get more corn, of course.'"

"She's the blonde," laughed Fertig.

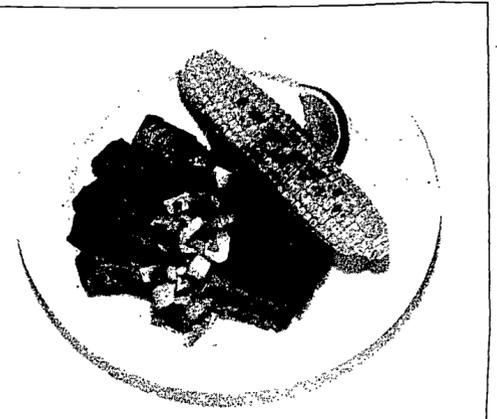
The Wine

The grilled flank steak and salsa dish has summer written all over it. One of very favorite wines of summer is rose. And when we talk of rose, we're not talking about sticky sweet "blush wines," but crisp, medium-dry fruity wines that beg for grilled meals. We've selected a Van Duzer Rose 2005 (\$14.95) for our match. This crisp, bright pink wine delivers a wonderful concentration of flavors and aromas.

Great roses in Oregon are just beginning to get the notice they deserve. The winemakers of the state have been making these refreshing wines for years, but keeping their production for friends and family. It was basically an insider's wine until wine lovers began demanding it for themselves. The word really got out when Oregon master winemaker Mike Etzel of Beaux Freres started offering his own rose, Belles Soeurs, in 2005.

Van Duzer Vineyards are in the Willamette pinot noir country, where evening Pacific breezes cool the grapes after the long, warm days of summer. The vineyard is owned by Carl and Marilyn Thoma, who, along with winemaker Jim Kakacek, practice sustainable agricultural techniques that are rapidly gaining popularity in the wine world.

"I believe that Oregon's cool-weather vineyards produce wines on par with those of other wine regions located on the 49-degree latitude," claims Carl Thoma. That other wine region he speaks of is Burgundy, France. The Van Duzer rose is made from pinot noir and shows deep strawberry and cherry aromas with hints of lavender and lilac.



Grilled Flank Steak with Avocado Salsa Verde and Grilled Corn

- Avocado Salsa Verde:
10 tomatillos, diced
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro
2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
1 tablespoon lime juice, or more to taste
1 teaspoon fine kosher or sea salt
2 large, ripe avocados
- Flank steak:
1 (1 1/2-pound) flank steak
Olive oil
Juice of 4 limes
Fine kosher or sea salt, to taste
Freshly ground pepper, to taste
4 to 6 ears of corn, shucked and silk removed
Yields 4 servings.

Prepare a hot fire in your grill.
To prepare Avocado Salsa Verde: Combine tomatillos, onion, cilantro, peppers, lime juice and salt in bowl. Peel and chunk avocados into salsa and stir to blend. Add more lime juice if necessary. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

To prepare steak: Rub flank steak with olive oil and drizzle with some of the lime juice, then sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste. Place in sealable plastic bag or disposable aluminum pan. Brush corn with olive oil, then drizzle with lime juice, and season to taste. Place bag of steak and corn on a tray.

Remove steak from bag and grill, turning once, about 2 1/2 to 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. Grill corn, turning often, until kernels have browned and softened, about 4 minutes total.

To serve: Slice steak on the bias, top slices with salsa, and accompany with corn.

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Meryl Streep devilishly good in Prada

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New Releases

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA - Whatever Travis Bickle had in mind, surely it couldn't have been this. The outraged eponymous narrator of "Taxi Driver" fantasized a cleansing rain that

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would wash away all the filth of a raunchy mid-'70s Manhattan. In a twisted way, he has gotten his wish: First a safe, sanitized, Disney-stamped Times Square; and now, to seal the transformation in shrink-wrapped celluloid, "The Devil Wears Prada," a flat comedy that pretends to cluck its tongue at gloss and glitz and the surface tension of lives attuned only to appearances, then spends most of its time drooling over them. Still, "The Devil Wears Prada" joins that select list of movies with a secondary player so captivating that you want the whole thing to come to a screeching halt, reconfigure itself and follow her, instead. Emily Blunt stealthily swipes every scene she's in as the ambitious, backbiting and increasingly desperate and brittle Number One Assistant. Watching her come apart over the course of the film is both distracting and frustrating: Where, you keep wondering, is her movie? A Twentieth Century Fox release. Director: David Finkel. Writer: Aline Brosh McKenna. Cast: Anne Hathaway, Meryl Streep, Stanley Tucci, Emily Blunt. Running time: 1 hour, 46 minutes. Rated PG-13. 1 1/2 stars.

SUPERMAN RETURNS - Superman has to fly again. We all know that, as we gaze upward, so why bother with the mere levitation of his box-office numbers? Because "Superman Returns" cost "Titanic" treasure (circa \$200 million). And Warner Bros. has a summer (and maybe its year) riding on it. And, 28 years after Christopher Reeve first flew to stardom as Superman, the suit must again be filled, flown, flourished. Bryan Singer directed well, efficiently disguising effort. Stuck with required elements, he sports them entertainingly. Clark Kent still bumbles, then does



changes worthy of a demon Houdini, saving New Yorkers who shed cynicism for awe as their flying safety net appears (but there is an ache now: Where was he on 9/11/01?). Stick for the end credits. There is Brando reunited with Saint, for the first time since "On the Waterfront" in 1954. Singer, you sang a nice note there. A Warner Bros. release. Director: Bryan Singer. Writers: Michael Dougherty, Dan Harris, Bryan Singer. Cast: Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey, Frank Langella, Parker Posey, Sam Huntington, Eva Marie Saint, Marlon Brando. Running time: 2 hours, 12 minutes. Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

Recent Releases

WAIST DEEP - "Waist Deep" is like a Hallmark card delivered by Tomahawk missile. Its central, gentle theme of father-son bonds is advanced through action that features one severed hand, numerous shooting deaths and enough beat-downs to make the WWF claim copyright infringement. Then, the movie is topped by a marshmallow finale from some lost hip-hop remake of "It's a

Wonderful Life"; the last scenes leave the formerly hard-edged "Waist Deep" up to the ears in corn. That uncertain tone winds up blunting some good performances by Tyrese Gibson as O2, an ex-con trying to do right by his young son, and Meagan Good as Coco, a street hustler who reluctantly takes up with O2 (aka Otis). But it doesn't derail "Waist Deep" completely, thanks in part to artfully choreographed action that revs up the sometimes-talky plotting. A Rogue Pictures release. Director: Vondie Curtis-Hall. Writers: Vondie Curtis-Hall, Darin Scott, Michael Mahern. Cast: Tyrese Gibson, Meagan Good, Larenz Tate, The Game, H. Hunter Hall. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

CLICK - The name of the film is "Click," but that could also be the sound in your head, the early warning that you've been had again, stung by another dud. It stars Adam Sandler as Michael, an architect so dedicated that he works on a traditional drafting board at home in his off-hours, with no computer. But he's also so pliable that he tosses out all design integrity, to win the favor of his vain,

obnoxious boss (David Hasselhoff) and to please greedy Japanese builders. Michael feels stuck, a workaholic little appreciated by his boss and short-changing his perfect family of two cute kids and skinny Kate Beckinsale, sort of a workin' stiff's trophy wife. Exhausted, he runs to a bed-and-bath shop to buy a universal remote control (don't ask about logic), and lucks into a vast storage room run by a sort of Mr. Wizard named Monty (Christopher Walken, under a stacked wig that could have embarrassed even Harpo Marx). Nothing embarrasses the writers or producer/star Sandler. Even before they give Michael (via Walken) the radically universal remote that gives him control over his life and other people, and has buttons to time-trip into his past and future, they've accessorized him with a pile of bad gags. A Sony Pictures release.

Director: Frank Coraci. Writers: Steve Koren, Mark O'Keefe. Cast: Adam Sandler, Christopher Walken, Kate Beckinsale, Henry Winkler, David Hasselhoff, Julie Kavner. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated PG-13. 1 star.

THE LAKE HOUSE - Maybe its glacial pacing is a try at perfect authenticity: When Keanu Reeves enters "The Lake House," after all, it's 2004. By the time the movie's over, you might think that's when you started out, too. Reeves and Sandra Bullock star as Alex and Kate, two Chicagoans caught up in what Kate sheepishly calls "sort of a long-distance relationship." It's not actually distance that's the issue; in fact, they hang out in the same waterfront digs. But Kate is in 2006; Alex is still dawdling back in '04. "The Lake House" is a remake of a Korean picture known outside its home country as "Il Mare." The new movie takes that title to heart; it lolls in the doldrums and leaves us at sea. A Warner Bros. Pictures release. Director: Alejandro Agresti. Writers: David Auburn, Eun-jeong Kim, Ji-na Yeo. Cast: Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves, Christopher Plummer, Dylan Walsh, Shohreh Aghdashloo. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rate PG. 1 1/2 stars.

NACHO LIBRE - Jack Black is a fun machine who can fork-lift humor by just using his eyebrows. And he makes you smile before and after laughing, because his class clown's eagerness to amuse is so endearing. You can't really complain about cheesy body humor in a wrestling comedy that has Nacho in the title. But the reliance on it starts to seem a fallback for Yanqui writers who probably don't relish Mexican wrestling enough to really develop the lampoon levels (instead, let's have a fat woman salivating after scared Esqueleto). Odds favor Black finding better comic gold, though not, this time, the treasure of the Sierra Madre. A Paramount Pictures release. Director: Jared Hess. Writers: Jared Hess, Jerusha Hess, Mike White. Cast: Jack Black, Hector Jimenez, Ana de la Reguera, Moises Aria, Peter Stormare. Running time: 1 hour, 27 minutes. Rated PG. 2 1/2 stars.

A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION - If you saw Lily Tomlin and Meryl Streep doing their sparky, funny intro of Robert Altman at the 2006 Oscars, you got an appetizer of "A Prairie Home Companion." The movie, the most blithely charming film Altman has made, is a fully satisfying meal. Garrison Keillor plays himself, on and off the stage of what is to be the final "Prairie" broadcast from the handsomely dated (since 1910) Fitzgerald Theatre in St. Paul, Minn. As a framing device, a '40s-era detective, suave Guy Noir (Kevin Kline), ambles over from a glowingly retro diner and, as one of the dovetailing elements, keeps fussy watch on the proceedings. Keillor salts his cracker barrel with some real sophistication, and Altman is the magician to catch that uniqueness on film. His feeling for characters again shapes their world. This is love, and it powers the dance of "Nashville" courting St. Paul. A Picturehouse release. Director: Robert Altman. Writer: Garrison Keillor. Cast: Garrison Keillor, Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Kline, Woody Harrelson, Lindsay Lohan, John C. Reilly, L.Q. Jones, Tommy Lee Jones, Molly Rudolph, Tom Keith. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG-13. 4 stars.

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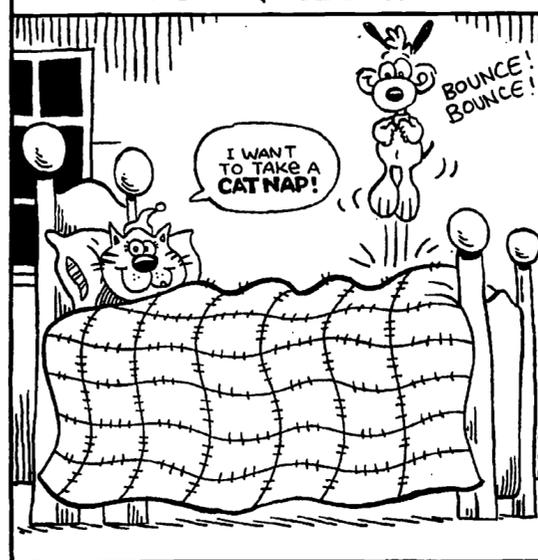
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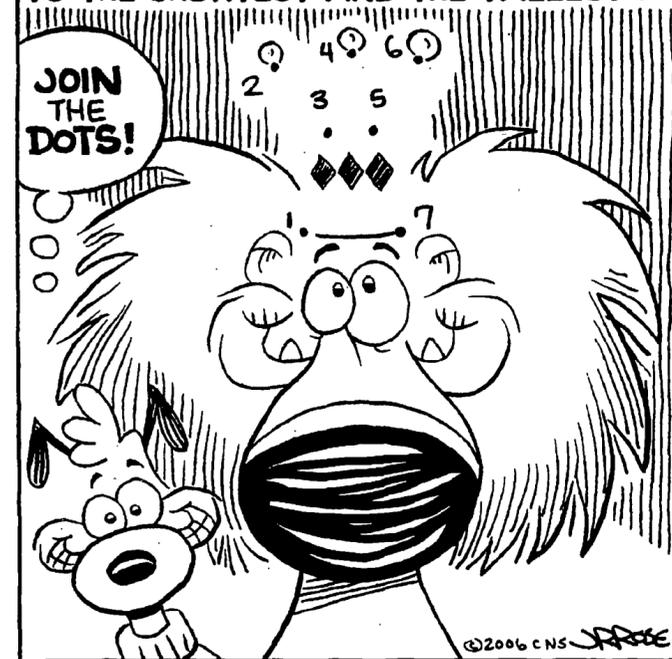
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How to make a cavernous room cozy

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Our huge living room has 14-foot ceilings that dwarf all the furniture we moved in from our previous house. I added a big chandelier and bought the largest painting I could find for over the sofa, but still we don't feel comfortable sitting in there.

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I'm guessing the answer might be a giant armoire or tall bookcases, but we are more strapped than we expected after the move. What else can we do to cozy-up this space? Paint stripes on the walls or what?

A: Six stripes, unless you paint them sideways, going around the room horizontally. That would lower your sights and keep the center of attention more or less at eye level.

Otherwise, you are right on the money with that big chandelier and large painting. Big spaces call for beau geste on a heroic scale - like the huge harlequins on the wallpaper (from York, www.yorkwall.com) in the room we show here. Oversized, but not overbearing, thanks to their soft coloration, this is nonetheless a pattern for the brave, especially those like you who are blessed (or cursed) with soaring ceilings.

Author Mary Ellen Poulson ("The Trim Idea Book," Taunton Press) has another good suggestion: Use wood trimmings to break up all that wall space. She suggests chair rails at mid-wall height, or plate rails higher up on wain-



scot panels, with deep crown mouldings to top it all off.

Mary Ellen also offers a fresh take on the old-fashioned picture rail so beloved by the Victorians. "Whether

or not you actually hang pictures from them, the high rails are a nice way to bring the ceiling into context with the room," she says.

What with today's preoccupa-

tion will tell if the rising trajectory of energy costs will bring them back down to human size. That is, if the sheer bewilderment of filling so much space doesn't.

Q: My grandmother was telling me about the star designer of her day, Dorothy Draper, but it's not a name I know. As I don't Google, can you enlighten me? Who was she and what did she do when?

A: Dorothy Draper was the star interior design of the mid-20th century. Tall, beautiful and to the manor born, she had been nicknamed "Star" by her father, and by the 1940s all of America seemed to agree. It was the height of fashion to be "Draperized," that is, submerged in overblown, cabbage-rose-strewn fabrics and wallpapers, floored in sleek, dramatic, black-and-white vinyl checks and surrounded by antiques that may have been cut down or painted white to suit Draper's unorthodox vision. "We have no respect for old things," she famously told Edward R. Murrow during an early TV interview. "We cut legs off, chop doors, paint things as we need to."

Indeed, Draper's unbridled brand of English baroque bordered on the surreal. But she enjoyed real and total fame in booming post-war America, designing car interiors for the 1952 Packard, redoing apartment houses (the Hampshire House in New York), top hotels (the Drake in Chicago) and resorts (the elegant old Greenbrier in West Virginia). And everyone from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to

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Crab apple tree weakens with wet weather

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We have two crab apple trees, one in the front by the driveway and one in the back. They bloomed very nicely this spring and we thought they

A GREENER VIEW

were doing fine. But recently, the leaves are turning really dry, with yellow and brown spots as if diseased, and they're falling off the tree like autumn leaves. They are so dry they crumble when touched. The one in the front is making the driveway look dirty. What can we do?

A: This is going to be a hard year on many crab apple trees. The apple scab fungus likes the wet spring weather that much of the country has had lately, and susceptible apple trees are going to have problems.

Apple scab fungus affects apples and crab apples. The leaves get faded yellow spots that eventually die, leaving a scablike appearance. A leaf or fruit with too many scabs falls off. They need to be cleaned up to slow the spread of the disease. Even though the fungal spores can travel for miles on the wind, there are a lot more under the tree if the dead leaves and fruit are still there. The best defense against this disease is to plant newer varieties of trees that are much less susceptible to apple scab.

I know many people do not like to spray their plants, but this is a simple disease to treat. Older, susceptible varieties should be sprayed with a fungicide every other week during wet springs, from the time the leaves start coming out until warm dry summer weather takes over. Check with your nursery or Extension Service office for the current fungicides available in your area. Follow label directions and you will not harm anything in your yard. You will be rewarded by a healthy tree.

A protected tree will provide shade and will grow stronger,

rather than weaker, over the summer. A tree that loses a lot of leaves can become weak. Weak trees have smaller leaves and fewer of them the following spring. After several wet springs in a row, the tree can die. Fortunately, if the tree can have a summer of good growth, it will recover quickly.

This fall, after mid-October, you can fertilize the tree. Use a spike-type fertilizer, or drill inch-wide holes 8 inches in the ground, and use a teaspoonful of 10:10:10 fertilizer. The holes should be in a grid pattern 2 feet apart, starting 2 feet from the trunk, ending past the length of the branches. It is often easier to fertilize the lawn area and water it in so the fertilizer gets past the grass roots and down to the tree roots.

It is no fun raking up leaves all summer and again in the fall, but it is often harder to make the decision to cut down a tree. Many newer varieties of crab apples show a lot of resistance to this disease. Each year, more new varieties are introduced to the nursery trade. This is the perfect time to visit a nursery to find out which varieties do well. If one still has leaves at the local nursery, it might be a good replacement for you, depending on flower, fruit and overall size characteristics.

Q: Just when our phlox seem to start blooming, the lower leaves begin turning yellow with some small brownish spots, and the leaves turn light brown. The discoloration moves to the top, and eventually all the leaves start to fall off or I cut them off because they look very bad. Meantime, the flowers keep blooming, but the plants look pretty sad.

This has been happening for the last few years. One year I was told it might be fungus, so I sprayed fungicide and it seemed to help a little. Last year, I sprayed fungicide, but didn't seem to work. Now, some of the leaves are beginning to turn yellow. What should I do?

A: I think what you are seeing in the yellow leaves is the final effect of powdery mildew. If you look closely, you will probably see a white or gray powder on the leaf. Heavy infections cover the leaf, so that it looks as if it was dusted with flour. The fungus starts on the lower leaves and moves up the plant over the summer.

Powdery mildew can infect many perennials, small fruits such as strawberry and raspberry, and shrubs such as lilacs.

Like apple scab, powdery mildew prefers humidity and cool weather. It also weakens the plant it is infecting. Short periods of rain or sprinkler water on the leaves will make plants more susceptible. Plants growing in the shade or sheltered areas take longer to dry off; pruning trees and shrubs to encourage drying sunlight and wind movement can help.

Fungicides are available for treatment, but small plants like these are easily replaced. Many newer varieties that are very resistant to this disease are available for all the susceptible plant species.

I generally resist using homemade concoctions for treating plants. An exception you might try, however, is mixing 1 1/2 tablespoons of baking soda to a gallon of water and spraying it on the plants weekly. Also, an accepted use of horticultural oil is to use it at a rate of 3 tablespoons per gallon of water every two weeks. You can also combine the baking soda and horticultural oil at those rates with the gallon of water and use this mix every two weeks. The key to all fungicide treatments is the continued use until the conditions for its growth are gone.

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

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GARDEN TIP

Hard year for crab apple

The apple scab fungus thrives in wet conditions. To prevent it from returning, clean up fallen leaves and replace your trees, try this:

Clean the fungal spores by spraying them every other week with a fungicide to slow the spread of the disease.

Since spores travel on the wind, clean up fallen leaves quickly as they drop.

This fall, fertilize the tree using a spike type fertilizer or, drill 1" wide holes in the ground, 8" deep, in a grid pattern, 2 feet apart, starting 2 feet from the base of the trunk, ending just beyond the branches and apply a teaspoon of 10:10:10 fertilizer.

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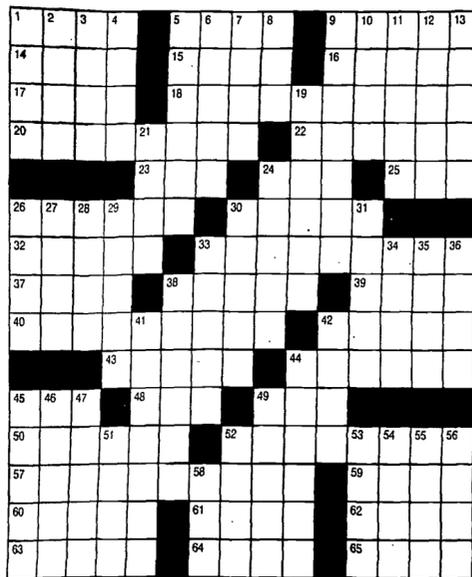
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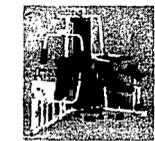
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