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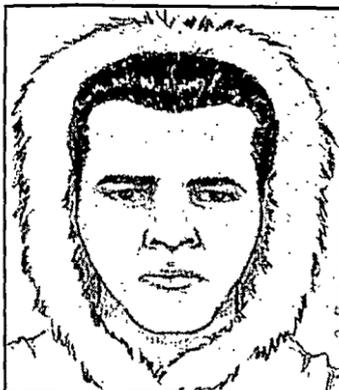
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A composite sketch that was released Tuesday by the investigators. The subject that they are looking for is described as a male white with a medium complexion. He is reported to have dark hair, is about 5' 7" in height with a medium build in his mid 20s.



Personnel with the Niles Police Department and North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) investigate the scene of a fatal shooting in Niles last Wednesday at this house in the 8100 block of Susan Ct.

One man killed in home invasion on Susan Court

Robbery was apparent motive in shooting

By Andrew Schneider
EDITOR

Robbery was the apparent motive in the home invasion of a Niles man who lived in the 8100 block of Susan Ct., near Emerson Middle School.

Leonard Bird, a dealer in rare coins and estate jewelry lived in the home with his son, Michael Childers, when two men forced their way into the house last Wednesday, Feb. 21, shooting Childers to death in the process.

According to family mem-

bers on the scene, Bird was asleep upstairs when Childers answered the door. Suddenly, the sound of gunshots echoed through the quiet Niles neighborhood. Bird grabbed his own gun, and exchanged fire with at least one of the men. They subsequently fled the scene in a van, according to witnesses.

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Staff Report: 22 percent of Dist. used Niles Library in '06

Board argues more innovation, services needed

By Andrew Schneider
EDITOR

Niles Library Staff released a report at last Wednesday's board meeting, only 22 percent of the District's approximately 58,000 people used the library in 2006, a number that seemed too low to some board members.

According to the survey compiled by Library Staff Members Joel Hahn and Linda Weiss, out the total eligible, 33,050 possessed library cards but only 12,879 used the library in 2006.

"I don't think that's acceptable," said Library Board Member Dr. Patrick Cross. "I'm shocked at the size of the library that services 33,000 residents. Having come across the statistic - that 80 percent doesn't use the library, regularly shocks me even more."

Library Administrator Cary Czarnecki, however, said that board members should not overstate the impact of the reported numbers.

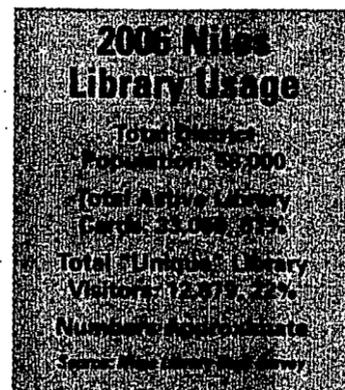
"I don't know any library that has 100 percent of the population," Czarnecki said, "and these statistics are just looking at one year."

Cross and several other board members suggested that Library staff think more "out-of-the-box" and consider new ways to serve patrons.

"One of the things that I've said from day one is that the direction of the library needs to change and these statistics prove it to me," Cross said.

He believes that increasing use of the internet for research and generally information gathering was decreasing the overall use of the library and that it was time for the library to change the way it served patrons.

"I'm not saying that the library is useless," Cross said. "But we need to come up with out-of-the-box thinking. Maybe



it's high-time we got rid of the reference and put the money into the things that are being used. Let's face it, the library is not being used like it should."

Other Library Board members, Fred Kudert and Morgan Dubiel, also discussed the history of the budget and noted that the reason they want information from staff about library usage is so that they can accurately budget for the years ahead.

"What we as trustees try to understand what these services should be and try and figure out what the cost of these services is," Kudert said at the meeting.

Kudert and Dubiel both stressed that they wanted the library's budget to be "revenue-neutral," meaning that they wanted to see the library's expenses equal its yearly tax revenue and that they weren't specifically looking to cut.

"We're looking to innovate, not to cut," Dubiel said.

Innovating

Among proposed innovations discussed at the board meeting was the use of the self-check-out machine. In recent years, self-check-out machines have begun to appear in libraries all throughout the nation and have even begun to appear in grocery stores. While the machines have been widely accepted at grocers, Niles Library patrons continue to

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CUB warns area consumers about unregulated natural gas companies

The Citizens Utility Board issued a consumer alert in January, reporting that even though there has been a 40 percent drop in heating prices compared to last winter, unregulated natural gas companies continue to get involved in deals that could lose customers hundreds of dollars.

"People need to be aware of what they are signing up for with these unregulated gas suppliers," stated CUB Executive Director David Kolata, in a press release.

CUB's "Gas Market Monitor,"

an online tracking device, reveals that of 1,100 active plans, 95 percent have lost money to date compared with the prices of regulated utilities.

"Competition should be about having options and getting lower prices, but people have spent hundreds of dollars more on these plans than they would be paying by purchasing gas from their utility," stated Kolata, in a press release.

Kolata stated that signing up with one of the unregulated companies is a "big gamble that most consumers are losing."

Plans being finalized for Oasis Pool demolition, renovations

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Niles Park District has been meeting with the architects for the Oasis Pool renovation this past week finalizing the details and discussing parking issues.

Demolition of the building is scheduled to take place on April 19 or April 20. Niles Park

District Director Joseph LoVerde said that the building has been a polling place for elections for awhile, so they wanted to start demolition after the April 17 election.

LoVerde said the architects made a presentation at the park district board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

"It was very professionally done," said LoVerde, who said architects presented a video presentation of the project. He said the sale took place for the \$5 million in bonds and they received a 4.10 percent interest rate, which LoVerde said is a good rate.

LoVerde said that in order to make the parking lot as safe as possible for moms driving big vans, children, seniors and other drivers, they will create a turn-around within the parking lot so that traffic on Milwaukee Ave. will be limited and driving conditions will be safer.

Instead of the original 116 parking spaces there will be a total of about 110 spaces. LoVerde said there is also a

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Joseph LoVerde
NILES PARK
DISTRICT DIRECTOR

grassy area where they can create more spots if they choose to do so. Although he believes it's important to provide adequate parking, he said that safety of residents comes first.

LoVerde said that he has received some phone calls from residents expressing their concerns and opinions about the project. He said that one resident was concerned that there wasn't enough shade at the old pool. Therefore, LoVerde said they will try to work on making sure there's more shady spots at the new pool. LoVerde said it's important to hear residents comments about these type of projects.

I won't miss Chief Illiniwek

I attended the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, eventually obtaining a bachelor of arts in Political Science (an endeavor that did much to disabuse me of my vision of academia). I spent time with friends at the "alternative dorm" and shot pool in the Union and at the basement of a fraternity house in Champaign. I had friends who were both "pro" and "anti" chief.

For myself, I started out pro-chief, but my experience at the school slowly changed my mind and when I left I was a confirmed anti-chief man.

Why? The chief was touted at the University's "symbol." Forget the question of whether the chief was or was not racist and just ask yourself the simple question, was the chief doing his job as a "symbol."

What's a symbol's job? It's to unite people, to give them something they can stand behind to cheer on their sports teams, to capture the spirit of its scholars, to become the embodiment of its university.

In short, a symbol should stand for the people it represents. I became anti-chief when I realized that the symbol was no longer doing its job. Imagine if one-third of the people in the United States were offended by the flag, not offended by what it stood for, but offended by the flag. The controversy surrounding the chief was similar to the one that surrounded the use of the old Confederate flag, the



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"stars and bars" on southern state flags.

So, I was anti-chief.

But that does not mean I welcomed the recent news that the chief was being retired. I didn't welcome it because I am more interested in winning the victory by reason, with arguments like the one iterated above. Not by going around the local decision-makers to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).

I'm not accusing anyone of asking the NCAA to intervene, but this organization singled-out the University of Illinois and used its power to compel it to retire the chief.

That was probably the gravest slight to the "memory" of Chief Illiniwek, not that the alumni, staff, professors and trustees of the university abused him for profit, but that he was not retired with dignity, after a decision that was reached through free and open discourse but was instead, knuckled and forced into retirement because the university was hurting to host post-season athletics competitions.

Invasion

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Childers, a self-employed tile worker, was taken to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital where he later died, according to Police.

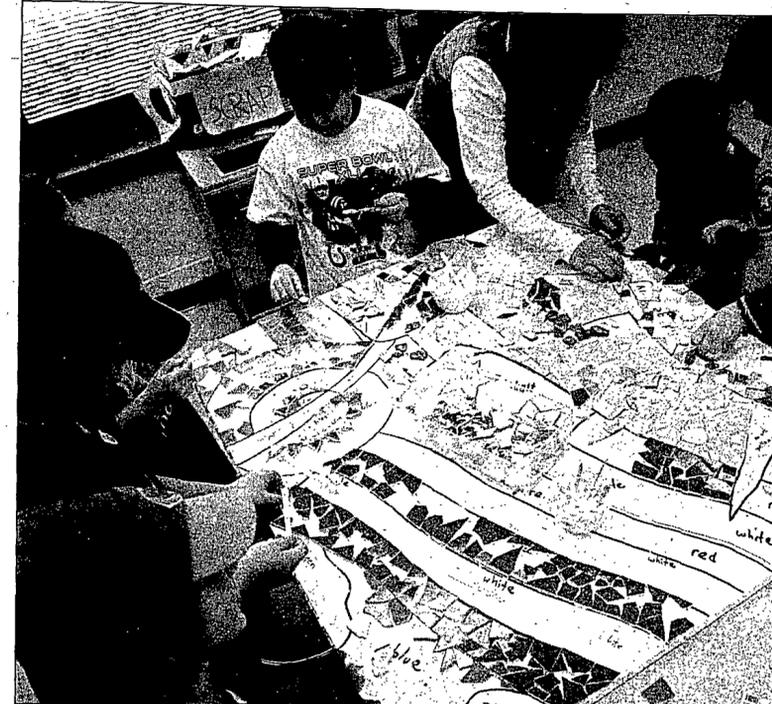
Niles Police responded to the scene around 3 p.m. They cordoned off the cul-de-sac and used K-9 units in a brief effort to track the assailants. It was unsuccessful.

Police locked down neighboring school facilities, including Emerson and Jefferson as well as an early childhood center that neighbor Susan Ct., but later released students when it was clear the assailants had fled.

Anyone with information is asked to call Niles police at 847-588-6500 or the North Major Crimes Regional Task Force at 847-853-7580.

Students, parents create Mosaic at Carpenter School

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER



Students at Carpenter School in Park Ridge work on a mural.

Parents, students and former students at Carpenter School had the chance to be a part of a meaningful piece of artwork on Thursday, Feb. 22.

During the school's open house, parents and students had the chance to place tiles on four large mosaic panels being created at Carpenter School in Park Ridge by students and staff.

With the help of Chris Zonta, a Chicago artist, the students and staff have been busy creating a mosaic that represents what the Carpenter community believes in and aims to achieve.

"It was very well attended," said Principal Lynne Farmer, about the open house.

Farmer said that the students and staff started creating the mosaic during the third week of January and will continue working on it probably until spring break.

The Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council is one of the funding sources for the proj-

ect. Funding is also coming from a memorial fund for a former student who passed away at the beginning of her third grade year, Paige Katsiavelos. Since art was one of Paige's favorite subjects the funds were designated for an all school art project.

Farmer said the project also provides the students with an opportunity to create a lasting product of their hard work and effort.

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Maine East English Department Awards Breakfast



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NEWS FROM OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Free Health Care Careers Explored Sessions

Students interested in pursuing a career in the health care field are invited to attend a variety of free information sessions at both campuses of Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road., Des Plaines, and 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

These sessions are designed to showcase Oakton's degree and certificate programs in a variety of health care disciplines. Faculty members will be available to discuss course requirements and industry trends.

Medical laboratory technology and phlebotomy information sessions are scheduled 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26

(Room 2721, Des Plaines), and 6 p.m., Monday, April 16 (Room 2834, Des Plaines).

Physical therapist assistant information sessions are scheduled 3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28 (Room 1610, Des Plaines), and 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 (Room 1610, Des Plaines).

Health information technology information sessions are scheduled 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 6 (Room 1550, Des Plaines), and 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11 (Room 1604, Des Plaines).

Nursing information sessions are scheduled 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7 (Room C120, Skokie), and 3 p.m., Thursday, April 26 (Room 1604, Des Plaines).

For more information, call

the Science Health Careers office at 847-635-1684.

Free International Film Fest

Several award-winning international films will be presented March 5-9 during the Modern Language Film Festival at Oakton Community College. Free screenings, open to the public, are scheduled at both Oakton campuses, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, and 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Films were selected for their artistic merit, and to showcase the 11 modern languages taught at Oakton. All films are presented in the original language with English subtitles. Films are not rated and may be intended for mature audiences.

Niles students named on Lincoln Col. Dean's List

Lincoln College is proud to announce two students from the area who have been named on the Dean's List for the fall semester 2006.

Sophomores, Abbigale Pazik, daughter of Cindy Pazik of Niles and Zach Solomon, son of Ian Solomon of Niles, were named on the Dean's List. The criteria to be listed on the Dean's List require students of the current semester to achieve a grade point average range of 3.25 through 3.74 with a class load of a minimum 15 credit hours.

Pazik is a 2005 graduate of Niles Township High School and Solomon is a 2005 gradu-



Abbigale Pazik



Zach Solomon

Lincoln College is a selective, two-year, private, liberal arts college located in Lincoln, Illinois. Lincoln College is designed to prepare a student for university study through a structured, supportive approach to learning.

Approximately 89 percent of Lincoln College graduates transfer immediately to a four-year school where they succeed as well as or better than the native student. Student-teacher ratio at Lincoln College is 13:1 and average class size is 16 students.

District 64 offers World of Wonder Summer Program

Park Ridge Niles Dist. 64 will offer a "Worlds of Wonder" summer program and registration will begin on Thursday, March 1.

The summer program will include a mix of enrichment and skill building classes to provide a fun, challenging program for kids completing grades K to 3 at Franklin School and grades 4 to 7 at Emerson School.

Two, three-week sessions will be provided; Tuesday, June 12 to Friday, June 29 and

Monday, July 2 to Friday, July 20 (no classes on July 4). Two 90-minute classes will be held each morning.

Bus service will be available for students for either morning class and a shuttle bus to local day camps is also provided through the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District.

Course brochures will be available at the Dist. 64 office, at local schools or on the Dist. 64 website, www.d64.org, starting Thursday, Feb. 22.

NDHS celebrates Fat Tuesday with Mardi Gras Celebration

Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," is traditionally the day when Christians treat themselves prior to Lent, the 40 days of self-denial prior to Easter.

Notre Dame High School has held its Mardi Gras fundraiser for the past 43 years as a way to benefit Holy Cross educational missions throughout the world.

Proceeds from this year's

celebration that took place on Tuesday, Feb. 20 will benefit the students in Uganda and Bangladesh.

The event included the renowned Mardi Gras Carnival; an Italian dinner; and the Hungry-I Variety Show.

There was no charge to enter the festive Mardi Gras celebration that included a raffle with a grand prize of \$500.

Jennifer King graduates from ISU

Jennifer M. King of Niles is one of the 1,153 students at Illinois State University who earned a bachelor's degree in the fall 2006 semester.

King earned a Bachelors of Science in Education. Illinois State University is the oldest public university in Illinois.

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shun the machines in favor of human check-out clerks, staff say.

"Self-check is not going to work as long as we use security cases on DVDs because so many of our patrons use [audio/visual]," said Weiss. "It just means poor customer service."

Cross said he believes that as long as clerks are available, self-check-out will continue to be avoided.

"Just like with pumping gas, you have to force the issue," said Cross. "Once you force it, it will become a routine."

Staff disagreed, saying that anyone who has audio-visual check-outs still needed to use the clerk so that the security devices could be removed.

Another option would be to upgrade to a newer machine, staff said. There are machines that will house all the DVDs or CDs in a library's collection and dispense them when they're checked out.

"We've tried using no security system and it doesn't work," Weiss said.

Niles Library board member responds to stories at meeting

Niles Library Board Member Morgan Dubiel responded to stories printed in local press in the last month, including one published in *The Bugle* on February 1 (Library board member says staff demoralized). In prepared remarks Dubiel answered that and other charges about the board's actions over the last several years. Selections from his speech are reprinted here.

"Tonight I would like to clarify and explain some issues that were brought up recently in the Niles' press. First I would like to dispel the myth of the "whistleblower". The word implies notoriety, like some 1970's thriller, that simply does not apply. This board conducts the vast majority of its business in public meetings just like this one or in closed executive sessions in accordance with law. Our conversations are reflected in the public record either by audio recording or written minutes. To imply that the board has committed a violation of law, rule, regulation and/or been a direct threat to public interest by fraud, health and/or safety violations or corruption is ridiculous. For the most part our meetings are

quite boring, but they can be challenging.

The Library has trustees for an express and specific purpose: to manage the Library District's funds. We are trustees for the Niles Public Library District. The constituents we serve are diverse. They include the Library, its staff, patrons and taxpayers. All of which have different needs, wants and goals. As a trustee we need to work very hard to balance that. If the money gained through taxation was simply the property of the Library, you would not need trustees. But, that is not the case. The money collected by taxes is never the property of anyone, but the taxpayer and the trust is placed in the Board to manage those funds. We do not take a public referendum on every decision the Board makes. Instead trustees are expected to represent the District. If you had to keep looking over the shoulder of your banker, attorney or other representative because you could not trust them with your money, they would not be a very good representative. We have a public trust and to my mind, we must treat the peo-

ple's money with more respect than even our own. The standard therefore is higher not lower. The concept is simple: you respect the property of others better than you would your own..."

"Eventually I served as a trustee under the Presidency of Jack Sugar. It was a time of great financial strain at the Library. Our expenses had exceeded our revenues and the board struggled with the task of continuing operations while keeping our budget balanced. Finally, after making many difficult choices, we were presented with one option by the Administrator - either close the library one or two days out of the week or raise taxes. Closing was unacceptable, so reluctantly the board agreed to approve a referendum raising taxes for the District.

After having been through that agony, it seemed foolish to me not to plan ahead to keep expenses lagging revenues. It is the only way to stay solvent.

The budget crisis did not occur in one year, but was the result of budget decisions made over many years. Under President O'Donovan, we gained three

new board members all at once and inherited the goals of the previous board, one of which was "spend wisely". Spend wisely is fairly vague. The board must conduct an annual evaluation and in fairness to both the new trustees and the Administrator the board in written questions asked for clarification and specific examples of wise spending. The purpose of submitting the questions in advance was to get the most detailed and clearest account of the Library's activities to date. At the review none were forthcoming, this was especially disturbing since the purpose of the meeting was this evaluation and we wanted some specific examples. Eventually, the board was given an example of wise spending - it was a decision not to buy a \$300 coffee machine due to expenses. At the time the Library had a budget of millions of dollars. This answer and the lack of answers in general did not build confidence.

Further evidence of the divide we faced is my trial by the Board, which could have ended in my expulsion from the Board. It stemmed from a

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One motorist attacks another at traffic light

MORTON GROVE

1 Assault by Motorist (8600 block of Waukegan)

The driver of a vehicle said a black Acura was following him as he drove westbound on Dempster and then southbound on Waukegan on Friday, Feb. 16. When the vehicles were stopped, the driver of the Acura struck the other driver in the face, claiming that the man opened his door and he was afraid he was being attacked. The driver who was struck in the face denied opening the driver's door and said he didn't know why the man was following him.

2 Damage to Vehicle (5900 block of Crain)

Unknown subject(s) smashed the windows and dash of the victim's vehicle and used a sharp instrument to damage the four tires and seats sometime between Sunday, Feb. 18 and Monday, Feb. 19. Police said the damage is about \$3,500.

3 Stolen Cell Phone (7200 block of Dempster)

The victim was backing up her car and she hit the door of another vehicle in the parking lot on Friday, Feb. 16. The subject told the victim that she would hold onto her cell phone and return it when she paid her the \$100 for the car damage later that day. The subject was supposed to call the victim and set up a time to meet that day, but did not. The cell phone is worth \$50.

4 Arrest on Warrant

A 19-year-old Morton Grove man was charged with an arrest on warrant on Saturday, Feb. 17 for forgery. He was transported to the Bensenville Police.

5 DUI Arrest (Golf and Harlem)

A 32-year-old Niles female was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol at Golf and Harlem. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 7.

6 Arrest on Warrant

A 24-year-old Morton Grove female was arrested on warrant on Saturday, Feb. 17. The bond is set at \$3,000.

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7 Attempted Burglary to Business (6500 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown person(s) attempted to pry off a lock and kick in

a door to gain entry to a business at the 6500 block of Milwaukee sometime between Monday, Feb. 19 and Tuesday, Feb. 20.

8 Burglary to Vehicle (8200 block of Newcastle)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle at the 8200 block of Newcastle and took a radio, cell phone and a key chain with a total value of about \$500 sometime between Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday, Feb. 21.

9 Retail Theft (8600 block of Dempster)

Unknown subject(s) took Black and Decker drills worth about \$200 and faucets of an unknown make and model also worth about \$200 from a store at the 8600 block of Dempster on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The subject walked into the lot and fled away by unknown means.

10 Items Taken from Vehicle (8200 block of Newcastle)

Unknown person(s) took 10 CDs, one Blue Tooth headset

and miscellaneous tools from a vehicle sometime between Tuesday, Feb. 20 and Wednesday, Feb. 21. The subject(s) entered the vehicle by unknown means.

11 Cosmetics Stolen (9000 block of Golf)

Police said subject put miscellaneous cosmetics in her purse and left without paying on Saturday, Feb. 24. The cosmetics stolen have a value of \$20.45.

12 Burglary to Vehicle (300 Golf Mill)

Unidentified subject(s) entered a vehicle in the parking lot and removed one bag with gym clothes and one bag containing a Sony brand portable DVD player on Monday, Feb. 19. The subject(s) broke the rear passenger window to enter the vehicle.

13 Domestic Dispute Arrest (8000 block of Oakton)

A 47-year-old Niles man was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 18 for a domestic dispute, obstructing

a peace officer and resisting arrest. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 4.

14 No Valid Driver's License (7200 block of Harlem)

Police arrested a 45-year-old Niles man for driving without a valid driver's license on Tuesday, Feb. 20 following a traffic accident in the 7200 block of Harlem. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 4.

PARK RIDGE

15 Burglary to Residence (300 block of S. Cumberland)

Unknown subject(s) entered the residence by forcing open a rear patio door sometime between Sunday, Feb. 18 and Tuesday, Feb. 20. A heat blower and three power drills of an unknown value were taken from the residence.

16 Oxygen Sensor Stolen (100 block of N. Busse Hwy)

Unknown person(s) removed the converter and oxygen sen-

sor (worth \$624) from the victim's 1996 Jeep Cherokee on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The vehicle was parked on the street by Hinkley Skate Park, said police.

17 Theft from Church (1300 block of W. Crescent)

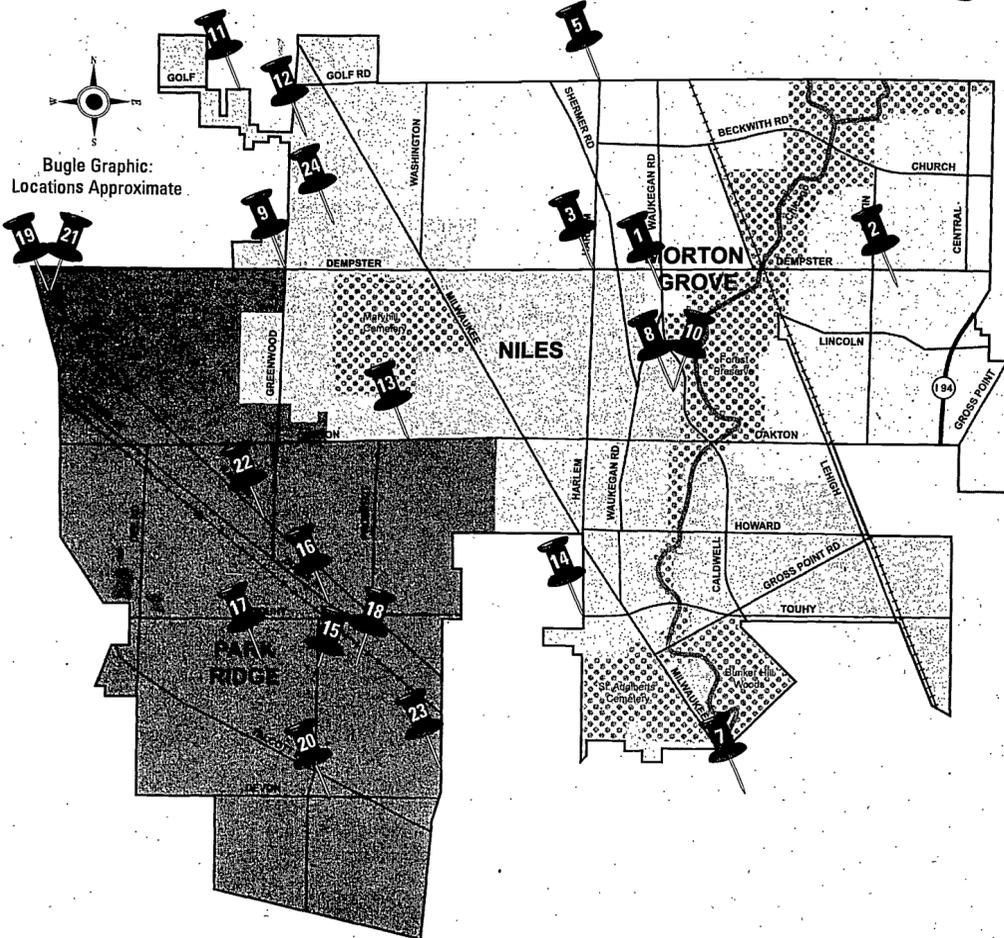
A witness discovered copper down spouts (of an unknown value) missing from the east side of the exterior of the church. Police said the theft occurred between Monday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 17.

18 Flattened Tires (200 block of S. Vine)

Unidentified subject(s) flattened the right front and rear tires of the victim's 2004 Mazda sometime between Monday, Feb. 19 and Tuesday, Feb. 20. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

19 Navigation System Taken Out of Vehicle (1700 block of Pavilion Way)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's Honda CRV by breaking the



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

CrimeStoppers offer \$1,000 reward

The Niles CrimeStoppers announced after last week's shooting that they were offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of two suspects involved in last week's shooting fatality of Michael Childers on Susan Court in Niles.

"It is important that anyone with information come forward," said Niles CrimeStoppers Vice-President Marimel Lim. "This crime has shaken our community and by coming together as a community we can fight back."

Lim also pointed out that anyone can call and leave information anonymously.

"At CrimeStoppers we want your information, not your name," Lim said.

Anyone with information can contact the Niles CrimeStoppers at (847) 588-6533.

Niles CrimeStoppers is a volunteer, donation-funded organization. For more information, you can write to Niles CrimeStoppers, P.O. Box 480252, Niles, IL 60714 or contact the village of Niles at (847) 588-8000.

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driver's side window sometime between Sunday, Feb. 18 and Monday, Feb. 19 and removed the navigation system worth \$320.

20 Damage to Vehicle (1200 block of S. Brophy)

Unknown subject(s) broke off the side mirrors of the victim's 2006 Ford Fusion and 1994 Plymouth Sundance on Saturday, Feb. 17. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

21 Stolen Radar Detector (1700 block of Pavilion Way)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's Subaru by breaking the driver's side window sometime between Sunday, Feb. 18 and Monday, Feb. 19 and took a radar detector worth \$100.

22 DUI Arrest (Northwest Hwy. and Delphia)

A 39-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Friday, Feb. 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and disobeying a red light. Bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 20.

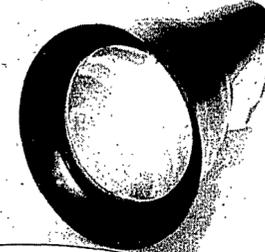
23 DUI/Speeding (Canfield and Imperial)

A 57-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 18 for speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol. Bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is March 6.

24 Possession of Controlled Substance (Ballard and Cumberland)

A 24-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for possession of a controlled substance on Friday, Feb. 16. The bond amount is not available. The court date is Feb. 28.

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Man is just an animal and the quicker we accept it the faster things will get better. Not too long ago, I participated in a debate with a group of scientists and that opening sentence was made as a serious comment. These are scientists specialized in the education of children, but there was not a historian among them, had there been, such an absurd statement would never been made.

Throughout the history of mankind people have fought, bled and died to bring about civilization. To climb out of the dark and muck and come into the light of civilization took courage and guts. Through enormous sacrifice our forebears, stretching back millennia, strove to free themselves from the yoke of tyranny and the cruel belief of man as animal. The sacrifice was worth it because the value of a soul is infinite, but what if we are just a very smart animal?



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

What if you are just a lucky array of DNA and that all that you are is determined by chemicals interacting with your natural metabolism? Imagine the loss of someone you love. Why would

you feel sadness or pity? What if scientists could show you that you have no soul, but with a simple chemical injection they could manipulate the part of your brain that feels sorrow and eliminate it? Would you feel less or more human if you felt nothing at the loss of loved ones? For that matter would love really matter?

This argument has reached a crescendo and it is manifest everywhere you look. Human sexuality has run amok and the expectation for our children is that they will rut, just like animals. You cannot prevent it. Why, we have greater expectations for

our dogs than we do for our children. You would not tolerate for a moment your dogs natural urge to soil your house, but with children ("little animals") the standard is thrown out the window. Children are expected to give in to their "natural urges" and the hormones rushing through their bodies. The result of lower standards is always lower standards.

At the gates of Vienna when Europe turned back barbarism we ushered in the Renaissance and the West sped ahead using godly reason to separate man

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Letters to the Editor

Niles Lions seek radio donations

Dear Editor,
The Niles Lions Club is currently looking for donations of radios that can change stations by pushing buttons.

The radios will be given to low vision groups that have sight problems in the Niles-Morton Grove area.

Those who have this type of radio can call Niles Lions Member Norbert Johnson at (847) 967-8800. The radios will be distributed to people

who are waiting,
Norbert Johnson,
Niles Lions Club

Morton Grove ignores its commissioners

Dear Editor,
Two ordinances were passed on Monday, February 12, 2007. One of these concerns the new ordinance on smoking, and the other on tree regulation.

Morton Grove has a Board of Environmental Health who devoted a lot of attention to the subject of smoking control in the village. This

board consists of doctors and other health specialists who unanimously decided to recommend that the village prohibit smoking in any public place in the village because of the dangers of second hand smoke. At a subsequent Town Hall Meeting, several doctors and experts on this health issue gave testimony that second hand smoke was indeed injurious to people's health. The Surgeon General of the USA has also stated this. Despite all these opinions, the village has passed a watered down ordinance allowing smoking in bars, bowling alleys, nursing homes, hotels, etc.

They evidently feel the wording of the ordinance can effectively control the dangers, but is this something that the residents can compromise on? I feel there should be a total ban on smoking in any public facility in Morton Grove.

The second ordinance covers the Natural Resources Commission, on which I served for one year. This commission is made up of tree experts and people knowledgeable in this field, who put in many hours of work to come up with an ordinance which would protect the valued trees in the village. The resulting village ordi-

nance throws out more than half of these suggestions, mostly of those protecting trees on private property. I don't think this is an issue of invasiveness of private domain, but just a deterrent to keep certain valued trees from being destroyed for frivolous reasons. Our neighboring village of Glenview does regulate the removal of certain trees on private property, so I don't think we are setting new parameters by protecting those trees.

Sherwin Dubren,
Morton Grove

Trader Joe's launches store in Park Ridge, 16th in state

Trader Joe's, a neighborhood grocery store with foods and beverages from the exotic to the basic, will celebrate the grand opening of the new store in Park Ridge on Friday, March 2. The day will kick off with a ceremonial lei cutting with Trader Joe's Regional Vice President Adam Mutolo, Commander (Store Manager) Scott Sarver and crew members to welcome new customers—Trader Joe's style. The celebration will continue throughout the day with music by Chicago's steel drum player Steely Pan, raffles for free prizes, product demonstrations and food tastings.

The new store is located at 190 North Northwest Highway. It is the sixteenth Trader Joe's to open in Illinois. The store will be open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., daily.

Similar to other Trader Joe's, the store will feature a festive décor mixing traditional Trader Joe's cedar covered walls, nautical inspired elements throughout the store combined with a local Park Ridge flare. The new location will feature a larger than life mural that depicts the 1940's art deco movie era and highlights

the famous Pickwick Theater and remnants from the Casablanca movie.

Trader Joe's is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Sarver, as Commander (Store Manager). Scott comes to the new store from the Trader Joe's in downtown Chicago and has worked for the company for nearly 6 years. First Mate (Assistant Store Manager) is Tim Krzeminski, previously of the Naperville location. Tim has been with Trader Joe's for more than 5 years.

Trader Joe's was originally named in recognition of its distinct grocery buying process, because they search the world for values and distinctive products. Crew members (store employees) consider themselves "traders on the culinary seas." Crewmembers sport brightly colored Hawaiian-themed shirts, adding to the light-hearted air of the store.

Many area residents will soon be receiving a copy of the Trader Joe's "Fearless Flyer" in their mailboxes.

The Fearless Flyer is a somewhat irreverent description of a

timely selection of Trader Joe's products. It's been called a cross between Consumer Reports and Mad Magazine. Each edition highlights a selection of Trader Joe's products that the company buyers believe are worthy of customer interest, including comfort foods and items that are organic or have other special attributes.

Trader Joe's carries an extensive array of domestic and imported foods and beverages including fresh baked artisan breads, Arabica bean coffees, international frozen entrées, 100 percent juices, fresh crop nuts, deli items, and vitamins and supplements, as well as the basics, like milk and eggs.

Trader Joe's introduces approximately a dozen new items every week. Buyers travel to Europe, South America and Asia searching out new products. In order for an item to be sold in a Trader Joe's store, it must pass the scrutiny of a discerning tasting panel. Thousands of items are tasted each year to find products that both appeal to the culinary adventurer and microwave aficionado.

Morton Grove Doctor presents positive finding on tissue repair cells

Matthew L. Jimenez, M.D., of the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute of Morton Grove recently presented results from patients treated with Tissue Repair Cells at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons in San Diego.

The study showed that 90 percent of the patients who have completed the 12 months post treatment follow up evaluating the use of Tissue Repair Cells in the treatment of severe long bone fractures experienced multiple bone bridges, which is evidence of bone regeneration.

All of the 36 patients enrolled and treated during this trial had severe long bone non-union fractures that had failed before treatment interventions. These patients were treated with TRCs, a mixture of stem and progenitor cells derived from the patient's bone marrow.

One of the most significant pieces of information obtained from the trial is that there were

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no serious TRC-related adverse effects observed in any of the patients.

"I am extremely encouraged by the results we have seen to date suggesting TRCs enhance bone healing in atrophic non-union fractures," stated Jimenez, in a press release.

Some of the patients treated during this trial were at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, as well as at the University of Michigan Health System, Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York and more.

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from animal. The results are directly traceable to the founding of our nation and the freedoms you still enjoy today. Could all that be lost? My son was recently disturbed by a children's book that painted King George III as equal to George Washington. So a man, a king, who places the yoke of bondage on other men is morally equivalent to a man who pushed away the crown, serving only one term as president when he could have had America as his kingdom? When you believe that man is an animal there is no right or wrong.

If people are animals, and animals are biological machines driven by instinct and controlled by genes, then the way things are is pretty much the way they have to be. You cannot be better, society cannot be better and human improvement is a myth. Consequently, trying to change the world by human action is a futile task. Why waste your time? What will you tell the rapist or the murderer? How can you convict them? They are simply acting out their instincts, their DNA conditioning. They can have no guilt and hence no conviction. As just another animal how can you even sit in judgment?

It is the very essence of being human and civilized to rise above genetic predeterminism, to find your soul and seek to raise it up. That's what makes us better than animals, or the barbarians who would succumb to their lusts and leave the formalities of civilization behind. We have a long history dating back thousands of years showing us the truth of this. Animalism arose in Babylon, Egypt, Rome, and a thousand other empires. Animalism would pit one human, cheek to jowl, against another with none to judge or even know right from wrong. In its wake this philosophy has left the bones of the innocent to be crushed beneath the boot of the mighty and the cruel. It is a builder of kings and absolute tyrants. It makes slaves and rationalizes savagery.

Not so long ago, men gladly donned their uniforms of black with silver trim and shoveled living people into ovens. If all men are animals and all animals are equal, some animals will be more equal than others. Who will protect the weak, watch the child, or mourn the dead if you lose that thing that makes you exceptional: your very soul? We have seen man as animal before, is that the future you wish to bring back from our past?



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones New Pension Rules Benefit 401(k) Beneficiaries

As you're probably aware, the traditional pension plan has not fared so well in recent years. In fact, many large companies have frozen or discontinued their plans. Congress passed laws last year to strengthen pensions, but some other provisions of this legislation may interest you even if you don't have a pension — especially if you may be coming into an inheritance that includes a 401(k).

And a 401(k) can be a sizable bequest. By the time many people retire, their 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan — such as a 403(b) or 457(b) — may be their biggest single financial asset. Even if they died before depleting the funds in their 401(k) or other plan, they might still have a large chunk of money to pass on. It's never been much of a problem to leave this money to a spouse, who could roll the funds into an IRA. Once the money was in this IRA, the surviving spouse could continue enjoying the benefits of tax-deferred growth.

However, nonspouse beneficiaries — such as children, grandchildren, siblings and domestic partners — did not have this luxury. When these beneficiaries inherited a 401(k) or other retirement plan, they were generally forced to take the entire balance within five years of the account owner's death — and some plans required them to take the payout as a lump sum within one year. These accelerated payments were likely to create what is euphemistically called a "taxable event." In plain English, this means that if you were a nonspouse beneficiary, you were likely to take a big tax hit after you inherited the 401(k) or other retirement plan.

Now, however, things have changed, thanks to the new pension laws. Effective Jan. 1 of this year, if you are a nonspouse beneficiary, you can transfer an inherited 401(k) or other retirement plan into an IRA. And that means you can "stretch out" distributions and taxes over your lifetime, rather than being forced to take withdrawals immediately or over a period of a few years. By stretching this inherited account, you can continue to enjoy tax-deferred growth, which can create a significantly greater amount of income over your lifetime.

Clearly, this can be a huge advantage to you. But you need to make sure you're following the correct procedure. In "legalese," you have to make what's known as a trustee-to-trustee transfer by establishing an "inherited" IRA and have the check from the 401(k) or other plan made payable to the trustee or custodian of this IRA. Once this account is established, you can't contribute anything more to it or roll the money into any other IRA you might have.

Your financial advisor can help you set up the inherited IRA and invest the distributions from the 401(k) or other plan to help you meet your financial goals in a way that is appropriate for your individual risk tolerance. You may also want to consult with your tax advisor before transferring funds from the retirement plan to the IRA.

In any case, once you learn that you are going to inherit a 401(k) or other retirement plan, start doing your homework right away. If managed correctly, this type of inheritance can make a big difference in your life — so make the most of your opportunity.

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Board Meeting in which the purchase of some very expensive copiers, I do not recall the exact amounts but something like \$30-40,000, were approved. It seemed to me like the perfect opportunity for a savings and I did a little research and found some used, fully guaranteed refurbished copiers with more features than the expensive new ones for about 80% less.

By sheer chance I ran into the two employees in charge of this purchase and shared this information with them. The issue that arose is that no trustee may direct the actions of a library employee. This is an important rule and the need for clarity is critical. Only the Library Administrator runs the Library. It is he who directs the employees to carry out Board decisions, suggestions and actions. That meeting was held in executive session. But, if the Board approves and since I was the sole subject of that session, I give my permission for the board to release those audio tapes and make them public. The trial ended in my complete exoneration...

"...Planning today must be done with both eyes to the future, the past is not a good guide to the future of the Library.

With that in mind, this Board of Trustees set out to create a game plan for the future. We directed the Administrator and Staff to update both the Mission Statement and the Long Range Plan of the Library. The ones we inherited were ancient. Neither had been changed in decades. No member of the current staff could recall the last time they had been updated. They continue to be works in progress. How else, though, could we create a more adaptable Library?

We have a tremendous staff. They really are what make our

Library great. We have full time and part time people who have worked here for decades. They are young and old, many hold advanced degrees, still others hold degrees unrelated to library science and many more just simply practice good common sense. They come from very diverse backgrounds. Why not tap into those nearly 100 thinkers and have them show us how we can improve?

This was born the idea of the continual improvement committees. You might think of them as innovation committees. The goal is to find better ways to do the same thing for less money or better things for the same money. Innovation in this case does not imply cutting or reducing funds, but finding them.

The Library's budget works on cash flow- we can only spend what revenues come in. If in a \$5.7 million budget you find a better way to do something and it saves say, \$100,000 a year. That money is not "cut", but found. Now the Library has an additional \$100,000 that can be used for new programs and materials or to cover other costs. As originally envisioned these committees would comprise 10 staff from all levels of the library both full and part-time. They would have one month to come up with their five best innovations and if any were accepted and implemented they would get 20% of the first year savings distributed as a bonus and the Library would get the other 80% in the first year and 100% of savings from then on. In the first year we keep \$4 of every \$5 in savings found.

The second opportunity is in cross training the staff. This idea is to look at our jobs and instead of replacing a position think how could it be changed, eliminated or distributed. Imagine that a position opens up and instead of saying, "Well, the position is budgeted lets fill it." We said, "How can

we alter or eliminate this position?"

You could do it by technology. We used to have a person who would call you and tell you that a book or item was available! We were originally told it was an eight hour a day job, then that was reduced, but I do not think anyone knows or ever measured how much time it really took. Now we do it by machine. Had we measured the time it took to make those calls we then could use that "savings" to achieve the goal of finding money. She still works here, but she can now be assigned to different tasks without adding additional cost to the bottom line. Win-win...

"These are the two main programs that will carry the Library District forward through the massive changes of the 21st century. They are reasonable goals, although they are unusual for government which usually simply taxes, spends and if the well goes dry taxes again. We are trying to change that and in this the goals are extraordinary. I think though that any reasonable person would find these goals right, honorable and commendable. They fulfill in every way the true meaning of the word Trustee..."

"Neither of these two ideas have been implemented, yet.

There are three possible reasons for this: The first is simple misunderstanding and miscommunication. I hope that tonight has clarified this and if it has not I am happy to discuss this further, but I think in the main our goals are clear and benefit all parties. Secondly, what we are requesting is unusual and out of the box. It is not included in the normal course of work, at least as practiced in the past. If that is the case I am certain that the board would be glad to bring in consultants to help bridge the knowledge and implementation gap. I can recommend three right now that specialize

in organizational improvement and work with government entities. I am certain that the Niles Park District would also be willing to share their methods and experiences with us.

The third possibility is the worst. It is that the Board is caught up in a bureaucratic turf war, an attitude of not invented here, and ruinous office politics. My hope and belief is that it is the first two which are easily resolvable, but only time will tell. If these programs are successfully implemented it will be obvious to everyone which issue it is.

Now I would like to address the specific charges in the "whistle-blower" letter. Again, though, I need to stress one pertinent fact. The Board has a very limited power. We set the budget, but we cannot implement it. We can set goals, but we cannot see that they are carried out. We can ask for changes, but we cannot make them.

Our position is most similar to that of a passenger in a taxi cab. We direct the cab and will pay the fare, but the driver chooses the route, the speed, and really, whether or not we ever get there. The Administrator runs the Library. We are here in our formal capacity once a month for about an hour. We receive no pay or perks for our work. We do it out of service and love for the Library. Many trustees put in additional hours of work in research and learning. The time we take here is cut out of our time for family, work, church and other community activities. It is a sacrifice that we all deem worthwhile.

I have not read the original letter, but from press accounts it seems based on three things: saving money has reached a negative point, the need for a space consultant, and staff demoralization apparently due to the previous two items. I think the two methods of money saving opportunities,

the continuous improvement committees and the cross training program, speak for themselves and are obviously win-win. There are other opportunities like having businesses sponsor Library programs like our movie nights or naming rights for wings of the Library that have not even been explored. We are just starting to find opportunities to save..."

"The need for a space consultant is real. It was originally brought to our attention some months ago and it was the board that suggested a consultant. To date no proposals have been brought to us on this matter. We have not been given the names of any consultants and have interviewed no one. This issue is currently beyond our purview. Although a space consultant is not in our current budget the Board agreed to use monies held in our funds to pay for it. No one is waiting for the Board to act. The Board is waiting for the Administrator to submit a proposal for our review and acceptance..."

"Finally, as to the alleged staff demoralization, this is the thing I find most disturbing. The Board moved quickly and approved increased salaries to rectify leaner times, we have a health insurance program described as "rich" by the agent who oversees it and when the it came to the Boards attention that the staff was upset at not having a Christmas party in December, Board members reached into their own pockets and threw one. The Board cares deeply about the staff. The savings programs mentioned really do serve the staff and they really work. The intent is not to hurt our wonderful staff, but I do not want to return to the lean times, fire people or cut salaries.

Now, demoralization implies depression, oppression, tyranny and cruelty over some long period of time. We have never had a report indicating the staff is demoralized from the Administrator, who acts as our eyes and ears. The Administrator is the Board's envoy and ambassador in communicating with the staff. It is the Administrator who drives the Library, sets the tone, and decides how we get there. We are here just one hour a month and many of us devote much more time than that because we care. I don't think that anything we have done as a board would or should cause demoralization. If it is the case, the Board should have been told and not learn of it in the newspapers.

This Board really does care and is willing to work."

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Edward Jones Financial Advisor Nick Katsoolias of Niles will host a free satellite broadcast titled "How to Protect Yourself from Scam Artists" at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13 at 7627 N. Milwaukee Ave. near Howard.



Nick Katsoolias

Author and investigative reporter Chuck Whitlock will provide practical tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and financial scams.

This interactive event is presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network. To reserve a seat or for more information about the Tuesday, March 13th program, call Katsoolias at 847-663-

1650. For those unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

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Looking for some bargains in winter clothing? Then you might want to visit the Norwood Crossing Thrift Shop, 6019 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago (across from Norwood Crossing) during their Winter Clearance Sale from now through March 10.

All winter merchandise, including winter clothing, boots, sports items and other related winter merchandise are available for \$1.00 per item or less. Shoppers who bring a copy of or mention this article will receive an additional 10 percent discount on the total purchase.

The Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., and on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Star Watch

Come out to view and learn about the stars and planets of the night sky. Several telescopes will be set up in Harrer Park, near the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6240 W. Dempster, on Thursday, March 8 at 8pm. Saturn will be in the sky along with a number of fascinating star clusters!

The Star Watch may be canceled without notice if the sky is not clear. The Star Watch is free and no registration is required. For more information, please call 847-965-0203. Thanks to the Chicago Astronomical Society and to the Niles West Astronomy Class for their equipment and expertise!



At the February Niles Park District Board Meeting, the Niles Baseball League presented the Board with a donation. Every year the Niles Baseball League presents Niles Park District with this donation for using their fields and working together towards a successful baseball season. Pictured are Joe Kreuger, Elaine Heinen, Vic Nagode, Bill Terpinas, Ray Czarnik, Tim Garvey & John Zuckerman.

Applauze Chef Brings Romantic Food to Park Ridge Library

In observance of Valentine's Day, Chef Jose Medina of Applauze Catering, Park Ridge, put on a cooking demonstration called "Appetizers for Two" at the Park Ridge Library. Over 60 people attended the Feb. 6 presentation and "absolutely loved it" according Gena Zelenka, Adult Programming Librarian.

The idea was cooked up when Zelenka visited the Applauze booth at The Taste of Park Ridge last July. This was the first time Applauze took part in the annual food fest. Medina used the opportunity to introduce his new menu items.

During the library presentation, Medina prepared crab artichoke dip and parmesan crisps, which are among his signature items, along with chocolate dipped strawberries. Of course, attendees had a chance to taste his creations. Medina will be making similar presentations at other area libraries but also plans a return engagement in Park Ridge this spring.

Applauze Catering offers menus for all occasions, including office lunches, dinner parties and formal events. You will be able to check out the Applauze booth at the 2007 Taste of Park Ridge, July 12-14. For information on Chef Medina's presentation schedule, call Applauze Catering at 847-825-8483 and ask for Michael.

Annual St. Joseph's Sweet Table

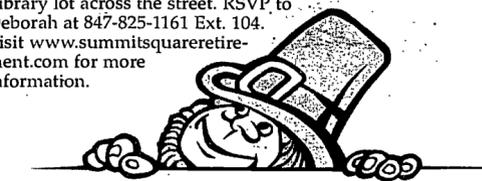
Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood, Niles, IL, 60714 will hold its annual St. Joseph's Sweet Table on Sunday, March 18, 2007 - 8 AM - 1 PM (after all the Masses) Suggested Donation: \$5. All proceeds benefit the work of The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the community. For Info Contact: Ministry Center at 847-823-2550.

Seniors Invited to an Irish Lunch at Summit Square

Seniors are invited to see what happens "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," Friday, March 9, noon, at the Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge. Lunch is provided for a \$5 charge. Entertainment will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A corned beef & cabbage lunch will be served before enjoying entertainment presented by singing duo Max & Janet Ring.

Seniors are also encouraged to tour Summit Square before or after the program. Parking is available in the Park Ridge Library lot across the street. RSVP to Deborah at 847-825-1161 Ext. 104. Visit www.summitsquareretirement.com for more information.



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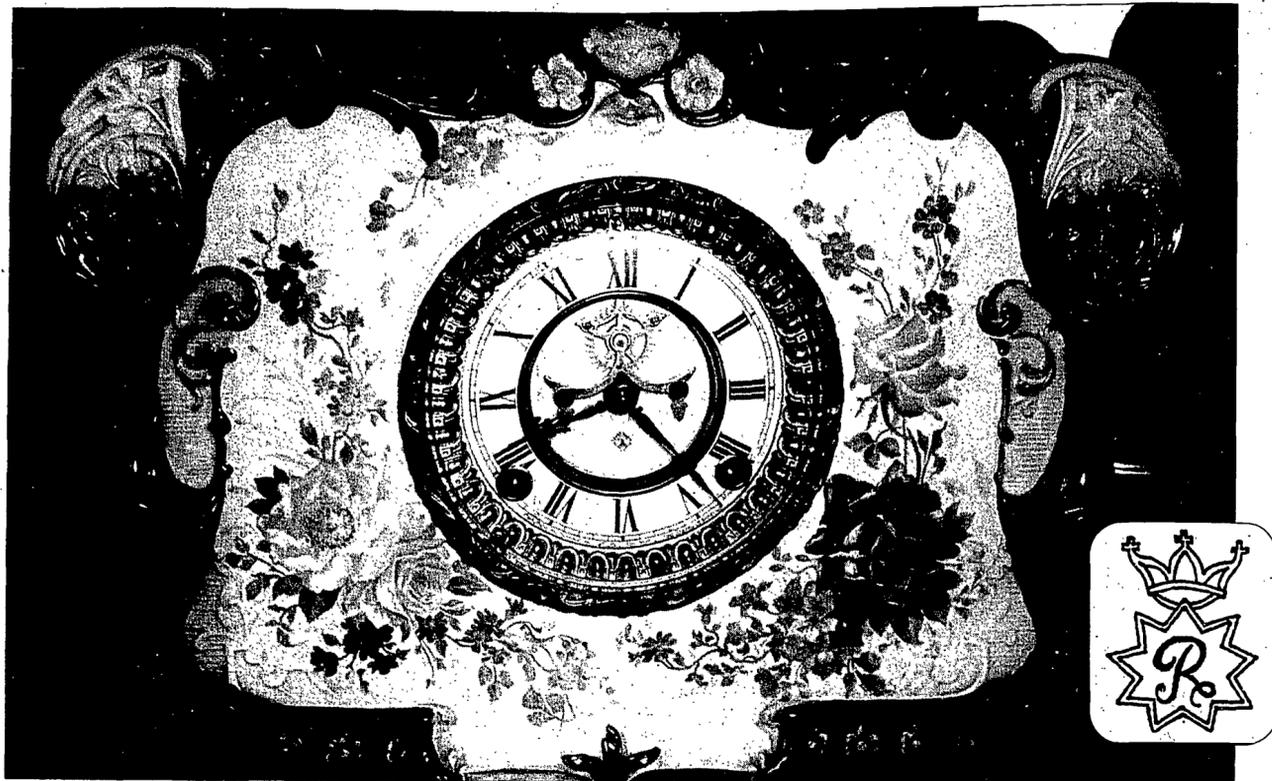
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Niles Park District Spring Gymnastics Classes



Niles Park District is accepting registration for the Spring Learning Gymnastics Program. Classes are held at Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 Caldwell. Programs offered are for ages 3 to 14 and include beginner to intermediate skill levels. Spring session begins Friday, March 30th on Monday and Friday evenings. Skills taught include tumbling, balance beam, vaulting, mini-tramp and bars. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information about Gymnastics, please call (847) 967-6633.



Great-Grandmother's Clock - Franz Anton Mehlum Earthenware Factory in Bonn, Germany, made this clock. It would probably be worth from \$600 to \$800. (CNS Photo)

Clock's been in the family for some time

By Anne McCollam
COPLY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Could you tell me anything at all about the clock in this photo? It was given to my great-

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grandmother around 1910 and is in perfect condition, no chips or cracks. The overall measurements are approximately 14 inches by 11 inches. Marked on the back are a crown and a shield

with the words "Royal Bonn - FM - Germany - La Roca."

A: The Royal Bonn mark was used by Franz Anton Mehlum Earthenware Factory in Bonn, Rhineland, Germany. They made earthenware and porcelain from 1836 to 1920. Mehlum made the case and the American clock manufacturer, Ansonia, made the clock works. Take another look at the face of your clock and you will see the Ansonia mark. "La Roca" is the name of the design.

Your clock would probably be

worth \$600 to \$800.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a small pitcher that has been in my family for generations. The pitcher stands over 4 inches tall, is in the shape of a bear, and his open mouth forms the spout. He is wearing a light green jacket with pockets that has a diagonal pattern and has his paws in a fur muff.

What can you tell me about the maker, age and value of my pitcher?

A: Schafer and Vater made your

figural bear pitcher. They produced novelty pieces, dishes, tobacco jars and dolls in Thuringia, Germany, from 1890 to 1962. Schafer and Vater made their bear pitcher in several sizes. In the early 1970s, the East German government took over the factory building and allegedly destroyed all molds and records.

Your early 1900s pitcher would probably have a value of \$200 to \$250.

Q: While on vacation several years ago, my husband and I

stopped at an antiques shop. He found a pastry blender that he thought was manufactured the year I was born, 1925. It was only \$2, so we bought it. It has a wooden handle that was painted green, seven wires for blending, and in perfect condition. Marked on metal are the words "Androck - Made in U.S.A. - Patented 1-12-26 - N.J. 32 6." We were off by one year.

I use it all the time for making biscuits and piecrusts and am not

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Wegner's chairs show a deep-seated genius

By Linda Rosenkrantz
COPLY NEWS SERVICE

Danish blond furniture was a hallmark of the mid-20th century modern furniture revolution, and one of the leaders of that revolution was

CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIBLES

Hans J. Wegner, who has died recently at the age of 92. Wegner's innovative designs - particularly of chairs that were as comfortable as they were visually appealing, were popular in their day and are highly collectible today.

Danish Modern, as it came to be called, represented the more human side of 1950s furniture, much of which, influenced as it was by the Bauhaus International style, was stark and angular, in unforgiving materials like hard plastic and chrome. Wegner, a highly skilled craftsman, who worked pri-

marily with wood, was able to combine warmth, quality and comfort with avant-garde precepts of simplicity and graphic design.

Born in southern Denmark in 1914, the son of a cobbler, Hans Jorgen Wegner was, at the age of 14, apprenticed to a carpenter, giving him an early start in the profession.

He was studying design in Copenhagen when he was hired by Arne Jacobsen and Erik Moller to design furniture for the town hall they were creating in Aarhus, Denmark. Once that project was completed, Wegner embarked on his own design business, and it wasn't long before he was recognized as a leader of his country's craftsmen-designers, celebrated for his fine ability to combine industrial design with craft-based production.

His first major design, in 1947, was the peacock chair, essentially a reconfiguration of the classic wooden Windsor chair but featuring a dramatic back

rest fanning out to evoke the bird's plume. It became a landmark of Danish furniture design by employing a light-colored, attenuated wood frame with a natural finish that started a trend that would extend beyond Europe to the U.S.

In 1949, Wegner introduced the wishbone - also called Y-back - chair (it was the manufacturer's name), which had a curved back and armrest and Y-shaped back split. A model of grace, simplicity and comfort, it is still being made today.

Wegner designed for a number of Scandinavian firms, creating more than 500 models. In 1950 he created a number of chairs using molded plywood shells, while others had metal frames and bases with string upholstery; around 1952 he produced a popular series of three-legged stacking chairs, consisting of birch frames and legs and a triangular walnut

seat, and in 1953 the multi-purpose Valet chair, with elements for hanging up or storing each element of a man's suit. 1960 saw the introduction of the Bull leather chair and ottoman and the 'ox lounge chair and stool (available with or without horns), while, throughout the 1950s and 1960s, he branched out to design dining tables, case pieces, office systems and upholstered furniture. He continued to innovate throughout his long career: in 1986, for example, he produced the Hoop Chair, made from solid ash with a laminated hoop and seat and back of woven halyard rope.

Wegner's greatest and most enduring success, however, with the round chair, often referred to simply as "The Chair," created in 1949 and called, in 1950, "the world's most beautiful chair" by Interiors magazine, which put it on its cover. The Chair featured a cane seat and back, and armrests made from one

continuous wooden arc. If you happen to be old enough to remember the historic John F. Kennedy-Richard M. Nixon televised debates of 1960, you'd probably recall Nixon's poor appearance (he refused to wear makeup and looked tired and unshaven, which most people agree had a profound effect on the election), and perhaps some of the substance of their speeches, but it's most unlikely that you remember the chairs they were sitting in - chairs designed by Hans Wegner, which placed him in not only the Design, but the Trivia Hall of Fame.

Linda Rosenkrantz has edited Auction magazine and authored 15 books, including "The Baby Name Bible" (St. Martin's Press; www.babynamebible.com). She cannot answer letters personally.

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interested in selling it, just curious about it. Anything you can tell us will be appreciated.

A: Vintage Androck cooking and kitchen utensils are collectible. A manufacturing date can't be determined by a patent date. For example, your blender has a 1-12-26 patent date and could have been produced several years later. Some of their early pastry blenders were made with Bakelite handles rather than wooden handles.

Your pastry blender would probably be worth \$15 to \$25.

Q: I have a cut glass pitcher that was given to my grandmother as

a wedding gift in 1910. It is tall and narrow and its height is approximately 12 inches. There are notches on the handle. Cut into the base is a maple leaf. Can you tell who made it, when, and what it is worth?

A: The incised maple leaf mark was used by T. B. Clark and Co. They were in business from 1884 to 1930 in Honesdale, Pa. Your pitcher was made during the Brilliant Period of cut glass that lasted from around 1880 to 1910. A signed piece has more value than an unsigned and is a very desirable antique. The notched handle was applied to the body.

Your pitcher is circa 1910 and would probably be worth \$800 to \$1,200.

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**Sears Offers \$25,000
Reward for Information
of Bandit Killer**

Thursday, March 19, 1964

Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced Monday a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bandit who killed one of its employees in a holdup.

The bandit was one of three men who robbed the Sears store in Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles of \$52,000 in cash and checks last Saturday.

As the three were fleeing the crowded store, Terrence Zilligen, 26, of Villa Park, a television salesman, tackled one of the gunmen.

A second bandit slugged Zilligen with a pistol. The weapon discharged, shooting Zilligen in the head. He died later in the emergency room of Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

Zilligen, with Sears for two years, had been transferred from the Oak Brook store to the Niles store in November.

"We are making this announcement of the reward in hope that someone with information will come forward," a Sears spokesman said.

"The company is always concerned about its employees. Fortunately, we haven't had any previous incidents of this kind." Should there be conflicting claims for the reward, the company said, the circuit court would then rule on such claims.

Niles Police said some 50 shoppers who were in the store at the time of the robbery have come forward to offer descriptions of the bandits and other information. Police said they still have no leads to the identity of the three men.

Requiem mass for Mr. Zilligen was offered at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in St. Luke Church, River Forest. Burial was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mary; a son, Terrence Jr. and two daughters, Mary Corrine and Mary Frances; four brothers, Robert, Richard, Thomas and James and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zilligen.

**GM Bank Robbery
Netted About \$34,900
30 Lined Up Against Wall**

Thursday, September 3, 1964

Two robbers lined up 30 persons Friday against a bank wall in Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles and escaped with an unofficial \$34,900.



BREAK GROUND FOR NEW CHURCH

Msgr. John J. Flanagan, pastor of St. John Brebeuf Parish, Niles broke ground September 13 for the new church to be completed late in 1965. The edifice, circular in design will seat 1,600 worshippers.

The bandits, both carrying revolvers and wearing sunglasses entered the east entrance of Golf Mill State Bank shortly after 11 a.m., police said.

The first man, wearing a white panama fedora, shouted obscenities as he stood covering the 20 employees and 10 customers with his pistol.

"Don't move and you won't get hurt," he warned the group.

The second man, taller than his partner and wearing a white construction worker's helmet, leaped over the tellers' cages and scooped money from three drawers into a green pillow case.

Lt. Edward Dennis, commander of the Niles police investigation division who gave the loss estimate, said the men fled in a new model auto later found abandoned near a National Tea Company store in the shopping center, about two blocks from the bank.

"We are seeking persons who might have seen the men inside the bank or getting into an auto in the vicinity of the store," said Dennis. "Anyone shopping from 11 a.m. on could have seen them."

Niles crime technicians meanwhile pieced together a composite picture of the robbers' faces with the aid of the identical machine.

"This machine enables us to flash different facial characteristics on a screen for the witnesses," said Dennis. "In this manner we can build an image of what each of the men looks like."

Bank officials recalled that a month ago a man whose description was similar to one of the bandits had posed as a fire inspector and had been conducted through the bank.

**Tam O'Shanter Sold
for \$5,000,000**

Thursday, September 24, 1964

The Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Niles has been sold to a Midwest investment group for more than \$5,000,000.

Negotiations for the sale were disclosed Friday in the Daily News.

The club, comprising 125 acres of property at Caldwell and Oakton, was controlled by the George S. May family.

The new owners have not made any decision about the future use of the property, said E.E. Shipley, president of the Sturm-Bickel Corp., sole brokers in the transaction.

Annual non-equity club memberships expire next June, Shipley noted.

Prior to the sale, directors of the Edgewater Golf Club, 2045 Pratt, rejected an offer by principals of Tam

O'Shanter for an even swap of the two properties.

There was no comment on whether the sale of Tam O'Shanter might be the prelude to a deal with Edgewater.

**Announce All America
Decision in Early 1965
Officials Will Visit Niles**

Thursday, Nov. 26, 1964

Nilesites will have to wait until after the first of the year before knowing whether or not their town has been chosen an "All America" city.

Niles officials, returning to Niles from San Francisco this weekend, expressed "cautious optimism" that Niles may be chosen for the honor. Niles had presented its nomination Friday morning at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in Frisco, and now must wait until 1964 (from January until March) before knowing whether or not she will receive the All America honor.

In interviews with Mayor Nick Blase and Village Manager Jim Pryde, the Bugle was told they were pleased with the presentation Friday. They both mentioned that representatives of the All America Committee will visit Niles, as well as the other 21 contestants' towns which are finalists vying for one of the eleven "A.A." titles.

Blase reported Niles officials

arrived Wednesday night in the shadows of the Golden Gate, and were briefed Thursday morning as to the rules of presentation.

Thursday afternoon Niles officials sat in on the first day's hearings and sat through every presentation on Friday as well. Pryde said he was present at every one of the presentations.

Friday morning Blase and Jeff Karzen, representing the Niles Jaycees, alternately read their ten minute presentation. Members of the All America committee had already received a 28 page booklet which presented the Niles history.

Fire Chief Retires April 30

Thursday, April 16, 1964

Monday night, in the new village hall, Mayor Blase read a letter from Fire Chief George Pasek announcing his retirement from the department effective April 30.

Pasek's resignation came on the heels of fire captain Charley Bacher's retirement, which was announced last month. Their withdrawals as active members of the fire department closes another chapter in Niles old era which is drawing to a close.

In reading Pasek's letter Mayor Blase commended Pasek for leading the department to "among the best" in the state. Blase and Pasek started the NFD as his child and built it to its present high position. Blase mentioned the many awards and merits the department has received under Pasek's guidance, noting he is a great leader and fine administrator. Blase said it was with regret that the board accepted Pasek's resignation. The mayor said the fire chief was entitled to his years of retirement and on behalf of the board extended him many years of good health and life.

**J.C. Penney Leases
Golf Mill Store**

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1964

J.C. Penney Company has signed a lease for a 185,000 square foot department store and a 16,700 square foot free standing auto center in the Golf Mill Shopping Center.

The new store, which will be the Penney chain's largest suburban operation, is scheduled to open next summer.

SENIORS

Niles Senior News

Go see 'Ragtime' musical with Niles Seniors

Ragtime

Wednesday, April 25th
11:00AM-5:00PM. \$60

This 1998 Tony Award winning musical paints a nostalgic and powerful portrait of life in turn of the Century America. Before the show, we will dine at the Great Street Restaurant, located in the Renaissance Chicago Hotel. A fabulous buffet, fabulous skyline views, and a fabulous show await you! (Some stairs) Make your reservation by Friday, March 16th.

Free Tax Assistance for Qualified Seniors

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FREE personal income tax assistance for qualified seniors with appointment. Call the Tax Hot Line (847 588-8440) between the hours of 9:30AM and 3:00PM.

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Excise Tax Refund

If you are NOT required to file an individual tax return, you are still eligible to this refund. FORM1040 EZ-T is available at the Niles Senior Center. It is a

very simple form to fill out as it only requires name and address, your social security number and signature(s). This refund is included on the 1040 forms for those who are filing an individual income tax return.

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

Friday, March 16, 11am - 2:30PM
It's corned beef and cabbage time, served with rye bread, potatoes, carrots, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Then join in the fun as the Banjo Buddies Dixieland Trio performs. Raffle. Reserved Seating. Check for Ticket availability. \$12.

RTA - The Basics

Wednesday, February 28, 1:30-2:30PM Must register in advance.
What does Transit Check mean? Or Paratransit? Or Reduced Fare? And most of all... is it convenient for you? Come and find out just how easy and convenient it is to ride about town. Barbara Byrd from the RTA will be here to answer your questions.

Grief Workshop

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

Workshop #1, May 9 - "What has happened to me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process.

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

Workshop #3, May 23 - "Adjusting to a different lifestyle." At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin,

LCSW, at (847) 588-8420 for more information. This program is offered at no cost, but enrollment for this workshop is necessary.

Beginning Woodcarving

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 \$25
Instructor Irv Marion is inviting new woodcarvers to join his Wednesday morning class. During this special promotion, tools are included. For more information, contact MaryAnn 847 588-8420.

Hooked on Fishing Kick-Off

Monday, March 19, 1:30-2:30PM
Join us as we take a look at the upcoming season! Guest speaker, raffle, refreshments! 2007 schedule and season's info will be available. FREE but please register in advance.

**Senior Music Group
Seeks Members**

This enthusiastic group wants you if you like to hum, sing or even whistle. If you can carry a tune, bring your voice! We want you if you play a conventional reed, percussion, keyboard, or

stringed instrument, guitar or ukulele. We'd especially love you if you play a harmonica, kazoo, washboard, spoons or whatever (have your own homemade instrument - we can incorporate it into the band!). No pay, but lots of fun! Join the Niles Senior Center Kitchenaires Kitchen Band. Call for our practice schedule or for more information (call MaryAnn 847 588-8420). Non-residents are welcome.

Southside Irish Tour

Thursday, March 22 8:15AM-4:00PM \$54
Discover the rich heritage of the Southside Irish. Visit the I & M Canal Museum in Lockport and see Lock # 1 on a driving tour along the canal to see what Irish workers accomplished through back-breaking work. Enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch in an authentic Irish pub. In Gaelic Park, we will have a tour and you will see a beautiful collection of Irish crystal and china.

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Twp. Senior News

Maine Twp. Seniors plan fun trips, classes and more

MaineStreamers

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

Grandparenting Program 'Home Safety'

Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. No cost - Registration required

Bryan Rancho, Children's Home and Aid Nurse Consultant, will take on the adverse effects of some prescription and nonprescription drugs,

hazardous materials in the home, and other home safety tips. All grandparents are welcome.

Traveling Route 66 Musical Luncheon

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

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

Then enjoy as we sing and dance your way along the numerous stops on Route 66. No Bingo. Sponsored by Liberty Bank for Savings

Wanted

Maine Township Residents 90 years of age and older
If you are one of these special

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

FISH of Park Ridge

The FISH organization, which provides free transportation for medical appointments including dialysis, physical/radiation therapy and others, is now coordinated through Maine Township. To arrange a ride, contact Gloria Stepek at 847-297-2510. FISH is also looking for volunteer drivers interested in providing transportation. Call Ed Oken, president of FISH, at 847-696-0761 to volunteer.

Used Cell Phones Collected

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program sched-

uled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

MaineStreamers' Inaugural 'Swing into Spring' Expo

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

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to

you. To become a member, call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

'Garden Party' Trip

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Morton Grove Senior News

Laughter may be the best medicine

Laughter is the best medicine

Join Certified Laughter Leader, Om Johari 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 immunity, relax muscles, burn calories and help people get along. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$6 for 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. This new free class will be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, March 13. Please register by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be at least five participants registered.

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 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. Participants must register in-person at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

Back pay benefits could be a tricky issue. Normally there
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Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

'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 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. 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 but is limited to the first 100 people who call in their reservation.

Brain Games

With age, people often begin to see changes in mental functioning, memory, processing of information, or having that "tip of the tongue" phenomenon. There are many things a person can do to help combat the effects of aging and enhance brainpower. This special program presented by Liz Boomer of Arden Courts is free and will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday March 19 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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are no retroactive benefits. The law generally assumes you should have known you were eligible for wife's benefits. However, if the records show that the Social Security Administration knew (at the time you filed for your own Social Security benefits) that you were married and that they failed to assist you in applying for wife's benefits, they might be able to pay you some of those retroactive benefits.

Q: In a prior column, you wrote about the so-called fairness of the WEP and GPO provisions. Well if they are so fair, how come a bill has been introduced in Congress to repeal those laws?

A: I don't want to spend too much time boring the rest of my readers by giving too much background information about an issue that is of importance to a small fraction of people. So here is the issue in a very small nutshell. WEP stands for the Windfall Elimination Provision. And it does just what it says: it elimi-

nates an unintended windfall in benefits that used to be paid to retirees who get a government pension and who spent a very short period of time at a job paying into Social Security. GPO stands for Government Pension Offset. That law prevents government retirees from collecting their oftentimes hefty government pension while at the same time collecting a spousal benefit from Social Security that was intended to be paid only to husbands, wives, widows, and widowers who were financially dependent on their spouse.

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You don't have to live with your husband to collect his benefits

By Tom Margenau
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Q: I filed for my own Social Security benefits two years ago. I get a very small check because

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I didn't work very long. But my husband gets a very large Social Security check. However, we haven't lived

together in more than 15 years. So I didn't think I was due anything on his record. Someone recently told me I am eligible for my husband's Social Security. Is this true? What should I do about it? Can I get back benefits?

A: What you should do is get to your local Social Security office as soon as possible because you are due wife's benefits on your husband's record.

The fact that you are not living together isn't an issue. What is an issue is the fact that you're still married. So you're his legal wife and that makes you eligible for wife's benefits on his record. You should start the ball rolling by calling the Social Security Administration immediately at (800) 772-1213.

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Obituaries

Eleanor M. Capobianco, 75

Eleanor M. Capobianco, 75, of Niles, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. She was born April 7, 1931 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Capobianco. Loving daughter of the late Lucia (nee Cipriani) Del Fiacco and the late Dominic Del Fiacco. Beloved mother of Christine (Joe) Riscossa of Carol Stream, Joseph (Ellen) Capobianco, Jr., and Virginia (Bill) Mills. Grandmother of Gianna, Arianna, Billy, Sean, Eric, Vince and Nikki. Sister of Philomena (the late Al), Marie (Tony), Mario (Jenny), the late Connie (the late Tony), the late Annie (Danny), the late Albert (the late Beatrice), the late Mabel (the late John), the late Ida (the late Joe) the late Lorraine (the late Tony) and the late Viola (the late Armand). Aunt of many. Services were held February 20 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

Michael D. Duffy, 55

Michael D. Duffy, 55, currently of Park Ridge, (of Chesterton, IN) passed away Thursday, February 15, 2007. He was born November 13, 1951 in Chicago. Loving son of Norma and the late James J., M.D. Beloved fiancé of Bridg Donohue. Dear father of Andrew, Joseph and Ryan. Cherished brother of Sharon (Jim) Swallow, Mark, Julie (Pat) LeBeau and the late Jim. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews and his companion Pie. Services were held at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Mt. Prospect. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60601.

John J. Ebert, 79

John J. Ebert, 79, of Park Ridge, passed away Monday, February 19, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born September 16, 1927.

Beloved husband of the late Dolores. Loving father of Kevin (Joanne) Ebert, John Ebert, Ellen (Chris) Madden, Nancy (Gary) Novak, Donna Ebert, the late William, the late Emmett and the late Jeanne. Grandfather of Dan and Sarah Ebert, Ed and Eric Novak, Joe and Steve Madden. Brother of Mary (Jay) Broderick. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services were held February 23 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. He was a retired salesman in the steel industry. He was a member of the Stewards Club, the 4400 Club and the Knights of Columbus-Commodore Barry Chapter. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Lung Association are appreciated.

Lorraine R. Godzicki, 87

Lorraine R. Godzicki, 87, of Glenview, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2007 at Glenview Terrace Nursing Home. She was born April 8,

1919 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Edward Godzicki. Loving daughter of the late Rose (Nickraunt) Arendt and the late Frank Arendt. Beloved mother of Candace Chittenden of Wheeling, Kimberly Ellinger and the late Glenn Godzicki. Grandmother of Paige, Nicholas, Vanessa, Denise, Leslie and Aleece. Sister of Ralph (Irene) Arendt. Services were held February 22 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Memory Gardens Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

Russel S. Korn, 46

Russel S. Korn, 46, of Prospect Heights, (formerly of Park Ridge & Palatine) passed away Friday, February 9, 2007. He was born August 27, 1960 in Chicago. Loving son of Ralph and Linda. Beloved father of Alyx and Trevor. Brother of Bryant (Laura) and Eric. Services were held February 14 at Ryan-Parke Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Ryan-Parke

Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations to Norwood Park Lutheran Church, 5917 N. Nina Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 are appreciated.

James M. Lutz, 70

James M. Lutz, 70, of Park Ridge, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Glenbrook Hospital. He was born June 20, 1936 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Ann (Classen) Lutz of Park Ridge. Loving son of the late Raymond Lutz and the late Anna (Baumgartner) Lutz. Son-in-law of Marian Classen. Brother-in-law of John (Barbara) Classen and Frances Reynen. Uncle of Debra Szott and Brian (Quy) Reynen. Services were held February 22 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. He was a payroll manager at Illinois Bell. Memorials to: American Diabetes Assoc. 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL. Turner ALS Foundation, 8142 Lawndale, Skokie, IL 60076.

SPORTS

Best times, state times rung up by Park Ridge swimmers

The weekend of February 23-25 proved to be one of the best for a small group of Park Ridge Swimmers. In one of the final tune-ups before the State Age Group Championships, eight swimmers posted 12 new lifetime bests out of a total 17 swims at the Illinois Swimming Regional Championships hosted by Homewood-Flossmoor Swim Club at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. In the 10 and Under Boys division Charlie Majewski, 10, started off the meet by qualifying for the State Championships in the 50 free by finishing in a time of 30.69. The time was good enough to place third. Majewski added the 200 free to his list of State events by touching the wall in a final time of 2:33.06. Jonathan Salomon, also 10, took a second in the 100 free with a time of 1:06.96. This event is Jonathan's seventh State qualifying time. Andy Lui, 10, moved up to the 12 and Under group and demonstrated he is ready to swim with the big boys by placing ninth in the 50 free with a time of 28.84, a personal best. Robert Ramoska, 11, gave Andy a race when he also swam to a personal best in the 50 free, finishing 12th touching the wall in a 29.05. Lui also had a top 12 finish in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:25.96. Andrew Salomon, 13, had three lifetime bests in his four events. Salomon just missed a State qualifying time in the 100

butterfly when he took second with a time of 1:03.08. Andrew improved his time in the 200 breaststroke, almost 4.0 seconds and took seventh place with a time of 2:32.87. Senior swimmer Mike Tunzi, fresh off his high school season missed to awards podium when he took ninth in the 50 free in a personal best time of 24.43. Francesca DiValerio and Taylor Miller each swam one event in the 14 and under girl's age group. Miller, 13, just missed breaking the 1:00 barrier in the 100 free finishing in a time of 1:00.87. This time was also a personal best for Miller. In the 200 breaststroke, DiValerio swam to a strong finish with a final time of 3:04.86.

Five Alumni inducted into Notre Dame 'Wall of Fame'

Five Alumni Inducted onto Notre Dame's Athletic Wall of Fame. As part of Notre Dame High School's 2007 Winter Sports Week and Alumni Celebration, NDHS inducted five graduates onto its Athletic Wall of Fame on February 11. The five honored athletes were Ed Jung '83, Dan Divis '90, Nate Bronski '97, Kevin Clancy '98 and Bill Besenhofer '98. The new members were honored publicly in the NDHS gymnasium between the sophomore and varsity basketball games against Carmel on Feb. 9. After the basketball game, there was a reception in the library for the Wall of Famers and their families. On February 11, the new inductees were joined by their families, school administrators and other members of the community to celebrate mass and the blessing of their plaques. The plaques were hung in the main hallway near the gymnasium. After mass, everyone gathered in the cafeteria for a catered lunch. Each new inductee was then introduced by a respective coach or friend. First up was current head wrestling coach Augie Genovesi, who introduced Ed Jung. Ed was a four-year wrestler, state wrestling qualifier and a national wrestling champion in 1983. He was also a four-year football team member and then went on to Illinois State University on a wrestling scholarship. "What can I say about Ed, he was just awesome," Augie said. "If his father was still alive today, he would be so proud." Ed then spoke briefly about what Notre Dame meant to him and said that he was glad his wife and kids could witness his induction firsthand. Next up was Dan Divis, who lettered three years on the varsity baseball team. He was an all-conference player in 1989 and 1990 and the team's MVP in 1990. In addition, he was a co-captain of the 1990 Regional basketball team. Dan went onto Spring Hill College in Alabama where he was a four-year starter at third base. In 1992, his team went 40-15 and won the College District 20 Regional Championship. Former NDHS and current New Trier head baseball coach Mike Napoleon told the crowd how Dan embodied two words, "Compete and Consistent." "Dan was someone who was not afraid of anyone and was as consistent as anyone I have ever coached," Mike said. Nate Bronski was a four-year basketball team member and captained the 1997 Elite Eight team that surprised the entire Chicagoland area.

In addition to being an all-conference guard at NDHS, Nate went on to captain and achieve all-conference status at Benedictine University. "Nate was such a team player," head NDHS basketball coach Dennis Zelasko said. "If he wanted to score 20 points a game, he could have. Instead, he got his teammates involved and made the team better." As NDHS assistant basketball coach Luke Yanule took the stage to introduce his teammate Kevin Clancy, the crowd got a good laugh when Luke said, "I got a good look at Kevin's career as I sat on the bench the entire year." "I really want to thank my parents for coming to all my games, including college," Kevin said as he held back tears. "They were so supportive of everything I did...Today is truly an honor." Last but not a bit least to be inducted in the Wall of Fame this year was Bill Besenhofer. Few if any person has Bill's credentials. Bill was a four-foot-10-inch athlete never even played on a freshman team. "There are not many people who performed like Bill Besenhofer in my years at Notre Dame," NDHS head football coach Mike Hennessey said. "To be an all-conference athlete in three sports is remarkable."

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Tai Chi

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for this six-week Tai Chi Class from 10 to 10:45 a.m. beginning on Monday, March 19. Tai Chi uses slow, gentle movements to improve flexibility and build muscle strength gradually. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$29 for Members and \$33 for non-members.

'Two for the Road' Concert

This musical duo is back by popular demand to entertain with singing and acoustic guitar at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. "Two for the Road" received rave reviews for their performance at the Senior Center last November! The cost is \$4 for Senior Center Members and \$5 for non-members. Register in-person at the Senior Center.

'No Senior Left Behind A Novel Experience'

Still Acting Up, a theatre troupe made up of performers age 55 and over that is sponsored by the Skokie Park District and directed by Jill Shellabarger, will perform this original musical, "No Senior Left Behind" at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The show is free of charge but reservations are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. The performance is co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Public Library and the Morton Grove Senior Center.

'A Streetcar Named Desire'

"Stella!" It's one of the most famous cries that has been echoed in theatres for decades. On Thursday, March 22, the Morton Grove Senior Center audience will be immersed in the torrid life of Blanche Dubois, former school teacher and socialite as she's forced to move in with her pregnant sister Stella and explosive husband Stanley in the raw, passionate and intense Tennessee Williams Pulitzer prize-winning play. The bus departs from the Senior Center for the Performing Arts Center in Arlington Heights at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center. The cost is \$43 for Senior Center Members and \$50 for non-members.

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'Astronaut Farmer' blasts off in theaters

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New Releases

The Astronaut Farmer ★★★ - Heading south from the quirks of "Twin Falls Idaho," the Polish brothers (Mark, Michael) have gone to New Mexico,

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which subs for Texas, and made a sweet, congenial comedy of dreams. "The Astronaut Farmer" contains no murderously jealous astronauts. Billy Bob Thornton, looking more than ever like a Dust Bowl version of Humphrey Bogart, is the dreamer named Farmer who wants to be an astronaut. Charles Farmer was once a hot Air Force pilot, but when his father died (suicide), he fell from NASA training and settled on the ranch, where cattle deposits and bank debts pile up. So what to do, stuck with 300-plus acres, a big barn and time to tinker? Of course: build a mighty rocket, with flight capsule on top. This oddball has something beyond root-for-the-roots sentiments. Thornton,



Billy Bob Thornton portrays retired NASA astronaut Charles Farmer in the family film 'The Astronaut Farmer.' (CNS Photo courtesy of Richard Foreman)

well into his own orbit, is very genuinely appealing as a guy who wires his big dream machine to a loose but glowing screw in his head. Rise up, farm bird. A Warner Bros. release. Director: Michael Polish.

Writers: Mark and Michael Polish. Cast: Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen, Bruce Willis, Bruce Dern, J.K. Simmons, Gary Houston, Tim Blake Nelson. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated PG.

The Number 23 ★½ - It's supposed to get downright spooky after a while. Except it doesn't. Animal-control guy - that is, dogcatcher - Walter Sparrow (Jim Carrey) starts reading a tattered little self-published novel called "The Number 23" that his wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), picked up in a used bookstore. Eerily, the plot of the book parallels his own life. Eerier still - except it's not - is the book's fascination with what's known in certain more suggestible circles as "the 23 enigma." Carrey for the most part dials down his energy level, but given that he's calibrated differently from the rest of us, his Walter is strung taut enough that even semi-dozing in his doggie van he suggests oncoming heebie-jeebies. A New Line Cinema release. Director: Joel Schumacher. Writer: Fernley Phillips. Cast: Jim Carrey, Virginia Madsen, Danny Huston, Rhona Mitra, Lynn Collins. Running time: 1 hour, 35 minutes. Rated R.

Recent Releases

Bridge to Terabithia ★★★ - "Bridge to Terabithia" takes us down the old pike of Disney dreams, out past Norman Rockwell Estates toward Narnia City. It's a good trip. Katherine Paterson's prize-win-

ning 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 mere 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 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.

Breaking and Entering ★★★ - Acting arrives in bracing streaks and packets in Anthony Minghella's "Breaking and Entering." In sync arrive the panting themes - virtually posed in order, almost cross-indexed for our study. Minghella, whose big Oscar hunters include "Cold Mountain," "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and "The English Patient," makes film ambition quite a heavy sport, but with grace notes. Loyal to his actors, he recruited Jude Law from "Talented" and "Cold," and paired him with Juliette Binoche, the amazing center of "English." The place is London, now. Law is Will, a young architect aggressively engaged in redoing the old urban fabric 'round King's Cross Station, an act of progress but also pathos for anyone who recalls the terminal's use in Alec Guinness' "The Ladykillers" (1955). Will is a modern man all the way - bright, glibly charming, teeming with insecurities. Chief nest of anxiety is Liv (Robin Wright Penn), his long-term Swedish love, who mothers her smart, autistic and hyper teenager. Mom and girl are locked into stress bond, and caring Will, feeling-left out, doses himself with work. Then, his new, raw-glam office near King's Cross is burgled. An MGM release. Director, writer: Anthony Minghella. Cast: Jude Law, Juliette Binoche, Robin Wright Penn, Ray Winstone, Juliet Stevenson, Martin Freeman. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes. Rated R.

for song lyrics, which we take at face value because the face is Barrymore's. Grant is the main but not broad stem of comedy as Alex, a has-been '80s pop sensation. He was the second-tier star of a group called Pop, their big hit being (such inspiration) "Pop Goes My Heart." After breaking away for a solo career that tanked, Alex is now a winsomely dutiful throb on the nostalgia circuit, playing venues like Busch Gardens and Knott's Berry Farm for fully ripened but giddy women. Grant happily rummages through his role, Barrymore is splendid with gulps and goofs, and Campbell Scott is an impeccably pompous author. A Warner Bros. release. Director, writer: Marc Lawrence. Cast: Drew Barrymore, Hugh Grant, Haley Bennett, Campbell Scott. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated PG-13.

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Wild Hogs (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Music & Lyrics (PG-13) 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
Dreamgirls (PG-13) 4:15, 7:30
Bridge to Terabithia (PG) 4:15, 6:15, 8:15

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Cashew-Lime Chicken with Rice

1 cup basmati or jasmine rice
2 teaspoons peanut oil
1 tablespoon peeled and minced fresh ginger
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch pieces
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 ½ cups reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
¼ cup hoisin sauce
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
1 cup salted dry-roasted cashews
Yields 4 servings
Cook rice according to package directions. Let cool to room temperature, then transfer to large zip-top

plastic bag and seal.
Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add ginger and garlic and cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add chicken and cook, stirring, until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes. Add salt and pepper and stir to coat. Add broth, hoisin, lime juice and zest, and bring to a simmer. Partially cover pan and simmer until chicken is cooked through and sauce thickens, 8 to 10 minutes.
If you are stopping here: Let cool to room temperature, then transfer mixture to plastic bag or plastic container and refrigerate along with rice for up to 3 days.
When ready to eat: Reheat rice in microwave. Reheat chicken mixture in microwave or large sautépan over medium heat, simmering for 5 minutes to heat through. Meanwhile, chop cashews. Serve chicken mixture over rice and top with cashews.

Sauvignon blanc prepares palate for Asian-inspired chicken dish

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

Let's face it. No one who works can cook gourmet meals every night. In today's fast-

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paced, multitasking environment, it's tempting to get takeout or just plunk something in the microwave. If you're in that kind of a rut, Food Network's Robin Miller is here to help make your culinary life a bit easier and healthier.

"We all lead frantic lives," she writes in her new cookbook, "Quick Fix Meals" (Taunton Press and the Food Network, \$18.95). "But, none of us wants to forgo healthy, home-cooked meals. I'm no magician. My trick for getting weeknight meals on the table in a flash is my strategically stocked pantry, refrigerator and freezer."

Miller suggests that with a little planning, weekday-cooking tasks are fast and minimal.

"Here's the deal," she says. "Spend an hour on the weekend (or less in some cases), and you can enjoy scrumptious weeknight meals in a fraction of the time it would take to start from scratch. Some recipes take under 20 minutes, thanks to a little advance planning."

Miller's career as a food writer, nutritionist and television personality spans a dozen years. She is a contributing editor at Health and Cooking Light magazines and has regular features in many others. She has written six cookbooks and stars on the Food Network in "Quick Fix Meals with Robin Miller."

The Dish

Cashew-Lime Chicken With Rice is a flavorful and healthy dish that takes less than a half-hour to prepare.

"My son Kyle calls cashews 'moon nuts,'" Miller writes in her cooking notes. "Because their little curve reminds him of a crescent moon. Shape aside, their salty, slightly sweet crunchy flavor is the perfect partner for oth-

erwise bland chicken in this Asian-inspired winner.

"I like to serve this dish with a fresh salad of baby spinach leaves and mandarin oranges tossed with a light (store-bought!) vinaigrette," Miller said. "It's a salad that comes together while the dish reheats."

Miller suggests saving time and money by buying cashew pieces instead of whole cashews.

If you want to spice up this dish, add some red chiles or Chinese hot sauce to the chicken stock. And sprinkle the finished dish with some chopped sprigs of cilantro.

The Wine

A crisp white wine with delicate and exotic flavors will be a great match for this quick gourmet meal. Try one with tropical flavors to match, like Sauvignon Republic Cellars 2005 Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc (\$18). This Sonoma Valley wine has crisp acidity and flavors of passion fruit and pineapple with hints of lemon grass and herbs.

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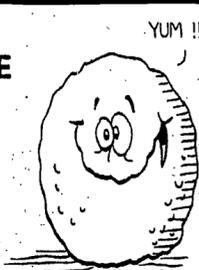
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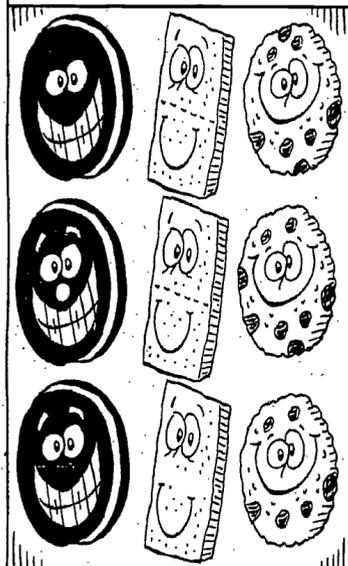
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Gutsy polecat



One of the few carnivores with the guts and snarls to take on a full-grown porcupine, the agile fisher outmaneuvers the bark-grawling beast for a higher advantage in the trees.

With strong claws on each of its five-toed feet, the fisher descends headfirst and attacks the porky from above, in its face - one of the few places without quills - and gorges itself for 2 days on its remains. The fearless fisher is a fierce but unimpaired mammal of the dense forest; it seldom, if ever, hunts for fish. (Its name probably derives from the French for polecat pelt, *fichet*.) However, as an aggressive opportunist, its diet varies with whatever small mammals, birds, fruits, nuts and carrion comes available.

About the size of a house cat, the secretive fisher shares the characteristic leavis fur, streamlined body, small rounded ears and short legs with others in the weasel family. March and April is when two or three kits are born in a tree cavity, and the normally solitary adults mate about a week later to ensure next year's brood.

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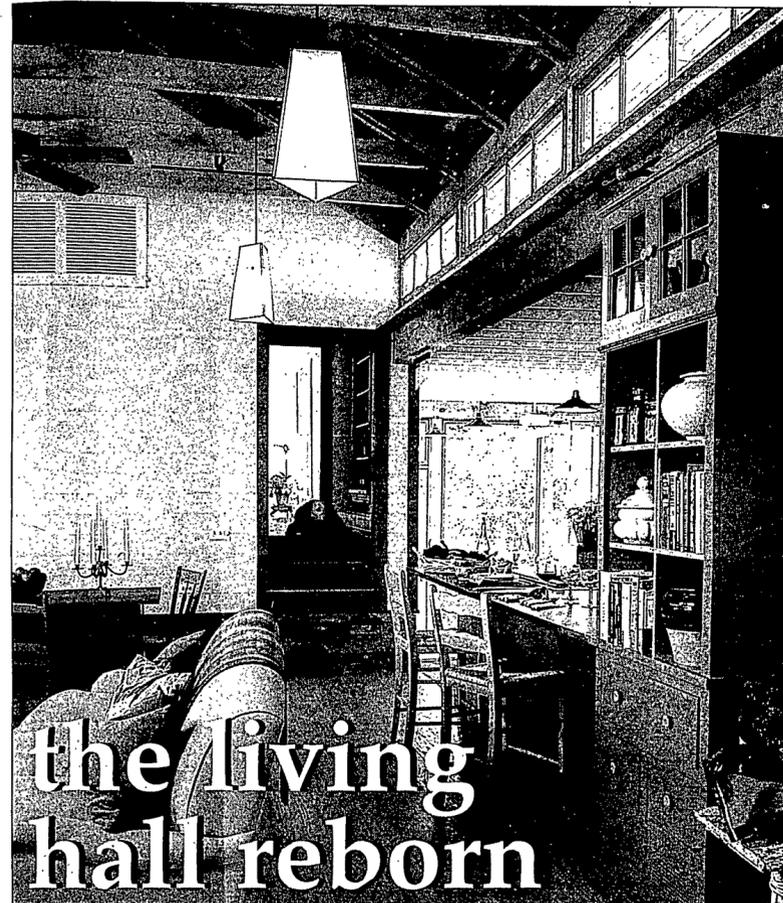
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the living hall reborn

The living hall was designed by architect Alan Dyrnerman for a family who wanted a modern-day gathering space in their century-old Virginia farmhouse. Great Rooms and dining rooms are often what makes a family feel like a family. (CNS Photo by Bruce Buck)

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We can have either a living room and a dining room, or we can have a dining room and a family room. My husband

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band votes for the latter - no "formal" living room, just a big playroom, I guess you could call it. We will be moving next year when our youngest goes to college. Will it hurt our resale value when we show the house?

A: That's then - now is when you need a room where your family can really enjoy living together, no matter what you decide to call it: family room or great room. In another day, the come-together space might have been a "living hall," according to historian Karen Zukowski, who says that the living hall concept was inspired by the central areas in medieval manor halls. The concept was

revived during the aesthetic movement of the late 19th century, she says, when enlightened American families shook off the old "formal front parlor" tradition and rolled everything into a space for "cordial informality."

The living hall we show here was designed by architect Alan Dyrnerman for a Virginia family who wanted a modern-day gathering space in their century-old farmhouse. The room is all about natural materials, natural light, and the preternaturally cheerful color combination of yellow and blues. As Karen writes in her book "Creating the Artful Home" (Gibbs Smith, publishers), "our own era has re-invented the living hall as the Great Room, which still fosters artful living."

That means living artfully now, while your family is still enjoying your home. Next year, when you are ready to sell and move, you can always rethink the room's function and rearrange things, the bet-

ter to fit the expectations of others - like real estate agents and potential buyers.

Meanwhile, I say bravo! that you plan to hang onto your dining room per se. Too often in this age of fast foods and faster eating, we've been willing to opt out of sit-down dining together. What we're missing is nothing less than what makes a family family.

Q: My mother-in-law is having fits, but I want to do the baby's nursery over in black and white.

We already have a boy and a girl and I've had it with pastel blue and pink! She says black and white will cause an infant to become depressed. That worries me. Could it be true?

A: Scholarly studies abound, drawing corollaries between colors and emotional moods, even between colors and physiological reactions. Red is said to rev up blood pressure and stimulate the appetite; blue has a calming effect.

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Tomorrow's homes will pack more features in same space

By Jim Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

New homes in future years will remain about the same size, on average, but will vastly change and improve in comfort

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and sophisticated features. That's the finding of a study recently completed by the National Association of Home Builders.

The pace of changes in new homes will be much faster over the next 10 years than in recent years, and buyers can expect that all homes will be significantly "greener" and more resource-efficient than today, according to the report. There will also be increasing emphasis on universal design and handicapped access.

Most people assume that the average size of homes will continue to grow as it has in past years. Not so, the study revealed. The average home size in 2015 will be in the same range of today's 2,400 square feet, and homes more likely will be two-story rather than one-story structures.

Not surprisingly, kitchens and bathrooms will continue to be the most important factors affecting consumer buying choices and will continue to feature upgraded materials and appliances. The focus on garages will also increase, with more consumers preferring three-car garages. Also, door openings on garages will be larger to accommodate larger vehicles.

Here's a brief profile of the average home in 2015, as projected from the NAHB study:

- It will have just less than 2,400 square feet of living space

and will include three bathrooms and four bedrooms. It will have a one-story entry foyer and one-story family room (no loft or volume ceilings).

Exterior walls will be vinyl or fiber cement siding or brick. The home will be equipped with a fiber optic network, programmable thermostat, structured wiring system, and multiline phone system.

Most upscale new homes in 2015 will include more than 4,000 square feet, and will include a two-story entry foyer. The staircase will be in the foyer, and there will be a front porch. It's likely to have a formal living room, or that room may be replaced by a parlor or library.

The upscale home will probably have two master bedroom suites and an outdoor kitchen with grill, sinks, refrigerator and cooking island. It will also have an outdoor fireplace, pool, audio and TV equipment, and special lighting.

The home will have a sophisticated overall lighting control

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Take it for Granite - The Ascend sink from Swanstone Corp. is made from 80 percent natural quartz and has a shallow drainboard where drying dishes can rest, off the countertop and out of sight. (CNS Photo courtesy of Swanstone)

By Linda Pescatore
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The place where chopping, washing and drinking are done daily is arguably the cornerstone of every kitchen. Your sink needs to be as functional and durable as it can be.

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The designers at Swanstone Corp. of St. Louis recently introduced two styles of sinks that not only make working a little easier, they also last long while looking great.

Because we do so many varied tasks at the basin, the two new styles - called Ascend and Large/Small Bowl - were designed with dual sizes for multiple purposes.

Ascend's shallow platform keeps drying food or dishes at a comfortable 6-inch-deep height. That allows them to drain while keeping them off the countertop and out of sight. The platform also makes an optimal resting place for pots that need filling. Because it is shallow, the adjoining basin saves water for most uses, yet the entire basin is deep - 10 inches - which makes washing large pots and baking dishes easier.

The Large/Small Bowl model similarly has a split personality. A built-in divider separates a fast-filling, 7-inch-deep small basin from the large basin, which is not only deeper but longer.

The surfaces of Swanstone sinks stay smooth because they are made with compressed molding using granite that is 80 percent natural quartz. The sinks are virtually indestructible, according to the company. Swanstone says independent tests showed its solid surfacing

has the highest heat resistance than any other solid surface, and can withstand temperatures up to 450 degrees.

Yet, unlike solid granite, the sinks require no special care and can usually be wiped clean with standard household cleaners or buffed when scratched, said spokeswoman Elizabeth Hise, who added that Swanstone includes with each fixture a "care package" that details how to keep it looking like new.

Both sinks are available in drop-in or undermount models. The latter does not come with a faucet deck and has smaller rim dimensions for easier installation.

Both are priced at \$415 for the drop-in models and \$454 for the undermount. Look for them at home stores, kitchen showrooms and online at www.swanstone.com, or call 800-325-7008.

Shift in Neutral

In "Perfect Neutrals: Color You Can Live With" (Watson-Guptill Publications; \$35), author Stephanie Hoppen demonstrates that you have more to choose from than just white or off-white for backgrounds to your rooms.

Neutral need not be bland, drab or nondescript. Hoppen makes the case that hues such as cherry red, grape and teal can be used as neutrals.

"When thinking about which colors are perfect neutrals, for-

get about the true colors and instead consider the 'dirty' ones," she writes. "This sounds unappealing, but I don't know how else to describe all those wonderful 'off' shades of every color that tend to be as neutral as beige, but - oh, my - are so much more interesting and uplifting to live with."

Her book, vividly photographed by the neutrally named Luke White, includes chapters on off-whites, grays, greens, blues, pinks, sunny tones, and "earth and spice" colors. And you needn't tear out your hair trying to duplicate the hundreds of rooms showcased; the book details all the paint colors and even the fabrics and flooring.



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Black? Well, black can be many things: chic and sophisticated, or exciting, even frightening. When black is mixed with its polar opposite white, the dramatic contrast is stimulating and energizing, especially for a newborn, whose eyes take a few months to focus.

When they do, the first colors they can distinguish are the primaries, red, yellow, blue. Think about tossing one of those bright colors into the black-white mix. That way, everyone will be satisfied. You will have pulled off your "radical chic" nursery scheme, mother-in-law can relax, and baby will wake up every day to a world that's visually thrilling.

Q: I had never heard of cork tiles for a floor, but it would seem like a great idea in a noisy house full of children and dogs - unless it is too fragile. What's your advice?

A: Actually, cork floors have

been around since the early 1900s and some, like the ones in my century-old church, are still holding up in pretty good shape.

New manufacturing methods and high-tech finishes make today's cork even better suited for busy-floor duty. It's a natural, renewable material - the bark is harvested from cork oak trees about once in a decade - and it's soft and sound-absorbing underfoot, hard to dent and easy to keep clean. Cork is also a natural fire inhibitor that resists mold and mildew and is positively repellent to insects - in fact, termites won't touch it, according to cork industry advocates (learn more at www.naturalcork.com).

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"Actually, cork floors have been around since the early 1900s and some, like the ones in my century-old church, are still holding up in pretty good shape."

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system and monitored burglar, fire and toxic gas alarm system.

This column recently focused on the newly proposed "suitability standard" requirement for mortgage lenders and brokers. It would require them to evaluate whether a loan product is best suited for the borrower, and to determine what product is suited for individual applicants.

I've had quite a response from mortgage professionals regarding that proposal. Here are a couple of them:

"Responsibility for action is diminishing in our society. People know what they can and can't afford. They are living because of the choices they make. You take consequences away from poor decision-making and you breed weakness and finger-pointing. To hold lenders and brokers accountable for applicants who make poor financial decisions is ludicrous."

Here's another reader quote: "The Fair Credit Act already requires lenders to meet the suitability clause. If Congress wants to only go after mortgages, then what about car sellers and financiers. You may only need a four-cylinder car,

not eight cylinders. The list goes on and on. What about stock-brokers?"

"Reports of the death of the condominium market are greatly exaggerated," said Bill Donges, CEO of Lane Co., a builder of condos nationwide. "Despite the current slowdown in sales in some markets, condos won't go away because people like them."

"Today's buyers want to live close to work, transportation, entertainment and retail outlets. A great location, a distinct product and a good price are critical to a condominium community's success," he said.

At the height of the housing peak in 2005, condos accounted for nearly half of the 350,000 or so multifamily construction starts produced annually. Two years earlier, the condo share was about 20 percent.

Some of the intense demand for condos over the past three years was driven by speculators in the market, and multifamily developers acknowledge it will take some time for the excess inventory of unsold units to burn off, especially in overbuilt markets on and near both coasts.

As condo construction retreats, the next wave of multi-

family development activity is likely to be in rental apartments, according to a report from the National Association of Home Builders. That will be especially prevalent in markets where the rental supply is particularly tight. Over the past three years, a significant number of rental units have been converted into condo units.

Construction and land cost are up, and that concerns all apartment developers, but especially those trying to build units affordable to working families.

"The increased demand at a time of short supply is driving rents up nationwide," said Steve Patterson, president of ZOM USA, builder and manager of apartment complexes. "Apartments are absolutely back. Demand is up and occupancy rates are up. The cost of renting compared to buying is at a historic low. There have been rent increases in most markets, but we are only now seeing rents at post-2001 levels. It's all relative."

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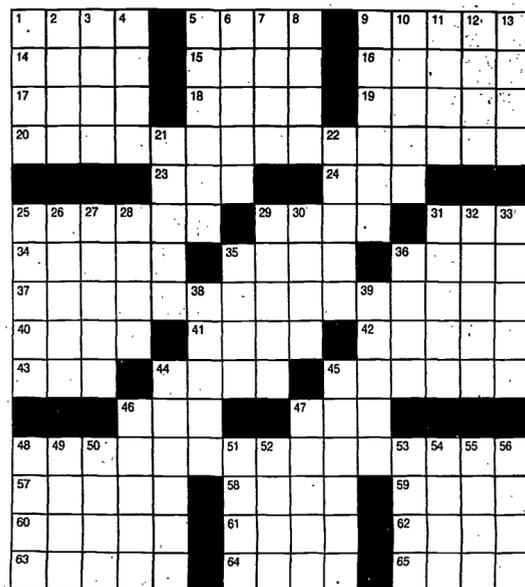
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Showed sorrow
 - 5 Long, deep cut
 - 9 A bit crazy
 - 14 Luau entertainment
 - 15 Lotion ingredient
 - 16 14 Across greeting
 - 17 Golf bag item
 - 18 Enrage
 - 19 Allude, with to
 - 20 Was treated roughly
 - 23 Lobster eggs
 - 24 Brief distress signal
 - 25 Knitted blanket
 - 29 Into the sunset
 - 31 Male sib
 - 34 Swimmers' raft
 - 35 Preserve
 - 36 Adolescent
 - 37 Reversed circumstances
 - 40 Barely manages
 - 41 Ages and ages: var.
 - 42 Soothing ointment
 - 43 Embarrassed
 - 44 "Do ___ others..."
 - 45 Wall or Sesame
 - 46 Likely
 - 47 Be obligated
- DOWN**
- 11 Tary rival: Brit.
 - 12 Continental currency
 - 13 Garden spot
 - 14 Pet fish home
 - 15 French waiter
 - 16 Similar
 - 17 Flat fish
 - 18 Pay attention to
 - 19 Mimic
 - 20 Butter substitutes
 - 21 Soy product
 - 22 Next
 - 23 Football measure
 - 24 Furious
 - 25 Plus
 - 26 Stroke of luck
 - 27 Pierced with a tusk
 - 28 ___ Christian Andersen
 - 29 Yippee!
 - 30 Neck and neck
 - 31 Attractive woman
 - 32 "Superman" actor Christopher ___
 - 33 Beginning
 - 35 Proofreader's notation
 - 36 Ski tow
 - 38 Inferno author
 - 39 Fall flower
 - 44 Supported
 - 45 Stockholm natives
 - 46 Open patios
 - 47 Poppy product
 - 48 Snake sound
 - 49 "___ Karenina"
 - 50 Twofold
 - 51 Egg on
 - 52 Lose effectiveness
 - 53 Lend a hand
 - 54 Army deserter: acron.
 - 55 Roman despot
 - 56 Sketched

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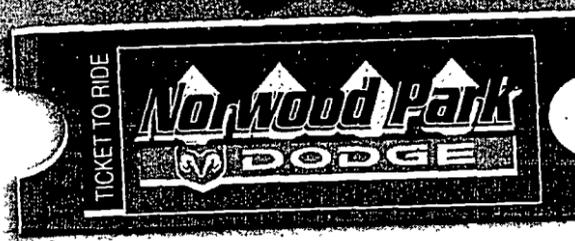
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