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Notre Dame students wrap up their "Walk-a-thon" last week.

ND walkathon aims for \$50K

Wearing bright green shirts, many Notre Dame High School students walked together in the 2006 Walkathon through Niles, with a goal of raising \$50,000 for the school's clubs and activities.

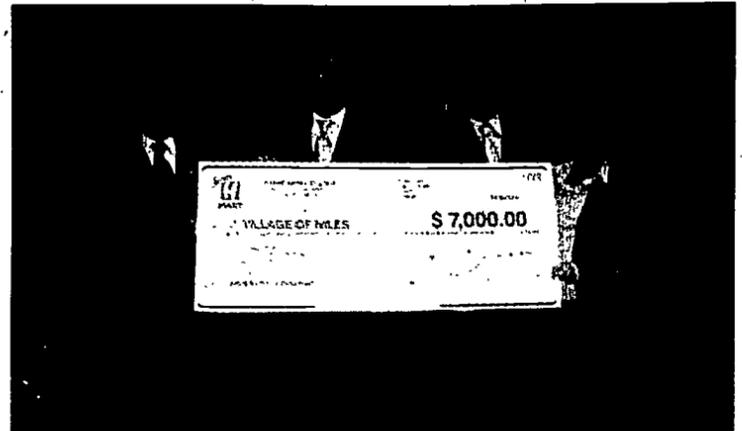
Half of the proceeds from the Walkathon will also benefit the Windows to the Future Program, with the continual project of installing new exterior

windows at the high school. The Walkathon is one of the school's three major fund-raising events to fulfill the needs of the students.

The walk ended with a pep rally, a free lunch and fun and games. There were no classes held on this day.

In order to reach their ultimate goal, a goal of \$75 per stu-

dent was set. In order to encourage students to participate and show their school spirit, various incentives were offered. Students who bring in \$125 will receive a day off from school and if the school reaches their minimum goal of \$50,000, the entire school will receive a day off during the spring semester.



HMart Representatives presented a \$7,000 check to the village of Niles for its annual 'Taste of Sister Cities' event. The donation also marks the beginning of a search for a new Korean Sister City.

Niles will add Korean Sister City

HMart makes donation to 'Taste' program

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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The new Super H Mart that opened recently at the Civic Center in Niles has formed a

"Taste of Sister Cities:"
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partnership with the Village of Niles, going beyond being a new mega mart in town.

Representatives of Super H Mart presented a \$7,000 check to Mayor Nicholas Blase and the Village of Niles on Thursday, Sept. 21 that will benefit the village's Sister City program, and more specifically, the Taste of the Sister Cities event coming up in November.

Representatives from HMart will choose a city in Korea that will also become one of the village's sister cities, along with their current cities in Greece, Italy, Ireland and Poland.

"It's a wonderful token on their part," said Blase. "Their

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Electricity consumers to see 26 percent hike

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Illinois' first power auction did nothing to stop the increase in electricity costs, allowing rates to reach a 26 percent increase for ComEd customers, according to an announcement released last Friday.

State legislators and leaders from the Citizens Utility Board are outraged at the increase and are fighting to appeal the

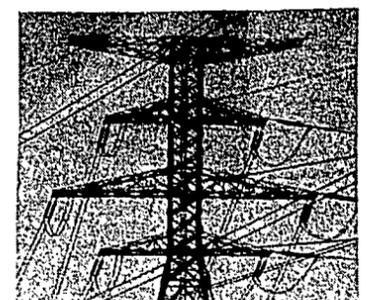
move. CUB, a nonprofit statewide utility watchdog organization created by the state legislature to represent the interests of residential and small-business utility customers, is pushing for an extension of a rate freeze for three years. In addition, CUB has joined Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's appeal of the auction to the state Appellate Court, arguing it is "illegal because it eliminates

the commission's authority to ensure that rates are just and reasonable."

According to reports released by CUB, ComEd customers will get hit with a 26 percent electric rate increase, or about \$160 a year for the average residential customer, beginning January 1. The rate hike would leave most customers paying rates higher than they were in 1997, when the state began its move to competition in the electric industry.

The vast majority of Illinois
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First of a three-part series on
Consumer Energy Issues



26%
Rate Increase
\$160 a year for average residential customers
Begins January 1, 2007

Electricity rate increase to zap consumers in 07

The issue of next year's consumer electricity rates has been something of a live wire for politicians in the state of Illinois recently and since the results of the state's first-ever electricity auction were announced two weeks ago voices on all sides of the issue have only become louder.

Consumer electricity bills are expected to increase 26 percent for ComEd customers or about \$160 per year for the average customer, news that has outraged some state legislators and the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), a watchdog created by the legislature to monitor utilities.

The price increase was the result of a three-day auction where 20 different suppliers competed to sell electricity to



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ComEd, which operates the state's grid. Prices are set to increase Jan. 1, 2007.

CUB Executive Director David Kolata is outraged and Attorney General Lisa Madigan is even calling for court action to prevent the increased prices from taking effect, arguing that the auction was illegal because it eliminated CUB's "authority to ensure that rates are just and

reasonable." Utility representatives argue that the auction will help ensure that prices are kept at reasonable rates over the long term, but Kolata felt that the price increase was unnecessary since a CUB study concluded that ComEd's profit has quadrupled since the 1997 restructuring act that reduced and froze prices.

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He also argued that power could be provided more cheaply, citing Naperville as a success story. With a municipal electric utility, Naperville suc-

ceeded in negotiating for a four-year electricity price that will save its consumers millions of dollars.

ComEd argues though, that the rate hike is needed and, combined with the 9-year rate freeze has and will continue to save money for consumers in the long-term.

Costs go up. It's a fact of life and something that many Americans are struggling with now. Electricity rates are going up, natural gas prices go up each winter and drivers are just now seeing some relief at

the gas pump. Where will all these cost increases end?

While more regulation is probably not the solution the increases in the cost of energy are spreading through every level of our economic system and causing us to reconsider some of the small things we wouldn't have dreamed of four years ago. Despite their famous frustrations with Illinois residents who take up their lakes for recreation, Wisconsin residents I spoke with early in the summer were concerned that high gasoline prices would cause fewer tourists, campers and shoppers to make the trip north.

Next week, The Bugle will look into the drop in prices we're paying at the pump in the second of its three-part series "Power Play."

Moose hosts Pulmonary Fibrosis benefit

The Morton Grove Moose Lodge and other community service organizations have joined the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, the leading institute in the world working to

find a cure for the disease, in the fight against pulmonary fibrosis. The Foundation is devoted to improving the quality of life for those afflicted with pulmonary fibrosis

and provides hope for patients through funding and supporting research, education, community support and advocacy.

The event will be held at the See Benefit, page 13

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contribution is significant." H Mart Property Manager Peter Kong said that they are excited to form a partnership with the Village of Niles. Kong said that there are many cities in Korea that are historic sites, such as Kyung Ju city, so they have many options to choose from.

Kong said that the location in Niles has been terrific and they plan to start offering free cooking classes. Although many people of Asian descent can be seen walking through the super mart, Kong said that they expect to have more American customers than Asian customers.

George Alpogianis, the chairman of the sister city in Greece and owner of Kappy' restaurant and Jack Skaja (owner of Skaja funeral home) and Andrew Przybylo (owner of the White Eagle restaurant) representing the sister city in Poland were at the presentation.

"These are the nicest people in the world," said Andrew Detolve, who handles the business licenses in the village, who greatly appreciates H Mart's support of the village.

Kotowski calls for ban on sniper rifle

Dan Kotowski, democratic candidate for the Illinois State Senate 33rd District, announced that he will work for a state-wide ban on .50 caliber



sniper rifles on Thursday, Sept. 21 at his Park Ridge office.

Kotowski refers to the rifle as an "ideal tool" for terrorism and a threat to the safety of the public.

"The .50-caliber sniper rifle has the fire power to knock a civilian aircraft out of the sky or to destroy it on the ground," stated Kotowski, in a press release. "If we are serious about protecting aircraft from acts of terrorism, we must move beyond the screening of passengers in airports. We need to ban tools of death like the .50-caliber rifle."

Kotowski, as the executive director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, has worked with various key legislators in order to win the approval of various significant

proposals, such as those that stopped people charged with domestic violence crimes from legally purchasing firearms, required parents to safely store handguns away from children and put an end to "cop killer" bullets.

Kotowski has called on his opponent, Cheryl Axley, to join him in supporting his actions against the .50 caliber rifles or to explain why she will not.

The 33rd senatorial district includes all or parts of the suburban

communities of Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Mount

Prospect, Niles, Norwood Park, Park Ridge, Rolling Meadows, Rosemont,

Schaumburg and the far northwest portion of the city of Chicago.

Kotowski is also fighting to put an end to unwanted credit card solicitation and identify theft and fraud. He recently held an event regarding this issue that attracted about 100 residents.

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electric customers, including almost all residential and small commercial customers, purchase their electricity under a fixed-price arrangement. The power auction was the state's first to procure electric power for fixed-price customers of ComEd and Ameren Companies: Central Illinois Light Company, Central Illinois Public Service Company and Illinois Power.

The Illinois Commerce Commission reported that the state's first power auction proceeded "smoothly and efficiently."

The auction began September 5 and concluded September 8, with more than 20 suppliers registered to bid. Bidders submitted bids via the internet.

"The auction was very competitive," said Commission Chairman Charles Box in a release. "The rules and safeguards designed to protect the integrity of the auction worked well. This is a crucial step in the development of a truly competitive marketplace for electricity in Illinois, as the

General Assembly called for in 1997.

However, CUB feels ComEd doesn't need the increase, noting that since passage of the 1997 restructuring law, which reduced and froze rates, ComEd's profits have quadrupled and a CUB study, conducted earlier this year, showed that Exelon, the parent company, would remain extremely profitable even if rates remained at current levels or were cut slightly.

Furthermore, CUB Executive Director David Kolata referenced nearby Naperville's investigation into receiving cheaper prices for electricity, explaining it can be done. Naperville which has a municipal electric utility, recently locked in prices for four years at 6 cents, saving customers hundreds of millions of dollars compared to ComEd's rates under the auction.

"The fact that a town like Naperville was able to negotiate lower prices than the ComEd auction produced shows what a failure this process has been," said Kolata in a release. "It's time for lawmakers to step in and protect consumers by extending the

rate freeze."

According to ComEd, since 1997, the state has been moving toward an open, competitive electricity market. ComEd says its customers have already benefited from this transition and that by the end of 2006, customers will have saved about \$4 billion as a result of a 20 percent rate reduction and freeze.

According to the ICC, each of the utilities will calculate the electricity charges for each rate class, such as residential, commercial and industrial, and will file them with the Commission within the next nine to 12 days. ICC staff will review the tariff filings. The price of electricity is a straight pass-through to the customer.

The new rates will be the first rate increase since before 1997. The total cost for utility customers buying power from their utility will be the sum of electricity costs plus a delivery service charge. Pending before the commission are proposals from ComEd and Ameren companies to allow new rates to be phased in over several years. Final orders in those cases are expected later in the fall.

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Obituary

Frank G. Caputo
A funeral Mass for Frank G. Caputo, 79, took place on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles. Visitation was Monday, Sept. 18 at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home in Niles. Mr Caputo worked as a Real Estate Broker. He also served in the army. He is survived by his mother, Carmella Caputo (nee Dato); children Lisa Marie Caputo,

Louis (Nancy) Caputo; Grandchildren Kelly, Frank and Cara; sisters Lee (Late Louis) Mazzucia, Geraldine Caputo; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Louis Caputo and sister Anne (Andrew) Pilolla. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research or the American Diabetes Assoc.

MG adds traffic restrictions near 'Trafalgar Square'

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A resolution to authorize the designation of turn restrictions for the proposed Trafalgar Woods Development's connection points to Waukegan Rd. within Morton Grove was presented at the village board meeting on Monday, Sept. 25.

The purpose of the ordinance is to improve the motorist safety and efficiency in the area of the proposed Trafalgar Woods development.

The ordinance approves the designation of "no left turn" into the proposed Trafalgar Woods development at the traffic signals at the intersection of Waukegan Rd. with Caldwell Ave. and the designation of a "right turn only" from the proposed north access drive of Trafalgar Woods onto Waukegan Rd.

The original site access plan for the Trafalgar Woods development was approved by the

Traffic Safety Commission and the village board, but was rejected by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

IDOT has jurisdictional control over Waukegan Rd and it requires the Village of Morton Grove to adopt the turn restrictions in the village code as a condition of its approval for the proposed connection points of Trafalgar Woods to Waukegan Rd.

Also at the village board meeting, many of the village trustees thanked the public works department for doing a "great job" of cleaning up the branches left on the ground after the storm came through the area this past Friday.

Mayor Richard Krier said the village will also receive a grant of about \$105,000 for the installation of new street lights and a grant that will enable the village to replace the old sirens (which were used on Friday during the Tornado warning) with new sirens.



From left Andrew Przybylo, George Apoligianis, Denise Joseph, Jack Skaja and Dennis McEnerney, with the Sister Cities organization at village hall last week, accepting a check from H-Mart for the "Taste" event.

'Taste of Sister Cities' Nov. 19

The Niles Sister Cities Association is announcing that the second annual Taste of Sister Cities fundraiser will be held on Nov. 19.

This family event will take place at the White Eagle Banquets in Niles from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, the new Asian super mart in town, H-Mart, made a \$7,000 donation that will be used for the Taste event. The Village of Niles does not use tax money for these functions, other than secretarial expenses, so the village is very

grateful for H-Mart's generosity.

The first Taste event last year attracted 1,000 participants and raised \$14,000 that will go toward the funding of various programs and exchanges between the village's four sister cities, Pisa, Italy, Nafplion, Greece, Leixlip Ireland and Limanowa, Poland.

Denise Joseph, of the Village of Niles, said that they are expecting to have about 12 to 15 restaurants in the area participate this year, and music from a few cultural bands as well.

SCHOOLS

Maine East schedules 'Vintage Homecoming'

Maine East is planning "A Vintage Homecoming" the week of September 25-29. Dress up activities include "Crawl out of Bed Pajama Day" on Monday, a "Wiggled Out Clash Day" on Tuesday, "A Vintage Dress Up Day" on Wednesday, "Color Wars" on Thursday, and "Blue and White Spirit Day" on Friday. The fun-filled calendar of events includes a faculty-student soccer game on Monday, at 6:00 p.m. in the stadium, the Powder Puff Football Game on Wednesday, from 7-9 p.m. in the stadium (\$3.00 admission at the gate), Thursday's dodgeball tournament at 4:00 p.m. in the field house, Class Wars/Demon Olympics at half-time during the varsity soccer game, and the Firelight Rally from 7-9 p.m. in the stadium, during which the Homecoming King and Queen will be

Homecoming Info

For further information, please contact Natalie Bourn or Tony Montesano at (847) 825-4484.

crowned. Activities planned for Friday are an all-school pep assembly to cheer on the Demons from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., a barbeque from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on the softball field and the homecoming football games featuring the Maine East Demons vs. the Glenbrook North Spartans. The sophomore game will be held at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity game afterwards. Saturday's homecoming dance will be held in the ABCD gym.

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Great Beginnings for SJB Preschoolers

Preschoolers returning to St. John Brebeuf for their second year of preschool were warmly welcomed at the front door by their teachers Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Lalich. As part of the first day's activities each child made a treasure bottle filled with 10 preschool treasures. These consisted of various small objects from their Learning Centers. They then buried them in a half bottle of sand, simulating a Pirate's Buried

Treasure. This project combined the tasks of matching, counting, manipulating and observing. As the children and parents were leaving each child received a flower pinwheel on this happy first day of school. What a great beginning it was!

Pictured above: Mrs. Alessandra Klug, Alyssa Klug, Mrs. Nichols, Delilah Denka, Mrs. Lalich.

VFW Scholarship student competition announced

Commander James Kozak of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #7712 recently announced the kick-off of the annual "Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition."

High school students in the area have the opportunity to compete in the annual audio essay competition and win thousands of dollars in scholarships, a trip to Washington, D.C., as well as various other awards.

The students start off by competing at the local post level where monetary awards are given. The deadline for

entries at the post is Nov. 1.

Students write and then record a three to five minute audio essay expressing their views of this year's patriotic theme "Freedom's Challenge."

All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 national scholarship but any one of them could win the \$30,000 first place award.

Those students and teachers who are interested can contact the Voice of Democracy Chairman at the Niles VFW Post #7712 by phone at 847 647 9890 or write to the Post at 7419 Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

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ed at least 50 graded semester hours at Saint Xavier University and earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 for cum laude, 3.7 for magna cum laude and 3.9 for summa cum laude.

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Auto stolen from Morton Grove dealership

MORTON GROVE

1 Vehicle Theft (6900 Dempster)
Police said sometime between June 20 and July 1 a vehicle was stolen from the dealership. Over the past two months, the dealership was trying to locate the vehicle, but on Sept. 14 it was reported stolen.

2 Punctured/Flat Tires (8800 Ozark)
Unidentified person(s) punctured and flattened two tires of a vehicle sometime between Sept. 10 and Sept. 12. The value of the Good Year tires is \$198.

3 Theft of Gas (8800 Waukegan)
Unknown subject put \$60 worth of gas in his white and brown van and then drove away without paying on Sept. 20.

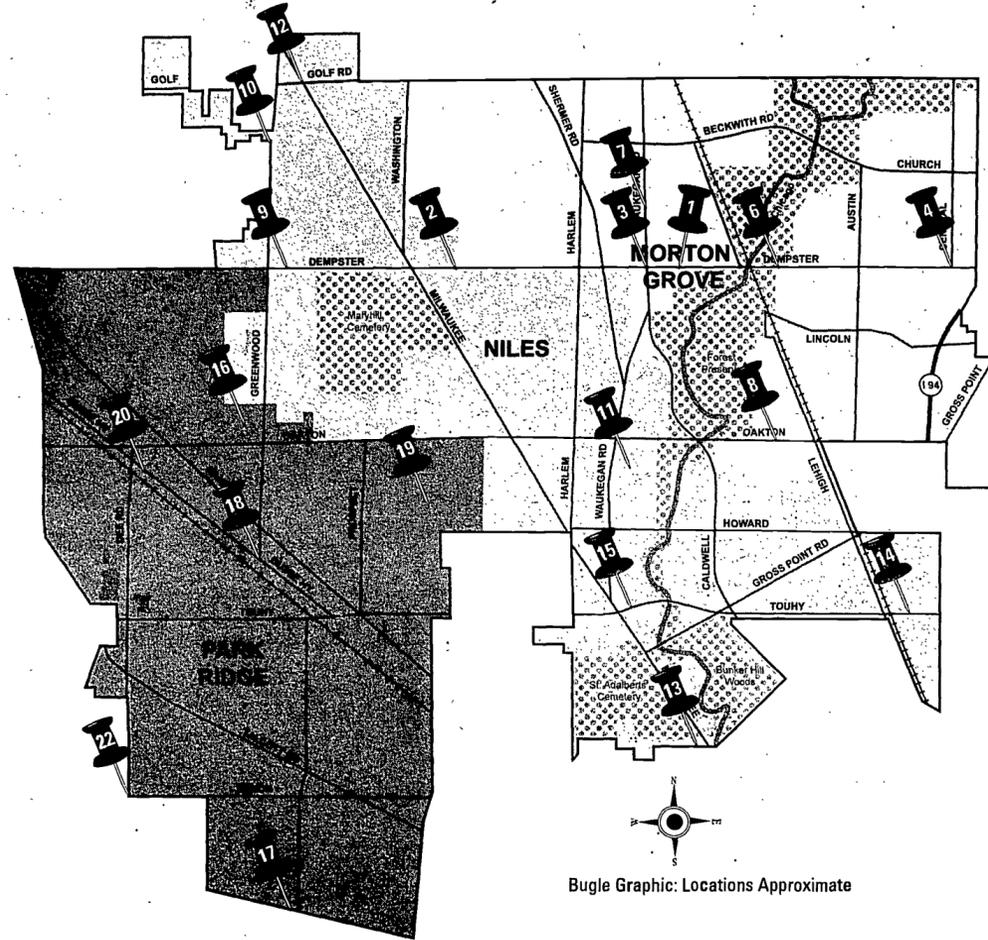
4 Theft of Gas (5600 Dempster)
Police said unidentified person pumped \$38.99 worth of gas into his vehicle on Sept. 18 and drove off without paying.

5 Suspicious Phone Calls
A female resident said she received a phone call from a man who said that he worked for some company and he needed to verify her bank account number on Sept. 19. Police said the woman said the man had a foreign accent. The woman reportedly did not give out any of her information, but the caller already knew her name, address and phone number. When the woman tried to call the number back, she got a recorded message from the sign-up services for Verizon Wireless, a company to which she has never been a customer.

6 Suspended Driver's License Arres (6400 Dempster)
Police arrested a 20 year old Niles man for driving with a suspended license on Sept. 19. There is a court date of Oct. 11.

7 DUI Arrest (9000 Waukegan)
Police arrested a 53 year old Highland Park woman for driving under the influence of alcohol after her vehicle struck Rusty's Tavern on Sept. 16. She has a court date of Oct. 12.

8 Retail Theft (6300 Oakton)
A 66 year old Skokie man was arrested on Sept. 19 for retail theft after he concealed \$53.10 worth of items on himself and walked out of the store without paying for them. His court date is Oct. 11.



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

NILES

9 Tree Falls, Damages Windows on Apartment Building (8800 Chester)
During the storm on Sept. 22, a tree had fallen and damaged two windows on the northside of the apartment building.

10 Retail Theft (500 Golf Mill)
Police said that the subject took shoes, socks and pants from a display in the store and attempted to leave the mall exit on Sept. 23. The merchandise totaling \$83.48 were recovered.

11 Man Falls for \$10,000 Scam (900 Civic Center)
Police said that while in the parking lot of the store, a victim was approached by a male with an African accent on Sept. 22. The victim gave two offenders a ride to a store and the offenders were showing the victim a great deal of money. The police report said that as an act of "good faith," the victim went to

the bank and gave the offenders \$10,000 and the offenders took off.

12 Burglary to Vehicle (9600 Milwaukee)
Unidentified subject(s) took several tools and a checkbook from a vehicle sometime between Sept. 21 and Sept. 22. The complainant parked his company's van in the pharmacy lot overnight. This time, the van's side cargo door was left unlocked.

13 Man Shouting Outside Business (6600 Albion)
Police said unknown person was shouting outside the door of a business on Sept. 23. The suspect was attempting to pull open a door that must be pushed to be open and was shouting on the street, causing a disturbance, said police.

14 Arrested for Indecent Exposure (5600 Touhy)
Police arrested a 22 year old Chicago man after he pulled his shirt up to his chest and touched himself inappropriately in his vehicle parked in a business parking lot on Sept. 22. A female victim witnessed his behavior. His court date is Oct. 10 and bond is set at \$1,000.

15 DUI Arrest
A 33 year old Niles man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, having a BAC of .08 or more, illegal transportation of alcohol and no valid drivers license on Sept. 20. His court date is Oct. 20 and his bond is \$3,000.

16 Wall Damaged by Black Marker (500 Busse Hwy)
Police said unknown subject(s) used a black marker to deface the wall on the northwest corner of the building between Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

17 Purse Taken from School Playground (700 N. Wisner)
Police said unidentified subject(s) took the victim's purse from the school playground area on Sept. 15. The purse contained \$4 in USC and identification.

18 2 Windows Broken at Train Station (900 Busse Hwy)
Unidentified person(s) used an unknown object to break two windows on the south side of the train station building on Sept. 15. The estimated cost of the damage is \$400, said police. See Blotter, page 7

PARK RIDGE

16 Hand Bag Taken from Vehicle (1100 N. Knight)
Police said unknown subject(s) entered victim's unlocked 2004 Lexus ES330 sometime between Sept. 16 and Sept. 17. The subject took a Fendi handbag that is worth \$300.

17 Bottle Thrown Through Window of Vehicle (1000 W. Peterson)
Unidentified person(s) threw a bottle through the rear window of the victim's 2002 Ford F150 sometime between Sept. 15 and Sept. 17. The estimated cost of the damage is \$400, said police.

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Tornado spotted in PR

In the early evening on Friday, Sept. 22, loud sirens started sounding off in the Niles area.

There were no ambulances or fire trucks in sight. This was something different. Local police departments set off the sirens due to a tornado warning and a funnel cloud was reportedly spotted over Park Ridge.

The Niles Police Department set off the sirens after the National Weather Service named the Village of Niles as a town that was in the area for a tornado to possibly hit. The sirens were set off about five years ago when there was a microburst at Golf Mill Shopping Center, but they are

rarely set off. The last tornado to actually hit Niles was in the 1970s, according to the police department.

Niles Fire Chief Barry Mueller said that they had an increase in call volume, but there were no major incidents that happened during the duration of the storm. People did lose power in the area.

The next day Mueller said that the public works department did an excellent job of picking up branches left behind. "They were out all weekend picking up branches," said Morton Grove Public Works Department Andy Demonte. "There was a funnel cloud spotted over Park Ridge."

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21 Random Burglaries
There were more than 20 burglaries to vehicles in Park Ridge this past week, between Sept. 14 and Sept. 20 involving vehicles that are unlocked. The Park Ridge Police has previously sent out a press release regarding recent vehicle bur-

glaries and the importance of locking vehicles.

22 DUI Arrest (Devon and Dea)
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Letters to the Editor

Resident urges vote for D64 board

Dear Editor,
I write to urge Park Ridge and Niles citizens within school Districts 64 and 207 to think ahead to next April's school board elections. Several board positions are up for election in both school districts. Now is a key time to consider running for these important positions.

I am a father of D64 and D207 children, and the Chairperson-Elect of the General Caucus of Districts 64 and 207, a non-profit, non-partisan volunteer organization. We are actively looking for qualified school board candidates. Our group's main job is to nominate, interview, and endorse Park Ridge or Niles candidates for Districts 64 and 207. We meet biannually, in the months prior to a School Board election.

So if you have a keen interest in our schools, let us know! We have information on the Board positions and on current school issues. We can also refer you to former Board members for their thoughts.

We invite interested citizens to speak this fall before our Caucus delegates about their candidacy. Our group also helps get you known: our delegates represent a wide variety of local civic organizations.

These are important times for our schools. Districts 64 and 207 face issues about budget cuts and, for D64, a possible referendum. There are ongoing topics concerning curriculum choices, class size, student and staff policy decisions, and long term educational goals. Your interest, whether as a potential candidate or as a Caucus member, makes a difference. You shape the discussion. You set direction.

Interested? Call Mike Callahan, at (847) 384-9095 or e-mail mcallahan@blackmankallick.com for an application. See our Web site at www.parkridge.info/caucus for more information.

We also continue to invite civic organizations to join the Caucus. Give Wendy Kaigi a call if you have an interest in joining the Caucus as a delegate: (847) 825-1352 or e-mail at wkaegi@comcast.net.

Phil Eichman, Park Ridge

Resident pens poem

Dear Editor,
My husband recently wrote this poem about aging and although it fails to praise the aging process, it speaks with a bit of truth and I think your readers will enjoy it.

Bernie and Dorothy Bernstein,
35-year residents of Niles

Sitten and Spitten....

On the green slatted bench in front of Jewel's grocery store in Niles Illinois on a sultry summer's day, is the way I pass my day-these days

It's the same as some twenty years ago, oh no, some thirty years ago, oh no, I guess it's been over 60 years.

Since I used to sit on the cement steps in front of Glick's antique store in Clayton, New Jersey.

Sitten and sitten, spitten and spitten,

Watching the cars go by on Delsea Drive, midway between Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Sitten and spitten, cussen and fussen with the other guys on the five rows of concrete steps on sweaty stinken still summer days on South Jersey's sandy shore.

I'll be 77 years old this September and I'm watching the crippled senior shoppers struggling with their bags, watching them push their carts to their parked cars on a stinking sweaty summer's Day in Niles, Illinois

That's the way I pass these days - On the green slatted bench waiting for year seventy-seven, waiting for heaven. Not cussen, not fussen but still alive, still living still watching the old seniors struggling with their muddlings.

As they drive home!

Let Maturity be the Guide

The nanny state has yet to succeed in raising good kids. Its history is that of failure. From public schools to welfare government has made things worse for kids, not better. Government makes a bad parent. Who would think they would succeed when it comes to driving? Instead of raising the driving age, making penalties harsher for young drivers, or adding more driving restrictions, Illinois should loosen the teen driving laws and let parents decide. Only foolish parents are afraid to demand high standards from their kids. They turn to government for a one-size-fits-all solution that punishes all teens for the faults of a few.

They say that in Illinois teenagers make up only 6 percent of the total driving population, yet account for 16 percent of all automobile deaths. This is a nonsense statistic meant to scare because by default, then, 86% of all automobile deaths are caused by adults. The DMV cites no references for these numbers. This statistic is garbage because it tells us nothing about the quality of teen driving. For years, the number of crashes have been falling and fatalities have held steady at around 1300/year, even as the number of drivers on Illinois roads has been steadily rising. Instead of celebrating this success, we get more calls for restrictions on teen drivers. Ironically drivers aged 75 and older are almost as accident-prone as 16-year-olds, but no one is proposing a blanket ban on elderly motorists.

The point is that teens are not necessarily worse drivers than adults. Data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety show a steady national decline in teenage driving fatalities, from a 1979 high of 34.1 per 100,000 to 19.1 per 100,000 in 2004. That's right, teen drivers have been improving every year for twenty-five years without new, draconian restrictions. How can we help children learn maturity and responsibility without trusting them with it? We will simply get

The most lethal times to drive are the late night/early morning hours of Friday-Saturday and Saturday-Sunday. In 2005, over



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the major holidays 70 people were killed. This is 5% of all automobile fatalities during that year. Yet, no one is proposing canceling Memorial Day week-end, 4th of July, Labor day week-end, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years or banning driving late on weekends. It is just easier to blame it all on teens. Why not, they are just kids and can't vote. We wouldn't tolerate this if it targeted adults. We don't blame all drivers for the faults of drunk/drugged drivers do we? Yet one-fourth of all fatalities were alcohol related. The largest fatalities belong to the 20-24 age group, historically considered "adults". Half of all motorcycle fatalities involve drivers 37 and older. But, no one calls for restrictions on their driving.

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Don't drop ball when handing off 401(k)

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

As I mentioned last week, millions of people don't enroll in 401(k) plans because it seems like a hassle. It doesn't matter that getting started would probably take less time than throwing a load of whites into the washing machine.

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Curiously, this aversion to paperwork doesn't seem like much of a problem for departing workers, who are eager to get their hands on the money. But for former employees who appreciate the need to preserve their retirement cash, the paperwork hurdle once again turns into a sheer precipice.

In most cases, the best place for 401(k) cash for former employees is in an Individual Retirement Account. To establish one, you need to contact a financial institution, such as a mutual fund company or a brokerage firm, to obtain the documents necessary to complete the transfer.

Since most well-intentioned workers never get around to it, you may be wondering what's the harm of just keeping the money in the 401(k).

One of the many drawbacks to maintaining the status quo is that it can hurt loved ones, who ultimately inherit what's left in these workplace accounts. What's the problem? Traditionally, only a husband or wife who inherits a 401(k) could take that money and roll it into his or her own IRA, where it could remain sheltered from taxes. Everyone else, including children and grandchildren, as well as same-sex

partners, have always been prohibited from doing this.

For these beneficiaries, the lauded tax protection of a 401(k) becomes as permanent as wet toilet paper. That's because companies distribute the cash in lump sums to beneficiaries. Once these checks are issued, the tax protection vanishes and income taxes on the full amount is owed. Ouch.

Beginning in 2007, however, people who inherit a 401(k), 403(b) or a 457 plan won't get the shaft. Thanks to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, anybody who inherits one of these accounts will be able to move that money into an IRA. Although Congress has made it easier to keep the tax benefits of a 401(k) alive for beneficiaries who aren't spouses, the process still isn't idiot-proof. If you inherit a workplace plan, you need to be careful about the handoff.

When a 401(k) is rolled into an inherited IRA, for instance, it's important to title the account correctly. For instance, let's suppose that John Smith inherits a 401(k) from Mary Smith, his mother. If he decides to preserve this money in an IRA, the new account should be written this way: Mary Smith IRA (deceased Sept. 1, 2007) f/b/o (for the benefit of) John Smith.

Getting the title right on an IRA account might seem silly to everyone but a stenographer. The IRS, however, isn't going to be amused when it tells you that you owe tax on a botched IRA transfer. Suppose, for instance, that a son deposited his mom's \$100,000 401(k) into his own IRA instead of a new, inherited IRA that's correctly titled. That mistake

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would cost him dearly. If he was in the 35 percent tax bracket and paid 8 percent in state taxes, he'd owe a total of \$43,000 in taxes for that error. And, of course, the cash that's left couldn't remain in the tax cocoon.

Unfortunately, there are other ways for an inherited 401(k) to self-destruct. And once again the transgressions might seem on par with a kid not sending a thank-you to Grandma for a birthday gift. For example, the IRS can grind your inherited windfall into

pulp if the workplace cuts a check to a son or daughter (or any beneficiary besides a spouse) to empty the workplace account. Even if the child deposits the check into a properly titled IRA, the IRA could implode. That's because only spouses can complete a rollover. Everybody else must rely on a trustee-to-trustee transfer.

With a trustee-to-trustee transfer, you will never have the 401(k) proceeds arrive in your mailbox. Instead, the workplace must mail the assets directly to the financial institution where the IRA account is waiting.

Some companies, however, can't or won't get involved in making sure that the correct transfer is completed. There is a way, however, to sidestep pigheaded companies. If the workplace insists on sending a beneficiary a check, he or she can request that it be properly titled so that the retirement account is protected. The company would have to issue the check in a way that would ensure that it's deposited only

in the inherited IRA account. Using the example above, here is what it would look like: "National Bank as trustee of Mary Smith IRA (deceased Sept. 1, 2007) f/b/o John Smith."

The only people who don't have to worry about following these picayune rules are spouses. An individual who inherits a spouse's 401(k) or IRA can move the money into his or her own IRA.

And here's one final warning: If a worker is married, the beneficiary of his or her 401(k) legally must be the spouse. If you've designated children from a first marriage on your beneficiary form, your wish will be valid only if your current spouse signs a waiver relinquishing his or her rights to the cash.

Lynn O'Shaughnessy is the author of "The Retirement Bible" and "The Investing Bible." She can be reached at lynnoshughnessy@cox.net.

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BY JEFFREY CARRELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones

Changes in Pension Law Can Pay Off for You

It's not always easy to save enough money for retirement. But some recently enacted legislation might just help.

As its name implies, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 was designed to strengthen the private pension system, which currently covers more than 44 million workers and retirees. Under the new laws, those companies that maintain traditional "defined benefit" plans (which pay retirees a specific amount of money based on salary history and years of service) will face tighter plan-funding rules.

But even if you don't participate in a defined benefit plan, you may well benefit from other parts of the Pension Protection Act. Here are a few to consider:

No reductions in retirement plan contribution limits - Over the past few years, the contribution limits have increased for IRAs and for 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plans, and "catch-up" contributions were allowed for anyone 50 or older. These provisions were scheduled to be rolled back after 2010; however, due to the Pension Protection Act, the increases are now permanent. (The traditional and Roth IRA contribution limit for 2006 and 2007 is \$4,000. If you are age 50 or older, you can also make a "catch-up" contribution of up to \$1,000. The salary deferral contribution limit to a 401(k), 403(b) and 457 plan for 2006 is \$15,000. If you are 50 or older, you can make a "catch-up" contribution of up to \$5,000. In 2007 and beyond, contribution limits will be indexed for inflation.)

Traditional and Roth IRA direct distribution donations to charities - Effective in 2006 and 2007, if you meet certain conditions, you may move up to \$100,000 per year directly from a traditional or Roth IRA to qualifying charities without having the withdrawal counted as income for the year.

Rollovers by non-spouse beneficiaries - Starting in 2007, if you have been named a beneficiary of a 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan, you will be able to directly roll over your distribution into a new IRA that you've established (an "inherited" IRA). Previously, this option was reserved for surviving spouses, who could roll over qualified plan assets into their own IRAs. This change could be a big advantage to you. Instead of having to cash out a 401(k) or other retirement plan, and incur a big tax hit, you can now roll over the value of the retirement plan into an IRA and just take the "required minimum distribution" (RMD) every year, based on your own life expectancy. (To get the full benefits of stretching out withdrawals, see your tax advisor before taking action.)

Tax refunds to IRAs - Under the new laws, you can now have the IRS deposit your tax refund directly into an IRA as a contribution. In fact, you can split the refunds, if you choose, and deposit them in as many as three different accounts.

Permanent tax benefits for Section 529 plans - If you establish a Section 529 plan to help pay for your child's or grandchild's college tuition, withdrawals from the plan will be free from federal income taxes, provided the money is used for education. This tax benefit was scheduled to expire at the end of 2010, but it is now permanent. Please note that contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan.

All in all, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 seems to contain something for everyone. To see how you can gain the maximum benefits from the new tax laws, consult with your financial professional and tax advisor.

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Business conditions in Uptown surveyed

The City of Park Ridge has been mailing a survey to all merchants and businesses in the Uptown shopping district this month in order to collect their insights about existing business conditions and services.

The economic development department for the City of Park Ridge produced the "Uptown Commercial District Needs Survey."

The survey asks participants their opinions regarding the

current conditions in maintenance, beautification, public safety, directions, parking, marketing and promotion, of the Uptown shopping district.

Participants are asked to rank statements on a scale of one to five (one being strongly agree and five, strongly disagree), about Uptown as it is today. Then, merchants and businesses will also be asked what, if any, new services are necessary in order to further improve the Uptown area.

Lutheran General Gala this weekend

The Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Gala Committee asks the community to be part of the 2006 Gala: The Nightingale Ball on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

The event will feature the music of the Stanley Paul Orchestra at 6 p.m. and a cocktail reception. There will be dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m.

Organizers of the event aim to raise \$200,000 that will benefit the hospital's Nursing Endowment for Research and Education. The endowment

Gala Info

For more information about the Gala people can call 847.384.3400.

was created in October of 2005 through a gift of \$115,000 from David and Teryl Schawk of Inverness. Teryl is a registered nurse who has been taking care of patients at Lutheran General Hospital for 30 years. For the past 28 years, she has cared for intensive care patients.

For more information about the Gala people can call 847 384 3400.

Orloski opens new office in Park Ridge

Dr. Kevin Orloski, a chiropractic physician, recently opened a new office in Park Ridge and will continue the practice he started in Buffalo Grove 10 years ago.

The new Park Ridge office is located at 761 Busse Hwy. Orloski specializes in back and neck injuries and spinal and joint problems, but he also treats auto accident injuries, sports injuries, and on the job injuries. His office also provides physiotherapy, massage therapy and rehab for the neck, back, arms and legs.

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Dr. Kevin Orloski
CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN

problem" stated Orloski, in a press release. "It is then important to restore normal function and strengthen the spine and joints."

In addition to treating patients, Orloski is also available to speak on a wide variety of spinal health and back safety subjects to businesses, organizations and community groups.

Trust, but verify first

By Malcolm Berko
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Berko: Mom and I have assets worth about \$1.5 million, and we are thinking of having a trust for several reasons: in case we get sick and

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can't manage our monies, to save taxes and to make sure our assets are distributed according to our desires when we die.

Can you tell us the difference between two trusts: revocable and irrevocable? Can you tell us just what a trust is? And can you tell us if we should have a revocable trust or one that is not revocable? We are thinking of doing this ourselves without lawyers, whom we learned to distrust.

E.T.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear E.T.: You've asked me what seems to be a simple question and, while I know the answer, I'm not comfortable responding without consulting an attorney and having my comments viewed by an attorney. Trusts, wills, contracts, etc., plus all that other legal slough and swamp mud, is the provenance of lawyers.

Knowing that if my response was not 100 percent complete I'd get dozens of legal nastigrams, I decided to ask my daughter, who's an attorney, and my son-in-law, who's a judge. Both have reviewed my comments. So now I will respond in simple, shirt-sleeve English rather than con you with lawyer jive that gives them an excuse to charge you \$250 to \$500 an hour.

■ A trust is like an empty box

that you and your wife fill with things such as insurance policies, real estate, certificates of deposit, stocks and other assets. The filled box or trust is given a legal name such as the John and Mary Smith Trust, and the trust holds the title to its assets in the name of the John and Mary Smith Trust subject to your written agreement on how the assets are to be used. This agreement tells us who established the trust (John and Mary), names all the assets in the trust (stocks, real estate, etc.) and names the beneficiaries (family members, friends, charities, etc.) who are to receive the proceeds when you pass.

The trust also denotes a "trustee," someone you have confidence in who can manage the trust's assets in case John and/or Mary lack the capability to make decisions. That's a trust, pure and simple, and it doesn't have to be any more complicated. However, according to my daughter, the complexity of a trust is in direct proportion to two factors: one, the size of the lawyer's staff, and two, the amount of money the lawyer wants to charge you.

■ A revocable trust is basically an agreement that can be changed or terminated during John or Mary's lifetime. It permits John and Mary to make all the decisions about the division, employment and use of the assets held in the trust. Of course, if John and Mary are unable to manage the trust's assets, the named person or persons whom you trust (trustee) will manage the assets on your behalf. The trustee will manage the assets subject to the terms established by John and Mary, which are spelled out word for word in the trust.

In most states, a revocable trust, because it's a private agreement and not a public record, does not disclose who receives the assets when John and Mary pass. I don't know where you got this bee in your bonnet, but a trust does not reduce your income tax liabilities.

■ An irrevocable trust cannot be undone. In simple language, the terms upon which John and Mary established the trust cannot be changed, amplified or canceled by either John or Mary. It's as final as breaking an egg or ringing a bell. There are always exceptions, but I'd have to charge you \$500 an hour to enumerate them. The (taxable) income earned by the trust's assets is distributed to John and Mary or other named beneficiaries and they must pay taxes on those proceeds. And if income is retained by the trust, the trust must pay the taxes, not the beneficiary.

The same rules apply to the revocable trust. However when assets are transferred to an irrevocable trust, John and Mary may have to pay gift taxes. So my son-in-law, the judge, says, "The transfer should be structured to qualify for the annual and lifetime gift tax exclusion."

Oftentimes an irrevocable trust will purchase a life insurance policy, which is used to create liquidity for John and Mary's estate without adding to their taxable assets. The trust becomes the beneficiary of the life policy, while John and Mary's family members are named as beneficiaries of the trust.

That's it, plain and simple. However, as Ronald Reagan once said, "Trust but verify." See an attorney and don't do this yourself. There's too much money at risk, and if you make a mistake it can be costly.

And if you have an attorney prepare the document, be sure to ask what the costs will be prior to the document preparation. In fact, the costs for the same trusts can vary among attorneys by a substantial amount and by how much the attorney thinks you can afford. I'd advise you to visit with several attorneys and get some ballpark numbers.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 1416, Boca Raton, FL 33429 or e-mail him at malber@adelphia.net.

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Deborah Teven Joins Summit Square Staff



Deborah Teven, a Chicago native, was recently hired for the newly created position of Director of Community Relations for Summit Square. Previously, she was Director of Marketing for Greystone Developers of Chicago where she worked on redevelopment projects. Her background also includes work at The Breakers at Edgewater in Chicago. She has extensive experience working with seniors and their families and assisting them in planning the transition to retirement living.

"I'm extremely excited to be with Summit Square," Teven says. "Working in Park Ridge with an evolving community of older adults is sure to be a very fulfilling experience." "Summit Square management is pleased to have Ms. Teven on board," says Marc Dennison, General Manager of Summit Square, "her presence will be especially appreciated as Summit Square enters its redevelopment work over the next 24 months and she assists us with the challenges of the transition." Construction plans for

Summit Square include a building interior and exterior renovation that will offer more spacious apartments and a variety of new amenities for seniors to choose from. A new driveway, which will provide both easier access to the building and additional parking, is already nearing completion.

To contact Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence, call 847-825-1161 or visit www.summitsquare-retirement.com. Escorted tours are available upon request



Beginning Band at Notre Dame

The Notre Dame Community Youth Band is offering beginning band lessons to boys and girls in grades 4 through 8 starting September 30. Lessons on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone and drums will be offered. Lessons take place on Saturday mornings at Notre Dame H.S., 7566 W. Dempster, Niles. Tuition per semester is \$150.00. For more information call 773-282-9153 or email NDCYB@att.net.

Community Garage Sale & Craft Fair Nearly Sold Out



The Second Annual Community Garage Sale & Craft Fair to be held Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, is nearly sold out. The township staff expects the last of the 54 spaces to be taken by this weekend.

"We are delighted at the response to this event," says Supervisor Bob Dudycz. "It shows people are interested in what we have to offer and are willing to help support worthy causes such as feeding hungry families and sending disadvantaged kids to camp."

Dudycz noted the township is still accepting donations of merchandise and money.

The entire event is sponsored in part by Liberty Bank for Savings which is providing a shredding truck to shred personal documents at no charge.

Spaces for vendors are selling quickly but reservations are still being accepted on a first-

come, first-served basis. This year's event will include the crafts on the same grounds instead of being separated as in the past. Proceeds from the events benefit the Maine Township Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and Emergency Food Pantry.

Residents are invited to participate in a number of ways. People can reserve a space to sell their own treasures at either event. Spaces are \$20 for the Garage Sale and for the Craft Fair. Residents can also make a donation of cash or merchandise to the Garage Sale. Donated merchandise will be sold by Township staff to help raise funds.

Maine Township will not accept donations of clothes, large and/or heavy furniture, firearms, explosives or any type of weapons. Donations of the following are especially sought: small working electronics, children's games, children's furniture and accessories, garden tools and small hand tools.

"We encourage our township residents to participate, to give financial support, or just come by to shop," says Dudycz.

For more information or to obtain a space reservation form contact one of the following: Garage Sale participants call Marie at 847-297-2510, Ext. 270. Craft Fair participants call Therese at 847-297-2510, Ext. 260.

Information is also posted on the township website www.maintownship.com.

GLENVIEW TERRACE HOSTS MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center hosts a monthly Alzheimer's Community Support Group every third Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. All persons living in the community with family members with Alzheimer's disease are welcome to attend this Alzheimer's Association affiliated support group where they can ask questions about the disease process, receive educational material and seek support from other families living through the same situation. Glenview Terrace Nursing Center is located 1511 Greenwood Road in Glenview. To find out more about the Alzheimer's Community Support Group, call Mr. Vasquez at (847) 729-9090.

Niles Teen Center Open House

The Niles Teen Center is having an Open House at the Niles Teen Center located at 7680 N Caldwell on Saturday, October 7 from 10:30am-1:30pm. Bring your family and friends to check out the Niles Teen Center. You will have a chance to meet the staff and see the

facility. This is a time for parents and teens to voice their ideas, concerns or questions regarding the Teen Center and teen programs in Niles. Teens currently in 6-15th grade are welcome to become a member of the Teen Center.

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The Roadrunner Run Back to Nazareth

By Joe Mahoney
CONTRIBUTOR

Call it the "mud bowl." Coming off a heartbreaking beating by the Carmel Corsairs, the Notre Dame football Dons looked to avenge their defeat by playing nitty-gritty football against rival Nazareth Academy. The Dons (4-1) emerged victorious on their homecoming weekend, amid the torrent of rain, gales of wind, and the slithery mud this past Saturday, due to the inclement weather on Friday. The contest was not without great performances, however.

Though Notre Dame's total offensive production of 204 yards was evenly matched by Nazareth's total of 197 yards, they were given a decided edge due to their exceptional defensive play; forcing four fumbles, and blocking a punt.

After only ten seconds of regulation, Notre Dame's defensive line forced their first fumble, and linebacker P.J. Cummings recovered the ball.

Notre Dame coach Mike Hennessey commented, "Our defense really held up when they needed to. They had a bunch of great stops. Guys like Cummings, Szukala, Murray, and Gill who all recovered the loose balls, kept us in the game."

Later in the first quarter with 3:52 showing on the clock, standout defensive end Rick Szukala blocked the Nazareth

punt attempt to continue the ever-growing momentum on the Notre Dame sideline. Szukala also recovered the second fumble of Nazareth midway through the second quarter. Three minutes later, defensive back Brendan Murray also took advantage of the "buttery fingers" of the Roadrunner offense by recovering the fumble, and setting up a 39 yard, one play, offensive drive for the Dons. Mike Gill also recovered a key fumble as the final six minutes of the game ticked off the clock, sealing the victory.

Going into the game, Coach Hennessey knew that it was going to be muddy and wet, so he adjusted his offense to a more conservative, run-oriented game plan. "Our QB Jeff Larsen (0-of-0, 0 yards, 0 TD's) really wasn't getting the grip, he really didn't want to throw, and so we really put our money on Matt Jackson and our offensive line. On the line, guys like Vince Cullotta and Shane Murray, really did a great job," noted Hennessey.

"Thunder" Matt Jackson (31 carries; 171 yards; 2 TD's) cashed in for his coach and team, and provided the lift that was needed for Notre Dame to slip past Nazareth 18-7.

"I give the offensive line a lot of credit for allowing me to get the runs that I needed to help my team. We fought hard despite the weather, and played an excellent game," said Jackson.

On the Dons opening drive with 10:54 remaining in the first quarter, running back Time Swieton (10 carries; 25 yards; 1 TD; 2 Fumbles) rushed for 20 yards to mark the first score of the game, putting the Dons ahead 6-0. Mark Gustafson missed the extra point attempt. It wasn't until the 2:24 mark of the second quarter when the Roadrunners scored a touchdown and the extra point, to put them ahead, going into halftime, 7-6.

Both teams on their opening drives in the second half were forced to punt, until on Notre Dame's second offensive drive, Matt Jackson rushed for a 5 yard touchdown with 5:10 remaining in the third quarter. The Dons missed the extra point attempt, making it 12-7, but they never looked back.

Hennessey said after the game, "I thought for three quarters of the game we displayed tremendous effort. There was a little letdown in the second quarter, which we were kind of disappointed about, but we came out in the second half and really demonstrated the tough aggressive play that we needed to do."

As the final four minutes of the third quarter ticked away, Jackson exploded on a 39 yard touchdown run, making the score 18-7. The Dons held onto their lead through the fourth quarter to win the game. They look ahead to next week when they play the Lions of St. Viator.

OAKTON RAIDERS ROUND-UP

Men's Soccer

(5-1-1, 2-1-1 Skyway Conference) Winning Big: In their only game this week, Oakton easily defeated Skyway Conference opponent Wau-bonsee, 7-2. The Raiders have outscored opponents 16-6 so far this season. Sophomore goalkeeper Esmir Kander (Roosevelt) has stopped 25 shots on 29 attempts for Oakton.

Golf

Update: Oakton finished fifth in a six-team field in a Skyway Conference match at Glenview Park on Monday, Sept. 18. Roland Ruivivar (Mather) was Oakton's low scorer at 77.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

Bowled Wednesday, September 13, 2006

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Niles Dairy Queen	2	12
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Millie Kroll	475/186	
Bing Calso	/175	
Jan Repe/Mary Wasilewski	/166	
Kim O'Keefe/Kay Pecoraro	/164	
Cora Reyes	/161	

Benefit

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Morton Grove Moose Family Center, 6419 Chestnut Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053 (just west of Morton Grove Metra Station) on Saturday, September 30th, 2006 beginning at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 which includes a home cooked meal and entertainment by Winding Roads. A silent auction and raffle will also be featured. The event is organized by Todd Kramer, Community Service Chairman, Morton Grove Moose Lodge #376 and his partner, Anna Skalon. Kramer, who lost his mother to pulmonary fibrosis in July 2005, started this event to raise awareness of pulmonary fibrosis and the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation's support to research a cure.

Pulmonary fibrosis is a condition where the air sacs of the lungs become gradually replaced by scar tissue. As scarring forms, the tissue becomes thicker causing an irreversible loss of the tissue's ability to transfer oxygen into the bloodstream. While the origin and development of the

disease is not completely understood, some causes include inhaled environmental and occupational pollutants, disease such as Scleroderma, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Lupus and Sarcoidosis, certain medications or drugs, and therapeutic radiation. In cases when no cause can be identified, it is termed "idiopathic."

The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation was founded in 2000 in the state of Colorado by Albert Rose, Marvin Schwarz, M.D. and Michael Rosenzweig, Ph.D. The Foundation is now headquartered in Chicago, IL with Dr. Mike Rosenzweig, as President and CEO. The Foundation has experienced continuous growth since its inception and has developed a solid infrastructure to promote research and the development of new therapies for improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis.

For more information, contact Todd Kramer, Community Service Chairman for Morton Grove Moose Lodge # 376 at (847)-567-9824 or by email at toddkramer@sbcglobal.net.

Perspective

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more immaturity by keeping and treating young adults as infants. Does it make sense to tell young teens, who in a few years can fight and die in wars, that they are too immature to drive? The biggest factor in driving, for adults and teens, is maturity. Teen accidents are as much a function of friends and behavior as are adult ones.

There is a young lady in our neighborhood who has been our babysitter. She is mature and thoughtful, trustworthy and kind. She could have started driving at 14 and it would not have changed her nature. She still would be a good driver. Parents can best judge the ability of their children to function in the adult world. Government just makes blanket guesses and then forces them on you. I know adults who still can't get it right and are little more than teens in forty year old bodies. Kids today must wonder, when will we be allowed to grow up?

The lives of children are more micromanaged and tightly controlled than ever before. It won't change boys to men or girls to women. Instead it breeds dependency and resentment. Kids are monitored and tracked

all the time. It is no wonder more and more children never seem to grow up. How many college graduates or adult children still live at home? It is not economics driving this, but nannyism.

Driving, like so many other parts of life, is a skill to be developed. Teens need more opportunities to operate successfully in an adult world. When will they get a chance to practice being adults and taking responsibility for themselves? Of course, the death of any child is terrible and difficult, but government doesn't exist to guarantee our safety. It exists, at least in America, to preserve our liberty.

It is in overcoming trials and challenges that people learn to do things for themselves. Driving gives young people a great deal of independence. That some are not ready to handle it is less a testament to the immaturity of teens than to the failure of parents to live up to their obligations. Driving is a rite of passage that leads to jobs, experience and greater maturity and self-reliance. Isn't the goal of every parent that their children will mature? More laws from the nanny-state simply impede that goal. The government needs to back off and put parents back into the driver's seat.

Candlelight walk for recovery

Plans are in the works for a "Community Candlelight Walk for Recovery" on Thursday, Sept. 28, starting in front of City Hall. The Park Ridge Community Health

Commission (CHC) is sponsoring the event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. At that time speakers will share their moving stories of recovery and how it affects their lives. In addition, information booths related to healthy choices for living are being set in Hodges Park up by variety of Park Ridge community, health, educational and faith-based organizations.

The Community Health Commission is promoting the Park Ridge Candlelight Walk as part of a national initiative for September 2006, which is designated as "National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month." The initiative is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Walk starts at 7:30 p.m. in Hodges Park in front of Park Ridge City Hall and will pro-

ceed along Vine Avenue to Main Street to Fairview Avenue to Garden Street back to Butler Place at the park. The Walk will be held rain or shine, and is free and open to all.

Local efforts will focus on the Recovery Month theme for 2006, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community."

For more information or to join with the Community Health Commission in presenting recovery information contact Dr. Teri Collins, 847-823-3044, CHC community liaison.

During Recovery Month communities across the country will join together to help people recognize that substance abuse disorders are treatable diseases. In 2004, a total of 3.8 million people age 12 or older received some kind of treatment for a substance abuse disorder. Participating in recovery programs for substance use disorders is as effective as receiving treatments for other chronic conditions—yet 21.5 million people needed but did not received treatment in 2004, Dr. Collins noted.

Throughout September,

events nationwide encourage communities, civic leaders, labor organizations, treatment and prevention organizations, community and faith-based organizations, as well as the recovery community, to address their community's need for treatment, to overcome the barriers that prevent people from seeking help, and to ensure access to local treatment facilities.

Participating in Recovery Month supports those already in recovery and encourages those in need of help to seek treatment, Dr. Collins said. The Commission's hope is that learning about these issues will make it easier to break down barriers. It requires everyone's help to build a stronger, healthier community—together. Those serving on the CHC are: Alderman Frank Wsol (liaison), Chairman John Bellow, Dr. Collins, Mark Cichon, Meghan Erwin, Peter N. Ryan,

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Nielsen donating hair to 'Locks of Love'

Courtney Nielsen, a fifth grader at Culver School, has decided to get a hair cut.

But not to get the latest hairstyle or because it was too long.

Showing a great deal of generosity and thoughtfulness at a young age, Nielsen wanted to do something to help children suffering with Cancer so she decided to donate her hair to "Locks of Love" that makes wigs for sick children. On Oct. 20, she will take the plunge and cut off her hair that now covers her back.

"I'm just happy because I'm helping other children. I know it will grow back eventually," said Nielsen. "I really wanted to do something for them because once I was in the hospital visiting my aunt and I saw children like that."

Courtney's own aunt is battling cancer and her mother said one day she came home and said that she wanted to do something to help sick children.



Courtney is also creating a donation fund for the day that she has her hair cut off. The fund will be for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the leading place for research in children's cancer. Those who wish to make a donation can contact St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

New Eagle Scout announced

Boy Scout Troop #175, Niles, Illinois, proudly announces another member of the Troop, Matthew Gianakopoulos, has achieved the highest rank in Scouting - Eagle Scout.

Matthew had successfully completed his EAGLE Scout project, in which he coordinated a group of volunteers to eradicate invasive plant life in a local forest area, and secured / completed 31 Merit Badges. He also had to pass the close scrutiny of the specially assembled group of local folks, who formed his EAGLE Board of Review.

New Eagle Scout Matthew will be honored at the special -

Eagle Court of Honor, in the next few weeks. This ceremony is specially designed to Honor his Great accomplishment and to invest him with his EAGLE patch, Neckerchief and slide to commemorate his great accomplishment.

Matthew has worked very hard during his Seven Year career as a Cub & Boy Scout to become the latest and Fourth Eagle for Troop 175 in 2006, along with being the Ninth EAGLE Scout for Troop 175 in the past Eight years. The leaders are extremely proud of this young man.

The sponsoring organizations,

St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club and North American Martyrs Council 4338, of the Knights of Columbus, offer their heartfelt Congratulations to Matt and his entire family on the occasion of this Great Accomplishment.

Troop 175 currently has three more Life scouts, working on their community focused Eagle projects and anticipate investing the Eagle Rank to these Talented Young Men in the future. Of Course, their investment would be entirely based upon their successful completion of all the rigid requirements for this prestigious rank.

Violinist to appear at PRCC Oct. 1

The Maine Township Community Concert Association has added a new venue for their opening concert this year.

Michi Wancko, an award winning concert violinist will appear at the Park Ridge Community Church

on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m.

This is the first time the local volunteer organization is using the church, which is located at 100 S. Courtland in Park Ridge.

The concert season includes a variety of music ranging from classical music

to bluegrass, to Jewish tradition, to New Orleans sounds, harp, soprano and more. Season memberships offer a potential of 14 concerts.

Four concerts are sponsored by the Maine Township group.

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Basset Hounds socialize at a recent festival.

Johnson attends hound event

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Anna Johnson, who has worked at the Morton Grove Animal Hospital for the past three years, was recently surrounded by thousands of Basset Hounds—and no, it wasn't a dream.

Bunsen, her own 1-year-old Basset Hound, was among the 1,000 Basset hounds that attended the recent Illinois Basset Lotto event held in Dwight, Illinois.

At the event, that included a parade and social event, \$80,000 was raised to go toward the medical related expenses and other expenses to benefit the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue.

"It was incredible," said Johnson, who said it was amazing to be around so many Basset Hounds at one time and to ride on an elevator with six or seven Basset Hounds.

Johnson, who has two cats and dogs, is a veterinary technician at the Morton Grove Animal Hospital. Some of her animals she has taken in from the hospital because they were either injured and/or in need of home.

Bunsen was given to Johnson by the Northwest Animal Hospital in Des Plaines and Johnson said she instantly fell in love with him. She describes Bunsen as very personable, with a strong soul and she definitely recommends the breed to dog lovers.



A Morton Grove animal hospital employee recently attended a festival in Dwight, IL.

Niles Animal Control Officer offers tips for preventing bug bites

Peter Babikan, animal control officer in Niles, recently shared information regarding dog bites and tips to prevent incidents from occurring.

Babikan said the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that "80% of dog bites to children under the age of 18 are inflicted by a family dog or a neighbor's dog." There are an estimated 4 million people bitten by dogs every year. Most bites are nonfatal and do not cause much more than a "band-aid wound."

Generally, the rare "horrific" attacks by "vicious" pit bulls seem to capture the media's attention. However, any breed of dog, no matter what size, can be dangerous. Many times the dog is just being overly protective of its owner because it was not socialized or trained properly. There are ways that both dog owners and non-dog owners can reduce the chances of a bite or attack from occurring. The dog owner is the one person who can significantly reduce the risks. Here are some tips from Babikan to dog owners:

Spay or neuter your dog. Having this simple procedure done reduces your dog's desire to roam and possibly "fight" with other dogs. Most

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Peter Babikan
NILES ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

bites occur by unneutered males. A spayed/neutered dog is much less likely to bite.

Socialize your dog. Slowly introduce your dog to many different types of people, dogs and situations so that they are not as nervous or frightened under normal circumstances. Try going to a dog park or enrolling in doggie day care. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG OUTDOORS and ALONE FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME! as this eventually causes the dog to fear people and lead to other more destructive or dangerous behavioral problems.

Train your dog. This is a very crucial and overlooked part of dog ownership. Not only is this an excellent way to socialize your dog but he

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Corneal ulcers in pets may lead to eye removal

By R.G. Elmore
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: When our dog had a lot of matting around her left eye, we took her to our veterinarian. He diagnosed it as a corneal ulcer and had us put ointment in her

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eye for several days. We do not think the condition is improving and are worried that our dog might lose her eye. If our dog's eye has to be removed, will she have a big depression there? Will she be able to enjoy life? What should we do?

A: The first thing you need to do is take your dog back to your veterinarian as soon as possible to re-examine the ocular problem. At that time, your veterinarian can tell you whether the treatment is helping. If you are not satisfied with his advice, you can ask for a referral to a veterinary ophthalmologist.

Veterinary ophthalmologists are usually at referral veterinary hospitals. The 28 U.S. veterinary colleges also have ophthalmologists at their campuses. A second opinion is justified and will bring you peace of

mind knowing you are doing everything possible for your dog. Most corneal problems start out as simple lesions such as a scratch. Common signs include increased blinking, excessive tearing which leads to matting, constant pawing at the eyes and avoidance of bright lights. Simple corneal problems can usually be treated with eye ointments. However, if ignored, they can become more serious.

Your dog should not look unattractive if her eye is removed. In fact, some ophthalmologists install artificial eyes to improve their appearances. Your dog will likely function normally with only one eye. It should not affect the strong attachment you have with her.

Q: As football season progresses, I worry about the amount of beer that my husband's friends give our dog. My husband and his friends

often spend Saturdays watching television and drinking. I am sure that our dogs are drinking from cups left on the floor. Can dogs become intoxicated? Will too much beer kill a dog?

A: It is an understatement to say that any alcoholic drinks given to a pet is too much. Ingestion of alcohol can cause a dog to become intoxicated, which can lead to a coma or even death. Also, giving pets alcoholic beverages is considered animal abuse in some jurisdictions and can result in substantial fines for those responsible. Any alcohol consumption will adversely affect your dog's health.

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

"Most corneal problems start out as simple lesions such as a scratch. Common signs include increased blinking, excessive tearing which leads to matting, constant pawing at the eyes and avoidance of bright lights."

Tips

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or she also learns proper training techniques. It is important that EVERY member of the family be involved in this process. Even if you end up going thru just basic obedience, you will definitely notice your dog is easier to handle and will respond to your commands.

Be a responsible dog owner. Provide regular veterinary care including rabies vaccinations to ensure your pet is healthy. Don't allow your dog to roam. Before you let your dog out in the yard make sure all gates are securely closed. Check your fence periodically for any openings or spots where your dog can possibly escape the yard. Just remember, it is not the dog's fault if it leaves the yard thru an open gate or faulty fence. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure everything is safe. Dogs who are well socialized and

Confrontations with Dogs

For those out on a stroll or a run and see a dog approaching them, here are some tips:

- Stop moving to eliminate the "chase instinct" in a dog. Also, try saying in a firm tone, "No!" "Sit!" or "Go home!"
- Avoid direct eye contact. Some dogs feel threatened or challenged if they are engaged in a "stare-down" with you.
- Don't scream. Using a firm tone of voice is better than a shrill scream which may alert the dog that you are wounded prey.
- Keep arms at your side. Sometimes all a dog wants to

do is "check you out" by smelling. If you stand still the dog may quickly lose interest in you and leave.

■ Divert attention. If you have a water bottle or jacket or other item, try throwing it at a growling or lunging dog. This may distract the dog enough for you to get away.

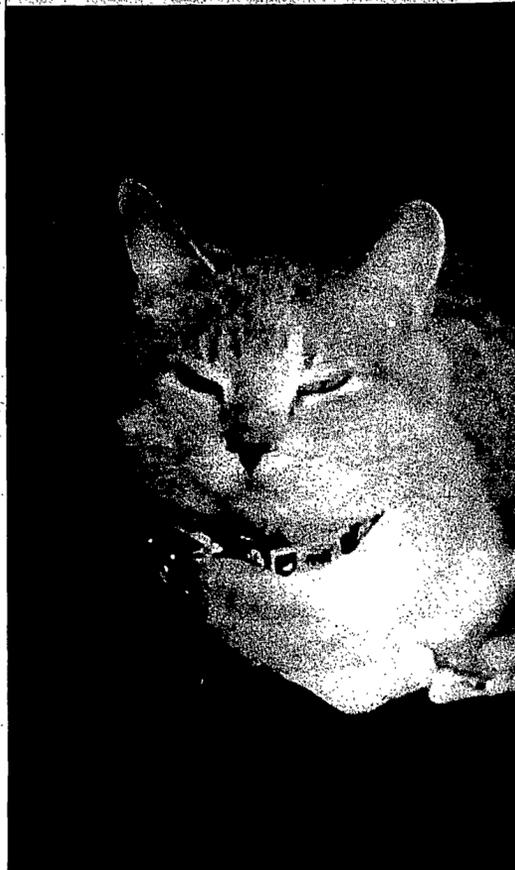
■ Back away. Try backing slowly away from the dog and observe their reaction. NEVER turn your back as they will think they should chase you.

supervised are less likely to bite.

Be cautious. Until you learn your dog's personality and tendencies, be cautious when he or she is in a new situation. For example, if your dog overreacts to visi-

tors of any kind, keep him/her in another room. If your dog is fearful in large crowds then leave them at home. This is where proper training and socialization will greatly benefit you, your family and your pet.

Pet of the Month



Buddy

Meet Buddy, the Bugle Newspaper's choice for pet of the month. Here's a letter from pet owner, Kimberley Anderson, about her adored pet, Buddy.

Buddy was an orphaned cat. He adopted us when he appeared at our door, bloody and shaking. Little did we know what a gem we had. He quickly endeared himself to us with his unusual personality. He is a complete social butterfly, having to be in the middle of all social activity. We decided to name him "Buddy" since he quickly became a buddy to all he's encountered. Buddy has quickly endeared himself to all of the neighborhood. He sits in the window sill and "talks" to all passers-by. Many neighbors stop by to talk to him. Later, they gleefully recount their conversations with him. He is also the perfect host, greeting every visitor to our

home. He makes himself the center of every social visit.

He also enjoys playing "Air Buddy" when we play his "fishy" game with him as he does flips that would rival Michael Jordan as his hind legs elevate over three feet.

Lastly, when its time for bed, all we need to say is "Night night, Buddy" and he dutifully lays down to his "kitty slumberland" as visions of fishies and mice dance about his head.

That's our Buddy and we love him completely. For these reasons, we believe he should be Pet of the Month.

Kimberley Anderson

If you'd like your pet to be considered for The Bugle's Pet of the Month, send a letter explaining what makes your pet special with a photo to editor@buglenews.com or The Bugle, 7400 N. Waukegan Rd., Niles, IL 60714.

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How to winterize your automobile

Niles Senior News

Winterize your car

Tuesdays, October 17th - Nov. 2:30-3:30

Your vehicle may need some preventive maintenance to get ready for the upcoming winter. In this 6 week course, taught by Randy Stricker, you will learn how to properly winterize your car. Learn what you should keep in your truck and glove compartment in case of emergencies. Learn simple checks to look for tire damage, the difference between "good oil" and "bad oil" and much more about car safety and preparedness. This program is sponsored by the Niles Public Works Department. Classes are free but registration is required.

Property Assessment Workshop

On Wednesday, October 18th at 1:00PM, Nancy McCready of the Cook County Assessor's

Office will be on hand to answer your questions. If you have specific questions about your tax bill, please bring a copy of your second installment bill. Please register in advance.

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.

OktoberFest

Friday, October 20th 11:30AM-2:00PM \$12

Join us as we welcome the Bill Beilfuss Duo to perform a lively show of Yodeling, Schnitzelbank, Chicken Dance

and other great songs. We will feast upon a delicious catered luncheon featuring Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, Herb Baked Chicken, German Potato Salad, Corn Cobettes with butter and delicious Bavarian Crème Jello Dessert.

FallFest

Friday, November 3 5:00PM-9:00PM \$12

Our evening begins with a delicious meal featuring salad, baked potato, BBQ ribs, and dessert followed by an evening of dance and dance instruction by Bob & Denise Boyle of Denim and Diamond. If you need a break from dancing or dancing just isn't "your cup of tea" you can try your luck in our BINGO Room.

Referrals for Construction, Home Maintenance

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 (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.

Lite Lunch, Movie

SAHARA, Friday, October 6 12:00-4:00PM \$4.50

Matthew McConaughey stars as Dirk Pitt in this adaptation of Clive Cussler's novel. When a rare coin is found in a river in Africa, it seems to give some support to a belief by some that a Civil War Iron Clad ship with a Confederate treasure made it all the way to Africa. Dirk also makes the acquaintance of Dr. Eva Rojas (Penelope Cruz) a scientist investigating a rapidly spreading disease with world-

wide implications. Lunch, served promptly at noon includes Lasagna, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Movie rated PG-13

Dinner & A Movie

The Lake House, Wednesday, October 18th (2006 PG) \$2 5:00PM - 8:00PM

A hot dog dinner will be served at 5:00, prior to the movie. Stars Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves.

Lunch with the Red Hatters

On Monday, October 30th, the Red Hatters have reservations at Lucky Magee's Racino Grill and Sports Lounge in Niles. Red hatters will meet at noon for a buffet luncheon featuring Fried Chicken, Polish Sausage, Cold Cuts, Cheese, Kraut, Potato Salad, Cold Slaw and Dessert. Please call Kelly for carpooling and/or directions. Red hat and purple outfit are required. Cost \$14.25.

Maine Township Seniors plan Fall trips, classes and more

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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.mainetownship.com.

'Dog Tag Return Story'

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., No Charge

Registration Required Swede and Martha Roskam, will be here to tell their story "A Long Journey Home," the heart warming tale of finding 37 American Dog Tags in a Viet Nam marketplace and the wonderful experience they had finding and returning the tags to their owners or next of kin.

Computer Workshop

Monday, Oct. 16, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cost: \$10 - Registration Required,

Presenter: Lee Huber Why should you learn how to use the computer and the internet? Are you using the computer now and would like to pick up tips and tools? This workshop is filled with ideas you can take back and apply. If you are part of the 78% of people that do not go online, e-mail and/or use the internet, attend this session to learn how using the computer can be a lot of fun with immense rewards. Learning how to use a computer may

seem like a daunting task, but the process doesn't have to be overwhelming. If your initial perception of computer use is "I can never learn that," please sign up.

'FallFest' Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 18, Doors open: 11 a.m., Lunch served: 12 noon, Crystal Palace, 2648 Dempster, Park Ridge, \$13 members/\$14 guests + \$1 fish

Come enjoy an afternoon See Maine Twp., page 18

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MG Senior News

Crochet Class Every Friday

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.

Blood Pressure Screening

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

MG Aging Commission

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

Tai Chi Demo & 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.

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.

AARP Driver Safety

AARP's "Driver Safety Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for motorists age 50 and older. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they may receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 14 and 21 at the Morton Grove Senior Center; and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

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with us. Our menu will feature Cream of Mushroom Soup, Roast Loin of Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce, Peas & Carrots with Butter Pecan Ice Cream for dessert.

Our performer will be the fabulous Lou Adams who will entertain us with his great sense of humor as well as his piano and vocal talent. Bingo will follow. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Handyman Guide 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.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is

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

Intergenerational Trip

"Reindeer Ranch," Rantoul, Illinois, Saturday, Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Cost: \$40 members & children

Come enjoy a wonderful day in the country with your grandchildren and/or friends at Hardy's Reindeer Ranch.

On the way we will play games and award prizes to make our journey enjoyable. We will get to see and pet real reindeer. We will also enjoy a Chuckwagon BBQ lunch, a Buggy ride, and a Corn Maze. The menu for lunch consists of Hot Dogs, Smoked Brisket, Baked Beans, Sweet & Sour Slaw and Corned Bread. A "Surprise" Dessert" will complete your feast.



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Yom Kippur is the Jewish day of repentance, considered to be the holiest and most solemn day of the year. Its central theme is atonement and reconciliation. Eating, drinking, bathing, cosmetics, wearing leather (including shoes), and conjugal relations are prohibited. Fasting - total abstention from all food and drink - begins a bit before sundown (called 'tosephet' Yom Kippur, the 'addition' of fasting a bit of the previous day is required by Jewish law), and ends after nightfall the following day.

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Saint Andrew Life Center
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Saturday, October 21

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.- Autumn Open House for the Garden Terrace assisted living center
Resurrection Retirement Community
7262 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago
773-792-7930

Sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection. Resurrection Health Care is committed to fair housing. Its retirement communities include features for persons with disabilities, as required by the federal Fair Housing Act.

Resurrection Retirement Community and Saint Andrew Life Center are licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide assisted living services.



Lobster salad makes a splash with chardonnay

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Wine

Rising star Douglas Keane was influenced by his mother's great cooking and a well-connected family friend he's known since childhood.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

"Stan Bromley, who is still one of my best friends and mentor, was in the hotel and food business," Keane recalled. "He was always around telling stories about the business - making it all sound so attractive."

Keane ended up taking cooking classes in high school: "I found out I really liked to cook - and besides, I got my prom

date out of it."

Bromley noted Douglas' interest and encouraged him to enroll into Cornell University's school of hotel administration. During a summer break, the 18-year-old Keane apprenticed at the newly built San Francisco Ritz Carlton.

"They had no reason to hire me," Keane said, "except that my dad ate lunch there every day and my uncle built it. He worked for Ford Motor Co. and they owned the hotel. The hotel didn't have a lot of choice, but they were great to me once they found out how dedicated I was, working on my days off for free. They put me on every station in the kitchen - I was hooked."

After graduating, Keane landed at The Four Seasons in New York and in quick order

worked his way up to sous chef.

"It was one of the busiest lines in Manhattan, with the best ingredients - and I had no clue what I was doing," Keane said. "It was great; I was so out of my head. It was addictive."

Returning to San Francisco, he worked in several noteworthy restaurants including the highly rated Jardiniere, where he became chef de cuisine. In 2002, the San Francisco Chronicle gave him a glowing review with 3 1/2 stars and named him "Rising Star Chef."

As sous chef at the acclaimed Gary Danko he met Nick Peyton, the restaurant's maitre 'd with whom he would later partner with to open two Sonoma Valley restaurants, Market and Cyrus.

Keane was named by Food &

Wine Magazine as one of America's Best New Chefs this year.

The Dish

Keane selected a shellfish salad with Californian and Asian twists, Thai Marinated Lobster with Avocado and Hearts Of Palm. There's a bit of measuring and chopping that goes into the dish, but your appreciative guests will make the effort worth it. Keane suggests using live lobster to guarantee freshness.

The Wine

With flavors ranging from sweet lobster to pungent cilantro and mint, this dish is a good match for a sauvignon blanc like the 2001 Hunt Cellars Chardonnay "Moonlight Sonata" (\$32). The fruity fla-

vors of the wine work well with the mango garnish and Asian spices, and the slight hint of oak provides a nice vanilla creaminess that contrasts well with the acidity of the dish.

Winemaker David Hunt founded Hunt Cellars in Paso Robles, Calif., nearly 20 years ago. This pioneering winery is making stunning wines, many in small lots only available to wine club members. The "Moonlight Sonata" chardonnay has flavors of tropical fruit and melon with a hint of apple and honey.

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.



Thai Marinated Lobster with Avocado & Hearts of Palm

1 (1 1/2-pound) Maine lobster, live

Marinade:

1 bunch basil, chopped
1 bunch mint, chopped
1 bunch cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon shallot, minced
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced
2 limes, juiced
1 lemon, juiced
1/2 cup fish sauce
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup corn oil

Avocado:

1 avocado, pitted and skinned
1 lime, juiced
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon shallot minces
1 dash hot pepper sauce

Salt, to taste

Hearts of palm:

1/2 cup champagne vinegar
1/2 cup rice wine vinegar
1/2 cup mirin
1/2 cup sugar
1/2-inch piece of ginger, smashed
1 human chili, sliced in 1/2 or 1/4 (or too desired heat)
1 (1-inch) piece of fresh hearts of palm, outer layer removed, sliced thin into rounds (You can substitute canned hearts of palm if fresh is unavailable)

Garnish:

1 small melon or mango, peeled and sliced into small rounds and small dice
Yields 6 servings.

Separate lobster tail and claws from body (reserve body for stock, if desired). Place tail and claws in pot of salted boiling water. Cook tail for 8 minutes, claws for 10 minutes. Remove and plunge into ice bath for 15 minutes.

Peel off shells, rinse in tightly salted water and dry. Slice meat into uniform pieces and refrigerate until ready to use.

Marinade:

Whisk together all ingredients in large bowl. Adjust acidity with more lime or lemon juice, if necessary.

For avocado: In bowl, use fork to mix together all ingredients allowing avocado to remain a little chunky.

For hearts of palm: In small saucepan,

bring champagne vinegar, rice wine vinegar, mirin, sugar and ginger to a boil. Strain through fine mesh strainer and pour over hearts of palm while still hot. Allow to cool and refrigerate until ready to use.

To assemble: Place 1 1/2- to 2-inch ring mold in middle of plate. Place small spoonful of avocado on bottom. Place round slice of mango or melon on top. Place slices of lobster on top and continue to layer until lobster reaches the top.

Dress with a good amount of marinade (make sure to mix well before using).

Place diced cuts of fruit around outside of ring mold and dress with more marinade.

Place marinated hearts of palm on top; then remove ring mold and serve.



"Flyboys" stars gives audiences a glimpse of the world of World War I as experienced by aviation pioneers.

'Flyboys' treats viewers to World War I story

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

New Releases

Flyboys - "Flyboys" is a flip title for a story about the famous American volunteer pilots of the Lafayette Escadrille in World War I, sort

FILMS IN FOCUS

of like having a Pearl Harbor movie called "Bombs Away!" But then, "Lafayette Escadrille" was used for a 1958 film starring Tab Hunter and the very young Clint Eastwood. If memory serves, this new one is better. Directed by the actor and producer Tony Bill with some corn, much visual flair and suitable French panache, it stars James Franco as lead Yank (well, from Texas) in an engaging bunch of biplane pilots. The Germans favor triplanes, big virility birds including a black one flown by a killer (Gunnar Winbergh) who is, of course, the necessary Grinning Hun. OK, so a story based on real people takes flighty liberties. They include some improbable heroics on the ground, twist-and-turn aeronautics that may defy gravity too deftly, and some clearly digital effects imposed over paintings. But they're swell effects and darn fine landscape paintings. An MGM release. Director: Tony Bill. Writer: Phil Sears, Blake T. Evans, David S. Ward. Cast:

James Franco, Philip Winchester, Jean Reno, Martin Henderson, Jennifer Decker, Abdul Salis. Running time: 2 hours, 12 minutes. Rated PG-13. 3 stars.

Recent Releases

The Last Kiss - Tony Goldwyn, mainly an actor, did fine directing with "A Walk on the Moon" (1999), performance-driven but credibly shaped. Yet, with an almost equally fine cast, "The Last Kiss" is all bunk and bungle. The movie is based on Gabriele Muccino's "L'Ultimo Bacio," a 2002 confection I kissed off as "perky pasta." At the least (and most), it was vitally Italian. But Americans don't like subtitles, so now the story has shifted from Florence, Italy, to (wow) Madison, Wis. Paul Haggis, a writer overpraised for "Million Dollar Baby" and "Crash," has recooked the plot pasta in a cement mixer. And Goldwyn tries desperately to keep the sloppy tonal shifts (rueful, comical, tragic, ludicrous) from washing his actors away. It's about males hitting 30, yearning for long-gone 20, bewildering their more adult women. Zach Braff has the lead as Michael, a budding architect still unmarried to lovely, impressive Jenna (Jacinda Barrett); she is newly pregnant and wants, of course, the full package. A Paramount Pictures release. Director: Tony

Goldwyn. Writer: Paul Haggis, Gabriele Muccino. Cast: Zach Braff, Blythe Danner, Jacinda Barrett, Rachel Bilson, Casey Affleck, Harold Ramis. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated R. 1 1/2 stars.

Haven - The young director and writer Frank E. Flowers uses enough flash and dash in "Haven" to make you briefly think "trash." But he is up to something interesting - a crime film that seems like an acid kiss-off of his homeland, the Cayman Islands. Right away we are plunged into the surf, then briny heat and sun-baked natives and party-mad tourists, some relishing the Caymans' identity as a tax haven. Investor and dodger Carl (Bill Paxton) arrives more desperately, on the lam from imminent arrest in Miami, with a big valise of cash to pad him through the failure of his corrupt Caymans bank. His princess daughter, blond Pippa (Agnes Bruckner), huffs about some dirty sheets, not much caring about dad's dirty money. Soon, she is adrift in the scene, her young head hazed by drink and coke and a stud named Fritz (Victor Rasuk), an island rascal "on vacation his whole life." A Yari Film Group release. Director, writer: Frank E. Flowers. Cast: Orlando Bloom, Zoe Saldana, Stephen Dillane, Bill Paxton, Victor Rasuk, Agnes Bruckner. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

Brief book review: 'Enemy Combatant'

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

"Enemy Combatant: My Imprisonment at Guantanamo, Bagram, and Kandahar" by Moazzam Begg; The New Press; 397 pages; \$26.95.

SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks five years ago, Moazzam Begg deserved scrutiny. Even he would probably admit it.

A proud Muslim with a fondness for underdogs, he'd traveled from his native England to military camps in Bosnia and Afghanistan, flirting with jihad. He'd moved his family to Kabul to live among the Taliban, which is where he was when the airplanes crashed into the buildings.

But looking suspicious and being guilty of a crime are two different things, or at least they used to be. Begg's story is further proof that the line has been blurred by the ongoing war on terror.

He spent three years in cus-

tody without being charged or tried, then was released without so much as an apology. If he's as resilient as this blow-by-blow account makes him out to be, he'll get over it. The same might not be said for America's reputation.

The idea of America - land of the free, home of the brave - has always been bigger than the reality, but that could be changing. Certainly if enough people read "Enemy Combatant," it will.

The America that emerges here is a small-minded country that ignores its laws and traditions, beats a man, shackles him to the floor of a tiny cell, keeps him in solitary confinement, suggests that he might be better off hanging himself with a noose twisted from his own trousers.

These are the kinds of horrors Solzhenitsyn used to write about. We once thought we were better than that. But the on-ramps to the high road are closed now, apparently, and you don't have to be a Bush hater to find sorrow in that.

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Nature Newswatch

Week of Sept. 24-30, 2006

Heading toward hibernation

When you live in a harsh place, and you spend seven months of the year in cold storage just inches above the permafrost, you've got a lot of living to do in a short amount of time. And if the warm times bring a drought, knock off several more weeks for summer dormancy.

The arctic ground squirrel spends its very short active season rustling up all kinds of vegetarian fare: roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits and seeds. Most of it is consumed immediately to build up a fat layer to survive the long winter's night. But much is also transported in cheek pouches back to the burrow for use as insulation or more food.

The adults retire in September; the 4-month-old offspring will stay up late. If they hope to see next year at all, they need a few extra weeks to continue growing, before betting their burrow remains undisturbed by hungry grizzlies until next May.



Arctic ground squirrel
Spermophilus parryii
Head and body: 9-14 inches; tail: 3-6 inches
Habitat: tundra, grasslands
by Tim Herd © 2006 www.naturenewswatch.com

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Proper ID Required

Identify the parts of speech that are underlined in the following sentences.

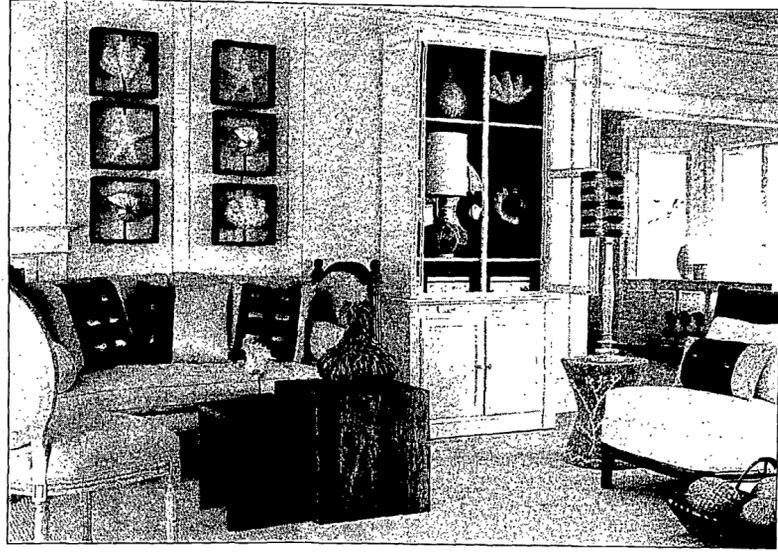
1. I cannot bear to listen to another one of Bill's stories.
a. noun b. verb c. adverb
2. The model tripped on the runway.
a. interjection b. preposition c. adverb
3. Sheila always complains about college food.
a. preposition b. verb c. adverb

Answers: 1. b. verb. Bear is the action of the sentence. 2. b. preposition. On shows a relationship between model and runway. 3. c. adverb. Always modifies complains and tells how often.

Copley News Service

WHAT DID THE BLANKET SAY TO THE BED ?

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Display your collection

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: If I say so myself, I have a great collection of shells and sea-related things I have gathered from travels around the world, and would like to display them in my home. My husband thinks

glorious symmetry rendered in the most delicate of media. In short, I'm with you about "showing off without showing off."

There are a number of ways to display your collections in total harmony with the rest of your room's decor. Just recently, I was reminded of that on a tour of England's historic royal palaces (www.hrp.org.uk). In her apartment in Kensington Palace (also home to Princess Diana until her death), the late Princess Margaret had special lighted shelves, built to show off her world-class collection of shells, coral and other gifts from the sea. Creepy? No, beautiful, and naturally attractive to such A-list friends as Frank Sinatra, who was among the many who came to admire.

Even if you don't live in a palace, you should enjoy your collection out in the open for everyone to admire.

Truth to tell, you don't even

Home-value Web sites no sub for appraisers

By Jim Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

An increasing number of homeowners are accessing Web sites that offer estimates of current values for individual homes - sites such as Zillow.com.

OPEN HOUSE

Home sellers use the sites to help them establish an asking price when preparing to sell their property. Buyers access the sites to give them peace of mind, assuring them they are not offering too much for a home, or to help determine how much to offer for a home. But how reliable are these sites?

The advantage of using the sites is it's quick and easy. The reliability of its accuracy is questionable. Many home sellers claim the estimated amounts are much too low, considering all factors in their local market. And this could impair the owner's ability to obtain a fair market price for their home, they claim.

"Any time the value of real estate is used to make a significant financial decision, a professional appraiser is needed," said Frank Baldassarre, senior vice president of Fox Chase Bank. "Determining the value of property depends on more than just comparable sales and listings in an area. That is what most Web sites use. Each property has unique characteristics that only an independent appraisal can account for when determining an equitable price or value," he said.

In some cases, the use of value-estimating Web sites, coupled with a local study of recent sales prices of comparable properties in the area (data often provided by brokers), might be enough to help determine a realistic asking price. But if you want a credible valuation report that will be accepted by potential buyers, it's best to use a seasoned professional appraiser. It could be well worth the appraiser's fee.

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Can this hollyhock be saved?

By Jeff Rugg
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Q: Our hollyhocks did not do well this year and we want to transplant them to a sunnier spot. When should we do this?

A GREENER VIEW

A: A hollyhock is an interesting plant. It is usually a biennial that will grow some the first year, bloom the second year and then die. Some bloom and die the first year, making them an annual, and some last more than two years, making them perennials.

Before you get a frost, use stakes or twist ties to mark the smaller plants that have not bloomed this year and should bloom next year. Dig these plants up after the frost and move them to the new area.

To make it easier, you can collect seeds from the flower stalks and just plant them in the new area. You will not have as many flowers next season, but they should do fine after that. If you collect the seeds, go ahead and plant them in the fall. By doing this, you may get some plants to sprout up now and bloom next year. If you have hollyhocks with what are known as double blossoms - they look like a fluffy carnation - there will be few, if any, seeds and you will have to try transplanting.

Did you make any hollyhock dolls with the flowers? Pluck off an open flower for the skirt and a small flower bud for the head and use a toothpick to join them. A partially opened flower can be used to make a bonnet. In the

good old days, these were more precious than a Barbie doll.

You don't want to do what my mother did when she was a girl. She waited until a bee was in the flower and quickly swooped her hand over the blossom to capture the bee in the closed flower. She then tied it shut with a rubber band. After she had the whole stalk full, she would bump the stalk to listen to the humming sound.

Q: We have a bad wasp problem around our home. We've had an exterminator out at least five times to spray, knock down nests, etc., but these guys keep coming back, even rebuilding in the sprayed nests or where the nest was knocked down.

We also have two traps set for them - plastic bottles with sweet juice - and they are stilling up, but they are still swarming around our home, under our roof vents, and in and out of gutters. What else can we do?

A: The traps do work; you may want to get more than two and place them close to where most of the wasps seem to congregate. Not all wasps are attracted to traps and they may need to be sprayed. The bigger problem with traps is keeping them emptied when the population is large.

Animal populations tend to go up and down in cycles, so I don't think you will have much of a problem with the wasps next year. There is very little you can do to change your landscape to discourage them.

The females of most common wasp species spend the winter on their own, sleeping in dormancy buried in the

ground or hiding under tree bark. During spring they raise a few workers that then help to raise more and by September, when the hive is at its largest, it can house as many as 10,000 workers, but usually it is more likely to be just a few hundred. Later in the fall, females mate and leave the nest to hibernate; the other hundreds of workers die out and the nest is not used again.

Wasps kill spiders and other insects, so there may be some consolation in the fact that most of the season they are a beneficial insect.

Q: In November 2004 we moved from Connecticut to Florida, storing some iris bulbs and hostas in mulch, black plastic bags and a box. They were delivered in January '05 and, when opened, all looked healthy. Planted on the south side of the house, they are watered with an automatic watering system and have mulch over them. Then during the summer of '05, the hostas blossomed twice and irises looked hardy - nice, green leaves, but no flowers.

I didn't panic because of the storing and moving. In early fall, I trimmed them back. In October 2005 Wilma hit, and I did not protect them, but they didn't seem to suffer. In late spring 2006, the plants grew gorgeous, huge, green leaves - again, the hostas blossomed, but not the iris.

The iris bulbs have multiplied OK, there's just no flowers. We have a porch in the back center of the house (south side) and the original bulbs planted on the west side of porch multiplied so well, I had enough to transplant along the east side of porch last fall. The leaves this year are much big-

ger - both taller and fuller - than last year, but, alas, no flowers.

GARDEN TIP

Hollyhocks

Hollyhocks, *Alicea rosea*, are outward-facing, single flowers in a wide variety of colors. The flowers grow on rigid, towering spikes, which reach heights of 5-8 feet. Foliage features large, heart-shaped and rough lower leaves, which become smaller toward the top.

- **Origin:** China
- **Season:** Spring to fall
- **Height:** 24 to 60 inches
- **Color:** White, pink, yellow, purple
- **Soil:** Well-drained
- **Exposure:** At least one-half day of sunlight
- **Propagation:** Seed sown in winter, blooms in summer
- **Problems:** Foliage is susceptible to rust, leaf spots and anthracnose (fungal disease).

Sources: North Carolina State University Horticulture Dept., Missouri Botanical Garden



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When should I trim them back this year? Different growing seasons throw me off. Should I cover them with the winter - and if so, with what? Is it possible they will ever blossom again or should I dig them up and throw them away?

A: There are several hundred species of iris and many thousands of varieties. Some grow in swamps and others die if the root system stays too damp. Some grow in the north and some in the south.

Most people only think about the German or bearded iris. If that is what you have, I would have expected them to bloom the first year and certainly the second.

Don't plant them too deep. They should be planted with the top half of the rhizome above the soil level with a thin layer of mulch on them. If they are overfertilized, they may grow too many leaves at the

expense of flowers.

The last thought is you may not have had enough cold weather for them to set the flower buds. Many northern plants need to be cold and even though they thrive with the warmth, they can't flower. Give them another spring and then they come out.

Other iris species, such as Siberian iris, often take several years to re-establish themselves to bloom, so if you have them, everything may be fine, but again this year should be the last year to wait.

If these irises don't bloom, try Louisiana irises, which are suited for the heat. The only possible problem with them is keeping them wet enough, but the irrigation system may be able to handle that.

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

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History buffs enjoy affordable antique maps

By Linda Pescatore
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Present-day maps made from the Global Positioning System, aerial surveys and photography may be accurate, but they can't hold a candle to their hand-drawn predecessors when it comes to charm and beauty.

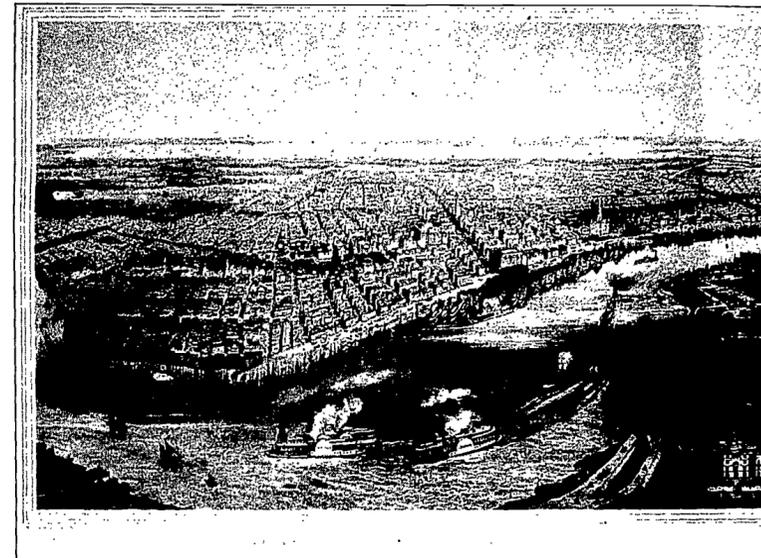
But amassing a collection of

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rare antique maps can be a costly undertaking. Happily, high-quality reproductions such as those by Historic Urban Plans, of Ithaca, N.Y., are not only handsome and historical, but exceptionally affordable.

Founded in 1964 by collector John W. Reps, the company prints hundreds of images of the world's cities from the Middle Ages to the Victorian Age, many in color. These are museum-quality reproductions; Historic Urban Plans supplies many of the maps sold at historical sites such as Colonial Williamsburg, Va.

The company's Souvenir Series features more than 150 prints of primarily the U.S. and



Canada, on text-weight paper with dimensions averaging about 16 by 20 inches, all for \$10 each. The larger Collectors Series comprises 400 city maps, plans and bird's-eye views from around the world in larger sizes or on heavier paper, and the

prices are mostly under \$30. Dimensions do not include sizable margins that allow the prints to be framed with or without mats.

Just perusing the company's catalog is a history buff's delight. Take your mind on a tour of

Rome in 1493; Alexandria, Egypt, in 1575; Cartagena, Colombia, in 1599; or Kagoshima, Japan, in 1669. Closer to home are early views of New York in 1716, New Orleans in 1722 or San Diego in 1873, among scores of others.

Prints are mailed unframed in heavy cardboard tubes, and the company will ship overseas.

Request a catalog by calling 607-272-6277, or view it online at www.historicurbanplans.com.

Try Wrenching These From a Handyman's Hands

It's fall, and that means tool companies are releasing all their latest gadgetry in time for Christmas gift-giving. For a tool connoisseur, it's a great time to be alive.

This year, Black & Decker announced a heap of innovations to its lineup of tools for making jobs like measuring, cutting, building and cleaning a lot easier.

The company's BullsEye Laser Level not only projects a straight line vertically and horizontally, but at any angle you choose. That makes tasks like hanging artwork along a staircase easier. Set the level at the bottom of the stairs, along the baseboard, and adjust the angled laser line to follow the angle of the stairs. Then raise the level to the desired height of your artwork - whether aligning the tops or bottoms - and you'll end up with a uniform progression up the stairs.

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When placing a home on the market, establishing the right asking price is a key to success in today's changing marketplace.

Last year, we experienced the most active seller's market situation in history, with some homes receiving multiple offers and selling for more than the asking price. Today, even though the market is still very strong historically, there are many more homes on the market and fewer prospective buyers who are serious about purchasing a home.

Some buyers are holding off a needed home purchase, waiting to see if prices will decline. But so far, prices are continuing to rise slowly - at a national annual rate of just under 5 percent. At the same time, mortgage interest rates continue to creep up.

In this scenario, home sellers need to adjust their strategies to meet today's marketing factors. The primary reason some homes remain on the market for a long time is that their asking price is too high. When prospective buyers look at an available home on Web sites or offered to

them by brokers, they will quickly reject it if the price is obviously too high. They will turn to other, more realistically priced homes, and there are plenty of those in today's inventory of available properties.

Many home sellers just can't seem to face the fact that their home might not bring the price it could have a year ago. The perceived value has not gone up at a double-digit rate, as has been the case in the recent past.

When a home is overpriced when it's first placed on the market, it can be stigmatized as an overpriced property in the minds of active buyers and brokers. This can be a marketing problem even after reducing the price. It's better to be realistic in the initial pricing of the home.

There are some cases where a seller should be aggressive in pricing.

"Aggressive pricing usually works best in lower price ranges, where supply is generally limited," said Realtor Kitty Vancina. "It can work whenever buyer demand for a specific type of property exceeds the supply. For example, in our area, ranch homes are less common but there is a solid level of demand for them, so sellers often can push the pricing enve-

lope on this type of home."

It's important to understand the current situation in your local market in pricing your home. You, of course, want to obtain the highest possible price, but living in the dream world of yesterday's dramatic value rises and asking a price that's inconsistent with today's market factors could be counterproductive for you.

A few weeks ago, this column suggested to home buyers that they check out several local title, escrow and mortgage companies on their own before committing themselves to one - not relying entirely on firms recommended by their broker or sales associate. I noted that companies suggested by agents are often affiliated with their brokerage firm and they have a monetary incentive to direct clients to them.

Predictably, that didn't set well with some brokers. I'm always glad to hear from real estate industry folk, whether their message is positive or negative. At least they are reading my column. Here's part of a long letter I received from Jeff Haring, a regional manager for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage:

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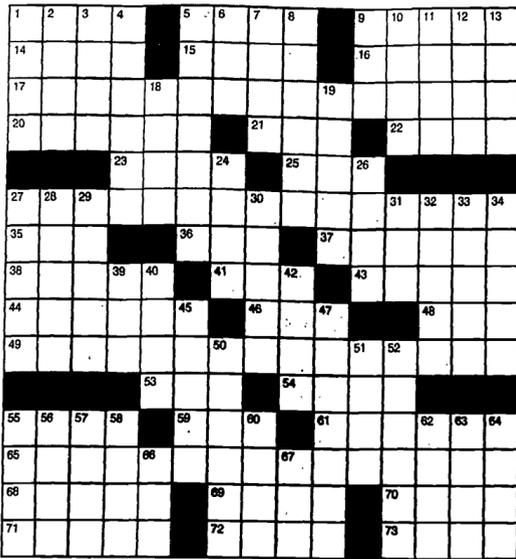
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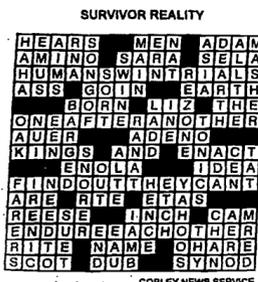
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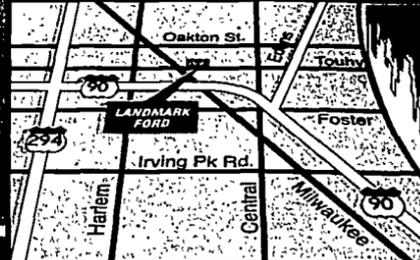
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