

Metropolitan briefs

Gasoline prices continue dropping

CHICAGO — Average gasoline prices in Illinois and northern Indiana continued a 10-week downward trend by dropping another half-cent during the past two weeks, the latest gasoline survey by the AAA-Chicago Motor Club shows. The sharpest average price decreases were found at self-service pumps in Cook County, where the per gallon price for regular and unleaded gas dropped by a penny over two weeks. Self-service prices in Cook County averaged about \$1.23 per gallon for regular, \$1.30 for unleaded and \$1.43 for unleaded premium gas. All are roughly seven cents per gallon lower than prices a year ago.

Legal battle strips club of home

WHEELING — The owner of the Cheetah II strip-tease nightclub near Wheeling has agreed to close the club, ending the year-long legal battle waged by Cook County to shut it down since it moved to unincorporated Wheeling Township. Assistant State's Attorney Joann Tansey said Cheetah owner Mark DeFoor announced his decision Thursday morning during a hearing in Cook County Circuit Court to determine whether the club, 968 S. Milwaukee Ave., would be granted a permit. DeFoor could not be reached for comment. His attorney, Patrick Tuite, said he did not know whether the club would reopen.

Sisters owe \$22,500 to pay for house: court

by Jean Rudolph

Herald staff writer

A Cook County Circuit Court judge has ruled that two orphaned sisters owe \$22,542 to a Cicero man who maintained and made mortgage payments on their Mount Prospect home while he battled them in court for the ownership.

But the attorney for Anna Marie and Paula David said he may appeal the ruling because he believes the amount is too high.

Judge Richard Curry ruled that the two girls should pay John Russo of Cicero \$22,542.63 for expenses he incurred in maintaining and making mortgage payments on the home, 1102 Meadow Lane, since 1967.

Following a long and complicated

legal battle, an Illinois appellate court ruled in December 1980 that the two sisters were the rightful owners of the house.

THE COURT fight began in 1977 when the girls' father, Edward, died of a heart attack and Russo claimed title to the house. The girls' mother had died of cancer five years earlier.

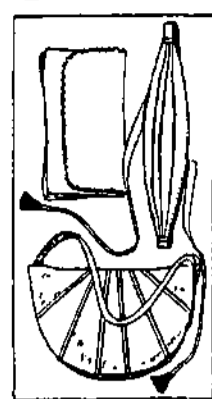
Russo's claim to the house rested on an unusual agreement he made with the late Edward David, who apparently had been unable to get a mortgage because of some credit problems.

David had asked Russo, a former family friend, to take the title to the house in his own name. In return, David was to make regular payments and do carpentry work for Russo and his wife Mary.

Russo later argued in court that the Davids had been paying him rent for the house, not mortgage payments, but the appellate court said evidence showed the payments were for the mortgage.

Russo's attorney, Richard Belmonte, said Wednesday, "We got just about everything we asked for, except we thought they should have paid for the attorney's fees."

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Wife of ex-Cub pitcher Pappas reported missing

From Herald news services

Former Chicago Cubs pitcher Milt Pappas Thursday appealed to the public for any news of his wife, Carole, 42, who has been missing from their Wheaton home nearly a week.

"She's never, never just gone away before," Pappas said of his wife, who disappeared last Saturday. "All I'm asking is whether she's still alive or dead. I just hope she hears our pleas and knows that her family loves and misses her."

Pappas said he last saw his wife at 9:15 a.m. Saturday when she left their house "in very, very good spirits" to go shopping and run errands.

MRS. PAPPAS was last seen late Saturday morning when she kept an appointment at a beauty shop in downtown Wheaton, said Lt. Charles Matthews of the Wheaton Police Department.

He said that Mrs. Pappas then disappeared along with her 1980 white and burgundy Buick Regal.

"All we're hoping right now is she's alive," said the couple's son, Steven, 21.

The elder Pappas said, "Everybody she saw that morning said she was in great spirits, looking forward to cooking dinner that night for our son and our new daughter-in-law," he said.

He said he became concerned when she did not reappear by late Saturday afternoon and reported the incident to police. He filed a missing persons report Sunday.

Steven Pappas, of Naperville, said his mother had undergone dental surgery on Friday and "was on strong medication."

HE SAID THE family had relatives in the Detroit area and hoped she had gone there, but so far she hadn't turned up.

He said the police have been unsuccessful in tracking Mrs. Pappas.

Pappas, 43, played for the Baltimore Orioles, Cincinnati Reds, Atlanta Braves and the Chicago Cubs. He pitched a no-hitter in the early 1970s for the Cubs against the San Diego Padres.

Pappas now works as a sales representative for Wilmod Co. Inc. of Northlake. He and Mrs. Pappas have been married for 22 years.

Corrections and clarifications

A story in some editions of Monday's Daily Herald incorrectly reported the current and estimated future water rates for Elk Grove residents. A typical homeowner who uses 20,000 gallons of water now pays \$31 every two months for water and sewer service. Under the village's current estimates for the cost of Lake Michigan water, the same homeowner will pay \$44.80 after next May and \$64.20 by 1988.

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Federal agents probe death of drug dealer

Agents from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency are investigating the death of a convicted drug dealer who was to face further drug charges in November but died Tuesday of a suspected overdose in Des Plaines.

Mark A. Husted, 32, son of Carpentersville's village attorney, was found dead in the home of a friend who was recently indicted with Husted on drug charges, a source from the DEA said Thursday.

Husted was to have appeared Nov. 8 in U.S. District Court on charges of conspiring to sell cocaine. Husted was indicted on charges of operating a \$10-million-a-year cocaine ring from a Florida prison while serving a three-year sentence on a marijuana conviction.

THE STANDARD sentence for that conviction is five years but Florida Circuit Court Judge Charles Carlton reduced the sentence to three years af-

ter receiving letters from then-gubernatorial candidate James R. Thompson, Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., Rep. Robert McClory, R-13th, and Elgin Mayor Richard Verbie. Husted's father, Richard, is the village attorney for Carpentersville and lives in Dundee.

The death is believed to have been caused by a drug overdose but an autopsy Wednesday was inconclusive and toxicology tests will probably not be finished for at least two weeks.

Husted was found late Tuesday in the home of Louis Tedesco, 33, of 569 S. Anita St., Des Plaines. Tedesco, who was indicted on drug charges with Husted, told police he found Husted slumped over on a back porch. Before the paramedics arrived, Husted woke up and made light conversation but did not make any sense, Tedesco told police.

Top pool players begin tournament here today

More than 130 of the nation's top pool shooters will compete for \$10,000 in prize money this weekend at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel.

Ninety men and 45 women, all professionals from across the country, as well as 24 state high school champions, will compete in the three-day National Pool Classic Association. Play begins today from 9 a.m. until midnight in the Durante Ballroom.

Competition continues Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until midnight. The championship matches start Sunday at 8 p.m. for women, 10 p.m. for the men.

and the high school champions will compete for college scholarship money from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The event is open to the public at a price of \$4 each day.

"We want this to be like the Kentucky Derby of pool," said Fred Chase, a Roselle resident and vice president of the NPCA. Chase said the second annual tournament has attracted some of the top pool players in the country, including Tom Spencer of Des Plaines, the winner of last year's NPCA tournament as well as this year's Denver Open.

2 questioned about tire-slash spree

Mount Prospect police Monday questioned two suspects in connection with a tire-slashing spree that caused an estimated \$7,000 damage. Public Information Officer Michael Salatino said at least 78 tires on 22 parked cars were slashed with a knife or similar blade sometime between midnight and 5 a.m. Monday.

The acts of vandalism were mostly

confined to cars parked on streets between Golf and Kensington roads. The vandals also slashed 17 tires on five driver's education cars parked at Prospect High School, 801 Kensington Road.

Salatino said police evidence technicians did find fingerprints on the cars and tires, but no arrests had been made Monday.

2 women overcome by gas leak

Two women were overcome by gas Thursday morning when fumes from a gas line leaked into their Elk Grove Village office.

Joan Rupnow, 36, of Rolling Meadows, and Gloria Tamanea, 42, of Chicago, were treated and released Thursday at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village, after they became nauseous from a gas leak at

the Savin Corp., 1400 E. Higgins Road, said Elk Grove Village Fire Capt. Donald Kuhn.

Kuhn said a Northern Illinois Gas Co. repairman was removing water from a gas line at about 10:45 a.m. Thursday when some fumes escaped into the office. Paramedics were called to the scene when the women started feeling ill, Kuhn said.

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