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## Father Smyth named Notre Dame president

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

Father John P. Smyth, the past president of Maryville Academy, has been named the president of Notre Dame High School by the executive board. "I thought it was an honor that they picked me," said Smyth. "I think it'll be a challenge but I think I'll enjoy it. I hope I can do a good job." Smyth, 72, was ordained in 1962 and was president of Maryville Academy in Des Plaines for 36 years. He has

been at Maryville for a total of 44 years.

"Smyth walked in one day for a tour and walked into a classroom of young men and started talking to them," said Joe Gurdak, chairman of the executive board. "He's worked with kids all of his life. He understands youth. Parents and board members have encouraged us to hire Father Smyth."

Gurdak said that the execu-

tive board hoped to hire a Catholic priest as the new president. He said that they received applications from many qualified candidates, many of them who were priests. The website received 200 hits from people who were interested in the position.



Father John P. Smyth

"We're happy," said Gurdak. "We're very happy."

In the early 1980s, about 40 children from Maryville Academy attended Notre

Dame High School. Smyth believes the high school has a great faculty and excellent alumni association.

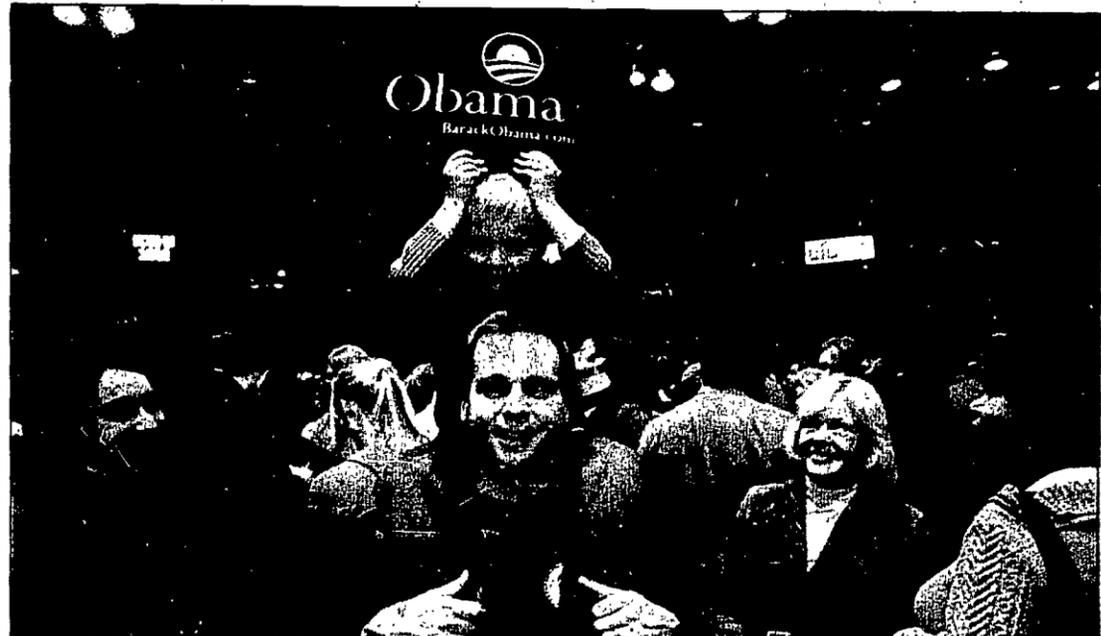
Smyth, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary will assume office on March 1.

Smyth said the executive board of Notre Dame High School approached him and showed interest in him becoming the president and he is honored that he was selected.

At a recent public meeting,

some members of the audience shared that they wanted the new president to be a priest as opposed to just a "practicing Catholic" and that they wanted to make sure that a strong Catholic presence remained at the school.

Notre Dame High School is the first school in the Archdiocese to use a model of lay leadership called The Association of the Christian Faithful. Members of the association are appointed by Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I, Archbishop of Chicago.



Niles Resident Rob Biederman and his five-year-old son were on hand last week at a Barack Obama rally at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## Niles Resident, Son attend Barack Obama Rally at UIC

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

Rob Biederman of Niles, his five-year old son and his grandmother were able to be a part of a very special day in United States history.

The trio attended the recent rally and presentation of Barack Obama at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) campus.

"I think it was amazing," said Biederman. "It's an historic event happening right in our own backyard."

Biederman said that Obama

energetically spoke to an excited crowd and discussed his very detailed plan regarding issues such as the war in Iraq and health-care. He believes Obama provides "real hope" for people.

Biederman's five year old son was sitting up on his shoulders holding up a sign. He said that his son especially enjoyed the choir and the band.

"He loved it," said Biederman, who wanted his son to be a part of such a historic day in United States history.

Obama and his wife were greet-  
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## Funeral Service for Father Hall held at Our Lady of Ransom

Hundreds of mourners bid pastor farewell

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

Our Lady of Ransom Church in Niles was full and 200 priests were in attendance at the funeral mass of Father John Robert Hall on Friday, Feb. 16.

At age 52, Hall died of a heart attack while in the parish rectory.

"He was a very capable, generous and kind priest," said Bishop Timothy Lyne, of the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, who preached at the funeral mass and worked along side Hall when he was a pastor there.

Hall was associate pastor for five years at Incarnation Parish, spent 10 years at Holy Name Cathedral and 12 years at Our Lady of Ransom.

Bishop Lyne said he was delighted to have worked with Hall, who he said was very well liked in Niles, Chicago and other areas.

"The church was full and it was a great crowd of lay people," said Lyne, about last Friday's funeral mass that was celebrated by Cardinal George.

Father Hall was active in organizing major ceremonies such as the funeral for the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and the installation of Cardinal George.

"I was very sad to hear of his passing," said Sandy Motz, the director of the religious education program at Our Lady of Ransom in Niles. "I lost a good friend. I thought he was a great man. He was very supportive. He was great to talk to."

"The funeral mass was unbelievable," said Niles Deputy Police Chief Charles Giovannelli. "The whole Our Lady of Ransom neighborhood was saturated with cars. It was quite a testimony."

Giovannelli said that there must have been about 1,000 or more people who attended Hall's funeral mass.

Motz described the mass as "overwhelming" because of all the support people showed for him.

The Niles Police provided an escort from Our Lady of Ransom to All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines for the burial.

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Employees at the First Nations Bank in Chicago pause for a photo with several rolls of the new dollar coin.

### It's time to eliminate the traditional dollar

I went on a quest last week; to procure \$100 in the new dollar coin. For those of you who live in a cave and haven't seen or heard of this coin yet, the U.S. Mint released a new "golden dollar" last Thursday featuring the face of our first president, George Washington, on the obverse and the Statue of Liberty on the reverse. In three more releases this year, presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison will appear with four more presidents each year for the next several years (don't worry you George W. Bush-haters out



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there, to appear on the coin the president will have had to be deceased for at least two years in order to appear on the coin)

The mint hopes that the time is right for the dollar coin. They believe that inflation, especially the increasing costs of goods at vending machines and increased rates at parking meters will lead the public to carry more dollars

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## Snowfall, wind keep local Public Works crews busy

### High temperatures expected to melt remaining snow

The recent continuous snowfall combined with the wind resulted in 36 consecutive hours of work by Niles Public Works crews.

"In some ways it was worse than the storm in December," said Scott Jochim, Village of Niles public works director. Crews hit the streets at 3 a.m. the morning of the snowfall and kept plowing away. "Once it started it just kept coming."

Jochim said that Niles received about 10 to 11 inches of snow. In Morton Grove, they received about eight to 10 inches, according to public works director, Andy Demonte.

DeMonte reported that they used 1,357 tons of salt, 564 gallons of calcium chloride, 1,192 of Diesel fuel and 560 gallons of gasoline. Their crews traveled about 5,710 miles during the snowfall.

"We're still tallying our salt totals," said Jochim. He said the weather reports were deceiving because they predicted about four to six inches of snow. In reality, they received much more.



Local children may have enjoyed the recent snow, but it was a headache for Public Works departments. Much of the remaining snow melted this week.

"The winds were pretty strong," said DeMonte. He said the lake effect also made the clean up more challenging.

As far as vehicle accidents go, Morton Grove Police Commander Brian Bolger said that they had about 15 accidents on Tuesday and Wednesday and most of them were related

to the snowfall. He said many of the accidents were property damage related and none were serious.

Over the past three days, the Niles Police Department reports about 40 vehicle accidents, which they say is more than a normal three-day period, as a result of the heavy snow fall.

## Harts, Milwaukee Avenue retail project soon to begin

Construction of a retail project at the southern part of the parcel at Harts and Milwaukee will soon begin.

The Village of Niles will issue a permit in a couple of weeks

and as soon as the weather gets warmer construction will begin, explained Community Development Director Chuck Ostman.

Ostman said that the project

was delayed a little due to glitches regarding storm water detention, but everything has been worked out. He said the village's engineering department makes certain pipe requirements to make sure that storm water is properly detained.

"There's a lot of interest, but no definite tenants yet," said Ostman.

Ostman said the space allows for 17 tenants, however since there are some good sized tenants showing interest there may only be room for about eight to 11 tenants. There are 100 total parking spaces at the southern portion of the parcel.

Phase 2 of the project will focus on Touhy and Milwaukee Ave. Ostman said they aren't sure what this area will include as of yet.

Both properties are owned by Mega Properties company.

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## Morton Grove village board approves MCC Extension

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen STAFF WRITER

In addition to the passage of a new smoking control ordinance, the Muslim Community Center's request for a construction extension was another heated topic at the Morton Grove village board meeting on Monday, Feb. 12.

The original special use permit issued in November of 2004 required all exterior work to be completed in a year from

the permit issuance date. The building permit was issued on November 7, 2005 and the one year time limit expired.

The applicants most recently requested a new exterior completion date of Aug. 28, 2007, which was granted by the village board on Feb. 12. The applicants claim that they did not complete that part of the project on time because of reasons that were "beyond their control," such as bad weather. The applicants said they could

not put down the asphalt until April, following the November permit.

In addition to finishing by the Aug. 28 date, the applicant is also required to retain Cornerstone Construction Services or another firm to monitor the project and prepare two week updates on the project's progress as well as bi-monthly status reports for the village board.

"We believe the delay was the applicant's own fault," said

Chairman Farkas of the plan commission. However, he said the commission felt it would be "too harsh" and not in the best interest of the village if they were not granted the extension.

"I love this village that I live in," said Dr. Abdul Sattar, the MCC president, who has lived in Morton Grove for 26 years. "We will finish, I promise, by August 28, 2007."

"It is of little wonder that the MEC holds our village and its

ordinances of little regard," said resident Patrick Kansoer, who objected to the extension approval. "Experience has shown them that while the administration is long on rhetoric it is short on enforcement."

Abdul Khan said that the MCC is part of the community as a whole and has provided a grassy area that is open to community members.

"We constantly receive cheap shots from certain people," said Khan.

### Rally

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ed by more than 7,000 enthusiastic people at the UIC rally.

A charismatic Obama said that he wanted to "roll up his sleeves" and help to make a positive change to better the country.

Obama stated that he wants all U.S. combat troops to withdraw by March of 2008. Although this idea pleased some, it did not please all. A group of anti-war protestors began chanting, showing their sense of urgency to end the war as soon as possible. When they continued chanting, they were removed by UIC security.

## The 'Race to the Taste' is on

It's almost that time of year again in Morton Grove to charge up those appetites and "Race to the Taste."

This year's theme of the 19th annual Taste of Morton Grove fund-raising event is "Race to the Taste" and will feature a radio controlled Nascar race track donated by Pitstop Productions of Round Lake.

The event featuring 21 local restaurants will take place on Thursday, March 1 at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant in Niles. The doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The Morton Grove

Foundation puts on this annual event in order to raise money for various charities, such as Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, Morton Grove Woman's Club, First Step Foundation, Community Nutrition Network, American Brain Tumor Association, St. John Brebeuf School, RGA Specialized Living Center, Maine Center, Inc., Leukemia Research Foundation, MCC Full Time School and many more.

This year's goal is to donate \$40,000 to the charitable organizations.

Event Chairman Paul Tobin said that this year there are a few more restaurants participating than in past years.

"We started planning for this immediately after the event last year," said Tobin. "We get anywhere between 400 to 700 people."

The Race to the Taste will feature raffles, a silent auction and a live auction as well.

Tickets sold prior to the event are \$30 and they are \$40 at the door.

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# MG firefighters to compete in 'Combat Challenge'

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

This spring five Morton Grove firefighters will compete in the Firefighter Combat Challenge, an international competition that involves challenging relay and individual races.

Joe Fasolo is the captain of the team that is composed of firefighters, Nate Akemann, District Chief Jim Neville, George Carlson and Rick Pryor.

For the past five years, Morton Grove has competed at the World Championship level. The challenge will start in April

or May and continue until the world championships near the end of the year.

"It's a way to stay physically fit," said Fasolo. He said that many firefighters were involved in playing sports so the challenge is another outlet for their competitive juices. "It's also a good way to network with other firefighters about firefighting techniques and to get information from their experiences and learn from mistakes."

Currently, the Morton Grove team is actively searching for sponsors to help defray some of the expenses, such as traveling

to and from competitions.

The challenge includes getting through a 140-foot maze of fire hydrants, dragging a charged fire hose weighing more than 250 pounds 75 feet and dragging a 175-pound life sized "victim" 100 feet to the finish line.

Last year, Firefighters took first place in the "Over 40" division with a time of one minute and 32 seconds and he finished fifth place overall. Fasolo noted that George Carlson has made significant progress in the challenge as well.

Fasolo said that since they had "such a successful year" last

year, they want to participate in more events this year and do even better this year.

The team is currently funded by team members and through sponsorships from Schwarz Paper Co. of Morton Grove, Crane Packing Co. of Morton Grove, Design Electric of Morton Grove, Paul Davis Restoration of Lake County and IAFF Local #2178, Morton Grove Firefighters Association.

For more information or to become a sponsor for the challenge contact Joe Fasolo at (708) 514-4876 or email at jfasolo@mortongroveil.org.

# Milwaukee Ave. Streetscape Committee visits Morton Grove

The Milwaukee Ave. Streetscape committee recently visited its neighboring village of Morton Grove to get some tips on possible ways to improve the Milwaukee Ave. Corridor.

Specifically, the committee looked at Waukegan Ave. from Dempster to Golf in Morton Grove. They also visited areas of Milwaukee Ave. in Wheeling and Libertyville and in Skokie, east of 94 to Kilpatrick.

"Everything was very interesting," said Kim Biederman, a

member of the streetscape committee. "Each area had a very different look to it. It was nice to see the variety that was used out there. It gave us ideas."

Biederman said that one of the ideas that they noticed in the other towns and they may wish to pursue is a banner system that advertised various businesses in town.

Morton Grove has a pretty extensive banner system in place that involves a regular banner program and a seasonal

banner program. Some were funded by the village and others were funded and sponsored by local businesses.

"It was very well received," said Bill Neuendorf, community and economic development director of Morton Grove. "Seventy people wanted them and we had 50. The demand far exceeded our supply."

"My goal was to bring some uniformity to the Dempster Street corridor, to bring color and promote our local business-

es," said Neuendorf. "At a minimal cost to the village it's a great benefit to businesses."

On Waukegan Ave. there are also kiosks that promote certain village events.

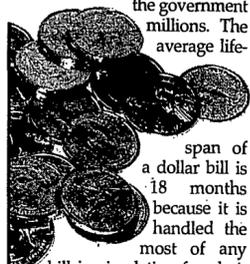
Biederman said the committee will hold a meeting during the third week of February to review what they observed during their recent site visits and to prioritize their streetscape goals. In March, they plan to identify materials, products and to finalize their goals.

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and fewer quarters.

Three other modern attempts to introduce a dollar coin have failed to gain wide adoption by the American public. The Mint is striving for it though. If we switched over to a dollar coin from the dollar bill it would save the government millions. The average life



span of a dollar bill is 18 months because it is handled the most of any bill in circulation for obvious reasons. A coin, by comparison is far more durable, with a life span measured in decades instead of months.

I'm going on the record, it's time to eliminate the dollar bill. But if my experience seeking out the new dollar coin is typical, it's not going to move into circulation very quickly.

I personally contacted five banks and only found one that possessed the new coin, First Nations Bank in Chicago.

Several of the banks I talked to said that their smaller "neighborhood" branches probably wouldn't be receiving the coins at all and one bank I stopped at hadn't even heard of the coin. When I explained what it was, the confused teller said, "thanks, I've had several people call asking about it."

I asked the folks at the bank where I eventually picked up the coin if they'd been receiving calls. Yes, they said, but they didn't think they were from the general public. They believed they were calls from hoarders; people who buy rolls of the coins just to hang on to them.

The Mint loves the hoarders. Any money that they take out of circulation and keep goes straight into the U.S. Treasury and doesn't come out.

But the tellers, the bank manager and staff all agreed with me and hoped that the coin will be generally adopted.

While the current budget deficit is measured in billions and not millions, it's hard to argue against a measure that would save the American people millions so quickly and easily. For myself, every two weeks when I'm paid I'm going to ask my bank for \$25 in the coins and spend them freely. I'm doing my part! How about you?

My thanks to the folks at First Nations Bank for holding several rolls of the coins for me.

# Giovanelli Golden Gloves Champion

Eighteen year old Chuck (Givo) Giovanelli, Jr., was crowned heavyweight Golden Gloves champion in the novice division Monday night at St. Andrews Auditorium in Chicago. "Givo" won a three round decision from Don Jenkins, of the Skins Athletic Club, a Robbins, Illinois group.

In pursuing Jenkins, Givo waved his glove in disdain when Jenkins refused to stand up to him. A highly partisan crowd, many friends from Niles High West, cheered Givo on to victory.

Monday's championship victory was the fourth consecutive win for Givo, leaving him undefeated in his rise to the championship. 6 foot 2 1/2 inch Givo easily defeated McKinley Anderson, Robert Ducksworth and Robert Picken on succeeding nights last week, enabling him to reach Monday's champ-

ionship.

The 220 pound Givo won three fights by decisions and one by a knock-out. In Chicago's Tribune Mike Magnine, aid to Dr. William Rothman, became concerned when after each of his fights Givo showed up on the dressing room for treatment for exhaustion and a bloody nose. Magnine commented that Givo reminded him of an amateur Rocky Marciano. He said, "He absorbs a terrific beating while winning."



## Sally Smigiel Dies in Jet Air Crash in Everglades

Feb. 14, 1963

A shroud of sorrow hung over Niles Tuesday night as news pread of the airline crash in the Florida everglades which took the life of Sally Smigiel, wife of Judge "Tony" Smigiel, president of the bank of Niles. Smigiel's long-time friend, Joseph Srodulski of Park Ridge also a director of the Bank of Niles lost his wife in the ill-fated crash that took 45 lives.

Irony showed its mocking face in the tragedy. Only two weeks ago Smigiel mentioned that he had never been on an airplane before and he was apprehensive about his first flight. Smigiel wand Srodulski returned from Florida on a Delta Airlines plane, two hours after seeing their wives off in the Northwest Orient Airlines plane.

Smigiel was quoted in the a Chicago newspaper, "We thought we ought to take different flights back, just in case anything happened."

Judge Smigiel and his two daughters, Judy and Janice, returned to their Harlem Ave. home. Close friends and relatives arrived but police took the names of many others who they turned away from the house.

At the village hall, an abbreviated trustee meeting took place. Twice trustee Len Szymanski and Mayor Blase mentioned the tragedy, remarking that "their hearts were not in the meeting."

## \$1400 Damage at New School

July 18, 1963

A wave of vandalism causing \$1400 damage at the newly-constructed Woodrow Wilson elementary school resulted in school district 63 hiring a part-time police officer to guard all under-construction schools in the district.

At the July 10 meeting, District 63 school board details of vandalism and threats to neighbors who might report these activities resulted in the district taking action, both for their Niles and

Morton Grove schools. School Supt. Jim Bagg reported teens dropped bricks from scaffolds two stories high to break forms and generally cause mischief which led to the hiring of the guard. Windows have been broken and broken water pipes caused three days of pumping of one building. Bagg also reported that neighbors protesting the acts of the teens were threatened physically. Others reported that when they protested the teens threatened to break windows in their homes if

they reported them to the police. The Wilson school is in the village of Niles, bordering Glenview.

## Niles Picks Village Manager

Feb. 28, 1963

Last night, Mayor Blase announced the appointment of James Pryde, as Niles new village manager.

Mr. Pryde is present planning director of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is a gradu-

ate of the University of South Dakota in Business Administration and has engineering background at Purdue University.

His past business experience is as follows: Assistant City Manager and Finance Director of South Miami, Florida; Served as engineering Administrator for the city of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; holds certificates from the City Managers Association for techniques in city planning in administration and local planning administration.

James Pryde is 50 years of age and married. He was recently offered the position of Urban Renewal Director of the state of South Dakota, but accepted the position of Niles Village Manager instead. The salary of the new village manager will be \$10,800 per year. Mr. Pryde's effective date of employment with the village of Niles will be Apr. 1, 1963.

## Niles Youth Killed After TV Robbery

Apr. 4, 1963

A 20-year-old Niles youth died Monday of head injuries suffered while trying to escape police in Park Ridge after the theft of four portable television sets.

Henry Sienkiewicz, 20, of 7169 Riverside Dr. Niles was found unconscious on the Chicago & North Western Railroad tracks where he had fled after he and a companion had crashed their car into a tree during a police chase.

Sienkiewicz died a few hours later at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

## Niles to Build Walks, Will Then Bill Owners

July 11, 1963

The village will begin to build sidewalks in areas where landowners have failed to heed a May 13 letter, instructing sidewalks to be constructed. The walks will be built on a special assessment basis and property owners will be billed for 50 percent of the costs of the walks, with the village paying the other 50 percent.



Twelve Niles students are participating in Illinois Summer Youth Music organizations July 21 - Aug. 2, at the University of Illinois. Other groups, totaling over 1,400 grade and high-school musicians, have been meeting for successive two-week periods which began June 23.

Organizations meeting the final two weeks are two of the four Junior Bands, Junior Orchestra, and Senior Piano Workshop.

The Illinois Summer Youth Music program, conducted by the U. of I., Division of University

Extension, is in its 15th year. Niles' participants are: From left, Row 1, Alan Mandell, 7912 N. Neva Ave.; Terry Nolan, 8225 N. Newcastel; and Jim Mueller, 5019 New England, Row 2, Lynette Iverson, 8344 Calde well Ave.; Kathleen Kaufman, 6816 Oakton Ct.; and Marcia Publise, 7155 W. Monroe, Row 3, James Carter, 7019 Seward Ave.; Tony Petinato, 7919 Neva Ave.; Raymond Pagni, 7255 N. Nora Ave.; Ralph Ermilio, 7023 Jonquil Terrace; Robert Grauman, 6960 W. Seward St.; and Gary Gundlach, 7326 N. Neva Ave.

## Nilesites At U. Of Ill.

# Jeep Cherokee stolen from Dempster lot

## MORTON GROVE

### 1 Theft of Vehicle (6100 block of Dempster)

A 1990 silver Jeep Cherokee was taken from the business parking lot at the 6100 block of Dempster on Friday, Feb. 9 by unknown subject(s). The victim pulled up his car to the front door of the business and left it running while he entered the store to finish closing and about ten minutes later he came back outside and it was gone.

### 2 Theft of Taxicab Service (Capulina/Fernald)

A police officer was flagged down by Blue Ribbon Taxi at Lincoln and Fernald on Sunday, Feb. 11 stating that three males exited his cab without paying their \$40 cab fare. The driver said he picked up the men in the loop area on Ontario Street.

### 3 Theft from Vehicle (5600 block of Crain)

Police said unknown subject(s) used a punch type tool to break the passenger door lock on the victim's vehicle on Sunday, Feb. 11 and the subject stole several tools. Police took a report for the same crime in December of 2006, only the subject entered the van by breaking the driver's side door lock.

### 4 Fence Spray Painted (9100 block of Central)

Unknown person(s) used green spray paint to damage the fence of a residence on Saturday, Feb. 10. Police have no witness or subject information.

### 5 Burglary to Business (6000 block of Dempster)

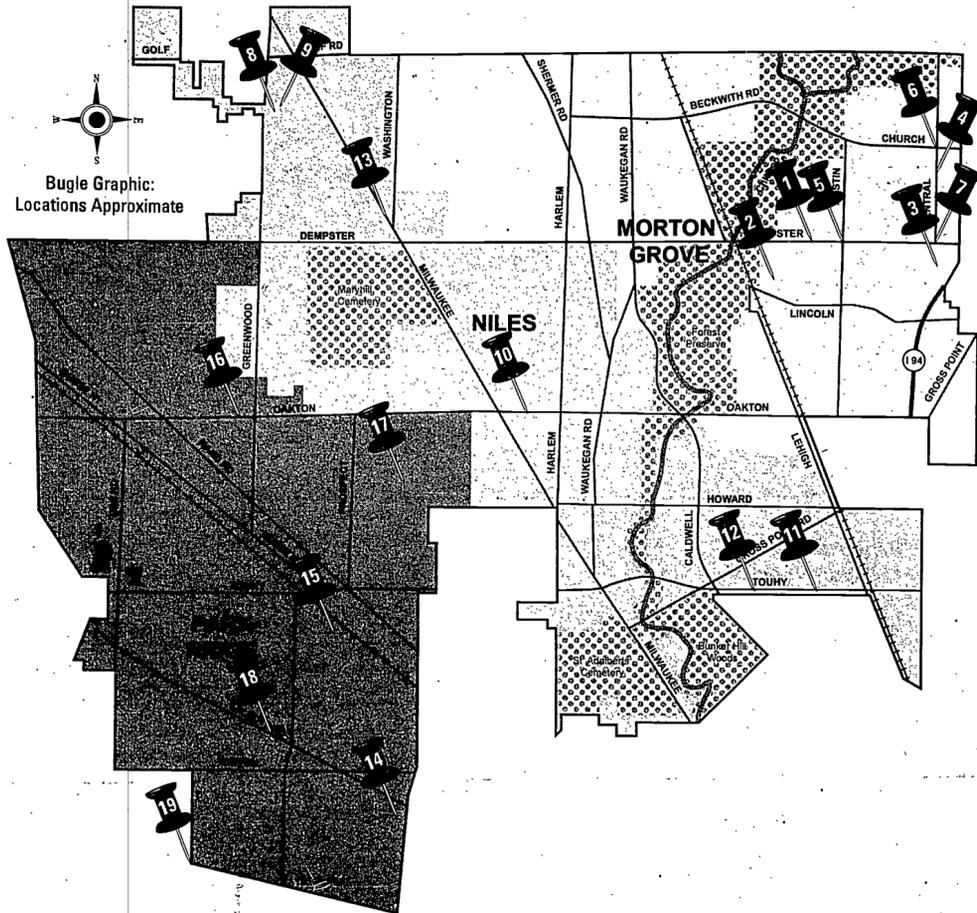
Police said three items were taken from a business at the 6000 block of Dempster on Saturday, Feb. 10. There's no witness or offender information available at this time.

### 6 Arrest on Warrant (Central/Church)

A 46-year-old Skokie woman was arrested on warrant for failure to appear on court on Friday, Feb. 9. The woman's court date is set for March 21.

### 7 Suspended Driver's License Arrest (Dempster/Central)

Police arrested a 31-year-old Chicago man on Sunday, Feb. 11. After being stopped for a traffic violation police discovered he was driving with a suspended driver's license. The bond is set at \$100 and the court date will be March 7.



## NILES

### 8 \$1,500 stolen from auto (200 Golf Mill)

Unknown subject(s) entered the victim's vehicle and took \$1,500 in USC, two medicine bottles and a radar detector on Thursday, Feb. 15. The victim left the vehicle unlocked in the shopping center parking lot near entrance #8.

### 9 Retail Theft (220 Golf Mill)

The subject put on a pair of gym shoes worth \$75 and exited the store without paying on Monday, Feb. 12. A ticket was paid at the scene.

### 10 Possession of Alcohol by a Minor/ Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (7400 block of Oakton)

A 20-year-old Park Ridge resident and a 19-year-old Niles resident were charged with possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia on Wednesday, Feb. 14. While on patrol, police

observed a vehicle parked with the engine running and both subjects standing outside the vehicle. Police said one subject was throwing garbage from the back seat of the vehicle on to the ground of the parking lot. During a search of the vehicle, a glass pipe and a wood pipe used for smoking Cannabis were found.

### 11 Felony Retail Theft (6100 block of Touhy Ave.)

Police arrested a 22-year-old Skokie female on Monday, Feb. 12 for felony retail theft. The woman admitted to ringing up items for her aunt at a lesser cost on about five different occasions. The woman would ring up items at the register and then void items and the felony was approved based on three transactions that totaled \$984.11.

### 12 Battery During Basketball Game (6300 block of Touhy)

An 18-year-old Chicago man was arrested for battery at the 6300 block of Touhy on

Wednesday, Feb. 14. While involved in a basketball game, the man punched one victim in the left eye and punched another in his left upper-lip. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 6.

### 13 DUI Arrest (6900 block of Milwaukee)

A 32-year-old Winnetka female was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 13.

## PARK RIDGE

### 14 Attempted Burglary (100 block of Yost)

A witness observed a vehicle with three males inside pull into the victim's driveway on Friday, Feb. 9. One suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to pry open the doors to a residence. The suspect could not gain entry, said police. The witness called 911 but the suspect attempting to enter the resi-

dence suddenly went back into the vehicle and the three subjects drove away.

### 15 Burglary at Church (100 block of Courtland)

Police said the witness discovered the door to the church office open and also a window that held an air conditioner was open and the air conditioner was removed sometime between Thursday, Feb. 8 and Friday, Feb. 9. Unknown subject(s) appear to have entered the church through the window. Police said \$300 in US currency was stolen.

### 16 More Church Burglaries (1400 block of Oakton)

Unknown subject(s) entered the church through the rear door sometime between Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 and took \$3 in U.S. currency. On Feb. 11, unknown person(s) entered the church by breaking a window and took a computer. See Blotter, page 7

## Niles Police Dept. hosts Citizens Police Academy

Every wonder what it would be like to be a Niles police officer? The Niles Police Department will once again host a Citizens Police Academy starting March 6 through May 8. Classes will continue for ten weeks on Tuesday nights and each class is three hours long from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will get to ride along with a police officer, learn about firearms instruction, crime scene investigation and other law enforcement topics. The goal is for citizens to gain a working knowledge of the department and its functions. Niles residents or owners or employees of any business in Niles who are at least 21 years of age at the time of application and can pass a criminal background check may apply for the program. Applications can be picked up at the Niles Police Department or they can go to www.vniles.com and search for citizens police academy. Class size is limited and applications will be no longer accepted after it is filled so residents are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Those with questions about the program can call Ron Brandt at (847)-588-6568 or Sergeant Tom Davis at (847)-588-6505.

## Blotter

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monitor and tower with an unknown value.

### 17 Burglary to Vehicle (700 block of N. Elmore)

Unknown subject(s) entered the victim's 1997 Honda Accord by breaking the left rear window on Sat., Feb. 10. Nothing appeared to be missing, said police.

### 18 Cello Taken from Vehicle (1000 block of W. Talcott)

Unknown subject(s) entered the victim's unlocked 1999 GMC and took a Cello worth \$1,000 on Friday, Feb. 9.

### 19 DUI Arrest (Higgins and Dea)

A 45-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 8 for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and improper lane usage. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 6.

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## The Choice is Yours: Don't Lose Your Chance to Make it

Most of us have heard of Terri Schiavo. Terri had a heart problem and slipped into a coma in Florida in her 20s. Terri had not expressed with great clarity what

not every long-term coma ends the same way. Sometimes, though rarely, someone regains consciousness after years and years in a coma.

Sarah Scantlin gives hope to all those waiting for loved ones to recover from such comas. Sarah was 18 years old when she was struck by a drunk driver as she crossed the street one Kansas evening. Sarah's brain swelled and she slipped into a coma. Her family spent years at her side. Finally, after being told there was no hope for Sarah's recovery and in order to regain lives of their own, her family reduced the visits to the nursing home caring for Sarah. Then, one day the nursing home called Sarah's parents. "I have someone who wants to talk with you." And then Sarah's mother, Betsy, heard the unmistakable sound of Sarah's voice, speaking the words she had dreamed of and prayed for, "Hi, Mom." After more than 20 years, Sarah had recovered from the coma and now provides hope to other, similarly situated, families.

thoughts on the issue, formed from our own experiences, religious beliefs, and upbringing. You can express those thoughts and make sure that your wishes are carried out if necessary. A Living Will (sometimes called a Health Care Directive) can express your wishes in this regard. Note, it is important for every adult to have his or her own Living Will. All too often, these situations involve young adults: Sarah was just 18 when she entered her coma; Terri Schiavo was only in her 20s. So, be sure every adult member of your family has a Living Will to express their wishes.

A qualified estate planning attorney can help you guard against the unthinkable by helping you express your wishes in a legally respected manner. With your directives in place, you can live your life to the fullest, savoring each day — just as Sarah does.

Chester M. Przybylo is a member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys and has been engaged in the practice of law for the last 40 years. For more information or to attend an upcoming seminar, call (773) 631-2525.

A Guest Column by  
Chester Przybylo

she wanted done in such a situation. This caused great anguish for her husband and her parents for years. Eventually, her husband decided that Terri should be allowed to die by removing her feeding tube. Her parents did not agree with the decision and fought it time and again. After years of court and political battles involving the state and federal courts and legislatures, Terri's husband prevailed and the feeding tube was removed. After 15 years of struggles for Terri and her family, both emotional and political, Terri died in 2005.

There have been other high profile cases like Terri's: Where someone goes into a coma for years and years, never to recover. Nancy Cruzan. Karen Quinlan. Their names live on long after they are no longer around. But,

## Why they hate the Chief

When white men first arrived, they encountered a wilderness inhabited by a loose grouping of tribes who called

themselves the Hileni, Inoca or Ininiwek, now called Illiniwek -

the namesake of our state - Illinois. These tribes were being greatly oppressed and found themselves in what today would be called a genocidal war against the Iroquois empire. These tribes were grateful for any assistance they received against the oppressors and whites provided it. By the time Lewis and Clark came through Illinois the Illiniwek had been decimated by the ravages of this warfare. There is today no known living member of the tribe or lineage. Actually, there are no federally recognized Indian tribes in Illinois at all.

Too many people think of the American Indians as all Indians, one large mass of people, but the continental United States consisted of over 500 tribes and even more sub-groups with distinct languages,



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heritages, beliefs and ways of life. The Indians certainly never saw themselves as unified or a single entity. You see, the Illiniwek were a peaceful people living in a confederacy, but when forced they fought with bravery and determination against the invading and bloodthirsty Iroquois. For this reason and others the University of Illinois adopted the Illiniwek as the official symbol of the school.

I attended the University of Illinois and when I first saw the Chief perform I thought it was silly. That was before I knew or understood the very special history behind him. The young men who portrayed Chief Illiniwek took their jobs seriously and learned as best they

See Perspective, page 21

## THE GUY FACTOR: overconfidence makes for risky investments

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Do you know how to invest? Do you enjoy the kind of financial success that would make you an obvious candidate to write a book about it? Do you sometimes

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wonder why you're even spending five minutes reading this Sunday column when you already know what I'm going to say?

If you've answered yes to these questions, you may or may not be an investing Hercules. Actually, your financial prowess might not exceed the abilities of us mere mortals. Your Achilles heel could be your own overconfidence.

That's the conclusion you can draw from a new study conducted by researchers at the Vanguard Group, who examined the trading habits of more than 1 million 401(k) participants from 2003 to 2004. The investors who traded the most in their workplace accounts exposed their nest eggs to far greater whiplash, but their high-wire portfolios didn't fare any better than the folks who may glance at their portfolios once a year. What's more, the 401(k) investors who rearranged their portfolios the most lost nearly 1 percentage point a year in performance versus the least active traders.

Who are these risk-takers? Most are older male professionals, who have held their jobs for a long time. These men are also far more affluent than the average 401(k) participant. In fact, these fellows are more likely to have higher household incomes and enjoy substantial wealth outside their 401(k)s. Their account balances are nearly 90 percent higher than the folks who rarely tinker with their portfolios.

Stephen P. Utkus, who heads the Vanguard Center for Retirement Research, calls these traders "men on the job on the Net." With online access to their accounts, moving their money is as easy as devouring a plate of buffalo wings.

The guy factor has been documented before in a famous study of brokerage account activity in the late 1990s. Men fared worse than women in this landmark research, which was called,

appropriately enough, "Boys Will Be Boys: Gender, Overconfidence, and Common Stock Investment."

According to those researchers, men traded 45 percent more frequently than women and their returns were worse than the female accounts. The increasing popularity of the Web only fueled the phenomenon of male investors gone wild.

A few years ago, researchers from the University of California documented that the investment performance of a group of brokerage clients dropped dramatically when they stopped investing by telephone and started making their own trades online.

When they faced the hassle of reaching someone by phone, their dialing finger wasn't as itchy and their returns beat the market by more than 2 percent. But when they switched online and could easily make trades during ESPN SportsCenter commercials, they ended up badly lagging the market by more than 3 percent a year.

Knowing this, it's easy to assume that the television ads for online brokerage firms that show wise dads calmly trading stocks while their kids are yammering in the background isn't worthy of a Rockwell portrait. The kids would probably end up with more cash in their college funds if Dad unplugged the computer and spent his free time changing a diaper or playing catch in the backyard.

It doesn't matter if you think the villain is high-speed Internet connections or testosterone. Whether or not you've got the Y chromosome, what's important is knowing how to avoid letting a swelled head suffocate your portfolio. If that's your goal, here's an excellent strategy: Do nothing. (Or, actually, nearly nothing.)

A 401(k) should be nearly as low-maintenance as an Alaskan rose garden in February. While you should continue feeding new money into your accounts, you should otherwise forget about them. Once a year, you'll want to check your accounts to see if the investments have gotten out of whack. Suppose, for instance, that you started the year with a classic balanced portfolio. You had 60 percent of your money devoted to stock funds and 40 percent to bond funds.

## Grand Opening - Kumon Math and Reading Center



The Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry welcomed new member Kumon, a math and reading center, and helped celebrate their grand opening on Wednesday, February 7. Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezano joined store owner Michelle Bettuzzi to officially cut the grand opening ribbon. For more information on Kumon visit [www.kumon.com](http://www.kumon.com) or call Michelle at (847) 324-5120.

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# MDRT Foundation gives grant to the Harbour

The Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation awarded a \$1,400 grant to Park Ridge-based the Harbour, as part of the MDRT Foundation's Corporate Citizen Grant program.

MDRT presented the grant to the Harbour at their offices in Park Ridge on Wednesday, January 24. "MDRT applauds the tremendous work being done by the Harbour," said Nick M. Falco, CAE, CFRE, the MDRT's Foundation's Executive Director. "Our Foundation is proud to give

back to the community and be associated with such a worthwhile cause." The MDRT Foundation's Corporate Citizen Grant Program provides support to community charities local to the MDRT headquarters.

The grant funds were raised by MDRT staff through their employee holiday luncheon raffle and matched by the MDRT Foundation. Local businesses, including Nika Le Butik, AI's Italian Beef, LePeep, Original Pancake House, Hill's Hallmark, Camp

Willow, Hay Caramba, Pickwick Theater, Charcoal Grill and Pizzeria, Bailey's, Caruden Hair Design, Marriot and United Airlines all donated raffle prizes.

The Harbour advocates for and provides services to youth, in order to enhance safety and stability, nurture personal growth and promote the development of healthy relationships with their family and others. The Harbour fulfills its mission by providing emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless,

runaway, abused and neglected girls in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. "The Harbour offers youth a safe place for a night, and services designed to prepare them to become healthy, self-sufficient adults," said Randi M. Gurian, LCSW, executive director of the Harbour Inc. "The funding provided by the Million Dollar Round Table helps to ensure that no youth in our community will be turned away from needed services."

The MDRT Foundation's

Corporate Citizen Grant Program formally began in 1999. Since then, the MDRT Foundation has established an annual budget to fund charities local to MDRT's headquarters that exhibit corporate responsibility and the civic-mindedness of MDRT. Past grant recipients include the Center for Concern, Avenues to Independence, and the Park Ridge Juniors benefit for Lutheran General Hospital's Emergency/Trauma Center and the First Step Foundation.

## Lutheran General launches online flower shop

An Internet Web site that allows the public to make online purchases for delivery to Advocate Lutheran General hospital sites has recently blossomed.

The manager of the full-service Flower Shop, Jenny Samuels, says that the website allows people to view and order floral designs, make payments and arrange

deliveries throughout the Advocate system.

Samuels said that in the floral industry about 40 percent of orders now come through the Internet as opposed to over the counter or by phone.

"Having the Web site provides hospital staff, patient family members and friends easier access to our services,"

said Samuels, in a press release.

Over the past five years, Samuels estimated Flower Shop profits provided more than \$100,000 in support for hospital initiatives.

"We are a unique entity because all of our revenues go back to Lutheran General," stated Samuels, in a press release.

## Hertz is hurting

By Malcolm Berko  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Berko: I didn't buy Hertz, the largest auto rental company, when it came public,

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even though it is a new, improved and restructured company. It's now about \$16 and I'd like your opinion on buying 500 shares at this slightly higher price.

S.W.L.

Oklahoma City

Dear S.W.L.: After Merrill Lynch, the Carlyle Group and Clayton, Dubilier bought Hertz from Ford in October 2005 for \$2.3 billion, a good friend from Merrill said, "We're going to flip this back to the public at twice the price and make a bundle." So between January and June 2006, these venerable vulture capitalists had Hertz borrow \$3 billion and lavished themselves with a \$1.4 billion special dividend, plus \$150 million or so in special advisory fees. (Someone has to pay for the polo ponies, yachts and private jets.)

In November, these vulture capitalists suckered a gullible, overtrusting public into buying 76 million shares of Hertz Global Holdings Inc. (HTZ-\$21.69) at \$15 and used the \$1.1 billion in initial public offering proceeds to pay back part of the borrowed \$3 billion special loan. These three vulture capitalists still own 232 million shares of HTZ at \$21.69 each, worth about \$4.9 billion.

But hold your water and take a peek at the following numbers: With \$4 per share of new debt (\$13 billion) and not a pfennig of book value, you shouldn't touch this new and improved HTZ with a flamethrower, a Sherman tank or a cruise missile. Revenues last year were \$7.8 billion, enabling this new and improved HTZ to earn \$127 million, or 40 cents a share. That number is less than one-third what HTZ earned as a private company when Ford Motor was at the helm. And this year, Standard & Poor's reckons the new and improved HTZ will earn 40 cents a share once again on similar revenues. That translates into a niggardly net profit margin of 1.5 percent, and this number doesn't even come close to dinging my dong.

While you're cogitating that 1.5 percent number, glimpse HTZ's rather high price-earnings ratio of 40, which is more than twice that of the Standard & Poor's 500 averages. I'd like you to compare this new and improved HTZ to Avis Budget Group Inc. (CAR-\$27.78), the largest auto rental in the universe with \$18 billion in revenues versus \$7.8 billion for HTZ. So Hertz isn't the largest after all! Avis has \$8 billion in debt versus \$13 billion for Hertz. That's interesting!

According to S&P, Avis earned \$1.1 billion last year, which is a net profit margin of 6.1 percent, compared to 1.5 percent net profit margin for HTZ. Hertz's net performance margin is terribly underwhelming. According to S&P, Avis' earnings of \$1.04 a share translates to a P/E of 20 times earnings versus HTZ's P/E of 40 times earnings. Kinda makes one wonder if HTZ may be priced way, way too high.

# HAVE YOU HEARD

## Cardella, Katsoolias, and Schwartz of Edward Jones Receive Securities License

Jeffrey Cardella and Nick Katsoolias of Niles and Steven Schwartz of Morton Grove recently earned their Series 66 license, which enable them to maintain an Investment Advisor Representative (IAR) registration.

To prepare for the Series 66 exam, which is administered by the NASD, they completed a study program. The 100-question test, which must be completed in 2.5 hours, covers everything from rules in the securities industry to advising clients.

In addition to being Series 66 licensed, Edward Jones financial advisors are required to receive their Series 7 and insurance licenses, enabling them to offer clients a variety of investment products.

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Staff Sergeant (SSG) William C. Faehse III, son of William and Judith Faehse II of Niles, grandson of Mrs. Adeline Smigiel of Rolling Meadows, and fiancé of Rebecca of Chicago is serving his second tour in Iraq at Camp Taji, north of Baghdad, in the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a 2001 graduate of Niles West High School.



## Polish Night at Sox Park

Polish National Alliance Vice President (PNA) Paul C. Odobrina invites Sox Fans to join us along with the Polish Roman Catholic Union, Polish Falcons and Polish Women's Alliance for Polish-American Night at U.S. Cellular Field (Sox Park) on Thursday, April 19, 2007 starting at 7:11 p.m. The Chicago White Sox vs. The Texas Rangers.

Price of tickets is as follows: Lower Deck Seats \$17.50. Tickets can be purchased from the Polish National Alliance (1-800-621-3723 ext. 316); Polish Roman Catholic Union (1-800-772-8632 ext. 2601); Polish Falcons of America (1-574-289-2140); or the Polish Women's Alliance (1-888-522-1898 ext. 1208). Orders for tickets, first come, first serve, must be made no later than Thursday, April 12, 2007.

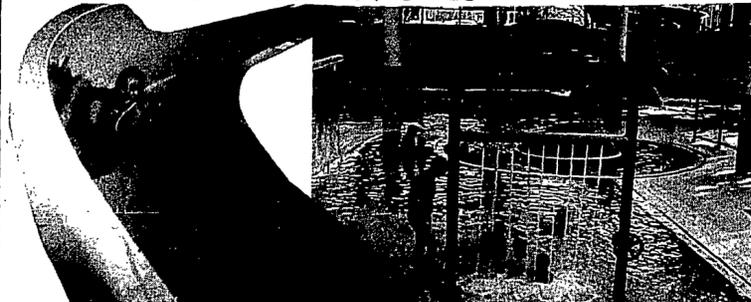
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Big Noise Theatre Company announces open call auditions for I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE directed by Nancy Flaster. Casting 2 women and 2 men who can sing and act. Please prepare 2 contrasting songs (one ballad, one up tempo, total not to exceed 3 minutes). Bring sheet music in your-keep. Accompanist will be provided. No appointment necessary. No pay.

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For more information, write [info@bignoisetheatre.org](mailto:info@bignoisetheatre.org) or visit [www.bignoise.org](http://www.bignoise.org). Big Noise Theatre is a member of the League of Chicago Theatres.

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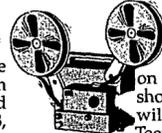
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## Monarch Ball to benefit Resurrection Health Care

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Tickets are \$300 per person and may be reserved by calling Anita Kepley at 847-813-3464. Proceeds support the new Francis Cardinal George Center for Ministerial Development at Resurrection Health Care.



## Niles Teen Center Movie Night

The Niles Teen Center is having a Movie Night on Friday February 23rd from 7-9:30. We will be showing the movie "The Grudge 2" and snacks will be available for purchase. The cost is \$2 for Teen Center members and \$3 for non-Teen Center members. Bring your friends to watch a good movie and to play a game of pool!

The Niles Teen Center is located at 7680 N Caldwell. Please call 847-663-9185 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

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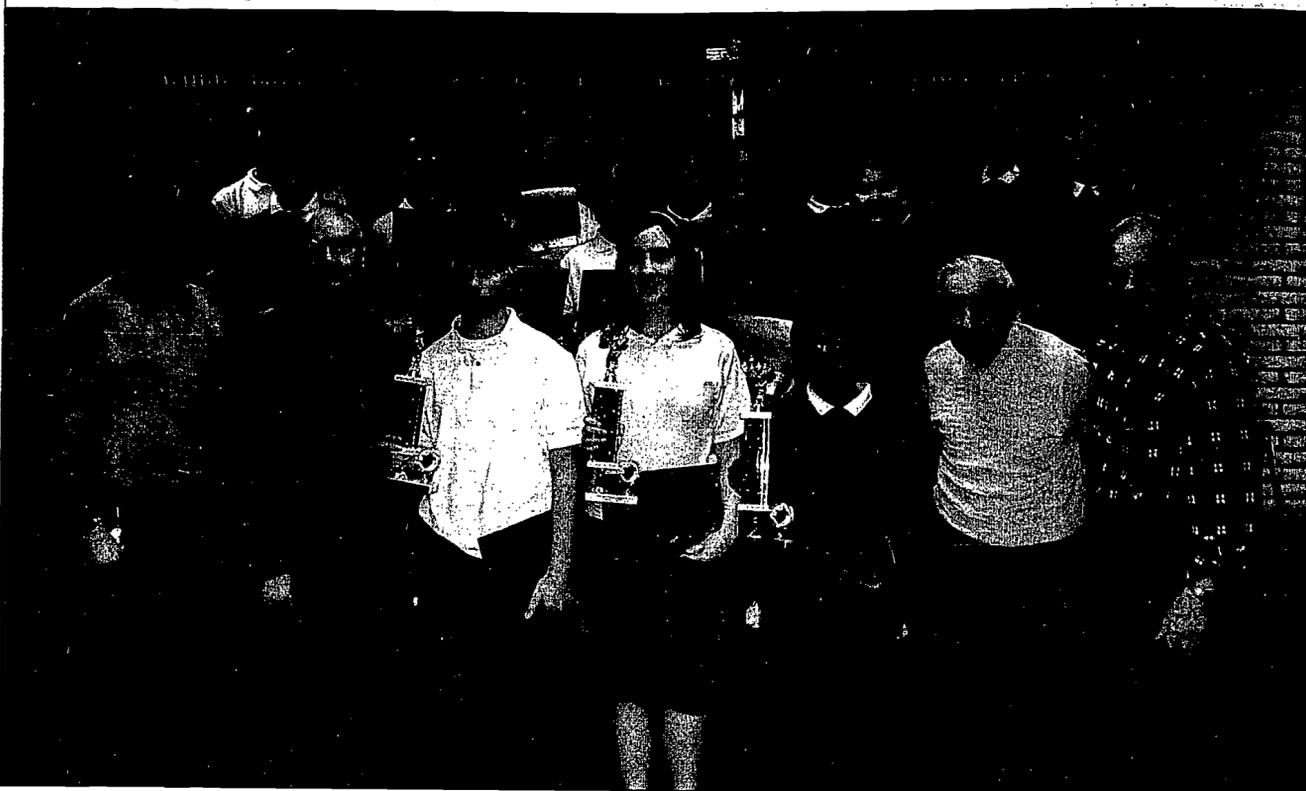
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## Maine East announces WordMasters Awards

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### Morton Grove Seniors

#### Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

#### 'A Century of Hats' CANCELLED

The Morton Grove Senior Center's "A Century of Hats" program scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations.

#### '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.

#### Sudoku Class

Sudoku means, "numbers singly" in Japanese. Solving Sudoku requires no other knowledge than that of the digits one

through 9. Its solution involves pure logic, which makes it a great brain exercise for people of all ages. Sudoku also teaches great patience. This class, to be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, March 13, will focus on explaining the solving strategies with a couple of actual examples. This is a free class but there must be at least five participants registered before March 6. To register call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

#### AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP's "Driver Safety Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for motorists age 50 and older. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Upon completion drivers may receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15 in the Prairie View Community

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## What you can do to protect seniors

Following, from the National Association of Triads, Inc. and Home Instead Senior Care, are ways that family caregivers can protect their senior loved ones:

1. Watch for unusual activity. Seniors who are scammed may be embarrassed and try to hide what happened. Watch for changes in their lifestyle as well as any other unusual financial or business activity.

2. Be on guard for individuals who have befriended your loved one. Lonely or isolated seniors may be vulnerable to criminals who befriend them and provide them with companionship. Ask to talk to your parent's new friend to find out more about him or her. A thief won't stick around long to chat.

3. Investigate organizations looking for money. Often seniors want to donate to organizations and other worthy causes. Help your loved ones check those out by requesting written information on the organization and reviewing that thoroughly. Or contact the Better

Business Bureau.

4. Assist seniors with their finances. If a senior can no longer handle his or her finances, encourage your loved one to put a plan in place that can help ensure bills are paid and his or her assets are protected. That plan may include your senior designating a financial power of attorney.

5. Destroy information that could be compromised. Make sure your senior shreds all financial information and credit card offers before discarding them in the trash.

6. Seek out a second set of eyes. If you live a distance from your loved one or can't always be there, help your senior build a support network. This can include neighbors, friends, trusted church members or professional CAREGivers like those from Home Instead Senior Care.

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Obituaries

**Margaret J. Dritelein, 89**

Margaret J. Dritelein, 89, of Niles, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born April 4, 1917 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Valentine Dritelein. Beloved daughter of the late Harry Barrett and the late Margaret (nee Rodgers) Barrett. Loving mother of Donald K. Dritelein of Niles, and Joan (George) Campbell. Grandmother of Peggy (Sam) Leylek, Mary (Randy) Swanson, Michelle (Pat) Reynolds and George Campbell. Great grandmother of Jackie and Tim Leylek and Tommy Reynolds. Sister of seven. Aunt and great aunt of many. Services were held February 15 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

**Frances London, 78**

Frances London, 78, of Park Ridge, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. She was born June 14, 1928 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Stanford London of Park Ridge. Loving daughter of the

late Joseph Bersani and the late Inez (nee Perlestein) Bersani. Beloved mother of Ricardo (Janice) Dinverno of Hoffman Estates, IL, Armond (Kitty) Dinverno and the late Rocco Dinverno. Grandmother of Anthony, Alycia, Alexandra and Arthur Dinverno of Illinois. Sister of Margaret (the late Anthony) Ritondale, the late Alexander (the late Carol) Bersani, the late Joseph (the late Gloria) Bersani and the late Margaret Bersani. Aunt and great aunt and great, great aunt of many. Services were held February 14 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Glen Oak Cemetery. She was a homemaker and member of the Italian-American Club. Memorials to: Make A Wish Foundation, Charity of your choice.

**Irene C. Marzec, 88**

Irene C. Marzec, 88, of Niles, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007. She was born September 1, 1918 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Stephen Marzec. Loving daughter of the late John Bryk and the late Louse

(Kucharski) Bryk. Beloved mother of Susan (James) Hannigan of Hinsdale, IL, Elizabeth Mikowski and Marianne (Don) Marzec-Tadish. Grandmother of Sarah and Aaron Mikowski. Sister of Emil (Virginia) Bryk and John (Mary) Bryk. Aunt of many. Services were held February 19 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She was a bookkeeper at Woolworth. Memorials to: Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607.

**James Olbrisch, 75**

James Olbrisch, 75, of Niles, passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007. He was born December 20, 1931 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Dolores (nee Cina) Olbrisch of Niles. Loving son of the late William Olbrisch and Pauline (nee Staniewicz) Olbrisch. Beloved father of Michael (Monika) Olbrisch, Dennis (Debbie) Olbrisch, Lorie (Eric) Good and Annette (Brent) Knoblock. Brother of William (Joan) Olbrisch and the late Leonard (Patricia) Olbrisch. Uncle and great uncle of many. Services were held February 20 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja

Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a Police Officer of the Niles Police Department. Memorials to the John Wayne Cancer Foundation or Rainbow Hospice.

**Peter "Pete" Hans Staackmann III, 53**

Peter "Pete" Hans Staackmann III, 53, of Hoffman Estates (formerly of Palatine) passed away Thursday February 15, 2007. He was born January 6, 1954 in Evanston, IL. Beloved husband and soul mate of Robin Kay (nee Lockhart) of 19 years. Dear son of the late Peter Hans Staackmann, Jr. and Nancy (nee Comstock). Loving father of Peter, IV (Fiancée Stephanie), Christopher and Allison. Brother of Kathleen Haage, Daniel (Janet) Staackmann and Patrick (Liz) Staackmann. Son-in-law of Ronald Lockhart and Sonja (Robert) Gardner. Brother-in-law of William (Patricia) Lockhart, Barbara Ziegler, the late Richard Haage, and the late step mother-in-law Sandra Lockhart. Uncle to many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. What Pete loved most was to spend time with his wife, children and family. He will be remembered by many for his love, kindness and patience. He loved to spend

time outdoors with his family and dogs. He fished with his dog Max and was an avid hunter with his dog Penny and close friends. Services were held February 19 at St. Theresa Church. Arrangements handled by Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. He was a service technician for Abt TV & Appliance in Glenview for the last 19 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Ducks Unlimited c/o Don Schwenmin, 1172 Beechtree, Bartlett, IL 60103.

**Virginia B. Werner, 92**

Virginia B. Werner, 92, of Northbrook, IL, passed away Saturday, February 10, 2007 at Maryhaven Nursing Home. She was born November 23, 1914. Beloved wife of the late Arthur C. Werner. Loving daughter of the late Elizabeth (Hollich) Koegel and the late Frank Koegel. Beloved mother of Richard. Werner of Northbrook, IL and Arthur F. (Shirley A.) Werner. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services were held February 14 at Our Lady of the Brook Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. She was a clerk at a retail store.

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Center. Then in April the course dates will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, April 14 and 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost of the course is \$10. It is now required that participants register in-person at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

**'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, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. The following special "Lunch Bunch"

events are coming up:  
St. Patrick's Day Party on Thursday, March 15. Lunch is Corned Beef and Cabbage. Special cost is \$3.50 on this date.  
Spring Hat Day on Wednesday, March 21. Lunch is Meat Loaf Jardiniere.  
Easter Party on Wednesday, April 4. Lunch is Turkey Ham.  
Good Friday Celebration on Friday, April 6. Lunch is Seafood Bake. There is no cost for lunch on this date.

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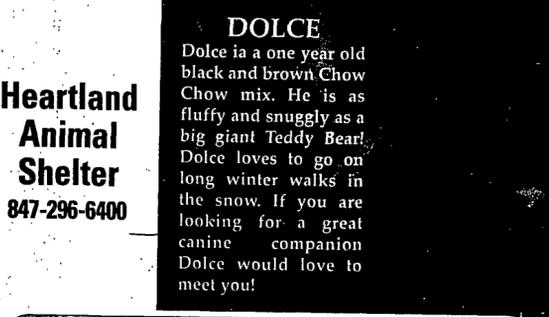
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**DOLCE**  
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**TURQUOISE**  
Turquoise is a real beauty! She is a gorgeous long-haired tabby with glowing emerald colored eyes. She has a very friendly pleasant disposition. Come on by and meet her today!

On the Cover, NOEL - This little girl has lots of energy and spunk to share with all of the people around her. She is very active and she really enjoys attending her obedience training classes.

'Bow Wow Bowling'

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen  
STAFF WRITER

The springtime is a busy time of the year for Heartland Animal Shelter in Northbrook.

"Bow Wow Bowling," cosmic bowling, will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Eskape Lanes, 350 McHenry Road in Buffalo Grove.

The purpose of the event is to support homeless pets that are living at the Heartland Animal Shelter. The \$30 fee includes unlimited pizza, soda, dessert, plus two hours of bowling. Those interested can register on the website at [www.heartlandanimalshelter.net](http://www.heartlandanimalshelter.net) with a visa or mastercard or send a check to Heartland Animal Shelter, 2975 Milwaukee Ave. in Northbrook, IL, 60062 c/o Bow Wow Bowling.

The next event in March is called Kitten and Puppy Shower, "It's raining kittens and puppies!" It will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heartland Animal Shelter in Northbrook. The purpose of the event is to support Heartland by bringing the babies born a shower gift. Guests can mingle with fellow animal lovers and enjoy some cake. People can bring

items, such as canned Friskies kitten food (no fish), baby kitten bottles, clay cat litter, Gerber meat baby food, puppy formula, puppy nylabones, Kong toys and stuffing, Kuranda beds at Kuranda.com, hot air humidifiers, fleece blankets, heating pads, towels, small bite puppy food and small/medium Martingale Collars for dogs.

Adoption Days where people can take home a cat or a dog in need of a loving home will take place during the month of March from noon to 4 p.m. Adoption Days will take place at the Golf Mill Shopping Center (enter door #2 between Kohl's and Target)

On Thursday, March 22 at the Northbrook Library in Northbrook "Best Friends Forgotten" (Film on pet over population). People can learn how to help with pet over population through this film.

Those interested can learn how to "Foster for Heartland Animal Shelter" the first Saturday of every month from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Heartland Animal Shelter. The host of the event is Barb Balla. Those who want to sign up can write to Jenny at [jlnogle@yahoo.com](mailto:jlnogle@yahoo.com).

Harmony House Auction

Please join Harmony House for 'Cats in welcoming DJ Enterprises, featuring Pete Weldon and radio legend Dick Biondi, as we celebrate our annual spring dinner and silent auction.

Our event will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 11:30am-4:30pm at Poretta's Banquets at 3718 N. Central Avenue in Chicago. For more information regarding this event please call us at 773-463-6667.

**Congratulations Rocky Sobie!**

We hope you're enjoying our Pet Stop Section. Rocky Sobie are our the Pet of the month this issue. If you think your pet is the most lovable, our next issue is March 22 2007, so send or e-mail your photos to:

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# Roundworm problems in humans as well as dogs

By R.G. Elmore, D.V.M.  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** Our family was alarmed when we recently heard that a friend's little boy might lose the

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sight in his left eye because of a roundworm infection, which he probably got from playing with his puppy. We did not realize all the risks involved in owning a puppy.

Are roundworms commonly diagnosed in puppies?

**A:** Diagnosing roundworms in puppies is common. Puppies can get infected with roundworms in several ways, including before birth. In other words, puppies can become infected from their mothers while still being carried in the

uterus. It also happens when puppies ingest contaminated milk as well as living in contaminated environments.

The life cycle of the roundworm is interesting. After a roundworm egg is ingested, it develops into a larva in the dog's intestines. Roundworm larvae eventually migrate out of the intestines, burrow through the liver and end up in the lungs of the infected dog. The roundworm larvae in the lungs then are coughed up into the oral cavity after they get swallowed. The swallowed larvae develop into adult roundworms in the dog's intestines. These adults shed eggs, which are passed into the environment when the dog defecates. The development of new larvae and the migration through the dog is repeated when another

dog ingests the contaminated stool from the first dog.

Roundworms are zoonotic, meaning that they can infect humans. Unfortunately, when children ingest stools from dogs, contaminated dirt or sand where infected dogs have defecated, the development of larvae can occur within them. Occasionally these larvae migrate to the retina and cause blindness in the affected eye.

This is one reason why it is so important to teach children to wash their hands after playing outside and to keep their hands out of their mouths. It is also essential to teach children that it is not acceptable to allow a dog to lick them in the face.

Prevention of roundworms in dogs includes having their stool samples checked for roundworm eggs by a veteri-

narian, treatment if roundworm infections are diagnosed and diligently picking up and disposing of stools as soon as deposited on the ground.

The fear of roundworms should not keep anyone from enjoying the companionship of their dog; however, everyone should have their dogs checked for roundworms regularly by their veterinarian.

**Q:** We were surprised when our veterinarian told us that our dog needs dental work. We have never had dental work done on any of our previous dogs.

Do dogs get cavities as humans do? I have never heard of a dog having a filling.

**A:** While it is relatively rare, it is possible for dogs to have dental cavities. In fact, veterinary dentists do root canal pro-

cedures on dogs. Dental diseases, including infections of the gums, can lead to serious secondary diseases affecting a dog's major body organs.

Every dog should have an annual physical examination, including a thorough examination of its teeth and gums. Routine dentist visits can prevent painful dental problems as the dog ages, which can actually prolong its life by several years.

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

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## Pet of the Month



### Rocky Sobie

The proud parents of "Rocky Sobie" would like to have him as Pet of the Month. Our story of our son "Rocky." One morning my husband Ray Sobie was calling the house phone and cell phone to wake me up. Due to my medical condition I didn't hear the phone or the door bell. My husband "Ray" had called the Niles police to come and check to see if I was okay. "Rocky" came upstairs to my bedroom. Rocky's paws came up on the bed to alert me that someone was at the door. At that time I came down and I heard someone was at the door. When I opened the door it was the Niles police. There was a call put in from my husband to have the Niles police check on me to make sure I was okay due to my medical condition. "Rocky is a hero."

- Pamela and Ray Sobie of Niles

If you'd like your pet to be The Bugle's next "Pet of the Month" write a brief description of what makes your pet special and send it with a photo to "Pet of the Month" The Bugle at editor@buglenews.com or via USPS to 7400 N. Waukegan Rd., Niles, IL 60714.

## Your cat may need a CATSCAN

**College Station** - If your friendly feline is ill and needs some internal work, it may literally need a CATSCAN.

**PET TALK**

New advancements in radiology are enabling medical practitioners to see broken bones better, cancerous tumors more clearly and suspicious areas in more detail. This is especially true in the treatment of animals, where often new treatments are used before eventually being refined and passed on to human patients.

"The advances in radiology have been exciting and may be even more so in the future," says Anne Bahr, assistant professor of large animal medicine and surgery at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"The bottom line is that we can make better diagnostic tests and these can result in better treatments and plans that can be recommended because we have a clearer idea of what the problem is."

Radiology procedures are pretty much the same for animals as humans, Bahr explains.

These include X-rays, ultrasound tests, MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and other procedures that offer an inside look at the nature of an injury or potential problem area.

Bahr says the biggest advance in recent years has been the use of computer systems that enable

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**Anne Bahr**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE & SURGERY AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

much more precise images.

"These images are transmitted to a computer screen and are digital, and the clarity is remarkable," she says. "It's many times more accurate and clearer than equipment used just 20 years ago. It allows manipulation of the images and improves the diagnostic information and this was not possible until recently."

A cat or dog that has swallowed a pin or other object could have its life saved with new equipment. Also, decisions regarding Cesarean section surgery may be made more easily because the surgeon can see more clearly the size and number of fetuses in the animal.

But with new advances usually come increased costs.

New digital imaging equipment can easily run as high as \$300,000 per machine, Bahr says. "A standard X-ray

machine found in most veterinarian's offices will run about \$10,000 and up, so the cost factor is a consideration," she adds.

Where tumors or cancerous growths are concerned, new imaging equipment allows "us to see a cross section of the suspicious area," Bahr says.

"We can now detect the precise location of a mass. This may alter some treatment plans because now the surgeon has a better guide of exactly what he or she wants to do."

Sometimes, the new images are not easy to obtain.

In humans, cooperation to get an X-ray or digital image is usually not a problem. That's not often the case in animals.

Large animals, such as horses, must often be strapped to special lab tables for certain procedures such as abdominal X-rays. Exotic animals, such as lions or tigers and others, are usually given some form of anesthetic so that handlers can position the animal for specific images needed.

"With an anesthetic, there's always a health risk, and that's true in both people and animals," Bahr notes.

"The field of radiology has made some great strides in the last few years," she adds.

"With the advances in new equipment and techniques, it can mean more accurate decisions can be made on how to treat injuries, or whether or not surgery is needed. It translates into better health care."

# LIFE

PERFECT PAIRINGS

## Salad & Riesling steers clear of Foisie Gras flap

### Corn, Jicama, Asian Pear and Cucumber Salad with Avocado Puree

**Salad:**

- 1/2 cup 1/2-inch dice jicama
- 1/2 cup sweet corn kernels
- 1/2 cup 1/2-inch dice unpeeled English cucumber
- 1/2 cup 1/2-inch dice peeled Asian pear
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 teaspoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon minced jalapeno chile
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flatleaf parsley
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

**Avocado puree:**

- 1/2 ripe avocado, peeled and chopped
- 2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 cup filtered or bottled water
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

**Lime vinaigrette:**

- 1 1/2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

- 4 lime segments, supremed and cut into thirds

**Garnish:**

- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh flatleaf parsley
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lime zest
- Yields 4 servings.



One of America's great chefs, Charlie Trotter, right, wrote the best-selling cookbook 'Raw' with Roxanne Klein, seen here. He is so opposed to the inhumane treatment of geese that he took goose liver (foie gras) off the menu of his restaurant, Charlie Trotter's, in Chicago. (CNS Photo)

By Ron James  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**The Chef**

Charlie Trotter is one of America's greatest chefs and his Chicago restaurants are celebrated around the world. But in the last few years, Trotter has become ensnared in one of the great fine-food controversies of our time - to foie gras or not to foie gras.

In 2002, after visiting a foie gras farm, Trotter was so enraged by inhumane treatment of the geese that he took goose liver (foie gras) off the menu of his flagship restaurant, Charlie Trotter's.

In 2006, using Trotter as a poster boy for the anti-foie gras movement, Chicago banned the sale of the delicacy in Windy City dining spots. Then the liver really hit the fan. Chefs in Chicago and around the nation cried foul - er - foul. The

ban, they said, violated our freedom to eat what we want. Trotter was verbally pummeled from foie gras-loving fellow chefs - although he maintained his independence from animal rights groups.

"I never wanted to become a defacto poster boy for the no foie gras movement," claimed Trotter in a 2005 New York Times interview.

Poster boy or not, Trotter did defended his decision: vigorously, taking special aim at fellow Chicago chef Rick Tramonto, who called his anti-foie gras stance hypocritical. Trotter fired back suggesting that Tramonto's own liver might be served up as a little treat.

Meanwhile, in acts of culinary civil disobedience, Windy Citizens got into the foie fray. In protest, dining spots large and small featured the unnaturally enlarged livers on their menus in very creative ways. One pizza parlor offers foie

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gras pizza and a hot dog stand has three kinds of foie gras sausage specials.

**The Dish**

There is no foie gras in the featured dish, which is made up of humanely grown and harvested fruits and vegetables. This fresh salad is a combination of corn, jicama, Asian pear and cucumber tossed with a lime vinaigrette. It's bumped up a notch with a bit of chopped jalapeno, mint and flatleaf parsley, plus a touch of avocado puree. It's adapted from the recently released paperback version of "Raw" (Ten Speed Press; \$24.95), the best-selling cookbook written by Trotter and Roxanne Klein.

Until a decade or so ago, jicama was a rare ingredient in U.S. cuisine. Despite its rough exterior, the root is crisp, fresh and refreshing. Also known as the yam bean and Mexican turnip, it can be

eaten raw or cooked as a starch. To prepare, peel the skin and fibrous flesh just below the surface. One pound will yield about 3 cups of cubed or shredded jicama.

**The Wine**

"When most people think of German riesling," Trotter writes. "The first thing that comes to mind are sweet wines from the Piesporter and Blue Nun era. Yet a majority of the wines from the top German producers are actually trocken, or dry styles."

Follow Trotter's advice and select a Robert Weil 2005 Riesling Kabinett Halb-trocken (\$24.95) for the salad.

"Robert Weil's rieslings from the Rheingau are the perfect accent for the brightness and freshness of this dish," Trotter continues. "The lime-laced vinaigrette makes the salad sing with acidity, and the coolness and minerality of the cucumbers complement the flavors of the riesling."

**Take a walk across the 'Bridge to Terabithia'**

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**Bridge to Terabithia** ★★★ — "Bridge to Terabithia" takes us down the old pike of Disney dreams, out past Norman Rockwell Estates toward Narnia

**FILM IN FOCUS**

City. It's a good trip. Katherine Paterson's prize-winning family novel has been adapted (partly by her son David) into a fluent, winning Disney vehicle. Set in one of those cozy, idyllic towns that is partly suburban, mostly country, never urban enough to feel threatening, it is a story of youth surviving the puberty years (with there winks of sexual interest). Josh Hutcherson is appealing Jesse, son in a large rural family, quietly artistic but all-guy. He is befriended by the spunky new neighbor, Leslie, played by hugely engaging AnnaSophia Robb. Her brisk, captivating smile is the golden ticket to a fantasyland in the woods that she names Terabithia. A lot of parents beg, bark and whine for family fare at the



AnnaSophia Robb and Josh Hutcherson are featured in the fantasy film "Bridge to Terabithia." (CNS Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures)

movies. "Bridge" shucks even its corn quota well, giving those parents (and their kids) what they claim to want. Folks, don't wait for the DVD. A Buena Vista Pictures release. Director: Gabor

Csupo. Writers: Jeff Stockwell, David Paterson. Cast: Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Zoey Deschanel, Robert Patrick. Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated PG.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Morton Grove on the wrong track**

Dear Editor, We have heard several announcements from Mayor Krier over the past few weeks about the progress he has made in improving the village. I take issue with many of them.

Consider first the progress of the TIF's. Morton Grove still owes about 9 million dollars on the failed Waukegan Road TIF, partly due to the poor planning of the then ruling Action Party. Before that TIF was paid off, the village jumped into another TIF at Lehigh-Ferris. We paid Elliot Builders 5 million dollars to come in and build condominiums they should have done without any seed money.

The Action Party controlled the village at that time and allowed Elliot Builders to wiggle out of a commitment to dedicate part of their buildings to low cost housing. Now we have the village spending almost 3 million dollars to buy the Domicile Furniture lot in the Lehigh-Ferris lot for undetermined development. The village consultant, S.B.

Friedman suggested several possibilities, including low cost housing.

We no longer hear anything about this particular land being used for that purpose. Instead, it will probably be more condominiums, as if we don't already have enough of those. We lost several good business's, including Maxwell's restaurant. All we see now in it's place is more housing. There are too many empty lots sitting in this village and too many business's leaving. We are supporting the residents of the Woodlands in the Lehigh-Ferris TIF with police, fire, etc., and not getting back any immediate tax revenue.

All of these property taxes are being funneled back into the TIF which has many more years to go before it matures. None of these taxes are going to our schools, which desperately need more income. The village had to set aside almost 1 million dollars from our general fund this year to help the schools subsist. One solution would be to close the TIF, so that these tax funds will be released for immediate usage by the village. The mayor tried to explain

raising taxes over 24% in the past two years to bring the pension funding for the fire and police up to the recommended levels. I want to see these funds adequately funded, but why do we have to correct the past laxity of the Action Party in funding them by correcting everything immediately? This correction could have been amortized over several years. The only legal requirement by the State of Illinois is that these funds be fully funded by the year 2030. The mayor has often quoted another village, Franklin Park, who was sued for not fully funding their pension plans. I talked with the mayor of Franklin Park and he explained that two firemen independently sued their village for more funding. The net result was that their village had to add some 5 thousand dollars to the pension funds. I don't think we are risking very much in a more conservative approach to add money to these funds.

The mayor also thinks he has made progress with social service funding. Last year, the vil-

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lage allocated some 30,000 dollars to this fund, while only 5,000 dollars was actually paid out. I participated in the committee to design the forms for seniors and needy residents and had to fight the committee (most of whom were Caucus people) to make the form less personally invasive, like asking people to list all their assets before getting any aid. The village also requires people to personally visit the village social worker to convince her that they qualify for this assistance. I think a simple form that could be mailed in would encourage more people to apply. This is how the State of Illinois and Medicare handles their applications for aid (Illinois Cares RX and Medicare Extra Help).

Lastly, the Garbage Tax has been a problem ever since the Action Party introduced it to avoid raising property taxes. Our current mayor has made small efforts to reduce this tax, but he ran two years ago on the promise that he would eliminate the tax, not phase it out.

There is now a third pray, the Reform Party trying to offer res-

idents another choice besides the existing two parties. As a candidate of the Reform Party, I hope we can make the necessary changes to put the village on track for better government.

*Sherwin Dubren, Trustee Candidate, Morton Grove*

**Need help of higher power to stop global warming**

Dear Editor,

Global Warming, scientists pointout the rise of the oceans temperatures. The changing weather patterns and ice melting at the poles. They are blaming it on man and his fossil fuels.

Rather could it possibly be that God is watching what man has been doing in the world. Could it be God fuming and steamed over all the sin in the world that man has created. Could it possibly be the reason why we are having global warming. In either case it seems as though man is at fault.

Only with God's help will we be able to get out of this predicament.

*Keith Mueller, Formerly of Niles*

**Perspective**

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could to emulate the traditions in a positive not a derogatory manner. The short history above about an extinct tribe is something I appreciated as a student at the University.

Today white men have returned to "help" the Indian. They really aren't interested in helping, but are a continuation of the same politically correct, hate-America-first crowd that always shows up when there is a chance to shame or humiliate the past. Of course, they act out of presumption and complete ignorance. But in hating the Chief they destroy the real good done by his existence. That is the preservation of a great nation of people who would have been long forgotten.

The word "Illiniwek" refers to the full man — a strong, agile, capable body; an unfettered intellect; an indomitable spirit. Note that all three definitions go against the radical's agenda. People are not strong in body, mind or spirit but are instead victims. These people hate masculinity in all its forms and its expression is a menace.

It is the same thinking that cancels dodge ball and penalizes little boys who point finger guns at their buddies. It is the same thinking that demands groupthink and destroys anyone who thinks differently. They believe that your mind should be limited by chains they set. They are the controllers who revel in managing the lives of others. As for a spiritual side, they are all for it as long as it is some Eastern gobbledygook or demands the use of crystals or public nudity. To them Judeo-Christian morality is mindcandy for idiots.

In attacking the Chief these so-called "friends of the Indians" attack an icon that has preserved and restored some aspect of native Illinois Indian culture that was essentially lost over a century ago, until the Chief was born. One legitimate criticism of the Chief is that his regalia is not Illiniwek, but Sioux and that the dance is also based on Sioux tradition. These criticisms are also born of ignorance.

There was no living Illiniwek to teach their traditional dances, but "On September 25, 1982, Sioux Chief Frank Fools Crow traveled to the

University of Illinois with fellow Sioux elders Anthony Whirlwind Horse and Joe American Horse. During a halftime ceremony at Memorial Stadium, Fools Crow presented the University with the regalia [hand-made in traditional style by him] currently worn by Chief Illiniwek." You see the Sioux and the Illiniwek shared a common border and fought many wars against each other. These tribal leaders, these real native Americans, did not find the Chief demeaning. They instead offered a tribute in peace and remembrance to a long dead people they once had warred with.

Sadly, my Alma Mater sided with the radicals and ended the tradition of the Chief. This act signals the final death of the Illiniwek, the death of memory.

Long ago white men came as "friends" to the Indians. They offered to help and gave them blankets. These blankets were intentionally infected with smallpox and decimated the population. It is depressing to see that we have learned nothing from history. The "friends" of the Indians have struck again.

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By Linda Pescatore  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Having a sturdy deadbolt on your front door doesn't do a whit of good if you don't take the time to lock it.

Statistics show that, although burglars are three times more likely to break into a house without a deadbolt, only 50 percent of homeowners have them, and only 25 percent of those deadbolt owners use them daily, according to Safety By Design, a Missouri lock manufacturer. Furthermore, FBI crime statistics report that 60 percent of residential burglaries occur during the day, when the occupants are at work or school, so throwing that bolt when you leave is critical.

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**Shelf-Evident**

Hidden doorways are among the hottest items in home remodeling. What looks like a built-in bookcase actually folds away to reveal a hidden space - perhaps an office, closet, hobby room, gun vault, or, for those with a flair for the dramatic, a mysterious secret stairway.

SpaceXDoors, a Colorado company that claims to make "the original" hide-a-door bookshelf, offers sturdy bi-fold

doors disguised as functional wooden shelves. Although the system can carry as much as 300 pounds, the doors glide smoothly on their stainless steel track and, the company says, nothing falls off the shelf.

The bookshelves, which are mounted to cover any existing opening and trim, rarely require remodeling of the opening and can be installed by a handyman or experienced do-it-yourselfer using the instructions and video included with the system, according to SpaceXDoors. The doors are suitable for condos and apartments because they

can be taken along when you move, the company says. The furniture-grade bookcases are made from your choice of hardwoods, composites or veneers, either finished or unfinished. Each comes 83 inches high, with eight adjustable shelves and a valance to match your decor. The company also offers the option of 96-inch-tall shelves.

**Stick it to Noise**

Nobody likes noise. A new product promises to shield you - or your neighbors - from irksome sound waves originating from loud voices, stamping feet or rushing highways, to name a few. Green Glue is a water-based, nontoxic visco-elastic sound-damping compound that you apply to a second sheet of drywall or subflooring using a



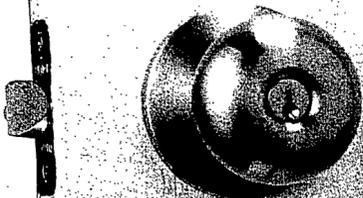
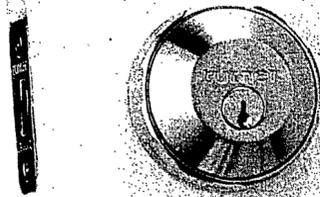
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# New lock saves a step, could save your valuables

**HOME ZONE**

**Lock 'N' Roll** - Although it looks like any other deadbolt, the Turner Lock is easier for people on the go to use because it can be locked from the outside without using a key. (CNS Photo courtesy of Safety By Design)



caulk gun. Sandwiched between two layers of drywall, the half-millimeter-thick coating of Green Glue dissipates sound vibrations, according to the manufacturer, aptly named the Green Glue Co.

Green Glue has been fire-tested and not been found to be hazardous, the company says. It can be used for walls, ceilings and floors in both new construction or in remodeling.

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Linda Pescatore is an editor with Copley News Service and a former magazine writer and newspaper editor.

## New plants require some babying

By Jeff Rugg  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I have some seeds left over from my green peppers and beans from last year's garden. I want to plant them early, so they will be ready as plants, not wait

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to plant them in the garden. I also want to plant tomatoes and some other plants early. What do I need to do to have them ready on time?

One of the reasons it is good to buy garden seeds is the seed packet often has a lot of useful planting information on it. Another reason is that the seeds you collected may have been from a hybrid plant and the new plants may not produce the same high-quality produce. It is fun to try, and they may turn out fine. Using collected seeds is the only way to get some of the old heirloom vegetable varieties.

The timing of this project is very important. There are some garden plants that can survive a frost or cold weather, and some that are warm weather only. In general, they all would get planted as a seed indoors about eight weeks before the date you would plant them outdoors.

You will need to know the date when your area gets its average final spring frost and plan to set out the warm-weather plants that you mentioned in your question a few weeks after that date. Cool-season plants like broccoli, lettuce and peas can get planted outside several weeks before the last frost date. In southern regions that don't get a frost and where gardening only slows down instead of stopping, you can plant cool-season crops every few weeks all winter long for fresh new harvests until the weather is too hot.

Once you have decided on when to plant the seeds, you need to decide what to plant them in. They can go into trays of sterile planting soil, into their own individual peat moss pots or into reusable plastic or clay pots.

Trays are convenient when the plants are small because many will fit into a small place. As they get bigger, only the more robust plants will get transplanted into larger pots. Transplanting takes work; some plants may die during the process. Always gently loosen the soil around the roots with a small pointed stick or pencil. Pick up tiny plants by a leaf, never the stem. If there is damage to a leaf, the plant will

**GARDEN TIP**

**Choosing a container**

Pots are available in a wide range of sizes, colors and materials.

**POT MATERIAL**

**CLAY POTS** are heavy, which prevents even-large plants from tipping. Clay is porous, which provides a drier root environment, meaning less opportunity for root diseases.

**PLASTIC** containers retain moisture better than clay, which is an advantage in hot or dry climates. Plastic pots are tough and tolerate freezing and thawing.



**POPULAR TYPES OF POTS:**

Containers should be large enough to provide room for soil, roots and drainage. The smaller pots, pans and azalea pots are suitable for propagating and growing young plants.

**STANDARD POTS** are at least as deep as they are wide at the rim. A standard-shaped pot is a good choice for most plants.

**AZALEA POTS** are three-fourths as tall as they are wide. Azalea pots are inherently stable because of their low center of gravity and thus less likely to tip over. Ideal for potted flowering plants and foliage.

**BULB OR SEED PANS** are one-half as tall as they are wide at the top; they are useful for germinating seeds.

**CELL PACKS** come in modular cells; each cell holds a single plant, which encourages growth and reduces the risk of root injury when transplanting.

**ROSE POT** is one-third taller than it is wide. It's used for plants such as roses and tomatoes, which have deep root systems.

**SAUCERS** are available to match clay or plastic pots. They are useful for catching surplus water.

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survive, but if the stem is damaged, the plant will probably die.

Transplanting small plants out of plastic or clay pots will cause some root damage, which results in transplant shock, so I prefer to use small peat moss pots for seedlings. There are two styles. One is a typical pot that you fill with soil. The other is a flat, dehydrated pellet. It expands into a pot with soil when you water it. Either one will allow the plant to be put in the garden without any transplant shock to the roots. The peat moss pot or other types of pots made from paper will become organic matter in the garden soil.

Plant the seeds into the pots at no more than three times the diameter of the seed. Some seeds are so small it is easier to place them on the soil and then just sprinkle a little peat moss on top. Gently press the seeds into the soil. Set the pots into a tray of water, allowing the water to fill no more than halfway up the pot. After an hour, remove the water and, thereafter, just add enough water to the tray to keep the soil damp.

Watering the pots from the top seems to promote damping off, a disease that attacks the seedlings at the soil level; they topple over as though a miniature lumberjack felled them. High humidity and a lack of air movement also help fungus grow.

Don't fertilize the seedlings. Fertilizer tends to build up on top of the soil, where it damages the tiny stem, killing the plant.

Keep the soil warm. In the mid-70s is best for most garden plants. Once the seedlings have a couple of real leaves, the heat can be reduced. There are heating mats that the watering tray can sit on to keep the soil warm without having to heat the whole room.

The first two leaves, called seed leaves, are in fact the two halves of a seed. A good example is a peanut. The two halves that we eat are the seed leaves that nourish the plant until the root is bigger and until the stem has grown real leaves; they then fall off. The little germ part of the peanut that looks like a little Santa Claus face is the part that grows the root and the stem.

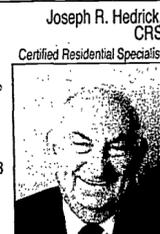
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The American Institute of Architects, in its recently released semiannual report, sees the 2006-2007 period as the best two years for the construction industry since the late 1990s. They expect a significant increase in nonresidential construction this year - about 7 percent, they predict. This industry niche grew by about 6 percent last year.

"Unless there is a significant downturn in the overall economy, the prospects for nonresi-

dential construction activity are very favorable," said Kermit Baker, AIA's chief economist. "The high level of projected activity will help offset some of the effects of the slumping residential market in past months."

Q: To what extent are today's refinance mortgages designed to produce cash?

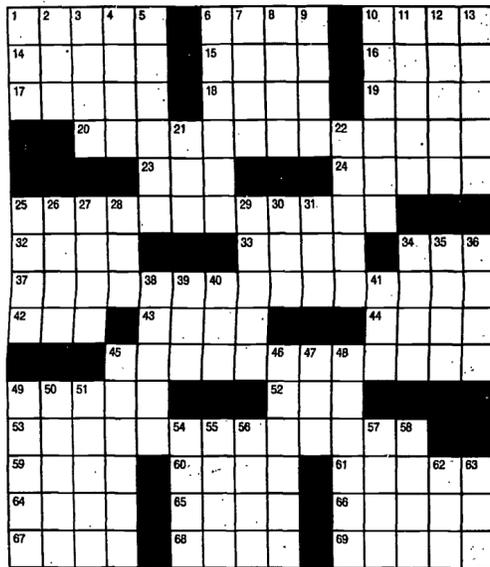
A: A huge proportion of today's refinance mortgage applications are structured to generate cash while refinancing an existing mortgage. About 84 percent of refi applications are for cash-out mortgages.

That's down from the cash-out proportion during the third quarter of last year, when it reached

87 percent, but it's still very high.

"With interest rates averaging about 6.2 percent for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages, many families find that it's cost-effective to cash-out equity through a new first mortgage, even though it raised their interest rate," said Amy Crews Cutts, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac, a major buyer of existing home mortgages. "With the prime rate at 8.25 percent, a home equity loan or line of credit based on that rate may not make sense if the financing need is large, like a major home improvement project or college tuition payments, and will be paid back over several years.

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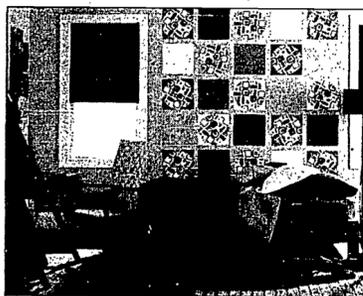
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Temporary fixes brighten rented quarters

Christine Brun COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Renters are often at a disadvantage because landlords put limits on how much decorating they'll tolerate in the "borrowed" home. And while it isn't hard to understand why owners aren't receptive to holes in the wall or permanent applied wallpaper, the fact still remains that nothing begs dressing up more than boring, standard apartment-white walls.



So how do you spice up rented walls and turn them into an inviting space? One new concept in decoration is called Wall Pops! It's an attractive option geared toward more youthful tenants who appreciate stripes and dots on walls.

From Brewster Wallcovering Co., Wall Pops! feature a

bright, colorful selection of patterns and solid colors in a form of easy-to-use wall art that is repositionable and removable. The utterly fool-

proof part of this concept is that these forms come off the wall as easily as they were attached.

"Colorful stripes are a pattern that everyone can incorporate into their homes and appreciate as great design," said Paula Berberian, creative services manager for Brewster.

"Ribbon Candy" consists of two patterns with stripes in colors such as "way cool blue" mixed with "purple perk" and "totally orange" with "lello yellow." These jazzy patterns come as stripes that are packaged in one continuous roll that measures 6 1/2 inches by 16 feet. One package should march across at least two walls of the average-sized apartment bedroom.

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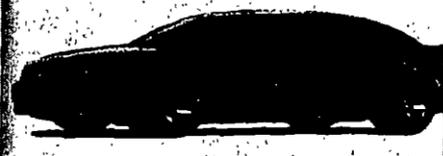
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