

PACE hearing stirring commuter emotions

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Many concerned bus riders attended the public hearing regarding the proposed service reductions due to financial challenges at the PACE headquarters in Arlington Heights on Tuesday, July 24.

Residents and representatives from the Village of Niles and many other municipalities attended the meeting and urged PACE not to cut weekend service and eliminate certain routes. The current proposal would eliminate all weekend service.

Many of the residents depend on public transportation to get to work and were afraid they would lose their jobs if their routes were eliminated. A good number of attendees suffered from various physical and mental disabilities and public trans-



portation is their only means of getting around.

"We have an extreme reliance on mass transit," said Niles Village Manager George Van Geem. He said about 360,000 residents use the PACE buses every year and 60% of them are senior citizens.

Van Geem said that Niles is a "diverse, middle income community" and many of the residents depend on mass transit to get around. He also noted that they are fortunate to have a strong tax revenue stream, but he said if people couldn't get to stores that won't be the case any longer.

Regina Verdico, the marketing manager of Golf Mill, received a big applause after her statements.

"I'm representing thousands

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George Van Geem | NILES VILLAGE MANGER

of shoppers, seniors and employees," said Verdico. She said if weekend service was eliminated many people wouldn't be able to get to the shopping center, which she said is a central location in Niles. She surveyed the department stores and found out that 25% of the employees rely on mass transportation to get to work.

Denise Lam, of the Leaning Tower YMCA, said that they have many seniors and developmentally challenged residents that depend on public transportation.

Niles resident Jay Schechter offered a few suggestions to PACE's budget challenges, such as the consolidation of PACE and CTA and creating express buses that would offer earlier routes to make public transportation more attractive. Other residents suggested possibly using the vanpool option.

"With the price of gas they should be hanging from the rafters on PACE buses," said Schechter.

"It's killing us to see the system dismantled," said Vernon Squires, of PACE. He explained

that they have worked on building the system for more than 20 years and they don't want to see it deteriorate either. He urged attendees to write letters and call their state senators and legislators regarding Senate Bill 572.

"This will severely end my life," said an emotional Evanston resident who depends on mass transit due to her disability.

A good number of residents said that unlike the less fortunate people in the room they are able to drive, but they choose not to in order to help reduce pollution, it's cheaper to use public transportation and it's less stressful.

One resident Robert Sherman said that they need to look at the situation from the perspective of

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Paying Tribute

Community bids farewell to retiring Maine Twp. Supervisor Bob Dudycz
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Simpsons Movie

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Niles Police Commander supports Chicago Cop

Officer gaining local support faces 'injustice'

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Niles police commander Dennis McEnerney was instrumental in launching a defense fund for a Chicago Police Officer, Michael Mette, who was sentenced to five years in jail after defending himself against a drunken attacker in

Iowa while off-duty.

Mette was at a party in Iowa in 2005 with his brother and several friends when a 20-year-old university student reportedly started a fight with him and hit Mette with his two fists in his chest three times. When he tried to hit Mette the fourth time that's when he hit him back. The judge believes Mette should have just walked away.

Mette was convicted of felony assault, removed from the Chicago Police

Department and faces five years in prison. The 20-year-old was not charged.

"It's a matter of injustice," said McEnerney, who is a friend of his father, Bob. "He attacked him first."

A Michael Mette Defense Fund has been established at the Northwest Community Credit Union located at 7400 N. Waukegan Ave. in Niles.

"We're overwhelmed with the amount of support we've received," shared McEnerney. A fund-raising committee

for the defense fund is composed of several current and former police officers and business and corporate leaders.

The goal of the defense fund is to continue supporting the Mette family who recently filed an appeal to fight for Michael's freedom.

If the appeal is not successful, Michael will face going to prison in November.

For more information, those interested can visit www.mikemettedefensefund.com.

Niles Village Board discuss Teen Center rates, supervision

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A pre-board meeting to discuss the supervisory staff and membership fees of the Niles Teen Center that will be moving to Golf Mill Shopping Center was held on Tuesday, July 24.

Village Trustee Kim Biederman said that a task force committee discussed possibly charging \$5 a year for Niles residents or those who attend a Niles school and \$20 a year for non-residents.

Biederman said that through research she found one other teen center in New Jersey that has a teen center

located in a mall and they charge different fees for residents and non-residents.

"The worst thing you can do is be exclusionary," said Trustee Andrew Przybto. He said that if they don't allow non-residents to be members then they will also lose their friends who are Niles residents.

"Being in the mall is a very good idea," said Trustee Bob Callero.

Przybto wanted to make sure there would be enough security and that the kids would receive adequate supervision. As for the fees, he said making the non-resident fee as high as \$20 may keep kids they wouldn't necessarily want in the center away.

Trustee Louella Preston had a few unanswered questions and concerns. She said that usually the non-resident rate is not four times the amount of the resident fee so she was wondering how that amount was derived.

"Has the park board already passed this?" asked Preston. "I want to know what the park board thinks."

A member of the park board was present at the meeting and said, "I don't know where the village has the right to take over." He feels the park board needs to discuss the membership fees as well.

Assistant Niles Village Manager gets Credentialed

Steve Vinezano, asst. village manager of Niles, recently received the International City/County Management Association's credential manager candidate designation.

Vinezano will become an ICMA credentialed manager in June of 2009.

"It's taken me awhile," said Vinezano, who has worked for the village for 6 years. "For the last few years I've been pursuing it. It's a matter of certain commitments and responsibilities. In my career path it's one of the only credentialing methods out there."

Vinezano said he started by taking a test that evaluates your knowledge in various areas, such as technology, etc. Following the test, he took training seminars and workshops in certain areas to make sure his education is above

and beyond what he learns on the job.

"George Van Geem has put a lot of trust in me," said Vinezano, which has enabled him to pursue this achievement. He wants to make sure he stays strong in urban planning and sustainability.

About 1,020 local government management professionals participate in the ICMA voluntary credentialing program.

In order to be credentialed, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government, have earned a degree (preferably in public administration or a related field) and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity, as well as to lifelong learning and professional development.

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were towed.

As soon as Weinberg approached the podium at the board meeting, Mayor Nicholas Blase said the village is aware about what happened and that they will refund all of the vehicle owners whose vehicles were towed.

"Everybody's happy," said Weinberg.

More than 180 residents signed a petition regarding the matter.

Weinberg said that in the townhouses where they live they only receive one parking spot per unit.

"That's not enough parking," said Weinberg.

vehicles were recently towed from the parking lot across the street.

Sherwin Weinberg, precinct captain for Maine Township, said that for the past 35 years they have had an agreement with the mayor and the village that they were able to park in the parking lot across the street where the Sports Authority used to be located.

"A new owner took over the property and put up a sign that said that any unauthorized vehicles would be towed," said Weinberg. He said the property is currently under re-construction.

And sure enough, 22 vehicles

Residents upset about being towed crowd meeting

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Almost every seat was taken at the Niles Village Board meeting

on Tuesday, July 24.

Residents in the area of 8800 Washington and 8900 Washington in Niles attended the village board meeting after 22

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Annual National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 7

The event intended to heighten awareness of crime and strengthen neighborhood spirit is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in partnership with Target stores as well as the U.S. Department of Justice.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

This year's event will be held at Culver School in Niles located at 6901 W. Oakton Street. It

will be hosted by the Niles Police Department in conjunction with Niles Family Services, Culver School District and local Target stores.

Activities will start at 7 p.m. and will include police K-9 and crime demonstrations, children's games, face painting, raffles, food, a live band, free child identification kids, children's games and other family activities.

The program will help to generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are coming together to fight against crime.

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch and the

Cook County Sheriff's Police Department will also host a National Night Out at Dee Park the same evening. There will be games, a raffle, poster contest winners, entertainment and a flashlight walk.

Throughout the nation, 35 million people are expected to participate in this year's National Night out.

Survey Finds Americans 'Don't Get' Energy Issues

NEWSUSA

Energy policy is a political hot potato, oil prices are on a rollercoaster ride of unpredictability and gasoline is at an all-time high of just under (and in many places more than) \$3 per gallon. Yet, a new survey finds that most Americans don't understand key energy issues.

API, the national trade association for the oil and natural gas industry, found in its recent online survey that some of the most frequent misconceptions

have to do with the size of natural resource holdings and the earnings of America's oil and natural gas industry.

For example, only 8 percent of respondents knew that ExxonMobil, the largest U.S. oil company, does not rank among the top 10 of largest oil reserve holders in the world. (The company actually ranks fourteenth behind an array of foreign government-owned oil companies.)

Almost half of respondents guessed that the industry



Maria Pappas meets Mayor of Zabno, Poland

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas recently traveled to the city of Zabno in Poland where she was welcomed by the Mayor of Zabno, Stanislaw Kusior, and the President of the City Board, Krzysztof Wojcik. "Our Office is responsible for collecting over \$9 billion in annual real estate taxes, on nearly 1.7 million taxable parcels and distributing those funds to about 1,700 local government agencies/units throughout Cook County," explained Pappas.

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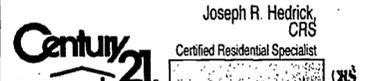


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A's Bar Inc. to Host Live Music Festival

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A's Bar Inc. located at 8751 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles is holding a festival featuring local bands on Aug. 18 and Aug. 19.

Brothers Joe and Andy Achino came up with the idea to hold a festival featuring live music, food and a beer garden. "They thought it would be an excellent idea for the village," said Harry Achino, owner of A's Bar. His sons operate the bar.

A's Fest will feature local artists, ITS, Main Street Minority and Arbor Vitae on Saturday, Aug. 18 and One Way Street and Under Cover (that includes Village Attorney Joe Annunzio) will perform on Sunday, Aug. 19.

The fest will run from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on both days. It is

sponsored by MB Financial Bank and Auto Cars Import Repair and Sale of Glenview.

Achino said his boys are hoping to expand the concept of live music to other parts of Niles.

"It's amazing what a tremendous job they've done over there," said Achino about his sons. "They grew up in Niles. Everyone knows the kids."

A's bar that serves a variety of drinks and bar food such as hot dogs and pizza is open from 3 p.m. to 4 a.m. on the weekdays and noon until 4 a.m. on weekends.

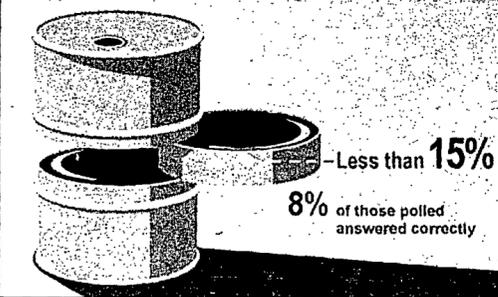
"We have a lot of neighborhood people," said Achino.

A's Bar sponsors sports teams such as baseball and softball teams and they are always looking for people to join their dart and pool leagues.

"The location has been excellent," shared Achino.

Oil Supply from the Persian Gulf

(Percent of U.S. oil consumption from the Persian Gulf)



Source: EIA, "Petroleum Supply Monthly," February 2007, Table 4 and Table 22

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earned between 10 and 20 cents on every dollar of gasoline sold in 2006. In fact, the industry earned only 9.5 cents on the dollar.

Respondents also overestimated the amount of oil coming out of the Middle East. For example, 60 percent of those polled ranked Saudi Arabia as the top source of oil imports to the U.S. when it actually ranks fifth. Meanwhile, only 10 percent of respondents were able to correctly identify Canada as the top supplier of U.S. oil imports.

"The results of this survey clearly show that we need to do a better job of communicating with people about the realities

of global energy markets and our industry," said API President and CEO Red Cavaney.

There is a twofold reality fueling the need for a better understanding of U.S. energy issues and the role of America's oil and natural gas companies: Fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas and coal will continue to supply the vast majority of U.S. energy demand while renewable fuels will account for less than 10 percent of energy use in 2030, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

To close the gap between how Americans perceive the U.S. role in the energy industry and the reality, API has launched a multi-year public awareness campaign.

SCHOOLS

D64 Traffic Safety Committee to make improvements for upcoming year

The Park-Ridge Niles Dist. 64 traffic safety committee met on July 18 in order to provide another forum to discuss traffic safety concerns and to begin planning for improving safety conditions for the 2007-2008 school year.

The committee has been in operation for many years and usually meets once during the fall and again in the spring, but additional meetings were added this summer.

Recently, Sam Coberly, a 7th grade student at Lincoln Middle School was killed in a traffic accident on his way to school in May.

At the meeting, it was shared that IDOT is conducting a traffic safety study on Touhy Ave. between Dee Road and Western Ave. to determine if the current 35 mph limit is appropriate or whether it should be reduced.

Park Ridge Police Chief Jeff Caudill and Supt Dr. Sally

Pryor will write a letter to IDOT notifying them that the Touhy Ave./Western Ave. intersection should be officially designated as a school crossing.

The district is going to review current practices and discuss how to create a safer atmosphere around the schools, especially during the extra busy morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

Many district principals; PTO members and parents attended

the meeting, as well as two Park Ridge aldermen.

The usage of bicycle helmets and bicycle safety was another topic that emerged at the meeting.

Dr. Pryor said that bicycle safety and helmet rules would be reviewed at the beginning of the school year and also reinforced in the new consolidated student-parent handbook.

A suggestion was made to organize greater publicity in

order to reach all drivers in the community about the importance of driving safely in school zones and along walking routes.

The committee will meet again on Thursday, August 16 at 4 p.m. at the Hendee Educational Service Center, 164 S. Prospect Ave in Park Ridge in order to review the improvements that will be started for the school year that begins August 21.

Brookfield Zoo's Photo Contest

Grand Prize Winner Receives Two Round-Trip American Airlines Tickets

Regardless of whether one is a professional or amateur photographer, an outdoor enthusiast, or simply an animal lover, people of all ages are invited to grab their cameras, take their best shot, and enter it in Brookfield Zoo's annual Photo Contest. With more than 400 species of animals, including several new babies this year, the zoo is the perfect setting to capture a winning image. The grand prize is an airline voucher for round-trip main cabin air transportation for the winner and a companion to any destination in the continental United States, excluding Hawaii and Alaska, served directly by American Airlines.

Photos must feature an animal or animals (photos with people will not be accepted), and should be 8 x 10 inches, either a color or black-and-white print. Photos should not be framed or matted. To enter, fill out an entry form and tape it to the back of the photo (one entry per person). Forms and the official 2007 Photo Contest rules may be downloaded from Brookfield Zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org. Forms are also available at the zoo's north and south information kiosks, by calling (708) 688-8351, or at Holiday

Camera store locations in Oak Park and Geneva, Photographic Depot in La Grange, or House of Color in Countryside. Send entries to Brookfield Zoo, 2007 Photo Contest, 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513. Photos may also be dropped off at the zoo's South Gate Reception. All entries must be received by Monday, October 8, 2007, 5:00 p.m. CST. Entries will not be returned and become the property of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo.

Judges will select one grand prizewinner from all entries. In addition, a first-, second-, and third-place winner will be selected in two age categories—adult (12 and older) and child (11 and under). Photo Contest winners will be notified by phone or email and invited to an awards reception at the zoo on Saturday, October 20. Winning photos will be displayed in the zoo's Discovery Center lobby through mid-November as well as on its Web site.

Brookfield Zoo's Photo Contest is sponsored by American Airlines, Fisher-Price®, Holiday Camera, and PENTAX®. House of Color in Countryside is matting the winning photos.

Niles Resident named to Dean's List

Julie Barker of Niles has been named to the Roger Williams University Deans List for the spring 2007 semester.

Barker is a junior majoring in marine biology. Dean's list status is awarded to stu-

dents who have completed a 12-credit semester with a GPA of at least 3.4.

Roger Williams University is ranked by US News and World Report as 10th among comprehensive colleges in the north.

Local food drive provides learning opportunity for Maine West students

Maine Township's Emergency Food Pantry has been a tour stop for Maine West High School's clinical government program every summer for the past 4 years. Carol Langan, who runs the Pantry, gives students involved in the program a guided tour of the space that holds all the goods donated to the Township.

As part of the local high school's student run program, students tour places in the community to get a sense of how local government works. The first time students visited the food pantry, the tour was brief and Langan felt

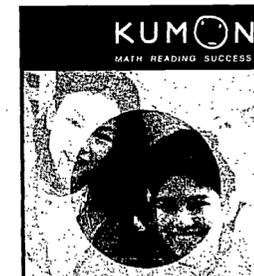
it didn't make a large enough impact on the students, who are eager to learn about their community.

After the first visit 4 years ago, Langan came up with the idea of students bringing food to the pantry. The food drive has been a part of the school program ever since. The collection of food for the pantry makes a bigger impact on the students to give them a sense of what it's really all about, Langan says.

This summer, Maine West students again held their own food drive to help provide the

Township's Emergency Pantry with more goods. As always, it was a great help and provided food for those in need. "The community tends to do a great job in the winter," says Langan. "But we need food all year 'round so this kind of help in the summer is great."

For more information, contact Carol Langan at 847-297-2510, Ext. 268. Donations of non-perishable food items can be brought to Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge on Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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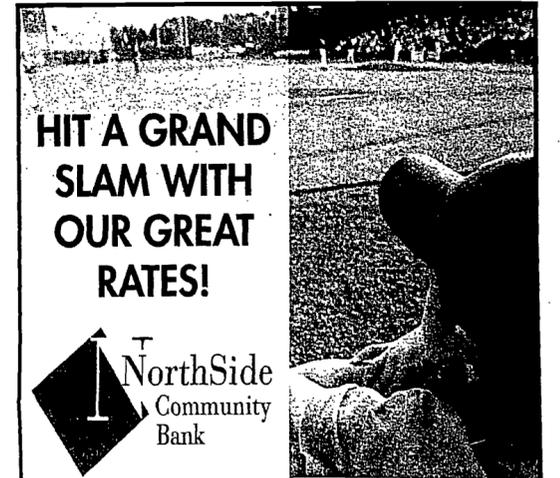
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Precious Moments statues stolen from front yard

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1 Precious Moments Statue Stolen (9200 block of Oleander)

Unknown person or persons took two Precious Moments Angel statues from the front yard of a residence in the 9200 block of Oleander on Friday, July 20. The total value of the stolen statues is \$75.

2 Bowling Ball Stolen (8500 block of Waukegan)

A dark purple bowling ball with a value of \$250 was taken from a bowling alley in the 8500 block of Waukegan on Tuesday, July 24.

3 Man's Finger Severed (8200 block of Austin)

While working on the air conditioning on the roof of a business in the 8200 block of Austin the A/C was turned on and the man's fingertip was severed on Tuesday, July 23.

4 Tools Stolen from Vehicle (9100 block of Mason)

Unknown person or persons used a screwdriver to break the rear windows of a vehicle and take several tools with a total value of \$1,750 sometime between Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22. The vehicle was located in the 9100 block of Mason.

5 Home, Vehicle Egged (7800 block of Luna)

While riding her bicycle home, a witness saw three males running from the sidewalk toward a large SUV that they entered and took off on Saturday, July 21. Police said the residence in the 7800 block of Luna was damaged with eggs as well as the vehicle, totaling about \$200 worth of damage.

6 Blessed Mother Statue Stolen (7900 block of Church)

Unknown person or persons took a Blessed Mother statue from a front yard in the 7900 block of church sometime between Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24. The total cost of the stolen two-foot tall statue is \$50.

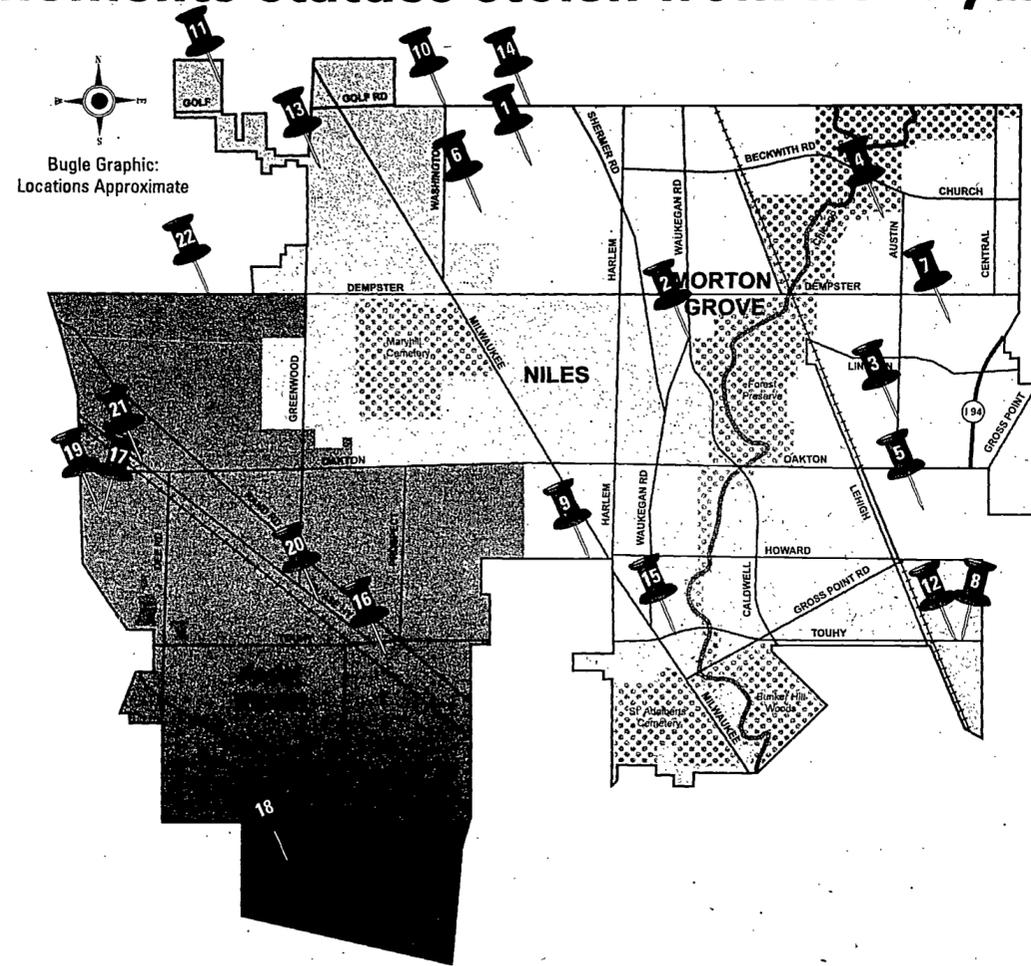
7 Aggravated Assault Arrest (5900 block of Crain)

A 20-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested for using a shovel to bang on his mother's basement door and threatening to kill her on Wednesday, July 24. Bond was set at \$1,000.

NILES

8 Wallet Stolen from Purse (5600 block of Touhy)

A red wallet containing \$100



in USC and various credit cards was taken from a purse that was in a shopping cart at a store in the 5600 block of Touhy on Friday, July 27.

9 Burglary to Garage (7600 block of Oketo)

Unknown person or persons gained entry to an unattached garage via the overhead roll door sometime between Friday, July 27 and Sunday, July 29. The vehicle in the garage was also scratched and the front windshield and rear window were smashed out.

10 Tools Taken from Vehicle (8800 block of Golf)

Unknown person or persons took about \$4,000 worth of power tools from a vehicle after damaging the door lock sometime between Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28.

11 Suspicious Email Received (9800 block of Glendale Lane)

A resident received an email saying he was a lottery winner over seas on Sunday, July 22.

The British National Lottery asked the resident for his personal information in order to claim his prize, but he did not give away his personal information.

12 2007 Nissan Stolen from Dealership (5700 block of Touhy)

The complainant said he witnessed someone driving off with a 2007 Nissan Frontier from the business parking lot in the 5700 block of Touhy on Friday, July 27.

13 Retail Theft (500 Golf Mill)

Three 14-year-old females were issued tickets for petty theft on Friday, July 27. One girl stole \$56 worth of clothes, another stole \$47 and the third stole \$64 worth of clothes.

14 Drag Racing, Speeding Arrest (Golf/Ozanam)

A 20-year-old Glenview man was arrested for drag racing and speeding more than 80 mph in a 35 mph zone on

Friday, July 27 at Golf and Ozanam. He was also given a ticket for the consumption of alcohol by a minor. His bond was set at \$1,000 and his court date is August 29.

15 Theft/Forgery Arrest (7000 block of W. Touhy)

A 19-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested on Thursday, July 26 at the 7000 block of W. Touhy and charged with one count of theft, one count of forgery and three counts of unlawful use of a credit card. Bond is at \$3,000 and the court date is August 1.

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16 Graffiti Spray Painted on School (300 block of S. Washington)

Unknown person or persons spray painted graffiti on the outside brick school wall along the side of the alley sometime between Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

17 Gift Card Stolen (900 block of N. Goodwin)

Unknown person or persons entered an unlocked 2005 GMC Envoy and took a \$200 Coach gift card from the vehicle in the 900 block of N. Goodwin sometime between Tuesday, July 24 and Wednesday, July 25.

18 Several Bottles of Alcohol Stolen (1900 block of S. Cumberland)

A man entered a store in the 1900 block of S. Cumberland and removed six bottles of Cognac with a value of \$29.99 each and left without paying for the items on Saturday, July 21. He again entered the store at a later time that day and removed six bottles of Crown Royal valued at \$28.99 each and left without paying for the items. Police said he was last seen heading toward the Cumberland L-Station.

19 i-Pod, Computer Stolen (800 block of Goodwin)

Unknown person or persons entered a 2005 Volvo and took

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an I-Pod worth \$100, a \$500 laptop computer, wallet, CDs, a make up bag and \$3 from the vehicle in the 800 block of Goodwin between Monday, July 16 and Tuesday, July 17.

20 Graffiti on City Public Works Building (400 Busse Hwy.)

Graffiti was spray painted on the back wall of the city public works building sometime between Monday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 25. The estimated

cost of the damage is unknown.

21 Handicapped Placard Stolen (1000 block of Busse Hwy.)

Unknown person or persons removed a handicapped placard from a 1997 Mercedes Roadster on Tuesday, July 17.

22 Indecent Exposure (2600 block of Dempster)

A 39-year-old Park Ridge man was observed urinating in public view and was arrested on Thursday, July 19 and charged with indecent exposure. He was released on his own recognizance and his court date is August 8.

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The Benefits of Holding a Grudge

You may have heard this story by Samuel T. Whitman, before. But it is worth reading again: "The ice storm [that winter] wasn't generally destructive. True, a few wires came down, and there was a sudden jump in accidents along the highway. ... Normally, the big walnut tree could easily have borne the weight that formed on its spreading limbs. It was the iron wedge in its heart that caused the damage.

"The story of the iron wedge began years ago when the white-haired farmer [who now inhabited the property on which the tree stood] was a lad on his father's homestead. The sawmill had then only recently been moved from the valley, and the settlers were still finding tools and odd pieces of equipment scattered about. ...

"On this particular day, [the lad found] a faller's wedge - wide, flat, and heavy, a foot or more long, and splayed from mighty poundings. [A faller's



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wedge, used to help fell a tree, is inserted in a cut made by a saw and then struck with a sledgehammer to widen the cut.) ... Because he was already late for dinner, the lad laid the wedge ... near the front gate. He would take the wedge to the shed right after dinner, or sometime when he was going that way.

"He truly meant to, but he never did. [The wedge] was there between the limbs, a little tight, when he attained his manhood. It was there, now firmly

gripped, when he married and took over his father's farm. It was half grown over on the day the threshing crew ate dinner under the tree. ... Grown in and healed over, the wedge was still in the tree the winter the ice storm came.

"In the chill silence of that wintry night, ... one of the three major limbs split away from the trunk and crashed to the ground. This so unbalanced the remainder of the top that it, too, split apart and went down. When the storm was over, not a twig of the once-proud tree remained.

"Early the next morning, the farmer went out to mourn his loss. ...

"Then, his eyes caught sight of something in the splintered ruin. 'The wedge,' he muttered reproachfully. 'The wedge I found in the south pasture.' A glance told him why the tree had fallen. Growing, edge-up in the trunk, the wedge had prevented the limb fibers from knit-

ting together as they should."

You see, holding a grudge has no benefits. It is like that wedge and we cannot be whole until we get those hidden wedges out of our lives. Grudges hurt those who hold them. While the focus of their anger goes on with their lives, they stay trapped. I know of families where brothers have not spoken for decades or friends are lost one to another over petty issues long forgotten, while the bitterness remains. I have heard politicians plan their revenge and if they couldn't get the father they would get the kids. That is surely a sign of sickness. One lady said, "I forgive you, but I'll never forget." Forgiving is forgetting. Mahatma Gandhi said: "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

A friend of mine is dying from pancreatic cancer. Years ago he was the direct cause of my family losing our home, our business and all our money. His actions

forced my wife, our newborn son, and me to move into the home of my in-laws. Two years ago we reconciled and today, I am so glad we did. I and he are stronger for it.

Jesus Christ teaches that we are to forgive 7 x 70 times. Whenever I have read that I thought that the benefit was to the one who had trespassed, but as I have lived and matured I now realized that Christ's concern is for us, the ones who have been wronged. It is not easy to forgive, but it is best. A grudge is like that wedge, or even a cancer, eating away at us and never letting us be whole. Letting go lets us grow. ...

"Sincere forgiveness isn't colored with expectations that the other person apologize or change. Don't worry whether or not they finally understand you. Love them and release them. Life feeds back truth to people in its own way and time." - Sara Paddison

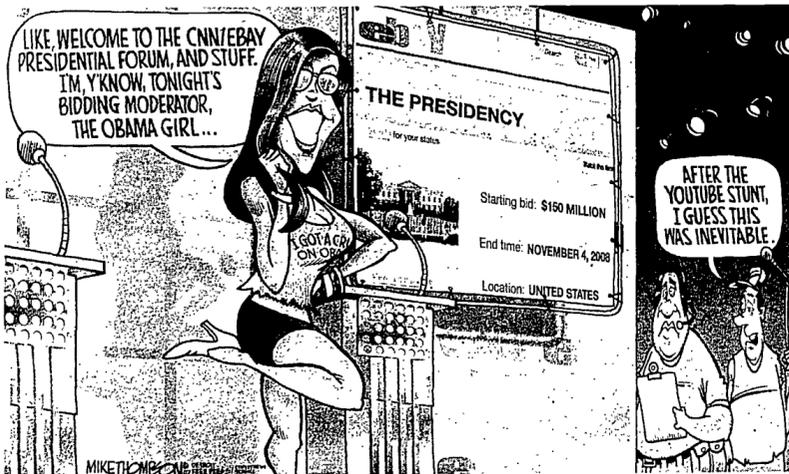
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I am still bubbling with delight at how my hometown has performed in the last two weeks. They did us proud and made Park Ridge a destination for families to have summer fun. The Taste of Park Ridge was great with many food vendors and the entertainment was great for all ages and the Beatles Tribute was the topping on the event.

I could not say enough words for the Park Ridge Public Library and their sponsor Liberty Savings and anyone else who put together the Harry Potter Book Release Event. What a magical night.

My grandkids did not arrive for sleepover until 1:30 A.M. after receiving their books and I live within walking distance from Burke's. We reserved the book at Burke's weeks ago and the lines behind them still went on forever. A special thanks to Jerry Hollub, Director of Community Services who made the streets & all the anxious kids safe. That in itself was a major undertaking. As a resident, Uptown Retail Merchant and mainly a Grandmother, this was as good as it gets!

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Morton Grove gives green light to T-Mobile Antenna

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

An ordinance to approve a special use permit for the installation of a T-Mobile antenna on top of an existing Com-Ed tower at 9228 Oriole was approved by the Morton Grove Village Board on Monday, July 23.

At the previous board meeting a number of residents expressed their concerns about the antenna,

regarding potential health issues, the safety of children, aesthetics and the effect on property values.

A couple residents returned to Monday evening's meeting in order to urge the board not to approve the antenna. Resident Mary Elsner expressed her concerns and asked the board not to approve the ordinance and resident Eric Poders shared what he believes to be incon-

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SWANCC now offers At Home Pick Up Program

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is now providing a more convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics.

The new program is called the At Home Computer/Electronics Program. With this new initiative, residents can have their equipment picked up from their front steps rather than drive to a drop-off site.

Anyone who lives in Niles, Morton Grove, Park Ridge and other SWANCC town can contact SWANCC at athome@swancc.org or call (847) 724-9205.

On the scheduled pick up day the items must be placed on the front steps or porch by 7:30 a.m.

The cost for the convenient program is \$25 for up to six items.

There's only a month left for this SWANCC program this summer.

Acceptable Materials:

Personal Computer Systems Desktop or Notebook (Includes mice, keyboards, power cords), Monitors, CPUs, Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Electric Typewriters, Answering Machines, Shredders, Postage Machines, TVs (max 27" no wood consoles), VHS/DVD Players, Boom boxes, Stereo Equipment, Microwaves.

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BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones
Adding Real Estate to Your Portfolio: How Much? What Type?

You may have heard that "real estate is always a good investment." However, that's a "blanket" statement and not terribly useful. In fact, it raises many questions: *Does real estate really go up in value all the time? What type of real estate should I invest in? What percentage of my portfolio should be devoted to real estate?* Once you know these answers, you'll be in a much better position to decide if, and how, you should incorporate real estate into your investment picture.

Of course, real estate investing has been a hot topic over the past several years, as housing prices soared in many areas around the country. Even though the market cooled considerably in 2006, nationwide home prices are up 29.2 percent over the past three years and 64.3 percent over the past five years, according to *Business Week* magazine. And of all the homes purchased in 2006, 22 percent were bought for investment purposes, according to the National Association of Realtors. While that 22 percent figure is down from 28 percent in 2005, it indicates that plenty of people are still buying properties in hopes of achieving a source of income, capital appreciation or a combination of both.

If you're thinking of buying investment property, keep a couple of points in mind. First, contrary to myth, *home prices do not always go up*. As proven by the results in 2006, housing prices, like stock prices, can — and will — go up and down. So, don't buy property with the expectation of constant price appreciation — it won't happen. The second item to remember is that once you buy property, your investment hasn't ended — it's just begun. You'll need to pay for upkeep, remodeling and property taxes — all of which can be expensive — and you'll have to find good tenants — which can be a hassle.

Does this mean you should avoid investing in real estate? No. Actually, you may benefit from owning some real estate, because real estate price movements tend to have a low correlation with the price movements of stocks and bonds. So, if market conditions are hurting the prices of your other investments, your real estate holdings might provide you with a buffer against a more severe drop in your portfolio's value. But as a general rule, you should probably limit your real estate holdings to no more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your portfolio.

To avoid the expense and potential problems of being responsible for a piece of physical property, you may want to consider shares of a real estate investment trust (REIT), which operates buys, leases and sells commercial and multifamily real estate. You can typically buy REITs in amounts that are appropriate to your needs, and REITs offer diversification by property type and location. (Diversification does not guarantee a profit and does not protect against loss.) Also, most REITs provide attractive current income, which can help cushion the blow should real estate prices decline or remain stagnant for a long period of time. Income paid on REITs is subject to the individuals tax bracket and does not benefit from the tax reduction on dividends that may be available on equity investments.

Your financial advisor can help you determine if a REIT is suitable for you. If so, you might have found a smart way to get in on "the ground floor" of real estate.

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No Idle Policy Saves Fuel

Robert Provenzano, center, Maine Township Highway Commissioner, saved nearly 1,000 gallons of fuel in 2006 by starting a No Idle policy. All drivers signed a pledge to turn off engines on vehicles when not in use. Here, he inspects a new No Idle Zone sign supplied by Consultant Alexander Barton, left, Founder of Green Transportation Solutions. Highway staff member, Peter Douvalakis lends a hand with the installation. Signs will be appearing around the township in the coming weeks to encourage drivers to save gas and reduce air pollution by turning off engines while waiting to pick up riders, waiting for trains to pass, and at other times.

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Cartridge World

Grand Opening for Cartridge World in Morton Grove

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Cartridge World in Morton Grove held its grand opening celebration on Wednesday, July 25.

Brett Robinson owns the store that is located in the shopping center at 7180 W. Dempster St. in Morton Grove.

"I've always had the entrepreneurial spirit," shared the Chicago resident who previ-

ously worked at H&R Block as a sales manager.

A true family operation, Robinson's parents and brothers are currently working at the store.

Several business and community members attended the grand opening, including Niles Chamber of Commerce Director Katie DiMaria and the new Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Director Mark Pendergrass.

"I truly believe in this

product," said Robinson.

Cartridge World is the largest retailer of cartridge refilling services in the world. Consumers and businesses can drop off their cartridges for inkjet and laser printers, photocopy and fax machines at the store and they are filled in a quick and easy fashion. The colors of the cartridge are tested thoroughly before given to a customer.

The typical savings on the

refill services is up to 50% of the retail price of a new cartridge. Another benefit is by recycling cartridges people can help to protect the environment as well.

Robinson said that when he learned that a store was available at the busy intersection of Harlem and Dempster he jumped at the opportunity.

Robinson said that all of the Cartridge World franchisees, such as the ones in nearby Skokie and Glenview, work

together and help each other out. He attended training in California prior to opening the store.

"I wake up every morning looking forward to go to work," said Robinson, who said he doesn't mind working 12-hour days at Cartridge World and is very passionate about their products.

Cartridge World was started in South Australia in 1991 and has more than 500 locations worldwide.

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sistencies with the ordinance and stated that 138 residents have signed a petition against the granting of the special use permit.

Village trustees supported the ordinance, except for Trustee Dan Staackman who voted against it.

Staackman said there was talk about T-Mobile and the village working to make the fencing around the cell tower as safe as possible, but he wanted to see more specifics.

"I want to see a finished product before I can vote on it," said Staackman.

Also, at the meeting a representative of T-Mobile addressed some of the residents' concerns. He read a letter from a T-Mobile executive that stated that the company agrees to look at other fencing options to make the area as safe as possible and to plant parkway trees along Oriole and Ozark.

The T-Mobile agent explained that people have been complaining about dropped calls in the area near Golf and Shermer and said this antenna will address that gap in coverage.

"In my opinion if there was ever a negative it was created a long time ago when the tower was built," said a real estate professional. He believes most people probably won't even notice the addition and that it would not reduce property values.

Kevin Mize, an engineering consultant, explained that they were originally wanting

"In my opinion if there was ever a negative it was created a long time ago when the tower was built."

Real Estate Professional

to put a cell tower in the Golf and Shermer area, but he said that they were confronted with "unfavorable zoning" that wouldn't allow it at certain locations and landlords that did not approve of it.

"Some of the criticism we've received is that the village is basically a dumping ground," said Mayor Richard Krier, who said that isn't true and that Morton Grove follows zoning codes just like any other town.

"The people opposed to these towers seem to be a very vocal minority," said the T-Mobile agent.

Resident Pat Kansoer approached the board and said that he didn't support or oppose the cell tower, however he said hearing the term "vocal minority" was like "scraping fingernails on a blackboard." He said that people who come out and speak are passionate about an issue and involved and those that don't come out are not involved.

Trustee Thill said that he wished the government would allow municipalities to discuss the potential health issues related to the cell tower, but he said that isn't the case.

"My hands are tied," he

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soles, Air Conditioners, Copy Machines, Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers, Small/Large Home Appliances, Power Tools, Software, Disks, CDs or DVDs.

HAVE YOU HEARD

Norwood Crossing Celebrates 111 Years Of Caring At Annual Picnic

The community is invited to turn back the clock and join in celebrating the 111th Annual Picnic at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), on Sun., Aug. 19. This is a great opportunity to have you and your children experience an old-fashioned picnic. Bring your own lunch and spread it on a blanket or purchase a variety of finger licking treats and American favorites.

Relax on lawn chairs amid white tents on green grass under a canopy of trees while listening to the music of yesteryear.

There will be games for the entire family and the chance to sample homemade specialties. Sponsored by the not-for-profit Norwood Life Care Foundation, the picnic will be held at 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, from noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

There'll be plenty of grilled brats, hot dogs, chicken breasts, hamburgers, and corn-on-the-cob along with soft drinks and ice cream to buy. If you're ready for some Norwegian specialties, try the open-face sandwiches, fløtiegrot, julekake, and krumkaker. There will be a Jumping Jack

and face painting for kids and games for the entire family. Live entertainment, the sale of resident-made crafts and a raffle that offers an assortment of interesting and exciting prizes



will round out the afternoon.

Back by popular demand is the 3rd Annual Book Fair that includes an assortment of individual records and albums. You won't want to miss browsing through the many hardcover and paperback books and LPs, all at attractive prices. In conjunction with the picnic, the Resale Shop across the street from Norwood Crossing will be conducting its \$1 sale (except red tag items) with bargains galore on collectibles, jewelry, household items, clothing, and more.

"We welcome the local community, our residents and their families to join us in celebrat-

ing the anniversary of our not-for-profit while sharing in some good old-fashioned fun designed for the young and young-at-heart," said Kara Mollison, executive director of philanthropy at Norwood Life Care Foundation. "This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to join together in celebrating Norwood Crossing and its more than 100-year partnership with the historic Norwood Park community."

Each year, kids line up for face painting, one of the most popular attractions at the Annual Picnic. This year's event will take place on Sun., Aug. 19, from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

The earliest picnic was held in 1897 to celebrate the first anniversary of the purchase of the Norwood Park Hotel that became Norwood Park Home. It has been held every year since, bringing the community, family and friends together for some good times, lively conversation and great food.

For more information about or to volunteer for the Annual Picnic, call Kara Mollison at (773) 577-5367.

Back To School Night at Pioneer Park

Back this summer is our "Back To School Mini-Golf Night". Event participants will receive school supplies at each of the 18 mini-golf course holes. This special event will take place Thursday, August 9 (rain date Friday, Aug. 10) from 7:00-9:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per child. Our goal is to bring families together to celebrate the beginning of the school year, and to enjoy a fun recreational evening. Pioneer Park is located at 7135 N. Harlem. Please contact Julene Valle at (847) 647-6777, Ext. 8 or (847) 583-2746 for more information.

IceLand Skating & Hockey Fall Classes to Begin

Niles Park District's IceLand Arena is taking registrations for Fall Classes. IceLand offers Tot, Learn-to-Skate, and Freestyle Classes, ages 4 yrs & Up. The Rangers Hockey Instructional program includes \$10 Intro to Rookie Rangers and Rookie Rangers for beginner skaters, ages 4-7 yrs and 8-13 yrs. All required equipment is provided free of charge for these 2 hockey classes. There is a variety of class days and times available. Please call (847) 297-8010 for information or register at IceLand Arena, 8435 Ballard Road.

Liberty Bank for Savings Collecting Emergency Cell Phones for Seniors

Liberty Bank for Savings, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's office, is collecting used cell phones and cell phone components at all their 5 locations. All donated phones will then be presented to seniors in need on Oct. 23 at the bank's Norwood Branch, located at 6210 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Boxes marked for donation can be found in all of the bank's lobbies, and phones will be accepted in any working order or condition. Collected phones will then be set up so they can only be used to dial 911; no other calls will be able to be made. The program is open to those who do not currently have a cell phone.

If you are a senior over 65 residing in Cook County and wish to sign up to receive a phone, please call 773-489-4679. For more information on donating phones or on other Liberty Bank for Savings events, please call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458.



The Niles Teen Center will be holding its Grand Opening at the Golf Mill Mall on Saturday, September 15, at 11:00 AM. The day will feature refreshments, door prizes and a raffle. We will also announce the winner of the new Teen Center name and logo contest. Plan to stop by and become a member. This event will coincide with the Grand Opening of the newly renovated Golf Mill Mall and promises to be an exciting day.

The Teen Center officially opens at Golf Mill on Wednesday August 1. You can find us near entrance door number 6 by Sears. The center is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Center is open to youth who are in 6th through 12th grades.

NAME AND LOGO CONTEST:

The Niles Teen Center is moving to Golf Mill Mall and needs a new name and logo! The Teen Center is asking the youth in Niles to come up with a new name and logo for the relocated youth/teen center. Those interested in participating in this contest are

asked to submit your entries to 6676 W. Howard in Niles or email them to cwhitman@niles-parks.org. The winners will be announced at the Grand Opening on September 15. If you have any questions, please call the Niles Teen Center at 847-375-8949.

The Summit of Uptown Presents Gordon MacRae Program

The Summit of Uptown (formerly Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence), 10 N. Summit Ave. in Park Ridge, invites the public to a program on Gordon MacRae on Friday, Aug. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The educational program, entitled "Baritone of Motion Picture Fame," will be presented by music historian Jack Diamond. The presentation will cover the gifted artist's life and his music.

The program is free and refreshments will be served. For further information, or to arrange a tour of The Summit of Uptown, please call 847-825-1161.

Edison Park Fest News & Updates

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! - The Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers for this year's Edison Park Fest being held on August 17, 18, and 19. We need many volunteers for a successful Edison Park Fest. We are calling on business owners and residents to donate a few hours of their time to help set-up, sell beer tickets, pour beer, sell water and raffle tickets and of course CLEAN UP. This is a great way for businesses to network with your customers while giving back to the community that supports you. Resident and children needing service hours are encouraged to contribute to this community fundraiser which finances the beautification of our business districts and keeps them strong. Call the Chamber office at 773-631-0063 for more information or you can download a volunteer form at www.edisonpark.com.

BAGS TOURNAMENT - The Edison Park Community Council is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a Bags Tournament on Friday, August 17, 2007, during Edison Park Fest. The tournament will begin at 7:00pm and will be located on Oliphant Avenue. This tournament will be for ages 14-20. Applications can be picked up at Morning Grind, O'Connor's Market, and The Chipper. Teams of two can fill out the application and enclose a \$10 entry fee per team. Applications can be returned to any of the locations or dropped off at the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce located at 6555 N. Avondale. The winning team will each receive a board set.



2007 EDISON PARK FEST DOG SHOW - The Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the return of the Edison Park Fest Dog Show! There will be new categories and a new entry fee. Along with all of the other activities going on throughout the weekend, the Dog Show is one of the highlights of Sunday's events.

Sunday August 19, 2007 - 2p.m.-4p.m.
Olympia Park - 6566 Avondale Ave.
773.631.4401

CHECK IN BEGINS AT 1:00P.M. AND THE SHOW STARTS AT 2:00P.M.
\$15.00 Entry Fee

You can access a registration form through our website at www.edisonpark.com. Registration forms can also be found at the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce booth at the fest on Friday August 17 and Saturday, August 18.

Same day registration will be done at Olympia Park on Sunday, August 19, at 1p.m. Dogs MUST be kept on a leash at all times! The Edison Park Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for any injuries to any dogs, their owners, or observers. Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the festival grounds. Any questions call the Chamber Office at (773) 631-0063

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Bob is an avid collector of all things related to elephants. Here is just part of his collection. He will be giving away some of his collection at his final fundraiser on Sept. 10 at Lone Tree Manor.

Paying Tribute to Bob Dudycz

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen | STAFF WRITER

Several members of the community have shared many kind words about retiring Maine Township Supervisor Bob Dudycz and what he has done for the township.

"Bob is a very outgoing guy," said Brian Smith, the executive director of the Township Officials of Illinois. "He's always



Maine Township is the most awarded township in Illinois. Here Bob poses with Trustee Carol Teschky at one of the many award ceremonies over the years.

got a joke to tell you, but he's also very serious and dedicated to doing the best for the township."

Some of Dudycz's top accomplishments for which he is most proud are the development and empowerment of the township staff, the restoration of Maine Township Hall (an historic building designed by the son of Frank Lloyd Wright) and the surrounding grounds, elimination of waste and duplication through consolidation of services and programs, increased community involvement and recognition of the township and last but definitely not least, achieving the status of the most awarded township in the state by the Township Officials of Illinois.

"We're sorry to see him leave," said Township Trustee Carol Teschky. "We feel he's done a marvelous job and he's hard to follow. He did wonderful work here. I've seen him in both capacities, as a trustee and as a supervisor."

"I have had the pleasure of working under Bob for the last six years," shared Township Administrator Dayna Berman. "He's a highly skilled supervisor who has been dedicated to the community the township serves. Under his leadership, network-

ing relationships were established with many other agencies to better serve and reduce costs. Bob's loyalty also extends to his staff as he has upgraded the computer system, repaired the building and workspace and beautified the Maine Township grounds. During his tenure he's always been likeable and known for his quick witted sense of humor."

Supt. Kathleen Williams of East Maine School Dist. 63 also had great things to say about Dudycz.

"He has been a great friend and supporter to East Maine School Dist. 63," commented Williams. "He certainly has gone that extra mile on behalf of the boys and girls. He will be sorely missed. He's been a hard worker and comic relief."

"Over the past 6 years that I have served Maine Township, I have come to know Bob Dudycz as one of the hardest working public servants I can imagine," shared Dick Barton, public information officer. "His genuine care for what he does is only matched by his love of the Township and his family. The public will miss his positive force on the township, Cook County, and, to some extent, the state of Illinois. He has set the standard for a Township Supervisor

and it's too bad that circumstances force him to retire from public service at a somewhat early age."

"I don't like the idea that he's leaving," shared Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano. "He's been an excellent supervisor. I'm very active in township government so I have the opportunity to meet other supervisors and see how they operate and Bob has just been excellent, in his management and his vision. We have a balanced budget every year. We're really going to miss him."

"He's one of these guys you just can't say enough about," shared Maine Township Clerk Gary Warner. "He has done so many good things like remodeling and landscaping. He's a mover and a shaker. He gets things done. We get all this done without having to raise taxes. He knows how to get grants. He's a good motivator and organizer. He works hard in every office that we have."

Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frimark added that Dudycz has truly made the Taste of Park Ridge a success and he will be greatly missed.

A retirement party for Dudycz will be held September 10th at Lone Tree Manor.

SPORTS

Optimist Club of Niles Sponsors Youth Baseball Team



Pictured are members of the Niles Baseball League Instructional Padres who celebrated the end of the season with a bowling/pizza party. The team sponsor, Optimist Club of Niles, paid for the party and presented each player with an achievement medal. Bottom Row (L to R) Tommy McManamon, Calahan McManamon (Tommy's Little Brother), Quinn Martin, Christopher Gittings, Jimmy Brocar Middle Row (L to R) Jonathan Fonseca, Nicky Valle, Connor Sullivan, Connor Dillane, Nathan Glancy Top Row (L to R) John Jekot (Coach & Optimist Club President), Stan Valle (Manager) Not Pictured Gregory Jaros, Atziry Mayen, Sabino Maylen (Coach).

More than \$50K Raised at NDHS Alumni Golf Outing

Notre Dame High School alumni and friends played golf on July 16 and raised more than \$50,000 at the 20th anniversary alumni golf outing.

Since 1987, thousands of dollars have been raised to fund the Alumni Association's Scholarship Fund that helps NDHS students in need in order to attend school.

The golf outing was held at the White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville.

"I came to see my classmates," said John Bamber '67, in a press release, who with Mike Beil '67 organized this year's outing. "The neatest thing is to drive into the golf course and you stop and think all these people are all connected to Notre Dame High School...how cool is that!"

Here are the results of the day:

■ Dan Egan '81 won the low gross score on the west course with a score of 79.

■ Stan Kapka '82 won the low gross score on the east course with a score of 71.

■ Brian Flood '75 won the low net score on the west course with a score of 69.

■ Rich Stagl '73 won the low net score on the east course with a score of 69.

■ Tom Theis '66 won the straightest drive on the west course.

■ Mike Lasco '78 won the straightest drive on the east course.

■ Tom Teschner '74 won the longest putt on the west course.

■ Mike Anenen '69 won the longest putt on the east course.

■ Mike Mitchell '79 won the closest to the pin on the west course.

■ Mark Meyer '79 won the closest to the pin on the east course.

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When: August 7, 2007 (Tuesday)
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for events
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm for the Flashlight Walk
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- Child Identification Kits
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- Family Challenge Games
- Food and drink
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If you would like to volunteer for this event or need more information please contact Sgt. Ronald Brandt or Sgt. Robert Tornabene at 847-588-6500

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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.

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.

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You are invited to the Best Steak Dinner in Town!

Are you looking to enjoy a Great Steak and all the trimmings? Then you should mark your calendars for the annual Knights of Columbus Council 4338 - Steak-Fry, Saturday, August 18, 2007.

This Year's Dinner, complete with salad, baked potato and corn - amber fluid or wine and dessert are yours for the nominal price of \$19 per person, widows and widowers discounted to \$15.00. The dinner

will be held at the spacious, St. John Brebeuf Parish Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Doors open for Social Hour at 6 p.m., with Dinner scheduled for 7 p.m.

This year the special entertainment will be provided by the talented Mary Anne Burkhalter's "Remember When - the 1940's" Musical Entertainment, Memories and much More! This special blend of musician entertainment

will begin at 8 p.m.

Please remember that food must be ordering in advance and Reservations are a must!! Reservations & money must be received by 8/13/07. For more information - kindly Contact Bob Galassi at 847-965-0920.

Join us for a fantastic meal, outstanding entertainment and great company!! All proceeds will be donated to Charities in the area.

Park Ridge Senior News

Women's Club

The Women's Club of the Park Ridge Senior Center continues their busy and successful schedule of programs. On Wednesday, July 25 the group discussed their plans for the coming months. You can become a member of this group by becoming a member of the Park Ridge Senior Center. This club is one of many at the Center that is always planning interesting events. You are welcome to visit the Center for a

tour of the facility and get your questions answered

The Choraliers

The chorus of the Center has taken the summer off. They will resume weekly rehearsals the first Friday after the Labor Day holiday. Members of the Center can join the chorus. No audition is required. Rehearsals begin promptly at 1 p.m. followed by refreshments. The Chorus will be working on the program for the coming year. During the year they will

be singing at retirement homes, clubs, schools, churches, etc. which is one of the pleasures of being a part of this group.

Exercise Classes

Even though it's the lazy days of summer, exercise classes continue at the Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. You are encouraged to go at your own pace with the help of weights and bands for strengthening... stretching is

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'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.

Center at a cost of \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members. There must be 10 people registered.

Summer Computer Classes

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for "Beginning E-Mail" to be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 4.

Register in-person at the Senior Center at a price of \$6 for Members and \$7 for non-members.

Then, "Beginning Word

Processing" will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 8. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Aug. 22 and pay a reduced cost of \$5 for Senior Center Members and \$6 for non-members.

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.

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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 and some tasty samples.

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!

AARP Mature Driving Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is a two-day, four-hour refresher course for drivers age 50+, however any licensed driver may attend. The class covers much of the information needed to pass the State of Illinois license exam and reviews vision, hearing, and physical changes that drivers experience with age.

September the course dates will be from 12noon to 4 p.m. On Tuesday, Sept. 28 and Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Prairie View Community Center. The cost is \$10 and only a personal check is accepted.

Tea Talk: Cooking With Tea

Tea expert, Anne Marie Hampton will discuss the benefits 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.

Blood Pressure Screening

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining

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.

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.

Summer dinner and a Movie

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 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

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ing if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it.

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. There must be at least 10 participants registered.

Laughter And Meditation Programs

Enjoy either or both of these free classes at the Morton Grove Senior Center on Monday, Aug. 20. The "Laughter" Program will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Followed by the "Meditation" Program from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Register by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be a minimum of five people registered for each class by Aug. 8.

Mayflower Tours Trip Previews

Mayflower Tours will highlight their upcoming "Mediterranean Cruise," "Costa Rica," "California Dreaming," and "The Tournament of Roses

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also an integral part of the program. By exercising regularly, you will soon find yourself stronger and more flexible.

Games begin at 10 a.m. and no experience is necessary. Harry Shoemaker can show you how the game is played.

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Obituaries

Stanislawa Plichta

Stanislawa Plichta, 87, children. Services were of Park Ridge beloved held on July 27, 2007 at wife of the late Edward. Skaja Funeral Home with Loving mother of Lidia a mass on July 28, 2007 at (Jerzy) Filus and the late St. John Brebeuf.

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ANTIQUE OR JUNKIE

Inheriting the family dogs

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: This pair of ceramic dogs belonged to my great-grandmother. She brought them with her when she immigrated to the United States from Scotland over 100 years ago. Each stands approximately 9 inches tall and neither one has any identifying marks. They are decorated with gold paint, and have yellow eyes and black muzzles.

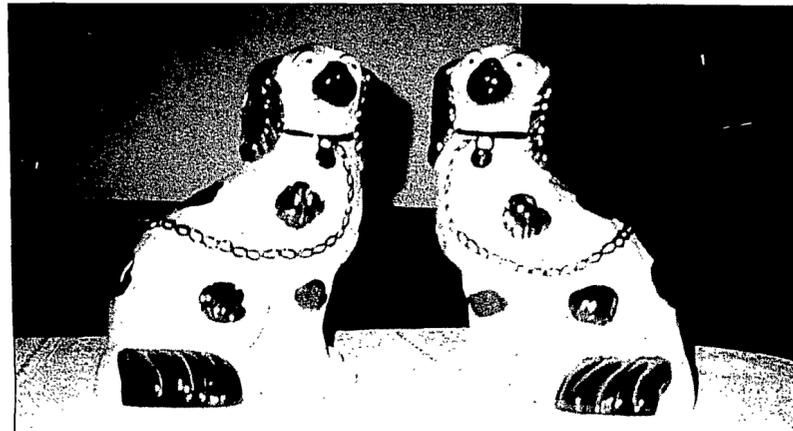
Staffordshire spaniels. They were made in England in the 1800s and are usually not marked by the manufacturer. As a rule, pairs were made to face one another and were most often placed on mantles. The gold color on the patches, ears, tails, chains, and padlocked collars was actually copper-luster. Your late 1800s spaniels would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.



Q: Enclosed is the mark that is on a set of porcelain dishes that I have. The set belonged to my mother for many years.

A: You have a pair of

on a set of porcelain dishes that I have. The set belonged to my mother for many years.



Although it originally was a service for 12, some pieces are missing. The 87 dishes that are left are in very good condition. Each dish is decorated with gold trim against a white background.

1890 to 1929. Beginning around 1900 they started producing restaurant ware as well. Your dishes were made around 1900 and the set would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: I just bought a service for eight set of silver plate flatware with the original case at an antiques mall and paid \$55. I already had a set and had been looking for another one so I would have enough for 16 people. Also I plan to eventually

give a set to each one of my daughters. Marked on the back of each piece are the words "Holmes and Edwards - Inlaid - IS." The pattern is "Lovely Lady."

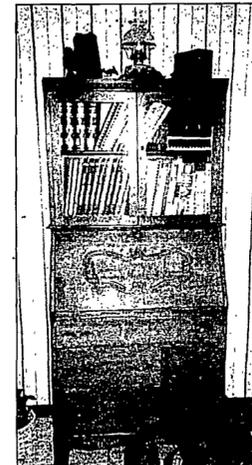
A: Holmes and Edwards Silver Co. made your silver plate flatware. The firm was founded by George C. Edwards and Israel Holmes and

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Golden oak secretary worth a bit of gold

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Enclosed is a photo of a secretary that I have inherited. It originally belonged to my grandfather. No one in our family has been able to furnish any information as to the age of our secretary. Everyone just says, "He always had it." He died at the age of 80 in 1947 and then it was passed down to my mother. Inside the drop front part are various size cubbyholes. Behind the lower door are sections for storing ledgers.



On the back of the secretary is a shipping label with an address I was able to identify as a Sears and Roebuck Co. store in Chicago.

I would appreciate information regarding the age and value of our secretary.

A: The applied scrolled carving on the drop front and the pressed brass pulls, are typical of golden oak furniture made in the late 1800s and very early 1900s. Sears and Roebuck Co. sold a plethora of similar pieces of Golden Oak furniture.

Your circa 1900 secretary would probably be worth \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Q: This mark is on 12 porcelain dinner plates that were my mother's. They are decorated with pastel flowers in the centers, the rims are embellished with gold, and are in excellent condition.

I am now in my 70s and must find a home for them. I hope you can give me an idea of their value.

A: Vogue was a distributing company that sold china and earthenware made by several different factories. Homer Laughlin China Co. in Ohio was one of the major china factories they had contracts with. "Warranted 22 K Gold" was first included with marks in the 1920s.

Your dinner plates were made sometime between 1924 and the 1930s. Each plate would probably be worth \$20 to \$25.

Q: I have a life-size cardboard figure of Superman that I am curious about. At his feet are the words "Watch Superman on TV." Below that is a picture of a corn flakes cereal box. I was told it is a grocery store display and the top

part was used as a place to display cereal boxes.

Does it have any value?
A: Your life-size Superman figure was used to promote Kellogg's Corn Flakes cereal and the TV series around 1956.

Its value is super-sized! Depending on the condition, its value ranges from the upper \$600s to \$4,000.

Q: I have a Lane cedar chest that was purchased around 1929 and is in mint condition. The trim and lock are all brass and the Lane certificate and instructions are still attached to the lid.

I know it's probably not really an antique, but I would like to know if it has any value.

A: John Lane and his son Ed started making red cedar chests in 1912 in Virginia. Over the years they added a variety of furniture to their lines. Today they are owned by Furniture Brands International.

Your early 20th century cedar chest is not quite in the antique category, but is a nice collectible. It would probably be worth \$200 to \$300.

Book Review

"Instant Expert: Collecting Toy Trains" was written by Richard Friz, well-known collector and toy train authority.

Readers will learn what it takes to think like an expert. Friz explains how to spot a reproduction, what makes a train collectible, the difference between American and European trains, and how to determine the subtle nuances in gauge and scale. Also included are insider tips on current market trends, buying and selling techniques, and on what's hot. Seasoned or novice toy train enthusiasts alike will find this guide provides the much needed information to become a wise and knowledgeable collector.

Published by House of Collectibles and it is available at bookstores for \$15.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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Stalk Options | Sweet corn at its best

By Maria C. Hunt
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The season for fresh sweet corn started in June, and chefs have been working its sweet, versatile flavor into their menus for weeks.

LONG CORNER

"I look forward to summer every year specifically for things like corn and tomatoes," said Wade Hageman, chef of Blanca Restaurant in Solana Beach, Calif. "It has that natural sweetness and velvety texture to it."

Not only does corn taste good and sweet, it's loaded with nutrients and fiber. An ear of steamed yellow corn has 83 calories, 19 grams of carbohydrates, 3 grams of fiber, 3 grams of protein and small amounts of calcium and vitamin C.

Corn has a suave quality, making it delicious by itself or as a counterpoint to a wide range of flavors.

Jason Knibb of Nine-Ten is

servicing tortellini filled with sweet corn alongside braised short ribs. Sweet corn also stars in a deconstructed corn chowder with halibut, bacon and potatoes.

"It lends itself to a lot of different flavors, whether they're savory or even sweet," said Knibb, executive chef of the restaurant in San Diego's upscale La Jolla community. "Corn stands up on its own without overpowering other things. That's probably the best quality of it."

Nathan Coulon at Modus Supper Club in San Diego especially likes sweet corn with earthy mushrooms and the spice of chiles. He's serving a dish of corn sauteed with morel mushrooms and house-made bacon as a tapa and alongside red snapper.

Corn also works well in desserts and sweet preparations. The dessert menu at Blanca featured a sweet-corn financier paired with corn ice cream and blueberry sauce.

One of the most popular tamales created by Corn

Savory Corn Cakes

3 cups fresh sweet corn kernels (divided use)
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 egg yolk
1 whole egg
1 cup heavy cream
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/2 cup creme fraiche
1 (2-ounce) jar caviar, such as Tsar Nicoulei

Yields about 1 dozen.
Place 2 cups of corn kernels in blender and puree. Place strainer over mixing bowl and pour puree through strainer. Press on the pulp to extract as much juice as possible.

In mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar and baking powder. Add corn juice,

egg yolk and egg, and whisk until batter is smooth. Add cream and stir until mixture has consistency of pancake batter. Add orange zest and remaining cup of corn kernels, and stir. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Let batter rest for 30 minutes before cooking. Then, using a well-seasoned crepe pan or cast-iron pan, heat butter until it just starts to smoke. Turn down heat slightly. Place a 2-inch nonstick ring mold in pan and pour 2 tablespoons of batter into center. Let pancake cook for 30 seconds, then remove mold, flip pancake over and cook. Repeat with remaining batter, adjusting flame or cooking time so that pancakes achieve a golden color. Serve immediately with creme fraiche and caviar.

From chef Nathan Coulon
of Modus Bar Lounge



Maiden, a mail-order gourmet tamale company in Harbor City, Calif., near Los Angeles, is a sweet green corn tamal studded with fresh corn.

Sweet corn is available for 50 cents to \$1 an ear at grocery stores and farmers markets, but for many chefs, The Vegetable Shop at the Chino Farm in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., is corn central. On a recent afternoon, shoppers were picking up \$10 bags of white and bi-color corn with yellow and white kernels.

Many people think that white corn is sweeter and yellow corn has more flavor. But actually, Tom Chino of Chino Farm said the newer varieties, which are identified by numbers instead of romantic names, are made to be juicy and tender and to retain their sugars. The sugar doesn't break down as quickly, but they still need to be eaten as soon as possible.

"After a week, it will be sweet, but it won't be as interesting," Chino said.

Corn can be prepared in a variety of ways, from roasted to pan-fried, boiled to grilled. At Adams Avenue Grill in San Diego, chef Tim Klepeis makes a soup with roasted corn. He browns the ears on the grill to give the kernels additional flavor. Then he purees the ears into the soup that he serves with a jalapeno quesadilla.

"The mellowness of the corn is really zipped up by the quesadilla," he said.

In the Caribbean and parts of Latin America, Knibb said it's common to clean the silk

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Sweet-Corn Cupcakes

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons egg yolk (about 5)
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons cooking oil
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons corn juice, strained

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups cake flour
1 cup sugar (divided use)
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup egg whites
Pinch cream of tartar
1 cup huckleberries or blueberries

Frosting:
1/2 cup corn juice
4 ounces cream cheese
2 tablespoons butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups powdered sugar, sifted

Yields 18 frosted cupcakes.
Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease 18-cupcake tin wells or line with paper liners. In large mixing bowl, combine egg yolks, oil, corn juice and vanilla extract.

Place sifter over separate bowl and add flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Sift dry ingredients into bowl. Add dry ingredients to bowl with egg mixture and mix thoroughly, scraping bottom of bowl to make smooth batter.

In clean, cool bowl, combine egg whites, remaining 1/2 cup sugar and cream of tartar. Whip to medium peaks. Fold egg whites into batter with spatula. Fold in berries.

Fill wells of cupcake pan 3/4 full and bake for 10 to 12 minutes. While cupcakes are baking, make frosting by cooking the 1/4 cup corn juice down to 2 tablespoons of corn pudding. Set aside and cool. In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, butter and vanilla until well-blended. Gradually add powdered sugar. Slowly add corn pudding and mix until well incorporated and frosting is smooth.

Once cupcakes are cool, frost and serve.

Chef Wade Hageman
of Blanca Restaurant

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★★½ 'The Simpsons Movie' Saga continues at 742 Evergreen Terrace

By Arthur Salm
STAFF WRITER

Don't have a cow, man, but "The Simpsons Movie" is an underachiever.

Which is to say it's fun, and better than most of the twaddle that's out there, on big screen or (not-so-)small(-anymore). But in the end - and from the very beginning, for that matter - it's nothing more than a "Simpsons" episode writ, or rather, animated large.

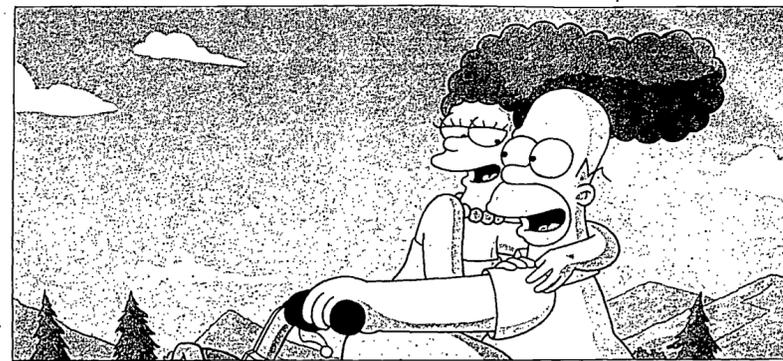
For reasons either not fully explained or not at all memorable, Homer (voiced, as always, by Dan Castellaneta) becomes infatuated with a pig, which he brings home to become the latest member of the Simpson household. Marge (Julie Kavner) is aghast: A twirly tail is one of the ominous signs portended by Grandpa Abe in the speaking-in-tongues vision he experienced in church.

Doesn't take long, for the other signs to manifest themselves, and for Homer's blundering selfishness (triggered by

- what else? - doughnuts) to engineer what seems will be the destruction of the town of Springfield. Villains include the Environmental Protection Agency and the president of the United States, a man who is currently the governor of a very large western state. Guess.

Various plot lines don't so much intertwine as take turns. Bart (Nancy Cartwright), fed up with his old man at last, eyes Flanders as a possible substitute. Lisa (Yeardley Smith) finds a kindred soul in a young musician/environmentalist from Ireland, whose father is not, he must keep insisting, Bono. With the family in exile and Springfield seemingly doomed, Marge stands by her man - but only up to a point, when ...

All of which comes across as rather, you should pardon the expression, two-dimensional. "The Simpsons Movie," for all of its wit - it's a "Simpsons," remember - and enhanced animation, diminishes its beloved subjects. They fill the screen, but are flattened by it. Homer's instant ditty, "Spider Pig,"



(Spider Pig, Spider Pig / Does Whatever a Spider Pig Does) is infectious and funny in the TV trailers; at the movies, in the dark, it's just ... silly.

There are, as one would expect, fine moments. American non-idiots Green Day get the Springfield Treatment in a spot-on cameo. Bart's reaction to Flanders' wooing him with an extra-special cup of hot chocolate is inspired, giddy madness. Marge and Homer's Disneyesque 'sex scene (you heard me) is frame-by-frame perfect.

But too many of the ideas fall short of the high standard the show itself has set. (Eleven

writers are credited, which explains a lot.) Bart's nude skateboarding escapade is a shameless - make that, shameful - steal from the first "Austin Powers." Springfield has faced more imaginative threats. Moe is barely even Moe. Apu is all but missing.

And, although "The Simpsons Movie" is rated PG-13, the material has been softened; the characters are like hunks of glass put through a tumbler to blunt their heretofore cutthroat edges.

At the outset, Homer ridicules us for paying for what we get for free on television. For once, Doughnut Man is onto something.

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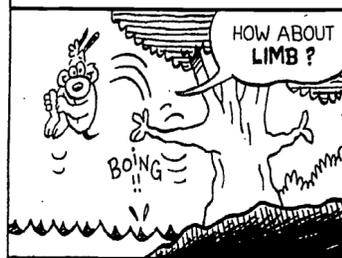
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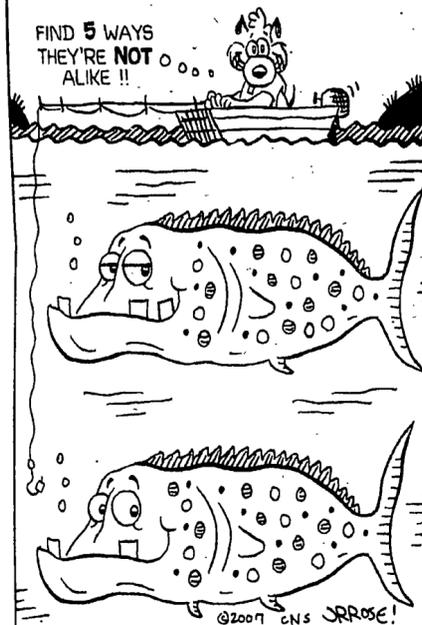


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Rain Forest Wonder

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Found only in the Ituri Forest, a dense rain forest in central Africa, okapi weren't discovered by American and European scientists until the early 1900s. With an excellent sense of hearing that catches even the slightest sounds, okapi are experts at hiding and very difficult to find. Because of their secretive natures and the difficulty most humans have of traveling in the rain forest, their life history and daily habits are very little understood. Most of what researchers do know about the okapi has come from zoo observations. In fact, in 1959, Brookfield Zoo was the first North American institution to birth an okapi.

What's so cool about these animals? Okapi have bluish-black tongues 25 centimeters long! These tongues enable them to grasp and strip leaves off more than a hundred types of plants, as well as wipe their eyes, clean their nostrils, and groom their coats. They can even reach their ears with their tongues! Another fascinating fact is that while female okapi are slightly larger than males, they can weigh from 55 to 110 pounds more. Come check out these gentle and unusual herbivores at Brookfield Zoo's Habitat Africa! The Forest exhibit.

Contents are courtesy of the Chicago Zoological Society, which operates Brookfield Zoo. Interested in getting fun info delivered directly to your inbox? Check www.BrookfieldZoo.org/Ani-Mails for info on FREE emails.

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

EX-ceptional Words

Some EX-pressions are so overused that they are often mispronounced. Choose the correct pronunciation of the following words.

1. A strong cup of coffee is pronounced ("expresso"/"espresso").
2. A quick getaway is pronounced ("escape"/"excape").
3. The abbreviation "etc." is pronounced ("excetera"/"et cetera").
4. A word meaning "much more" is pronounced ("especially"/"expecially").

Answers: People usually spell these words correctly, but sometimes stick in an "x". 1. espresso 2. escape 3. et cetera 4. especially

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REAL ESTATE

DECOR SCORE

Out with the indoor stuff



By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are just moving in and haven't had the chance to furnish our outdoor porch. It's covered, so I'm thinking about just taking out some of the living room furniture we don't need. My husband thinks I've lost my mind, that it will look like some tacky roadside shack with the old sofa on the porch (and a car carcass in the yard). What do you think?

A: I think you need to demonstrate to your husband how very savvy and forward-thinking you are. I say: out with your indoor furniture! As long as it not going to be rained upon, you can make outdoors as comfortable - and elegant - as any room inside your house.

In fact, modern technology has outdated your husband's mental image of what's proper for porch living. Next season, when you have time to shop for furniture that's actually designed for outdoor use, you'll find new moisture-and-sun proof fabrics, rugs, and even lamps handsome enough to live indoors, too.

Study the posh outdoor living room by designer Anne Tarasoff that we show here. Except for the hammock, and the barbecue pit in the wood-burning fireplace, you'd never guess that it's all about New Age materials engineered to deal with the elements, so sophisticated and comfortable is her arrangement.

Anne says she followed the same design principles that would apply to arranging an indoor room: the seating pieces (covered in canvas-like outdoor fabric) are grouped conversationally around an area rug (a weather-proof painted canvas floor cloth). The arrangement includes tables within easy reach of every seating piece, and lighting that extends summer days into the night. Even the tied-back draperies, for all their lush looks, can also stand up to Mother Nature's worst moods. (See more Tarasoff talent at www.annetarasoffinteriors.com.)

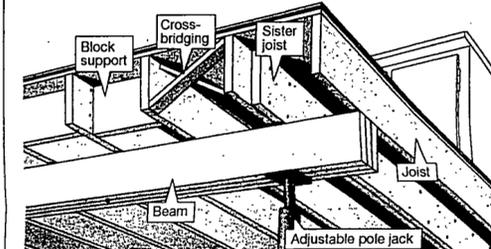
Q: Even thinking about renovating our kitchen gives me nightmares. We have three children under 7, and I don't see how we're going to live as a family during the many weeks our contractor says it will take to rip out, renovate and replace everything. What advice can you offer?
A: Collective wisdom can be summed up in a phrase: "Renovation is hell." Yet renovation is also rather like childbirth—the results almost always make you forget the pain you've been through. I suggest that you find an expert to lean on who can help you around the miseries of living without a kitchen and with the inherent disruption, such as a certified kitchen designer or other interior designer who has

See Decor, page 25

HOME HOW-TO

Bouncy floors

Floors in old homes can tend to sag or bounce as they age. There are many techniques to strengthen a floor, here are a few common methods:



SISTERING. A process that involves attaching material of a similar size alongside the existing joists for added support.

CROSS-BRIDGING. 1x3 wood strips or metal brackets are installed between joists in an X-pattern. The main purpose of metal or wood cross-bridging is to help minimize twisting of the joist; the more a joist twists or leans to the side, the weaker it is.

BLOCKING. Prevents joists from leaning or twisting sideways when weight is applied. The pieces are cut from lumber the same width as the joist material and fixed between floor joists to prevent any movement. Builders prefer this method to cross-bridging.

BEAM. The most effective way to eliminate bounce is by placing a beam perpendicular to the joists. The beam is supported by an adjustable pole jack or 6x6 wood post.

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Choosing an annual or perennial Depends on climate

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We live in a cold winter climate area and we planted several plants that we thought were annuals like geraniums, cannas, and fuchsia in a hanging basket. When we looked them up in books, we read that they are perennials. We are not sure how to take care of them over the winter.

What is the difference between an annual and a perennial?

A: There are several possible answers to your question. First, the botanical answer is that an annual is a plant that starts from a seed, matures to bloom, produces seeds and finally dies - all in one growing season. A perennial is a plant that starts from a seed and may mature, bloom and produce seeds in the first growing season, or it may take several years before it is mature enough to bloom. During the

dormant, non-growing season, the perennial will typically die back to the roots or possibly a swollen trunk and roots that survive until the next growing season. The annual will always be restarting from seeds, but the perennial can start the second season from roots, bulbs, tubers or other storage systems.

A GREENER VIEW

Trees, shrubs, vines and other plants that have woody above ground parts and survive the dormant season are not considered perennials.

If an annual is grown in an indoor location or in the deep South where no frost occurs, it could keep growing for several seasons, possibly for a couple of years. It would be fooled into thinking that the dormant season has not yet arrived and would continue blooming.

Now let's look at perennials. You need to research the regional climate in which the plant is native. If you have a perennial

that is used to going dormant because of cold winter weather, it will behave the same in your climate. Planting a cold winter dormancy plant in southern California, or in the southern states will not give it the cold weather it needs. These plants depend on certain amounts of cold weather to cause the maturing of their flower buds. Without enough cold weather, they don't grow well. For instance, people who want to grow tulips in Texas need to buy ones that have been refrigerated, so that the cold temperatures have matured the flower into blooming.

Some perennials come from a warm weather climate that causes dormancy from dry spells. Growing them in the southern United States or indoors will give them the conditions they need. Planting one of these plants in cold winter weather will most likely lead to its death.

Many of the plants that are sold in the spring for use as annuals are actually warm climate perennials. They will act as an annual in cold weather climates, since they can't tolerate the cold weather. Walk into any garden center or big box store in the southern states during the spring, and you will find numerous plants being sold as landscape plants that can be sold by the same chains in the northern states only as house plants or as an annual.

Another thing you must consider when looking up these plants in the books is that many plant groups have some annuals, some perennials and maybe even some shrubs or vines all grouped together in a common

GARDEN TIP

Hanging basket care

For your hanging baskets to remain healthy and produce those beautiful blossoms that you love to see, certain conditions must be met. Here are a few tips to get the most out of your plant through the summer.

WATERING

A basket placed outdoors in the summer may need a daily watering, depending on its location and size. Ensure you water enough to wet the volume of soil in the basket and not just the surface.

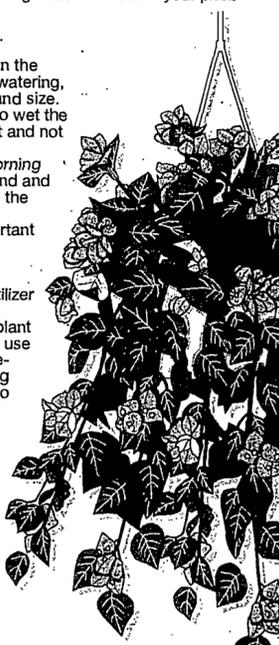
It is best to water in the morning using a watering can or wand and pouring water directly onto the soil, avoiding the leaves. Adequate drainage is important to avoid rot.

FERTILIZER

Basket plants run out of fertilizer quickly, so follow fertilizing directions for your type of plant to encourage growth. If you use a fertilizer similar to Miracle-Gro, then feed your hanging baskets regularly, every 1 to 2 weeks.

SITE

Choose a plant to fit the location where it will grow best, according to species. Too much sun exposure can be as bad as not enough. A plant with scorched, brown edges and/or faded leaves may be getting too much sun.



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genus. The book may be talking about one particular species, or it may be discussing the majority of the genus when listing a plant as an annual or perennial. Therefore, the one you have in your garden may not be mentioned exactly in the article.

If you have a warm weather perennial and you don't want to treat it as an annual, you will need to try to mimic its native climate conditions. Before the weather gets too cold, you will need to bring it indoors. You should bring it in when the temperatures are about equal

indoors and out. In other words, when the air conditioning and furnace are both not needed. Don't wait until the day before the first killing frost to bring them in; they have already been out in too many cool nights.

Cut back on the watering and let the plant drift into the natural dry season conditions that it is supposed to be receiving during the dormant season. Keep an eye on the plants as they may need a little water to keep them alive. Replant them outdoors next spring after the weather has become warm again.

Selling Your Home in a Cooling Real Estate Market

As television and the newspapers have been reporting, the real estate market is a lot slower than it has been in the years. In most areas, there are more homes for sale than there are buyers. So what can you do if you really need to get your home sold, regardless of market conditions? Every home seller can take steps to make their home more appealing to buyers, and in this two part series we'll discuss what you can do to make your home stand out in a crowd.

Part 1

The first step is accepting the realities of the current market. Between the years 2000 and 2005 housing prices were increasing by 10% or more annually. A number of economic factors caused the market to slow down in 2006 and 2007. One of the factors was that prices had simply climbed too high, and fewer people could afford to buy in this area. To give you some actual statistics, during the 12 months of 2005, which was the peak of the market, there were 197 single family houses sold in Niles, taking an average of 58 days to sell. In the past 12 months, 137 houses have sold, taking an average of 100 days. That is a 44% reduction in sales volume, combined with a 72% increase in time on market. All of the surrounding communities have similar numbers, and the same is true for condominiums and townhouses.

Every community has more real estate sellers than buyers, and not every house or condo is going to sell this year. For example, if there are 100 homes being sold in a community but only 60 buyers for this community, that means 40 homes simply will not sell this year.

Now that we understand the current real estate market, lets look at specifics. More importantly, is your asking price realistic? Selling prices are lower than in 2005 because



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existing buyers have more bargaining power as banks are being more conservative in granting loans. We are still getting higher prices than in 2004, however. Adjust your price expectations to reflect the current market conditions. You are still making a big profit compared to values just seven years ago.

The second part of understanding pricing is understanding pricing brackets. Most buyers ask their agent to search in a certain price range (for example, between \$350,000 and \$400,000). If your asking price is \$399,000, your home will show up in the

agents computer search of available homes. If you are asking \$401,000, it will not show up. Being below a price bracket will always generate more showings than being just over.

Also, be aware of your price relative to the other homes for sale, in order to place yourself earlier on the showing list. The buyers agent searches for all available properties in a price bracket and prints a list of homes that meet the buyers needs. The list is printed in order of price. Buyers normally start with the lowest prices and visit homes until they see one they like. Then they stop looking and write an offer. They don't look at the rest of the homes on the list unless the offer does not work out. Let's say there are 10 homes on the list, and the buyers look at the first 6, then write an offer on #6. If your home is #8, they never saw it. Maybe, just a modest price reduction would have made you #5 on the list. Then your home would have

been shown and considered. The earlier on the showing list, the more showings. More showings mean a better chance of an offer.

We have discussed the realities of the current real estate market and pricing. Next week we will discuss other things you can do to improve your chances for a successful sale in a slow market.

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Decor

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many successful renovations already notched on his/her yardstick.

(For starters, the National Kitchen & Bath Association, www.nkba.com, can steer you to a designer in your area.)

I also want to pass along some good advice from an experienced designer who's done a lot of kitchens, including her own. "Get excited about your kitchen," says Cynthia Schwartz, head of CRS Designs in North

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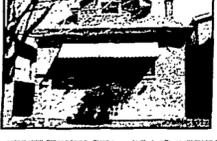
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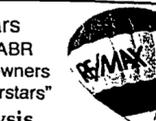
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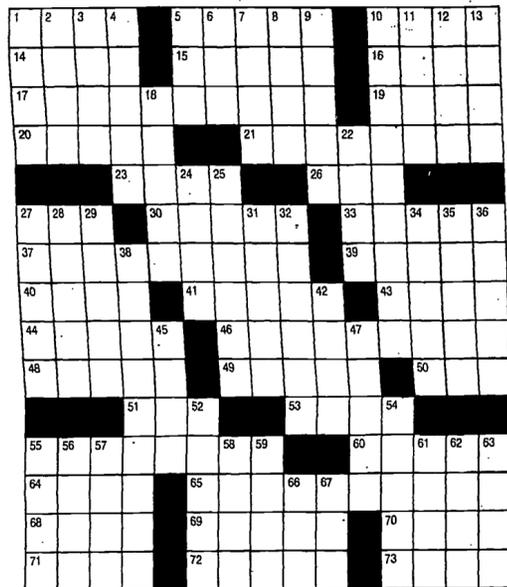
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 • Personalize rooms-There's a reason white and off-white are the leading colors for window treatments-they're safe. Replacing the pink and orange floral draperies in your little girl's room with a simple roller shade will allow the couple to decide for themselves whose room it will be.
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