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Niles Chamber names 'Rose' award winners

Thirteen awards presented to those who go above and beyond

The Niles Chamber of Commerce announced the honorees for its fourth annual "Niles Night of Roses" last week. Representatives of the Chamber said that this year's recipients exemplify the values that have made Niles a great place to live.

All recipients will be honored on April 21, 2007 at the White Eagle Banquets in Niles. An invitation can be found inside this edition of the Bugle Newspaper. This event is sponsored by Wal-Mart, with support from Resurrection Health Care, Dunkin Donuts (Harlem & Milwaukee), Shure Incorporated and Lucky Magees Racino Grill & Sports Lounge.

This year the Bob Wordel Living Legend Award honors Gordon Fallor a lifelong Chamber participant and businessman of Niles for his endless dedication to the chamber of commerce and unwavering determination to help Niles grow and prosper. Join us to honor Gordon Fallor and these find individuals:

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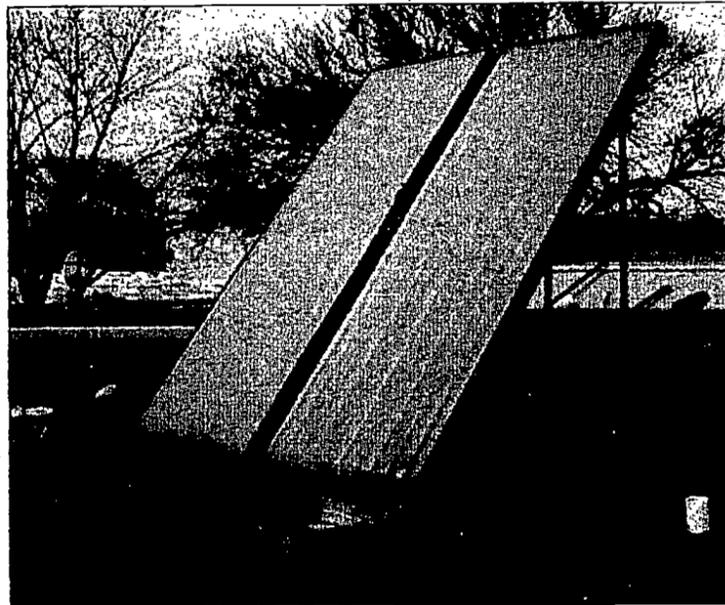
NDHS becomes first high school in state to use solar thermal system to heat water

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Notre Dame High School recently made solar history.

It is the first high school in Illinois to have a solar thermal system installed. The previous electric hot water system was not able to keep up with the demand and the new system will be used to provide hot water for the science wing.

Solar Service of Niles installed a three-panel solar hot water system that can heat 200 gallons of water per day. As a result of about 14,000 kilowatt hours of electricity being displaced annually, tens of thousands of dollars of utility savings will take place over the system's life span. The solar system can also prevent 13 tons of carbon dioxide emissions



Recently, Notre Dame High School became Illinois' first high school to install a solar thermal system. Installed by Solar Service Inc. of Niles, the system can heat up to 200 gallons of water per day in the George Holley Science & Technology Center.

every year.

"School's an ideal application for solar," said Brandon Leavitt, owner of Solar Service in Niles. "It's the least expensive way to heat water in Illinois, to use the sun. It's an educational opportunity for the students and the community."

Leavitt said the system is a little over \$13,000. Grants from the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity and other foundation grants will allow the system to pay for itself in about three years.

Notre Dame High School is also considering the installation of a larger solar thermal system to heat the water for the school's main hot water supply.

Leavitt said that they have installed quite a few solar systems in Niles homes over the years.



Above: Guests at the Morton Grove Senior Center enjoy a St. Patrick's Day lunch last week. Below: Students from Park View School in Morton Grove perform at the Senior Center for a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon last week. (Photos by Tracy Yoshida Gruen)



100 celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Senior Center

About 100 seniors celebrated the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and the luck of the Irish in Morton Grove on Thursday, March 15.

Wearing a festive bright green hat, Bob Kolinski, of the Morton Grove community nutrition network, handed out plates of corn beef lunches to a room full of seniors from Morton Grove, Niles and other surrounding neighborhoods. Many other volunteers dressed in green shirts and sporting festive hats worked together to make the event a success.

An advanced ensemble orchestra from Park View Elementary School in Morton Grove performed a variety of tunes for the sen-

iors, such as popular classical and Irish pieces.

Morton Grove School District 70 Supt. Gary Zapilka smiled as he watched the Park View kids performing on stage.

A senior from Niles came with his friend, another senior from Skokie. With a big smile, he said that he loves the food and the beautiful music.

Kolinski said they provide a program called the "Lunch Bunch" every week day where seniors can receive a meal for a small donation. The program also offers bingo and provides entertainment.

"A lot of them are wid-

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Niles approves transfer of private bonding authority

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Niles Board of Trustees recently approved a transfer of \$2,493,050 of private bonding authority to Stern Brothers in order for them to finance affordable housing in Woodstock, Illinois.

In return, Stern Brothers will pay the Village of Niles one percent of the allocation

(\$24,930) to transfer the allocation for their use. The village will be paid for the bond cap upon the passage of the ordinance.

The Village had no plans to use the allocation locally and the value would be lost on May 1, 2007. Stern Brothers are seeking 2007 volume cap from Illinois home rule communities to assist with financing the project.

Stern Brothers will use the village's allocation, and other resources, to finance the construction of affordable housing, in Woodstock, Illinois.

The project, Lakewood Apartments, is a 320-unit apartment complex that serves the need for affordable housing in and around Woodstock. In addition, 15 full time construction jobs in the area will be created.

St. Haralambos bake sale

The St. Haralambos Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church presents its annual Spring Bake Sale. On Thursday, Mar. 29 and Friday, Mar. 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., both days in the Community Center at 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., in Niles, IL.

The Bake Sale features their Easter Tsoureki Bread and Easter Koulouria cookies. Also available will be other Greek pastries for your holiday entertaining such as Baklava, Diples,

Galaktoboureko, Kataifi, Kourambietes and Melomakarouna. A Lenten Luncheon will be served on both days. You can sit and enjoy a pastry and cup of coffee in the Coffee Shop. For your holiday celebration we will have Easter baskets, Lambathes (Easter Candles) and dyed red eggs, sold by the dozen.

No admission fee will be charged, parking is free. For more information or to place an order for pick-up call the Church office at (847) 647-8880.

St. Pat's

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ows," said Kolinski. He said that many seniors would just be sitting alone at home, but with the Lunch Bunch program they are able to have a nice lunch and socialize with other seniors at the same time.

The Community Nutrition Network (CNN) also has a Meals on Wheels program in which meals are delivered to seniors at their homes. They help people in Morton Grove, and in many different areas.

They're called row houses, not row homes

After several years of watching national builders attempt to re-brand their housing projects without any apparent protest, it falls to me to explain the difference between a house and a home, specifically between a "row" or "town" house and "home" of the same persuasion.



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

According to Meriam-Webster's Dictionary, a row house is one of a series of houses connected by common side walls and forming a continuous group. A townhouse is similar, usually a single-family house of two or sometimes three stories connected to a similar house by a common sidewall. The primary difference is that a rowhouse is one of a series where a townhouse need only share a single sidewall with a single other house.

There are no entries for "row home" or "town home." Why is that? I'll start by looking at the definition of "home." The same dictionary that has only one entry a piece for row and town houses has five different entries for home. All of them describe an individual's relationship to their domicile and not the domicile itself; "one's place of residence," "the focus of one's domestic attention, i.e. home is where the heart

is," or, and perhaps most telling, "the social unit formed by a family living together." In short, the word "home" has a connotative meaning that goes beyond "house." A house can be empty, a home never is. The word itself conjures images of warmth, love and togetherness. The same images are not necessarily conjured by the word house, thus the "housing" industry's attempt to supplant the use of the architectural word "house" with the familial word "home." The "homing" industry wants you to look at their newest development and think of them as a place where your heart is, not one of a series of houses linked by common side walls. Unfortunately, I feel compelled to inform them that a "row house" is not simply something they can re-brand at will. It is an architectural See Column, page 8

Two new candidates join Caucus Party

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Part Two of a Three-Part Series on Morton Grove's Village Race

Meet the Morton Grove Caucus Party Candidates.

The Caucus candidates in the race for Morton Grove village trustee are Incumbent Dale Senesky and newcomers Carol Gail and Dayal Patel.

Senesky was appointed by Mayor Richard Krier to serve on the village board two years ago when Krier was elected as mayor.

"Once the Action Party lost control of the village I think everyone thought they should leave town," said Senesky. He said in 2005 they had to replace the village manager, finance director, police chief, and many others.

Senesky believes that the

Caucus candidates are more diverse than the other parties in the race.

"I think we're a little more representative of the village," shared Senesky.

Carol Gail is a senior citizen who was a preschool teacher for the Morton Grove Park District for 30 years and has had much contact with young families in that position. She feels that being a senior citizen herself she can understand the needs and concerns of the town's senior residents and that her prior experience allows her to understand the needs of young families.

"I think my best quality is that I can listen," she shared. "I feel I could add something. I come in

with a fresh outlook."

Gail said she decided to run for village trustee because she now has the time to dedicate to the people of the village.

Gail said that she likes many of the programs that the mayor and trustees have implemented such as resurfacing of the streets, bringing in economic development to Morton Grove, preserving trees and funding the pension fund. If elected, she will work to make sure these programs continue.

"I'm not a rubber stamp," said Gail. "I don't want to be a rubber stamp. My loyalty is to the people of Morton Grove."

Dayal Patel, an electrical engineer, has served on the planning

and zoning commission in Morton Grove for about a year. He has lived in Morton Grove for seven years and is involved in the Indian community of Niles Township, which provides medical and financial assistance to residents.

Patel says the campaigning and social events have been going well.

"I have a lot of support from the people," shared Patel.

Patel believes bringing new businesses into town is very important.

"We want to move forward," said Patel.

Patel said that he feels taxes will remain the same in the future, because although people

may want to lower taxes, it isn't always possible. He feels its very important to keep Morton Grove moving forward and on an even playing field with its surrounding communities.

Senesky said that eventually he would like to see the garbage tax completely removed.

"That's going to help our senior citizens," said Senesky.

Senesky said that since he's been on the board he has the experience so there's no "learning curve" involved.

Meet the Morton Grove Caucus Party candidates

The Morton Grove Caucus Party invites everyone to "Meet the Candidates" on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at Kappys Restaurant at Dempster and Harlem.

"We'll have all the candidates and the mayor there," said Harold Cohon, the treasurer. "It's a free for all Meet

the Candidates event."

Caucus Party candidates are Incumbent Dale Senesky and newcomers, Carol Gail and Dayal Patel.

Cohon said that anyone who has any questions can ask at the event, or if someone has a problem or concern, they can ask the candi-

dates or mayor about them directly.

Complimentary coffee, fresh fruit and dessert will be served at the event.

Recently, the Caucus Party had another Meet the Candidates event at China Chef as well as a fund-raiser that Cohon said was very

successful.

The Caucus Party candidates are running against Action Party candidates, Incumbent Dan Staackman, Shel Marcus and John Thill and the newly-formed Reform Party, Sherwin Dubren, William Luksha and Bruce Tarpey.

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2,000 homes hit by flood waters

Chesterfield, Courtland Park Inundated

Thursday, June 15, 1967

A once in a hundred year rain deluged the north Chicagoland area Saturday wreaking misery on thousands of home owners in a deluge reminiscent of a flash storm in July, 1957, which inundated the area.

In Niles more than 2,000 homes had water in basements with as much as seven feet of water.

While canoes were floating down Grennan Heights streets and life rafts were being used in other parts of Niles the Chesterfield Garden

and Courtland Park areas were the hardest hit in Niles.

Reports from Chesterfield told of water smashing basement windows with such fury they quickly became inundated. The speed of the water filled basements to the ceiling. Stories of a piano floating upside down in lower floor rooms, of colored TVs being rendered useless and ending on the morning after junk piles were common. Bi level homes, not fortunate enough to have basements, had as much as five feet of water.



Trustee Bruno Retiring from Office After Eight Years of Service

Thursday, May 4, 1967

By June Hart
Each week we are going to write about people in Niles. The people who make the news and the people behind the people who make the news, reaching into every facet of community life.

This week we chatted with Trustee Sam Bruno who will shortly be retiring from office with the village board after contributing eight years of devoted and constructive service.

Due to assuming new responsibilities with his company, Mr. Bruno has already stated that he will not have the time to serve the community to the best of his ability. Bruno is a manager in charge of sales and service in the employ of Hospital Service Group, and Illinois Medical, Surgical Service.

He and his wife, Frances, their eldest daughter, Cynthia, now 15 and eldest son, Michael, now 13, settled in Niles some 12 years ago. Another daughter Cheryl and a younger son Joseph were born here. Bruno became active in his area of Jonquil Terrace and after a six months' membership with their homeowners association, he was elected president.

Attending village board meetings at that time, he was a spokesman for his group in a project to defeat a proposed

rezoning ordinance, for commercial enterprise in his area. He was approached by Mr. Ed Leith, one of the first Niles Park Commissioners (before it was a park district) with a request to sign his name and address on a card, the purport for identification, so he was informed. A while later attending a meeting concerned with an approaching election, to his surprise he was nominated from the floor as a candidate to the office of village trustee.

"That's how it all got started," Sam Bruno laughed.

List Economic Status of Suburbs

Thursday, May 11, 1967

Urban specialist Pierre de Vise has prepared two separate kinds of lists ranking Chicago suburbs. One list ranks top suburbs in terms of economic status and social prestige. The other list ranks 166 suburbs in purely economic terms, based on median family income, median home value and other factors.

Park Ridge ranked 18th, with a median family income of \$13,650 and a median home value of \$31,137.

Morton Grove ranked 24th with a median family income of \$12,390 and a median home value of \$25,103.

Niles was ranked 37, with the median family income of \$10,500 and the median home value of \$23,900.

New High School by 1970-1971

Thursday, March 16, 1967

Dist. 63 voters led Maine Township residents in approving a \$15,000,000 bond issue and increasing the high school building fund tax rate from 24 to 30 cents per \$100 assessed valuation Saturday.

In an overwhelming vote East Maine Dist. 63 voters approved by a 70 percent margin the high school issues, a 1% higher percentage than their approval of Saturday's grammar school issue.

Des Plaines residents approved the high school issues by a 61% margin in District 62 while Dist. 64 residents, mostly from Park Ridge, approved the issue by a 56% margin.

The support from the majority of voters will enable the high school board to add about \$7,000,000 of additions to the three present high schools by 1968 and build a fourth high school, Maine North by 1970.

Niles Youth Center Closes Down

Thursday, October 5, 1967

At Monday night's Niles Days meeting it was announced the youth center at Lawrencewood has been closed down and that the Niles Youth Center Committee which ran the club has also closed shop. Pending the payment of the remaining 9 months rent still under lease, it would not be determined until the next Niles Days meeting how much of the remain-

ing \$2,600 balance in the Youth Center Committee's treasury would be returned to the Niles Days Committee, which has contributed \$7,700 for the operation of the club.

Chuck O'Grady, who was the guiding light behind the Youth Center Committee was commended by the Niles Days Committee for his efforts in attempting to create a youth club. He received a round of applause after one Niles Days member, Todd Bavaro, said O'Grady took on a large responsibility and a vote of confidence should be expressed by the Niles Days Committee for O'Grady's and the Youth Committee's efforts in attempting the creation of a teen center.

Rezone Caldwell Ave. and Gross Point Rd.

Thursday, July 27, 1967

By Barbara Horn
At the Tuesday night village board meeting a petition for rezoning two more parcels of Caldwell Ave. and Gross Point Rd became official by a four to two vote. One parcel will be an Industrial Medical Center and the other an Enco Gasoline Station.

The exterior of the Medical Center will remain unchanged and will accommodate parking for approximately 20 cars with off street parking.

According to Mrs. S. Johnston, "The home being considered for rezoning is really inadequate for their needs and the change will make it difficult for us to remain

there."
"The nature of the area has changed since the sale of Tam," said Mayor Nicholas Blasé.

Trustee Wentz reminded Attorney for the petitioner, George Karczas, "There is no sanitary sewer on that side of the street, you would have to go under the road to tie one in."

Qualified approval was given with the stipulation that the septic tank would be removed and there would be a tie-in with the sanitary sewers.

Scheel Resigns, Chosen Full-Time Finance Head

Thursday, October 12, 1967

The man who led Niles into its new era six years ago, Trustee Ken Scheel, announced his resignation as village trustee Tuesday night and was promptly appointed Niles finance director and acting village manager, a full time job which will pay \$12,500. Scheel's appointment fills the vacancy left by the resignation of former village manager Jim Pryde and it can be assumed Scheel's new role will permanently fill the village manager post.

In announcing his resignation from the board Scheel said he had given the problem a great deal of thought. He said his first consideration was "where I can serve best." He noted he has an opportunity to turn over his business (A Melrose Park water softener company) at this time and will serve the new village post on a full time basis.

SCHOOLS

Taste of Park Ridge offers high school scholarships

Applications and essays have started to arrive for the first annual Park Ridge "A Taste of My Hometown" essay contest sponsored by The Taste of Park Ridge. This contest is open to all students enrolled at either

Maine South High School or Maine East High School. All submissions must be emailed by midnight on Apr.30, 2007 in order to be eligible.

There will be a winner selected from each school and each

will receive a \$1000 scholarship. In 500 words or less, essay participants are asked to describe what makes Park Ridge a community to be celebrated and to provide a "taste" of hometown Park Ridge.

All entries must be written in Microsoft Word and submitted electronically to the email address: TOPRessay@tasteof-parkridge.com. Submitted essays must have the subject line of the email read: TOPRessay

(entrant's name). The essay document must include the entrants name, phone, home address, and student ID # in the top right corner of each page. Line spacing should be set at 1.5 and font must be 12 point.

Criterion: the essay must adhere to the aforementioned requirements. Additionally, the essay will illustrate a command of strong writing skills, cohesion in development of ideas, and a concentrated focus on the

central idea. The winners will be announced at school award ceremonies prior to the July 12-14 Taste of Park Ridge event. Check the website for updates and winner announcements. Presentations will also be made during the opening of the Taste of Park Ridge event.

The Essay Screening Committee is: David Iglow, President, Taste of Park Ridge Board of Directors; Albert Galus,

Secretary, Taste of Park Ridge Board of Directors; David Barker, Principal, Maine East High School; David Claypool, Principal, Maine South School; and a English Department faculty member from each school. The final decision will be made by the full Taste of Park Ridge Board of Directors.

For general information on the event, visit www.tasteof-parkridge.com or call 847-297-2510, Ext. 237.

Lincoln School raises more than \$6K in Dance Marathon for Children's Memorial

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

It was a day filled with a lot dancing and a lot of meaning.

Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge held its fourth annual Dance Marathon on Saturday, March 3 and raised \$6,560 for the Children's Memorial Hospital Ambulatory Unit.

Over the past few years, the event has raised more

than \$30,000. The hospital will purchase toys for the patients to play with while awaiting surgery.

Approximately 90 students from Lincoln, 15 Maine South students and 15 Lincoln staff members participated in the day that featured dancing performances and competitions. There were appearances by Picture Us Different dance studio, Trinity Irish Dance Academy, Lincoln Percussion, Lincoln

Lionettes and DJ Excitement.

One of the heart-warming and special parts of the event was a visit from a Children's Memorial patient who talked about his experience at the hospital.

The service learning event was organized by a committee of Lincoln students and their sponsor, teacher Jennifer Wuebbles. Throughout the year, the committee worked hard to plan the day-long event.

Dr. Bernoli Baello secures two grants

Northridge Prep School in Niles has recently been recognized by Best Buy and received an award of \$2,500 in recognition of the school's integration of technology into curriculum.

The money received will be used to further enhance the award-winning technology program at Northridge. The school commends Dr. Bernoli Baello for his work as technology coordinator.

Baello, the 11th and 12th grade chemistry teacher, was

also recently honored with a \$1,000 grant to purchase equipment that will be used toward caloric investigations. These investigations will determine the specific heat capacities of metals, enthalpies of dissolution processes and confirmation of Hess' law for three representative reactions. More specifically, the students will be able to look at the effects of temperature, concentration and surface area and also investigate how systems reach equilibrium.

"I'm finishing my seventh year," said Baello. "It's been great and every year, we're trying to improve our science department."

The Best Buy grant will help fund an end of the year project for the eighth graders in which the kids study various aspects of Chicago history or architecture, while using technology. Baello said the kids will go to specific sites where historical events took place and do in person interviews and then compile final presentations.

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Rear tire flattened after dispute over space

MORTON GROVE

1 Subject Damages Tire (8500 block of Mansfield)

Unknown person(s) flattened a rear passenger tire sometime between Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12. On March 3, the victim's sister said she parked the same vehicle in the same spot and was approached by a man who lives at the 8500 block of Mansfield who started yelling at her and telling her not to park there. The man reportedly said his wife was disabled and he needed that parking space.

2 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (7900 block of Golf)

Unknown subject(s) spray painted two cargo vans sometime between Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12. On one of the vans the word "Anger" was spray-painted.

3 Harassment by Telephone (8900 block of Mason)

The victim received three phone calls between Monday, February 19 and Monday, March 12 where the caller remains silent for five to 10 seconds and then hangs up the phone. The police gave the victim instructions for tracing the call.

4 Possession of Heroin Arrest (7300 block of Dempster)

A 31-year-old Niles man and a 28-year-old female were arrested for possessing Heroin and hypodermic needles on Sunday, March 11. The court date is set for April 16.

5 DUI Arrest (6200 block of Dempster)

Police said a 30-year-old Chicago man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Friday, March 9. Police observed the driver driving over the lane dividers on Dempster St. Bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 5.

6 Driving with Suspended License (6000 block of Dempster)

A 47-year-old Niles man was arrested for driving with a suspended license on Friday, March 9. The man was arrested after being stopped for a traffic violation. His court date is set for April 10.

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7 Suspect Cannabis Found in Children's Slippers (9500 block of Milwaukee)

The victim purchased a pair of children's slippers from the

store and when she returned home she discovered a small bag of a green substance (suspect cannabis) on Wednesday, March 14.

8 Burglary to Vehicle (9200 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown person(s) shattered a rear passenger side window and took an iPod, laptop bag, an IBM think pad laptop and a portable DVD player from the vehicle on Monday, March 12. The items stolen were worth more than \$3,000.

9 Wallet Stolen (8800 block of Dempster)

The victim said she put her purse on the arm of a chair and two subjects sat next to the victim at separate tables on Thursday, MARCH 22. Police said the victim said that after they got up and left she noticed her wallet with her driver's license, state ID and credit cards was missing from her purse.

10 Red Paint Damages Vehicle (8900 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown subject(s) spray

painted red paint on the driver's side, roof and trunk of the victim's vehicle on Saturday, March 10.

11 Slacks Stolen from Store (220 Golf Mill)

Police said the subject put on a pair of slacks she did not purchase and then put her own slacks over them and walked out of the store on Thursday, MARCH 22. The cost of the stolen slacks is \$64, said police.

12 Vehicle Windows Damaged (9200 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown subject(s) used an unknown blunt object to shatter the passenger front door side window on Thursday, MARCH 22.

13 Domestic Battery (8800 block of Cumberland)

A 27-year-old Niles man was arrested for domestic battery after choking and punching his girlfriend in the stomach on Sunday, March 11. The bond is set at \$75,000 and the court date is March 29.

14 DUI Arrest (8900 block of Milwaukee)

A 40-year-old Niles man was arrested on Saturday, March 10 for criminal damage to property and driving under the influence of alcohol. An intoxicated man used a sledge hammer to damage two ComEd electrical service boxes at a business and was also caught driving under the influence. Bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 4.

15 Driver's License Never Issued (8200 block of Dempster)

A 29-year-old Niles woman was arrested after stopped for going 53 mph in a 35 mph zone on Sunday, March 11. Police said a driver's license was never issued and bond was set at \$2,000. Her court date is April 10.

PARK RIDGE

16 Subject Climbs Ladder in Burglary

(1000 block of N. Northwest Hwy) Unknown subject(s) entered the business by using a ladder to climb on the roof and cut out an exhaust fan on Saturday, March 10. Police said nothing appears to be missing.

17 Graffiti on School (100 S. Northwest Hwy)

Unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the gym door of the school sometime between Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

18 Computers Taken from Business (300 block of W. Touhy)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the business by unknown non-force means and took four laptop computers sometime between Friday, March 9 and Monday, March 12. The value of the computers taken is \$8,000 and miscellaneous software worth \$8,000 was also taken.

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19 Eggs Thrown at State-owned Vehicle (200 block of W. Sibley)

Police said unknown person(s) threw eggs at a state owned 1993 Ford F350 that was parked in front of a residence sometime between Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14.

20 Burglary to Residence (400 block of Elmore)

Unidentified person(s) entered the victim's residence through an open side door sometime between Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8. A safe was taken from the residence.

21 Subject Stole, Replaces License Plate (200 block of N. Talcott)

The victim noticed that someone removed the front license plate on his 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee and replaced it with a different plate. The victim reported the incident on Thursday, March 8.

22 Burglary to Business (600 block of Busse Hwy)

Unknown person(s) entered the business by prying open a side door sometime between

Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 8. The subject(s) took an unknown amount of US currency, two bottles of Dom Perignon (\$500) and an unknown number of wine bottles.

23 Vehicle Window Broken (400 block of N. Merrill)

Unknown person(s) broke the rear window of the victim's 2001 Honda Accord sometime between Sunday, March 11 and Monday, March 12. The estimated cost of the damage is \$300.

24 Graffiti on Stairwell (10 S. Smmit)

Police said unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the stairwell leading from the train platform to Touhy Ave.

The report was made on Wednesday, March 14 and the estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

25 Hit and Run (100 block of Grace)

A 43-year-old Park Ridge woman was arrested for a hit and run and improper parking on Saturday, March 10.

The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is April 24.

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"For decades, it's been the middle class and working families of Illinois that have shouldered more and more of the tax burden. And while they have paid more, the wealthiest corporations in our state have paid less and less. The impact of this imbalance weakens our economy, burdens our families and holds our state back," continued the Governor. This is a lie. Businesses don't pay taxes, people do. Businesses pass their costs on to consumers and taxes are just another cost and get passed on to you as well. You pay all the taxes and under the governor's plan it will just get worse, you might even lose your job. If only Blagojevich were an Irish name.



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

age income was 30% below the European Union average. Today average Irish income is 40 percent above the EU average. These policies attract huge inflows of financial capital and businesses set up shop in Ireland to take advantage of this favorable climate. Those same businesses created jobs and wealth for Ireland. They brought tens of thousands of people off the dole, gave them hope, a job, and a real fighting chance to make their lives better. The Emerald Isle now boasts the 4th highest per capita GDP in the world. Industries

According to the 2007 Illinois Manufacturers Directory, Illinois lost 26,365 of its remaining manufacturing jobs and 437 of its plants last year.

whose people were long subjugated by greedy kings, lords, and governments, but no more. In the late 1980s the Irish realized that their system was hurting its people, stealing their wealth and ruining opportunity. After years of high inflation, double-digit unemployment rates, and soaring government debt that topped 100 percent of GDP they took a series of hard decisions the first of which was to drastically cut government spending and waste. They worked hard to lower taxes on businesses and individuals. Ireland recognized that business is not the enemy of the people, wasteful government spending and high taxes are. Did it work?

At that time Ireland's aver-

boomed including manufacturing, banking, high technology, pharmaceuticals, financial services, insurance and on and on. The lesson to government: tight budgets, small government, reduced regulation and low taxes help people. Jobs flee areas where the tax and business policies stink. It stinks in Illinois.

According to the 2007 Illinois Manufacturers Directory, Illinois lost 26,365 of its remaining manufacturing jobs and 437 of its plants last year. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, ranks Illinois near the bottom, when you take jobs as a percentage of the population. In Chief Financial Officer magazine's annual survey of financial executives Illinois ranks in

the bottom 10 states for business-friendly tax policies. Unemployment figures over the last few years from the Labor Department put Illinois in the bottom 10 out of 50, with high unemployment rates, even while the national rate hovers around 4.5 percent. This is not where we should be. Is there a relationship between loss of businesses and the jobs they create and the kinds of tax and regulatory policies here in Illinois?

The reality is states with business-friendly public policies attract and retain jobs. States with policies hostile to businesses lose them. Capital goes where it is treated well. If you don't think that an anti-business climate matters, ask your boss. Ask your boss if your company really needs to be located in Illinois? Modern technology like the phone, fax, internet, and email make it possible to run a business from almost anywhere in the world. Many companies could just hop over the border, set-up shop and serve Illinois consumers through sales people, representatives and websites. This would put them out of reach of Illinois' greedy, lazy, and short-sighted politicians.

Wouldn't it be refreshing to have the states Chief Executive admit what everyone knows: the state's budget is loaded with pork and waste. Instead of cleaning up their own house, which would take effort and thinking, our politicians, like broken records, keep playing the tax and spend tune. It is up to us to change the tempo and demand fiscal responsibility and immediate across the board tax cuts. Your job may depend on it. Regardless, all the tax increases will be paid by you one way or another.

We are quickly coming to the end of the rainbow, the Governor should take a clue from Ireland and help us make a pot-o-gold instead of stomping over it. If he doesn't it will be our bad luck.

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term. While their row house may become your home, it doesn't make it a row home.

I'm afraid I may be too late to stop the re-branding process, however. The homing industry has been stealthily referring to single-family

houses as single-family homes for a while now and no one thought to point out the difference. It wasn't important to do so, because the homing industry appreciated it already, otherwise they wouldn't have gone to the trouble of re-branding it in the first place.

In spite of the lateness of

the hour, I must take exception to the re-branding of the row house and tilt at this windmill. Otherwise, who knows where the homing industry will stop. Next year we may be expected to swallow the re-branding of condominiums to condos-homes and by then it may be too late to stop the madness.

Letters to the Editor

Dubiel's columns Conservatism 101

Dear Editor,
It is always amusing to read Morgan Dubiel's epistles straight from The Conservatives Basic 101 Handbook, "Government is bad and big government is worse." In other words put your trust in big business.

Having read his most recent epistle in The Bugle on Thursday, Mar. 15, I must respond to a few of his very outrageous statements.

He indicates that the European and Canadian health care systems are a "disaster." He states that people are dying due to inadequate care. This is absurd. He presents no facts whatsoever to support this assertion. As a matter of fact I recently saw a study that folks in The UK, Canada and other countries are healthier than Americans.

He tosses out cute comments about health care being handled by the same kind of people that run the postal system. I suppose he would be more comfortable with the kind of people who ran Enron, WorldCom, etc.

I find it interesting that conservatives have problems with Big Government except in the case of The Defense Dept., The Treasury Department, (except everyone's favorite target, The IRS), Homeland Security and The Attorney General. Unless of course, in the case of some Federal Attorneys who may be going after more Republicans than Democrats.

Make no mistake, I have problems with government and business behavior. However, what my conservative friends choose to ignore is that neither government nor business is inherently good or bad. That comes from the human factor. As the Bard of Avon so aptly put it, "The fault dear Brutus is not in our stars but in ourselves."

E. F. "Bud" Nichols Jr., Niles

Another Morton Grove Fairy Tale

Dear Editor,
A Fairy Tale
Once upon a time, in a far off land, there was a kingdom called Morton Grove. It was ruled by a good king, called Richard the Wise. He kept his

promises, and the people were afforded good services.

When King Richard the Wise held court, he allowed people to speak, even those who spoke with a forked tongue. Such a person was Patrick the Pompous, and the stench of evil was upon him.

Patrick the Pompous built a carefully contrived wind machine. He fueled this wind machine with untruths, half-truths and innuendoes. His large presence caused dismay among the populace. They petitioned their king, Richard the Wise, for redress. What shall we do and how shall we be rid of this thing?

Upon reading the petition, Richard the Wise advised the populace, "It's an ill wind that blows no good. Ignore the odor of evil and it will dry up and blow away."
They did, and he did, and they all lived happily ever after.

Harold G. Cohon,
Morton Grove

Friel endorses Wsol

Dear Editor,
Having the experience of being a former alderman and knowing a job well done when I see it, I feel it is important that the residents of the 7th ward re-elect Frank Wsol as our Alderman.

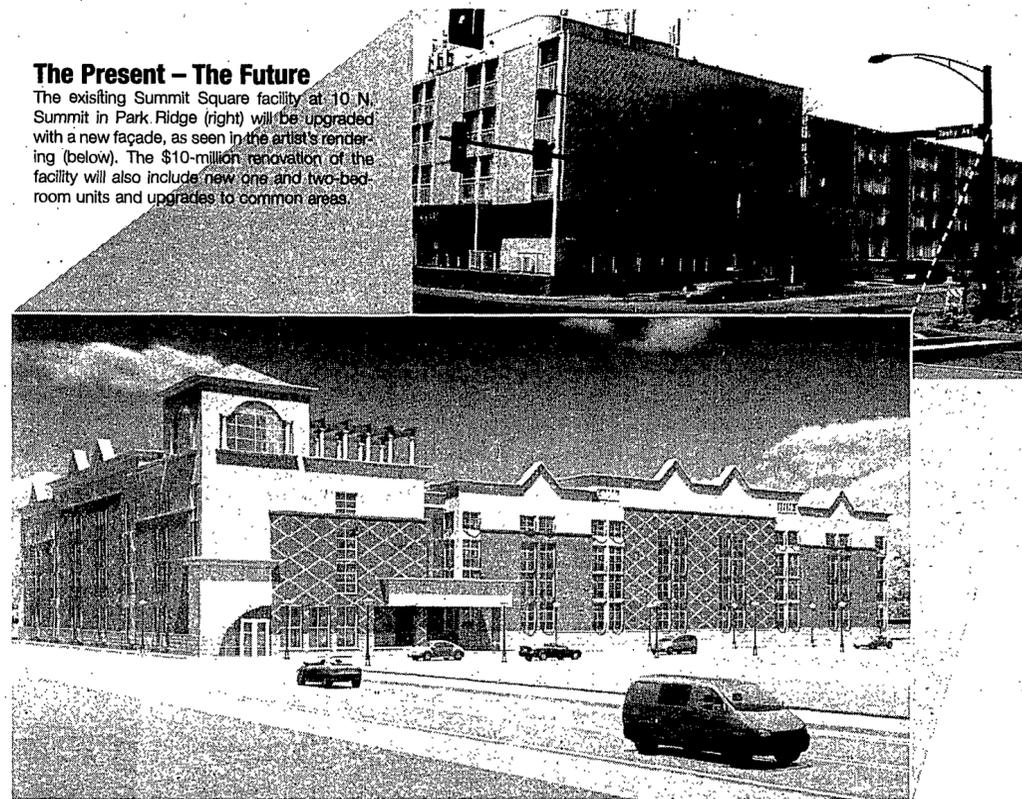
Frank has done an excellent job serving our neighborhood and has accomplishments worth mentioning. For example, the Community Health Commission has become reality due to Frank's diligence. He has stopped huge buses from traveling through our ward near Higgins Rd. He stood up for the residents when the city staff tried to sweep in a proposed car wash near a residential area of our ward.

Frank possesses qualities of a true leader. He is honest, hard-working, a good listener, available to our neighbors, compassionate, and fair. The list can go on and on. He has real experience serving the people of the 7th ward. Leadership and a proven record of elected service are important in this election, so please join me, my family and a host of 7th ward residents by re-electing Frank Wsol for Alderman on April 17.

Larry Friel, Park Ridge

The Present - The Future

The existing Summit Square facility at 10 N. Summit in Park Ridge (right) will be upgraded with a new façade, as seen in the artist's rendering (below). The \$10-million renovation of the facility will also include new one and two-bedroom units and upgrades to common areas.



From 'Summit Square' to 'The Summit'

Independent Living facility announces \$10-million renovation, name change

Representatives of Summit Square Retirement Community announced a \$10-million renovation of the facility and a change in the name to "The Summit of Uptown."

Representatives for The Summit, located at 10 N. Summit in Uptown Park Ridge, intend to convert many of its existing studios into one and two-bedroom apartments and re-build the façade of the vintage 1960s landmark building to complement the new upscale development in Uptown Park Ridge.

"The renovation will give us a fresh, contemporary look and position Summit to provide the amenities that today's active adults are looking for," said Marc Dennison, executive

director of the Summit of Uptown. "Our ownership and management will stay the same and, of course, our staff's commitment to providing quality services for residents will remain unwavering."

The Summit was constructed about 40 years ago and originally served O'Hare Airport as the closest hotel. It was converted to a retirement community in 1983. In 1987 a four-story, 48-apartment annex was added.

The interior renovations of the Summit will provide more spacious studio and one and two-bedroom apartments. They will feature walk-in showers, full kitchens and generous closet space.

The common areas of the

facility will also be upgraded to include a "great room" with a hearth, media area, game room and library.

Dennison said that the new facility will offer independent living to a wide range of adults, all within walking distance of new and existing Uptown shops, the Pickwick Theater, the Park Ridge Library as well as parks and other amenities.

The name change and the official unveiling of the facility will be effective after plans for the new facility are approved by the city of Park Ridge, expected in April. The total project should be completed by the fall of 2008, nearly concurrent with the completion of construction in the Uptown area.

"The renovation will give us a fresh, contemporary look and position Summit to provide the amenities that today's active adults are looking for. Our ownership and management will stay the same and, of course, our staff's commitment to providing quality services for residents will remain unwavering." Marc Dennison | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SUMMIT OF UPTOWN

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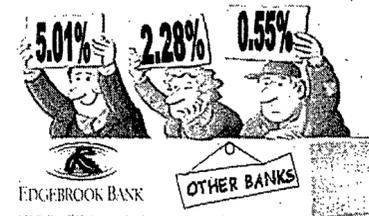
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Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 North Newark Avenue, Niles, will conduct free monthly blood pressure screenings for the community. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is known as the "silent killer" because very often it causes no signs or symptoms to warn the individual of its presence. Periodic blood pressure tests can be a quick way to detect a serious health problem and prevent strokes or other health problems.

The screenings will take place every fourth Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Saint Andrew. Upcoming dates are March 23, April 27, May 25 and June 22, 2007. Please call 847-647-8332 for any questions or to arrange a personalized tour of Saint Andrew. Saint Andrew Life Center is part of Resurrection Health Care, a family of health care

services providing advanced medical care and exceptional customer service with compassion and hope. Our hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, home health services, behavioral health programs and other services are conveniently

located in many Chicagoland neighborhoods.

Resurrection Health Care is a not-for-profit Catholic organization sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Fitness Center Needs Bucks for Bunnies

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Fitness Center is soliciting donations for the Bucks for Bunnies program, which provides pediatric patients with stuffed animals delivered on Easter weekend.

Last year, the Fitness Center staff collected \$700 for the Bucks for Bunnies program, providing 140 stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Fitness Center staff not only collects the funds for the program, they also will personally deliver the stuffed animals to patients.

Donations of new, tagged stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Fitness Center or checks made payable to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital can be mailed to Eric Feizulov, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Fitness Center, 1875 Dempster Street, Suite G01, Park Ridge, IL 60068. For more information call Eric Feizulov at (847) 723-6139.

Niles Park District Girls Softball Leagues

Niles Park District is accepting registration for Girls Softball Leagues. These leagues are for girls in grades 1 through High School (as of 2006-07 school year). The season begins with 2 clinics on April 7 and 14. Kick off parade will be held May 12. Opening Day games are May 19. All participants will learn softball skills and team play, along with playing league games. Major League replica hats, jerseys and socks are provided by the Park District. Each participant must supply white pants, shoes and gloves. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 West Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6975.

Youth Volleyball League

Niles Park District is proud to present boys & girls, Grade 4-8, Youth Volleyball Leagues. Games are designed to provide a positive environment for the young athlete to compete, have fun, and enhance skills. Each team will play 8 regular season games plus playoffs and team t-shirts are supplied. Sign up as a team or an individual. Leagues run April 14 to May 19. Fee is Res \$64, Non-Res \$69 and registration deadline is April 6. For more information, please call (847) 967-6975.

Niles Park District Spring Photo Opportunities

Lunch With Bunny
Saturday, March 24
Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.
2 Seatings: 11:00 a.m.-Noon or 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 Caldwell
9:30 a.m.

Flashlight Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 4
Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 Caldwell
7:30-8:30 p.m.

IceLand Spring Skate
Saturday, April 7
IceLand, 8435 Ballard Rd.
12:05-1:20 p.m.

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Tuesday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Kids Learn to Bowl	4:00 p.m.	June 5, 2007
Giordano's Doubles	7:00 p.m.	May 1, 2007
Mixed Madness	7:00 p.m.	May 8, 2007
Wednesday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Have A Ball	6:30 p.m.	May 2, 2007
Breath of Fresh Air	7:15 p.m.	May 2, 2007
Thursday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Solid Gold	9:30 a.m.	June 7, 2007
Adult/Child	7:00 p.m.	June 7, 2007
E-Z Money	7:30 p.m.	May 10, 2007

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CLUB FITNESS OPEN HOUSE and FREE WEEK OF WORKOUTS

On Monday, March 26th Club Fitness at the Morton Grove Park District will be hosting an open house for the community from 4-7pm. The club has recently undergone a renovation that will be the talk of the town! A new 17 piece strength circuit by Paramount is the highlight of the club. It not only looks great, but it is easy to use and can help you get that full body workout. Also new to Club Fitness are such machines as the Truestretch 800, Matrix Rad Trainer and the Paramount Functional Trainer to complete your fitness needs.

Club Fitness already has the best membership rates around, and now with a brand new look we think you'll like what you see. Don't just take our word for it though! Come in and workout for free between March 26th and 31st. Experience our great staff, new equipment, and friendly atmosphere without any commitment.

If you have any questions please call us at 847-965-1200. Morton Grove Club Fitness is located at 6834 Dempster St in Morton Grove. Our hours are Monday through Thursday: 5:30am - 10pm, Fridays: 5:30am-9pm and Saturday and Sundays: 7am-5pm. Annual rates begin as low as \$188.

Super H Mart to host Asian Food Festival 2007

The leading Asian Grocery Chain, Super H Mart of H Mart Midwest, Corp. in Niles, IL will host one of the largest Asian Festivals called "Asian Food Festival 2007". The purpose of the festival is to educate the American people about Asian foods and various Asian cultures.

When: Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29, 2007.
Where: Super H Mart in Niles at Civic Center on Waukegan Road

For more information please call: WooSung Choi in Marketing at (847) 581-1212.

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St. John Brebeuf Catholic Women's Club Spring Luncheon

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, the St. John Brebeuf Catholic Women's Club will be hosting their annual Spring Luncheon at Ridgemoor County Club in Chicago, Illinois.

All proceeds from this luncheon are donated to St. John Brebeuf church and school. Any support extended in the form of a donation is appreciated; either a gift certificate or cash. With permission, your company will be acknowledged in the luncheon program.

Members of the Catholic Women's Club will arrange to pick-up any donations, or if you prefer, donations can also be mailed to: Catholic Women's Club of St. John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles, IL 60714. To arrange for a pick-up, or if you have any questions you may contact the Rectory at (847) 966-8145.

Awards

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Coach of the Year Ricardo Cuevas

Youth sports programs give children a healthy, structured activity that builds self-confidence, leadership and teambuilding skills. Coaches like Ricardo Cuevas are crucial in developing and inspiring the children who take part.

Dynamic Parent Volunteer Vicki Peake

Every school depends on their parents to help build a community that will foster the best for their children. Vicki Peake is a parent who takes charge, giving her energy, her time

and stays dedicated to the needs of the school, its afterschool programs and parent organizations.

Fire Fighter "Hot Spot" Roman Kopinski

During the Holidays we are reminded that it is the season of giving. Roman Kopinski originally organized and continues to run the Fire Departments Toys for Tots Drive, believing that you can make a difference to a child or disadvantaged families, he also organizes a Turkey Drive for local residents, personally brings gifts to children at Lutheran General Hospital during the holidays.

Ken Scheel Chamber Member of the Year Norbert Johnson

Norbert Johnson is a man with a heart of gold. His kindness is unmatched in the community. He has been active on the Niles Chamber, the Lions Club, the Historical Society and many other organizations that have been lucky to have him as a participant. He brings energy and genuine concern and commitment to each group.

Niles Citizen of the Year Judie Elsinger

As the 2007 recipient, Judie Elsinger has made a tremendous impact on the

lives of hundreds of girls in our area for her work over the past 40 years. She has lead, mentored, influenced and inspired Girl Scout troops for two generations.

Niles Good Neighbor Alicia Janis

Alicia Janis is a unique winner to this award. She has taken her culinary talents and created a spirit of community with her cakes, and her dedication to the kitchen in the senior center. She offers rides to friends and neighbors to help with errands and cooks dinner twice a week for her church. She is a neighbor to all.

Police Officer "Special Agent" Joanne Birkenheier

Joanne Birkenheier is truly one of the best and brightest in Niles. Her dedication as an officer and her work with NIPAS (Northern IL Police Alarm System) has been an asset to the police department and more importantly helps make our community safe.

Teacher of the Year Penny Guerrieri

Educators work tirelessly to instill values so our children can lead the future responsibly and honestly. Penny Guerrieri is an eighth grade teacher who has been influencing and

leading our youngsters and her efforts and accomplishments span over 20 years of teaching.

Unsung Worker - Not Enough Hours in the Day Jim Majewski

Jim Majewski is the superintendent of Park Services and not only a dedicated employee of the Park District, but is also a volunteer who is always willing to go the extra mile. He performs his job with professionalism and dedication always giving unselfishly of his time and talents.

Youth of the Year Jerome John "J.J." Palliser

J.J. Palliser is a fine young man, an accomplished leader and spokesman, his outstanding work volunteering includes: the Boy Scouts, student council, the public library, Cross & Anchor service club, theatre and the debate team.

Commitment to Education Holy Cross Community at Notre Dame High School

After 51 years of educating the minds and hearts of more than 11,000 dons at Notre Dame High School, the priests of Holy Cross will complete their ministry of education this year. We are proud of what Notre Dame is today, and anticipate continued success in the future.

First Great-Granddaughter for Mayor Nicholas B. Blase

Mayor Nicholas B. Blase and his wife, Faye, are proud to announce the arrival of their first great-granddaughter. Shannon Marie Beyer was born on March 18, 2007, to parents Nick and Colleen Beyer. Nick Beyer has been a Niles Police Officer since 1999, and Colleen is the daughter of former Police Chief Jerry Sheehan and his wife, Patricia.

Morton Grove, Skokie agree to improve Main St., Linder

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A resolution to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Skokie for roadway improvements on Main Street and Linder Ave was introduced at the Morton Grove village board meeting on Monday, March 12.

The purpose of the ordinance is to improve Main Street and Linder Ave., which form a border between Morton Grove and Skokie.

Improvements include resurfacing the roadway and making various parkway improvements.

The Village of Skokie will pay its "pro rata" share of the engineering and construction

costs for the project, which is estimated to be about \$85,000.

Some of the specific improvements include the resurfacing of both streets, curb replacements where required, drainage structure adjustment, pavement milling, landscaping and intermittent sidewalk replacement within Morton Grove.

The ordinance states that Morton Grove will prepare contract documents including plans and drawings, Skokie will review and approve them, Morton Grove will engage in a public bidding process for the work, and Morton Grove will bill Skokie for Skokie's measured share of the work based on unit prices as awarded in the contract.

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Senior Center dedicates new computer lab

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Thursday, April 5 11 a.m.
Join us as we officially introduce our updated computer lab. Learn about the increased capabilities of the new operating system and pick up a schedule of our expanded classes.

Refreshments will be served.

Free 911 Emergency Cell Phones

Registration, April 5 1 p.m.
Cook County Sheriff Thomas

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Dart and the Niles Senior Center invite Niles seniors who do not have a cell phone to register to receive a FREE 911 Emergency Cell Phone. Having a cell phone that can reach emergency services offers seniors an extra measure of security whether they are driving, taking public transportation, or participating in outdoor activities. In addition to a phone, each senior attending the April 5th event will receive two bat-

teries, a charger and instructions on how to access 911 on their cell phone. You must register in advance to attend this one-day event.

Niles Senior Center Collecting Old/Unwanted Cell Phones

If you would like to donate your old and unwanted cell phone(s) to the Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors program, drop them off at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Monday thru Friday, 8:30AM-5:00PM. Any brand, make or model of cellular phone, whether working or not, is acceptable.

Ragtime

Wednesday, April 25th 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

AARP Driver's Safety Program

2 Day Class, April 2nd and 3rd 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This two day refresher course is designed to tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn about normal age-related physical changes and how to adapt to these changes. Qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction/discount (both days are required to qualify for the discount). You must pre-register for this course. Payment is due the first day of the course. Payment must be made by check only, made payable to AARP. The registration deadline for this course is Wednesday, March 14th.

Federal Telephone Excise Tax Refund

If you are NOT required to file an individual tax return, you are still eligible for this refund. FORM 1040 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

Driver Safety Program for Seniors to Be Held at Niles Senior Center

The AARP driver safety program will hold a classroom refresher course on Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3 at the Niles Senior Center.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center at 999 Civic Center Drive in Niles.

Those wanting more information can call the senior center at (847) 588-8420.

who are filing an individual income tax return.

Grief Workshop to Offer Support

Three Session Series to Begin in May

Beginning Wednesday, May 9, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas: Workshop #1, May 9 - "What has happened to me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process. Workshop #2, May 16 - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially if we feel that people

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

Beginning Wood Carving

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Instructor Irv Marion is inviting new woodcarvers to join his Wednesday morning class.

New Class began March 7th. Prorated fee for late comers. During this special promotion, tools are included. For more information, contact MaryAnn (847) 588-8420.

Is Medicare an offer graying godfathers can't refuse?

By Joe Volz
COPELY NEWS SERVICE

Now that we are living so much longer, it seemed only a matter of time before one group

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of Americans, who had not taken much advantage of Medicare over the years, would sign up.

Mobsters never used to live long enough to be eligible for Medicare on their 65th birthdays. They were rubbed out long before that.

The cases of the late Tommy Eboli and Crazy Joey Gallo are illustrative.

Tommy, who took over the Genovese Mafia family in New York, was wearing a powder blue jumpsuit, with a big gold cross dangling around his neck, when he got his in front of his girlfriend's house in Brooklyn in the 1970s. Crazy Joey was gunned down right in the middle of a scungilli dinner at Umberto's in Greenwich Village.

And there were legions of other Mafiosi who died of lead poisoning, too.

But now, for some inexplicable reason, mobsters are living to old age. At least some of them. Maybe, a good hit man is hard to find these days.

So, it was intriguing to read the other day about Albert Facchiano, who has just turned 97 and is appropriately nicknamed the "Old Man." I was unable to find out if the Old Man had joined the AARP, whose slogan is "the power to make it better."

Facchiano isn't exactly into making things better. He has an arrest record dating back to 1932.

But these days, he sure needs Medicare.

Facchiano's lawyer was all broken up when he told a judge in a Florida federal court the other day that the Old Man was

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'Do Lunch' with Morton Grove Seniors

'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

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.

days. Reservations can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 6. Register by calling the Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. There must be at least five participants registered.

program begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 12. The cost is \$5 for Senior Center Members and \$6 for non-members. Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

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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:

Easter Party on Wednesday, April 4. Lunch is Turkey Ham.

Good Friday Celebration on

Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working

Sudoku Class

Sudoku, the number logic puzzle involving the digits one through 9, is a great brain exercise for people of all ages. This free class will be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center

'Back & Neck Pain' Lecture

Join Gregg Bradford, D.C. at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center for a free workshop that will help those who suffer from back or neck pain. There must be 15 individuals registered for this program, so call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line today at (847) 470-5223. This program is presented by Bradford Chiropractic Health Center and the Morton Grove Senior Center.

AARP Mature Driving Program

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, April 14 and 21 at the Morton Grove Senior Center; and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 15 and Thursday, May 17 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost is \$10 and only a personal check is accepted.

Golf Middle School Computer Classes

Golf Middle School, in partnership with the Morton Grove Senior Center, is offering free classes to senior citizen Morton Grove residents. Classes are held between 4 and 5 p.m. on Tuesdays starting April 10 and are taught by Golf School District 67 staff. Class dates and titles are:

April 10 and 17 - "Introducing the Computer,"

April 24 and May 1 - "The Internet and E-Mail,"

May 8 - "Microsoft Word," and

May 15 - "Internet Shopping."

Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

The Art of Norman Rockwell

This program at the Morton Grove Senior Center presented by art historian, Jeff, Mishur, will examine the life and works and or Norman Rockwell. The pro-

Obituaries

Frances Virginia Mise, 82

Frances Virginia Mise, 82, of Skokie, passed away Sunday, March 11, 2007. She was born September 27, 1924 in Winter Garden, FL. Beloved daughter of the late Carl Lee Click and the late Frances (nee Gunn) Click; wife of the late Sigmond Mise; mother of Jill (Elliot) Linne and Jack; grandmother of Bret, Betsy, and Eric. Services were held March 12 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. She was a private investor.

Dorothy J. Tamillo, 85

Dorothy J. Tamillo, 85, of Park Ridge, passed away Monday, March 12, 2007. She was born August 28, 1921 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Louis Hoelbl

and the late Elizabeth (nee Frankenhauser) Hoelbl; wife of the late Walter V. Tamillo; mother of Denise (Leon) Brudnicki, Sharon (John) Valentini, Bob (Bonnie), Sandy (Bob) Sea, Cathy (Marty) Stieber, Johnny (Brenda), and Walt (Nancy); grandmother of Tammy, the late Tommy, Connie, Gina, Christine, Raymond, Lori, Lauren, Andrea, Dawn, Kerry, Eric, Justin, Jeffrey, Jared, Danielle, Jake, Mallory, and Emma; great-grandmother of Holly, Wesley, Cassandra, Rachel, Jesse, Thomas, Nicole, Jaci, Ashley, Paige, Stephanie, Allison, Ryan, Ethan, and Brianna; sister of Betty Bates, Louis, and Albert; sister-in-law of Phyllis Telles. Services were held March 17 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Montrose Cemetery. She was a homemaker.

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suffering from all sorts of ailments - back pain and arthritis were a couple. He goes to the doctor four times a week

Not that Facchiano was in court complaining about his Medicare coverage. The Associated Press reports that he had bigger problems. The Old Man had been bagged for a few recent illegalities - overseeing robberies, money laundering and bank fraud on behalf of the Genovese Mafia family.

The Old Man definitely was not a picture of health as he limped into court with a cane to plead guilty to racketeering conspiracy.

He could have gotten 30 years in the slammer, which would have made him 127 when he got out if his health didn't get worse. But prosecutors recommended house arrest, instead.

Unfortunately, although the

federal government would have picked up the tab for any medical expenses in prison, Medicare doesn't pay for home health care for more than a few weeks.

Covering the Mafia again brought back memories of my salad days as a young reporter in New Jersey. I got my start on the Mafia beat, reporting on New Jersey's own homegrown organized crime family, headed by Sam "The Plumber" DeCavalcante.

But when I moved to Maryland 30 years ago, where the crime is of a decidedly different caliber - mainly disorganized - I was distraught.

Down in Maryland, I encountered a bunch of nonviolent criminals, like Vice President Spiro Agnew.

Frankly, their nonviolent exploits weren't as colorful.

There just had never been a strong Mafia representation in Maryland. Marylanders like to do their hunting on horses

rather than in getaway cars. So, I began to cover the aging beat, instead, never realizing that, one day, both assignments would overlap.

When stories like the Facchiano caper came along, I longed for the old days up north, writing articles that wrote themselves, like the one about the New Jersey mobster testifying before a U.S. Senate investigating committee.

When he was asked if he lived in New Jersey, the hood replied, "I refuse to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me."

Now, can you imagine that? Just living in the Garden State was enough to incriminate a person. It didn't make any difference how old you were.

E-mail Joe Volz at jvolz2003@adelphia.net or write to 2528 Five Shillings Road, Frederick, MD 21701.

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Maine East sponsors 'Read Across America Day'

On March 2, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, Maine East's Premier School, National Honor Society and English Department sponsored "Read Across America Day" for Nelson School in Niles. As a community service project, about 90 Maine East students traveled to Nelson to read to the Kindergarten through third grade students. The high school students selected two to three books from the Nelson library and read to the youngsters in small groups or one-on-one. In this annual event for the past five years, Principal Larry Mishkin and Literacy Specialist Jennifer Wilbur at Nelson collaborated with Helen Gallagher, English department chair, and teachers Kathy Kuta, Cathy Creagh, Becky Stewart and Fran Scott from Maine East. The goal of the day was to have a positive influence on reading as well as to practice fluency by reading aloud. As Maine East senior



As a community service project, about 90 Maine East students traveled to Nelson to read to the Kindergarten through third grade students.

Caroline Jachym said of the event, "Reading to younger children reminds me of my childhood. It's a fun experience that brightens your day!"

Michael Verre named to Washington U. Deans List

Michael Verre of Niles was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2006 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

A graduate of Maine Township High Schools, Verre is enrolled in the university's college of arts and sciences.

In order to be named to the Dean's List in Arts and Sciences students must

achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Washington University is an independent, medium-sized university that is among the world's leaders in teaching and research. There are approximately 13,500 undergraduate, graduate and professional students enrolled at the school.

St. John Brebeuf celebrates end of the second quarter

Recently, students at St. John Brebeuf gathered together in the gym for the assembly celebrating the end of the second quarter. At this assembly, students' achievements and accomplishments of the second quarter were recognized and celebrated.

The event began with a "Bulls-like" introduction of the basketball teams. The teams were energetically introduced the same way the

Bulls are introduced at the United Center, gearing the students up for the assembly. Each team was announced and ran in to the gym from the hallway, greeted by Jack the Jaguar, with third graders serving as cheerleaders where the teams ran in.

Students were then recognized for such accomplishments throughout the second quarter as making the Honor Roll.

SPORTS



Above left: NDHS Athletic Club's 3-on-3 grade school tourney 7th/8th grade girls champions from St. Emily, Mount Prospect, (l-r) Megan Rogowski, Alex Tuccori, Meghan O'Halloran and NDHS Basketball Coach Dennis Zelasko. Above right: NDHS Athletic Club's 3-on-3 grade school tourney 4th/5th grade girls champions from St. Emily, Mount Prospect, (l-r) Elizabeth Quinzio, Erin Fabbri, Colleen Dempsey with NDHS Athletic Dir. Mike Hennessey and others.



ND Athletic Club 3-on-3 Tourney a success

The 3rd annual Notre Dame High School Athletic Club 3-on-3 tournament was a great success this past weekend as 240 students, Grades 4-8, competed. Held at Maryville Academy, a total of 61 teams, 12 from Chicago and 49 from surrounding suburban areas, 48 boys squads and 13 girls teams, took part. Funds raised through the 3-on-3 tournament will benefit the athletic teams at Notre Dame High School.

New NDHS President Rev. John P. Smyth, Athletic Director Mike Hennessey and recently retired Head Basketball Coach Dennis Zelasko were on hand to present the winning teams with their trophies.

First Place Finishers

4th/5th grade girls - (St. Emily - Mount Prospect): Erin Fabbri, Colleen Dempsey, Elizabeth Quinzio

7th/8th grade girls - Lady Eagles (St. Emily - Mount Prospect): Megan Rogowski, Alex Tuccori, Meghan O'Halloran

4th grade boys - Miami Redhawks (Our Lady of the Wayside - Arlington Heights): T.J. Birmingham, Patrick McNamara, Mark Rooney

5th grade boys - The Warriors (Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Glenview): Declan Zidar, Jack Pillion, Conor McCarthy,

Cameron Shewchuck

6th grade boys - Fab 4 (St. James - Arlington Heights): Pat Martin, Mickey Macius, Harry McCollum, Phil Whalen

7th grade boys - Eagles (St. Francis de Sales - Lake Zurich): Jeff O'Brien, Ryan Pyczak, Brian Kieffer, Doug Murphy

8th grade boys - Voqueshas (St. James - Arlington Heights): Quinn Murray, Cory Kay, Kyle Martin, Cameron Korab

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Wednesday, March 14, 2007
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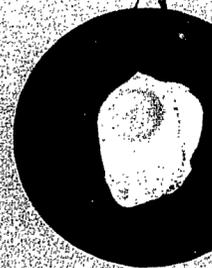
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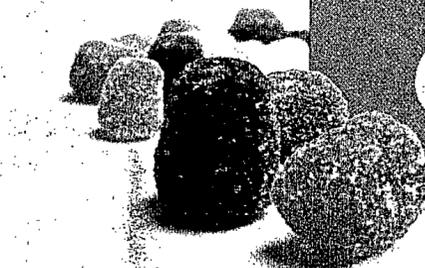
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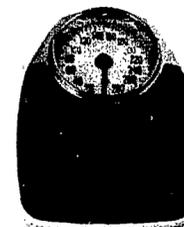
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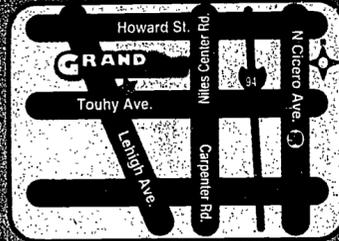
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Coyotes & Humans: Can we co-exist?

By Peter Babikan
SPECIAL TO THE BUGLE

There are few animals out there that can evoke such a wide range of emotions as the coyote does. Some people view the presence of coyotes as a sign of a healthy ecosystem. Others view the coyote as dangerous and destructive and must be removed from the area. In relation to the number of coyotes living in the greater Chicago area (several thousand), the number of bad encounters between humans and coyotes is still very

rare. Just like with most wild animals, generally, they do not want to have any direct interaction with people. Coyotes, which resemble a smaller German Shepherd, are one of the most resilient and adaptable carnivores in North America. Even though sightings of these beautiful animals are on the increase, many would be surprised to know that coyotes have been living in and around the Niles area for the past 10 years or more. It is only recently that more people are seeing them and there are many reasons as to why this

has happened. First, increased development/construction in the area forces the animals out of their natural hiding spots at any hour of the day. As a result of this increased human activity we have forced coyotes, as well as many other animal species, to adapt to living around us and brought them into closer contact with us. Without any natural areas to hide or make a den, their only other option is to seek out raised decks, sheds, etc. for shelter. Although typically classified as a carnivore, coyotes are

omnivorous and highly opportunistic hunters. They would much rather hunt mice, rats, rabbits, or woodchucks than they would domestic pets. Since they are typically solitary hunters they prefer small mammals or rodents (90% of diet) but will also eat snakes, frogs, large insects, fruits, berries and nuts and scavenge on road kill or from garbage cans. On the rare occasion that they "pack" together, a deer can be killed by several coyotes. Most of their lives are spent living/hunting alone but you may find a pair or an extended family roaming

together for short periods of time. Coyotes can cover about 30 square miles in a day. They are living in every part of the metropolitan area everyday, but the only time most people know about them is when they make the papers or TV news when a conflict occurs. The coyote's role in an ecosystem is a predator. They are the largest predator, outside of humans, living in the metropolitan area and as a result they help to keep in control the populations of many smaller mammals. See Co-exist, page 18

'Friendly Paws Day'



During Summit Square's "Friendly Paws Day" on March 6, Bridget and Molly, 4-year-old American Eskimos, owned by Harold Blunk of Park Ridge visited with Summit Residents Fran Marshall (left) and Myrtle Namn (right).

Parvovirus thrives where dogs gather

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

Q: We are concerned about our dog. We heard that the boarding kennel where our dog

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frequently stays had an outbreak of parvovirus about three weeks ago. Although our dog has been vaccinated for all of the common canine diseases as recommended by our veterinarian, we are still worried about this possible exposure. We are also dismayed that the owners of the boarding kennel

did not contact us as soon as they knew about the problem. How long is the incubation period for parvovirus in dogs? Is there anything that we can do at this time to protect our dog from getting the disease? He seems to be normal and does not have any signs of illness. A: Your concern about the possible exposure of your dog to parvovirus is justified. Although it seems like parvovirus is not talked about often, it is still a serious disease in unvaccinated dogs. Most dogs susceptible to parvovirus usually begin showing

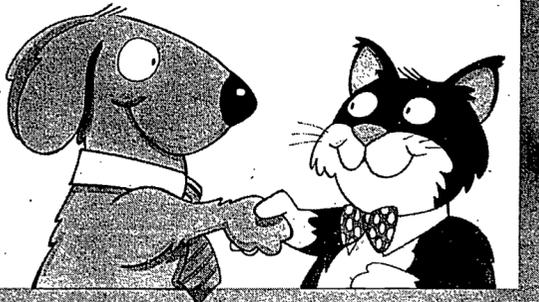
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Congratulations Lovie!

We hope you're enjoying our Pet Stop Section. Lovie is our Pet of the month this issue. If you think your pet is the most lovable, our next issue is April 26 2007, so send or e-mail your photos to:

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Chinchillas, the lovable rodent

Its distant cousin is a rat, but this is one rodent that many pet owners would take home in a heartbeat.

PET TALK

Chinchillas are low-maintenance, soft and playfully curious pets. They have traditionally been valued for their dense fur, which grows at 60 hairs per follicle, and chinchilla enthusiasts will tell you that with the right care these round little rodents make great pets.

"A chinchilla's personality can be compared to a rabbit or guinea pig," says Dr. James Johnson, professor emeritus at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

"They are not very socialized to people, but are not inclined to bite, either. If a chinchilla feels threatened while being handled, it will employ a defense mechanism called 'hairslip' where the chinchilla will actually shed a clump of fur in an effort to

escape. For the best physical and emotional health, chinchillas should not be handled by children or allowed to interact with other household pets."

Chinchillas do not require the vaccines that cats and dogs do. "Although chinchillas have some unique requirements, most visits to the veterinarian are prompted by problems related to being bred and kept in captivity," said Johnson.

As with all rodents, chinchillas have sharp teeth that grow continually. If the teeth are misaligned, this continued growth may eventually cause the chinchilla pain, making it difficult to eat and causing malnutrition. If this happens, a veterinarian will be able to grind the teeth down to their appropriate size.

Chinchillas also need a dust bath to prevent their fur from matting and to prevent skin disease, Johnson adds. Skin diseases in chinchillas, if left untreated, may eventually cause health problems. Johnson sug-

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gests keeping a pan of sand or potter's earth available to your chinchilla at all times. Chinchilla dust bath material is also available commercially.

As natives of altitudes of 10,000 to 20,000 feet, chinchillas should be housed where temperatures can be kept cool with low humidity. In Texas, this means always keeping your chinchilla in the air-conditioned indoors. And since chinchillas love to climb, Johnson also recommends providing a tall, wire cage with several tiers and plenty of room for the chinchilla to jump and climb.

"Chinchillas are primarily

legume and grass eaters, although they may accept some seed or Timothy hay," said Johnson.

"There are pellet foods available commercially as well. Be sure to provide plenty of fresh water and clean the cage two or three times a week. Do not use scented cleaners such as pine or cedar shavings that can cause respiratory problems for chinchillas."

Johnson says chinchillas can be interesting and enjoyable pets, but it's best to acquire your chinchillas while they are young, and preferably in pairs, so that they can be adequately socialized, he believes.

"You should always buy from a reputable breeder, making sure the animal has good muscle mass, a healthy-looking coat and does not have loose droppings (a sign of diarrhea)," Johnson adds. "By taking these steps, it will help ensure your pet chinchilla will be a happy and healthy addition to your household."

Co-exist

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and deer. Without coyotes in the area, many people will see an increase in the number of rabbits, geese, and mice for example. Yes it is true that free roaming cats and unattended dogs can fall victim to a coyote, but by following some helpful tips you can avoid any tragic encounters.

The following are some practical ways to minimize conflicts with coyotes:

NEVER leave your dog outside unattended, no matter if you have a fenced in yard or not. If your dog is near you a coyote is less likely to approach it then if it were alone.

NEVER let your cat outside to roam freely. Most house cats cannot protect themselves against larger animals.

NEVER leave food left outside in bowls. Any food left outside attracts any type of animal.

Repair any holes in your fence. To prevent animals from digging underneath it, extend the fence with hardware cloth (steel mesh) 6" or more into the ground. This will deter animals from digging.

Pick up any loose fruit, vegetables or nuts if you have a garden or trees in your yard. These are all an easy food source for ANY animal. Also, using a motion-activated sprinkler can help keep coyotes and other animals from ravaging your garden.

Put garbage at curbside the morning of the pick up, not the night before.

To sum up, the Animal Protection Institute states, "Trapping and relocating coyotes is not recommended. Disruption of family units can cause orphaned juveniles to seek easy prey, such as small dogs and cats. Furthermore, other coyotes are likely to move into the vacated area (Coyotes in Our Midst, 2005)." Also, the orphaned juveniles may also "pack" together due to hunting inexperience and not having adults around to teach them to be wary of humans. It is possible for both coyotes and humans to co-exist in this urban world together if we use a little more caution, become more aware of our surroundings and not make our yards so inviting for coyotes or their prey. Overall, coyotes are more beneficial to a community than not because they help in controlling rodent and small mammal populations. Any questions or for further information contact Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan (847)588-6508 or check the village website at: www.vniles.com (look under Animal Control in the Police Department section).

This Easter give your dog some bunny ears

The Niles PetSmart in Four Flags Shopping Center at 8727 W. Golf Road will welcome the Windy City Animal Foundation as parents and pups line up to take pictures with the Easter Bunny from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 24 This Easter, a 10 dollar donation will leave you with a memorable picture of your loved one as well as help to combat the 25,000 cats and dogs that are put to sleep each year simply because they have no place to go. The WCAF is reminding people that everyone can play a central role in saving innocent lives.

Don't have a pet to put in the picture? Not a problem. Every dog the WCAF has for adoption will be making an appearance at

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Brought to life by a group of dedicated individuals, The WCAF promotes community relations and public awareness of ethical animal treatment. The mission of the WCAF is to reduce the number of cats and dogs that are homeless, abused, neglected or on their way to euthanasia and to increase spay/neutering programs, good animal training practices and animal adoption placement. Feel free to visit our website at www.windycityanimals.org for more information on how you can get involved.

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signs of the disease within five to seven days following exposure. Early signs of parvovirus include depression, loss of appetite, vomiting and severe diarrhea. Dehydration usually occurs rapidly because of the diarrhea and vomiting. Most of the deaths due to parvovirus occur within the first

48 to 72 hours following the first noticeable signs of the disease.

The histories of the cases and the clinical signs seen in sick dogs are the basis for diagnosing parvovirus. The spreading of severe diarrhea and vomiting among susceptible dogs are strong indicators of the disease. Laboratory tests can be performed by veterinarians to confirm the diagnosis.



Pet of the Week

Lovie Neukirch

"Lovie" Neukirch is the Bugle's "Pet of the Month" for March. His owners named the five-month-old "Lovie" because "he is so lovable." He is owned by Patricia Neukirch of Niles.

If you'd like your pet to be The Bugle's next "Pet of the Month," send a photo and a description of what makes your pet special to The Bugle, 7400 N. Waukegan Rd., Niles, IL 60714 or via e-mail to editor@buglenewsletters.com.

LIFE

Colonia repast: Mexican pork loin, Spanish rose

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

After a long bus ride in April 1988, Houston native Kris Rudolph arrived for a getaway and to study Spanish in the dusty crowded streets of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

A knee injury had ended her short-lived professional dance career, and she wondered if this historic colonial village was the right place to nurse her wound. The answer wasn't long in coming.

As she recalls in the forward to her first cookbook, "Recipes and Secrets from El Buen Cafe" (available at her Web site, www.mexicocooks.com, \$20), "By the end of the week, I had a family, friends and a Mexican boyfriend, who taught me more Spanish than I ever learned in school."

Soon, Rudolph was teaching English in a small language school. On her teacher's salary, she rarely could afford to eat at restaurants.

"I did, however, treat myself to coffee and cake some afternoons, a luxurious habit I picked up as an exchange student in Germany," she said. "Back then, good coffee and cake were hard to come by in San Miguel. ... I thought, 'What this town needs is a cafe with good desserts and

real coffee.'"

After a year, Rudolph left to study hotel, restaurant and travel administration in the United States. Upon returning to San Miguel, she opened the four-table El Buen Cafe bakery and coffeehouse. It was a challenge for a single, 25-year-old woman to run a business in Mexico.

"The guy who sold coffee to restaurants wouldn't sell to me because, I was a woman," she laughed. "I had to drive over an hour to get coffee for the restaurant."

Today, the restaurant has grown and is an institution in San Miguel. Rudolph has not only become a successful and respected restaurateur, but a teacher and culinary tour organizer as well. She has written three cookbooks; the latest is "Mexican Light: Health Cuisine for Today's Cook," (University of North Texas Press, \$17.95).

The Dish

Pork is an important part of the Mexican diet. Pork Loin With Mango-Chipotle Salsa is not only delicious, but healthy to boot. The loin is the most tender and lean cut of pork. Because there is so little fat, it is easily overcooked. Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the loin. When it reaches 140 F, remove the loin from the oven and allow it to sit at least 10 minutes to

allow the juices to return to the center.

"Fresh fruit salsas are a great way to dress up any meal. They have it all: flavor, texture, aroma and most importantly, minimal calories and fat. Mangos are at their best in summer, juicy and

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full of sweetness. If you're making this recipe and the mangos are a little tart, try adding a tablespoon of brown sugar. Unfortunately this will change the nutritional information below ... maybe tart isn't so bad after all?"

The Wine

Pork tenderloin is indeed the other white meat, so its delicate flavors work better with most white wines or lighter style reds like merlot and pinot noir. The mango-chipotle salsa adds an interesting, tropical flavor and heat wrinkle which leads us to a 2004 Marques de Caceres Rose (\$8), a wine that matches nicely with both the pork and the salsa.

This Spanish wine is a great value and a wonderful spring and summer quaffing wine. It has crisp acidity with rich flavors of strawberries and cherries. Don't let the low price fool you, this rose consistently scores in the high 80s from the wine media critics. Serve it very cold.



KRIS RUDOLPH - Kris Rudolph is a successful restaurateur, teacher and author of three cookbooks. Her latest book is "Mexican Light: Health Cuisine for Today's Cook." CNS Photo courtesy of Culinary Adventures of Mexico.

Pork Loin with Mango Chipotle Salsa

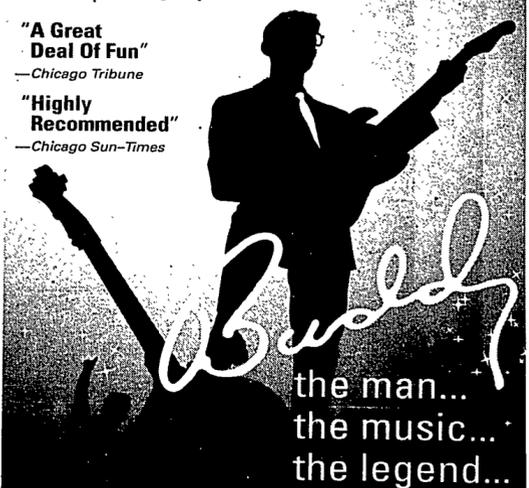
- 1 (2-pound) pork tenderloin
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- Mango-Chipotle Salsa:
- 2 cups mango, chopped (about 2 to 3 mangoes)
- 1 chipotle chile, seeded and minced
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1/8 cup chopped cilantro
- Yields 6 servings.
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- Heat olive oil in frying pan over medium-high heat. Season tenderloin to taste with salt and pepper, and sear until browned on all sides. Transfer to baking sheet.
- Place tenderloin in oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until done. (An instant-read thermometer inserted in center of tenderloin should read 140 F.)
- While tenderloin is in oven, place salsa ingredients in large bowl and mix well.
- Slice tenderloin and top with salsa.



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Film back from the dead

New Releases
PREMONITION - Alfred Hitchcock has been dead since 1980, but he didn't leave his lessons on how to make taut thrillers in an unmarked grave. Somebody, please, get a few of those lessons to the makers of "Premonition." Not exactly a thriller, never quite a chiller, hardly suspenseful, it is, at best, a Sandra Bullock vehicle made of vanishing vapors. As Linda, she goes through the whole movie wondering if husband Jim is dead, or will die, or if she's dreaming, or having a psychic vision, or just having her head bounce as the ball on the script's roulette wheel. Jim, played as a stolid hunk of generic husband and dad by Julian McMahon, is constantly running off to business engagements. Which is, perhaps, a functionally viable definition of death. One day he's dead, the next day he's in her bed (alive?). The only thing carrying this doozy along is the personality of Bullock: sane, honest, stable, warmly sympathetic. That she has evolved beyond the long girlish phase of her career means she needs womanly options that are not patched

together from mindless "concepts" like "Premonition." An MGM release. Director: Mennan Yapo. Writer: Bill Kelly. Cast: Sandra Bullock, Julian McMahon, Kate Nelligan, Nia Long, Peter Stormare. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG-13; 1 star.

Recent Releases

300 - Some movies of carnage open our minds to war, death and history in a valid way, like Clint Eastwood's Iwo Jima films. And then there are the bloody piles of raw meat for finger-lickin' oafs, like "Apocalypto" and "300." The movie has even more death than Mel Gibson's Mayan epic, a gain that adds up to a minus. Zack Snyder of "Dawn of the Dead" (the 2004 version) filmed Frank Miller's graphic novel, about the brave 300 Spartans who blooded the huge Persian army at Thermopylae in 480 BC. It sure is graphic. And ugly. Shot as a vision of digital mud smeared with frosty whites and spraying spots of computerized blood, "300" is not for fans of Richard Egan in "The 300 Spartans" (1962). There are endless spearings and beheadings, plus dying horses and a

whole wall made of corpses. You wouldn't wish to smell this movie, but we nearly can. It is too dumb as drama, even as war spectacle, to be transporting, frightening or sickening. Just numbing. A Warner Bros. release. Director: Zack Snyder. Cast: Gerard Butler, Lena Headey, Dominic West, Rodrigo Santoro. Running time: 1 hour, 57 minutes; Rated R; 1 star.

BLACK SNAKE MOAN - Perhaps not since Susan George slathered her body all over Sam Peckinpah's "Straw Dogs" (1971) has an actress achieved such slut-tiness as Christina Ricci in "Black Snake Moan." The title alone should warn off Ricci's early fans, who loved the moon-faced cutie of "The Addams Family" (1991). That girl is gone. The movie snakes along with an earthy hiss, thanks to music, Jackson and Ricci's painful availability. A Paramount Vantage release. Director, writer: Craig Brewer. Cast: Samuel L. Jackson, Christina Ricci, Justin Timberlake, John Cothran Jr., Michael Raymond-James. Running time: 1 hour, 56 minutes. Rated R. 2 1/2 stars.

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REIGN OVER ME (R) 1:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30; Fri-Sun early matinee 10:30am
SHOOTER (R) 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40; Fri-Sun early matinee 10:00am
TWINT (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20; Fri-Sun early matinee 10:10am
DEAD SILENCE (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15; Fri-Sun early matinee 11:45am
I THINK I LOVE MY WIFE (R) 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10;
 Fri-Sun early matinee 11:30am
PREMONITION (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10; Fri-Sun early matinee 11:20am
 300 (R) 12:40, 1:15, 3:30, 4:20, 6:20, 7:00, 9:15, 10:00;
 Fri-Sun early matinee 10:20am
WILD HOGS (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20; Fri-Sun early matinee 11:50am
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45;
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Wild Hogs (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Premonition (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Friday, March 23
Premonition (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Wild Hogs (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) 1:30, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30

Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25
Premonition (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Wild Hogs (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) 1:30, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) 1:30, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30

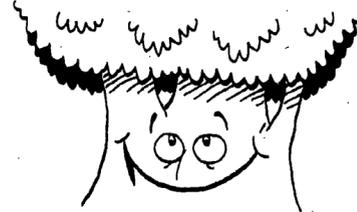
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By J.R. Rose - Copley News Service

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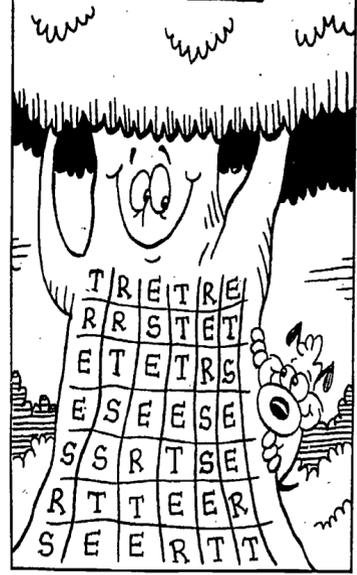
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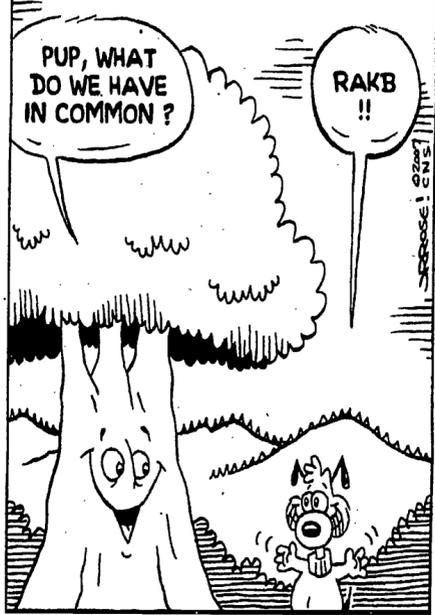
GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR TREE...



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The wood frog ranges farther north than any other amphibian - above the Arctic Circle - and survives hibernation by producing a massive amount of glucose as antifreeze. As much as 65 percent of the water in its body may freeze, yet it still thaws to breed in vernal ponds in early spring.

Thoreau poetically described the wood frog: "His life relaxes with the thawing ground. He pitches and tunes his voice to chord with the rustling leaves which the March wind has dried. Long before the frost is quite out, he feels the influence of the spring rains and warmer days. His is the very voice of the weather. He rises and falls like quicksilver in the thermometer."

And indeed, in days before the seasons were measured with clocks and calendars, the stirrings of wildlife recorded the progress of events, untied to human invention. For just one action-packed week, the normally terrestrial wood frogs join the throat-sac chorus in breeding ponds to herald the coming springtime. Don't miss it!

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 Allegheny National Forest, Pa.
 Gatineau Park, Quebec
 Great Smokey Mtns. National Park, Tenn.
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LOOK FOR
 flat, slender, brown frog
 raccoonlike mask across eyes
 cream-colored stripe along upper lip
 long legs twice the length of its head and body
 globular mass of eggs on submerged vegetation

LISTEN FOR
 repeated loud "ruck-ruck-luck-ruck" day and night

Wood frog *Rana sylvatica*
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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Cutting the Fat

Each sentence below would read better if one word were removed. Identify which words need to be eliminated.

- Oscar was happy with the end result of the golf match.
- The spelling champion is equally as good at math.
- Each individual student should pack a lunch for the field trip.

Answers: 1. Cut out "end" and "result" mean the same thing.
 2. Cut out "equally" mean the same thing.
 3. Cut out "individual" and "student" mean the same thing.

Bringing the great outdoors inside

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are building a log house in the country, but not with exposed log walls all through the house. I don't like all that yellow wood, so we're having regular plasterboard

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walls we can paint. There will be wood in the bedroom and bathroom, in deference to my husband who really does love the woody look. In fact, I'm even willing to have log-look cabinets in the bath. But before I say anything to him and the contractor, I am wondering if it will be too much?

A: Not if one is a real-wood "freak," and many men are. With good reason, too. Wood is naturally warm and easy to live with, because - my theory - we have lived with it, literally since humankind built our first non-cave houses.

In a bath, the most intimate and personal room in the house, wood is softer to both the eye and body than other materials. That said, I'll leave it up to

you to decide what constitutes "too" much wood. Rooms don't get much more woodsy than the rustic bath we show here (from Dream Maker Bath & Kitchen at www.dreammakerremodel.com). It's like stepping into the great outdoors, from the pine-plank ceiling to the pebble stone path set into the floor of slate-look tiles. Including the his 'n' her matching vanities, the cabinets are all rustic pine with tree-branch drawer and door pulls. Even the mirrors are framed to match, and don't miss the funky tree trunk towel rack and three-legged stool.

Yes, it's kind of a guy thing, but, hey, you've got your more elegant painted plaster on all the other walls.

IS YOUR DOORWAY LESS THAN ADORABLE?

It's downright ugly if it lets in drafts, detracts from your home's curb appeal or scares off trick-or-treaters, says Sara Theis of Therma-Tru Doors. One way to remedy a dreadful doorway is to enter Therma-Tru's annual Ugly Door Contest, and you might win from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to buy new doors.

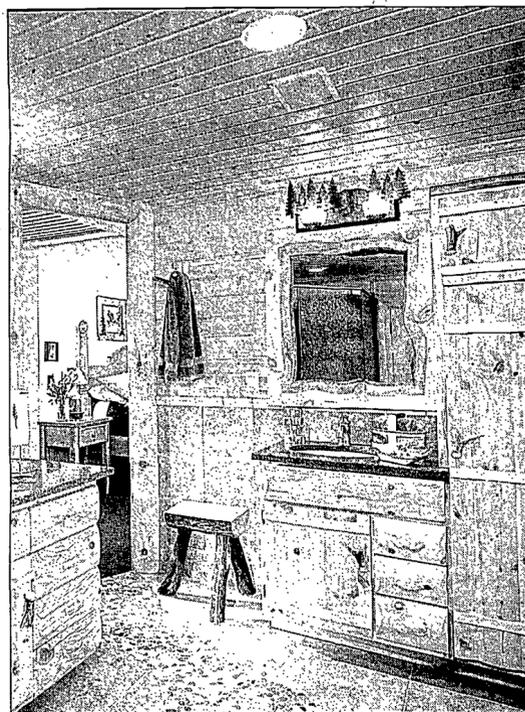
Last year's ugliest entry even had a sign urging visitors to "Please Use Other Door," it was that bad. Check out the details before the May 1 deadline at www.myuglydoor.com.

Q: I remember sitting on my grandmother's horsehair sofa when I was a child. Now I've inherited that sofa and would like to recover it, but is anybody making horsehair fabric today?

A: Yes, but they are mostly in England and Europe, where it has been used since Chippendale's time, and is now enjoying a renaissance as the fabric for the restoration of antiques. Long-prized for its durability and silky sheen, horsehair fabrics were used in the great houses of the Old World, not to mention the White House of the New.

Because horsetail hairs are used as the weft (with cotton or polyester as the warp); the fabrics can never be wider than 28 inches, about as long as a horse's tail grows. Today, you will find patterns, as well as solid colors - and not just black: Aimara Masterpieces recently introduced a set of Deco dining

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BUSY IN YOUR BATH - With its rich rustic wood tones and natural stone floor and wainscot this bath could never be tepid. CNS Photo courtesy of Dream Maker Bath and Kitchen.

Families team up as they're priced out of housing market

By Jim Woodard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

With home prices remaining super high and an increasing number of families finding it difficult to qualify for a mortgage, it's understandable that shared housing is re-emerging as a trend.

The concept of two family units

or friends combining their financial resources to purchase and live in a single home, or a number of families living in a cohousing development, is growing in today's market.

Cohousing, where multiple family groups share accommodations and responsibilities, first emerged in Europe, then became

popular in some areas in the

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United States and Canada. "It offers an end to the isolation of the single-family home," it was stated in "The Cohousing Handbook," published in Canada. "Residents own their own homes and can gather in common areas to share meals and socialize."

"It addresses and alleviates many of the demands and pressures of modern life - everything from day care for the kids to aging at home. It's all easier with the help of your close neighbors."

Shared ownership is particularly prevalent with second homes, or vacation properties. Prices for these residences prohibit their purchase by an increasing number of individuals and families who would like to own a dream vacation home, or at least an ownership share in one. By participat-

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Organic not always safe

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My friend says he has switched to a nonchemical approach to his lawn care. He says he went fully organic

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because it is safer. He wants me to switch, but I am not sure that I should.

A: First, we need to remember that the word "organic" is not synonymous with the word "safe." Organic gardening and lawn care practices try to be safe of course, but they can use certain products that might not be safe if not used properly. Safety depends partially on the product and partially on the user's ability to properly use it. The dosage amount greatly affects the safety of any product. In a gallon-for-gallon matchup, some organic products are more toxic to humans and pets than some synthetic chemical products.

Just being against chemicals is nonsensical. Water is an inorganic chemical that is necessary for lawn care. So is carbon. In the dictionary, the definition of "organic" says that the item must contain carbon to be organic. That eliminates the use of the chemicals of water, sulfur and lime as organic plant care products. Chemicals and the source of the chemicals are not the problems and neither are the people who use them correctly.

What some organically minded people are trying to say is that some synthetic chemical products are artificial substitutes that don't work well within the ecological system. They are typically used to treat symptoms, such as killing a weed in a lawn, rather than treating the cause of the weed's ability to grow in the lawn in the first place.

People want to use organic products (chemicals) that are an intrinsic part of the sustainable living system where they are applied.

Some municipalities have begun prohibiting the use of synthetic products within certain distances from schools and playgrounds where children congregate. It is difficult to argue against protecting kids. So companies that protest the new rules are looked upon unfavorably. The problem is, most synthetic chemical aerial drift and water runoff problems are caused by homeowners who misapply the products, not professional applicators who use them correctly. So to be a truly effective law for child protection, homeowners near the schools must give up their right to apply synthetic products. Now go back and reread the first paragraph and ask which organic products should also be restricted.

Many people see their property as theirs to do with as they please. Unfortunately, each property resides next to other properties and within a watershed that can be affected by chemical runoff. My grape vines occasionally show evidence of being exposed to broadleaf weed-killers, when I know that neither I nor my neighbors used any. So where did it drift in from? Just like secondhand smoke, a broad range of people are affected by products that drift in the wind.

The approach that restricts synthetic chemical use in a few scattered locations fails to consider the whole ecosystem. Many times, people in favor of restricting these products will say that the products harm fish, amphibians, birds and other organisms. If that is true, then they should also be pushing for the homeowner restriction of

these products on an ecosystem approach near all waterways, retention and detention areas, forested and prairie areas.

I am not sure total bans on synthetic products are appropriate. I know I wouldn't use most of these products, but I also wouldn't use some of the organic products either. I do think it is appropriate that before any homeowner can be expected to make a proper application of these products, they need training. I think virtually all outdoor pesticides from both sides of the issue should be restricted for use by people who have been properly certified.

After taking a class covering product safety, how to apply and when to apply the products, and how to work within an ecological system, they could make better product purchasing and usage decisions. Regulating the education of proper product usage seems to me to be wiser than a willy-nilly ban on some products. And I know enforcement issues come up in both cases.

There are benefits to using an organic lawn care system. Notice I said system and not product. Problems are diagnosed not just for what they are, but why they are. By looking into the history and conditions that caused the problem, it is often possible to bypass the short-term synthetic product use for a long-term sustainable change in the local environment that reduces or eliminates the problem.

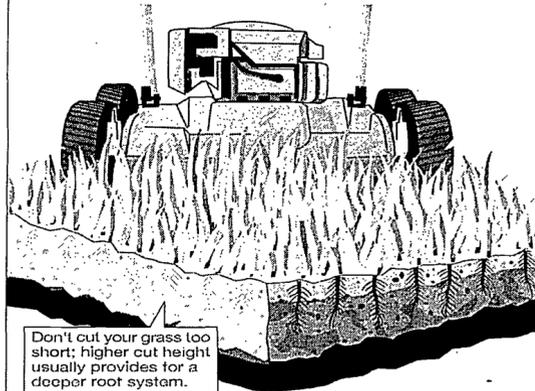
For instance, in many established lawns, a weed problem can be taken care of with changes to the soil, sunlight or moisture levels. Weeds tend to indicate that there is something wrong with one of the environmental

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GARDEN TIP

Grass cutting

Lawn mowing, although often overlooked, greatly affects your lawn's appearance and general health. Many lawns are mowed too short, not frequently enough and/or with a dull mower blade.



Don't cut your grass too short; higher cut height usually provides for a deeper root system.

MOWING TIPS:
 ■ Cut no more than 1/3 of the grass blade length each time you mow to avoid stress that will result in browning.
 ■ High mowing helps create a healthier lawn and helps block out crabgrass and weeds.
 ■ You can safely leave clippings that will quickly decompose and add nutrients to the soil.
 ■ Change mowing patterns frequently to prevent compaction.

RECOMMENDED CUTTING HEIGHT	GRASS TYPE	
	MOW HEIGHT	CUT HEIGHT
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Buffalo:	3"	2"
Centipede:	2 1/2"	1 1/2"
Fescue:	3"	2"
Bluegrass:	3"	2"
Rye:	3"	2"
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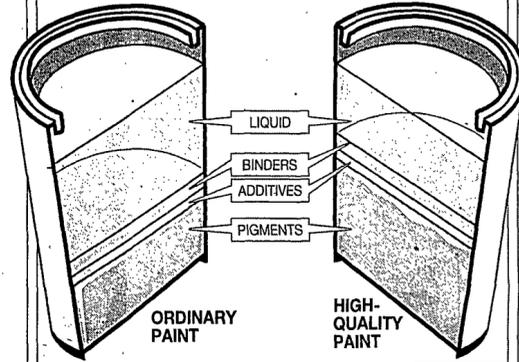
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BINDERS or (resins) bind together pigments that provide a tough finish, which adheres well to the surface.

ADDITIVES are ingredients that provide properties such as mildew resistance, defoaming, good flow and leveling.

PIGMENTS are finely ground particles that provide paint its opacity and color.



- High-quality exterior latex paint can last 10 years or more, compared to less than 5 years for a low-cost paint.
- Less expensive pigments such as clay, carbonate, silicates and talc are found in expensive paints but are more prevalent in low-cost paints.

www.paintquality.com/library/ingredients_1.htm

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Decor

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chairs in what they call "exuberant" pink (www.aimaramasterpieces.com/).

Keep in mind that colors will vary because the horse hair itself

Greener View

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conditions that weaken the grass to a point that weeds can grow. Fixing that condition can allow the grass to grow better than the weeds.

A landscape that is based on an organic soil that is alive, won't use or need synthetic fertilizers that can kill microorganisms. Adding compost to a lawn on a regular basis helps supply nutrients and beneficial microorganisms. A soil full of organic matter

House

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ing in a joint ownership arrangement with one or several others who are similarly motivated, a second home purchase can be feasible.

In some cases, people who totally own a vacation home are now selling ownership units in their property. It's a viable way to generate cash, and often they

does, but that only adds to the appeal.

PS. Bet you also remember wiggling and itching a bit, sitting on your Grandmother's horse-hair sofa. Can't promise that that's changed a lot.

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acts like a sponge to hold more water until the plants need it without becoming too waterlogged when they don't. This organic soil will need less additional water and the water that does runoff won't be contaminated with synthetic products. Applying water deeply to a thick soil will allow the grass to grow a large, healthy root system.

Mow the grass at the correct height and leave the clippings on the lawn where they will add to the organic matter and supply approximately half of the fertiliz-

er requirements of the lawn. Grass plants in even the best cared for lawns eventually mature and then expire. Mowing prevents the lawn from reseeding itself, so regular overseeding adds new young vigorous plants into the lawn.

Begin following these tips and then pick up "The Organic Lawn Care Manual" by Paul Tukey (Storey, \$19.95) to get the complete guide to organic lawn care. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com. © Copley News Service

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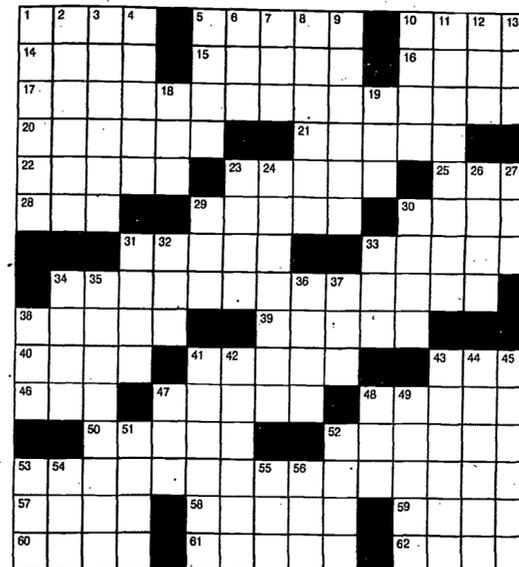
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- Spanish Singer artist
- Composer Schifrin
- Silent star
- Now, in Nuevo Leon
- Adequate, for Omar
- It's up for bids
- A satellite and a spirit
- Understood
- It concerns the past, sometimes
- Did
- Old French coin
- Cockney's roll-call response
- Please your dentist
- Take the lead
- flu
- Do pizza on the couch
- Mirror image
- Mild smoke
- Indian American tribe
- Flintstones character
- Dan
- Barry Bonds, thrice
- "The ___ Sack"
- Major carrier
- Last Supper cup

- Lou, who sings the blues
- Granada governess
- Stanwyck/MacMurray film classic
- Big shot, in Sonora
- Suit worn by Northern soldiers
- Sun lotion additive
- Squallid
- Big name in cameras

- Ad campaign start
- Murderer
- Tea party dispenser
- Suited
- Adages
- Kind of drome
- Cone
- Printemps follower
- Pelvic bones
- Some scurf
- Massenet melody
- Cover
- Music makers, briefly
- Showy African plant
- Regarding bears
- Luzon port
- The Polish Prince, Bobby

DOWN

- Latest word
- Open auto
- Above the timberline
- Pulls: archaic
- Some PCs
- Foiled you!
- "Say ___ the struggle..."
- Raises
- Sets aside
- Solo's love
- 1969 Indy winner
- Trip account
- Be committed
- Notre Dame site
- Casino play
- Jai ___

- Had fun
- It makes a fine point
- Sidewalk hazard?
- calculus: kidney stone
- Work for the mob, perhaps
- Say no
- Music players, shortly
- Federal org. for low-income folks
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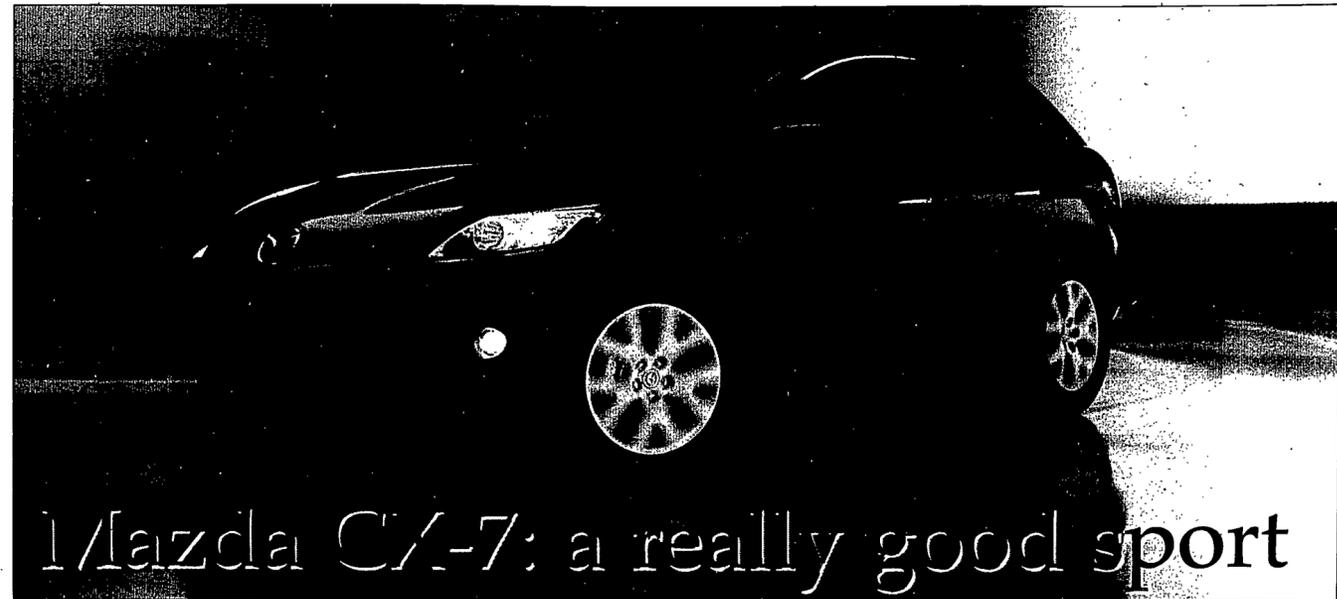
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AUTO SCENE



Mazda CX-7: a really good sport

MAZDA CX-7 - The Mazda CX-7 has been called the sports car of crossover SUVs. CNS Photo courtesy of Mazda.

Mazda's CX-7 is the sports car of crossover sport utility vehicles

By Mark Maynard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The seats are firm, the steering is on the heavy side for more driver feedback, the suspension is tight for body control in enthusiastic maneuvers, and the styling is anything-but-minivan.

Actually, the CX-7 looks like jet-assisted running shoes just waiting to be strapped on and fired up.

Mazda is Ford Motor Co.'s import wild child. It builds cars with Japanese engineering that are sporty enough to live up to the "Zoom-Zoom" marketing.

Its Mazda3 is the hip, cool car in the compact class. The Miata MX-5 roadster just passed 800,000 units built in its 17 years of production. The Mazda5 mini-minivan is unlike anything else, with three rows of seats. And Mazda dumped its MPV minivan at the close of 2006 and has replaced it with two dramatically styled crossover sport utility vehicles.

The CX-7, today's test vehicle, has seats for five. The CX-9, just going on sale, has seats for seven. (Prices start at \$29,035 and include a 263-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6.)

There's no logic to the five-seater named CX-7 and the

seven-seater named CX-9, but Mazda would like consumers to know that the CX-7 isn't a short-wheelbase CX-9, nor is the CX-9 an extended CX-7. They were intended to be different from the outset. The CX-7 has more in common with the Mazda5, the CX-9 with the Ford Edge, but that's another story.

CX-7 pricing ranges from \$24,345 for a Sport 2WD to \$28,595 for a top-line Grand Touring all-wheel-drive model. The price can be pushed to \$32,000 with the \$4,050 Technology package, which adds a navigation system with rearview camera, moon roof, nine-speaker Bose audio and keyless entry and starting.

Five- and seven-seat crossovers have different buyers, particularly for Mazda. The point of concentration for the CX-9 is in all three rows of seats with stadium seating.

The concentration for CX-7 is the left front seat.

The 244-horsepower, 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine is the latest turbocharged and direct-injection engine technology. It's also used in the Mazdaspeed3 and Mazdaspeed6 but tuned differently for the six-speed automatic SportShift transmission.

From full stop to full throttle, there's a painful silence of turbo lag, then the power pours on. That's a problem with a 4,000-pound, all-wheel-drive vehicle and particularly annoying for the driver when sneaking out into traffic. Power in the midrange is forceful and satisfying. Traction control and stability control come with every

model. What's lost in launch power is made up in fuel-mileage - 18 miles per gallon city and 24 highway for all-wheel drive, 19/24 for front drive, using premium gasoline.

The six-speed automatic is intuitive for power control. The electronics didn't hesitate to give a downshift to stay in the power band or hold a gear for engine braking on downhills. When powering through a corner, the transmission holds the gear to maintain stability and steering control. That's more sport sedan than SUV.

And that's when I appreciated the heavy steering, but not so much when just driving around town. The same can be said about the sport-tuned suspension, which displays its ability when flexed, but also transmits road noise, on some surfaces more than others. And there seems to be a lot of engine noise coming through the fire wall.

If you're the sporting type, those issues won't be problems. Same with the styling.

The steep rake of the windshield enhances the fast lines of the exterior, but inside it gives a minivanlike dashboard expanse. And there are blind spots at the base of the large, outswept windshield pillars.

Other features inside were quite user-friendly and accommodating. Doors open wide for access, and the tailgate is almost effortless to close. Light-colored leather seating has an interesting textured, charcoal-gray strip down the middle of the seat

back and cushion. And there's no shortage of storage areas and cup holders.

The CX-7 is an alternate to a sedan for active people who have gear to carry on the weekends and a school car pool through the week.

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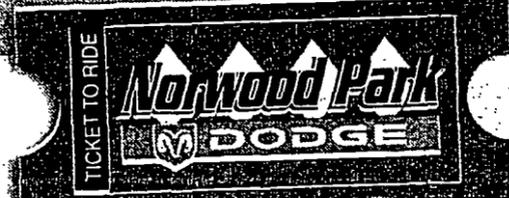
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