

Two positions Niles Library

Two trustees will be elected to the Board of the Niles Public Library District at the election on Tuesday, April 20, 1993. The term for each of these seats will be six years.

The Library Board invites all interested citizens of the District

to present nomination petitions to run for election to this office. The Library Board represents the elected citizen control of the Public Library District. The Board determines the policies which guide the Library Administrator in the day to day adminis-

tration of the library. Trustees are expected to attend monthly Board meetings, presently held on the third Wednesday of each month.

To become a candidate for this office, an individual must file a

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District 71 sets diagnostic screening

School District 71 will conduct a free diagnostic screening program for preschool and pre-kindergarten children. The program is designed to detect possible delays in vision, hearing, language and/or motor development. All parents of three, four and five year olds are

encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Screening will be held Monday, Jan. 11, and Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Niles Elementary School South by appointment only. Call the school secretary, Mrs. Panke, at 647-9752 to set up an appointment.

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Restaurant to expand dining, banquet facility

Lone Tree's 4th bid wins zoners' nod

by Sheilya Hackett

The fourth try proved lucky for Maria and Joseph Woljdyla, owners of the Lone Tree Inn, 7710 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles.

December 7, Niles Zoning Board approved their latest plan to expand their dining and banquet business at the site formerly occupied by the Apex Amusement Company, 7730 Milwaukee Avenue. If the Village Board allows, the Woljdylas will add a 5,800 sq. ft. addition to the present brick Apex building and end with a structure of 150,000 sq. ft.

The present Lone Tree Inn and adjacent buildings will be razed to make room for a paved parking lot before the new establishment

can open, said attorney Paul A. Kolpak, spokesman for the Woljdylas.

The planned banquet hall will seat 210, the restaurant 90; 127 parking spaces will be provided. A six to eight ft. high fence and adjacent shrubs designed to buffer any noise and light from surrounding homes will be only two feet high near Milwaukee Avenue. All entrance and egress from the new Lone Tree will be on Milwaukee Avenue.

Patron parking on nearby streets had been the chief objection of many Lone Tree neighbors in three previous zoning petitions. Others also complained

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From the Left Hand

by Bud Besser

A young old friend of The Bugle, Lucille Mueller, called Monday to tell us former Niles Drug store owner, Al Green, had passed away in mid-November.

Al was at stage center during Niles' boom days back in the late fifties, sixties and seventies. He was president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and was at center stage during these growth years. Al was one of the leaders in seeking money to build the Leaning Tower YMCA. And he was in the forefront among community leaders who worked toward helping Niles receive its All America award, the first village in the area to receive such recognition.

Lucille recalled many kindnesses Al and his wife Yvette rendered. Lucille said when her husband was in the hospital the Greens insisted she stay at their home during the difficult period.

When Al decided to close the store we were surprised. It was a very busy store located on the northeast corner of Oakton and Milwaukee Avenues. But Al said the pilfering and petty thievery was so extensive it was no longer worth keeping the store. He said he was fighting a losing battle.

It doesn't seem so long ago but it was another time. Al plus the Pankau brothers plus Mark Toepel were the four in-

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Village prepares for snow removal

As Niles prepares for winter weather, residents are asked to comply with a few simple ordinances that will facilitate snow removal by the Village's Public

District 219 seeks community input on finances

Niles Township High School District 219 has scheduled a January meeting with the community to discuss the district's financial situation, and is also seeking community members who are interested in serving on a committee to formulate a long-range financial plan.

The Community Relations Committee of the Board of Education will meet with all interested community members at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 to explain the school district's deficit as well as measures that are being taken to bring the budget closer to the balance. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the District Offices, 7700 Gross Point Road in Skokie.

Superintendent Errol Frank and Business Manager Joe Monahan, as well as school board members, will be on hand to answer questions. The meeting was previously slated for Jan. 13, but was changed due to scheduling conflicts.

The community relations committee meetings are held quarterly.

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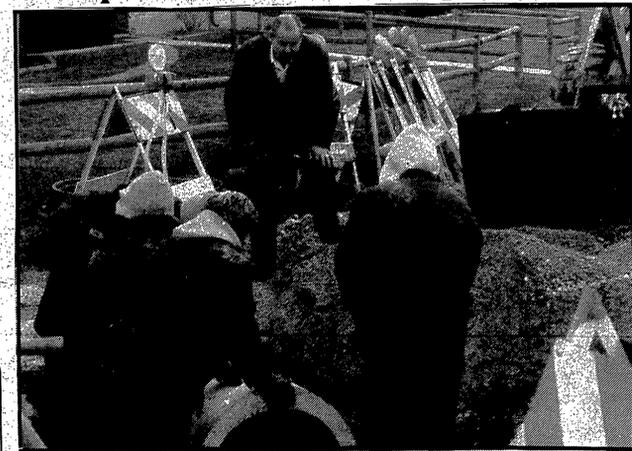
Services Department.

Residents living in designated snow routes are reminded that parking is prohibited on either side of the street after a one-inch snowfall and until snow removal operations have been completed. Residents are also advised to utilize their garages and avoid the inconvenience of having to remove cars from the street when snowfall occurs.

If residents do not live on a snow route or an exempt street the following information applies: After a 3-inch snowfall, no

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Repair Maine Township sewers



Maine Township Highway Commissioner Bill Fraser supervises a highway department crew as they lay new storm sewers to replace broken conduits on roads in unincorporated Maine Township. The repair work is an ongoing project to maintain the storm sewer system in good working condition.

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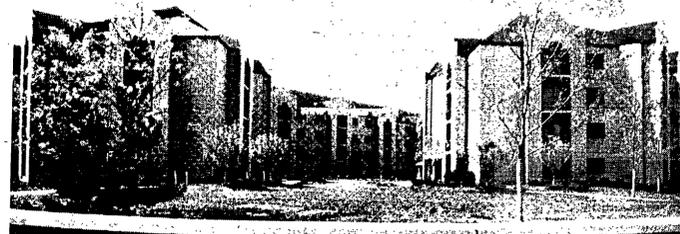
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SJB Grad competes in Figure Skating Meet



by Shellya Hackett
Just nine years ago, Nicole DiPaolo took her first hesitant glides on the ice at the Niles Sports Complex rink. Now 14 years old, and recently ranked high in regional competition, Nicole this week is competing in the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) eastern sectional championships in Newark, Delaware. If she reaches the top four, she moves on to the national competition in January, another step closer to her dream of competing in the Olympics.
While a student at Niles' St. John Brebeuf school, from kindergarten through eighth grade, Nicole worked to perfect her skills. Tom Hickey, Skating Director at Niles Sports Complex, knows Nicole and describes her as "very dedicated, hard working, goal oriented; very different from a teenager, she set goals...knew what she wanted."
Now a Glenview resident, Nicole is an honor student at Glenbrook South High School. Most of the year, she trains with coach Bob Knox at the Glenview ice center, but during every school break and especially during the summer months, Nicole and her mother, Pam, travel to Atlanta. While there, Nicole trains with world competition and Olympic coach Don Laws, who taught 1984 Olympian Scott Hamilton. Last summer, Nicole's dog, a lhasa apso named Princess, was able to go along.
In the sectionals, as in the past, she was able to place well. Continued on Page 34

Morton Grove family in danger of losing home

Fund at Glenview State Bank helps MG AIDS victim

Christmas lighting at Niles YMCA

The annual Christmas Lighting of the Y.M.C.A. Leaning Tower will take place on Friday, December 11 beginning at 6 p.m. The lighting is being conducted by the Y.M.C.A. and the Niles Sister Cities Association.
Santa will make his annual appearance. Christmas carols will be performed by the Culver School.

Collect food for needy at nature center

Cook County Forest Preserve District's River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Ave. (3.4 miles southeast of River Road), Northbrook, will collect canned food and toys for the county's needy, announced Cook County President Richard Phelan. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday through Thursday until December 22.

People are encouraged to drop off toys or canned goods to the Forest Preserve District's nature center between now and December 22. More than one million Cook County residents go hungry each year, nor can many provide gifts to their children for Christmas.

For more information contact: (708) 771-1512, TDD # (708) 771-1190.

Living one day at a time is a goal for many, but the slogan carries special meaning for 10 year old Whitney Williams of Morton Grove. The fifth grader at Park View school in the suburb was diagnosed as having well established AIDS less than a year ago.

She fails to fit the standard profile of those at risk for the disease since neither parent has the virus, she has not been sexually active, sexually abused, used drugs or had a blood transfusion. With none of the recognized AIDS causes in her background, Whitney joins a group of 85 other children nationally, who are identified medically as NIR, or no identified risk.

Whitney is the oldest of Bruce and Anita Williams' five children, also including Bret, 8; Becky, 7; Bart, 6 and Brad 3. The eldest boy, Bret, has cystic fibrosis and the cost of the family's medical bills has become overwhelming.

Like many occupations, Bruce's job as an insurance salesman has been affected by the country's economic condition and he has watched his commissions dwindle. Anita, a certified nurse's aide, helps when she can, but they have reached the maximum limit of their insurance. Liens have been placed against the family and the father fears their house will be the next thing to go.

Sharing the Williams' concern about their future, Deborah Lindstrom, whose daughter is a classmate of Whitney's, established a fund at the Glenview State Bank where contributions may be sent to aid the family. Address contributions to The Whitney Williams Fund, attention Marlene Fjallberg, Glenview State Bank, 800 Waukegan Road, Glenview, IL 60025.

Discounters eye Niles' Touhy Ave. site

by Shellya Hackett

If WalMart or Target discount stores settle on a Touhy Avenue site in Niles, the adjacent area could challenge Golf Mill and environs for shoppers' dollars.

Both national discount chains are reportedly angling for the 23 acre site at 6150 Touhy Avenue formerly occupied by office products manufacturer Wilson Jones. The land is owned by the Northwestern Mutual Life Insu-

rance Company. It is just five blocks from the Village Crossing shopping mall where retailers including Montgomery Ward and Jewel/Osco lure customers in the Niles portion and Service Merchandise and Waccamaw Pottery are among those wooing patrons on the Skokie side of the plaza. Ground pollution, possibly caused by a chroming manufac-

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Township allocates funds to service agencies

The Maine Township Board has approved \$400,000 in allocations for 1993 to 20 nonprofit agencies that serve Maine Township residents.
The allocations, approved unanimously in November were \$8,000 less than the funds designated for social services in 1992. Twenty-three agencies applied to Maine Township for a total of \$570,829 in funding for 1993.

Maine Township Supervisor Joan B. Hall said, "All of the agencies that applied perform worthwhile services for the community. But obviously, the board was not able to fund all of them or grant all of their requests in full. We carefully weighed all of the requests with particular attention to services with particular attention to requests to Maine Township residents before reaching our decision."
Hall said the township also will continue its volunteer clearing-house to help agencies maintain their services without additional tax dollars. The township publicizes volunteer opportunities at agencies it funds and puts workers in touch with appropriate organizations.

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Cook County Housing recognized by HUD

The Housing Authority of the County of Cook has received the highest performance assessment given to housing authorities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and received the highest individual score among housing authorities of its size category in a five-state region.
HACC, which develops and manages low-income housing programs in Cook County suburbs including Des Plaines, Niles and Skokie, received a total score of 97.86 out of a percent score of 100 for fiscal 1992. It was the highest assessment among all housing authorities in Illinois and the highest among housing authorities operating 250 or more units in HUD's Region V, which includes Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin.

HUD evaluates a housing authority's performance through its Public Housing Management Assessment Program and considers factors such as vacancy and rent collection rates, energy consumptions, fiscal responsibility, modernization activities, maintenance and resident programs.
"We're honored to receive national recognition for our commitment to providing high-quality, well-maintained and affordable housing for our residents. Continued on Page 34

Blase to seek re-election



Mayor Nicholas B. Blase (standing) and Trustees, seated (from left) Andrew Przybylo, Louella Preston and Jeffrey Arnold, announced today their intention of running in the April 20, 1993 local Niles election.

Mayor Blase stated, "It is important for the team that has helped the Village of Niles be so successful in the last number of years to stay together." Therefore, Mayor Blase and Trustees Preston, Arnold, and Przybylo will be running together as a team.

MG shoppers help big brothers/big sisters

Disadvantaged children are benefiting from a joint effort by American Express Gift Cheques,

financial institutions and American Automobile Association (AAA) outlets throughout Morton Grove this holiday season.

For every purchase of American Express Gift Cheques at participating locations through December 31, American Express will donate one dollar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America and its local affiliated agencies, up to a total of \$100,000.

In Morton Grove, consumers can participate in the "Give the Gift That Makes a Difference" Program by purchasing American Express Gift Cheques at local

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Sav-a-Pet sets open house

The annual Holiday Open House and Party of Save-a-Pet, no-kill animal shelter at 2019 Rand Road, Palatine, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13, from noon to 5 p.m. at the shelter. Everyone is welcome.

New and old friends will be greeted by the shelter staff and the Board of Directors, with special thanks to all volunteers, well-wishers, and the general public who have contributed money as well as time to assist the welfare of the animals. Guests often bring gifts of pet food and supplies for the animals.

Refreshments will be served while everyone exchanges pet stories and pet problems. Save-a-Pet merchandise will be on sale. Of course, animals may be adopted at any time.

Register now for skating

Early winter registration for the ice skating, session II-15 week schedule will end at 5 p.m.

Pace extends service to Oakton

Pace, the suburban bus service, is extending service west on Route 208 Church Street - Golf Road to serve Oakton Community College and downtown Des Plaines.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 7, midday trips on Route 208 will now travel beyond Golf Mill Shopping Center directly to Oakton Community College and into downtown Des Plaines. Route 208 operates from the Davis Street CTA Station in downtown Evanston through Skokie, Morton Grove and Niles and will now provide a direct route to the college for residents in those areas.

In other changes on Route 208, beginning Sunday, Decem-

ber 6, buses will now operate along Old Orchard Road to the Cook County Courthouse on weekdays only from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. At all other times, including Saturdays and Sundays, buses will use Golf Road between Old Orchard and Harns Road. Also on Sundays, buses will run every 90 minutes instead of every 75 minutes to allow for increased traffic.

Schedule times will also be altered on two other Pace Northwest Division routes due to traffic conditions. Starting on December 7, departure times may vary from 10 to 15 minutes on Route 212 Evanston - Glenview - Northbrook Court.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 12, schedule times will be adjusted on Route 254 North Cicero - Skokie Boulevard, and early morning and late afternoon trips on the route will run every 40 minutes instead of 30 minutes.

Revised schedules that provide complete time and routing details for these routes are available by calling Pace's Passenger Services Office at (708) 364-7223, ext. 500.

Holy Family sets blood drive

Holy Family Hospital will sponsor a blood drive Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the hospital's Auditorium, located at the corner of Golf and River roads in Des Plaines.

Anyone interested in donating blood must be healthy, weight at least 110 pounds and be older than 17.

For more information, call Holy Family Hospital at (708) 297-1800, ext. 1160 or Life-Source at (708) 298-9660.

Crane Tech Old Timers Reunion

The next annual meeting of the Crane Tech Old Timers Reunion will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 1993, at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn 5300 West Touhy in Skokie, Illinois.

For additional information call Mr. Herman Helfer at (312) 842-6660.

John Meany

John Meany of Park Ridge is among the Northern Illinois University students who have been named to the 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

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Nursing home volunteer receives medal of honor

For many children in the sixth grade, after school activities consist of sports, clubs or getting together with friends. For Jennie Pritchard, the youngest volunteer at Glenview Terrace Nursing Center, afternoons are time to spend with the many residents that she has befriended over the last three years, at the facility near her Glenview home.

Jennie's mother, Joan, who teaches art appreciation to the residents at Glenview Terrace and is the den mother of a local Cub Scout troop, is responsible for introducing Jennie to the home.

Several years ago, when Jennie's grandmother passed away, the girl felt a strong sense of loss and had a difficult time dealing with the absence of her grandmother. Joan suggested she visit Glenview Terrace because she knew that both Jennie and the residents would benefit from their relationship. She felt it was a way to turn the situation into a positive one for her daughter.

Jennie would be able to share in the seniors' experiences and gain insight into their lives, traditions and values, while at the same time experiencing new friendships and love from her "adopted" grandparents. The residents would enjoy the company of a younger person with fresh attitudes and ideals that would inspire them to see everyday, ordinary things a little differently.

Matured beyond her years, Jennie has grown into a thoughtful, considerate and loving young lady. At only 12 years old, she is a "permanent" fixture at Glenview Terrace. Notes Ann Scheerer, Director of Activities, "Jennie is a special child who puts the feelings and needs of our residents first. It is so rare that a girl of her age, could be so responsible and caring towards seniors."

Jennie visits the facility weekly and pays personal visits to the residents. She enjoys the one-on-one relationships she has developed and gives each adult she sees her full attention. Whether it's reading letters, playing games or telling jokes and chatting about school, Jennie is at ease talking with the residents and is quite comfortable in the adult "senior" setting.

Her dedication to everyone who lives at Glenview Terrace and her conscious efforts to provide a service to those within her community have earned Jennie a Sheriff's Youth Service Medal of Honor from the Cook County Sheriff's office. Chosen from the hundreds of names submitted, Jennie will be awarded her medal on Saturday, Dec. 5 at a special ceremony at the Daley Center.

This recognition, in honor of all the contributions, Jennie has made to the residents at Glenview Terrace, is a wonderful tribute to a young girl who has done so much good in her early years and who, without a doubt, will continue to do so in the future.

Playhouse offers workshops for seniors

Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Grove St., Skokie, sponsors two theater workshops for seniors.

"Front Row Center" covers the skills to get into theater, movies and television productions. Consisting of six sessions, beginning Friday, Jan. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., fee is \$18 for residents, \$22.50 for non-residents.

"Curtain Call Plus" consists of six sessions of Readers Theatre, and includes reading and acting out favorite comedies and dramas. Class starts Monday, January 11, Oakton Community Center, 4710 Oakton St., Skokie. Fee

is \$18 for residents and \$22.50 for non-residents. For registration information call (708) 674-1500.

James Roberts

Marine Pfc. James M. Roberts, son of James M. and Donna J. Roberts of Des Plaines, recently reported for duty with Combat Service Support Group-1, 1st Force Service Support Group, Twentynine Palms, CA.

The 1989 graduate of Maine West High School joined the Marine Corps in October 1991.

Niles man earns volunteer award



Lambert Binder, Niles resident and volunteer with the Niles Senior Center, recently received an Outstanding Volunteer Award presented by the Area Agency on Aging.

Binder's award reflects his dedication to the center as coordinator of the Carbon Monoxide Program for numerous years as well as giving countless hours each year toward special events, programs and clubs.

Skokie parks offer seniors classes

Skokie Park District offers senior adults a chance to get acquainted with the skills to get into theater, movies and television productions. Students will explore audition techniques, scene study and much more.

The six sessions are led by Ed Berger, veteran stage and screen actor and Devonshire Playhouse Director.

Classes will be held at Devonshire centers on Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning on January 15 and running through February 19. Fee is \$18 for residents and \$22.50 for non-residents. For further information call 674-1500.

Thomas McNally
Navy Airman Thomas V. McNally, son of Christie L. McNally of Park Ridge, recently deployed with Fighter Squadron-32, Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA to the Mediterranean with the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier battle group.

He joined the Navy in August 1988.

Niles Senior Citizens 967-6100 ext. 376

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION
The Niles Senior Center is open to residents of the Village of Niles, age 62 and over and their younger spouses. Seniors interested in obtaining additional senior center information should call or visit the center and be placed on the mailing list. The center is located at 8060 Oakton Street.

MEN'S CLUB TRAVEL TO SEE "PHANTOM"
The Niles Senior Center Men's Club is sponsoring a trip to the Candelight for luncheon theatre on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Following lunch, we will see the popular "Phantom" in its last weeks. The trip will depart at 10:30 a.m. and return approximately 5:30 p.m. Your luncheon will be a choice from seven entrees. Tickets are \$36.50 each and may be purchased at the senior center. Register early as space is limited.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY
The Women's Club Holiday Party will be held at the senior center on Friday, Dec. 18 at noon. Lunch will include egg roll, chicken chow mein, beef, pea pods and mushrooms, fried rice, almond and fortune cookie. Enjoy the holiday music of Carlyn Lloyd-Ford and Jon Wartel. The cost of tickets are \$6 each.

DISCOVER DISCUSSION GROUP
The Niles Senior Center will once again host the Discover Discussion Group on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. New members are always invited to join this lively group. There is no charge to attend. Classes are led by Sophie Laske and Helen Sparkes.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
The Niles Senior Center will host the Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon. The menu will include breaded pork outlet with gravy, buttered whipped potatoes, baby glazed carrots, apple sauce, rolls/butter and spiced cake. Following lunch, enjoy the holidays as Frank Pagno plays the organ. The cost is \$5.50, payment and registration due by Dec. 9.

WOMEN'S CLUB PLANS OUTING
The Niles Senior Center Women's Club is offering an outing on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. to the Walt Disney's World On Ice Production "Beauty and the Beast" and luncheon at the popular Como Inn. The price for "main floor seating", lunch (choice of lasagna or Veal Parmesan) and transportation is \$22.50 or \$23.50 (depending on entree) per person. Tickets will go on sale to Women's Club members at their Monday, Nov. 23 lunch/meeting. Tickets will be available to all other seniors after the meeting. For more information, contact Mary Oleksy at the center, (708) 967-6100, ext. 376.

National Home Care Week

National Home Care Week ends December 5, Illinois Department on Aging Director Maralee I. Lindley said.

"National Home Care Week began on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a time that traditionally brings families together. The Department on Aging wants to call attention to this national observance to emphasize the fact that the traditional image of family and family get-togethers has really changed in the past 20 years," Lindley said.

"Today it's not unusual to find middle-aged parents, their growing children and an elderly grandparent living under the same roof. It isn't necessarily the holidays that brings them together, but the need to provide affordable care for aging parents," said Lindley.

The Illinois Department on Aging offers a variety of programs and services designed to help older people and their family caregivers by relieving some of the burden of providing care at home. Chief among these services is one of the country's largest community-based programs for the elderly, Illinois' Community Care Program.

"In addition to help with housekeeping, meal preparation and personal care, the Community Care Program provides adult day care, which allows family caregivers some respite from their continual responsibilities," Lindley said. "Adult day care sites can be found in numerous communities around the state. Older people can spend several hours in a comfortable setting outside their home, have a good, hot meal and enjoy time with peers, while their family caregivers get some time to relax."

Studies have found that 80 percent of all care provided to older adults comes directly from their families. It is estimated that seven million U.S. households contain caregivers and that 55 percent of those homes contain a caregiver who is also holding down a job.

Because most people don't know where to turn when an older parent, relative or friend needs help, the U.S. Administration on Aging and the National Association of State Units on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging established the Eldercare Locator service for long distance caregivers. By calling 1-800-677-1116, family caregivers can find out about senior services in other states.

"National Home Care Week lasts for seven brief days. Caregiving is a 24-hour, 365-day-a-year job," Lindley said. "The Illinois Department on Aging can help alleviate some of the burden of that job. Older people and family caregivers who live in Illinois and want to know more can call the Department toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, each week day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Park sponsors senior holiday party

Get into the holiday spirit by attending the Northbrook Park District's Senior Center annual holiday party! The gala event will be held at the Ramada Inn, Wednesday, Dec. 16, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served at noon.

For more information call the center at 291-2988.

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Students illustrate story written by older adults



Third graders at Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School, illustrated "The Magic Ruby" during a recent storytelling visit by senior citizens from the Lutheran General Older Adult Day Care Center, Arlington Heights. The seniors wrote the story for the children as part of an intergenerational exchange. The children, who were studying aging, asked the seniors questions about what it was like when they were third graders. Lutheran General Senior Services' operates Older Adult Day Care programs in Des Plaines, Northfield, Roselle and Arlington Heights.

Ronald G. Rosen

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Ronald G. Rosen, son of Mildred Rosen of Lincolnwood, recently returned aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. Rosen visited ports in Thailand and Hong Kong. Rosen is a 1973 graduate of Niles West High School. He joined the Navy in June 1989.

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Oakton offers courses to older adults

Older adults are looking for the challenge of life-long learning and finding it in Oakton Community College's Emeritus Program for Older Adults.

Emeritus classes are held on both Oakton campuses and at convenient off-campus sites throughout Oakton's 15-community district. Both credit and non-credit classes are offered.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 19 and continue through May 19. The following courses are among those offered at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

World Religions focuses on religions from the ancient Hindus to the new American religions of today. Explore each religion's history, as well as its relationship to its host society. The class meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Fridays.

International Relations analyzes current international problems, power politics, American foreign policy and the United Nations. The class meets from 9 to 11:50 a.m. on Fridays.

Immigrants in Search of a Dream: Asians in America reviews the history of immigrants from Asian countries. Learn about their current life experiences, including family life, occupations, religion and the process of "Americanization". The class meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Fridays and includes lab work.

All credit courses can be audited if the student does not want to receive credit. Tuition is \$25 per credit hour for students under 60 and \$12.50 per credit hour for students over 60 who live in the district.

For more information about these and other credit offerings, as well as non-credit opportunities, contact the Emeritus Program at (708) 635-1414.

Hugh Dorsey

Marine Pvt. Hugh P. Dorsey IV, son of Roberta L. Dorsey of Des Plaines, recently completed recruit training.

Morton Grove Senior Citizens 470-5223

"KINDERGARTEN COP" LUNCH BUNCH

The final Lunch Bunch of 1992 will be at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11. Morton Grove seniors get together for a light lunch and feature length film in the Flickinger Senior Center. Register today at the Prairie View Community Center, reservations will be taken as capacity allows. Call today (965-7447) to inquire about reservations for the Lunch Bunch. There is a cost of \$1.50 per lunch/show. The Dec. 11 film will be, "Kindergarten Cop."

SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB

The Prairie View Senior Travel Club has planned its outings for the fall and winter seasons. - On Jan. 12, a tour of Sunshine Crafts in Wheeling along with a pizza lunch is on the travel agenda to spell cabin fever. - Then, a trip to Marriott's Lincolnshire Theater for lunch and the production of "Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is scheduled for Feb. 10. - In May, they plan a spectacular trip to the British Midlands where their home for eight nights will be a newly restored and ultra-deluxe English Manor House. For information and details regarding these trips, call Ronce Brenner at 965-7447.

SENIORS INVITED

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite township seniors (Maine Township residents age 62+, Niles Township residents age 60+) to join in an on-free school productions to be performed this fall. At Maine East: Winter Concert & Reception, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. At Niles North: Winter Holiday Music Concert/Festival, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. At Niles West: Orchestra Symposium: Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. (all day). Winter Holiday Music Concert/Festival, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. For more information about activities open to seniors at the schools call 969-3600 for the Maine Township High School district 207 Gold Card Club and 965-9365 for the Niles Township Senior Citizens Club.

WINTER CARE

When outdoors on cold days, older people should cover their mouth and nose to avoid breathing problems. Gloves and boots are important because several common health problems of the elderly cause poor circulation in the extremities. A hat contributes added warmth. Those using a walker with metal legs and those with arthritis need to be extra careful not to slip and fall. Autumn is a good time for older people living alone to link up with various community resources such as meals-on-wheels, home health services and volunteer services that can keep tabs on the homeowner's well-being. This can be especially important as cold weather, snow or ice make outdoor trips undesirable or even dangerous.

BECOME A MEMBER

For more information about these senior services and recreation programs, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223, or the Prairie View Community Center at 965-7447. To receive the "Seniors in Morton Grove" newsletter, send \$2.50 to the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Senior tax exemptions in mail

Almost 230,000 senior citizens in Cook County will soon be receiving in the mail renewal forms for the 1992 Senior Citizen Exemption, County Assessor Thomas C. Hynes announced today.

With the exemption, a senior homeowner will be able to save as much as \$250 on property taxes that will be due next summer. This is an increase in savings because of legislation proposed by Hynes.

Renewal applications, which must be filed each year, are mailed to those seniors who were registered for the exemption for the previous year.

The applications are letter size with a detachable form at the bottom. Senior homeowners can verify the information and complete the renewal process simply by signing and returning the lower portion of the form to Hynes' office. Those who turned 65 in 1992 are eligible to receive the Senior Citizen Exemption for the first time. "If a senior homeowner

Introduce readers theater

The Skokie Park District introduces a new class - Readers Theater.

The group will read and act out favorite comedies and dramas. The six sessions are led by Ed Berger, veteran stage and screen actor and Devonshire Playhouse Director.

The class is for senior adults at Oakton on Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. from January 11 through March 1, with no class January 18 and February 15. Fee is \$18 for residents, \$22.50 for non-residents.

For more information call 674-1500.

Polish association sponsors Wigilia

The Polish Welfare Association will host a traditional Wigilia, the Polish celebration of Christmas Eve, for the residents of their homeless shelter, "Turning Point", as well as for former clients who are alone this holiday season.

The Wigilia is a family-oriented event," explains Karen Popowski, Polish Welfare Association Executive Director, "and we feel strongly that our clients are part of our extended family. Since many have nowhere to go for the holidays and no family here to be with, we host this traditional Polish Christmas Eve celebration to bring the festivities of the holidays to those who would otherwise be alone."

The Turning Point, in cooperation for six years, accommodates 15 male residents, all of whom are homeless and most of whom are alcoholic, and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. At night, the residents of Turning Point are taken, by van, to a local overnight shelter. In the morning, the van brings them back to Turning Point, located on the property of the Polish Welfare Association's headquarters on North Cicero.

The Wigilia at Turning Point will begin at noon on December 24. The centerpiece of the festivities is a 12-course meal consisting of meatless dishes.

The Wigilia begins with sharing of Oplaki, an unleavened wafer. The Oplaki are broken and shared among all participants, signifying the sharing of best wishes and signaling a new start for all.

Fish - prepared in a variety of ways - will make up the main course at the Wigilia, with a variety of side dishes, such as Pierogi, soups and fruit compote.

rounding out the 12 courses. Traditional poppyseed desserts complete the meal.

Turning Point's program is designed to keep residents at the shelter for approximately 90 days. Since the shelter can only accommodate 15 men, the Polish Welfare Association began a new community outreach program on November 1, which helps other homeless individuals in the predominantly Polish neighborhood.

Trained volunteers and staff meet with the area's homeless to help determine their needs and to find an appropriate method of assistance, from a bed at an overnight shelter, to the services of a drop-in center, to emergency medical attention when needed. The Polish Welfare Association's homeless program is partially funded by a contract with the Chicago Department of Human Services.

The Polish Welfare Association is the only bi-lingual/bi-cultural human services agency serving the Chicagoland Polish community with much-needed assistance and services such as English-as-a-Second Language courses; alcoholism treatment and counseling; shelter and food for the homeless; citizenship classes and testing; adult literacy classes; immigration services; domestic violence counseling; CEDA program assistance (low-income energy assistance); elderly counseling/training; senior citizen crisis intervention and outreach.

The Polish Welfare Association has Oplaki as well as traditional Wigilia recipes available in exchange for a donation to the Association. Send requests to Polish Welfare Association, 3834-N. Cicero, Chicago, IL 60641; (312) 282-8206.

Council seeks nominations

The Illinois Arts Council (IAC) is seeking nominations for 1993 Advisory Panelists to serve on IAC review panels. Panelists review grant applications as part of the process to determine eligibility for funding.

Nominees must be Illinois residents, and individuals may nominate themselves. A nomination letter and resume should be submitted to the IAC Council & Panel Office at the IAC, 100 W. Randolph, Suite 10-500, Chicago, IL 60601-3298. Nomination forms must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 8, 1993.

Hotel gives rooms to patients' families

Complimentary hotel rooms for family members of patients hospitalized at Rush North Shore Medical Center, 9600 Gross Point Rd., Skokie, will be provided December 18-30 by the Howard Johnson Hotel, 9333 Skokie Blvd., Skokie.

The offer includes shuttle service and breakfast. Relatives must live in excess of 50 miles from the facility.

Reservations can be made by calling Rush North Shore Medical Center's Referral Line at (708) 933-6000.

Chamber singers in holiday concert

The North Park College Chamber Singers will give their 26th annual Christmas candlelight concert on Friday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 p.m. in Isaacson Chapel of Nyvall Hall, 3225 West Foster Ave., Chicago.

Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 students and North Park faculty and staff, and free for

Y holds winter camp

Sledding, downhill skiing and winter fun are some of the activities planned for YMCA Camp Pinewood's Winter Camp December 28-31. The program is for youth aged 8-15.

Pinewood's Winter camp is not pup tents stuck in snow. Campers stay in heated cabins with indoor plumbing, enjoy tasty meals and are under the direct supervision of trained camp counselors.

Camp Pinewood's Winter Camp is held near Lake Villa, IL, and convenient bus transportation is available. The program begins Monday morning Dec. 28 and concludes Thursday afternoon Dec. 31.

Registrations are now being taken. More information may be obtained by calling (708) 297-3370.

Library promotes recycling

Parents and children will gasp in amazement as the bumbling, Tonifred B. Turnbuckle transforms himself into Captain Recycle and uses magic powers to show kids how to keep garbage from going to waste. It's all in *Gain Theater's Use It Again!* at Skokie Public Library on December 13 at 3 p.m.

Use It Again! is a fast-paced play that comedy, dance, music and audience participation to inform and excite young audiences about recycling and caring for the environment.

This performance is supported by FelPro Manufacturing. Free tickets will be distributed one-half hour before the performance. For more information, call 673-7774.

KFC distributes toy coupons

In addition to their white hair and beards, Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Sanders and Santa Claus have another thing in common - making children (and parents) happy during the holidays.

Participating KFC restaurants across the country are collectively distributing 11.5 million holiday coupon booklets - each worth up to \$75 on Mattel children's toys. This offering, KFC's first-ever national promotion, can add up to nearly one billion dollars in toy savings for holiday shoppers.

The coupon booklet features individual toy coupons ranging in value from \$1 to \$30. This offer runs, through December 24, or while supplies last.

With the purchase of the KFC \$9.99 "Holiday Meal" - which includes a family serving of chicken, large mashed potatoes with gravy, large cole slaw, and four biscuits - customers may receive this special booklet containing 21 coupons for some of the hottest Mattel toys. All of the toys are available for purchase at any Toys "R" Us store or other participating retailer.

The coupon booklet features individual toy coupons ranging in value from \$1 to \$30. This offer runs, through December 24, or while supplies last.

Lambs Farm sells Christmas trees

Holiday shoppers can now buy Christmas trees at Lambs Farm. Fresh-cut scotch and white pine trees are on sale in the Lambs Farm main parking lot, I-94 and Route 176 (Rockland Rd.), from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily through December 24.

All proceeds generated from the sale will directly benefit the mentally handicapped men and women of Lambs Farm.

While at Lambs, don't forget to visit Aunt Mary's Country Store, Grandma's Bakery Nook and Silk Screen Shop for wonderful holiday gift ideas that range from homemade chocolates, jams and jellies, cookies, preserves, specialty sauces and baked goods, to hand-screened greeting cards and sweat shirts. Custom gift baskets can be made to order, and are sure to please relatives, friends and business associates alike.

Lambs Pet Shop is fully stocked with cuddly puppies, kittens and other animals, as well as food, toys and pet supplies.

For more information, call Lambs Farm, (708) 362-4636.

North Park presents Lucia pageant

North Park College will present the 14th annual Swedish Christmas Festival and Lucia Pageant at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13, in the College Chapel, 3225 W. Foster Ave., Chicago. The event is sponsored by the North Park Col-

lege Swedish Club and is open to the public.

A donation of \$1 is asked from adults; children 12 and under are free. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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Church & Temple News

Church presents "Home for the Holidays"

The annual Niles Community Church Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish for a potluck supper and a place setting. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Reservations are a must, deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6. Call the church office at 967-6921.

The entertainment at this year's party is the 1992 Pageant: "Home for the Holidays." The pageant will include Christmas traditions and memories from some mem-

bers of Niles Community Church as well as stories that reflect the meaning of Christmas.

Special music will be provided by the Choir, the Church School students and the Eagles Youth Group. Favorite carols and songs of the season will be sung. It is a production under the auspices of Christian Education and Worship and Music. Of course, Santa will make an appearance to the delight of young and old.

'Cantata' celebrates Hanukkah

On Friday evening, Dec. 18, Niles Township Jewish Congregation will present a "Cantata" in celebration of Hanukkah. Services will begin at 8 p.m., at which time everyone is welcome.

Shabbat morning services will be held at 10 a.m. For further information, contact the synagogue office at (708) 675-4141.

OLR sells entertainment books

Our Lady of Ransom Parish is selling Entertainment Books at a cost of \$25 each to benefit the work of the parish Catholic Women's Club.

Who should own an entertainment book? Every gourmet, sport fan, golfer, bowler, movie buff, traveler and anyone who likes to save money.

Contact Josephine Bax at (708) 823-8984 or the Ministry Center at (708) 823-2550 for further information.

Men's club hears talk on Bible

On Sunday, Dec. 13, Congregation B'Nai Zion Men's Club, 1447 W. Pratt, Chicago, will have Sunday morning services at 8:45 a.m. followed by breakfast at 10 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Kleinman on "Bible In The Modern World". A nominal donation is required for breakfast. For information, call (312) 465-2161.

Plan Chanukah celebration

Chanukah Celebration and Dance will be hosted at the Tannenbaum Chabad House - Northwest Jewish Center 2014 Orrington in Evanston. There will be an Evening of Entertainment, featuring Moshe Moscovitz and the Cheder Boys Choir, as well as the Kolay Noam Band in concert.

There will also be a candle lighting ceremony, potato pancakes, loads of refreshments, dancing and more. The festivities will take place on Saturday Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.

The entire community is invited. For further information call (708) 869-8060.

Pilgrims gather

A Company of Pilgrims will gather Friday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. at Niles Community Church, 7401 Oakton Street, Niles.

Come join the gain in holiday festivities and merry making! Bring a favorite appetizer and favorite Christmas music.

For further information and to RSVP, contact the church office (708) 967-6921.

Congregation sets New Year's party

Come, celebrate New Year's Eve at the "Party of the Year" on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. at Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation, 7800 W. Lyons, Morton Grove.

Price includes deli dinner, snacks, free bar, champagne, dancing and favors.

Reservations with check is a must. The cost is \$20 per person by December 20 and \$22 per person after Dec. 20. Private tables for parties of 10 or more, if reserved together, are available.

If further information is needed, call Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation at 965-0900. Checks for reservations may be sent directly to Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation at the above address.

Congregation celebrates anniversaries

On Friday evening, December 11, beginning at 8:15 p.m., Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation, 7800 W. Lyons, Morton Grove, will celebrate the anniversaries of Congregants which are occurring during the months of November and December.

Also, during the service, Rachel Feldheim and Michelle Rafael will share their experiences from last summer. They were

Lutheran church presents concert

St. John Lutheran Church of Niles, 7429 Milwaukee Avenue, will present its annual Christmas concert on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will consist of traditional Christmas carols sung by the congregation and choir as well as some contemporary arrangements of the good news of Jesus' birth. Rev. Marvin Mueller, pastor, will read the account of the birth of the Savior between some of the music selections.

St. John's choirs participating in the program are: the Handbell Choir directed by Mrs. Christine Engebrecht, the Adult Choir directed by Mrs. Jean Grewe, the day school's Children's Choir (grades 1 to 6) directed by Mrs. Christine Engebrecht, and the Pre-Kindergarten / Kindergarten Choir directed by Mrs. Jean Grewe.

Admission to the concert is free; there will be an offering taken during the performance.

For further information, contact the church office at (708) 647-9867.

Church sets Christmas concert

Immaculate Conception Church will present a concert of Christmas carols Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m.

The Chancel Choir, Contemporary Choir, I.C. School Chorists, I. C. Handbell Choir, Parish Cantors and a guest Brass Quartet will perform a program of old and new carols, both sacred and secu-

lar (Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," and more) conducted by Sal Soria, Jr., I.C. Director of Music. Come and be part of this happy event.

Admission is free and a reception will follow. The church is located at 7211 W. Talcott, Chicago.

Rabbi to visit correctional institutions

Rabbi Binyomin Scheiman and Mr. Alvin Levine will embark on a 3,000 mile trek across the state of Illinois visiting dozens of otherwise forgotten Jewish prison inmates.

They will visit 20 correctional institutions, including Cook County Correctional Center (CCCC), the largest single site prison in the United States, housing over 10,000 inmates.

Some of these institutions have not had a Jewish Chaplaincy visit in over 20 years.

For the past twelve years Rabbi Scheiman has served as Director of Activities for Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois and visiting Rabbi for the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). He has recently been appointed Jewish Staff Chaplain at CCCC.

Levine is the volunteer coordinator of the Jewish Prisoner As-

istance Foundation (JPFA).

Starting December 6 and continuing through December 16 they will teach the men and women at these facilities about the "who, when and why's of Messiah (Messiah), inspiring them with this great message of hope.

In response to the call of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, shlita, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, they will be emphasizing the imminence of the final redemption.

'Prepare for baby' at Niles Church

Niles Community Church, 7401 W. Oakton Street, invites all to worship on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m.

The pastor, Howard Boswell, will preach on "Joseph's Journal: Waiting for the Baby".

For further information, contact the church office, (708) 967-6921, for further information.

Men's club to meet

The Niles Community Church Men's Breakfast Club, will meet on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 a.m. at Schoney's Restaurant. Contact the church office, (708) 967-6921, for further information.

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The Niles Community Church Men's Breakfast Club, will meet on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8:30 a.m. at Schoney's Restaurant. Contact the church office, (708) 967-6921, for further information.

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OBITUARIES

John F. Jensen

John F. Jensen, 69, of Morton Grove, died Nov. 24 at Hines Veterans' Hospital, Hines, IL. He was the husband of Margaret, father of Patricia Pistner, Gregory and John (Red), grandfather of 2, brother of Leon and Betty. Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove. Interment was in Queen of Heaven, Hillside.

Tracy Freivald Kane Goldman

Tracy Freivald Kane Goldman, 79, of Morton Grove, died Nov. 26 at Resurrection Nursing Pavilion, Park Ridge. She was the wife of Leonard, mother of Laura Freivald, Joseph Freivald and Fr. Gregory Kane, grandmother of 20, great-grandmother of 13. Funeral Mass was held Dec. 1 at St. Isaac Jogues. Arrangements were handled by Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove. Interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines.

Alva Betts

Alva Betts, 84, of Morton Grove, died on Nov. 21 at Bethany Terrace Nursing Home. She was the mother of Richard Dean of Finlarig, OH. Funeral services were private. Arrangements were handled by Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove.

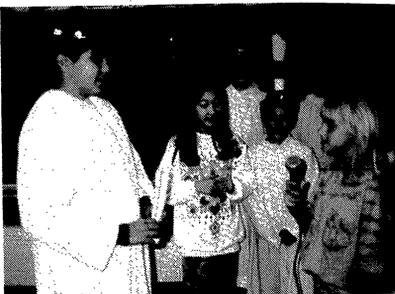
Barbara Mueller

Barbara Mueller, 85, of Morton Grove, died Nov. 22 at Village Nursing Home, Skokie. She was the mother of Magdalena Seimen. Funeral Mass was held Nov. 25 at St. Martha Church. Arrangements were handled by Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove. Interment was in St. Peter Cemetery, Skokie.

'Homecoming' is theme of Sunday service

Niles Community Church, 7401 W. Oakton Street, invites all to worship on Sunday, January 3, 1993 at 10 a.m. The pastor, Howard Boswell, will preach on "Homecoming" and join us to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Students honor Saints



Aaron Alaniz, Nancy Kim, Jonas Zalatores, Paul Palazzolo, and Grace Chovan participated in a one act play, "They are Real People" and a choral reading, "Let the Little Children Come To Me."

Our Lady of Ransom 5th and 6th graders performed to honor the Saints.

Lidia L. Kroll

Lidia L. Kroll, 74, died Dec. 1. Mrs. Kroll was born Sept. 4, 1918 in Chicago. She was the wife of the late Leo Kroll, aunt of Cindy (Donald) Moore and Pam (Jim) Airdo. Grand aunt of Anne Marie and Joey, cousin of Tony Logan. Funeral services were held Dec. 4 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements were handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove.

Hermine Kappel

Hermine Kappel, 87, died Dec. 2. Mrs. Kappel was born March 28, 1905 in Austria. She was the mother of Joseph (Irma) Kappel, grandmother of Melinda (Leonard) Schalk, great-grandmother of Steven Paul Schalk and Danielle Altherton, great-great-grandmother of Katie Altherton. Funeral services were held Dec. 3 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove.

Julia Jasiek

Julia Jasiek, 91, of Niles, died Nov. 24 at Lutheran General Hospital. Mrs. Jasiek was born Feb. 15, 1901 in Chicago. She was the mother of Grace (Henry) Sindelar, grandmother of Phyllis Cioni, Alan Sindelar, Ronald Sindelar, Phillip Jasiek and Donna Anzelone, great-grandmother of 6. Funeral services were held Nov. 28 at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Arrangements were handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Mausoleum, Hillside.

Set Shabbat services

Congregation B'nei Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 901 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview will hold Shabbat services on Friday, Dec. 11. Rabbi Mark S. Shapiro will lead family services at 7:30 p.m. which will include musical selections by the junior choir, a story sermon and December birthdays. Alternative adult workshop will be conducted by Rabbi David B. Fine at 8 p.m. For information call 729-7575.

Church & Temple News

Church members to carol

The All Church Caroling Party will be Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5:30 p.m. Gather in the Lee Ruhl Fellowship Hall, get warmed up, and go out to carol to members and

friends who may need some Christmas cheer. The church office will begin to compile a list of folks to be caroled.

Those who might enjoy a visit by carollers or to take part, please contact the church office (708) 967-6921.

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Police News

Calls for stiffer carjacking penalties

Secretary of State George H. Ryan called today for passage of a law outlining new penalties for carjacking and recognizing it for the first time as a crime in Illinois.

"People are being accosted and their cars commandeered at shopping malls, rest stops, red lights and fast food lanes," Ryan said in a news conference.

"Carjacking is a random crime, for the most part, which means almost anyone is at risk - not just people in expensive, new cars. It's time to draw the line here in Illinois before carjacking becomes an epidemic."

Ryan asked for legislation to be introduced in the General Assembly to complement and expand upon the federal anti-carjacking law recently signed by President Bush.

He also announced that his office would be working with the Chicago AAA Motor Club to help educate motorists about steps they can take to protect themselves against carjackers.

"There are common-sense procedures all motorists can adopt to make themselves safer. This is not a time for hysteria - it is a time for extra caution."

Unlike the federal law, Ryan's legislative proposal would provide penalties for anyone taking a motor vehicle by force, with or without a dangerous weapon.

Unarmed carjacking would be a Class 1 felony, punishable by four to 15 years in prison.

A charge of aggravated carjacking would be provided for offenders who use lethal weapons or who attack particularly vulnerable victims, including anyone who is physically disabled, under age 18 or over age 60.

Aggravated carjacking would be a Class X felony, with a jail term of between six and 30 years, double the maximum federal pen-

Criminal damage to property

Unknown offenders caused \$140 damage the night of Nov. 29 when they threw a brick through a glass panel on a door at Niles College in the 7100 block of Harlem Avenue, Niles.

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DUI/BAC over .10

Dec. 6, a patrolling Niles officer saw a 1986 Pontiac Sunbird driving south on Harlem Avenue straddling the right lane marker twice and nearly enter the parkway. When stopped, the car driver, a male Chicagoan, 38, could produce no driver's license and failed field sobriety tests. He later registered 26 on a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) test and was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, having a BAC over .10, lacking insurance, having an expired driver's license and improper lane usage. He was placed on \$3,000 bond and given a Dec. 23 court date.

Petite thefts

Between December 2-6, security agents at a Golf Mill grocery store stopped five persons for taking food items without paying for them. A sixth person took cold medication.

A Des Plaines woman, 44, admitted hiding olive oil and other food items totaling \$15 in her purse Dec. 2 when she was stopped.

Another Des Plaines woman, 80 years old, was seen taking food valued at \$12 Dec. 3.

December 4, a Glenview woman, 65, took 18 bottles of apple juice, among other items totaling \$26, then paid a \$50 fine when she was apprehended.

A 47 year old Des Plaines woman took assorted grocery items with a \$15 value Dec. 5, then wrote a check to cover her \$50 fine when apprehended.

A Skokie woman, 42, who was seen taking food valued at \$6, December 6 received a "P" ticket.

A 30 year old Niles man, apprehended Dec. 4 after allegedly taking cold medicines valued at \$10, paid a \$50 fine.

The evening of Dec. 3, an unemployed Chicago woman, 30, was stopped and given a "P" ticket when agents saw her take clothing valued at \$87 without paying.

Car stolen from dealer

Between Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, persons unknown took a 1993 red Nissan Pathfinder valued at \$26,900 from a dealer's lot in the 5700 block of Touhy Avenue, Niles.

Fire department offers safety alert

The Niles Fire Department in conjunction with the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (R.E.D.) would like to introduce a safety Alerting Program for special care and assistance in evacuating the building.

This program is only for permanent disability and not for people in a temporary condition such as a cast on a limb. The invalid file will be updated annually by contacting you by mail for verification of the condition and location of the person requiring this program.

In Niles, the form can be picked up Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fire Station #2 at 8360 W. Dempster.

If you have any questions regarding this program, call 967-6100 ext. 314.

Attempted car theft

December 2, a cab driver reported he parked his cab, an '87 Oldsmobile Cutlass, in a lot in the 8800 block of Golf Road, Niles for 20 minutes. During that time, persons unknown broke a rear window to enter, cracked the car's steering column, started the car, then fled, leaving the engine running.

Purse stolen at cemetery

The afternoon of Dec. 5, persons unknown took a purse from the car of a Highland, Indiana woman while she visited a grave in a cemetery in the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue, Niles. The purse contained \$550, a bank book, five credit cards and keys valued at \$10.

December is 'Prevent drunk driving' month

December is Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in Illinois and throughout the nation. Expanded from a week to a month this year, the theme is "Take A Stand: Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

Q. How can I keep my friends from driving drunk?

A. Be the designated driver who voluntarily abstains from drinking alcohol and drives everyone home safely. Take turns by volunteering to abstain one time if your friend or spouse will volunteer the next time.

Q. What incentives are there to be a designated driver?

A. Under the Designated Driver/Coke Program, designated

drivers 21 years of age and older can drink free Coca-Cola beverages at participating bars and restaurants. The program is sponsored by the Secretary of State's office and Coca-Cola bottlers to encourage Illinoisans not to drink and drive.

Q. How are participating establishments identified?

A. They display a mock metal Illinois license plate issued by this office with the "DZGN8D DRIVER" logo. Those volunteering to be designated drivers receive ID cards entitling them to free Coca-Cola products, including selections from a non-alcoholic mixed drink menu prepared by the company.

Car stolen/recovered

A 26 year old Niles woman who parked her 1985 Pontiac Trans Am in the 9700 block of Fox Glen Drive the night of Nov. 29 returned the next morning to find the car gone. The same morning, Chicago police notified Niles officers the woman's car was found undamaged in the 6400 block of Foster Avenue, Chicago.

Theft

A resident of the 6700 block of Albion Avenue, Niles, whose house is for sale discovered jewelry missing from a bedroom Nov. 29. She remembered the house was shown to two prospective buyers by different realtors a week earlier and no one accompanied them upstairs.

She counted a South African gold coin on a chain, two rings, a gold bracelet and a man's watch among her losses, but gave no estimate of their value.

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State fire marshal offers holiday safety tips

Holidays are a joyous and festive time, but they could also be tragic if homeowners aren't attentive to the fire hazards inherent in winter holidays.

According to the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Christmas trees and decorations pose special fire risks. Ninety-eight fires related to holiday decorations were reported in Illinois for the period from November 1991 to January 1992. The National Fire Protection Association reports that more than 500 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees, causing an average of 16 deaths, 81 injuries and more than \$10 million in property damage throughout the nation.

State Fire Marshal Thomas L. Armstead warns, "Although the holidays are a time for festive decorations and parties, Illinois citizens must pay attention to holiday fire hazards and take the proper safety precautions."

OSFM offers a number of suggestions to help make homes fire safe for Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's.

When using fresh trees, choose ones that have non-brittle, flexible needles. Fresh trees should be stored out-of-doors until it is time to decorate them. When brought in, the tree should have the bottom two inches cut off its trunk. Fresh trees should be placed in deep, non-tip stands and should be watered frequently. All trees should be placed away from heat sources and should never block exits.

Artificial trees should carry the label of a recognized laboratory such as the UL safety seal. Decorative lights should never be used on metallic trees. Candles should never be used on trees.

All holiday lighting should also carry a testing laboratory's label. Light strings should al-

ways be inspected for worn insulation, broken plugs or loose bulbs and sockets. All electrical decorations including lights should be turned off before leaving home or going to bed.

Other holiday fire safety tips include:

- Use only flame-retardant or non-combustible decorations.
- Use candles cautiously. Keep them away from other decorations or other combustible materials. Be sure all children know the dangers of candles. During Hanukkah, make sure candles are firmly set in the menorah and always have parents or other adults present during the lighting ceremony.

- Don't overload electrical outlets. Check the power capacity of your home and stay within the wattage limits. Use extension cords sparingly.

- Keep presents and gifts away from lighting. Be sure that the gifts themselves are fire-safe. Do not choose highly flammable gifts and make sure electric toys are labeled for fire safety.

- Do not use indoor lights out-of-doors. All outdoor lights should be weather-proofed.

- Make sure all exits are clear during holiday celebrations. Provide large ashtrays and dispose of smoking materials in covered metal waste containers. After parties, always check upholstery and furniture for cigarette butts.

- Install and maintain smoke detectors, it is the law in Illinois. Test smoke detectors and change their batteries at least once a year.

- Plan and practice an escape plan. Know what to do if a fire occurs.

- If everyone follows these fire safety rules, the holidays can remain safe and festive," says Armstead. "Everyone should include increased fire safety in their New Year's resolutions."

Bankers file suit against comptroller

The Community Bankers Association of Illinois announced that it has filed suit against the office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) which approved a law which undercuts Illinois law.

The branching application in question was filed by First of America (FOA), a Kalamazoo, MI holding company with several Illinois affiliates. The application is required to allow FOA to convert branches of Champion Federal Savings and Loan into branches of FOA's affiliate banks. Although the conversion is allowable under Illinois law, the OCC approved the application based upon a court decision which allows national banks to branch anywhere in the state. Currently, numerical and geographical restrictions exist in Illinois law concerning bank branching.

"The people of the State of Illinois through their elected officials should determine our banking structure," said Gary Edwards, CBAI President and President of the Golden State Bank. "In this case, an appointed lame-duck Washington regulator is attempting to undermine state law over the objections of the majority of Illinois banks."

Edwards noted that the Community Bankers Association of Illinois has also drafted compromise legislation to relax certain branching laws while preserving home office protection, a law which safeguards a bank's home office from potentially counterproductive encroachment by branches of other banks.

"Illinois has a very successful banking system with a safety and soundness record that is the envy of other states," said Edwards. "With more than 1,000 healthy banks, businesses and individuals alike can obtain credit locally. This contributes to local economies as well as the continued safety and soundness of our banking system, a system whose continued success is worth fighting for."

The Community Bankers Association of Illinois represents more than 500 banks, and is the only trade association which represents community banks exclusively.

O'Hare association to discuss stress

Members and guests of the Grater O'Hare Association of Industry and Commerce will hear President of the Golden State Bank, Shirley Steinberg, M.A., L.S.W., from the Kenneth Young Center, speak at the Management Action Council on Tuesday, Dec. 15, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the TOA Conference Room, 1050 Busse Road, Bensenville.

Purse theft

A Chicago woman, 33, reported as she shopped in a discount store in the 8500 block of Golf Road, Niles, the morning of Dec. 4, she briefly left her purse on a shelf, then returned to find it missing. Another shopper said a clerk found the purse, asked if it belonged to her, then said she would turn it in at the service desk. But service desk employees had no knowledge of the purse when the woman inquired.

She valued the purse at \$50 and said it contained \$40, a check book, ten credit cards and miscellaneous identification.

Criminal damage to vehicle

The night of Dec. 4, persons unknown shot BB-type projectiles at a 1992 Dodge Caravan in the 8100 block of Osceola Avenue, Niles. The cost to repair a broken rear window and paint damage on the van's side was estimated at \$300.

Rehabilitation Institute receives safety grant

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago has received a \$100,000 highway safety grant for its Injury Prevention Program.

The grant, funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/U.S. Department of Transportation, will be administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)/Division of Traffic Safety. Through the support of the Institute's Women's Board, this \$100,000 grant will be matched with an additional \$30,950.

"Injuries are the leading killer of young people in this country, and motor vehicle collisions are the number one cause of spinal cord and brain injuries," said Henry B. Betts, MD, medical director and CEO of the Institute. The group with the greatest risk of experiencing such injuries are people in the age group, 15-24.

A major component of the Institute's injury prevention efforts is the Think First Program, a multi-media classroom presentation designed to educate junior high and high school students about the consequences of risk-taking behavior that often results in brain and spinal cord injuries.

Each classroom presentation features a young person with a disability who discusses how a traumatic injury has affected his or her life.

In addition to the Think First Program, the grant will fund a public information and education campaign to raise public awareness of safety issues. According to Gary D. March, Director of IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety, the goal of the campaign is to raise public awareness of how the proper use of safety belts, child safety seats and bicycle/motorcycle helmets can reduce the number of preventable fatalities and injuries.

"The Greater O'Hare Association is dedicated to the goals and interests of O'Hare area businesses and is the leading advocate for the business community by serving as a coalition to influence public concerns and legislative issues. For further information, call (708) 350-2944."

Police News

Theft from van

A painting contractor told police during the 30 minutes his 1984 Chevrolet van was parked at Golf Mill Nov. 29, persons unknown dented the van's rear, cut a side window screen and entered the van to take a table, winter jacket, two pairs of painter's pants and boots. They then took the tire rack, tire and holder and the running boards from both sides of the van for a total loss of \$2,392.

Theft from car

A \$400 car phone was stolen from a Northfield man's 1990 Mazda Dec. 4 while the car was parked in a Golf Mill lot.

Burglary

Unknown offenders forced their way through the front door of a resident in the 7700 block of Neva Avenue, Niles the night of Dec. 4. The returning homeowner discovered two fur coats, two 12 gauge shotguns and five Lladro statues missing for a total loss of \$15,200.

Army pay raise heightens enlistment incentives

Coupled with the many enlistment options the Army offers, an Army enlistment, now more than ever, provides a tremendous opportunity for a person trying to get their future energized.

The Montgomery G. I. Bill plus Army College fund, which provides qualified soldiers money for college tuition following a specified term of service, pays \$17,000 for a two-year enlistment and \$22,800 for a three-year term. A four-year enlistment pays the soldier \$25,200.

Those who qualify and have spent at least one year in college with unpaid student loans of up to \$55,000 can select any of over 250 jobs in the Army and have those loans paid in full by the Army.

In addition there are bonuses for soldiers who enlist for certain critical jobs, paying up to \$8,000. For more information, call (708) 926-2640.

Sheriff urges seat belt use

The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department will step up enforcement of state safety belt laws this holiday season as part of a nationwide effort to reduce traffic injuries and deaths, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael P. Sheahan.

The Sheriff's Police along with several suburban departments, are participating in a national campaign this year aimed at raising the level of seat belt use to 70 percent of all automobile passengers.

According to a Department of Transportation study, an estimated 59 percent of all motorists currently wear safety belts. Every percentage point gained by "Operation Buckle Down" would represent nearly 2 million more individuals wearing safety belts.

"More than 24,000 passenger car occupants die in crashes each year," said Sheriff Sheahan. "If motorists would simply take the time to fasten their safety belts we could prevent thousands of senseless deaths."

The campaign will conclude after the New Year's holiday.

Carroll to serve on health care task force

State Senator Howard Carroll (D-1) has been appointed to serve with individuals representing the hospital industry, business, nursing homes, universities, health care professionals and the insurance industry on a statewide task force that will address major health care issues, such as the Medicaid assessment program.

Governor Jim Edgar has charged the task force with making recommendations on the Medicaid assessment program by February 1, 1993.

However, Edgar has said that he also expects the task force to provide him with recommendations on broader concerns "dealing with access and cost."

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Women's News

Saleswomen set meeting

"Taking Care of Your Team: Family, Friends and Associates" is the topic of December's meeting of National Association for Professional Saleswomen (NAPS), Chicago chapter, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans, Chicago.

Jim Zawiski, a senior consultant and trainer for international bestselling author Anthony Robbins, will share many creative

ideas to make this holiday season extra special, including a video segment of "Tony Robbins Live" talking about team power.

A light buffet dinner will be served. Free parking is available in the building. Prepaid reservations are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door for members, and \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door for non-members.

For further information, call (312) 794-4407.

Offer 'Mom's Day Out' child care

Precious Child Early Learning Center, 6218 Capulina Ave., is offering 3 hours of free child care to community families on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Director Victoria Johnson explained, "It's our Christmas gift to the community. Our new early learning center has received strong community support, and this is our way of saying 'thank you'. Parents can take this time to drop off their children and then do some last minute Christmas shopping."

Precious Child Early Learning Center normally serves children ages 3 and 4. However, for the "Mom's Day Out" toilet trained children ages 3 to 10 will be welcome. Families may bring their children to either of two sessions, 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Children need not stay for the entire session. Activities will include games, singing, the Christmas story, and crafts. There is no charge.

New members join Woman's Club of Niles



At the October meeting, the following women were installed as members. They are: (front row) Marge Pierski, President; Ruth Privatsky; Adaline Daniels; Vera Timko; Claire Frank; and Nancy Klein, Sec. Vice President. In the back row are Wanda Kennedy and Mary Ann White. All area women are invited.

Bank names loan officer



Barbara Taylor
The Success National Bank Lincolnwood branch, located at the main entrance in the Lincolnwood Town Center, has named Barbara Taylor as its first loan officer. The branch opened early this year as a major facility of the Lincolnshire-based bank company.

Taylor began her career as a community banker at the Bank of Ravenswood, Chicago, in 1971. Nearly a decade later she started her own fastener distribution firm in New Mexico where she was named the small business person of the year. This award earned her a reception in the White House with President Carter.

For the past seven years she has been the financial officer and accountant for an entertainment and restaurant company. Taylor resides in Niles.

Cardella addresses woman's club

The Woman's Club of Niles will meet on Thursday, not our usual Wednesday night, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Trident Center, 8060 Oakton St. in Niles.

Guest speaker will be Jeff Cardella of the Edward Jones & Company investment firm, located in Niles. He can answer questions concerning the various investment options.

The hostesses for the evening will be: Rose Feiss, Lena Gallo, Ethel Garry, Angela Giannone, and Dorothy Robertson.

All area women are invited to attend.

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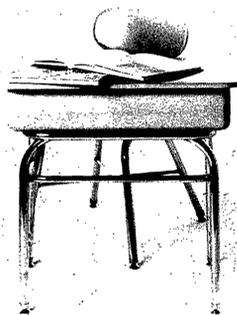
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Women's News

Name ACCI chairman

Maureen C. Ruth will ring in the new year with new responsibilities as the chairman of ACCI, the largest trade organization in the crafts and creative industries. Ruth is director of merchandise presentation at Leewards Creative Crafts, Inc. in Elgin, IL. Active with the Association of Crafts & Creative Industries, Inc. since 1986, she assumes the top position on the board of directors in January.



Ann Roch

Ann Roch of Park Ridge enrolled as freshman at Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, for the 1992-93 academic year.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roch, she is a graduate of Maine Township High School South.

Jennifer Mieszala

Jennifer Mieszala, a sophomore at Illinois College from Park Ridge, is a performing member of the College's musical ensembles this year.

Mieszala is a member of the concert choir. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mieszala of Park Ridge.

Parents can't handle truth from teens

Could parents be encouraging their teenagers to lie? Seventy-one percent of parents believe their teens lie at least on occasion, and 79 percent of teens admit they lie, according to a survey of 1,000 U.S. households conducted by IOF Foresters, a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society dedicated to helping families.

The survey asked both parents and teens how often teens lie. But experts say that even though parents invest a lot of time teaching their kids to be honest, as they grow older and the stakes of their misdoings grow higher, it is sometimes the parents' own responses to their kids' behavior that encourages teens to lie.

Parents, be honest. Do you avoid asking your kids tough questions because you're afraid to hear the truth? Do you try to force your opinions on your adolescent, making him afraid to tell you what he really thinks?

"Many kids lie to protect their parents from things they know will upset them," says Ronald Wynne, Ph.D., president of the District of Columbia Psychological Association and Director of the Washington Assessment and Therapy Services. "They don't think their parents can relate to what they are going through, and know if they open up, they'll get lectures and threats. So they minimize what's going on in their lives to keep their parents on an even keel."

Some pointers from Dr. Wynne for parents to respond to their kids to encourage teens to open up more and tell the truth include:

1. Get your kids to talk by keeping your mouth closed. If your teen is telling you something, don't judge or lecture.
2. Ask for your child's opinions on topics. A simple question

like, "What do you think?" can get him talking.

3. Give separate punishments—one for the misdoing and for the lying. That way your child will experience how not telling the truth can cause him more trouble than the misbehavior itself.

4. Ask for your child's permission to give suggestions. A question like, "I'm worried about you; would you like to hear my opinion or talk about other options?" is more likely to be tolerated than launching into a lecture.

5. Ask if your child would rather talk to you with one of his friends joining in. That way he'll feel less threatened and be more open to telling the truth because he'll feel camaraderie.

6. Get involved in the nitty gritty of your teen's life. Be interested in who is dating who and what kid got in trouble at school. When you take your teens' lives seriously, they will talk more and lie less.

7. Don't make your rules so unrealistic that your child is forced to lie about his behavior.

8. Tell your teen exactly what you want in terms of knowing where he is going, the nature of the event, and when you can expect him home. That's a safety net he needs.

9. Let your child know that you and his friends' parents have open lines of communication and check in with each other.

10. Let an older sister or brother serve as confidant and barometer. Often teens will reveal a wrongdoing to an older sibling to gauge the severity of an act. Subconsciously, he may need to release guilt feelings without letting down his parents, and he may actually want word of his misdoing to get back to his parents in a round-about way so they will instill some controls.

Resurrection offers new breast biopsy procedure

An alternative to surgical breast biopsy is now available at Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago. The hospital is using a new Fisher Mammotest stereotactic breast localizing system to evaluate suspicious areas shown on a mammogram.

"The stereotactic needle biopsy procedure offers a lower cost, less invasive alternative to patients," said Gregory D. Moss, M.D., Medical Director of Diagnostic Radiology at Resurrection. "This is an option for patients requiring further evaluation of small lesions detected during routine mammograms." Dr. Moss noted. It eliminates the need for expensive, painful and sometimes disfiguring surgical biopsies. The procedure, done on an outpatient basis, does not require general anesthesia or a recovery period.

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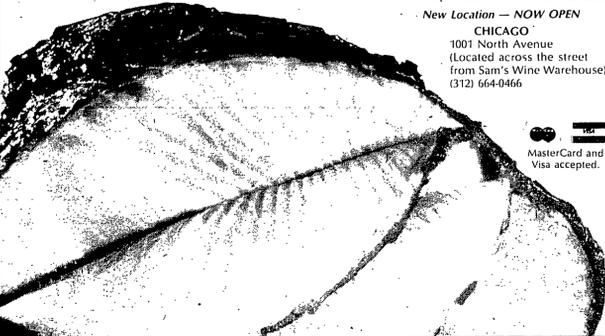


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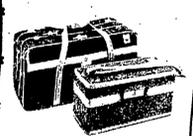
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Images of Sound in Christmas concert



The Images of Sound, a performing company of singers and instrumentalists, will present its annual Christmas Concert, *Bring a Little Jingle*, on Friday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m., at the Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, in Schaumburg. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. The Images of Sound are part of the adult recreation program of the Lattof YMCA, and gathers its members from throughout the Northwest suburbs. Pat Ferguson has been the director since 1966. For further information or advanced ticket sales, call Eloise Brittain at 394-3033.

Skokie parks present 'Broadway Plus'

The Devonshire Playhouse of the Skokie Park District presents "Broadway Plus" featuring Broadway show tunes and the golden songs of the thirties and forties. The show will be held at 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4400 Grove Street, Skokie. Call (708) 674-1500 for information. Featured performers are Roberta Miles, soprano, Beverly Hall, mezzo, Richard Norby, tenor and Warren Moulton, baritone with musical direction by Gail Mangurten of Morton Grove. Admission is \$3 at the door, in advance \$2.50 with discounts to seniors and students.

Choral Ensemble of Chicago

The Choral Ensemble of Chicago formerly The Chicago Chamber Choir, with George Estevez, conductor, and Michael Cullen, on harpsichord, will present "Holiday Cheer Around the World" Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3:30 p.m. in Quigley Chapel, Rush and Pearson. Festive carols of many nations will be sung by the Youth Choir of St. Pauls United Church of Christ with harpsichord, recorder trio, two guitars, harp, and audience participation. For tickets call (312) 935-3800. Special \$2.50 concert parking rate at the Children's Memorial Hospital Parking Garage, 2316 N. Lincoln.

Harper presents lessons and carols

The Harper Symphony, Concert Choir, Handbell Choir, and Cameraata Singers will perform the English traditional "Festival of Lessons and Carols" at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, in the Building J Theater at Harper College in Palatine. In its eighth year, the "Festival of Lessons and Carols" is the primary fund-raiser for music students. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for Harper students and senior citizens. The concert will be interpreted in sign language. For tickets and information, call the Harper College Box Office at (708) 397-3000, extension 2547.

Theater extends cabaret artists run

Halsted Theater Centre announced today due to popular demand that cabaret artists Bill Daugherty and Robin Field are being held over in Chicago for three more weeks, in Daugherty & Field, the duo's all-new, two-act musical revue. Daugherty & Field will run through December 27 at Halsted Theatre Centre, 2700 North Halsted Street, Chicago. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$26.50. For reservations, call the HTC box office at (312) 348-0110.

Daugherty & Field features the duo's brand of song and musical satire in two acts, exploring themes of "Fantasies" and "The Big City," a special holiday sampling of favorite yuletide treasures.

Performance times for Daugherty & Field are through December 27 at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, but there will be no performances on Dec. 11, Dec. 23, 24 or 25. Saturday performances will remain at 6:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. There will be one show only at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 20, with two shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27, the last show date.

'Kool Kartoon' show heralds winter

On Sunday, Dec. 13, The Gateway Theatre will host "Kool Kartoons," an animated celebration of the beginning of winter. Kids of all ages will love this collection of great animated shorts. Most of the films will feature well-known cartoon characters like Bugs Bunny, Popeye, Woody Woodpecker, Betty Boop and others. The show will also include a number of rarely-seen films from the golden age of Hollywood animation during the '30 and '40s. The entire family is sure to enjoy seeing these wonderful films the way they were meant to be seen - on the giant 50 foot screen in the Gateway Theatre's 2000 seat auditorium. Additionally, this special program will feature live pre-show and intermission performances on the Gateway Theatre's mighty Pipe Organ. "Kool Kartoons" will be presented at the Gateway Theatre, located in the Copernicus Center at 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue, one block east of Milwaukee Avenue, in Chicago. Doors will open at 2 p.m. and showtime is 2:30 p.m. There will be only one presentation of this special show, \$4.00 for adults; \$2.50 for children. For more information call: (312) 777-7785.

Season opens with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

The 1992-'93 Children's Theatre season at the Northbrook Park District is kicking off with "Jack and the Beanstalk." Gregg Denhardt, director for the production, says he has wanted to produce "Jack and the Beanstalk" for several years but could not find the right script. "I read a lot of children's plays and sometimes it's not easy finding something that fits our needs," said Denhardt. "We don't produce these productions for the audience, we focus on the children. And because we have so many children participating, we look for a script that has a large cast." "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be presented over three weekends, featuring three separate casts of 29 characters. Besides Jack, his mother and the giant, this musical production calls for an assortment of animals, trolls and villagers. Denhardt says straight plays are more difficult for children since they have a lot of dialogue. He adds that a disservice is made if only musicals are produced. Denhardt says that the Northbrook Park District has a vested interest in the children who appear in each production. "All of us who work with these children get very close to them and this has become much more than a program," Denhardt said. "It's more like a way of life. The self confidence it takes to get up on stage and the communication skills that are enhanced are helpful, no matter what these kids end up doing some day." Performances for "Jack and the Beanstalk" are December 12 and 19 at 3 and 7 p.m. Shows on December 13 and 20 are at 3 p.m. All seats reserved. To order tickets call 291-2988. All performances held at the Leisure Center Theatre, 3323 Walters Avenue, Northbrook.

The Lettermen in Christmas show

The Lettermen Christmas Show comes to the Rialto at 8 p.m. Friday, December 18. The Rialto Square Theatre is at 102 N. Chicago Street, Joliet City Center. Twenty-million records and seven-thousand sold out shows ago, three young men in letter sweaters hit the music charts with their first single. "The Way You Look Tonight" was a departure from the hard-driving music of the era, but listener requests made it a must for disc jockeys all over the country. Over the years, the Lettermen have adapted their sound to accommodate the times, though smooth romantic harmonies remain their signature. Tickets are \$19.50, available at the Rialto ticket office, 102 N. Chicago St. in Joliet City Center. To charge by phone call (815) 726-6600 or Ticketmaster, (312) 559-1212. Co-sponsored by White Fence Farm.

Youth orchestra performs in concert

The Music Center's North Shore Youth Orchestra will perform a holiday concert December 19 at 3 p.m. in the Diller St. Theatre, The North Shore Country Day School, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka. The program will include the Nutcracker Suite by Peter Tschaiikowsky, Peter and the Wolf by Sergi Prokofiev, A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, Hava Nigla, and Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson. Admission to the concert is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and students. All students currently enrolled at The Music Center are admitted free of charge. For more information call The Music Center of the North Shore at (708) 446-3822.

University presents jazz quartet

Lewis University will present the jazz quartet, Cause & Effect, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 10 in the Ives Recital Hall of the Oremus Fine Arts Building on the Lewis main campus on Route 53 in Romeoville. Open to the public, the concert is free. Cause & Effect, Unmistakenly Jazz, features Lewis faculty member, Jeff Ford, conductor of the Lewis University Jazz Band. The group's performance will include standard and contemporary jazz pieces as well as original compositions by the group's members. For information, call (815), (312) or (708) 838-0500, ext. 281.

Fluky's blends Chanukah, Christmas

Fluky's home to the original Chicago-style hot dog since 1929, continues its tradition of creating an international holiday atmosphere with its elaborate, animated holiday decorations, which entertain children and grown-ups alike; inspiring the mood of the holiday season. A two-sided display features a 12-foot replica of Jerusalem's Wailing Wall, complete with an animated praying rabbi and menorah (candelabrum) celebrating the Jewish festival of Chanukah, which begins Saturday, Dec. 19 (at sundown) and continues through Sunday, Dec. 27. The other side of the display depicts a Christmas scene, with Santa at the reins of his moving sleigh leading his reindeer through snow-covered hills. Both displays can be viewed from Thanksgiving through New Year's at Fluky's Western Avenue, Niles and Northbrook locations. Kids receive Santa rings and hot dog gum as special holiday souvenirs. Fluky's now has five Chicago-area locations: 6821 N. Western Ave. at Pratt Ave. and 5631 N. Ridge Ave., just south of Hollywood Ave. (this is Fluky's new Express Double Drive-Thru), Chicago; 3061 Dundee Rd., Northbrook; 9645 N. Milwaukee Ave. at Golf Rd., Niles; and in the Lincolnwood Town Center, Touhy and McCormick Avenues in Lincolnwood.

NJT presents 'Wizards of Quiz'

"The Wizards of Quiz," based on the true story of quiz show contestant Herbert Stempel will open at National Jewish Theater on Monday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Written by Chicago playwright Steven Feffer, The Wizards of Quiz is directed by NJT's Co-Artistic Director Jeff Ginsberg. The show previews December 23 through 27 and is now scheduled to run until January 24, 1993. Tickets are available by calling NJT's box office at (708) 675-5070. "The Wizards of Quiz is set in the late 1950's, during the time when television began its insidious rise into the lives of American families. It was on the quiz show "Twenty-One" that Herbert Stempel, a Jewish man from Queens, became a highly visible symbol of the American dream. His loss to Charles Van Doren brought about not only questions of entertainment ethics and fraud, but the realization of a thinly disguised anti-Semitism in the television industry. The result of the quiz show scandal was a generation of Americans who no longer blindly accepted what they saw on television. Co-Artistic Director Jeff Ginsberg is directing his second show for National Jewish Theater with The Wizards of Quiz. In 1990, he directed Ira Levin's Cantorial. NJT is located at 5050 W. Church St., Skokie. Performances are Wednesdays at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 8:15 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. There are no Friday performances. A special holiday matinee is scheduled on Friday, Dec. 25 at 1:30 p.m. Regularly scheduled performances will be held on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31. Preview prices are \$15 and \$16. Prices for the regular run are \$18 to \$25. Group rates are available. There is free parking. Tickets can be purchased by calling the National Jewish Theater box office at (708) 675-5070.

Park Ridge Players announce spring comedy

The Park Ridge Players have slated "Meanwhile, Back on the Couch," a three-act comedy by Jack Sharkey, as its spring production. Auditions are scheduled for January 11 and 12, 1993, at St. Mary's Church, Crescent and Prospect, Park Ridge. The play will run the last three weekends in March. Four women and four men of various ages will be needed for the cast. Mike Prindiville will direct. Call (312) 792-9920 for further information.

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Symphony celebrates holiday season

Symphony of the Shores presents Candlelight Holiday Classics & Pops Concert Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Lincolnwood Ballroom, 4500 W. Touhy Avenue (east of the Edens Expressway). Ample free parking is available. The program will include festive orchestral music and favorite classics for the whole family. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Tables of 10 seats are \$100. Single tickets are \$15 adult or \$10 student/senior. Space is limited. Early reservations are recommended. Available from Symphony of the Shores, P.O. Box 1200, Evanston, IL 60204. Call Symphony of the Shores at (708) 863-3133 for more information.

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Theater group helps Salvation Army collect food

This holiday season Chicagoland Loews Theaters are working in cooperation with The Salvation Army of Metropolitan Chicago to create the "Cans Film Festival," a canned food drive to aid needy families.

Thirteen movie theaters presenting such blockbusters as "Aladdin," "Home Alone Two," "Bram Stoker's Dracula" and "A Few Good Men" will collect canned food items through Jan. 4 at all Chicagoland Loews Theater locations.

The large-scale event is part of Salvation Army's "Tree of

Lights" Campaign, which funds social services programs throughout the year. The Salvation Army has set a \$5 million goal for this year.

Loews will place special receptacles in theater lobbies to collect the food donations. The theater will announce the drive through newspaper ads each week and tag their box offices messages with food drive announcements.

Among the many participating Loews Theatre locations are Northridge Theatre and Old Orchard Theatre.

Library offers study on India

The Niles Public Library District will host three special activities in January to coincide with India's 43rd Republic Day celebration. On three Sunday afternoons in January discussions will be conducted about India: its people, its culture, its traditions and its charm.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, through a lecture and a slide show the speaker will talk about the people of India, their culture, government, constitutions and places of tourist interest.

On Sunday, Jan. 17 through a small display and a demonstration artists will show the various aspects of Indian Arts and Handicrafts accompanied by live music and dance. In this program a practical demonstration will be given of how to wear a sari, a dress which Indian women usually wear.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, enjoy "Taste of India." Along with a display of commonly used food grains, spices and condiments a practical demonstration of cooking of Indian dishes will be given by the in-house "chef". Authentic Indian snacks will be

served. All the programs will start at 1:30 p.m. and will last for 2 hours. Everyone is welcome. There will be a question and answer session at the end of each program.

Registration is required. All Library Programs are free and open to the public. For registration and mobility or communication access assistance, call (708) 967-8554 or TDD.

Set dance classes

Join one of the Northbrook Park District's winter dance classes. Everything from ballet to musical comedy to tap/jazz classes are offered for your choosing. New this session are Latin and Contemporary Dancing, Pre-school Dancing Duos and Street Dance.

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Interested individuals of all ages are invited to participate. Auditions will consist of scale playing and reading.

For further information call Dr. Surace, 475-2897.

Enroll in music class

Explore the wonderful world of music by enrolling in one of the Northbrook Park District's fine array of winter classes. Mini Mozarts and Moms, Music for Moppets, and Private or Voice lessons are available for enjoyment and appreciation.

For complete information on winter music activities, consult the Winter Recreation Guide, mailed to all Northbrook residents the week of December 7.

For more information, call (708) 291-2980.

Park sets jewelry workshop

The Morton Grove Park District is offering a one-night workshop to teach kids and adults how to make beautiful jewelry using "friendly plastic". Decorative pins will be made by all students.

Classes will be held on December 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for ages 8 to 10 and from 11:15 to 12:45 p.m. for ages 11 to 13. Adult classes will be held January 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 965-1200.

Decorate a gingerbread house

Seven to twelve year olds may fulfill their gingerbread house fantasies by taking part in the Northbrook Park District's Gingerbread House Workshop. The session will be held Saturday, Dec. 19 from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The magic will begin when the youngsters transform gingerbread, icing and assorted candies into a colorful gingerbread house that is not only the perfect holiday decoration but also fun to eat. Fee is required. The event fills up fast so register early.

Most information can be obtained by calling registration at 291-2980.

Illinois Artisans to feature 'Suminagashi'

The Illinois Artisans Program will kick off the beginning of "The Year of American Craft 1993" at its shop in Chicago with a special month-long display of suminagashi, the art of painting on water, by Chicago artist, Amy Lee Segami, presented in an exhibit in the shop in the State of Illinois Center.

Suminagashi, Japanese for "floating ink," is thought to have originated in China over 2,000 years ago. Segami revived this "lost art" after a search for her roots in a trip to her native China which led her back to this ancient art form.

Suminagashi involves floating inks and pigments on water and capturing the resulting patterns on paper. The dynamics of this art requires skillful manipulation of hand and brush to determine the

range of configurations that occur. Though related to marbling, this is a floating art of greater dimension and possibilities since it can result in pictorial compositions. In Ms. Segami's art, there are often references to actual animal and flower forms as well as abstract landscape features portrayed.

A large framed suminagashi design will be displayed in the exhibit plus several additional smaller pieces. The exhibit will continue through the month of January.

The Illinois Artisans Shop is located in the State of Illinois Center, Suite 2-200, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago - hours are Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, contact Carole Stodder at (312) 814-1794 or (312) 814-5321.

1993 historic Illinois calendars available

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency can help give history to the holidays. The 1993 Historic Illinois Calendar, which features 12 full-page color photographs to historic places in Illinois, is now available from the Agency. The calendars are \$5 each or just \$3 each or orders of ten or more. Order the calendars by writing Calendar, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, Old State Capitol, Springfield, IL 62701.

Program follows up river exploration

Bill Kurtis hosts "The River of Doubt 1914-1992," a one-hour special edition of The New Explorers that premieres on public television stations nationwide December 30 at 8 p.m. EST.

In The River of Doubt 1914-1992 Kurtis retraces one of the great journeys of this century. To Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. President and naturalist, life was a grand adventure.

In 1914, at the age of 55, Roosevelt led an expedition to map an uncharted river in the Amazon watershed of South America. The headwaters had been discovered, but no one knew where the river led. It was called "Rio Duvida"--"The River of Doubt."

Traveling in dugout canoes, Roosevelt and his party spent more than two months on the 950 mile river. It was a hellish trip through smothering jungle that would cost the lives of three expedition members.

Now, in 1992, Theodore Roosevelt's great-grandson attempts to descend the river again to see what has changed in 78 years. This new expedition team

includes two women, local Indians, and several Brazilian scientists.

This is the stage for a white water adventure wrapped in history. As the program follows the 1992 expedition, rare historical footage and stills from the 1914 trip illustrate the contrast between the trips. To weave this historical parallel, the "voice" of Theodore Roosevelt reads his descriptions of the trip. Acclaimed actor Wilford Brimley (Cocoon, Absence of Malice,) is heard as Roosevelt.

The Rio Roosevelt, as the river is called today, is still very much as it was in 1914. This is rare, as development and population growth have led to an unparalleled rate of deforestation in Brazil. Roosevelt was the first U.S. President to make conservation an issue to the American people. In fact, he signed more conservation bills than any other president before or since. In that spirit, the 1992 team works with Brazilian scientists to extract some of the medicinal secrets of plants in the rain forest.

Reserve space for cruise

Reservations are now being taken for a winter cruise, "Treasures of the Orient and Java Seas," January 4 to 17, sponsored by the Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, 5050 W. Church St., Skokie.

The 12-day cruise aboard the Royal Cruise Line's luxury class Golden Odyssey will take passengers through the Java Seas to ports of call, Singapore, Bali, Sandakan and Kota Kinabalu, Borneo and Hong Kong.

The cruise package includes home pick-up and return by limousine, airfare, all transfers, \$150 shipboard credit, and JCC escort. For further information, call Carolyn at (708) 675-2200

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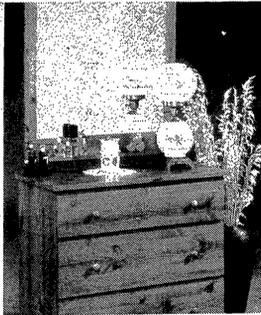


From Drexel Heritage Furnishings, this reproduction of an antique gaming table enjoys a varied and romantic history. The original, featuring a chess table with ebonized squares on one side and an inlaid backgammon board underneath, belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte when he was in exile. Drawer pulls are crafted from solid ebony.

New synthetic steel wool praised

Traditional steel wool soon could be a memory. New synthetic steel wool pads form 3M combine synthetic fibers and abrasives that perform like steel wool. Some of the benefits: no rusting, splintering, shredding; can be rinsed and reused; will outlast conventional steel wool.

The new synthetic can be used with water based stains and finishes, and for many other chores around the house.



This single three-drawer dresser from Sauder Woodworking's Sugar Creek collection features styling seldom seen in ready-to-assemble furniture. Shown here with matching mirror, this dresser can also function as an armoire when a top hutch unit is added. Eight pieces of bedroom furniture are being added to Sauder's Sugarloaf collection.

Basic tool kit will cover most household projects

Whether you are an avid, every weekend do-it-yourselfer or simply an occasional dabbler in home repair and maintenance, basic tools are needed to tackle most household projects.

The key is to buy tools as you need them, and to get the best quality you can afford. Look for names such as 3M and New-Stroke.

Good tools are safer and easier to use. They may even inspire you to better craftsmanship.

Classic furniture back in style

Broyhill Furniture Industries introduced a complete new line of bedroom, dining room and occasional furniture at the spring International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, NC, that may make your heart flutter a bit. The line, called Wexford Terrace, has a distinct romantic look, which the company says was designed to appeal to both male and female buyers.

The 92 pieces come in three finishes: bisque, mint and a more masculine vintage cherry. The bisque and mint finishes represent a new twist on the popular white-washed looks that have been so prevalent in recent furniture introductions.

"Our market research indicates that young consumers want a return to classic, well styled furniture that is functional," said Chris Pfaff, vice president, Broyhill Furniture. "Wexford Terrace offers some classic details, like solid crystal hardware and carved glass that set it apart from the onslaught of casual furniture in the marketplace today."

Signature pieces of the collection include a heart-shaped table, a tea cart, a writing desk, a vanity and a stately buffet.

Broyhill has built a 2,800 square-foot replica of a New York City Townhouse inside its High Point showroom to display the Wexford Terrace collection.

Other details in the collection include silk tassels tied to custom-designed drawer pulls, day lilies etched in glasswork, and marquetry designs on oval panels.

Retailers and manufacturers alike have learned much from the success of companies like Victoria's Secret, which promote women's clothing by using romantic themes. Pfaff says the company sells its products by using soft lighting in its stores and marketing materials that imply romance.

"Everything about the company, from the design of its catalogs to the fixtures in the stores, is romantic," said Pfaff. "And consumers have responded by making it a very successful retailer in a slow economy. We are confident that Broyhill's customers, too, will react favorably to our romance to furniture."

Broyhill produces a full range of bedroom, dining room, living room, upholstered, occasional table groups and wall systems. Founded in 1926, the company owns and operates 29 factories and employs approximately 7,000 people.



Broyhill's new glass-top campaign cocktail table is inspired by the furniture carried by officers on the battlefield in the 1700's and 1800's. Its top drawer is lined in black felt and provides an elegant backdrop for coin collections, sea shells, an old map or whatever display your imagination dreams up. All four drawers on this table are functional and open from both sides. Maple solids and veneers with a deep finish, brass hardware and bun feet make this a rich addition to any room. Matching end tables are offered by Broyhill as well.

Think safety in your workshop

Good workshop habits start with shop safety. Yet many people who handle fix-it projects around the house still don't pay attention to the word "safety."

Here are some common, sensible shop ideas and tips that should be followed and passed along to sons and daughters: Mentally rehearse the project before starting. This will help you anticipate some of the problems that may develop. Use clamps when possible, so you have two free hands.

Copy the professionals by taking the necessary precautions to avoid inhaling dust, dirt and other airborne contaminants. Wear a respirator for dusty jobs, such as sanding a drywall patch. One good item is the 3M sanding and fiberglass insulation respirator.

Don't wear any loose clothing that could be caught in shop machinery.

Wear safety goggles to prevent chips and dust from entering eyes. Purchase a name brand that gives a quality performance and provides venting. Buy goggles that are roomy so they sit comfortably over eyeglasses.

Increase table saw safety when using your miter gauge. To prevent the workpiece from drifting (being pulled) toward the blade as you cut it, make the miter gauge extension slip-proof. To do this, simply affix sandpaper to the face of the extension board. Apply self-adhering sandpaper. 3M packages 3 2/3 x 7 1/2 inch sheets that can be cut in half lengthwise. Then, as needed, strip off the

protective backing and secure sandpaper to the extension board.

Caulking gives bathroom much neater appearance

There is nothing like the charm of an older home. But, older homes need remodeling or upgrading.

One of the primary tasks is to insure all gaps and cracks are adequately sealed. A homeowner usually caulks some part of the home each year, employing a caulking gun and the tube that is time consuming, difficult to use and often messy. Recently, however, preformed caulking strips have gained popularity, saving time and eliminating the goopy mess.

"A poor caulking job always is noticeable, and a messy appearance, especially in the bathroom, is not what a homeowner wants," said Jeff Keller, publisher of the American Dream Newsletter.

The newsletter (six times/year for \$8.95 at Newsletter Subscription, P.O. Box 22403, Dept. MMM, St. Petersburg, Florida 33742) publishes fix-it information.



Sauder Woodworking's Catalina bedroom accomplishes what parents want most in children's furniture—safety, storage, durability and lifetime liveability. The ready-to-assemble collection comes with different sets of hardware to transform a room's look from cute to cool to clearly sophisticated, using only a screwdriver. In addition, many of the pieces serve dual purposes, such as the headboard which doubles as a bookcase, a toy-hope chest and unique chiffrone, which functions as a wardrobe and dresser. Smooth gliding drawers with safety stops and an easy care splinter-proof finish keep small fingers safe.

Health concerns give rise to new water based stripper

For a long time, chemical paint and varnish strippers have been a popular choice among do-it-yourselfers for removing old finishes from wood furniture. But conventional chemical strippers—those with methylene chloride, alkaline, or aromatic solvents—have significant drawbacks.

These strippers pose a variety of health risks to the user. Contact with the skin or eyes can be extremely dangerous, while exposure to the fumes of methylene chloride based strippers can lead to serious long term health problems.

NEW STRIPPERS ARE SAFER

"If you're planning on stripping a piece of furniture or some other woodwork, your main concern should be your health risk," said Beverly DeJulio of The Family Handyman magazine. "Newer products on the market are a lot safer to use. They are water based."

Water based strippers entered the market in 1989 when 3M introduced Safest Stripper brand Paint and Varnish Remover. Water based strippers use organic technology that substantially reduces the health risks involved with conventional strippers.

"These new safer strippers can be used without gloves, without a respirator and you don't need ventilation," said Ms. DeJulio. "So, you can really do paint stripping any time of the year."

These new strippers are almost odor free and are less likely to irritate the skin. They clean up easily with water. They also work differently from traditional chemical removers. When used properly, the new strippers are as effective as the conventional removers.

NO HARSH CHEMICALS

The conventional strippers contain harsh chemicals that evaporate quickly. Only small areas can be stripped at a time. They have to be removed quickly, causing short working times that result in a patchwork process for larger pieces.

Waterbased strippers, however, can be applied over the entire project at one time. They should be applied in a thick (one-eighth of an inch minimum) coat. Since water based products work differently, there isn't any blistering or bubbling of the paint/finish as found with conventional products.

The new strippers need time to work. They soften old paint or varnish, so they should be left on for 45 minutes to three hours, depending on the finish.

The new strippers also can be left on overnight without damaging the wood. They may skin over and appear dry, but they are still working under this "skin" for up to 24 hours. Entire projects can be stripped at one time.

Several companies introduced solvent-based formulations recently—a middle ground between methylene chloride and the water based products. The solvent-based products are expensive and claim to be safer than methylene chloride. But most require protective gloves for application and recommended "well ventilated areas" for use, unlike the water based products.

Preparing is a must for interior painting

With proper planning, painting the interior of a home can be completed inexpensively without surrendering that desired professional look. Before picking up a paint brush, protect areas that should not be painted, or—more accurately—splattered.

To protect furnishings, remove them from the room. Furniture that can't be removed should be covered with dropcloths. Make sure nothing is exposed. Any opening will allow dust and other particles to come in contact with furnishings.

Protect light fixtures. Cover them with plastic bags and seal loose ends with quality painter's making tape such as 3M's Scotch brand. Tell the family not to turn on the lights that are covered.

Hardware on the walls should be removed, if possible, because interrupted surfaces are easy to paint. Items that can't be removed, such as thermostats, should be protected with plastic and tape. Sandwich bags easily cover thermostats.

In the past, large stationary wall features such as radiators and kitchen cabinets were covered by piecing together pages of newspaper with masking tape and then attaching the entire collection to the surface with more tape. Now, there's a simpler way.

New tools such as the Handy Masker, the Paper Taper Masking Machine and the Dual-Tac Painters Masking System will help cover large areas quickly. The first two tools dispense masking tape and protective film or paper.

Gentle ways to repair kids' rooms

When your teenager blasts the latest hits from Madonna and Michael Jackson, you probably think the bedroom walls are going to tumble down. If your child takes after Oscar Madison, you may feel that the piles of stuff in the room and closet will make the walls bulge.

No matter how much you "imagine" from these situations, you actually will shudder from pain when a part of the wall peels away with the poster, photo, or other artwork that is pulled down to make way for the next phase of your child's life.

Paint, if you still have a little left in the can, should be used to re-touch a wounded, painted wall. Expect to see a difference between the old and new—at least until the new paint is covered with a new picture.

Factory finished sheet paneling that is damaged can be camouflaged. Don't try to use wood stain on imitation wood grain paneling—it will leave a visible "stained" look when light and your eyes hit the spot from opposite angles. Try color markers that closely match the original finish. If the panel has a grain pattern, a little creativity will help you duplicate it.

Wallpaper damage is harder to repair. Here are a few tips:

- Match the pattern with a patch that overlaps the damaged area by one inch.
- Align the patch over the damaged area and secure with thumbtacks.
- Use a ruler and sharp knife to cut both layers (patch and original damaged area). Then remove the patch and the damaged portion.
- Scrape away any adhesive. Apply new adhesive if the patch isn't pre-pasted. Insert the patch and press it down with a clean, damp sponge.

New products can prevent some of the wall damage while helping you to decorate the walls.

Scotch Wallsaver Removable Poster Tape can be used to mount lightweight items to most surfaces. It can be removed easily. Scotch Removable Mounting Squares also can be used on a variety of surfaces.

Children's stickers always have been a nightmare for parents. Often, an entire sticker doesn't come off the wall. When it does come off, it often takes along a chunk of the wall.

3M's Post-it Removable Stickers contain an adhesive similar to that found on the company's Post-it Notes. It prevents surface damage and allows the stickers to be repositioned many times.

So, go ahead! Let your child decorate—and re-decorate—the bedroom walls. With DIY information available and improved adhesive-backed products, any damage can be repaired and most of it can be prevented.



Guilford Mills is catering to the trend of creating adventure environments at home with the creation of Skintura faux animal skin upholstery fabrics. Guilford is showcasing upholstered furniture made with Skintura as "Adventure Environments." Working in conjunction with major upholstered furniture manufacturers, Guilford is making it possible to create wild-looking interiors at wildly affordable prices.

Decorative ceiling tiles available

Homeowners with redecorating plans on a limited budget need look no further than overhead.

New ceiling tiles, for instance, can give an old ceiling an attractive appearance with added dimension. Yet they go up easily and inexpensively.

According to Armstrong World Industries, a leading manufacturer of ceiling and other home-fashion products, there's a wide range of ceiling tiles available.

Some offer the charm of old-fashioned tin ceilings in a modern interpretation of the classic, tooted-look design. Others add richness to room decor with traditional patterns that are lightly embossed for a classic look.

And you don't have to settle for white either. There are now colors as well, including soft pastels in peach, rose, plum and tan. While most ceiling tiles measure 12-by-12 inches, you can also get a plank look in an attractive woodgrain finish. The six inch wide by four foot long planks serve to blend the ceiling with any decor from country to contemporary.

HOME NEWS

Riveting Help

The E-Z Heavy Duty Pull Rivet Tool is used for repairing lawn furniture, metal cabinets, aluminum doors and baking pans, pails, ironing boards, metal mail boxes, toys, power tools, bicycles, motor scooters, electrical fixtures; automobile add-ons and repairs; installing and repairing heating ducts, gutters and downspouts, air conditioners, TV antennas. Fasten metal to metal, canvas to canvas, canvas or leather to metal for 1001 uses.

Don't forget the weatherstripping

Windows and doors represent the biggest source of heat loss in your house if they are not properly sealed; weatherstripping controls this loss. Weatherstripping is available in a wide variety of forms, but usually, the least expensive is the felt type with burlap backing. Place the stripping with its edge firmly against the frame of the window sash and staple it about every four inches with an Arrow T-50 Heavy Duty Staple Gun Tacker. Doors should be weatherstripped on the outside. Install the stripping on the door stops, the wood strips on the sides and top against which the door closes. Stapling is the same as for windows.

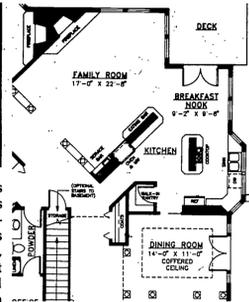
Plastic and staples make storm windows

For additional protection, you can make excellent temporary storm windows by covering them with clear plastic. Use 6-mil polyethylene and staple it around the outside of the window with an Arrow Model T55 Staple Gun Tacker. Double the plastic at the edges and drive the staple against the outer edge of the trim where the staples won't be noticed.

These easy-to-do-measures will make your home far more energy-efficient. You'll save significant amounts not only on your winter heating bills, but on summer air conditioning bills too. Your investment in materials will soon be paid back again and again.

For additional tool information, write to Arrow Fastener Company, Inc., 271 Mayhill Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07662.

Energy-tight homes still need circulating outside air



The energy conscious homeowner of today has made great strides in seeing to it that the home is tightly sealed. Insulation, caulking, energy efficient doors and windows and other measures have been taken to help ensure that the home's heating and cooling systems work as efficiently and economically as possible.

While these measures have succeeded in saving energy and money, they have also created new problems. By making homes nearly air-tight, the homeowner prevents the free exchange of air between the inside and out. As a result, moisture and other pollutants are trapped indoors, posing a threat to building materials and spoiling the indoor environment.

To get a better idea of just how serious this problem is, consider all of the unwanted elements which are put into the air within the house in a normal day. The bathroom, kitchen, laundry room and other areas can create excessive heat, moisture, odors, grease, aerosols and other pollutants which can damage structural materials, create an unpleasant atmosphere, and, in some cases, might even be health-threatening.

The need, then is to facilitate an exchange of air between the inside and the outside. This exchange will remove the indoor pollutants, cleansing the air and creating a comfortable, healthful indoor environment.

The problem is how to create this exchange without sacrificing the energy efficiency which homeowners have strived to achieve. The effective and economical solution is a heat recovery ventilator (HRV). The HRV can help achieve a balanced indoor atmosphere year-round, while offering significant energy saving advantages.

Heat recovery ventilators are designed to draw out polluted indoor air and replace it with fresh outdoor air, while retaining as much as 80 percent of the exhaust air energy. The HRV features twin blowers, one to pull out stale air, the other to pull in fresh air. The two air streams never mix, but heat energy is transferred from one to the other to heat or cool the home.

In winter, cold outdoor air enters the HRV and passes through a heat exchanger where it is warmed from the stale air which is being removed from the house. Only the heat is withdrawn from the outgoing air, while moisture and other pollutants are exhausted to the outside. The fresh, heated air then enters the home.

In the summer, the process is reversed. Warm air enters the chamber and passes through the HRV where heat is extracted. That heat is then transferred to the outgoing air stream and is removed, along with other pollutants in the stale, indoor air. The fresh, cooled air is then allowed to enter the home.

The HRVs themselves are highly energy efficient and can operate all day long for the cost of lighting two lightbulbs. For that reason, and because they conserve most of the energy used by a home's heating and cooling system, they are ideal in meeting the homeowners need for a quiet, efficient air-cleansing system. The HRVs are equipped with a variable speed control switch which makes it possible to provide the varying degrees of ventilation necessary in all conditions.



Establish early American charm in a matter of minutes, with Sauder Woodworking's new Sugar Creek bedroom ensemble. Realizing the need for storage and space, multi-functionality is featured in such pieces as the bookcase headboard and the single three-drawer dresser that acts here as an armoire with an added top hutch.

PRODUCT UPDATE

Designed To Prevent Scald Burns:

Every year, 3,000 children are hospitalized from tap water scalding burns. Preventing this possible fatal threat to young children and the elderly is the goal behind an innovative "safety stop" feature now available for a collection of American Standard faucets.

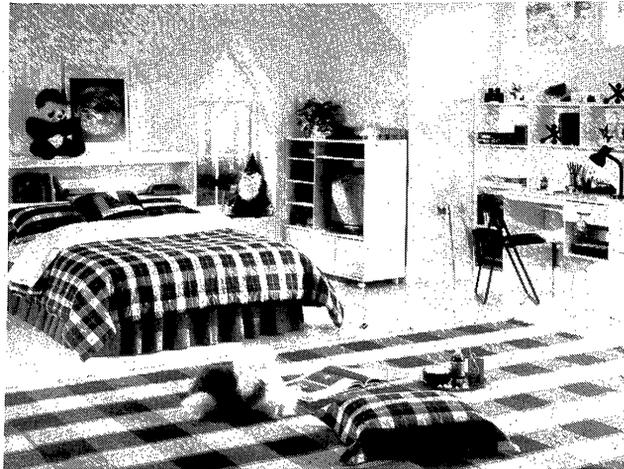
The Hot Limit Safety Stop for single-handle Ceramix bathroom faucets can be individually adjusted by the user to restrict how far the handle can be pushed to the hot side.

"Many scald burns occur in children when they try to handle a faucet and accidentally push it all the way to the hot side," said James Datka, American Standard vice president of fittings. "The Hot Limit Safety Stop is the only product on the U.S. market that can prevent those accidents."

The Ceramix Hot Limit Safety Stop also benefits the elderly or disabled, whose restricted mobility who may also result in the faucet handle pushed too far to the hot side.

Available at no additional cost for on all Ceramix faucets, the Hot Limit Safety Stop is easily adjustable by the homeowner. Simply removing the handle and turning an inner ring restricts the handle motion to the user's preference. The Hot Limit Safety Stop does not affect the pressure or amount of water passing through the spout, so washing and showering remain efficient and invigorating.

Currently, the most prevalent scald prevention device for faucets on the market is a pressure-balancing valve, available only for showers faucets. Pressure-balance valves prevent sudden bursts of scalding water when water pressure is reduced, often when a toilet is flushed.



Any teen would be proud to have this Catalina bedroom group from Sauder Woodworking, and he or she can assemble it themselves. Ever-multiplying youth items are no problem with dual-purpose pieces, such as this bookcase headboard and entertainment center with built-in tape storage. And a stand-alone student desk becomes a full service workcenter when placed next to a matching bookcase. Finally, important to parents, clean up is a breeze with an easy-care finish.

Lavatories expand color and performance for bathrooms

A dazzling collection of bathroom lavatories combine outstanding durability with graceful, lightweight beauty for the bathroom.

Constructed from American Standard's exclusive Americast material, these are the first lavatories to boast the long-lasting gloss of a porcelain-enamelled surface with a light weight for cost-saving installation.

The Ashmont model is self-rimming, and can be mounted to achieve a dramatic look.

Affinity and Acclivity are both self-rimming, graceful models. At 190 round, Acclivity is perfect for smaller spaces, while Affinity is slightly larger at 200.

Ascencia is a generously proportioned rectangular lavatory, measuring 23 1/2 x 19.

Ascencia is the choice for high-use bathrooms, such as children's baths where tasks such as hair-washing can be handled with ease.

All four Americast lavatories are available in 19 American Standard colors—and because of the superior durability of Americast—all are backed by a limited, lifetime warranty.

Energy coating adds light, cuts costs

In hot-climate areas such as the Sun Belt, getting a truly energy-efficient window has been a unique challenge. Now Marvin Windows of Warroad, MN has met that challenge with Southern Low E, a coating developed especially for energy efficiency in Southern climates and in any area where cooling costs are a primary concern.

Until just a few years ago, the homeowner who wanted rooms full of bright, cheery sunlight paid a high price for the heat that came with it. A large area of glass meant essentially a large hole in the wall, and worse—all that sunlight would soak into carpeting and furniture and would re-radiate as heat.

In places like southern Texas at the peak of summer, that was a considerable problem. A large, bright window would automatically mean large, costly air conditioning bills.

Now Marvin Windows offers Southern Low E, the very latest in glass coatings. Southern Low E was developed specifically for sizzling summers and for rooms that receive a great deal of sunlight. According to Bob Garcia of the Home Design Center in San Antonio, Southern Low E provides a very low shading coefficient—that is, it allows in a large amount of light without allowing in heat. More specifically, the coating allows in visible light rays while blocking infrared rays, which are absorbed by interior objects and re-radiate as heat. This provides the wide-open bright spaces today's homeowners

want, while reducing heat gain nearly 50% over a window with uncoated glass.

"Marvin's Southern Low E is an ideal product for homeowners who want to control air conditioning costs," says Garcia. "It's also great for people who are contemplating rooms with large glass areas that face the sun. The coating lets them have all the light they want, without the room becoming uncomfortably hot."

"I wanted a lot of light, but I also had to consider the consistently high temperatures here," says Paul Hammeker, who recently moved from Wyoming to build in New Braunfels near San Antonio. "Southern Low E was a way for me to keep the house cool and bright at the same time."

While Southern Low E is superior at reducing heat gain, it is also ideal for cool summer nights and months where temperatures may not climb as high. In fact, Southern Low E maintains a "U" value as much as 40% lower than that of an uncoated window—the same thermal performance as Marvin's Northern Low E coating intended for areas where subzero winter temperatures are common. A low "U" value means that less heat escapes through the window when temperatures drop. Marvin's new Southern Low E is virtually clear, making for minimal "mirror" reflection and allowing the windows to blend in more naturally with their surroundings. This also allows for much less tint on the inside.

Restrict water, not style, with water conservation products

Does restricting water mean restricting style?

Homeowners faced with water conservation measures often fear their choice of products will be slim, limiting design freedom. While that might have been a valid concern two years ago, when water conservation codes were first implemented, most U.S. manufacturers now offer an array of colors, styles and performance options to fit every home.

Not surprisingly, American Standard is leading the way, with 10 different performance models of 1.6 gpf toilets available for both residential and commercial use. American Standard was also the water conservation leader during the 1970's, as the first plumbing products manufacturer to introduce 3.5 gpf toilets to save water, when the norm at the time was at least 5.0 gpf.

In addition, all American Standard faucets and showerheads outperform building code limits for water conservation, and selected models control water and energy use, while maintaining an adequate flow even at low pressure.

Among American Standard's residential offerings, there is also an 180 model ultra-low flush technology

meets ultra-high style in the sleek one-piece Fontaine Aquameter elongated 1.6 gpf toilet. Beneath the contemporary styling, the Fontaine's pressure-assisted system provides clean, efficient flushing action with a touch of the button on top of the tank. Water surface in the bowl is comparable to 3.5 gpf models. Available colors for are White, Candlelight, Peach Blossom, Dresden Blue, Orchid, Fawn Beige, Bone, Shell, Heather, Silver, and Black.

The Cadet Aquameter features pressure-assisted flushing action, with excellent carry-out and self-cleaning performance. The Cadet is available in both round front and elongated models for increased style options. Water surface in the bowl of all Cadet models is comparable to 3.5 gpf models. Available colors are White, Dresden Blue, Orchid, Fawn, Beige, Bone, Shell, Heather, Silver, and Black.

The 180 high New Cadet Aquameter functions with the same pressure-assisted features as the regular Cadet Aquameter, but the higher bowl is designed for use by the elderly and handicapped. There is also an 180 model available for commercial use.

Toilet Code Changes: What They Mean To Consumers

Code changes altering toilet use have raised concerns among consumers who may not understand how enforcement of the codes will impact their lives.

In other words: will the "toilet police" be investigating our bathrooms?

Actually, in most cases, that won't mean running out and buying a new toilet right away. But if you are remodeling a bath or building a new home, your construction permit may be conditional on having a 1.6 gpf toilet installed.

Here are some of the ways the codes are affecting homeowners across the country:

In some regions, plumbing supply stores, home centers and other similar places may not be able to sell anything other than 1.6 gpf toilets.

Homeowners will select from two basic performance styles of 1.6 gpf toilets: pressure-assisted models and gravity-fed models.

Pressure-assisted toilets from all U.S. manufacturers use a "tank within a tank" to compress air which is forcefully released when the flush button is pressed. The compressed air and water surge into the bowl at high velocity, efficiently cleaning and carrying out waste. Pressure-assisted toilets are priced about one-third higher than comparably-designed 3.5 gpf toilets.

Gravity-fed models are the traditional design for toilets. As the name implies, the force of the water through the bowl is created through gravitational pull. Using 1.6 gallons, the amount of water in the bowl is considerably less, but the bowl is steeper, creating a significant gravity pull that cleans the bowl appropriately, with sufficient "drain line carry" for residential use. Gravity-fed 1.6 gpf models are

Anchor staple gun shoots into masonry, metal and wood

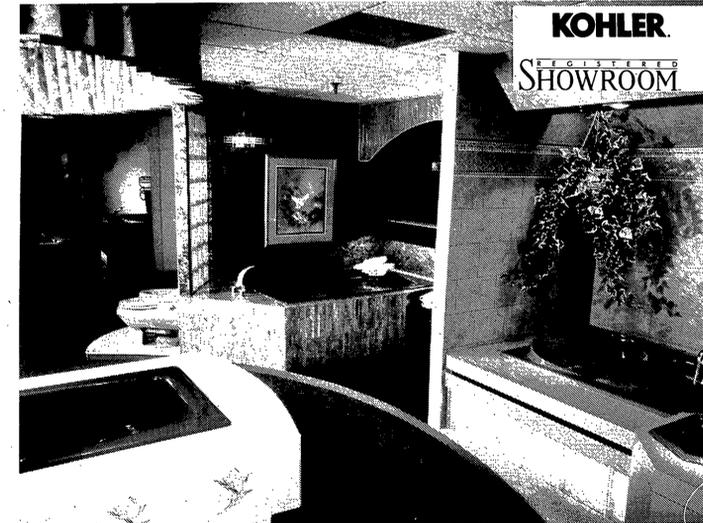
Arrow Fastener Co., Inc. now have an attachment for their staple gun models T-50, T-50M and T-55 that make it a multi-purpose fastening tool. It shoots a tight gripping Xpando anchor fastener into wood, masonry, metal, hollow doors and drywalls. An Xpando anchor securely fastens almost anything using the same attachment. The attachment slips on the front of the staple gun and gives you a multipurpose fastening tool. Arrow's Xpando fasteners are made in two basic styles: one designed mainly for use in solid materials such as concrete, brick and wood (1/8", 1/4", 7/16", grip range) and the 3/4", 3/4" HD and 7/8" HD grip range mostly for use in the hollow walls like board where regular expansion type anchors would normally be used.

For additional tool information, write to Arrow Fastener Company, Inc.



The Reflection Series by Lloyd/Flanders offers comfort with sophisticated, upscale styling. Reflections features thick seat and back cushions and a diamond pattern woven into the wicker skirt area. Reflections adapts easily to any indoor or outdoor setting with its traditional or contemporary cushion styles, a variety of indoor and outdoor fabrics, and seventeen wicker finishes.

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Hand-crafted decorative lavatories, tiles in bath collection

Delicate patterns decorate a trio of white sculpted bath lavatories and coordinated tiles, in American Standard's Ceramica Decorativa collection.

Ceramica Decorativa was designed to create the most elegant powder rooms or striking bathrooms. Featuring Italian-manufactured vitreous china lavatories, accented by popular European-sized 80 x 80 tiles, the in-fired, hand-crafted artistry of varied themes and colors includes English Provincial, French Tulip, and Triton's Passion.

The willowy English Provincial theme suggests a feeling of the countryside, with an owl and a peacock exquisitely painted in warm earth tones and turquoise.

The special allure of French gardens was the inspiration for the French Tulip design, depicting florals and ribbons in shades of orchid, blue and yellow.

Triton's Passion hails the Trumpeter of the Sea in a cool blue and sunlight yellow blending, reminiscent of Mediterranean pottery.

Each lavatory is self-rimming for neat, easy installation. The style provides for deck-mounted faucets to best display the graceful patterns.

The tiles are available in two styles for each motif: with the complete decoration, or with a two-inch border design in an 80 x 80 white field.

American Standard lead the current popularity in decorative ceramic fixtures, introducing the Whisper Patterns in 1985, and the Line series in 1988.

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The walls that separate cooks from the rest of their homes have come down, visually connecting the kitchens with breakfast areas and family rooms and incorporating the time- and space-saving innovations that have come to the kitchen, as illustrated in the 2,830-square-foot Carlisle, on display at Kylemore Greens, Kennedy's community of 114 single-family homes in Des Plaines.

How to handle lead hazards in and around your home

Did you know that plumbing pipes, backyards and playgrounds, paints, and even some imported toys, china-ware and crystal can be the source of lead poisoning? Determining if there is a lead hazard in and around your home and knowing how to deal with it is the first step to lead poisoning prevention.

While foreign toys, crystal and china are less common sources of lead, other sources are more common and should be evaluated. Lead plumbing pipe or lead solder on pipes can release lead into drinking water, putting you and especially your children at serious risk. Similarly, although lead has been largely removed from gasoline, the soil in yard and playgrounds near major streets and roads often contain high levels of lead as a result of years of leaded gas emission from car and truck exhaust systems.

In 1977, Congress passed the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act which banned the use of lead in household paint. So, the paint that you buy today is lead-free, but some house paints manufactured before the 1970s contained lead and some of that paint may remain in older homes.

Not all paint products manufactured before 1977 pose a lead hazard, because even before Congress passed the act, companies had been phasing out the manufacturing of lead-based paint as early as the 1930s and 1940s. (Lead-based paint refers to the very old products in which white lead was used as pigment and made up a high percentage of the product's contents.)

By the 1950s and 1960s, only a very small amount of lead, as low as half of one percent, were used in some paints to

promote drying. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development does not believe that those small amounts present a health hazard.

If your home was built before the 1970s, it may contain lead-based paint. There is less chance of exposure to lead paint if:

- Your home has been well maintained.
- If the walls and woodwork have been washed regularly and carpet and upholstery vacuumed and cleaned often.
- If the interior has been painted at least twice in the past 10 to 15 years.

But if your older property has been poorly maintained, if the paint is in poor condition, or if you are planning renovations that will disturb the paint surface, you should have walls, woodwork and trim tested for the presence of lead-based paint.

There are several testing methods, from small home test-kits to having paint samples analyzed in a laboratory. For more information about having paint tested as well as samples of household dust and soil from your yard, contact your local health department. (Researchers are finding high levels of lead in soil around homes, even where lead paint is not present.)

It is also a good idea to have your water supply tested for lead and to make sure there are no dishes with lead-based glazes or foreign-made toys that may be coated with lead-based paints, in your home.

- If there is lead paint in your house there are some things you can do right away:
- Thoroughly wash walls and woodwork to remove dust.
 - Thoroughly clean all furniture, carpets and draperies.
 - Hose off sidewalks, porches and steps often so that lead

containing soil or dust isn't tracked into the house.

- Make sure children wash their hands and faces frequently and pay close attention to what goes in the child's mouth.

With lead paint in good condition, there are other precautions you can take. First, follow up the wall and woodwork cleaning with two fresh coats of quality paint. If there is concern about toddlers picking at or chewing on woodwork or windowsills, have those items removed and professionally stripped—or replaced altogether.

If the old paint is in poor shape—chipping, peeling or worn—or if there are high levels of lead dust in the home, this calls for immediate action. First, children should be removed from the lead-contaminated environment at once. If you rent, contact your landlord or local housing authority right away. If you own the property, you will need to take prompt action to deal with the problem.

Complete lead-paint removal is not a project for the do-it-yourselfer! Do-it-yourself renovators, even experienced and skilled ones, sometimes make mistakes that can worsen the situation. Never try to sand the old paint; that will add to the lead dust. Never try to burn the paint off woodwork or trim with a torch or heat gun; you could create lead-containing smoke or fumes, which could then be inhaled.

Trained professionals know how to do the job safely and to make sure no lead-containing dust or debris is left behind. Experts recommend that property owners contact the nearest office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Custom cabinetry moves beyond the kitchen

These days, one is just as likely to find cabinetry originally intended for the kitchen in rooms throughout the house.

Good examples of such extracurricular use of kitchen cabinets are a free-standing TV cabinet designed by Robert Lidsky of The Hammer & Nail of Wyckoff, NJ, and a home library conceived by architect Laurence Tamaccio of New York City.

Both based their designs on custom cabinetry by Rutt, and Lidsky explains the process this way: "The first step is creating the design that will meet the functional and aesthetic needs of the client. For example, a client might ask us to design an audio-visual unit, but once we start talking, we find out that he could also use storage for books, art objects, a collection of some kind, or bar paraphernalia.

"So we design what's actually a piece of fine furniture that will do all those things. Then we select a basic cabinet style, wood and finish available from a truly excellent manufacturer of custom cabinetry, and although the design is based on an existing cabinet style, the end result is a one-of-a-kind piece of furniture."

Versatility counts. Rus Urban, vice president of marketing for Rutt, confirms that there's an upswing in use of what we usually call kitchen cabinets for other rooms in the house.

He feels that this has happened partly because today's consumer is extremely value-conscious and partly because of the new status of the Great Room kitchen.

"Today, consumers shop more carefully," he says. "In home design, they avoid the trendy, preferring furnishings that will stand the test of time and also provide superior looks and function. Custom cabinetry like ours, which is crafted as carefully as fine furniture, fits those requirements, as many consumers found out with the emergence of the Great Room."

"As the kitchen became the most important room in the house—really an everything room—we began to lavish it with great design," he explains. "The room had to be beautiful enough to host a party, display favorite collections, and function flawlessly

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for everyday living. Both homeowners and designers soon discovered that custom cabinetry, individually designed for each kitchen, could do all that, and the rest is history. From then on, custom cabinetry moved into the rest of the house."

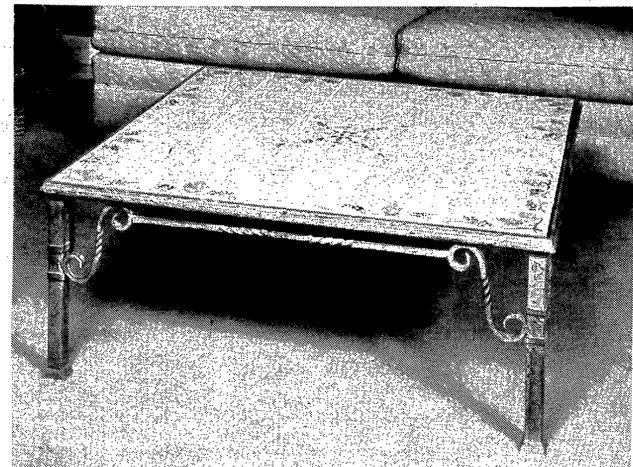
Space Savvy. Design professionals agree, and credit this type of cabinetry's organizational talents, space efficiency and the way it can stand up to heavy loads for its new popularity in home offices, media rooms, dressing areas, children's rooms, and more.

Examples of Rutt designs found in these rooms are units that hold home entertainment equipment, free-standing or built-in desks, bookcases or shelves, armoires for anything from sweaters to collections of antique toys, and wall-to-wall storage units that can grow up with a child. Often, Rutt also crafts complementary fireplace mantels, paneling, moldings, doors and window frames for a truly luxurious look.

According to Urban, homeowners' tastes run the gamut today, from exquisitely detailed heirloom looks to contemporary styles, but although white-painted as well as antique finishes are still extremely popular in all categories, he detects a return to more traditional looks.

"We feel there's a return to tradition, both in design and lifestyle," says Urban. "In our field, it manifests itself in more interest in elegantly stained cherry, oak and maple, and in time-honored, classic styles."

For an array of cabinetry ideas for kitchens and other rooms, Rutt offers Folio, a 70-page, lavishly illustrated book. It is \$7 from Rutt, Dept. HIT, 1564 Main Street, Box 129, Goodville, PA 17528.



Wrought iron occasional furniture continues to be in vogue. Its universal appeal in both formal and occasional room settings is the reason most designers give for its continued popularity. Broyhill Furniture added to its extensive collection of iron furniture by introducing this iron and tile group. It comes in three sizes: a rectangle coffee table, an end table and the square cocktail table shown here. It has a fruit and floral pattern on the ceramic tile table top and the textured verdigris patina on the legs gives a definite "feel" to this piece.

Silhouette sinks called revolutionary

The Silhouette Collection of kitchen sinks is the first in the U.S. to combine lightweight construction with a high gloss finish, durability and features that suit today's lifestyles.

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household headquarters for busy families. Children, parents—even guests—gather in the kitchen for conversation during meal preparation.

Newer kitchens are larger to accommodate multiple cooks in the family.

The National Kitchen and Bath Association reported that 22 percent of kitchens

specified by their members in 1990 included two sinks: an island or bar sink for either cooking or entertaining and a traditional larger sink for clean-up and general use.

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Fall leaves can cause problems for lawns

While brilliantly colored leaves may brighten your garden view, they can cause problems if you leave them where they fall. A thick layer of leaves left on the lawn and under plants all winter may lead to plant loss next spring.

A tightly packed layer of leaves can effectively seal out air from the soil surface to a point where the soil dies. Such air-deficient conditions make it difficult for roots to survive and expand.

If you have this situation somewhere on your property, at the very least, stir up the layer in fall and spring to both speed decomposition and allow more air to penetrate into the soil below.

The accumulation of leaves around the base of plants may also form an attractive nesting place for mice over the winter months. A layer of foliage provides good insulation, and mice often take advantage of

the ready-built quarters. As these small animals look for food over winter, it is not uncommon for them to use the basal stems of your plants for a winter snack. Such feeding often results in considerable plant loss the following spring.

If you like to keep some leaf cover on the ground as a mulch, make certain that you pull it away from the base of the plants so that the stems are exposed. This will reduce the chances of feeding if mice do move in during the winter.

Exposing the base or trunk will also allow plants to go through natural hardening so they are able to withstand fall and winter conditions as temperatures drop. Plant stems covered by foliage may not go dormant quickly enough and are more susceptible to cold injury when winter really arrives.



Sauder Woodworking's ready-to-assemble Forest Hills collection offers the greater flexibility, multi-functionality and more storage space that home decorators crave today. For example, a smart end table had a handy built-in magazine rack; the unique telephone stand includes a bottom storage unit for phone books and answering machine; the entertainment center features glass and paneled doors, adjustable shelving and a swing-out tape storage compartment; the bookcase serves as an elegant curio and the desk is a complete computer compatible workstation.

Seasonal window fashion changes are back in vogue

It makes beautiful sense to change your rooms' outlook with the seasons. Our grandmothers did it, celebrating summer by replacing velvet draperies with breezy gauzes and slipcovering brocade sofas with cool cottons. Conversely, dropping winter temperatures called for reinstatement of the heavy winter draperies and removal of summer slipcovers. And, miraculously, room temperatures did seem to adjust favorably, but more importantly, rooms never seemed tired this way.

Many of us must have remembered grandma's ways with windows and slipcovers, for according to Scott Batson, designer for Curtron Curtains, seasonal decorating changes are back in vogue.

"Few people go as far as having summer slipcovers made, but they might well drape the sofa in a sheet in cool colors," notes Batson. "And certainly today's affordable, ready-made curtains make seasonal window changes an easy option. In fact, today's fashion-conscious consumer is apt to not just change the looks of their windows' summer and winter. Spring and autumn changes are joining the fashion parade as well."

Batson, who designs Curtron's extensive line of ready-made window toppers, scarves and panels, explains that it's the simplicity of today's curtains that makes seasonal changes so easy.

"Today's curtains are often as simple as a valance, scarf or swag that can be used with mini-blinds, verticals, shades, or, indeed, bare windows," says Batson. "We call them 'High Hats', and they come in such an array of patterns and fabrics that they are endlessly versatile. Creating a seasonal window wardrobe is a breeze. They are also easy to hang. High Hats are simply slipped

onto a curtain rod, and scarves, which drape over the window, are even easier. They are easy on the pocketbook, too. High Hat prices start at around \$12. This means you could have a four-season wardrobe for one window for about \$50."

For spring, Batson suggests High Hats in leafy greens or the exuberant yellows of forsythias and daffodils. For summer, he likes snowy white and off-white, in plain fabrics, eyelets or lace. Such Curtron designs as Huntington, a pretty floral, and Ventura, a multi-colored, striped confection are other options for summer rooms.

"Come autumn, switch to rich harvest hues, such as browns and golds," advises Batson. "Or consider Curtron's new 'Tapestry' design. It's a floral in the deep colors of the fall garden."

For winter, Batson's choice is a jewel-tone palette. "It gives homeowners an anchor of familiarity and comfort," he says. "It's just what's needed as temperatures drop, and, by the way, it's an excellent antidote to today's fast-paced living. Go for ruby red, teal, emerald green, or deep sapphire. Traditional prints in deep colors are also excellent. Curtron's 'Florence' and 'Hamilton' designs are good examples of this type of prints."

While Batson prefers simple balloon valances or short scarves for spring and summer, he feels that it is a good idea to switch to a bit more window coverage and formality for fall and winter.

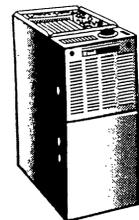
"Just add side panels, jabots, or a matching fabric shade for a richer look," he notes.

Look to Curtron's new booklet, "Window Fashions Made Easy," for more inspiration. It is available for \$2 from Curtron, P.O. Box 248, Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

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Holiday feasts can lead to heartburn

All of that eating and drinking during the upcoming holiday season won't only mean another diet in January. It also can mean an early end to celebrating because of "holiday heartburn."

Heartburn is a burning discomfort in the chest occurring within about an hour of eating. It's caused by the acidic contents of the stomach backing up into the esophagus, irritating its sensitive lining.

Overeating any kind of food can lead to acid indigestion. But antacids can provide relatively fast relief. They come in three major types:

- Sodium carbonate or bicarbonate (Alka Seltzer neutralize acid secretions in the stomach. But the ingredient isn't recommended for long-term use because of its high sodium content and "rebound effect" — the stomach compensates for the antacid by producing even more acid.
- Calcium carbonate (Tums, Rolaids, Titralac) works nearly as fast as sodium bicarbonate does. It also should be used only occasionally because of the rebound effect.
- Aluminum/magnesium — compounds (mylanta and Maalox) are recommended for long-term use.

'Nutcracker' production at Norris Theatre

The timeless beauty and charm of The Nutcracker will warm the winter season in St. Charles this year, as Ballet Omaha performs this holiday classic at the Norris Theatre on December 20 at 3 and 7 p.m.

Ballet Omaha's production of The Nutcracker is a major touring event, with remarkable professional sets, lighting, and costumes. The cast includes eighteen professional dancers and eight apprentices.

A special feature of this Nutcracker production will be the appearance of twenty Fox Valley-area children, ten in each of the two performances.

Tickets for both performances of Ballet Omaha's The Nutcracker, which are being sponsored by First Chicago Bank and The St. Charles Republican, are \$16 for adults, \$14 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for groups of ten or more. Tickets may be obtained at the Norris Theatre Box Office, Monday through Friday

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from noon until 4 p.m., or reserved on credit card by calling (708) 584-7200. Tickets are also available through TicketMaster at (312) 559-1212 and all TicketMaster outlets.

The Norris Theatre at the Delora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center is located between Dunham and Kirk Roads, just 1/2 mile north of Route 64 (North Avenue), in St. Charles.

Medinah saves children's party

For the past four years, Variety Club's Children's Charities has hosted hundreds of less fortunate children at what has become their only holiday celebration. Each child is given the royal treatment — a warm lunch, a visit from Santa and a shopping bag filled to the rim with gifts. But last month, Variety Club was hit with a severe blow when their location for the party fell through. Year-long plans and the collection of toys would fall victim to the harsh economy. The annual event was close to being cancelled.

Courtney Wright, Variety Club special events manager put out a call for help and contacted Gail Bonea and George Chambers of Medinah Temple, who agreed to co-host the party at no charge. So, the annual holiday celebration will go on, as scheduled, Sunday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Medinah Temple Ballroom, 600 N. Wash-

ington, Chicago, to the delight of 500 special children and chaperones.

The Milken Family Foundation and numerous toy manufacturers, have provided boxes and boxes of dolls, stuffed animal and games for the children. Saks Fifth Avenue donated the gift bags to fill with presents for each child. More than 100 volunteers will coordinate the last minute details of packing toys and transporting the gift bags to Medinah Temple. Then the task of decorating the room, preparing food and welcoming the children will complete the full day.

Co-chairmen, Bernie and Enid Fink of Mt. Prospect, and committee members Delphine Keeningsberg, Kate Mattson and Shirley Rosenthal of Chicago and Karla Weisberg of Northbrook, have been scrambling to find donors for food and beverages.

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Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Northwestern any business day through December 18. Items might include canned soup, fruits and vegetables as well as other packaged foods like tuna, juice, soda, pasta, stuffing mix, cereals and peanut butter. Fresh meats, poultry and fish along with fresh produce should not be included.

Adeline Kosak, Northwestern office manager, commented, "Your help is vitally needed during this Christmas Season. Share your blessings with those less fortunate. Bring your donations to Northwestern at 6333 North Milwaukee Avenue during these hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m."

Carolers to sing at zoo



Carolers spread cheer during Brookfield Zoo's 11th annual Holiday Magic, 11 weekend evenings of merrymaking in December. Festival evenings are Friday-Sunday, December 4-6, 11-13, and 18-20, and—as a special after Christmas treat—Saturday and Sunday, December 26-27. Friday hours are 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday hours are 4 to 9 p.m. For more information about Holiday Magic, call Brookfield Zoo at (708) 485-0263, ext. 379.

Recipes for non-alcoholic beverages

COFFEE OLE*
Brew 10 c. water,
3/4 c. espresso,
1 vanilla bean,
3 cinnamon sticks.

Whip 1/2 c. heavy cream with brown sugar for taste, until stiff. Pour hot coffee into cups and top with whipped cream.

NON-ALCOHOLIC MARGARITA
Place full scoop of crushed ice, 7 oz. sweet & sour, splash simple syrup, 1/2 oz. Rose's lime juice in blender and blend to medium consistency. Pour into salted rim 16 oz. glasses.

PINK NON-CHAMPAGNE
Boil 1/2 c. sugar,
1 1/2 c. water until sugar dissolves.
Stir in 2 c. cranberry juice
1 c. pineapple juice; and 1/2 c. orange juice.
Chill.
Just before serving add 2 (7 oz.) bottles of 7-Up.

St. John Brebeuf presents 'Amahl & The Night Visitor'

Due to last year's overwhelming support, St. John Brebeuf will once again sponsor a production of "The Amahl and the Night Visitor." Two performances will be held in the St. John Brebeuf church on Friday, Dec. 18, and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Entire families are encouraged to come. The Amahl has a holiday theme and it continues to remain a holiday classic.

The church is located at 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles.

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Christmas trees: Their care and feeding

Christmas trees have been around for longer than any of us can imagine although, to be sure, it was many millennia before the evergreen was graced with the designation of "Christmas tree" and brought into homes worldwide to occupy a place of honor during the Yuletide season.

Nobody seems quite sure where the custom of decorating a tree for the Christmas holiday season actually originated, although most historians concede that the custom dates back at least as far as the 15th Century, when trees were sold throughout Germany for festive holiday celebrations. But, many believe that the custom dates back into the far more distant past. Archaeological excavations have revealed that even prehistoric man enjoyed the company of evergreens—either boughs or the full trees—although their devotion to them stemmed from the most basic of concepts. It seems that early man believed that, once the greenery was taken into the dwelling place at the time of the winter solstice, the return of springtime was insured.

While the origins of Christmas traditions are perhaps best left to historians, one premise is certain. Since evergreens began their trek from the forest to the dwelling place, man, with the possible exception of the cave dwellers, has been with the fact that the interior of a home is an alien environment for the tree. Although it is true that, once cut, the evergreen has begun its journey back into the earth from whence it came, what many people don't realize is that a Christmas tree's "life cycle" can be greatly extended with very little effort on the part of the home owner.

Following is a list of suggestions from the Christmas tree growers themselves, suggestions which, if followed, will insure that the family Christmas tree that's purchased in mid-December will be spreading its warmth come New Year's Day.

CARING FOR A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

1. Purchase a species of evergreen that's known for its hard-

ness and longevity. The best choice is the North Carolina Fraser Fir, which is recognized throughout the world as the premier Christmas tree for its deep, rich color, its fullness, its needle retention, and its ability to remain healthy for extended periods of time.

2. When you bring the tree home, make a fresh cut a quarter-inch above the base of the trunk, keeping the tree out-of-doors in a container of water until you're ready to decorate.

3. Remember that Christmas trees tend to get very thirsty, "drinking" from two pints to a gallon of water every day. Use a water-bearing stand with a capacity of a gallon or more, never letting the tree's water level drop beneath the quarter-inch cut.

4. Position the tree well away from heat sources, fireplaces, and television sets, all of which can tend to prematurely dry out a tree.

5. Be sure that all decorative light cords and electrical connections are in good working order and not frayed. And, don't forget to unplug the lights when you go to bed or leave home.

Piven Theatre Workshop to present "Toys"

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. the Piven Theatre Workshop will host a private screening of "Toys" starring Robin Williams and Piven Theatre alum, Joan Cusack, at the Biograph Theatre in Chicago. Tickets are \$25 with a dessert reception following the show. Reservations are requested.

"Toys" is a Barry Levinson's film about a whimsical toy maker (Robin Williams), who must save his father's beloved toy factory

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Students perform holiday selections

Students from Niles North and Niles West high schools will present two Winter Holiday Music Concerts at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15 in each of the high school auditoriums. Niles North is located at 9800 Lawler Ave., and Niles West is located at 5701 W. Oakton in Skokie. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Niles North's program will include selections from the Bands, Orchestra and Chorus.

Elton Eisele will direct the Concert Band as it performs "Toccata for Band" by Frank Erickson and "Variation Overture" by Clifton Williams; and the Symphonic Band, which will perform "Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo" by Malcolm Arnold; "Masque" by W. Francis McBeth, and "Holiday for Trombones" featuring the trombone section. The Orchestra, directed by Pamela Hendrix, will play Rossini's "William Tell Overture," Sullivan's "March of the Peers" and Leroy Anderson's "Penny Whistle Song" featuring the flute section. The Chorus, under the direction of Daniel Gregerman, will perform such selections as "The Echo Song" by Orlando di Lasso, "Hanukkah Tonight" by Joyce Kilmer, and "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson. Take One, Niles North's vocal jazz ensemble, will perform "I Love A Rainy Night" by Jay Altman. The evening will conclude with the orchestra and chorus joining to perform "Hallelujah Chorus," a recognized musical masterpiece with significant historical importance.

At the Niles West program, the Chorus, under the direction of Ariadne Moisiades, will sing a variety of holiday selections, including "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," and "We Sing of Hanukkah." The Jazz

Combo will join the Chorus for several numbers. William Koch will direct the Concert Band in "Blue Ridge Overture" and a Winter Holiday Medley, and the Symphonic Band in "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Chorale and Shaker Dance." The Orchestra, directed by Steven Katz, will perform "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson and "Oberon Overture" by Carl Maria von Weber. The Orchestra and Chorus will join together in a finale of "The Heavens Are Telling," from Haydn's "The Creation."

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Neediest Families seeks to raise funds

The Neediest Families' Christmas Fund, a joint program of the First National Bank of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Public Aid, seeks to raise more than \$1 million this year, every dollar of which will be received by a needy family.

"All administrative services required to operate the fund are donated by the First National Bank of Chicago and Public Aid," said David Paulus, First Chicago's Senior Vice President for Corporate and Community Affairs. "Contributors are guaranteed that their donation are given directly to a needy family. No other holiday charity can make that guarantee. Families receive checks ranging from \$20 to \$100 depending on the size of the family. They use the funds to buy clothes, toys and special holiday meals for their children."

Last year, the fund made the holidays brighter for more than 15,000 families. During the last

23 years, the Neediest Families' Christmas Fund has collected more than \$26 million, and every dollar collected went to help families. The campaign encompasses Chicago, Cook, DuPage, Kane and Will counties.

"The Neediest Families' Christmas Fund is exclusively for children in families who qualify for welfare," said State Public Aid Director Phil Bradley. "Public Aid caseworkers select the neediest families from their caseloads."

The fund began informally in the 1940s when Public Aid caseworkers took up collections for clients. In 1969, Norman Ross formalized the tradition.

Families who receive checks from the Neediest Families' Christmas Fund can cash their checks free at all First Chicago locations.

The Department of Public Aid also administers an Adopt-A-Family program, which was de-

veloped for people who preferred to give gifts directly to families, rather than make a monetary donation. When a sponsor adopts a family, the sponsor purchases items and gifts requested by the family.

For the last three years, various foreign-owned banks, organizations and corporate offices in Chicago have participated in the Adopt-A-Family program.

Those wishing to contribute to the Neediest Families' Christmas Fund should send a check payable to the Neediest Families' Christmas Fund, P.O. Box 4938, Chicago, IL 60680. Those who would like to adopt a family can call (312) 793-5052.

Avoid the holiday weight gain

As the holiday season approaches, we all look forward to visiting our families, giving thanks, singing carols and, of course enjoying holiday treats. To prevent the traditional ten-pound weight gain between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Kimberly Swanson, Clinical Manager of Nutrition Services at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, 5645 West Addison Street, Chicago, suggests taking the following steps:

- Take smaller portions of all foods. Frequent parties involve eating more high fat, high calorie foods.
- Get up from the table immediately after the meal. Lingering at the table encourages snacking.
- Limit alcohol intake to two drinks per day. Excessive alcohol dramatically increases calorie intake.
- Increase physical activity. Overeating promotes drowsiness and inactivity.

Swanson also recommends the following example of how to cut down on calorie intake during a holiday meal. Substitute three ounces of roast turkey for six ounces of roast turkey; two tablespoons of low fat gravy for one-half cup gravy; one small baked sweet potato for one-half cup candied sweet potatoes; one dinner roll without spread for two dinner rolls with margarine; one-half cup broccoli for one-half cup corn; one-half cup sugarfree gelatin for one-half cup gelatin; one cup of skim milk for two cups of whole milk; and one-twelfth slice of pumpkin pie for one-sixth slice of pumpkin pie. These substitutions to your regular holiday meal can save 1,118 calories.

Museum hosts festival: "Christmas Around the World"

Celebrating its 51st year at the Museum of Science and Industry, "Christmas Around the World" runs through January 3, 1993, showcasing the holiday heritage of 45 different nations and ethnic groups.

Reflecting the theme "Geography," decorations in the Museum rotunda include a Space Age Santa forgoing his sleigh for a shuttle that orbits a giant illuminated globe suspended from the ceiling. A real-life Santa welcomes visitors of all ages throughout the festival.

Centerstage is an astounding 40-foot-tall, 1,163 pound Eiffel Tower set piece, the largest Erector set pieces, the largest

Forty-one 12-foot Christmas trees lining the rotunda and adjacent East Court represent the distinct traditions of the Chicago-area ethnic groups that decorated them. Ornaments range from homebaked, handpainted dough formed in croatian holiday shapes to whimsical Japanese origami to Filipino bamboo-and-paper lanterns.

In addition, three creches represent Hawaiian, Italian and Serbian nativity scenes, and a special display describes the African American traditions of Kwanza. Vintage display windows from Marshall Field's department store feature animated figures in nostalgic scenes of Christmas past.

Adding to the festivities, ethnic song, dance and dramatic performances run on weekends and selected, weekdays throughout the festival. They range from Af-

rican American gospel music to Finnish folk dancing to Hannuka storytelling. Demonstrations of ethnic ornament-making as well as performances by Chicago community chorals groups entertain throughout the week.

A highlight of this year's festival is "Super Heroes: A High-Tech Adventure," a colorful interactive exhibit that uses the mythical powers of Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, Wonder Woman and a star-studded crew of comic book characters to illustrate modern technologies that give human beings seemingly superhuman powers.

The 5000-square-foot Museum Shop is fully stocked with holiday items, from handmade ethnic ornaments to red-suited Christmas trolls. A wide variety of unique science-related gifts as well as items related to "Super Heroes" are also carried.

The Museum of Science and Industry is located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. For information, call (312) 684-1414.

Hours Monday through Friday are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours on Saturday, Sunday, holidays and during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Museum is open every day of the year except Christmas Day.

General admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens (65 and older) and \$2 for children ages 5-12. Admission is free on Thursday. Parking is free. The Museum is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Use store - bought baked goods to decorate

When you don't have time to bake, purchase cakes, cookies, coffee cakes and breads at the supermarket or bakery, then "fancy them up" with these quick ideas.

- Spread purchased pound cake slices with softened butter, sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg sugar (combined granulated sugar and spice) and broil until lightly toasted.
- Split a Danish or other large sweet roll in half horizontally. Spread cut sides with softened butter and toast in a skillet, on a pancake griddle or under the broiler.
- Make a simple buttercream frosting and spread between two plain vanilla or chocolate butter cookies to form a sandwich cookie. If desired, roll edges in finely chopped nuts, grated semisweet chocolate or colored sugar.
- Combine softened butter, confectioners sugar and enough

cream or milk to make a thin icing. Flavor with vanilla or almond extract, if desired, and drizzle over purchased coffee cake, fruit and nut bread, muffins, scones, pound cake, strudel or gingerbread.

Blend softened butter with fruit preserves and serve with purchased muffins or scones.

Brush pine breads with softened butter, then sprinkle with sesame seeds or poppy seeds, fresh or dried herbs. Bake or broil until lightly toasted. Cut into wedges and serve with soup or salad.

Combine softened butter, confectioners sugar, a few drops of vanilla extract and just enough cream or milk to make a stiff icing. Divide icing in half and use food coloring to tint one half red and the other half green. Pipe holly leaves and berries in the centers of frosted bakery brownies or cupcakes or use to decorate plain unfrosted cookies.

Dip the tops of refrigerated biscuits in melted butter, then minced parsley or finely chopped nuts. Bake according to package directions.

Combine softened butter, confectioners sugar, a few drops of peppermint extract and enough milk or cream to make a thin icing. Frost top and sides of bakery angel food cake; sprinkle with crushed peppermint candies.

Quick Buttercream -- combine 2 cups confectioners sugar and 3 tablespoons softened butter. Add milk or cream, 1 tablespoon at a time, to reach desired consistency for spreading or glazing. Stir in extract and/or food coloring if desired.

Students transfer fruit into art

Uniqueness is a quality that is seen in all art. Rarely are two paintings the same. No two sculptures are exactly alike, and in Mr. Greg Alderson's Design and Materials classes at Maine East, each gourd has its own identity.

Sophomore Jodi Poders of Glenview mentioned that "the best thing is when people look at it and they wonder what it is."

Well, what exactly is a gourd? According to Webster's Dictionary, it's "a small, ornamental, hard-rinded, inedible variety of pumpkin." Can a piece of fruit be turned into art? Anything can be art.

According to Mr. Alderson, who teaches at Maine East as well as Maine South, District 207 is the only school system in the nation that is doing this project. When he ordered the gourds, all three commercial growers, each located in New York, North Carolina, or Kentucky, told him that they had never received such a large order. Mr. Alderson eventually ordered from a gourd grower in Taylorsville, Kentucky, and literally "bought out the farm."

When the gourds were finally delivered, the Design and Materials students at Maine East took over the task of transforming these pieces of fruit into art. Junior Tina Garbis of Glenview explained what happened. "We washed them and painted them with indian ink. Then we scraped off the designs that we wanted and carved them in. At the end we waxed them."

This process took approximately 20 days, but for senior Roxana Rybaczuk of Des Plaines, it took around a week to complete. She admitted, "I took it home because I really got into it."

For others, like senior Julie Bai of Des Plaines, this project wasn't as simple as they thought. "At first I was frustrated, but at the end it was worth it."

There is a national publication called *American Gourd*. Mr. Alderson has submitted pictures of his students and their "creations" to the editors, who may print some of the pictures in upcoming issues.

All in all, what did the students

Niles College offers computer classes

Introductory Computer classes are being offered this winter at Niles College of Loyola University, the College Seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, by Scott S. Albert, Director of Computer Science.

The classes and times are Introduction to Personal Computers, Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m. to



Maine East Design & Materials students (from left) Tammy Matyas of Niles, Jesus Hernandez of Des Plaines, Catia Fantuccio of Niles, Joann Pijanowski of Morton Grove, and Kelly Rome of Glenview recently finished a project transforming gourds into decorative art.

Commercial gourd growers told Maine East art teacher Greg Alderson that this is the first high school art project in the country involving gourds, a hard-rinded, inedible variety of pumpkin. Students worked approximately three weeks on the project.

Also, Michelle Greenfield of Des Plaines, Merrin Jacobs of Glenview, Jean Kenron of Morton Grove, Tammy Matyas of Niles, Becky Miller of Park Ridge, Allan North of Niles, Ronald Patel of Des Plaines, Paola Perez of Des Plaines, Joanna Pijanowski of Park Ridge, Jodi Poders of Glenview, Sulana Poonja of Morton Grove, Angie Ruiz of Des Plaines, Kelly Rome of Glenview, Roxana Rybaczuk of Des Plaines, Amalia Spiridakos of Morton Grove, Amee Surati of Des Plaines, Julie Tziolas of Niles, Carol Welter of Glenview and Monica Yates of Park Ridge.

think of this project? According to Tina, "It's neat that Mr. Alderson thought that our class was capable of creating the only project of its kind in the entire U.S."

Maine East students enrolled in Mr. Alderson's Design & Materials classes working on gourd art: Julie Bai of Des Plaines, Ernesto Bassig of Niles, Rachel Bernstein of Morton Grove, Carlos Chacon of Des Plaines, Catia Fantuccio of Niles, Erin Flynn of Des Plaines, Christina Garbis of Glenview, Jorge Garcia of Des Plaines, Christina Geocaris of Niles, Karen George of Glenview, Karen Grabowski of Niles.

Cross country team concludes season

The cross country team of Regina Dominican High School recently celebrated the end of the 1992 season with an awards banquet. Coach Bob Burke cited the following students:

Vanessa Hirtzig of Niles and Penny Roxas of Skokie were among the cross country team members.

All courses will be offered as a non-credit certificate program. For more information, contact Rachel Sweig or Scott S. Albert (708) 647-8028.

Day care center plans breakfast with Santa

The Deerfield Day Care Center, a not for profit community service located at 445 Pine St., Deerfield (Cadwell School) invites the community to attend "Breakfast with Santa Claus."

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and juice or coffee will be offered for \$5 per family. Breakfast will be served from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12.

Santa Claus will appear from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. The event will be held in the gym.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. The public

Edward Zaengle

Edward Zaengle of Niles received a Master in Science degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale at summer commencement ceremonies.

School News

Apollo students learn about 'Nutcracker'

Apollo School first grade students spent the end of November and the beginning of December learning about the music, the dance and the story of "The Nutcracker."

The excitement of this special seasonal ballet will culminate in a special field trip to the Arie Crown Theater on Friday, Dec. 11.

Teachers Z.C. Crukilton, Mary Saletta, Wendy Groner, Cindy

Snyder, Ruth Ford, and Janet Grant enjoyed sharing the excitement of their students as they learned all the songs and characters connected with "The Nutcracker." Seeing these characters come to life is an experience these students will also remember.

Apollo School is one of six schools in the East Maine School District No. 63, Des Plaines, Illinois.

Kids College offers winter program

The MONNACEP Kids' College winter program features exciting courses for grades two to four on Saturday mornings, Jan. 23 to Feb. 27, 1993, at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines.

The winter program offers a course in Piano with a master teacher. Emphasis is placed on keyboarding and children are required to purchase a \$5 work-

book. This course is offered in three sections from 9 to 10:30 a.m., 10:35 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. and 12:10 to 1:40 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23.

The fee is \$44 per course or \$74 for two courses. Call for brochure listing other courses. The deadline to register is Jan. 8. A \$5 registration fee is required. For more information, call (708) 982-9888.

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School News

Oakton scholarship recipients



Oakton Community College recently held a scholarship recognition dinner. Of the more than 280 students who applied for Oakton scholarships for the 1992-'93 academic year, 70 students were chosen to receive awards.

Among the awards made by the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation were to these students. Pictured (from left) are Ann Eichelberg of Evanston, Adena Franchi of Park Ridge, Kathleen Rokosz of Barrington, Tracy Silvio of Mt. Prospect, Kimberly Weiner of Skokie and William Alenson, an Oakton Educational Foundation Director and director of advertising for United Airlines. Not pictured is scholarship recipient Dawn Master of Des Plaines.

Roosevelt University sets art exhibit

Looking for an unusual, collectible piece of art offered at a reasonable price? The public is welcome to search for that special piece as students and faculty of Roosevelt University's Downtown and Albert A. Robin Campuses join forces in a second-annual art exhibition. The art show/sale will be held at Lochmann's Plaza, 248 E. Golf Road in Arlington Heights on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A variety of original pieces will highlight the exhibit including clocks, jewelry, paintings and photography. Also displayed will be a selection of students prints, offered inexpensively for \$5 and \$10.

For more information on this year's art exhibition and sale, call the Roosevelt University Department of Visual and Performing Arts at (312) 341-3673.

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Niles North plans 'Pack The Place'

Niles North High School is shooting to "Pack The Place" on Friday, Dec. 11 when four athletic events will be augmented by contests, giveaways and karaoke dance. "Pack The Place" is an annual activity sponsored by Niles North and promoted by the Niles High School Association to rekindle interest and enthusiasm in high school sports.

The basketball teams will take on Highland Park beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the sophomore game. The girls varsity team plays at 6 p.m. and the boys varsity squad takes the floor at 7:30 p.m. The boys swimming team will compete against Waukegan at 5:30 p.m., and the boys wrestling team will face Evanston at 6 p.m.

The first 200 spectators to attend will receive a free Pack The Place T-shirt. The Viking Volunteers will be staffing the concession stand, where patrons who wear the school colors of purple and white will receive free popcorn. At half-time of the boys varsity basketball game, fans will compete in a half-court shot contest at \$1 per shot to win a ten-speed bicycle.

After the games, the cheerleaders will sponsor a karaoke dance in the east cafeteria, where students will be encouraged to entertain each other by singing popular songs.

St. Martha announces honor roll students

Congratulations to the following Junior High students who have accepted the academic challenge of St. Martha School and have attained Honor Roll status during the first quarter.

First honors in Grade 8 went to Andy Blanchard, Vanessa Calmag, Cicily Castillo and Joe Huser. In Grade 7 to Annaliza Delfin, Bridget Lawson, Monique Marszalk, Jomy Methipara, Colleen McKenna, and Mary Thoresdale.

Second honors were awarded in Grade 8 to Charles Chen, Eddie Hwang, Darlene Landchi, and Christine Tabamo. In Grade 7 to Jeff Alita, Kristy Degenhart, Ilana Fildis, Amy Gonzales, Sean Henrick, Jordan Moon, and Noel Sheehan.

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Maine East presents winter concert

The Maine East Fine Arts Department is in preparation for its December 13 Winter Concert. This concert will celebrate the spirit of the season through music as well as pay tribute to the cultural pluralism that exists in this multi-cultural school.

The program will be held on December 13, at 2 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Performing groups of Concert Band, Combined Bands, Concert Choir, Chorus, and Concert Orchestra will present a variety of numbers.

The concert will last approximately one and one-half hours followed by reception in the student cafeteria. Highlighting the program will be the traditional presentation of flags from the birth nations of students who attend Maine East.

The Combined Bands, under the direction of Kenneth F. Gelz, will perform "Civil War Fantasy" and "Irish Tune From County Derry." The 130 members will also perform the holiday favorite "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson.

The Chorus, under the direction of Patrick S. Barnett, will present "South African Suite" which will be performed in the Swahili language, "Bashana Ha'Ba'A", and "Monotone Angel" featuring sophomore Abby Wilson.

The 78 member Concert Choir will perform the spiritual "Elijah Rock", "Elohim Hashivenu", and "Ukrainian Bell Carol" which will be sung in Ukrainian. They will end their portion of the concert with "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

The Concert Orchestra under the direction of Walter S. Wolodkin, will play the March from "Symphony #6" by Tchaikovsky, the Saint Saens Piano Concerto featuring senior Josephine Lee, and "Perpetual Motion" featuring senior violinist Yury Parim.

The concert will conclude with the combined choirs and orchestra performing "From Sea To Shining Sea" which is based on "America The Beautiful". They will be joined by Maine East faculty, staff, and alumni as well.

The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. For further information, contact 692-8500.

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Register now for Oakton spring courses

Registration is in progress for spring semester classes at Oakton Community College. Classes begin the week of Jan. 19. Register either by touch-tone telephone or in-person.

Those who have never attended Oakton or have not submitted an application in the past three years, register in person at either Oakton campus through Jan. 12. Final registration is Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11 - 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Both in-person and telephone registration hours begin at 8:30 a.m. each day: Monday through Thursday to 8 p.m., Friday to 5 p.m. and Saturday to noon. Telephone registration is open through Jan. 25. Avoid late fee of \$25 if you register before Jan. 19.

Late registration will be Tuesday - Thursday, Jan. 19 - 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The college will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3 and reopens Jan. 4.

In-district tuition is \$25 per credit hour. Non-residents who work in the district may be eligible for in-district tuition. District residents over age 60 pay only \$12.50 per credit hour. Registration and activities fees may also be charged and some courses require lab fees.

For more information, or a complete class schedule, call Oakton Community College, Registration and Records, at (708) 635-1700 (Des Plaines campus) or (708) 635-1400 (Ray Hartstein campus).

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Register now for Oakton spring courses

Registration is in progress for spring semester classes at Oakton Community College. Classes begin the week of Jan. 19. Register either by touch-tone telephone or in-person.

Those who have never attended Oakton or have not submitted an application in the past three years, register in person at either Oakton campus through Jan. 12. Final registration is Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11 - 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Both in-person and telephone registration hours begin at 8:30 a.m. each day: Monday through Thursday to 8 p.m., Friday to 5 p.m. and Saturday to noon. Telephone registration is open through Jan. 25. Avoid late fee of \$25 if you register before Jan. 19.

Late registration will be Tuesday - Thursday, Jan. 19 - 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The college will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3 and reopens Jan. 4.

In-district tuition is \$25 per credit hour. Non-residents who work in the district may be eligible for in-district tuition. District residents over age 60 pay only \$12.50 per credit hour. Registration and activities fees may also be charged and some courses require lab fees.

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Singles Scene

DECEMBER 10/13 YOUNG SINGLE PARENTS

Young Single Parents (21-45) will sponsor Holiday Sanity Checkup Nite with social and dancing at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Golden Flame Restaurant, 6417 W. Higgins, Chicago. A family Winterland Wonder Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 13. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information call Cindy at (312) 286-1724.

DECEMBER 13/31 ORIGINAL SUNDAY SINGLES

The Original Sunday Singles Dance and Party, for all singles from ages 30 - 50, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 7:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. The evening features DJ music, dancing, door prizes and munchies. Admission is \$3. Also, on Thursday, Dec. 31, a gala New Year's Eve party will take place. Both events are at the Quality Inn Hotel, Maxies Lounge, 6810 N. Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. For further information, call (312) 921-6321.

DECEMBER 17/18 YOUNG SINGLE PARENTS

Young Single Parents (21-45) will sponsor a newcomer dance at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Golden Flame Restaurant, 6417 W. Higgins, Chicago. All singles are invited to attend. An adult house party is planned for Friday, Dec. 18. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information call Cindy at (312) 286-1724.

DECEMBER 18/20 ST. PETER'S SINGLES

All singles over 35 invited to these big dances. St. Peter's Singles Dance, Friday, Dec. 18, 9 p.m. at Hecks Hall, 5131 Milwaukee, with free pizza. Sunday, Dec. 20 from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Christmas Dance and Party with free turkey raffle. Admission \$5. Call (312) 334-2589.

DECEMBER 18 AWARE SINGLES AND CHICAGO LAD SINGLES

The Aware Singles Group and the Chicago Lad Singles Association will sponsor a joint dance at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, at the Holiday Inn Itasca, 860 Irving Park Road, Itasca. Music will be provided by Music Makers. Admission is \$5 for non-members. For more information, call Aware at (708) 632-9600 or Chicago Lad Singles at (312) 545-1515.

DECEMBER 26 COMBINED CLUB SINGLES

All singles are invited to the Combined Club Singles Dance at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 26, at the Stouffer Oak Brook Hotel, 2100 Spring Road, Oak Brook. Music will be provided by Music in Motion. The event is co-sponsored by the Northwest Singles Association, Singles & Company, and Young Suburban Singles. Admission will be \$5. For more information call (708) 209-2066.

DECEMBER 27 ALL-COMBINED JEWISH SINGLES

All-Combined Jewish Singles Citywide Magen David Adom annual Pre-New Year Cocktail Dance, Sunday, Dec. 27 from 7:30 p.m. at the Radisson Lincolnwood Hotel, 4500 W. Touhy Ave. The Music Connection is featured. Separate ballrooms for ages 21-38 and 39-60. Admissions is \$5 by advance reservation, \$8 at the door. Mail to P.O. Box 225, Deerfield, IL 60015-0225. Proceeds to Magen David Adom. (708) 317-1171.

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One of Chicago's top radio stations, B-96 (WBMM-FM 96.3), announced it has adopted Schiller School (640 W. Scott) in Cabrini-Green and will be broadcasting a 75-hour live fundraising effort from the school's gym from December 11-14.

Hosted by morning show personalities Eddie and Jobo, the marathon fundraiser begins Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 a.m. and ends Monday, Dec. 14 at 9 a.m.

Fundraising events include a live radio marathon broadcast to promote a 900 call-in phone line, effective December 11-14, where a call registers as a \$10 donation on a caller's phone bill. The number is 1-900-946-9000.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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I, ALAN ROSEN, do hereby certify that I am the regularly appointed, qualified and acting treasurer of the Niles Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, and as such that I am the chief fiscal officer of said Library District.

I do further certify that the attached is a true and accurate Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the Niles Public Library District for the fiscal year 1991-1992. This report was made in full compliance with Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 102, Sect. 5-10.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of November, 1992.

Alan Rosen
Alan Rosen
Treasurer, Niles Public Library District

RECEIPTS: Real Estate Taxes \$2,266,781; Corporate Replacement Taxes \$58,196; \$42,935; Per Capita Grant \$49,448; Investment Income \$39,455; Fines, Fees and Other Income \$52,073. Total: \$2,465,953. DISBURSEMENTS: A.M. 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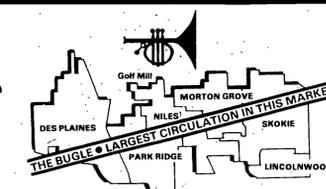
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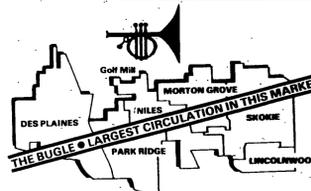
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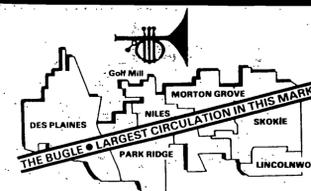
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Letters to the Editor

Let Park Commissioners do their jobs

Citizens of The Village of Niles, are being spent with extreme thought and dedication. The commissioners are elected volunteers, they receive no salaries. Happily there are state laws involving elections, but purposely on the books, to prevent illegal take-overs of this sort. It was a complete power play, where the mayor used the power of the Democratic Party to get the vote out, while always stating he was neutral in the whole affair. I'm a registered Democrat, in fact I voted for Mayor Blase in all of his past elections. I draw the line on illegal take-overs. I also protest any future appeals by The Village. "I want to see our tax dollars better spent." The Village tried, and lost. Now let's get on with running The Village, and let the Park District continue doing their job!

Editor's Note: Roy Stanley is the father of Park Commissioner Marlene Baczek.

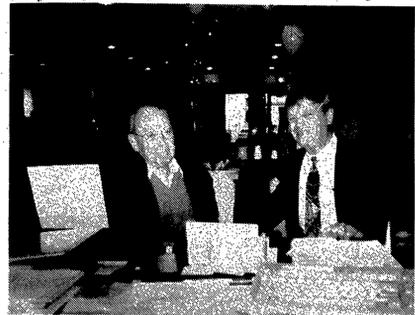
Township thanks Golf Mill

Dear Editor,
 On behalf of the Maine Township Board and the residents of our community, I would like to thank JCPenney of Golf Mill Shopping Center for its assistance in restocking our emergency food pantry through a major food drive Oct. 21-23. By offering 25 percent discount coupons to customers for each nonperishable food item brought to the store, JCPenney collected more than \$1,500 worth of groceries for our food pantry. The company also made a substantial food contribution to Niles Township. Words cannot express how much we appreciate Penney's involvement in the community. Joan B. Hall
 Maine Township Supervisor

Bradford names human resources director

Steven Stanislaus, 35, has been named senior director of human resources at The Bradford Exchange, the world's largest trading center for limited-edition collector's plates. Headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Niles, Ill., Bradford also has offices in 11 other countries. Stanislaus is responsible for policy and program development in training, compensation, benefits, human resource systems, staffing, employee development and employee relations. Stanislaus is a member of the American Compensation Association, the Employment Management Association and the Midwest College Placement Association.

Avondale branch celebrates anniversary



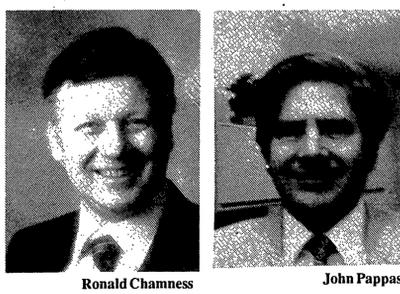
Avondale Vice President Thomas A. Olson visits with Sheridan Road banking office customer Ben Adelman during the branch's recent anniversary festivities. The staff at Avondale Federal Savings Bank's Sheridan Road office recently marked the branch's 10th anniversary. To celebrate, customers were treated on two consecutive Saturdays in October to sweet rolls and coffee in the branch decorated with flowers and balloons. Stop in and learn about all of Avondale's products, including checking accounts, Club Checking for people age 50 and over, mortgages, home equity lines of credit, savings products and the service that has made it a success for a decade. Founded in 1911, Avondale has six banking offices in Chicago, Niles and Lake Forest and more than \$540 million in assets.

Raise funds for diabetes research

Nearly 2,000 tickets have been sold to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) Chance of a Lifetime Gala to be held on Friday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. The event is expected to raise nearly one million dollars for diabetes research and is made possible through the generous sponsorships. Held on two entire floors of the Marriott Hotel, the night offers dinner, and dessert buffets, dancing to the Michael Lerich Orchestra, local celebrities, and exaggerated celebrity look-alikes (as seen on the Life-styles of the Rich and Famous), and a silent auction. Special boutiques will also be featured. To purchase tickets call Keith Corso, at the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Greater Chicago Chapter, 70 W. Hubbard, Suite 205, Chicago, Illinois 60610 (312) 670-0313. Diabetes affects approximately 14 million Americans; 650,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. In the United States, diabetes is the third leading cause of death by disease, the leading cause of new adult blindness and non-traumatic amputations, and a leading cause of heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and nerve damage. Furthermore, diabetes drains the U.S. economy of \$25 billion annually. HB4216 provides for an increase in benefits for spouses of firefighters.

Niles realtor posts record sales

Contrary to the real estate market in general, Niles based ERA Callero & Catino Realty just experienced two all-time record breaking months of real estate sales, in a row. In September, Niles resident Ronald Chamness led the real estate sales team with a combination of residential and commercial transactions that more than doubled the volume of the previous record September. In October, Project Heights resident, John Pappas, led the sales team to the busiest October in the company's history. In 1991, ERA Callero & Catino set an all time dollar volume record for real estate sales, and for the first ten months of 1992 they are selling at the same pace. The residential real estate market has become very segmented. First time home buyers have been very active due to low interest rates and income tax advantages. However, the market for existing home owners trading up to a more expensive home has been slower, due to the uncertain job outlook in many industries. ERA Callero & Catino has been very successful in attracting first time home buyers to their properties.



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dependent drug store owners in town. They dispensed their wares plus a little bit more. If you had a pain or an ache you went to your local druggist. They were cheaper than going to your local doctor and they probably knew more. They not only dispensed this extra bit of knowledge but gave out thousands of prescriptions of kindness which you won't get today at your discount stores. Many times these fine men would go home at night after a twelve-hour working day, only to get a call at home which caused them to go back to the store after hours and get a palliative for someone suffering discomfort. Their contributions to the community were many-fold.

During the years Al headed the Chamber of Commerce we were writing about Niles Mayor Nick Blase profiting from his job as village president. Al, a good friend of Nick, had me debate the issue at a subsequent Chamber meeting. But rather than debating the soft-spoken Chamber president, he chose a professional radio announcer-musician, who read Green's side of the debate which was written by those defending Blase. We thought we came out second, third or fourth-best in the rather lame debate.

Nick Blase laughed Monday when he reminisced about Al. When Nick told the pharmacist he felt under the weather, Al told Nick to take vitamins E and C. He said it "would take care of everything." When we asked Nick how good was the advice, he answered, "It must have been pretty good, I'm still here."

Last week the fiftieth anniversary of the first atomic chain reaction in the basement of the Stagg Field House at the University of Chicago played a small part in our more youthful days.

In December of 1942 we were looking forward to the annual Christmas high school basketball tournament which was played at the fieldhouse. We had played in our first high school game there the previous year in a losing effort and were expecting to redeem ourselves in '42. But the tourney was cancelled and we were unaware of its significance. Certainly, few people knew of the secret work which was going on at the Stagg Fieldhouse.

In 1945 we returned from Germany one month before the end of the European war the day President Roosevelt died) in April 1945. We were transferred to one of the cigarette-named replacement camps outside Paris. Because we hadn't been overseas long enough, it was expected we

would be transferred to the Pacific Theatre in anticipation of continuing the war against the Japanese. But in August the nuclear bombs were dropped ending the war and possibly saving the lives of thousands of American soldiers who would have been prepared to invade Japan.

In 1942 we were a disappointed seventeen year old who didn't get to play basketball in a Christmas tourney. Three years later the war ended for millions of American G.I.'s because of the chain reaction which took place under that basketball court which cancelled those games. For many of us it may have been the luckiest shot ever to go off at the fieldhouse.

District 219..

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ly to offer community members an informal avenue of communications with the Board of Education.

Frank is also developing a community-wide ad-hoc committee to formulate a long-range financial plan for District 219. The task force will work intensively to develop a plan which is expected to be presented to the Board of Education in March. The committee will be comprised of community members, student leaders, directors, principals, clergy, parent organization representatives, board members, support staff, teachers, the business manager and the superintendent.

Community members interested in serving on the task force should call Public Relations Coordinator Rebecca Gittich at 965-9365.

Register for spring AYSO soccer

Registration for AYSO Soccer will be held Sunday, January 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Prairie View Community Center, 6839 Dempster, Morton Grove. This program is for girls and boys ages 5 through 8th grade. The session begins in March. For more details, call 965-1200.

Offer carriage rides with Santa

Join Santa at Skokie Fashion Square for carriage rides between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

Festivities are compliments of the merchants. Cameras are welcome.

Skokie Fashion Square is located at Skokie Boulevard at Foster Street, just on block south of Golf Road in Skokie, Illinois.

Lone Tree..

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of late night noise, car headlights and the possibility of kids drinking behind the fence.

Most outspoken among the complainants was Maria Salvador, 7719 Oketo Avenue, a next-door neighbor to Lone Tree. Salvador spoke again Dec. 7. She agreed the new plan sounded and looked better, but asked the Board to recommend earlier hours instead of the 9 p.m. closing on weekdays, midnight on weekends. She said "this is a working neighborhood" and it was hard for neighbors to get up early for work when kept up at night. Commissioners noted the Lone Tree now has a 5 a.m. license, but does not exercise it.

Commissioner Angelo Troiani asserted "We've forced these people to do everything but pay us a toll to use Milwaukee Avenue...we forced them to spend a lot of money to change the operation around and to comply with codes; this business, with a maximum 300 seating with no variances could have gotten more variances."

In contrast to earlier hearings when most citizens spoke against Lone Tree expansion, this time a resident of 7634 Osceola asked the Board to remember Lone Tree is not only employing people but providing senior citizens with thrifty meals.

Dennis Allen, 7724 Oketo, questioned if any Village ordinance governed kitchen odors. Only smoke is monitored by the Cook County EPA, replied Code Enforcement Director Joe Salerno. He noted most kitchen odors, but unless kept clean are not as efficient.

Commissioners unanimously recommended the plan to the Village Board.

In other action, Zoning Commissioners also recommended allowing Niles resident Terry Lombardo to open an 18 seat Dairy Queen restaurant serving ice cream and a limited menu at the Ballard/Greenwood shopping plaza. Lombardo said in his planned location next to Dominick's, he would operate seven days a week, 12 months a year, in contrast to other Dairy Queen operations which are seasonal. The proposed Dairy Queen will be the only restaurant at the plaza, except for one approved for an out building on the mall's northeast corner, Salerno said.

Library ...

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petition signed by at least fifty but not more than two hundred voters. Petitions must be presented at the Library Administrative Office no sooner than Monday, Feb. 1 and no later than Monday, Feb. 8, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The forms for petitions, Statement of Candidacy, and Statement of Economic Interest are included in an election packet, which may be obtained at the library's Administrative Office on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Further information about the Library and the office of Trustee may be obtained from the Library Administrator, Donald E. Wright at 967-8554.

Timothy J. Nelson
Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy J. Nelson, a 1988 graduate of Maine East High School, Park Ridge, recently returned with 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC from a Combined Arms Exercise at Marine Corps Air/Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, California. He joined the Marines in June 1988.

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parking is allowed on the odd numbered side of the street for 24 hours after snow stops, or until the street is plowed. The same applies for the even numbered side of the street during the next 24-hour period.

The Village of Niles Public Services Department also asks residents to keep the following in mind: If residents have a garage they are asked to use it during the winter season. The biggest delay in snow removal are cars parked on the street. If residents plow

their sidewalks, driveways, or private alleyways they should refrain from depositing snow on Village streets. Doing so is in violation of a Village ordinance and may result in a fine of up to \$500. No car is to remain stationary on a public street or alley for more than 72 hours without permission from the police department.

If residents have questions about snow removal, they can call the Public Services Department at 967-6100.

Conservationists suggest fresh Christmas trees

Conservation Director Brent Manning said a recently enacted federal quarantine on pine trees infested with the pine shoot beetle should not affect the availability of Christmas trees this year but may affect the way individuals dispose of their trees after the holidays.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture quarantined trees grown in more than 40 counties in six states in an effort to control the spread of the pine shoot beetle. Counties in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois were affected by the quarantine. Bulk shipments of trees grown in Kane and Will counties were the only Illinois trees affected by the order. "Choose and cut" operations throughout Illinois, including those in Kane and Will counties, were not affected by the quarantine.

"Although the possibility of Illinois residents purchasing infested trees is unlikely, the Department of Conservation this year discourages using discarded trees as brush piles for wildlife or birds," Manning said. "Trees can be chipped up or taken to a conservation group requesting them as fish attractors. While a tree is in a home, it poses no risk to other plants or furnishings."

As in the past, shoppers selecting a Christmas tree can best determine a tree's freshness by learning when a tree was cut and how it was transported and stored. Tree dealers will be able to answer most consumers' questions.

Those who find it more convenient to shop at a neighborhood business, however, shouldn't wait until the last minute to select a tree.

The sooner a tree can be placed in water, the better, so choose a tree as early as possible," Skuba said. He advised removing a half-inch of the tree's stump, placing the tree in water and storing it in a garage or other protected area until it's time to bring it into the house.

An individual should not be alarmed about a tree taking up a large amount of water the first day home. Skuba said that's the sign of a healthy tree.

A family who opts for a belled-and-burlapped tree to plant in the yard needs to make the decision before the ground freezes. If individuals wait until after Christmas to dig a hole for the tree, the ground will be too hard to dig, while a tree's chances for survival diminish if planting is postponed until spring.

Plantable trees must be brought into the home gradually to lessen the temperature shock. This can be accomplished during a few days by bringing it from the outside, to the garage, to the home's basement or coolest room, to the display site. The reverse procedure should be utilized when moving a tree to the outdoors after Christmas.

Those buying a plantable tree must make sure the root ball is moist. If it's dry, the soil will crumble and fall off the roots, making proper planting almost impossible. As with cut trees, plantable trees must be watered thoroughly.

Library sets holiday programs

Take a little time from holiday madness to enjoy the sounds and sights of the season hosted by the Niles Public Library District.

The Library's December 11 program at 2 p.m. features noted storyteller, Joyce Voss. Voss, an animated and entertaining teller of lore, will share some of the joys of the printed page as she weaves a tale or two to celebrate the festive days to follow.

Come and hear the library's live version of a "Book-on-Tape." This program is free and open to the public.

For mobility or communication access assistance, call 976-8554 voice and TDD.

Y offers program on trusts

On December 14 at 7:30 p.m., the Niles Public Library District will sponsor a program designed for those individuals seeking information on the differences between trusts and wills and the benefits to be gained.

Attorney Chester Przybylo will be the presenter. Przybylo has given presentations on this

topic at the library for the past three years. Audiences find his presentation easy to understand and full of useful information.

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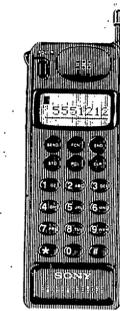
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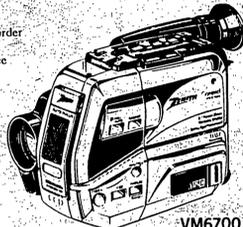
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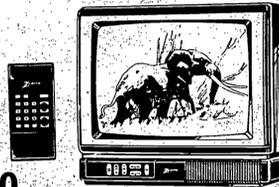
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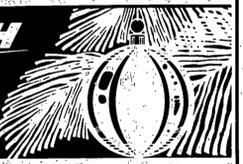
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