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MORRIS TO RETIRE IN JUNE AS SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Joel W. Morris informed the Maine Township High School District 207 board of his intention to retire on Dec. 31 by letter. He will remain in the district through the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Morris is retiring after nine years as superintendent of District 207, which serves 4,688 students at three schools: Maine West, Maine South and Maine junior high schools. His three-year contract as superintendent will end June 30.

In the letter, Morris describes his tenure as superintendent as "a unique experience... It is not often possible that you are permitted to bring your life full circle and to return to the place where you were a student.

"I believe it is important that educational opportunity be available to all children through the development of individualized educational plans and the upgrading of physical facilities at the high schools, has positioned District 207 for ongoing achievement in the future."

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The board intends to hire a superintendent search firm by the end of December, with interviews to begin in March. Morris' successor will assume the superintendent's responsibilities by June 2011.

District 207 levy hiked 5 percent

The board of education for the Maine Township High School District 207 has approved a 5 percent increase in the district's program levy, which will result in a $3.5 million levy recommended for the upcoming 2011-12 school year.

"The board is strongly committed to providing the best possible educational experience for our students," said board President Jann Frey.

"In order to fund our educational priorities, the board must raise the levy to $3.5 million. The majority of voter support is required to pass the levy. We appreciate the support of our students and their families who voted in favor of District 207's program levy increase.

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New O’Hare runway brings complaints from residents

More than 100 at meeting complain about noise

By JENNIFER JOHNSON jenniferjohnson@pioneerlocal.com

Aug. 22 — what many report to be a dramatic and unforeseen increase in airplane noise since the opening of O’Hare Airport’s new northern runway last month — drew well over 100 residents, mostly from Park Ridge, to the Dec. 6 meeting of the O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission in Rosemont.

Alden Dornek, Den Bach of Park Ridge’s 3rd Ward, who serves as his city’s representative to the ONCC, said the commission and residents were led to believe the new runway would be used for low and by much smaller aircraft than has actually been the case since the Nov. 10 opening.

“It all begins at this point that the FAA and airport officials created a test site for this runway. This a great deal more than the flyovers that we indicated in our prior to their commissioning,” Bach added. Flying is a lengthy statement, which raised many questions about the usage of the runway leaves the BLT/RT runway, according to the City of Chicago’s website of the successful use of the northern runway opened.

Aurora Mitchell, a South Courtland Avenue resident, said the noise in the early morning and between 8 a.m. & 9 a.m., something she never experienced before the new runway opened. Her local school is also affected, she said. “It was a residents hearing a book to a class and I was told to stop the class because of the noise,” Mitchell said.

Robert Fredrick is eligible for soundproofing, but Fredrick said he has not yet been made available through the Federal Aviation Administration and city of Chicago’s sound insulation program.

A report on measurements of the noise generated by flights using the new runway is expected in the range between 22 and 30 percent of planes spaced within 23 seconds of each other. Another barrier of the FAA said between 35 to 40 planes are using the runway per hour, denying that planes were spaced 40 planes are using.

Runway traffic

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Five favorite stage shows of 2008

BY CARYE DILLMAN

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5. Sweet Charity - Drury Lane Oak Brook After years of sleepy production values and box-office revivals, Drury Lane, Oak Brook, raised back to life its New Broadway producer, the role of "Sweet Charity." The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers, Drury Lane's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers. The season peaked with Summer Serra's huge-series of showstoppers.

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Top players are part of something positive
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Athletic prowess and a great personality are traits that make our members of the Harlem Globetrotters, but each of them is also committed to community service. “We play basketball at a very high level and we’re very entertaining,” says Eugene Digger, a University of Ari-
izona graduate known as Wildkat. But she’s more to the team than that. “We don’t just come into your town and play a game of basketball. We give back by visiting hospitals, visiting schools and helping out local charities,” she said.

That’s why it takes more than basketball skills to be selected for the team. “The Globetrotters are always looking for good basketball players and good people,” Wild said

The Harlem Globetrotters are ready to entertain crowds at the Allstate Arena.

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Wildkat said the best thing about being a Harlem Globetrotter is that “You’re part of something that’s made to entertain people. You’re part of something that’s good to say about this organization.”

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"A successful kitchen is one where the cook is not isolated," said a designer from Chicago's top kitchen design firm. "It's all about creating a space that flows and invites interaction."

Reputable builder shines with referrals

The concept of strangers recommending a builder to their friends is common in the home building industry. Homeowners are more likely to recommend a builder to their friends if they are satisfied with the services they received. 

Beechen and Dill Homes, a reputable builder in the area, has been receiving positive reviews from their clients. "Our customer service goal is to make every client feel like family," said Matt Beechen, president of the company. "We want our clients to know that we care about their satisfaction." 

Beechen and Dill Homes offers a variety of home styles, from single-family homes to townhomes, and has received numerous awards for their quality and design. 

Caroline Johnson, a long-time resident of the Misty Ridge community, said, "Beechen and Dill built our dream home, and we're so grateful for their expertise and professionalism." 

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In addition, "Santa's special treat" is a gift that will keep on giving, as a bonus for a limited time, a many, a discount or gift certificate to a local business. 

Find out more

For additional information on the Beaches and Dils Owners' Association, Misty Ridge community activities, or to visit the Estates at Lockport, visit www.1inculshireregion.com. Misty Ridge can be found at 11166 Victoria Drive, located on the north side of Richmond Road in Romeoville, approximately 1.5 miles east of Weber Road.
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The article highlights the benefits of buying and building a townhome, including:

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- Privacy
- Easy maintenance
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- High-quality construction
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The article concludes with a quote from a resident, expressing their satisfaction with their new townhome.

Find out more about townhome living at today's new homes.
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Today's New Homes

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The concept of stargazer roofs has long been familiar to those who have seen them in the construction of single-family homes in some communities. Many of the Misty Ridge residents will have a similar experience when they visit the development in September. The Misty Ridge project is located in the western suburbs of Chicago, near the village of Wood Dale.

Misty Ridge, which is being developed by the Beechen and Dill company, is scheduled to open for the public in September. The project will consist of 64 single-family homes, all with stargazer roofs.

Another full ballt services is offered by Misty Ridge. "Nothing is more important than providing the best experience for our buyers," said President of Beechen and Dill, Dennis Dhill, who is also the president of Misty Ridge.

"We have a tradition of building quality homes and providing excellent customer service," Dhill said. "And we want to carry that tradition into Misty Ridge."

Beechen and Dill Homes is proud to offer Misty Ridge as a new community for those looking for a place to call home.

"We are excited to be part of our community with Misty Ridge," said Dhill. "We have been working on this project for quite some time and we want to make sure that it is everything our customers are looking for."

The Misty Ridge community will feature single-family homes with stargazer roofs, which are becoming increasingly popular in the suburbs of Chicago.

"Our goal is to provide our buyers with the best possible experience," said Dhill. "And we believe that Misty Ridge will be the perfect place for them to call home."

For more information on Misty Ridge, please visit www.mistyridge.com. You can also contact the sales center at (847) 954-4950 to schedule a private tour of the development.

Visit this community to learn more about Misty Ridge on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the sales center located at 5350 South Ridge Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60629.
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BY ELAINE KURTENBACK

SHANGHAI, China — Battery-maker or motor car company BYD Co. has launched China’s first homemade hybrid vehicle for the social sector, ending its reliance on edge-city status international trade.

BYD presented the vehicle, known as the F3DM, in a ceremony to mark the end of the Shanghai Motor Show, which is open year-round except Christmas Day. The start date was announced as June 2009.

The car can run up to 62 miles on electric power alone, in which case it runs via a power shifter in a narrow acceleration step. It can fully charge in nine hours at a home outlet and perform after six hours at a BYD station charging system, the company said in a statement.

The car is open year-round except Christmas Day. The car is open year-round except Christmas Day.

Despite Beijing’s attempt to leapfrog larger automakers to be the first company to commercialize plug-in hybrids, China’s government support for the project.

As reported in a recent announcement by China’s Ministry of Science and Technology and the United States Department of Energy, BYD is seeking an edge over its crisis-stricken rivals.

BYD, a private company based in Shenzhen, received second place in the race of companies seeking to develop a production line for alternative fuel technologies. The company said in a statement.

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- **Corporation:** 1132149
- **Address:** 08 CH 20528
- **Defendant:** METHA RASINA; VENERA V.
- **Plaintiff:** MORTON GROVE 695- Judicial Sales
- **Case Number:** 08 CH 15579
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- **Time:** 1:00 PM

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Food

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Festive fish

Long Grove family continues
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For Enzo and Lucia Cavallino, Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas with- out fish.

The co-owners and chefs of the Enzo & Lucia Ristorante in Long Grove couldn’t imagine celebrat- ing Christmas Eve without the sumptuous selec- tion of seafood they al- ways enjoyed in their na- tion of origin. Both Enzo and Lucia were 2 years old when they first came to the United States. 

Growing up near the sea, both Lucia and Enzo ate fish as a part of their regular mea- mes, something that Luc- ia continued with her own children in this coun- try. "The kids have been eating seafood since they were 2 years old," she says.

While different according to regions and recipes have had to be adapted based on avail- ability in this country, the traditional Christmas Eve menus still include a selec- tion that would make King Neptune smack his lips in apprecia- tion. "It’s a comfort, it brings back all the com- fort of childhood," says Lucia. "When everyone goes home and sees that fish, it’s Christmas Eve." 

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Death Notices

Andres, Donald
Donald Joseph "Don" Andres, 81, died in his sleep, December 13, 2008, at his home in Des Plaines. He was the loving husband of Martha Andres, and the father of Donald Andres and Joseph Andres. He was the brother of Mary DeSantis and the late James Andres. Memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society, 3840 Ridge Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068-5304. Visitation will be held on December 16, 3:00 p.m., at the Ethical Humanist Society in Evanston. Service for 3:00 p.m., at the Ethical Humanist Society in Evanston.

Henry John Walton Orr, age 72, of Skokie, formerly of Evanston, died December 9, 2008. He was born December 27, 1936 in Munford, Alabama; and was the son of the late Henry Walton and Teenie Lee (McKelvey) Orr. Henry loved horseback riding. He was a pilot for the U.S. Postal Service. Memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to the Illinois Hoof Club, 7707 N. brunette Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.

Donny L. Ramey, age 60, of Skokie, formerly of Evanston, died December 9, 2008. He was born December 1, 1948 in Deerfield, Illinois; and was the son of the late John L. Ramey and Ruth (Hills) Ramey. Henry loved horseback riding. He was a pilot for the U.S. Postal Service. Memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to the Illinois Hoof Club, 7707 N. brunette Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.

Ricky, (Linda), John, William Tomczak; loving father of Jerry A. Hill, age 72, of Vernon Hills, Illinois. Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Naperville Sun, Sgt. Betsy Jo McNeil - Skokie, IL 60077. Memorial contributions in his memory may be sent to the Illinois Hoof Club, 7707 N. brunette Ave., Chicago, IL 60645.

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Dons sweep own quadrangular meet

By JIM EDISON

It was a few days early but Maine South’s wrestling team was already off to a fine start. On Saturday, the Dons rolled to victory in all three rounds of a non-conference quadrangular meet. With the three wins, Genovesi’s squad improved to 9-1 (overall record to 16-4 in closing out 2008 and the first half of the season.) “Things went really well for us in this small quad,” Genovesi said. “And the nice thing about the day was that we were able to see some of our younger guys. It was a chance for them to get that taste of varsity action.”

The Dons did indeed have a successful day. In the first round, the hosts lined up against Mother McAuley and won handily, 76-3. In the second round, the Dons crushed Elgin (overall record to 4-2 in the final afternoon round, ND opened Otago to the Dons.)

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