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Niles Requests Milwaukee Ave. Corridor Extension

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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The Village of Niles is requesting IDOT's approval to extend the southern limits of the Milwaukee Ave. corridor from Birchwood Ave. to Albion Ave.

A letter sent from the Village of Niles to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) was approved at the Niles village board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

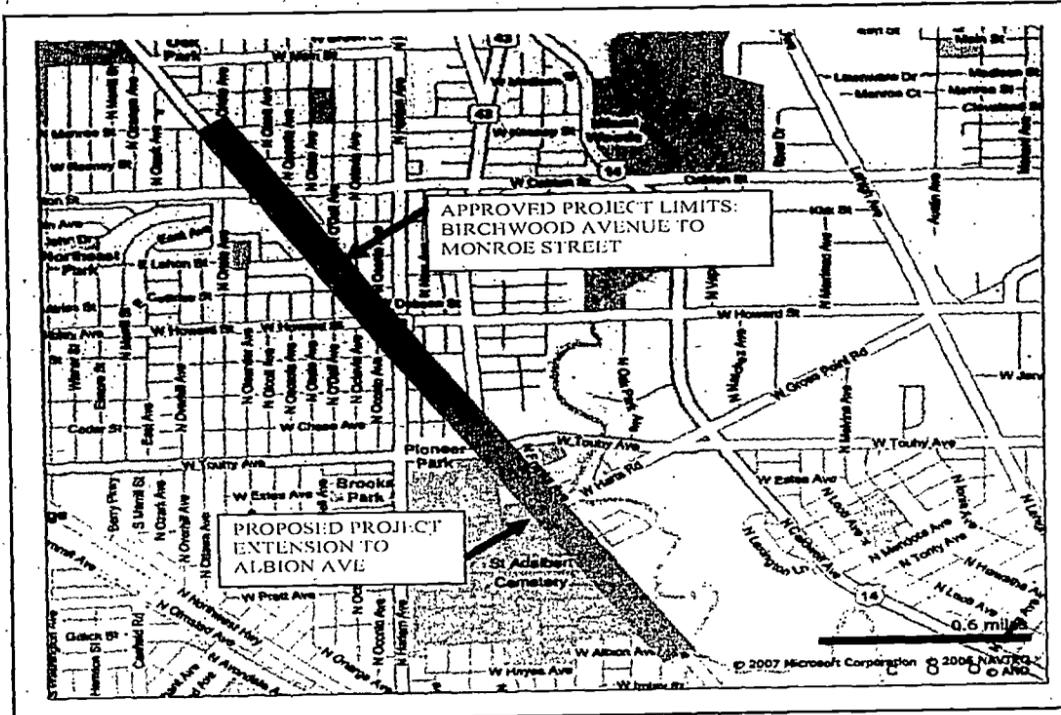
The village believes it would benefit the village to extend the project for a few main reasons.

First, major redevelopment is occurring along this stretch of Milwaukee Ave. and landscape and beautification elements

will enhance that portion of the corridor. Second, all construction will take place simultaneously, which would limit the disruption to the motorists and businesses. Third, the reduction of construction costs due to both projects being under one contract.

In June of 2006, the Village of Niles received federal funds totaling \$820,000 through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the landscape and scenic beautification of Milwaukee Ave. from Birchwood Ave. (southern limit) to Monroe Ave. (northern limit).

Albion Ave. is also the dividing line between the City of Chicago and the Village of Niles.



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From left to right: Bob Dudycz, Carol Teschky and Susan Moylan-Krey stand together at the village meeting September 28 in which Teschky and Moylan-Krey were sworn in to their new positions.

Maine Township Trustees Select Carol Teschky as New Supervisor

Carol Teschky has been selected to be the new Maine Township Supervisor to finish the remaining term of retiring supervisor Bob Dudycz.

Teschky, of Glenview, has been a Maine Township trustee for 18 years and is the most senior trustee on the board. Her term as supervisor will run until the April, 2009 township election.

"I feel I have the experience and the knowledge," shared Teschky, prior to the special meeting on Friday, Sept. 28 to select the new supervisor.

Teschky has been the treasurer and secretary for Teschky, Inc., a local construction contracting business that she and her husband have been running for the past 29 years.

"I am very honored to be selected by the Board of Trustees for this position," Teschky stated, in a press release. "I am delighted to undertake this new challenge and I look forward to continuing and improving upon Maine Township's excellence in government."

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Niles Man Reported To Be Missing

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Niles police detectives are searching for a 42-year-old Niles man who has been missing since Sept. 20.

Charles Clifford was last seen at his home in the 7600 block of Nora Ave. in Niles.

"His girlfriend and roommate haven't seen him since Sept. 20," said Niles Police Sgt. Tomas Davis.

"There's nothing peculiar or suspicious about it," said Davis.

Davis said that the man's records show no history of substance abuse or mental illness.

Clifford reportedly left his car in the 500 block of West Aldine Ave. in Chicago between Sept. 20 and Sept. 23. He was said to be a frequent visitor to the Wrigleyville and Lake View neighborhoods, as well as the Miller Beach and Indiana Dunes State Park area in Indiana.

Those with any information on the missing man can contact the Niles Police Department on (847) 588-6500.

Renovo Spa Fights to Stay Open

Hearing scheduled for October 15

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A hearing on the appeal filed by Renovo Salon and Spa regarding the revocation of its business license will be held on Oct. 15 at village hall.

"Due to the arrests at the site we did take away their business license," said Community Development Director Bill Neuendorf.

On Aug. 28, a 33-year-old woman from Mississippi and a 37-year-old Chicago man were arrested for their involvement in prostitution

at the spa that is located at 5641 Dempster St.

The woman was charged with prostitution and the man was charged with keeping a place of prostitution.

Neuendorf said that the law allows businesses to appeal their business license revocation during a hearing.

"I'd be surprised if they reinstated their business license," shared Neuendorf.

Renovo Spa has been operating in Morton Grove for about a year.

Brian Bolger, of the Morton Grove Police Department, said that the man was charged with "keeping a place of prostitution," because the investigation found instances took

place on several occasions. After receiving an anonymous phone call, Bolger said that they sent an undercover police officer a couple times to request a massage and he was reportedly propositioned for a sex act.

At the special meeting and hearing on Oct. 15 at 6 p.m., the board will hear from Thanhchi Thi Nguyen, representing Renovo Spa. There will be an executive session to deliberate evidence and then the hearing will be continued for further consideration of the appeal.

The criminal trial will be held on Oct. 11 at the Skokie Court House.

Woman Dies After Being Hit by Vehicle

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

An 86-year-old woman died after being hit near the intersection of Milwaukee and Oakton on Saturday, Sept. 29.

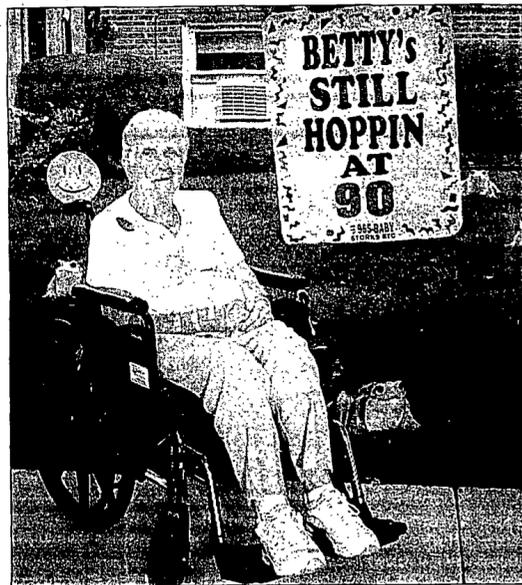
Bernice Zuraski was trying

to cross from the south side of the street to the north side of Oakton Street when a vehicle turning from Milwaukee Ave. on to Oakton struck her.

"He was issued a due caution ticket," said Niles Police Sgt. Tom Davis.

Davis said that since there was no crosswalk at that location he was not issued a ticket for failure to yield.

The accident took place on Saturday at 2:13 p.m. and she was pronounced dead at Lutheran General Hospital that same day.



Long-Time Niles Resident 'Still Hopping' at 90

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Betty Conway's yard was recently filled with frogs and a sign saying that she's still hopping at 90.

Conway, who has lived in Niles for 50 years, celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Conway's daughter, Arlene, who resides in Morton Grove, and other family members decided to decorate her lawn for her special milestone birthday.

"She's a very caring and wonderful person," said Helen Jensen, a friend and neighbor of Betty's, who moved in the same year as her, about 50 years ago. She said she greatly enjoys Betty's company and taking trips with her.

"She's very thoughtful about everybody," shared Jensen. Jensen said that Betty has received about 100 birthday cards and many beautiful flowers from her friends and neighbors.

"Her house is like a florist," said Jensen.

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Residents, Public Officials Question ComEd's 'Act of God' Reasoning

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Several suburban residents recently attended a ComEd meeting sponsored by Sen. Susan Garrett in response to residents' concerns with the power outages tied to the recent major storm.

"We received calls from people in Niles," said Garrett, who serves the 29th legislative district. "I think what was worri-

some was the length of time that the outages lasted."

Garrett said she received a number of phone calls from people who had lost power for three or four days. Garrett said residents were upset that they were told their power would go back on in a few hours when in fact it took a few days.

"ComEd will say it's an act of God," said Garrett, who disagrees. She agrees that the bad storm was an act of God, but

that's no excuse for the outages to last for several days.

"The act of God can't go on indefinitely," said Garrett.

Garrett said that it's been awhile since ComEd has modernized and updated its infrastructure and she believes they need to do that in order to have an efficient system in place.

Garrett said that within six months she plans to hold another meeting to see what

progress ComEd has made.

ComEd officials say they did the best they could to restore power to their 630,000 customers who lost power.

According to ComEd, of the residents who lost power, 90% had their electricity back on in 48 hours. They flew in assistance from out of state in order to help speed up the process.

A ComEd representative said they have to prioritize and they try to restore power

at hospitals, fire and police first and then move on to other areas.

Village Trustee Louella Preston said that she attended the ComEd meeting and found that ComEd seemed to not have a plan in place so that power can be restored more efficiently.

In Niles, there were more than 6,000 power outages that occurred after the August storm.

Sister City Delegation From Pisa, Italy Coming to Niles

A delegation from the Village of Niles' first sister city, Pisa, Italy, will arrive for a one week visit on Oct. 3 and the community is invited to attend a celebration dinner on Friday, Oct. 5.

The dinner, including entertainment, will celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the village's sister

city relationship with Pisa, Italy.

The mayor of Pisa is heading up the group that will tour Niles and Chicago and will participate in a number of different social and official events.

The dinner on Oct. 5 will take place at White Eagle Banquet Hall at 6845

Milwaukee Ave. It will take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets are being sold for \$25 per person and can be purchased at Niles Village Hall located at 1000 Civic Center Drive.

Those with any questions or who need additional information can call Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005.

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Morton Grove Approves Up to \$10 Million Bond Issuance For Lehigh, Ferris TIF Projects

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

An ordinance authorizing the borrowing of funds and the issuance of bonds to pay for projects within the Lehigh/Ferris TIF District in an amount not to exceed \$10 million was approved at the Morton Grove Village board meeting on Monday, Sept. 24.

The proceeds from the bonds will be used to fund the cost of the issuance of the bonds, demolition of obsolete buildings within the TIF district, conduct a utility study, construct a new water line on Main Street, construct and design roadway improvements and to construct other public and infrastructure improvements.

"At this time we're seeking funds to move forward," said Community Development Director Bill Neuendorf.

Neuendorf said the goal is to transform the area "from an aging industrial area to an area that fits

the neighborhood."

Neuendorf said more specifically the funds will likely be used for improvements at Ferris and Lincoln, Lehigh and Lincoln, the creation of a pedestrian/bike path from the neighborhood to the Metra station, streetscape along Lincoln Ave and the demolition of a vacant building.

Neuendorf said that the maximum amount will be \$10 million, but he predicts it will be more like \$9.2 million.

"If we don't spend it all what happens?" wondered Trustee Dan Staackman, who noted that some of the projects are not planned to begin for a year or two and inquired about the possibility of earning interest. "It looks like there will be an awful amount of money sitting in the bank for the first 24 months or so."

A representative said they would get back to the trustee on that question.

"There is flexibility in how the monies are used. The money could be used on any public project within the TIF district."

Bill Neuendorf
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIR.

Earlier in the board meeting, the village approved an agreement with Chapman and Cutler for bond counsel service. Staackman voted against this action, saying he had concerns about the firm's role in a bond sale regarding the village's assistance in financing the new Holocaust Museum in Skokie that took place earlier this year. He was upset about a letter the village received that came from Chapman and Cutler that he said was just a readdressing of a prior letter sent to a different party. Krier stated

Chapman and Cutler was not the firm that sent the letter to the village. "I'm concerned about the discrepancies," said Staackman, who questioned the dates on the letters from Chapman and Cutler and the related "inaccuracies."

He asked if the village went out to bid for a bond sale attorney and Corporation Counsel Terry Liston said they received several proposals but a bidding process isn't required for consultants.

Staackman also wondered if the village had to adhere to the current list of projects or if they could make changes.

"There is flexibility in how the monies are used," said Neuendorf, who said the money could be used on any public project within the TIF district.

"That's one of the best things about this," said Mayor Richard Krier, regarding the flexibility.

The Summit of Uptown to Begin Renovation

The Summit of Uptown (formerly Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living), 10 N. Summit Ave. in Park Ridge, is set to begin renovations on the Park Ridge landmark building. Interior demolition is beginning and exterior construction is scheduled to begin soon after the first of the year. Seniors and their families who are considering a move to a retirement community are now being encouraged to check out the plans for the newly renovated facility as well as the new service packages Summit offers.

"We are prepared to move ahead quickly with the demolition and construction phases of the renovations which, in the end, will complement and enhance the surrounding Uptown re-development of upscale townhomes, condos and retail establishments," say Summit's Executive Director Marc Dennison. "This is an exciting time for our business and the community as we move into a new era for Park Ridge," he added. "The renovation will give us a fresh, contemporary look and the new resident service packages will position The Summit of Uptown to provide the amenities that today's active adults are looking for."

Renovations to The Summit of Uptown will offer residents and families more choices than previously available. Upon completion, Summit will feature more spacious studio and 1-bedroom apartments and, never before available, 2-bedroom apartments. New apartments will feature a walk-in shower, full kitchens and generous closet space, as well as washers and dryers. Residents who put down pre-renovation deposits will have decorating options such as choice of carpeting and paint colors for their units. The entire building will have new windows and window treatments throughout.

The Summit building has seen many changes since it was constructed about 40

See Renovation, page 12

Elvis Entertainer Helps Raise Funds For Resurrection Medical Center

Rick Saucedo, known for his Elvis style, will headline the 61st annual fall benefit luncheon of the Auxiliary of Resurrection Medical Center on Saturday, October 20.

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$40 and include a gourmet meal and entertainment. For more information and to purchase luncheon and raffle tickets, call 847-813-3465 by Friday, Oct. 12, 2007.

Nearly 30 years ago Saucedo starred in the Broadway play, "The Legend Lives On," where he performed with Elvis Presley's background group the Jordanaires as well as D.J. Fontana, Elvis' drummer. Saucedo was voted "Best Male Entertainer" by Chicago's Suburban NiteLife Magazine in 2001. He earned "Best Solo Performer" in 2003 and again in 2006.

This benefit takes place at Fountain Blue Banquets, 2300 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds will help renovate the ICU family waiting room at Resurrection Medical Center. This area will be a place of comfort for anxious family members of seriously ill patients.

Tickets are \$40 and include a gourmet meal and entertainment. Tables of 10 are available for \$400,



Rick Saucedo performs as Elvis earlier this year. (Photo by T. Sanocki)

and raffle tickets sell for \$10 or \$20. Tickets for the United Center Skybox raffle are \$25 each.

For more information and to purchase luncheon and raffle tickets, call 847-813-3465 by Friday, Oct. 12, 2007.

The Resurrection Medical Center Auxiliary was founded in 1946 and has raised more than

\$4.5 million for facilities and programs at Resurrection Medical Center.

Resurrection Medical Center, located at 7435 W. Talcott in Chicago, is a not-for-profit Catholic hospital sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection.

Niles Revised Emergency Operations Plan Certified

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Niles revised Emergency Operations Plan was formally approved at the village board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

The "all hazards" plan now meets the required improvements and changes according to the National Incident Management System.

The plan would be used "not only for a terrorism event but any natural or man made disaster."

The new plan assigns responsibility to organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions at projected times and places in an emergency situation that exceeds the capability of one agency, such as the fire department.

The revised plan also sets forth line of authority and organizational relationships, describes how people and property will be protected in emergencies and disasters; identifies personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies and other

resources available and identifies steps to address mitigation concerns during response and recovery.

"This is not an easy task getting this completed," said Bill Dorgan of Cook County Emergency Management Association on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"By putting together a plan like this you're really taking care of your citizens," said Dorgan, congratulating the village on the revised plan and all the hard work that went into it.

Supervisor

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Teschky stated, "I plan no drastic changes in how the Township runs or conducts its business. I want to observe, learn more about being a Supervisor, and make adjustments as new circumstances

arise. We want to continue our excellent ways of addressing resident needs."

Teschky is the past president of the trustee's division of the Township of Officials of Cook County and has received several honors by the Township Officials of Illinois.

Susan Moylan-Krey, Maine

Township Collector and Des Plaines real estate agent was voted by the board to fill the vacancy left by Teschky.

Moylan-Krey has served as Collector for 1½ years and is a Maine Township resident of 30 years. Often times, the township collector will fill a vacancy on the board of trustees.

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GPS system, wallet stolen from vehicle

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1 GPS System/Wallet Stolen (9100 block of NewCastle)
Unknown person or persons took a GPS system worth \$600 and a black wallet with miscellaneous cards from a vehicle between Sept. 20 and Sept. 21.

2 Graffiti on Park Fence (5800 block of Church)
Police said an unknown person or persons drew graffiti on a wooden fence at a park in the 5800 block of Church on Sept. 21.

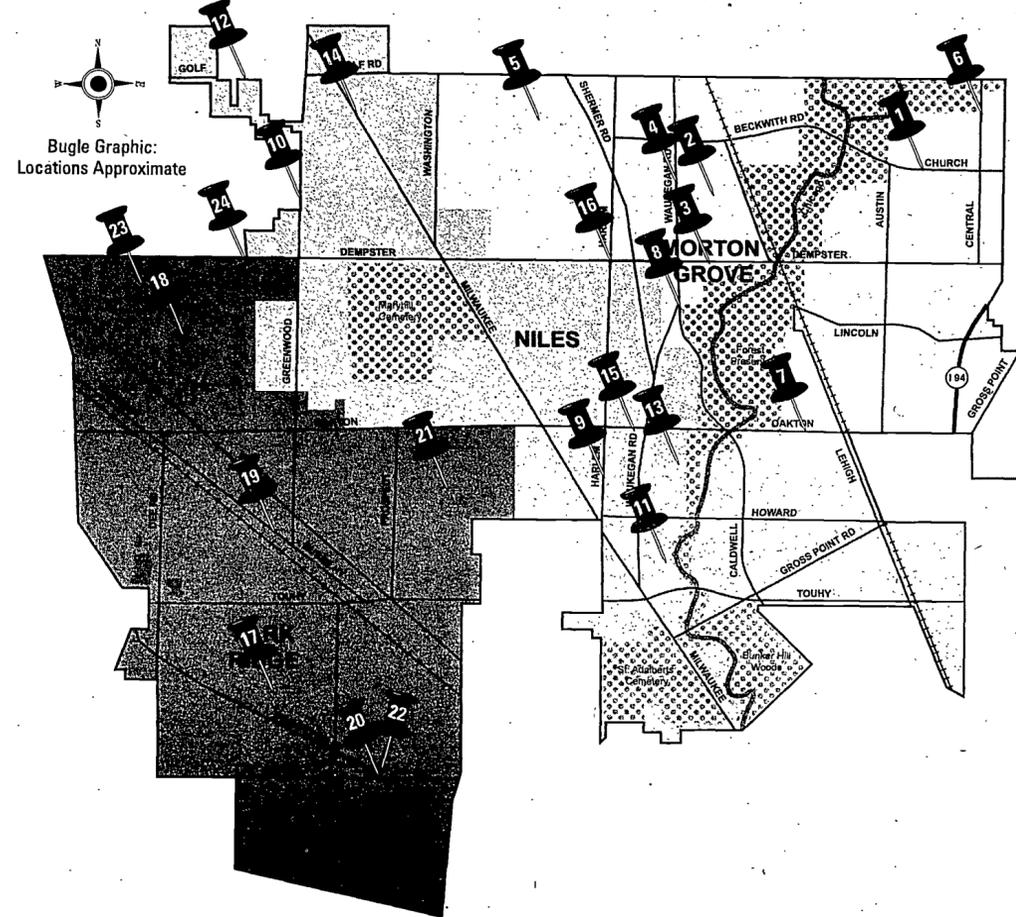
3 Wallet Taken from Shopping Cart (6900 block of Dempster)
While shopping, someone removed a wallet from a woman's purse that was in her shopping cart at a store in the 6900 block of Dempster on Sept. 21. Police said the subject used her credit card to purchase \$200 worth of items.

4 License Plate Taken (9100 block of Waukegan)
An Illinois license plate was taken from a car dealership office in the 9100 block of Waukegan on Sept. 17.

5 Vehicle Burglarized, Ransacked (9300 block of Olcott)
Unknown person or persons burglarized and ransacked a vehicle in the 9300 block of Olcott sometime between Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.

6 DUI Arrest (9500 block of Central)
A 39-year-old Des Plaines woman was arrested for driving under the influence on Sept. 25. The bond is set at \$1,000 and court date is Oct. 11.

7 Retail Theft (6300 block of Oakton)
A 21-year-old Chicago man was arrested for retail theft on Sept. 25 in the 6300 block of



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

Oakton after stealing a tape measure.

8 DUI Arrest (8500 block of Waukegan)
A 38-year-old Niles man was arrested on Sept. 27 for driving under the influence after crossing the double yellow line twice and almost colliding with another vehicle. The bond is set at \$1,000.

9 Heroin Overdose (7700 block of Harlam)
The complainant said when he came home he found the 21-year-old woman unconscious after a heroin overdose on Sept. 30 in the 7700 block of Harlam.

NILES

10 Selling Puppies Out of Vehicle Trunk (9500 block of Greenwood Ave.)
A woman who was selling puppies out of the trunk of her vehicle was issued a ticket for soliciting without a permit on Sept. 29. Police said there were nine puppies in her trunk that had food, water and ventila-

tion. The Niles Police had spoken to her previously in July of 2007.

11 Faces Smeared on Vehicle (7000 block of Fargo)
Unknown person or persons smeared faces on the driver's side door of a vehicle sometime between Sept. 29 and Sept. 30. See Blotter, page 7

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This is the second documented incident of this nature, said police.

12 Identity Theft (8800 block of Golf Road)
Sometime between July of 2007 and the present an unknown person used her store credit information to purchase \$2,229 worth of computer products.

13 Harassing Phone Calls (7800 block of N. Nordica)
An unknown man called a home more than 20 times swearing loudly in the phone on Sept. 23. The victim said he will call his phone company and prosecute if he finds out whose harassing him.

14 Kicked in the Face (9300 block of Milwaukee Ave.)
A man was struck in his face with closed fists and fell to the ground and three subjects kicked him in the face during a fight outside a cafe in the 9300 block of Milwaukee Ave.

15 Felony Forgery/Deceptive Practice Arrest (7100 block of Oakton)
A 31-year-old Niles female was arrested for felony forgery and deceptive practice at a business in the 7100 block of Oakton on Sept. 27. Her bond is set at \$20,000 and the court date is Sept. 27.

16 Felony Retail Theft Arrest (7200 block of Dempster)
A 19-year-old Skokie man and a 20-year-old Skokie man were charged with felony retail theft on Sept. 27. Their court date is Oct. 11.

PARK RIDGE

17 Aggravated Assault (600 block of S. Delphia)
A 13-year-old male reported that while he was walking home from school a male around 30-40 years of age exit-

ed a car and started chasing him while holding a knife over his shoulder and yelling. Police said this incident happened while the boy was walking southbound on Delphia on Sept. 20. When the boy reached Talcott Ave., the man stopped chasing him, said police.

18 Graffiti on Vehicle (2200 block of W. Manor)
Unknown person or persons wrote graffiti on the driver's side of a 2004 Cadillac Escalade pick up sometime between Sept. 21 and Sept. 22. The estimated cost of the damage is \$500.

19 Stroller Stolen from Residence (700 block of N. Western)
Unknown person or persons took a jogging stroller worth \$350 from the front of a residence located in the 700 block of N. Western on Sept. 24.

20 Bike Taken from Vehicle (600 block of S. Devon)
Unknown person or persons entered a 1991 Dodge Caravan by breaking the rear window with a brick and took a Schwinn bike with a value of \$180 on Sept. 22.

21 Handle Bars Stolen from Scooter (700 block of N. Wisner)
While on school grounds, the victim saw three males, ages 13 to 16 remove the handle bars from the frame of the victim's scooter and then leave the area on Sept. 23.

22 Asphalt Damages Business (600 block of W. Devon)
Unknown person or persons used pieces of broken asphalt to damage the front window of a business in the 600 block of W. Devon on Sept. 21. The estimated cost of the damage is \$300.

23 Warrant Out of Chicago (1500 block of E. Marcus Ct.)
A 24-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Sept. 25. See Blotter, page 12

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The recent story about Senator Craig's disgusting attempt in a public restroom speaks to the larger issue of leadership and proper public behavior for everyone. This type of debauchery isn't confined to stories about Sodom and Gomorrah. It is a creeping sickness that says whatever I want I get and if it feels good do it. It is a lustful selfishness that turns the stomach at its pushy presumption that we have to accept the behavior as normal. Well, it is not normal.

Our children are under assault from every side. The hyper-sexualization of children is unimaginable. Music isn't just raunchy it is explicit. Gone

are the days of sexual innuendo, now they just say whatever they want. Family friendly movies are rare and usually peppered with all kinds of weirdness. Either they are geared to 4 year olds or teens with no in between. Television is no longer safe. ABC's family hour had a television show with kids having sex in the bushes and another couple nude in a hot tub. When the parents came home they just asked everyone to leave. It seems from the top down people have gone mad. Who can you trust? Teachers (men or women), coaches, clergy and other normally respectable people have lost their moral bearings.

Where is the self-restraint? Where is the respect for the feelings and sensitivities of others? Vulgarity doesn't just come out of your mouth, it speaks to your actions. Here we have our leaders at every level and across the political spectrum caught up in weird scandals, and it is not just recently but over decades. Leaders of all stripes seem not to be able to control themselves

or their fetishes. It is bad enough when it is rampant in private, but when it spills into the public realm it is not only disgusting, but dangerous. These are our elected leaders, don't they know the risks? Don't they know what kind of power you can have over people if you've got something on them?

Foreign intelligence agencies use just this sort of sting operation to compromise individuals. How many of the anti-America votes in Congress have, as their origin, blackmail? How can these people pretend to lead, when they cannot even control their own passions? Why trust them with our lives, when they won't be in command of their own? Then they lie to cover their moral depravity? This is not leadership, but sickness.

We have a fundamental problem when those who represent us stop representing us. The gap between the moral standards of our political leaders and the people is huge. There seems to be two Americas. One is normal, apple



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

"Here we have our leaders at every level and across the political spectrum caught up in weird scandals, and it is not just recently but over decades. Leaders of all stripes seem not to be able to control themselves or their fetishes."

pie and loves their country. The other is predatory, creepy, and loves themselves and themselves alone. It is not just madness, but treachery. We count on these people to act above reproach. We count on them to manage our treasury, protect our nation, and act in our best interest. Given the despicably low standards expressed, would you let a politician's mouth kiss your baby?

We live at the most dangerous point in our nation's history. We have real enemies seeking to destroy us. The battle is not one that will be won with military might alone. We need to have a country and a people worthy of the sacrifice being made on our behalf. Lives of real people are being traded for our security. Is it fair to ask

them to give up their lives, so that creeps in Washington can enjoy Gomorrah? We fight for family, home and hearth, not public restroom sex, teen prostitution parties and money. If it doesn't turn your stomach, then maybe the problem is bigger than we think. We are losing the standards that protect not only our children, but ourselves.

"The devil is endlessly ingenious, and sex is his favorite subject...No man, however truly he loved his betrothed and bride as a young man, has lived faithful to her as a wife in mind and body without deliberate conscious exercise of the will, without self-denial."

J.R.R. Tolkien (from a letter to his then 21 year old son, Michael)

How to Prepare for a Layoff

By Carrie Schwab Pomerantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Market volatility and economic uncertainty often go hand in hand. When the markets are roiling and the future of the economy is less than clear, financial insecurity can take root. Are you worried about your job? Fearful about downsizing or layoffs?

Here are a few concrete steps you can take now to help you deal with the potential loss of a paycheck.

Bulk Up Your Emergency Fund

Conventional wisdom holds that you should keep enough money to cover your basic living expenses for three to six months in something safe and liquid. An example is an interest-bearing checking account; an emergency fund to help you deal with an unforeseen crisis. But if you're worried you might lose your job, your emergency fund should probably be even larger.

How much is enough? That will depend on your situa-

tion, of course, in particular how long you expect to be out of the work force. But now's the time to take stock of all your sources of liquidity: cash on hand, stocks and mutual funds in taxable accounts. Not your 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement

accounts - you don't want to tap into those assets, except as a last resort.

Obviously, you don't want to go into debt while you're not working, but if you own a home, now would be a good time to establish a home equity line of credit - just as an extra layer of protection. It's easy and inexpensive to set it up. And if you need it, the fees and interest rate will probably be considerably lower than if you use a credit card.

Slim Down Your Spending

You know that your ability to spend is going to take a hit if you stop working, but don't wait until that day to put your spending on a diet. Take a look at your budget now and see where you can cut

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Niles School of Cosmetology Educating Students for 32 Years

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

For 32 years, Phil Livolsi has run the Niles School of Cosmetology that focuses on a quality education.

The school, located at 8057 N. Milwaukee Ave., offers a variety of classes and students learn how to cut hair, blow dry hair, style hair (such as up-dos), highlight hair, do manicures and pedicures, facials, eyebrow waxing and more.

The course also includes topics such as shop management, sanitation and interpersonal relations. Students practice cutting and styling hair on a mannequin before they work on real customers.

Livolsi said many of their students move on to careers at successful salons, such as Mario Tricoci and Teddie Kossov.

Upon completing the cosmetology course, students can pursue careers as salon owners, cosmetology school owners, make-up artists and industry representatives.

"It's one of the best locations in all of Chicago and the suburbs. I haven't had a single problem here. I am also happy because there is a good number of parking spaces for the students and customers." **Phil Livolsi** | OWNER, NILES SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY

The National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences accredit the Niles School of Cosmetology and students must pass a state test at the end of the course.

Livolsi said that tuition is a reasonable \$8,000, which includes the beauty kit. He said financial aid and loans are also available for students.

Currently, Livolsi has about 100 students enrolled at his school. He said it takes 10 months on a full-time schedule and 18-20 months on a part-time schedule. Livolsi said many of his students are part-time and work either days or nights. Both evening and daytime shifts are available.

Livolsi opened his school in 1975 and has been very satisfied with the location.

"It's one of the best locations in all of Chicago and the suburbs," said Livolsi, who said he hasn't had a single problem in that location. He said that he is also happy because he has a good number of parking spaces for the students and customers.

In 1975, the school charged \$3.50 for a haircut and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays they are rolling back to that price during the current special. Regularly, they charge \$6 a haircut.

Anyone is welcome to get their hair cut at the school. "The education is very good here," said Livolsi.

The school is opened 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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discretionary expenses, then divert those savings into your emergency fund. It's fairly easy and relatively painless to cut nonessential purchases. Naturally, you'll avoid large purchases, like a new car or an expensive vacation.

Understand Your Benefits

Another step to take now is to look into government-provided unemployment insurance benefits, which in gener-

al are available to workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own; for example, when a company lays off people because of a recession. You should also understand your company's severance policies. If you're laid off, you may be eligible for some sort of package that would help tide you over to your next job.

Maintain Your Insurance

A lot of people do without health insurance when they're between jobs, but this

is a potentially catastrophic mistake, even for young people in excellent health. An unexpected illness or an accident can be devastatingly expensive.

Most workers can take advantage of the COBRA law (part of a massive budget bill passed back in 1986) to continue your health insurance coverage for 18 months if you're laid off or you no longer qualify for your employer's plan, which happens sometimes when a

worker's hours are reduced. You have to pay for the coverage, but it's typically cheaper than paying for an individual plan.

Your company's health plan is required to give you 60 days notice about your options, but check with your HR or benefits department so you'll be prepared. You might also investigate private health insurance coverage in your area. Note that some very small companies, federal agencies and some church-related organizations are not covered by COBRA.

Look For Work

Of course you're going to look for work if you lose your job, but now may be an even better time to start your search. Somehow it always seems easier to get a new position while you're still employed. Also consider part-time or freelance opportunities if that makes sense in your industry. Some income is better than no income, and those jobs often lead to full-time work.

Do Not Cash Out Your 401(k)

If you do lose your job, you'll have to make a decision about your 401(k) plan

assets, and you may be tempted to use the money for current living expenses. Here's my advice: Don't do it unless your personal situation is incredibly dire. Transfer those assets in their entirety to a Rollover IRA. If you don't roll it over and instead take possession of those assets, assuming you're under the age of 59, you'll have to pay income tax on the entire sum plus a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. And you'll be crippling your own retirement planning. So make sure you set up the Rollover IRA and keep those assets working for your long-term future.

The prospect of losing your job is a difficult, frightening feeling. But you'll sleep better at night if you think about what you can do today to prepare yourself for tomorrow.

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The Summit of Uptown Presents Nat King Cole Program

Park Ridge, Ill. . . The Summit of Uptown (formerly Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence), 10 N. Summit Ave. in Park Ridge, invites the public to a program on Nat King Cole Friday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

The educational program, entitled "Singer and Jazz Pianist," will be presented by music historian Jack Diamond. The presentation will cover the gifted artist's life and his music.

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

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St. Martha's 1st Annual Oktoberfest

St. Martha Catholic Church is having their first annual Oktoberfest on October 13, 2007 on the church grounds, located at 8523 Georgianna Street, Morton Grove. The fall celebration begins at 4:00p.m. and will last until 10:00p.m. Admission is free. German and American food and beverages will be available for purchase. There will be live German music and dancers. The planned activities also include bingo, 50/50 drawing and lots of games and fun for the children. Bring your friends and family and join us in the fun and help make this event a huge success. A special mass will be held at 3:00p.m., prior to the event.

Liberty Bank for Savings Announces Fall Events

Liberty Bank for Savings announces its community events for the upcoming autumn season. As part of its dedication to the community, Liberty Bank offers fun, educational and valuable events to everyone; from kids to seniors. Reservations are required for any event. The following is a list of events planned for this coming fall:

Silver Stars Bingo will be held Fridays, Oct. 12 and 26 at 2 p.m. The Oct. 12 event will be at the Bank's Lincolnwood office, 6666 N. Lincoln, Lincolnwood. The Oct. 26 event will be held at the Bank's Norwood office, 6210 N. Milwaukee, Chicago.

A free, two-day class on basic computer skills at Liberty Bank for Savings' Norwood office will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday, Oct. 16 and Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007. Seniors will learn basic Windows skills from a member of the Liberty Bank Information Technology team.

A free presentation about online banking at will also take place at its Norwood office from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007. The presentation will offer answers to all questions on the advantages of banking online.

Liberty Bank for Savings, along with representatives from The Illinois State's Attorney's Office, will host a preventative seminar on crimes against the elderly Friday Oct. 26, at its Main office, 2392 N. Milwaukee. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Liberty Fall Events Parents, grandparents, their children and grandchildren ages 12 and under are invited to attend a free Halloween party at Liberty's Norwood office on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids are invited to wear Halloween costumes for a costume contest. There will also be free games, pumpkin painting, refreshments and more. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The public is invited to join Liberty Bank on a fun trip to try their luck at blackjack, craps or slots at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Indiana. The cost is \$28 per person and it will take place on Wednesday Nov. 7, 2007. A buffet lunch is included.

Finally, Liberty is hosting a two-day adult driving course, for those 50 and older, on Tuesday and Thursday Nov. 6 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bank's Norwood office. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required. The two-day classroom course, presented by AARP, will refresh driving skills and help prevent accidents.

To make a reservation for any event or for more information on times, cost or location, please contact Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or email sandrews@libertybank.com.

HOLIDAY CRAFTERS WANTED

The Guild of the Nativity of St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, November 11th from 8:00AM until 3:00PM in the parish ministry center at 8307 N. Harlem Avenue in Niles.

Crafters will be able to display hand-crafted items for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Any crafter wishing to receive an application for the Holiday Craft Fair, please call Judi Stephens at 847-296-6421.

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Rumors of Shooting Spread Through Maine East

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A rumor that a shooting was going to take place at Maine East High School stemmed from a poem that was "dark in nature" on Sept. 7.

The girlfriend of a student at Maine East had a portfolio of her boyfriend's poems and one of the hundreds of other poems was considered to possibly be threatening.

Police met with the author of

the poem and the police found the student was not a threat and closed the investigation.

Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Tom Swoboda said that through text messaging and e-mailing rumors that students were in danger began to spread through the school.

"It was a nothing and it turned into a rumor," said Swoboda. "It took a life of its own."

Swoboda said that unfortunately a student who had no connection with the student

"It was a nothing and it turned into a rumor. It took a life of its own."

Tom Swoboda
PARK RIDGE DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

who wrote the poetry got named in the rumors and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department was notified that this student might potentially hurt other students.

An anonymous person called the Bugle Newspapers expressing concern that an innocent kid was "zeroed in on" and he felt his medical records were violated.

"The most important thing is the rumors were all found to be unsubstantiated," said Principal Steven Isoye.

Two Park Ridge policemen and the school's resource officer were present at Maine East on Sept. 11 in order for students to feel safe.

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for a warrant out of Chicago for retail theft. His bond was set at \$5,000 and the court date is Oct. 11.

24 Subject Bites Staff Member's Finger (1700 block of Dempster)

A 50-year-old Chicago woman became uncooperative and aggressive while at the hospital and bit a staff member's finger on Sept. 24. She was charged with aggravated battery.

Renovation

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years ago. Upon opening its doors as a retirement community in 1983, it quickly became one of the premier retirement residences in the Chicagoland area. In 1987, the owners added a four-

story, 48-apartment annex that is licensed by the State of Illinois to provide Assisted Living services.

In preparation for the first phase of apartment renovations, residents have been relocated from the Touhy Avenue side of the building to other apartments within

Summit. Construction is set to begin in January and be completed by the end of 2008.

For further information about pre-renovation pricing or to arrange a tour of The Summit of Uptown, please call 847-825-1161 or visit www.summitofuptown.com.

SCHOOLS

Dist. 64 May Issue Tax Anticipation Warrants as 'Bridge Funding'

The Park Ridge-Niles Dist. 64 board of education is expected to consider a tax anticipation warrant package at its next board meeting on Oct. 8.

Fall property tax bills have been delayed indefinitely as a result of current negotiations between the governor and state legislative leaders regarding potential property tax relief.

Dist. 64 receives about 80% of

its revenues from property taxes and had expected to receive at least some of the fall revenues in October and a larger amount in November.

"Because the district's operating fund balance has historically been so low, we do not have the reserves available-as some local school districts do-to carry us through this unknown delay," stated

Business Manager Bruce Martin, in a press release.

Martin recommends that the board issues tax anticipation warrants in October in order to provide "bridge funding" until the tax revenues are received.

The 2007-2008 budget recently presented to the board of education shows that the operating fund revenues will grow about 5.3% to almost \$56.1 mil-

lion. The operating fund expenditures will increase by 6.3% for the year to \$52.6 million.

The budget reflects additional needed to restore class sizes and educational programs, as a result of a referendum passed by the voters in April. The budget also reflects an additional investment in technology.

The district's operating fund

balance will reach 23.6% by June 30. Although this fund balance is below the board's goal of 33% at the end of the fiscal year, it is the first significant increase in the balance in several years.

For more information people can look on the district's website, www.d64.org under the Education Finance Fact Book.

Park View's 'Best Kept Secret' Revitalized By Former Student

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Eagle Scout candidate and former Park View student David Nakic revitalized the courtyard of Park View School in Morton Grove for his Eagle project.

Nakic and a team of scouts cleared out all of the weeds and overgrown shrubs in the courtyard, spending more than 40 hours working on cleaning up the courtyard.

The pine trees were trimmed three to eight feet above the ground. Eight benches, donated by the PTO, were put together and placed in designated spots. Area native plants that were donated by the Schaumburg Garden Club were planted throughout the area.

"It's sort of the best kept secret at the school," said Dist. 70 Supt. Gary Zabilka, about the courtyard.

Zabilka said that not all students realize the courtyard is there and so when the district faced financial challenges the courtyard became low on the district's priority list. Zabilka said they have had poison ivy and other obstacles to clean up in the courtyard in the past.

Zabilka said that Nakic has worked very hard on the project and has truly earned the title of an Eagle Scout.

Zabilka said the courtyard is looking great now, thanks to Nakic and the other scouts and he believes students will start to utilize the courtyard throughout the school year as they discuss nature and other related topics in their classrooms.

Local Students Graduate from ISU

Local students are part of a total of 564 students at Illinois State University that earned their bachelor's degree at the end of the summer term.

Heather Ann Johnson, of Morton Grove, earned a Bachelor of Science degree; Nicholas Constantine Cosmo of Niles earned a Bachelor of

Science degree. From Park Ridge, Joseph Trout Burke, Siobhan Maureen Riley, Trevor James Russell and Elayne Lynn Store earned Bachelor of Science degrees.

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NDHS Student O'Reilly Named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist

Brendan O'Reilly, of Notre Dame High School, is a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist.

O'Reilly now has the opportunity to continue to compete for some 8,200 Merit Scholarship (R) awards, worth \$34 million, that will be offered in spring 2008. He also received a perfect score of 36 on the June 2007 ACT test.

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5-1 Dons Make Homecoming Sweet

Inspired by a great Homecoming crowd and the celebration that surrounded the new Notre Dame Hall of Honor (33 alumni Dons were saluted for distinguished professional service), the ND Varsity Dons played their hearts out and held on to defeat St. Viator 26-21 on Friday night.

In a tale of two very different halves of football, the Dons jumped to a 26-7 lead in the middle of the second quarter. Two long TD passes to Greg Lucchesi (68 yds.) and Ryan Irwin (57 yds.) from Zach Abraham (11/26 - 256 yds), and two TD runs by Tim Swieton and Greg Lucchesi netted the Dons a big early differential. The Lions roared back with a long touchdown march and 1 yd run for a score, captured the ensuing on-side kick and scored again to cut the deficit to 26 - 21 at halftime.

The defensive units of Notre Dame and St. Viator stepped up to take charge of the second half. Field position and strategic punts became the



Up Next

The Dons travel to Joliet Catholic, Friday to take on the perennial power Hilltoppers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Joliet Catholic (5-1) is ranked #4 in the Chicago area; #1 in Illinois Class 6A.

tempo of the third and fourth quarter. Multiple defensive fronts and schemes coordinated by Coach Dan DeFranza, '90, frustrated and stopped all threats by St. Viator. Huge defensive plays by defensive linemen Matt Franzen (6 tackles/2 sacks), Joe Springer (5 tackles/2 sacks), and Billy Hughes (3 tackles), key plays by linebacker Bo Cisek (8 tackles), along with great coverage by defensive backs, Brendan Murray (15 tackles), P.J. Cummings (6 tackles), Rick Szukala (7 tackles), Chas Eitz (6 tackles) and Pat Lazzara (2 tackles/3 pass break-ups)

enabled the Dons to shutout St. Viator in the second half and ensure victory. The ND defense forced big turnovers with interceptions by Chas Eitz, Joe Ufheil, and a fumble recovery by Sean O'Hara.

The Sophomore Football team started the Homecoming festivities for ND as Coach Augie Genovesi's troops beat St. Viator 29 - 13. Big runs by Julian Burgos and a 70 yds TD pass from Drew Diaz to Tim Hirsch highlighted the Sophomore win. Coach Pat Kelly's Freshman Football squad completed the sweep with an outstanding 42 - 14 win on Saturday over the Lions. Two touchdown runs by Jeremy Burgos, 3 touchdown runs by Connor Thomas, and one more touchdown run by Tim Whalen accounted for the Frosh scoring.

The challenges only get bigger as the Sophomore and Varsity Football Dons travel to Joliet this Friday to play the Hilltoppers, and the Freshman play at home on Saturday.

AREA FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Maine South 33, Waukegan 15

Maine South (5-1, 2-0) extended their win streak to 3 games after beating up on Waukegan 33-15 in the 4th quarter. South scored 16 points in the final quarter in a game that was much closer than the score reflects. Quarterback Charlie Goro continues to impress finishing with 168 yards on a 14 for 19 passing evening. The Central Suburban conference title could be on the line for the Hawks this week as they host undefeated conference rival Glenbrook South. Game time Friday 7:30 p.m.

Glenbrook South 54, Niles West 7

Niles West (0-6, 0-3) has struggled to get anything going this season and fell to conference leader Glenbrook South 54-7 last week on the road. The team is looking for its first win of the season this Friday night at home against Evanston Township High who themselves have struggled at 1-6 on the season and are coming off an 49-0 thumping last week at

the hands of New Trier. This game appears to be a must win for both teams and an equal opportunity to gain something positive for their programs in an otherwise hapless season.

Deerfield 42, Niles North 13

Niles North (2-4, 0-2) has yet to win a conference game after losing to Deerfield last Friday night 42-13 and dims their hope for a playoff birth this season. The Vikings will need to win their last three games to get the magic number of 5 wins (normally a requirement for the post season) starting with away Maine West this Friday evening game time 7:30 p.m.

Maine West 20, Maine East 19

Maine East (0-6) lost to Maine West (1-5) 20-19 last week in a game that each team felt they could win. West will host Niles North this Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and East will travel to powerhouse Glenbrook North this Friday game time 7:30 p.m.

Chicagoland Speedway to Install Lights

Chicagoland Speedway announced today the installation of lights for the 2008 season. With this new addition to the 1.5-mile, D-shaped oval, Chicagoland Speedway becomes only the 10th NASCAR NEXTEL Cup facility able to hold night racing.

"We are very excited to announce the addition of lights to Chicagoland Speedway for the upcoming 2008 season," said Matthew Alexander, president of Chicagoland Speedway. "Night racing is one of the most thrilling experiences for fans to

"Traditionally, our NASCAR races have taken place during the time of year when excessive heat can become an issue for our fans. By adding lights to our facility, we hope to make the guest experience a more comfortable one." **Matthew Alexander** | CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY

be a part of, and now we will be able to bring that type of buzz and exciting atmosphere to our facility for fans to enjoy. Other NASCAR tracks with lights have experienced tremendous success when hosting night races and we anticipate similar results at Chicagoland Speed-

way. This is an exciting step for the growth of racing in the Chicago market."

The NASCAR race weekend at Chicagoland Speedway in 2008 will feature two night races - the NASCAR Busch Series race on Friday, July 11, followed by **See Lights, page 15**

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Like a balloon filled with helium, Chicago Cub fans are flying sky high after last Friday nights victory against Cincinnati coupled by Milwaukee's loss clinching their first division crown since the 2003 season. The Cubs are in and based on what players have been reported to saying, this team seems completely oblivious to the curse of the goat, the Bartman ball, the dribbled ground ball between the legs and of course the always named, never to be forgotten corked bat syndrome. The fist fight in the dugout between Carlos Zambrano and former teammate Michael Barrett in the dugout during the Cubs June 1st 8-5 loss to the Atlanta Braves seems to be a turning point for this team. Barrett got the boot and the team moved on shrugging off anything that would have derailed former Cub teams in the past. This is a team of incredibly focus and they have peaked at the right time while giving the hex to other teams that have had Cub like season blowups, the New



Chalk Talk
ROBERT LEACH | SPORTS EDITOR

York Mets who blew a double digit division lead or the collapse of the Milwaukee Brewers in the last two weeks. Maybe it's the Cubs day, just maybe this team will break the longest World Series drought in baseball's illustrious history. Will Pinella and the boys finally make the red white and blue stand out like our beautiful American Flag on a crisp sunny fall afternoon? Can the 2007 Cubs make the world right again with the swing of a bat? Being a Chicago Cub fan since the late 60's, I have learned one valuable lesson routing for this team, while

watching a playoff Cub team, bring plenty of aspirin and meditate before every game. There should be a disclaimer that reads "do not operate heavy machinery while watching this game" or "scenes in this program may be offensive and not suitable for children". If there was a rating system for professional sports, the Cubs would be rated "R" for ridiculous. If nothing else, the networks are sure to see a huge audience tuning in to watch this team. If they make it to the World Series, I will speculate and say that the cost of commercial time during the game may be driven up to prices that would rival Super Bowl spots. How much would your company pay to be an advertiser during a Chicago Cub World Series versus any other team in Game 7? I bet all kinds of pharmaceutical companies would line up especially those who offer the latest version of anti-depression drugs sure to put a smile on your face even if the Cubs should lose. As always, I'll see you in the stands!

NILES SPORTS BRIEFS

Lights

continued from page 14

the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series race on Saturday, July 12.

"Traditionally, our NASCAR races have taken place during the time of year when excessive heat can become an issue for our fans. By adding lights to our facility, we hope to make the guest experience a more comfortable one. In addition, we will now have the flexibility to run events later in the day in the event of inclement weather," continued Alexander. "This is just another way we are continuing our effort of making sure we consistently provide our fans with a quality product and overall experience."

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Please join us on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., for an open board meeting at which board members will be elected for the 2008/2009 seasons. If

you are interested in running for a Board of Directors position and are a League member over 18 years old and reside in Niles, contact Vic Nagode (847-470-0622) or John Zuckerman (847-966-9448).

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Old lamp's value should brighten things up

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I have enclosed a photo of an electric lamp that was left to my mother many years ago by an elderly neighbor. When my mother died, it was passed on to me. The shade is made up of pieces of green marble like opaque glass under

facturer's mark anywhere on the lamp that I can find. I am curious to learn more about the history and value of my lamp.

A: You have a slag glass lamp with a metal overlay. Many were made in the early 1900s and often not marked by the manufacturer. Slag glass was often

overlay framework.

Your lamp is circa 1915, and would probably be worth \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Q: I have enclosed the mark seen on the bottom of an antique pitcher that has been in our family for generations. Also above the mark is the word "Chelsea." It belonged to my grandmother who was from Scotland. She came to this country about 1900 as a young lady and brought several family pieces with her. The pitcher stands approximately 8 inches tall and is decorated with a blue transfer-ware design featuring classical urns, flowers and bands.

Can you tell me anything about my pitcher?

A: You have an earthenware pitcher that was made by Gibsons and Sons in the late 1800s. They made earthenware in Staffordshire, England, from

1885 to 1972. "Chelsea" is the name of the pattern.

The value of your pitcher would probably be \$100 to \$150.

Q: I have a Victorian pump organ that was made by William Bell and Co. in Guelph, Canada. On the pedals is a Feb. 24, 1887, patent date. The organ is in two separate pieces making it easier to move, has a mirror at the top and wooden candle-holder shelves on each side. All the keys are in very good condition and there is only one missing pull.

I would like to know if it has any value.

A: William and Robert Bell founded their company in 1864 in Guelph, Ontario. Bell was one of the leading manufacturers of organs and pianos. The company was sold in 1928 and the new owner discontinued the production of organs. There is not a strong market for Victorian pump organs. Even though your organ can be separated, they are heavy and difficult to move.

Your late 19th century pump organ would probably be worth \$800 to \$1,200.

Q: About 50 years ago, my uncle gave me a tall advertising mirror with a Victorian wood frame. He got it from an old friend who was a medical doctor. Over the years, all the silver paint behind the mirror has flaked off, so I had the frame restored and a mirror placed behind the original glass. Acid etched into the glass at the top are the words "Dr. C.C. Roc's Liver, Rheumatic, and Neuralgic Cure." The piece measures 53 inches high by 25 inches wide.

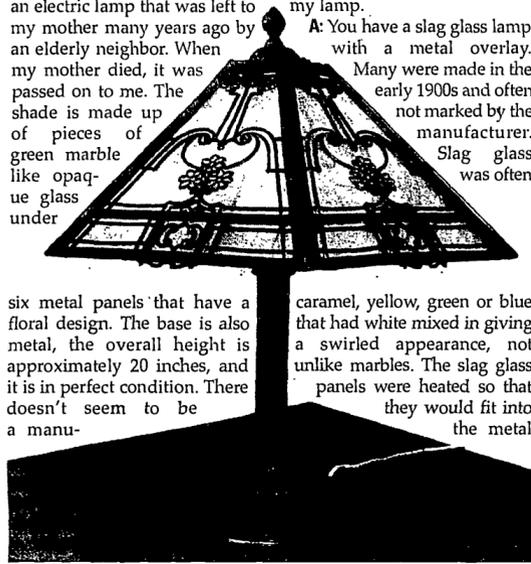
I would like to know the approximate age and value of my mirror.

A: Cullen and Newman owned a wholesale house located in Knoxville, Tenn. They were suppliers of Dr. C.C. Roc's Liver, Rheumatic, and Neuralgic Cure, one of the most popular medicines in the late 1800s.

Your Victorian advertising mirror was made around 1880 and would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

six metal panels that have a floral design. The base is also metal, the overall height is approximately 20 inches, and it is in perfect condition. There doesn't seem to be a manu-

caramel, yellow, green or blue that had white mixed in giving a swirled appearance, not unlike marbles. The slag glass panels were heated so that they would fit into the metal



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Frozen Charlottes charm collectors

By Linda Rosenkrantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The name Frozen Charlotte may sound like a delicious new dessert, but anyone in the doll world will tell you that it is in fact a kind of charming porcelain doll made primarily in Germany from about 1860 to 1940, and a favorite of collectors today.

Known in Germany as Baderkinder, or Bathing Dolls (as they could be played with in water, either at the beach or at home, in the bathtub or a pail of water), and also as pillar dolls and solid-china dolls here, there

are several explanations for the Frozen Charlotte appellation. The most widely accepted is that it derives from an old American pre-Civil War ballad attributed to William Lorenzo Carter about a girl named Charlotte who set out in a sleigh with her lover Charles on a bitterly cold Vermont night in a flimsy dress and promptly froze to death just before they reached the ball. It ends with the moral:

"Now, ladies, when you hear of this
Think of that dreadful sight,
And never venture so thinly clad,
On such a winter's night."

Frozen Charlottes are completely unjointed one-piece molded dolls. They are made of china, though some are crude bisque, were usually undressed (which some Victorians found immoral), displayed clenched fists and bent elbows, and had molded or painted black or blond hair (and occasionally molded bonnets or hair ribbons, despite their nudity), and some had painted-on boots, shoes and socks.

Varying greatly in size, they ranged from 1 inch to almost 20, with the majority 1 to 4 inches. Pudgy nudes of unspecified sex, most of them are considered to be female because of their various feminine hairstyles, though

through most of the 19th century male and female children were often dressed and coiffed alike.

Some collectors identify Charlottes they consider to be male as Frozen Charlies. The bathing doll was a staple of the German porcelain factories for at least 60 years, but the majority are unmarked, so that the individual factories responsible for them are unknown and identification is almost impossible. Two factories known to have made them are Conta & Bohme and Kling & Co.

Since the small dolls were so cheap, little girls would form a collection of several of them. They were sometimes called "teacup dolls," because they were sometimes placed in teacups to cool the beverage off at tea parties, then given as party favors for the guests to take home. Another tradition that grew up around the dolls was having them tied onto ribbons, baked into birthday cakes or puddings, then pulled out by the girl guests when they were served their portions, and again taking them home as keepsakes.

The smallest, cheapest Charlottes retailed for one cent when they were made (in fact they were commonly referred to as "penny dolls"); the larger, better-decorated dolls were, of course, considerably more expensive.

Picture-Perfect Picturesque Perfecscope

By Anne McCollam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: This is a photo of my perfcoscope. It is marked "The Perfecscope - USA Patent October 15, 1895 - France BSCDG - Pate. In Great Britain - Germany - Austria - Belgium - July 24, 1883 - Underwood and Underwood." It is in very good condition and I still have some of the original stereo view cards.

Can you tell me its value?

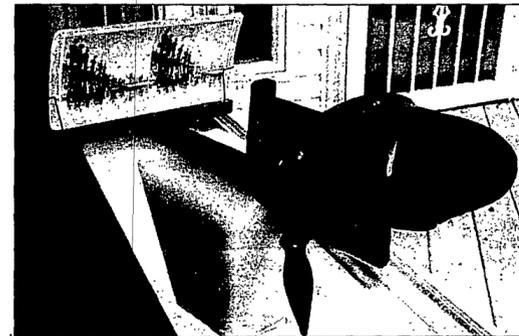
A: Your perfcoscope is better known as a stereoscope and was made by Underwood and Underwood. Bert and Elmer Underwood founded their company around 1883. They capitalized on the late 1800s archeological excavations of pyramids along the Nile in Egypt and produced their perfcoscopes accompanied by stereo view cards in boxed sets. The Underwoods offered several different sizes and styles of stereoscopes that appealed to armchair travelers as well as experienced travelers.

Collectors interested in seeing the pyramids along the Nile often are willing to pay in the range of \$100 to \$195 for similar stereoscopes and stereo view cards.

Q: My mother just gave me her cat figurine that I loved growing up. It always was on a shelf and we kids would not touch him, only look. He is white with a blue collar, tail, and toes and has pink and blue on his ears. His tail stands straight up and his overall height is 10 inches. I have enclosed the trademark seen on him.

Anything you can tell me about my cat will be greatly appreciated.

A: Kay Finch and her husband, Braden, opened their small pot-



tery in 1939 in Corona Del Mar, Calif. She designed mostly animals and birds, especially dogs. Her son, George, eventually joined the pottery and was responsible for creating non-figural objects. After her husband died in 1963, Finch gave up her pottery.

The name of your cat is "Hannibal, the Angry Cat." He was made in the early 1940s and is listed as selling in mint condition at \$450. It has also been offered on the Internet at \$750. That should give you pause!

Q: I have a cookie jar shaped like a wishing well. It is decorated with a glossy brown glaze and on the front of the well are the words "Wish I Had a Cookie." Marked on the bottom are the words "McCoy - USA."

Do you have any idea of its vintage and value?
A: McCoy Pottery Co. located in Roseville, Ohio, made their wishing well cookie jars from 1961 to 1970. From the 1940s to around 1980 they produced a plethora of cookie jars. During a late 20th century buying frenzy of cookie jars on the secondary market prices shot up. Demand and collector interest then waned which took a

bite out of cookie jar values. Your cookie jar would probably be worth \$40 to \$60.

Book Review

"Instant Expert: Collecting Pens" was written by Edward Kiersh. This illustrated guide provides the necessary information to the world of collecting pens from Bics to classic fountain pens. Kiersh discusses the kinds of ink and paper to use, how and where to buy and sell, values, and the proper care for your collection. His insider tips reveal what makes a pen collectible, how to detect a fake, and which limited editions will have lasting value. Readers will learn the various shapes of nibs and the bond they have with the writer. Also included is a resource guide listing clubs, organizations, societies, and pens on the Internet.

Collecting pens is a growing field. Kiersh's finely penned resource will start you on your way to becoming an "instant expert."

"Instant Expert: Collecting Pens" is published by House of Collectibles. It is available in bookstores at \$15.

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Tuesday, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$3.50. Lunch provided. Registration required.

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Niles Senior News

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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

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Men's and Women's Golf Leagues 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.

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

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Morton Grove Senior News

'The Weighting Game'

"The Weighting Game" - a musical by the North Shore Players, is coming to the Morton Grove Senior Center on October 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.

Computer Classes

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 at a cost of \$6 for Members and \$7 for non-members. Class size is extremely limited so register early to avoid disappointment. The "Exploring the Internet" class will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Oct. 15 and pay a reduced cost of \$5 for Senior

Center Members and \$6 for non-members. After Oct. 15 the costs are \$6 for Members and \$7 for non-members. Class size is extremely limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

Blood Pressure Screening

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton

Grove's senior citizen population. All are welcome to attend.

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 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.

to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Flu shots are given annually and are the primary method for preventing the flu and its possible severe complications. Pneumonia shots are usually a one-time dose but may be occasionally repeated if the person is over 65 and more than five years have passed since the last pneumonia vaccine. There will

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Park Ridge Senior News

Flu Shots

The American Lung Association will again be giving flu shots at the Park Ridge Senior Center. The date is October 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This service is free to anyone over 65 years of age with Medicare Part B.

Bazaar and White Elephant Sale

The annual Bazaar and White Elephant Sale at the Park Ridge Senior Center is

planned for Saturday, November 3. This is a very important fundraiser for the Center. The ladies have been working hard all year. You will find many one-of-a-kind items for sale including crocheted or knitted baby blankets, scarves, hats and gloves, floral arrangements and much more. There will also be "white elephant" items for sale. Also for sale will be home baked goodies. After you've finished shopping you can relax with a sloppy joe

lunch. So bring your family, friends and neighbors to this great event.

Annual Variety Show

Showtime is only a matter of weeks away and the cast is fine-tuning their acts. This year's show is the Center's 25th annual show and a number of favorites are being brought up again. New material with the theme "Weather or not?" will be presented. One cast member has been in every

show since the beginning and others have been in 10, 15 and even 20 shows. Showtime will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21. Tickets have been on sale already so call the Center at 847-692-3597 to see if any are still available. There will be no steak fry prior to the show due to the kitchen remodeling, but refreshments will be served afterwards. Tickets are \$8.00. You don't want to miss this show.

Money Matters

Bill Nesbit, discussion leader of Money Matters, has retired. His time and expertise has really been appreciated over the years. Taking over the group will be Chris Valentine of Edward Jones. No matter what your age, your financial situation or your goals, you need to know about the power of investing. The bi-monthly money matters discussion is a great way to start.

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be no charge for those who have Medicare Part B and bring in their Medicare Card with them. For those who do not have Medicare Part B, the charge for the flu shot is \$30 and the charge for the pneumonia shot is \$40. Anyone who is allergic to chicken eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to the influenza vaccine, or anyone who has previously developed Guillian-Barre Syndrome in the six weeks after being given a flu shot should avoid the immuniza-

tion. Any person with and active infection or fever should postpone their shot until their symptoms subside.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 after Sept. 10 to schedule an appointment.

'ABC's of Dementia' Lecture

Learn about the warning signs of dementia and how to effectively help a loved one with this condition at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. This is a free program that is presented by Arden Courts.

Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 15 people registered.

'Fall Fest' at the Lunch Bunch

Visit the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch" at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Morton Grove Senior Center for a "Fall Fest" celebration. Nicko & His Famous Accordion Polka Tunes will entertain. The menu for the day will be Lemon Herb Chicken, Bratwurst in Brew, Red Cabbage Vit Apples, German Style Potatoes, Cucumber Marinade, Marble Rye Bread and a Dessert Variety.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847/967-6876. Advance tickets are \$4 and \$4.50 at the door.

'Watch Your Step'

Join Speech Therapist, Chris Babaska of Alexian Brothers Hospital for an interactive presentation on home safety and fall prevention at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. There is no charge for this program but please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 15 people registered.

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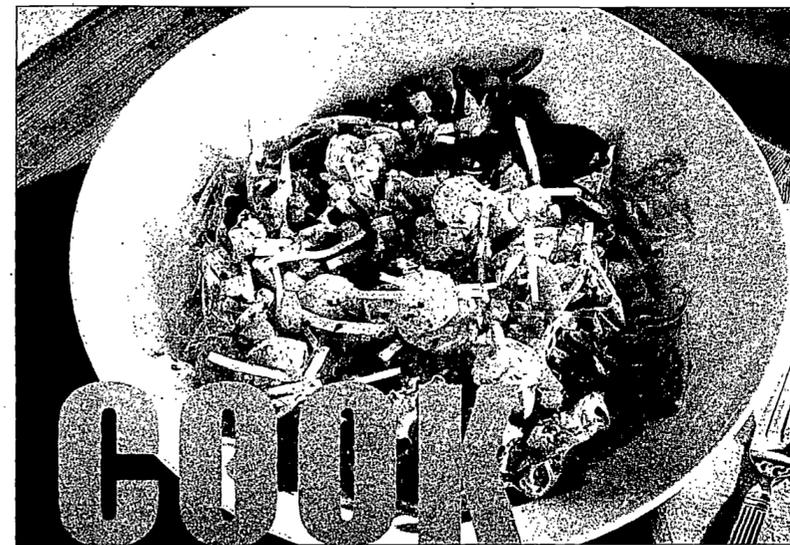
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used for stir-frying, sautéing, baking and deep frying as well as in marinades, salad dressings and sauces."

Tsai's other secrets for success in the kitchen are his intensely flavored "master recipes." Made with quality ingredients, they can be used as a base for a variety of dishes. His Five-Herb Vinaigrette, for example, is wonderful in salads and marinades. For videos of Tsai making these master recipes and dishes, go to www.canolainfo.org.

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Warm Rock Shrimp
 And Celery Root Salad

Image Above
 Serves 4

- 1/2 pound mixed salad greens
 - 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1 pound rock shrimp, rinsed and dried, or peeled medium shrimp cut in thirds
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions, white and green parts
 - 2 medium celery roots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch matchsticks
 - 1/4 cup Five-Herb Vinaigrette
 - 2 large tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch dice
1. Divide greens among 4 plates.
 2. Heat wok or large sauté pan over high heat. Add canola oil and swirl to coat. Add shrimp seasoned with salt and pepper, and stir-fry until no longer raw-looking, about 1 minute. Add scallions and celery root and stir-fry until just beginning to soften, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add 1/4 cup vinaigrette and toss. Remove from heat, add tomatoes and correct seasoning with salt and pepper.
 3. Place mounds of shrimp mixture on greens. Drizzle salad with remaining 1/4 cup vinaigrette and serve.

Above Center: Warm Rock Shrimp and Celery Root Salad. Left: Chef Ming Tsai prepares a recipe with canola oil. (Photos by Tim Lynch Photography)

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54 movies before 5 56 movies after 5



Movie Review 'The Kingdom'

FBI analyst Jason Bateman fights kidnapers in the political thriller 'The Kingdom.' (CNS Photo courtesy of Frank Connor)

By David Elliot Copley News Service

A thriller set in Saudi Arabia, "The Kingdom" seems less ripped from the headlines than drawn from past thrillers based on previous headlines - but in a highly ballistic way, it often works remarkably well. The Saudi realm, triangulated by Islam, oil and royal autocracy, is called "the moon" by one character. There is an aura of the lunar, and the lunatic, when the elite FBI team led by Fleury (Jamie Foxx) lands in Riyadh, by very special (princely) permission allowed to investigate, for five days, a horrific terror bombing at a U.S. compound.

Director Peter Berg stages that nightmare in broad daylight with innocents observing and jams the story along without a pause. Opening with a sort of graphic newsreel of Saudi-American relations, the film is all quick cutting and convulsive pressure, with some dialogue simply tossed out like excess baggage. Based on Berg's fascination

with the 1996 terror attack in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, then tooled as an action movie with a political edge by Matthew M. Carnahan, the story sets up a simple parallel. Revenge-minded but never stupid, Fleury is hemmed-in by a resentful Saudi police colonel (lean Ashraf Barhom of "Paradise Now"), but they inevitably bond as they track the fanatics. The Americans feel stranded, their forensic medical specialist (Jennifer Garner) not even allowed to touch the bodies of dead Muslims. The language barrier is almost absolute, though partly overcome by the fact that both Foxx and Barhom are excellent eye actors, and their bit-ten dialogue seems much less than half of their alliance.

Foxx can be ruthless but never brutal at heart, while rude machismo comes easily to Chris Cooper as the team guy who can't wait to dive into a murky bomb crater and gator around. He's a virtual character of Sam Peckinpah's, but so is the tactic of surrounding hard guys with vulnerable children; both Fleury and the colonel have adored

sons, dwelled upon. Despite Barhom's very human presence, the movie won't win any friends for Saudi Arabia, depicted as radically inhospitable. Once more the Yanks, who again seem partly made of Teflon that can bleed a little, who take charge for the furious, mounting climax of violence.

Pretty plainly staffed with stereotypes, "The Kingdom" is still humanly alert and not just an ammo party. While it sneers at a squishy diplomat (Jeremy Piven), and lets Danny Huston huff and sneer as a D.C. power player, it also is aware that the cost of obvious payback is more of the same, endlessly, Biblically.

It is this note of tragedy breeding sequels, each generation damned by a cycle of retribution, that gives "The Kingdom" resonance beyond its absorbing mayhem.

A Universal Pictures release. Director: Peter Berg. Writer: Matthew Michael Carnahan. Cast: Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Danny Huston, Ashraf Barhom. Running time: 1 hour, 44 minutes. Rated R. 3 stars.

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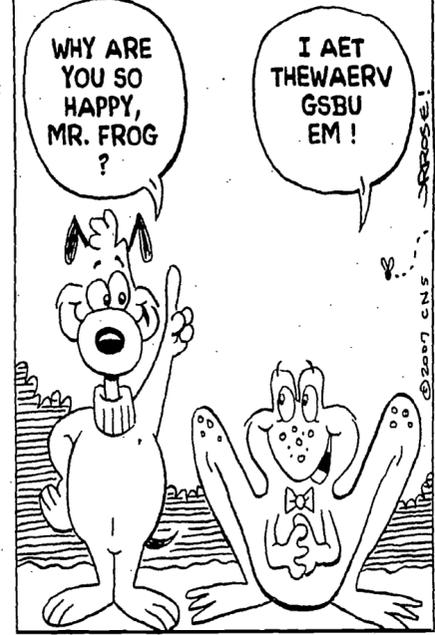
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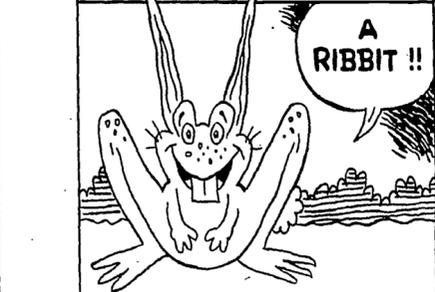


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Western lowland gorillas are remarkable animals to observe, but it isn't just because of their gigantic size, immense physical strength, and fierce appearance. With mannerisms and facial expressions largely similar to our own, gorillas are mesmerizing creatures to watch, and Brookfield Zoo offers the perfect viewing place! At Tropic World: Africa, currently the most entertaining exhibit at the zoo, visitors can see three highly energetic youngsters in a whirlwind of chasing, climbing, and roughhousing as they play among the older gorillas in their troop.



Despite the images of chest pounding, charging, and bared teeth, gorillas are actually very peaceful and social animals. The most serious conflicts, usually between males in different gorilla troops are often resolved by impressive displays instead of violence. For example, when facing an intruder, gorillas will throw leaves and branches into the air and roar threateningly. More often than not, one gorilla backs down and a fight is avoided.

Adult gorillas are extremely large, with females reaching about 200 pounds and males about 425 pounds. Given this large size, it's amazing how small the newborns are at just four or five pounds. That's a lot less than most human babies! Brookfield Zoo's 20-month-old Bakari, the youngest gorilla at the zoo, has a lot of growing to do, weighing only about 30 pounds. Yet even in his sixth year, Bakari won't be close to the size of an adult male. His 6-year-old half-brother, Nadaya, is still only about 170 pounds.

Like most kids, the young gorillas at Brookfield Zoo spend a lot of their time in play. So how do they get a game going? Either by slapping the ground in an invitation to play or by harassing the rest of the gorillas in the hopes they'll start a fun chase or wrestling match. Sometimes, these games appear pretty rough when you see some big canine teeth. But if you look closely, you'll notice that it's more of a smile than a grimace. It's the gorillas' "play face!"

If you want to see the fun for yourself, visit the Tropic World building to see the playful gorillas in action at Brookfield Zoo!

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

Can You Take This?

- 1. Ashley and Brian are (bringing, taking) the new baby to my house.
2. Florence, will you (take, bring) these letters home and work on them tonight?
3. Here, (take, bring) this steak bone to your dog.



Answers: Use bring whenever the movement is toward the speaker. 1. bringing 2. take 3. take Copley News Service

Every Square Inch is Needed in New Guest Bath

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Our guest bathroom is really small. There's a hall closet we could integrate into the bath, but that won't give us but 4 extra feet of floor space. What's your take on this? Is it worth it to go through a messy renovation?

A: When bath space is limited, every square inch is precious. You are right, renovations can be a test of endurance and humor, but even 4 feet of new space can make an enormous difference in the way a bath serves your home and your guests.

My advice, therefore, is to grit your teeth and do it. Perhaps the photo we show here will spur your pedal to the metal, as they say. It's borrowed from a smart new book, "Easy Home Makeovers" (Filipacchi, \$19.99) by talented writer/editor Mervyn Kaufman. Scoping out dozens of successfully redone rooms, Kaufman leads you through each make-over.

For this bath, he explains, a small closet in a master bedroom was gutted and annexed to the existing bathroom to serve as a water closet, literally. By isolating the toilet itself, the

rest of the bath could assume a more luxurious spa-like personality. For example, the homeowners added a double vanity and fixed transoms in the WC door so it relates to other working transoms in this vintage home. They also found room at the other end of the bath for a new walk-in closet to replace - and enlarge dramatically - the original small closet they had stolen.

Was it worth the bother? Well, not only is home life more comfortable after the renovation, home itself is value-enhanced. Remodeling magazine (www.remodeling.com) See **Decor Score**, page 25



GARDEN TIP

Healthy lawn basics

In addition to routine tasks such as mowing and watering, regular maintenance is required to keep a lawn healthy.

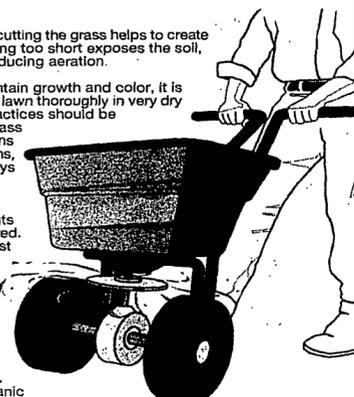
MOWING. Regularly cutting the grass helps to create a healthy lawn. Mowing too short exposes the soil, which dries faster, reducing aeration.

WATERING. To maintain growth and color, it is essential to water the lawn thoroughly in very dry periods. Irrigation practices should be determined by the grass species, soil conditions and weather conditions, not the number of days between waterings.

FERTILIZING. Supplemental nutrients are sometimes required. Fertilizers are the most common and easiest way to replenish nutrients. Self-testing, or having your soil tested professionally for pH levels can guide correct nutrient levels.

THATCH BUILD-UP. Thatch is the organic matter that accumulates on the soil surface. A small amount is beneficial in reducing evaporation and protects the lawn from wear. Excessive grass thatch can cause problems for your yard, and should be periodically removed by a process called dethatching.

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE. In addition to mowing, watering and fertilizing, a maintenance program should include aeration along with weed, pest and disease control.



Source: www.wwww.grass-seed.ca

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Brown Patch Diseases Prevalent on Lawns in Humid, Wet Climates

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We have a problem with dead areas of grass in our four-year-old lawn. The front yard was sodded and has the problem, while the backyard was seeded and doesn't have the problem. We have tried using fungicides. Nothing seems to kill it. We take good care of the grass by fertilizing and watering it with the sprinkler system on a regular basis. Can you suggest to us what we can do to kill this fungus?

A: There are several diseases that cause similar looking brown dead areas in lawns. Turf grass scientists keep changing the names of the fungi that cause the diseases, but they get similar treatments. They are often generically called brown patch diseases. There are hundreds of fungi

species living in your lawn. They are necessary and usually beneficial, since they break down the dead grass blades and other organic matter into basic chemicals that the grass can use. Sometimes the grass becomes weak, and at the same time the conditions are proper for the fungus to grow vigorously. Since the fungus can already break down the dead grass cells, it isn't a big step to infect weak or dying grass cells.

The biggest environmental changes that fungi need in order to make this change from beneficial to harmful is a steady high humidity and proper temperatures. Different fungi will attack the grass depending on the temperature, but the humidity is the key to all of them. Many areas of the country experienced dry conditions this summer, but some

had steady rains every few days for several weeks at a time. The high humidity and wet grass were perfect conditions for the fungi to infect the grass.

Cool season grasses like fescue and bluegrass are supposed to go dormant in the warm summer weather, which these fungal diseases need in order to infect lawn grasses. Brown patch diseases affect all species of lawn grasses, but are more common on lawns that are overfertilized. When the lawn is fertilized later than mid-spring, the grass continues growing into the warmer weather, especially if it is also irrigated. Grass being forced to grow when it should be dormant will be weaker and more susceptible to disease problems. Being sensitive isn't a guarantee that it will get the disease, just that it could.

Painting's 3 Most Important Words: Clean, Clean, Clean

By Pat Logan
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I want a fresh new remodeled look in our kitchen, but I cannot afford the \$2,000 for new decorator cabinets. My 15-year-old wood cabinets are sound, just outdated and worn. Can I repaint old cabinets?

A: Fifteen years of sticky, dirty kids' hands can take their toll on even the best kitchen cabinets.

In the past decade, preferred kitchen colors and decor have changed significantly. After 15 years, it's about time for a new look. If your old wood cabinets were good quality and the hinges and doors still operate well, you can salvage them with a fresh coat of paint and save about \$1,400. With several kids needing to go to college, you probably can find plenty of other uses for the money.

Figure on spending about 20 hours total to repaint the cabinets and drawers in an average kitchen. Allowing for disassembly, wood preparation, painting and reassembly, the job will span about a week.

First you must prepare the doors and drawers. Remove the handles and other metal hardware and wash the wood surfaces to be painted. Clean all the

surfaces with trisodium phosphate. Don't be afraid to really scrub, but make sure to dry them thoroughly - don't let them just air dry.

Now comes the boring, but most important, part - surface preparation. Sand all surfaces to be painted with 100-grit sandpaper. To get around some of the surface detail, a sanding sponge works well. Be gentle so you do not sand off sharp edges.

This really detracts from the finished appearance.

For a real professional look, use putty in any small nicks and gaps. If you have raised panel cabinet doors, use caulk at the seams for a brand-new, contemporary look.

Now for the fun part - painting. The hardest, most durable, type of paint is epoxy-modified alkyd paint commonly available in spray cans. Your choices of color are somewhat limited and it takes some skill in applying spray paint evenly, especially from spray cans.

For the inexperienced painter, a three-step painting process - primer, split coat and final gloss oil-based coat is recommended. Gloss oil-based paint can be mixed in any contemporary color, is easy to apply and dries fairly fast.

Remember the three most

important words in painting - clean, clean and clean again.

Once all the doors are prepared for painting, vacuum them and wipe them with a tack cloth. When dry, gently sand them with fine sandpaper until the surfaces feel smooth.

Vacuum and use the tack cloth again. Apply a second split (half primer and half final paint) coat. Check for any rough spots and sand them smooth. Apply the finish gloss coating.

You can avoid brush strokes by always painting from the unpainted area to the just painted area. Lift up the brush while your hand is still moving. You will see a small lift-off mark, but it will quickly disappear.

Also, always strain the paint first, even if the can was just opened. You can purchase a strainer for about \$1 for you paint store or just use an old nylon stocking.

Tools and materials required: Phillips and flat screwdriver, 100-grit and 220-grit sandpaper, sanding sponge, tack cloth, putty, caulking, trisodium phosphate cleaner, two China-bristle brushes - 1 1/2-inch tapered and 2-inch, oil-based paint and primer.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

HOME HOW-TO

Kitchen cabinets

Painting your cabinets is a inexpensive way to give tired kitchen cabinets a makeover.

1 Remove all doors, drawers, handles and hinges. Number each location.

2 Scrape any loose paint, fill scratches with patching compound.

3 With a strong cleaner, scrub to cut through grease and dirt. Once finished, dry so that water doesn't damage wood.

4 Use a medium-grit paper, sanding until surfaces are dull.

5 Remove sanding and brushing residue with a damp rag or tack cloth.

6 Prime your cabinets, doors and drawer fronts and allow to dry overnight.



7 The key to achieving a professional finish with a brush is to use very thin coats.

8 Reinstall the hardware and hang each door according to its number.

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compiles a "Cost vs. Value" study every year. Last year, it reported that when you decide to sell your home, most bathroom upgrades will pay you back what the bath improvements cost, almost in full (84.9 percent in 2006).

Q: We really like Arts and Crafts style furniture. In fact, my husband is convinced that the horsehair-seated rocker his grandfather passed on is a Stickley original. It went through a flood once and if there was identification, it must have been lost. But here's my real question: will it be OK to mix a few other pieces in with the Stickley things? We are doing over the great room and would like some comfortable seating pieces, maybe even wicker.

A: I have it on good authority - Gustav Stickley himself - that

his signature heavy oak furniture could coexist attractively with other styles of furniture, most especially willow wear. Stickley actually sold willow through his catalog and integrated a number of willow pieces into his home at

Craftsman Farms in New Jersey. According to the Stickley experts who now lead tours through his farmhouse, he considered the lighter, airy pieces a nice complement to the dark, heavy oak furniture he manufactured himself.

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