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## Man rescued from trench

Firefighters had to dig man out by hand

By Andrew Schneider  
EDITOR

It took rescuers more than two hours to dig a 54-year-old Chicago man out of a collapsed trench in Niles last Wednesday, Sept. 28.

The man was working in a trench next to a house being remodeled at 8332 Octavia when it collapsed, burying him almost to his chest in clay and dirt.

"He was waterproofing the outside walls when the trench collapsed," said Niles Fire Chief Barry Mueller.

When his fellow worker realized he couldn't free him he called emergency services. Local fire departments assembled to form their joint rescue team.

Rescuers first shored up the trench walls to ensure that there would be no further collapses, then were forced to proceed with a near-total excavation of the worker.

"He was in a kneeling position either when he was buried or as a result of the collapse," said Mueller. "We had to dig him out completely before we could free him."

Fourteen other fire departments helped with the effort including Morton Grove, Park

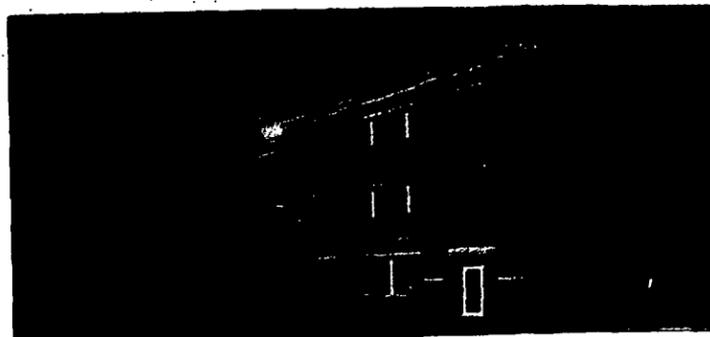


Firefighters from the Niles Fire Dept. and several surrounding agencies work to free a man from a collapsed trench last Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Ridge and departments as far away as Winnetka and Glencoe.

"The Niles Fire Department and all those who aided us did a great job," said Muller.

The worker was taken to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge with minor injuries. He was conscious during the entire rescue effort.



## Self-storage proposed for vacant building

Soil contamination makes residential uses unprofitable

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

What does the future hold for the former Qualatex Uniform Rental building, now vacant in the 7400 block of Waukegan Rd., right across from the Bugle Newspaper offices?

The owners of the property, which was formerly occupied by Qualatex, would like to develop a self-storage facility in the residential area. But, is this what the residents want? Is this what's best for the village?

An important piece of the puzzle is that the soil at that property is contaminated and

has been contaminated ever since it was a cleaners business.

As a result, the owner said that the clean-up process would be much more in-depth and more expensive if it was developed as a condominium unit or other residential building, as opposed to a self-storage type of facility.

"In general, I'd like to see it residential," said Community Development Director Chuck Ostman. However, if that is not possible, he said the residents need to think about whether they would rather see a self-storage facility or a vacant building at that location.

Ostman held a meeting for a group of residents in the area to see what they felt about having a three-story self-storage facility.

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## Natural Gas prices to stay level, maybe decline

By Andrew Schneider  
EDITOR

Prices for natural gas, the primary household heating fuel, are expected to decline slightly this winter, down from its historical peak of 84 cents per therm last year according to experts at the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB).

Although there's no way to tell exactly what the heating prices will be, CUB officials worry that consumers will continue to pay

high natural gas costs, if not this winter, in future winters.

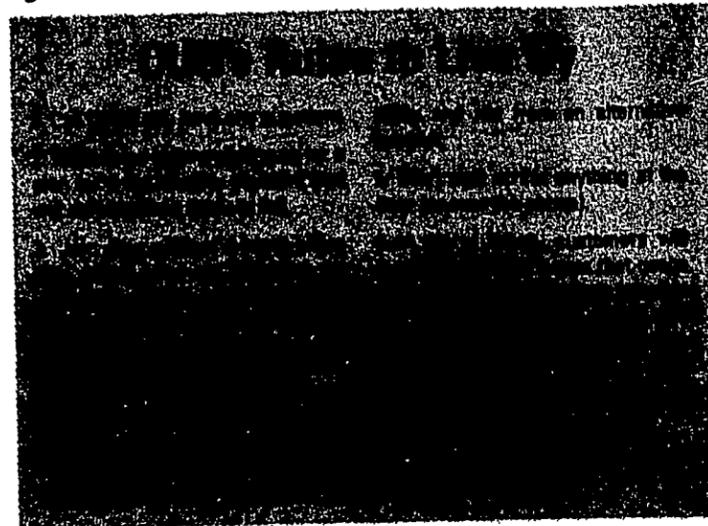
"The good news is that prices have been falling of late which seems to indicate that prices will be lower than last year's record

highs," said Jim Chilsen of CUB.

"The bad news is our country hasn't dealt

with some fundamental problems that leave consumers at the mercy of a very volatile gas market."

CUB and four Midwestern Attorneys General are also concerned.  
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### Tea Time at Niles Hist. Society

It's getting close to Tea Time at the Niles Historical Museum. Plans are nearly complete and if you have been to one of the last 12 or planning on making this your first one - you won't want to miss it.

Teddy Bear Tea is planned for Saturday and Sunday,

November 4 and 5, 2006 at the Museum. Bring your teddy bear. Whether it is new, slightly used, or has been a favorite for many years, share your joy with us. We will have a special display for the bears so everyone can enjoy having them with us.

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### No injuries reported in Niles crash



A vehicle was heading westbound on Oakton St. when the driver hit another vehicle trying to cross Oakton from Odell Street on Monday morning, Oct. 2. Fire trucks and police cars surrounded the vehicle that was flipped on its side. Police said there were no injuries in this accident, in which both drivers were Niles residents. The vehicle crossing Oakton was broadsided and it flipped on its side up on the sidewalk, said police. Deputy Police Chief Charles Giannelli said the driver was given a citation for failure to yield.

## Be wary when navigating the natural gas market

In hours of interviews of the past week one thing has become clear: the natural gas market is confusing.

Prices keep rising. I have no explanation as to the final reason and, while I have a hard time trusting the companies that produce the commodity I don't have any specific proof that they or futures traders are manipulating the market (though several attorneys general seem to be worried).

The only thing that I can advise consumers to do is what the Citizens Utility Board advises - don't make any snap decisions. There may be alternative suppliers of energy coming to your front door or calling you on the phone. When they show up,



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

listen, take their paperwork if you want to, thank them for their time but don't sign anything. Ask for some time to consider your options.

Then, later on, put all the paperwork on your desk or dining table (depending on how much paperwork it is) and figure out which deal makes the best

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sense for you and your family.

The good news is that consumers may see a small price decrease in their heating bills this winter. Maybe it will offset the increased cost of electricity. But it is likely that energy bills will continue to squeeze households and it may be that becoming more efficient in our use of energy is a good way to combat those bills.

### Self-Storage

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age facility at that location.

Frank Lemanski, who lives near the property, said that he is opposed to making the building a self storage facility because it is a residential area. He said that you often hear about self storage facili-

ties being related to drugs and crime. Lemanski said at the last meeting there were about 30 residents and they were all opposed to the self-storage proposal. Lemanski was one of the community members who took Qualatex to court as a result of the pollution it was causing in the neighborhood.

Ostman, the residents and the developer of the proposed project were expected to have another meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The total square footage of the proposed facility is 73,848 sq. ft and it includes a total of 34 parking spaces. Lamson and Condon are the architects for the proposed project.

## Lights out for MG smokers?

### Village considers total smoking ban

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

**Smoking or Non-Smoking?**  
This is a question commonly heard when out to dinner with family and friends, but maybe not for long.

The Village of Morton Grove, just like many nearby communities, has been working on an ordinance regarding a smoking ban in enclosed places that will most likely be discussed by the village board in October.

"The ordinance includes a pretty significant ban," said Mayor Richard Krier. "There's no exceptions for restaurants."

Krier said that some of the trustees may believe that smoking should be allowed in taverns and bars, but he said everyone seems to be on the same page about not allowing smoking in restaurants and in other

enclosed places. Krier said that the ordinance the village has drafted will be reviewed by the environmental health board and be discussed by the village board at either the Oct. 9 or Oct. 23 village board meeting. At the meeting, an amendment to the ordinance may be made, depending on what the trustees have to say about it.

The urgency of the issue for various villages springs from the fact that if the individual municipality does not create its own smoking ordinance by next March, then it will have to abide by the Cook County total smoking ban ordinance. The Village of Niles recently had hearings on the topic and will be drafting their own ordinance as well.

The Environmental Health Board has voted unanimously to recommend that the village board enact a smoking ban in all enclosed places with no exceptions.

Krier said the environmen-

tal board is taking a firm stance on the issue. The board reviewed various documents, including local suburban smoking ordinances, the City of Chicago Clean Indoor Air Ordinance, the Cook County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance and the Illinois Restaurant Association. However, the most important document that the board reviewed, is the Surgeon General's report on the health consequences of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke.

Trustee Roy Kogstad has been wondering why it has taken so long for the mayor to discuss the ordinance. The report/recommendation was issued by the board in August.

"Where is the concern for the health/well being of the residents of the village?" wondered Kogstad. "Is Krier refusing to bring this issue up for political expediency by mollifying his smoking constituency?"



Niles Lions Club members pose with representatives of the village of Niles in recognition of Lions Club Candy Days, happening this weekend.

## Lions Club Candy Days Oct. 13, 14

A proclamation for Niles Lions Club Candy Day was made at the Village of Niles board meeting on Monday, Sept. 25.

The proclamation states that the Niles Lions Club has served the community "admirably, particularly in the areas of vision and hearing health and disorders."

This year, the Niles Lions Club will participate in Candy Day on Friday, Oct. 13 and on Saturday, Oct. 14. On these days, they will give away candy and accept donations to help blind, visually impaired, deaf and the hearing impaired.

Mayor Nicholas Blase encouraged all residents to "give generously."

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# Alternative suppliers confuse consumers

No matter what the eventual price of natural gas prices this season, representatives of companies known as "alternative gas suppliers" are already out on the streets going door-to-door attempting to sign up residential gas customers for a myriad of confusing options.

The company that brings natural gas to residential customers buys it from different suppliers. Similarly, consumers can sign up to have their gas supplied by a specific company and then delivered by their gas company.

Representatives of alternative gas suppliers such as Nicor Advanced Energy, Peoples Energy Services and Nordic Energy Services offer so many plans that consumers can pick and choose from plans that are difficult to understand.

Often, salespeople for these companies go door-to-door and offer residential customers rates that won't neces-

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**Jim Chilsen**  
CUB REPRESENTATIVE

sarily save them any money.

In Niles earlier this year, representatives of one company made what a man called a high-pressure pitch to sign up for a fixed-rate, five-year contract with their company. That rate was \$1.19 per therm, per month. The highest residential gas prices reached last year was \$1.17 per therm in the month of December.

When the homeowner refused to sign up, the sales-

person tore the contract in three pieces and dropped it to the ground.

Representatives of the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) urge all consumers to contact them if they have any questions about an alternative gas supplier.

"We are especially concerned that this winter gas suppliers will try to capitalize on fears that people have of a repeat of last year's sky-rocketing prices," said Jim Chilsen, with CUB. "Don't sign up for anything at the door."

CUB urges customers who need more certainty to sign up for their regulated utility's budget plan, which tries to even out gas bills so consumers aren't hit with huge increases from month to month. Under the budget plan—unlike other programs like Fixed Bill or Lock 12—consumers never pay for more than the actual gas they use.

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cerned about what they say is an inherent instability in the natural gas market that makes it prone to manipulation.

The Attorneys General from Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin partnered to produce a report that was released in March of this year. The report concluded that financial markets such as futures trading markets, played as important a role in determining the price of natural gas as actual consumer demand.

At the time the report was released, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan said: "Instead of the current method of setting prices based on the actions of just a few traders, we need oversight of all natural gas transactions to make sure that the prices consumers pay accurately reflect the actual supply of and demand for natural gas."

Gas prices seem to fluctuate over time, trending upwards in the past decade. In 1999, gas prices averaged 32-cents a therm, spiking to 52-cents in 2001, then declining to an average of 43-cents the next year. For the past three years, per therm prices have hit record levels each

year, 62-cents in 2003, 68-cents in 2004 and 84-cents in 2005.

Those prices represent the average of monthly prices in a calendar year. Your natural gas supplier, whether they're Nicor Gas, Peoples Energy or Ameren, is required to pass on the price of gas to consumers without any mark-up. So the price that appears on your bill is what your energy company paid.

Last year, members of the industry blamed high prices on the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Gulf Coast facilities. Because natural gas is found in petroleum deposits, high prices of oil were also cited last winter.

While those same reasons could not necessarily be cited this winter and, in fact, their absence could be part of the reason for a possible decline this year. CUB representatives believe, however, that the lack of overall regulation in the gas market means consumers will be at the mercy of gas companies in the future.

"I think that we're going to keep dealing with this roller-coaster of up and down prices until we deal with the inadequacies in the market," Chilsen said.

# SCHOOLS

## Maine East Announces National Merit Semifinalists



Maine East Principal David Barker congratulates National Merit Semifinalists Aleksandr Zhukhovitskiy and Erin Li, both of Des Plaines. They scored in the top one percent of US high school seniors in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

## Dist. 64 expects deficit again in 2006-07 budget

District 64 expects a deficit again this year in its Operating Fund of about \$612,000, according to the fiscal year 2006-07 budget presented for approval to the Board of Education at its meeting on September 25, 2006. The District forecasts about \$48.6 million in Operating Fund expenditures matched against revenues of just over \$48 million, according to Business Manager Bruce Martin.

"This is the third of the last four years that the Operating Fund has operated at a deficit, the exception being last year when we issued \$4.9 million in Working Cash bonds," Martin noted.

The estimated Operating Fund balance at the end of the fiscal year on June 30 is expected to be about \$5.8 million, or just under 12%. The Board of Education earlier this year adopted an Operating Fund balance objective of 33% or four months of operating expenses.

Martin noted that about 80% of Operating Fund revenues for the coming year will be from local property taxes, with state sources accounting for about 8%. On the expenditure side, salaries and benefits represent about 76% of the Operating Fund outlays for the year.

"The District expects to hold the increase in Operating Fund expenses to just over 3%, which the Board of Education has requested, when a Federal sound abatement grant and Life Safety projects are excluded," Martin pointed out. He noted that the District expects a 7%

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**Bruce Martin**  
BUSINESS MANAGER

decrease in its employee benefits expenses this year due to its shift from being self-insured to fully-funded with an outside carrier. Operating Fund revenues are expected to decline by 1.58% from the previous fiscal year.

When all funds are considered, the District expects a deficit of about \$200,000, with revenues of about \$52.6 million narrowly below expenses in all funds of \$52.8 million. The all funds ending balance will be \$11.3 million, Martin noted. Overall, District 64 expenses in all funds will rise about 6.2% above the previous fiscal year, when the Federal sound abatement grant and Life Safety projects are removed. Much of this increase is due to interest and repayment of the three-year Working Cash bonds issued in October 2005.

For more information, please see the District 64 Web site: [www.d64.org](http://www.d64.org).

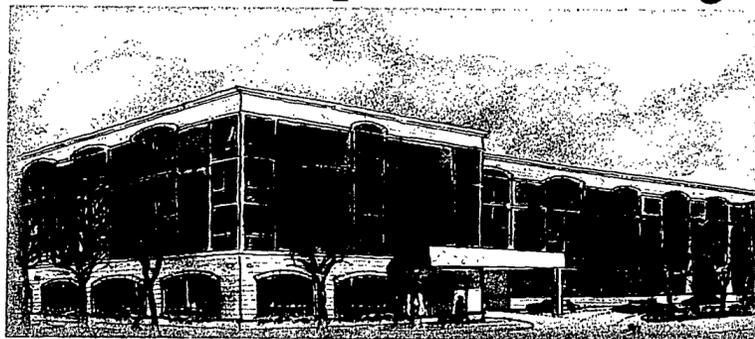
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# Man asked to leave Morton Grove Library

## MORTON GROVE

### 1 Unwanted Subject at Library (6100 Lincoln)

An unwanted subject was asked to leave the library and told that if he came back he would be charged with criminal trespassing on Sept. 26. The man, who was arrested for aggravated criminal sexual abuse by the Niles Police Department on Apr. 7, has been to the Morton Grove Public Library several times in the past two weeks and was seen printing addresses off of the Myspace.com website at the library.

### 2 Aggressive Solicitation (Intersection of Dempster & Waukegan)

A woman said that a solicitor asked her for a donation while she was in her vehicle and she said that after saying no, he kept asking her on Sept. 22. The woman said the man kept knocking on her vehicle window and her daughter started crying.

### 3 Tree Fell on Vehicle (8600 Waukegan)

Police said during a storm a tree from the yard at 8600 National fell on the victim's Chevy Cobalt on Sept. 22. The woman's vehicle suffered extensive damage to the hood and roof and a cracked windshield.

### 4 Mirror Stolen from Vehicle (6800 Dempster)

Unknown person(s) stole a driver's side door mirror from a vehicle on Sept. 23. The mirror is worth \$300.

### 5 New Fence Dug Up (6800 Lyons)

Police said unidentified subject(s) had dug up her new fence and bent the metal holding rod sometime between Sept. 8 and Sept. 9. Police said the victim didn't see or hear anything but noticed three kids running by her house yesterday.

### 6 Warrant Arrest (Dempster & Narragansett)

Police arrested an 18 year old Morton Grove man on Sept. 28 on an arrest warrant for PCS and contributing to delinquency. The bond was set at \$7,500 and the man was transported to Lincolnwood Police Department.

### 7 No Valid Driver's License (8900 Central)

Police said a 20 year old Morton Grove man was arrested on Sept. 24 for having no valid driver's license. The bond

was set at \$2,000. Oct. 12 is the court date.

### 8 Reckless Driving Arrest (8200 Caldwell)

Police arrested an 18 year old man from Skokie for reckless driving. The court date is Oct. 12.

## NILES

### 9 Robbery in Parking Lot (8500 Golf Rd)

An unknown subject came from behind the victim and grabbed her purse and ran northbound through the parking lot on Sept. 28. Police said the purse contained \$1,000 in USC, a driver's license and a credit card. Although she did not see the subject's face, the victim reportedly said that the subject may have been in the bank and saw her withdrawing the \$1,000.

### 10 Three Vehicles on Neva Damaged (7700/7800 Neva)

Police said on Oct. 2 unknown subject(s) shattered

the rear windshield of a victim's vehicle at 7700 Neva. The damage amounts to about \$500. Sometime between Oct. 1 and Oct. 2, unknown subject(s) smashed in the rear window of another vehicle at 7700 Neva. Unknown person(s) damaged the windshield of a vehicle at 7800 Neva on Oct. 2. The damage amounts to about \$500.

### 11 Home Burglary (8600 Ozark)

The victim observed that her dresser drawers in her master bedroom were pulled open and items were thrown around the room on Sept. 30. Police said a black bag filled with costume jewelry, two pry bars and a screw driver was also found on the kitchen floor.

### 12 Battery (9000 W Golf Rd)

Police said a victim said a subject punched him in the forehead and grabbed him around his throat on Sept. 30. The man was taken to Lutheran General Hospital.

### 13 Man Walked Into Glass Window (9200 Greenwood)

Police said a man walked into a glass window by the front entrance of the facility on Sept. 28 and was taken to Lutheran General Hospital. Police said no alcohol was involved.

### 14 Unlawful Use of Credit Card (340 Golf Mill)

Unknown subject purchased a ladies ring and a mens bracelet totaling \$4,010.39 on Sept. 14 using the jeweler's credit card account. When police spoke with the credit department of the jeweler they said they didn't authorize the said purchase.

### 15 DUI Arrest (8000 Ottawa)

Police arrested a 24 year old Niles man for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage on Sept. 28. A police officer was driving west bound on Oakton St. in the center lane and he had

to move to the curb lane to avoid getting struck by the vehicle driven by the subject. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the man has an Oct. 24 court date.

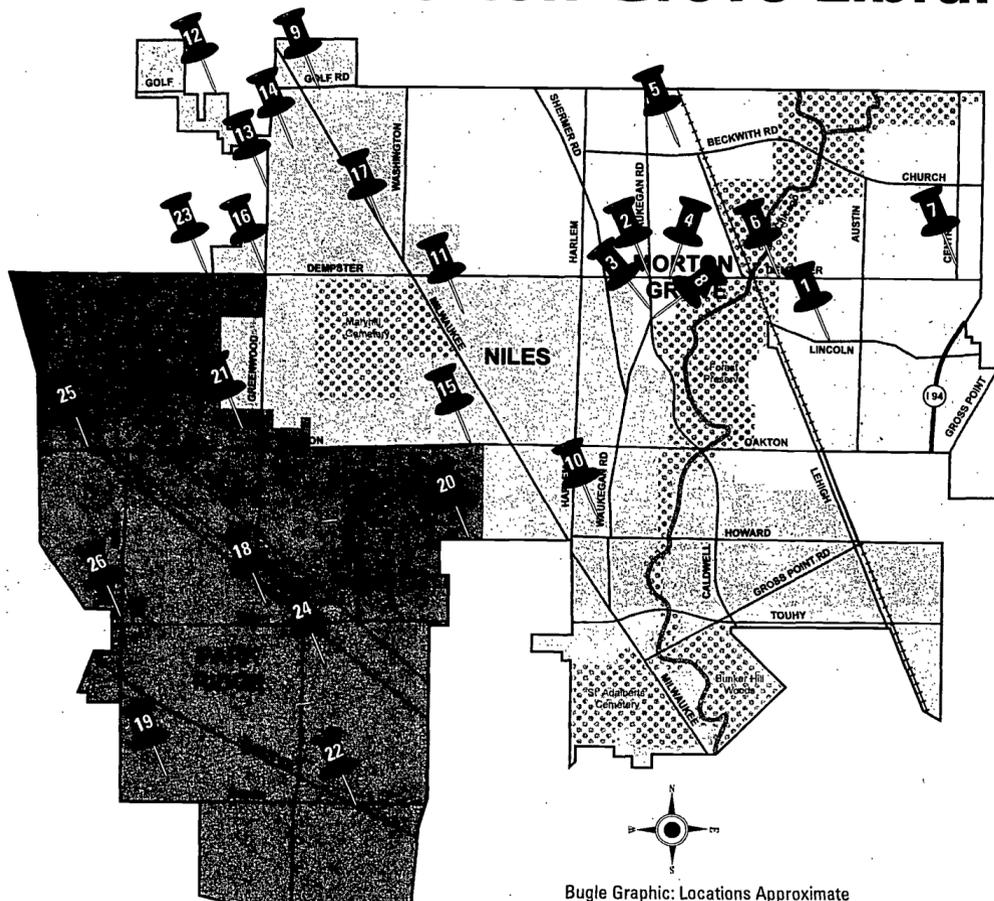
### 16 Suspended Driver's License Arrest (Dempster/Greenwood)

A 59 year old Niles man was arrested on Oct. 2 for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, improper lane usage and failure to signal. The bond was set at \$3,000 and the court date is Oct. 24.

### 17 Criminal Damage Disorderly Conduct Arrest (9000 N. Milwaukee)

Police arrested a 26 year old Chicago female for criminal damage and disorderly conduct on Sept. 30. The subject was reportedly verbally abusing employees, patrons and officers and kicking and damaging the glass door. Bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Nov. 14.

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Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

# Three arrested for PR car burglaries

The Park Ridge Police Department arrested three individuals for felony burglaries to a motor vehicle on Sept. 21 and Sept. 22.

It is believed that the three individuals are responsible for a significant amount of burglary to motor vehicle and criminal trespass to motor vehicle incidents that have taken place in the city over the past two months.

The three individuals admitted that during the early morning hours they entered the unlocked vehicles and stole

valuables from dozens of vehicles in the past few weeks.

Police arrested a 19 year old Park Ridge man and two teenagers (17 and 18) from Norridge.

The initiate court date is Oct. 10 at 1:30 at the Cook County Second Municipal Courthouse in Skokie. The investigation is ongoing.

Police said the three arrestees are also suspected of committing additional car burglaries in Niles, Northbrook and Wilmette.

## Blotter

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## PARK RIDGE

During the week of Sept. 21 to Sept. 27, there were 14 burglaries to motor vehicles, most of which involved vehicles that were unlocked. Park Ridge Police have been warning residents to lock their vehicles.

### 18 Laptop Computer taken from Vehicle (200 N. Chester)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2001 Mercury Sable and took a Dell laptop computer worth \$1,500 and a \$50 computer carrying case sometime between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21.

### 19 Wallet, Credit Cards taken from Vehicle (1000 S. Hamlin)

Police said sometime between Sept. 21 and Sept. 22 unidentified person(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2007 Mercedes S550. A wallet containing \$30 and credit cards was taken from the vehicle.

### 20 Ipad Removed from Vehicle (600 N. Ottawa)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2005 Dodge Caravan between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21. The Ipad taken is worth \$299 and the Ipad shuffle is \$80.

### 21 Broken Passenger Window (1100 N. Lincoln)

Unknown person(s) broke the passenger window of the victim's 2006 Honda on Sept. 26, said police. The estimated

cost of the damage is unknown.

### 22 Graffiti Spray Painted on Building (500 W. Talcott)

Unidentified subject(s) spray painted graffiti on the rear of the building sometime between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

### 23 Subject Scratched Vehicle (1700 Dempster)

Police said unknown person(s) scratched the driver's side of the victim's 2005 Chevy Avalanche on Sept. 27. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

### 24 Possession of Tobacco by a Minor (100 S. Fairview)

Police arrested a 17 year old Park Ridge teenager on Sept. 23 for possession of tobacco by a minor and disorderly conduct. The teen was released on his own recognition and the court hearing date is Oct. 10.

### 25 DUI Arrest (Oakton and Park Plaine)

A 19 year old Park Ridge teen was arrested on Sept. 24 for driving under the influence of alcohol, expired registration, disobeying a stop sign and no insurance. The bond was set at \$2,000 and the court date is Oct. 13.

### 26 Leaving the Scene of an Accident (First block of Dee Rd)

Police arrested a 54 year old Park Ridge woman on Sept. 26 for leaving the scene of an accident and for driving under the influence of alcohol. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Oct. 13.

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## Are Catholics Christians

This exact question was asked by a person at my aunt's funeral two years ago. It was asked in sincere, loving concern for her soul. She was the last Catholic in her family. Her children and husband converted to Evangelical Christianity shortly after they moved to Tennessee, thirty years ago. Although I am not Catholic, I explained my belief that I would see my aunt again and that I did not believe she was in a bad place.



Another Perspective  
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Rhode Island, founded on complete religious toleration. Today, Americans tolerate other's thoughts and beliefs, the only limit being that practices don't harm others or don't violate Western European Judeo-Christian values and human rights. This was not always the case.

More telling than the question itself, is that the asker felt comfortable enough to ask. The United States was founded to preserve religious liberty. Maryland was a Catholic colony, Massachusetts a Puritan, and the colony of

Just a little over forty-five

years ago, in 1960 the pundits concerned themselves over whether or not Americans would elect or accept a Catholic, John F. Kennedy, as president. Immigration concerns about Catholic Irish also limited immigration from those countries at the turn of the last century, more than a hundred years ago. The last major religious war for Christians was the thirty year war. It occurred from 1618-48 and ended in relative peace and tolerance with the religion being chosen by each king for each country and people. From then on European and world wars were about power, land and money.

The new question for the 21st century is not one asked of or about Christians, but

about Islam. Is Islam a religion of peace? The reactions worldwide to the speech by Pope Benedict was shocking. Death threats, the murder of a nun, and violent protests followed. The best headline that I saw stated, "If you say we are violent, we will kill you." It does make you wonder. The few Muslims that I have met and know are ideal people. They are great neighbors, honest and kind people, and have a deep and abiding respect for God. This is in stark contrast to what we hear, read and see, almost nightly, of Islam throughout the world. It is difficult to reconcile say the Pakistani law, supported by Muslim extremists (my word), stating that rape victims can be prosecuted for adultery unless they can produce four male witnesses. It is mind boggling to imagine the thought process that could

rationalize such an absurd stance. What is happening is that Islam is coming out of its long slumber. With the exception of Turkey, Muslim countries are thorough dictatorships, steeped in ignorance, illiteracy, and tribalism. Things the Christian west threw off four hundred years ago. A country like Saudi Arabia is not a country at all, at least not as we understand it, but a family run corporation. The oil wealth there, benefits the ruling family, their cousins and friends. There is no true liberty in the vast majority of the Islamic world and yet here in America, the Land of Liberty, something must be different. Our Muslims have not rioted, have not killed, and have not destroyed. Don't let the few exceptions mar the entire people, we would not want our

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

David Orr, Cook County Clerk

OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Polling Place Locations for the GENERAL ELECTION to be held in SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY on:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

The POLLING PLACES will be open from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

The GENERAL ELECTION for that part of Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk will be held in each election precinct in Cook County and the voting will be conducted at the following polling places for each of the aforesaid election precincts selected by the Cook County Clerk.

LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS NECESSITY REQUIRES

### TOWNSHIP OF NILES

WARD	PCT	Name	Address	Access
001		NILES ELEM SCHOOL	6935 TOUHY AVE NILES	Y
002		ST BENEDICT HOME	6930 W TOUHY AVE NILES	Y
003		DIEDERICH PARK FIELDHOUSE	1 BRIAR RD GOLF	Y
004		TODD HALL	3925 LUNT AVE LINCOLNWOOD	Y
005		TODD HALL	3925 LUNT AVE LINCOLNWOOD	Y
006		FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL	7040 LARAMIE AVE SKOKIE	Y
007		ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH	4707 W PRATT AVE LINCOLNWOOD	N
008		ST JOHN BREBEUF MIN CNTR	8305 N HARLEM AVE NILES	Y
009		PIONEER PARK FLDHS	7135 N HARLEM AVE NILES	Y
010		AUSTIN PARK FIELDHOUSE	8336 MARMORA AVE MORTON GROVE	Y
011		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION MORTON GROVE	Y
012		FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL	7040 LARAMIE AVE SKOKIE	Y
013		NORTH SHORE CTR FOR PERFORM ARTS	9501 SKOKIE BLVD SKOKIE	Y
014		CULVER SCHOOL	6901 OAKTON NILES	Y
015		LINCOLN JR HIGH SCHOOL	7839 LINCOLN AVE SKOKIE	Y
016		SKOKIE POLICE STATION	8350 LARAMIE SKOKIE	Y
017		CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH	8237 KENTON AVE SKOKIE	Y
018		MC CRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL	8000 E PRAIRIE RD SKOKIE	Y
019		BESSIE RHODES SCHOOL	3705 DAVIS ST SKOKIE	Y
020		LINCOLN JR HIGH SCHOOL	7839 LINCOLN AVE SKOKIE	Y
021		WALKER SCHOOL	3601 CHURCH ST SKOKIE	Y
022		SKOKIE PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	9050 GROSS POINT RD SKOKIE	Y
023		DEVONSHIRE CULTURAL CENTER	4400 GREENWOOD AVE SKOKIE	Y
024		OAKTON PARK REC CENTER	4701 OAKTON ST SKOKIE	Y
025		EMILY OAKS NATURE CENTER	4650 BRUMMEL ST SKOKIE	Y
026		HOLIDAY INN	5300 W TOUHY AVE SKOKIE	Y
027		MIDDLETON SCHOOL	8300 ST LOUIS AVE SKOKIE	Y
028		TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH	3637 GOLF RD EVANSTON	Y
029		SKOKIE PUBLIC WORKS BLDG	9050 GROSS POINT RD SKOKIE	Y
030		NILES TWP BLDG	5255 MAIN ST SKOKIE	Y
031		HIGHLAND SCHOOL	9700 CRAWFORD SKOKIE	Y
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034		OAKTON/HARSTEIN CAMP	7701 N LINCOLN AVE SKOKIE	Y
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037		WEBER LEISURE CENTER	9300 WEBER PARK PL SKOKIE	Y
038		GOLF MIDDLE SCHOOL	9401 WAUKEGAN RD MORTON GROVE	Y
039		SKOKIE VILLAGE HALL	5127 OAKTON ST SKOKIE	Y
040		FAIRVIEW SOUTH SCHOOL	7040 LARAMIE AVE SKOKIE	Y
041		NILES TWP BLDG	5255 MAIN ST SKOKIE	Y
042		DISTRICT 73 ADMIN CENTER	7634 EAST PRAIRIE ST SKOKIE	Y
043		OAKTON PARK REC CENTER	4701 OAKTON ST SKOKIE	Y
044		MC CRACKEN MIDDLE SCHOOL	8000 E PRAIRIE RD SKOKIE	Y
045		HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	8201 N KARLOV AVE SKOKIE	Y
046		SKOKIE VILLAGE HALL	5127 OAKTON ST SKOKIE	Y

WARD	PCT	Name	Address	Access
047		EZRA HABONIM NILES TWP JEWISH CONG	4500 W DEMPSTER ST SKOKIE	Y
048		SKATIUM ICE ARENA	9300 WEBER PARK PL SKOKIE	Y
049		WALKER SCHOOL	3601 CHURCH ST SKOKIE	Y
050		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION MORTON GROVE	Y
051		MANSFIELD PARK FIELDHOUSE	5830 CHURCH ST MORTON GROVE	Y
052		ST MARTHA CHURCH	8523 GEORGIANA AVE MORTON GROVE	Y
053		MORTON GROVE VILLAGE HALL	6101 CAPULINA MORTON GROVE	Y
054		ST MARTHA CHURCH	8523 GEORGIANA AVE MORTON GROVE	Y
055		NATIONAL PARK FIELDHOUSE	9325 MARION MORTON GROVE	Y
056		ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH	4707 W PRATT AVE LINCOLNWOOD	N
057		AMERICAN LEGION CIVIC CENTER	6140 DEMPSTER ST MORTON GROVE	Y
058		EDISON SCHOOL	8200 GROSS POINT RD MORTON GROVE	Y
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Dated at Chicago this 5th day of October, 2006

DAVID ORR  
COOK COUNTY CLERK

## Landmark Ford closes its doors

Niles loses \$300K in annual tax revenue, 50 employees

By Andrew Schneider  
EDITOR

Landmark Ford in Niles closed its doors Monday after 23 years of business in Niles, leaving a vacant property in a prime retail location and resulting in layoffs of about 50 employees in sales and service occupations.

Landmark, located next to the Leaning Tower YMCA on Touhy Ave. in Niles was cleared of all new cars by Monday morning this week and only a skeleton crew of service workers remained on hand to deal with final service appointments before the doors were closed forever.

Emir Abinon, former owner of Landmark Ford for the last 12 years said he was sad that he could not come to an agreement with Ford Motor Company to keep the dealership open. Abinon said that the closure should not come as a surprise to anyone.

"You can't pick up a paper today without seeing the problems that are faced by Ford," he said Monday. "This is definitely a story that is going to be repeated."

Five years ago, Ford had five of the best-selling vehicles in the country and Landmark sold 25 "Explorers" every month, according to Abinon. Now Ford only has one car in that best-selling category.

Abinon said that he didn't know when the decision had been made to close down the dealership, but that it was economic reality that determined its fate.

"Five years ago we were selling a million more cars a year

than we are today," Abinon said. The country is saturated with Ford dealerships, he feels. "In the Chicago area alone there are three times as many Ford dealerships as there are Toyota dealerships and we sell about the same number of vehicles."

Abinon said that he was sorry for the employees who were laid off as a result of the closure and said that the dealership was working on severance offers and referrals for new positions. He pointed out the sterling record of Landmark, which received rewards from Ford Motor for its sales and service departments.

"It's really tragic," he said. "Landmark has done so well, but sometimes that's not enough. Today was our last day and it was a very sad and difficult day."

Abinon has opened a new Volkswagen dealership in West Chicago and hopes to bring some of his employees with him. Others may find a home at nearby Golf Mill Ford. Co-Owner Gus Kreatsoulas said he was sad to see Landmark close, but believed that business would improve at his dealership as a result.

"I'm sure that we'll see service customers coming over to our dealership," said Kreatsoulas, noting that the dealership was a short distance from Landmark. "We would hope to see and increase in new-car sales as well."

Kreatsoulas agreed with Abinon about the future of Ford dealerships and said that more closures should be expected.

"I think there are going to be more closures in the next 12-18 months," he said. Speaking on Landmark's closure he also said that he felt sorry for the employees that were laid off as a result.

Dan Staackmann, a Morton

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Landmark Ford's lot is empty of new cars Monday. The dealership was closed by Ford Motor Company as part of a restructuring effort.

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## Golf Mill theaters to open in Nov.

The Kerasotes movie theaters that will be attached to Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles are expected to be completed and ready to roll in mid-November.

"It's a beehive of activity," said Dean Kerasotes. He said that they are working on the interior and the projection and sound equipment have arrived, so that will be installed shortly.

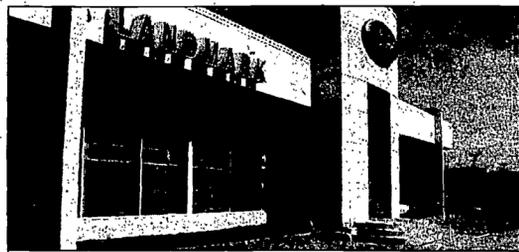
"Construction is running right on schedule."

Kerasotes said that the theatre may even be open as early as Nov. 10.

The construction of the theater started in April. Kerasotes said that they have been operating on a very "accelerated schedule" to get the 70,000 sq. ft. building up and running films.

Kerasotes said that the theaters are unique because the auditoriums are very large. There is a total of 12 screens at the facility and two of the auditoriums have 500 seats in them. Being attached to Golf Mill Shopping Center is another aspect that makes this particular Kerasotes theatre unique.

A Kerasotes theater was recently opened in Naperville this summer.



Landmark Ford's showroom has no new cars and only a few employees cleaning up Monday. The service department was handling the last appointments before it too was closed down.

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Grove resident and village trustee worked in Landmark's service department. He said that employees had heard rumors that the dealership might close.

"Apparently the decision was made as a result of Ford's over-all cut-back efforts and the public's temporary fascination with imports," Staackmann said Monday. "We found out for sure this morning."

Landmark's sudden closure leaves a hole in other areas of the community. Niles Mayor Nick Blase used to buy his cars at Landmark, Abinon noted, taking credit for turning Blase onto domestic cars rather than imports.

Abinon also noted that he would miss working in Niles, something that has been a big part of his life.

"I started work in Niles as a salesperson at Golf Mill Ford," he said, eventually moving over to Landmark. "We really love the community and town. It's unfortunate that we won't be able to continue."

The Niles Chamber of Commerce had even scheduled a Business After-Hours at Landmark Oct. 12. Chamber representative's said that because of the short notice the event will likely be cancelled but remind

their members that there are two Business After Hours in November.

Landmark's closure also means that the village of Niles will receive about \$300,000 less in sales tax revenue. Blase said that it was unfortunate, but that the village would recover from the loss.

"It's not an insignificant loss," Blase said Monday. "We were aware that Ford was considering a number of options and this is definitely a tough blow."

However, he noted that the village has been having a good year. He said that the new Golf Mill Off-Track Betting facility "Lucky Magee's" was on track to bring in about \$500,000 in revenue, that a vacant Sports Authority building at Dempster St. and Milwaukee Ave. had been sold, that the new Super HMart was filling a formerly vacant property in the Civic Center Plaza and that a new Wal-Mart is also scheduled to open on Golf Rd. near Milwaukee on Thursday, Oct. 19.

As to the future of the Landmark site, Blase said that the parcel was an excellent retail location on a high-visibility road and across the street from a successful Target and Costco development, but that it was not immediately apparent what would fill the site.

"I have no idea if someone else is considering moving in there," he said.

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religions judged by our own madmen. If we are to compare worst, it is only fair to compare worst to worst and best to best.

I hope that the best of Islam will stand up against the stupidity, cruelty and violence so loudly espoused by Islam's madmen. I fear, more than terrorism, capitulation on the part of the West. If we give up our fundamental beliefs, if we treat Islam with more respect than we do Christianity, then we begin down a slippery slope. A crucifix dipped in

urine, Madonna's desperate attempt at relevancy by crucifying herself on a mirrored cross, cartoons depicting Jesus in an unflattering light will not destroy Christianity. Islam needs to mature and move out of the 15th century. Right now the threats we face are real and they are deadly. As bloody and horrible as the violence against America and the West has been, for every American death there have been hundreds, maybe thousands of Muslims murdered. Murdered not by us, but by Muslims themselves, in the name of God.

For Christians, this is the

strangest part. We long ago threw off the yoke of religious bigotry. We believe that words, questions, cartoons cannot hurt you, unless you let them. In the world of ideas, normal Muslims must come forth and stand up for what is just, right and fair. The Islamist bigots, who through sheer bloodthirstiness would force their philosophy on everyone in the world, are rightly named Islamo-Fascists. They have forgotten the words of their own book: "There is no compulsion in matters of faith" (Quran 2:256) Will good Muslims stand up and remind them?

# HAVE YOU HEARD

## Niles Park District Fall Events



### Halloween Parade & Party

Get your costume ready for the annual Halloween Parade and Party on Saturday, October 28. Join us for a bewitching stroll from Oak Park (Main Street and Ottawa) to Grennan Heights Field House, 8255 Oketo. This event is open to all children up to 6th grade. The parade will kick-off from Oak Park at 10:30 a.m. and end at Grennan Heights at 11:00 a.m. where there will be Halloween fun to be had until 1:00 p.m. Fees are Res \$6 and Non-Res \$11. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6633.



### Monsters Ball

This family special event is perfect for the whole family who want to experience some Halloween fun. Enjoy dinner, followed by a spooky firelight Halloween story that will put you in the mood for our Monsters Ball! Come dressed in your costume and be prepared to move to the music, play games and have a "monster" good time. Fee of Res \$12 and Non-Res \$14 includes dinner, story, and dancing to the DJ. All participants must register for this event. Event will be Friday, October 27th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6633.

### Celebrate Halloween at Pioneer Park

Niles Park District invites you to attend Pioneer Park on Sunday, October 29 from Noon until 6:00 p.m. for an exciting Halloween Party.

Children and adults who attend the party in costume will enjoy mini-golf for free! Bring the entire family and enjoy a FUN and SAFE day at Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Avenue. For more information, contact Pioneer Park at (847) 583-2746.

IceLand Scary Skate Come ice skating on Friday, October 28 from 12:05-1:20 p.m. at IceLand Ice Arena, 8435 Ballard. Admission is FREE if you come dressed in costume. For more information, please call (847) 297-8010.

### "Family Fun Nights" at Pioneer Park

"Family Fun Nights" are at Pioneer Park. Join us every Friday night, 5:00-9:00 p.m. through October 27! Our \$5.00 per person fee includes one round of mini-golf, one batting cage token, one hot dog, small drink and bag of chips for each family member. Pioneer Park is located at 7135 N. Harlem Ave. Please call (847) 583-2746 for additional information.

### Niles Teen Center Open House

The Niles Youth Council is having an Open House at the Niles Teen Center located at 7680 N. Caldwell on Saturday, October 7 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Bring you 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.

## Niles Grill & Diner Fall Car Show



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#### Fall Harvest Concert

When: Saturday, October 7  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Purpose: To raise funds for Elijah's Pantry in Chicago  
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## Wartime coffee maker is an eye-opener

By Anne McCollam  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** I am enclosing a photo of an old-time coffee maker. There are five parts to it; a glass top, a reservoir for water, a filter, a heat coil and the base to hold the brewed

coffee. The overall height is 15 inches and it makes 8 cups. I heard that to make coffee, boiling water was poured into the top part and then dripped through the filter into the base. Marked on the bottom is the figure of a knight and the words "Guardian Service."

### ANTIQUER OR JUNQUE

**A:** Your drip coffee pot would make a collector of kitchenware perk up! Century Metalcraft Corp. produced Guardian Service cookware in Los Angeles from the 1930s to the 1950s. They made a line of upscale heavy-duty hammered aluminum cookware

that was sold at house parties by independent salespeople. Originally, the top was aluminum, but during World War II rationing they resorted to glass.

Your World War II-era coffee maker would probably be worth \$50 to \$75.

**Q:** I have enclosed the mark on the bottom of my porcelain chocolate pot and matching cups and saucers. The set is decorated with multicolored flowers against a background that shades from tan to cream, and is trimmed in gold.

I would be grateful for any information you can give me about my set.

**A:** Oscar Schlegelmilch made your chocolate set in the early 1900s.

The factory has been located in Langewiesen, Thuringia, Germany, from 1892 to the present. Oscar was the nephew of Erdmann and Reinhold Schlegelmilch, known for their R.S. Prussia porcelain. The "St. Kilian" mark was used from 1904 to the 1930s. Your chocolate set



Century Metalcraft Corp. produced Guardian Service cookware including old-time coffee makers in Los Angeles from the 1930s to the 1950s.

would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.

**Q:** I have a plate that once belonged to my mother-in-law. It is 7 inches in diameter and decorated with a barefoot boy in overalls standing

between two columns. Each column holds six months of the calendar for the year 1914. The mark on back of the plate is difficult to read. It appears to have a bow and arrow and the words "Sam Porcelain."

Is my plate antique or junque?

**A:** Your plate is a calendar plate and is a collectible antique. Calendar plates were extremely popular in the early 1900s. They were used as a means of advertising. Each plate included the name of a business, a 12-month calendar and was decorated with a motif of children or young women with flowers, birds or animals.

Your plate was made by Harker Pottery Co. in East Liverpool, Ohio. The blurry words actually are "Semi-Porcelain."

It was made in 1914 and its value would probably be \$50 to \$75.

**Q:** I am 92 years old and would like to know the value of my Victorian Eastlake bedroom furniture. The set con-

sists of a washstand with a marble top and backsplash, a double bed, and a marble top four-drawer chest with an attached mirror. Both the chest and washstand have dark pink marble tops and brass pulls. All three pieces are trimmed with burl wood and are decorated with shallow carvings.

**A:** Eastlake furniture was made in the second half of the 19th century. The style is defined by straight lines, marble tops, incised carving, pressed brass pulls, applied carvings and spindles. Your set was made around 1880 and would probably be worth \$1,500 to \$2,500.

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

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## Old-fashioned toys remain popular among toddlers

By Linda Rosenkrantz  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Recently, I attended two first birthday parties. Most of the guests were in various stages of

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crawling, pulling themselves up on tables, taking a few Frankenstein-like staggering steps or walking with some degree of confidence.

As babies progress toward upright locomotion, one of their

most popular presents appears to be old-fashioned pull and push toys.

Vintage, wheel-mounted pull toys make a charming category of collectibles. They are found in the forms of circuses and covered wagons, horses and carts, ships, trains, cars, planes, cows, horses, elephants, sheep, monkeys and the occasional clown or jester.

In the 19th century, they were hide- and cloth-covered animals on wheels or wheeled platforms, with glass or shoe-button eyes. Other early examples were made of cast iron, tin and stenciled or

hand-painted wood; however, the most popular and accessible among collectors is the Ponderosa pine specimen. They were decorated with paper lithography and made by Fisher-Price.

This company, formed in East Aurora, N.Y., by Hermann Guy Fisher, Irving R. Price (mayor of East Aurora) and Helen M. Schelle, launched its venture with 16 toys in 1931. These included Doctor Doodle, designed by Margaret Evans Price (Fisher-Price's first designer and wife of founding partner Irving Price), a

duck in a black topcoat and hat on blue wheels, and Granny Doodle, a felt-bonnet-wearing duck on orange wheels.

The other Wheelum Pull-Toys, all styled by Margaret Evans Price, were: Drummer Bear with a black drum major hat, Lookee Monk with a felt hat and tassel and Barky Puppy and Bunny Scoot with long, oilcloth ears. Each of the Wheelums came in four-color photolithography, in a colored corrugated box, had a pull string with a colored wooden ball and a price tag of one dollar.

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## In the words of Porky Pig: That's not all folks

By Linda Rosenkrantz  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

There are few classic animated characters who have contributed deathless phrases to the American language. Mickey Mouse had many for-

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gettable exclamations and Donald Duck quacked countless rants; however, along with Bugs ("What's up, Doc?") Bunny, Porky ("Th-th-that's all folks!") Pig is one of the only characters to leave us with an expression that has continued to live.

Sadly, unlike those other three characters who have remained superstars, Porky Pig's fame has faded somewhat. At one time, he was popular and had a high profile.

The Pig was the first featured Warner Bros. cartoon character, making his screen debut in the Looney Tunes short, "I Haven't Got a Hat" in

1935. This cartoon, directed by Friz Freleng, featured several barnyard characters, including a pair of spotted puppies named Ham and Ex and the team of "Porky and Beans"-animal variants on the Our Gang kids- among which the rotund, stuttering pig stood out.

Porky was required to recite "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere," a disastrous assignment due to his stutter. It made the audience see him as a sympathetic underdog. But it was the next year in his second outing, "Gold Diggers of '49," where Porky made his biggest impression. This show was a parody of Busby Berkeley musicals and the first cartoon directed by the inventive Tex Avery.

Porky, then very fat, with small eyes and a large snout, was redesigned by Bob Clampett. He then had larger eyes, a smaller snout and softer shape; he became more cute and innocent. Porky went on to star in 17 more cartoons that year, still paired in some

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of them with Beans the cat and Gabby Goat.

He was in another 16 in 1937, the year in which he began to be voiced by the versatile Mel Blanc, who is also the voice behind Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny and Woody Woodpecker - (the original voice actor, Joe Dougherty, was a stutterer, whose voice was speeded up to give a higher pitch). Some typical titles are "Porky the Wrestler," "Porky the Fireman," "Porky's Duck Hunt," and "Porky's Poultry Plant." Several of these featured his girlfriend Petunia Pig.

But as Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck became more pop-

ular, Porky was reduced to supporting player stature. Chuck Jones, in particular, paired him with the sassy Daffy Duck and Sylvester. Porky did receive one Academy Award nomination for "The Swooner Crooner" in 1944. His last theatrical cartoon appearance was in the Daffy Duck-starring "Corn on the Cop" in 1965, although in the 1988 feature "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" he did close the movie with his iconic phrase.

Porky became a comic book hero as well. He debuted in "Looney Tunes & Merrie Melodies No. 1" in 1941. Within two years, he had his own book that ran until 1962. The book was revived in 1965 and then continued until 1984.

Porky also appeared in several special issues and as a guest star in other Warner characters' comics over the years. He segued into TV in the '60s, starring in the "Porky Pig Show" from 1964 to 1967 and the syndicated "Porky Pig and His Friends" in 1971.

In terms of collectibles,

there were a number of items issued in the 1930s and '40s. Among them are a 1936 bisque bank, a 1947 figural white metal bank, an early book with linen-textured pages ("Porky Pig's Duck Hunt," co-starring the duck who would evolve into the animated Daffy), a 1942 Big Little Book, coloring and activity books, cookie jars and ceramic spoon holders, a Marx wind-up tin toy, and a rare 1949 Porky Pig wrist watch. Now the watch with its box insert is valued at around \$1,000. Plus, of course, there were animation and production cells and drawings.

And that's probably not all, folks!

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

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# Loss to St. Viator leaves ND varsity 4-2

The competition only gets tougher the longer the season goes, and this past weekend's ND Football games proved this tale true.

## COACH HENNESSEY'S WEEK IN REVIEW

The ND Sophomore squad traveled to Arlington Heights Forest View Stadium to do battle with the St. Viator Lions, and within the first 12 minutes of the game they jumped out to a 19-0 lead. Two touchdown runs by Tom Treslo and a TD pass from Eric Hennessey to Mike Jarecki accounted for this early lead. Hard-nosed running by Joe Romano and Anthony Pellegrini chewed up big yards for the Sophomore offense. Solid defensive play throughout the game by LBs Kyle English, Sean O'Hara, and Anthony

Lupo, and an interception by DB Joe Gadjia, kept the Lions off the board. 4th quarter touchdown runs by David Messina and Eric Hennessey gave the Sophomore Dons a 32-0 victory and a 5-1 overall record.

The ND Varsity Football game started out in the exact opposite way as St. Viator rolled out to a quick 21-0 second quarter lead, and the Varsity Dons had to play catch-up the rest of the way. The ND offense sputtered on its first three possessions, and on their 4th series, after a 9-play drive, they left the ball on the 15-yd line. Strong defensive play against the run was turned in by defensive linemen Shane Murray and Mike Gill, along with the tough linebacking corp of Jason Burgos, Bo Cisek, Brendan McAleer and Rick Szukala (team leader with 8

tackles). The Dons were turned away deep in St. Viator territory twice in the second half as St. Viator reached the end zone one more time on a late 4th quarter interception to give them a 28-0 win. This disappointing loss leaves the Varsity football team with a 4-2 overall record.

Jumping out to big leads was the theme of the weekend as the ND Frosh scored on two first quarter runs and blasted off to a 14-0 lead. The ND defense gave up a second quarter touchdown, and then shut down the St. Viator Lions, earning a thrilling 14-7 victory. A tremendous team effort and a strong goal line stand in the final minutes of the game gave the ND Freshman their 5th straight win.

Notre Dame takes on Joliet Catholic this weekend as the Sophomores and Varsity play at home on Friday, and the Freshman travel to Joliet on Saturday morning.

## September 24, 2006, Homecoming Weekend

Neither wind, rain, mud or the Nazareth Roadrunners

could stop the ND Football Dons as they won three (Frosh: 8 - 0, Sophs: 6 - 0, Varsity: 18 - 7) close, hard fought games over this past Homecoming Weekend.

Weather played an unbelievable part in this weekend festivities as near tornado winds and drenching downpours postponed the Friday games for the first time since 1991. This enabled the Freshman Football Team to kickoff the trio of games with Nazareth as they traveled to LaGrange for battle. The Dons got off the bus and were ready to play as they scored on the opening drive on a QB sneak by Drew Diaz. Head coach Pat Kelly's defense did the rest as they held Nazareth scoreless and the offense controlled the clock in an 8-0 victory.

The order of the weekend was rearranged because of field and weather conditions, so the Varsity lined up for a 2 PM Saturday Homecoming kickoff. As play commenced, the rain came - at times the rain was blinding. But it just didn't seem to bother the Dons as they forced 5

turnovers and used them to their advantage in an 18-7 win over Nazareth. Senior running back Matt Jackson had a day, rushing for 202 yards behind the great job by the ND Offensive Line (Jeff Hokl, Vince Cullotta, David Hays, John Gawron, Matt Gallery, Joe Graves and Matt Kalina).

The ND Sophs played a Sunday matinee in the mud and completed the three game sweep with a tremendous defensive effort. With a scoreless game going into the middle of the 3rd quarter and the Sophomores pinned on the 1 yard line, Coach Augie Genovesi called a play action pass and QB Eric Hennessey hit WR Joe Gutierrez at the 30-yard line. Joe raced the rest of the way for a school record 99-yd TD pass and a 6-0 victory.

ND Football travels to St. Viator this coming Friday night (5 PM - Sophomores /7:30 PM - Varsity), while the Frosh play at home on Saturday. With 4-1 records across the board for all three levels, this coming weekend looks to be a big time match-up.

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Remy Huszar	465/170
Kay Pecoraro	464/155
Olivia Tanada	186
Mary Johnson	180
Helen Reyes	179

## Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

### Deep fairway rough

When you find yourself in deep fairway rough, it is tempting to take a longer iron or fairway wood and try to hit it as far as humanly possible. But the smarter and safer approach is to just get it back into the fairway and set yourself up for your next shot. So the next time you are in deep fairway rough, here are a few things to consider:

- Make sure you use a club with enough loft. You don't want to use anything more than an 8-iron. This ensures you can get the club face to the ball with enough loft to get it out of the rough.
- Open the club face slightly when you set up to the ball. At impact the heel of the club tends to get caught up in the grass, causing the club face to shut down a bit, causing the ball to go left. By opening the club face at address you are accounting for this.
- Set up with your weight slightly on your front leg, play the ball back in your stance, and open your stance just a bit. All of this promotes a steeper swing, helping the club face strike the ball first instead of getting caught up in the heavy grass.
- Grip the club slightly firmer than usual to ensure the club doesn't come loose in your hands at impact.

Keep these factors in mind when you find yourself in deep fairway rough and you will get yourself out more easily and consistently.

Copley News Service/Tina Mickelson, PGA

Photo by Paul Nasri

## Luzinski to be honored at NDHS

Notre Dame High School and the Alumni Association invite everyone to attend the ceremony retiring Greg Luzinski's baseball uniform.

Luzinski, who graduated from NDHS in 1968, played professional baseball for 15 seasons first with the Philadelphia Phillies then the Chicago White Sox. The event is also a reunion of the 1966 undefeated varsity football team who earned a No. 1 post-season ranking from both the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. Luzinski's teammates from the '66, '67 and '68 varsity baseball teams will also be on hand to watch his uniform be formally retired prior to the NDHS varsity football game versus Joliet Catholic. For more information, contact Larry Amidei at amidei@ndhs-dons.org or 847.779.8614.

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## Register for flu shots at the Niles Senior Center

### Niles Senior News

#### Flu Shot Registration

The Flu Shot Registration Form for Niles Seniors is in the October Naturally Active Program Guide. To make an appointment, you must complete the form. No reservations will be taken over the phone. If you are not a member, but would like to register for a flu shot, you can pick up a Flu Shot

Registration form at the Senior Center.

#### 5th Annual Pet Parade

Monday, Oct. 9, 1 p.m.  
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.

#### Put Phone Bill on a Diet

Wednesday, Oct. 18 10:00AM  
Representatives from the citizens Utility Board (CUB) are visiting the Center to discuss how to trim phone bills of costly, unnecessary services and to spread money-saving tips. Bring your phone bill and the CUB expert will analyze it and

give tips on how to save money. FREE but please register in advance.

#### Carbon Monoxide Program Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to call members of the Senior Center to schedule appointments for the annual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing Program. Appointments begin in November and run through March. Please contact Kathryn for more information.

#### How to 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.

#### 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.

#### Dinner & Movie

The Lake House, Wednesday, October 18th (2006 PG) 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.

## Humor takes the prize

By Doug Mayberry  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Our friends have invited have us to a themed retirement party, which we think is challenging. The theme is

#### DEAR DOUG

quite unusual: each couple is to pretend that the day following the party will be their last day on earth. The most creative answer wins a romantic weekend hotel package. We're not very creative but would like to win. Any winning ideas?

A: Wow, what an unusual party. The more obvious answers will focus on their family whom they will join to express their love and thankfulness with lots of love and

kisses. However, to win, a more humorous approach will probably win.

Some amusing answers might be: "We plan to write checks to family members to close out our bank accounts and to make sure the family members we like the least make certain their checks bounce"; "We'll get a cleaning crew at dawn to make sure the house is in shipshape condition"; "Tomorrow we will announce to our adult children their father and I were never married, and actually he is not their father"; "We need to leave the party early to put name tags on our possessions as to who gets what after we're gone"; "We will call our minister and tell him to stop by and pick up the

See Doug, page 17

## Maine Township seniors plan fall trips, classes

### Maine Twp. Senior News

#### 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.maintownship.com](http://www.maintownship.com).

#### Computer Workshop

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

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#### '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 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.

#### Bowling Outing

Thursday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sims Bowling, 1555 Ellinwood, Des Plaines

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#### 5 Township Job Fair

Thursday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., The Cotillion, 360 Creekside Drive (Rt. 53 and Northwest Hwy.), Palatine

Looking for employment? Don't miss this award winning event for people 50 and older. Meet potential employers and apply for positions available. Be sure to bring plenty of resumes. This event is sponsored by Elk Grove, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Townships. For more information call 847-297-2510 Ext. 240 or visit [www.5townshipsseniorjobfair.com](http://www.5townshipsseniorjobfair.com).

#### Handyman Guides 2006 Available

Fresh off the press... the brand new 2006 Handyman Guides are available to residents at no charge. The guide lists numerous handymen that offer services that include 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

### Doug

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church's final check"; "We want our family to understand our cemetery plots must have an ocean view"; and possibly, "We're inviting all of you to our home tomorrow for a final party to tell each of you how we really feel about you."

Hopefully some of these suggestions will help trigger a winning answer for you!

Q: I realize as a 71-year-old grandfather I am on a time clock, but I don't know what time it is. However, I would like to remain as active as possible for the remainder of my life. Can you give me a short list of what will help me to do so?

A: At birth today, the average life expectancy is 74.9 for males, 80.7 for females. Maintaining a positive attitude, remaining active with your peers, and visualizing yourself living a long and healthy life has proven to be a winning approach. Exercising regularly by gardening, dancing, walking, swimming or other activities will make a difference.

Dehydration is a common aging problem many seniors neglect. Lack of water can cause fatigue, cramps and fainting. Enjoy a full glass before every meal, snack and before you go to bed, even though this may cause a bathroom walk.

The minimum exercise should be a daily walk. No cheating! Walking at least 30 minutes, which can be done inside or outside your home. It will increase your metabolism, circulation and muscle tone.

Don't forget to wash your hands several times a day. Unconsciously we are exposed to germs even in our homes.

Keep yourself busy by volunteering, working the crosswords, knitting a sweater, involving yourself with another person by playing cards, going to a movie, sharing a hobby, or just going for a ride keeps your mind and body active.

Keep posted on medical information via your doctor, nurses and the Internet. The National Institutes of Health are now testing a shingles vaccine similar to the one used

against chickenpox. The vaccine is available now in limited quantities through your doctor but it is expensive. Legislation is now being considered, and if approved, the vaccine would be provided by Medicare. For more information call 800-411-1222.

Stay involved with your family and friends by writing, calling and e-mailing them on a weekly basis. Clip and send information about their interests and lifestyles. Weigh yourself daily when you first get up, not after breakfast, as this is the time when you weigh least. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. This will make you feel better. Many seniors are now beating the average life span. Give it your best shot!

Doug Mayberry lives in a retirement community in Southern California. Send your questions to him at [deardoug@msn.com](mailto:deardoug@msn.com) or write to him at P.O. Box 2649, Carlsbad, CA 92018.

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Our team, consisting of nephrologists, nurses, dialysis assistants, dietitians and social workers will assess, monitor and work together to provide quality dialysis care.

# Tai Chi demo at MG Senior Center

## Morton Grove Senior News

### Tai Chi Demo and Classes

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

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 Program

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.

### Normal Aging vs. Dementia Lecture

Ever wonder how to tell the difference between the normal signs of aging or some form of dementia? This presentation will highlight the signs that may indicate a problem and methods of maintaining a

healthy brain. The lecture will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is \$1 for Senior Center Members and \$1.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

### Visually Impaired Motivators Field Trip

The Visually Impaired Motivators (V.I.M.) of Morton Grove is sponsoring a trip to Friedman Place in Chicago from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Friedman Place is a residence for blind and visually impaired residents. The cost of the trip is \$2 per person, which includes the monthly V.I.M. Meeting, transportation, tour and lunch. For more information or to make a reservation contact Morton Grove Village Nurse, Margaret DiSalvo at the Morton Grove Senior Center, 847/663-6109.

### Let's Do Lunch

Come visit the "Lunch Bunch" any Monday through Friday at the Morton Grove

Senior Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. The following special "Lunch Bunch" events are coming up:

**Octoberfest** - Brighton Park Band on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Lunch is Bratwurst and Root Beer Floats.

**Halloween Costume Party** on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Lunch is Manwich and Halloween Treats.

The lunch cost is a \$2.75 to \$3 donation. For information about the menu or transportation call the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch."

### 'Opera in Focus'

Here's an opportunity for music lovers to listen and view excerpts from the well-known operas IL Trovatore and Phantom of the Opera. Transportation to the theatre in Rolling Meadows will be via

luxury climate controlled bus and will depart from the Morton Grove Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The cost is \$30 for Senior Center Members and \$34.50 for non-members. Register in-person at the Senior Center.

### Flu Shots

The Morton Grove Senior Center will provide Flu Shots to Morton Grove residents age 65+. A flu shot is given annually and is the primary method of preventing the flu and its possible severe complications. There will be no charge for Morton Grove residents who bring in their Medicare Part B card. Residents without Medicare Part B will be charged \$36.46. Anyone allergic to chicken eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot, or anyone who has previously developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome after getting a flu shot should not get the shot. Anyone with an active infection or fever should postpone their shot until their symptoms subside.

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## Obituary

### Frank G. Caputo

Frank G. Caputo, Veteran World War II, Beloved husband of Gloria nee Martucci, loving father of Lisa Marie and Louis (Nancy) Caputo; dearest grandfather of Kelly, Frank and Cara, dear brother of Lee (the late Louis) Mazzuca, the late Anne (Andrew) Pilolla and the late Geraldine, fond uncle of

nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home in Niles and a church mass was held at St. John Brebeuf.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Pancreatic Cancer Research or the American Diabetes Association are appreciated.

A Guest Book can be signed at www.skajafuneralhomes.com.

# Women's Club October program set for Oct. 30

## Park Ridge Senior News

### Women's Club October Program

The Women's Club October Program is planned for Monday, October 30. Doors open at noon and a lunch of soup and turkey sandwich begins at 12:30 p.m. This will be followed by a program given by Jenny Riddle portraying 4 first ladies: Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy and Hilary Clinton. She is a very talented performer, so the program will be enjoyed by everyone. Reservations are required in advance and should be made by members only. The charge is only \$9.00 for lunch and entertainment.

### Rules of the Road Review

Rules of the Road review is on the schedule for Tuesday, October 17 from 9-11 a.m. This

course will help you prepare for your upcoming drivers license test. The class is free, but please make a reservation if you plan to attend. Call the Senior Center, 847-692-3597.

### Defensive Driving

Defensive Driving (formerly 55 Alive) will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, October 24 and 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A certificate of completion from this course may entitle you to a discount on your automobile liability insurance. Register in advance by calling the Senior Center. There is a \$10 charge for the class. The instructor prefers checks and should be made payable to AARP.

### Chris Valentine

Chris Valentine from Edward Jones will be at the Center on Monday, October 16 at 11 a.m. If you have questions on investments or other financial matters, stop in and

see Chris.

### Wellness Screening

Wellness Screening is set for Tuesday, October 31. This comprehensive blood test is taken at the Senior Center. Results are sent directly to your home. It is an excellent way to keep a check on your health. The screening is held from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Call if you plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

### Real Estate Seminar

A real estate seminar presented by Baird and Warner agents, a mortgage broker and an attorney is planned for Thursday, October 19 at 1 p.m. There will be discussion about current real estate trends as well as what you should know before you buy or sell and what you should do before you buy or sell a home. Seating is limited. Sign up if you plan to attend. Call the Senior Center by Tuesday, October 17.

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

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

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12noon

Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

### Afternoon Concert with Larry Levin

Larry Levin will entertain at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. Larry sings a variety of popular tunes with his own musical accompaniment. Refreshments will also be served and the cost is just \$1 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$1.50 for non-members. Larry Hanover, Reverse Mortgage Specialist from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage is sponsoring this afternoon of fun. Mr. Hanover

is a retired firefighter/paramedic from the Morton Grove Fire Department. Register in-person at the Senior Center.

### 'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change' show

Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will take in this humorous musical about the modern day mating game on Thursday evening, Oct. 19 in Arlington Heights. As the cast explores various aspects of romance, dating, marriage, husbands, wives and in-laws; audiences fill the theater with laughter. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$37 for Senior Center Members and \$43 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

### Mayflower Tours Trip

Mayflower Tours will highlights their upcoming "Affordable Greece," "Alaska," "Cruise Tour," and "Value Tours" from 1:30 to 2:30p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register for this free program before Oct. 19 by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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**Saturday, October 21**  
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# Chardonnay & Carne Asada with a mushroom twist

By Ron James  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

## The Chefs

If you're among those who have wondered if there is a real Dona Tomas - namesake of the

## PERFECT PAIRINGS

popular Mexican restaurant in Northern California between Berkeley and Oakland and the acclaimed cookbook - the news

is doubly good. Dona Thomas is actually two people: Dona Savitsky and Tomas Schnetz.

Schnetz never thought he would be known for Mexican cuisine. After college he lived in Paris and dreamed of opening a charming French bistro in the hills of Sonoma, Calif.

Savitsky never considered being a chef, either. "It was really kind of odd," she said. "I was going to U.C. Santa Barbara, majoring in history, and I needed a few units in math to get in.

I went to the junior college to get the units and I saw that they had a cooking course. But when I went to sign up, they said no because this was a two-year program and you had to commit to it full-time. I was 20 years old and nine months pregnant and a history major. I just decided, 'OK, I'm going for it.' And I signed up."

Her first job out of school was at the San Francisco landmark restaurant Ernie's. "I cried every night on the line," Savitsky said. "I was miserable; they really shouldn't have hired me. I wasn't ready for that kind of restaurant. Joyce Goldstein rescued me when she hired me for the Mediterranean restaurant Square One. It was there, while I was working on the salad station, I met Tomas, who was working as the kitchen butcher.

"We hit it off right away," Savitsky said, "primarily because we didn't fit in the cliquish restaurant staff scene. We moved on to different restaurants and saw each other occasionally, telling each other that we should really open a restaurant together some day."

Savitsky went to work as sous chef at Cafe Marimba in San Francisco, where she developed a passion for Mexican food. "I would take vacations in Mexico to learn the authentic recipes and my boss would take me to Mexico, where I studied with Diane Kennedy and Rick Bayless. I fell into it and fell in love with it."

In 1999, the two chefs, each married and with families, decided to open their dream restaurant. It was a different kind of Mexican restaurant where Schnetz could apply his French techniques and create nouvelle Mexican cuisine. They realized that two head chefs might not be a good idea so Savitsky opted to run the front of the house, which she thoroughly enjoys.

## The Dish

Carne asada, which simply means grilled meat, is taken upscale with a wild mushroom and chipotle sauce in this dish from "Dona Tomas: Discovering Authentic Mexican Cooking" (Ten Speed Press, \$29.95). Many fans of Mexican food might not realize that in parts of Mexico, mushrooms are integral to the cuisine. For example, more than 70 kinds of edible mushrooms grow in the high mountains of



## Carne Asada con Crema de Clavitos

(Beef with wild Mushrooms and Creamy Chipotle Sauce)

Sauce:

3 (canned) chipotle chilies in adobo sauce

1 cup whole milk

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 tablespoons canola oil

1 1/2 tbspn all-purpose flour

Kosher salt, to taste

1/2 cup crema or sour cream

1/2 cup canola oil (divided use)

8 oz. hen of the woods mushrooms

8 oz. chanterelle mushrooms

Carne:

3 (3/4 pound) flank or skirt steaks, sliced thin

Kosher salt

Freshly cracked black pepper

Yields 6 servings.

To prepare sauce: Place chipotles and milk in a blender and process on high for 30 seconds, until chilies are completely incorporated into milk. Transfer to a saucepan and add cream. Bring to a boil over high heat, lower heat to a simmer.

Heat oil in small saute pan over medium-low heat. Add flour and cook, stirring frequently with wooden spoon, for about 10 minutes, until amber colored

with aroma of toasted hazelnuts. Whisk roux into chili mixture and simmer gently over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes, until sauce thickens. Season to taste with salt and remove from heat. Whisk in crema, which will thicken sauce and round out rich, velvety texture. Allow to cool. Use immediately or cover and refrigerate up to 3 days.

Preheat gas grill to medium-high or prepare a hot fire in charcoal grill. Place large saute pan with deep sides over high heat and add 3 tablespoons of oil. When oil is hot, add mushrooms and saute for 5 to 7 minutes, until mushrooms begin to wilt. Season with salt, to taste, during cooking. The mushrooms can soak up a lot of salt and oil, so be sure not to drown them. Add cream sauce and gently bring to a boil over medium-high heat, adjusting salt as necessary. Keep warm.

Rub meat with remaining canola oil and season both sides to taste with salt and cracked pepper. Place meat on grill rack and cook, flipping about every 2 minutes, 5 to 7 minutes for medium rare. Allow meat to rest on a platter for about 5 minutes before slicing and serving. Slice meat against the grain as thinly as possible and arrange on a serving platter or individual plates. Ladle mushroom sauce over beef and serve at once.



Chefs Dona Savitsky and Tomas Schnetz create the cuisine for the popular Dona Tomas Mexican restaurant in Northern California.

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Tlaxcala. Although the recipe calls for chanterelles and hen of the woods, any flavorful mushroom can be used.

The recipe uses flank steak or skirt steak. The thinner this cut is sliced the better, and make sure it is cut against the grain to ensure tenderness. Dona Tomas serves it with green beans, watercress salad and mashed sweet potatoes.

## The Wine

Dona Tomas has a great selection of beers and tequilas, but it also has an extensive wine list.

"This dish calls for either a light red or a nonoaked white,"

Savitsky said. "I would think a good nonoaked chardonnay, sauvignon blanc would be a great match."

So we've selected a wonderful Chappellet 2003 Napa Valley Chardonnay (\$29) which has a crisp acidity that contrasts nicely with the rich dish and fruit flavors, and creaminess that complements the sauce.

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Brookfield VH	8820 Brookfield Ave.	Brookfield	60513	(708)485-7344	(708)485-4971
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## Tim Herd's Wildlife Viewfinder Guide

Wildlife observations in the right place at the right time

Week of Oct. 8-14, 2006

### Time to herd on out



The American bison's annual autumn trek toward greener pastures is under way. In an age-old migration tradition, the formidable horned beasts are now mobilizing southward: it takes a lot of space to sustain

the largest mammals on the continent. Methodically grazing the prairies, the herds normally cover about 2 miles a day in search of fresh grass, thickening their already shaggy coats in preparation for winter survival on the shelterless open range.

Once numbering upward of 60 million individuals, the vast bison dynasty of yesteryear ruled the prairie provinces of western Canada and the United States. Though their range today is much more limited and many herds are managed within park boundaries, some still migrate as much as 150 miles each spring and fall in search of the best land has to offer.

While they may appear docile as they peacefully graze, bison are powerfully dangerous and unpredictable wild animals. Use extreme caution in observing them from a safe distance and obey all park rules.

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**Bison bison**

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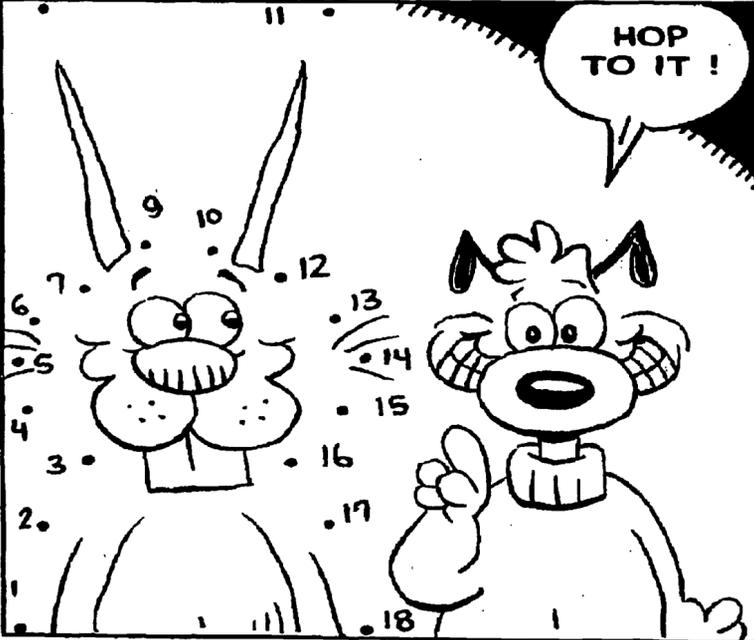
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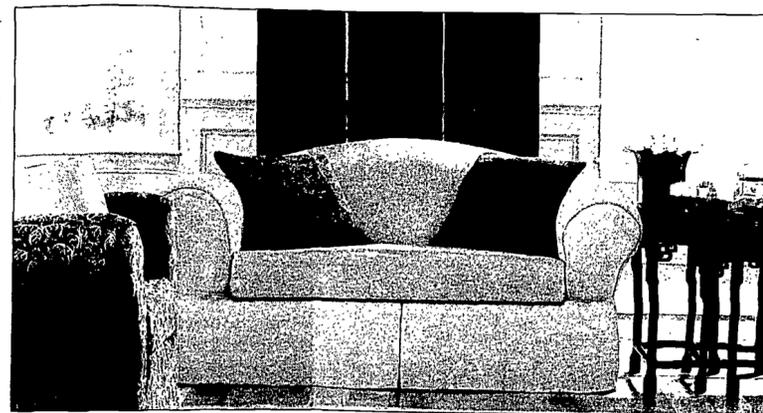


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# REAL ESTATE



## Tips for keeping your host's home spotless

By Rose Bennett Gilbert  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** We are living in another professor's home while he's on sabbatical and I'm teaching his classes. The trouble is, the home is lovely and we have

#### DECOR SCORE

three young children (all under age 9). Of course, I locked away all the good breakables and traded our bed things for theirs. But I don't know what to do about the wall-to-wall carpeting and their good silk upholstery. Advice welcome. This is making me very nervous.

**A:** Did you hear the one about the couple who child-proofed the house, but they got in anyway.

Seriously, I can sympathize with your potential year of high anxiety. My advice: escalate your duck-and-cover campaign. First, safeguard the wall-to-wall. Figure out where the foot traffic is heaviest and lay down some inexpensive runners and area rugs, patterned ones that will effectively camouflage any household accidents.

To keep the upper rugs from crawling, you will need a thin under-layment that grips the surface of the wall-to-wall carpeting. But, beware, the cure can be worse than the cause with light-colored carpeting. Colors can bleed through, especially with inexpensive rugs. Thin polyester under-layments should staunch any such bleeding. A good floor coverings dealer can advise you.

Advice about that vulnerable silk upholstery: slipcover everything in sight. Don't shudder: today's slipcovers are outright chic, a far cry from the shapeless, wrinkled throw-ons you may remember from yesteryear. That's a slipcover in the photo we show here, believe it or not. Made by Sure Fit, one of the oldest in the business (www.surefit.com), it shows a great leap forward in the evolution of livable slipcovers with a separate cushion look more like upholstery.

Today's covers not only fit better and offer an instant change of mood in a room, they're also cheap enough (about \$60 to \$150) for you to simply toss out at the end of your stay. Your host's house should look none the worse for its year in the wear zone.

**Q:** Your recent column about how Americans are such pack rats that we have to rent extra

storage units really hit home. My wife is an obsessive collector, of everything, but mainly of shoes. That's OK - she's not the president of the Philippines after all - but it doesn't seem practical to rent a shoe storage unit on the other side of town. Any other suggestions?

**A:** Assuming you've done all the usual things, like invest in under the bed boxes and hanging shoe bags, here's a fun idea from a couple of hip Palm Beach designers. Mimi McMakin and Brooke Huttig conjured up what they call a "shoe temple" for Laneventure furniture (www.laneventure.com). From one side, their mahogany finished "temple" looks like a handsome standing screen, complete with antiqued botanical prints.

Turn it around, however, and voila! A dressing mirror, shelves, and 70 - count 'em - 70

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## Recent drop in prices not that unexpected

By Jim Woodard  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

For the first time since 1995, the median price of homes is falling, as you've probably heard on national news media.

#### OPEN HOUSE

It's no crash or bubble-bursting scenario, but prices nationally are edging downward along with sales volume.

The median home price in August was 1.7 percent lower than the price one year earlier, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. Here's one expert's view of the current prognosis:

"We expect an adjustment in home prices to last several months, as we work through a buildup in the inventory of homes on the market," said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. "This is the price correction we've been expecting. With sales stabilizing, we should go back to positive price growth early next year."

NAR also noted that at the end of August there were enough unsold, previously owned homes on the market that would take about 7.5 months to sell at the current sale pace. That's the biggest backlog of any time since April 1993.

The decline in the number of home sales was sharpest in the Western region, where the volume of sales in August was 2.3 percent lower than in July, and 22.8 percent lower than a year ago. However, home prices in the West are holding steady. The median price in California rose 1.6 percent over the past year, according to the California Association of Realtors.

Prices are down about 3.9 percent in the Northeast region and 1.1 percent in the Midwest.

Consumers are confused about nontraditional or "exotic" home mortgages. That's the consensus of comments made recently at a hearing on these mortgages at the Senate Banking Committee.

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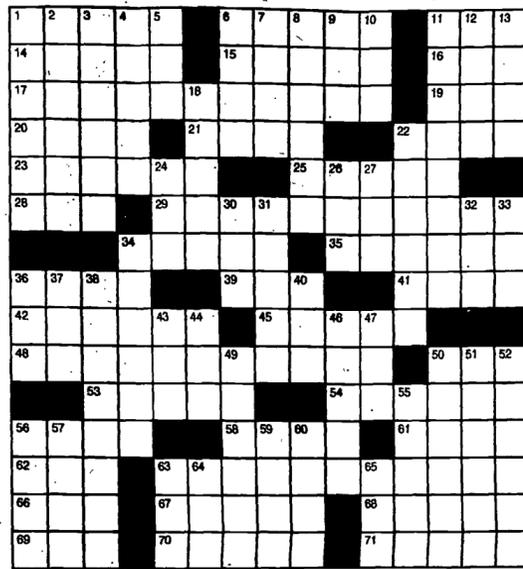
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE?



COPY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 Tended the garden
- 6 Mrs. Eisenhower
- 11 Start of a sentence
- 14 Expunge
- 15 Oak-to-be
- 16 Short air trip
- 17 Start of Jonathan Kozol quote
- 19 Shad delicacy
- 20 Carbon residue
- 21 "\_\_\_ we forget ..."
- 22 Assay
- 23 Warns
- 25 Sen. Kefauver
- 28 Kennedy or Koppel
- 29 More of quote
- 34 Drink milk, à la Socks
- 35 Chimerical
- 36 Fast food choice
- 39 More S than E
- 41 Sea eagle
- 42 Orchestra member
- 45 Beginning
- 48 More of quote
- 50 Shea player
- 53 Lubbock lady
- 54 All over again
- 56 Ananias, e.g.
- 58 Harem rooms

DOWN

- 61 Pueblo people
- 62 Chang's twin
- 63 End of quote
- 66 Downed the duckling
- 67 Brisles
- 68 Utopian
- 69 Mayday!, once
- 70 Vogue
- 71 Despondently
- 1 1940s jazz enthusiast
- 2 Meadowlark cousin
- 3 Gave a pink slip
- 4 Glacial deposit
- 5 New entrant into society, briefly
- 6 Chess cry
- 7 Play parts
- 8 Like flowing lava
- 9 Rage
- 10 Print measures
- 11 Song bird
- 12 Bird of song, kind of
- 13 Fencer's foil
- 18 Illinois village
- 22 Rue
- 24 Late night viewing choice: abbr.
- 26 Old French coin
- 30 He starts her?
- 31 Sort of sails
- 32 Soak up some rays
- 33 Corrida cry
- 34 Linger without purpose
- 36 Thanksgiving victim
- 37 Lawyers' org.
- 38 Small country houses
- 40 Queen of Spain
- 43 Distinguishing classification
- 44 Musical syllable
- 46 Virgule
- 47 Diminutive being
- 49 Haughty
- 50 Sounded like Socks
- 51 Observation
- 52 Sparsely
- 55 Spinoff of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- 56 Meadowlands
- 57 Division word
- 59 Paired
- 60 Tennessee-born writer James
- 63 Double curve
- 64 The bottom line
- 65 "\_\_\_ the season to ..."

Last Week's Puzzle Answers

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CALF SABA WILLA  
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 PUNCTUATION MARK  
 ARGUER ALP ARIEA  
 NANA LAO  
 HUNDREYARD RACE  
 ANE DEO TIERRA  
 DIVAN NUB CORES  
 JOINER BRAS ATE  
 INSTRUMENTAL PANEL  
 ONE DEED  
 ALOU TLE PRAISE  
 MORSE CODE SIGNAL  
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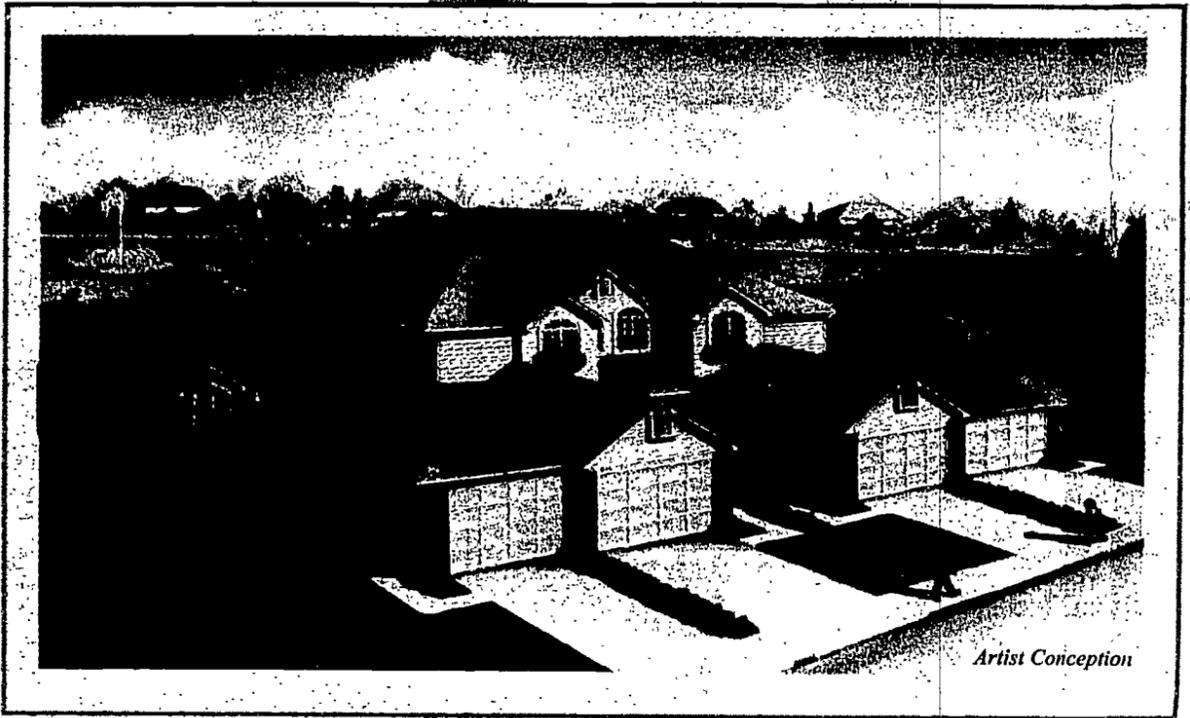
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