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## Final Niles smoking ordinance months away

### More residents voice opinions at last week's meeting

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

An increased number of people shared their thoughts and emotions regarding a smoking

ban in Niles at the second hearing on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio said that the next step is to put the information gathered from the residents' comments at the two recent public hearings together, along with information gathered from other municipalities, and then present the information to the

village board.

"It's still months away," said Annunzio, about an ordinance actually being drafted. If the village does not create their own ordinance by this coming March, the Cook County total ban of smoking in all public places would take effect. Annunzio said that the one thing municipalities seem to

agree with is that they feel the village or the townships should be the ones to make the decision.

At the hearing, some people talked about the detrimental effect smoking and second hand smoke has on peoples' health and therefore there should be a total ban on smoking in public places. Others were concerned about business in the village and

were against a smoking ban.

"I'm for the ban on smoking in all public places," said Roberta, a Niles resident. "Business should not be given the opportunity to decide."

Some residents said that they feel that if Skokie and Wilmette can have smoking bans, so can the Village of Niles.

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## MG Legion Post donates Teddy Bears



The American Legion Morton Grove Post 134 recently donated IKEA teddy bears to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Emergency Department. Accepting the donations from post commander Joe Piento and his wife Mary is Terrie Sobeski, R.N., clinical manager of the emergency department. Also pictured is children and youth chairman Mel Baity.

## Five more cases of West Nile in Cook Co.

### Residents still at risk, practice prevention methods

Five more human cases of West Nile Virus have been recently confirmed by the Cook County Department of Public Health, with a total of nine cases in Suburban Cook County.

"Even though the weather's getting cooler, it's very much a time when people are at risk," said Robert Berry, Supt. of the Northshore Mosquito Abatement District, which covers parts of Niles and Morton Grove.

The latest human cases include a 47 year old Mt. Prospect woman, 48 year old woman from Arlington Heights, a 73 year old Des Plaines man,

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Robert Berry

SUPT. OF THE NORTHSHORE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

64 year old man from Palatine and a person from Oak Park. Other reported human cases include a 26 year old woman from Rosemont, 68 year old man from Chicago Heights, 79 year old Willow Springs woman and an 81 year old Evergreen Park woman.

According to the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District, there have been 39 human cases

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## Niles Library recalls 100 toy dinosaur prizes

### Summer reading club prize could be contaminated

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

The Niles Public Library District is requesting that children who received a summer reading prize of a bendable dinosaur figure return the toy to the library as a precautionary measure.

Kipp Brothers, the vendor of the toy, recently advised the

library that they are recalling the toys as a precautionary measure after another set of bendable figures, not purchased by the library, was discovered to be painted with paint that had been contaminated by lead.

Between July 10 to 12, about 100 of the toys were distributed to children who participated in the summer reading program at the Niles Public Library.

Youth Services Supervisor Susan Lempke said that the company doesn't think that



the toys given to Niles library patrons were contaminated because they weren't painted, however, she said that they were told that there is still a chance the "rubber may have

been contaminated."

The dinosaurs are not painted, but as Kipp Brothers notes in their letter "This recall is NOT due to an injury to anyone, but a precautionary recall due to a health hazard due to the lead content."

Those who return one of these dinosaur toys to the Youth Services desk will be invited to select another toy as a substitute from a treasure chest.

The Niles Public Library will be returning the prizes to the vendor for a refund.

**West Nile**

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reported in Illinois. Berry said that people should wear mosquito repellent, especially during peak hours. The Northshore Mosquito Abatement District has traps set up in the Niles/Morton Grove area and they have been spray-

ing those areas as well. Berry said that the cooler weather can be deceiving and mosquitoes will still be around until the first frost so people should continue to take precautions. A Will County man recently died after suffering from the neuro-invasive disease caused by the West Nile Virus.

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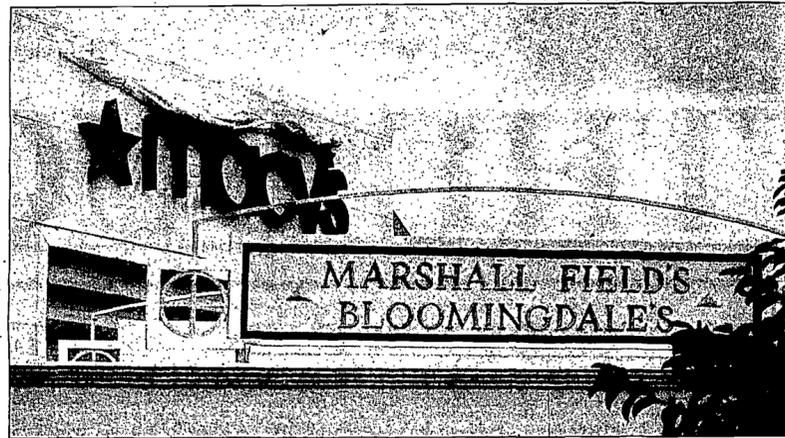
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**That's all she wrote for Field's**

As of this Saturday the 154-year-old Marshall Field's brand is no more, swallowed up in the vast corporate empire of Federated Department Stores and emerging this week from extensive renovations as "Macy's."

For the last few months those renovations have replaced the trademark green with Macy's red and black and have caused loyal Field's shoppers various levels of angst from the mundane to the militant. Many have vowed to boycott the new Macy's until the big-wigs in Federated turn the name back to Field's.

The change in the name has spawned regular-running news coverage on television, radio and newspapers throughout the Midwest, though this region isn't the only one to lose a cherished brand. Many of these



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reports are analyzing Federated's attempts to create a national department store chain in the face of declining sales in the niche.

The major question underlying the whole debate is: are the days of upscale department stores over?

Federated doesn't think so and it's betting it can appeal to a younger generation of shoppers with new advertising, deals and even electronics vend-

ing machines. All these changes have caused much upheaval and, apparently, little excitement. According to reports appearing in the Chicago Tribune, Macy's stores have seen declines in store visits up to ten percent following the name change in other areas of the country. They're watching Chicago closely because there has been the most uproar here over the change of Field's to Macy's.

Many of those who are outraged at the name change have taken to the internet to find other like-minded individuals. Denizens of www.fieldsfanschicago.org are vowing to picket the State Street Marshall Field's location when the name officially changes on Saturday. As a wise man once said, there's no such thing as bad publicity.

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**SJB Knights hold annual Steak Fry**

On Saturday, August 19th the North American Martyrs 4th Degree Club, Knights of Columbus, held its annual Steak Fry in the Parish Ministry Center. One hundred seventy two members including their guests enjoyed delicious steaks and in some cases chicken. The steaks and chickens were charcoal broiled outside the Ministry Center by Andy Beierwaltes Jr. and his crew of expert broilers. Entertainment was provided by Peggy Burkhalter with her "Memories of the 30's." The 4th Degree Club President John O'Keefe and Vice President Bob Galassi thank all the people who attended. The profit from the affair will be used for charitable purposes.



The St. John Brebeuf Knights of Columbus recently held their annual steak fry.

**ND submits proposal for transfer of sponsorship MG approves new IRMA delegate**

**New school year off to a good start, officials say**

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

The Archdiocese and the Notre Dame High School board recently submitted a proposal for the transfer of ownership to the Priests of the Holy Cross in late August.

Joe Villinski, Associate vice president of advancement, said

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Gino Recchia  
ND FRESHMAN

that currently they are working on setting up a meeting in which the two parties can discuss the proposal.

"The board and archdiocese are continuing to meet about

various aspects of the transition," shared Villinski.

While the transition is being worked out, Notre Dame High School is in high spirits.

"The year's off to a great start," said Villinski. "The start of school was business as usual."

One Freshman, Gino Recchia, shared his thoughts about the transition.

"I just have good faith that it will be done and we'll get through this and get a good education."

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**MG approves new IRMA delegate**

The Morton Grove Village Board approved a resolution to authorize the appointment of a delegate and alternate delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) at the village board meeting on Aug. 28.

The bylaws of IRMA require the village to adopt a resolution to designate its representatives to this agency.

The previous appointed representatives to IRMA were former finance director and assistant

finance director. Due to the recent hiring of Daniela Partipilo, as finance director, it is appropriate that the village representatives on the board are reappointed.

Partipilo was appointed to represent the village and Nancy Pankiw, human resources coordinator of the village was selected as the alternative representative.

IRMA, consisting of municipalities and other taxing districts through an intergovernmental cooperative agreement, is a self-insured group.

**Smoke**

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Albert Schaefer said it should be up to the private businesses to decide whether to allow smoking or not.

"It's their right," aid Schaefer. He said that he is a non-smoker himself and if a restaurant didn't allow smoking then he would just find a new restaurant to go to. "There's plenty around."

Jeff Weissman, of Chicago, said that he doesn't believe second hand smoke is a big health concern.

"We're blowing the second hand smoke thing way out of proportion," said Weissman.

Dorris Davis, whose daughter is an environmental lawyer, disagreed and said that second hand smoke is detrimental to one's health. An oncologist in the audience said she has been there by the side of many people who have passed away from lung cancer.

**Cancer walk through MG Sept. 8**

The "Breast Cancer 3-Day" Walk will pass through Morton Grove on Friday, Sept. 8.

Those who participate in the 60-mile walk will raise funds for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The walk starts Friday morning in Vernon Hills and finishes Sunday afternoon at Montrose Harbor in Chicago. More than 2,000 participants are expected.

The plan is for walkers to pass through Glenview and enter Morton Grove at Waukegan Rd. then continue south-easterly through local streets until they reach Oakton Ave. and continue on their journey towards the finish line in Chicago.

A spectator cheering section has been designated in the Cook County Forest Preserve at Dempster St. and Ferris Ave.

This is the 19 mile point in the event and walkers will pass this point between 11:50 a.m. and 5:10 p.m.

The Morton Grove Police Department is one of the local agencies that participated in the coordination of the event.

For more information about the event or to make a donation, visit the website at www.the3day.org.

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# Orr to speak at Maine Dems Meeting Sept. 8

## County Clerk to address voting machines

The Maine Township Regular Democratic Organization will hold its first meeting of the 2006-2007 year on Friday, Sept. 8 and Cook County Clerk David Orr will be the featured speaker.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the White Eagle Banquets, 6845 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Niles. The public is invited to attend the meeting and Orr will be available to

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**David Orr**  
COOK COUNTY CLERK

answer questions.

Orr will demonstrate the new voting machines and equipment and discuss the success and opportunities learned from the last election.

"We clearly had some growing pains in March," said Orr. He said that like with anything new there were some chal-

lenges that they faced in the primary election.

This time around, Orr said that they will have equipment managers who are more elaborately trained in troubleshooting of the equipment and another plus this year is that the judges will not have to share equipment.

Also, Orr said absentee and early voting will be done in the downtown office.

Orr said that many people had great things to say about the new equipment, which he was very pleased to hear.

# New ambulance fees adopted by PR

New ambulance and life support services fees to be charged by the Park Ridge Fire Department when providing Emergency Medical Services were recently adopted by the Park Ridge City Council.

The new fee structure was proposed in order to be in line

with insurance rates, and with reimbursements allowed by Medicare and Medicaid, Fire Chief Ed Dubowski stated. The rates in Park Ridge were far lower than other area providers.

The new rates go into effect on Sept. 1 and may not be apparent to the majority of citi-

zens as they will be reflected through the processing of insurance, Medicare or Medicaid claims.

For those with questions, contact Jennifer Steurer, the senior administrative assistant for the fire department at 847 318 6721.

# D70 to conduct annual pre-school age screening

Morton Grove School Dist. 70 will conduct its annual pre-school age screening for children who reside in the Dist. 70 attendance area on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29.

All districts conducting pre-school screening will accept children from other neighboring districts within Niles Township. As a result, this will allow township-wide pre-school screening to occur monthly throughout the school year in order to find more children between the ages of three to five who may

be "at risk" for developmental delays.

The program will screen the children in various areas, such as vision, hearing, speech, language development, motor and cognitive development.

Appointments are required for the free screenings. Parents are requested to register their children by telephone on Sept. 14 and Sept. 15 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dist. 70 requests that all residents help inform parents of preschool children about this program.

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cation," said Recchia.

Villinski said Notre Dame High School is very pleased that they have the official support of the Niles Village Board, which passed a resolution showing their support of the district and the transition.

A few members of the village board have personal connections to Notre Dame High

School. Andrew Przybylo is a '69 graduate, Bart Murphy has two sons that are alumni, Bart Jr. '74 and Brian '84 and Robert Callero has four children who are alumni, Robert '81, Randall '82, Chris '83 and Mark '88.

Villinski said the students are thrilled about their first football game that was victorious and they recently had a Back to School Mass and Picnic and Back to School Night for parents.

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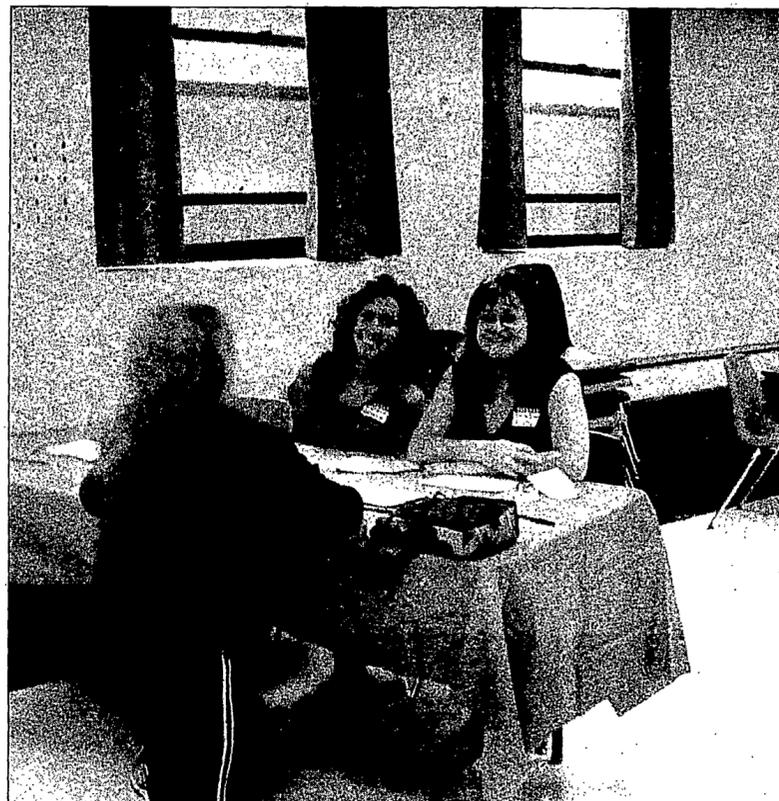
The outrage on the website varies from people who do not want to see local identity in this country replaced with one national, homogenized identity. They (and me) see the change in Field's name as the harbinger of further change down the road that will flatten local identities in the quest for an economy of scale that saves money for companies and, in some cases, lowers prices for consumers.

Others fall into the "kids today" category and blame the name-change on a new generation that dismisses the concept of the gentleman and the lady and prefers to shop in a store that gives them low prices and little or no service than pay more for the same merchandise with great service.

For myself I just think it's hard to think of going into the former Marshall Field's on State, climbing onto an escalator and seeing Macy's red on the walls instead of Field's green. Because of the memories that many Chicago-area natives have bound up in Field's it's almost like experiencing a death in the family.

Rest in peace, Marshall Field's.

# SCHOOLS



# St. Juliana Mothers' Club holds Welcome Coffee

On Friday morning, September 1, 2006, from 8:30 until 10:30, the board members of the St. Juliana School Mothers' Club held a Welcome Coffee for parents of St. Juliana School students. The gathering was held in the school hall for all new and returning moms. Coffee, juice, bagels and cof-

fee cakes were provided, along with coloring for the kids while the parents socialized.

The parents who attended the Welcome Coffee were encouraged to volunteer for the many events hosted by the Mothers' Club. Some of the volunteer opportunities included working in the

school library, Christmas Craft Day, Room-Mom, hot lunch/dessert days, and Art Mom.

Also on hand to greet the parents were school principal, Mrs. Kathleen Barton, St. Juliana Pastor, Rev. Stephen Kanonik, and school librarian, Ms. Patti Weyna.

# D207 holds college night September 21

Maine Township High School District 207 will hold the annual college night at Maine West High School in Des Plaines on Thursday, Sept. 21.

College night provides students with the opportunity to talk to representatives of more than 200 colleges and universities across the United States. The event rotates among the three Maine Township high schools.

The program involves all

the public universities in Illinois, community colleges such as Oakton, Triton and Harper, and many public and private four year colleges and universities.

Two financial aid sessions will be held at 7:20 and 8:20 p.m. in the school's theatre. At these sessions, students and parents can gain information about financial aid from the college perspective and understand how the process works.

# Park Ridge targets school zone speeders

With the start of a new school year, the Park Ridge Police Department is increasing enforcement around school zones.

Police officers and community service officers will be focusing on "school zone enforcement," concentrating especially on speeding in posted school zones, disobeying traffic control signs and vehicles that fail to stop for school buses with their stop arm extended. During the morning and afternoon, enforcement activities will be conducted

using both marked and unmarked police vehicles.

The Park Ridge Police and School Districts 64 and 207 are in constant communication with one another. Some of the schools have sent home information with their students informing parents and guardians about specific drop off/pick up procedures.

Those with questions or who would like to report a traffic violator related to school zones around city schools can call Commander Keller at 847 318 5267.

# Tailor wins GA scholarship

Chirag Tailor of Niles is one of the students who received a General Assembly Scholarship from State Rep. Elaine Nekritz office.

Every year, the 57th district's scholarship committee reviews applications and chooses eight one-year scholarships that covers the tuition

at one of the public universities in Illinois.

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Other scholarship recipients that were honored are from Glenview, Des Plaines, Northbrook and Mt. Prospect.

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# Pitbull on the loose scares teens onto wall

## MORTON GROVE

**1 Loose Pitbull (8400 Beckwith)**  
Police said a tan pit bull was running loose on Aug. 28. The dog initially ran at two teenage boys, causing them to jump onto the wall running along Delaney Farms. An officer said that he has taken a dog bite report before for this dog.

**2 Syringes Found on Ground (Beckwith and National)**  
Unknown subject(s) discarded four syringes that were found on the northwest corner of the parkway on Aug. 28. The syringes were taken to the Morton Grove Police Department and discarded in the biohazard waste basket.

**3 ComEd Power Line Falls (8200 Lehigh)**  
Police said a legally parked vehicle was damaged by a ComEd power line that fell on it on Aug. 25. The power line damaged the top rear and rear driver's side of the vehicle.

**4 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (9300 Luna)**  
Police said that unknown subject(s) used a glass bottle to damage the victim's vehicle sometime between Aug. 26 and Aug. 27. The windshield was shattered, said police. Police said there have been reports of teens drinking in the forest preserve that is located 1/2 block north of the residence. A Jack Daniels bottle was recovered near the vehicle.

**5 Battery (8800 Waukegan)**  
A man was charged with battery after he swung his fist at a woman and child on Aug. 29.

According to Police, the victim dropped her son's pacifier on the ground and, when she went to pick it up while still holding her son she took hold of the man for support. The man then swung his right fist, making contact with her chest. The man was identified as the boyfriend of the victim's mother.

**6 Attempted Retail Theft (9300 Waukegan)**  
Police said store employees witnessed a subject put three cans of Red Bull in his pants on Aug. 24. The complainant said that the offender would be arrested for criminal trespassing to property if he came back to the store again.

**7 Arrested for Attempted Robbery (6200 Dempster)**  
Police arrested an 18-year-old Morton Grove man for

attempted robbery on Aug. 25. The man tried to grab the purse of a woman who was walking by. He was charged with attempted theft and misdemeanor battery. The bond is \$1,000 and the court date is Sept. 27.

**8 Hit and Run Arrest (Beckwith/Michael)**  
Police arrested a 22 year old Des Plaines man for a hit and run on Aug. 29. His bond is at \$2,000 and court date is Sept. 27.

**9 Suspended Driver's License (Birch/Dempster)**  
A 31 year old Chicago man was arrested on Aug. 29 for a suspended driver's license, no insurance and speeding. His bond is \$3,000 and court date is Oct. 11.

**10 Code One Gas Leak (Lyons and Washington)**  
A crew working in the alley accidentally struck a four-inch

gas main causing it to rip open on Aug. 30. The police, and Niles Fire Department arrived on the scene until Nicor came to repair the damaged pipe.

**11 Disturbance on the Bus (9200 Milwaukee)**  
Police said a 48 year old female and 21 year old female were causing a disturbance on the bus by eating food and yelling on Aug. 30. The subjects would not listen to the driver.

**12 Threats to Kill (at residence)**  
The victim received a phone call on his cell phone from an unknown male caller that knew the victim's name and said that he was being followed on Aug. 30. Police said the caller also told the victim, "I will kill you and your family."

**13 Domestic Battery (6400 Touhy)**  
Police said the victim and offender was fighting over the offender's drinking on Aug. 29. The male subject got upset and

struck the female victim with a closed fist at her left eye and scratched at the left side of her face.

**14 Robbed While Waiting for Bus (8400 Church)**  
The victim who was waiting for a bus at the north end of Golf Mill Park was approached by a group of six males on Aug. 28. The victim said he was not a gang member and the offenders attacked the victim, hitting him with their fists. Police said the unknown subjects took \$50 from the victim's pocket and attempted to grab his wallet.

**15 Aluminum Stolen (6200 Howard)**  
Police said a subject jumped the fence where scrap aluminum is kept and filled buckets with it, then handing them to a second subject on Aug. 27. The amount of aluminum taken is worth about \$1,000.

**16 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (5600 Touhy)**  
Unknown subject(s) used a blunt object to puncture and

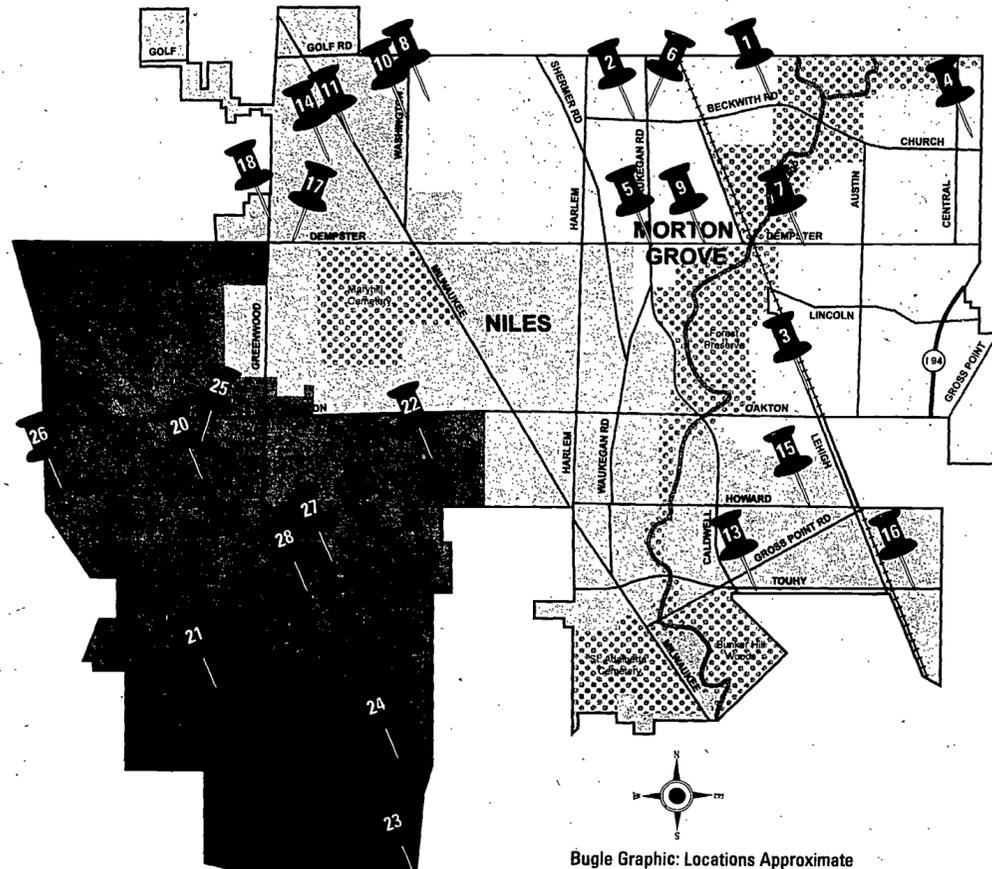
slash all four tires of a vehicle parked in the parking lot between Aug. 29 and Aug. 30.

**17 No Valid Driver's License (6500 Dempster)**  
An 18 year old Niles female was arrested on Aug. 29 for having no valid driver's license after police were called for a property damage motor vehicle accident. The bond is \$1,000 and her court date is Oct. 24.

**18 Retail Theft Arrest (8900 Greenwood)**  
Police arrested an 18 year old Des Plaines man for a retail theft on Aug. 29. The man reportedly stole \$29.99 worth of Vodka. The bond is at \$1,000 and the court date is Sept. 14.

## PARK RIDGE

**19 Engagement Ring Stolen (300 N. Alpine)**  
The victim had been showing the residence to prospective buyers and discovered her engagement ring worth \$1,900



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

# Chicago man charged with robbing Niles 7-11

A 22-year-old Chicago man was charged on Aug. 12 with the robbery he committed at the 7-11 store at 7450 W. Oakton St. on Aug. 11.

The victim, a store clerk, who was punched in the face by the offender identified him in a photo line up. The offender took \$562 in USC, a charity collection jar with an unknown amount of money in it and several Newport cigarettes. When he was taken into custody, the man had Newport cigarettes in

his possession that had the same lot number as the ones taken in the robbery.

The offender was identified with the assistance of a Skokie detective who was working on three 7-11 robberies in that town. The robber was arrested in Evanston, where he was known to hang out.

At the time of the robbery, the man was staying at the Edgebrook Motel at the board of Chicago/Niles at Touhy and Caldwell.

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was missing. The theft was reported on Aug. 30.

**20 Burglary to Motor Vehicle (700 N. Seminary)**

Unknown subject(s) entered victim's unlocked 2005 Ford Explorer between Aug. 28 and 29. The subject took a Motorola cell phone, two Cannon cameras (\$400/\$1,000) and approximately \$10 US currency.

**21 Eggs Thrown at Residence (400 S. Warren)**

Unknown subject (s) threw eggs at the west side of victim's residence damaging the siding and a window screen. Estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

**22 Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle (100 Wilman Pl)**

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2003 Ford, BMW convertible, and 2004 BMW convertible between Aug. 25 and Aug. 26. Contents inside the vehicles were moved around but nothing is reported missing.

**23 Broken Mailbox (1800 S. Canfield)**

Police said unknown person(s) broke victim's mailbox off its foundation between Aug. 25 to Aug. 26. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

**24 Burglary-Non Force (1100 S. Peale)**

Police said unknown sub-

ject(s) entered victim's detached garage through an open overhead door sometime between Aug. 23 and Aug. 24. Taken was a Schwinn bike worth \$250 and a TNF bike worth \$300.

**25 Graffiti painted on Business (900 N. Northwest Hwy)**

Unknown subject(s) spray-painted graffiti on the outside walls of the business between Aug. 28 and Aug. 29, said police. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

**26 Arrested for Pulling Out Rose Bushes (600 N. Riverside)**

A 42 year old Park Ridge woman was observed pulling out rose bushes from a resident's flower bed. She was charged with theft on Aug. 25. Her court date is Sept. 29.

**27 Charged with Battery (400 N. Northwest Hwy)**

Police arrested a 42 year old Park Ridge man after being involved in a physical altercation with another person on Aug. 25. Police charged him with battery. The man has a bond of \$1,000 and court date of Sept. 7.

**28 Suspended Driver's License (900 Touhy)**

Police arrested a 45 year old Park Ridge man for an expired registration and suspended driver's license on Aug. 29. Police said bond is \$1,000 and court date is Oct. 5.

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Letter to Editor

Former resident pens a tribute to Pluto

Dear Editor,  
Seventy plus years ago you saw me through your telescopes. You were excited and added me to all your solar system charts and science books. You even shared my name with your famous cartoon character, Pluto the dog. Now you treat me like a dog and want me to stay in the dog house. Your scientists say that I am a dwarf and do not qualify as a big league planet.

I am doing what God created me for since the beginning of time. Even though I am small in your standards I am doing what I was created to do. I am just a small part of the system that keeps everything in balance as we rotate around the sun.

I will continue doing what God created me for. Regardless of what you call me. Are you still doing what God created you for?  
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Keep in mind that dictatorship, tyranny, feudalism and monarchy were what the world had known up until this point. The Revolution inspired the French to overthrow their masters (the French look good, but they can't run a country so they blew it). What would the world lose if America were never born? You likely would be singing "Deutschland uber Alles," while the other half of the globe bowed to the Rising Sun & Emperor of Japan. It is hard to find an area of the globe where an American has not spilt his blood in defense of someone else's liberty. Americans do that because we believe in individual liberty and are willing to fight for it.



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Americans have also sweated in country after country so that villagers could have fresh drinking water, children could learn to read and write, and electricity to power their homes.

We send billions of dollars of food across the sea. Food that will be served in homes and huts of people we have never met and will never know. Find a country on earth that treats strangers and even enemies as we do. After defeating the twin evils of Fascism and Imperialism, our once enemies Germany and Japan became our allies. Later at the end of the last century we defeated the communist threat abroad without resorting to open hostilities. Our way of life was like a hammer and eventually

the dam broke. As Americans we cannot imagine what life was like for so many behind an iron curtain. Tragically, too many of us take those same liberties for granted and have lowered our vigilance at home.

Every country in the world with a constitution borrowed much of it from our own Constitution. Even the Soviet Union used our United States Constitution to formulate their own, showing just how grand a document it is and also showing just how easily freedom can be molded into tyranny by conspiring men. Where would all those escaping tyranny travel to throughout the world? Is it too hard to believe that entire ethnic and religious groups would have been exterminated without the safe shore of America? Our Statue of Liberty formed a new Colossus, but unlike the threatening giant of old, arms astride to conquer and hold, she welcomes as a loving mother those abandoned and scorned in their alleged "homelands". She holds before her a book of remembrance lest she or any should for-

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Early start crucial to tackle financial aid for college

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If you're the parents of a student who has just one more year to go in high school, you might be telling yourself the worst is over.

MONEY & YOU

Kids who are now seniors have slogged through three years of grueling curriculum and can boast that they have survived the much-feared SAT. In their spare time, many of these teenagers have probably racked up enough volunteer hours to impress a saint. Just about all that's left for these kids is filling out the college applications, which schools will accept as early as this fall, and then waiting for fat acceptance letters.

But wait. There is the little matter of paying the bills, which unfortunately is often pushed aside until the acceptance verdicts are in.

While many students do a great job of positioning themselves to get into the best schools possible, their families often flunk a task that is critically important: Maximizing the chances for financial aid.

Mastering the college financial aid process can be far more challenging than impressing admission officers.

In one survey, 99 percent of college financial aid officers said that families don't understand how the system works. But figuring this out could determine where you can afford to send your child.

"Depending on how you answer questions on the forms - either yes or no - may affect your aid by thousands of dollars," said Kalman A. Chany, the author of "Paying for College Without Going Broke, 2006 Edition" and president of Campus Consultants in New York.

If you've got a teenager at home, the sooner you learn about how financial aid is doled out, the better your chances of grabbing free money. Here are some tips to get you started:

■ Pay attention to the financial aid clock. While there are lots of ways to boost a financial aid package, you need to start

planning sooner than you may think. That's because a college is going to examine your financial picture in the calendar year before your child starts college. For a child starting college in the fall of 2007, the relevant year would be 2006. If a student enters college two years from now, the critical year would be the 2007 calendar year.

What you want to do is reduce the appearance of income and assets in the first critical calendar year. During this 12-month period, you should avoid, if possible, selling mutual funds, stocks, bonds and other investments that could generate capital gains that can hurt in the aid calculations.

If you have a car loan or you carry a balance on your credit card, consider paying it down. By eliminating debt, you'll reduce the amount of cash in accounts that you have to report on your financial aid forms. If you're anticipating a year-end bonus, see if you can arrange it before the start of your base year.

■ Fill out aid documents early. Surprisingly, completing financial forms isn't that onerous. In about an hour, you should be able to finish the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, which must be filled out to be eligible for any federal aid. You can complete the Web-based version by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. Even if you think there's zero chance you'll qualify for aid, fill it out anyway. Some private colleges and universities won't award merit scholarships to a child without a FAFSA.

The FAFSA is sent to federal processors, who determine each student's expected family contribution, or EFC. The EFC refers to the amount of a family's income and assets that it is expected to use for college. A college will determine its aid offer based on the EFC and the school's price tag.

You'll use your latest income tax return to help answer FAFSA questions. It's best to file the FAFSA in January, if at all possible, but that requires getting your income tax return done early. If that's unrealistic, you can estimate income tax figures on the financial aid form.

Officials make presentation on Park Ridge redevelopment

An update on the Uptown redevelopment project for retailers and businesses in the area was recently presented in Park Ridge.

Asst. Village Manager Juliana Maller, Uptown project manager, and John Lifka and Michelle Panovich of PRC Partners, LLC, made the presentation.

Lifka informed attendees that work on the widening and resurfacing of Northwest Hwy

will be completed by mid-October. Summit Ave. will also be re-opened by mid-October. New traffic signals located at Northwest Hwy/ Touhy Ave. will be installed in November.

October is being named as "clean-up month" with plans to complete Summit Ave. and to put final coats on Meacham Ave. and the parking lot in front of Building A, which will be the home of Trader Joe's, Joseph A.

Banks and Chico's. These three businesses will likely open by Thanksgiving season.

For buildings B and C, a few retailers have signed leases, such as Houlihan's, Potbelly's and Noodles.

All of the townhouses are sold and some are currently being occupied; all of the 51 loft spaces are sold, and of the 114 condos that are being constructed, 11 remain unsold.

As Woodlands near completion, developer reflects on project

Mark Elliot, president of the Elliott Group, said that The Woodlands of Morton Grove is not what he envisioned it to be.

In fact, he believes it's better. Elliot said that the original plan was smaller and simpler and what they have now is more diverse and it's a better fit with the desire of the home buyers over the inter-

vening years.

The Woodlands includes 323 condominium residences in four six-story buildings and 78 townhomes, among 15 traditional two story brick and stone buildings. Today, there are six condominiums and eight townhomes still available for purchase.

Elliot believes that the success of the Woodlands stems

from its closeness to the Morton Grove Metra rail station and its easy access to area expressways and main arterial roads.

The Woodlands Sales and Information Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon until 5 p.m. on Sundays. For more information people can call 847 470 8000.

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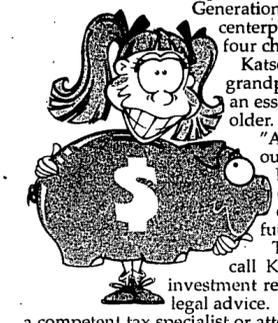
## Edward Jones Investment Representative hosts "How to Raise a Money-smart Child" Broadcast

Nick Katsoolias, Edward Jones investment representative in Niles, is hosting an educational broadcast titled "How to Raise a Money-smart Child" at 10:30-11:30am or 5:30-6:30pm Tuesday, September 12 at 7627 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles.

The broadcast is designed as collaboration between Edward Jones and the Money Savvy Generation, an organization devoted to children's financial literacy. The centerpiece of the program is the Money Savvy Piggy Bank with four chambers, one each for saving, investing, donating and spending. Katsoolias said the broadcast is a great way to provide parents and grandparents the tools to teach children the basics of handling money, an essential lifetime skill that will become more important as they get older.

"As business leaders, we share the collective responsibility to help our youth avoid the pitfalls that financial illiteracy brings," said Katsoolias. "We want to help parents and grandparents teach children the skills of basic personal finance so they are empowered to take control of their financial lives and, in turn, their futures."

This program is free, but space is limited. To make a reservation, call Katsoolias at 847-663-1650. Edward Jones, its employees and investment representatives are not estate planners and cannot provide tax or legal advice. This seminar is informational only, and you should consult with a competent tax specialist or attorney for professional advice on your specific situation.



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#### Niles Park District Preschool Openings

There are still openings for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for this year. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon programs. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, until classes are filled. For more information on our Bright Beginnings Preschool Program, please stop in the Howard Leisure Center or call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed to you.

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Chamber of Commerce Officials met where recognized at the Niles Village Board meeting Tuesday, Aug. 19. The village board approved a proclamation recognizing Chamber of Commerce Week.

## Niles marks Chamber of Commerce Week

Niles Chamber president Tony Madl and Chamber staff and ambassadors gathered at the Village Board meeting August 22 as Mayor Nicholas Blase and village Trustees proclaimed September 11 through September 15, 2006 as Chamber of Commerce Week.

The Niles Chamber has joined the Illinois State Chamber and other local municipalities in celebrating Chamber of Commerce Week.

This week recognizes the contributions chambers of commerce make to Illinois' civic and economic life. They encourage the growth of existing industries, services, and commercial firms and are a resource for new businesses and individuals who

locate to Niles.

This year marks the 35th anniversary since the Niles Chamber's official incorporation in 1971. To celebrate, the Niles Chamber has listed all their members in the Niles Bugle. "With over 430 members we want the community to be aware of the businesses that are proactive in making the chamber of commerce an accessible and valued resource for the community," says Tony Madl, President.

All members of the Chamber are invited to celebrate at the September 13th Business After Hours at Lin-Mar Motors. For more information please contact Brenda at (847) 268-8180 or [brenda@nileschamber.com](mailto:brenda@nileschamber.com).

## Perspective

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It reads, "Give me your tired, your poor..." and too many of us think that is all, yet it continues, "Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

You will note that those that despise us most, who hate our way of life, are those, both foreign and domestic, who would impose their will on every man. They are controllers and tyrants whose reigning motto is "My will be done!" What country today still has a people desiring and fighting for liberty as we do? Russia, Mexico, China, the Middle-East, Africa are essentially countries privately run for the benefit of the few. Where is the shining city on a hill built by the Taliban, the communists, or the oligarchs? They leave in their wake, as they steal the treasures

of their people, only death and despair. Where will the world turn to find the moral strength, clarity and fortitude to work for the liberty of all? We are not perfect, yet there is no country in the world that has given more or done more for the world. To whom much is given, much is expected and, for the most part, we have lived up to that maxim.

Despite the catcalls of "Great Satan", you can be proud of your country and love her dear. Our cause is just and stands in stark contrast to the alternatives which killed 100 million people in the 20th century alone and would even now seek the annihilation of still more. They and their false gods give the illusion of hope while sowing destruction across the globe everywhere they are practiced.

The lamp still shines brightly beside the golden door. The world still needs that door and that light. But if that lamp were to be put out, a malevolent darkness would envelop the world for generations.

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## MG, Niles Fire, Police hold picnic

The Morton Grove and Niles fire and police departments came together for the Morton Grove Firefighter's Association annual family picnic on Aug. 19.

Through a raffle, they raised about \$2,800 that will go to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp.

"The firemen are so energetic about fund-raising," said Jane Steffens, who helps coordinate the raffle. Her husband, Rod, is a lieutenant firefighter with Morton Grove.

The Illinois Fire Alliance Burn Camp is free for any child between 8 and 16 who has been hospitalized for a burn injury. In addition to medical and emotional counseling, the camp also provides an environment for burn survivors to share their common experiences.

Joe Fasolo, picnic committee chairman, said that the camp allows children to feel comfortable and not feel self-conscious about their scars.

"It's such a great organiza-

tion," said Steffens.

Steffens said that every year the merchants are very generous and they receive a great deal of donations from local companies. Among the many generous companies are G and L Construction and John Crane in Morton Grove. This year, Joseph Electronics in Niles donated a 32 inch color television.

The cost incurred by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp is about \$1,000 per child.

## Fourth Degree Club fund-raising dinner a delicious success

### SJB Knights thank donors, volunteers at fund-raising event

Formartyrs, Fourth degree club President John O'Keefe, along with Grand Knight Leo Weiss of the North American Martyrs Council 4338, Knights of Columbus, would like to sincerely thank everyone the 172 people that attended and supported the Annual Steak Fry, on Saturday night, Aug. 19. The food, entertainment and company was excellent, providing for another successful dinner.

The dinner, organized, prepared and served by 12 members of the 4th Degree Club, served the 172 people, their cooked to order, steak dinner with all the trimmings, in record time. This year's entertainment was Peggy Burkhauler, as she performed her special "Memories of the

30's" salute to that era in American Music.

This dinner was enjoyed by all attendees, with over \$1000 in profits scheduled to be distributed to a number of local charities. One of the Council favorite charities, The Woman's Center of Chicago, helping women respect life during and after pregnancy, will be receiving the usual support level of almost half of the profit.

John O'Keefe and Leo Weiss would also like to provide a special thanks to the Formartyrs' Dinner Committee for their hard work and tremendous support throughout the past month, as they coordinated the dinner. With the extra efforts of Ken Lee and Clara Weiss along with others behind the scenes, the Dinner was another success. The tradition of greatness continues through these folks' efforts.

## Notre Dame defeats Ridgewood 36-6

By Joe Mahoney  
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

There was a sound of thunder. Electrified by opening their season with a victory against arch-rival St. Patrick, the Notre Dame Dons jolted the Ridgewood Rebels last Friday night in a thorough 36-6 thrashing at Notre Dame Stadium.

Tom Sheehan, Notre Dame's star running back, was the lightning behind the offense in the victory, rushing for 69 yards on 5 carries and hauling in 3 receptions for 59 yards and 3 TD's.

"This was our first home game, so we knew we were going to have to come out and show them (Ridgewood) what Notre Dame is about," said Sheehan after the game. "It is all about team. This team is gonna do the same thing this coming week as it did the last two weeks, work hard and try

to win."

He wasn't kidding. Notre Dame (2-0) boasted an impressive 281 yards of total offense in the game, shadowed by its stifling defense that allowed only 88 yards of Rebel offense, blocked a punt, intercepted two passes, and produced a safety.

The safety came on the Rebel's opening drive, in which running back Piotr Sajdak (1 carry, -2 yards) was stuffed by Notre Dame's defensive line, putting Notre Dame ahead after four seconds of regulation 2-0.

Coach Mike Hennessey of Notre Dame commented, "I thought we did a real nice job defensively by putting some speed out there that held their (Ridgewood's) offense in check and really held up our offense."

The Dons never looked back, finding the end zone four more times in the first half,

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Tom Sheehan  
ND RUNNING BACK

both by aerial and ground assault. Jeff Larsen (2-of-5, 89 yards, 2 TD's) and Zach Abraham (3-of-3, 33 yards, 1 TD) both quarterbacked for Notre Dame.

"Jeffery Larson and Zach Abraham really did an efficient job managing the football and making some nice accurate passes," remarked Hennessey.

Larsen connected to Sheehan on a 36 yard pass with 10:53 remaining in the first quarter to put the Dons up 8-0. Energized by the per-

formance, the Dons blocked the Rebels punt attempt in their next drive, setting up a 3 yard touchdown run by, the thunder of the team, Matt Jackson (9 carries, 35 yards, 1 reception for 53 yards, and 2 TD's).

"This game is about playing hard and improving. We want to stay focused throughout this season and build upon the lessons we learn each game," reflected Jackson after the game.

By halftime the Dons had silenced the visiting bleachers and had tallied an impressive 29-0 score.

The third quarter was quiet until penalties were assessed after an altercation with 10:00 remaining, when Sheehan was tackled out of bounds. A fight broke out between the Rebel player and Sheehan, but was immediately settled by team and game officials.

When asked about the scuf-

fle, Jackson replied, "They were cheap-shotting us the whole game, and unfortunately it just got to us."

The Rebels finally found the end zone with 3:48 left in the third quarter when QB Patrick Czerwiec (3-for-16, 53 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT) completed a 37 yard pass to receiver Matej Jurisic, but were unable to convert the two point conversion.

The Notre Dame Dons held on to their lead, however, through the fourth quarter, and won 36-6.

"It was a good night. The kids played hard," commented Hennessey, "Now, going up against the conference, against St. Joe's, we have a great opportunity to continue to better ourselves and our execution, and that's what our motto has got to be about. Get up there and get a third win, then we're halfway where we want to get to, to get into the playoffs."

## PR swim club to host clinic

The Park Ridge Swim Club II will host a 2 week co-ed Pre-Season Stroke Clinic beginning Sept. 11, at Maine South High School. The training sessions will be held three evenings a week, schedules will be available the first day. Swimmers need not be members of a competitive swim program, just interested in improving their skills and having fun.

Level I: Swimmers new to competitive swimming and those looking to refine the basic skills. Time will be 6:00-6:45 PM

Level II: Swimmers with previous experience in competitive swimming looking to improve skills, increase stamina and prepare for the 2006-07 Short Course Swimming Season. Sessions will be held from 6:45-8:15 PM

For further information on the Fall 2006 Stroke Clinic or the upcoming Long Course Season beginning April 28, contact Head Coach Terry Majewski at (847) 825-2048, or come to the Maine South Pool at 6:00 PM on September 11.

### 2006-07 Fall/ Winter Short Course Swimming Season Information

The Fall/Winter Season starts Sept 25, at Maine South. Have fun, make new friends and find out how good you can be! Our program offers various levels depending on skill, age and experience. Meet the Coach and learn more about Park Ridge Swim Club II by attending an informational meeting in the Leisure Room at Maine Park on Sept. 20, at 7:00.

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## Repro chair retains original value

By Anne McCollam  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: The chair in this photo belonged to my parents. They collected antiques, but I think this chair is an early 20th century reproduction. The feet on the

### ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE

front legs look like duck feet. I know the upholstery is not the original and was replaced around 20 years ago. The frame is mahogany and is in excellent condition.

What can you tell me about my chair?

A: You have a lovely reproduction of a Queen Anne lolling armchair. The shepherd's-crook arms, cabriole legs that terminate in trifid, or web, feet, and long, upholstered back are characteristic of Queen Anne furniture that was made in the 18th century and reproduced in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Lolling chairs were designed for relaxing.

Your armchair was made around 1910 and would probably be worth \$1,000 to \$1,200.

Q: My father was stationed with the Army in Germany after World War II and he sent my mother a set of china. It is a 48-piece service for eight, decorated with a floral border, and is in perfect condition. I have enclosed the mark that is on the back of each dish.

I inherited the set and would like to know more about its history and value.

A: Retsch and Co. made your dinnerware. They have made porcelain in Bavaria, Germany, since 1864.

The value of your circa 1950 set would probably be \$400 to \$600.

Q: My grandmother gave me



an antique pitcher that is decorated with historical scenes of the landing at Plymouth Rock. The number "1620" is on the handle. "The Rowland Marsellus Company - Staffordshire - England - RD. No. 527014 - Historical Pottery" is marked on the bottom of the pitcher.

What can you tell me about my pitcher?

A: Rowland and Marsellus Co. was an American importing firm that was located in New York. They imported pottery that was made in Staffordshire, England, to the U.S. Much of the pottery was decorated with American historical transfer print scenes. "1620" refers to the year the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock and "Rd. No. 527014" represents the year 1908 when the design was registered with

the British government.

Your circa 1908 pitcher would probably be worth \$250 to \$400.

Q: My husband still has a tin wind-up toy that he was given in the early 1940s. It is a soldier on a motorcycle and is in fairly good condition, considering he played with it. On the side in a circle are the word "Mar - Toys - Made in United States of America."

Who made it and does it have any value?

A: You have a fine example of a Sparkling Soldier Motorcycle that was made by Marx Toys. They used the logo you described from 1939 to the 1950s. Louis Marx Toy Co. was located in New York and was one of the most famous makers of mechanical tin lithograph toys from the early 1900s to midcentury. The lithograph

designs were applied to thin sheets of tin so that toys could be produced cheaply and in large quantities. Many similar toys were originally priced less than \$1. Today collectors are willing to pay in the hundreds for a Marx toy in excellent condition.

"Raycrafts' Americana Price Guide - Volume One" shows a 1940 Sparkling Soldier Motorcycle in mint condition at \$500.

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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## National Civil War program returns to Wheaton

DuPage County Fairgrounds to host event Sept. 16

The DuPage County Fairgrounds will again host the Massive-Annual Chicagoland Fall, Civil War Show and Sale.

Civil War dealers from throughout the United States will be offering 1,000's of Civil War Treasures and Memorabilia. The history of America's Great Heritage can be viewed on the 100's of tables of unique artifacts offered for sale.

In addition to Civil War Antiquities for sale, there will also be memorabilia from the Revolutionary War and The Spanish-American War. The show will be vetted for quality and authenticity. Dealers will be bringing their best wares for this greatly anticipated event. A special display of Civil War cannons and artillery will also be there for viewing.

Show hours at the DuPage County Fairgrounds (County Farm & Manchester) Saturday 9am-4pm for \$6.00 Also early buyers will be allowed in from 7am to 9am for \$20.00. Ample Food and Free parking is available.

For additional information contact: Zurko's Midwest Promotions; 715-526-9769.

## Tarot: It's all in the cards

By Linda Rosenkrantz  
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Tarot cards are loaded with mystery and magic, used for centuries in both real life and fiction to provide portents or clues to the future. They have

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been employed and referenced by a wide range of writers, including Victor Hugo, T.S. Eliot, Italo Calvino and Stephen King, not to mention the famed psychoanalyst Carl Jung, who regarded tarot cards as representing various archetypes embedded in the unconscious. And who can forget the 2002 Washington, D.C.-area snipers who left the tarot "death" card not far from the scene of one of their crimes?

Bringing the phenomenon up to the present, a main plot point of the latest Woody Allen movie is a so-called Tarot Card Killer.

For a segment of the playing-card-collecting contingent, tarot cards hold a special place of interest for their visual appeal as well as their clairvoyant properties. Somewhat similar to a normal deck, the tarot comprises 78 cards, divided into two subsets: the major arcana, consisting of 22 cards without suits and referred to as "trumps," and the minor arcana, comprising 56 cards divided into four suits. It is the 22 trump cards that are supposed to contain hidden meanings, with such depictions as fool, magician, high priestess, justice, hanged man, death, devil, lovers, strength, etc.

Some of the earliest examples, adorned with mythological creatures, devils and astrological signs, were produced in

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northern Italy in the mid-15th century and were called "carte da trionfi," or "cards of the triumphs" (although a number of scholars trace the origins to more ancient cultures), and other early decks survive from Marseilles, France. Initially used as an ordinary game, it wasn't until several centuries later that the cards became associated with fortune telling and the occult.

In the early 18th century, a Parisian hairdresser popularized the divination theory by issuing his own tarot deck, called the grand etteilla (a reverse spelling of his own name), and in 1781 a French scholar named Antoine Court de Gebelin claimed that the symbols on the cards could be traced back to writing attributed to Troth, the ancient Egyptian god of wisdom and the occult.

The 19th century saw a rage for spiritualism in general, which included a concurrent surge of interest in fortune-telling cards. One set from this period is the 1860s variant known as the Florence minchiate, which is composed of a cumbersome 97 cards, including a cardinal, the four elements, the 12 signs of the zodiac and the three theological

virtues of hope, faith and charity. The traditional Italian suits are swords, batons (also called wands or staves) and coins (or pentacles or discs).

An influential deck in English-speaking countries is the rider-waite-Smith - or simply rider - deck, crudely painted by artist Pamela Colman Smith under the direction of the academic and mystic Arthur Waite, published in 1910, including "scenic pip cards" suggesting divinatory meanings. A more recent favorite is the deck produced by Paul Marteau in 1930, brightly colored and stylized with pronounced black outlines, intended for fortune tellers.

Also sought after are such non-tarot fortune-telling cards as the charming Petit Lenormand decks, named for the Frenchwoman who devised them. They gained particular credibility when Marie-Anne Lenormand gave a reading to Napoleon's first wife, Josephine, and accurately predicted that her marriage was doomed.

If you're interested in playing cards in general, check out the new identification and value guide "Collecting Playing Cards" by Mark Pickvet (Collector Books), which offers a concise history of the genre, plus a variety of illustrated and priced examples, ranging from a French Second Empire deck valued at \$2,500 to inexpensive modern advertising and souvenir decks.

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## Collectors travel through posters

By Linda Rosenkrantz  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

You might not know it from the fairly nondescript posters hanging in today's travel agencies, but in their heyday - the late 19th and early 20th centuries -

### CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIBLES

travel posters were among the finest examples of commercial lithographic art. This was a period when transportation facilities were improving, making holidays in American tourist spots and overseas destinations increasingly accessible, and the mission of these images was to make them as alluring as possible.

Many of the posters were commissioned by railways or airlines, while others were financed by municipalities or hotel owners to promote the features of a particular fashionable locale, set against the greenest grass, the whitest snow or the most sparkling sea.

Though the great majority of these posters are unsigned, there are a few well-known artists whose works command the very top prices.

Before and after the first World War, the French national railways - or Chemins de Fer - had a number of major artists create posters to attract travelers, including Hugo d'Alesi, Alphonse Mucha, Jules Cheret, Georges Meunier, Jules Alexandre and, later, Jean-Gabriel Domergue, Leonetto Cappiello (who created some 3,000 posters) and Paul Colin.

One of the most distinctive

was A.M. Cassandre, whose work, the quintessence of art deco design, is avidly sought by collectors, as is that of Roger Broders, whose bright colors and stylized forms promoted the splendors of Monte Carlo and other Riviera resorts. France was not alone in commissioning rail travel posters - the Swiss Chemin de Fer and British Rail, among others, also inspired top-notch work.

In this country, posters were equally popular; in fact, there was a point at which poster parties were a fad, where participants were invited to come in character, representing some poster, and bring it along with them. Particularly desirable American examples are those executed in the art nouveau style by prominent artists like Edward Penfield and Will Bradley, and also later stylized works by such artists as Sasha Maurer, who, typically, did posters for the New Haven

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# Farmhouse lampshade's value has grown

By Anne McCollam  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** The antique hanging light shade was in a farm home where we lived in 1946. It is cranberry glass and except for some of the beaded fringe that

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has fallen off, it is in good condition.

What can you tell me about the age and value of our light?

**A:** Your cranberry hanging parlor light shade was made around 1890. It is an example of Victorian hobnail pattern glass that was extremely popular in the late 1800s. Generally similar shades were decorated with faceted glass prisms rather than fringe.

Your shade would probably be worth \$400 to \$700. If you have all the parts, chains, burner and font, the value would increase to \$1,200 to \$1,600.

**Q:** My grandmother received a cut glass pitcher as a wedding present sometime around 1910. It is tall and slender and has an applied notched handle. I have enclosed the mark that I found on the bottom of the pitcher.

Please tell me something about who made it and what it is worth.

**A:** The leaf logo was used by T.B. Clark and Co. They produced cut glass in Honesdale, Pa., from 1884 to 1930. Your pitcher was made during the Brilliant Period of cut glass, an era of excellence in quality and design of cut glass. As a rule, if a pitcher was signed, the signature was on the handle or on the base. A signed piece is always more valuable than one that is not.

Your circa 1910 pitcher would



A cranberry hanging parlor light shade made around 1890. It is an example of Victorian hobnail pattern glass.

probably be worth \$800 to \$1,200.

**Q:** Do dovetails prove that a piece of furniture is an antique? I have an oak chest with a pink marble top, brass pulls and dovetailed drawers. Someone told me the dovetailing was a sign my chest was really old and an antique.

**A:** Before I can answer your question, let's define what the guidelines are for an antique. According to the U.S. government, any object that is 100 years old or older is an antique. Not all experts and

collectors agree with that gauge. Many feel if something is several generations, it's an antique. Call me a purist, but I'm sticking with the 100-year definition.

Dovetailing alone can't prove vintage. Dovetails in furniture that were handmade by a cabinetmaker and before the Industrial Revolution would vary in size and spacing. Less is more; often older pieces had fewer dovetails. From the mid-1800s and even today, factory-made dovetailing is precisely spaced and

equal in size.

It takes more than a dovetail to provide clues to the age of a piece of furniture. The chest you described has all the characteristics of factory-made furniture that was manufactured around 1900.

All things considered, your chest is a factory-made antique and would fetch \$800 to \$1,200 in an antiques shop.

**Book Review**

"Kovels' Bottles Price List, 13th Edition, 2006" is the most reliable guide for anyone who collects, buys, or sells bottles. Keeping up with prices is key to collecting. This handy guide is totally new and current. The over 12,000 prices are the results of auctions, shows, Internet auctions as well as antique malls and shops sales. Kovels have included an abundance of information for collectors that includes more than 350 pictures of bottles, detailed histories of companies and bottle types, a section on "go-withs" objects that are related to bottles, a color picture dictionary of bottles, clubs, publications, museums and auction houses.

This portable, pocket-sized guide is definitely a "go-with" when out in the field.

"Kovels' Bottles Price List, 13th Edition, 2006" is paperback. It is \$17 and available wherever books are sold. To order by phone, call 800-733-3000.

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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Railroad, promoting winter sports in New England.

However, since the automobile so quickly replaced trains in the United States, there were fewer train posters printed here, though there are some interesting airline examples, particularly those of E. McKnight Kauffer, done for American Airlines.

In terms of value, there are several factors that can either add or subtract to the price you'll have to pay. The most desirable vintage travel posters are those showing fashionable figures in chic locations, including still-popular destinations like the French Riviera and Alpine ski resorts.

Another added attribute is the depiction of a popular sport being played, golf, say, or tennis, skiing or diving. The quality of the execution, of course, is key, and identification by a known artist adds considerable value to the piece, and even the lettering - a first-rate example of art nouveau, art deco or moderne graphics - is another plus.

Here are some examples of values found in recent price guides:

- Fly to Rio by Clipper, Pan American World Airways, Flamenco Dancer, 42 by 28 inches, \$1,725.

- Sun Valley Idaho, Gretchen Frasier, Skiers, Mountains, Shepler, 1948, 25 by 39 inches, \$1,350.

- Cap Ferrat, French Riviera Hotel, C. Couronneau, 40 by 28 inches, \$1,265.

- Norway Home of Ski-ing, couple resting on snow, 39 by 24 inches, \$950.

- Spain, Santander resort, Penagas, 1930, 39 x 24 inches \$950.

- Charmoix Mont Blanc, by Max Ponty, on linen, 1936, 39 by 24 inches, \$920-1,100.

- Air France, globe and airplane, Maurus, 1940s, 39 by 24 inches, \$900.

- Bermuda, Fly Pan American, sailboats, 1950s, 40 by 27 inches, \$750.

- Hawaii-United Airlines, Feher, stylized wahini, island behind, circa 1948, 25 inches 40, \$650.

- Greece, sailboat and harbor, linen back, 1930s, 35 by 23 inches, \$600.

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# SENIORS

## Niles Senior Center holds Tai Chi classes

**Niles Seniors**

**Tai Chi**

Thursdays, Spet 14 - Dec 28 2:30-3:30PM \$5.

Join in this class taught by our nurse Brigitte Powidzki, certified by the Arthritis Foundation. Learn Flexibility, Coordination Movement, Rhythm, Relaxation.

**Fall Classes Underway**

Fall class registrations have been underway for several weeks. And some classes have already started. Full class descriptions plus any prerequisite info appear in the August Naturally Active. Advanced Registration is required for all classes. Classes that don't meet the minimum number of participants will be canceled so don't wait until the last minute to register. Limited space may be available for classes that have already begun. Call for information.

Oil and Water Color Classes, Tuesdays (8/22-12/5), 9:00-

10:30AM \$30  
Microsoft Word II, Tuesdays & Thursdays (9/5-10/12) 11-12:30 \$30

Creative Card Making, Thursdays (Sept - Dec) 9:30-11AM \$10/class  
Bridge for Beginners, Thursdays (9/7-11/9) 12:00-2PM \$35.

Intro to Computers, Mondays & Wednesdays (9/11-10/18) 9-10:30AM \$25  
Woodcarving with Irv, Wednesdays (9/13-11/29) 9-11:30 \$25

Pool Lessons, Thursdays (9/14-10/12) 1-3 PM \$12  
Ceramics, Thursdays, (9/7-12/7) 1-2:30 \$35

Quilting, Fridays (9/15-10/6) 9:30-11 AM \$15

The Carving Center with Frank, Thursdays (9/21-12/14) 1-2:30PM \$25

Pre Intro to Computers Tues & Thurs (9/26-10/5) \$20

One Session Class:  
How to Buy a Computer 1-day class, Friday, 9/22 10-11:30AM \$1

**Construction & Home Maintenance Referrals**

The Niles Senior Center is creating a referral list of Construction and Home Maintenance services for our members. If you are interested in having yourself or your company considered for outside referral, please contact Angelo Ginger Troiani at the Center (1 847 588-8447). By mail: submit your/your company's name to the Niles Senior Center (999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714): Address, Phone Number, Trade or Service, Short History of your Company/Services, Up-to-Date Referrals, and Hours of Operation.

**5th Annual Pet Parade**

Monday, October 9th 1:00PM

The animal kingdom will reign supreme at our annual Pet Parade. Whether large or small, cute or scary, four-footed (or three), costumed pets and their adoring humans will take center stage to thrill animal

lovers of all ages. All Niles Pet Owners (of all ages) are invited to enter their pets (or their "grandpets"). Advanced pet registration required.

**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 last Thursday of the month. If you have any questions or want to look at assistive device catalogs, please contact Trudi Davis (847 588-8420) for more information.

**Last Fishing Outing**

We meet at the selected site at 8:00AM. Cost includes bait, morning snack, lunch and prizes. A valid Fishing License is required. Call MaryAnn (847 588-8420) for more information.

Friday, September 15 - Busse Woods, \$12 - Meet at the specified site at 8:00AM.

Friday, October 13 - BAN-

QUET at DesPlaines Elk Club 4 - 6:30PM \$15

**Lunch with the Red Hatters**

On Monday, September 11th, it's Red Hatter TRIP TIME. Take a two-hour trolley tour of Chicago and see where motion pictures have been filmed. Following the tour, we'll stop at Lawrey's downtown for a fabulous lunch. Cost \$40.

**Octoberfest**

Friday, October 20, 11:30am-2:30pm \$12

Join us as we welcome the Bill Breitfuss Duo to perform a lively show of yodeling, schnitzelbank, the "chicken dance," and other great songs. Lunch, served at 11:30AM will feature Bratwurst & Sauerkraut, Herb Baked Chicken, German Potato Salad, Corn Corbettes and a delicious dessert. Required registration: by mail Sept. 1; walk-in Sept. 6

**Grief Workshop**

Beginning Wednesday, See Niles, page 20

## Maine Township Seniors plan summer events

**Maine Township Seniors**

**MaineStreamers**

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.maine-township.com.

**'Bystanders' Program**

Monday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Cost: \$25 Includes certification

"Bystanders Basics" is a 2 hour program, presented by Save a Life Foundation, that

will teach: Scene Safety, Contacting EMS, Bleeding Control, Opening an Airway, Heimlich Maneuver, Early Heart Attack Care, Rescue, Bleeding and CPR. Class is limited to 10 people.

**Women's Tea**

Thursday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Cost: \$2 Refreshments included

Suzanne Hales reviews this very timely book, "Funny and Farsi, a Memoir of Growing up Iranian in America." It is both humorous and heartfelt, a story

about family life, culture shock and discovery. It promises to leave us smiling.

**Intro to Computers Class**

Mondays, Sept. 25 to Nov. 27, (No class on Oct. 9 & 30), 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Instructor: RJ Bruno, Cost: \$35 for 8 classes

A laptop computer will be available to you throughout the class at no charge. This class introduces you to the world of computers. Learn computer terminology, gain familiarity with the keyboard and learn  
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## MG Senior Center wants rummage sale donations

### Morton Grove Seniors

#### Trash or Treasure

The Morton Grove Senior Center is now accepting contributions for its Third Annual "Trash or Treasure" Rummage Sale which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16. Donations of all kinds including clothing, tools, household items, books, music, and knick-knacks are gratefully being accepted by the Center. Clean out those closet drawers or attic and basement accumulations and donate goods to: the Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster Street in Morton Grove. All contributions are appreciated and proceeds will be used to enhance activities at the Center. The Center will accept goods from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information please call 847/470-5223.

#### Visually Impaired Motivators

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

#### Computer Classes

The "Computer Keyboarding Class" is great for the "hunt and peck" keyboarders as well as "old world typists" who want to increase their speed and accuracy. This one-day class from 9 to 11 a.m. will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Morton Grove Fire Station #4 at Lincoln and Callie Avenues. The fee is \$10 for Senior Center Members and \$12 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

"Getting Started with Computers" is a class designed for students with little or no computer experience. There will be lots of hand-on exercise

and loads of fun in this four-week course from 9 to 10:30 a.m. starting Sept. 30 through Oct. 21 at the Morton Grove Fire Station #4 at Lincoln and Callie Avenues. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Sept. 15.

The "Internet" course is designed for beginner Internet users and explorers who want to increase their Internet knowledge and proficiency. This four-week series meets from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting Sept. 30 through Oct. 21 at the Morton Grove Fire Station #4 at Lincoln and Callie Avenues. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Sept. 15.

#### 'Shear Madness'

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for "America's favorite whodunit comedy" on Wednesday, Sept. 27 in the quaint downstairs theatre at one of Chicago's best-known venues. On an ordinary day at the Shear Madness hair salon, the regulars stop by for their weekly set and style, and a little gossip. But when a scissor job gone bad leaves the upstairs landlady dead as a doornail, the crazy company of customers and stylists find themselves locked in and fingered for murder. Full of mischief and mayhem, "Shear Madness" brings a wacky cast of characters to life. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 12:30 and returns at 5 p.m. The cost is \$56 for Senior Center Members and \$65 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

#### Crochet Classes

Learn basic and advanced crochet methods, knots, and have fun! All levels welcome to this twelve-week class from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday from Oct. 6 through Dec. 29 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. There will be no class on Friday Nov. 24. The instructor once again will be the incomparable, Diane Brunger. The class fee is \$28 for Senior Center Members and \$32 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

#### Tai Chi Demo and Classes

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for an introduction to Tai Chi. Tai Chi uses slow, gentle movements to improve flexibility and build muscle strength gradually. It can help ease sore joints and muscles. An introductory demonstration class will be offered from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 at a cost of \$1 for Senior Center Members and \$1.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Oct. 3.

Two six-week Tai Chi Class series will also be offered starting in October. The Monday classes from 10 to 10:45 a.m. begin on Monday, Oct. 23. The Friday classes also from 10 to 10:45 a.m. begin on Friday, Oct. 27. The cost for each six-week series of classes is \$25 for Senior Center Members and \$29 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Oct. 19.

#### 'Opera in Focus'

Here's an opportunity for music lovers to listen and view excerpts from the well-known operas *IL Trovatore* and *Phantom of the Opera*. Transportation to the theatre in Rolling Meadows will be via luxury climate controlled bus and will depart from the Morton Grove Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The cost is \$30 for Senior Center Members and \$34.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Sept. 28.

#### Flu Shots

The Village of Morton Grove will provide influenza (flu) immunizations for residents age 65 and older. A flu shot is given annually and is the primary method of preventing the flu and its possible severe complications. There will be no charge for Morton Grove residents who have Medicare Part B and bring in their Medicare card. Residents without Medicare Part B will be charged \$36.46. Anyone allergic to chicken eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot in the past or anyone who has previously developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome in the six weeks after getting the flu

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September 13, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session Grief workshop for residents touched by the loss of a loved one. For more information, please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW (847 588-8420). The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00PM and will focus on the following areas:

Workshop #1, Sept. 13 - "What Has Happened to Me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or a loved one is a difficult process.

Workshop #2, Sept. 20 - "Dealing with Expectations of Ourselves and Others"

Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially when they want us to "move on" or "be

happy again."

Workshop #3, Sept. 27 - "Adjusting to a Difficult Lifestyle." We will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adapt to new social roles and responsibilities.

#### 'Educated Caregiver' Video Series

Please contact Bev Wessels or Melanie Amin for more information about this program.

On Wednesday, September 6, at 1:00PM, the Niles Senior Center Caregiver Group will premiere the first part of our three-session "Educated Caregiver" Video Series. Our first session will help community members learn how to cope effectively with the demands of caregiving for spouses or other family members. This program is offered at no charge but enrollment is necessary.

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how to use a mouse and the toolbar.

#### Intro to Microsoft Word

Mondays, Sept. 25 to Nov. 27, (No Class on Oct. 9 & 30), 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Instructor: RJ Bruno, Cost: \$35 for 8 classes, Prerequisite: Introduction to Computers

A laptop computer will be available to you throughout the class at no charge. This class will review common computer basics, but will move quickly into an introduction to Microsoft Word.

#### Handyman Guides 2006 Available

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.

shot should not get the shot. Any person with an active infection or fever should postpone their shot until their symptoms subside.

Resurrection Medical Center will be administering the immunizations at the Morton Grove Senior Center on:

Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Day Trip

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## French wine complements coconut flan

By Ron James  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

#### The Chef

"My first memory is of crawling through my grandfather's vegetable garden," laughed Katharine Kagel, artist and owner/chef of Cafe Pasqual in Santa Fe, N.M.

#### PERFECT PAIRINGS

"From there on my life has revolved around food and art. Growing up in Northern California I was surrounded by family who not only loved food, but also made their livings selling it. My great grandfather had a vineyard in Europe, my father's parents had a produce stand and my mother's parents had a market, and so on."

But it was Kagel's father and his love of food and basketball that helped develop her culinary skills.

"My dad used to invite all of his ever-changing hoop friends to our Marin County beach house to play every summer," she said. "They needed a lot of fuel! So I helped my mother make all of the meals for these big guys, everyday."

Kagel's passion for food and recipes led her to start a catering company in Northern California. But, she admitted, "I just hated carrying the food all over the place." Then one day she visited Santa Fe and, she said, "I knew I was home."

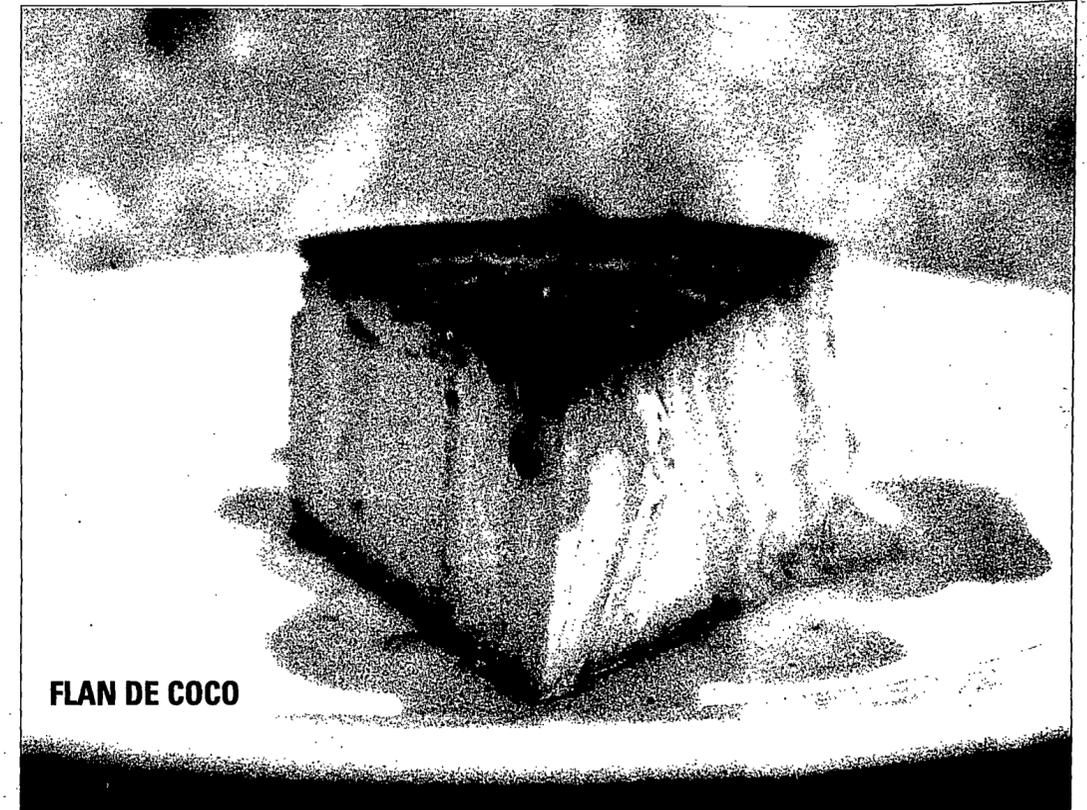
Ten years passed before Kagel settled in Santa Fe. She again started catering - "Chinese food of all things," she said with a chuckle - when fate intervened.

"A small historic pueblo-style adobe located one block from the plaza became available," she said. "And I just decided it was time for me to open a restaurant."

And so, in 1979, Cafe Pasqual was born.

"I named the restaurant after the patron saint of cooks," Kagel said. "His image was on almost every kitchen in Santa Fe."

"I call our style of food equatorial cuisine. I realized the many of the same ingredients come from both Asia and Latin America. In our pantry, you'll



FLAN DE COCO

½ cup sugar  
Juice of ½ lemon  
¼ cup water  
½ cup (Coco Lopez brand) cream of coconut  
½ cup sweetened condensed milk  
1 ½ cups whole milk  
¾ cup shredded sweetened coconut  
6 large organic eggs  
2 teaspoons coconut essence or extract  
Yields 6 servings.  
Preheat oven to 300 F.

Place sugar, lemon juice and water into heavy-bottomed saucepan over low heat. Cook until sugar mixture is melted, caramelized, and quite dark in color.

Divide mixture equally among 6 (6-ounce) ramekins.

Place cream of coconut, sweetened condensed milk, whole milk, shredded coconut, eggs and coconut essence into blender container. Process and distribute evenly among ramekins. Cover each with a square of aluminum foil. Place ramekins into a deep-sided pan large enough to accommodate them. Fill pan with water to reach halfway up sides of ramekins. Bake for 1 hour. Cool completely and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve flan, run knife around edge to loosen flan from ramekin. Place a plate on top of ramekin, then quickly flip over together in 1 quick motion to release flan and its syrup onto plate. Carefully lift ramekin and let any remaining syrup flow over top of flan.

find everything from chipotle and ancho chiles to banana leaves and Thai fish sauce."

In 1999 Cafe Pasqual received the James Beard America's Regional Cooking Classics Award for a "timeless, grass-roots restaurant that serves memorable food and is strongly imbedded in the fabric of the community." At the same time, Kagel was nominated for Best Chef: Southwest by the same foundation.

The Dish

Flan, also known as creme caramel or custard pudding, is popular in kitchens and dining rooms worldwide. It is one of Mexico's most popular

desserts. Kagel's version, Flan de Coco, came from Iliana de la Vega, chef/owner of El Naranjo restaurant in Oaxaca, Mexico.

As Kagel writes in the cooking notes of her just-released cookbook, "Cooking With Cafe Pasqual's: Recipes from Santa Fe's Renowned Corner Cafe" (Ten Speed Press, \$30): "The Flan de Coco has a smooth and delicate texture under its rich, red-brown syrup. Use the canned cream of coconut that is used for making pina colodas, found in most supermarkets. We also have added coconut essence or extract. It can be found in little bottles in the spice section of most groceries."

The dessert is baked in

ramekins, individual straight-sided ceramic baking and serving dishes that come in 4- and 6-ounce sizes. They are readily available at kitchen specialty shops.

#### The Wine

Kagel selected a modestly priced Domaine de Durban Muscat de Beaugues de Venise 2003 (\$14 for 375 mL) when asked about a good match for flan.

"It's like liquid sunshine," she said. "It's light and sweet, a great counter to the rich and smooth dessert."

The wine is produced from 62 acres of muscat vines in the small French Beaugues de

Venise appellation. It is considered the best sweet muscat to come out of the area. Robert Parker gave it 93 points on a 100-point scale, so it moves off shelves quickly. The wine is light honey-colored with sweet aroma and flavors of marmalade and orange balanced by a very nice acidity.

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

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# Wahlberg continues to show talent in 'Invincible'

By Joey Berlin  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Mark Wahlberg came to Hollywood with the basic credentials to get started - a chiseled body and a brassy attitude. But the former underwear model and rapper has proven to be a versatile entertainer.

### FILM CLOSE-UP

And now Wahlberg has established a mainstream acting career, with starring roles in films such as "Four Brothers," "Planet of the Apes" and "The Italian Job," which has a sequel in development. In his new movie, "Invincible," Wahlberg plays real-life football hero Vince Papale, a Philadelphia Eagles fan who tried out for the team during an open call in 1976. Greg Kinnear co-stars as the team's legendary coach, Dick Vermeil.

At 35, Boston-born Wahlberg continues to show his talent for commanding attention on the big screen: He will soon face his biggest test yet, sharing the screen in October with Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon in "The Departed," a crime thriller from director Martin Scorsese.

Q: Vince Papale has said that after he saw you on the field once, he was not worried about how you would portray him in "Invincible."

A: Well actually, the first time he saw me on the field I pulled a little bit of a prank on him. I told him I couldn't run and I dropped every pass that they threw me. So he was a little freaked out at first. But I had grown up playing. I had just never played organized football. You know, I never put on the pads before I put on an NFL uniform, which was kind of cool.

Q: Did you get the feel of what it was like to play in front of a crowd of fans? Was there a big crowd of extras filling the seats?

A: Yeah, they had a couple thousand on any given day, so definitely you do. It's scary. I remember the first time I did a concert I was in front of 80,000 people at Giants stadium. But it was dark. You can maybe see a few rows and then it's nothing but lights. But this was the middle of the day. You

hear them, you see them. And they were all diehard Philly Eagles fans out there. So they made a point to give me a hard time every time they could, and remind me that Vince Papale is their guy, and not to mess the story up. He was a lot easier on me than the fans were.

Q: You always seem to be in really great shape but did you have to train extra hard for this film?

A: I actually did a movie before this called "The Departed" and I had to put on as much weight as possible for that movie. So when I came in, I was way too heavy for what they were hoping. So I just had to run the whole time. I ran, and ran, and ran. We did hitting and running, and that was it. That was certainly new for me, and I haven't run anywhere since.

Q: You had success fairly early. So to get into the mindset of a guy who was feeling beaten down by everyone, was there something you could tap into from your own experiences?

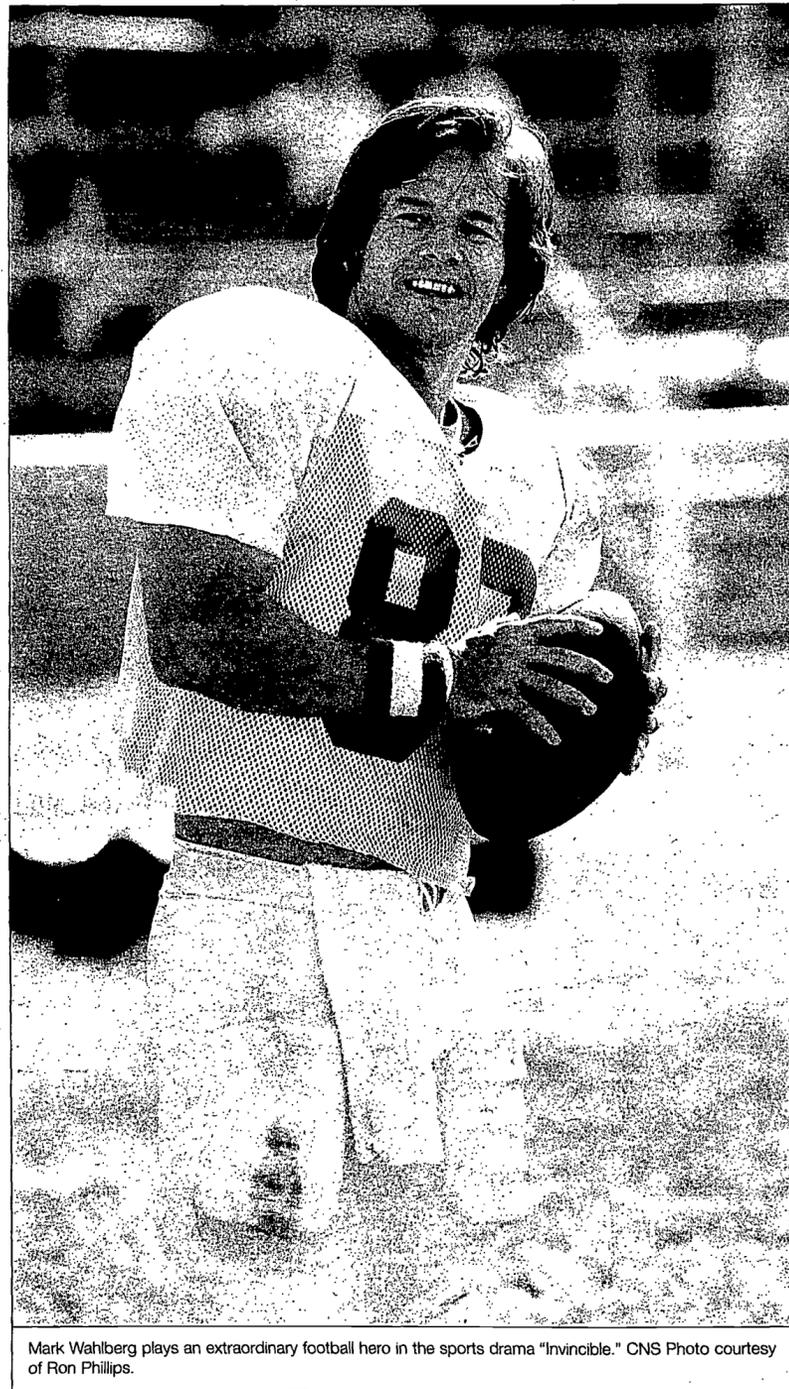
A: Yeah, definitely. I mean, there weren't too many people around me telling me I could become the next president or anything. Especially when I started acting, there weren't too many people saying, "You can do it." I mean, I had a few people supporting me. But it was one of those things where you had to kind of put your blinders on and not listen to all the negativity and just try to make it happen. And if I gave it my full effort and didn't succeed, well at least I'd be happy with that. Because I've had success and failure in the past, and it's part of life, part of what makes you a man.

Q: Are you a football fan? Is that still a big part of your life?

A: Yeah! Oh man, all I ever wanted to do was be an athlete. I grew up playing sports, wanted to play professional baseball, hockey, basketball or football. But I never played in high school or anything. So after my Boys Club days, I kind of forgot about sports and got into other stuff. But that's all I wanted to do, that's all I want to watch, is sports. I'm just a fanatic.

Q: You have always been a Patriots' fan, then?

A: Now it's popular to be a Patriots' fan because they



Mark Wahlberg plays an extraordinary football hero in the sports drama "Invincible." CNS Photo courtesy of Ron Phillips.

won three Super Bowls in four years, but it wasn't always like that. And I've also become an Eagles' fan, because of the Eagles' fans and how committed they are. They're the most loyal fans I've ever seen. So yeah, I can't

live without my sports. I can live without music. I don't listen to rap anymore. But sports, no, that's the last thing I've got.

Q: Do you still want to play professional sports?

A: I don't want to do it any-

more. The only professional sport I'd like to play now, is golf. Definitely the least painful and strenuous.

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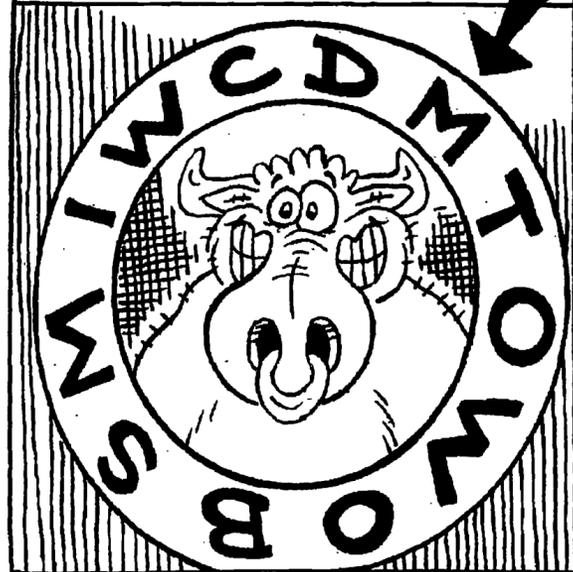
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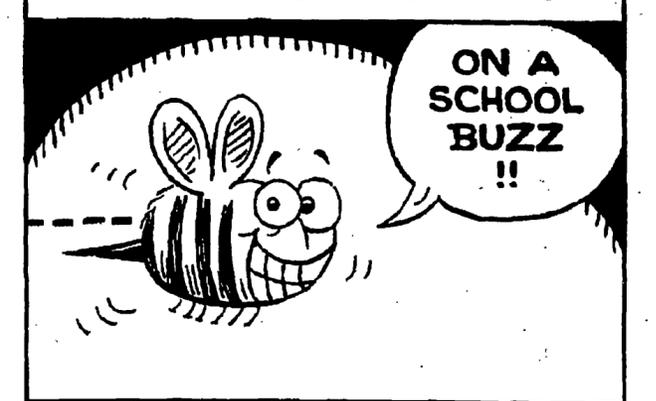
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### HOW DOES A BEE GET TO SCHOOL ?



## Whimsical walls just perfect for a boy's room

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My son is 6 and it's time to redo his "baby room." I'm looking for something fun for his walls. There's only one small window in the room so it needs

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brightening. I'm thinking about an outdoor theme, maybe painting trees on the walls. The trouble is, I can't paint! Is there such a thing as a really big stencil?

A: Even if you're artistically challenged, it shouldn't be too hard to paint a fairly straight "tree trunk" up the wall with a roller. Cover it and the ceiling line all around the room with stencil-painted leaves. You can buy pre-cut leaf-shaped stencils, or cut them yourself from stencil board - use a real tree leaf as a pattern, why not? and paint them in three different shades of green for more realism.

Or, you might simply take a look at the wallpaper murals in your favorite paint supply store. The one we show here comes from York ("Snuggles" collection; www.yorkwall.com or 717-846-4456), and it can turn an entire room into a boy's secret clubhouse, complete with a fence that warns "Keep Out."

Like most large murals, this one goes up in pieces. It's also prepped so it's easier for do-it-yourselfer mothers to install. It's also easy to maintain, scrub and strip when your 6-year-old grows on to something more sophisticated.

Q: Help me find a tactful way to tell my best friends that the art on the walls of the new restaurant they've just opened is hung way too high. It's the same in their own home. They hang everything at eye level, they say, but that's when you're standing up! In a restaurant, everyone is mostly sitting down. I've pointed this out several times, but



they ignore my advice, and I don't want to be a pest who minds other people's business.

A: For which discretion, you get high marks from me. High art on a wall is another thing. In this case, you are being a good friend to mind their business, literally.

The decor in a restaurant serves much the same purpose as it does in a home: making people feel cozy and relaxed.

Tall, bare walls are not conducive to hominess. Nor is art hung too high to see and enjoy. But how to tell your friends so they'll get the message? You might point out that according to HGTV designer Karl Lohnes, they're a statistic: hanging artworks out of sight ranks fifth on his list of the 10 most common mistakes in decorating.

How to cure it? Lohnes says the bottom of the artwork should be no more than 8 to 10

inches above the top of a piece of furniture, such as a dining table, sofa or bed headboard.

Also on the no-no list compiled by the designer in conjunction with window coverings giant Hunter Douglas (www.hunterdouglas.com or 800-274-2985), leaving windows for last. Better to figure out the light- and privacy-control you'll need before you move on to the furniture.

■ Buying before measuring. You don't want a sofa, say, that overwhelms the space, or worse, gets stuck in the front door.

■ Choosing too-small area rugs: They should cover all but a 12-to-16-inch border around the room. Or be at least large enough for your furniture grouping to sit upon.

■ Going with too-pale colors: The larger the room, Lohnes says, the more depth a wall

color needs.

■ Highlighting wimpy trims: Narrow trims (3 1/2 inches or less) should be painted to match the wall and make it look taller.

■ Buying too many too-small accessories: Save your money, Lohnes advises, and invest in one important, long-lived piece.

■ Scattering collectibles: The sum is greater than the parts (which add up to "clutter" when they're scattered all over the house).

■ Confusing focal points: Every room needs a focal point, be it fireplace, headboard, TV or windows. But one is enough.

Doing it all in a day. "Shop for your entire room's decor in a day, and it looks like you did it all in a day," Lohnes warns. Take your time - decorating is a layer-by-layer process. "It's not fun to rush," the designer says. "It is a great deal of fun to 'build' the look of a room."

## Don't let fall leaves do harm to your pond

By Jeff Rugg  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Even though my pond has a skimmer, every year lots of leaves accumulate in the rocks and gravel on the bottom. What do I need to do about

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this? My pond guy said I will need to do a cleanout in the spring, but the leaves are beginning to accumulate there now.

A: If you wait to do a pond cleanout in the spring, your fish may be dead. Leaves in a pond can harbor parasites that can weaken fish when their immune system is at its lowest - over the winter. Leaves can continue to decay in the cold water as sunlight warms the dead brown leaf, allowing bacteria to take oxygen from the water and releasing toxic substances into the water.

Remove dead leaves whenever you find them in your pond. Some organic matter between the rocks is normal and not harmful at all to fish. In fact, for koi and goldfish, a muddy bottom is fine. It's the buildup of toxic compounds from an abundance of decaying leaves can harm the fish.

You may find it easier to place a net over your pond to prevent leaves from getting into it in the first place. There are several types of nets available. Some are disposable and have large holes that might allow smaller leaves to get through. Strong, long-lasting cloth nets have small holes that can keep out most pine

needles. These nets come with stakes, poles and grommets for secure installation.

You might need to cover the pond for a few weeks in autumn, during the heaviest leaf-fall period, and use the skimmer and a hand net the rest of the time.

Q: Last year, the big, pretty koi we had purchased didn't survive the winter, but their babies did. Some of those babies grew quite large this summer. We don't want them to die this winter. What can we do to protect them?

A: This is a problem many people have at some time in their pond. They buy large fish and the fish have babies. Sometimes, lots of babies survive until winter. During the winter, the pond is overstocked with all these large and small fish. Large fish need more oxygen than small fish because they have more muscle and tissue mass than small fish. Unfortunately, small fish have better access to small bubbles and other sources of air than larger fish, when there is not enough air for all the fish. The large fish die and usually a lot of small fish die, too, but they go unnoticed because there are so many small fish that are still alive.

This time of year, every pond owner should look at the number of fish in the pond and their sizes. If there are a lot of new ones, it is a good idea to give them to someone who can use them. Keep the pretty ones, the friendly ones and the ones you paid good money for and get rid of all the rest. It is the kindest and safest thing

you can do for your fish.

Start now since it may take some time to find a good home for the extra fish. Many pond clubs have fall meetings and shows where your extra fish can be taken to find a good pond.

Q: I planted a hawthorn tree last year in the fall. I'm wondering if the tree is experiencing first year shock, as it has leaves on the outer branches but none on the inner branches. The branches are alive. Should I refertilize? Prune back? Or, simply wait another year hoping maybe year two will be better?

A: I would take a wait-and-see attitude on this tree. Don't cut out any branches except dead ones. As the root system starts to grow into the surrounding soil, it will be able to support more leaves. At the same time, the tree needs all the leaves it can grow because they create the food necessary to grow more roots.

Don't fertilize right now because the tree will want to send out new growth that will consume more food than it can create before it dies in the cooler fall weather. You can fertilize then, after the leaves fall off. Trees at that time of year will save the nutrients to create new growth in the spring. But don't overdo it because too much fertilizer can kill roots.

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

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### GARDEN TIP

#### Koi

Koi are a domesticated and decorative variation of the common carp, *Cyprinus carpio*. Some koi have grown to 6 feet in length. Most of today's koi are seen as special if they reach 3 feet. The oldest koi have aged 230 years, but the average age is 40 to 60 years.

■ Koi originated in parts of East Asia and China about 2,500 years ago. In their black form they were known as magoi and kept in rice fields to provide food during the winter. Some of these fish were brought closer to homes and used as decoration and kept in their own ponds, which made them easier to farm. In the Niigata region of Japan, red and gray color mutations appeared 700 years later.

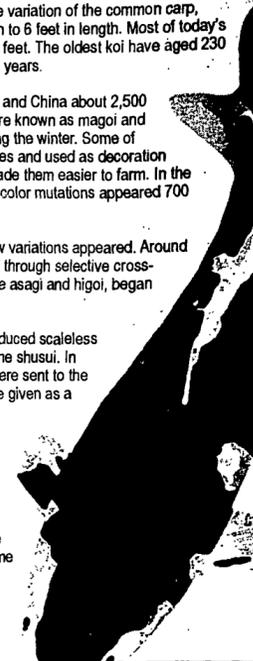
■ Around 1800, red, white and yellow variations appeared. Around 1830, the first "kohaku" was produced through selective cross-breeding. Other varieties, including the asagi and higoi, began appearing in the late 1800s.

■ A cross between the German-introduced scaleless leather carp and the asagi produced the shusui. In 1914, a batch of these colored carp were sent to the Great Tokyo Exhibition and some were given as a gift for the Emperor Taisho's son.

■ The 1920s saw the appearance of the kohaku and sanke, followed by the shiro bekko and showa in the 1930s.

■ Koi are always changing with more variations becoming available and some becoming "fixed."

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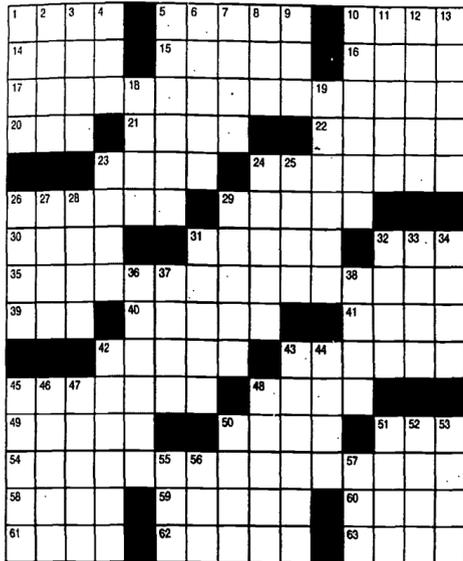
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 #01 Lighting Retrofit Labor  
 #02 Lighting Retrofit Materials

The contract document for said work may be obtained and will be available after Thursday, September 7, 2006 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, Niles, Illinois. 847/967-6633.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2006. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. All bids received after 10:00 a.m. will be returned unopened.

A properly certified check, bank draft, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Niles Park District for not less than ten percent (10%) of the total bid amount will be required for each bid. Niles Park District will require the successful Bidder to furnish a satisfactory performance and labor and/or material payment bond for the total contract amount of this project.

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Joseph V. LoVerde, Jr.  
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 Niles Park District

**AUTO SCENE**

**Magnum SRT8's only drawback is temptation to speed**

Mark Maynard Copley News Service

I like a tight deadline, 'special' the one when the appliance repairman calls my cell phone to say he can be at my house in 15 minutes and I know I'm 20 minutes out.

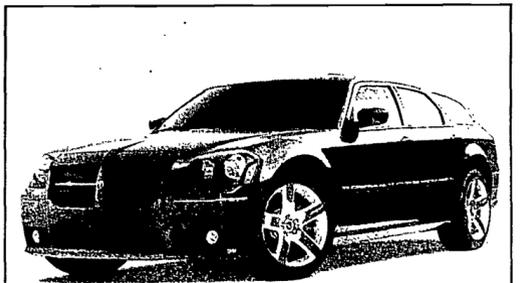
That's when a 425-horsepower Dodge Magnum SRT8 comes in handy. This is the big Hemi, the 6.1-liter V-8. With a couple of green lights, I've got it made.

Pull the trigger on this baby and things happen quickly. It's a symphony of sounds when hard on the gas. The motor hits its stride at 4,000 rpm and thunders with enthusiasm. I love the chuffle from the tailpipe as the engine grabs a breath as the five-speed AutoStick feeds upshifts.

Take it easy and fuel economy can rise to the mid-16s around town, maybe up to 20 on the highway.

Pop the hood to admire the Hemi and listen as the engine spins as quietly as a fuel-sipper. It's not until you walk around back to the dual pipes that you get the Mopar sound effects.

The performance treatment is formidable but ridiculously controllable. The steering is tactile and boosted enough at low speeds to not struggle with the 20-inch tires. The touch is a little light when carving through turns,



but easily adapted to. Hit the big Brembo brakes and the car vacuums to the pavement without nosedive. The ride is firm, even monotonous on concrete freeways, but any negatives with this car seem to fade away with the force and finesse that SRT puts

into a wagon that can work, not just play. The cargo area has creative packaging for grocery-getting, and a large cargo net will secure the boards and materials from Home Depot. And what young

loose, which can be a problem for those who can't resist.

**SIDEBAR: SPECS BOX**  
 2006 Dodge Magnum SRT8  
 Body style: 5-passenger wagon  
 Engine: 6.1-liter SRT Hemi V-8; pushrod-operated overhead valves  
 Horsepower: 425 at 6,000 rpm  
 Torque: 420 at 4,800 rpm  
 Transmission: 5-speed AutoStick  
 EPA fuel economy estimates: 14 mpg city, 20 highway; 91 octane recommended

**DIMENSIONS**  
 Cargo space: 27.2 cubic feet;  
 71.6 rear seats folded  
 Front head/leg/shoulder room: 38.7/41.8/58.7 inches  
 Rear head/leg/shoulder room: 38.1/40.2/57.6 inches  
 Length/wheelbase: 197.7/120 inches  
 Curb weight: 4,260 pounds

**FEATURES**  
 Standard equipment includes: remote keyless locking, air conditioning, tilt-telescopic steering column, leather-wrapped steering wheel, high-performance suspension, performance-tuned steering, 160-amp alternator, solar-control

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**PRICING**  
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**PLUSES:** Impressive performance in a reasonable family muscle wagon

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