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## Defendant in Blase case pleads guilty

### Zdon agrees to testify against Niles mayor

Paul Zdon, a former employee of the Ralph Weiner insurance agency pled guilty last week and

agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors in their case against Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase.

Prosecutors allege that Blase and Ralph Weiner and Associates (RWA) were involved in a scheme of bribery and kickbacks that pressured Niles busi-

nesses to buy insurance from RWA who then paid a portion of those premiums to a "shell company" called SMP that they say Blase controls.

Zdon, a 62 year Lisle man pled guilty to mail fraud. Zdon worked for RWA. Blase allegedly

received \$400,000 in kickbacks for convincing people to use Weiner's services and, prosecutors say, using his authority as liquor commissioner and mayor to pressure some.

Zdon could serve between 46 to 57 months in prison, accord-

ing to U.S. State's Attorney's office.

The plea agreement states that "Beginning in or around at least 1996, and continuing to at least September 2004, at Niles, in the Northern District of Illinois,

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### Snow hammers area



Snow hammered the Chicago area on Tuesday with over an inch dropped by the morning rush hour and more than four inches expected to fall by the evening rush. Niles Police said that there were only a few minor accidents in the morning. Pictured above, Sal Cardenas, of Niles, clears his walk of snow. (Photo by Andrew Schneider)

## Morton Grove approves anti-smoking measure

### Smoking no longer allowed in most public places

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

After much debate and discussion, the Morton Grove Village Board approved a smoking control ordinance at the village board meeting on Monday, Feb. 12.

Smoking will not be allowed in public places in the village except for in bars, retail tobacco establishments, private clubs, hotel and motel sleeping rooms designated as smoking rooms and private residences (except when used as child, adult or health-care).

Smoking will not be permitted in restaurants unless the propri-

etor of a restaurant establishes an area on the premise (unless prohibited by law or ordinance.) The smoking section should be separated by a floor to ceiling solid wall or other barrier that does not permit smoke or other airborne particles to pass through to the other sections.

In bowling alleys, smoking will not be permitted before 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and before noon on Saturdays.

"America was built on freedom," said Billy Greer, Morton Grove resident, who said that every person should have a right to smoke or not to smoke. "It's a tough subject, there's no doubt about it."

"We must ban smoking in all public places," urged Melinda, a Morton Grove resident. "We have the opportunity to do

what is right."

"Me, personally, I wouldn't have a problem banning smoking in all public places," said Mayor Richard Krier. "But I have to look at all of Morton Grove."

Making sure businesses, such as bars and restaurants, were not harmed by a smoking control ordinance was one of the major concerns throughout the process in addition to protecting the health of the residents.

"I don't think it's about revenue," said Trustee Dan Staackman. "It's about personal choices."

At the meeting, Krier publicly read a letter from the Morton Grove Board of Health stating that they are disappointed with the ordinance and they would be in favor of a total smoking ban

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## Youths rob GameStop, steal latest game systems

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
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Two customers with a child were held at gunpoint by armed robbers at the GameStop in the Village Crossing mall in Niles on Feb. 8.

Two masked men in their late teens or early twenties entered the GameStop at 5695 Touhy Ave. and after one of the men asked the employee about Playstation 3 game systems, he displayed a handgun and forced the employee to the back room of the store, said police. The 21-year-old employee was

the only employee in the store at the time.

Niles Police Sgt. Thomas Davis said two other women and an infant were about to enter the store, but they backed away when they saw the robbers inside the store.

After loading their van with video game systems, the robbers fled eastbound on Touhy Ave. The robbers did not target anything else besides the games.

No one was injured in the armed robbery. At this time, Davis said they are unsure of how many items were taken.



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## Communities battle freezing pipes

The extreme cold weather that recently hit froze the water pipes of many local residences.

The Village of Niles received about 10 phone calls from residents who had frozen meters. Director of Public Works Scott Jochim said that the meters are often kept in closets where no warm air can get to them and as a result they freeze. When the village receives calls from the residents, members of the public works department go out to residences and thaw out the meters for them.

In the neighboring village of Morton Grove, Andrew DeMonte, public works direc-

tor, said that they have also received a number of phone calls from residents who had frozen water pipes. DeMonte said they go over to the residences and try to thaw out the pipes and educate the residents, but if it seems to be taking a long time they may advise them to hire a plumber to finish the job.

Jochim and DeMonte both commented that this past snow was very challenging, because although it was a rather light fall the extreme cold temperatures twisted the situation.

Jochim said that usually they would only have to salt

the streets but due to the cold temps they had to plow them as well. DeMonte said they had to add Calcium Chloride to the salt, because the salt generally only works if the temperature is above 18 degrees.

Both towns also experienced a handful of water main breaks. Jochim said that the labor to repair a main break could cost about \$1,000, then there is also the cost of the equipment. A couple businesses in Niles also had to repair some leaks.

"I think the guys did a great job," said Jochim.

## Not the brightest bulb in the box

No one has ever accused me of being the brightest bulb, but I have never accused a compact fluorescent light or CFL of being the brightest bulb either. In fact, I think they're hard on the eyes.

For those readers who do not know, a CFL is a type of fluorescent lamp that fits into a standard light bulb socket or plugs into a small lighting fixture. Just like the long tubes in office ceilings all across America.

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I am extremely guilty about CFLs, because I want to be environmentally conscious, I want to be energy efficient, but I just can't stand fluorescent light. I hate it so much, in fact, that I brought a table lamp into my office so that when it became dark early this winter I didn't have



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to read by the light of the fluorescent ceiling tubes.

But I am extremely guilty. According to the "Energy Star" standards from the Environmental Protection Agency, if every American home replaced just one incandescent bulb with a CFL, we would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent so-called greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to nearly 800,000 cars.

Speaking on a per-bulb basis, CFLs use two thirds

less energy than incandescents, provide the same amount of light, last up to 10 times longer and generate 70 percent less heat.

It's an impressive resume, but I still can't stand them, which is a problem.

I really want to be energy efficient so I can help us achieve our goal of "energy independence." But with CFLs, the cost is just too high.

That's when I heard about LEDs or light-emitting diodes. LEDs are used for giant advertising screens and are now being used by municipalities for stop lights. They are also energy-efficient and produced in a consumer model for lighting fixtures and lamps. The down side? They are best as directional lights and retail for around 40 dollars a piece.

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## Guilty

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Eastern Division, and elsewhere, defendant and his co-defendants Nicholas Blase and Steven Weiner [son of the late Ralph Weiner] and others knowingly participated in a scheme to defraud Niles and its citizens of the intangible right to honest services of co-defendant Blase, and to obtain money and property by materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations and material omissions."

It also states in the plea agreement that "During his employ-

ment at RWA, defendant was aware that many RWA employees referred to SMP as "Mayor Blase's Insurance Company."

According to the plea agreement, the defendant stated he "observed Ralph Weiner tell, and personally told, Niles business owners including both existing and potential RWA customers that purchasing insurance through RWA would allow the businesses access to Mayor Blase and could assist them with problems with the Village of Niles."

A status hearing on the charges against Blase is next scheduled for Feb. 22.

## Measure

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due to the detrimental effects of second hand smoke. Krier acknowledged all of the work and time the board of health has put into the legislation.

"Once again this administration has chosen to ignore the unanimous recommendation that smoking be totally banned in favor of an inadequate feel good piece of legislation that provides little more than our politicians to say we did something about smoking," stated Resident Pat Kansoer.

According to the ordinance, restaurant owners who choose to have separate areas for smoking must submit a conversion plan that is approved by the building commissioner by July 31, 2007. Smoking shall be allowed until the conversion plan is finished, but not more than 12 months after issuance of the building permit.

An owner or manager of a facility where smoking is prohibited will be fined \$100 to \$500 for a first offense, \$200 to \$750 for a second offense and between \$500 to \$2,500 for a third or subsequent offense.

## Hillary Clinton sign stolen

### Replacement sign to be placed higher

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

Park Ridge and Hillary Rodham Clinton have always had a strong connection, but even more so now that she is a Presidential candidate.

Clinton was raised in Park Ridge and in 1997 a street marker on the corner of her home in Park Ridge was named "Rodham Corner." Markers have been stolen numerous times by people who wanted a souvenir of the first lady. She went to Maine East High School for three years where she served as class president and Maine South High School for her senior year. At Maine South High School, they have created a shrine with old year book photos in her honor. She graduated from Maine South in 1965.

"I think it's exciting when you have a graduate of your school that is in a position such as Hillary is in," said David Claypool, principal of Maine South High School. He said Mike Andrews, a current instructor,

graduated from the school in the same class with Clinton.

At the Pickwick Restaurant in Park Ridge they still serve a special "Hillary Burger" with chopped green olives that Hillary first ordered in 1997. The restaurant manager, Michelle, said that a lot of people have been ordering the unique burger now that she's in the presidential race. She said that some people come to the restaurant just to try the special burger.

"That's what she always ordered when she came in," said Michelle, about Hillary's favorite choice at the Pickwick. Hillary was last at the Pickwick Restaurant about three and a half years ago doing a Barbara Walters Special.

Park Ridge Alderman Mary Wynn Ryan recently had a Hillary Burger at the Pickwick with Carol Maureen from NBC.

"As a Park Ridge alderman and a woman, I would be very proud," said Ryan. "She's very smart and extremely dedicated to the well being of the people. I think with eight years as a first lady she has experience that no other candidate can provide." She also said that with her nurturing experience as a mother

she can protect this country in a unique way.

Although she's a huge fan of Hillary, Ryan also said that she is very impressed with Obama, who she describes as very smart and charismatic. She said she would be proud to have him as a president as well.

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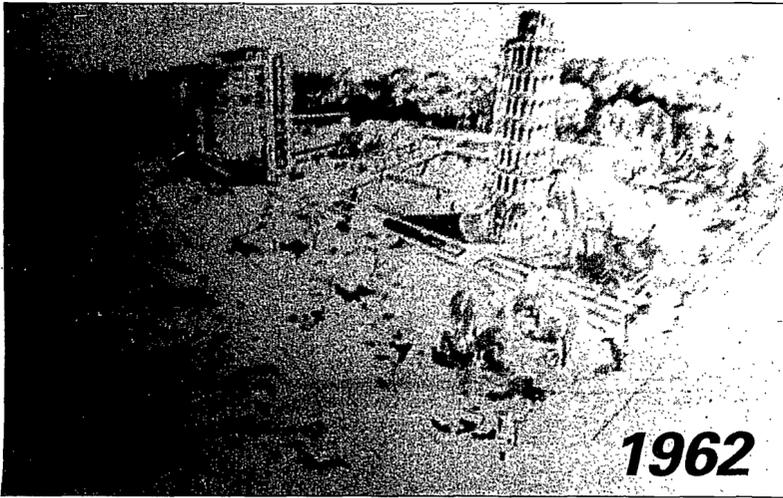
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## ILG PARK YMCA WILL BE 1 OF FINEST IN COUNTRY

Thursday, February 1, 1962

The new Ilg Park YMCA with its modern design and complete recreational facilities for all members of the family will be one of the finest in the country.

With its Leaning Tower it will provide a most unusual and attractive setting. The park like landscaping will create a community gathering place for thousands who will find new interests and fill their leisure hours with purposeful and fun filled activities.

With easy access from both Touhy and Gross Point Road, the new YMCA will conveniently serve a wide area, including all of Niles Township.

If it were possible to project ourselves ahead to opening day and imagine standing at the entrance to the park we see first the replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Unlike the original tower which threatens to

fall at any time, this one stands strong and firm.

At night, outdoor lights will cast the reflection of the tower and new building in a reflector pool that will double in winter as an ice skating rink.

Beyond is an expansive outdoor patio with multi colored sun deck chairs beside the beautiful indoor-outdoor swimming pool. Full length glass sliding doors, permit use of the outdoor patio following a swim. Inside we see a high dive board and a 30 by 30 foot section approximately fourteen feet in depth for those who like to dive. A recreational pool, 30 by 75 and separate from the diving area, is nearby for the entire family to use.

Inside the reception lobby, First Ladies of the Ilg Park YMCA extend a warm welcome and invite you to go on a guided tour of the many other facilities.

Through the glass lobby wall we have a full view of the pool. Parents are watching their children learning to swim. This is a modern YMCA pool, as contrasted with ones that were built downstairs generations ago.

Next in view is a large youth recreation room with a separate entrance. It is well equipped with games and a snack bar. However, it serves as a multi purpose room for dancing, education classes, socials and even lectures as well as a meeting room to accommodate 150 persons.

Across the hall is a much larger all purpose room which can be divided into three rooms for smaller groups. Civic and service groups of up to three hundred can be accommodated. Luncheons and dinners will be available. This room is suitable for many large program events.

## OK VILLAGE MANAGER

Thursday, September 13, 1962

Trustees approved an ordinance for a village manager Tuesday night by a 5 to 0 vote (Trustee Stanley was absent). While no salary was decided upon trustees and Mayor Blase concurred that about \$12,000 annually would be the likely salary for the new post. Trustee Bruno pointed out that the salary is usually based on the size of the town served by the manager.

Attorney Walter Dahl answered questions from the audience, that the manager is being appointed by ordinance, rather than by referendum, and that the post could be eliminated in the future if another ordi-

nance banned the post. Dahl also said the appointment is made by the Mayor "with advise and consent" of the trustees. This means that only a majority vote by the trustees could eliminate the post. Mayor Blase pointed out that village officials believed since they were elected by Nilesites they should have control over the manager. He said if the manager was chosen by a referendum than the trustees would not have this control. He could only be removed by referendum and would have the power of appointment of village officers without concurring with the trustees.

## TRUSTEES STUDY LEASE FOR NEW VILLAGE HALL

Thursday, Dec. 20, 1962

At Saturday's special trustee meeting the trustees saw the initial plans for a proposed village hall created by Emil G. Anderson and Associates. The plans, which were drawn at no cost to the village, included more than 70 individual rooms (including washrooms, closets, etc.) According to Trustees Len Szymanski the present village hall has about 26 individual room-units.

While the trustees are interested in building a new hall several have mentioned they do not believe a referendum for a tax increase would be approved by Nilesites. Mayor Blase said it is possible that Anderson could build the building for the village and that Niles would lease it from

the company for 10 years, at which time Niles would then take over its ownership. Blase said the village is not allowed to contract for more than one year but this lease arrangement might be the answer for such a new building.

Officials believe the village clerk's office and the police department's quarters are inadequate and feel the need for the new building is apparent. However, they are cognizant that taxpayers have been rebelling against increased taxes. Thus, the lease arrangement is the answer which they are presently studying.

Blase emphasized that money for such a lease would come from sales tax money or Motor Fuel money.

## TRUSTEES ACCEPT KOZAK RESIGNATION 'RELUCTANTLY'

Thursday, March 15, 1962

Tuesday night trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of 21 year veteran village clerk Jim Kozak and appointed village collector Marge Lieske to fill the vacancy effective April 30. Mrs. Lieske's appointment was approved by all trustees except John Stanley, who said he wished to pass on the vote.

Mayor Blase read Kozak's resignation letter, after stating he was doing it reluctantly, Blase preceded this by saying he had asked Kozak to reconsider and said Kozak served the people of Niles with zest and devotion. Trustee John Stanley also asked Kozak to reconsider but adamantly Jim declined. Trustee John Poeschl also requested Kozak to reconsider and when he refused Poeschl refused to vote to accept the resignation, but bowed to Kozak's wish when he

requested Poeschl to concur in it. However, Poeschl said the officials would begin the ball rolling for a Jim Kozak Night, but in Kozak's usual independent manner, he said, "I won't be there, I won't accept such an evening, and I intend to travel." Trustee Sam Bruno re-iterated Poeschl's suggestion and said that Kozak would be presented with a gift whether or not he attended his own testimonial. Kozak pleaded that "his wishes be respected" but the trustees assured the audience such a testimonial would be held.

Blase then nominated Mrs. Lieske who had been the candidate for the village clerk's office last year, and has been the only unsuccessful candidate on the New Era ticket. Blase said Marge would serve her apprenticeship under Kozak's tutelage, during the coming six weeks.

# SCHOOLS

## Maine East Team Wins Technical Theatre Olympics



Maine East technical students have won first place in the Technical Theatre Olympics for the third consecutive year. Crew members are (bottom row from left to right): Technical Director Kyle Waites, Katie Lenart, Joanna Szewczuk, Kristina Youmaran and Matt Gajowiczek; (top row from left to right): Vivanne Velazquez and Sandra Swietlik.

## 'Dollars for Scholars' scholarship applications due February 28

The deadline to submit an application for 2007 scholarships from the Niles Chamber of Commerce is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The Dollars for Scholars program will provide three \$750 scholarships to graduating eighth grade students and three \$2,000 scholarships will be given to graduating high school seniors.

A presentation of the 2007 scholarships will be made at the annual chamber Night of Roses celebration on Saturday, April 21. Scholarship recipi-

ents will receive a complimentary dinner and families are encouraged to attend the event.

During the past four years, the program has awarded more than \$14,500 in scholarships to area students from local schools such as St. John Brebeuf, Niles North High School, Culver School, Niles West, Notre Dame High School, St. Mary of the Woods, Resurrection and Maine South.

The applications are judged based on service to the community and school, response

to the essay, awards and honors, school transcripts and letters of recommendation. Students should emphasize their areas of strength.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce Dollars for Scholars chapter is offering the fifth annual spring scholarship raffle with a grand prize of \$10,000. The second prize is \$1,000 and the third, fourth and fifth prize is for \$500. A total of 250 tickets will be sold. Drawings will be held at the Nights of Roses Dinner in April.

## Local students earn Fall '06 IL Wesleyan Dean's List

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2006-07 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University.

From Morton Grove: Eric Sander and Diane Teng.  
From Niles: Bryan Foley and

Kristiyana Kaneva.

From Park Ridge: Tom Anderson, J.P. Carolan, Hubert Cios, Kathleen Conway, Grace Hollander, Christie Hybiak, Ashley Jaconetti and Kristi Katz.

The Dean's List, which was

announced by Associate Provost Roger Schnaitter, includes 880 students from 25 states and 16 countries. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point average of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight A's.

## Sonja Evans graduates from Robert Morris College

Sonja Evans of Morton Grove and Mark Kapolnek of Niles recently graduated from Robert Morris College with an associates degree.

Statewide, 1,141 students

were eligible for participation in fall graduation ceremonies; 378 students received bachelor's degrees and 763 received associates degrees.

Robert Morris College is a not

for profit, baccalaureate and graduate degree granting institution, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Maine East Announces Students of the Month

Maine East High School has announced the December/January Students of the Month.

### Applied Arts and Technology

Natalie Bialecki, Luke Boda, Angela Bolotin, Jeff Chan, Ellyssa Meyers, Natasha Poonja, Kevin Schultz, Aaron Wasserman and Ryan Williams

### Art

Danielle Harloff, Horacio Muro, Janet Sznura and Dana Vattanavanitkul  
Driver Education  
Farah Syed

### English

Zaibeh Ahmad, Christine Balderas, Ankita Bhagat, Hernan Flores, Elliot Fulton, Katherine Lenart, Cherish Scarpelli, Mansi Singaporri, Candise Smiley, Jintu Thomas, and Pavan Vellookunnel

### English as a Second Language Bilingual Education:

Josie May Boston, Jay Jang, Jibit Joy, Enkhtur Oyunbold, Parth Rawat, Ma.Cecilia Regaspi, and Byeongguen Shin

### Foreign Language

Nicole Dawson, Sanja Dimitrijevic, Roberta Dume, Dijana Kapetanovic, Braven Leung, Sophia Rafiqi, Shehzad Sayal and Britany Trujillo

### Mathematics

Grzegorz Blaszcuk, Hyun Kim, Rebecca Kubica, Carlo Lopez, Rahul Prajapati, Michael Szczapa and Chris Wissing

### Music

Joon Lee and Xavier Webster;  
Physical Education and Health  
Carmelina Ardito, Josie May Boston,

Sarah Choi, Andre Scott Colorina, Petre Davos, Natalia Florczyk, Hannah Johnson, Christine Mathew, Alyssa Paguirigan, Omar Palafox, Milica Plavsic, Vicki Samiotakis, Renny Sargis, Konstantine Zabrovskiy and Mary Zambrano

Science  
Julie Alkhovsky, Celina Antony, Sydney Baloue, Patrick Brown, Hernan Flores, Jose Gonzalez, Jibit Joy, Elizabeth Philip, Shreena Pithadia, Manuel Solis, Andrew Suriano and Sarah Yolangco

### Social Science

Parshva Bhavsar, Carmen James DeCicco, Mario Herrera, Rustam Husseinau, Shaquita McMillian, Steven Messer, Cristian Ortega, Shivangi Patel, Abdulmateen Qaisar and Adam Tokarzewski

### Speech and Drama

Angie Bolotin, Matthew Krawiec, Emmanuel Mitoi, Sameehan Patel and Amanda Perez

In other news, a new Teacher of the Month award has been established for the Maine East faculty. Principal David Barker has designated a Preferred Parking Place in the front of the school for the teacher named "Teacher of the Month." In a careful selection process, teachers file an application and the principal chooses from among those well-qualified applicants. The February Teacher of the Month award went to English teacher Mary Fabianski, who proposed the idea in the first place.

## POPULATION SEES 700% INCREASE IN PAST 12 YEARS

August 2, 1962

Niles July 18, 1962 census figure zoomed to 25,011 according to local census head, Mr. Cramer. The increase of almost 5,000 persons over the last census in 1960 means Niles will receive \$25,000 more annually from the state of Illinois from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. The

village receives \$5 per resident, based on the federal census, from this tax fund. The money is used for street improvements within the village.

Niles, the fastest growing village in the north and northwest Chicago suburban area, has increased in population from 3,600 to 25,011 since 1950, a

700% increase in 12 years. Below is a breakdown of the seven census taken in Niles

1962 - 25,011
1960 - 20,393
1959 - 18,863
1957 - 13,949
1955 - 10,199
1953 - 6,883
1950 - 3,600

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# Man accused of domestic battery after Super Bowl

## MORTON GROVE

### 1 Domestic Battery After Super Bowl Loss (7100 block of Church)

The victim said her boyfriend kicked her in the face with his foot because he was upset over the Chicago Bears Super Bowl loss on Sunday, Feb. 4. She told police that her boyfriend also had a unloaded "hunting rifle" in the residence.

### 2 Burglary to Vehicle (6300 block of Oakton)

Unidentified subject(s) smashed the left rear view window and entered the vehicle and removed an IBM Think Pad computer on Thursday, Feb. 8. The computer has a value of \$5,000. The burglary occurred while the complainant, who was driving a company vehicle, went into a store for 15 minutes.

### 3 BB Type Projectiles Shot at Business (6900 block of Dempster)

Police said the complainant was in the show room when he heard two objects strike two different windows on the south side of the building on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Police said that the shots came from a BB or air type gun.

### 4 Returning Suspicious Vehicle (9200 block of Normandy)

The complainant told police that his neighbor told him that a dark green Jeep Cherokee and a black passenger car were parked in front of his house on Thursday, Feb. 8. The neighbor said the jeep is parked in the area frequently and is occupied by two to three teenage girls.

also told police, "Just take your gun and shoot me."

### 6 Theft of Gas (9500 block of Waukegan)

Unknown subject drove up to the pump and put \$10.05 worth of regular fuel in his silver vehicle on Saturday, Feb. 3 and drove away without paying in an unknown direction.

### 5 Suspicious Person Searched (7700 block of Dempster)

The complainant told police that a man came up to the window of the gas station to purchase two packs of cigarettes on Monday, Feb. 5. He threw several one hundred dollar bills in the drawer, said police. The complainant said it was freezing cold outside and the subject was acting strangely. The police stopped the man who was walking westbound on Dempster just west of Milwaukee and did a pat down search for weapons. The subject became very irate and started yelling and calling police officers "racist." The subject threw at least two 100 dollar bills on the ground. He

### 7 DUI Arrest (5700 block of Dempster)

A 32-year-old Glenview man was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 4 for aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was placed in a holding cell for a Monday, Feb. 5 bond hearing. His court date is Feb. 22.

## NILES

### 8 Consumption of Alcohol by Minor (8500 block of Golf)

A 17-year-old girl used her friend's driver's license to order alcoholic drinks on Sunday, Feb. 11. The security officer who was checking IDs said that the girl came in by herself and dis-

played a drivers license and he thought it was her. The teen said she has used her friend's license to get into various bars.

### 9 Retail Theft (900 block of Civic Center Drive)

Police said the subject carried a "Dewalt" six piece combo set valued at \$598 over his shoulder, walked past the register and then walked out of the store on Sunday, Feb. 11. The offender reportedly matched the description of the offender of a retail theft in Mount Prospect on Jan. 30.

### 10 Commercial Burglary (9000 block of Courtland Drive)

Unknown subject(s) shattered the glass entry door at the west side of the building and took \$750 from the cash register, 400 phone cards, 200 scratch off lottery cards and two cases of Greek alcohol sometime between Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10.

### 11 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (8000 block of Lyons)

Police were called to the area

of 9400 N. Washington for reports of subjects breaking out car windows. While on patrol, police found that a 1998 Mercury vehicle was extensively damaged at the 8000 block of Lyons sometime between Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Wednesday, Feb. 7.

### 12 Kicked a Hole in Drywall (7200 block of N. Waukegan)

Police said unknown subject(s) kicked the drywall and made a one-foot diameter hole in the drywall on Friday, Feb. 9. The complainant said the damage was reported to him by a motel maid.

### 13 Retail Theft (8500 block of Golf)

Police said a desktop computer and DVD player were stolen from the store on Friday, Feb. 9. The desktop computer is worth \$498 and the DVD player has a value of \$137.

### 14 Battery Arrest (7900 block of Caldwell)

A 43-year-old Niles man was arrested for battery after grab-

bing a man by the collar and throwing him to the ground on Thursday, Feb. 8. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 15.

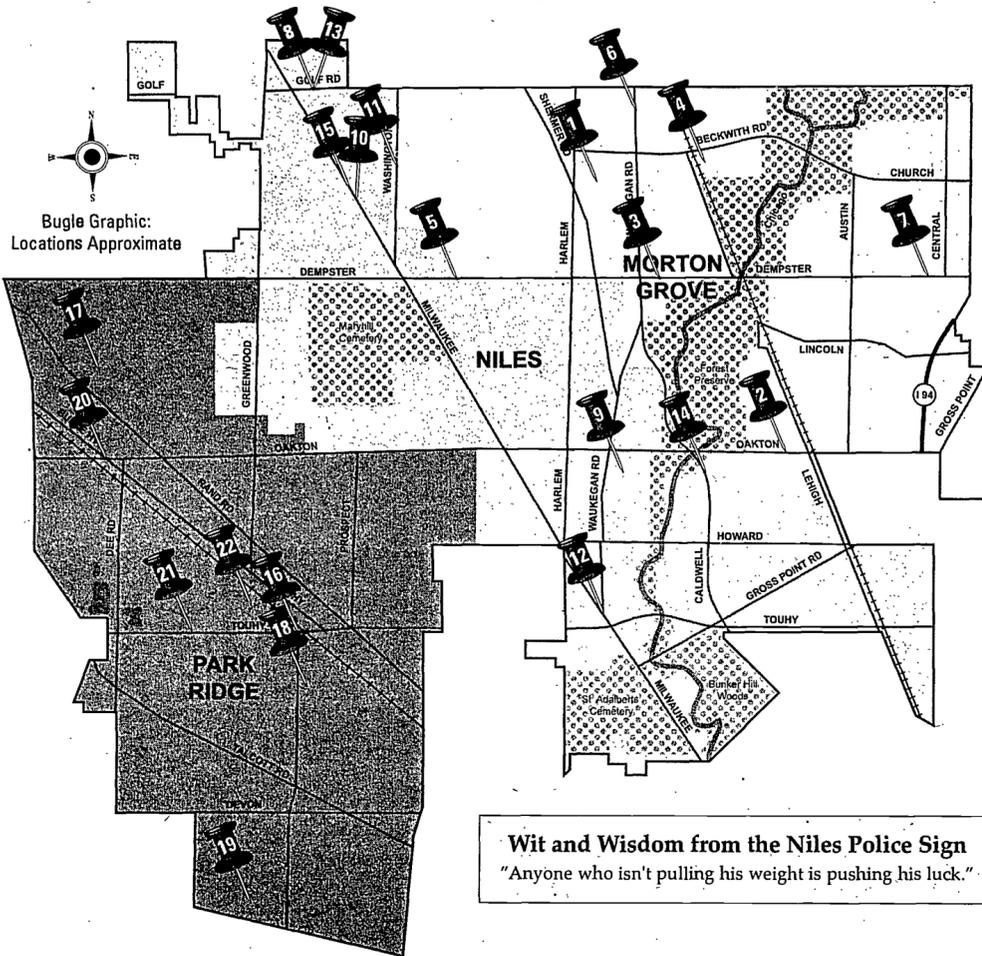
### 15 No Valid DL (9200 block of Milwaukee)

An 83-year-old Niles man who was involved in an accident at the 9200 block of Milwaukee was arrested for having no valid driver's license on Wednesday, Feb. 7. He was released on a \$1,000 bond to his son. The court date is March 15.

## PARK RIDGE

### 16 Robbery (900 block of W. Touhy)

The victim, in her 60s, was in the driver's seat of her vehicle when a male approximately 40 years old, who was walking along side of the building, walked up to the passenger side of the victim's car, opened the door and grabbed the victim's purse from the seat on



Wit and Wisdom from the Niles Police Sign  
"Anyone who isn't pulling his weight is pushing his luck."

## Blotter

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Friday, Feb. 2. The victim grabbed her purse and yelled but the suspect was able to get the purse out of the victim's hands, said police. The suspect then fled the area in a beige four door Mercury or Chrysler.

### 17 Graffiti on Playground Equipment (2400 block of Manor)

Unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the dumpster, school playground equipment and brick wall on the east side of the school sometime between Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Thursday, Feb. 1. The estimated cost of damage is unknown.

### 18 Stereo Taken from Vehicle (300 block of Fairview)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's 1997 Honda Accord by breaking the front driver's side window sometime between Thursday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 2. The JVC stereo worth \$300 and school books were taken from the vehicle.

### 19 Passenger Side Window Broken (1200 block of Peterson)

Police said unknown per-

son(s) used an unknown object to break a passenger side window of the victim's 1994 Mazda MX3 sometime between Thursday, Feb. 1 and Friday, Feb. 2. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

### 20 Appliances Stolen from Business (1000 block of Busse Hwy)

During the past month, someone entered a vacant business and removed eight appliances (such as a freezer, grill, blender and ice cream maker). The theft happened sometime between Jan. 2 and Feb. 2.

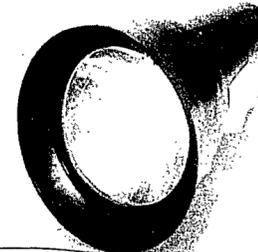
### 21 iPod Transmitter Taken from Vehicle (First block of S. Seminary)

Unknown person(s) took an iPod transmitter worth \$30 from the victim's 2006 VW Passat by breaking the passenger side front window sometime between Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

### 22 Garage Spray Painted Greenwood

Police said unknown subject(s) spray painted the side of the victim's garage that faces the alley sometime between Jan. 5 and Feb. 5. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

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## Guest Essay

### Kotowski Offers Access

A Guest Essay by Dan Kotowski, State Senator 33rd District.

On January 10th I was officially sworn-in as the next State Senator of the 33rd District. I am excited and privileged by this honor, and look forward to the opportunity of serving the families in our area.

My first few weeks in office have been educational and inspiring. I continue to meet and talk with many of you, on the street, at community events, and now in my district office in Mt. Prospect. Please trust that I hear your concerns about education, property taxes, healthcare, ethics and the safety of our families. Know that I am moving very quickly to sponsor legislation and create programs to improve our quality of life.

In fact, after speaking with local veterans groups I decided to form the North West Suburban Veterans Advisory Council. I have also joined

the Suburban and Collar County Caucus, a group of eleven state senators, chaired by State Senator Terry Link, who will be a strong and passionate voice for the unique and growing needs of our surrounding communities.

The North West Suburban Veterans Advisory Council will act as a sounding board for local veterans. One thing I have noticed in discussing Veteran's issues, particularly as it pertains to healthcare, is that our Vets aren't given ready access to their entitled benefits. I will work with this council to represent our soldiers in the district, and across the state. We all have an obligation to serve military members as well as they have served us.

The Suburban and Collar County Caucus will fight to ensure that our region will be a high legislative priority, especially when it comes time to pass a road and school construction bill. As the senator for a rapidly expanding district, I look forward to the opportunity to bring a por-

tion of that money back to our community to educate our children and improve our region.

Many of you know me as an advocate for children, public safety and economic opportunity. I will continue the work I have done in the health care field for some of Illinois' neediest families. I also think businesses should have the opportunity to insure their employees, when previously, it has been economically restrictive to grant such benefits.

My office is now open, and everyone is welcome to call me at 847-297-1133 with any questions or concerns. To paraphrase former President Harry S. Truman, being a state senator is a chance "to help the human family achieve the decent, satisfying life that is the right of all people." I look forward to working with you to make the North West Suburban area a better place for all of us.

## 21st Century Village

A natural convergence is happening in the world. Telephones, televisions, movies, music, books and almost all forms of communication are now all part of a single continuum. As an example, the Internet garage sale/auction house Ebay's top 250 sellers sold over \$1.5 billion worth of stuff in 2006. Time Warner will stop publishing the print version of Teen People, but keep the magazine's Web site. Like with an ocean wave we can either be overwhelmed by it or we can surf it towards our benefit and to the benefit of generations to come.

Niles has a blessing in and abundance of brick and mortar stores. This works in keeping taxes low and allowing services to grow, even as the population has remained fixed at 30,000 people. But, no opportunity lasts forever and as we enter this new age what was once an asset can become a liability. The dynamism of the marketplace calls for greater flexibility and vision. Complacency is the death knell and government must move quickly or better still: get out of the way. If you think that this has



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not happened before think again. Our country is dotted with thousands of towns who thought railroad riches would last forever, but today struggle to survive. Nauvoo, Illinois was once the same size as Chicago and was thought to be the leading city situated as it was on the Mississippi River. Today, it is a small town frozen in time that allows tourists to travel down memory lane to its heyday in the mid 1800s.

What can be done here in Niles to assure a secure future, far into the future? One thing is to make choosing Niles as a business destination a "no-brainer." Zoning needs to be made as dynamic as possible. Seeing prospective businessmen come hat in hand

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## 2007 Niles Chamber Community Guide Now Available

The Niles Chamber of Commerce's annual community guide has hit the streets. Every resident and business in the Niles community should receive this valuable resource in the mail this week. This handy publication provides information on village services, ordinances and demographics. Plus information on the park district, library, townships, schools and places of worship.

The publication is produced each year by the Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry and lists over 450 local businesses who are

members of the chamber. Search for companies by category or alphabetically. "The community guide is great for the people of Niles, it allows you to look up businesses in the area and shop close to home. It also gives information on the village itself with a history of Niles, frequently called numbers list and a map of the area," states Todd Watkins, the 2007 president of the chamber.

Additional copies are available at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., the Village Hall, Niles Park District and the Niles Public Library.

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## Garrett begins initiative to reduce 'greenhouse gases'

As part of a worldwide effort to provide a cleaner, healthier environment, Illinois is stepping up to the plate to ensure that Illinois is a green state at every level. State Senator Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest), along with Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, announced the filing of the Green Governments Illinois Act at a press conference Wednesday. The bill may be viewed at [www.garrett98.com](http://www.garrett98.com).

The purpose of Green Governments Illinois is to encourage all levels of state government, including local municipalities, townships, counties, and state agencies, as well as educational institutions, to make a commitment to adopt green technology through building and conservation measures so that greenhouse gas emissions will be substantially reduced in Illinois.

Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, the Green Governments Coordinating Council (GGCC) has already been established and will provide oversight and direction to

BY JEFFREY CARDELLA  
Special to The Bugle



## Edward Jones How Can Women Build Confidence in Ability to Retire Comfortably?

All of us would like to think that we will enjoy a comfortable retirement. If you're a woman, however, you might be significantly more nervous than your male peers about life as a retiree. This fear may not be entirely justified, but, in any case, you can greatly improve your outlook for retirement by understanding where you are now — and how to get where you want to go.

But first, you may have to overcome both fear and a financial "gender gap." Consider these findings from recent surveys conducted by Harris Interactive:

- 46% of the women surveyed said they worry about losing all their money and becoming destitute. Surprisingly, this figure rises to 48% among women with incomes of \$100,000 or more.
- Women were almost twice as likely as men to worry about money and to doubt their capacity to invest and plan for the future.
- Only 10% of women said they feel quite secure about their finances.

These figures, while disturbing, at least partially reflect some basic realities of women's lives. First, women typically outlive men by nearly seven years, according to the U.S. National Center for Health Statistics — and more years of life mean more expenses. Also, women drop out of the work force for an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging parents, according to the Older Women's League, a research and advocacy group. This time away from the workforce results in women accumulating much less money in their employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Of course, if you are married, many of your finan-

cial assets are likely commingled with those of your husband. But that doesn't mean that you can abdicate responsibility for your financial future. Some 80% to 90% of today's women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives, according to the National Center for Women & Retirement.

So, what can you do to boost your confidence in your financial management skills? For starters, take a close look at all potential sources of retirement income: Social Security, savings, investments and retirement plan distributions. Estimate about how much you might have available for your retirement years.

Next, try to envision your "ideal" retirement lifestyle and put a "price tag" on it. For example, if you would like to continually travel the world when you retire, you're probably going to need more money from your retirement funds than someone who wants to stay home, pursue hobbies and possibly even open a small business.

It's not always easy to plan, save and invest for retirement. That's why you may want to consider working with an experienced financial professional — someone who knows your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals, and who can recommend the appropriate investments and strategies.

Whether you work with a financial professional or not, though, learn as much as you can about every aspect of your financial situation. You'll boost your confidence about having sufficient resources for retirement — and you'll probably enjoy it more when you get there.

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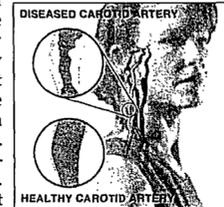
## Tests that can help save your life Morton Grove community helps promote health & wellness

CHICAGO - Residents living in and around the Morton Grove, Ill., community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Prairie View Community Center at Morton Grove Park District on February 28th. The site is located at 6834 W. Dempster Street in Morton Grove. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and harden-

ing of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.



"If it hadn't been for Life Line Screening, I would have probably had a stroke." Mary Coburn Elmhurst, Ill.

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is \$109. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only \$129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit us on the web at [www.lifeline-screening.com](http://www.lifeline-screening.com). Pre-registration is required.



**CHESTER W. SMIGIEL**  
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### "Longtime Chairman and CEO of Liberty Bank for Savings"

Chester W. Smigiel former Chairman and CEO of Liberty Bank, age 89, has died. Mr. Smigiel passed on Monday, February 12 due to complications of Alzheimer's disease.

In October of 2005 as he celebrated his 50th year with the company, he was completing his plans for his retirement. "Coming to work every day and making a contribution meant the world to him all the way up to the last day that he could" his son said. He was especially proud of the fact that under his leadership that he moved Liberty into the top tier of financial strength in the United States. His other major passion in life was Golf, and he was always particular fond of having played several holes with Arnold Palmer in a charity event.

During World War II Mr. Smigiel served as a Sergeant Major in the U. S. Army as part of the "Mars Task Force" in the campaign of Central and Northern Burma to clear the Burma Road. He often said that he never understood how a boy from the heart of the city ever got mixed up with a mule outfit as they crossed the mountainous terrain of Burma. Mr. Smigiel finished out the war with the Chinese Combat command in China. He always said it was the service that straightened him out from being a kid.

Following the service Mr. Smigiel, attended college at night, while working days. He eventually graduated from Kent College of Law in 1952. He entered into private practice in Edison Park where he became active in many civic and fraternal organizations such as the Veteran's Administration, the Elks and the VFW, before joining Liberty Bank in 1955. Later in his career as a community banker, he was active in various local organizations such as the Logan Square Lions Club, and the Chicago Boys Club.

William J. Smigiel, his son commented that "my father was well known and respected throughout the industry for his solid leadership and his special ability to use humor to set his position". He was often referred to as the "Bob Hope" of the savings and loan industry as he was so often the Master of Ceremony at social events because of his ability to make people laugh. Career accomplishments included being president of trade association groups The Polish American Savings and Loan League, Cook County Council and Illinois Savings and Loan League of Financial Institutions. In addition he chaired several committees for the national trade association, now known as "America's Community Bankers". Mr. Smigiel was also one of the first to be permitted to serve three terms as a Director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

Mr. Smigiel is survived by his wife of 65 years, Goodrun; his daughter Sandra L. Schlatterer of Arlington Heights and his son, William J. Smigiel of Glenview and 9 grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, February 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at:

N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home  
1240 Waukegan Road  
Glenview, IL  
(847) 272-3890

Private services will be held Saturday, February 17. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Illinois, 4709 Golf Road, Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

### Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool Registration

Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool registration for the 2007-08 school year begins Monday, February 26 for Residents. Non-residents can register beginning Monday, March 5. We offer both 3 and 4 year old programs. There are a variety of class times and locations to choose from. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, until all classes are filled. For more information on our Bright Beginnings Preschool Program, please stop in the Howard Leisure Center or call (847) 967-6633.

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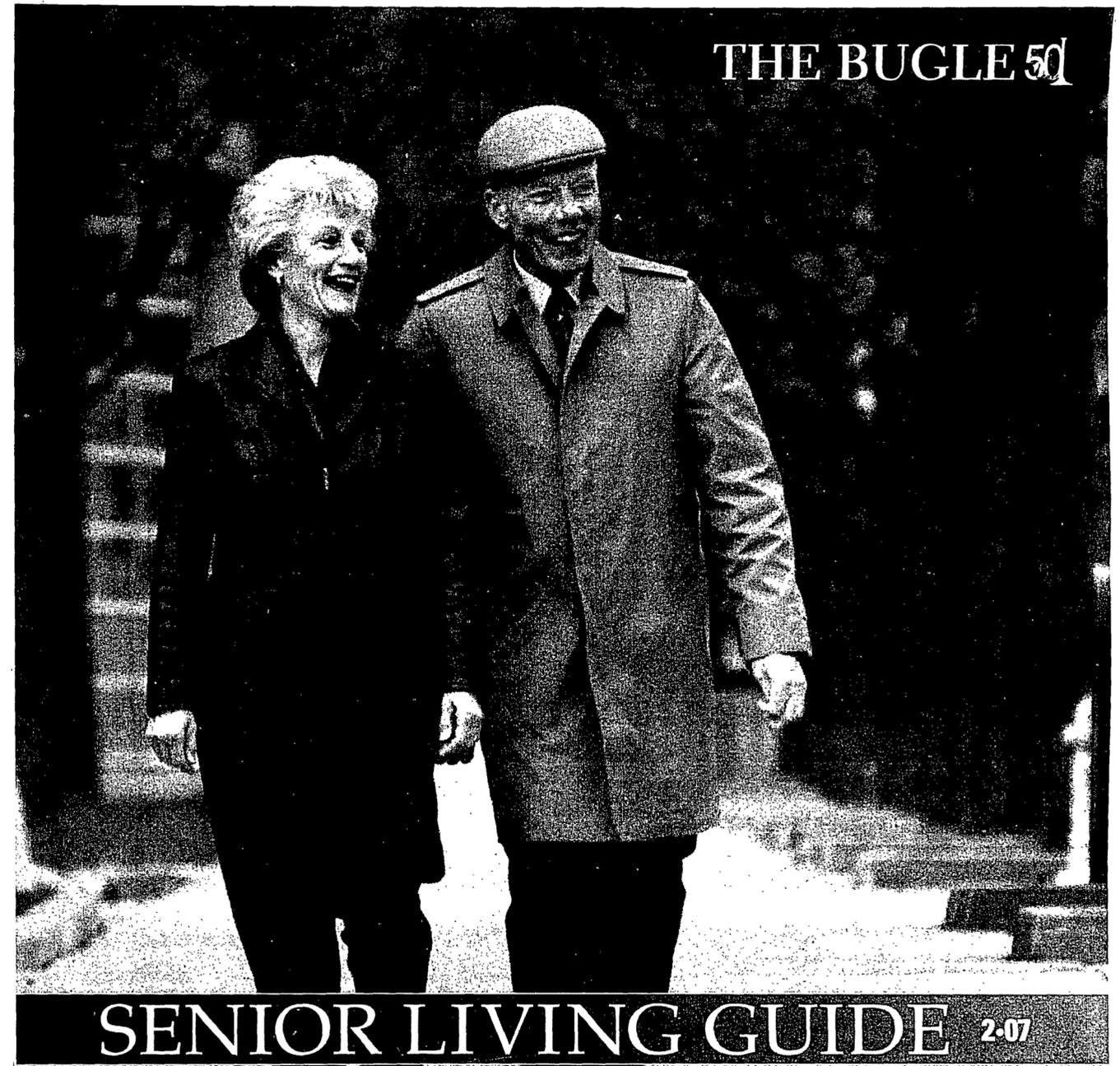
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## Free tax assistance for qualified seniors at Niles Senior Center

### Niles Senior News

#### Free Tax Assistance for Qualified Seniors

February 5th thru April 5th FREE personal income tax assistance is available at the Niles Senior Center to qualified seniors. To make an appointment, call the Tax Hot Line (847 588-8440) Monday thru Thursday, between the hours of 9:30AM and 3:00PM. We cannot accommodate walk-ins. Assistance is also available with Circuit Breaker and Senior Freeze. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact MaryAnn at 847 588-8420.

#### Federal Telephone Excise Tax Refund

If you are NOT required to file an individual tax return, you are still eligible to this refund. FORM1040 EZ-T is available at the Niles Senior Center. It is a very simple form to fill out as it only requires name and address, your social security number and signature(s). This refund

is included on the 1040 forms for those who are filing an individual income tax return.

#### RTA - The Basics

Wednesday, February 28, 1:30-2:30PM Must register in advance.

What does Transit Check mean? Or Paratransit? Or Reduced Fare? And most of all... is it convenient for you? Come and find out just how easy and convenient it is to ride about town. Barbara Byrd from the RTA will be here to answer your questions.

#### Grief Workshop to Offer Support

Three Session Series to Begin in May

Beginning Wednesday, May 9, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas:

**Workshop #1, May 9** - "What has happened to me?" Trying to make sense of the many

feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process.

**Workshop #2, May 16** - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially if we feel that people want us to "move on" or "be happy again."

**Workshop #3, May 23** - "Adjusting to a different lifestyle." At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW, at (847) 588-8420 for more information. This program is offered at no cost, but enrollment for this workshop is necessary.

#### Beginning Woodcarving

Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:30 \$25  
Instructor Irv Marion is inviting new woodcarvers to join his Wednesday morning class.

During this special promotion, tools are included. For more information, contact MaryAnn 847 588-8420.

#### Quilting Class Begins

Friday, February 16 9:30 \$15

All levels are welcome to join in this 4 session class, taught by Louise Gray, scheduled to meet Feb. 16th, March 2, 9, & 16th. The project is a table runner. Sample and supplies list are available at the Senior Center. For more information, contact MaryAnn (847 588-8420).

#### Hooked on Fishing Kick-Off

Monday, March 19, 1:30-2:30PM

Join us as we take a look at the upcoming season! Guest speaker, raffle, refreshments! 2007 schedule and season's info will be available. FREE but please register in advance.

#### St. Joe's/St. Pat's Day Party

Friday, March 16, 11am - 2:30PM

It's corned beef and cabbage time, served with rye bread.

potatoes, carrots, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Then join in the fun as the Banjo Buddies Dixieland Trio performs. Raffle. Reserved Seating. Check for Ticket availability. \$12.

#### Music Group Seeks Members

Enthusiastic seniors' novelty music group - The Niles Senior Center Kitchenaires is looking for members

This enthusiastic group wants you if you like to hum, sing or even whistle. If you can carry a tune, bring your voice! We want you if you play a conventional reed, percussion, keyboard, or stringed instrument, guitar or ukulele. We'd especially love you if you play a harmonica, kazoo, washboard, spoons or whatever (have your own homemade instrument - we can incorporate it into the band!). No pay, but lots of fun! Join the Niles Senior Center Kitchenaires Kitchen Band. Call for our practice schedule or for more information (call

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## Top Five Senior Scams

Following, from the National Association of Triads, Inc., an 18-year-old organization that is part of the National Sheriffs' Association, and Home Instead Senior Care, are the top five senior scams and how they work:

#### Prizes and sweepstakes scams

Seniors are told they've won a sweepstakes and all they need to do is send a check to cover the taxes. Or, they receive a fake check for \$5,000 and are encouraged to deposit the money and send back \$2,000 to cover the taxes. By the time it's determined that these checks, which often come from an overseas bank, are worthless, the senior has lost his or her money. Magazine sale scams, where seniors order magazine subscriptions that never show up, also are prevalent.

#### Home improvement frauds

Criminals will knock on a senior's door offering to fix their driveway, then paint it black and charge the senior \$3,000. Or seniors are asked to pay up front to have their

roof fixed never to see their alleged repairman again. One 81-year-old woman who was caring for her husband with Alzheimer's disease paid a criminal \$800,000 and drained her savings to have repairs done on her home, according to the National Association of Triads, Inc.

#### Phishing schemes

Seniors receive a call from someone claiming to represent a bank or other reputable financial institution. They're warned that their financial information or credit card has been compromised and are asked to verify their bank account number or call an 800 number where they're asked for their personal financial information.

#### Internet fraud

Seniors, unfamiliar with how to use the Internet, can unwittingly give their credit card number to a scammer.

#### Identity theft

Seniors who give up their birth date and Social Security number can open up their entire financial history to a thief.

## Talk Tea with Morton Grove Seniors

### Morton Grove Senior News

#### Tea Talk

Tea expert, Anne Marie Hampton will discuss the health benefits of tea at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Varieties of tea will be discussed along with a cup for tasting at this program. Register for this free program by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

#### Mall Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Feb. 27 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.

#### Diabetes Screening

Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symp-

oms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Screening is free for Seniors and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

#### 'A Century of Hats'

Come join the Morton Grove Senior Center as they celebrate "A Century of Hats" with Heather Edgington at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. From the delicate Bonnet to the sporty boater, and from the Jazzy Cloche to the classic Pillbox; every decade holds a tale of the past that is sure to evoke fond memories. This entertaining and interactive show is for all who love history and fashion! The cost is \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

#### 'Little Shop of Horrors'

A nerdy florist finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed. The students of Niles West High School will present this musical theatre production on Thursday, March 8. Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will depart for the show at 9:30 a.m. and return at 12 noon. The cost is free, but please register in advance by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

#### Laughter is the best Medicine

Join Om Johari, Certified Laughter Leader at the Morton Grove Senior Center for this new program from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13. Learn how a little giggling can strengthen the immune system, relax muscles, burn calories, help people get along better, and much more. Register in-person at the Senior Center. The cost is \$6 for Senior Center Members and \$7 for non-members.

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MaryAnn 847 588-8420). Non-residents are welcome.

#### Southside Irish Tour

Thursday, March 22 8:15AM - 4:00PM \$54

On this interesting tour. You're invited to discover the rich heritage of the Southside Irish. Visit the I & M Canal Museum in Lockport and see Lock # 1 on a driving tour along the canal to see what Irish workers accomplished through back-breaking work.

You're sure to enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch in an authentic Irish pub, brought piece-by-piece from Ireland, now located in the Irish Cultural Center. In Gaelic Park, we will have a tour and you will see a beautiful collection of Irish crystal and china. On the way home, we'll stop at an authentic Irish bakery and deli, where you can pick up some freshly baked Soda Bread, candy, cheese and other Irish gift items. Call for ticket availability. Open to non-residents after January 25th. (Extensive walking involved)



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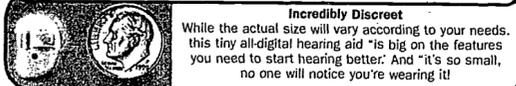
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# Quiet Caribbean island beginning to make noise

By Tom Roebuck  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The island of Grenada in the eastern Caribbean is experiencing a period of new develop-

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ment and luxury accommodations, and general tourist attractions are being upgraded as well. The Mount Edgecombe Plantation project aims to restore a beautiful working plantation in St. Mark's parish. Through this project, the western coast of Grenada will be revived with the growth of every fruit and vegetable that can grow on the island. Added initiatives include Grenada's first eco-holistic spa that will be in addition to the spa and well-being center at Port Louis. It will include 20 guest rooms and spa services that will take visitors back to the serene and organic ideals of nature, while being pampered in a rain-forest atmosphere.

The Grand Etang Welcome Center and Park, along with Fort Frederick and the Annandale and Concord Falls, have been

refurbished and continue to welcome visitors. In preparing to host major sporting and cultural events in 2007, specifically the Cricket World Cup, the construction of a state-of-the-art, 15,500-seat national stadium is almost complete. A home-stay program is also being implemented to accommodate visitors coming for the events. More than 1,000 rooms have been approved that visitors will be invited to choose from, allowing tourists to feel at home during their visit.

The Port Louis Project in St. George's was put into action in late 2006 and will offer a wide range of options, not only for tourists, but for investors, yachtsmen and prospective home buyers as well. Once completed, Port Louis will include a 350-slip, world-class marina, yachting facilities for yachts up to 90 meters, 36 estate lots for individual houses and 280 residential units, and a 120-room, five-star hotel including a spa. Along with these seafront renovations, a midrange, 120-room hotel will be built. The project will also revitalize Pandy Beach,



**Hold Your Fire**  
Fort George in Grenada, overlooks the new cruise ship pier in St. George's Harbor. (CNS Photo)

including extensions, diving, water sports and more.

**FYI:** For more information on Grenada's growing tourism sector, call the Grenada Board of Tourism at 473-440-2279 or visit [www.grenadagrenadines.com](http://www.grenadagrenadines.com). For more information on Port

Louis, visit [www.portlouis-grenada.com](http://www.portlouis-grenada.com).

### Trans Fat-Free at Sea

The luxury line Crystal Cruises has announced that, effective immediately, all food served aboard Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony will be trans fat-free. According to the National Academy of Sciences, trans fatty acids are not essential and provide no known benefit to human health. While both saturated and trans fats increase levels of LDL (bad) cholesterol, trans fats also lower levels of HDL (good) cholesterol, increasing the risk of coronary heart disease. Crystal's crew galleys are now trans fat-free as well.

**FYI:** Crystal Cruises, 888-799-4626, [www.crystalcruises.com](http://www.crystalcruises.com).

### Irish Merriment at the Merrion

The St. Patrick's Festival, March 14 to 18, is Ireland's largest annual party, featuring

music, theater, carnivals, comedy, street arts, visual arts, dance, a treasure hunt and vintage cars, with most activities taking place just steps from Dublin's most stylish five-star hotel, The Merrion.

The Merrion's St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Package, available March 16 to 18, features two nights in a superior or twin room in the contemporary Garden Wing, full Irish breakfast daily, The Merrion's signature Black Velvet cocktail, two grandstand tickets for the St. Patrick's Day Festival Parade and a special picnic box with snacks to take to the parade. The package is \$1,035 per couple, a savings of 29 percent.

The Merrion's St. Patrick's Day Festival Special Offer, available March 16 to 18, features overnight accommodation, full Irish breakfast and a Black Velvet cocktail for \$462 per night for a superior room or \$488 per night for a deluxe twin room in the Garden Wing, a savings of 27 percent. Rates are based upon double occupancy.

Opened in October 1997, The Merrion was created from a row of four restored Georgian town houses and a specially commissioned contemporary Garden Wing, with 123 guest rooms and 20 suites.

**FYI:** For more information and reservations contact The Merrion directly at 011 353-1-603-0600; e-mail [reservations@merrionhotel.com](mailto:reservations@merrionhotel.com); or visit [www.merrionhotel.com](http://www.merrionhotel.com). Reservations can also be made through The Leading Hotels of the World at 800-223-6800.

Visit Copley News Service at [www.copleynews.com](http://www.copleynews.com).

## MG Historical Society offers 'The Fort Dearborn Massacre'

Fred Christensen, historian and lecturer, will discuss the Fort Dearborn Massacre of 1812 at the Morton Grove Historical Society general meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the Baxter Room of the Morton Grove Public Museum, 6140 Lincoln, Morton Grove. Using videos, pictures, transparencies and maps, Mr. Christensen will describe the encounters between local Indians, fur traders and the U.S. Army at the beginning of the nineteenth

century. Mr. Christensen, a former instructor at the University of Kentucky, the University of Illinois, and the US Army Command and General Staff College, has been presenting talks and non-credit classes for many years in the U.S., Germany and Israel. Refreshments follow at the close of the meeting. Members of the Morton Grove Historical Society welcome all to this meeting which is free to the public.

## Free 'Laurel and Hardy' film festival

The Chicago Bacon Grabbers, the local chapter of the Sons of the Desert (the International Laurel and Hardy appreciation society) will put on a free Laurel and Hardy film festival on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

The matinee festival will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Olson Auditorium on the east side of Lutheran General's Park Ridge Campus located at 1775 W. Dempster St.

The film program will high-

light five of the comedy team's short subjects that relate to the arrival of the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Pig, including "Bacon Grabbers" (1929) and "Hog Wild" (1930), along with movies that have supporting actors who were born in past Years of the Pig, such as "Dirty Work" (1933), "Come Clean" (1931) and "Night Owls" (1930).

Reservations for this event are not required. For more information those interested can call (847) 658-3421.

## Morton Grove

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### 'Moon Over Buffalo' CANCELLED

The "Moon Over Buffalo" Theatre Trip that had been scheduled from the Morton Grove Senior Center on Thursday, March 8 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations.

### St. Patrick's Day at the Jacob Henry Mansion - CANCELLED

The Morton Grove Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate in Joliet that was scheduled for Thursday, March 15 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations.

### 'Let's Do Lunch'

Come visit the "Lunch Bunch" any Monday through Friday at the Morton Grove Senior Center. The suggested donation for a hot lunch or the cold salad bar is from \$2.75 to \$3. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, cama-

## St. Andrew Life Center offers free blood pressure screenings

Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 North Newark Avenue, Niles, will conduct free monthly blood pressure screenings for the community. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is known as the "silent killer" because very often it causes no signs

or symptoms to warn the individual of its presence. Periodic blood pressure tests can be a quick way to detect a serious health problem and prevent strokes or other health problems. The screenings will take place every fourth Friday of

each month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Saint Andrew. Upcoming dates are February 23, March 23, April 27 and May 25, 2007. Please call 847-647-8332 for any questions or to arrange a personalized tour of Saint Andrew.

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# Maine Twp. Seniors plan trips, classes and more

## Maine Twp. Senior News

### MaineStreamers

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

### Identity Theft and Consumer Fraud

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No Charge - Registration required

Agnes Ptasnik from the Illinois Attorney General's Office will speak about protecting oneself

from a variety of consumer fraud scams and identity theft.

### Ballroom Dance Class

Tuesday, Mar. 13 & Thursday, Mar. 22, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Instructor: Frank Karl. Cost: \$7.

Get your dancing feet moving and come join Frank as he teaches the basic and advanced steps to the following dances: Rhumba, Swing, Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Cha Cha, Samba, Salsa, and Marengo. No gym shoes, please.

### Traveling Route 66 Musical Luncheon

Thursday, Mar. 15. Doors open: 11 a.m. Lunch served: 12 p.m. Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles. \$13 members/\$14 guests and for fish at lunch.

Come get your kicks on Route 66 as the MaineStreamers' staff and members, along with Township Elected Officials, take you from Chicago to Hollywood in the "Traveling Route 66" Musical. Before you start reminiscing and singing along enjoy your lunch of corned beef and

cabbage, potatoes and carrots, and lime sherbet for dessert.

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### Wanted: Residents 90 years of age and older

If you are one of these special people or if you know of someone, please contact us at 847-297-2510 so we can send the celebrant an invitation to a special event in May.

### Income Tax Appointments

The AARP Tax Aide program will be offering Income Tax Assistance for those needing help on simple tax forms. To schedule an appointment call 847-297-2510. Homebound appointments available.

### Used Cell Phones Collected

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you

would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program scheduled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

### 'Swing into Spring' Expo

Save the date to attend "Swing into Spring," to be held on Apr. 18, 2007 at the Chateau Ritz in Niles, IL from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It promises to be a beneficial event for all those who attend. "Swing into Spring" will provide not only entertainment, but opportunities for health screenings, learning how to improve your finances, and getting information on other lifestyle improvement services. There will also be plenty of free goodies from MaineStreamers and the dozens of exhibiting organizations and companies. There is no cost and no reservations needed. For more information call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510.

Space for exhibitors is nearly sold out so inquire soon to 847-698-5069. Sponsorships are also available.

### Day Trip

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

### 'Wicked' Trip

LaStrada Restaurant & Ford Center for Performing Arts. Wednesday, Apr. 25 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost: \$104 members/\$109 guests

Our first stop will be LaStrada Restaurant on Michigan Avenue. Enjoy a lovely lunch in beautiful surroundings. Choose from cheese stuffed tortellini ala Panna with prosciutto cream sauce and peas or fresh salmon roasted in lemon wine sauce. Both entrees will be served with Caesar salad and tiramisu cake. Then we're off to see the award winning production of Wicked in our first balcony seats. The music, scenery and story will delight you.

# Art classes available at Park Ridge Center

## Park Ridge Senior News

### Art, Music and Dance

There may still be time to register for the new art class at the Park Ridge Senior Center. The art workshop will be conducted by well known local artist Beverly Ellstrand. This 8 week class starts Monday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and bring a lunch. You work at your own pace, whether you're a beginner or advanced. You can work in watercolors, oils, colored pencils or pen and ink.

### Join the Choraliers

Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Then you are cordially invited to join The Choraliers, the chorus of the Center. The group meets to rehearse seasonal and regular program music on Fridays at 1 p.m. They have been invited to sing at retirement homes, churches, schools, and a number of organizations. The chorus makes beautiful music in four part harmony, soprano, alto,

tenor and bass. After rehearsal, refreshments are served. No audition is required.

### Tap Dance Group

If dance is your pleasure, join the tap dancing group on Tuesday afternoons. Beginners come at 12:30 and more advanced come at 1:30. They are already learning new dances for the annual variety show in September. This is a really fun activity as well as being a great way to exercise. You don't need tap shoes to begin with.

### New Member Welcome

The Senior Center's membership committee will be holding a meeting for all new or prospective members on Monday, February 26 at 1 p.m. There will be an orientation given on all the Center's activities and programs, a tour of the Center and a chance to meet other members and volunteers. Refreshments will be served. You are cordially invited to attend. Please call the Center by Thursday, February 22 if you would like to come.

This is really a great way to learn about all the activities, see the facility and meet members.

### Camera Club

Dick Persha will show highlights of his South American trip to the Camera Club on Tuesday, February 27 at 10 a.m. His trip covered Peru, Bolivia, Guatemala and El Salvador and includes Cusco and Maachu Piccu in Peru; historic La Paz in Bolivia; the four active volcanoes in Antigua, Guatemala; and the wall commemorating the people missing during the 80's civil war in El Salvador.

Also, as a part of this meeting, Herb Schoene will offer tips on how to handle your camera in cold weather, including such problems as loss of battery power in cold air, snow or sleet on the camera, and condensation on the camera when coming inside from the cold.

### Social Services

The Center continues to collect pop tabs. Recently 16 lbs. of tabs were taken to the Ronald McDonald house.

Again the Center is collecting personal care items for our troops in Iraq. Here is a suggest-

ed list of items: cough drops, sunscreen (45 plus), body powder (plain or medicated), small containers of shampoo, writing paper and envelopes, pipe cleaners, sunglasses, band-aids, nail clippers, eye wash, AA batteries, disposable razors, tooth-paste, shaving cream (non-aerosol), aspirin, beef jerky, tuna in packets, trail mix and much more. There should be no metal cans or class, no pop top servers, no pork, nothing religious and no products that could make an alcoholic beverage. Items can be dropped off at the Center through March 15.

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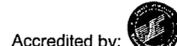
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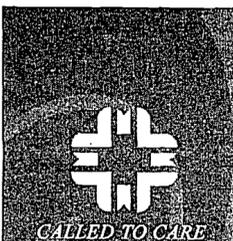
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Obituaries

**Mary Angela Arens, 56**

Mary Angela Arens, 56, of Chicago (partner of The House of Hansen) passed away Sunday, February 4, 2007. She was born February 22, 1950 in Chicago. Loving daughter of the late Clement P. And Elizabeth C., nee Gerken. Dearest sister of William (Diana), Alice (John) Blomquist, Martin, Gerard (Ellen), John (Teresa), Michael (Sandy) and Rosemary (Thomas) Erler. Most loving aunt of Jennifer (Mark) Gidley, Melissa (James) Neyfeldt, John, Laura and Katie Blomquist, Kathleen, Richard, Rebecca, Mary and Jason-Clement Arens, Jack and Tara Sullivan, Bernadette (Kevin) Crowley, Carmela (Mike) Linker, Robert and Michael Mangione, Adam and Elizabeth Erler. Great aunt of Margaret Mary, Michael and William Linker, Luke, Matthew and Andrew Gidley and Eleanore Neyfeldt. Mary was a wonderful, faith-filled and fun-loving person whose kindness touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Our hearts are broken; she will be greatly missed and always remembered. She devoted her life to

her family and to the protection of the unborn. Services were held February 9 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to The Women's Center, 5116 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60630, would be appreciated.

**Peter J. Finan, 47**

Peter J. Finan, 47, of Niles, passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born March 5, 1959 in Chicago. Beloved son of Pater Joseph Finan, Jr. and the late Joan Rita (nee Lamsey) Finan. Loving brother of Lois (Derek) Morton, of Bolingbrook, IL, and Julie (Barry) Pecho. Aunt Margaret Keyser and Uncle John Finan. Uncle of Heather and Mary Elizabeth Pecho. Godfather of Erin, Mark, Nicholas and Mary Elizabeth. Services were held February 12 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. He was a Police Dispatcher in the Police

Department in Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and Niles. Member of the Morton Grove Moose Lodge #376 and the U.S. Coast Guard Aux. In lieu of flowers donations for Masses or to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital or the Illinois Railway Museum appreciated.

**Josephine Moran, 98**

Josephine Moran, 98, of Chanhassen, MN (formerly of Niles) passed away Sunday, February 4, 2007, at Chanhassen, MN. She was born March 19, 1908 in Merrill, Wisconsin. Beloved wife of the late Robert L. Loving mother of Robert, Philip (Merry), Patrick (Cheri) Moran and Sue (Tom) Kelly. Cherished Grandmother of 18 and great grandmother of 20, all of whom will miss her gentle wisdom and constant interest. Services were held February 12 at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Entombment at All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**Leonard T. Olbrisch, 65**

Leonard T. Olbrisch, 65, of Niles, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2007, at home. He was born October 29, 1941 in Chicago. Dear son of the late William F. Olbrisch and Pauline (nee Staniewicz) Olbrisch. Beloved husband of Patricia E. (Paul) Olbrisch of Niles. Loving father of Melissa (Jason) Ewing and the late Mary Olbrisch. Grandfather of Kevin. Dear brother of William (Joan) Olbrisch and James (Dolores) Olbrisch. Uncle and great uncle of many. Services were held February 8 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a police officer of the Village of Niles. Memorials to Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

**Harry B. Peterson, 93**

Harry B. Peterson, 93, of Park Ridge passed away Friday, February 2, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born February 13, 1913 in Chicago.

Beloved husband of the late Mary Jane. Loving father of Cynthia (Robert) Sipkovsky. Dear Grandfather of Ryan, Adam, Neal, Alec and Anne Sipkovsky. Fond brother of Richard Ward Peterson. Dearest Cousin of Lois (Robert) Hilliard. Services were held February 5 at Mary Seat of Wisdom Church. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Margaret E. Tweedlie, 99**

Margaret E. Tweedlie, 99, of Noblesville, IN (formerly of Morton Grove) passed away Friday, February 9, 2007, at Noblesville, IN. She was born March 27, 1907 in Illinois. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Loving mother of Robert of Carmel, IN. Services were held February 12 at Simkins Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. She was a secretary. Memorials to: American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

SPORTS

Dennis Zelasko to retire Notre Dame post

Was head basketball coach for 19 years

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Zelasko announced on Wednesday, Feb. 7, that he will be stepping away from the head varsity basketball coach position, one that he has held for 19 years.

Zelasko said that he wanted to spend more time with his family and devote himself to his job as Notre Dame's Enrollment Director so he decided to step down.

"I still love going to practice," said Zelasko, in a press release. "I just don't love going everyday. I think the kids deserve someone who's going to love going there everyday. I'm just a little worn down."

"I think the kids deserve someone who's going to love going there everyday. I'm just a little worn down." Dennis Zelasko | ND HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

His career started off with coaching seventh grade basketball players at St. Ignatius grammar school in Chicago 34 years ago. Throughout his career, he has coached such ESCC legends as Gene

Pingatore (St. Joseph) and the late Max Kurland (St. Patrick). Zelasko, known to his peers and former players as "Coach Z" has a NDHS career record of 269-238, as of February 7. Under his leadership and

guidance, the Dons were IHSA Supersectional Champions and Elite Eight qualifiers in 1997, Regional Champions in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997 and 2002 and East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC) Champions in 2002.

"To this very day, I'm not sure how that happened, but it was like living a dream," said Zelasko, in a NDHS press release.

Notre Dame Hockey Unstoppable

By Ray Czarnik  
SPECIAL TO THE BUGLE

The Notre Dame Varsity Hockey team continues its "Road to the Dance" as they beat Barrington in a real squeaker 4-2 Saturday afternoon. Then they beat Jacobs 7-2 on Sunday night to complete their weekend games to remain unbeaten in the playoffs. Going into the Barrington game the players were a little upset after they opened the playoffs with a disappointing 0-0 tie against Lake Zurich. Coach Shawn Brown was very satisfied with his team's performance. "Beating Barrington (Ranked 10th in State) was very uplifting for our kids." This shows that they can overcome adversity which is a great sign going into the playoffs and state competition, Brown continued. The kids were really down after that 0-0 tie against Lake Zurich in which we out shot them 36-10.

The Barrington game was the best by far and just proved to everyone that this Notre Dame team is moving a step closer to their original goal of "getting to the dance" (the finals that are held at the United Center). Our top players gave it everything they had to hold off a strong

Barrington team, Brown said. Scotty (goaltender Scott Czarnik) played awesome, and the defense was sound and what can I say about the forwards. Devin Hapanovich, Joey Indurante are at the top of their game. They continue to impress me game after game. This is a great feeling, as it seems we are putting it altogether at the perfect time.

This is what we have been expecting all along from the players. The coaches, the board and the parents all know that we will not stop until we get to the "dance". All along, we have been preaching to them that there is nobody out there that we cannot compete with. I think it has finally clicked in their minds and that to me is the sign of maturity and coming together as a team. The kids all trust one another and that is what it takes to be recognized as a top team. I am just hoping that this continues as we have finished three games 2-0-1 with three remaining. Notre Dame needs to win two of the final three games to go into the final eight. That would be for a very impressive year. Getting to the final eight would be an accomplishment in itself. Then anything can happen. This is a very exciting time for these kids and for the whole school. No

team has gone as far since the championship teams of '76 and '91.

Seems to this writer that the retirement of Notre Dame 1976 star and legend Mike Schwass was the lift they needed. I feel that from Mike's retirement and his speech at the alumni dinner that he gave these kids a real feeling of pride when wearing that ND sweater. Mike had a nice talk with them and it's somebody who they can relate with. He was a player just like them and in just a matter of seconds his career was over. I feel he talked right into their hearts. It was very impressive, and look, they have responded wonderfully. When the season is over, I hope these kids take with them a life lesson from one of the best around. Learning just how quick life can change for you has helped all of them come together as a team and respect this game of hockey. I can see it in each one of them there is a strong sense of belonging and they all know that this is an excellent opportunity to show everyone that Notre Dame hockey is back. I also know that a person wearing number 21 is there with them leading every step of the way. Way to go Mike.

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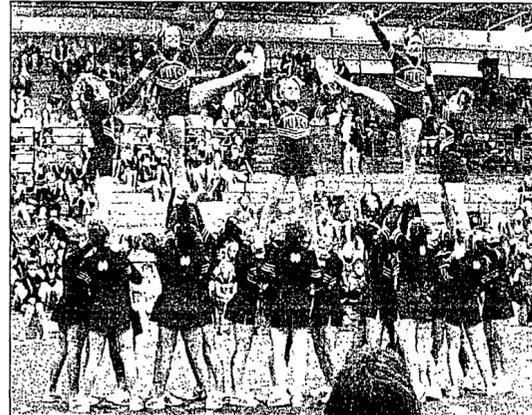
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Niles' Notre Dame High School Cheerleading Team Goes to The Chicago Midwest Beauty Show  
The Championship Notre Dame Varsity High School Cheerleading team from Niles will be performing at the prestigious Chicago Midwest Beauty Show to be held March 3,4,5 at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. Appearing on behalf of Marilyn Brush Company, the three time National Champions will perform a portion of their National Routine and will be models on stage for Marilyn Brush.

# Gather the Family for a Chinese New Year Feast

FAMILY FEATURES

Chinese New Year on Feb. 18 marks the perfect time to fire up a wok and gather the family for a celebratory feast ushering in the Year of the Pig.

In China, the New Year's Eve dinner is so important that if a family member can't attend, an empty seat is kept to symbolize their presence! Don't panic if busy schedules make the planning difficult — Chinese New Year is celebrated for 15 days. Also, cooking with a wok is a quick way to make a delicious meal; the high temperatures sear in the juices of meats and conveniently cook food in minutes.

Two recipes to start your menu, along with instructions for a traditional "Tray of Togetherness," are listed here, provided by the chefs at Panda Express. To round out the meal, consider chow mein or lo mein, because noodles signify long life. Green beans represent longevity and are a good choice of vegetable. Egg rolls or spring rolls are appropriate because they resemble the shape of a gold bar, so they're often served as a symbol of wealth in the coming year.

For a great conversation starter, create place cards for each guest sharing their animal in the Chinese zodiac (see pandaexpress.com for information). Eating with chopsticks helps make the meal special. Red and gold, traditional symbols of luck and prosperity, can be used in the tablecloth, placemats and napkins to make the table look instantly festive. For a unique centerpiece, arrange fresh flowers in small cups and place them in Chinese food-to-go cartons.



## Tangerine Pork Tenders

2007 marks the Year of the Pig, so celebrating with pork chops is especially suitable. Tangerines symbolize wealth and prosperity in the Chinese culture, adding a delicious twist to holiday cooking. Serves 4  
*Courtesy of Panda Express*

15 ounce pork tenderloin  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
3 tablespoons cooking oil  
½ teaspoon minced garlic  
1 teaspoon minced ginger  
1 teaspoon minced scallion  
1 tangerine, cut in half and sliced into ¼-inch pieces (squeeze ½ tablespoon of juice from one or two sections for Group A mixture; use the rest to garnish the plate)  
Pinch of sesame seeds

**Marinade**  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 teaspoon cooking wine  
1 ½ tablespoons water  
1 teaspoon minced ginger  
1 teaspoon minced scallion  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1 egg white

1 tablespoon cooking oil  
**Group A**  
2 tablespoons ketchup  
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
1 ½ teaspoons cornstarch  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
2 tablespoons water  
½ tablespoon tangerine juice

Combine all marinade ingredients. Slice pork into 2- by 1 ½- by ¼-inch strips and add to marinade. Refrigerate for two hours. Dust pork with cornstarch. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in wok until hot. Cook pork slices in single layer batches until cooked. Set aside.

Combine Group A ingredients in a bowl; set aside. Stir-fry garlic, ginger and scallion in 1 teaspoon cooking oil. Add Group A to the wok and cook until sauce thickens. Add pork slices and toss to coat. Sprinkle on sesame seeds, and garnish the plate with tangerine slices or as desired.

## Sweet Sesame Balls

On special occasions or holidays, the Chinese serve sweets as a way to wish good fortune. Starting a new year with some sweetness is certainly a good way to mark a new beginning. Serves 5 (2 sesame balls each)  
*Courtesy of Panda Express*

¼ cup all-purpose flour  
¼ cup water  
½ cup sweet lotus paste (available at Asian grocery stores; red bean paste can be substituted if sweet lotus paste cannot be found)  
½ cup sesame seeds  
7 cups cooking oil  
Powdered sugar  
Mint leaves

**Group A**  
1 cup sweet rice flour (available at Asian grocery stores)  
¼ cup cold water  
2 tablespoons sugar  
¼ tablespoon baking powder

Pour flour in mixing bowl. Boil water and mix with flour. Add Group A ingredients to the bowl and mix together. Form 10 balls out of the mixture and pound flat. Place 2 teaspoons of sweet lotus paste in each flattened ball; roll into a ball shape. Roll balls in sesame seeds. Heat oil to medium-low heat in wok and place balls inside. Deep fry for about four minutes, or until outside is golden brown and balls float on top of oil. Remove balls and set on plate.

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# 'Breaking and Entering'

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## New Releases

**Breaking and Entering ★★★**  
Acting arrives in bracing streaks and packets in Anthony Minghella's "Breaking and Entering." In sync arrive the

## FILM IN FOCUS

panting themes - virtually posed in order, almost cross-indexed for our study. Minghella, whose big Oscar hunters include "Cold Mountain," "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "The English Patient," makes film ambition quite a heavy sport, but with grace notes. Loyal to his actors, he recruited Jude Law from "Talented" and "Cold," and paired him with Juliette Binoche, the amazing center of "English." The place is London, now. Law is Will, a young architect aggressively engaged in redoing the old urban fabric 'round King's Cross Station, an act of progress but also pathos for anyone who recalls the termi-



Jude Law and Juliette Binoche star in the crime drama 'Breaking and Entering.' (CNS Photo courtesy of MGM.)

nal's use in Alec Guinness' "The Ladykillers" (1955). Will is a modern man all the way - bright, glibly charming, teaming with insecurities. Chief nest of anxiety is Liv (Robin Wright Penn), his long-term Swedish love, who mothers her smart, autistic and hyper teenager. Mom and girl are locked into stress bond, and caring Will,

feeling left out, doses himself with work. Then, his new, raw-glam office near King's Cross is burgled. An MGM release. Director, writer: Anthony Minghella. Cast: Jude Law, Juliette Binoche, Robin Wright Penn, Ray Winstone, Juliet Stevenson, Martin Freeman. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R.

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MUSIC & LYRICS (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Fri-Mon early matinee 10:40am  
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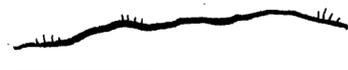
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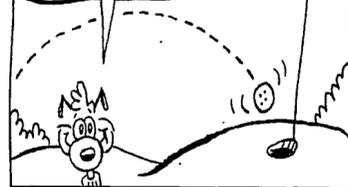
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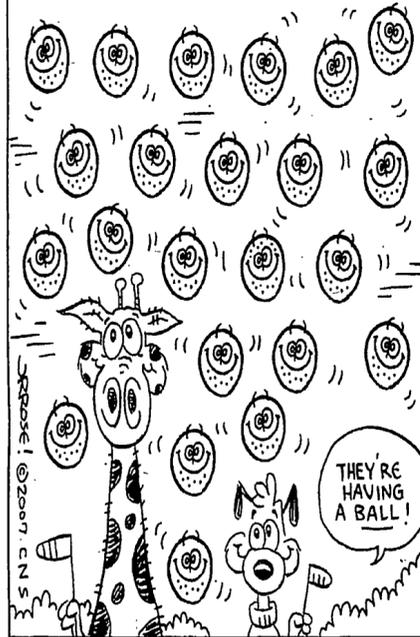
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**Fox family news**



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Q: We love our country house, but are so naive about many things. (We think the working title for the book we should write would be

### DECOR SCORE

"Survival of the City Slicker.") Our neighbors have been very helpful, but I'm bringing this decorating problem to you. It's about the huge windows in our great room. They go practically from floor to ceiling, cathedral ceiling. At first, we wanted them bare for the view of the lake, but at night those black glass panes are too spooky for us. We come from a city apartment filled with other people. Besides, the glare off the lake can be hard - and hot - in the daytime. What to do?

A: You city slickers will survive, all right, but it's still curtains for you. Or, shades, at least. And not just the old-fashioned roller kind. Hie yourselves to your nearest window treatment store, and investigate

some of the newfangled window "shadings," as they're called.

The name's apt because shadings combine the best features of plain shades and soft fabric window treatments. For example, one called "Silhouette" (by Hunter Douglas) has fabric-covered vanes suspended between fabric panels so they look like sheer curtains and work like regular blinds. A twist of the wrist and you can open them to the view; twist again, and they turn to filter out the sun. Best, by night, they'll brighten up that black glass, and shore up your courage in the process.

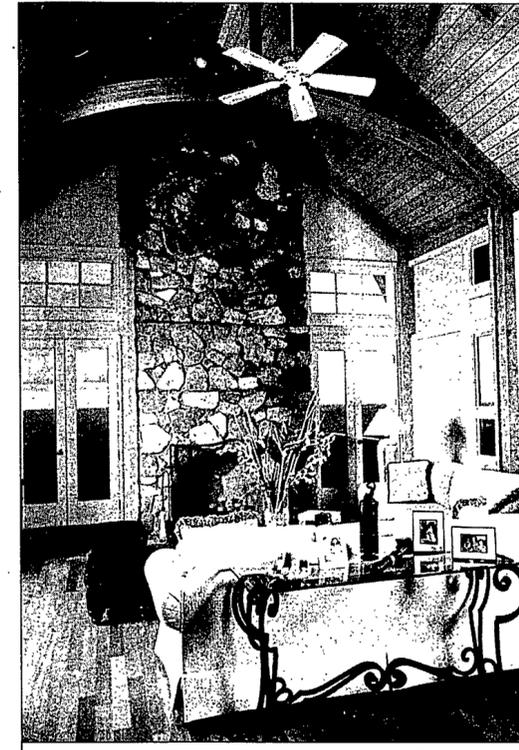
There's yet another way to handle your glare problem. Have a light-filtering film applied directly to the glass (it requires a pro). You can't see the film - witness the totally bare (looking) windows in the country room we show here. They're actually protected by Vista UVShield window film (www.uv-shield.com), which blocks the bad rays that fade your furniture, cause skin problems and encourage squint

lines, even in city slickers.

Q: Our new master bath is really big, 14 by 20 feet. We're installing a lot of built-ins and are thinking about putting the whirlpool in the center of the floor, rather than against a wall. The problem is, there's still so much floor space I'm afraid the room will feel cold and lone-some. Can we bring in some furniture? What would work in a bathroom?

A: The answer is absolutely. Today's ever-growing bathroom is all about being furnished as poshly as any other room in the house. Think of a love seat, upholstered chairs or, best of all, a chaise lounge. We're talking about shades of Rome here!

However, you have options the Romans would envy when it comes to upholstery and slipcovers. Look for indoor/outdoor fabrics engineered to stand up to wet and heat. You'll have to look closely, because these fabrics have gotten so appealing you'd think they belong in the living room. Ditto for decorative indoor/outdoor tassels, braids and fringes.



Best of both worlds - A natural habitat for city slickers blends eye-filling natural materials and invisible high-tech innovations. (CNS Photo)

## Americans less attached to detached homes

By Jim Woodard  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

A few years ago, the vast majority of newly constructed homes were single-family detached residences, often with large yards. Today, it's a different story.

### OPEN HOUSE

Within the past few years, there's been a significant swing toward attached units - condominiums and townhomes, for example. In these residential units, buyers share walls and common areas such as walks, pools, clubhouses, even yards.

The most obvious advantage of an attached home is cost. The price of a high-quality condo or town house is less than a comparable single-family detached home. They are both expensive in today's market, but the attached units are less expensive because per-unit building expenses are less.

Other factors that appeal to today's home buyers relate to security, professional management of the property and the freedom to leave their unit unattended for extended periods. And some residents like the community aspect of living in this

type of complex.

Attached housing was once known as being most popular with young, first-time home buyers and retiring seniors. Today, it's becoming the home of choice for buyers of all ages and levels of affluence. Especially popular are attached units constructed or converted in downtown areas, close to major employers.

The trend toward attached housing has reached the point where more than half of new housing construction starts in many major markets are attached housing. This was determined by

Hanley Wood Market Intelligence, a research firm that gathers data on home sales in markets nationwide.

There are some areas where land is plentiful, such as Dallas and Central California, where the proportion of new attached housing construction is still low. But in some markets where you might think interest in attached units would be low, such as Denver and Sacramento, the trend toward attached housing is strong. In virtually every major market throughout the country, **See Open House, page 24**

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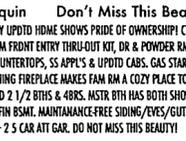


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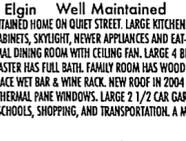
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# Don't let ugly grilles grate on your room

By Linda Pescatore  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Have you got an ugly stamped-metal grille covering your air vents? Flimsy metal slats can get scraped and bent, sometimes bowing or drooping,

## HOME ZONE

and they are difficult to keep clean. And since they require central, unobstructed locations, those beat-up grilles are hard to miss.

Metal grilles can easily be replaced with more stylish wooden ones that can be painted to match your wall or ceiling trim, and they will retain their finish just like any other trim in your house, according to manufacturer Worth Home Products.

And they work just as well, if not better, than standard metal grilles, the company says. In fact, because they are engineered and tested to ensure maximum airflow, the company's many standard sizes also perform better than site-built grilles, according to Worth. (Special orders are also

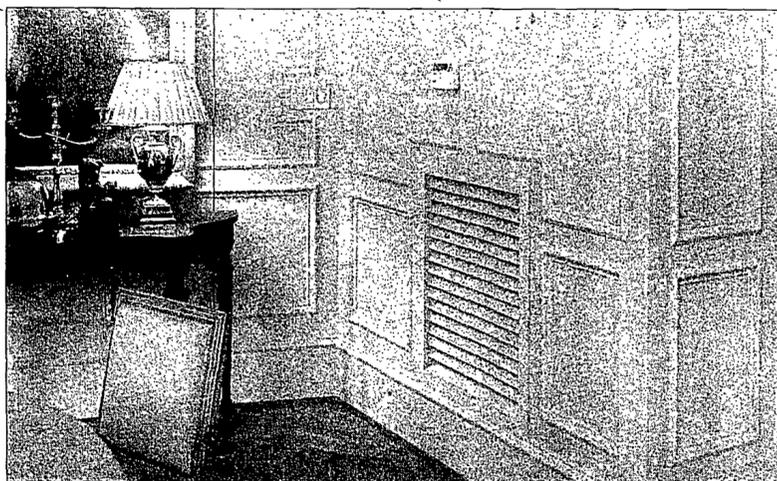
available for hard-to-fit openings.)

The grilles have two parts: a 26-gauge metal frame that fits most duct openings and holds a standard 1-inch filter, and a New Zealand pine grille with a Baltic birch frame, both can be ordered primed and ready to paint. The pine is selected for its flexibility, to prevent the slats from breaking when bumped, and the birch is used for its strength, to keep the frame from warping.

The products use a proprietary design to hold the grille securely to the wall or ceiling without visible screws or latches. But that doesn't mean wooden grilles are tricky to install; the company lists only four steps. And the grilles open easily for cleaning, filter replacement or duct inspection.

Worth's grilles are the only wooden return air grilles accepted into the national parts programs of leading manufacturers, including Carrier, Rheem/Ruud and Amana/Goodman, according to spokeswoman Lori Machiorletto.

Prices are \$57-\$119 for stan-



**Grille of your dreams** - Battered stamped-metal return-air grilles can be replaced with less obtrusive wood grilles, engineered for maximum airflow by Worth Home Products. The grilles attach to the wall without visible screws or latches, thanks to a patent-pending design that installs quickly and opens easily when service is needed. (CNS Photo courtesy of Worth Home Products)

dard sizes. For more information visit [www.worthhomeproducts.com](http://www.worthhomeproducts.com) or call 866-384-9400.

## Run this up the Flagpole

With patriotic holidays like President's Day, Memorial Day and Independence Day just around the proverbial corner, now is a good time to buy or replace a flagpole - especially if you're dealing with fraying rope, dangling hardware or a rusty pole.

The latest flagpoles eliminate these problems while also making it much easier to attach and raise a flag, because they do not use ropes and pulleys. Instead, the flag attaches to stainless steel clips when the flagpole is collapsed to an easy-to-reach height; once secure, the pole telescopes to 20 feet high. The freely rotating clips allow the flag to fly

tangle-free in the wind. You can also fly two flags or fly one at flag half-staff.

The strong but lightweight aluminum pole sections slide up and down smoothly because there is little friction between them, allowing just about anyone to operate them with ease, according to SunSetter Products, makers of the SunSetter Telescoping Flagpole, the only flagpole that has earned the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval.

SunSetter's pole uses exclusive, patented technology to lock the sections in place automatically when extended. A child-resistant collar prevents the pole from unintended collapsing, and a lock prevents theft and vandalism. When you're ready to take the flag down for storage, a release button safely collapses the pole in seconds.

SunSetter's flagpole comes in three finishes - anodized aluminum, anodized bronze and white baked enamel. The unit installs quickly and, like many telescoping flagpoles, SunSetter's model is portable, allowing you to bring it along to a vacation home or even to a campsite, using a stand that anchors the flagpole using the wheels of your recreational vehicle.

The 16-gauge aluminum is maintenance-free; it never rusts and never needs painting, according to SunSetter, which offers a five-year warranty.

The factory-direct price is \$165 for the 20-foot flagpole, \$60 for a 6-foot, non-telescoping, wall-mounted model. Both come with an American flag. For more information call 800-876-2340 or visit [www.sunsetterflagpole.com](http://www.sunsetterflagpole.com).

## Open House

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the share of attached units has been rising for the last five years.

An increasing number of homeowners are obtaining needed cash by refinancing their existing mortgage. There's a very good reason for that trend.

Home equity loans and lines of credit are usually tied to the prime rate. Those rates have been increasing significantly, while long-term mortgage rates have remained relatively low. Homeowners feel the best way to generate needed funds in today's

market is through a cash-out refinance mortgage.

According to the American Bankers Association, the dollar amount of home equity loans (including loans made through home equity lines of credit) increased by an annualized 14.6 percent for the first three quarters of last year, compared with all of the previous year. However, that's down from a 17.4 percent increase in 2005 and a 31.2 percent increase in 2004, the association noted.

The number of property foreclosures is dropping, according to a report from RealtyTrac, a real

estate research firm. About 109,650 properties nationwide entered some stage of foreclosure during the month of December, reflecting a decrease of nearly 9 percent from the previous month. The report shows a national foreclosure rate of one new foreclosure filing for every 1,055 households.

Colorado posted the nation's highest foreclosure rate in December. Nevada's foreclosure rate dropped to second highest in the nation. Texas recorded the most new foreclosure filings of any state in December, taking the top spot from California, according to RealtyTrac.

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# Learning to divide and multiply recommended for octogenarian-to-be

By Jeff Rugg  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** My doctors said I should take up gardening, at age 79. I'm interested in learning to propagate some plants: crotons, red tie and schefflera, for starters.

**A:** I like your doctors.

## A GREENER VIEW

Gardening indoors or out is an excellent way to get the mind and body moving.

Plant propagation can occur in many ways. Seed production involves the transfer of genetic information, while other forms of propagation do not and, therefore, produce a clone, or identical plant, to the original.

Some plants are easy to propagate because they use natural methods to divide themselves into many pieces. Plants that have more than one stem coming from the ground can simply be cut apart into pieces. This is called division - even though it is a form of multiplication.

Division is often done to perennials and is usually best done when the plant is dormant and during the time of year opposite the plant's blooming season. In other words, divide a fall-blooming plant in the spring and vice versa.

If division is done when the plant is dormant, there needs to be at least one bud capable of

growing a new stem. Typically, growth is stronger at the edges of a clump, so the divisions are cut from the center, which may or may not be discarded.

All three of the plants you would like to propagate are native to tropical climates. They often grow in clumps, making division a possible choice, but softwood cuttings are probably a better choice.

After division, cuttings are the second most common form of propagation. With this method, you take a part of the plant off the original and allow it to grow the missing parts to form a new plant.

Cuttings are taken from the original, or stock, plant. The stock plant should be examined to be sure it is healthy and has desirable characteristics that make it a good candidate for propagation, since the new plants will be genetically identical to it.

Some plants can be propagated from leaf cuttings - including African violets, many succulents and some begonias - but usually stem cuttings are used. Soft wood cuttings are taken when the stem is young, before it has developed woody tissue, and hard wood cuttings are taken when the stem is older.

Since the cutting does not have roots, care must be taken in how it is handled. Most cuttings require high humidity, warm temperatures and no direct sun-

light. It will take from one or two weeks to three or four months for a cutting to develop roots, during which these conditions must be maintained.

Roots most often grow from the same location as existing leaves. Cut the stem off just below a leaf node and pull off the leaves. Placing this section of the stem into moist, sterile soil will promote root growth from the healing tissue that will be formed at the cut and at the leaf node. The cutting doesn't have to be buried deeply unless more than one leaf node is close enough to grow roots. A few plants, such as coleus and tomato, produce roots all along the sides of the stem cutting.

Some cuttings root more quickly with the addition of plant growth hormones applied when the cutting is taken. Fungicides are also beneficial as disease organisms rapidly infect wounded tissue.

If you are only propagating a few plants, cuttings can be rooted in individual flowerpots set into large plastic bags to keep the humidity high. Use a sterile media like perlite or vermiculite. Coarse sand mixed with peat moss is OK, too, as are compressed peat pots that expand with the addition of water. Until you see roots, no additional watering is needed after the initial watering and the bag is sealed.

## Perspective

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asking the Village to let them open a business is sad. They should not come as beggars, but as welcome friends. Ones that don't waste time slogging through building departments, waiting for zoning meetings and then crawling into a trustee meeting for final approval. Their success at making money pays your taxes and as you know time is money.

Imagine scraping together all your savings, borrowing from friends and family, adding credit card debt and bank debt and then having to wait to see if your dream will be "granted" by people who know less about it than you do. Risk taking should be rewarded. Starting a business is a risky proposition and only 44% make it to four years. We need to recognize this and make the process simpler and faster. It should not even take a phone call, but should be so objective

that anyone looking at the Village website would see the possibilities and know that the risks to opening in Niles are smaller and the government interference less than in any other community in the region. We are not just competing against Morton Grove or Skokie, but against nearby states and locations beyond our shores.

It takes vision to see farther and better than other leaders. Imagine granting free access to our streetlight utility poles to the first company willing to create a village-wide wireless network. Let Earthlink, AT & T, or anyone come in and wire our village for the future. We need this kind of competitive advantage to keep businesses coming and to keep growing. Saying the Internet is the future is wrong. The Internet is the present and it is only going to keep getting stronger and more connected with your everyday life. It is not something to fear or loathe, but to embrace and manage to our advantage and the advantage of generations

to come.

Niles is like a town situated on a river during the great barge days of our nation or along a train route during the rail barons' race to unite the nation. Milwaukee avenue plays this kind of role. Our geographic location gives us additional opportunities being situated between 94 & 294. But, these advantages will not last forever. Already the world is shifting and we can roll with it or be drowned by it. We cannot get there by looking in the rearview mirror. What worked in the past becomes outdated, worn and useless in the future. It will take a new generation of leadership, one with vision and courage, to get us to the next level.

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**Last Week's Puzzle Answers**

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| <b>NILES</b><br>7-Eleven<br>Oakton & Milwaukee         | <b>Oak Mill Mall</b><br>7900 N. Milwaukee Ave.               | <b>Maine Township Bldg.</b><br>1700 Ballard Rd.          | <b>Uptown Train Station</b><br>Summit & Prospect            | <b>Morton Grove Village Hall</b><br>6101 Capulina.                                   |
| <b>A's Bar</b><br>8751 N. Milwaukee Ave.               | <b>Omega Restaurant</b><br>9100 Golf Rd.                     | <b>Morningfields</b><br>800 Devon Ave.                   | <b>Venus Restaurant</b><br>18 S. Northwest Hwy.             | <b>Produce World</b><br>8801 Waukegan Rd.  |
| <b>Alliance Bank</b><br>7840 Milwaukee Ave.            | <b>St. Andrews Life Center</b><br>7000 N. Newark             | <b>Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce</b><br>140 Euclid.     | <b>Walter's Restaurant</b><br>28 Main St.                   | <b>Super Cup Coffee Shop</b><br>8509 Fernald   |
| <b>Edward Jones</b><br>8141 Milwaukee Ave.             | <b>The Bugle</b><br>7400 N. Waukegan Rd.                     | <b>Park Ridge City Hall</b><br>505 Butler Pl.            | <b>MORTON GROVE</b><br>Bethany Terrace<br>8425 Waukegan Rd. | <b>CHICAGO</b><br>Family Pride Cleaners<br>6204 N. Sayre Ave.                        |
| <b>Food Mart</b><br>8000 Waukegan Rd.                  | <b>The Park at Golf Mill</b><br>8975 Golf Rd.                | <b>Park Ridge Community Center</b><br>1515 W. Touhy Ave. | <b>Entenmanns</b><br>7931 Golf Rd.                          | <b>First Nations Bank</b><br>7757 W. Devon Ave.                                      |
| <b>Highland Tower</b><br>8815 Golf Rd.                 | <b>Village Creamery</b><br>8000 Waukegan Rd.                 | <b>Park Ridge Senior Center</b><br>100 S. Western Ave.   | <b>Family Pantry</b><br>9259 Waukegan Ave.                  | <b>Happy Foods</b><br>6783 N. Northwest Hwy.   |
| <b>Huntington Senior Home</b><br>9201 Maryland Ave.    | <b>Village of Niles Town Center</b><br>1000 Civic Center Dr. | <b>Resurrection Nursing Center</b><br>Oakton & Greenwood | <b>CVS Pharmacy</b><br>5930 Dempster St.                    | <b>Kaages Korner Newstand</b><br>Northwest Highway & Oliphant (Downtown Edison Park) |
| <b>Niles Chamber of Commerce</b><br>8060 W. Oakton St. | <b>YMCA</b><br>6300 Touhy Ave.                               | <b>Scissorhands Barber</b><br>739 Devon Ave.             | <b>Kappy's</b><br>7200 Dempster St.                         | <b>Rose's Beauty Salon</b><br>7502 Milwaukee Ave                                     |
| <b>Niles Library</b><br>Waukegan & Oakton.             | <b>PARK RIDGE</b><br>Bank of Park Ridge<br>104 S. Main St.   | <b>Starbucks</b><br>100 S. Northwest Hwy.                | <b>Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce</b><br>6101 Capulina.   | <b>Signature Bank</b><br>6400 N. Northwest Hwy.                                      |
| <b>Niles Senior Center</b><br>999 Civic Center Dr.     | <b>Einstein's Bagels</b><br>23 S. Prospect Ave.              | <b>Starbucks</b><br>15 S. Prospect Ave.                  | <b>Morton Grove Library</b><br>6140 Lincoln.                | <b>Trinity Pub</b><br>5943 N. Northwest Hwy.   |
| <b>Northside Community Bank</b><br>8060 W. Oakton St.  | <b>Maine Park Leisure Center</b><br>2701 Sibley.             | <b>Summit Square</b><br>10 N. Summit.                    | <b>Morton Grove Senior Center</b><br>6140 Dempster St.      |  |

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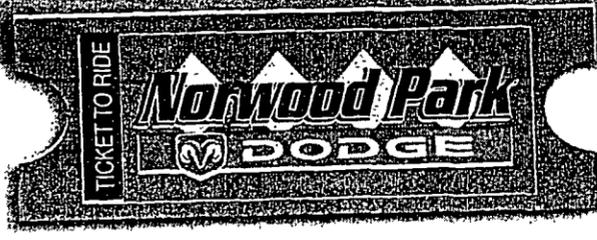
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