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Park Ridge boy killed in crash, D64 provides emotional support

Park Ridge-Niles District 64 is providing emotional support to the Franklin School community following the tragic death of Gus Pontikis, who had just completed second grade at Franklin School.

Pontikis, who was eight years old, was killed when a pickup truck lost control along a Kentucky highway on July 9. The drunk driver of the pickup truck crossed the Interstate 75 median and struck a car carrying three people from Park Ridge. The truck also overturned and struck a minivan, killing a 25-year-old Ohio woman who was pregnant.

"He was a very kind, positive young boy, and well liked by his classmates and teachers," shared his Principal Dan Walsh, in a press release.

Social workers from School Dist. 64 and the Rainbow Hospice "Good Mourning"

program were available to offer support to students and parents grieving over the loss on July 13, on a drop-in basis.

When school resumes in the fall, the district will continue to offer support to students and staff to help them with this loss.

"We are shocked by the tragic loss of one of our students," stated Supt. Sally Pryor, in a press release. "We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends and trust that they will feel the comfort and support of our school community behind them through this tragedy."

During the summer, those interested may contact Rainbow Hospice for support at 847 685-9900.

The driver of the pick up truck was charged with murder, drunken driving and driving on a suspended license.

Northbrook man charged with battery for assault at Park Ridge Country Club

A 57-year-old Northbrook resident was charged with battery in connection with a report of a criminal sexual assault that allegedly took place on Thursday, July 12 at the Park Ridge Country Club.

A 36-year-old female stated

she was sexually assaulted at the country club.

At the time of the incident, the victim was employed as a temporary waitress at the country club.

The incident reportedly took place at a club sponsored special event held at the country club located at 636 N. Prospect Ave. in Park Ridge at about 7:30 p.m. on July 12.

The man was charged with one count of battery, a class A misdemeanor. The charge is punishable by up to 364 days in jail and/or up to \$2,500 in fines.

The Park Ridge Police Department was assisted in the investigation by the Cook County State's Attorney's office.

The Northbrook man's initial court date is August 13 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cook County 2nd Municipal Courthouse in Skokie.

20-Mile North Branch Bike Trail to be rebuilt

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Reconstruction of all 20 miles of the northern Cook County North Branch Bike Trail has started in Glencoe and will take place in the Niles and Morton Grove area in about a month to a month and a half.

"The biggest thing is we want people to enjoy the trail and be safe," said Joe Mollica, an engineering assistant with the Cook County Forest Preserve.

The work will consist of removing and replacing the trail's existing asphalt.

"It's breaking up in all different places and tree roots are growing under the trail," shared Mollica.

The project goes from north at Dundee Road in Glencoe and continues to the southernmost point at Caldwell and Devon avenues

in Chicago.

In the Niles and Morton Grove area, the trail from Golf Road to Dempster St. will be closed for 10 days; Dempster St. to Oakton St. will be closed for 10 days, Oakton St. to Touhy for 10 days and Touhy to Devon for 10 days.

"Weather permitting, it may be sooner," said Mollica, about the estimated 10-day time frame.

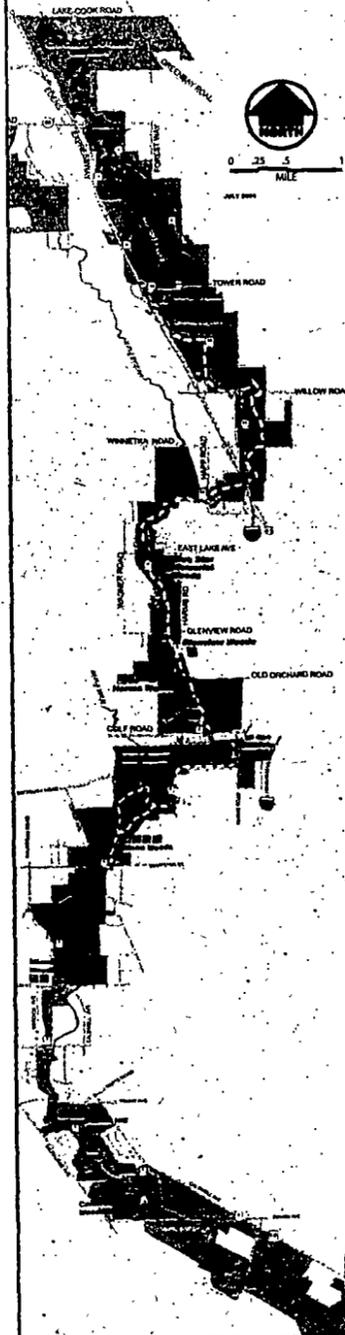
Mollica said that about four years ago work was completed on certain parts of the North Branch Bike Trail, but they decided that the entire trail needed to be reconstructed.

The reconstruction will be completed in October.

The trail is used for bikers, walkers, runners, joggers and rollerbladers and Mollica said they want to make it as safe as possible for all types of exercise.

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Joe Mollica | ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE



North Branch Trail System

KEY

- Water
 - Restrooms
 - Information
 - Shelter
 - Underpass
 - Paved Trails (Solid Lines)
 - Unpaved Trails (Dashed Lines)
 - Trail Intersection Marker
 - Mile Marker
- LENGTH OF MAJOR TRAILS**
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 - Blue Trail 1.6 Miles
 - Brown Trail 1.1 Miles
 - Black Loop Trail 4.4 Miles
 - Red Trail 6.2 Miles (North Section)
 - Yellow Trail 6.1 Miles (North Section)
 - Total Length of Trail 13 Miles**
 - Total Length of Trail 7.9**



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Niles offers free swim when temperature hits 90 degrees

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

When the official temperature at O'Hare hits 90 degrees, swimmers will be able to take a dip for free at the Niles Fitness Center pool.

"This is our first time doing this," said Fitness Center Director Carl Maniscalco, who said that Village Manager George Van Geem came up with the idea. "We thought we'd do a nice service for our residents."

"It's a great savings especially for a family of four," said Maniscalco. The pool can accommodate 100 swimmers at a time so the fitness center encourages those interested to get there as soon as possible once the temperature hits 90.

Park Ridge Police Dept. receives Homeland Security Grant, will offer to share equipment with neighbors

The Park Ridge Police Department was recently awarded a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistant Program (CEDAP) grant.

ered and personnel are fully trained in its use the Park Ridge Police will offer to share it with neighboring police departments.

capabilities, mutual aid and interoperable communications in jurisdictions ineligible to receive assistance through other initiatives: The program is administered by DHS along with the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground (EPG) at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, which serves as their technical agent.

Actor Gene Weygandt now starring in Married Alive Musical

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Park Ridge resident Gene Weygandt is starring as "Ron" in the musical Married Alive being performed at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

Jefferson Award recipient. He has performed as the wonderful wizard of oz in Wicked in Chicago and in New York.

His regional performances include The Music Man, Me and My Girl, Little Shop of Horrors, Lend Me a Tenor and many others.

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Niles Citizens Police Academy to Return Sept. 4 - Nov. 13

The Niles Police Department announced that it would be hosting its Citizen Police Academy on Tuesday nights for ten weeks from September 4 through November 13.

The program is intended to give participants a working understanding and knowledge of the police department and its functions.

Classes take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and include a ride-along with a police officer, firearms instruction, crime scene investigation and other law enforcement related courses.

Those who reside in Niles or are an owner or employee of any business in Niles, are at least 21 at the time of application and are able to pass a criminal background check may apply. Class size is limited and applications will no longer be accepted once it is filled.

Those interested can pick up an application at the Niles Police Department or go to www.vniles.com and search under Citizens Police Academy.

Man charged with Park Ridge crimes

Park Ridge Police arrested a 22-year-old Chicago man who allegedly committed an armed robbery at Brickton Park located at 800 Peterson on July 7.

There was an active warrant for the Chicago man for a forgery case that was reported on April 16. In that incident, the man forged a check in the

amount of \$450 and cashed the check at the Parkway Bank in Park Ridge.

Chicago Police arrested the 22-year-old on July 14 and turned him over to Park Ridge Police detectives.

The same man was also a suspect in a retail theft that took place on July 8 in which he

allegedly stole about \$30 in merchandise from the 7-11 store in the 500 block of Devon Ave. in Park Ridge.

A metal box cutter that reportedly was the weapon used in the armed robbery was recovered in the 1800 block of South Brophy.

The man was charged with

one count of armed robbery (a Class X felony), one count of forgery (a class 3 felony) and one count of retail theft (a class A misdemeanor).

His initial court date is July 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cook County Second Municipal Courthouse in Skokie. His bond is set at \$500,000.

80 Park Ridge homes to be tested for PCB

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

In the next couple of months, 80 homes in Park Ridge will be tested for PCB contamination, as a result of Nicor reporting that appliances of two Park Ridge homes had been contaminated.

In February, Nicor received a call from three homeowners that the water was cold and the furnace was not working to full capacity. In one case, the PCB liquids passed the meter and got into the furnace and the hot water heater.

In May, Nicor received a gas leak call regarding pipeline liquids that migrated

past the meter and into the boiler and water heater of the home.

"It's extremely rare for that to happen," shared Nicor Spokesperson Annette Martinez. "We voluntarily reported it to the U.S. EPA."

Martinez said that Nicor never uses PCBs.

"It comes from the Interstate pipeline systems," said Martinez. "The companies that provide us with the gas."

Martinez said that all detections of the PCBs were so low that Nicor believes that anyone who becomes exposed to them is not at risk.

Nicor representatives attended the Park Ridge City

Council meeting on Monday, July 16 to inform the city council and the public of the contamination and the testing plan.

Forty homes will be tested in July and an additional 40 homes will be tested in August.

"They are in part of the fourth ward and part of the sixth ward," said City Manager Tim Schuenke, about the homes that will be tested.

"It would be wrong to say the homes are contaminated," said Schuenke, who said that in a couple cases the PCBs traveled beyond the meter and into the appliances.

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Birdcage and The Babe and television career includes Murphy Brown, Home Improvement, Drew Carey, Ellen and more. He is also a popular voice over actor.

After being in various performances and productions, Weygandt said two of his all-time favorites are Me and My Girl and Wicked.

"I've been blessed with a lot of good fortune," said Weygandt, about his acting career.

Married Alive opened July 6 at Marriott Theatre and will run until September 2. The theatre is located at 10 Marriott Drive in Lincolnshire.

The Marriott Theatre Box Office is 847 634 0200.

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'Susan Lucci of Mah Jongg' Midwest Champ

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Her friends used to joke around and called her "The Susan Lucci of Mah Jongg."

But, Sharyn Poders, of Morton Grove, grabbed her first Mah Jongg Emmy at the Midwest Regional Mah Jongg Tournament held recently at the Lincolnshire Marriott Hotel.

"I couldn't believe it was finally happening," said Poders, who has been playing for more than 35 years and has competed in a number of tournaments through the National Mah Jongg League. For many years, she has attended the International Mah Jongg cruises.

"I am now the only person

who has actually gone to every International tournament at sea," shared Poders, who has placed in the competition many times but had never placed first before. She described the win as "miraculous."

Poders is now the Midwest Regional Champion. The tournament included 85 Mah Jongg players from as close as the north shore and northwest suburbs to as far as Michigan, New York, Arizona and London. The competition consisted of 48 games and lasted a total of 12 hours.

Her passion for the game is intense, as even her license plate reads, "Mah Jongg."

Poders said although it is nice to be the Midwest champ, the most enjoyable



Sharyn with her daughter, Michelle Josephson at the tournament in Lincolnshire.

part of playing Mah Jongg has been meeting all the wonderful friends that she has made.

"It really has been a lot of fun," said Poders. She said that on the cruises they play Mah Jongg games and sing songs about the ancient Asian rummy game. They have even made videos on the history of the game.

And the love of Mah Jongg seems to run in the family genes.

Poders aunt was the person who "very patiently" taught her how to play the game and Poders daughter is almost as passionate about the game as she is.

It looks like her friends will have to come up with a different nickname for her.

A bit of wizardry sweeps through Park Ridge

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Harry Potter Extravaganza took place at the Park Ridge Public Library and many locations throughout the city on Friday, July 20 until midnight on Saturday, July 21, when the

new Harry Potter book was released.

Kids of various ages and their families participated in the Harry Potter event that featured a wide-variety of activities related to the popular movie.

Activities included an Owl Scavenger Hunt throughout

Park Ridge, Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry, Gringott's, Slug and Jiggers Apothecary, a Charms Class, a Tri-Wizard tournament, costume contests, Azkaban Prison, many giveaways and much, much more.

Families got to taste

Hufflepuff popcorn and test their divination skills at Platform 9 3/4 (academic tutoring center) and try tasty favorites from the Harry Potter books at the Rocky Mt. Chocolate Factory, such as chocolate frogs, wands, cockroach clusters and more.

The sponsor of the community-wide event was Liberty Bank For Savings. Jake Holtgrewe of the main branch and Patty Swanson of the Norridge branch, dressed as wizards, were giving away prizes and conducting an I-pod raffle in the front of the library.

Local 2007 General Assembly Scholarship Recipients Announced

Senator Dan Kotowski (Democrat, 33rd District) recently announced the winners of the 2007 general assembly scholarships.

The following qualified college-level students from the 33rd senatorial district were chosen to receive a one-year full tuition scholarship to a state institution of their choice.

Local students are:

Douglas Bengtson (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) from Park Ridge

Emily Haak (University of Illinois at Chicago School of Medicine) from Park Ridge

T. Paula Candea (University of Illinois at Chicago) from Niles

Michael Pennisi (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) from Des Plaines

In addition, the following students are awardees of a full summer tuition paid scholarship for the summer of 2008:

Breanne Ellwood (Northern Illinois University) from Des Plaines

Natalie Kaminski (Illinois State University) from Des Plaines

Brian Montgomery (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) from Park Ridge

Kellye Stefanski (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) from Park Ridge;

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The General Assembly Scholarships are available to both graduating high school seniors and college/graduate students attending any state university in Illinois.

A non-partisan Scholarship Advisory Committee evaluates all applications and chooses recipients based on excellence in academics, community service, financial need and activities in civil and public affairs.

Ezra-Habonim, Niles Twp. Jewish Congregation of Skokie Events

Tuesday July 31 Conversion to Judaism Class 7:30 PM at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. For more information contact Gail Ginsburg at ehntedu@yahoo.com, call 847-675-4141 or check www.ehnt.org

Tuesday July 31 Hebrew reading series at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. 6:30 PM Introductory, 7:30 PM Intermediate. \$25 synagogue members, \$40 non-members. Call 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org

Tuesday Aug. 7 Conversion to Judaism Class 7:30 PM at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. For more information contact Gail Ginsburg at ehntedu@yahoo.com, call 847-675-4141 or check www.ehnt.org

Tuesday Aug. 7 Hebrew reading series at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. 6:30 PM Introductory, 7:30 PM Intermediate. \$25 synagogue

members, \$40 non-members. Call 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org

Tuesday Aug. 21 Weekday Spirituality class with Rebbetzin Gail Ginsburg. Relaxing, soul-searching, weekly opportunity to discuss Pirkei Avot reading 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. Contact Gail Ginsburg at ehntedu@yahoo.com, call 847-675-4141 or Check www.ehnt.org

Sat. Aug. 18. Lunch and Learn following services at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. 12 P.M. The topic will be Gossip and Jewish speech ethics. Call 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org. The class will be conducted by Rabbi Jonathan Ginsburg.

Tuesday Aug. 14 Conversion to Judaism Class 7:30 PM at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. For more information contact Gail Ginsburg at ehntedu@yahoo.com, call 847-675-4141 or check www.ehnt.org

Tuesday Aug. 14 Hebrew reading series at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. 6:30 PM Introductory, 7:30 PM Intermediate. \$25 synagogue members, \$40 non-members. Call 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org

Tuesday Aug. 28 Weekday Spirituality class with Rebbetzin Gail Ginsburg.

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Pirkei Avot reading 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Ezra-Habonim, Niles Township Jewish congregation of Skokie 4500 Dempster St. Skokie. Contact Gail Ginsburg at ehntedu@yahoo.com, call 847-675-4141 or Check www.ehnt.org

Sat. Aug. 11 Yiddish class and discussion, led by Marvell Ginsburg, follows services at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish

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Wallet containing five credit cards stolen in fitting room

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Wallet Stolen in Fitting Room (7200 block of Dempster)

While a woman was in the fitting room of a store in the 7200 block of Dempster an unknown person took her wallet out of her purse on Tuesday, July 17. The wallet contained \$200 in USC and five credit cards. The woman said her credit card company told her someone used her Discover card to make a \$500 purchase at a store.

Employee Theft (7900 block of Golf)

An employee of a store in the 7900 block of Golf Rd. made 43 returns of digital cameras in order to take \$7,100 from the company from Dec. 31 of 2006 to February of 2007.

Copper Wire Stolen (6500 block of Oakton)

About 700 feet of copper wire was taken from a business in the 6500 block of Oakton sometime between Sunday, July 1 and Monday, July 16. Someone took the copper wire from the main fuse and stripped it from a three-inch steel pipe along the ceiling. The total value of the stolen wire is about \$2,800.

Field House Window Broken (5800 block of Church)

Unknown person or persons broke a window of the Mansfield Park Field House in the 5800 block of Church sometime between Friday, July 13 and Saturday, July 14. A total of \$400 in damage was done to the field house.

Computer, Radio Taken from Vehicle (7600 block of Beckwith)

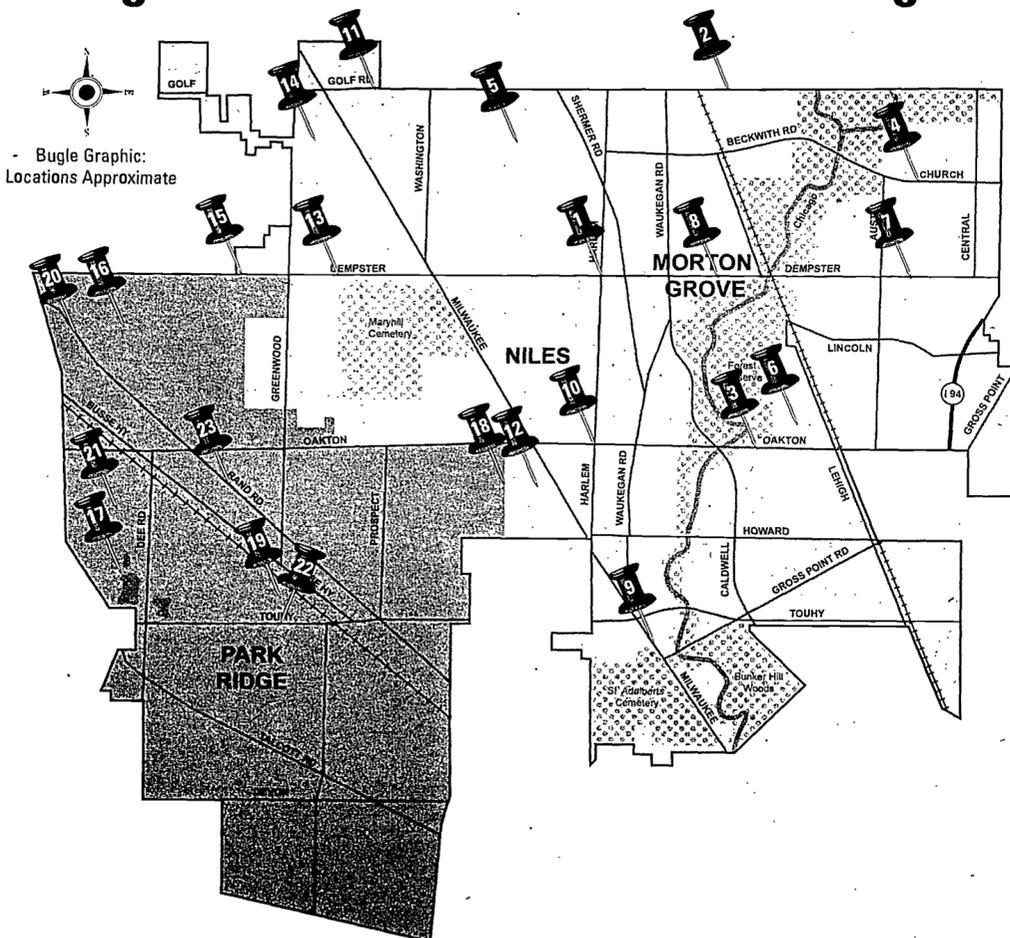
A Dell computer worth \$1,000 and a \$200 radio were taken from a vehicle in the driveway of a residence in the 7600 block of Beckwith on Thursday, July 19.

Equipment Stolen from Vehicle (8100 block of River Road)

Unknown person or persons took a \$1,500 water pump, a \$650 water level meter and a \$600 water quality meter from a vehicle in a parking lot in the 8100 block of River Road on Thursday, July 12.

Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

A 19-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested on Sunday, July 15 at Marmora and Dempster. He was stopped for several traffic violations and



charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding. The court date is July 23.

Battery Arrest (6800 block of Dempster)

A highly intoxicated 36-year-old Chicago man was arrested for battery in the 6800 block of Dempster on Thursday, July 19. The court date is held on August 2.

NILES

Possession of Fireworks (6900 block of N. Milwaukee)

Police found a large box of fireworks on the seat of a vehicle in the 6900 block of N. Milwaukee on Friday, July 20. The box filled with Roman candles, mortar shells and a brick of firecrackers was confiscated.

Ordinance Violations (7200 block of Oakton)

A car gutted, engine hoist in the driveway and car parts were found in the grass in the 7200 block of Oakton on

Thursday, July 19.

Unlawful Use of Credit Card (8500 block of Golf)

Unknown person used the victim's Discover Card that was stolen on June 23 and purchased \$3,060 worth of items.

Storage Trunk Set on Fire (7500 block of Mulford Park)

A storage trunk was set on fire at a park in the 7500 block of Mulford Park on Thursday, July 19.

Burglary to Vehicle (8800 block of Cumberland)

Unknown person or persons removed miscellaneous CDs, sockets and wrenches from a vehicle in the 8800 block of Cumberland sometime between Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19.

Rings Stolen From Store (500 Golf Mill)

A 16-year-old placed two rings in her mouth and one in her shoe and left a store at 500 Golf Mill without paying on Wednesday, July 18. The total value of the stolen items is \$25.97.

Three Felonies (1700 W. Dempster)

A 48-year-old Niles man was arrested on Saturday, July 14 for felony aggravated identity theft, felony theft/deception and forgery at 1700 W. Dempster. The bond was set at \$15,000.

BLOTTER UPDATE

In last week's police blotter, in an item titled "Postal Worker Bit By Dog," Niles police wanted to clarify that they did not find any injury or evidence that this dog actually bit the postal worker. The homeowner said the postal worker opened the door to put the package in the doorway and this is how the dog got out.

PARK RIDGE

Attempted Burglary (1600 block of W. Manor)

A 16-year-old male was seen in a garage in the 1600 block of W. Manor on Friday, July 13 and when confronted the sus-

pect ran westbound on Manor.

Four TV Sets Stolen (200 block of Murphy)

Unknown person or persons took four wall-mounted television sets from a residence under construction in the 200 block of Murphy sometime between Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13. The value of stolen items is about \$7,500.

Front Tires Slashed (700 block of N. Oriole)

Police said unknown person or persons slashed the front tires of a 2000 Ford E150 sometime between Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13. The estimated cost of the damage is \$300.

Criminal Damage to Vehicle (200 block of N. Greenwood)

The victim was driving her 2004 Chevy SUV eastbound on Cedar at Greenwood and passed a grey work van in oncoming traffic on Thursday, July 12. Someone in the van

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reached out the driver's side window and punched the passenger side mirror of the victim's vehicle, causing the mirror to break off the vehicle and crack. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

Bicycle Stolen (1400 block of N. Northwest Hwy)

Unknown person or persons entered the victim's unlocked garage on Friday, July 13 and took a bicycle worth \$500.

Burglary to Vehicle (2600 block of W. Sibley)

Unknown person or persons entered an unlocked 2003 Nissan Murano in the 2600 block of W. Sibley sometime between Monday, July 16 and Tuesday,

July 17. An unknown amount of US currency was taken.

DUI, Damage to City Property (First block of S. Greenwood)

A 22-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Sunday, July 15 for damage to city property, driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a stop sign and driving off the roadway.

Zero Tolerance (Western and Northwest Hwy)

A 20-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Monday, July 16 for zero tolerance, respect to the use of alcohol by a minor. He was arrested at Western and Northwest Hwy. He was released on his own recognizance. The court hearing date is August 14.

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Kosher, catered monthly Shabbat dinner is offered at Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St. Skokie, 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org Shabbat St. Skokie, 847-675-4141 or

www.ehnt.org Friday Aug. 17 non-membersw \$17

Opera star Cantor Benjamin Warschawski will be leading services with rabbi Ginsburg at his congregation, Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St. Skokie, 847-675-4141 or www.ehnt.org Shabbat Aug. 3-4 and 17-18.

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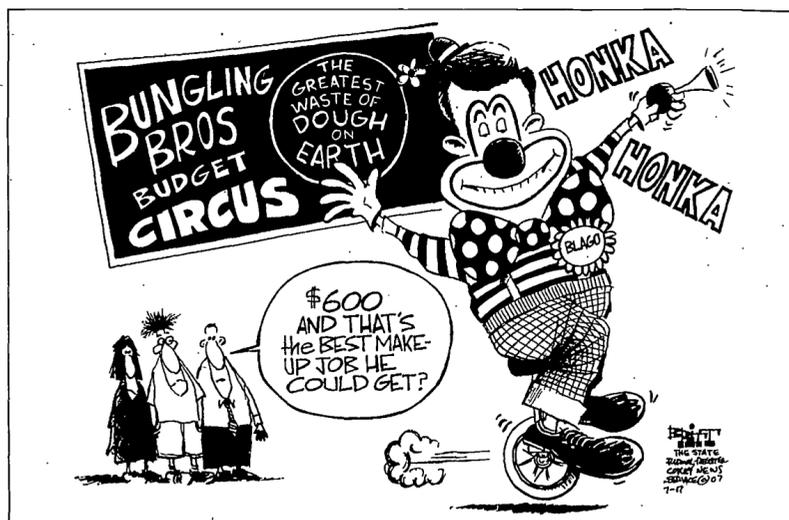
Letter to the Editor

Tear Downs Oversized

There was a hope that the poor housing market would stem the flood of teardowns in Morton Grove. I am not against all teardowns, just the ones where the buildings appear to be oversized for the small lots they are built upon. Even the teardowns on reasonable sized lots seem to lack a certain degree of tastefulness. They are all boxy looking with some small attempt to dress it up with a decorative facade. Back to oversized tear downs, the village currently has a limit on them of no more than 60% of the total land area can be used for living space. That includes the total floor space of a first and second story plus garage. There is an additional limit on the height of these buildings. The recent tear down buildings I have observed have pushed the law to the limit, and possibly exceeded it, swallowing up most of the backyards and side passageways alongside their neighbors. This has the negative effect of taking away village green space and shad-

owing neighbor's homes from sunlight which is blocked by these giant structures. The common opposing argument is that if we restrict building size too much, nobody will come to Morton Grove to build new homes. It seems that nothing will stop these builders from coming in, even in a depressed housing market. The village of Niles has recently increased their restriction on home size from 60% to 55% to deal with this very same problem. We should follow their lead on this one. Also, whatever authority oversees the appearance of these buildings should clamp down on both the architecture and surrounding shrubbery, as both seem to be in need of improvement. People have moved to Morton Grove to enjoy the open suburban feel of the area, and escape from the congestion of neighboring cities like Chicago. I am not against progress and improvement, but it has to be done in a tasteful way.

S. D.



Traditional Tradition

We have so many holidays that it is easy for them to blend together. George Washington is a wonderful hero and a truly great man. His sacrifice, honor and courage are so critical to our nation's founding that it would be hard to imagine our success without him. Abraham Lincoln led our country through challenge and turmoil. He managed, through prayer, patience and perseverance, to hold our union together. It rightly could have split forever and the America we know and love today would not even exist. The threat wasn't just from within, but from without as well. England, France and other continental powers eyed our lands and resources hungrily. Today we celebrate these grand men of our founding in a generic President's Day, a bland holiday that has essentially lost its meaning to time and convenience. Did you even think of these essential figures from our history on President's Day?

Niles is my favorite place and the tradition of our Fourth of July parade is a wonderful tradition. Too many villages, towns and cities have a corporate feel and it shows. Friends talk about the parades they attend as lame and boring. The tradition in Niles is to have a Fourth of July parade that is affirmative and optimistic. A traditional celebration of our country's independence. Celebrating our nation's founding is a tradition which is being lost in many places, along with a real love of country and an understanding of what it means to be an American. Look at the difference in our celebration.



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

Approximately 3,870 American flags honoring soldiers lost to date in both Iraq and Afghanistan were placed at Notre Dame High School before the parade. Rightly recognizing the great sacrifice made by others on our behalf. I did not meet a person who took the time to see it or explain its significance to their child who did not choke up. Retired Trustee Tom Bondi deserves a real vote of thanks for leading our annual parade. Bands come from across the nation and it makes you proud to see that other states care to celebrate this great date. Our police, fire and public works look top drawer. Our community, business and neighbor-made floats are delightful. Seeing people stand as our veterans carry our flag by is heartwarming and refreshing. If we don't respect it who will?

Simply put our parade is appropriate, positive and fun. The Park Districts end of parade bash is terrific and seems better every year. Friends outside of Niles are always pleasantly surprised by the grand sense of community and the delight and pride we have. But, one sad aspect to the parade is the age of many of those serving through traditional

service organizations like the Lions, Shriners, and Kiwanis. Too few young adults are taking up the call to fill the ranks in these organizations and meet the needs of the less fortunate. Organizations like these bring people together and create strong communities through direct service and interlocking relationships. They build and sustain communities. They are the unsung heroes and the silent majority working hard through duty and love to make Niles what it is.

Civic service needs the next generation or it is lost. Family traditions are critical to passing along the gifts of the past into future generations. In the end it is relationships that make or break communities. There is a push in schools to force kids to volunteer, but force and volunteerism are two contradictory trends. They don't go together. Service must be voluntary and it is up to parents to teach their children, by both word and deed, how to build and sustain their community. Parents who join and volunteer are the best example to the next generation of how to keep communities strong, safe and whole.

The Niles Fourth of July parade is just a single event and the most public. It is fun, wholesome and American. But, behind the scenes all year long are hundreds of our fellow citizens and neighbors working diligently to make Niles the best place to live for all of us. Gratitude is a tradition worth remembering and celebrating all year long.

Thanks for all you do.

Morton Grove Chamber names new Executive Director

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Mark Pendergrass is the new executive director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and a special open house to welcome him was held yesterday, Wednesday, July 25.

Pendergrass was previously a

sales associate with a state farm office in Morton Grove. He was attracted to the position as the executive director of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce because of the wide variety that it entails.

"It has a lot of different aspects to it," shared Pendergrass, such as the administrative aspects,

creative components, networking events and more.

"I like Morton Grove," said Pendergrass. "It's close to everything and it has a small town charm to it."

One of his main goals for the chamber is to increase its membership. Currently, there are about 250 members and he

would like to see that grow to 350 within the next couple of years.

Originally from Tennessee, Pendergrass has an English degree from the University of Tennessee. He has a wife who is a nurse in Evanston and two kids, four-year-old Sabine and 1-year-old Elliot.

Pendergrass feels that his experience with sales in his prior position will be of benefit in this new position and help with attracting new chamber membership.

Pendergrass and his family now reside in the East Rogers Park area of Chicago, but he said they are thinking about moving to Morton Grove.

Drivers, start your internet connections

By Kathryn Balint
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Information superhighway, meet the original superhighway. We already shop on eBay from our desks at work, download

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the latest "Heroes" episode at home and watch music videos on our cell phones. Now, road warriors can keep surfing as cars - one of the last unplugged realms - are equipped with computers and high-speed Internet connections.

"You'd think we'd have enough work to do at home and at work itself, but people want

to be connected in the car as well," said Ervin Manlapaz, a Best Buy Geek Squad agent in San Diego.

Business travelers were among the first to use the Internet while on the go, bringing their laptops and high-speed cellular connections to check e-mail and map routes to the next sales call or conference.

Those cobbled-together systems are being replaced by computers and devices specifically designed to access the Internet from inside vehicles, despite worries about introducing more distractions to the nation's freeways.

In addition to the few companies already retrofitting cars

with built-in computing systems, automakers such as Ford, Nissan and Volkswagen are working to include in-dash computers with wireless broadband Internet connections in new models, possibly as early as next year. The systems handle the connections differently: In some, the Internet can be accessed only while parked, while others stream content to rear-seat screens or read the screen content aloud.

The first commercial deployments of wireless access in vehicles were in law-enforcement cars and on commuter shuttle buses.

AVIS Rent A Car System offers a wireless Internet device for its



rental vehicles in San Francisco for an extra \$10.95 a day. The company plans to roll out the service to other cities this year.

Made by AutoNet Mobile, the device is about the size of a

three-ring binder and plugs into a vehicle's cigarette lighter for power. It serves as a router by accessing the Internet via a cellular network and then beaming a See Alert Consumer, page 10

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Family tees off with new 'Golfer Girl' magazine

By **Tod Leonard**
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

When it came to a vote, Claude Hooton never had a chance. The only male in a family of five, he should have known better than to mix the passions of his wife, Michelle, and their three girls.

Talk golf with the Hooton children - Libby, 16, Courtney, 13, and Chloe Belle, 10 - and their eyes sparkle with joy. Put their sport

together with fashion, writing and photography, and their enthusiasm goes off the charts.

So when their dad laughingly suggested a couple of years ago that the San Diego County family

start a golf magazine for girls, it was a gimme that his effort at entrepreneurial whimsy would be met with a thoughtful silence ... followed by squeals of "Let's do it!" A shopping spree at Nordstrom would not have gone over any better.

"My dad was joking, but we all took it very seriously," Courtney said. "This is something we really wanted to do."

After months of late nights, countless hours of work and thousands of dollars spent, the Hootons have self-published the premier issue of GolferGirl Magazine, a quarterly they hope will eventually reach a sizable portion of the reported 2 million girls in the U.S. who have picked up a golf club.

"People said we should do an e-newsletter or a pamphlet, but our

thought was that we're going to do this right or not do it at all," said Claude Hooton, an executive in a real estate company that owns medical office buildings on the West Coast.

"We hope that this gives other girls a sense of community. The thought is, 'You're not the only one out there. Maybe you only have five girls in your tournament. But there are thousands of girls like you across the country.'"

The inaugural 72-page magazine features junior golf star

MacKinzie Kline on the cover. It is slickly produced and brightly colored, and is packed with player profiles, features, advice columns and instruction.

Even the ads are eye-catching, like those for Ogio's pink "Diva" golf bag and Glove It's matching gloves and visors for junior girls. Possibly most important to the Hooton women: There are lots and lots of clothes toogle.

"There is no sport that has better clothes!" Michelle Hooton said with a laugh.

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WiFi connection throughout the vehicle. Any WiFi-enabled laptop can connect to it.

AutoNet Mobile, based in Marin County, Calif., plans to sell the \$399 devices through dealerships this year. The service requires a monthly connection fee of \$39 to \$49.

AutoNet's chief executive, Sterling Pratz, a former race-car driver, said he saw the need for a simple in-car Internet solution while traveling two years ago with his niece, then 9. She had a Sony PlayStation Portable and a Web tablet in the back seat, but no WiFi connection to hook up to the Internet.

Pratz remembers thinking, "There are a lot of cars on the road, yet none of them have the Internet yet."

AutoNet Mobile was born.

"Your car becomes a mobile hot spot," said Susan McGowan, Avis' director of public relations. "It's a very nice application if you are a business traveler with a bunch of people in the back seat who want to check their agenda for the meeting. It's also a nice application for leisure travelers. We all know what it's like to keep your kids entertained in the back seat."

Promoters see a market in vacationing families, predicting that Web surfing and downloading music will replace license-plate bingo and back-seat bickering.

Other companies that have new automotive Internet products for sale or products in the works for private vehicles:

- WAAV, a Cambridge, Mass., company, sells a \$499 wireless router designed to beam a high-speed Internet connection throughout a vehicle. A monthly fee, starting at \$59.99, is required for cellular broadband Internet service.
- Dash Navigation, based in Mountain View, Calif., is devel-

oping an Internet-connected navigation system for vehicles.

- KVH Industries of Middletown, R.I., last year introduced the \$1,995 TracNet 100 Mobile Internet System, which also works over a cellular broadband connection. The system is designed to provide high-speed Internet access in vehicles, such as sports utility vehicles, that already have built-in television screens. The monthly connection fee is \$59.99 and up.

"It's an extension of the living room and the office for families who want to stay connected," said KVH spokesman Bob Ochsner, who recently demonstrated the system in San Diego aboard a GMC Yukon Denali SUV.

Just how many people are going online while in a car is unclear.

"I would say it's too new to have statistics for it," said Michael King, a research director for Gartner market research firm.

However, he said that sales of data networking cards for laptops made by Novatel Wireless and Canadian competitor Sierra Wireless have doubled year over year for the past two years.

Today, most Internet users hitting the road don't use any special or built-in equipment. They equip their laptops with data-networking cards and subscribe to cellular broadband service with Sprint Nextel, AT&T's wireless unit (formerly Cingular) or Verizon Wireless. The service generally costs \$60 to \$80 a month.

When retired Vice Adm. Walter R. Davis leaves San Diego to visit his mother in North Carolina, he plugs his laptop into the cigarette lighter of a rental car and hooks up to the Internet via his Verizon Wireless networking card.

"I have it all ready in case I want to find a restaurant or just Google for directions," Davis said.

HAVE YOU HEARD

Edward Jones Named No. 1 Full-service Broker - Again.

The financial services firm Edward Jones again was named the No. 1 full-service brokerage firm in the August edition of SmartMoney magazine, according to the two Niles Edward Jones financial advisors.

The firm placed ahead of six other firms and received high marks in the four categories surveyed by the magazine: stock picking, customer satisfaction, trust and customer statements.

Edward Jones, which ranked No. 1 in 2005 as well, received five-star ratings in client statements and customer satisfaction. In addition to its own research, SmartMoney used a customer-satisfaction survey from J.D.Power and Associates, a trust survey from Forrester Research, a review of customer statements from Dalbar and stock-picking performance reviews from several equity research companies to determine the rankings.

The financial advisors include: Jeffrey Cardella, Nick Katsoolias.

Niles Park District Happenings



At the July Board Meeting, the Board recognized Executive Director Joe LoVerde for his 10 years at the Niles Park District. President Bill Terpinas stated "Under his leadership the community has enjoyed new and improved facilities and beautiful parks. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the entire staff of Niles Park District we are proud of the great job he has done for all the residents of Niles."



Safety Committee members Julene Valle and Jim Stoneberg, along with Executive Director Joe LoVerde accept awards from the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) in recognition of the Park District's commitment to safety. Executive Director LoVerde said that we take safety very seriously at the Niles Park District to create a safe working environment for not only our employees, but also for our customers. Executive Director LoVerde thanked everyone for another outstanding year.

SUMMER CAMPTASTIC 2007

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A'S FEST 2007 OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

A's Bar invites everyone to the A'S - 2007 OUTDOOR MUSIC FEST on Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19. The festivities will kick-off both days at 1:00PM and conclude at 7:00PM. Three bands will be featured on Saturday, including national recording artists, THE IT'S. On Sunday, the outdoor festival continues with local classic rock favorites, ONE WAY STREET and UNDERCOVER. Look for more details in next week's edition of The Bugle or stop by A's Bar located at 8751 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles - (847) 965-1013

Niles Park District Preschool Openings

We are still taking Resident & Non-Res registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2007-2008. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3 & 4 year old classes. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, until classes are filled. For more information on our

Bright Beginnings Preschool Program, please stop in the Howard Leisure Center or call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed to you.

Liberty Bank Adds Cash Cage to Park Ridge Shredding Day

Liberty Bank for Savings will have its popular "Cash Cage" as part of the free Shredding Day on July 28 at the Park Ridge office, 1018 W. Touhy. The event will held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2007. The public is invited.

The "Cash Cage" is an inflatable booth in which there will be a 30 second opportunity to grab up to \$200 in cash. Participants will be given vouchers for all money collected during their



"Clown Around" for FREE at Pioneer Park

Everyone is invited to Niles Park District's annual "Clown Nite" at Pioneer Park, 7135 Harlem Avenue. This well-known and most popular event takes place tonight, July 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Rain date is Tuesday, July 31. Those who come "dressed up" for the occasion, wearing a costume, adult or child, will

time in the cage. Then, they can take the vouchers to any Liberty Bank branch and open an account with the funds. Depending on the type of account opened, additional incentives could add to the initial deposit amount.

According to the Park Ridge Police, identity theft is a growing problem in the Chicago area. Residents are encouraged to protect themselves from identity theft by getting rid of unnecessary financial documents. You can bring up to 25 lbs. to be shredded on July 28.

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A Brit blitz on what you need to know about David Beckham

By Mark Zeigler
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

David Beckham may or may not make his debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy on Saturday night against English club Chelsea, pending the status of his swollen left ankle.

But when he does step on the field and instantly elevate the profile of American soccer, here's what you need to know about the 32-year-old midfielder the international media loves to call "Spice Boy."

The Measurements
The Galaxy says he's 6-feet, 163 pounds, but more commonly over his career he has been listed at 5-foot-11 and as little as 148.

The Position
Beckham made his name as an outside right midfielder, swinging in dangerous crosses from the wing. But he fashions himself as a master ball distributor, and Galaxy coach Frank Yallop will put him in the center of a 4-3-3 formation - the theory being that his talent is wasted (particularly in a mid-level league such as MLS) if he's stuck on one side of

the field. It's a position he has played sparingly, with limited success.

Most notoriously, he played there in England's embarrassing 1-0 loss to Northern Ireland in 2006 World Cup qualifying. But he also played in the middle for Manchester United in its epic 1999 UEFA Champions League final against Bayern Munich and for Real Madrid when he first joined the Spanish club in 2003.

"I probably played some of the best football I've played in my career," Beckham said of his central role with Real Madrid. "I don't have any concerns."

The Family
You know the wife, former Spice Girl Victoria "Posh" Beckham. This move is as much or more about her career than his, evidenced by all the TV time she's already logged (Jay Leno last Friday, an hour-long NBC special Monday).

The rest of the family, you'll barely see at all. The Beckhams are adamant about keeping their three sons - Brooklyn (8), Romeo (4) and Cruz (2) - out of the spotlight, so much that they were whisked out a back entrance on the family's arrival at LAX last

week while David and Posh walked through a gantlet of paparazzi.

The House
Their new mansion - or is it a villa? - in Beverly Hills has six bedrooms, nine bathrooms and 13,149 square feet. The listing sheet described it thusly: "The H-style floor plan sprawls across the 1 1/4-acre site, maximizing city and ocean views while creating enchanting and intimate interior and exterior spaces that flow seamlessly."

The official sale amount is not yet listed in public records, but it has been widely reported the Beckhams paid the asking price of \$22 million. With, say, 20 percent down and a 30-year mortgage at 6 percent, your monthly payments would be a mere \$105,521 - not including property taxes or home owner's insurance.

That's nothing, though. Beckham plays Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes just bought a place around the corner for a reported \$35 million.

The Cars
Beckham has a soft spot for exotic cars, and over the years his garage has included a \$220,000

Lamborghini Gallardo along with the latest from Ferrari, Porsche, Jaguar, Aston Martin and every other exotic car manufacturer you can imagine. He is a driven player on the field, but not off it; he prefers to pilot himself everywhere.

When he arrived in town last week, two cars were waiting at the top of the long driveway to his new home: a Cadillac Escalade for him and a Bentley Continental GTC convertible for Posh with "VB" monogrammed on the rims and headrests (estimated price: \$190,000). The Hollywood rumor mill claims they were both house-warming gifts from Cruise, which Beckham denies.

"I bought them," he said.
The Silver Screen
Beckham has actually played himself twice in movies - in the "Goal" trilogy about a player from Los Angeles who makes it big in England, and in archived footage in "Bend it Like Beckham."

And that's the end of it, he says of the swirling rumors that his true motivation for coming to L.A. is to parlay his friendship with Cruise into an acting career.

Oldest Church in Niles
Thursday, January 12, 1984

The Congregation of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave. (near Harlem) in Niles will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on Sunday, January 15.

Two special festival celebrations are planned at the regular worship hours of 8 and 10:30 a.m. with a Fellowship hour held between services.

Coffee and cake will be served by the Ladies' Circle. The earliest services on record were conducted in 1848 in a home that stood on the land now occupied by St. Matthew Lutheran Cemetery on Shermer Road.

Back in 1859, on January 12, the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John Congregation of Niles was formally organized and is therefore regarded as the official birthday of the church. At that time, The Rev. F.T. Hennicke the spiritual leader of St. John, the oldest church in the All American City of Niles. The church was a frame building measuring 30 by 50 feet; the lower part of it was built of brick and served as a school and parsonage costing \$1,311.63.

Harczak Receives Probation in Bank Fraud Case
Thursday, January 19, 1984

Richard Harczak, long time Niles civic leader and former president of the Dempster Plaza State Bank, was sentenced on Thursday January 12 to four year probation following his pleading guilty to two counts of an eight-count indictment of bank fraud.

Harczak, a former Niles trustee, was indicted in the U.S. District Court following charges he had defrauded the bank of \$70,000 after issuing false statements and an unapproved letter of credit to bank customer Anthony Salemi.

Additionally, Harczak was charged with making a false statement in an attempt to help Salemi get a loan from another bank.

Shadur also ordered Harczak to do 1,000 hours of community service work during the period of the probation.

Niles to Sponsor Property Beautification Contest
Thursday, March 1, 1984

Is the exterior of your home/property and its landscaping one of the most beautiful in the village? Are you one who appreciates flowers, trees, shrubbery, greenery, decorative rocks and stones?

Then you will be greatly interested in a unique new Village of Niles contest that will start in the spring of 1984, which will be overseen by Village of Niles Trustee Peter Pesole.

"In keeping with and promoting the village beautification program and in order to keep our community a desirable place in which to live and shop, Niles is sponsoring a contest to give recognition to those people who have made their home and landscaping the most attractive in the village," stated Pesole.

The contest is open to all who live within the boundary lines in Niles and is divided into two different categories: residential and commercial/industrial. \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

Judging of all the property (front and side portion where your home is seen by people passing by) will be made by an independent non-biased horticultural society; awarding of prizes will be during the month of August, 1984.

Gale-Force Winds Hit Bugleland
Thursday, May 3, 1984

Thousands of Bugleland area residents were temporarily without electricity following Monday's wind storm in which winds were measured at over 60 miles per hour, however, village officials said the damage to property was minimal.

By far the most serious problems caused by the wind storm were the power outages that began about midnight on Monday, April 30.

Commonwealth Edison Co. spokesman Bob Reidel said on Tuesday the winds caused "a multitude of indi-

vidual (home) interruptions during the storm.

However, the large interruptions began about midnight to approximately 1,000 residents in the area surrounding the 9000 block of Milwaukee Ave. The power was restored by 4:30 a.m. in this section.

At 4:43 another 1,000 customers lost their power in the area near the 8200 block of Golf Road.

An additional 1,000 customers lost their power near the 8,100 block of Monroe Street when the breaker fuses in a substation on Golf Road, east of Milwaukee Ave. opened.

Major damage was done to the roof of Gemini Jr. High School, Ballard Rd and Greenwood Ave. in Niles.

Mulcahy's Fire Under Investigation
Thursday, August 2, 1984

Niles police and fire officials began conducting an arson investigation following a fire, described by officials as the worst in memory, which destroyed Mulcahy's restaurant, 7740 Milwaukee Ave., early Monday morning.

Niles Police Chief of Detectives Ray Giovannelli and Niles Fire Department Duty Chief Gordon Michalsen said on Tuesday the arson investigation will include taking debris from the fire to be tested for traces of gasoline, kerosene or other accelerants. The arson investigation includes a detailed background check on the restaurant owner, Nick Kouzakes of Niles, according to Giovannelli.

Additionally, Niles will receive assistance in the investigation from the Morton Grove and Glenview Fire Departments as well as state investigative agencies.

A patrolling Niles police officer spotted the fire and called it in to fire officials at 5:04 Monday morning.

Ten Niles fire vehicles were sent to the scene as well as one Morton Grove fire engine and a ladder truck from Glenview.

During the fire, up to 25 firemen worked to contain the blaze which gutted the entire building with an intensity fire officials described as out of the ordinary.

Kosiba Slam Dunks Park Board
Thursday, July 19, 1984

Niles park commissioner Dan Kosiba had a bug up his nose or in his ear Tuesday night as he took scatter-shots at park district policies, heatedly confronting new park president Mary Marusek.

Kosiba began an evening of slam-dunking when he took off after the one-month old financial manager concerning an article appearing in a DesPlaines newspaper. Kosiba said the manager's quotes made the board seem like it didn't know what was going on in the financial planning of the district.

Kosiba demanded to know what evaluation the new manager has for setting up computers for the district. Park president Mary Marusek told Kosiba to give the new man a chance since he's only been in the district for one month.

Operation Santa Claus
Thursday, December 6, 1984

Some of the members of the Niles Police Department are again going to bring Santa to your home on Christmas Eve. In order to make all the stops necessary, he will be transported in a Niles Police squad car.

According to Sergeant John Katsoolias, community relations officer and Dennis McEnerney of the detective division, last year's program was tremendously successful. That's why we must do it again. The officers said, "just seeing the delight on the children's faces made it all worth while."

Village Ok's Suit Against Postal Service
Thursday, October 25, 1984

Niles' never-ending battle with the postal service now heads for the federal court as a result of action taken at Tuesday night's village board meeting.

Niles Trustee Ang Marcheschi who has been battling with postal authorities for 20 years said a request

was denied forbidding Niles' mail delivered at the northwest end of town to be addressed with the Niles village name and the 60016 zip code.

This area is within the Des Plaines postal district and has created havoc for Niles in the past. Marcheschi sent letters to the Terrace Square apartment complex in the Dee-Golf Road area addressing them "Niles 60016."

He said about 50% of them were delivered. When Marcheschi met with the Des Plaines postmaster he said that his request was denied to use the Niles village name on envelopes along with the Des Plaines zip code number.

Marcheschi related how this postal confusion temporarily cost Niles \$750,000 in sales tax money in the recent past. Revenues from the K-Mart store west of Greenwood were earmarked for Des Plaines rather than the Village of Niles because the mail was addressed to Des Plaines.

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According to Sergeant Katsoolias, the job gets done with the help of those jolly two fellas, Pat Byrne and Gary Amato, along with Santa's helpers, Kim Kollath, Joanne Katsoolias and the Katsoolias children, Annamarie, Diane and Nicholas.

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Notre Dame receives \$10,000 grant

Notre Dame High School science teachers recently received a \$10,000 grant from BP Group to create a curriculum based on the study of alternative energies.

Physics teacher Fran Pelrine, Earth Science teacher Pam Fish and Astronomy and Chemistry teacher Erin O'Connor will teach their students about a variety of alternative energies.

Funding will create Alternative Energy Curriculum

In March 2007, Notre Dame became a green school when it was the first high school in Illinois to install three solar thermal panels on the roof of the George Holley Science and Technology Center.

"We want to spread the excitement of being an alternative energy leader to our stu-

dents and use these physical plant improvements as a teaching tool," said Pelrine, who was the primary writer of the grant, in a press release. "What better way is there to learn than through real-life applications?"

BP awarded \$1 million in grants to 94 educators from

Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties.

"It is important that the students learn how to be forward thinkers not only with their financial resources but also with our natural resources," said O'Connor, in a press release. "It is also important that they become individuals

who ask well-informed questions with regards to the use of our natural resources and the development of new technologies."

In addition to the alternative curriculum being implemented, there are also plans to install more solar panels that will reduce fuel costs and decrease carbon dioxide emissions.

OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

King Lear Festival at Oakton's Skokie Campus

Robert Falls, Michael Halberstam, and Andrew Wachtel are among the popular lecturers scheduled for "The Many Faces of King Lear," a six-week celebration of Shakespeare's classic tale of family conflict, presented by the Emeritus Program at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Registration for the entire 11-event series is \$50; individual lectures are \$10 each.

The program opens Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2:30 - 4 p.m., with Halberstam, artistic director of the Writers' Theatre, discussing "King Lear as Theater." On Wednesday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (with a lunch break 12-1 p.m.), a group of Oakton faculty, staff, and Emeritus students will present an unabridged staged reading of King Lear.

Throughout the festival, participants will be able to view and discuss various film versions of King Lear, including those starring Orson Welles, James Earl Jones, and Paul Scofield in the

title role. Wachtel, dean of the graduate school at Northwestern University and an expert in Russian and South Slavic culture, discusses the Russian film version, Korol Lir, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Falls, artistic director of the Goodman Theatre, closes the festival 2:30 - 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, with a wide-ranging Q-and-A session.

"The Many Faces of King Lear" is made possible in part by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Council. To register, call 847-635-1414 or 847-982-9888,

press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes, course fees, seminars, and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

Enroll in Oakton Real Estate Classes

Enroll in real estate courses offered this summer by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College. Featured courses meet at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

Real Estate Salesperson and Broker Exam Review (REL E93-31) provides a review of the Illinois Sales/Broker Exam and is designed to provide a better understanding of national and Illinois-specific material. Sample questions and testing strategies are available for home study. One-week course meets 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 7. Course fee is \$65.

Home Inspection Exam Review (REL E95-31) prepares students for the Home Inspection Licensing Exam. Class meets 4-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 9. Course fee is \$65.

Explore Health Information Technology Program

Students curious about the booming field of health informa-

tion technology are invited to attend a free information session, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

This session is designed for those who wish to know more about Oakton's degree and certificate programs in a variety of HIT disciplines, including coding, medical billing, medical office management, and medical transcription. Faculty members will be on hand to discuss program requirements and industry employment trends.

For more information or to register for this free info session, contact Sherry DeMonte at 847-376-7034, or sdemonte@oakton.edu.

Oakton Hosts Free Sounds of Summer Concert

Students and faculty at Oakton Community College join forces to perform at two free music recitals Tuesday, July 24, and Thursday, July 26. Both "Sounds of Summer" concerts, featuring faculty members Carey Polacek and Michael Adamczyk, begin at 8 p.m. at Oakton's Performing Arts Center, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

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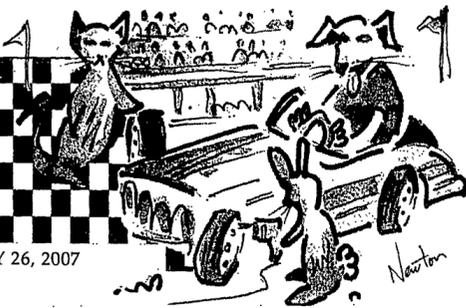
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Brookfield Zoo's East Mall to be filled with August Zoo Tunes

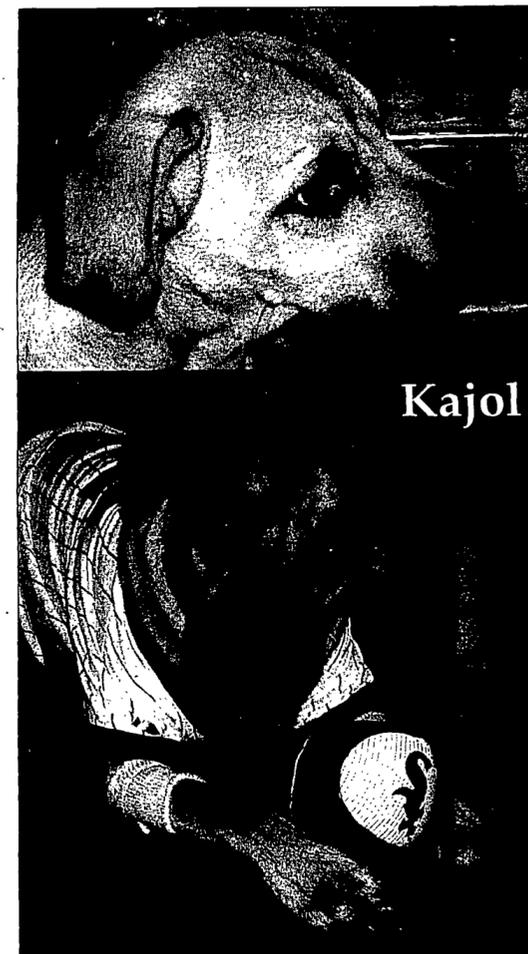
When it comes to kids' tunes, youngsters will be delighted with the line up of entertainers scheduled to perform this summer at Zoo Tunes at Brookfield Zoo. If you've missed the June and July Zoo Tunes, grab your picnic blanket or lawn chair and get ready to enjoy live music on the zoo's East Mall during August. The concerts, sponsored by American Airlines, will be held on Sunday afternoons and are all FREE with general zoo admission.

On Sunday, August 5, at 3:00 p.m., Zoo Tunes will welcome Disneymania! Concert for Conservation featuring T-Squad and Chris Warren Jr. of the Disney Channel's "High School Musical." T-Squad, a vocal and dance hip hop/pop group, is comprised of four uniquely talented young performers of amazing dance skills, electrifying vocals, and unbelievable presence. The members—Boo Boo Stewart, Jade Gilley, Miki Ishikawa, and Taylor McKinney (Kid Karizz)—share a unifying desire to show people that friendship and trust are the keys to a better world and they do it all through "phat" beats and tight moves. Chris Warren Jr. starred as Zeke, the basketball player who secretly loves to bake in the Emmy award-winning movie "High School Musical 1" and "High School Musical 2" that will be released in August. He is also featured on the movie's soundtrack, which was the best selling album of 2006. On television, Chris has guest starred on shows such as "Just Jordan," "The Bernie Mac Show," "The Bold and the Beautiful" and many others. The Disneymania! Concert for Conservation, presented by Build-A-Bear Workshop and also sponsored by Animal Planet's "Meerkat Manor," San Disk's Sansa Shaker, and Kewl Magazine, will give audience members great music while learning about conservation.

On Sunday, August 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Ralph's World will take the stage at Brookfield Zoo. Created by indie rocker and songwriter, Ralph Covert, the band's first children's album was released on Mini-Fresh Records, a new division of Chicago's famous indie label Minty-Fresh. It received enormous critical acclaim—with Billboard magazine calling it "the best children's album of this or any year." Since then, he's released three more adult-friendly/kid-oriented albums: "At the Bottom of the Sea," "Happy Lemons," and "Peggy's Pie Parlor." In addition to creating children's music, Covert teaches songwriting classes at the Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago.

To wrap up the summer Zoo Tunes, Children's Dimetapp will give new meaning to the word "boogie" this cold and flu season when its 12-city musical event—The Children's Dimetapp Breathe & Boogie Tour—kicks off at Brookfield Zoo on Sunday, August 26, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicago-area families are invited to participate in this free, multi-sensory experience complete with giveaways, singing, dancing, and a live performance by award-winning children's music artist Brady Rymer and the Little Band That Could. A former RCA Records label artist, Brady Rymer's children's music has been recognized by the Parents' Choice Foundation, Publishers Weekly, Dr. Toy, iParenting Media, and the National Parenting Publications Association. An acclaimed rock-and-roll artist, Brady shared the stage with such music icons as Bob Dylan, David Crosby, Dave Matthews, and The Grateful Dead's Bob Weir before becoming a dad and shifting his rock focus to kids. Brady Rymer and The Little Band That Could offer a unified, joyous, and spirited experience, a show the entire family can enjoy.

The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service. For more information about Brookfield Zoo, visit www.BrookfieldZoo.org.



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Boston Terrier	19 lbs	3 lbs	24 lbs
Chihuahua	4 lbs	1 lb	38 lbs
Maine Coon	17 lbs	8 lbs	71 lbs
American Shorthair	14 lbs	5 lbs	68 lbs
Persian	11 lbs	5 lbs	54 lbs
Siamese	10 lbs	4 lbs	45 lbs
Singapura	6 lbs	1 lb	25 lbs

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You've Got 'Doggie-Mail'

NEWSUSA

If you're hearing dogs talk to you, don't panic. It may only be your e-mail.

Petcentric.com, a Web site devoted to information and stories about pets, recently introduced a feature called "Doggie-Mail," an interactive service that allows dog lovers to send free e-mail messages in the voice of their very own customized canine.

When visitors log on to the site,



they can choose one of three animated dogs to convey their message and then customize the character's wardrobe, props and scene. They can choose to deck out their dog in a cowboy hat and dress shirt, or jazz up the pooch's panache with a feather boa and sunglasses. They can then pick a variety of backdrops for the dog, including a dude ranch or a festive Hawaiian beach.

After choosing a dog and customizing its outfit, users select a prerecorded message for the dog to speak, or type in their own message and choose a voice to accompany it. Petcentric.com also offers a toll-free number where users can record a message in their own voice. Once the e-mail has been customized, they can send the talking dog and its message to as many friends as they like.

Visitors to the site can also watch clips of actor and author John O'Hurley reading excerpts from his new book "It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump: And Other Life Lessons I Learned from Dogs."

"Dogs bring out a host of emotions in us," said O'Hurley, "not the least of which is humor."

For more information or to start using Doggie-Mail, visit www.petcentric.com. The site also contains a gallery of pet photos submitted by subscribers, feature articles, product and book reviews and other pet-related content.

Fitness Program for Pets

FAMILY FEATURES

It's no secret that obesity is growing at an alarming rate in the U.S. But, many people might be shocked to discover they need look no farther than their own backyard to discover the latest victims of this epidemic—pets.

That's right. We've supersized Fido and Fluffy. An astounding 35 percent of the total pet population in the nation—48 million cats and dogs—is considered overweight. Overeating and too little exercise are the chief culprits, with many pet owners greatly contributing to poor nutrition, without even realizing it. (Feeding a pet table scraps tops the list of faulty feeding habits; one ounce of cheese

fed to a 10-pound cat is equivalent to a human eating a whopping three and half hamburgers.)

However, there's good news: It's not too late for our plump felines and chunky canines to shed a few pounds. With proper nutrition and exercise, cats

and dogs can get down to their ideal weight and remain there—an important step toward enhancing a pet's overall health and well-being.

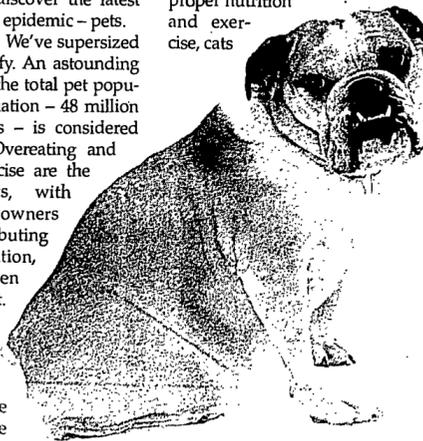
"The major factors of obesity are the same for people and pets, high caloric intake and a decrease in physical activity," says celebrity personal trainer and multiple dog owner, Gunnar Peterson. "Many pet owners think that food equals love, but this is not the case. My dog Lennox would much rather wrestle with me than have a treat, and it's a workout for both of us."

Peterson recently teamed up with Hill's Prescription Diet to kick off the 2007 Hill's PetFit challenge, a comprehensive weight loss program tailored specifically for cats and dogs that focuses on proper nutrition and



exercise. As a first step, he recommends that pet owners schedule an initial appointment with their veterinarian to determine the best way to proceed with their pet's weight loss goals, and to schedule regular checkups throughout the year to monitor progress.

By working with a veterinarian and tracking progress online through www.PetFit.com, pet owners can see results as time goes by, which helps motivate them to keep up their pet's new nutritional plan and exercise regimen. See Fitness, page 17



Survey: Canines are Kings of the Castle

NEWSUSA

Ever wonder what your dog does while you're away? A new survey shows that most dogs are enjoying the comforts of home: Nearly 70 percent of dog owners say their dogs spend at least half their time hanging around indoors.

When asked what their dogs do all day, 66 percent of American dog owners thought their dogs lounged the day away, while only 9 percent imagined their pets romping with toys.

Many dogs have a lot of free-

dom in the home, according to the survey, which was conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs on behalf of Purina Little Bites Indoor Complete brand. Thirty-six percent of dog owners allow their dogs into every room in the house, as long as they follow special rules, while 28 percent of dog owners offer their pups free reign over the entire house.

The majority of dog owners surveyed said their pets spend most of the day sleeping, so diet is a special consideration for these dogs, who might not expend the same amount of energy as their outdoor counterparts.

Inside dogs can benefit from a high-protein food, such as Purina Little Bites Indoor Complete, which is specially formulated for indoor dogs to help maintain lean muscle mass and ideal

body condition. Vitamin E and minerals also help keep the skin and coat healthy, as indoor dogs can be prone to dry skin.

What about home decor? How much does Fido influence your decorating? The survey showed that 31 percent of all dog owners decorate with their dogs in mind. Generations X and Y are at the forefront of this trend; 41 percent of dog owners between the ages of 18 and 34 have dog-friendly decor.

Perhaps it's the practicality that appeals. After all, if your pooch is home all day, it's wise to invest in a little stain-resistant flooring or scratch-proof furnishings. If money were no object, 63 percent of dog owners surveyed would buy furniture that resists shedding, stains and tears. And 75 percent would buy their pampered pups all new furniture of their very own.

For more information on the survey and nutrition for dogs, visit www.longlivedog.com.



Pet of the Month

Submitted by: Sarah Gummadi

Kajol is one of a kind and not just because of her name. She has been a gift from God, bringing my family and friends closer together. She is a mixed breed, part Rottweiler, Doberman and Husky. She just celebrated her 3rd birthday on July 4th. Physically her most unique asset is her eyes. They are two different colors. The left one is brown and the right one is blue. She is a sweetheart with a sweet tooth. She loves everything she can get her hands on or should I say paws on. She is a loving, gentle and undeniably a beautiful best friend!

Send us your pet's picture and story to editor@buglenewspapers.com.

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Some of the tools available on the site include: a weight check tool, which estimates the ideal weight of a dog or cat based on breed size, age, current weight and a calculated body conditioning score; the weight tracker, a personalized calendar that charts progress and provides feedback to set and maintain goals; and a calorie burn chart, which shows how calories

are burned as a result of common activities such as walking, swimming or strenuous play. The site also offers nutrition and exercise tips for pets, including dog and cat workouts and feeding do's and don'ts.

"The bottom line," says Peterson, "is to stop lovingly overfeeding, get out and exercise with your pets and ensure their food has the right mix of nutrients."

For more information, visit www.PetFit.com.

Niles Senior News

August Naturally Active Contains Fall Course List

A list of the courses that begin the first week of September can be found in the September issue of our magazine. Please register as soon as possible for classes of your choice. Classes have minimum and maximum enrollment numbers.

Medication and Sharps Disposal Program

Friday, Aug. 24th 9am- 1pm
This program will ensure an environmentally-safe disposal and guard against potential theft of old medications and sharps. This program is for residentially-generated unused prescriptions, expired over-the-counter drugs and needles known as "sharps." NO commercial or industrial waste will be accepted and ID's will be checked. In addition to disposing of medications and sharps, SWANCC will also provide a one-quart sharps container to residents who administer home-injections.

Get Niles Senior Center News By E-Mail

Do you have an e-mail address? We are starting an e-mail list in order to send "breaking news" about events at the Niles Senior Center. This list would be used to let members know of upcoming classes, events, and trips that are filling up fast. If you would like to be on the e-mail list, contact Kathryn at 847-588-8420.

AARP Safe Driver Program

Monday July 30 & Tuesday, July 31, 12:30-4:30pm

This class is eight (8) hours, spread over two days. Both days are required in order to receive certification for the course. This course is designed to help you: tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the rules of the road; learn about normal age-related changes and how to adjust your driving to allow for them; reduce your traffic violations and chances for driving related injuries; and qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction or discount (Specific state insurance laws vary so please contact your insurance agent). You MUST pre-register for this class, and a \$10 payment is required on the first day of class. The \$10 fee is accepted by check ONLY and must be made out to AARP.

5th Annual Flea Market

Saturday, September 15- 9:00am-1:00pm

Drop on by and see what treasures you can find at our annual Flea Market. It's always a lot of fun! A raffle to benefit the Niles Food Pantry will be held. Winners need not be present.

A hot dog lunch will also be available.

Milwaukee - Mader's & Miller's, Thursday, Aug 9, 10am-4pm \$50

Join The Men's Club as we

travel to Milwaukee. Our first stop will be a delicious lunch at Maders, featuring a choice of entrée. Then we're off to Miller's Brewery for a tour and asome tasty samples. Registration now open to non-residents.

West Suburban Wonders

Tues, August 7 8:30am- 3:30pm \$57

Guided Tour. **Stop One:** BAPS Mandir-the largest Hindu Mandir in the US.

Stop Two: Lunch at FIGO (Salad, baked spinach pasta with cheese, tiramisu, coffee & tea

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Senior Center's First Annual Variety Show Sept. 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.

Summer Dinner and a Movie

Wednesdays, 5-8:00pm
Join us every Wednesday

evenings for dinner and a movie. A lite dinner will be served at 5PM prior to the movie. You must register in advance if you are planning to join us for dinner.

Wednesday, Aug 1st, **Because I Said So** (PG13) Diane Keaton, \$2 Hot Dog

Wednesday, Aug 8, **Babel** (Extreme Violence/R) Brad Pitt, \$3 Pizza

Wednesday, August 15, **Music & Lyrics** (PG13), Hugh Grant, \$2 Hot Dog

Wednesday, Aug 22, **The Last King Of Scotland** (Extreme Violence/R) \$3 Pizza

Wednesday, Aug 29 **Happy Feet** (PG) animated \$2 Hot Dog

Explore The World: Greece
Friday, August 24, 12:00-2:00pm \$7.00

Before leaving on our "arm-chair" adventure, enjoy a delicious lunch featuring Grecian Chicken, a Baked Potato and Baklava for dessert. Then we're off..

Athens & The Peloponnese: Marvel at the advanced engineering used at the palace of Mycenae. Explore the evolution of Greek art at the National Museum in Athens. Hike up the majestic and classical Acropolis and immerse yourself in history.

The Greek Islands: Travel the Aegean Sea by ferry to the wondrously rugged, volcanic island of Santorini; tour the rarely visited island of Samos. Advanced registration req.

Park Ridge Senior News

Friendship Square Bricks

The spring brick order for the Center's Friendship Square has arrive and has been installed. However, you can still buy a brick to help fill in the empty spaces. Buy a brick for a friend, neighbor, or family as a memorial or an honorarium. The cost is only \$50 for the 4x8 or \$100 for the 8x8. You need only stop at the Center and pick up a form.

Discussion Group

The weekly Discussion Group meets Wednesday mornings in the Senior Center library at 10 a.m. Rita Johnson leads the group on current events topics.

Meeting on Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m. is the Humanities discussion group. They read and discuss books from the National Issues Forum. The new topic book is entitled, "Too Many Children Left Behind: How Can We Close the Achievement Gap?"

You can expand your scientific knowledge on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. with the Science Club. They meet in the Center library. Bob Pfaendner is the moderator.

Senior Center Bikers

Do you like to bike ride? The Center is starting a bikers group that meets Tuesdays at 9:00a.m. All you need is your own bike, a helmet, water, and an interest in riding for fun and exercise. The ride will take about an hour and will be in areas close to home, in very low traffic in areas in south Park Ridge. There is no charge. If you have any questions, call Teresa at the Center, 847-692-3597.

Ceramic Classes

There is a very enthusiastic and creative group of people who participate in the ceramic classes. They meet on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon. Stop in and see what goes on and meet the talented and experienced instructor, Mickey Currie.

Obituaries

Carol A. LoSasso

Carol A. LoSasso, nee Tollefsen, age 71, beloved wife of Sam; loving mother of Greg (Cher), Cindy (John) Niedospial, Claudia (Joe) Crigler, Matt (Debbie), and Christy (Ken) Santos; dear grandmother of Lisa, Nick, Stephanie, Samantha, Jennie, Katie, Ashlee, Austin, Cali and Nicky; cherished sister of Dick (Carol) Tollefsen. Visitation was at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles on Wednesday, July 25, 2007. Funeral Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 10 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Donations to the MS Society appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com

Barbara Schmidt

Barbara Schmidt, age 94, beloved wife of the late Bernhard Schmidt; loving mother of Maria (Nikolaus) Bappert, John (Karoline) and Joseph (Paulette) Schmidt; dear grandmother of eight; great grandmother of 13. Visitation was Monday, July 23, 2007, at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Funeral services Tuesday, July 24, 2007, to St. John Brebeuf Church. Interment St Joseph Cemetery. 847-966-7302 or sign a guest book at www.skajafuneralhomes.com

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Members and \$33 for non-members. There must be 25 people registered for this trip.

Second City Show

Enjoy the fun and laughter on this Thursday evening, Aug. 9 trip from the Morton Grove Senior Center to see Second City's "Girls Night Out: Touched Up." It's all fair game as these comedy geniuses push it to the limit when they take on Pick-up Lines, Speed Dating, Motherhood, In-Laws, Amorous Girl Friends, and Marital Bliss. The bus departs from the Senior Center for Arlington Heights at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$46 for Senior Center Members and \$53 for non-members. There must be 15 people registered.

Mayflower Tours Trip Previews

Mayflower Tours will highlight their upcoming "Mediterranean Cruise," "Costa Rica," "California Dreaming," and "The Tournament of Roses Parade" Trips from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Sudoku Classes

Sudoku, the number logic puzzle involving the digits one through 9, is a great brain exercise for people of all ages. Two free classes will be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. with a second class following at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be five participants registered by July 26.

Tea Talk: Cooking With Tea

Tea expert, Anne Marie Hampton will discuss the bene-

fits of cooking with tea at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. This is sure to be a very informative and enjoyable presentation with sampling opportunities. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 10 people registered by Aug. 3.

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Maine Township Seniors Plan Summer Trips, Classes and More

MaineStreamers

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

AARP Driver Safety Program

Monday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP.

Cost: \$10 check due on the first day, made payable to AARP.

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and rules of the

road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

'Lazy Days' Luncheon

Wednesday, Aug. 15. Doors open: 11 a.m. Lunch served: 12 p.m. Casa Royale, 783 Lee St., Des Plaines. \$14 members/\$15 guests. + \$1 fish.

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Stay for entertainment by one-man-band, Larry Levin. He will play a wide variety of music; from the Roaring 20's to 70's disco. Bingo will follow.

Reservations and cancellations must be received by Tuesday, Aug. 7.

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.

Day Trip

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

'Festival of the Vine' Trip

Geneva, IL. Saturday, Sept. 15 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$36 members/\$41 guests.

Let's enjoy a splendid autumn day in beautiful Geneva, IL. We will start out at the beautiful Mill Race Inn for a relaxing lunch as we view the Fox River. Choose from Swedish meatballs served over fettuccini or breast of chicken Marsala. Both entrees are served with fresh rolls, soup du jour, chef's vegetable, and Swedish crème with raspberry compote.

Healthy Cooking on a Budget

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for a mouth-watering cooking demonstration and learn to make quick and simple nutritious meals for one to two people.

Of course there will be tasting of the samples that are demonstrated. This program begins at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3 and is presented by Allied Home Healthcare. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$3

for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members. There must be 10 people registered.

Horseshoe Casino

Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will enjoy a day of fun at the Horseshoe

Casino in Hammond, IN on Tuesday, Aug. 7. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and return at 5:15 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center by Aug. 20 at a cost of \$29 for Senior Center

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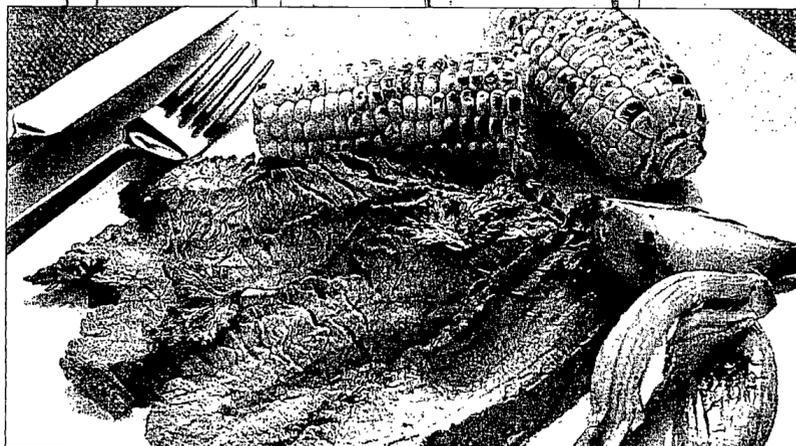
Makes 4 to 6 drinks, 2 cups Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita, 2 scoops orange sherbet, 1 cup champagne, 1 splash grenadine. Place margarita, sherbet and champagne in Magic Bullet (See Below) and mix. Pour and garnish with a splash of grenadine.

FAMILY FEATURES

When the sun starts to sizzle, your taste buds crave something cold, delicious and citrus-flavored. Raise a salt-rimmed glass to the margarita, the classic drink created in honor of beautiful

Mexican showgirl Rita de la Rosa in 1938. We've come to love its tequila, Grand Marnier, and lime flavor so much, we now want it in everything - from cocktails to marinades and bastes, side dishes, guacamoles

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Mexi-Marinated Steak

Serves 4 to 6, 2 pounds flank or skirt steak, 1/2 cup Jose Cuervo Golden Margarita, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1 tablespoon Montreal steak seasoning, 1 to 2 teaspoons hot sauce, 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or 1 teaspoon dried

Mix all ingredients in 1 gallon resealable storage bag and refrigerate at least 12 hours. Remove steak, shake off excess seasoning and grill 5 to 7 minutes per side; test for doneness. Serve as main dish or with fried peppers and onions. Accompany with flour tortillas and favorite fajita sides.

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2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce

1 8-ounce can chunk pineapple, drained (reserve juice)

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into 1-inch strips

2 to 3 tablespoons oil

1 red pepper, cut into 1/2-inch squares

1 green pepper, cut into 1/2-inch squares

1 small onion, chopped in Magic Bullet

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 16-ounce bag egg noodles, prepared according to package instructions

Place margarita, chicken seasoning, teriyaki, pineapple juice and chicken in gallon resealable bag. Refrigerate

chicken marinade 2 to 4 hours.

Take chicken out and reserve marinade. Place oil in large skillet and sauté chicken on high heat until browned. Remove and set aside.

Sauté vegetables and pineapple 3 minutes, add more oil if needed. Add cornstarch to reserved marinade and add to pan. Simmer until it starts to thicken. Return chicken to skillet and heat thoroughly.

Serve over egg noodles

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and desserts.

A great margarita starts with a premium, top-shelf tequila like Jose Cuervo Gold with its subtle blue agave notes, a hint of sweetness and a rich and well-balanced character of oak and vanilla tones. Grand Marnier, the popular French liqueur made from cognac and wild oranges, adds a little sophisticated savoir faire. Juice from freshly-squeezed limes provides the welcome sour tang. On the rocks or frozen? Salt-rimmed glass or plain? It's up to you.

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Movie Review: 'Hairspray'

By James Hebert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It has taken nearly 30 years for John Travolta to make it from 1959 (in "Grease") to 1962 (in "Hairspray"). In his defense, the man's been busy, what with getting a sex change and gaining about 200 pounds.

Travolta is the expansive Baltimore mom Edna Turnblad in "Hairspray," the new movie based on the recent musical adapted from the original '88 film, which had the bad taste not to be based on any production beyond the workings of John Waters' brain.

If Travolta's fat-suited turn in the lighter-than-aerosol musical feels like stunt casting - and his Baltimore patois goes down like a bad crab cake - it at least upholds the Edna legacy of sticking a large man in the lady's shoes. (The ex-Edna club includes Divine, Harvey Fierstein and Bruce Vilanch.)

And it works as well as most of "Hairspray," a goofy bouffant of a movie primed with rich '60s atmosphere and held together by the gloss coat of Marc Shaiman's swinging music, which draws heavily

from the school of Early Hepcat.

The mod mood, the Jackie O 'dos and the pastel hues paint such a period feel that when an Esso gas station pops up early on, it's as if we've stumbled on the set of "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg," the 1964 French confection whose climax immortalized the Esso name.

Although racial integration is a key "Hairspray" theme, the movie's sensibility is more Darin than daring. It does take a shade more sober of an approach to the subject than the stage version, directed to eight Tony Awards by the Old Globe Theatre's Jack O'Brien.

What's really on the movie's mind, though, is a broader idea of acceptance, and the vessel for that message is a bubbly tugboat of a teen, Tracy Turnblad (Nikki Blonsky).

Unlike Mom, who has exiled herself inside the family home since before Ike's first inauguration, Tracy refuses to feel shame about her weight. In her film debut, Blonsky radiates a sense of ease that makes the headstrong Tracy feel sweetly genuine and look surprisingly light on her feet.

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THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG-13) 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:50, 4:50, 6:10, 7:10, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45; Fri-Sun Matinee 11:00am
I KNOW WHO KILLED ME (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00; Fri-Sun Matinee 11:15am
NO RESERVATIONS (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40; Fri-Sun Matinee 10:15am
HAIRSPRAY (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Fri-Sun Matinee 10:30am
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Fri-Sun Matinee 10:45am
SICKO (PG-13) 12:50 3:40 6:30 9:15; Fri-Sun Matinee 10:00am
HARRY POTTER & THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13) 12:15, 3:45, 7:15, 10:30
TRANSFORMERS (PG-13) 3:00, 6:20, 9:45; Fri-Sun Matinee 11:45am
RATATOUILLE (G) 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20; Fri-Sun Matinee 9:45am
LICENSE TO WED (PG-13) 2:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15; Fri-Sun Matinee 11:30am
LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13) 12:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10; Fri-Sun Matinee 9:50am

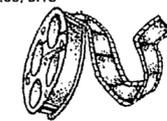
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Hairspray (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15



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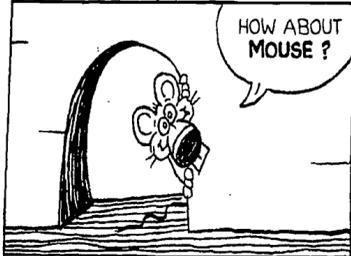
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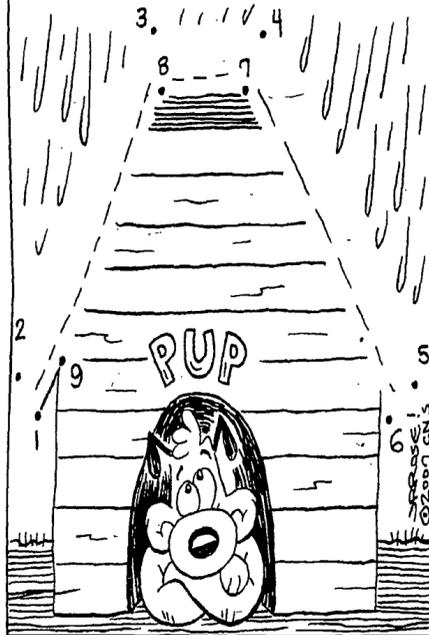
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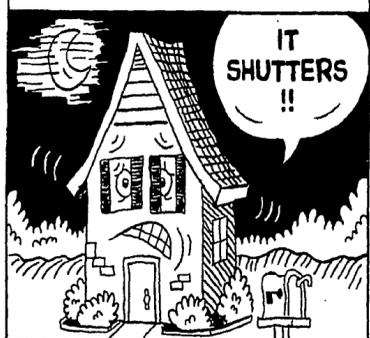
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ANIMAL ON THE SEEN

Mighty Meerkats

at Brookfield Zoo

If you like the famous meerkat known as Timon from The Lion King, you'll love the meerkats on exhibit at Brookfield Zoo. Despite weighing only 2 pounds and standing 12 inches tall, meerkats live tough lifestyles and aren't afraid to come face-to-face with danger. Living in the southern part of Africa dominated by the Kalahari Desert, meerkats have many adaptations helping them survive in their hot, dusty environments. They have dark patches of fur around their eyes that act as "sunglasses" by protecting their vision in the harsh sunlight. Also, meerkats are able to survive without drinking water by getting the moisture they need from eating various fruits, tubers, and roots. Another interesting fact is that meerkats can safely eat scorpions without getting hurt because they are immune to the venom. They just bite off the stinger and snack away!



Unlike Timon, who spends all of his time with a warthog, meerkats live in underground burrows in large groups of up to 30 members called a "mob" or "gang." When attacked by a predator, the group bands together to create a powerful foe, capable of chasing off a jackal or even killing a cobra snake! Despite their small size, meerkat gangs can walk up to four miles in a single day—a feat many people would find difficult to do, especially without water! But don't get the idea that meerkats are "all work and no play." Meerkats are extremely social animals, frequently seen grooming, wrestling, and playing with one another. With more than 20 different call sounds, including threatening growls and alarm barks, meerkats are always fun to watch. Come check out the meerkats at Brookfield Zoo's Fragile Desert exhibit, along with some African crested porcupines.

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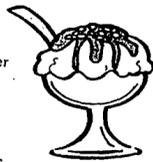
Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Comma Knowledge

Read the sentences below and decide whether the commas are used correctly.

- Melanie and I are going to order big, fat, ice cream sundaes.
- There were three, very chatty girls sitting in front of us at the theater.
- The nurse was a kind, skilled, sympathetic, caregiver.



Answers: 1. No commas are needed in this sentence. Adjectives that are equal in rank require commas. Those that describe different aspects of an item (big and red balloons) do not. 2. No comma needed here. Never use a comma after a number. 3. Remove the comma after "sympathetic." Commas do not come between the last adjective and the noun.

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Making Gardening Good Again

Don't send money down the drain

Water Smart to Save Money

Most homeowners over-water their yards, unwittingly wasting money every time they turn on the hose. Adopting water-savvy habits not only helps reduce this waste, it saves money while promoting a healthier lawn and landscape. According to the Irrigation Association, you should follow these tips to ensure that you're lawn is getting the most out of your watering schedule.

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Innovation eliminates watering headaches – and backaches

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It's more than a little frustrating. You envisioned a relaxing evening watering your garden, checking on plants and enjoying the warm weather. Instead, you've been wrestling with the

hose lying in the lawn creating those tell-tale ugly yellow snake-like paths on the turf where grass dies out or they forego recommended watering practices altogether. A summer-time of this neglect will eventually cause your lawn and garden to die out altogether, costing you thousands in lawn and garden renovation and replacement.



These aggravations have had ergonomics experts searching for solutions. The result: products that are designed to

eliminate the hassle of watering, while making gardening what you want it to be – easier and enjoyable. Products like the No-Crank Hose Reel, which will rewind your water hose with the flip of a lever, accomplish that. Instead of using muscle-power to wind up the hose, No-Crank uses water pressure to power a three-piston engine that automates the hose retraction, eliminating the stress and frustration associated with manual hose rewinding.

Don't confuse the new automated hose reels with the you-crank reels of the past. With these, there is absolutely no cranking involved, and no

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Lighting the Master Bedroom Suite

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Remodeling can be a lot of work, but the payoff is worth the price if you focus your efforts in the right place. Specific home improvements can increase the value of your home above the cost of the improvements. According to Remodeling magazine, which publishes an annual "Cost vs. Value" remodeling report, a remodeled master bedroom suite can return 82 percent to the owner.

Remodeling the master bedroom suite doesn't end with the purchase and placement of a queen- or king-size bed. In addition to selecting furniture, flooring and fixtures, choosing the right lighting elements for the master bedroom and the master bath can be just as important as deciding on wall colors, bed linens and towels. Using the right bulb for the fixture means increased light output, better functionality and overall improved aesthetic appeal. Employ general pur-



pose bulbs in table and floor lamps and enclosed ceiling fixtures. Use globes in lights above the vanity. Try decorative bulbs in chandeliers, sconces or anywhere the light source is visible. And utilize spotlights and floodlights in track and recessed fixtures.

For overhead and general uses, recessed spotlights supplement task lighting, like bedside lamps. GE Reveal and GE Reveal Halogen light bulbs have neodymium in the glass that filters out dull yellow rays, making colors in artwork, wallpaper, carpets, paint and curtains really pop, says GE lighting specialist Kathy Presciano. Add window blinds, which can easily be closed, for light control and privacy.

The bedroom space is not just for sleeping. This room needs flexible lighting that can

change from functional to romantic to suit the need and mood of the moment. Consider dimmable lights — perhaps in the form of a wall-mounted sconce — for decorative and accent lights that set the mood.

Bedside lamps are key for both nighttime reading and for navigating your way out of bed. You may opt for lamps located on a bedside table or ceiling-mounted hanging fixtures. Or, consider mounting swing-arm lamps on the wall which enable you to focus the light right where you want it.

The master bathroom can be a tranquil, peaceful, spalike setting where homeowners can wind down and relax. When lighting your bath consider these tips:

At the vanity or sink, grooming light requires shadowless light from above and from both sides of the mirror or counter.

Bright light sources with translucent or plastic glass diffusers provide good illumination. GE Edison halogen produces bright, crisp white light.

If the bathroom mirror is 36 inches wide or greater, use a ceiling fixture at least 24 inches wide or shielded wall fixtures mounted above the mirror. You may also opt to use a row of exposed globe lights along the tops and sides of the mirror.

For bathrooms with small mirrors, select three matching fixtures. Use a ceiling fixture above the front edge of the countertop or sink and hang two additional light sources, preferably pendants, on each side of the mirror about 60 inches high and 30 inches apart.

Track lights are a great option for accenting tub and shower areas in bathrooms with high ceilings.

Ash tree's drooping branches may be needed for food supply

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I had an Arizona ash tree planted in my front yard last month. It is approximately 10 feet tall and the trunk is 2.5 inches in diameter at the base. The lower branches are 3 to 4 feet in length and spindly. As such, they droop like a weeping willow. Is this typical for an Arizona ash that was in a 24-inch wood box, or should the lower branches be pruned?

A: The small branches of Arizona ash do droop down even though the overall effect of a mature tree is of an upright shape. I would not cut off the branches until they start getting in the way or become less necessary for the tree's health. Right now they are helping supply food to the roots so the plant can

get established. Eventually, there will be more branches and roots, so in a few years these branches will be more expendable.

This is a tree native to wet areas along streams in high desert environments. In its native range, it gets a steady supply of water and it can tolerate both cold weather and drought conditions.

If you planted it where it will get a steady supply of water, it will grow pretty well for its short 30- to 40-year life span. If it doesn't get enough water in the summertime, it will be very susceptible to getting borers, which will require constant spraying to prevent their killing the tree.

Q: Our yucca tree, located in an area of our rock garden, has suddenly had a lot of white creamy looking mushrooms (mold) at the top. The ones protruding

from the trunk are hard. They are also spewing out at the trunk's base onto the stones. The base is extremely large (looks like an overgrown elephant hoof) and is soft, crumbly and cracking away.

It suffered damage during the last two hurricanes, which ripped the upper half and all its limbs to the ground. It made a comeback with many new limbs. We do not water more than on the allotted day; however, the rain and heat may not be helping. It is not as healthy looking as it has been in the past years.

Our landscaper suggests waiting until after hurricane season, and he will either cut it down completely, or partially. I would rather take care of it now if that is what I need to do, because I don't want the oozing stuff getting into the stones of my rock garden.



Garden

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trying to ensure that the hose rolls up evenly by manually pushing each row in place on the reel. Depending on your needs, there are several No-Crank models available with different features, including a swivel base that lets you easily pull the hose in any direction; an auto-sort guide that ensures

the hose rewinds perfectly and evenly every time; a tow-and-go handle and a built-in wheel that lets you move the reel from the front to the back of the house or wherever you need to water; and reels that hold up to 150 feet of hose to allow for maximum reach.

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Water Smart

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Water it right

Watering at the right time of day, when the sun is low, the winds are calm and temperatures are cool, will save a lot of water — as much as 30 percent — by reducing evaporative losses. The best time to water is late afternoon, evening and just before sunrise.

■ Saturate the root zones. Roots are generally within the top 6 inches of soil. Water roots, then let the soil dry. Watering too frequently results in shallow roots, weed growth, disease and fungus.

■ Don't water too long. Water each zone several times for short periods rather than in one long session. This reduces run-off.

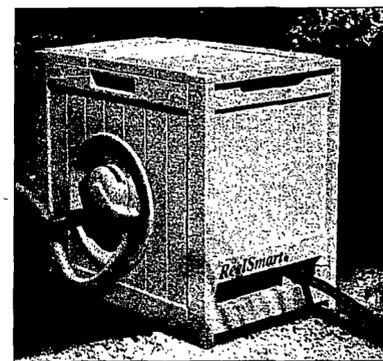
■ Take careful aim. Be sure sprinklers are not watering driveways, sidewalks, patios or buildings. That's all water down the drain.

Plan right and plant right to save water

Conserving water doesn't have to involve a lot of trenching and plumbing. These tips can be implemented as part of your normal landscaping and gardening routine.

■ Aerate your lawn and around trees at least once a year to ensure good water penetration. Turn and cultivate soil, adding compost, or fertilizer, when planting.

■ Mulch well around plants, bushes and trees. Using 2 to 4



A new generation of hose reels takes the work out of watering, encouraging you to stick to your watering regimen. This hose reel by No-Crank will rewind your hose with the flip of a lever.

inches of mulch reduces evaporation, moderates soil temperatures, improves water penetration and helps to control weeds that compete for water.

■ Landscape to suit your lot. Evaluate your yard conditions

(sun, shade, dry and damp areas) and purchase turf or plant species that have low water requirements and are well suited to the area of the yard where they will be planted.

■ Hydro-zone your yard. Group landscape plants with similar moisture needs in the same area. Separate them from turf areas, which have different water requirements.

■ Plant in spring or fall when less water is needed to establish new plants. Smaller plants require less water to become established.

■ Create functional turf areas, for example, in play areas. Avoid using turf where it's difficult to irrigate properly, such as on steep slopes. Good alternatives for hard-to-irrigate areas include ground covers, perimeter plants and mulch.

■ Plant shade trees to lower the air and soil temperatures. This will reduce soil moisture loss.

■ Maintain your yard by mowing, weeding, pruning

and irrigating as needed. A well-maintained yard requires less water.

Upgrade your watering tools

The key to sticking with any irrigation program is to make it as efficient as possible. This means not only using the amount of water you need, but also streamlining the whole irrigation process. If you love caring for your lawn and garden but hate the hassle of prepping watering equipment and wrestling with the hose, consider using an automated hose reel, such as the No-Crank hose reel (www.no-crank.com) that rewinds the hose with the flip of a lever. It not only keeps you and your yard cleaner, but can also help keep you on track with irrigation.

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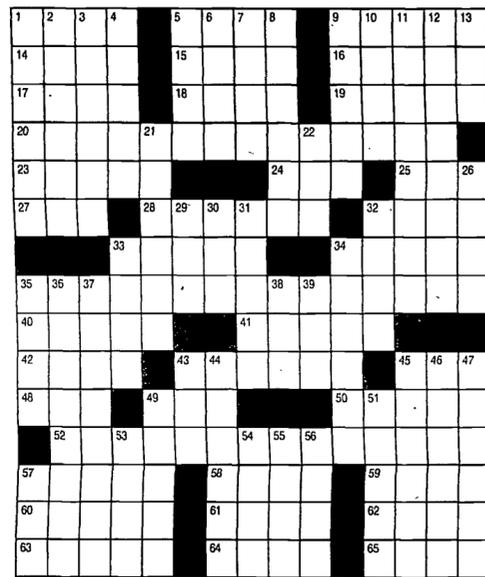
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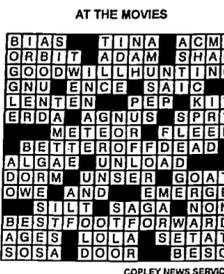
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Consider Materials And Maintenance When Building A New Deck

(NAPSA)-As deck season kicks in, many Americans are thinking about building a new deck or sprucing up an old one.

If you are building, consider the type of deck and materials that will best suit your needs before heading off to the local home-improvement center. Everyone knows about wood decks, but more and more consumers these days are choosing composite materials for their aesthetic value, low maintenance and eco-friendly reputation.

The Value of Composites

It's fun to think about color and other aesthetic issues, but don't forget about maintenance. Proper maintenance of a wood deck means waterproofing every six months and staining the deck once a year to maintain the color and prevent fading. And even before you get to the staining phase, you must clean the deck with chemicals and a pressure washer. Sanding may also be necessary to achieve a smooth finish. In contrast, composite decks are resistant to cracking, warping and splintering. They do not need to be stained or waterproofed.

Composite decks are made from a variety of materials. For example, LP(r) WeatherBest(r), which is available in six different nature-inspired colors, is made from wood flour mixed with high-density polyethylene plastic and then finished with a wood-textured grain to provide the look and feel of wood.

Cost

In addition to maintenance, cost is another important consideration. Wood decking materials range from inexpensive cuts of lumber to long-lasting woods such as redwood or cedar. Redwood and untreated cedar have the advantage of being resistant to insects and rot, but they aren't impervious and still require the regular maintenance associated with all wood decking products. Wood prices are generally lower than composite materials, but you need to factor in the extra expense and time associated with maintaining and repairing wood decks for an accurate cost comparison. While the initial price is higher with composite materials, you can actually save money over time through reduced maintenance.

Maintenance Tips

Once you've installed your new composite wood deck, keeping it looking clean and beautiful is easy:

- Wash down the deck with a garden hose on a regular basis. Pollutants you may not see-pollen, dust, dirt and other airborne particles-will be washed away with regular spraying.
- Scrub off built-up dust and dirt with a common deck cleaner.
- Deal with stains quickly. Don't allow them to penetrate the deck's surface or bake under the sun.
- Clean grease or oil stains with any common household degreaser. Also, keep a splatter guard under your barbecue grill.

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