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Elderly Niles Couple Scammed Out of Their Home

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

An elderly Niles couple was recently a victim of a scam that involved the theft of their home.

A 33-year-old Montgomery man, Jim Giakoumis, was recently arrested for the theft of the couple's home and aggravated home repair fraud.

The investigation found that in 2006 Giakoumis approached an elderly couple living in Niles and fraudulently claimed to be a heating and air condi-
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Local Teens Participate In 'Keep the Drive' Rally

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen | STAFF WRITER

Teenagers at Niles North High School held a "Keep the Drive" rally on Thursday, Sept. 20 as part of a nationwide movement to promote safe driving among teens.

Prior to the local rally, Niles North teens were part of a group of more than 150 local teens that assembled at U.S. Cellular Field to take a stand against the number one killer among teens, which is deadly vehicle crashes.

Salman Hassan, a student at Niles North High School, said he was part of the event because he wants to promote safe driving among teens and help save lives.

Many teens at Niles North held colorful signs with the number 16 on it and yelled, "Keep the Drive!" to their peers who were coming through the doors at the end of the school day.

The number 16 is so significant because it stands for the average number of teens killed each day.

The Allstate Foundation sponsors this year's event. Through this year's event, nation-wide, Keep the Drive is committed to mobilizing more than 2,000 high school students.

At the event at Cellular Field, the kids pledged to be responsible drivers and also smart driving advocates. The students were given ways to help promote safe driving through peer-to-peer grassroots initiatives.

In 2005, The Allstate Foundation conducted a teen survey nation-wide and found that peer to peer outreach is very important in the success of safe driving programs.



District 207 Teacher Contract Negotiations In Limbo

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Maine Township School Dist. 207 Teacher's Association President is upset about a letter the board of education president recently sent to parents regarding current contract negotiations.

In the letter from Board President Joann Braam, to the parents, she states, "In light of the expired contract and the limited progress of these talks that began in February, the board of Education is reviewing the possible assistance of a federal mediator."

"I would like to express my conviction that the board and the MTA are both equally invested in every student in Dist. 207."

Jose Arguello
MTA PRESIDENT

The letter also states that the MTA has never presented a complete written salary proposal regarding a new contract to replace the collective bargaining agreement that expired on Aug. 15.

In a letter written to Braam from MTA President Jose Arguello, he writes, "One misconception that your new letter perpetuates is that the MTA has never presented a salary proposal, in any form. As you know, that is not true."

Arguello believes Braam's letter to parents contains a "negative overtone", similar to a letter that was sent to parents in June.

Arguello said that in June after receiving the board's first letter, he received a number of phone calls from concerned parents asking about the possibility of a strike.

Braam's letter states that
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Fall Parent Night at St. John Brebeuf

The St. John Brebeuf school lights were on at night recently welcoming parents to the fall open house. Parents began their evening at the parish ministry center with a welcome by assistant principal Mrs. Mary Statura, in the absence of Principal Margaret Whitman who was attending a funeral out of state. Father Thomas May, Pastor of St. John Brebeuf also welcomed the parents and encouraged active participation of all families in the parish community. Others

also spoke about school organizations, Sue Denzer, President of PSA, John Fenn, and President of the St. John Brebeuf School board, and Joe Svahula, president of the athletic board.

Parents then were invited to visit the school. This year St John Brebeuf has added a kindergarten making three kindergarten classes of 18 students each. Classroom teacher's pre-school through 8th grade gave brief presentations. Work samples were displayed both in the rooms

and on the wall in the hall throughout the building. Parents were able to see not only the work of their children but also how they are able to learn about and practice their faith.

School and parish organizations had tables set up throughout the school offering a wide variety of opportunities for participation in the parish school community. Throughout the evening the halls were filled with interested parents attesting to the success of the evening.

Morton Grove Fossil Hunt

Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. Free

Step back in time with members of the Morton Grove Historical Museum. This program will begin with a brief explanation of local geologic history. Then, in a field tour of Linne Woods and Prairie, participants will search for evidence of the ancient seas and reefs that once covered our landscape. The excavation for the Deep Tunnel Project at the currently restored Linne Prairie unearthed limestone from the Silurian Age, providing opportunities for amateur fossil hunters. Join us as we search for gastropods, brachiopods

and other fossils that record local ancient history.

Meet museum staff Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 10am in Linne Woods. Enter the Cook County Forest Preserve at the entrance on north side of Dempster, across from Ferris Avenue. Drive down road, past pavilion, to turn-around and park near turn-around. Although not strenuous, the Fossil Hunt will require some walking. An adult must accompany children under 18 years of age.

This fossil hunt is free but reservations are required. Call the Morton Grove Historical Museum now to reserve your spot, 847-965-0203.

MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Basics of Selling on eBay

Thurs., Sept. 27, 7-8:30 pm
Do you have things you'd like to sell but don't have time for a garage sale? This lively seminar will show you how to get started selling your treasures on eBay by opening a seller account, determining the price and value of your items, improving your listings with

descriptions and photos, monitoring your listings and completing transactions.

Low Vision Fair

Sat., Sept. 29, 10 am - 3 pm
Niles Senior Center
If you or someone you know has limited vision, you'll want to attend this fair to get practical and useful information about new developments in

retina treatment, helpful products and services available. Five north suburban public libraries are co-sponsoring a Low Vision Fair at the Niles Senior Center (999 Civic Center Drive, a block east of the intersection of Waukegan and Oakton) on Saturday, September 29, from 10 am - 3 pm. Kerry Obrist from the

Guild for the Blind will be speaking on Living Large after Vision Loss; Retina Specialist Dr. Frank LaFranco will discuss Macular Degeneration, and Hap Holly, a ham radio operator and musician will discuss the Proper Etiquette for Interacting with the Visually Impaired. Light refreshments will be served.

Glue & Go Costumes For Kids

Sun., Sept. 30, 2:00 pm
Be inspired by author Holly Cleeland and learn how to make amazing costumes out of common household items such as plastic cups and cardboard boxes. Ms. Cleeland has appeared on several TV shows showing her costume creations and techniques. She will show

you and your child how to transform readily available supplies using basic tools such as scissors and a glue-gun into unique, over-size, eye-catching costumes. Three costumes will be raffled off.

Genealogy

Using Genealogy Resources at MGPL and the Internet
Tues., Oct. 2, 7-8:30 pm
Colleen Ringel, MGPL Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian and expert genealogical researcher, will present tips on where to search for family history information at the Morton Grove Public Library, as well as on the Internet. Registration is required; please call 847-929-5101, or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

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MG Family Festival Celebrates National Award

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen | STAFF WRITER

A Family Festival and block party to celebrate The Village of Morton Grove being ranked one of the top 10 towns to raise a family will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Village Hall.

"I have to say the response I've received has been tremendous," said Bill Neuendorf, director of community development for the Village of Morton Grove and one of the event coordinators. "This started off as a small idea to celebrate the diversity and closeness of

families in Morton Grove and has been well-received by local civic organizations, schools, businesses and residents."

Family Circle Magazine recently selected Morton Grove as one of the top 10 places to raise a family.

Neuendorf admits it has been challenging to put together an event like this in such a short amount of time, but he said many people have shown "spirited support" of the event.

Morton Grove Village Hall is located at 6101 Capulina Ave.

The Family Festival Events

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| 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast
New Resident Reception
10:00 to Noon
School Scarecrow Challenge
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Old-Fashioned Corn Roast | Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches
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Public Service Displays
Library & Park Districts
Pumpkin Sale
Bake Sale
4:00 to 11:00 p.m.
Live Music
More Food Vendors
Beer Tent |
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Niles Natives Bring Theatrical Comedy to Chicago

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Niles natives Matthew Croke and Brad Balduf attended Notre Dame High School together years ago and now they are bringing the Reduced Shakespeare Company to Chicago.

Croke is starring in the company's productions of Completely Hollywood (abridged) and The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged). Balduf is one of the producers of the production.

Touring since 1981, the production in Chicago will open on Oct. 7 and 9 and run until Dec. 2. It is the company's first long run in Chicago. With previews on Oct. 2, the production will be held at the Royal George Theatre in Chicago.

Croke, born and raised in Niles, attended a clown college at Depaul, upon his mother's suggestion. Since then, he started performing with the Ringling Brothers Circus and has performed in Japan, Italy and throughout the U.S.

"I love performing live," said

Croke. "We talk to the audience. It's a high energy show and a lot of fun."

Croke described the production as a funny, slapstick show performed by a three-man company. Completely

Hollywood involves reducing 200 films into 100 minutes and explores the wacky, wonderful land of movies. In The Bible: Te Complete Word of God, questions such as, did Moses really look like Charlton Heston? And did Adam and Eve have navels are explored.

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Maine East Grad Finishes Basic Military Training

Air Force Airman Jeffrey Chan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Chan earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Christopher Chan of N. Odell Ave., and nephew of Moon Kyan of N. Neva Ave., both of Niles, Ill.

The airman is a 2007 graduate of Maine East High School, Park Ridge, Ill.

Auditions for Polish Children's Chorus

The highly respected Lira Ensemble invites children and teenagers, ages 7 to 14, to audition for membership in the Lira Children's Chorus - "Dzieci" which will meet at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in northwest suburban Palatine, Illinois.

The "Dzieci" Chorus performs Polish and American music. It is the junior unit of the Lira Ensemble, the nation's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song, and dance.

Members of the Lira Children's Chorus are given professional vocal training, as well as lessons in Polish and English diction and pronunciation.

Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-

8:30pm in the Music Room (#112) at St. Thomas of Villanova School, 1141 East Anderson Drive in Palatine.

Membership is open to all children. Knowledge of the Polish language is helpful, but not required. Youngsters from age 7 to 14 are invited to audition; teenagers may remain in the chorus to age 18. Tuition fees are very reasonable and scholarships are available.

The "Dzieci" chorus is a wonderful way to keep Polish heritage and culture alive in your family. The Chorus performs at important community events, occasionally on television, and sometimes with the professional artists of the Lira Singers, Chamber Chorus, Dancers, and Lira Symphony.

The Lira Ensemble is head-

quartered at Loyola University's Lake Shore Campus in Chicago, as artist-in-residence. Lucyna Migala of WCEV Radio is artistic director and general manager. The Lira Children's Chorus is taught and conducted by Malgorzata Borysiewicz, a graduate of the Chopin Academy of Music in Warsaw, Poland and a featured artist with the Lira Ensemble.

Children who want to become chorus members are asked to audition by singing a song of their own choosing and repeating vocal exercises that will be demonstrated for them.

To make an audition appointment or for more information, call the Lira office at (773) 508-7040. More information is available on the Internet at www.liraensemble.com.

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the school year is off to a successful start and they expect school activities to go on as usual while the board and the MTA work hard to reach a settlement.

The letter also acknowl-

edges the MTA's right to communicate with parents and the media in the community.

Braam's letter concludes with, "Continuing the excellence of our programs for our students is of the greatest importance to the board and we believe to the MTA."

In Arguello's letter, he writes, "I would like to express my conviction that the board and the MTA are both equally invested in every student in Dist. 207."

The letter to parents from the Board of Education is posted on the district's website.

MaineStay's 'Parenting with Love and Logic' Changes Location

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Due to a referendum passed last spring by community members, four programmatic initiatives were implemented for this school year at Skokie-Morton Grove Dist. 69.

The first initiative that was

implemented was to have an all day kindergarten program for all kindergarten students.

The second initiative was to add a comprehensive gifted program for grades K to 8.

Thirdly, two teachers in the English Language Learner Services program are now at each school.

Finally, the fourth initiative was to add a two-year foreign language program so that students can go into second year Spanish in high school.

"Our parents and teachers and staff worked very hard to make these recommendations," said Supt. Rebecca Nelson, who is very excited about all of the

initiatives being added this year. Nelson said that last year was more of a restorative year with programs being brought back, but this year committees worked very hard to create these four initiatives. They researched programs at other school districts and decided what was important to Dist. 69.

Columbia College opens posh, new residence hall

Designed by Holabird and Root, the 27-story Buckingham building at 59 E. Van Buren was commissioned by the Buckingham family (of fountain fame) with interiors that include terrazzo hallways, marble wainscoting and a spacious lobby with art deco relief panels. The building, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a contributing structure to the Historic Michigan Boulevard District (a Chicago Landmark District).

The restoration and gut rehab of the structure began in

2006 when Brownstone Realty & Development Co. and L & H Real Estate Group formed a joint venture development entity (The Buckingham, LLC). Brown-stone President David S. Dewey had spearheaded a number of developments, reclaiming and rehabilitating historic properties and a five-year lease was brokered with Columbia College Chicago to develop the property for student housing.

With an eye to the upscale demands of today's residential college students, the apartment building, now

called The Buckingham, boasts 129 studio-, one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments, totaling 456 beds. The building is fully occupied for Columbia's 2007-8 academic year. Each living unit features ensuite laundry, full kitchens loaded with Energy Star appliances including dishwasher, disposal, microwave and refrigerators with icemakers. The entire building is, of course 'wired,' and High Speed Internet, satellite television, and central heating and air conditioning are provided.

"The Buckingham project is absolutely consistent with Columbia's track record for recycling existing buildings as part of our commitment to the environment" says Alicia Berg, Columbia's vice president for campus environment.

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Criminal Damage to National Park Field House

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1 Criminal Damage to Property
(9300 block of Marion)

Unknown person or persons broke the glass out of a sign located at the National Park Field House in the 9300 block of Marion on Sept. 13.

2 "Bogus Check"
(6100 block of Dempster)

A customer at a currency exchange in the 6100 block of Dempster wrote a check for \$12,300, which came back saying there was insufficient funds on Aug. 30. Police said they were told this customer was previously a "very reliable" customer.

3 Criminal Damage to Vehicle
(9400 block of Waukegan)

Unknown person or persons broke out the rear window of a van in a business parking lot in the 9400 block of Waukegan on Sept. 19. The estimated cost of damage is \$300.

4 Possession of Stolen Vehicle
(Suffield/Oswego)

A 17-year-old Niles man was arrested for the possession of a stolen vehicle and the possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver on Sept. 13. Police said the man was supposed to be on home monitoring but he removed his monitoring bracelet.

5 DUI Arrest
(6400 block of Dempster)

A 34-year-old Chicago woman was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Sept. 15 after a traffic offense. Her court date is Oct. 11.

6 Suspended Driver's License
(8100 block of Austin)

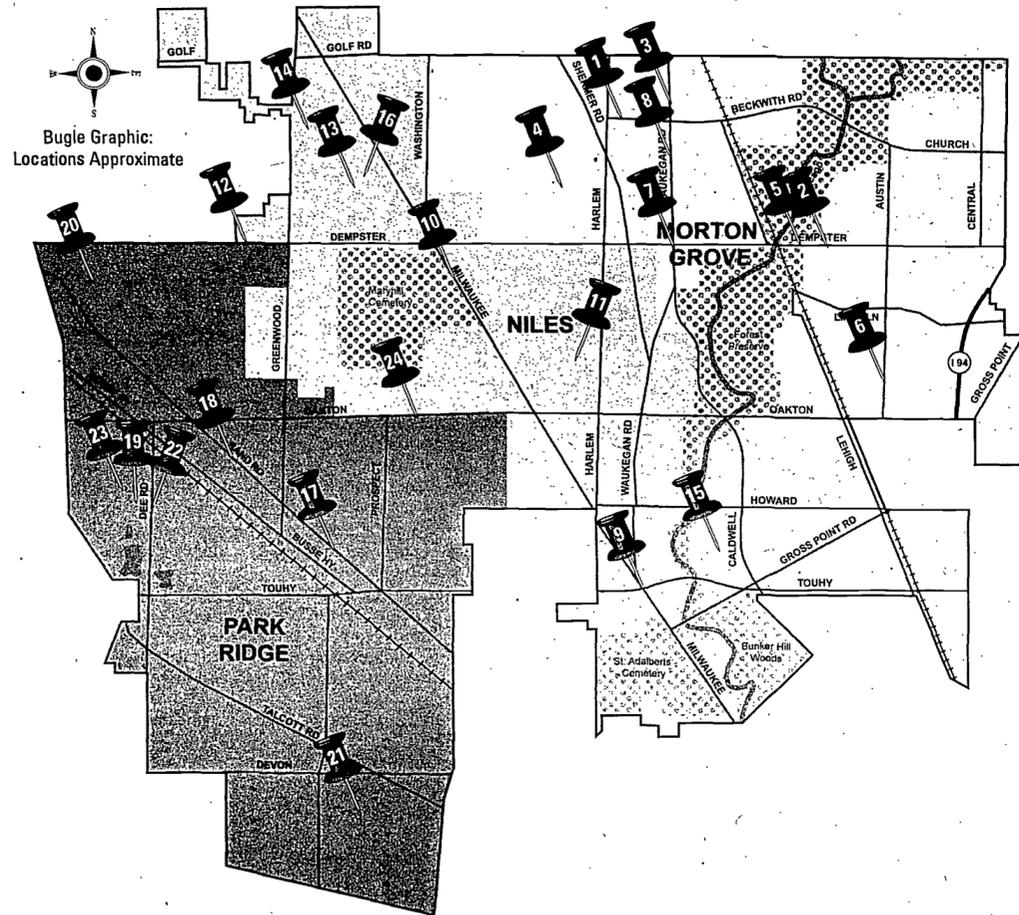
A 38-year-old Skokie man was arrested on Sept. 16 and charged with a driving with a suspended driver's license. His court date is Oct. 25.

7 No Valid Drivers License
(Waukegan and Dempster)

A 30-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for driving without a valid drivers license on Sept. 19. His court date is Oct. 11.

8 Suspended Driver's License
(9100 block of Waukegan)

A 60-year-old Chicago male was arrested on Sept. 15 and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license. His court date is Oct. 30.



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

NILES

9 Abraham Lincoln Statue Head Falls Off
(Milwaukee/ Touhy)

A member of a wedding party said they were leaning against the Abraham Lincoln statue at the Milwaukee/ Touhy waterfall posing for pictures when the head accidentally fell off on Sept. 22. A Niles police officer went to the scene and found that the man took the head inside a limo. Police said the man said they intended to bring it to the Niles police station.

10 Battery While Walking on Street
(Milwaukee Ave. and Crain St.)

A man walking northbound on Milwaukee Ave. was struck in his face with closed fists while attacked by two males on Sept. 23. The man said that one of the subjects told him not to hit on his girlfriend.

11 Burglary to Vehicle
(7400 block of Main St.)

Unknown person or persons shattered a back passenger window of a vehicle in the 7400 block of Main St. sometime between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21. A radio worth \$150 was taken from the vehicle.

12 Intoxicated Subject Harassing Customers
(8700 block of Dempster)

An intoxicated man was harassing customers outside of a store in the 8700 block of Dempster on Sept. 20. The man was given citations for public intoxication and the cost of emergency services.

13 Vehicle Stolen
(9000 block of N. Maryland)

Unknown person or persons took a vehicle from the 9000 block of N. Maryland sometime between Sept. 18 and Sept. 19.

14 Retail Theft
(200 Golf Mill)

The complainant saw the offender take \$138 worth of jewelry and put the items in her

pocket and attempt to leave the store at 200 Golf Mill without paying on Sept. 21.

15 Felony Robbery
(7400 block of Oak Park)

A 51-year-old Niles man was arrested for felony robbery on Sept. 21 after physically threatening a company president into giving him about \$2,000 in USC. The court date is Sept. 25.

16 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
(8200 block of Ballard)

An 18-year-old Niles man was arrested on Sept. 20 and charged with two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia after police found a pipe and bong in his vehicle. His court date is Oct. 24.

PARK RIDGE

17 Aggravated Assault
(200 block of N. Northwest Hwy.)

One of three subjects in their late teens or early 20s displayed a small black hand gun and said, "Check this out, if there is

a problem I can kill them," following a verbal altercation between four teen victims and the subjects in the 200 block of N. Northwest Hwy. on Sept. 15.

18 Burglary to Business
(900 block of N. Northwest Hwy.)

Unknown person or persons entered the business in the 900 block of N. Northwest Hwy and took \$300 in USC and a scanner worth \$4,800 sometime between Sept. 16 and Sept. 17.

19 Lawn Ornaments Stolen
(2400 block of W. Sibley)

Unknown person or persons removed two lawn ornaments with a value of \$50 from a front lawn in the 2400 block of W. Sibley sometime between Sept. 17 and Sept. 18.

20 Cigarette Burns in Vehicle
(1700 block of N. Good Ave.)

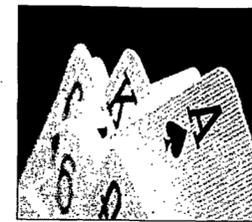
The interior and exterior of a 1995 Mercedes was damaged on Sept. 18. Police said there were cigarette burns on the ceiling and scratches on the driver door and trunk lid.

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Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament for People with Development Disabilities

If you're in a gambling mood, you'll want to register for The Center for Enriched Living's 2nd Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, to be held at noon on Sunday, November 4, 2007, at Fields Chrysler-Jeep, 670 West Frontage Road, in Northfield, Ill. Entrance fee is \$300 and the Grand Prize is a seat in the World Series of Poker, valued at more than \$10,000. Spectators can gain admission to the tournament for just \$65. (Early Bird rates, available until Oct. 9, are \$225 and \$50.) Food and beverages are included in the entrance price.

Proceeds will benefit The Center for Enriched Living, a



Riverwoods non-profit agency dedicated to providing educational, recreational and social programs for people of all ages with developmental disabilities. For more information, call 847-948-7001, x-216, or visit www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org.

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tioning repairman.

Over a period of time, the man charged the couple thousands of dollars for repair work that was never completed.

Eventually, Giakoumis deceived the couple into signing a quitclaim deed on their home. Giakoumis then sold the home for \$432,000 without the

knowledge or consent of the victims.

A quitclaim deed is a legal document in which a person "quits" or releases any claim that they may have had to their property.

The investigation is still ongoing, said Niles police.

Giakoumis was charged with three counts of theft and one for aggravated home repair fraud.

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21 Bike Stolen from Residence
(1500 block of S. Prospect)

Unknown person or persons took a Toureg bike worth \$75 from the front of a residence in the 1500 block of S. Prospect on Sept. 15.

22 Solar Lights Damaged
(700 block of N. Dee)

Unknown person or persons damaged two solar yard lights in the 700 block of N. Dee sometime between Sept. 15 and Sept. 16.

23 Warrant for Suspended Drivers License
(2400 block of Virginia)

A 24-year-old Park Ridge woman turned herself in at the police station on a warrant for a suspended driver's license. The bond is at \$5,000 and the court date is Oct. 29.

24 Possession of Cannabis, Drug Paraphernalia
(2000 block of W. Oakton)

An 18-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Sept. 13 and charged with possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance and the court date is Oct. 9.

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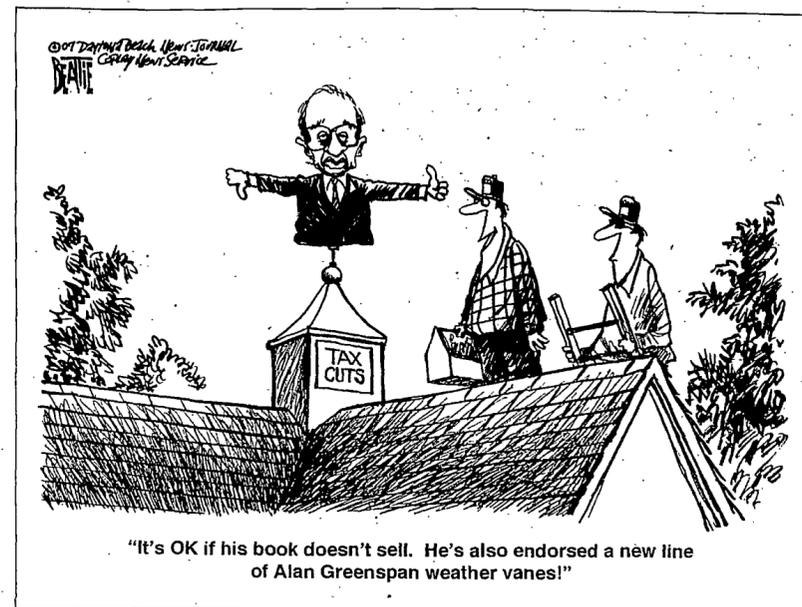
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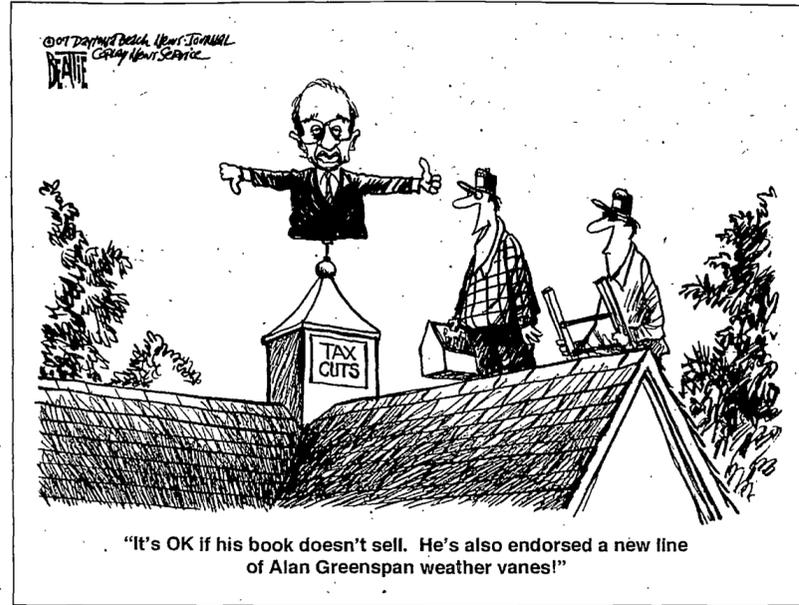


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As a passionate advocate for financial literacy, I've been a staunch supporter of aggressive, disciplined retirement investing. I've been particularly vocal about the benefits of 401(k) plans (and their cousins, 403(b) and 457 plans), the tax-deferred, pay-roll-deduction-based retirement accounts sponsored by employers.

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Creating wealth for retirement is the No. 1 challenge for almost every working American, and I tell everyone who will listen to take full

advantage of their 401(k) plan when they enter the work force. If they can't participate in a 401(k) plan, they should open an IRA or a Roth IRA, as well as a SEP-IRA if they work for themselves.

So I was - momentarily at least - taken aback when someone recently asked me at a party, "Are 401(k) accounts really as great as people think? Surely there's some downside to them."

I got on my soapbox right away, talking about the retirement challenge and the many benefits of 401(k) plans. But later I realized that people are right to be skeptical about conventional wisdom, and I mulled over the possible counterarguments someone could make about 401(k)s. I remain convinced that the positives outweigh the negatives; however, I also believe that the best way to make an informed decision is to understand the pros and the cons of any choice.

The Benefits
I don't think I need to convince anyone that there is a

need for retirement planning and investing, so I'll start by outlining the many good points of 401(k) plans:

■ **Extra money:** Most company-sponsored plans offer some kind of match to help boost your tax-advantaged retirement savings. Say you want to save 10 percent of your pretax income in your 401(k); your company might match half of that, dollar for dollar or \$0.50 on the dollar. Terms vary, of course, but if you're company is willing to contribute to your tax-deferred retirement account through a match, you should take it.

■ **Tax advantages:** The government clearly believes it's in the public good for people to set money aside for their retirement, which led to the creation of IRAs and employer-sponsored plans like the ones I'm talking about. When you invest in a 401(k) plan, you're reducing your current tax bite because contributions are made with pretax dollars.

So if you're in the 35 percent tax bracket, a \$1,000 401(k) contribution saves you \$350 on

your taxes; that contribution only "costs" you \$650. You'll also defer taxes on all investment gains and income, because you only pay taxes on 401(k) assets when you withdraw the money.

Note that some IRAs and their newer cousins, Roth IRAs, offer tax deferral of investment income but no immediate tax deduction. And remember, of course, that if you withdraw funds from your tax-advantaged accounts before the age of 59, you'll probably incur an additional penalty.

■ **Discipline:** For some people, it takes a lot of discipline to forego current consumption to make an investment in their future, but 401(k) plans make it easy. You tell your employer how much you want to contribute, up to a limit, and the money is automatically deposited into your plan account. Most people find they don't miss the payroll deduction that much.

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■ **Opportunities:** Most plans today offer a wide range of investment opportunities, so you're almost certain to be able to execute a strategy that's right for you. Some plans even offer full brokerage services through their plans, enabling you to invest in virtually any fund or listed security.

But there are some cons
It's virtually impossible to argue against extra money (the company match), but there are

at least three potential negatives of 401(k) plans. First, some plans do offer only a limited range of investment opportunities, though this was more prevalent in the early days of 401(k) plans than it is today. Second, tax deferral might work against you. The future of tax rates is unpredictable; rates might be higher when you retire and start withdrawing the money. To make things even more complex, current tax rates on realized capital gains rates are substantially lower than those for ordinary income. Long-term buy-and-hold investors could face a much smaller tax bite by investing in a taxable account than in a 401(k) or IRA.

Finally, while you can salt away quite a bit (up to \$15,500 in 2007 plus another \$5,000 if you're 50 or older), the current limits might not be enough for you. Don't assume that your 401(k) assets will ensure a comfortable retirement, even if you're contributing the max.

These could be real concerns, but they shouldn't persuade anyone not to take advantage of the 401(k) plan structure. Your 401(k) should be the cornerstone of your personal financial foundation. Use it to the fullest by participating as soon as you can and by contributing the maximum your employer will allow (but at least enough to take full advantage of the company match). It's one of the most powerful tools you've got at your disposal as you plan and prepare for your golden years.

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There is growing concern among the health industry with regard to childhood obesity. Answering to this growing concern, The Niles Family Fitness Center is pleased to announce a new program dedicated to Healthy parents and Healthy children.

Taking place the second Saturday of each month, September-December, these one hour long programs will focus on various topics related to health, nutrition and exercise for the entire family.

Each program will contain discussion time, exercise participation (children and /or parents), healthy snack and take home information.

These programs will be lead by Pattie Piccinini, BA De Paul University, (Individualized Focus Group with a concentration in Fitness Management) staff member and personal trainer at the Niles Family Fitness Center.

Encouraging Healthy Habits
Saturday, October 13, 2007 11:00-12:00
Nutrition Ideas and A Holiday Fitness Challenge
Saturday, November 10, 2007 11:00-12:00
Exercise Ideas and A Holiday Fitness Challenge
Saturday December 8, 2007 11:00-12:00

Complete all four programs and you will be receiving a free gift and be placed in a raffle drawing for a one month membership for the entire family.
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Family Fee 4 Program Package \$65 Member/\$70 Non-Member

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HALLOWEEN PARTY 1-5 years
Designed for the younger child this event will have plenty of thrills minus the chills. Halloween games, crafts, songs and a costume parade. Parents must attend with child Halloween Party
Tues 10:00-11:30 AM 10/23/07 \$10 Member/\$12 Non-Member

HALLOWEEN POOL PARTY
Come join us in the pool for a few scares. The fun, games and excitement will provide everyone in the family with a good time.
ALL AGES Sunday October 28, 2007 12:00-2:00 pm
\$2 member/\$4 non-member

All persons entering pool must be in approved swim attire. No one will be allowed on deck in street clothes.

Morton Grove Chamber Hosts Biz Ed Program

Biz Ed is a new program by Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry, held on the first Wednesday of the month in the MG Public Library's Baxter Room auditorium. Wednesday, 10/3/07 12 PM - 1:30 PM
Bring your own lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

October 2007 Topic: Networking Made Easy
Networking has become an integral component to business success whether you are the business owner or employee. But the vast majority of us dread the idea and can be confused on how to get started and what needs to be done once you get there!

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Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2008 Books. Books are now available. They are only \$20.
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Park View at Norwood Crossing Welcomes Returning Sunbelt Retirees to a Full-service Lifestyle

After 33 years as a Chicago police officer, Tony Immordino has seen it all, including 20 years of retirement living in Arizona. Now in his late 70s and a widower for the past two years, he is planning on returning to Chicago and Park View at Norwood Crossing when the full-service community is built by 2010.

Tony is one of many senior citizens who, as part of a growing number of retirees, are returning from the Sunbelt states of Florida and Arizona to their Chicago roots as their lifestyle and health needs change.

"We enjoyed Arizona for 20 years, spending at least 10 months there out of the year at our home in Sun City," said Tony. "It sure puts a smile on my face to think about the beautiful mountains and warm climate. But after my wife died, it was lonely. Back problems earlier prevented me from playing golf, although there were many other activities to choose from. I had a car to get around and my two grandchildren lived nearby, but it just wasn't the same. I returned to Chicago for six months each during the past two summers and lived in an in-law apartment at my daughter-in-laws. I missed being with my family."

Although Tony isn't thrilled about moving again and fac-

ing Chicago's winters, he sees Park View at Norwood Crossing as providing independence, security and a continuum of care. "I checked out some continuing care communities in Arizona, and they're very nice with many amenities. But I'd still be without my family, and I don't have long-term care insurance. I know Park View will provide good quality health care when needed," he said. "I'll have peace of mind and won't be a burden on my family."

A recent article in the Chicago Tribune noted that more adults 75 and over are returning to the Midwest than are retiring to the South. The study, conducted by the Brookings Institution, attributed "the change to seniors living longer and in more need of family support." Between 1995 and 2000, 59,000 seniors left the Midwest and 44,000 returned. From 2000 - 2005, 17,000 seniors moved from the Midwest and 58,000 returned. The trend is expected to continue as life expectancy increases.

Many of these "boomerang seniors," as they are called, are opting for continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) that offer full service senior living. Park View at Norwood Crossing is one of several CCRCs in Chicago that features what returning retirees seek - to be within

walking distance of a neighborhood shopping district buttressed with parks and tree-lined streets and sidewalks, close to professional services and, most importantly, near friends and family. Residents at Park View, free of home ownership and burdensome lawn care and home repairs, will have the time to pursue favorite hobbies, enjoy indoor amenities and share time with those whose company they treasure.

For Tony and the many other retirees who are returning to their roots, Park View at Norwood Crossing welcomes them to experience its independent lifestyle with "a rich history and long tradition of providing exceptional health care."

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

An exhibit of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display at St. John Brebeuf Parish, in the Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem Avenue, Niles, Illinois.

This is a display depicting an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions. The exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles (over 100 panels) that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church.

By means of these beautiful panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

Viewing times are:
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New Technology at St. John Brebeuf School

Over the summer, St. John Brebeuf underwent some major technological changes and improvements.

For starters, the whole school, including Flanagan Hall and the gym, received wireless internet capabilities. In addition, each teacher in the school was the recipient of a personal computer for his/her desk. This personal computer allows the teachers access to the school's e-mail, grading software, and other useful components and teaching programs.

Each classroom also received some new software and newly configured computers for the students. These student workstations give children of all ages at SJB the opportunity to

enhance their learning by actively participating in educational games and software. These student computers are also internet accessible, therefore giving the students at SJB the chance to research topics assigned to them by their teachers.

In addition to these enhancements, the teachers and students will continue their use of the SmartBoard Interactive white board, and the laptops & projectors, all of which also received wireless capabilities over the summer. These technological teaching tools are also being used for guided instruction and learning throughout the classrooms in the school.

Kick Off Party A Success



Nearly 100 people attended the Kick-Off Party at Bailey's Restaurant on Sept. 6 to officially launch the candidacy of Laura Morask for 12th Sub circuit Judge. Morask, left, greets her featured speaker for the evening, Bob Dudycz, retiring Supervisor of Maine Township. Dudycz praised Morask as a capable attorney and prosecutor who has the drive and experience to make a good judge. Morask is currently a second-term Trustee for Maine Township.

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tic appraisals. Following the recent meltdown of the subprime lending market, many banks and loan originators are sensitive to shifting property values, said Sara Schwarzentraub, an appraiser based in La Mesa, Calif. As home prices have fallen, credit has tightened. "Everybody is tightening things up," Schwarzentraub said. "They are putting the screws down. Nobody wants to take a loss ... Part of it is because it was so loose during the glory years. They were making loans to anybody who could sign their name."

Appraisers typically use recent sales of comparable homes or "comps" to help determine value, she explained. But when prices are changing quickly, sometimes that isn't enough.

"We look at the market and market trends and the volume of listings, the volume of sales, volume of pending sales. That is the pool from which we take the data," she said.

To reflect true value, comparable sales must closely match the property that is being appraised, she added. "The very best comp is a model match that closed yesterday next door. As we move away geographically ... the market conditions are different."

If there are no recent closed sales to compare, the prices on pending sales can help appraisers hone in on the shifting mar-

ket, Schwarzentraub said. Normally, an appraisal is considered valid for six months. However, when prices are changing quickly, lenders may seek more frequent updates.

In today's market, "I think three months is probably maximum," she added.

Although some home prices have been slowly sliding since late 2005, some lenders are in denial, said Foss.

"A lot of the national lenders don't like to see what is really going on in the market," he said.

Pressure is On

Appraiser George Dell said there is high pressure from brokers to keep home values high so that loans will go through.

"Appraisers continue to get pressure from primarily mortgage brokers who are, of course, motivated to make the deal and get their commission," he said.

At the national level, various bills have been introduced in Congress to strengthen appraiser independence, make appraisers more accountable and clarify the difference between licensed appraisers and those also holding professional credentials.

"Fundamentally, good bankers want good appraisals," said Don Kelly, vice president of public affairs for the Appraisal Institute in Washington, D.C. "Nobody likes overregulation, but I think we understand from our experience over the last couple decades that having competent, professional appraisers is a good thing for the bottom line."

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SCHOOLS

NDHS Aims To Break Last Year's Walkathon Record

"Walkathon 2007 - Walk On!" is this year's theme of Notre Dame High School's fundraiser to support various school improvements and student activities on Thursday, September 27.

The goal is \$75 per student, but those who bring in \$125 get a free day in the second semester. If the entire school raises \$50,000, then all students get a day off in the spring.

Last year, \$56,000 was raised and they are aiming to break that record this year. The walkathon is one of the three largest fundraisers held by the high school.

"The Walkathon is one of the most important fundraising events of the year. Not only do Notre Dame students get to show off their school spirit by walking around our neighborhood in Niles, but they also walk to raise money for their clubs and activities at NDHS," said Tim Jarotkiewicz, Assistant Principal for Student Life, in a press release.

All advisories that meet 100% of their advisory goal will win a pizza party. There are also prizes for the top fundraiser in each class. Freshmen and sophomores can win a Nintendo Wii video game system; juniors and seniors get a shot at winning a free prom bid as well as a reserved parking space outside the 100 wing.

"The clubs and activities offered by Notre Dame are part of the reason why so many have chosen to become a part of the Notre Dame family. With thirty clubs, Notre Dame provides every student with the opportunity to pursue his interests: academic, cultural, religious, service, and other special interests," Jarotkiewicz added.

Resurrection Welcomes New President

Resurrection High School's first lay president, Dr. Lynne Saccaro, has been meeting students, their families, faculty and staff at Resurrection since she assumed her role as president on August 15, 2007. Dr. Saccaro's appointment followed an extended national search, with the help of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). In commenting on the new role of president, Dr. Saccaro says, "I am very excited about the position of president. I look forward to working with the school's administrative team members, the school's board of trustees and being involved in the broader community to advance the mission of Resurrection High School."

Dr. Saccaro is a native of Illinois and a graduate of Nazareth Academy in La Grange Park. She earned B.A. and M.A. degrees at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a doctorate at Seton Hall University in New Jersey and did additional studies in Mexico and at Harvard. For



Res Principal Jo Marie Yonkus with new President Dr. Lynne Saccaro at Res Welcome Mass. & Brunch on August 26, 2007.

the last thirteen years, Dr. Saccaro has been principal of Los Alamos High School in New Mexico. Prior to becoming principal, she served in the same school as assistant

principal for four years. Dr. Saccaro served as a VISTA volunteer in her early career and as a teacher of Spanish. Resurrection High School is a Catholic, College

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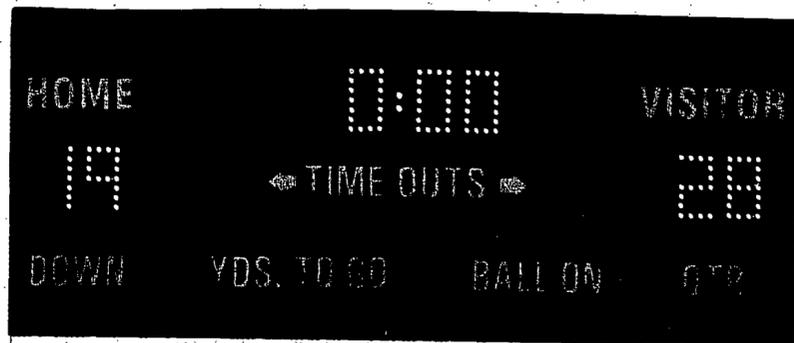
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NDHS Golf Team Ends Season

The Varsity Golf Dons completed their conference schedule last week as the faced off against Marian Catholic and Rob Roy Golf Course. Although it was a great day to be out on the links the Dons ran into a bit of difficulty in their quest to defeat Marian Catholic. They completed their round with a combined total of 169 although they came up short in victory, the week as a hole has been their best week of overall performance for the season. As a result the Dons were defeated by Marian Catholic 156-169. The Dons were lead by Anthony Salerno with a 40, Phillip Bogusz and Padraic Canavan both with 42 and Justin Horodecki with 45. The Forsh/Soph Golf Team completed their conference season on a higher note as they defeated Marian Catholic 164-183. Scoring for the Dons were Medalist Matt Carlucci with a 38, Justin Sanetra with a 41, Robby Martin with a 42 and Ryan Ernst with a 43. The Varsity Team will traveled to Bloomington, Illinois over the weekend to compete in the Central Catholic Invitational at Prairie Vista Golf Course.



Dons Defeat Nazareth

In late August the Bugle predicted the Dons would find themselves 4-1 at this point and after Notre Dame beat Nazareth last Saturday, those predictions ring true. We are hopeful the streak will be broken this week and the Dons beat the Bugle prediction of a loss to Friday night's 7:30 p.m. game versus host St. Viator 3-2, who has lost their last two games.

Youth Cheer as Chicago 2016 Unveils Logo

Chicago 2016 unveiled the bid's new logo today before a packed house of cheering school children. Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Rowdy Gaines and several other Olympians and Paralympians were on hand at Chicago's Walt Disney Magnet School, along

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with Chicago 2016 Chairman and CEO, Patrick G. Ryan and Mayor Richard M. Daley to introduce the logo before the children of the city. "The strength of our new logo is that it connects Chicago's history and passion with the spirit of the Olympic Movement. We hope the elements of this new symbol will inspire the young people of our city and the world to embrace the ideals and values learned through sport," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "This logo will become a great symbol of hope for our city and our nation as we work together to seek the privilege to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games." The logo's central element is the Chicago Star, a symbol unique to Chicago which adorns the City flag. The logo is inspired by the ideals and values of the Olympic Movement and those of the city of Chicago. The six-points on the star represent hope, respect, harmony, friendship, excellence and celebration. "A star tells a story of hope, universally seen as a guiding light for people everywhere," said Chicago 2016 Chairman and



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CEO Patrick G. Ryan. "Placing the Chicago Star at the center of our logo symbolizes our desire to put the athletes at the center of the Games since they're the real stars and celebrate their accomplishments in the heart of our city." "It was important to us to share this logo with local children first," Ryan continued. "The Olympic Games highlight the educational elements of sport: how we learn to get the most out of ourselves, how we learn to work together as a team, develop leadership skills, and learn to be gracious competitors, regardless of the outcome. Every child should grow up learning these values, and we are inspired by them here today." "What I love about this logo is that it really captures the essence of the City's spirit, and its drive to achieve great things," shared Jackie Joyner-Kersey, a three-time Gold Medalist. "The soaring reds, oranges and yellows represent the skyline rising toward the sun, while the inviting greens and blues reflect Chicago's parks and beautiful lakefront." "This logo should serve as an inspiration to all Chicagoans," said Mayor Daley. "But it is also designed to carry a message throughout America and the world, to help teach the ideals and values found through sport." A complete description of the values and ideals embodied in our logo can be found on the Chicago 2016 web site at: www.chicago2016.org, including definitions of each of the points on the star.

Oh happy days are here again! While writing this column on Sunday evening, the Chicago Cubs hold a 3 game lead with 6 to play which if you're a Cub fan means they may just squeak this one out after all. It is great to see the players who are paid the big bucks are coming through down the stretch making it a little easier to breathe with the Milwaukee Brewers close on their tail. Alfonso Soriano, Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez have stepped up and combined for 24 home runs in

The Glass is Half Full



Chalk Talk ROBERT LEACH | SPORTS EDITOR

September earning every dollar of their lucrative contracts this season. Should the Cubs actually make it to the dance, there should be an awful lot of media personalities eating a little crow and patting skipper Lou Pinella on the back for a job well done. Where are all the "glass is half full" type fans, oh yes I remember now, 2003 that's right. Well it is a new era for the Cubs and despite the fact that they are entering in the back door, they are there and that's enough for me. Last week the Chicago 2016 group unveiled

their website and the artist rendering of the proposed stadium and some of the other improvements the city is prepared to do all in an effort to land what local governments see as a potential economic windfall. While it's true there will likely be a large influx of cash into state and local economies, I see it entirely from a sports writer's perspective. Working for a small news group doesn't afford me to travel abroad to see a world class event the like of the 2016 Olympic Games. I, along with I am

sure many other local writers would love the opportunity to bring to you some of the heroics found only in the Games and I really believe a different perspective from the traditional major media companies sure to muscle their way into town. While the Bugle may be small in comparison, we eagerly await our chance to cover such a huge competition. Until that happens however, I am extremely content covering our local teams and athletes each week. As always, I'll see you in the stands!

FoxHiLites.com 'You Shoot It; We'll Share It'

The IHSA, FOX Chicago and Illinois high schools have teamed up to put together the most comprehensive high school video website in the country. After months of beta testing by FOX Chicago, FoxHiLites.com is the pre-eminent source for student-produced video coverage of high school athletics, arts, academic events and more. Developed by FOX Interactive Media, the same company that houses MySpace.com, FoxSports.com and IGN.com, FoxHiLites.com and showcases game highlights, winning plays, amazing shots, talented athletes, funniest bloopers, great dramatic or musical performances, and academic competitions. And all of these are shot and produced by students. "FoxHiLites.com showcases our strong commitment to serve our community," said Vice President and General Manager of FOX Chicago, Patrick Mullen. "It is the go-to place for people who are interested in high school sports, arts and academics." Anthony Holman, Assistant Executive Director of the IHSA added, "We are thrilled to partner with FOX Chicago. For the first time, students will shoot and produce videos for other students and have an opportunity to upload them onto a site that will showcase their sport, their team, and their school at a broadcast quality level." The benefits for students and schools are many: Each student will be able to create their own profile within FoxHiLites.com. Participating students who are on-going contributors are

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Evans, Brown Move on to D1 Schools

Two players from Oakton's 2006-07 squad, which finished with a school record 29 wins and a national tournament appearance, will continue their playing careers at Division I programs. Forward Stephen Evans signed a letter of intent to attend Tennessee State and guard Ryan Brown plans to attend Cal-State Bakersfield. Evans, a 6-8 sophomore

from Georgia, led the Raiders in rebounds, averaging 7.7 per game while averaging 9.2 points per contest. Evans also was named to the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference All-Conference Second Team. Brown, a 6-5 freshman from Crystal Lake South High School, averaged 12.9 points per contest and was named to the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference All-Conference

First Team. The Raiders have already begun retooling for next season as Spencer Hull, a 6-9 forward from Taft High School, signed a letter of intent to attend Oakton. Hull is highly touted by the recruiting Web site MidStateHoops.com, which predicts he "could become one of the top players throughout the Midwest and possibly the nation."

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- 84 percent of those surveyed stated

owning a pet makes them feel happier.

"Research showing the physical benefits of pet ownership for seniors, which includes lower systolic blood pressure and cholesterol levels, has been well-documented over the years. However, seniors also benefit emotionally from pet ownership, which might not be as easily seen on the outside, but can greatly impact their quality of life and enable them to feel their best," says Steve Cohn, DVM, a Purina Pets For Seniors veterinarian.

American Journal of Cardiology, 1995
Seniors Get Up and Get Moving for Pets

Although constant companionship is the best aspect of owning a dog or cat according to 88 percent, seniors also see other benefits of pet ownership that include a positive outlook on life and a renewed interest in being active. In fact, 69 percent of senior pet owners said their pet makes them look forward to each new day and that's the same positive attitude that contributes to a more active lifestyle. Pet ownership provides a powerful incentive for seniors to get moving because they know it's good

for their health, and it's another way to interact with their pet. For example, seniors acknowledge their pet is their companion, but 55 percent of those surveyed said they also see their pet as their playmate, and so the simple act of playing leads to more vibrant seniors. Even more, 71 percent of the women said their pet keeps them energized, which is a great reason for people of all ages to consider adopting a pet.

Pick of the Litter
How to Find the Right Pet for You

For seniors, choosing the right pet is a very important decision that involves a lot of considerations. Before adopting a new furry companion, seniors need to be aware of the commitment that goes into caring for a dog or a cat. Pets require lots of attention, so seniors need to be sure they can devote the time and have the means to care for a four-legged friend, both physically and financially.

If you are a senior or know someone in your life that might benefit from having a pet at home, below are some tips for choosing the right companion:

■ Think about why you want the pet. It is very important to identify your reasons for adopting a pet because they can often tell you what type of furry companion could be the best fit.

■ Consider what kind of pet to adopt. Animal care professionals advise seniors to consider adopting an adult dog or cat, as they may be a better fit for their lifestyle than a puppy or kitten. Adult animals tend to be calm, housetrained and less inclined to exhibit unpredictable behavior.

■ Consider your home and your lifestyle. Certain pets require more space and more care than others. For example, if you live in an apartment, then a small dog or a cat may be your best bet. Along the same lines, if you want a pet that is relatively low-maintenance, then adopt a short-haired cat or dog that doesn't require daily brushing.

■ Turn to your local shelter. Adopting from a shelter has many advantages; besides having a great selection of adult animals for adoption, many organizations may provide a special program or

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Chicago Zoological Society's Fall Lecture Series at Brookfield Zoo Animals and Environments of the North

Have you ever encountered polar bears while exploring the Arctic regions or observed wolves roaming the rarely seen islands of Lake Superior? This fall, you can learn all about these faraway regions by joining two wildlife experts as they give fascinating presentations for the Chicago Zoological Society's Fall Lecture Series: "Animals and Environments of the North." The lectures, held in Brookfield Zoo's Discovery Center at 7:30 p.m., are sure to be an interesting and enlight-

ening experience for all who attend. On Tuesday, October 2, Dr. Peter Kershaw will present "Climate Change at the Arctic's Edge." As one of the greatest threats facing the planet, climate change is at the forefront of public environmental concerns. Kershaw, a researcher at the University of Alberta, will share insights from his research exploring the effects of climate change on the Arctic environment, where the impact is being felt first and most dramatically. Named

Scientist of the Year in 2005 by Earthwatch Institute, an organization supporting field research and a sustainable environment, Kershaw is known for his impressive research and contribution to public education. On Tuesday, November 13, Dr. Rolf Peterson will present "The Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale." As a world-renowned wildlife biologist, Peterson has studied the relationship between the wolves and moose of Michigan's Isle Royale National Park for more

than 30 years. The park, made up of several beautiful islands in Lake Superior, is home to the best-studied predator-prey relationship in the world, and Peterson has been leading the research with his pioneering work in the field. He is also a successful author who has been published in National Geographic, Audubon, and National Wildlife. The cost of the lectures, which will be followed by a wine and cheese reception, is \$16 per person (\$13 for zoo members). For more informa-

tion or to make reservations, go to www.BrookfieldZoo.org or call (708) 688-8971. The mission of the Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, is to inspire conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service.

Puppy Owners Turn to Interactive Training Videos

NEWSUSA

Five million puppies are born each year in need of love, patience and round-the-clock training. And their owners know all too well that training issues can arise at any time. Now puppy owners will find expert training guidance they need right at their fingertips.

Those with access to podcasting devices can download a series of free puppy care and training videos for immediate help. The videos are approximately two minutes in length and cover such topics as crate training, house training, biting and chewing, barking and simple commands such as "sit," "off," "stay" and "heel."

Puppy owners can download select videos on iTunes; the entire collection can be



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comprehensive selection of articles and videos on puppy training, nutrition and health.

Owners who have access to this virtual training library can reap the benefits of a well-behaved, well-socialized dog. The videos offer many other advantages:

■ Take me with you: According to the Association of Pet Products Manufacturers, 40 million puppies will travel with their owners in 2006. This has its unique challenges, especially when the pet in question is a puppy being trained. But there's no need to stay tethered to home base when training guidance is at your fingertips.

■ Owner see, puppy do: Reading about training techniques and seeing them in

action are two different experiences. With video training, owners view step-by-step training instructions, which make the methods as clear and useful as possible.

■ Whenever, wherever: A busy life is a fact of life for most Americans, which can make it a challenge for puppy owners to follow a consistent, time-consuming training routine and stay educated about their puppies' needs. Having access to a virtual puppy care library gives owners an opportunity to review proper training techniques and other pertinent information about their puppies when it's convenient for them.

To download training videos to your iPod, search for "Purina" on iTunes or visit www.puppychow.com.



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discounted adoption rates for seniors.

■ Check with your local shelter to see if it has a senior program. For instance, lots of shelters across the country participate in the Purina Pets For Seniors program where seniors age 60+ can adopt at a reduced rate. Visit www.purinapetlover.com for a list of participating shelters to see if one is in your area.

Purina Senior PetLover Adoption Month

In order to communicate the life-enriching benefits of pet ownership among senior citizens, and to help homeless pets find loving homes, Purina is establishing the

month of October as Purina Senior PetLover Adoption month. During this time, animal shelters nationwide will be encouraging seniors to adopt pets by hosting Purina Senior PetLover Adoption events in their local areas. At each event, shelters will try to pair seniors with adoptable pets in the hopes of ultimately finding a forever home for the pet and a perfect companion for the senior. Plus, qualifying seniors age 60 years or older will receive a \$50 discount on their pet adoption fees through the Purina Pets For Seniors program making it financially easier for a senior to adopt a new furry friend.

Tips on Taking the Trauma Out of Veterinarian Visits

NEWSUSA

Just mention the "V" word, and you're likely to have frantic felines and cowering canines. But a trip to the vet doesn't have to be traumatic. Here are some tips for making the experience more pleasant for everyone:

■ Be calm and upbeat. Animals pick up on our thoughts. If you're very stressed and anxious, your animal will be too.

■ Help your pet relax. Calming products, like Pluto Pet's Pet Calming Spray, may help relieve your animal's fear, nervousness and aggression. Made from all-natural ingredients, it acts quickly, causes no side effects and meets all Food and Drug Administration guidelines for good manufacturing practices. For more information, visit www.plutopet.com.

■ Leave your cat's carrier out all the time. Put a towel inside and sprinkle it with catnip. The cat will associate the carrier with a pleasant, private place to nap rather than a ride in the car. And if he doesn't hear you getting the carrier out of a closet, he won't have the opportunity to wedge himself under a bed.

■ Get your animals used to riding in the car. Even a quick spin around the block will help



your dog or cat associate riding in the car with a pleasant experience. Open the windows a bit and tune the radio to a classical music station. Classical music is soothing to animals. When you get home, reward your "traveler" with some treats. Never leave your animal alone in a locked car, even for a few minutes.

■ Make sure your animal can tolerate being handled. Touch his feet and toes, open his mouth, look in his ears, and get him used to being touched on all parts of his body.

■ Socialize your animals. Try to get your cat or dog accustomed to hearing, seeing and being touched by many different people. Even leaving a television or radio on for strictly indoor cats will help them get used to the sounds of different human voices.

■ Lavish your pet with praise. During the vet visit and afterwards, reward your animal with praise for being calm and cooperative. Some treats on the ride home will make him think the whole experience was worthwhile.

Maine Township Seniors Plan Autumn Trips, Classes

MaineStreamers

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

Grandparenting Group

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 to 11 a.m. No cost - Registration required.
Help your grandchildren. Get ideas

about what type of behavior to expect at different ages and how to encourage your grandchildren to "play nice."

Pinochle Tournament

Tuesday, Oct. 9. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Competition begins: 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 members/\$7 guests.
Enjoy fun and competition at this "Three Handed Pinochle" Tournament. Lunch is included. Newcomers welcome. Must be present by 12 noon.

'Oktoberfest' Luncheon

Wednesday, Oct. 10. Doors Open: 11 a.m. - Lunch Served 12 noon. Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee, Niles. \$14 members/\$15 guests + \$1 fish.

Enjoy Oktoberfest with us as we dine on cream of potato leek soup, beef Sauerbraten, red cabbage, potato pancakes with applesauce and butter pecan

ice cream for dessert. Then, get your lederhosen out on the dance floor as we enjoy music by the German band: Die Musikmeisters. Blood pressure screenings, provided by St. Andrews Life Center of Niles, will be available prior to lunch. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member, call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Mall in Niles.

'Meet Me in St. Louis' Trip

Drury Lane Oak Brook, Thursday, Nov. 1 - 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost: \$52

members / \$57 guests.

One of our favorite dinner theatres - Drury Lane Oak Brook - will be our destination today. Upon our arrival we will enjoy a three course lunch with your choice of tilapia-baked filet - served with a lemon beurre blanc and garnished with fresh chives or roast sirloin of beef - sliced prime sirloin in its natural juices. Both entrees are served with spinach Mandarin salad, garden vegetables, potato or rice, fresh baked bread, and dessert. Then we'll enjoy the musical "Meet Me in St. Louis." The story of this wonderful family will warm your heart, tickle your funny bone, and get your feet tapping. Set against the backdrop of the 1904 World's Fair, this nostalgic musical includes such old favorites as The Trolley Song, The Boy Next Door and the title song.

Niles Senior News

Low Vision Fair

Saturday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Niles Senior Center is hosting a Low-Vision Fair sponsored by five area libraries: Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie, Des Plaines, & Morton Grove. There will be three speakers: An ophthalmologist who will discuss macular degeneration; Kerry O'Britz from the Guild for the Blind; and Hap Holly, blind musician and Ham radio operator. There will be informational tables for service organizations such as the Visually Impaired Motivators (VIM), The Niles Lions Club, CRIS Radio, Voices of Vision, the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, and many more. Assistive device vendors will also be represented at the fair. For more information, contact Dodie Frisbie at the Niles Library (847 663-6648).

Never Used a Computer?

This Class is for You! Pre-Intro \$20

This four-session class will meet on Mondays and Fridays, October 1st thru the 12th. Learn the basics in this class designed for individuals with no computer experience.

6th Annual Pet Parade

Monday, October 8, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The animal kingdom will reign supreme at the 6th Annual Niles Senior Center Pet Parade! Large or small; cute or scary; four-footed or three...costumed pets and their adoring humans will take Center Stage to thrill animal lovers of all ages. Pre-registration required. Please call the Center for more information (847 588-8420).

Free Wreath Making Workshop

Tuesday, October 16, 1:30-4:00
Learn tips and techniques

while making your own holiday creation. Sign-up at the Front Desk and pick up your supply list. You must purchase your own supplies prior to class.

LIHEAP Application Assistance

Tuesday, October 9th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Representatives from CEDA, Neighbors at Work, will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 9th to assist people with processing their LIHEAP applications. You must bring the following with you in order to complete an application:

1. Proof of gross income for all household members for the 30-day period prior to the application date.
2. A copy of your current heat and electric bills (if you pay for your home energy directly).
3. Proof of Social Security Number of all household members.
4. If a member of your house-

hold receives TANF, you must bring their "Medical Eligibility Card."

5. If you rent, bring proof of your rental agreement that must state your monthly rent amount.

Memory Workshop

October 10th and 17th, 10:00 a.m. Advanced Registration Required

Join Bev Wessels and Trudi Davis for the Memory Workshop to explore the myths and truths of the aging brain. We will look at how memory works, memory changes, and discover strategies to improve memory. The workshop will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 10th and 17th. Please contact the Niles Senior Center (847 588-8420) to sign up for this program.

Men's, Women's Golf Leagues Award Banquets

Men's and Women's Golf Leagues To End Season with Award Banquets

This year's Women's Golf Banquet will be held at the Cheesecake Factory in Old Orchard on Friday October 19th at 12:00 p.m. The cost will be \$20.

The Men's Golf Banquet will be held at the Lone Tree Manor in Niles on Thursday, October 25th at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16.

CarFit is back!

Thursday, October 18th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Free.

CarFit is a program designed to give you a quick but comprehensive check of how well you and your vehicle work together. The entire process takes less than a half an hour. When you are finished, you will leave with recommended car adjustments and adaptation suggestions that can assist in your comfort and safety behind the wheel. Call the Senior Center (847 588-8420) to make your appointment and for directions to the test site.

Obituaries

Jane M. Florczak, 87

Jane M. Florczak, 87, of Niles, passed away Sunday, September 16, 2007 at home. She was born May 14, 1920 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Jane "Jenny" (Kelliher) Hurley and the late George Hurley. Loving wife of Marion A. Florczak. Cherished mother of Janine (Stephen) Timm, Robert (Denise) Florczak, Mark (Lisa) Florczak and Cathleen (James) Koziol. Grandmother of Brian (Noelle) Florczak, Christopher Timm, and Elizabeth (Andrew) Reuland. Grandchildren Lindsay, Laura Jane, Kelsey and Mark Florczak; Daniel, Timothy, John and Mary Koziol. Great grandmother of Tobias and Sophia Timm. Sister

of the late Mary Cross. Services were held September 19, 2007 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery.

Edward Walter Kotas, 77

Edward Walter Kotas, 77, of Morton Grove, passed away Monday, September 17, 2007. He was born June 22, 1930 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Sharon and Marion. Loving father of Kenneth (Beth), Karen (Kurt) Kinney, Susan (Jim) Neumann and Carolyn (Fred) Wells. Grandfather of 8. Services were held September

21, 2007 at St. Martha Church. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. He was the former owner of V-C Supply in Morton Grove. Memorials: American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Sister M. Benita Zarnowska, CSFN, 89

Sister M. Benita Zarnowska, CSFN, a long-time elementary teacher, passed away Friday, September 14, 2007 at Nazarethville in DesPlaines. She was 89, just a few weeks shy of her 90th birthday.

A Chicago native, Sr. Benita entered the congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1933 from St.

Joseph parish on Hermitage Avenue in Chicago. She graduated from the Holy Family Academy extension in DesPlaines, and earned a teaching certificate.

She taught full-time in Catholic elementary schools in Chicago, Harvey, IL and South Bend, IN, from 1935 to 1983. Students and parents at St. John the Baptist School in Harvey remember Sr. Benita as the sister who explained the children's lessons with stories.

In 1983, Sr. Benita 'retired' from St. John the Baptist, but soon was back at work as a substitute ad part-time teacher at St. Josaphat, St. Michael and IHM parishes in Chicago. Four years later, she began a team-teaching assignment at

St. Hedwig's, teaching her class for a half day.

From St. Hedwig's, Sr. Benita moved to St. Ann's parish in Chicago, living in community with two other sisters from 1993-97. There she tutored students in grades 3, 4 & 5, where her story-telling methods proved popular and effective.

At age 80, Sr. Benita finally retired, moving to Nazarethville in 1997. A diabetic, she suffered a stroke in early September, and died from complications on September 14. She is survived by a sister, Helen Kotlarski, and a niece, Alice Jensen. Visitation and the funeral were held at the Provincialate in DesPlaines. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

Morton Grove Senior News

Laughter & Meditation Programs

Enjoy either or both of these free classes at the Morton Grove Senior Center on Friday, Sept. 28. 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 five people registered for each class.

The Weighting Game

"The Weighting Game" - a musical by the North Shore Players, is coming to the Morton Grove Senior Center on Sept. 28, 29, 30, and October 3, 5, 6, and 7. This production, which is written and directed by Helen Magid, is the story of a health club that is open 24/7 where some of the members even work out! The tickets are \$14 each and \$12 for groups of 10 or more. For ticket information contact Betty at 847/251-3241 or Bernie at 847/568-9242.

Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

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 9:30 a.m. with a second class fol-

lowing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be five participants registered.

'Word Processing Part 2' Class

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for the "Word Processing Part 2" class to be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Sept. 19 and pay a reduced cost of \$5 for Senior Center Members and \$6 for non-members. After Sept. 19 the costs are \$6 for Members and \$7 for non-members. Class size is extremely limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for a musical afternoon of popular jazz standards from the 1930s, 40s, 50s and 60s. This performance will feature the Bob Acri Orchestra at the

old Skokie Theater. The bus leaves the Senior Center at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 and returns at 3 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$7 for Senior Center Members and \$8 for non-members. There must be a minimum of 10 people registered.

Flu & Pneumonia Shots

The Village of Morton Grove will provide influenza (flu) and pneumonia immunizations for residents age 55 and older at the Morton Grove Senior Center at the following times:

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 11, 13 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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16 servings
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 2-½ cups all-purpose flour
 1-½ teaspoons baking powder
 1-½ cups (2-½ sticks) I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!
 1-¾ cups granulated sugar
 4 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract*

Glaze:
 ½ cup boiling water
 4 Lipton Blueberry & Pomegranate Flavor Pyramid Tea Bags
 1 cup confectioners' sugar

For cake, preheat oven to 350°F. Generously grease and flour 10-inch Bundt pan; set aside. In microwave-safe cup, microwave milk at HIGH 1-½ minutes or until very hot. Add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; cool.

In medium bowl, combine flour and baking powder; set aside.

In large bowl, with electric mixer on medium speed beat spread with granulated sugar 3 minutes or until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, scraping sides after each addition. Alternately add flour mixture and tea mixture, ending with flour mixture and mixing just until blended. Beat in vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. On wire rack, cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and place on wire rack lined with waxed paper. With wooden skewer, poke warm cake on all sides.

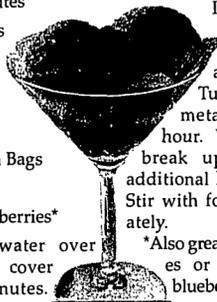
For glaze, in small bowl, pour boiling water over remaining tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and squeeze; then stir in confectioners' sugar until smooth. Brush cake with glaze until absorbed. Cool cake completely before serving.

*Substitution: Try using 1 tablespoon lemon juice and omit vanilla extract.

Lemon-Blueberry Sorbet

4 servings
 Prep Time: 10 minutes
 Brew Time: 5 minutes
 Chill Time: 2 hours
 1-½ cups boiling water
 6 Lipton Tuscan Lemon Flavored Black Pyramid Tea Bags
 ½ cup sugar
 3 cups frozen blueberries*

Remove tea bags and squeeze. Stir in sugar until dissolved; cool.



In blender, process tea mixture with blueberries until almost smooth. Turn into 8-by-8-inch metal pan; freeze 1 hour. With fork, stir to break up ice. Freeze an additional hour or until firm. Stir with fork; serve immediately. *Also great with frozen peaches or a combination of blueberries and peaches.

Crafters Wanted for Saint Andrew's Annual Crafts Fair and Open House

Attention, all crafters and artists: Saint Andrew Life Center will host its annual Arts and Crafts Fair and Open House on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tables are \$25.00, and free continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided to all exhibitors. Be sure to attend this popular event! For more information and to reserve your table, please call 847-647-8332.

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 Niles, IL 60714
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Movie Review ★★★★★ 'In the Valley of Elah'

By David Elliot
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The war, the endless one we're stuck with, "comes home" with poignant force in Paul Haggis' "In the Valley of Elah." His last film as director was "Crash," and this one could be "Smash-up."

Trying hard not to smash emotionally is Hank Deerfield (Tommy Lee Jones), a former military police officer retired, now driving a gravel truck and living simply with his wife (Susan Sarandon, underseen but ace). He's proud that his first son went into the Army despite a tragic end, and proud that second son Michael enlisted and is coming home safe after harsh duty in Iraq.

Michael returns and then, before discharge, goes AWOL. As father and as former cop, Hank climbs into his pickup to go find the young soldier. A Vietnam War veteran, Hank loves the military with some ambivalence, but is a firm patriot and the sort of guy who makes up his motel bed military style and buffs his shoes daily.

Haggis, who also wrote, builds the pressure in foreboding incidents that Roger Deakins has photographed

with mood and edge. We sense foul play, and when that opens it is a can of deeper worms - about what happened to Michael in Iraq, indicated by patches of video that arrive like jags of shrapnel.

Hank can sidewind shrewdly ahead of the military cops, and a smart civilian detective (Charlize Theron). She considers him a pest. And then a worthy teacher. And then a father being internally shredded.

Jones has had a very accomplished run, playing hard cases and rather nasty charmers. This is his capping performance, deep as life. He looks like a wary old crow, and Haggis accentuates the lines and sags. The weathered reserve and cautious, canny reflexes empower Hank's gathering doubts about his son's service, the military, the whole bloody bucket.

Is "Elah" (the Bible reference is explained) against the war? You bet it is. Some of the sneering or hem-and-haw reviews the film has been getting are fairly disgusting. But not only documentaries document this war, and no package of rhetoric can match real drama.

As the excellent cast (surely including Theron and Iraq

War vet Jake McLaughlin) fills in the details, our expectation of the truth doesn't blunt the impact. One soldier doesn't mince around: "They shouldn't send heroes to places like Iraq. The place is all (bleep) up."

So this is a currently vital news movie, offered in sorrow and without smugness. As a suspense "procedural" it's a touch dogged. But the issues are truly embedded, as experience. Haggis doesn't, as in parts of "Crash," tend to preen the themes.

Nor does he overdo the grim stuff. He shows how to film a very good crime chase without loads of vehicles or guns. And how to dramatize anguish as Hank and his wife walk down a long, sterile corridor - halfway down, they fold into each other.

Down in this modern valley of Elah, you can't think editorially or generically, in cop movie or war movie terms. What is felt, very personally, is the need for plain truth to hell and back and beyond.

A Warner Independent release. Director, writer: Paul Haggis. Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron, Susan Sarandon, Jason Patric, Jake McLaughlin. Running time: 2 hours. Rated R: 4 stars.

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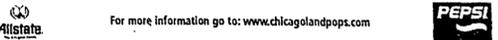


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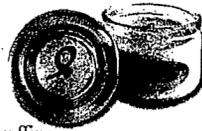
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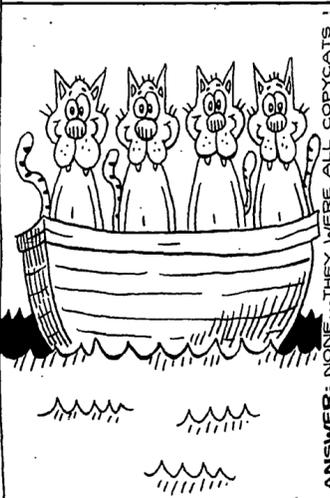
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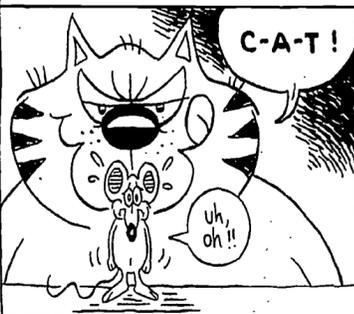
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ANIMAL ON THE SEEN

Purr-fect Zoo Babies Tiger Cubs at Brookfield Zoo

Can you guess what the largest cat species in the world is? You'd be close if you said the lion, but if you guessed the Amur tiger—congratulations, you're right! At 300 to 500 pounds, Amur tigers are the world's biggest cats, complete with massive front legs and shoulders, strong jaws, and sharp teeth. And if you're a fan of these magnificent and beautiful cats, then Brookfield Zoo has a surprise for you. For the first time in 10 years, the zoo welcomed two Amur tiger cubs, one male and one female, born on May 25.



The Chicago Zoological Society is very excited about the births of these cubs, but it isn't only because the brother and sister duo are so adorable. Amur tigers are critically endangered, and there are more of them in zoos than in the wild. For this reason, breeding the tigers is so important—zoos might keep the species from extinction.

So in honor of the cubs, here are some terrific tiger tidbits for you.

- Did you know:
• Every tiger has its own unique pattern of stripes, and much like our fingerprints, these stripes can be used to identify an individual cat.
• Tigers have an excellent sense of smell. Occasionally, keepers rub spices like ginger and cinnamon around their exhibits so the tigers can follow scent trails much like they would in the wild.
• While tigers can roar, they don't very often. Their preferred greeting is a "chuff" (a noise just like the word sounds—try it!).
• Tigers can go days between meals. In the wild, a tiger might eat 100 pounds of meat in one night—that's like four or five hundred hamburgers! They hunt large prey, such as deer, wild goats, sheep, and even bears.

If you want to learn more, check out the tigers at the Fragile Kingdom exhibit. At four months old, the cubs can be seen running around their exhibit, chasing one another, wrestling, and playing with mom.

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

Money Talk

- 1. Each of (us, we) employees received a raise.
2. In addition, Mr. Lunquist gave Harold and (me, I) a bonus.
3. Now Harold makes more money than (me, I).
4. A raise was very important to Betty and (her, she).

Answers: 1. us... Is the object of the preposition... 2. I... Harold and I are the direct objects... 3. I... Harold makes more money than I do... 4. her... Betty and her are objects of the preposition to.

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REAL ESTATE

Look for Storage Possibilities in New Places

By Christine Brun Copley News Service

Maximizing storage space is one of the most frustrating aspects of living in a small home. When possessions and clutter are about to get the best of you, it's easy to fantasize about how life would be infinitely simpler if only you lived in a bigger house with more cupboards and closets.

But imagine what would happen if every piece of furniture in your tiny apartment could have two purposes, with one always being a little bit more storage capacity for items that don't have a drawer or cabinet of their own. It will take some ingenuity and some serious shopping to find genuinely attractive pieces of furniture that also happen to have additional function, but it can be done.

The most important quality, besides the style of the item, is how sturdily it is made and how well it functions. If any piece of equipment that is meant to flip up or pull out

binds, squeaks or hesitates rather than smoothly doing what it is billed to do, then you won't want to use it.

Very often oddball pieces that fit perfectly into a tight area are marketed through catalog sales and via the Internet. The problem is that it is extremely difficult to get an accurate idea of how something is made without seeing it in person.

And while catalog vendors offer to return your money, realize it is your responsibility to ship the item back. One of my clients once bought a rug online that didn't turn out like we had hoped it would. When we shipped the 8-foot-long roll back, we were shocked to find out that it was hard to find someone to pick it up, and it was expensive. Shopping locally for these pieces may be your best bet.

Shown in the photo here is a classic European-style breakfast ensemble that might fit easily into a variety of settings. It could blend with simple contemporary upholstered



"Shown in the photo here is a classic European-style breakfast ensemble that might fit easily into a variety of settings. It could blend with simple contemporary upholstered pieces in an adjacent room or with more traditional details such as button tufting or cabriole legs on armchairs or a sofa."

The unusual aspect is that the table offers two good-sized shelves for storage. In this instance cookbooks and serving pieces are stashed. The attractive basket might hold linens, mixing bowls or roasting pans.

Visitors can't tell what it stores, and that is just the point: You could store tax records there for all it matters

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DECOR SCORE

Lose the Tub and You'll Clean Up in Floor Space

By Rose Bennett Gilbert Copley News Service

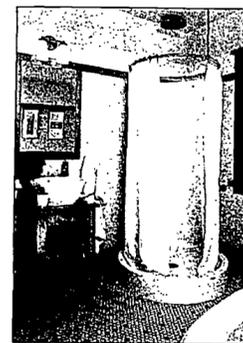
Q: The "master" bath in our house is more fit for a "peasant," my husband says. It measures less than 8 by 10 feet. Most of the floor space is taken up with the you-know-whats - toilet, sink and tub - it's a whirlpool, but we never seem to use it. We'd like to make the bath bigger but there's nowhere to steal space except the hall closet, and we really, really need that! Do you have any "golden shoehorn" ideas to share?

A: Here's some advice you must take standing up: lose the tub, take showers instead. You won't miss the tub, I can promise. If I had just 50 cents for every underused whirlpool in the world, I could personally finance a generous bath addition for your house.

By trading out the tub space, you will open up the floor, making your 8 by 10 footer feel vastly more spacious and gracious. That's exactly what happened in the small bath we show here. As recounted by author Wendy A.

Jordan in her smart book about "Making Room" (The Taunton Press), the homeowners jettisoned their original tub-shower unit in favor of a freestanding round shower with only a small footprint. They also subbed a compact vanity table for the original large pedestal sink.

The actual floorspace hasn't See Decor Score, page 25



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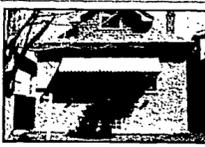
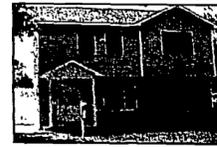
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Flowering Bulbs Put a Spring in Yards

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Well, it is that time of year again - bulb time. It is the time I begin feeling guilty when I walk into the grocery store or hardware store. Spring flowering bulbs like tulips and daffodils are for sale everywhere. I know that if I take my own advice to buy them early for a better selection, I will also be buying a case of amnesia to go along with them. I will forget that I bought them too early to plant, and won't remember until it is too late to plant them for their best blooming next spring. I need to decide it is time to plant bulbs, buy them and come home to plant them.

Spring flowering bulbs are amazing little flower factories. Next spring's flower bud is already in the bulb. In true bulbs, the flower bud and leaf buds are surrounded by modified leaves called scales. The flower stalk and scales are all connected together by the flat basal plate that will sprout the roots. Surrounding the whole

bulb is a dried outer skin called the tunic. Onions and tulips are both true bulbs.

Technically speaking, many popular flowering bulbs are not produced from true bulbs at all. Crocuses and gladioli, for example, are really corms, while the summer blooming dahlias and begonias are really tubers.

The difference between bulbs and corms is slight. The main distinguishing trait is the method of storing food. In corms, most of the food is stored in an enlarged basal plate rather than the scales, which in corms are much smaller. Corms generally tend to be flatter in shape than round, true bulbs.

Tubers and roots are easily distinguished from bulbs and corms. They have no protective tunic and are really just enlarged stem tissue. The term 'bulb' has commonly come to mean any plant which has an underground food storage capacity.

Spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses, hyacinths, daffodils and irises are universal symbols of spring. The colorful flowers of bulbs are the first to

bring life back to a barren winter landscape. If your landscape doesn't have any bulbs, it needs some.

They are easy to plant and grow. Just dig a hole that is about four times deeper than the size of the bulb. A 2-inch in height bulb, gets an 8-inch deep hole. Loosen the soil at the bottom so the roots can grow easily and cover it back up. Put water in it and keep it damp if fall rains don't help you out. After the ground freezes, add a few inches of mulch to help keep the soil damp and frozen. If animals have dug up your newly-planted bulbs in the past, put a screen or wire mesh on the ground after planting and remove it before adding the mulch.

The best planting time is when the soil has reached the 50s, which is after the nighttime temperatures have been in the 50s for a couple of weeks. The latest they should be planted is about six weeks before the ground freezes up; however, if you forget to plant them, just chip through the frozen ground and get them in.

GARDEN TIP

Bulbs

There are a lot of good reasons to plant a bulb garden. The most important bulb planting tip is to simply read the package. Bulbs are easy to plant and care for.

DIGGING

The size of the hole depends on the size of the bulb you're planting. The general rule is to plant bulbs twice as deep as their height.

PREPARE SOIL

Thoroughly soak the soil and loosen soil around the bulb so that the developing roots will grow.

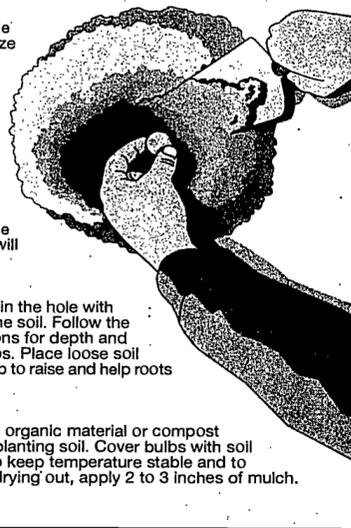
POSITIONING

Position the bulbs in the hole with the base root on the soil. Follow the package instructions for depth and positioning of bulbs. Place loose soil underneath the bulb to raise and help roots sprout.

COVER BULBS

Bulbs prefer some organic material or compost mixed in with the planting soil. Cover bulbs with soil and water. To help keep temperature stable and to prevent soil from drying out, apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch.

Source: www.lowes.com



Copley News Service/Bob Kast

You're Not in Over Your Head Installing Ceiling Tiles

By Pat Logan
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are remodeling our house and I would like to add an acoustical tile ceiling in our family/play room. Is this a job that I can do myself and are there attractive tiles available? Any tips?

Carol E.

A: The answer to both of your questions is yes. Although most people like the sound deadening characteristics of acoustical tiles, they think of those big ugly tiles in a school, supermarket, etc. Nothing could be further from the truth.

There are at least 50 various styles, textures and colors of residential acoustical ceiling tiles available. Although you are most familiar with white grid supports, they are also available in attractive wood grain, black and brass.

Installing a suspended ceiling can easily be a one-person job, even if you are not strong. You should be able to do a typical room, start to finish, in about one day. The only particular skill it requires is good planning and attention to detail.

A suspended acoustical tile ceiling is an excellent choice for your family/play room. First and most obvious, it reduces loud reverberating sounds and can help block sound transmission to adjacent rooms. You'll appreciate this on Saturday nights. Second, suspended ceilings make it easy to run wiring to speakers, game controls to the television, etc. It even simplifies the installation of additional ceiling lighting if necessary. Light fixtures are specifically designed to fit the common grid patterns.

There are significant variations among different types and brands of acoustical ceiling tiles - sound-deadening, washability, color, styles, etc. Read the packaging carefully. Some so-called acoustical ceiling tiles barely deaden noise at all.

Sound-deadening properties of acoustical tiles depend primarily on the density and weight of the tile and the surface characteristics. If you look closely, the surface of tiles, with a noise reduction coefficient of about 50 percent, is a mass of tiny holes.

Some tiles are washable and others are not. Particularly if you

have a fireplace in your family room, washable tile is a good choice. The salesperson at the ceiling tile outlet can help you with this.

Just a note about old tiles. The only method to renew the appearance of old non-washable tiles is to paint them. In order to maintain the acoustical properties, the tiny surface holes must not be clogged with paint.

Your next decision is to select the edge treatment of your tiles. Most acoustical tiles are available in three edge profiles - square, beveled and notched. The beveled design provides a more contemporary appearance. The notched ones tend to hide the support grids.

If you are not interested in running wires above the ceiling or additional lighting, consider installing interlocking tiles that you either staple to furring strips or glue directly to the ceiling.

Before you glue them to the ceiling, make sure this is what you want because it is no easy task to remove them and restore the ceiling. With a suspended ceiling, you can change the tiles whenever you like.

HOME HOW-TO

Ceiling tiles

Ceiling tiles are an excellent way to hide major surface damage, unsightly fixtures and exposed joints. They are relatively inexpensive and quite easy to install.

SELECTING THE RIGHT TILES

■ Ceiling tiles can be stapled, glued or installed onto a suspended grid system. Budget, function and structural design determine which tile type works best for you.

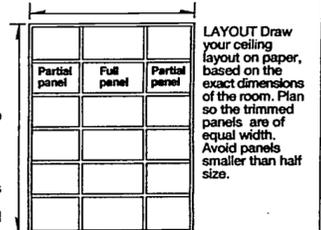
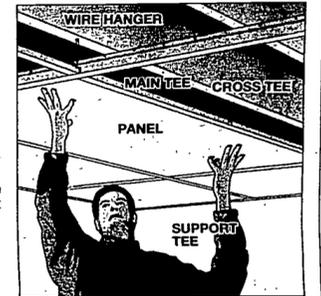
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■ Acoustical tiles are made to absorb up to 80 percent of the excess noise in an area. Two ways acoustical tiles are rated:

NOISE REDUCTION COEFFICIENT - is the measurement rating how much noise is absorbed when sound waves hit the surface of a ceiling tile.

CEILING ATTENUATION CLASS - is the measurement rating how well the tile blocks sound waves traveling through the tile.

ESTABLISH CEILING HEIGHT Normally, you want the ceiling as high as possible. Typically, suspended ceilings should hang about 4" below the lowest obstacle. This leaves enough room for installing or removing panels.



LAYOUT Draw your ceiling layout on paper, based on the exact dimensions of the room. Plan so the trimmed panels are of equal width. Avoid panels smaller than half size.

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visually. This is how you get your space to really function. The basket might hold a laptop and CDs for when the dining area must double as your home office where you pay bills, check e-mail, and communicate with your office or clients.

Start trying to think outside of the traditional uses for household items. In this same kitchen, narrow shelves offer some useful storage for small and necessary kitchen staples such as cooking oils, condi-

ments, utensils, an espresso pot, mugs and table service.

These shelves create extra storage, and at the same time they are decorative and attractive. But to get to that point, someone's mind had to shift to the place where it was all right to expose things to everyone's view that normally would be hidden behind a cupboard door. Think about boats and motor homes where the table easily turns into a bed at the end of the day.

Consider other rooms in your house where ottomans can open to store magazines or the top of a bedside table can

lift to reveal a bin for storing linens. Investigate plastic bins that slide under the bed. Once you focus on your search, you'll be surprised at how many items you'll find that will make your space more beautiful as well as more functional.

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grown, but the visual space they gained now makes the bath seem much more gracious and spacious.

Q: I have new cherry wood cabinets in my kitchen and am thinking about changing the tile floor to hardwood. Should I try to match the cabinets?

A: No, you'll be bored. Too much of a good thing is still too much. It's more interesting to find a wood tone that will contrast with your cabinets and give your kitchen extra eye appeal.

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A: The Little Darlin's have about as many styles in child-sized chairs to choose from as grown-ups do these days. Assuming that those grown-ups will want to complement the

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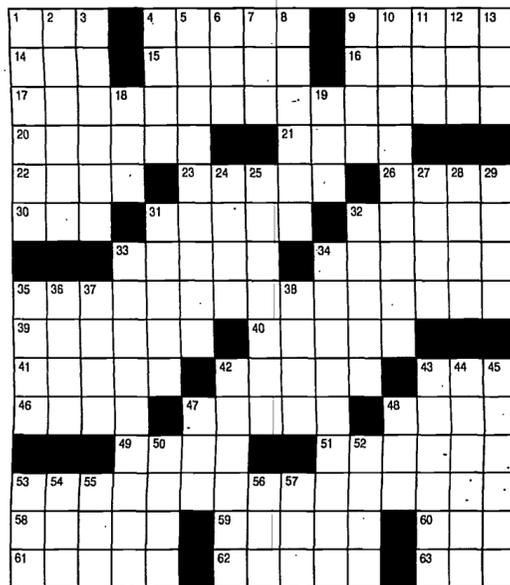
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More Consumers Going 'Green' With These Fall Lawn Care Tips

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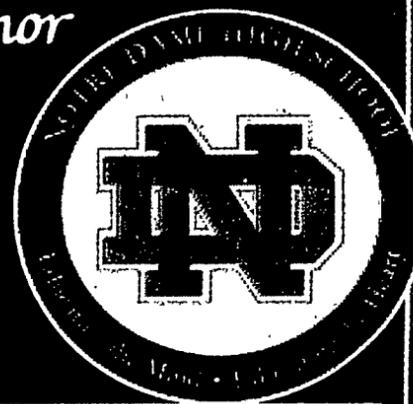
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