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Deadline for Niles Plan Commission post coming

The Committee to select a new Niles Plan and Zoning Board of Appeals member has announced that Tuesday, May 15, will be the last day for interested Niles residents to submit a resume to Marlene Victorine, Village of Niles, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714, to be considered for this position. For more information, call (847) 588-8003.



Run Raises \$68K

Annual Anelise's Run draws thousands of spectators
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Live long and thrive
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Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo congratulates Trustee Tom Bondi on his retirement.

Honoring 18 Years of Service

Long-Time Village Trustee Tom Bondi Retires

Tom Bondi officially retired on April 30 from his position as village trustee after 18 years of dedicated service.

Bondi was honored for his devoted service at the Niles Village board meeting on April 24.

Tom began his service with the Village of Niles in 1980 when he was appointed to the Village Zoning Board. During his service as a Zoning Board Commissioner, Tom was appointed Village Trustee to

serve the remainder of an uncompleted term. In April 1991, he was elected by the voters to continue his service as Trustee and has been reelected three times since.

During his career as Village trustee, Tom has been part of the team that oversaw unprecedented economic growth. The many services that we now enjoy, combined with our low property tax rates, attest to the contributions that Tom has made. In

addition, Tom has served as the Chairman of the Annual Fourth of July Parade and has always enjoyed utilizing his skills and talents to improve the community.

At their last meeting, members of the Niles Village Board bid Bondi farewell, thanking him for his service, especially for his work organizing the annual Fourth of July parade which they called the best in the northwest suburbs.

Culver's Feldheim named teacher of the year

Teacher was 'Speechless'

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Linda Feldheim, who has been a school social worker at Culver School in Niles for 20 years, has been named Culver's Teacher of the Year.

"I was speechless," said Feldheim, about how she felt when she first found out she was selected as teacher of the year. Fellow teachers at Culver sent letters of nomination to the PTA, who then selected the teacher of the year.



Linda Feldheim

Feldheim, a Morton Grove resident, works primarily with children in grades 5 to 8. Although the school psychologist generally works with the younger students, she works with them as well.

Feldheim helps the students with any problems they may be facing, such as being bullied at school and conflicts in their relationships. She also helps kids build a better self esteem. Feldheim said that students in grades five to eight go through many challenges and life can be difficult at times.

"I really like the kids," shared Feldheim. "I think they have a lot to say and it's fun talking with them. It kind of brightens my day."

The students work with Feldheim both one on one and in small groups.

Feldheim said she and the school psychologist always make themselves available, even on evenings and weekends, to help students through their problems.

Feldheim previously worked as a social worker with East Maine School Dist. 63.



Niles Lions Raise \$2,700 for Misericordia

Niles Lions again helped Misericordia for the third consecutive year. Lions members \$2,700 on April 28 and April 29. The following Lions are Glenn Steude, Norbert Johnson, Chris Kutselas and Jim Capek.

Core principles discussed at education forum

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Niles Township Education Forum featuring Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and state representatives and senators was held on Sunday, May 6 at the Oakton Community Center in Skokie.

Niles Township High School Dist. 219 Supt. Neil Codell was present at the forum that was

attended by about 200 people. "It was an excellent turnout," said Codell. "It shows this community is very invested in its children."

"For 200 people to show up concerned about school funding on a Sunday afternoon, we accomplished our goal," Vicki Gunther, superintendent of school district 73.

Speakers at the forum included State Rep Louis Lang, State Sen.

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Vicki Gunther | SCHOOL DIST. 73 1/2 SUPERINTENDENT

Jeffrey Schoenberg and State Sen. Ira Silverstein.

More than half of the state's public education dollars are generated from local tax payers and Illinois ranks 47 among the 50

states in paying for public schools.

A group of core principles were developed and discussed at the forum. They include increased funding for special education, the

removal of unfunded mandates and the removal of the life safety levy for the tax cap.

"They should not be taken from districts like ours," said Codell, about their funds. He said that the state has been "neglectful."

"They have to stop politicizing children's lives," said Codell.

Codell believes that legislators need to be passionate about supporting a child's education.

A fond farewell

After four years as editor of The Bugle Newspapers, this will be my final issue.

That is a hard sentence to put down on paper. In the time I've served the community in my modest way at The Bugle I have come to know many people, residents of the towns that I've covered. Often I found that they have lived here for long periods of time. When we receive letters to the editor they often are signed by people who identify themselves as 30-year, 40-year and even 50-year residents. While I've been here considerably shorter amount of time, I find now that as I say goodbye my connection is strong enough to make any departure feel bittersweet.

I've worked at The Bugle Newspapers ever since I met the publisher at an event at the Niles Library and have greatly enjoyed my time with the company. I need to particularly thank Rich Masterson, publisher and Bob Leach, Sports Editor for the opportunity to guide a growing company as it has expanded.

I also need to thank the pub-

lic officials in Niles, Morton Grove and all the other communities on whom I've had occasion to rely. Whether at the municipality or the library or the park and school districts they have been very supportive of our efforts at The Bugle and I'd like to thank them for making the job of covering the community just a little bit easier.

The other employees of The Bugle have also been a big help. Barbara Karawacki, head of the Sales Department and Neil Schierstedt in the Production Department both deserve more recognition for the jobs they perform with little complaint. Their work is done behind the scenes and not also noticed by the readers but without them we wouldn't have a newspaper.

I've made many friends in



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

the years I've been here. I was extremely gratified that the first response I received when I told them I'd be leaving was, "oh, that's terrible." A couple of people even stopped by our office to say they were sad to see me go.

I'm sad to leave too, but nothing in this life is permanent and we all must set out for new challenges throughout our lives. I leave, a better person for my experiences and it's because of the people I've come to know here. It's a debt that I'll never be able to repay.

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Niles cops hit roofs for charity

North suburban police officers sure love their Dunkin' Donuts... rooftops, that is.

For the fifth year in a row, police officers from Niles, Evanston, Glenview and approximately 50 police departments throughout Illinois will stake out Dunkin' Donuts rooftops to heighten awareness and raise donations for the 22nd Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois.

Beginning at 5 a.m. until 2 p.m., rain or shine, police officers will stake themselves atop

the Dunkin' Donuts stores at 9721 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, 7039 Dempster, Niles and 1900 Dempster, Evanston.

Illinois Torch Run Director and retired East Dundee Police Chief Joe Pena admits the officers have a tough act to follow after last year, when police officers sat atop 54 Dunkin' Donuts rooftops and raised more than \$108,300. In 2003, when police officers first took to Dunkin' Donuts rooftops to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois, 12 police departments participated and raised \$20,000.

Local Chambers Go Fish! On May 24

The chambers of Niles, Morton Grove, Skokie and Lincolnwood will come together for a "Go Fish!" Event on Thursday, May 24.

The Fish philosophy is "Play, Make Their Day, Be There and Choose Your Attitude." It centers around a work environment where everyone chooses to bring energy, passion and a positive attitude to work every day.

The event will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Oakton Community College in Skokie, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

The presenter, Phoebe Segal, started her training career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center.

In 1986, she established her own training business and has trained in corporate, manufacturing, healthcare, government and academic environments.

Phoebe also has experience with training in communication skills, effective presentation skills, customer service and English as a second language.

The deadline for registration is Friday, May 18.



Anelise's Run Raises \$68,000

Grants 10 Wishes for Make a Wish Foundation

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

More than 2,000 people participated in Anelise's Run in Park Ridge on Saturday, April 28.

"It really went well," said Julie Adams, the mother of Anelise Adams, who was struck and killed by a car when she was 12-years-old.

"It was a beautiful day," shared Adams, who said the weather was perfect for both walkers and runners.

Adams said they raised

about \$68,000 from the 7th annual event and were able to grant the wishes of 10 seriously ill children through the Make a Wish Foundation. Adams said many of those 10 children are from the immediate area, such as Park Ridge, Des Plaines and Arlington Heights.

Over the past seven years, they were able to grant a total of 59 wishes to seriously ill children through the Make a Wish Foundation.

The day's events included the walk and run, children's

games, face painting, a moon jump, climbing wall and obstacle course, free swim and gym, silent auction, entertainment and more.

There was also a kid's dash, called "Angels in the Outfield" that the children were able to participate in.

Anelise, who attended Lincoln Middle School, is missed by many and is remembered as a sweet, well-liked girl who loved animals, playing flute and playing sports such as soccer, basketball and swimming.

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To live long and thrive

By Ven Griva
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

"The days of our years are three score and ten..." So it says in the Bible in Psalm 10. In biblical times, before the advent of modern medicine, 70 years was a remarkably long life.

But life expectancy in the United States has exceeded that standard. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a U.S. baby born today can expect on average to live to be 77.9 years old.

While the time when we become "old" is not etched in stone, there is no escaping that fact that the alternative to dying is aging. The good news is that modern science is working tirelessly to help us find ways to slow down the aging process.

One recent study, according to a report from the Boston University New England Centenarian Study, shows that about 30 percent of the aging process is determined by heredity. Simply put, if your parents and their siblings enjoyed long life, the chances are good that inherited genes from them that will enable you to live long.

The reverse, too, is true. If your parents died prematurely from disease, you too could be at risk. Yet even that can be influenced in ways that will lengthen your days.

LIFEWIRE

That's because lifestyle and environmental factors determine the remaining 70 percent, researchers say. Here are tips from Consumer Reports onHealth magazine aimed at helping you to live long and prosper.

■ **Exercise.** Regular exercise can reduce blood pressure, heart disease and the incidence of diabetes. Daily activity even lowers your levels of bad cholesterol and increases your levels of good cholesterol. And the exercise doesn't have to be a daily grind. Walking 30 minutes at a good pace will work. An hour a day is even better.

■ **Stay trim.** Study shows that carrying 30 extra pounds, not unusual for Americans, puts you at risk for metabolic syndrome. The syndrome is defined partly by excess abdominal fat. It is a potent risk factor for diabetes and heart disease, both of which can accelerate aging. Recent research

shows moderately overweight people who cut their caloric intake by 25 percent lost 10 percent of their body weight in six months. Doing so improved several likely markers for longevity.

■ **Eat right.** Research has shown that the Mediterranean diet - lots of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, legumes, fish, olive oil and moderate amounts of wine - has been linked to longer life and less heart disease. In fact, one study found that the Mediterranean diet reduced arterial inflammation and insulin resistance significantly better than a "heart healthy" low-fat diet. And when you eat your fruits and vegetables, try to consume those with vivid colors. They have been found to be rich in antioxidants, nutrients and other beneficial substances linked to long life.

Humpty-Dumpty

What goes up must come down, a fact of life that applies to just about anyone who uses a ladder.

According to a study published in May in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and conducted by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Columbus See Thrive, page 5



FITNESS FORUM

Lifting move focuses on stability and balance

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It only takes one leg to perform this exercise, which works on the deltoids, triceps and balance.

■ **THE MOVES:** Alternating overhead dumbbell press while standing on one leg.

■ **WORKS ON:** Deltoids, triceps, trunk stabilization, balance.

■ **SETUP:** Select a pair of dumbbells that are slightly lower than your normal overhead press. Raise both weights to the starting position (hands immediately in front of and slightly to the side of the shoulder).

■ **STEPS:** Firm the right leg and raise the left leg just off the ground. When you are steady, slowly press one arm up and return to the starting position.

Alternate arms until you have done six repetitions. Without lowering the weights, switch your stance to the other leg and perform six more, alternating repetitions.

Without lowering the weights, switch your stance to the other leg and perform six more, alternating repetitions.

■ **REPETITIONS:** Perform three sets of 12 repetitions.

■ **PRECAUTIONS:** This activity is not intended for someone with poor balance. It is useful to stimulate trunk stabilization and coordination of the upper and lower extremities. Progress slowly with weight increases as they will be magnified in an unstable posture. Make sure the area is clear around you in case you have to drop a weight.

■ **OPTIONS:** Once comfortable, you can add challenge by standing on a "balance disc" or any other suitable platform. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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NILES PARK DISTRICT NEWS & EVENTS

Niles Park District Summer Camp Registration

Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth grade kids.

We offer full day and half day camps, sports camp, hockey, and ice skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street to plan an exciting summer for your child.

Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts & crafts, sports, and tons of fun! Please call (847) 967-6633 if you have any questions.

Youth Basketball Summer League

Registration is being accepted for the Youth Basketball Summer Leagues for Grades 2nd through 8th Girls and Boys. These fun and exciting leagues begin in June and end in August.

Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Teams play

for 10 weeks of exciting league and playoff action. All games are played at Golf View Recreation Center. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center.

For more information about Youth Basketball or volunteer coaching, please call (847) 967-6975. Summer Basketball is sponsored by MB Financial Bank.

Niles Park District Intro to Girls Hockey

Niles Park District is inviting Girls of any age or talent level to experience the thrill of playing hockey. There will be a half hour of skills and drills, followed by a half hour of fun games. Skates and basic equipment provided free to all beginners. Join us at IceLand Ice Arena on Monday's, now thru June 6 from 5:50 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Walk-on fee is \$6 per class, with no need to register. Call the Hockey Office at (847) 297-8031 if you have any questions.

Thrive

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Children's Hospital, more than 2.1 million individuals were treated in U.S. emergency rooms for ladder-

related injuries from 1990 through 2005. According to the study, the number of nonfatal ladder injuries treated in emergency rooms jumped by an alarming 50 percent in that time.

It's not too early to think about summer programs

Summer Camptastic 2007

The Niles Family Fitness Center's Camptastic is the perfect way for your child to spend the summer. Activities include sports, outdoor games, swimming, crafts, field trips and more!

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■ **HOURS:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday

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■ **Fee includes:** Elite Instruction Basketball Camp T-Shirt

■ **Time:** 1-4 p.m. (12:45 drop off) Monday-Friday

■ **Member Fee:** Before June 1st \$155 per week. After June 1st \$170 per week

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Oriole Pool opens

Oriole Pool opens May 26th. Join the Morton Grove Park District at opening day of the 2007 pool season at Oriole Pool. Patrons ages 2-14 will swim to the bottom of the pool to gather dollars and cents. Younger children will be divided into appropriate age groups. The event will take place during the 12:45pm and 1:45pm fifteen minute safety break. Also enjoy giveaways and contests as a DJ spins tunes. This event is sponsored by Halogen Pool Supply.

Harrer Pool opens

Harrer Pool opens June 2nd. Join the Morton Grove Park District in celebration of opening day at Harrer Pool. At 12:45pm you can participate in our ever famous "Duck Races" Prizes for all the winners. Also enjoy giveaways and contests as a DJ spins tunes.

Niles Park District

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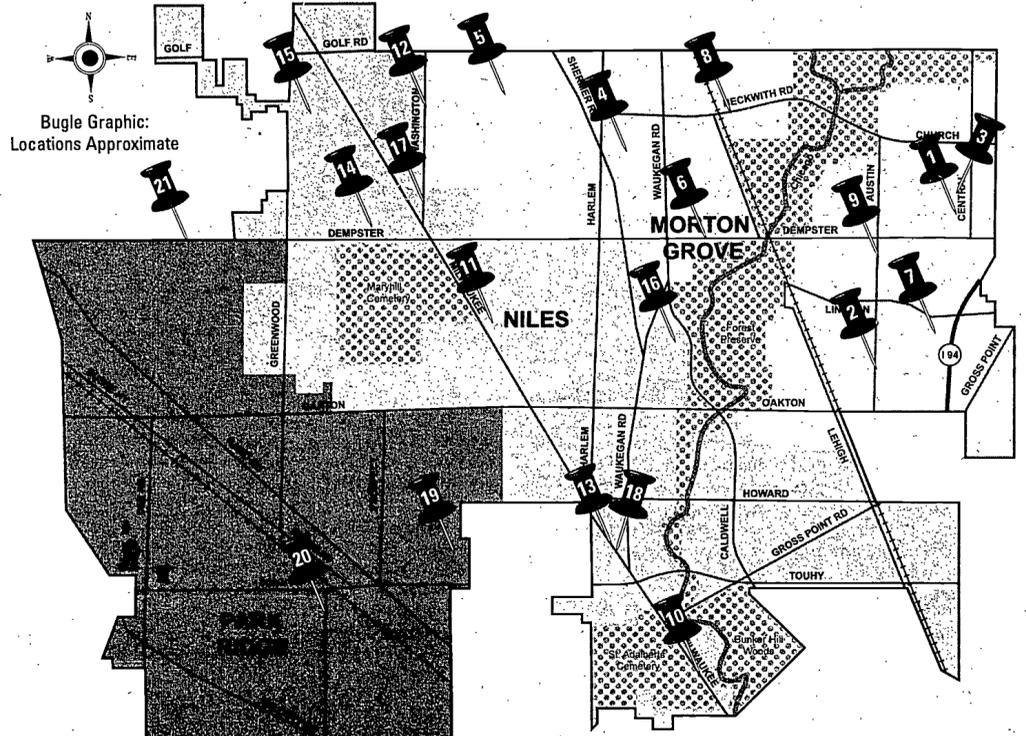
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Concrete blocks thrown against garage

MORTON GROVE

- 1 Concrete Rocks Damage Garage**
(8900 block of Parkside)
Unknown person or persons threw large concrete rocks against a garage wall of a residence in the 8900 block of Parkside breaking the glass blocks sometime between Saturday, April 21 and Saturday, April 28. The cost of the damage is estimated at \$300.
- 2 Blackberry Cell Phone Stolen**
(8200 block of Austin)
A Blackberry cell phone was stolen from a table located in the storage area of a business in the 8200 block of Austin Ave. on Tuesday, May 1. The estimated value of the cell phone is \$400.
- 3 Damage to Vehicle** (9000 block of Parkside Drive)
The windshields, front and rear driver's side window and driver's side mirror of a vehicle in the 9000 block of Parkside Drive were damaged sometime between Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. The estimated cost of the damage is \$1,500.
- 4 Car Parts Stolen**
from Lawn
(9100 block of Belleforte)
Unknown person or persons took various car parts, such as two car bumpers and three transmissions, from the grass on the west side of a garage in the 9100 block of Belleforte sometime between Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 27. The bumpers have a value of \$800 and the transmissions also have a value of \$800.
- 5 Eggs Thrown at Vehicle**
(7700 block of Beckwith)
Multiple eggs were thrown at the driver's side of a vehicle in the 7700 block of Beckwith sometime between Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28. Police said damage was caused to the paint, such as chipping and fading. The damage is estimated at \$500.
- 6 Burglary to Vehicle**
(6800 block of Dempster)
A Blackberry cell phone was taken from a vehicle parked in the 6800 block of Dempster on Monday, April 30. The estimated cost of the stolen phone is \$250. It is unknown whether the vehicle doors were locked or unlocked.
- 7 Garage Door Damaged**
(8400 block of Mango)
Unknown person or persons shattered the glass on the garage door in the 8400 block of Mango sometime between



Bugle Graphic:
Locations Approximate

Wit and Wisdom from the Niles Police Sign
"The smallest act of kindness" is worth "more" than the grandest intention.

- 8 DUI Arrest**
(Beckwith/Normandy)
A 17-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested on Sunday, April 29 for driving under the influence of alcohol at Beckwith and Normandy. The man admitted to driving at a high rate of speed and hitting a curb after he lost control of his vehicle. His court date is May 29.
- 9 Possession of Cocaine**
(Crain/Austin)
A 22-year-old Mt. Prospect man was arrested for the possession of cocaine at Crain/Austin on Monday, April 30. His court date is May 9.
- 10 Two Headstones Damaged**
(6800 block of Milwaukee)
Unknown person or persons pushed two sandstone angels and one other statue off two headstones at a cemetery in the

- 11 Burglary to Vehicle**
(7700 block of Main St.)
A CD player was taken from a vehicle in the 7700 block of Main St. sometime between Wednesday, May 2 and Thursday, May 3 by shattering the driver's side window. The CD player has a value of approximately \$300.
- 12 Assisted Other Agency**
(9400 block of N. Washington)
Niles police canine, K-9 Max, searched a residence in the 9400 block of N. Washington in Morton Grove and located an unknown amount of suspect Cannabis in the kitchen of the residence on Thursday, May 3.
- 13 Battery in Vehicle**
(7400 block of N. Milwaukee)
While a man was sitting at a bus stop in the 7400 block of N.

- 14 Brick Thrown at Vehicle**
(8200 block of Elizabeth)
Unknown person or persons threw a brick wrapped in a baseball jersey at a vehicle in the 8200 block of Elizabeth sometime between Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27 causing the windshield to break.
- 15 Retail Theft**
(200 Golf Mill)
A complainant observed a woman concealing a pair of earrings worth \$49 in her purse and exiting the store at 200 Golf Mill without paying on Saturday, April 28. The woman was issued a ticket and paid a fine at the scene.
- 16 Vehicle Drives Over Lawn**
(6900 block of Madison)
Unknown person drove over

- 17 Keys, Cell Phone Stolen**
(8900 block of Washington St.)
A set of keys and a cell phone were stolen from a bag located at a park in the 8900 block of Washington St. while the owner of the items was playing soccer on Wednesday, May 2.
- 18 Felony DUI Arrest**
(7500 block of Oakton)
A 37-year-old Niles man was arrested on Wednesday, May 2 for a felony DUI in the 7500 block of Oakton. The bond is set at \$5,000 and the court date is May 11.
- 19 DUI (7300 block of Milwaukee Ave.)**
A 48-year-old Niles man was arrested in the 7300 block of Milwaukee Ave. for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding 53 in a 35 mph zone

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and having a BAC of more than .08 on Tuesday, May 1. His bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is May 18.

PARK RIDGE

19 Water Damages Rug
(300 block of N. East Ave.)
Unknown person or persons turned on the water faucet on the outside of a residence in the 300 block of N. East Ave on Friday, April 27 and the water

seeped into the basement and damaged a \$200 rug and wall.
20 GPS Taken from Vehicle
(900 block of W. Garden)
A GPS system worth \$850 was stolen from a 2002 Nissan Ultima in the 900 block of W. Garden sometime between Sunday, April 29 and Monday, April 30.

21 Vehicle Theft
(1700 block of Dempster)
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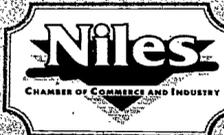
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trouble leaving their homes. Phyllis has worked as an audiologist for 30 years and her broad knowledge base comes from employment at various hospitals, the Board of Health, and ear, nose and throat specialists. She has been active in state organizations advocating for persons with hearing impairment. She is currently completing her doctorate of audiology.

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BUSINESS

'Bank of Dad' proves to be a valuable institution

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Even if your toddler's vocabulary is not yet as large as a parrot's, you may already know what billions of other moms and dads understand all too well: Kids want stuff.

Children's ability to let you know what they covet begins at an age when uttering any word with more than one syllable is a struggle. But luckily, toddlers have discovered that one powerful word - mine! - often gets the attention of Mommy and Daddy.

The tyranny only escalates when children have graduated from the grocery cart seats and begin creating havoc in the cereal aisle, where Cap'n Crunch and his sugary buddies beckon, and at the checkout counter, where parents find themselves prying Skittles and Bubblicious out of their youngsters' paws.

There is a way, however, to break this pint-sized focus on materialism. That's one of the messages of the book "The First National Bank of Dad," written by David Owen of The New Yorker. As a dad, Owen decided that many of the rules that financial experts advocate for kids regarding allowance and saving money are lame.

Conventional wisdom, for instance, suggests that kids, once they reach a certain age, should open a savings account at the neighborhood financial institution. Visiting a bank can be mildly exciting, but Owen notes that the novelty of a savings account quickly deteriorates. After all, kids are often forced to tie up their cash for months or years. And what is the reward? Look, kids, the

bank has given you \$2.09 in interest for the past 12 months! You couldn't even buy the No. 4 value meal at McDonald's for that.

To make saving more exciting and rewarding, Owen established his own bank for his son and daughter. He set up checking accounts on his computer using Quicken and configured the software to automatically deposit their allowances on the first of each month.

To encourage the kids, who were 6 and 10 at the time, Owen made the sort of offer that would cause the shareholders of Bank of America or Wells Fargo to revolt. He told them that any money they deposited in the First National Bank of Dad would earn 5 percent a month in interest. Compounded monthly, that works out to more than 70 percent for the year. Now that's an offer that will make a kid hit the pause button on his iPod.

Originally, Owen's son and daughter had to write a check to withdraw money. He or his wife would hand over the cash and make a notation in Quicken. The check requirement, however, was quickly abandoned for a system that was less of a hassle.

If he were starting today, Owen said he'd place money in a cardboard box and require his kids to write down their withdrawals and deposits. Obviously, this arrangement would only work if the young bank customers were honest. If you're interested in setting up your own family bank, you don't need software to pull it off. You can keep a paper ledger of deposits and withdrawals and figure out the accrued interest.

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Papa Johns Pizza to open in Blockbuster at Ballard Plaza

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Pizza fans may be happy to know that Papa Johns is coming to town.

Something slightly different, the Papa Johns Pizza carry-out restaurant will be located in the Blockbuster store within Ballard Plaza at 8940 Greenwood Ave.

Chuck Ostman, director of

community development, said that he believes the new restaurant will be in operation in about two to three months.

"I haven't received the plans yet," said Ostman, about the popular restaurant.

"It'll bring more people to the Ballard Plaza," said Ostman.

Village trustees approved a special use to operate the restaurant inside the Blockbuster

video store at the last village board meeting on April 24.

Ostman said although it will be inside of the Blockbuster store it will have separate walls and doors and will require a separate build out.

Ballard Plaza is located at the corner of Ballard and Greenwood. The center size is approximately 91,000 square feet.

Edward Jones Financial advisors rank the firm highest overall satisfaction

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BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT

Edward Jones Boost College Savings With a 529 Plan

College costs are high - and they're going up. So if you're a parent with young children, when should you start saving? How about today?

It's never too soon to start saving for college. Consider the numbers: For the 2006-2007 school year, the average cost for tuition, fees, room and board at a four-year private college is \$30,367 per year, according to the College Board. For a four-year public school, the corresponding cost is \$12,796 per year. If college costs rise just 4 percent a year for the next 18 years, today's newborns will face a four-year bill of about \$261,000 for an average private college and \$110,000 for an average public school.

Those are big numbers, but you can make them more manageable if you start saving early. One of the better savings vehicles you have available is a 529 plan, named after the portion of the IRS code authorizing these accounts.

You can establish a 529 plan for your children or grandchildren, and you can choose from two types of this plan:

1. Prepaid tuition programs - In a prepaid tuition plan, you buy tuition credit - at today's prices - at an in-state public school.

2. Savings plans - Under these plans, your earnings are not taxed as they accumulate. Qualified withdrawals are federally income tax free.

Of the two arrangements, the savings plan is far more popular because it doesn't restrict students to certain colleges in specific states as does the prepaid tuition plan. In other words, you can invest in any state's plan. Also, you'll receive several other significant

benefits, including the following:

- You can contribute varying dollar amounts. Generally, you can contribute as little as \$15 per month or, in many cases, up to \$200,000 over the lifetime of the 529 plan. Contribution limits vary by state. You may want to consider applicable gift tax rules.
- You control withdrawals. If you're the account owner of the 529 plan, you'll manage all withdrawals for the life of the account. The student doesn't automatically take control of the assets at the age of majority. You can even change beneficiaries, including another family member, if you choose.
- You'll minimize the initial impact on financial aid awards. Because the money in a 529 plan is held in your name, it won't significantly jeopardize any federal financial-aid packages your child or grandchild may receive. Financial aid may require students to contribute 35 percent of their assets to pay for school compared to less than 6 percent for parents. Withdrawals, however, are considered income for future applications for financial aid.

The 529 plan offers some important benefits, but make sure you use your plan strictly for college. If you make a withdrawal for anything other than qualified higher-education expenses, you may have to pay taxes and a 10 percent penalty on the earnings. Also, keep in mind that different state plans choose different money managers, so research the organization that's investing your money.

If you're satisfied that you've found a good 529 plan, give it some careful consideration. It can help you cope with the high costs of higher education.

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Shippers not quite shipshape for the long haul

By Malcolm Berko
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Berko: I want to own some shipping transportation stocks and have looked at Omni Corp., Overseas Shipping and Teekay Shipping, but their dividends are all under 2 percent. Can you recommend three shipping (maritime) stocks that have good growth potential and that pay at least 5 percent? And can you give me your thoughts on the shipping/maritime industry as a whole? What do you think of the possibility of higher or lower freight rates over the next few years? Thank you for your help. And thank you for recommending Ford 6.5 percent Convertible Preferreds, which I bought last year at \$26.25.

C.R.
Waterloo, Iowa

Dear C.R.: Did you ever wonder why merchandise carried by a truck is called freight and why merchandise transported

in the bowels of a freighter is called cargo? Frankly, I never did until just now. But not to worry because that question has nothing to do with the following answer.

It's certainly easier, less costly and probably quicker to move oil, kangaroo meat, Bordeaux, Mini Cooper, TV sets, Nike sportswear, Danish butter cookies, Perrier, office supplies, men's and women's under and outerwear, watches, sunglasses and shoes via ship than by bus, truck or train.

Quintana Maritime Ltd. (QMAR-\$16.44), Seaspan Corp. (SSW-\$28.01) and K-Sea Transportation Partners (KSP-\$46.22) should give you good participation in this sector and attractive dividend yields with low to modest volatility. Considering American's seemingly insatiable appetite for foreign-made products, these issues should continue to improve their revenues, earnings and dividends for the foreseeable future.

All three of these issues cur-

rently trade a jolt and dot below their 52-week top.

QMAR came public in late 2005 at \$10. Today, it has a 96 cent dividend and a 6 percent current yield. In fact, 93 percent of its vessels are chartered this year, 75 percent for 2008 and 70 percent for 2009. Revenues in 2005 were \$40 million and grew to \$101 million in 2006. Earnings this year should come in at 70 cents and are expected to be \$1.27 in 2008, which augurs well for a dividend increase.

SSW pays a dividend of \$1.79, yields 6 percent and came public at \$19 a share in 2005 with \$35 million in cargo revenues. SSW has 41 container ships, 28 of which are leased for 10 to a dozen years. Expected earnings of 94 cents in 2007 and \$1.08 next year certainly improve the probability of regular dividend increases.

KSP carries a \$2.64 dividend that yields 6 percent and is the old man of the three. KSP has three years of operating history as a public company; a 17.4 percent annualized revenue growth

from 2002 to \$210 million in 2006 and 60 cents in earnings per share. Earnings are projected to be \$1.52 this year and \$1.79 in 2008, which suggests possible dividend increase.

Last year, many carriers sought to lock in profitable rates by increasing the proportion of their capacity under long-term charters. However, new vessel construction is likely to grow at a much greater rate than demand and new vessel completions and deliveries are expected to outpace old vessel retirements for the next three to four years. So new construction in progress and new vessel delivery will outpace old vessel retirements for three to four years, which should drive down rates.

Meanwhile, oil tanker earnings (spot market) were lower by 25 percent over the last 12 months due to lower warm-weather demand, plus a fall in demand for gasoline (the first in 20 years) in Europe and the U.S. These are temporary short-term conditions - however I am concerned

about the effect of new capacity (crude oil tankers as well as product carriers) on current charter rates. As new deliveries continue to come on line, they will definitely undercut current charters, driving down spot rates and earnings. This is the big concern (next to a global recession) in the shipping industry today.

This sector though has performed quite well since December, notwithstanding the expected fall in rates. While the three issues discussed here should fare well, the sector is likely to weaken, but not nearly as much as it did in the late 1990s nor will it match the low-level earning levels of the 2002 slump.

While I believe SSW, QMAR and KSP have modest appreciation potential, I also believe their intermediate-term appreciation potential will be modest.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 1416, Boca Raton, FL 33429 or e-mail him at malber@adelphia.net.

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est with a calculator.

The First National Bank of Dad became so popular that Owen had to make the terms less lucrative. When each of the children had amassed several hundred dollars, Owen lowered the interest rate to 3 percent, which he announced at a family meeting.

What Owen cleverly created was a system that allowed his kids to succeed financially. Within a couple of years, Owen's son and daughter had built up their balances so that their income - allowances, gifts and interest - exceeded what they spent by a comfortable margin. They also spent their money more wisely.

"They treated their money the way sensible grown-ups have always claimed that money ought to be treated,"

Owen wrote. "And they did it without my haranguing them about the virtues of restraint. As soon as their savings began to grow at a rate that was meaningful to them, they realized that frenzied spending was not in their best interest."

When Owen's kids became teenagers, the First National Bank of Dad was replaced by the Dad & Co. investment firm. The kids were given a chance to abandon their sure thing and put their money into stocks or mutual funds. To get them started, Owen developed a list of six stocks they could choose from. His daughter, to her credit, eventually switched all her money to mutual funds. The kids could buy and sell stocks and mutual funds at one-hundredth of their actual price. So a stock trading for \$80 a share would be bought through Dad & Co. for 80 cents a share. Ultimately, his children

moved on to their own checking accounts, debit cards and credit cards. But Owen gave them valuable lessons in managing their money. And he could benefit from his days as a faux bank president.

"The better we teach our children now, the more likely they'll be to do a good job when the time comes for them to gently lift our hands from the steering wheel," he writes. "That's the potential payoff, if you feel you need one. Do your best to help your kids today; someday, your own security and happiness may depend on their ability to return the favor."

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"Highlighting the importance of the financial advisor/client relationship, (financial) advisors who feel their investment firm acts in their clients' best interest are more

satisfied than those who do not," the survey said.

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COMMENTARY

The Real Nature of Politics



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

Politics is a business and to win politicians want to spend the least amount of money and time possible. Towards this end they work to limit the competition by making it hard for others to run against them. They narrow down the electorate and focus on satisfying them. They want a monopoly if possible and since they set policy for the next four years (2 for U.S. representatives & 6 for U.S. senators) they work hard to give themselves every advantage. Most of campaign law and what more recently has been called campaign reform is just an attempt by incumbents to control the market and limit opposition. You'll note just how ineffective reform tends to be and how there always is a need to reform the reforms.

Most of politics is akin to high school student council elections - a personality contest. If voters like you, or perceive that you are like them or can/will help them then you win. The vast majority of campaigns, particularly on the local level, win on this. That is why dirty tricks and mudslinging is so effective - it works. Voters know very little about candidates. The press

elections, the higher the office the longer the time, but everybody needs bodies on Election Day. How do you get them? You buy them and, this is the best part of elected office, you pay for them with other people's money. You do it through jobs. You can build a powerful army of helpers by hiring your people or people who will be loyal to you to work for government. When I worked elections 9/10 workers were politically connected through their work. They were seeking a perk, some promotion or transfer and they needed help. To get help you give it and the critical time to help is during an election. There are few volunteers on incumbent campaigns. Workers are drawn from the loyal ranks of government workers. Where else would you find people to go door to door in cold, rainy weather and then take the day off on Election Day to support an incumbent politician?

There just are not enough hot button issues to get people involved in the sustained effort needed to win an election. Most voters don't care and to be kind the choice is usually between wheat and oats. This, though, is the tragic

Letter to the Editor

New trustees thank residents

To the residents of Morton Grove:

We would like to extend a special thank you to the people who worked so hard and long for our election as Morton Grove trustees. To the voters who voted for us, we promise to do everything we can to show that your vote and confidence was well placed. To the residents who did not vote for us or did not vote at all we pledge to never forget that we work for you.

We thank the mayor for his gracious comments and look forward to working with him and the present board.

The election is over and the challenges and opportunities

that now face us affect all citizens of Morton Grove and we solemnly promise to represent all equally and fairly in the best interest of our village.

We encourage all the residents of Morton Grove to get involved in the governing of our town. If you feel you have a solution to a current problem please bring it to the board. If you think you have an idea to help our village please share it with us. This is what open government is all about. We promise to listen.

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Dan Staackmann, Shel Marcus and John Thill, Morton Grove Trustees-Elect

problem. Government goes off track and becomes a threat to our republic. The goal no longer is public service, but public service for private gain. This is why governments can never find the will to hold the line or even make budget cuts. They have too many mouths to feed.

The problem is really even worse. Loyalty is the highest trait in politics. Politicians demand it from their cronies, who are found employed by

the public coffers. Since loyalty is so important other things suffer. Promotions don't come because of merit, but due to loyalty. This leads to good, smart people in government literally turning their minds off, because it doesn't pay to think and innovate. It doesn't pay to take risks. Loyalty pays. This is destructive.

We want the best people in government. People whose loyalty is to those they serve, See Perspective, page 15

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est with a calculator.

The First National Bank of Dad became so popular that Owen had to make the terms less lucrative. When each of the children had amassed several hundred dollars, Owen lowered the interest rate to 3 percent, which he announced at a family meeting.

What Owen cleverly created was a system that allowed his kids to succeed financially. Within a couple of years, Owen's son and daughter had built up their balances so that their income - allowances, gifts and interest - exceeded what they spent by a comfortable margin. They also spent their money more wisely.

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moved on to their own checking accounts, debit cards and credit cards. But Owen gave them valuable lessons in managing their money. And he could benefit from his days as a faux bank president.

"The better we teach our children now, the more likely they'll be to do a good job when the time comes for them to gently lift our hands from the steering wheel," he writes. "That's the potential payoff, if you feel you need one. Do your best to help your kids today; someday, your own security and happiness may depend on their ability to return the favor."

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"Highlighting the importance of the financial advisor/client relationship, (financial) advisors who feel their investment firm acts in their clients' best interest are more

satisfied than those who do not," the survey said.

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GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER BUILDS PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Golf Mill Shopping Center announced their partnership with Habitat for Humanity to help raise awareness and resources for the worldwide charitable organization.

Golf Mill Shopping Center will engage employees and customers to help build homes, participate in fundraising events and other public awareness initiatives to reinforce Golf Mill's commitment to community and betterment of families in need.

"Golf Mill Shopping Center continually strives to be a true community partner. We are proud to be part of Habitat's life-changing mission of helping families in need experience a better quality of life," said Regina Verdico, Marketing Manager.

On Friday, May 18, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. Golf Mill Shopping Center will kick off their partnership with Habitat for Humanity in the new Center Court through a "Family

Portraits" event, an interactive, experiential event for customers that displays the number of people living in substandard housing in their community. Shoppers will have the opportunity to remove a symbolic family from subsidized housing for a suggested donation of \$1.

Representatives from Habitat for Humanity will join Golf Mill to speak about and answer questions on the need to build more homes for people in local communities who are living in substandard housing. A family will join us to talk about their success with Habitat for Humanity and how they made it through their daily struggle to survive. The goal is to raise awareness and funds for families in need.

Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Lake County, Julie Donovan said "Erecting the frame of a Habitat house and focusing on Family Portraits at Golf

Mill Shopping Center is a creative and highly visible way to share our story with hundreds of mall visitors. I applaud the leadership of General Growth Partners and Golf Mill Shopping Center for their vision and support for families seeking permanent, affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity. We look forward to our work together over the next three years."

Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Ga., is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since 1976, Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.



Last week's Fashion Fling show at The Summit of Uptown was attended by nearly 100 guests. Here, from left to right, are Gina Ellinger and Lynne Peterson modelling clothes from Talbot's Outlet, Park Ridge. Guests also enjoyed a gourmet lunch from Chef Jose Medina.

The Garden Club of Morton Grove Annual Spring Luncheon

The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its Annual Spring Luncheon on May 22, 2007 at Bristol Court Banquets, 828 East Rand Road in Mount Prospect. Fee is \$18.00.

Our program will be given by Dena Anastos. Dena is a Master Gardener and former flower shop owner. She will present an enjoyable, informative program for all to enjoy.

There will be a raffle held after the program. Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. Luncheon at 12 Noon. For more information, call 847-966-4264.

Counseling Service Center Opens

We are pleased to announce the opening of Serenity Bridges, a counseling service center for DUI, all Addiction, Interventions and Family Counseling.

Serenity Bridges is located at: 8700 North Waukegan Road Suite 225 Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-8842

High School Volleyball Leagues

Niles Park District is proud to present Summer High School Volleyball Leagues. League play and playoffs comprise the 10 game schedule. High School Boy Leagues run Mon, June 25-August 13. High School Girl Leagues run Tues, June 26-August 14. All games take place at Golf View Recreation Center. Fee is \$550 per team. For more information, please call (847) 967-6975. Register at the Howard Leisure Center.

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club Hosts "America: Crisis in Aging" Program

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet on Monday, May 14 at 12:15 PM at the Park Ridge South Recreational Center located at 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. We will enjoy a program titled "America: Crisis in Aging" presented by Theresa Dischoff. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served.

Italian Community Seeking Columbus Day Parade Queen

The Columbus Day Parade, sponsored by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans is seeking young ladies of Italian heritage who are single and between the ages of 18 and 23 to sign-up for the Queen Contest to be held on Friday, July 13 at Events by Bigio, 4242 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. The Columbus Day Parade will be held on Saturday, October 13. Eligible contestants should call 708-450-9050 for an entry form. The lucky young lady selected will receive several prizes, including \$1,000 cash. President of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans is Elmwood Park resident, JoAnn Serpico.

Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans has been organized since 1951 with offices at 3800 Division Street, Stone Park, IL.

NORWOOD LIFE CARE RECOGNIZED FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Norwood Life Care has always known it was an Exemplary Business. Now they have been officially told. The long-term care retirement community, at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, was recognized for providing career opportunities for Chicago workers and for contributing to the local economy. The presentation took place at the recent Employer Appreciation Day Award Ceremony at the Chicago Workforce Center at Pilsen. Norwood Life Care was selected for the recognition by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, National Able Network and the Illinois Department of

Employment Security. "... your efforts to positively impact the lives of your employees and the community have made your contributions larger than life. It is exciting to see the solid pace of job creation in your business sector extend into the entire Chicago community, and we want to thank you for the integral role you have played in making that happen," wrote Grace Jenkins, president and CEO of National Able Network, and William R. Jamison, Chicago regional manager of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, in a letter to award recipients.

"As one of the top 10 percent of nursing homes in Illinois, we are very pleased to receive this added recognition," said Michael Toohey, executive director of Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home). "The award reflects the value we place on our employees, encouraging them to develop and hone their skills through in-service training and continuing education while reaching into the community to offer exciting career opportunities."

Last year, Norwood Crossing was ranked in the top 10 percent of nursing homes in Illinois as determined by Consumer Reports Nursing Home Quality Monitor. The long-term care community also received the 2006 Small Business Award from the Marriott Foundation for building "Bridges" to the work force by helping employees develop life skills that can further their education and careers in the trades or professions.

The National Able Network is a not-for-profit agency

Niles Teen Center Sponsors Teen Dance



The Niles Teen Center sponsored a dance on Saturday night, April 28th, for all youth in Niles. The dance was held at the Niles Family Fitness Center with approximately 100 teens in attendance. The music was provided by DJ Vinny Nigro. The youth thoroughly enjoyed their evening while socializing with other youth.

For more information about the Niles Teen Center please call 847-663-9155. New members are always welcome!

Students win Chicago's Jr. Titan Contest

On Friday, April 20, 11 members of Notre Dame High School's Accounting Class participated in a program sponsored by the Jr. Achievement of

NDHS ROUND-UP

Chicago. Notre Dame sent two teams of four students and one team of three students in the competition. The team consisting of John Wenzl '07 (Chicago 60631), Jonathan Keafer '08 (Chicago 60631), Nick Gies '07 (Chicago 60646) and Jeff Ramirez '07 (Niles) won 1st place and each won an IBM Think Pad laptop.

"We were hoping for the best and our strategy was really good," said Keafer.

The Chicago JA Titan Competition challenged the high school students participants to apply their management skills and knowledge of economics through a computer simulation which allows "companies" or teams to compete against each other as they manufacture and market a fictional product. There are two rounds played where teams were able to change a variety of variables while trying to achieve the highest Performance Index possible.

The Accounting students from Notre Dame prepared for the competition for weeks with the guidance of their teacher Mrs. Margaret Boylan and Matthew Schaefer, a product developer at Kraft Foods in Northfield. Mark Calhoun, a manager of marketing and advertising at Kraft, also provided insight to the students



On Friday, April 20, 11 members of Notre Dame High School's Accounting Class participated in a program sponsored by the Jr. Achievement of Chicago. Pictured, left to right, are teacher Mrs. Margaret Boylan, Jeff Ramirez '07, John Wenzl '07, Nick Gies '07, Jonathan Keafer '07 and JA rep. Samatha Morris and son.

during two class sessions.

"Junior Achievement Jr. Titan is a program set up to teach high school students about business, and in doing so we cover items such as manufacturing, research and development, public charity, as well as marketing and the public lifecycle," said Schaefer. "In covering these topics through lecture, we create a base of knowledge that translates into a deeper understanding of the JA Jr. Titan Online business simulation, which is the program to which the competition is centered around. We take the theoretical knowledge from the Junior Achievement supplied curriculum and translate it into practical situations in which to apply what is learned."

"They gave us some good tips," said Ramirez.

"I'm very proud of these guys. They had tough competition and they played the game well and made the right moves," said Boylan. "The two businessmen from Kraft really shared their knowledge about what it means to work together and the students benefited from their first hand experience."

The other students who competed from Notre Dame included Jimmy Davis '07 (Niles), Mike Rusak '07 (Chicago 60631), Matt Orchard '07 (Shiller Park), Kyle Sahnas '07 (Chicago 60634), Eric Waring '07 (Chicago 606031), Mike Staken '07 (Chicago 60631) and Kamil Wojtach '07 (Niles). There were 16 teams in all that participated in the competition, which was held at Robert Morris College.

"The students at Notre Dame are an eager bunch of young

men who are extremely cooperative," said Schaefer. "They grasped the concepts I presented quickly and were able to translate that into measurable successes in the JA competition."

"I became involved in JA through Kraft Foods which is consistently one of the largest supporters of the JA program. I think that the program helps students through applying the day to day curriculum into a format that allows for practical application. It also exposes students to real world professionals who bring a different experience base into the classroom," said Schaefer.

Of the winning team, seniors Wenzl, Ramirez and Gies are all planning to study accounting in college and Keafer, a junior, is yet undecided.

Fine Arts Festival Scheduled for May 11, 12

All are welcome to Notre Dame High School's 3rd Annual Fine Arts Festival held on Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at 7 pm in and around the Little Theatre at 7655 West Dempster Street in Niles. This is a festive evening devoted to showcasing NDHS' Fine Arts Program. It will feature one-act plays, instrumental selections and visual art work all done by Notre Dame students. This is a free event but donations to the Fine Arts Program are welcome. For more information, contact Notre Dame's main number at 847-965-2900.

NDHS Plans Reception to Honor Departing Holy Cross Community

There will be a reception held on Saturday, May 26 from 12 noon to 4 pm in the Notre Dame High School library courtyard to honor the current and past Holy Cross Priests and Brothers who have served at NDHS since 1955. Many former and present Holy Cross religious are expected to attend. The Holy Cross community will be leaving at the end of the school year.

This will be a perfect opportunity to reconnect with the Holy Cross religious who have helped shape Notre Dame High School. Please RSVP to Paul Tokarz, Director of Alumni Relations, at 847-779-8632 or ptokarz@ndhsdons.org if you plan on attending this event.

Meet the biographer

MEHS 1965 graduate Steve Goodman, 'City of New Orleans' songwriter

The biographer of one of Maine East High's best-loved graduates will be present for a book signing at the school in late May.

Clay Eals, of Seattle, has written an 800-page biography of Steve Goodman, best known for writing the 1970s train song and anthem, "City of New Orleans." The book - "Steve Goodman: Facing the Music" - will be published by ECW Press in early May, and Eals will be the guest of MEHS at a special signing scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. The school is located at 2601 Dempster Street in Park Ridge.

Joining Eals to perform a few Goodman songs at the MEHS event will be Comfort Food, the duo of Rich and Vicki Ingle of Berwyn.

Signing set for May 23 at MEHS

With 400,000 words and more than 540 photos, including a 16-page color section, the large-format book is a comprehensive look at the musician whom many consider the most galvanizing entertainer of his time. It also is a portrait of an era and delves deeply into Goodman's emergence as a singer and guitarist during his MEHS years.

Eals interviewed more than 1,070 people for the book, among them nearly 100 MEHS teachers and classmates of Goodman. The sources include U.S. Senator (and Democratic presidential candidate) Hillary Rodham Clinton, who performed with Goodman in the 1964 MEHS Mainspring variety show, during which

Goodman memorably sang "Old Man River." The comments of Goodman's classmates undergird the book's high-school chapter and emerge in later chapters as well.

The book, which also comes with an 18-track CD of songs written and performed by others in tribute to Goodman, has a list price of \$29.95, but Eals will sell copies of the book at a special discount for this MEHS signing.

Guthrie, Buffett, Raitt among sources

Longtime Chicago author and radio host Studs Terkel wrote the book's preface, and Arlo Guthrie, who popularized "City of New Orleans," wrote the foreword.

Eals drew information and insights from fresh interviews with a raft of Goodman's contemporaries who are celebrities in their own right. Besides Terkel and Guthrie, the interviewees include John Prine, Steve Martin, Jimmy Buffett, Kris Kristofferson, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Willie Nelson, Emmylou Harris, Randy Newman, Paul Anka, David Allan Coe, Judy Collins, Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger, John Sebastian, Leo Kottke, Gordon Lightfoot, John Hartford, Phoebe Snow, Jackie DeShannon, Marty Stuart, Maria Muldaur, Mimi Fariña, Tom Rush, Bobby Bare, Lily Tomlin, Michael Smith, Fred & Ed Holstein, Janis Ian, Bryan Bowers, Martin Mull, Chad Mitchell, Rosanne Cash, David Amram, Samantha Eggar, Tom

Dundee, Howard Armstrong, Jim Post, Carl Reiner, Doc Watson, Jo Mapes, Len Chandler, David Geffen and Loudon Wainwright III.

A major theme of the book is living with the awareness of mortality, as Goodman was forced to do. Diagnosed with leukemia at age 20 and not expected to live much longer, Goodman managed to survive and thrive while, privately, then publicly, fending off this fatal disease for more than 15 years.

Throughout his career, Goodman's music ranged from hilarious to touching to provocative and included such classics as "You Never Even Call Me by My Name," "Banana Republics" and "A Dying Cub Fan's Last Request."

Maine Twp. Senior News

Maine Twp. Seniors offer summer trips

MaineStreamers

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

Annual Spelling Bee

Come and compete in our Annual Local Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Jun. 5 at 10 a.m. The winner and 1st runner-up will compete in the Regional Event which will be held at Maine Township on Monday, Aug. 13 at 10:30 a.m. To register and receive the rules, contact the MaineStreamers at (847) 297-2510.

Day Trips

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

"The Color Purple" Trip

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Wednesday, Jun. 6 - 10:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Trip Rate 2.
Cost: \$114 members/\$119 guests.

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the best ever. We will dine at the beautiful LaStrada Restaurant on Michigan Avenue beforehand. Our menu is Caesar salad, your choice of cheese stuffed tortellini alla Panna, prosciutto cream sauce with peas, or fresh roasted salmon with lemon wine butter and tiramisu for dessert.

'Old World Wisconsin' Trip

Eagle, Wisconsin. Sunday, Jun. 10 - 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$47 members/\$52 guests
We will be taking a step back in time and traveling to Old World Wisconsin. Upon our arrival we will be treated to a Yankee pot roast lunch of sliced beef in a gravy with celery, carrots, and onion. There will also be corn, parsley potatoes, salad, beverages, and sherbet for dessert. Then you are on your own to explore the world of the 19th Century. Stroll through the Crossroads Village and chat with the town blacksmith and the keeper of the general store, learn the importance of wagons at Peterson's Wagon Shop, or visit Harmony Town Hall and participate in a rousing discussion at a town hall meeting. Then there are 6 ethnic areas to visit: German, Polish, Norwegian, African American, Danish, and Finnish. On our way home we will be stopping at Mars Cheese Castle.

FISH of Park Ridge

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

Used Cell Phones Collected

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

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Niles Senior News

Niles Health Fair, Senior Fitness Day is May 23

Niles Health Fair & Senior Fitness Day

Wed., May 23, 9 a.m. to noon
Free screening Events and Informational Tables: Vision, Hearing, Dental, Spinal, Foot, Bone Density, Pulse Oximetry, Blood Pressure, Height, Weight, Balance/Fall Risk, Memory, Assistive Devices, Assistive Hearing Phones, Medi-Transport, Pet Therapy and many others. Full set of lab work available (pre-registration - fasting blood test): CBC (complete blood count), CMP (complete metabolic panel), Cholesterol Panel, TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) \$45 women, & PSA (prostate specific antigen) men only \$55. Health Fair open to all ages!

Remembering & Forgetting in Everyday Living

June 5th, 12th, & 20th
Memory loss can be a result of side effects of medication, depression, dehydration, emotional stress, illness or infection, insomnia/poor sleeping habits, vitamin B-12 deficiency, excessive use of alcohol, coping with the death of a spouse, child or friend. Join Bev Wessels and Trudi Davis for our Memory Workshop to explore Myths and Truths of the Aging Brain. We will look at how memory changes and discover strategies to improve our memory. Please contact the Registration Desk at the Senior Center to sign up. Advanced registration is required.

Summer Dinner and A Movie

Begins Wednesday, June 6, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Join us every Wednesday evenings for dinner and a movie. A light dinner will be served at 5 p.m. prior to the movie. You must register in advance if you are planning to join us for dinner.

- Wednesday, June 6, **Holiday**, Carmen Diaz & Kate Winslet \$3, pizza & soda
- Wednesday, June 13, **Catch & Release**, Jennifer Gardner \$2, hot dog & chips
- Wednesday, June 20, **We are Marshall** \$3, pizza and soda
- Wednesday, June 27, **The Pursuit of Happiness** Will Smith, \$2 hot dog & chips

Niles Senior Center's First Annual Variety Show

September 20
Be in the Niles Senior Center's First Annual Variety Show! Join in this live performance spectacle where participants can act, sing, dance, or showcase any other art form! If interested, please pick up a registration form at the front desk. We are also looking for crew, a master (or mistress) of ceremony, stage manager, lighting and sound personnel, and a refreshment organizer.

Over 90s Celebration

Thursday, June 28
Are you or someone you know celebrating your 90th or 90 something birthday this year? If so, this celebration is for you. We will celebrate with a wonderful catered meal, professional photo, and entertainment. Just stop in or call the Niles Senior Center at (847) 588-8420 for more information on this wonderful celebration. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Jaymi.

Celebrating 90+ Years



Here Helen Jung and Jack Simon, both born in 1910, pose with the birthday cake and Maine Township Supervisor Bob Dudycz, center. A special celebration was held by the Township on May 2 for 71 seniors ages 90 years old and older. Helen was the oldest female and Jack the oldest male. The annual event is part of Older American Month observed during May.

Obituaries

Casimer Mozden, 93

Casimer Mozden, 93, of Niles, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2007 at his residence. He was born March 1, 1914. Beloved son of the late Stanley Mozden and the late Mary Mozden; husband of the late Adeline (nee Kolanio) Mozden; father of Edward (Ann); grandfather of Michael; brother of Jean and Irene; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Services were held May 4 at St. John Brebeuf Church.

Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a tool and die maker. Memorials to: American Heart Association.

Myrtle "Chris" Christopher, 95

Myrtle "Chris" Christopher, 95, of Niles, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital.

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not to their boss. It is hard to have the courage to go against the grain. It takes more guts than most people have. Whistleblowers suffer and get fired. Where can you find another well paying job with benefits as good as government jobs? Good leaders free their people from the obliga-

Adele Marie Olsen, 87

Adele Marie Olsen, 87, departed this life April 24. She was born in Chicago but lived in Niles, Ill. for 65 years where she raised two sons. She was active with the Niles Senior Center up until 2005. Adele, who is one of seven siblings, is preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, H. Theodore Olsen and granddaughter, Sandi Seward. She is survived by her sons, Gary Olsen and his wife, Brenda of Virginia Beach, Va.; Gregory Olsen and his wife, Ruth of Lake Zurich, Ill.; six grandchildren: Staci and her husband, Eric; Rachel, Joe of Virginia Beach and Allison, of Columbus, Ga; Vanessa and her husband Adam, of Island Lake, Ill.; Dan, of Lake Zurich and one great grandchild, Arianna of Virginia Beach.

A private memorial service will be held May 5 at Windridge Memorial Park, Cary, Ill.

tenure at the expense of good government. Government is filled with people held back by a system that demands loyalty first. Loyalty is not a virtue if it is divorced from integrity and discernment.

"If your boss demands loyalty, give him integrity. If your boss demands integrity, give him loyalty." - Colonel John Boyd (USAF John (Richard) Boyd.

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Mothers and Daughters

This Mother's Day, Experts Offer Creative Activities for Year-Round Relationship-Building

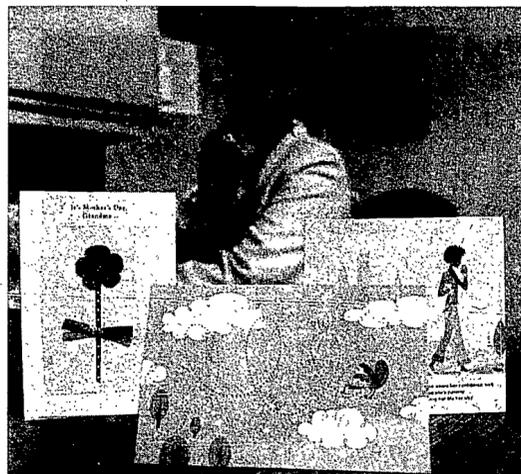
FAMILY FEATURES

Little boys often want to "marry their mommies." Even after they outgrow the infatuation stage, "Mom" certainly sets the standard for the other women in their lives. Mother-daughter relationships have perhaps even more stages, and sometimes more ups and downs.

Little girls wanting to emulate their role model play dress up with their mother's jewelry, heels and make-up. Then, over

the next decade, Mom's glam-factor can fade when she inexplicably becomes an embarrassment to her teenage daughter. Fortunately, a decade- or two later, a lot of mothers and daughters become close friends again.

No relationship is quite as primal as the one between a mother and her daughter. Each one craves love and approval from the other, and many may not realize the tremendous influence they have on each other.



New American Greetings cards for Mom's special day acknowledge the entire woman, including her interests and career, in addition to her amazing contributions at home.

"If you have a strong mother-daughter relationship, it strengthens all the other relationships in your life," said Mary Marcante, noted mother-daughter relationship expert, inspirational speaker and author of "My Mother, My Friend." In her research, Marcante interviewed 400

mothers and daughters to help provide women with the skills, confidence and language to deepen their mother-daughter relationships.

What means the most to mothers? "Appreciation" is the one quality moms crave most from their families, Marcante found.

Mother's Day Can Provide Springboard for Expressing Appreciation

Mother's Day, which falls on Sunday, May 13, is certainly a day when more daughters and sons will put into words and actions their appreciation for their moms. Mother's Day is a top day for phone calls, flowers and restaurant reservations, but what moms want most is an emotional connection and quality time.

Mother's Day cards often take on the meaningful role of expressing thanks and praise that too often go unsaid during the year.

"Children of all ages, and especially grown children, want to express thankfulness, appreciation and even amazement for all moms do at home and even outside of the home. The challenge for us is they want to say it in a way that is comfortable for their age, their personal style and their relationship with Mom," said American Greetings card writer and editor Carolyn Koesters, who is part of a team that created new Mother's Day cards for the company.

"In addition to gathering outside research as we developed the new cards, our team looked to our own relationships with our moms and our kids for inspiration."

The new generation of American Greetings Mother's Day cards recognizes all the roles moms play, from CEO of the family to personal shopper and life coach, with clever messages like, "You're an inspiration to superheroes everywhere" and "You should consider franchising."

Other cards in the Mother's Day line include those for expectant moms and a card from teens, acknowledging their moods and messy rooms by saying, "just close the door, Mom..."

Daughters are Mothers, Too

As an adult daughter becomes a parent and Mom takes on the role of grandmother, the mother-daughter bond often deepens. One of the special ways mothers can express love and support is through a special Mother's Day card for their daughters. One card from American Greetings features a sketch of a career woman juggling her briefcase while talking on her cell with a cityscape

in the background with the message: "Day planner in hand, cell phone in your ear, meetings on your mind, home and family in your heart ... Daughter, you do it all so well." Other cards depict modern moms sipping lattes and shopping and feature messages that compliment their prowess at scheduling and balancing home and work life.

For adult mothers and daughters who share a close connection like that of friends, illustrations depict moms lunching or shopping with their adult daughters and with wording like, "Give a girl a great mom and she can do anything," and "So much of the woman I am is because of the mother you are. Thanks, Mom."

It's a fact of life that parental relationships have their ups and downs. Many of today's Mother's Day cards even celebrate generational clashes with messages like "Mom you taught me that you didn't always have to understand me or agree with my decisions in order to love me."



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Services Held for Ex-Mayor Stankowicz

Thursday, January 9, 1975
 Niles village flags flew at half mast on Friday and Saturday in memoriam to the death of Frank Stankowicz Sr, 66, formerly mayor of Niles for 20 years. Mr. Stankowicz, of 6145 Golf Road, in Morton Grove, died Thursday January 2 in Northwest Hospital in Chicago, of heart failure following surgery on Dec. 31. Mass was offered on Saturday at St. Juliana's Church, Burial was in St. Adalbert's Cemetery, 6800 Milwaukee Ave.

Mr. Stankowicz was born May 6, 1908 in Niles "at the corner of Harts Road and Milwaukee Ave., on an acre of land owned by his parents." He entered public life and village service at the age of 21 when he became motorcycle sergeant on the Niles police force in 1921. Married in 1931 to his wife Sally he ran for the office of village clerk in 1937, remaining in office until 1941, when he was successfully elected as mayor of Niles for the next 20 years, until 1961.

Teenage Girl Dies in Auto Crash

Thursday, April 3, 1975
 A 17-year-old Niles girl was killed and three others were seriously injured shortly after midnight on Easter Sunday morning following a head on auto collision on Dempster Street at Grand Ave. during a high speed police chase. Candace Galler, a senior at Maine East High School, was killed while a passenger in a car driven by Joseph J. Hrabi, 19, of 7701 W. Howard Street, Chicago.

Hrabi was taken to Lutheran General Hospital with extensive injuries to head, chest and pelvic areas. The driver of the other car, Robert Waldman, 49, of 9264 Hamlin, Des Plaines, was taken to Holy Family Hospital in Des Plaines with head and chest injuries. His daughter, Jody, 14, a passenger, was unconscious and listed in serious condition with head injuries in the same hospital.

According to Des Plaines Police, Hrabi's red 1974 Mustang was observed traveling at excessive speed, eastbound on Miner St. near Graeland. A Des Plaines patrol car began pursuit of the car, which police said, reached speeds of 100 mph while driving on the wrong side of the street and reportedly going through red lights at River Road and Rand Road in Des Plaines.

Pursuit continued on Dempster St. in Niles, where



Park playground olympic winners

The Niles Park District held its 1975 Playground Olympics on Saturday, July 12 at the Notre Dame High School Stadium. Pictured above are Park District President Mildred Jones and Director William Hughes congratulating the winners. - July 24, 1975

Cook County, State Police and Niles Police joined in the chase. According to a Niles police witness, Hrabi, eastbound on Dempster, apparently attempted to elude police pursuit by applying his brakes to turn north at Grand and apparently losing control of the car, collided with the Waldman auto which was westbound.

Trustees Turn Down Zoning for Day Care Center

Thursday, March 13, 1975
 By Alice M Bobula
 The Niles Board of Trustees Tuesday night denied a special use permit for a Child Day Care Center on Golf Road and in a second action extended the benefits in approving a special use rezoning for operation of a gas station at Milwaukee and Touhy.

Rezoning from B2 to B2 Special Use for a Sunny Kiddy Day Care Center at 8361 1/2 Golf Road to be operated by Eilene Lombardo was denied by Niles trustees by a vote of 3 to 2. Denial of the permit was something of a surprise since the petitioner had appeared before this board for a third time Tuesday evening.

Trustees agreed unanimously to a need for a Day Care Center, but said Trustee Carol Panek, "I question whether this area is suitable for a day nursery." She based her veto on aesthetics, ecology and very probable traffic congestion. Five stores in the area were to be serviced by trucking companies.

Trustee Ang Marcheschi prefaced his veto with a stated fear of setting a precedent in granting rezoning for the center in this area.

Young Heroine Saves 3 Children

March 20, 1975
 A 10-year-old Niles Elementary School student, Cynthia Fagocki, was credited with saving the lives of three Kreher children when fire blazed through the Robert Kreher home at 8357 Waukegan Road late Saturday afternoon, March 15.

Two of the three children were playing in an upstairs bedroom at the time of the fire with Cynthia, a neighborhood playmate. The mother and three other children were away from home.

First alerted by the dense smoke which poured into the room, Cynthia said she ran out of the house screaming for help, returning to lead 3-year-old Scott Kreher and four-year-old Lisa Kreher from the burning, smoke filled home. She then ran to the back of the house and urged a third youngster to jump from a second story bedroom where she was trapped by smoke and fire.

Janice Kreher, 10, was taken to Lutheran General Hospital with injuries to her foot which came in contact with a rock when she jumped to the ground.

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Thursday, January 16, 1975

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Peck, who has been an engineer for the Butternut Baking Company on Chicago's southside, said he took the appointment "to better one's self" and added he won't have to commute anymore, which was a factor in his decision to accept the new job.

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Christmas Day Fire Estimated at \$25,000

Thursday, January 2, 1975

A mid-day fire of undetermined origin began in the mailboxes of a 16-unit apartment house in the unincorporated area of Des Plaines on Christmas day, causing extensive heat, fire and smoke damage to the building and several of the apartments.

No injuries were reported. Four pumbers, two trucks and an ambulance of the North Maine Fire Department were at the scene.

The fire, confined to the walls, spread upward from the mailboxes to the attic of the building. An effective stop to the fire checked it from spreading further, said North Maine Fire Captain Richard Lejbach. All 16 mailboxes were involved.

Three of the apartments sustained heavy heat and smoke damage to furnishings and interior of the apartments.

The fire was of undetermined origin and remains under investigation by the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Niles Joins in State Suit

Thursday, May 15, 1975

By Alice M Bobula
 The communities of the Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Niles areas are joined in the noise suit which has been filed against the Federal Aviation Administration, according to Mayor Nicholas Blase.

The suit originally filed by the State of Illinois Atty. General William Scott enjoins the Federal Government from expanding any of the runways out of O'Hare Field until the FAA files an impact of statement of regulations with the proper authorities.

The FAA has claimed it is immune from the suit and has asked for a dismissal of the case. Before ruling on the motion, the judge asked that any interested suburbs state their objections.

Niles, Park Ridge and Des Plaines claim that property values are depreciating, due to the noise nuisance from airport flights.

LIFE

Pouch salmon and pinot gris take center stage

By Ron James
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The Teacher

Giuliano Hazan was nervous as he waited for the envelope to be opened at the 2007 International Association of

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Culinary Professionals Awards dinner, the culinary world's version of the Academy Awards. Hazan was a contender for one of the industry's most sought-after awards: cooking teacher of the year. He held his breath as the master of ceremonies revealed the winner.

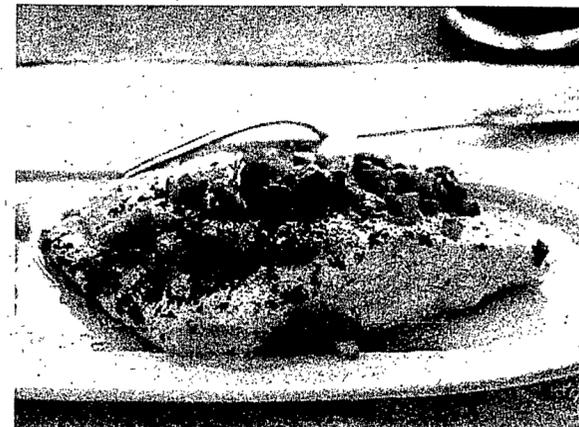
"For his effectiveness in communicating an exceptional knowledge of culinary studies and techniques, the winner is Giuliano Hazan!"

Backstage afterward, Hazan called the person responsible for his success - his mother, Marcella Hazan, one of the greatest Italian cooking teachers and cookbook authors in America.

"My mother was thrilled," said Hazan. "Of course I developed my passion for Italian cooking from my parents. I grew up in a household where good food was valued greatly. But I didn't know, I would follow in my mother's footsteps until I went to college to study acting in New York in the 1960s. I started cooking because I was hungry - because the cafeteria food was such a shockingly different experience than my palette was used to."

"I began to enjoy the cooking as much as acting," Hazan continues. "But I consider my acting education time well spent. A good cooking teacher must be a good performer. You have to know how to cook, but you also need to keep your students engaged."

Hazan now teaches at cooking schools across America and is a frequent guest on NBC's Today Show. Along with his wife, Lael, he runs a weeklong cooking school in Verona, Italy, which was recently featured in Gourmet magazine. He is the author of three cookbooks; the latest is "How to Cook Italian" (Scribner, \$35). He also loves to cook with his three daughters in their Florida home. Perhaps some day one of them will be the next great



Aromatic Salmon in a Pouch

- 2 teaspoons roughly chopped oregano
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped flatleaf parsley (divided use)
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 pounds skinless salmon fillet
- Extra-wide, heavy-duty aluminum foil
- 2 tablespoons dry white wine
- 3/4 pounds (about 1 cup) fresh ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- Yields 4 to 6 servings,
- Preheat oven to 400 F on convection heat setting, or 425 F on regular bake setting.
- Mix together oregano, garlic, 2 tablespoons of parsley and the oil. Season mixture to taste with salt and pepper.
- Butterfly salmon fillet by slicing horizontally along its thicker side

so fillet opens like a book. Spread garlic mixture on inside and outside of salmon.

Tear 1 sheet of aluminum foil large enough to wrap around fish completely. Place fish in center of foil. Add white wine. Spread diced tomato over fish and sprinkle remaining parsley on top. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Seal foil making sure not to leave any openings. There should be enough room around fish for steam to circulate while it cooks. Place pouch on cookie sheet and put in oven. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, depending on thickness of fish (see note). When fish is done, remove from oven and gently open foil, taking care not to spill juices. Lift foil off of cookie sheet and slide contents into serving dish. Serve at once. Note: If you are unsure whether fish is cooked, it's perfectly OK to partially open pouch and check with fork to see if it flakes. - From "How to Cook Italian."

Italian cooking guru - cooking talent obviously runs in the family.

The Dish

Hazan's salmon recipe has the fish being slow cooked in an aluminum-foil pouch. It's a modern twist on a very old method of cooking. Pouch cooking goes back before recorded history, to a time when our ancestors wrapped their catch in a large leaf or husk and put it in or near the fire to cook. The pouch kept the food inside from burning and held in moistness and flavor.

Fish are perfect for pouch

cooking. This method intensifies the inherent flavors of the fish and melds the flavors of the parsley, tomatoes, garlic and oregano in Hazan's recipe. It's still important to get the very best salmon available. Try to buy wild salmon, either fresh or fresh frozen, for the best results.

The Wine

This delicate dish is layered with spices, herbs and tomatoes. It calls for a wine that will not overpower the fish, hold up to the other flavors and balance nicely with the acidity of tomatoes. The 2006 Russian See Pairings, page 21



Giuliano Hazan was named the cooking teacher of the year in 2007 by the International Association of Culinary Professionals. Along with his wife, Lael, he runs a weeklong cooking school in Verona, Italy, and he is the author of three cookbooks. (CNS Photos)

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New Releases

Spider-Man 3 ★★★ - By the Big Three "event" criteria, "Spider-Man 3" qualifies: 1) It cost a lot; 2) It will earn a lot; 3) Hype matches 1 and 2. You can skip all the merchandising and avoid saying "Spidey" but still have a good time with "Spider-Man 3." It's a dynamic Spider-Man movie. The first sequel (2004) was harried by the "can we do it again?" syndrome, though it had classy villains (Alfred Molina, Willem Dafoe, together a hambone duet of orchestral size). Now relaxed into its highly costumed skin, the new epic lets James Franco as Harry, the gone Dafoe's son, cut loose for some embittered villainy a lot like crazy old dad's. And Thomas Hayden Church, who looks more like Dafoe than Franco does, rips around as another villain. The story's "heart" includes making Church a sorrowful thief, Flint Marko, who misses his dear, sickly daughter. "I'm not a bad person, I've just had bad luck," Marko mutters sadly, and to prove it he stumbles into a secretive physics lab and is disintegrated into a weirdly buff pile of sand. "De-molecularized" and then re-formed as Sandman, he is the most beautiful effect this series has achieved. The appeal goes well beyond the plot doodles, or even the gorgeous use of the skyline and the tremendously engineered effects. It's rooted less in the Marvel Comics source than in director Sam Raimi's fierce faith in that source as a field of imaginative play, building upon the comics, freshly expanding



the ka-pow! of the paper originals. When S-man turns aerial, we soar along. When he falls, stuck to a blasted slab of wall, gravity grabs us by the throat. A Columbia/Sony Pictures release. Director: Sam Raimi. Writers: Ivan Raimi, Alvin Sargent. Cast: Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Thomas Hayden Church, Topher Grace, Bryce Dallas Howard. Running time: 2 hours, 20 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Recent Releases

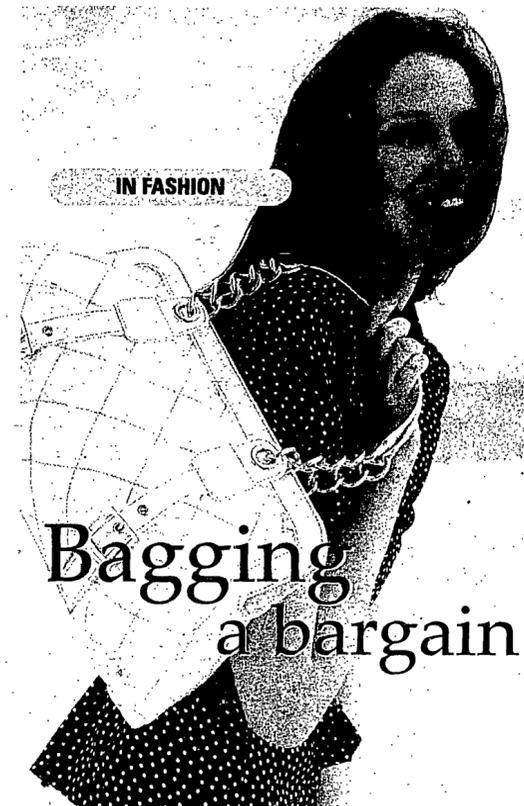
The Condemned Zero Stars - Wrestling star "Stone Cold" Steve Austin can't act. His compensation, at least in "The Condemned," is that he can't be killed. As Riley, a federal undercover agent and commando so bulky he could only go undercover in a titanic black hole, Austin is roped in with other "Death Row contestants from Third World prisons" for a "reality" snuff program. Much as in the wittier Japanese film "Battle Royale," they're dropped on an obscure Asian-island to kill one another off for the video cameras, with explosive devices strapped to their ankles. Gross, serial sadism quickly eliminates most fighters, including the svelte black girl who looks like her top

previous action was elbowing into a changing booth at a fashion shoot. A Mexican hulk gets burned alive after watching his girlfriend tortured, raped and killed. "The Condemned" invites us to condemn our own wallowing. Shouldn't that lead to refunds? This movie has all the appeal of road kill repeatedly worked over by insane truckers. A Lionsgate Films release. Director: Scott Wiper. Writers: Scott Wiper, Rob and Andy Hedden. Cast: Steve Austin, Vinnie Jones, Robert Mammon, Rick Hoffman, Sam Healy, Madeleine West. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R.

Next ★★★ 1/2 - String theory postulates, among other things, that ours is but one of many universes. Furthermore, the future is continually fracturing into an infinite number of alternative universes. In one of them, "Next," yet another adaptation of a Philip K. Dick tale, is the swift, nifty, semi-sci-fi thriller it's supposed to be. In this one, it comes pretty close. Cris Johnson (Nicolas Cage) is a small-time Las Vegas magician who occasionally throws real magic into his act - or at least, what looks like magic: He was born with the ability to see up to two minutes into

his future. If he doesn't like the looks of things, he can alter his actions, and thus change ... everything. As you can imagine, this comes in handy at blackjack. Only for low stakes, though; he's living below the radar and wants to keep it that way. But he's come to the attention of three factions: the casino, which is getting steamed at his constant winning; the FBI, which needs his help in locating a loose nuke some terrorists have smuggled into L.A.; and those very terrorists themselves. Not overly ambitious, "Next" nonetheless keeps you thinking, guessing and entertained. In some universe there's probably even an explanation for Peter Falk's folksy cameo. Not in this one, though. Not now, and, I predict, not two minutes from now. A Paramount Pictures release. Director: Lee Tamahori. Writers: Gary Goldman, Jonathan Hensleigh, Paul Bernbaum. Cast: Nicholas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel, Thomas Kretschmann. Running time: 1 hour, 36 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Hot Fuzz ★★ - Cuteness needs to stay cute. Turning blatant, it crams in cutes like "Hot Fuzz." Of course, the title of this British comedy indicates that we will not get another "Kind Hearts and Coronets." And the Brits do have a tradition of broad comedy, as anyone can attest who knows of Benny Hill or the old "Carry On" films. The somewhat schizo "Hot Fuzz" is a double spoof: of the old Ealing comedies and Miss Marple funnies often set in cozy towns and manor houses, but also ramrod action movies and cop shows (mostly American) that tend to rule the English market. That twin premise is fetching but, as always with humor, fun is in the follow-through. Director Edgar Wright, scripting with star Simon Pegg, winds it up and lets it fly. The result, even hitting its target, tends to splat. Some chuckles expand well. The silly action delivers here and there, with Timothy Dalton as a smugly grinning country squire having more of a virility blast than he ever did as James Bond. Pegg's terrier moves offer some fine physicality. But "Hot Fuzz," which careless video clerks will soon be putting on porn shelves, is spoofing elements that went down the camp trail a long time ago. And Pegg, a good actor, is rather a wet blanket - or a dry tea bag. A Rogue Films release. Director: See Focus, page 21



By Sharon Mosley
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Shoes may be one of a girl's best friends when it comes to fashion accessories, but for many, finding a real deal on a handbag may be one of the best feelings you can ever expect to have - especially if you're like some of us and love to collect one or two or three - or more! A new handbag by your side is also the quickest way out of a style rut. Change your dark leather hobo to a shiny patent leather tote and you change your life - instantly. You don't have to spend a fortune to bag a new lease on fashion life, either. Just scope out a few of your favorite stores or online Web sites for the looks you love. With a little persistence, you'll be able to find a handbag you like for a price you can afford. Although some trendsetters may need to have the latest "it" bag, most of us would rather spend our money on other things - like shoes. And besides, if you're like me, if I spent thousands of dollars on

a purse, I'd feel like I had to be buried with it. I'd rather live a little. Here are lots of ways to spend your money on handbags this spring and summer: ■ Big bags are still stealing the fashion scene. But beware: some bags can be heavy and awkward to carry. Test them out in the store, before you buy these "suitcases." And if you do buy one, make sure you have a smaller "pouch" purse to carry when your shoulders get tired. ■ The white handbag is making big news this year. It's a great buy since it will practically go with anything you wear. But another reminder: make sure the purse you buy is durable and can be cleaned, especially the straps which tend to get the most wear and tear. ■ Bold colored handbags are also fun to add to an accessory wardrobe, especially if your wardrobe consists of a lot of black and white. A bright yellow satchel will do more than boost your fashion spirits. ■ Shine is also a major fashion

buzzword this season. Whether it's bronze, silver, gold or copper, the metallics are the new neutrals in accessories. Like white, these shimmering hues will complement anything in your wardrobe. Patent is another way to shine for spring and summer in playful bright colors, black or white. ■ If you really want to get wild, go for an animal print - another neutralizer in the fashion arena this season. From zebra stripes to python patterns to chic cheetahs, these handbags are roaring to give you lots of style status. ■ And if you really want a bargain that does double duty, check out the beach bags available this year. A great bargain I found this spring was at Target - a huge straw bag with black patent straps - perfect for traveling - even if it's not to the beach. Sharon Mosley is a former fashion editor of the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock and executive director of the Fashion Editors and Reporters Association.

The Sheer Look - Lighten up for the warmer months with delicate nude makeup and subtle color. Shown here is the Nudist collection from Prescriptives (CNS Photo courtesy of Estee Lauder)

Focus

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Edgar Wright. Writers: Edgar Wright, Simon Pegg. Cast: Simon Pegg, Bill Nighy, Timothy Dalton, Jim Broadbent, Martin Freeman, Billie Whitelaw. Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes. Rated R. **Fracture ★★** - When an actor becomes so imperial in evil authority as Anthony Hopkins in "The Silence of the Lambs," that can distort his career. In "Fracture," Hopkins does a new variant on grisly Hannibal Lecter as Ted Crawford, a rich aeronautics genius who loves his trophy wife so much that he calmly plots to murder her (for infidelity) and beat the rap. As the wife, gifted Embeth Davidtz is a hot body made cold. And Rosamund Pike is more plot fodder as the other key woman, a sort of trophy lawyer who makes her move on the young hunk who will try to convict Crawford, the L.A. prosecutor Willy Beachum (Ryan Gosling). Gosling is a smart young actor, yet he seems too much a preening puppy to handle a grizzled dominator

like Hopkins. And the plot twist, by which the freshly humanized Beachum finally gains an edge, is too dumbly clever. Crawford, a chess master of immorality, would have seen it coming. Movies like this, side ventures of the John Grisham franchise, are meant to entertain with "substance" that never risks actual depth. Watching in mild suspense, we might as well be the balls rolling down tracks in Crawford's toys. A New Line Cinema release. Director: Gregory Hoblit. Writers: Daniel Pyne, Glenn Gers. Cast: Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling, David Strathairn, Embeth Davidtz, Rosamund Pike, Joe Spano. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. Rated R. **Disturbia ★★** - If you're going to remake (or salute) a Hitchcock classic, it's fine to start off like "Disturbia." It is not fine to end up like "Disturbia." Probably the title, and the way D.J. Caruso directed a grim road crash at the start, tell us that crafty homage to the Old Master is not quite what the movie has most in mind. Caruso and the writers are bouncing off Hitchcock's 1954 marvel "Rear Window." Instead of

James Stewart strapped into a cast and wheelchair, we now have Shia LaBeouf as Kale. Stewart was a photographer, voyeurizing a huge, deadly, gray-haired hulk (Raymond Burr) across the courtyard of his apartment complex. Bored Kale voyeurizes a huge, deadly, gray-haired hulk (David Morse) who lives next door. Rather than a sullen wife-disposer like Burr, he is a serial killer of women and likes to coyly wink at his viciousness. Instead of Grace Kelly dropping by as Stewart's vampy vision, helping him stake out Burr, we get Sarah Roemer as a coltish dish. The old Hitch witchery is in watching pieces fall into place like pegs, inlaid expertly. Here the pieces are mostly body parts, and old floorboards creak and nothing rivals Stewart's superbly predatory camera. What began as a Hitch party turns to gore, with a closing nod to YouTube. A DreamWorks SKG release. Director: D.J. Caruso. Writers: Christopher B. Landon, Carl Ellsworth. Cast: Shia LaBeouf, Sarah Roemer, David Morse, Aaron Yoo, Matt Craven. Running time: 1 hour, 45 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Pairings

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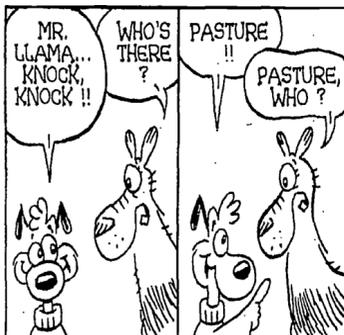
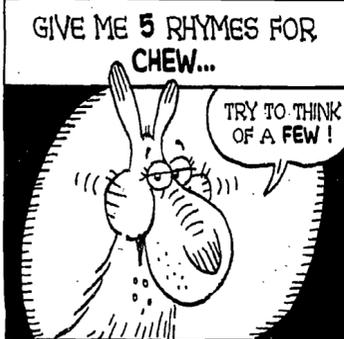
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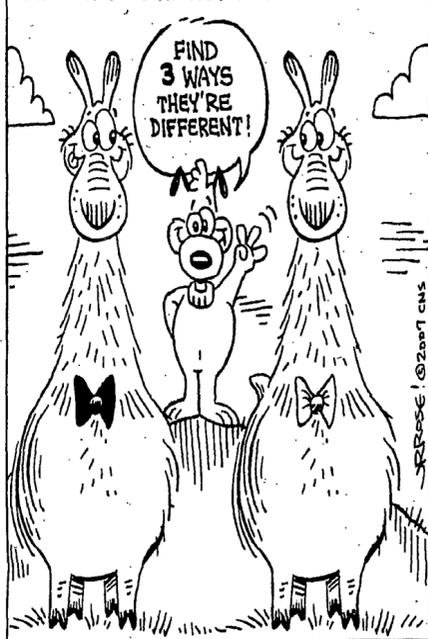
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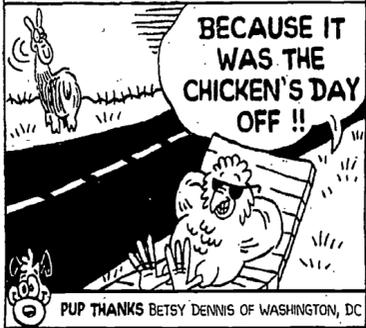
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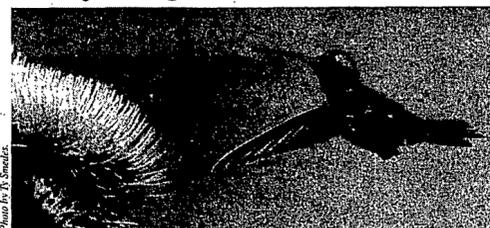
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Week of May 13-19, 2007

Colorful zinger



A brilliant flash, a subtle hum and a sweeping zinger mean it's hummingbird breeding time.

The broad-billed hummingbird, with its hovering wings, metallic green feathers and red-orange bill, probes the nectar-filled recesses of a thistle flower. Detecting the vital juices, the hummer's long, grooved tongue with a split and frayed tip darts to the dainty reservoir and laps up the sweet succulent like a fine brush. The tiny flier also has a taste for pollen grains, spiders and small insects.

Constantly foraging to fuel its high metabolism, the colorful sprite exudes energy, especially at this time of year when breeding and nesting are priorities. The male courts a female with a distinctive display of a repetitive pendulum-swing flight toward her, often accompanied by a high-pitched "zing." The seeming hypnotic act appears to have its effect on her, and the pair breeds. They build a tiny, raggedy cup nest of grass stems, plant down, leaves and bark, all bound together with spider silk, and deposit a pair of jelly-bean-sized eggs.

WHERE TO OBSERVE

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Copper Canyon, Chihuahua
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Guadalupe Canyon, N.M.
Bandelier National Monument, N.M.
Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N.M.
Desert National Wildlife Range, Nev.
Zion National Park, Utah

LOOK FOR

stocky hummingbird
long red-orange bill
metallic green back
broad, notched tail
males: metallic blue throat, white underparts
females: white throat, gray underparts

LISTEN FOR

throbbing hum of wings
clipped "je-dit" call

Broad-billed hummingbird *Cyananthus latirostris*
4 inches

Habitat: open deciduous forests, arid scrublands, semi-deserts
Range Key: Breeding Year-round



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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Complimentary Advice

Complement and compliment are homophones — two words that sound the same but have different meanings. Do you know how to use them correctly? Fill in the blanks with one of the words.

- The pink headband was the perfect _____ to Sara's prom dress.
- I need to _____ our tour guide for this fantastic excursion.
- Gwen's new haircut _____ the shape of her face.



Answers: Complement can be used as either a noun or a verb. It means to make better. Compliment can also be used as a noun or verb and means to praise.

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For its NewWave Caffe Colours of Africa collection, shown here in Okavango, Villeroy & Boch turned to the exotic reaches of Africa for ideas.

Adding Angles helps round out your table

By Maggie Reed
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's hip to be square ... according to Huey Lewis and the News - and Villeroy & Boch.

Villeroy & Boch has been known for the last 250 years for its creativity, inventiveness and entrepreneurial vision by providing quality dinnerware that breaks the circular mold.

The family business began in 1748 in Lorraine, France, when Francois Boch, then an iron founder, started making ceramic tableware. In 1791, Nicolas Villeroy established a nearby ceramic factory. In 1836, these two families merged their factories to form Villeroy & Boch. Wendelin von Boch-Galhau now represents the eighth generation of the Boch family to be at the helm of the company.

While the early pieces were

simple tableware, the ceramics manufacturer has become a leading innovative force in shaping geometric dinnerware that reflects thinking outside the box.

In 2007, Villeroy & Boch continues to explore shapes including decorative eras and ethnic influences. Among others, a new bone china collection resonates of art-deco while a new edition of NewWave reflects an ethnic aesthetic.

For the additions to the NewWave Caffe collector series, the company turned to the exotic reaches of Africa. Animal skins, native crafts, richly woven textiles and the colors of the land. Patterns included in the NewWave Caffe "Colours of Africa" are Amboseli, Mombasa and Okavango.

The concept of the NewWave collection incorporates circles

and ringlets. There's a rhythm and a flow in this simple but powerful design.

NewWave is also making a splash at the bar with a selection of accessories to help make those cocktails, wine and champagne drinks an extra special delight.

The Villeroy & Boch line also includes an abundance of accessories including crystal and glass, and even a range of holiday 2007 designs with distinctive forms.

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Like most of us, bats need the right kind of house

By Jeff Rugg
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Q: We heard a little bit about bats and thought we might want to attract them to our lake house so they will eat the mosquitoes in the yard. However, we do not want them in our house. What can we do?

A: Do you remember the movie "Field of Dreams"? A voice in a cornfield tells Kevin Costner's character, "If you build it, they will come." Well, that was a movie. In real life, they might not come. But, if you don't build it, they can't come.

Bats alone won't solve a mosquito problem, but they do consume vast quantities of insects every night. They also eat night-flying beetles and moths. That is a pest to gardens and farms. If you want to try to attract bats to your garden, you can try attracting their food. The simplest way would be to leave a light on to attract more insects. Of course, the insects are attracted to your lawn and garden as well, which is proba-

bly not a good trade-off.

In some parts of the world, bats are the pollinators of many flowers. Hundreds of commercial products come from bat-dependent plants, including bananas, figs, dates, mangoes and avocados.

A GREENER VIEW

Many savanna and rain forest trees use bats to spread their seeds. Worldwide, about one-quarter of all mammal species are bats. There are about 1,000 total species of bats: They are the only flying mammals. All North American bats are insect eaters.

Bats may have a bad reputation with some people, but are benign to have around. Panicking at the sight of a bat is more likely to cause harm than will the bat.

Bats are not blind and do not become tangled in people's hair. Many use sonar, just like dolphins.

Bats do not get rabies any more so than other animals. It is just in the news more often when they do.

Many more people get sick from mosquito-borne diseases than from bat-borne diseases.

Because bats eat mosquitoes, it is a net benefit to have bats.

Finally, bats are no more likely to nest in your attic if you put up a house for them. But they might move out of the attic if the bat house is more suitable.

If there are bats in your attic, wait until the young can fly and watch where they leave the house. Tape a piece of netting over the entrance with an opening at the bottom. They will crawl out and leave through the bottom opening. When they return they can't get in through the net and won't remember the gap at the bottom.

In the winter, most bats in North America migrate south to warm areas or to caves to hibernate. Some may stay and hibernate in bat houses.

There are several species of bats native to North America. More than some information about common North American bats:

The little brown bat is a very common bat. It is 1 inch to 2 inches long from head to tail and has a wingspan of about 8 to 10 inches. The little brown bat eats as many as 600 mosquitoes per hour. It will take up residence in a bat house in the summer and migrates south to caves and mines for the winter. It is heat-tolerant and can have a body temperature of 129 degrees.

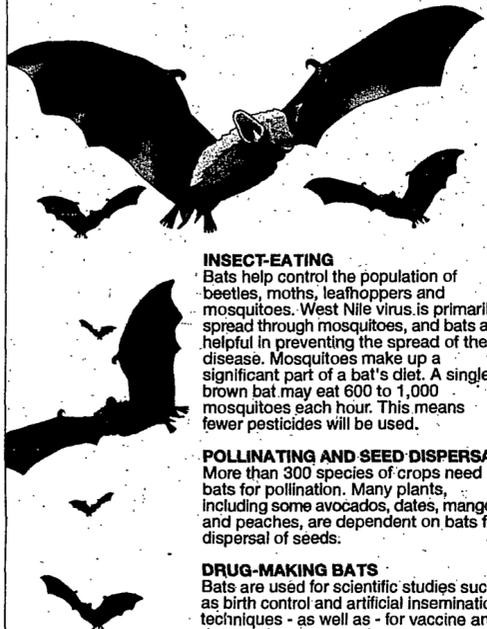
The big brown bat is about twice the size of the little brown bat, about 4 to 5 inches long from head to tail with a wingspan of about 14 inches. It seems to prefer beetles, whose larvae are the grubs in our lawns. It will take up residence in a bat house and sometimes will share the house with little brown bats.

The evening bat, or vesper bat, commonly takes up residence in bat houses and is

GARDEN TIP

Bat facts

Bats are interesting and useful animals that are valuable to mankind. People often fail to realize their benefits because of some serious misconceptions.



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INSECT-EATING

Bats help control the population of beetles, moths, leafhoppers and mosquitoes. West Nile virus is primarily spread through mosquitoes, and bats are helpful in preventing the spread of the disease. Mosquitoes make up a significant part of a bat's diet. A single brown bat may eat 600 to 1,000 mosquitoes each hour. This means fewer pesticides will be used.

POLLINATING AND SEED DISPERSAL

More than 300 species of crops need bats for pollination. Many plants, including some avocados, dates, mangos and peaches, are dependent on bats for dispersal of seeds.

DRUG-MAKING BATS

Bats are used for scientific studies such as birth control and artificial insemination techniques - as well as - for vaccine and drug testing.

between the previous two bats in size. Little is known about where the evening bat migrates in winter. In summer, it is commonly found in urban areas eating night-flying insects.

Another bat that comes to houses is the Eastern Pipistrelle. It is about the same size as the other bats, but it has fur that is three colors of yellowish brown. It migrates to caves for the winter.

Much is yet to be learned. See Greener View, page 25

Bats are becoming less common. Scientists don't know why. One problem is the loss of roosting areas. Nest boxes can help replace that need.

It is important for bats to have safe places to raise their young, because a female bat can only raise only one pup per year, unlike most animals and birds.

See Greener View, page 25

Selling your home for the highest price this spring

If you were bringing your car to a dealer to see how much he or she will give you on a trade in you would probably wash it, clean out the trunk, and clean the interior. Why? To impress the dealer with your shiny car, so he or she will give you more money for it.

It is the same with selling your real estate. We all live in our homes in a manner that is comfortable to us. It doesn't matter if there is a little clutter, or if some minor repairs are needed. When you plan on selling your home, however, you want to clean and shine it up to impress the buyers so they will give you more money for it.

There can be as much as a 10% range in the selling price of a home, depending on how you prepare it for sale and how you sell it, so it is worth while to do some inexpensive things that will help impress the buyers and get a higher price.

Let's start with the outside. Now that the snow is hopefully gone, fertilize the grass. It takes a while for the fertilizer to work this early in the year, but that nice green lawn makes a good first impression to the



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buyers. Do a general clean up of your front and back yard, or have a landscaping company do it. Trim the hedges and remove any dead plants. Get rid of exterior clutter including extra flower pots, beat up lawn furniture, extra landscaping material, and any stuff stored behind the garage. Add fresh mulch to flower beds. Check the fences and gates. Scrub down the patio or deck and the front and rear steps and sidewalk.

Look at your front and rear doors and storm doors. They take a beating during the winter. At least wash them. Paint or varnish the doors if they need it. If there is rust or peeling paint on the railings, paint them the first warm day. Check out your mailbox, address

numbers, and outside light fixtures and either clean or replace them.

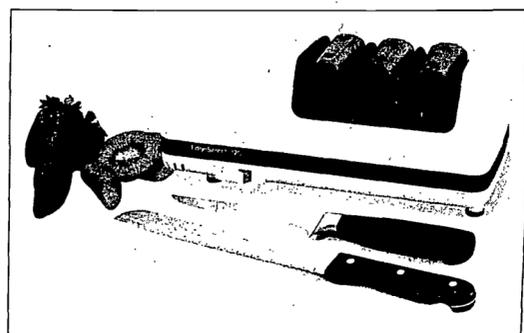
How about outside repairs. Are the gutters sagging? Is the bottom of the garage door beat up? Any loose siding?

You might as well finish the outside work by cleaning the garage. Get rid of anything you won't be taking with you when you move, and hose down the garage floor.

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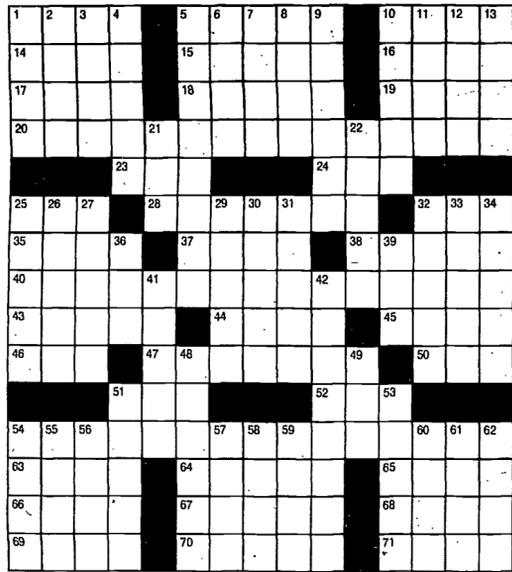
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ACROSS

- 1 Navy commando
- 5 Gremlin-caused mess?
- 10 Website site
- 14 10 Across, in Cordoba
- 15 Loomed
- 16 Where the mouse goes to market?
- 17 Keen
- 18 Rock singers, sometimes
- 19 Venetian bigwig
- 20 Start of a Confucian saying
- 23 "The _____ and I": 1947 film
- 24 Big foot designation
- 25 Saddlemaker's tool
- 28 Flagrant
- 32 Pithy saying: sl.
- 35 Type of movie or gang
- 37 October stone
- 38 It could be grand or rock
- 40 Second part of the saying
- 43 Archetype
- 44 Costello and Gehrig
- 45 Brief sketch
- 46 Tortuous curve
- 47 Baby gear
- 50 Bishop's responsibility
- 51 A sib
- 52 Like a winter wind, often
- 54 End of the saying
- 63 Mild
- 64 Disassemble
- 65 Spoils
- 66 Notion
- 67 Whooping, e.g.
- 68 Sulky gait?
- 69 Enchant: sl.
- 70 Hunks
- 71 Two-time middleweight champ
- 22 Rehab function
- 25 Musician Shaw
- 26 Sondheim's Into the
- 27 New York's Finger
- 29 Fittingly
- 30 Sierra Nevada lake
- 31 Native Alaskan
- 32 Eccentrics
- 33 Hall-of-Famer Banks
- 34 A photo finish
- 36 Double helix molecule
- 39 A TD adds six
- 41 "Kukla, Fran and
- 42 Female hormone
- 48 Intrinsically
- 49 Ring site
- 51 Golf great Sam
- 53 _____ King Johann Strauss
- 54 Soul singer Redding
- 55 Evanesce
- 56 Sign
- 57 Legal starter phrase
- 58 Metric mass measure
- 59 Head count of Muses
- 60 Novelist Ephron
- 61 Discourteous
- 62 Kitchen and cigar follower

DOWN

- 1 Laceration leftover
- 2 Overhang
- 3 Largest of seven
- 4 Serving tool
- 5 "_____, sweet chariot"
- 6 Knot anyplace in Italy
- 7 Tell the truth
- 8 Chop down
- 9 Covert
- 10 Equivocate
- 11 Mozart wrote a concerto for it
- 12 Melchior was one
- 13 Potato features
- 14 Putin's old outfit

Last Week's Puzzle Answers



Be the First to send in the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and your name will be listed in next week's Bugle.

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DELTA FARCE (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30;
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SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:45, 3:15, 3:45, 4:15, 4:45, 5:15, 6:05, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:20, 9:50, 10:20;
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Namesake (PG-13) 4:30, 7:30
Lives of Others (R) 4:30, 6:30

Friday, May 11
Spiderman III (PG-13) 5:00, 8:00
Lucky You (PG-13) 4:30, 7:30
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Saturday, May 12
Spiderman III (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Lucky You (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:30
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Lives of Others (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:30
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