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Niles' main computer system on the fritz

Village board opts to explore new 'virtual' solution

By Andrew Schneider
EDITOR

Niles officials are currently investigating their options for a

new main computer system for the village, an unbudgeted big-ticket item that could cost as much as \$200,000.

The current main computer, which serves all the individual computers in village hall is 14 years old and, while officials had planned to budget a replacement in next year, vil-

lage Municipal Information Systems (MIS) Director Bill Shaw says that the existing computer has begun to behave oddly and that it needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

"The village's main computer system is showing signs that it is about to fail after 14 years of nearly continuous opera-

tion," Shaw said.

The discussion occurred in a pre-board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Shaw laid out a gloom-and-doom scenario that predicted the village would be unable to turn-out utility bills for several months if a catastrophic crash occurred. Village Manager George Van Geem,

however, downplayed that possibility.

"You give me a spread-sheet and a pencil and we'll get utility bills out," said Van Geem.

But the problem is a serious one. Over the last several weeks, Shaw reports that the computer system has been

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Village takes down misspelled IDOT sign

An Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) sign reading 'Cemetery Entrance' has been up near the St. Adalbert Cemetery on Milwaukee Ave. in Niles for many, many years.

Director of Public Works Scott Jochim said that it's amazing that it wasn't until the last Niles village board meeting that a resident informed the village of the misspelling on the sign. Prior to that, Jochim said he was unaware of the misspelling.

Jochim said that the day after the meeting the Public Works

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'It's like Spiderman'



Niles Police demonstrated the newest addition in their arsenal of non-lethal weapons, the "TALON." The weapon shoots a net that becomes tighter the more the individual captured in it struggles. It is designed to allow police officers to restrain hostile individuals without putting themselves in harm's way or injuring the person. It has a range of 25-feet. Here Niles Police Rangemaster Sgt. Carl Kully demonstrates the "TALON" system at the last village board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24. (Photo by Andrew Schneider)

Niles bids farewell to Szymanski

Leonard Walter Szymanski, 79, a long-time resident of Niles and early crusader against gambling in the village passed away Sunday, Oct. 22 at Forest Village Nursing Home. He was 79.

Szymanski was born in Chicago and worked as a mechanical engineer. He served in the United States Navy in World War II. He eventually moved to Niles and was the head of the Kirk Lane Homeowners Association. He joined forces with Ken Scheel, Bob Wente, Nicholas Blase and others to form the "New Era" Party in 1961.

That party was swept to power on an anti-gambling platform that combated some

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Second Niles 'Taste of Sister Cities' Nov. 19

Food, culture of Italy, Poland, Greece, Ireland

The second annual Niles "Taste of Sister Cities," featuring the diverse melting pot that makes up the population in Niles, will be held Sunday, Nov. 19.

This annual food and cultural festival will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at White Eagle Banquets, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL.

The Niles Sister Cities is the

largest Sister Cities program in the Chicago metro area outside of the city itself. The Sister Cities program features partnerships with four international cities: Nafplion, Greece; Leixlip (pron. likesleep), Ireland; Pisa, Italy, and Limanowa (pron. lee-man-ovau), Poland.

The main attraction of this event is the opportunity to sample authentic cuisines from more restaurants than last year. This year, there are 17 local restaurants representing Niles' four sister city

countries (Greece, Ireland, Italy and Poland). Last year's crowd was double than amount expected.

"It was a huge success last year," said Margaret Zapalski, about the event. "We have many more restaurants."

After locating in the Civic Center Plaza in Niles, the Asian supermarket, Super H-Mart made a donation to fund the Taste of Sister Cities event.

Participating restaurants include:

Alexandra's Cafe/Forest View Bakery (Polish); Amici

Ristorante (Italian); Bacik's Deli (Polish); Blue Moon Restaurant (Polish); Chaser's Bar & Grill (American); Dairy Queen (American); Forest View Deli (Polish); Graziano's (Italian); Harrington's Beef (Irish); Howard Street Inn (American); Kappy's Restaurant (Greek); Lone Tree Manor (Polish); Martha's Apple Pies (American); Mykonos Restaurant (Greek); Niles Polish Deli (Polish); Uncle Sam's Hotdogs (American) and White Eagle

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experiencing minor crashes and freezes, necessitating rebooting.

Shaw is proposing a new "virtual" system that he says

would improve village operations and pave the way for an expanded network to other village buildings if fiber-optic cable is ever laid between them. He said that other governments were already operating on a similar system includ-

ing Kane County and even the Niles Park District.

"We visited them and were impressed by what we saw," said Shaw of the Parks' computer system.

Shaw's proposal is to replace both hardware and software at village hall's main system. The expense is a large one, but he noted that it would allow the village to operate a more flexible system in the future and last as long as the previous system had.

"This new system is definitely the trend," Shaw said. "We are not pioneers."

Trustees were concerned about both the system itself and the overall cost of the system, but authorized staff to move forward because of the potentially catastrophic nature of the consequences of a fatal crash, Shaw estimated it would take five to eight days to bring the financials back online.

"We seem to have no other choice," Trustee Bart Murphy said.

Only Trustee Louella Preston stated her opposition to the proposal, saying that she didn't believe it was forward-looking enough.

All the trustees did, however, worry about the potential consequences to the village's budget, but Van Geem said that, thanks to the new retail stores such as the Super H Mart and the Golf Rd. Wal-Mart, revenue projections were higher than expected and the village budget had enough wiggle room to accommodate the extra expense.

A final proposal is expected to come before the board at its November meeting, but a special meeting may also be needed to authorize the final expenditure.

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Department took down the sign.

"They said we shouldn't have taken down the sign," said Jochim, referring to IDOT, which requested that the village leave IDOT signs alone.

Jochim said IDOT said that they will replace the sign, but he's not sure if that will happen this week, next week or a month from now. He said that during this time of year the IDOT sign department usually is open mostly for emergencies, because IDOT will be busy with all the snow that will soon be coming to town.

- Tracy Yoshida Gruen



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"petty" games that were being run in Niles at the time, such as slot and pinball machines and "jar" games.

Szymanski was elected as a trustee in 1961 and served only one term before stepping down. His funeral was held at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home and St.

John Brebeuf Church on Thursday, Oct. 26. Blase delivered an eulogy.

"We came together, five young people in 1961 to change our community," Blase said at the service. "We had no political background but all four of us won. Len was one of us. We changed Niles and Len was a big part of that. He was our engineer: logical, organized and

fervent about doing the best we could for all our residents."

Blase said that his biggest contribution to Niles was the energetic push to ban the early, unregulated gambling and help plan for Niles' future, "now we're fully developed and we're dealing with other problems," he said.

Szymanski was the last surviving member of the 1961 New Era slate other than Blase. He is survived by his son, Leonard E. (Gina) Szymanski of Westchester, IL, daughter Sharon (fiancé William) Brooks, grandchildren Abigail and Thomas, step-grandchildren Nichole and Ryan and nephews Steven, Joseph and Jayne.

"He loved life," Blase said in his eulogy. "He always talked about how proud he was of his children. We remained good friends for 45 years because he was for real - that means sincere, friendly - always willing to help me and our efforts to keep up Niles. I will miss him - my dear friend, Len Szymanski."

- Andrew Schneider

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Governor
Gov. Rod Blagojevich & Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn (D)

Blagojevich - Rod Blagojevich was sworn in as the 40th governor of Illinois on Jan. 13, 2003. Prior to being governor, Blagojevich was a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. During his tenure, he prosecuted domestic abuse cases and felony weapons charges. As an advocate of education, he has secured funding for after school tutoring programs.

Quinn - Pat Quinn was elected to Lt. Gov of Illinois in November of 2002. Since 1975, he has organized grassroots petition drives regarding consumer protection, tax reform, and giving citizens a stronger voice in government. Quinn also served as Illinois State Treasurer from 1991 to 1995.

Judy Baar Topinka & Joe Birkett (R)

Baar Topinka - As a member of the Illinois House and later the Illinois senate, Judy Baar Topinka focused her attention on the issue of fiscal responsibility. She was the first state treasurer to win three consecutive terms. Topinka was also previously a reporter in the Cook

County suburbs and witnessed local politics firsthand.

Birkett - Joe Birkett was sworn in as Dupage County State's Attorney on Oct. 1, 1996, completing the unexpired term of Jim Ryan. In 2004, he was reelected to his third term as state's attorney. He is also a teacher, frequent lecturer and an award-winning administrator.

Attorney General
Lisa Madigan (D)

Madigan was elected the 41st Attorney General of Illinois on Nov. 5, 2002. Prior to being elected to Attorney General, Madigan served in the Illinois Senate and worked as a litigator for a Chicago law firm.

Goals for Next Term
She has led efforts to restore integrity to Illinois' gaming industry, better protect children and women from sex offenders and stop the spread of methamphetamine.

Stewart Umholtz (R)

Umholtz became the first State's Attorney in Illinois to prosecute a sitting Illinois Supreme Court Justice. He has prosecuted violent criminals,

including murderers and sex offenders. He recently successfully prosecuted a public official for violating the provisions of the Illinois Constitution that prohibit public assets from being used for private purposes.

Goals
"I think the most important issue we face in Illinois is public corruption," Umholtz said that he wants to create a "public integrity unit" to combat corruption.

Secretary of State
Jesse White (D)

White was elected the 37th Illinois Secretary of State in November 1998 and in Nov. 2002 he was re-elected, gaining the largest vote total by any candidate for an Illinois statewide office in a quarter of a century. White oversees the state library and founded the internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team.

Goals if Elected
"The most important thing right now is cleaning up the culture of corruption," White said. He also noted that "we have a problem with teen drivers. The Illinois graduated driver's license task force will continue to meet to make the roads safer."

Dan Rutherford (R)

Rutherford was elected to the Illinois Senate in 2002, following a 10 year term in the House of Representatives, where he served as the Assistant Republican Leader. Rutherford was an executive with the ServiceMaster Company and became responsible for the expansion of the company's businesses internationally.

Goals if Elected
"Corruption in Illinois government today has so eroded the public trust that many voters are choosing to stay home on Election Day," Rutherford said. He also said that he wants to make the office more customer-service oriented. "My first order of business will be to make the office customer-focused, serving the citizens of Illinois as customers."

Comptroller
Daniel W. Hynes (D)

Hynes won the re-election in 2002 for state comptroller. Hynes has focused his administration on consumer and taxpayer advocacy, government accountability and long-term budget reform. In 2003, Hynes

proposed a legislative package of reforms that attacked "pay to play" politics. Prior to taking office, Hynes was a health care attorney for a Chicago law firm.

Goals if Elected
Hynes did not return calls by press time.

Carole Pankau (R)

Pankau has served as the Illinois State Representative from 1993 to 2005, DuPage County Board Member for eight years, Keeneyville School Dist. #20 member for eight years and a precinct committeeman for Bloomingdale Township for 18 years. She has received the "Champion of Local Government" award, Suburban Mayors Action Coalition.

Goals if Elected
"The single most important issue is the fiscal crisis," Pankau said. "The state has spent more than we have to spend. My goal is to get back to good old fashioned fiscal responsibility."

9th Congressional Dist.
Michael Shannon (R)

Shannon lives in Park Ridge. A former political operative in

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SJB students help Katrina Children

Under the direction of their teacher, Ellen O'Birek, the third graders at St. John Brebeuf teamed up with the company that makes Legos to help the smallest of hurricane Katrina's victims- the children. Although it has been over a year since the hurricane devastated the gulf coasts of

Louisiana and Mississippi, thousands are still in need. To help some of the children of Katrina the third graders donated blocks from their own Lego collections. The Lego Company then matched the donated pieces which doubled the amount from the SJB kids.

The children not only wanted to help the kids in the gulf area but they discovered that they had fun doing the project. As an acknowledgement of their good deed the Lego Company sent each of the third graders a red bracelet that read "Lego Builders of Tomorrow."



Back row left to right: Annie Turbak, Tyler Bartley, Gabriella Gallasini, Alexa Tomas, and Robert Guzek. Front left to right: Mikie Stack. Above Top: left to right, Mikie Stack, Alexa, Tomas, Justin Vick, Tyler Bartley, David Sora and Matt Kalkowski

Maine East September Students of the Month

Applied Arts and Technology

LaQuan Byrd, Cristina Epley, Joe Harrington, Michelle Heinman, Mary Karagiannis, Neil Kwiatkowski, Robert Lewosz, Anum Malik, Cia Mathew, Miluska Reynoso, Jeannine Saadeh, Robert Santiago, Luke Sikora and Angela Suriano; in Art: Sarah Golenia, Diana Maldonado, Sonya Musawi and Olha Pavlishynets

Driver Education

Rebecca Boblett and Joshua Padrid

English

Gabriela Bobrowski, Jacqueline Cariaga, Caren Clark, Cameron Davis, Kumar Garima, Cherise Jackson, Maria Kanelos, Matthew Kolenda, Michael Moon, Ana Neric, Neelam Patel, Carla Ramirez, Joshua Rathod, Eileen Rayhin, Luke Sikora, Puneet Soni, Pete Srisuk, Tran Thach and Mahira Zekotic

English as a second language/Bilingual education

Lilian Thalia Castillo, Adrian Heretyk, Mikolaj Kijak, Agnieszka Korol, Krystiana Majchrowicz, Samcy Parankamootil, Jigar Patel and Pawel Szymanski

Foreign Language

Iliana Incandela, Steven Grousnick, Joon Lee, David Pinkawa, Gustavo Segovia, Michael Telwak, Veena Vijayakumar and Patrick Wlodkowski

Mathematics

Peter Boduch, Cameron Davis, Julie Gonzalez, Katarina Jose, Victoria Kill, Maciej Kolenda, Daniela Olmos, Andrew Suriano and Victoria Torres; in Music: Sarah Choi, Vicki Matej, David Sanchez-Aguilera and Jintu Thomas

Physical Education and Health

Julie Alkhovsky, Vanessa Azra, Kristen Beierwaltes, Joe Ciminello, Jeffrey Daoud, Nicole Dawson, James Kelly, Carlos Lopez, Anakaren Mariscal, Sara Martinez, Brooke Mazur, Alfredo Nagode, Daniela Olmos and Eli Taylor

Science

Carlos Cruz, Cameron Davis, Jobil George, Amanda Glowacki, Evaristo Herrera, Seena Mathew, Abigail Medrano, Daniela Olmos, Angela Suriano and Randy Walls

Social Science

Alaa Albassatneh, Artur Dzierzanowski, Cristina Epley, Idia Ifianayi, Iliana Incandela, Elyssa Meyer, Dipali Patel, Parth Rawat, Amanda Shaw and Angela Suriano

Speech and Drama

Michael Lucki and Steven Sovak.

Baloue honored in Scholarship Program

Maine East senior Sydney Baloue of Morton Grove is among the outstanding National Achievement Scholarship Program participants being referred to U.S. colleges and universities. These students scored in the top 5 percent of more than 130,000 Black Americans who requested consideration in the 2007 National Achievement Program when they took the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying

Test (PSAT/NMSQT). A roster of these students' names, high schools, and tentative college major choices is being sent to about 1,500 colleges and universities. A certificate is provided for each student in recognition of his or her potential for academic success in college.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 specifically to honor academically promising Black American high school students.

Tutoring takes off

Parents today enroll their children in a variety of sports programs - not so they will become professional athletes, but for the physical and emotional benefits of exercise, teamwork and discipline.

Parents have not typically invested equal amounts of time or money in "training" their children to become successful learners.

That, they think, is what schools are for. While parents who want their children to be successful soccer players would not depend solely on a school PE class to achieve that goal, teaching children to become successful learners is a process that needs to take place outside of as well as within the classroom. Training successful learners is the role of tutoring.

For years, tutoring was seen as being only for "slow" children, or those who struggled in a particular academic area. Now, however, that perception is changing and there's an explosion in the enrollment of children in tutoring programs.

According to John and Yvonne Daly, Directors of The Niles Tutoring Club, "Many of the kids at our centers are already at or above grade level- we are helping them hone their learning skills in the same way that a child would go to a basketball or soccer camp to improve his or her playing ability." Historically, tutoring was characterized by one-on-one teaching. More recently, companies have created software to achieve the same result through computers.

For Tutoring Club, which was recently ranked as one of the top 10 new franchises by Entrepreneur Magazine, blending these approaches makes the

most sense. Explains John, "We see computers as useful tools for diagnosis and for compiling lesson plans based on that diagnosis. At that point we turn the individualized instruction over to a staff comprised of people who are either credentialed teachers or who hold advanced academic degrees. The focus is not on the tutor so much as the consistency and relevance of the individualized lesson plans applied to each child."

Parents who enroll their children at Tutoring Club get an unprecedented guarantee: to raise each child's academic level by a full grade in less time and at lower cost than any other program on the market. "Parents are realizing that tutoring is a means of giving children the confidence they need to become successful learners," says Yvonne, "That's a skill that will serve them long after they finish Little League."

For more information from your local Tutoring Club, John or Yvonne at (847) 647-7222 or visit www.tutoringclub.com.



Photo (left to right): Sixth grade students Ann Marie Lewandowski, Theresa LoBianco, Rose McBride, Michelle McGlenn, Liam Montague with their Bibles that they just received at the Bible Service on October 11, 2006 in St. Juliana Church.

St. Juliana holds Bible Ceremony

The sixth graders at St. Juliana School were presented with Bibles at a special prayer service on October 11th. The first scripture reading that day was from Isaiah. This reading reminded the students that the word of God is like the rain and snows that water the earth, causing her to bear much fruit. The next reading was from

Mark's parable of The Sower and the Seed. This parable called the students to hear God's word with an open heart to be like the seed that falls on good ground and yields a fruitful harvest.

Then the students promised to receive the word of God and to study it with love and respect. The Bibles and stu-

dents were blessed, and each student was called by name to come forward and receive their Bible.

The sixth graders then presented their guests, the fourth and fifth grade students, with mustard and pumpkin seeds for their class prayer tables to remind them to let the word of God take root in their hearts.

MaineStay offers internet seminar

Maine Township's MaineStay Youth and Family Services announces the appearance of Daniel F. Ferraro Jr., Director of the Illinois Computer Crime Institute. Ferraro will present on "MySpace and Your Child" on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2006 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Maine Township Town Hall building,

1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Ferraro will discuss what MySpace is, how it differs from instant messaging, why it's so popular, who is using MySpace and why they are, misconceptions of privacy and other dangers including recent case reviews. He will then explain

how you can protect your children through communication, building a better MySpace website and utilizing a team effort to stay safe online.

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Illinois, Shannon has spent his private-sector career as a negotiation support professional. Shannon's background includes working as a consultant, supply chain director and a procurement manager. Shannon refuses to accept monetary campaign contributions.

Goals if Elected
"The U.S. will not make any progress toward solving any problems (Iraq, Middle East, Healthcare, Fiscal Issues, etc.) until we modify our Democracy," Shannon believes. "Currently, the outcome in 17 of 19 congressional races in Illinois (including this one) are rigged for incumbents by incumbents. I am offering to place Skokie on the map of national politics by winning a race that is not legitimately contested...with zero money...I am committed to help other candidates from either party conduct other 'sit in' campaigns."

Jan Schakowsky (D)

Schakowsky, an Evanston resident, was elected to represent Illinois' 9th Congressional District in 1998, after serving in the Illinois State Assembly for eight years. She has won legislative victories to increase federal assistance for abused women and children. She has been a citizen advocate, grassroots organizer and an elected public official.

Goals if Elected
"Healthcare is the most pressing issue, with prescription costs and not having enough insurance coverage for special

care," said Schakowsky. Her number one priority is to pass her bill "called Americare that would provide health insurance for all Americans."

33rd Dist. Senate
Cheryl Axley (D)

Axley, a Mt. Prospect resident, has served in the Illinois State Senate from 2005 to the present. Axley is a member of the Cook County Bar Association, United States Supreme Court Bar, Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association, Township Officials of Cook County and more.

Goals if Elected
"The single most important issue is taxes; keeping the property and income taxes as low as possible," Axley believes. Her number one goal if elected is to extend the two year real estate tax freeze. She also said that she's interested in legislation regarding teen driving.

Dan Kotowski (R)

Kotowski, a Park Ridge resident, is currently the vice president of development and public affairs for Ulich Children's Advantage Network, a multi-faceted human services agency. He has worked to pass legislation to protect women, children and families from violence. He

has also served as the executive director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence.

Goals if Elected
"I'd say property tax relief coupled with the full funding of education," are the top issues affecting the 33rd district, Kotowski believes. If he's elected, his number one goal is "to give small business owners the chance to get the same health care rates as larger corporations."

17th Dist. Representative
Elizabeth Coulson (R)

Coulson, of Glenview, is currently serving her fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly. She recently sponsored and helped pass the Illinois' Abandoned Baby Legislation. She has worked to expand prescription drug programs for seniors and the disabled. She serves on many committees, including the state's Joint Task Force on Illinois Immigrants and Refugees.

Goals if Elected
"Education, in general and special education funding," are the biggest issues facing the 17th District, Coulson believes. "My number one goal is to represent my constituents' needs and education."

Judith Rae-Ross (D)

Ross is a teacher, public ser-

vant and journalist. She has served as an elected trustee of Niles Township from 1980 to 2001. Ross spearheaded the creation of the Niles Township Community Child Care Center and helped to create the Niles Township Food Pantry. She was a writer for the Lerner Newspapers for five years.

Goals if Elected
"I would say my number one issue would be education because both the past and the present depend on education," said Ross. "If elected, her number one priority would be to 'make sure children are comfortable and the curriculum matches the 21st century.'"

20th Dist. Representative
Michael McAuliffe (R)

McAuliffe, who was born in Chicago, has served as a state legislator from 1997 to the present. He has served on several committees including the Veterans Affairs, Appropriations-Public Safety; Transportation and Motor Vehicles, Registration and Regulations, financial institutions and more.

Goals if Elected
"The most important issue is to extend the 7% tax cap on property," McAuliffe said. If elected, his number one goal is to pass the extended tax cap. "My constituent's number one concern is about being able to pay their property taxes."

Mark Dobrzycki (D)

Dobrzycki, of Harwood Heights, is self employed, working in editorial and commercial writing and photography. An active member of the community, Dobrzycki started Harwood Heights' first chamber of commerce. He has also represented the concerns of citizens in regard to healthcare.

Goals if Elected
Dobrzycki could not be reached for comment by press time.

Cook County Board Pres.
Todd Stroger (D)

Stroger is an alderman for the eighth ward in Chicago. In 2001, he was appointed by Mayor Richard Daley to serve on the Chicago City Council. In 1992, Stroger was elected as state representative for the 31st district of Illinois. He was a jury supervisor with the Cook County Jury Commissioners. His father, John Stroger, suffered a serious stroke and after his resignation as Cook County Board President, Todd decided to run.

Goals if Elected
Stroger did not return calls for comment by press time.

Tony Paraita (R)

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Wallet stolen from car while victim fills tank

MORTON GROVE

1 Wallet Stolen from Car Seat (6300 block of Dempster)

While the victim was filling up her gas tank someone approached her and asked for directions on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The victim believes that while she was busy talking with the woman, another person removed her wallet from the seat of her car. Her credit card company reported that her card was used a couple of times.

2 Cigarettes Stolen (9300 block of Waukegan)

Unknown subject walked into the store and went directly to the rear front desk/display counter and took a carton of cigarettes from the overstock shelf and then walked out of the store on Friday, Oct. 20, said police. The carton was worth about \$60.

3 Road Rage Battery (8600 block of Waukegan)

Unidentified subject(s) struck the victim after a road

rage incident on Friday, Oct. 20, police said.

4 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (5700 block of Lee St.)

Unknown person(s) used an object to damage the front windshield of a vehicle at 5700 Lee St. at the end of September. The vehicle was reportedly parked and unattended on the street in front of the residence.

5 Arrest on Warrant (7900 block of Golf Rd)

A warrant service was executed against a local resident with a local warrant on Saturday, Oct. 21. The subject was taken into custody and released on a \$5,000 bond.

6 Arrested for Suspended Drivers License (6400 block of Chestnut)

A 19-year-old Niles man was arrested for driving with a suspended license on Friday, Oct. 20 at Beckwith and Natchez. The upcoming court date is Thursday, Nov. 9.

NILES

7 Retail Theft Arrest (7200 block of Dempster)

A 24 year old female from Wisconsin was arrested on Friday, Oct. 20 for stealing multiple bottles of cologne and other merchandise from the store, said police. The woman was stopped by security and charged with retail theft.

8 Victim Stabbed at Hotel (6900 block of Touhy)

A 19-year-old Chicago man suffered a stab wound in his right inner bicep on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the 6400 block of Touhy. The victim said he was stabbed in the parking lot of the facility. Police found blood splattered inside a hotel room and it is unknown how the blood got there. The victim said he never entered the hotel room.

9 Foot Chase (400 Golf Mill)

Unknown subject took a \$499 CD player from the store display, put it under his arm and walked out of the store on

Friday, Oct. 20. The store's loss prevention employee approached the subject and the subject dropped the object in the parking lot and took off running eastbound toward Milwaukee Ave. The complainant went on a foot chase after the subject.

10 Trading Cards Stolen (8300 block of Golf)

Unidentified subject(s) stole miscellaneous trading cards worth \$15,000 and a lap-top computer worth \$600 from a display case sometime between Oct. Tuesday, 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 26. The subject(s) punched a hole through the dry wall to enter.

11 Pregnancy Test Stolen and Used in Store (8700 block of Dempster)

A 15 year old Park Ridge teen and a 15 year old teen from Des Plaines came into the store and one of the teens opened the package and used it in the washroom of the store, while the other girl blocked the security camera on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The value of the pregnancy test is \$13.99.

12 Townhome Burglarized (8800 block of Washington)

The owner of the home discovered that a lap top, a computer monitor and a Play Station were missing from his townhouse on Monday, Oct. 24.

13 Death Investigation (8000 Milwaukee)

A 76-year-old Niles man fell in a drug store on Thursday, Oct. 27. When the Niles Fire Department paramedics arrived the victim had no vital signs. The man was pronounced dead at Lutheran General Hospital.

14 Vehicle Burglarized (8500 block of Ozark)

Police said unknown subject(s) burglarized a vehicle at the 8500 block of Ozark between Friday, Oct. 28 and Saturday, Oct. 29 and took two CDs from the vehicle. There were no signs of forced entry or damage to the vehicle.

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PARK RIDGE

15 Pornographic Photographs Found (1400 block of Renaissance)

Unknown person(s) have been leaving lewd, pornographic photographs throughout the building and outside the entrances at the 1400 block of Renaissance for the past year. The police report was made on Thursday, Oct. 19.

16 Damaged Cement Sidewalk (0-100 block N. Home)

Unidentified subject(s) damaged the cement sidewalk at the 0-100 block of N. Home on Friday, Oct. 20, said police. The estimated cost of the damage is \$2,500.

17 Theft at Gas Station (500 block of W. Talcott)

Police said the victim reported that two males, approximately 40 years old entered the store of the gas station at the 500 block of W. Talcott and began asking for change in various denominations confusing the victim on Sunday, Oct. 22. After the suspects left, the victim discovered that \$409 was missing from the register.

18 Slashed Tires (400 block of S. Lincoln)

Unknown subject(s) slashed the front driver's side tire of the victim's 2003 Toyota Sequoia at the 400 block of S. Lincoln sometime between Saturday, Oct. 21 and Oct. 24. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

19 Broken Windshield (800 block of S. Cumberland)

Unknown subject(s) used an unknown object to break the windshield of the victim's 1991 Ford Mustang sometime between Friday, Oct. 20 and Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the 800 block of S. Cumberland. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

20 Ten Burglaries to Motor Vehicles

Between Thursday, Oct. 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Park Ridge Police received reports of ten motor vehicle burglaries. Here are some of the burglaries:

21 Guitar Stolen from Vehicle (900 block of Sylviawood)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's locked 2006 Ford Escape at the 900 block of Sylviawood sometime between Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22. The subject took a fender guitar worth \$800 from the vehicle.

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Money

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lawyers? A common 401(k) industry practice called revenue sharing is what's drawing fire. If you have a weird lineup of expensive and mediocre mutual funds in your 401(k), the culprit could be revenue sharing.

To understand what revenue sharing is, you have to appreciate how 401(k) plans are put together: Some guy in your human resources department didn't dream up your 401(k) menu. Nor does anybody in your company manage the plan. What typically happens is that a company selects a vendor to pull together a plan and then maintain it. The outside administrators include many of the nation's most recognizable mutual fund companies and brokerage firms, along with major insurance companies.

In pulling a plan together, the vendor often picks mutual funds that charge investors a 12b-1 fee, which I mentioned in last week's column. The 12b-1 fee was created more than 25 years ago to allow small mutual funds to generate money to advertise their existence.

Today this pernicious fee is popping up everywhere, including 401(k) plans.

Here's a common scenario: The outside administrator will select more costly mutual funds with 12b-1 fees for a workplace 401(k) menu. In return, the anointed mutual funds will use their 12b-1 cash to, in essence, thank the administrator for picking it for a company's 401(k) lineup. Can everyone see the potential conflict of interest in these arrangements? With this windfall, the administrator can oversee the plan without billing the workplace for its services. That's the part many employers like.

But operating a 401(k) with hidden payments - and no accountability - should be unacceptable. In fact, the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which oversees workplace retirement plans, requires that 401(k) fees be reasonable and fully disclosed. If the boss doesn't know who is getting what, how will he be able to say he's complying with this law? That's a question that I bet more trial attorneys are going to be asking soon.

Lutheran General grand opening held October 29

A grand opening celebration for the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Cancer Care, the largest facility renovation that the hospital was held on Sunday, Oct. 29.

The facility now houses a two-floor multidisciplinary Cancer Care Center that features comprehensive medical oncology, radiation oncology and gynecologic oncology serv-

ices and specialists. The first floor includes an extensive Center for Advanced Imaging that includes the latest technology for various diagnostic needs.

On the third floor, the Breast Health Center offers state-of-the-art digital mammography services, diagnostic, treatment, counseling capabilities and breast health educators who

provide patients with individual attention.

"The Center for Advanced Cancer Care represents Lutheran General's commitment to the advancement of cancer care, diagnostic imaging and breast health services for the community and region," stated Bruce Campbell, Dr. P.H., president of the hospital, in a recent press release.

County considers new TIF ordinance

Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin (D-13th District) recently introduced a proposed ordinance that would give the Cook County Board President and the Board of Commissioners more oversight and input of proposed Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIFs) within Cook County.

The Finance Committee of the Cook County Board will consider the proposal.

"TIFs are an important economic development tool; however, greater oversight of the approval process for TIFs is warranted," according to a press release.

For the 23-year lifetime of a TIF district, Cook County and other taxing bodies receive tax revenue only from the assessed value present in the district at its creation, which is known as the baseline equalized assessed value and is not adjusted for inflation.

The proposal will allow the Cook County Board of Commissioners to direct the county's representative on Joint Review Boards to take action based on the impact proposed TIFs will have on other taxing bodies that are within the TIFs, such as local school districts and the job creation or retention related to the TIF that

is anticipated.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners will receive copies of new TIF proposals within the county and the proposed TIFs may be discussed by the board, within the finance committee. The president of the County Board will designate the director of the County's Department of Economic Development as his or her designee as the County's representative on the Joint Review Board. Quarterly reports relating to the creation, renewal and extension of any TIF during the preceding calendar quarter will be given to commissioners.

Perspective

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money is deeply appreciated, just keep sending in those checks).

American government was formed by the blood of patriots not to create a new political aristocracy, new bosses or kings, but to preserve its citizen's liberty. Who will fight for needed reforms? It is this very treatment

by the political class, the belief that government is their private domain and property that drives millions of Mexicans out of Mexico and over our borders. America is supposed to be different. We are a country of, by and for the people. We overthrew our kings and should not have new ones jammed down our throats. In the race for Cook County President there is now only one reformer running and it is Tony

Peraica. If he wins, we win and get a shot at getting our county government back. It is actually a rare treat in Illinois to get two chances at reform and two excellent reform candidates from both parties. Claypool lost the race for Board President, but still serves on the board. If Peraica wins they both would work together to end corruption patronage, graft and paybacks, lower taxes, and spend our money wisely.

Stroger seeks to inherit the office of his father John Stroger, who had been board president since 1994. This follows in a long line of machine control over the county board and the money and jobs available there. The County's estimated \$400 million budget deficit needs to be addressed and voters are already paying too much in taxes.

They say, "We get the government we deserve". It is meant as an insult to the voters themselves. I say we turn that around this election cycle. Things are getting better and good reformers are making some inroads. Help them along and vote. We do get the government we deserve and we deserve better.

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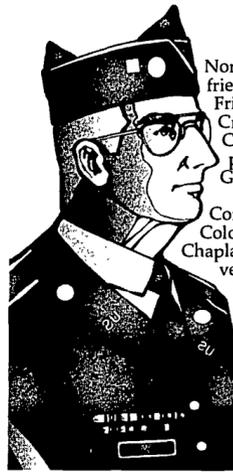


GlenBridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was pleased to host (safe trick or treating) for the children attending Children's Learning Center in Niles. "This has become a much anticipated annual event," said Olivia Carey, Life Services Coordinator at GlenBridge. "Halloween is a fun time and a perfect opportunity to create an inter-generational visit. Our residents love seeing the young children in their costumes as they reminisce about past Halloweens where their own youngsters were pirates, dancers, witches, and clowns for a day."

"Many of our residents prefer to wait in their rooms with the door closed anticipating the little knock announcing the arrival of a little trickster." Ms. Carey elaborated "they love to open that door and see a youngster."

After trick or treating, the children and residents gathered in the main dining room and shared a sing-a-long and refreshments.

NORWOOD CROSSING TO HOST VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION PROGRAM



Norwood Crossing invites the public to join veterans, residents, their friends and families for a special recognition Veterans Day Program, on Fri., Nov. 10, at 2:30 p.m. The event will take place at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Highlight of the afternoon will be a special patriotic concert performed by a musical group from the Naval Training Center at Great Lakes.

Other parts of the program will include a welcome by Richard L. Corrin, Jr., board chairman of Norwood Crossing, presentation of the Colors by the Taft High School Navy Jr. ROTC, an invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.), recognition of veterans present, the playing of Taps, and remarks by Cmdr. David Klain, Commanding Officer of the Navy Recruiting District of Chicago. Members of eight American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in the immediate area also have been invited.

Veterans will be recognized individually during the program, so all active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to provide upon arrival their name, rank, military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where served, and dates of service.

Norwood Crossing is a not-for-profit retirement community since 1896. Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324.

Norwood Crossing Receives Second Consecutive OSHA Award for Workplace Excellence

For the second consecutive year, Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, received the SHARP Award (Safety & Health Achievement Recognition Program) from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity.

The annual award cites Norwood Crossing "for outstanding leadership and commitment to safety and health in the work place as exemplified by their participation in the SHARP Program."

Norwood Crossing Executive Director Mike Toohy said: "This award reinforces our commitment to providing a safe and secure work environment for our employees. We are very proud to receive it two years in a row and are continuing to meet the high safety standards required for program membership."

To qualify for the award, Norwood Crossing passed an in-depth safety and health review related to hazardous material exposure, availability of personal protective equipment, a comprehensive emergency action plan, TB control, training programs, and an on-site inspection of its buildings. The cost to identify safety and health hazards, correct identified hazards and develop and implement safety and health programs are borne by Norwood Crossing without any federal or state assistance.

Norwood Crossing, providing care for the elderly since 1896, was the first not-for-profit retirement community in Illinois to receive the award when it was presented in 2004. SHARP was established to publicly recognize the safety and health achievements of exemplary employers.

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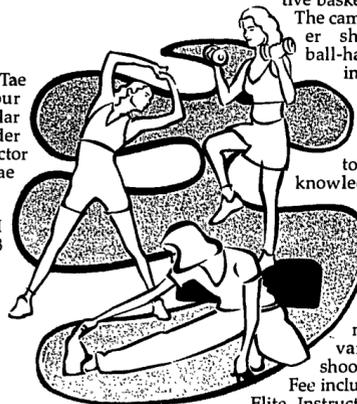
The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals, and offensive principles. The focus of the clinic is to enhance both knowledge and performance while providing an opportunity for players to compete. Players will participate in 1-on-1, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5 tournaments, as well as various jumping-shooting competitions.

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Vintage inkwell making its mark

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I saw your column in our paper and thought I would see if you have any information on our camel inkwell. It is a noble beast and adorned

ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE

the home of our great-aunt for years. When she passed away it became ours. It is made of gray metal, has a few small areas where the paint has worn away and has no manufacturer's mark. The length is around 5 inches and the top is hinged.

Do you have any idea as to its vintage and value?

A: Vintage inkwells are popular collectibles, especially figural ones. Yours was made around 1900 and would probably be worth \$200 to \$225.

Q: This mark is on a set of dishes I received from my mother-in-law as a wedding gift in 1942. The dishes are decorated with pastel flowers, cobalt blue borders and gold trim. It serves eight and includes serving pieces. There



Interesting Inkwell - Vintage inkwells are popular collectibles. This one was made around 1900 and would probably be worth \$200 to \$225. (CNS Photo)

is also the number "E49N5" on it.

Does my dinnerware have any value?

A: Homer Laughlin China Co. made your dinnerware in Newell, W.Va. Eggshell Georgian is the name of a spe-

cific shape that was introduced in 1937. The shape was decorated with several different patterns. The embossed

beading on the edges of the rims distinguishes it from other Laughlin shapes. The number, "E49N5," shows your set was made in 1949 at Plant five in Newell. Eggshell Georgian dinnerware was extremely popular from after World War II until the 1960s.

The value of your set would probably be \$300 to \$400.

Q: I have an iridescent blue, art-glass, perfume bottle that is cracked, chipped and glued. The overall height is 7 1/2 inches. It has a dauber with a long stem and a flame-shaped top that is in excellent condition. Marked on the bottom of the bottle are the words "Steuben - Aurene - 1414." I'm sure the bottle has no value, but I would like to know if the dauber is worth anything.

A: Steuben Glass has been made in Corning, N.Y., since 1904. "Aurene" glass was made from 1904 to 1933. Although it was available in several colors, iridescent gold and iridescent blue are the most commonly seen today.

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New vintage closing show premieres Nov. 10

Chicago's newest and finest Vintage Clothing, Textile & Jewelry Show will premier Friday, November 10th from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. for \$10.00 and Saturday, November 11th from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for \$6.00 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. National and local dealers will be bringing their finest

wares for this spectacular Show & Sale. Offered for sale will be a vast array of vintage clothing, textiles, estate and costume jewelry, lace and linens, and a treasure trove of vintage accessories.

Special features of the Vintage Show will include Susan L. Harmon of the Certified Quilters Society

doing quilt appraisals. Also, Alberta Adamson from the Center for History, a facility of the Wheaton Historic Council, will be giving tips on restorations. The Vintage Fashion & Costume Jewelry Club will be there to help with questions about costume jewelry.

Taste of Home Gourmet

Café from Hinsdale, IL will be offering gourmet food and desserts.

Early treasure hunters can preview the treasures on Friday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. for \$30.00. General public on Friday evening from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. for \$10.00 (good two days). General public on Saturday from 10

a.m. until 5 p.m. for \$6.00.

The DuPage County Fairgrounds is located on County Farm and Manchester in Wheaton.

For additional information about the show, contact: ZURKO PRODUCTIONS at 715-526-9769 or at their website www.zurkoproductions.com.

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Banquets (Polish).

Ethnic music will be provided by Enzo Incandela & Frank Pisani (Italian); The Hellenic 5 (Greek); and Joe Walega the Happy Hearts (Polish). Sheila

Tully Academy of Irish Dance will entertain the crowd with traditional folk dances. Other attractions include children's games, a silent auction, door prizes and cash bar.

The demographics of the Village of Niles have reflected

an increase in its foreign-born population of 65% over the past 10 years. The countries of origin of these residents are also switching from Western European nations to Asian and Latino countries.

Donations to attend the fundraiser are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$5 for children, 3-12 years of age. Tickets will be sold through the Village of Niles (call 847-588-8008) and at White Eagle Banquets (call 847-647-0660). Proceeds will fund a variety of Sister Cities programs.

- Tracy Yoshida Gruen

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The number "1414" is the design number.

If your perfume bottle was in mint condition, the value would probably be at least \$1,200. Because the dauber is in good condition, it would have a value of \$75 to \$150.

Q: I found a Jonny Quest card game that my brother and I played with in the early 1960s when we were children. It was made by Milton Bradley Co., includes a scoring sheet and is in good condition.

What can you tell me about it?

A: Most people who were children in the 1960s will remember the Jonny Quest animated series. It was a prime-time TV broadcast and was produced by the Hanna-Barbera Studio. The popular show featured the thrilling adventures of Jonny Quest and his father in their super-sonic plane. His dog Bandit and several of his friends including Hadji Singh joined in the action. Their travels took them to exciting lands where they were faced with challenges, dangers and evil foes. Written by Ted Hake, the Official Hake's Price Guide to Character Toys lists the Jonny Quest game at \$20 to \$85, depending on the condition.

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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Pewter: silver's stepbrother

By Linda Rosenkrantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Although it is not as precious, pure or lustrous as silver, pewter has its own attributes and share of enthusiasts. Pewter use dates back to the Bronze

CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIBLES

Age. Tin, which was extremely brittle, was found to be more durable when combined with other metals, such as lead, copper, antimony and bismuth.

In the United States, pewter appeared in the Colonial Period. It was imported from England, due to an embargo on raw tin that lasted until the end of the Revolutionary War. At that time, colonial smiths would melt down worn and broken pewter pieces and recast them; this made early examples difficult to find.

Extremely adaptable due to its relatively low boiling point, pewter could be molded, spun, easily cut and soldered to form a great variety of utilitarian hol-

lowware and flatware. In time, products included porringers, basins, plates, platters and chargers, lamps, coffee and teapots, sugar bowls and creamers, pitchers, candlesticks, flagons, ladles, chalices and beakers, inkwells, buttons and buckles. In other words, pewter formed many of the same items as silver.

The higher the percentage of tin, the more attractive the object. An excess of lead produces a dull dark or bluish surface, while a greater amount of tin bestows a more silvery patina to the surface.

Known as "the poor man's silver," pewter, nevertheless, was expensive and used across class lines. Harvard College, for example, provided pewter tankards and utensils for its students' bread and beer breakfasts; however, in upscale homes it tended to be used as a secondary service. Some collectors specialize in pewter spoons, which are cast from bronze, brass or cast-iron molds in a wide range of sizes. Some are elaborately decorated with flo-

ral and figural motifs. Noted early makers of pewter spoons include Richard Greaves, Joseph Copeland, William Will, George Coldwell, Richard Lee, Samuel Hamlin and Samuel Pierce.

While Colonial Period pewter pieces are rare and expensive, 19th century and later items are far more accessible. Condition is key in this area of collecting.

Qualities to look for in a piece are being completely intact, a lack of discoloration or oxidation, no signs of overpolishing and having a maker's "touch" mark. At first, these marks were similar to English symbols, such as a rose, dove or lion, with the pewterer's name or initials.

Later, a common device was the American eagle.

As for current market values, here are a few examples cited in the latest edition of Ellen T. Schroy's "Warman's Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide." It shows the high prices attributed to early examples.

■ A mug by Jacob Whitmore, Middletown, Conn., with flared cylindrical form with fillet, S-

scroll handle with bud terminal, rare rose touch, circa 1750-75. Height: 7 7/8 inches. Price: \$9,400.

■ A quart flagon by Thomas D. and Sherman Boardman, Hartford, Conn., with disk finial, three domes, molded cover with "chair back" thumb piece above tapered cylindrical body, circa 1815-20. Height: 9 inches. Price: \$4,700.

■ A basin with circular mark with facing birds and "LOVE," "LONDON" and "X" and crown mark. Diameter: 6 11/16 inches. Price: \$2,820.

■ A porringer by Gershom Jones, Jr., Providence, R.I., round form, boss bottom, flowered handle, circa 1774-1809. Diameter: 4 inches. Price: \$2,350.

■ A beaker by Samuel Danforth, Hartford, Conn., with tapered, cylindrical body, incised bands, circa 1795-1816. Height: 5 inches. Price: \$1,765.

■ A mug by Jacob Whitmore, Middletown, Conn., with flared cylindrical form with fillet, S-

Niles Historical Society holds 'Tea Time'

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 at 2:00 p.m. 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. Bring your favorite story to go with the bear — when you got it, why it's a favorite, what was the occasion, etc.

Teddy Bear Tea

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 5, 2:00 p.m.
Niles Historical Museum
8970 Milwaukee Avenue
847-390-0160

OLR Craft, Bake Sale Nov. 18

The Queen of Peace Guild of the Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov 18 from 9 AM to 6 PM and on Sunday, Nov 19 from 8:30 AM to 2 PM. The event will be held in the newly renovated Paluch Hall which is now accessible by elevator. Our Lady of Ransom is located at 8300 N Greenwood in Niles. There is no admission charge.

Bears remaining at the close of the Tea will be donated to Toys for Tots and/or Rainbow Hospice with a big Thank You in advance for contributions. Remember, hats and gloves are de rigueur for the afternoon. Scones and dessert will elicit m-m-m's and ah-ah-ah's, the tea will be hot and conversation will be flowing.

Seating is very limited, tables seat 4, so make your reservations soon. Only paid reservations can be accepted. Call 847-390-0160 for more information.

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19th century bookcase stacks up nicely today

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Enclosed is a photograph of a stacked bookcase that I purchased at an antiques shop to house my husband's John Updike book collection. I think

ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE

it is called a lawyer's bookcase. Each section measures approximately 9 inches by 34 inches. On one of the sections is a label with the words "Globe-Wernicke - Always complete but never finished." Be that as it may, I am curious to know if it is an antique and what its current value is.

A: Barrister's bookcase is the term most often used for your bookcase. It was originally designed by Otto Wernicke and patented around 1897. In 1899, when the Globe Co., makers of filing cabinets and office equipment, bought the Wernicke Factory, it was renamed Globe-Wernicke. Although the bookcases were popular with barristers, they were marketed to offices and libraries. They were usually made with oak or mahogany and often had decorative pilasters and leaded glass. In the meantime, Wernicke founded the Macey-Wernicke factory in Grand Rapids, Mich. When he began making stacking bookcases, Globe-Wernicke sued him for using the design Wernicke patented. Globe lost and it wasn't long before several other factories made similar bookcases.

Your barrister bookcase was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth



A Better Bookcase - This Globe-Wernicke barrister bookcase was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$1,000 to \$1,800. (CNS Photo)

\$1,000 to \$1,800. You can book on it!

Q: I inherited a set of porcelain dishes that has this mark on each piece. The dishes are decorated with yellow flowers against a white background and have gold trimmed scalloped edges. I believe the pattern is Flandre.

I would like to know the age of my set and the value.

A: Mitterteich Porcelain Factory made your set of dinnerware around 1920. They have made porcelain in Mitterteich, Bavaria, Germany, since 1918.

You didn't mention how many place settings you have, so assuming it is a service for eight, the value would probably be \$600 to \$800.

Q: I have a porcelain plate that belonged to my great-aunt in 1905. It is 7 inches in diameter and decorated with women in kimonos, a bridge, a tea-

house, and trees. The edge has a red-orange narrow border and "Japan" is marked on the back.

Could you please tell me something about my plate and its value?

A: Your plate is an example of Geisha Girl ware. Typically it is characterized by women wearing kimonos and placed in a garden setting. The ware was made for Western tastes and exported to Europe and the United States. There were a plethora of patterns of kimono-clad women involved in a variety of activities. Many pieces were sold in five and dime stores, offered as premiums, or sold in gift stores.

The value of your circa 1905 plate would probably be \$20 to \$25.

Book Review

Collectors have found "The Official Blackbook Price Guide to United States Coins" to be an outstanding and reliable reference and source book for over 40 years. Experts Marc Hudgeons, Tom Hudgeons Jr. and Tom Hudgeons Sr. wrote this 2007 45th edition. They have compiled more than 18,000 prices, information of the American Numismatic Association's official grading system, updated market reports, collecting and investing trends. Also included are hundreds of coin illustrations, extensive advice on bidding, buying and selling coins online, at auction, and through the mail.

Reap the benefits of this handy book and you will be on your way to being a knowledgeable expert!

Pocket-size pinups

By Linda Rosenkrantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

One of the amusing things about peeking into various corners of the collectible world is discovering what was considered risqué in the past - things

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like French and other comic postcards, subtly suggestive movie star pinup photographs, the Vargas girls in Esquire magazine and Playboy centerfolds. Miniaturized versions can be seen in card form via what are known as peep-machine pinups, though there wasn't any peeping involved.

Also categorized as Mutoscope cards, they date back to the 1940s, when the International Mutoscope Reel Co. began to manufacture coin-operated vending machines that offered 5-by-3-inch cards depicting local attractions, movie star photos, cartoon characters and, especially, playfully sexy pinup girls, which were accompanied by a humorous, punning title such as "Sorry - I'm All Tied up for Tonight." The machines were usually found in penny arcades, where they became popular attractions, and the cards are now seen as amusing, inexpensive collectibles.

Some of the most famous pinup illustrators in America applied their skills to this form. One of the key figures was Minnesota native Gil Elvgren, who had a long career beginning in the 1930s, which included other aspects of commercial art as well. He worked for more than 30 years for the firm of Brown and Bigelow, calendar publishers in St. Paul, but his lasting reputation rests more with his extended association with Coca-Cola, for whom he portrayed wholesome, idealized images of young women and happy families. He also did advertising art and illustrated stories in many mainstream magazines, including The Saturday Evening Post and Good Housekeeping. Like several of the other artists, Elvgren's peep-show pinups featured almost-but-not-quite-bare-breasted, leggy nurses, housewives, artists and girls fishing, playing tennis and walking their dogs. A favorite device was having them caught in a wind that blew up their skirts to reveal a provocative

hint of thigh and garters.

Earl Moran was another Midwest-born pinup artist who worked in the tradition of earlier artists like Charles Dana Gibson and James Montgomery Flagg, and who was also employed by Brown and Bigelow. A master of the quick pastel sketch, skillful light and shadow effects, and dramatic poses, one of Moran's claim to fame was hiring the young Norma Jeane Dougherty as a model in 1946, using her fairly regularly over the next three years. In fact, when Norma Jeane later morphed into Marilyn Monroe, she was quoted as saying Earl had "saved my life many a time."

Typical Moran subjects might be a saucy but dramatic drum majorette ("Out in Front") or a topless - but artfully covered - young woman in dungarees and straw hat ("Hold Everything").

One of the few women to succeed in this field was Zoe Mozert, who studied with Howard Pyle, along with such future luminaries as Maxfield Parish and N. C. Wyeth. Her most successful series of glamour paintings featured the World War II "Victory Girls," and she also had a thriving career as a movie poster artist, as well as doing calendars, advertising art and magazine covers. As attractive as many of the girls she depicted, Mozert in fact sometimes used herself as a model. Not surprisingly, perhaps, her pinup girls had more personality and individuality than those done by her male competitors.

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"Peep-Machine Pin-Ups: 1940s-1950s Mutoscope Art" by Don Prezisi and Tina Skinner (Schiffer) offers a titillating array of these bodacious babes, in full color, together with their values (they average from around \$5 to \$15, with a few going up to \$25), with representative examples by Mozart, Moran, Elvgren, Mable Harris, K.O. Munson, Billy DrVorss and Edward D'Ancona, plus a brief history of the genre and biographical sketches of a few of the principal artists.

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.

SPORTS

Loss to Libertyville ends Dons' season

October 28, 2006 - IHS State Playoffs - ND v. Libertyville Notre Dame Football was back in the state playoffs after a two-year absence, and their

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task as a 5-4, #16 seed, was to play 9-0, No. 1-seeded Libertyville. What a great challenge for the Dons, and what a great opportunity to do this on the big stage of the IHS 7A state football playoffs.

Taking the opening kickoff,

Libertyville marched methodically down the field on an 11-play drive to draw first blood. The Wildcats extended their lead to 10-0 on a 20 yd. field goal on their 2nd possession of the 1st quarter.

As the 2nd quarter began, the Dons marched down the field on a 13-play scoring drive. Runs by RB Matt Jackson, QB Jeff Larsen and RB Tom Sheehan, and catches by WR Mike Panek, WR Mike Achino, and WR Rich Ruff put the ball at the Wildcats 15 yd. line. RB Matt Jackson scampered into the

end zone on a beautiful draw play with lead blocks by David Hays, John Gawron, Matt Gallery, Jeff Hokl and Vince Cullotta. Mark Gustafson boot- ed thru the PAT to put the Dons back in contention at 10-7.

Stubborn defensive play by both teams kept the score 10-7 at halftime. Libertyville scored their second touchdown in the middle of the third quarter on an 11 yd. run, and the Wildcats added a 4th quarter punt return touchdown to take a commanding 23-7 lead. The Dons were not done as QB Jeff Larsen con-

nected with WR Marc Bianchini, RB Tom Sheehan and WR Rich Ruff on a fast pace no-huddle segment. Jeff Larsen scrambled into the end zone on a 4 yd. run that concluded this ND drive, but the Dons did not convert the 2-point attempt, making the score 23-13.

With less than 5 minutes to go in the game and needing two scoring possessions, ND tried but failed on an on-side kick attempt. Libertyville subsequently scored to make the final tally 31-13.

Superb defensive perform-

ances were turned in by LB Rick Szukala, DB Brendan Murray, DL Joe Springer, DL Matt Franzen, LB Bo Cisek, LB Jason Burgos, DB Peter Fudalej, DL Shane Murray, DL Mike Gill, DB P.J. Cummings, DB Andrew Jahns, LB Brendan McAleer and DL Vince Cullotta.

This playoff loss ends the Dons 2006 season - a successful season that saw 30 seniors and 28 juniors bond and work together as good teammates and brothers for the common goal and responsibility of "Putting on the Green."



St. Juliana homecoming tradition

The annual Homecoming Celebration for the St. Juliana Football teams was held on Saturday, October 14, 2006. The day's activities began with the football players, cheerleaders, parents, and fans attending Mass in St. Juliana Church at 8:30 AM. Following that liturgy there was a parade from the school parking lot to Brooks Park where the 5th grade scrimmage was played at 9:45 AM, the Junior Varsity game was played at 10:30 and the Varsity team, played at 12:00 noon. This year St. Juliana played Immaculate Conception School at the October 14th Homecoming. The St. Juliana Junior Varsity team won their game against Immaculate Conception by a score of 27 - 7 and remain undefeated in their league. The Varsity Football team was also victorious by the score of 12 - 6.

The St. Juliana School football teams are under the direction of Athletic Director Mr. Fred LaCerra, who coordinates all the school's interscholastic and intramural athletic programs for girls and boys.

Mr. Terry Gavin and daughter Tara Gavin enjoying the St. Juliana Homecoming game at Brooks Park in Chicago. Above Top: Enthusiastic fans Tara Gavin, Jacquie Fegan, and Liz Hickey decked out in St. Juliana school colors of green and white.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Bowled Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Points	Wm	Lost
Bielinski and Bono Dental	39	17
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Village of Nile annual Carbon Monoxide Program

The Village of Niles Community Development Department and the Niles Senior Center work together to offer FREE residential inspections for carbon monoxide emissions and natural gas leaks.

Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Carbon

Monoxide Appointment Line 847-588-8480 beginning Monday, November 13th.

Ridgeville Band of Evanston

Tuesday, November 14, 5 - 9 p.m. \$12

This fabulous band is back for another great evening of music. Prior to them evening's entertainment, you will enjoy a delicious meal (served at 5:30) featuring a boneless breast of chick-

en served with delicious side dishes and dessert. Following dinner, we'll play a few games of BINGO while the band sets up. Open to both residents and non residents.

Happy Birthday, Mozart

Wednesday, November 15 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. \$5

In recognition of Mozart's 250 birthday, Jim Kendros, professor of music and music historian, will be here to give a wonderful

overview of Wolfgang's life and music. Hear beautiful sonatas, concertos, chamber works and operas. After the program, enjoy

Holiday Grief Support Group Begins

Tuesday, November 14

The Niles Senior Center will hold a five-session holiday Grief Support Group to help Niles seniors cope with the loss of a spouse/loved one during the holiday season. The group begins on Tuesday, November 14 at 2:00PM and runs through December 19th. Please contact Bev Wessels, Ewa Nevlar or Melanie Amin (847 588-8420) for information about this program. The program is offered at no cost, but enrollment is necessary.

Bavarian Christmas

Monday, Dec. 11th 10 - 4:00 p.m. \$55

Experience the sights, sounds and taste of Bavaria during this fabulous trip. Visit the Christkindlmarkt in Daley Plaza! Enjoy the festive atmosphere around Chicago's beautiful Christmas Tree! Tour St. Benedict Church, founded by German Catholics in 1902. Feast

on a hearty German lunch at the Brauhaus. Before returning to the Center, we'll stop at a fabulous deli on Lincoln to shop for goodies to take home.

Lunch with the Red Hatters

The Red Hatters have reservations at Walters Restaurant, 28 Main Street in Park Ridge on Wednesday, November 15th. Join us for a family-style meal featuring salad, veal Marsala, chicken Vesuvio, mostaccioli, Greek style Tilapia, and dessert. Please call Kelly for carpooling and/or directions. Red hat and purple outfit are required. Cost \$15.

Hot Dog and a Movie

The Producers Wed., Nov 15th 5 - 8:30 p.m.

This is the story of two would-be theatrical moguls turned con men who hope to make a financial killing by producing the world's worst musical - "Springtime for Hitler." If you will be joining us for a hot dog, you must register in advance. There is no charge if you are just coming for the movie. Dinner is served promptly at 5:00 p.m. (2005 PG13)

Taking a step in the right direction at Morton Grove

Morton Grove Senior News

'Take a Step in the Right Direction' Lecture

Dr. Mark Neamand, D.P.M., Podiatric Physician and Surgeon, will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Dr. Neamand will discuss general foot health, common foot problems, Medicare approved diabetic shoes and foot surgeries. After the presentation there will be foot screenings for those who are interested. There will be a \$1 charge for Senior Center Members and \$1.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

Mall Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the 'Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Nov. 14 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pickups begin at 9:15 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 10:15 a.m. Trips are free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others.

Blood Pressure Screening

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

'Identity Theft' Lecture

Identity theft is a serious crime that occurs when someone uses personal information such as a name, Social Security number, passport, bank account and other data without the owner's knowledge to commit fraud or theft. Find out how thieves acquire this information and what can be done for protection at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

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. Upon completion drivers 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 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Prairie View Community Center. Then in October the course dates have been changed to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

'Forever Plaid' Play

Four young men destined to be the next "big thing" on the 1950s pop music scene were killed in a car crash. The "Plaids" have been brought back for a chance to perform the concert they never made it to during this melodious and humorous performance on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Drury Lane Theater. Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will enjoy this show along with lunch. The bus leaves the Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. The cost is \$63 for Senior Center Members and \$72.50 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

Museum of Science & Industry

The "Christmas Around the World" and "U-505 Submarine" Exhibits will be taken in by trav-

9 at Morton Grove Fire Station #4 on Lincoln and Callie Avenues. The cost is \$32 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Register at the Senior Center before Nov. 6.

Visually Impaired Motivators

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

elers from the Morton Grove Senior Center on Wednesday, Nov. 22. This trip will also include free time to enjoy favorite Museum exhibits. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost is \$41 for Senior Center Members and \$47 for non-members and includes transportation, admission, U-505 on-board tour, and a sandwich lunch. Register in-person at the Senior Center.

Long Grove Confectionary Tour

Join travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center on a tour of this Long Grove specialty chocolate kitchen on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Learn about the chocolate making process as well as the history of the Long Grove Confectionary. After the tour enjoy discounts in their factory store. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$6 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

'Medicare Part D' Presentation

Medicare Party D open enrollment begins on Nov. 15 and continues through Dec. 31, 2006. Many people have questions about this program and all the choices it has to offer. The Morton Grove Senior Center will host a representative from CVS/pharmacy at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29 to provide information and to answer individual questions. Please register for this free program before Nov. 15 by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Two for the Road' Concert

This musical duo will entertain with singing and acoustic guitar at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30. "Two for the Road" has traveled to many venues in the area and received rave review for their performances. The fee for their show is \$3 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$3.50 for non-members. Refreshments will be served. Please register in at the Senior Center.

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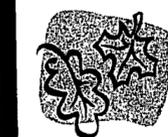
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Retirement could mar wife's near-perfect life

By Doug Mayberry
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My husband is a Type A, gung-ho executive. I love him, and we've been married 38 years. He works hard, takes wonderful care of our family,

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and our life is nearly perfect. He is 64 and his company retires employees at 65. He believes retirement will be great. I am now waking up with nightmares thinking about how our routine will change next year. We're going to be thrown out of balance, and I am seriously worried about our future relationship. Am I justified in doing so?

A: Yes. Your upcoming challenge is to nurture and coach your husband toward your new lifestyle. Discuss the details of how your daily patterns will need to be redefined: how he will accept not having an assistant, feeling guilty about not doing anything that

makes a difference, not being able to keep score by the money he makes, needing to build new male friendships on the basis of being equals rather than being the boss, not having a schedule, spending 24 hours a day with you, and other challenges.

Anticipating these expectations will be a heads-up for him, as opposed to plunging into retirement blindfolded. If he is not a member of a civic organization, now is an opportunity to get involved. With his management skills, dozens of charities would cherish his leadership talents. Don't forget the importance of relocating to where his passions - such as golf or fishing - are readily available.

A husband's wish is that his partner also enjoys his avocations. If you do not currently do so, are you prepared to learn how to bowl or play golf? Remind yourselves of the fun you had when you were courting. Soon, you will have more. See Doug, page 19



The Maine Township Democrats held a Senior Citizen Bingo event last week at the White Eagle.

Maine Dems sponsor Senior Bingo

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A senior citizen's bingo organized by the Maine Township Democratic Organization was recently held at the White Eagle Banquets in Niles and various candidates sponsored the games.

Most of the entire room at the White Eagle was filled with seniors, with hands placed on their BINGO cards, ready to play.

The senior bingo is held

twice a year, before the Primary and General Election. In past years, about 800 to 1,000 seniors have come to the event.

"All the money that we take in goes all back to the people," said Linda Sroka, of the Maine Township Democratic Organization. "It's the biggest bingo event in the state of Illinois."

Village of Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase and Laura Murphy helped to put on the event.

Governor Rod Blagojevich was invited to the senior bingo, but could not make the event.

Cook County Board President candidate, Todd Stroger, came up to the front of the room to call out a bingo number.

A senior bingo queen and king, Pauline Froman and William Abel, were also named at the event.

"It's fun," said Froman, about playing Bingo and meeting the candidates.

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'Leaving Iowa' Play

"Leaving Iowa" is a hilarious sentimental comedy about family and family vacations, which travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will enjoy on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The Detroit Free Press nominated this pro-

duction for "Best New Play" in the country and the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times and WGN have also critically acclaimed it. This play is guaranteed to have the audience laughing and remembering the childhood vacations that they tried to forget. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. for the Royal George Theatre in Chicago and return at 5 p.m. The

cost for those who register before Nov. 13 is \$56 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$65 for non-members. The cost for those who register on Nov. 14 or after will pay \$65 (Members) and \$75 (non-members). Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

'The Mikado'

Victorian England meets an imaginary imperial Japan in this sparkling send-up of all things British by the renowned musical theater team of Gilbert and Sullivan. Enjoy such songs as "Titwillow," "A Wand'ring Minstrel," "I and Three Little Maids from School." Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will depart for the Cahn Auditorium in Evanston at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and return at 5 p.m. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Nov. 27 at a cost of \$40 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$46 for non-members. Registration fees after Nov. 28 are \$46 for Senior Center Members and \$53 for non-members.



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Park Ridge Seniors plan 'Chicago Christmas'

Park Ridge Senior News

Chicago Christmas

Many dates are already in place for the coming holiday season including trips, banquets and parties. A Dazzling Chicago Christmas is planned for Wednesday, November 29 starting at 8:30 am and returning at 4 p.m. This day will include a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry to enjoy the Christmas trees of

"Christmas Around the World" a favorite exhibit for over 60 years. Then a special guided tour of the Palmer House, which has been restored to its original elegant beauty and decorated in holiday finery.

Lunch will be at the Palmer House French Quarter Restaurant. There will also be time to visit the Christkindel Market at the Daley Center with over 40 booths featuring handmade ornaments, nesting dolls, roasted almonds, beer steins and the famous

Christmas Stollen. For this full day comfortable shoes are recommended. Reservations are required according to current policy...members only. A charge of \$74.00 covers all tours, lunch and motorcoach transportation.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Sold Out

The Monday, November 20 Thanksgiving luncheon is sold out, however, there were a few spaces for the Tuesday, November 21 luncheon. If you are interested, call the Center at

847-692-3597 to be sure.

'Christmas in the Country'

On Tuesday, December 19 its "Christmas in the Country" at Grand Geneva Resort. This Grand Geneva holiday celebration starts with a lunch of holiday salad, parmesan breadcrumb crusted breast of chicken, green bean casserole and mashed potatoes and pumpkin nut bar for dessert. The show "Hooray for the Holidays" follows and is performed by 10 energetic performers. With

amazing costumes, music and choreography, the group helps celebrate the holiday season. Before boarding the bus to return, there will be a "holiday tea." The trip departs from the center at 10:30 am and returns about 6 pm. Members must make reservations according to current registration policy. Charge for lunch, show, tea and bus transportation will be \$75.00. Guests are allowed after all members have been accommodated.

Impending death: the dreaded talk for grandparents

By Joe Volz & Kate Bird
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Gretchen Rigaux of Anderson, Ind., died peacefully in her hospice bed. At 98, she was ready. For several years, she had indicated to close relatives that she

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wanted to join her husband, Fred, who had died in 1972.

When word came that Gretchen had pneumonia and was not expected to survive, Pam Rigaux, our daughter, flew to her side. She stayed close to her grandmother for a couple of days to make sure she was comfortable, including the night

before she died.

As we watch our parents and other relatives become 80, 90 and older, talking about impending death becomes an important, if agonizing, topic.

It's also a way for those near the end of life to decide how they wish to die; it makes this traumatic time a little easier for survivors. Making plans early is better than waiting to the last minute. When older people are unable to make their own decisions, it becomes painful for their children and friends.

So, don't postpone your talk out of fear of upsetting your relatives - or yourself. Once the conversation occurs, no matter how haltingly, any future discus-

sions about end-of-life decisions won't seem as burdensome.

Expect to accomplish little during that first conversation. It's enough to introduce the idea, perhaps quite obliquely during lunch or while visiting. Some people do it by e-mail or by phone.

You can say something like: "Mom, my friend has just been diagnosed with cancer and is trying to decide whom she wants to make her decisions about health care and finances if she can't. I don't know what to say. Do you have any ideas?"

Once you start talking about possibilities, you can shift fairly naturally to what you would want as well as what your mom

or other relative would like.

Our daughter Pam moved to Indiana during the late 1990s when her grandmother was going through a health crisis. She recognized then that her grandmother might want to talk about her possible death and how she wanted affairs settled.

Over a period of a year, she talked to her grandmother about several issues: Did Gretchen have sufficient finances to sup-

port herself? Would grandma accept help from her son or grandchildren?

How did Gretchen want decisions about health care to be handled if her heart disease turned deadly?

Keep in mind that the older your relatives become, the more likely they will be open to discussing death and funerals. They often are more realistic, because we're much younger.

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time to repeat some of them. You'll also have more freedom to share with your children and grandchildren. In fact, after a short time in retirement, many of us become so involved and busy we wonder how we ever had time to work.

Be thankful for your health and wealth, laugh a lot and more than ever, appreciate how wonderful life is!

Q: Aside from all the security issues in traveling these days, I find my most frustrating challenge is dealing with jet lag. We live in Oregon and visit our children every year in New York. The visit always seem shorter than we like because we count two travel days for the trip, and at least one day to readjust to the three-hour time difference. The week only leaves us four days to really enjoy our visits. Are there some new pills or ideas that could help us benefit?

A: There are several options to help with jet lag. Some experts believe you should adjust your routine based on the number of time zones you will cross. Trick your body by moving your bedtime back one hour each night for three days prior to your flight to New York. You can pull your bedroom shades for darkness.

Get a good night's sleep before you depart. Pack your bag the day before departure so you won't become stressed-out at the last minute. Anticipate that there can be delays while being processed through security. The staff will accommodate you more easily if you smile and be patient. If possible, try to take just one shoulder bag as a carry-on. Not having to wait and deal with lost luggage is a winning solution. Aboard, drink plenty of water and don't overeat. Arise early and hope for sunshine, as it helps restructure your body's rhythm. Your doctor might recommend sleeping pills

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Peraica served as a special assistant for the Attorney General of Illinois from 1990 to 1992. He founded the Southloop Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and is currently the commerce secretary. Since 2003, he has served on the Cook County Board of Commissioners. He also served as the International Vice President for the Boy Scouts of America.

Goals if Elected
Peraica did not return calls for comment by press time.

Cook County Clerk
David Orr (D)

Orr serves as the chief election authority in the third largest election jurisdiction in the country. He led the fight to implement the motor voter law in Illinois. He serves as president of the National Association of County Recorders. Orr spearheaded the legal fight to fully implement the National Voter Registration Act.

Goals if Elected
Orr did not return calls for comment by press time.

Nancy Carlson (R)

Carlson did not return calls for comment by press time.

Cook County Sheriff
Thomas Dart (D)

Dart began his career as an assistant Cook County state's attorney, where he prosecuted hundreds of felony crimes. In 1992, after being appointed to fill a vacancy in the state senate, Dart was elected as state representative for a diverse district on Chicago's southside. Dart received the "Legislator of the Year" award from a few different groups.

Goals if Elected
"The most important issue is the spread of gang crimes in the suburbs," Dart believes. If elected he plans "to hold regular strategy sessions with suburban police chiefs to analyze crime data and form multi-jurisdictional tactical teams to target problem areas."

Peter Garza (R)

Garza has served as a criminal investigator for the Cook County State's Attorneys office since 1993. Recently, he has been assigned to the General Investigations Unit as the

Deputy Supervisor. Garza has been appointed to the White House's national advisory committee on domestic violence, was recognized for a six-month long investigation and apprehension of a child sex offender.

Goals if Elected
"I think the most important thing is bringing back the culture of law enforcement to the office that is now more like a ward, or a political dumping ground," Garza said.

Cook County Treasurer
Maria Pappas (D)

Pappas manages the second largest property tax collected in the United States. Prior to being elected as treasurer, Pappas served as an elected Cook County Commissioner. She implemented a lockbox system for collecting and processing taxes and made paying property taxes more convenient. The office went from four computers to a networked system of 150 computers.

Goals if Elected
Pappas did not return calls by press time.

Eric Peck (R)

Peck did not return calls by press time.

Cook County Assessor
James Houlihan (D)

Houlihan did not return calls by press time.

Commissioner 9th Dist.
Jodi Biancalana (R)

Biancalana, a life long resident of Chicago, Biancalana currently teaches in the sixth grade at the Helen M. Hefferan Elementary School on Chicago's west side, where she was appointed as the sixth grade team leader. She was also the director of marketing services at Landmark Incentive Marketing, Inc.

Goals if Elected
Biancalana did not return calls by press time.

Peter Silvestri (D)

Silvestri is serving his third

term on the Cook County Board of Commissioners. He has supported conservative spending and controlled tax policies and actions. Silvestri is president of the Village of Elmwood Park, serving in this position since May of 1998. Silvestri is also a licensed attorney and has served as a former village trustee and president of the Elmwood Park Board of Education.

Goals if elected
"[My constituents are] facing excessive taxation with a poor performance by the county government in terms of the way the services are delivered," Silvestri said. If elected, he hopes "to continue to reform the way the county government operates so that the finances are brought under control and we meet our core mission."

Don't forget to vote
Make your decision on Tuesday November 7 in the General Election. For a list of polling places, and more voter information, visit the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookctyclerk.com and click on the elections tab.

Audiences 'Catch a Fire' with new film

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

New Releases

Catch a Fire ★★ – "Catch a Fire" only catches fire in some remarkable landscape views, and shots of a giant refinery that is the prime object of sabotage by anti-apartheid fighters in South Africa.

FILMS IN FOCUS

To call the theme dated would be unfair. It is true that the Afrikaner racist regime imploded rather than exploded, giving way humanly to Nelson Mandela's majority government. But the greatness of that is in putting violence and retribution aside. Greatness is absent from Phillip Noyce's film, an often rather plodding, page-turning treatment of a segment of the struggle. At the hub is appealing Derek Luke as Pat Chamusso, a black refinery foreman accepting the system's rules for the sake of his family, and because it beats working in the mines and fields. It takes huge dramatic skill to move excitingly along such a firmly planted groove. A lot of sincerity and situational fidelity don't lift "Catch a Fire" to that level. A Focus Features release. Director: Phillip Noyce. Writer: Shawn Slovo. Cast: Derek Luke, Tim Robbins, Bonnie Henna, Terry Pheto, Jessica Anstey. Running time: 1 hour, 41 minutes. Rated R.



Derek Luke and Tim Robbins star in the new film "Catch a Fire."

Deliver us from Evil ★★ – Oliver O'Grady, main subject of "Deliver Us From Evil," has a sweet Irish brogue and a slippers-and-pipe manner. The

former "Father Ollie" is sometimes filmed at a lovely church in soft, consoling light. But he is also a man who makes you need to say, "Get thee behind me, Satan (or far, far away)." Amy Berg's documentary about the ex-priest has a horror title and is a real horror movie. O'Grady, quietly delivered by the Catholic Church back to his Irish roots after a few years in an American prison, was (is?) a serial molester of girls, boys and even (Oh, Lord) infants. Bob Jyono, Japanese-American father of now-grown victim Ann, who feels her life blighted, hates the term "molestation." He favors "rape." And when he loses composure, repeating that word in tearful fury, and partly blaming himself because his girl was too scared to tell him the truth, we know he has thought of murder. We start to feel the same. When people speak truth to power, but power speaks only to itself with a forked tongue, hellishness endures. One can hope for justice suitably tempered. A Disarming Films release. Director, writer: Amy Berg. Cast: Oliver O'Grady, Tom Doyle, the Jyonos, Nancy Sloan, Case and Jane De Groot, Cardinal Roger Mahony. Running time: 1 hour, 36 minutes. Rated R.

Recent Releases

Marie Antoinette ★★★ – If 18th-century Versailles had left us a home movie – one grand but intimate and mildly daring in its revelations – it could be close to Sofia Coppola's "Marie Antoinette." This royal show is downright royalist. That is because Coppola (working largely from Antonia Fraser's book) keeps it within the gilded mental frame of the French royals, their courtiers, almost even their dogs. Most alluring is Marie, often a bit mindless but not a ninny, acted by that perky blossom of American stars, Kirsten Dunst. She certainly advances past MGM's studio queen, Norma Shearer, who appeared in many of the 2,500 outfits Adrian designed for the 1938 "Marie Antoinette." Dunst can out-dress and out-bustle Shearer any day, in the stunners put together by Milena Canonero, often exquisitely photographed by Lance Acord in the palace and grounds of Versailles (this is quite a visit). A Columbia Pictures release. Director, writer: Sofia Coppola. Cast: Kirsten Dunst, Steve Coogan, Judy Davis, Rip Torn, Jason Schwartzman, Asia Argento, Danny Huston, Marianne Faithfull. Running time: 2 hours, 7 minutes. Rated PG-13.

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Week of Nov. 5-11, 2006

Operation: Goshawk

With eyes like glowing embers, living daggers for talons, and a physique built for no-nonsense hunting and killing, it watches like the hawk it is. From a concealed post high in a tree, it targets a hapless hare or grouse and silently launches its attack. Pitching straight down to increase air speed, it pulls out of the dive a few feet from the ground and, without so much as a single wingbeat, pierces the living daylight out of its mark.

Should the prey detect its presence and flee, however, the northern goshawk fearlessly gives chase, crashing full speed through heavy cover to overtake it. With military precision, it matches all panicky escape tactics as it navigates both the turns and the trees with its broad wings and long tail.

Now in its most widespread maneuvers for the winter, and at its most exposed while migrating, the goshawk also increases its visibility as it extends its aggressive aerial assaults to the active backyard bird feeder and its unsuspecting patrons. Innocents and observers beware.



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LOOK FOR

large, bulky hawk
long, pointed wings
long, wedge-shaped tail
blue-gray wings and back
white underparts with narrow black striping
black crown
white eyebrow
blood-red eyes
alternating quick wingbeats and gliding flight

Northern goshawk

Accipiter gentilis
20-26 inches; wingspread: 40-46 inches
Habitat: dense coniferous and mixed forests
Range Key: ■ Year-round. ■ Nonbreeding



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Today's Mission is simple, strong and straightforward

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are getting ready to redo the master bath in our country house, and don't want anything "sissy or cified," to quote my husband. A

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lot of our furniture is Mission-style, including a few authentic old pieces, but we haven't found anything like that for the bath. Would plain stained wood cabinets work? What about the floor? We have hardwood (oak) in the rest of the house, but how about in a bath?

A: Here's happy proof that in this day and age, you can have just about anything you can dream up for your home.

The perfect cabinets for your Mission-flavored country bath can come from Yorktowne Cabinetry (www.yorktownecabinetry.com).

Straightforward and beautiful in their simplicity - and not "sissified" in the least - the cabinets are worth repeating as his 'n' hers (especially on weekday mornings in the city when both of you are trying to get ready for work).

Other period touches in the bath we show here include the large-size glass tiles (from Crossville, www.crossville.com) on the backsplash.

Glass tile may be one of the oldest decorative materials in the world, but it's enjoying a renaissance all over the house today. In fact, we borrowed this photo from a bright new book, "Glass Tile Inspirations" by Patricia Hart McMillan and Katharine Kaye McMillan (Schiffer Publishing) that explores some of the many colorful effects you can achieve with glass tiles - on walls, on furniture, even on heavily trafficked floors, in shopping centers, for example.

Speaking of floors, feel free to put hardwood in your bath. New, high-tech finishes render hardwood flooring almost impervious to moisture and splashes (just don't leave puddles standing for long). Click on www.hardwoodinfo.com and look under "Ideas & Trends" for an enlightening update.



Bath on a Mission - A double helping of cabinets with glass tile backsplashes puts a new bath in a vintage mood. (CNS Photo)

Notes from High Point

Is the armoire outdated as a TV cabinet? How do you find safe storage where no thief will ever think to look? Why are dining tables getting taller?

Spend a few days at the giant International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C., and you'll come home with all the right answers.

How about the armoire, long a favorite place to stash the TV and other entertainment gear? Why bother? is the prevailing attitude at the furniture market. When you spend into the four figures for a new big-screen, high-def monster - some 20.8 million new digital sets will be sold this year - why not just leave it out for all the world to admire? Besides, today's TVs won't fit into regulation-size armoires anymore.

But since you have to put the thing somewhere, furniture manufacturers are racing to find interesting answers. For example, Stanley furniture added a corner cupboard to its Lincoln Park collection that can cope with a giant screen.

In minimal space, Hooker Furniture's Mirabel is a contemporary console with three lighted glass shelves and a back panel for mounting a plasma/LCD TV. And Harden

even put its traditional Shaker styling in service to the new media technology, introducing a clean-lined cherry credenza that supports a giant plasma TV.

Secret storage? Hooker Furniture scores again, with a 76-inch-tall standing floor mirror that - surprise! - opens to reveal a 4 1/2-inch-deep cabinet with hooks and slots to hold your rings, necklaces and earrings. For about \$800, you can foil any thief (who doesn't read this column).

Why are dining tables taking on altitude? Credit might go to the old kitchen work island that's gotten us accustomed to pulling up high stools for breakfast or a snack. Or it might be the influence of

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FTC intervenes to end MLS blocks against some brokers

By Jim Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Competition is growing between real estate brokers who want to maintain the long-established 6 percent commission rate and the increasing

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number who offer their services for a lower, discounted rate. Various techniques are being used by higher-commission firms to discourage discount brokerage in local markets - one being to limit exposure of properties listed by discount firms on public Web sites.

Five multiple listing service groups recently entered into consent agreements with the Federal Trade Commission to stop anti-competitive practices that prevent discount brokers from featuring their properties on certain real estate-related Web sites. The FTC alleged that real estate brokerage groups use MLS services to discriminate against low-cost brokers to prevent competition.

Those MLS operations are in the states of Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Virginia and Wisconsin. The FTC also filed administrative complaints against two MLSs in Michigan that refused to change their MLS rules. Others are being investigated.

"Buying and selling a home is one of the biggest financial transactions most consumers ever make," said Jeffrey Schmidt, FTC director. "That makes it all the more important that consumers have a full range of options to pick the level of real estate services that meet their needs."

When discussing the subject of commissions, many high-

commission brokers say you get what you pay for. However, according to my observations, there are many highly professional brokers who have made a business decision to lower their commission rates. In some cases, they offer full service for a discounted rate, while others offer only specified services.

Many of these brokers provide just as good and competent service as the high-rate brokers. They have simply decided it's to their business advantage to charge a lower rate. An increasing number of brokers are doing just that.

The quality of service rendered by a broker is vitally important to a home seller. Regardless of the commission rate, it's important to check out several firms before signing a listing agreement. Check with your banker, accountant, friends - and contact a few of the references provided. Most brokers are very capable of providing professional service, but there are always exceptions in any market.

"Home staging" is becoming increasingly important to home sellers in the wake of slowing sales, growing inventories of available properties and longer periods required to consummate a sale. The term refers to making the appearance of the home more appealing and marketable to prospective buyers.

"Reducing clutter and rearranging existing furniture is an important part of staging," said Dana Dickey, vice director of Interior Redesign Industry Specialists, an organization for interior redesigners and home stagers. "It's a fairly simple process and very cost-effective. Homeowners I work with are

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amazed at how the look of their home can dramatically improve with a little assistance.

"We want to give each home that 'wow' factor, especially in today's housing market. Home buyers largely make their final decision based on emotional factors. It's important that a house make a good first impression," she said.

In addition to speeding the marketing process, effective staging can also help boost the home's asking price, she noted. Many real estate agents focus their attention on two rooms in particular - the kitchen and bathrooms. Due to the high level of traffic through these rooms, each tends to collect clutter and become a source of mess.

"It's not that people don't want to pick up. It becomes a situation where the homeowner just naturally looks past something without even noticing it," Dickey said.

Staging is indeed important in today's home-selling market. It can be accomplished by the owner who has the ability to visualize how the home would look to a person walking into

and through it for the first time. It's almost like an actor who mentally becomes the character in a play. This time he's taking on the role of a prospective buyer inspecting his house.

Q: What is a fractional ownership of a property?

A: Fractional ownerships in resort-type residential properties are becoming more popular. It's similar to a timeshare ownership, but for a longer use period each year.

Some of the new fractional offerings are quite innovative. For example, you can purchase a fractional ownership of a unit on a cruise ship that circumnavigates the globe every two years. The Magellan offers two- to four-bedroom private residences, including a penthouse.

If you'd prefer living under the sea rather than on its surface, you might be interested in a unit at Poseidon Undersea Resorts. It's a resort development on the sea floor to be accessed by a unique escalator, now in the planning stage. Or you might opt for a unit on a luxury vessel parked offshore that affords views both above and below the sea. UnderSea Resort and Residences are planning 12 such sites worldwide.

Slapshot rake meets goal

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I must apologize to those of you who have finished raking all your leaves for this year. During the summer, I attended a trade show where a new rake

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technology was being demonstrated. I asked the sales rep to send me a sample and he said he would. He didn't. I forgot about the rake until my trees started turning.

I found the company's Web site and e-mailed a request for a sample; they sent it out the next day. I have now used the Slapshot rake and must say that I like it.

From the name, you might think the rake was inspired by a hockey stick - and you would be right. The same swing that is used in hockey, golf or other sports is more efficient than the typical pulling motion of a regular leaf rake. The whole body is involved, not just the arms.

The tines on this rake face 90 degrees from a normal rake, making it look like they are on sideways. The handle is set at an angle so the shape of the rake is similar to a hockey stick. Instead of pulling leaves towards your feet, you swing a natural motion to move the leaves.

There is a junior-size rake to get the kids involved in exercising muscles they will need for hockey, golf or baseball (as well as cleaning up the yard). There is a smaller rake available with the same lobed tines that can be used as a dethatcher.

The handle is rectangular so it prevents pressure points that cause blisters. The tips of the tines have large lobes that prevent most leaves from being caught in the tines. The lobes

GARDEN TIP

Leaf management

Raking leaves gives you a perfect opportunity to get outside, get some fresh air and get a workout. Leaves that accumulate represent a valuable natural resource that can be used to provide nutrients and organic material for your landscape.

Options for managing and using leaves:

MOWING

A light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves to decompose on the lawn.

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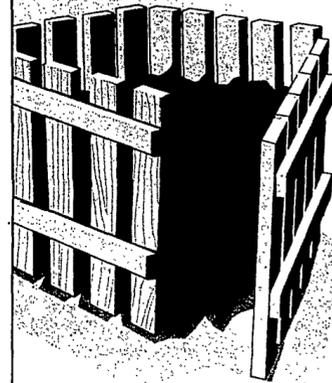
When used as mulch, the benefits include inhibiting weed growth, reducing evaporation from the soil, keeping soil from eroding and preventing soil compaction.

SOIL IMPROVEMENT

Leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flower bed soil. Leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage.

COMPOSTING

Yard wastes can be composted in simple holding units where they will sit undisturbed for slow decomposition. In addition to leaves, other yard waste such as grass clippings, pine needles, weeds and garden plants can be composted.



Source: compostguide.com

The most common method of building compost pile

1. Place a layer of coarse material such as branches.
2. Add a 6- to 8-inch layer of organic material such as shredded leaves or grass clippings.
3. Add a 1-inch layer of manure or rich garden soil.
4. Repeat these layers and keep the pile moist.
5. Stir the pile weekly during the summer and monthly through the winter.

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face both directions, so the rake can be swung to the left or to the right.

In the tall, unmowed areas of good grass, the Slapshot pulled the leaves from the lawn like a comb. In the shadier, thinner areas of the lawn where the grass grows in clumps, the Slapshot rode on top of the clumps, missing the leaves lying on the soil between the clumps.

In really thin areas of the lawn, the Slapshot wanted to pull the grass clumps out of the soil. But, this may be more of a problem with a weak lawn that too strong of a rake.

A friend of mine and I have very similar patio brick designs. During the last year, we both have been experiencing moss growing up in the spaces between the bricks. Short of getting on my knees and cleaning out this unsightly mess with a scraper, do you have any other suggestions? If so, can you also advise what causes it and how to prevent its recurrence?

A: The world is a funny place. Some people want moss growing between the cracks of their patio bricks or steppingstones and other people hate it.

Moss plants grow best in shady and moist conditions. Moss grows fine on soil that is so compacted that there is poor drainage and poor aeration, preventing root growth of desirable plants.

Usually you need to change the growing conditions to get rid

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Rethink your wreath

By Linda Pescatore
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

With autumn upon us, it's time to dress the doorways with a festoon of fall foliage. Make sure yours is right for your space.

HOME ZONE

"When creating a floral garland for the entryway, color, size, shape and the door's architectural style should all be considered," said Elizabeth Souders, a marketing manager with door manufacturer Jeld-Wen Inc. "Homeowners often take their inspiration from the shape of the door itself or personalize their decor using plants from their own gardens."

Jeld-Wen suggests keeping these tips in mind when buying or making door decor:

■ Think outside the wreath. Look to the geometry of your entry for inspiration and drape a garland that follows its form. Match the elements in your decoration to the style of your door; for example, if your door exudes Old World style, use natural materials such as fruit, hemlock, pine and seedpods that may have been used hundreds of years ago in Europe.

■ Don't skimp on scale. A grand entryway deserves grand decorations. That doesn't have to mean one gargantuan wreath; try three or four wreaths that graduate in size and weight. Use wide,

splashy ribbons to tie things together.

■ Explore nontraditional colors. Your door doesn't have to sport the usual reds, golds and browns, especially if your color scheme leans toward cooler blues and greens. Try incorporating dried natural products such as blue hydrangeas, seeded eucalyptus, hawthorn berries and pine cones attached to a base of mixed greenery and entwined with fine French ribbons in your favorite color.

Mind the Gaps

Imagine trying to heat or cool your home while keeping a 4-foot-by-4-foot window wide open.

Sound ridiculous? That 16-square-foot hole is the equivalent of all the leaky spaces around doors, windows, plumbing lines and other gaps in the average home, according to The Dow Chemical Co.

Air infiltration can account for 30 percent or more of a home's heating and cooling costs and contribute to problems with moisture, noise, dust and the entry of pollutants, insects and rodents, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Yet reducing air leakage often costs less than \$200, the DOE says.

One cost-effective way to close air leaks is to use something like Great Stuff, a spray-on insulating foam sealant that forms a permanent, water-resistant, airtight bar-

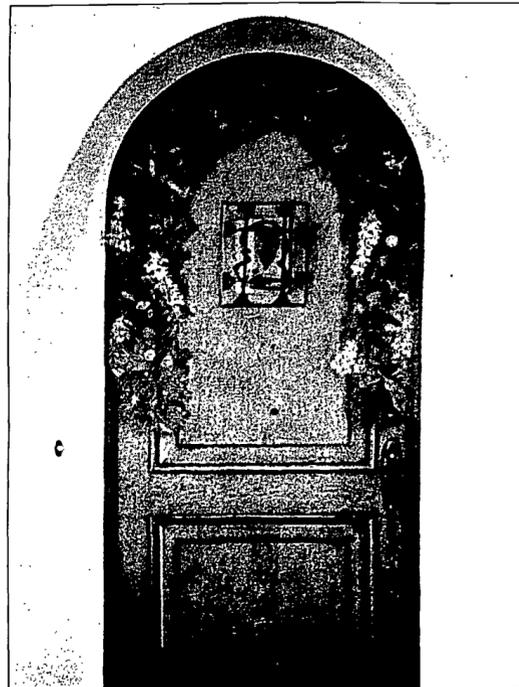
rier against the outside. Great Stuff will even keep small pests out, according to Dow, which manufactures the product.

Great Stuff has been around since 1978 and is the No. 1 selling product of its kind, according to Dow. It is superior to latex products, which do not expand to fill crevices and can cause wood rot or deterioration because they are not water-resistant, the company claims.

Great Stuff comes in three varieties: Gaps & Cracks, which expands to take the shape of gaps up to a half-inch wide; Big Gap Filler, which expands about three times more to fill gaps greater than a half-inch; and Window & Door, a special formulation designed to air-seal the gap between a window or door frame and its rough opening without bowing or bending the frames.

The company suggests you plan where you'd like to use Great Stuff and do them all at once. Not only will you get the job out of the way, but since the product seals itself after use, it may be hard to get the foam flowing again. Also, keep in mind that Great Stuff does carry an expiration date.

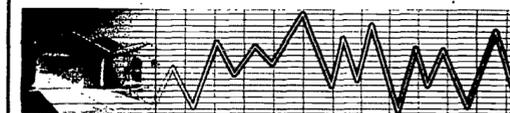
For a list of places where you can use Great Stuff, as well as safety data, a how-to video and the answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.dowgreatstuff.com. The product is available at most home-product retailers.



Beaty Garland - Make sure the shape, color and scale of your fall and winter decorations match your entryway. The charm of the "speakeasy" grille on this Old World style door would be lost if hidden under a traditional wreath. CNS Photo courtesy of Jeld-Wen Inc.

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commercial bars, including coffee bars, that have customers perching to sip. There's also a theory that the higher tables were inspired by outside porches: you need to sit tall in order to see over

the railing.

Whatever. To judge from the many debuting at High Point, kitchen and snacking tables have zoomed up from the average 30-inch height to 36, even 40 inches. And you know, it's actually kind of fun, looking down on the world while you eat.

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of moss permanently, because if you just kill it off, it will come right back. For instance, if this were a lawn, you would need to aerate the soil and give it more sunlight to create better growing conditions for the lawn. But this is a patio that can't be aerated; it will always have good growing conditions for moss until it can be made sunnier and drier.

You will need to use a product like Safer's Lawn Moss Killer, which is a type of soap that

come back.

Moss does not harm patios or lawns; it just grows in the places that grass can't grow. The soil pH doesn't matter, so an acidic soil can have moss, and a nonacidic soil can have moss, too. For those with a large area of moss where grass doesn't grow well, you may want to consider growing the moss as the ground cover or planting other showy shade loving plants that have flowers.

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

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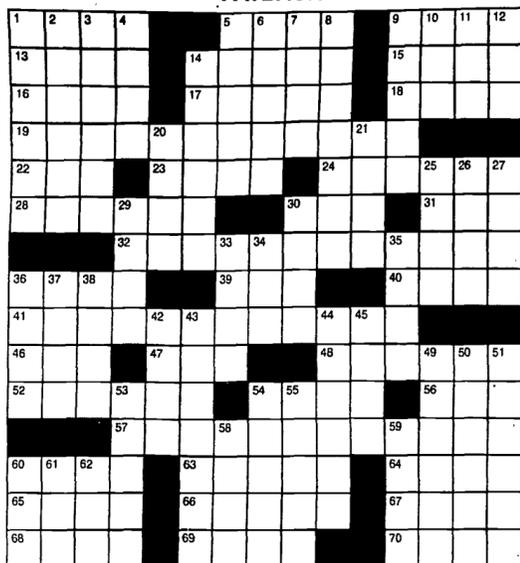
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Trend Of Power (Tools) To The People Grows

(NAPSA)-While power tools have been around since the Industrial Revolution, the Do-It-Yourself Revolution may have had an even greater impact on power tool ownership.

According to a recent survey, a majority of Americans (55 percent) own at least five power tools and 23 percent own 10 or more. In addition to power tool ownership, the survey revealed that nearly 46 percent of people have increased their power tool collections in the last decade. As well, 86 percent use a power tool to accomplish everyday household projects, with one in five (22 percent) of them reporting they use a power tool for every household project.



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The survey was commissioned by PORTER-CABLE, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

It seems the do-it-yourself revolution has not only empowered the "average Joe" but also the "average Johanna" to accomplish remodeling and renovating tasks. This may account for the popularity of power tools among women. Twenty-one percent of women reported owning at least five power tools, and 19 percent of women own more power tools today than they did 10 years ago. In fact, nearly 12 percent of women use power tools for every household project they do on their own.

At the top of the favorite power tool list is the cordless drill. Seventy-one percent of Americans indicated the cordless drill is their favorite power tool.

"We're not surprised the cordless drill is the favorite power tool because it offers a great deal of flexibility to the user. PORTER-CABLE actually introduced the first portable drill in 1962, which provided a compact, rechargeable, 12-volt battery that was carried on a belt," stated Chuck Hardin, director of marketing for the company.

In its 100-year history, the tool maker has been instrumental in bringing innovative power tools to average Americans. Inventions such as the first helical drive circular saw, portable belt sander, portable band saw, palm-grip sander and small-orbit finishing sander have helped to transition "industrial" or "commercial" tools from the factory floor to the home.

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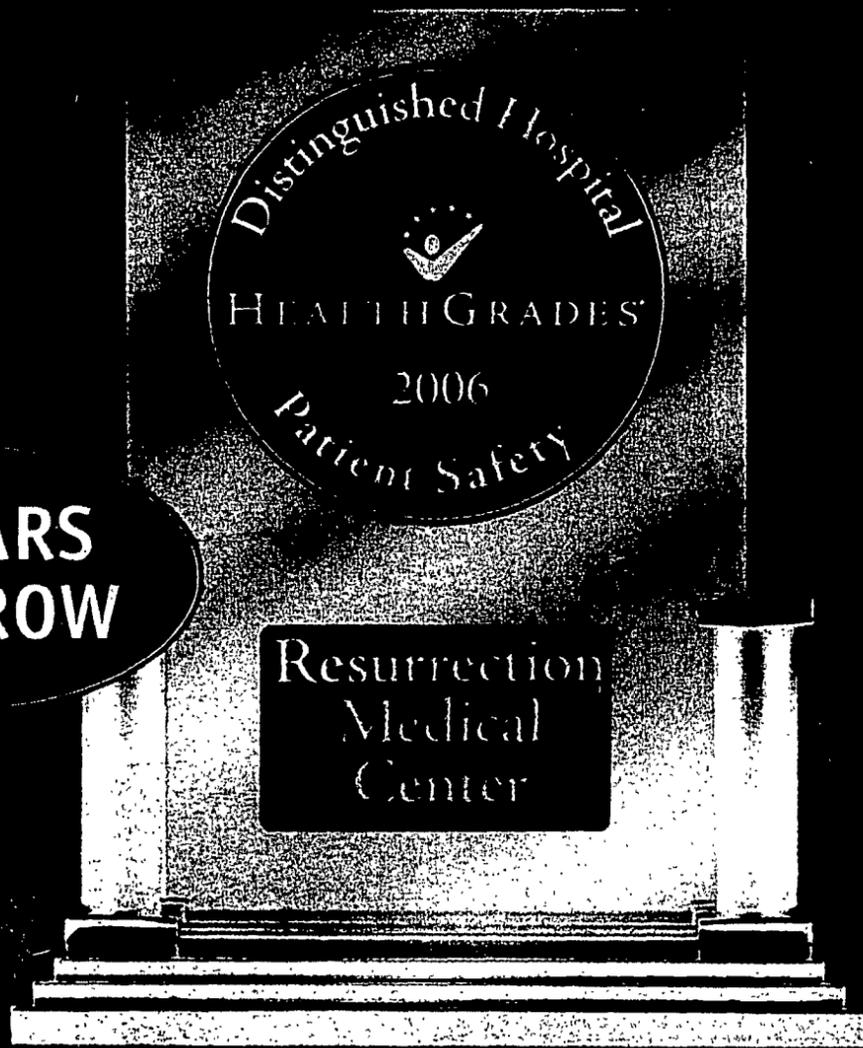
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