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Bank teller's plot to rob Skokie ATM thwarted by FBI

by Rosemary Tirio

Randy Kash, 20, was arrested for allegedly attempting to enlist the help of a government witness to rob an automated teller machine at the Skokie branch of the LaSalle National Bank, 1000 Skokie Blvd., where he was employed as a teller.

During conversations which the government informant secretly taped, Kash hatched the plot to rob the ATM while it was being restocked with money. FBI

agents then videotaped Kash giving an agreed upon signal to the informant as a go-ahead signal to the informant to commit the robbery as he left the bank Saturday.

The night before the robbery, Kash allegedly gave the informant a pellet gun, officials said. Kash was released Nov. 27 after his mother posted her Niles home as collateral for bond according to an assistant U.S. attorney.

Village of Niles Budget Audit

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

An increase in tax revenues and decrease in expenditures contributed to the Village of Niles' economic growth for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1999.

Presented before the Niles Board of Trustees, the 1999 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report shows an overall 7.62% increase in tax revenues for general governmental operations and a 4.58% decrease in operations expenditures from 1998.

Director of Finance for the Village, George Van Geem, CBA,

wrote the audit's introduction summarizing the financial report which was awarded the Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting by

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MG Oriole Pool renovations progressing

by Christine Caplinger

Perhaps the unseasonably warm weather we have had this November inspired them, because the Morton Grove Park District Board of Commissioners moved on several issues dealing Oriole and Harrier Pools last Thursday during the regular Park District Board meeting.

The Recreation and Facility

New computer equipment for library

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

The board's five-month postponement of voting for new computer equipment purchases ended after a final debate at last Wednesday's board meeting.

The board has deferred the votes since June, when the 2000-2004 preliminary budget proposed spending \$142,000 for various computer equipment.

At that time, the library board president, Ted Przybylo, said he

Des Plaines private school approved for lease; School could lose space in 2001

Private school to lease Dist. 71 South School

by Rosemary Tirio

The Niles Elementary District 71 voted Nov. 16 to lease the South School building, closed since July 1998, to a private school for special education students.

Supt. Eugene Zaleski announced that portions of the first and second floors of the building at 6935 W. Touhy will be leased to the Bridgeview-Challenger, currently located at 9000 Capitol Dr. in Des Plaines.

The South School was closed when the renovated and expanded Culver School was changed from a middle school to a kindergarten through sixth grade school and the kindergarten through fourth grade students formerly served at the South School were

moved to the Culver building. Dr. Zaleski, who said many small details of the lease are still being worked out, declined to

mention some specifics of the including how much the district will charge for use of the building. Continued on Page 54

Dist. 219 charges dean in cyber-sex scandal

by Rosemary Tirio

Hearings have begun in the case of a Niles West High School dean accused of sending sexually predatory e-mail to female students.

The District 219 Board of Education voted unanimously last summer to fire Gary Solomon, who, for the last three years, has

Cash Converter Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Cash Converters Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. (from left) Steve Nilsson - operating manager of Niles store, an employee; Mayor Blase of Niles; Geoff Colgan - director of the Australian/New Zealand Chamber of Commerce and Roger Hunt - president and CEO of Cash Converters USA.

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Bob Rohrman Auto Group opens new Olds dealership in Morton Grove

The Bob Rohrman Auto Group announces the opening of their new Oldsmobile dealership in Morton Grove. The dealership is currently holding a Grand Opening Sales Event to give their customers a head start on special deals. Although currently open for business, any official Grand Opening events will not take place until Spring of 2000.

Bob Rohrman opened his first dealership in 1963. Currently there are over 30 Rohrman dealerships in Illinois and Indiana including - Schaumburg Honda Automobiles, Oakbrook Toyota in Westmont, Arlington Acura in Palatine, Arlington Lexus in Palatine, Arlington Nissan in Buffalo Grove, Schaumburg Oldsmobile, Saturn of Libertyville, Saturn of Gurnee, Kia of Waukegan, Arlington Kia in Palatine and Gurnee Oldsmobile, VW, Hyundai. Each store prides itself on providing their customers with fair deals on high quality vehicles, as well as following up with great customer service.

The Bob Rohrman Auto Group also participates in various charity events throughout the year. Annual charity events include a bowl-a-thon to raise money for Lams Farm in Libertyville, IL as well as participating in the Jerry Lewis Telethon to raise money for The Muscular Dystrophy Association. Other various local charities include the Lake/Parent Infant Center, Catholic Charities and The Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Niles Park District Director's Message

by Joseph V. LoVerde Jr.
Executive Director



Dear Niles Residents,
We have now completed the 2000 Proposed Niles Park District Operating Budget. The Operating Budget is made up of the following Funds: General Fund, Recreation, Golf Course, Pools and Ice Rink. The proposed Budget will be presented for final approval at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 1999 at 7 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., the public is invited to ask any questions and make comments related to the 2000 Budget prior to Board approval.

The General Fund supports the Administration, Finance, Personnel and Park Services Departments. The only revenue that supports these Funds is tax dollars and interest earned on the invested dollars. The Recreation Fund is also supported by tax dollars and program fees. Our Golf Course, Pools and Ice Rink are Enterprise Funds and operate on the revenue generated by the facility. I hope this gives you a brief understanding of how the Funds are structured.

As stated before, we are committed to operate your Park District in a business-like manner. We have saved dollars in areas of security, waste disposal, vending, cleaning and maintenance, without sacrificing customer service and quality programming. We will continue to investigate every option available to reduce cost while addressing our long-term goal to reduce our debt.

We will continue to address and prioritize our capital improvement plans. In 1999, we were able to complete some very important capital projects. Grennan Heights and Iceland took on a new look. The Golf Course bank stabilization project was completed. New parking lots and seal coating at some of our aging facilities were completed. In fiscal year 2000, we will continue to improve our facilities and address areas that compliment our community. Our five-year plan allows us to plan our future with fiscal responsibility.

Continuing in 2000, the Recreation and Athletic departments will continue to investigate new programs. We are currently looking at existing programs with a new direction that will create more community involvement. We will make every effort to fill the prime time hours at all our facilities with new family, community-oriented programs.

As we move into the 21st century, I am amazed at the speed at which information is available to us. As the popularity of the Internet grows, it is important that the Niles Park District grows with it. The creation of our web-site at www.niles-parks.org allows us to provide round the clock information to you. This will allow us to better serve your recreational needs. I am delighted to be a part of this exciting wave of technology.

I want to thank all the staff for all the many hours of hard work put into the 2000 budget. Your patience as we walked through each line item with each department is greatly appreciated.

Fiscal year 2000 will continue to present challenges in light of the tax cap. The 2000 Budget has been designed to continue the history of providing quality programs and services, along with the maintenance of parks and facilities that we can be proud of, while striving to maximize every dollar. The Niles Park District Board of Commissioners and the entire staff has supported the new changes. With the continued support of the Board and staff, we will be able to maintain and expand on our high quality of services that the residents of the Niles Park District have come to expect. We will continue to keep a close eye on expenditures and ensure the best possible operation.

I thank the Board of Commissioners for their shared vision and support as we move into a new decade. I sincerely thank you the residents for your kind words of encouragement and my staff for all their support. This truly makes my job very rewarding.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the entire staff, we thank you for your support.

Morton Grove Firemen sponsor food drive

Holiday Food Drive to be sponsored by the Firemen's Association of Morton Grove.
Dates: November 26, 1999 through December 21, 1999.
Times: Donations should be brought in preferably Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Drop off site: The Morton Grove Fire Department, Station #4, 6250 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove, (847) 470-5226.
There will also be Food Drive Barrels at the Village Hall (6101 Capulina Ave.) and the Park District (6834 Dempster).
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Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon to be held

The Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit #134 says "It's beginning to look like Christmas" and with the upcoming holiday season, they are holding their traditional Christmas Cheer luncheon/card party on Saturday, Dec. 4 at noon. Cocktails will be available at 11 a.m.

The catered luncheon event is being held at the Legion Memorial Home, 6140 Dempster according to president Patricia Jordan, who has appointed two past presidents co-chairmen. They may be reached for ticket reservations which are encouraged in advance or for further information. Arlene

Rook is at 847-299-0145 and Nancy Morrison, 847-965-3073.

Bunco and cards of participant's choice will be featured following the meal with a table prize for each group.

Donation for the complete afternoon is \$7.50.

There will be door prizes and surprises announce the committee, with the popular Rose Bowl to be available and awarding of cash prizes. These raffles are \$1.00 apiece and winner need not be present in the event attendees must leave early. The cash prizes are \$75, \$50 and \$25.

Celebrate the season at the Niles Public Library

Drop-in Holiday Craft
Make your own unique wrapping paper! Drop by the library on Thursday, December 9th anytime between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to design and make wrapping paper to wrap holiday gifts. Open to all children ages 3-14 (parental supervision required for children under 6) while supplies last!

Holiday Storytime
Rejoice in the season of lights and snow at our holiday storytime on Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m. We'll read stories and poems about the season, sing festive songs, and make a few crafts and treats to take home. This program is geared towards families with younger children (7 and under). Registration

will be limited so register early in person or by phone beginning December 1st.

Harry Potter Extravaganza!
Start the new millennium by celebrating everybody's favorite wizard! We're going to be hosting a Harry Potter Extravaganza on Thursday, December 30th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for kids in 3rd through 8th grade. The extravaganza will include games, prizes, treats and trivia - so make sure you've read the first book. Tickets will be available for this event from December 1st through 15th in the Children's Department.

For details, call (847) 663-6622 or 6623.

M-NASR lights up Dempster

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) with the help of the Morton Grove Park District, J.W. O'Brien Corp., J & D Instant Signs and Dan Scanlon, has set up a streetside display of 22 decorated fir trees and a menorah in Harter Park, 6250 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. The trees and menorah have been sponsored by local businesses and will "light up" Dempster throughout the holidays. Each

sponsor has decorated their own tree and signs designate their contribution. It is hoped that this exercise in cooperation and generosity will be enjoyed by travelers on Dempster and by those who visit Harter Park to enjoy the display at their leisure.

If you would like more information about M-NASR or to offer support for individuals with special needs by volunteering, please call (847) 966-5522.

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Final Meeting, 1999: December 14, 2000 Meetings: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 23, June 27, August 15, September 19, October 17 and November 21. Meeting dates are subject to change. Scheduled board meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room (1506) at Oakton Community College, 1600 East Golf Road, DesPlaines.

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Steve Nivison, operating manager of the new location, is known affectionately as Cash Converters' "Turn-Around King" in Australia. With over 10 years of Cash Converters experience in its homeland of Australia, Nivison has trained over 60 people, co-written the training manual and doubled sales where ever he has gone.

"By opening the Niles store, I am embracing a terrific opportunity to further advance the Cash Converters chain," said Nivison. "The US market has an unbelievable opportunity for Cash Converters and I strongly believe that this location will ac-

crue at least \$1 million in sales in the first year."

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PNA Northside Seniors Christmas meeting

The Polish National Alliance Northside Seniors will meet Wednesday, December 8, at 10 a.m. at the PNA District 13 Fraternal Center, 6038 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago.

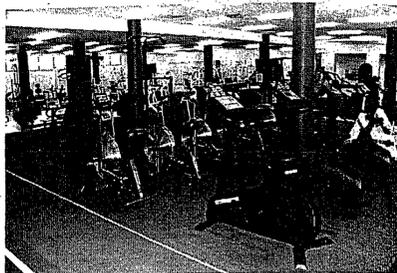
This being our Christmas meeting as well as our last meeting this year, a program of good cheer is planned. We will have "Xmas Bingo" along with our Holiday Raffle.

All seniors 55 and over, PNA members or not are invited, so bring a friend and spread some Holiday Cheer.

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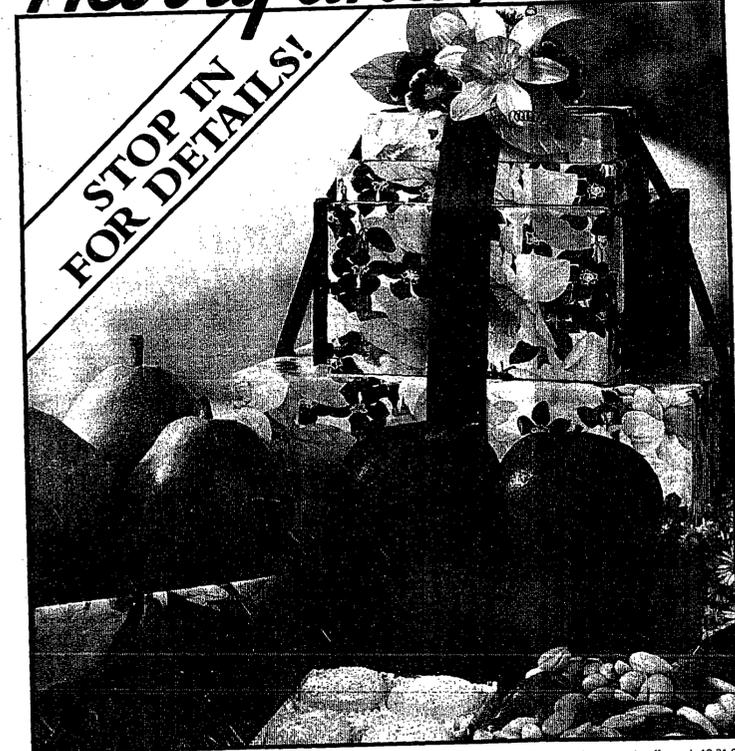
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Health News

A Nifty Thrifty Costume from Avenues Thrift Shoppe



Field School students Allie Coleman and Samantha Brayer of Park Ridge don smiles and vintage clothing at the Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe. The girls try on hats to go along with their Andrew Sisters' costumes for the annual Field's Follies.

When ten-year-olds Samantha 'Sam' Brayer and Allie Coleman of the Field School in Park Ridge needed some 1940's style clothing for the upcoming Field's Follies, they headed to Avenues Thrift Shoppe for some nifty duds. After trying on an array of vintage accessories, the girls not only added the final touches to their Andrew Sisters' costumes, but helped out a local charity as well.

Held on November 5th, 6th and 7th, the Field Follies is an annual theatrical event presented by the students of the Field School. This year's presentation, Millennium Madness, featured students singing and dancing

their way through the last ten decades. As Samantha and Allie browsed through the Avenues Thrift Shoppe and made their final purchases, the proceeds of their sale benefited Avenues of Independence, a local non-profit organization assisting adults with developmental disabilities.

The Avenues Thrift Shoppe, located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, features an assortment of items including household goods, contemporary and vintage clothing, Christmas decorations, jewelry and much more. And, luckily for Sam and Allie, some stylish hats like ones worn by the Andrew Sisters themselves.

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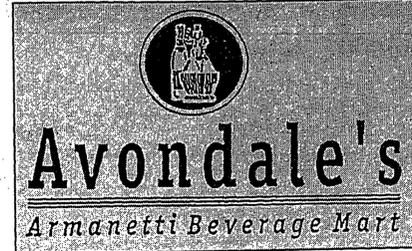
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Health News

Epilepsy Foundation helps public "Be Seizure Smart"

Would you know how to respond if you saw someone having a seizure? In a national survey of people with epilepsy, 15 percent said they had been harmed during a seizure by improper first aid.

"All too often, seizure symptoms are misidentified and first-aid is administered inappropriately," says Barbara Dershin, president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago.

That's why for Epilepsy Month in November education

directors from the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago will be visiting area schools, police academies and businesses to teach people to "Be Seizure Smart" when it comes to helping those who have seizures. The program provides information on how to recognize a seizure, as well as what to do in the event that one occurs. It also offers guidelines for determining if and when emergency medical services are required.

According to research, most Americans have serious misperceptions about how to recognize seizure symptoms and administer proper first aid. In fact, nearly two-thirds (66 percent) of all Americans think it is appropriate to secure the tongue of a person having a seizure, a myth that can cause serious damage.

To complicate matters, a large number of people with epilepsy (40 percent) experience complex partial seizures, which are quite different than the convulsions most associated with epilepsy.

These incidents, coupled with widespread public misunderstanding about how to help someone having a seizure, have prompted the Epilepsy Foundation to create "Be Seizure Smart," a nationwide campaign that aims to teach the public proper seizure first aid.

The Basics for complex partial (non-convulsive) seizures:

1. If the person is walking or attempting to touch someone, move passively out of line of vision.
 2. Do not restrain.
 3. Gently redirect person away from hazards (traffic, train platform).
 4. Stay with the person until consciousness returns.
- The Basics for convulsive seizures:
1. Stay calm.
 2. Never put something in the

person's mouth (people cannot swallow their tongues - this myth has caused broken teeth and worse for many people with epilepsy).

3. Ease the person to the ground, cushion head, remove glasses and loosen any tight neckwear.

4. Gently turn the person on his/her side.

5. Time the length of seizure (if more than five minutes, call 911).

6. Stay with person until they are fully awake and completely oriented.

"Inappropriate handling during a seizure can have serious ramifications," said Dr. Albert Ehle, a leading neurologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "Placing an object in the person's mouth can result in broken teeth, a punctured palate or worse. Also, restraints can cause pulled or torn muscles or even broken bones."

Diane Helland, of Elgin, agrees. Her 23-year-old daughter Melissa has epilepsy. "On several occasions, Melissa encountered people who were ill-equipped to handle her disorder, even emergency room technicians. It's comforting to know that there is now an education effort in place," Diane said.

For more information on epilepsy or the "Be Seizure Smart" program, contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago at (800) 273-6027. You can also obtain more information about seizure first aid on the program's Web site, www.seizuresmart.org and on the Epilepsy Foundation's general Web site, www.epilepsyfoundation.org.

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Health News

Children's Health Resource Center opens

To meet the increasing community demand for children's health information, the Lutheran General Children's Health Resource Center has been established at Lutheran General Children's Hospital, Park Ridge.

Located on the second floor of the Yackman Children's Pavilion, the center features three areas providing totally diverse, inter-related resources to families, children and pediatric health care professionals and students.

"This is a unique center because it is totally dedicated to children's health issues," said Stacy VandenBranden, RN, nurse coordinator of the Lutheran General Children's Health Resource Center.

The cornerstone of the center is the Metrick Pediatric Library. Named in memory of the 1971-1993 chairman of pediatrics at Lutheran General Children's Hospital, the library is supported

through an endowment established by his fellow pediatricians, colleagues, friends and former medical residents.

Included in the library is a large collection of books, brochures, professional journals, audio and video tapes, two computer work stations, interactive CD-ROMs, pediatric advisor software, comprehensive resource lists and information on childhood diseases and a section of children's recreational books.

The Lekotek Center is a family play center and toy library for children with chronic illness, disabilities or developmental delay. Consultations and play services are available with a Lekotek specialist by appointment.

The Emily Dorfman Education Center, opening later this fall, will complete the trio of resource center facilities. With assistance provided by Lutheran General Children's Hospital's pediatric staff, this interactive learning area is designed to help children and parents further understand health needs and practice care skills in a "hands on" setting through teaching models and adaptive equipment, medical play, educational videos, CD-ROMs and games.

The other services offered by the children's health resource center are material lending, Medline and literature searches, local and national support group information, children's community lectures, brochures, and an electronic link to Lutheran General's Cancer Care Center, Women's Health Resource Center and medical library. Persons are welcome to visit the center, browse through the resources or ask the staff to help gather materials on health topics of interest. Fax or

telephone requests for information on specific topics also can be handled.

The Lutheran General Children's Health Resource Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the center at 847-723-9484.

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Health News

Maine Center for Mental Health

Founded in 1966, Maine Center for Mental Health is a non-profit, community based mental health agency that provides a comprehensive range of outpatient psychiatric treatment and counseling services. Its principal office is in Park Ridge, and a facility in Des Plaines houses an Adult Day Treatment Program. The center annually serves more than 700 Maine Township

residents within the communities of Des Plaines, Glenview, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Rosemont. The majority of clients are economically disadvantaged, with more than 65% having average family incomes of less than \$7,500 a year. Services are available to all residents in need regardless of their ability to pay. Public and

private grants and charitable gifts help the center maintain its mission of service. Specifically, agency funding sources are: Illinois Department of Mental Health- 60%; Program Fees- 20%; Local Government- 10%; United Way and private contributions- 10%. The center is governed by a volunteer board of directors and has a professional staff of psychiatrists, therapists and counselors who provide the center's primary programs and services, including:

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4. Include these 5 steps into every workout: a. warm up, b. cardiovascular training, c. flexibility exercises, d. strength training, e. cool-down.
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6. Incorporate a variety of low and high-impact activities to use different muscles, give your heart exercise, and prevent boredom.

7. Wait until after exercising to eat a meal.

8. Drink lots of water throughout your day, more on hot days.

9. Find a fitness buddy to join you and do fun exercises that you will enjoy doing into all seasons.

10. Develop an exercise contract with yourself, sign it, date it, and reward yourself after reaching certain goals in your exercise program.

The Safe America Foundation reminds you that injury prevention depends on the practice of good safety habits. For year-round safety information call: 770-218-0071, go online at <http://www.safeamerica.org>, or e-mail: safesafamerica@mindspring.com.

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Copernicus Foundation awarded \$ \$ \$

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"The Gateway Theatre is important to our neighborhood, not only historically, but for what it brings to the community today. The programs hosted on its stage and in its walls are for everyone to enjoy and learn from," Silverstein said.

The Copernicus Foundation was chartered in July of 1971 as a not-for-profit organization to serve the Metropolitan Chicago area as a major civic, educational, recreational and entertainment resource. All programs hosted at the Copernicus Foundation are open to any citizen re-

gardless of ethnicity, racial or religious backgrounds.

On June 27, 1930, the Gateway Theatre opened as a theatre for the "new fangled talkies." It was the first movie theatre in Chicago built for talking pictures. In 1979, when the Polish Cultural Center began to search for a permanent home, the Gateway was reborn. The Theatre remained and has become home to the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra of Chicago and has hosted numerous other groups. The theatre is in use an average of 48 weeks per year and has 2,000 seats.

"This is money well spent," Silverstein said. "I am pleased to see it included in the State's 2000 budget."

Marion Nowak Art Talk and Exhibit

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formation, learning "how to and where to" get help, are invited.

Meetings will be facilitated by Barbara Maier, M.A. Family and Marriage Counseling, who is a parent and an NAMI member. There is no charge.

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Fri., Dec. 3 House Walk

Brickton Gallery and Art Center would like to invite 1999 Maine Center Auxiliary House Walk guests to visit the Gallery during the evening of the Annual House Walk on Friday, December 3, from 6:30-10 p.m. The current exhibit, "Angels and Other Spirits," with watercolor, acrylic and pastel works by artist Glynis Langely, includes theatrical themes of angels, and still life. Refreshments will be served as guests enjoy live music of the holidays.

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Community Calendar

Lambs Farm 19th Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Lambs Farm Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, scheduled for December 2-5, is the largest event of its kind in the Chicago area. Held at the Rosemont Convention Center, this benefit for Lambs Farm features more than 600 fine artists, craftsman and folk artists from over 20 states displaying and selling a huge variety of top quality art & craft work and country folk arts. This lively holiday event takes place: Thursday, December 2, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, December 3, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, December 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Special guests will include clowns from Oops Clown Alley. Entertainment will be provided by The Special Consensus. Refreshments may be purchased on the show floor as well as in Rosemont's Expoteria Restaurant located on site. Lambs Farm, an internationally renowned center for adults with developmental disabilities, will also be selling delicious jams, jellies, gift packages, baked goods, candies, silk-screened items and other fine products made by the Lambs participants.

Admission is \$6 with children under 12 free. The Rosemont Convention Center is located on River Road, one block south of the Kennedy Expressway (I-190), in Rosemont, Illinois. For more information, call the Lambs Farm hotline at (847) 362-6774.

Northern Illinois Civil War Round Table

The next meeting of the Northern Illinois Civil War Round Table will be held on Friday, December 3, at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 3500 N. Dunton Avenue. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Hedrickson Room.

The subject for this meeting will be "General George Pickett and His Wife LaSalle: A Public and Private Look". Guest speaker Dr. Lesley J. Gordon will share findings and thoughts related to her recently published book General George E. Pickett in Life and Legend. Dr. Gordon, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Akron, became interested in the Civil War in high school due to an inspiring teacher and reading Killer Angels. She received her BA from William & Mary, and her MA and PhD from the University of Georgia.

Meetings of the NICWRT are held twice a month, September through June. The regular meeting is the first Friday of each month. There is no charge, and the public is invited. Informal discussions are held on the third

Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Barrington Area Library, 505 North Northwest Highway in Barrington.

Anyone interested in further information about the meeting or membership should contact Liz Feltmann at 847-824-4510 or Bob Ziegler at 847-358-6355.

The monthly meeting of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at noon, at Basta Pasta Restaurant, 6733 N. Olmsted Ave., Chicago.

Socializing will occur between noon and 12:15 p.m., at which time the meeting will begin with consideration of the Minutes of Nov. 15, treasurer's report, announcements, and continue its agenda through lunch.

In celebration of the upcoming holiday, the luncheon will be complimentary to Chamber members, but will cost \$20 per person (including tax and gratuity) for non-members. The Chamber is absorbing the cost for its paid up 1999 members. Cocktails and soft drinks are extra.

Old Business will include re- Sat. Dec. 4 Lyric Opera Hear melodic Strauss waltzes sung by some of the world's great voices, Dame Felicity Lott and Thomas Allen, with Lyric favorite, Timothy when Die Fiedermaus sweeps into Lyric Opera of Chicago December, 4.

Edison Park Chamber to meet

ports on the business guide, membership guide, year 2000 election of officers results, a report on the holiday program, parking progress, and snowplowing status. New Business will include reports on the City of Chicago funding and new Chamber programs planned for year 2000 (downtown sidewalk power washing, window washing and signage rebate program paid by the Chamber). Russ

Gentile of Content Internet Services will discuss "Small Businesses and the Value of Internet." Consideration also will be given to any additional business raised at the meeting. Adjournment is expected by 1:30 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone in the business and residential community. To make a reservation, please call the Edison Park Chamber office by Mon., Dec. 6, at (773) 631-0063.

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During intermission, samples of gourmet cheesecake will be available. The bands will be selling these for the Christmas holidays.

Admission to the concert is \$3 for adults and \$1 for teens and seniors. Grade school student and younger are admitted free. Ample parking is available in the rear of the building where there will be an entrance to the gym where the concert will be performed.

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Avoid Foodborne Illness
Remember that most food poisonings are preventable. Start with washing your hands before you handle any food. Make sure utensils, counter tops and dishes are washed in hot soapy water between each step in food preparation. Be cautious not to use wooden utensils or cutting boards for raw meat and poultry. The surfaces can harbor bacteria.

Towels and wash cloths should be kept clean since bacteria can linger in those used repeatedly between laundering.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
Cooking food to a temperature of at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit (F) kills most bacteria that cause food poisoning. Keep cooked foods that are not served immediately at a holding temperature between 140 degrees and 165 degrees F. Do not leave food unrefrigerated longer than two hours or the chances of bacteria growth increases.

When preparing a turkey:
Thaw the turkey in the refrigerator. A 20-pound bird takes two to three days to defrost. Be sure the turkey has no ice in the cavity before preparation. If the inside is still frozen when you put it in the oven, the outside of the bird will be done before the inside. The inside temperature will not be hot enough to destroy disease-causing bacteria.

If you mix stuffing a day ahead, pre-mix only the dry ingredients. Do not stuff your bird until you are ready to cook it. Stuff it loosely so the stuffing cooks thoroughly.

Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the thigh, breast or stuffing. Temperatures should register 180 degrees F for turkey, 165 degrees F for stuffing and 170-175 degrees F for boneless roasts.

After the meal, immediately refrigerate leftovers such as meat, dressing, gravy or soups in small shallow containers. Allow these foods to sit several hours at room temperature allows time for the growth of bacteria. Refrigerate stuffing and other items separately from the bird.

It is important to serve leftovers either very cold (directly from the refrigerator) or very hot (at least 165 degrees F).

Avoid foods such as raw oysters, egg drinks, mousse or bread pudding, unless made with pasteurized eggs or an egg substitute. Soft-boiled eggs, steak tartare and rare or medium hamburger can harbor bacteria that cause food poisoning. It is particularly important that young children, the elderly, pregnant women and those who are ill or whose immune systems are compromised not eat raw or undercooked animal products or raw oysters unless they have consulted their physicians.

New Beginnings Christmas Concert

New Beginnings chours, under the direction of Mary Jane Robertson will present their Christmas Concert "The Gifts of Christmas" on Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 330 W. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights. Tickets are \$6. For more information and tickets, call Fran at (847) 537-5721 or Lyle at (847) 696-2954.

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Niles Concert Choir to present Christmas Pops NSO brings Jeffrey Siegel to Northbrook

The Niles Concert Choir will present its annual Christmas Pops concert Dec. 5 at St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Church, 8307 North Harlem in Niles. The choir, which will be joined by a full 53-piece symphony orchestra, is under the direction of Scott Arkenberg. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The music will include traditional Christmas carols and popular seasonal songs, such as "Sleigh Ride," "Let It Snow," "White Christmas" and "Bugler's Holiday."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children are free and group rates are available. For ticket information, call (847) 289-4484.

The Niles Concert Choir, founded in 1964 by the Rev. Stanley Rudcki, was begun in response to those who wanted a place to perform and an opportunity to hear the great choral literature that was rapidly disappearing. In 1997, Father Rudcki

retired and Arkenberg, a well-known musician and conductor in Chicago, became the music director.

The Niles Concert Choir is an all-volunteer 65-voice choir. Members come from 20 communities in the North and Northwest suburbs and from as far away as Chicago's South suburbs and Wisconsin.

On Sunday, December 19, 1999, 4 p.m., the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra will open its twentieth anniversary season's five-concert-series with Jeffrey Siegel, a pianist whose "enthusiasm is contagious, his credentials are world-class and his virtuosity is amazing." He is making his third appearance with the NSO. He will be featured in Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F. To compliment this

"All American" theme, Samuel Magad has also scheduled Copland's Appalachian Spring, and the Overture to Candide by Bernstein.

The NSO will continue to present its very popular Pre-Concert Discussion Series. Johann Buis will be featured December 19, as the guest lecturer and the discussions begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. prior to the concert.

The concert will be held at the Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. The concert begins at 4 p.m. The series ticket prices are \$120/\$110/\$90/\$60/\$25 (child or student) and single ticket prices are \$27/\$24/\$20/\$15/\$5 (child or student). There is ample free parking around the theater and the theater is handicapped accessible.

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Women's News

Morton Grove Group of Hadassah

The Morton Grove Group of Hadassah will have its Luncheon Meeting on Wednesday December 15th at 11:30 a.m., Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation, 7800 Lyons St., Morton Grove. Our program will be 'Humor on Health' presented by Dr. John G. Duffy who has performed

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Mount Sinai Hospital's Candlelight Ball raises \$250,000 for free mammograms



Park Ridge residents Reyes and Angeles Gonzales (from right) and Skokie residents Dmitry and Elizabeth merkin (from left) were among some 400 guests at Mount Sinai Hospital's Candlelight Ball, Oct. 23 at Chicago Hilton and Towers. Honoring long-time hospital supporters Michael and Carol Mitchel, the elegant bash got underway with cocktails and lavish hors d'oeuvres, followed by a gourmet dinner and fabulous raffle prizes. The gala featured music and entertainment by Michael Lenich and his Orchestra and raised more than \$250,000 for Mount Sinai's new Woman-to-Woman Project which brings free mammograms to West Side women who don't have health insurance. Dr. Henri Havdala of Skokie is chairman of the board of the hospital. Also pictured is Otella Ionescu of Chicago.

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Chicago Chapter Hadassah honors Rosh Hodesh Tevet

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Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
Place: Private home in Lincolnwood. Call number below for details.
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For information and reservations contact Judy Weiss at 312-263-7473.

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Wed., Nov. 10, 1999			
TEAM	W L		
T. Drozd, DDS	45 18	Geri Kenny	498
Candlelight Jewelers	37 26	Linda Fahey	496
Grand Nat'l Bank	37 26	Kay Pecoraro	488
Classic Bowl	29 34	Gertie Schultz	463
Skaja Terrace	26 37	Melissa Lang	
CMS Travel	15 48		

HIGH GAMES

Millie Kroll	216
Geri Kenny	197
Carol Oetringer	184
Kay Pecoraro	180
Gertie Schultz	173
Linda Fahey	

HIGH SERIES

Millie Kroll	528
Carol Oetringer	522

Catholic Women's Bowling League

Wed., Nov. 17, 1999			
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T. Drozd, DDS	47 23	Mary Wasilewski	173
Candlelight Jewelers	39 31	Sandra Davis	173
Grand Nat'l Bank	39 31		
Classic Bowl	34 36		
Skaja Terrace	31 39		
CMS Travel	20 50		

HIGH SERIES

Pam Kenny	539
Dorothy Kaufmann	526
Gerry Lettow	468
Carol Oetringer	463
Mary Wasilewski	462

HIGH GAMES

Carol Oetringer	188
Dorothy Kaufmann	185
Pam Kenny	184
Rosemary Mitchell	182
Kay Pecoraro	178
Carole Tines	178

National Mitzvah Day

The Young Leaders of Chicago Chapter Hadassah are currently collecting professional clothing, coats, shoes, and accessories to help give other women in the community the start they need. There are four drop-off sites across the Chicagoland area: Chicago, Skokie, Highland Park, and Buffalo Grove. For further details on the drop-off times and addresses, please contact Judy Weiss at the Hadassah office: 312-263-7473.

Bottomless Closet is a non-profit corporation helping provide business clothing and career development for women who need such assistance. Chicago Chapter Hadassah's Young Leaders are currently collecting professional clothing, coats, shoes, and accessories to help give other women in the community the start they need. There are four drop-off sites across the Chicagoland area: Chicago, Skokie, Highland Park, and Buffalo Grove. For further details on the drop-off times and addresses, please contact Judy Weiss at the Hadassah office: 312-263-7473.

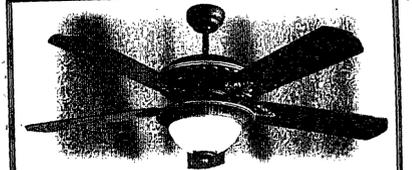
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001, Touch-Tone 09906) features the works of authors Henry James, George Eliot and Janice Austen, whose literature has been rediscovered by modern filmmakers. Course selections include *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* (the inspiration for the film, "Clueless"), *Wings of the Dove* and the short stories, "The Turn of the Screw" and "The Aspern Papers." The class meets from 12:30-3:20 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 19, in Room C214.

Introduction to Film (HUM 160-002, Touch-Tone 10614) examines the history and the art of film. Learn about editing, camera

movement, lighting and sound to increase your enjoyment of this popular medium. The class meets from 9 a.m.-12:20 p.m. on Mondays in Room C241. There is a \$20 lab fee.

Register for these and other Emeritus spring credit courses in Room A100 at the Ray Hartstein Campus or at the DesPlaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road. Those who have registered for Oakton or Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL) classes within

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NO HEALTH SCREENINGS IN DECEMBER
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HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIORS
Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite seniors to join in on free or low cost school productions to be performed this Fall. Call 825-4484 (Maine East) or 568-3956 (Niles North & West) for more details on the following schedule or senior club membership.

At Maine East:
Winter Concert & Reception, Sunday, Dec. 12, 1:30 p.m.
At Niles North:
Band Concert, Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Choir/Orchestra Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.
At Niles West:
Choir Holiday Concert, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Band/Orchestra Holiday Concert, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR WITH THE ROCKETTES
Direct from New York, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular returns to the Rosemont Theatre featuring the world famous Radio City Rockettes. The Prairie View Senior Travel Club will enjoy this show on Wednesday, Dec. 1. See the legendary "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," the awe-inspiring "Living Nativity" and even Santa Claus himself! Also enjoy a delicious Italian buffet luncheon. Depart from the Prairie View Community Center at 11:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$86 for residents, and \$95 for non-residents. For details, call Catherine Dean at the Morton Grove Park District, 965-1200.

FINE DINING & CITY LIGHTS TOUR
Sit back and relax in a deluxe motorcoach as the Prairie View Travel Club travels downtown for the day on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The first stop is the elegant Walnut Room in Marshall Fields on State Street to enjoy the magnificent Christmas tree and a delicious lunch. There will be time to shop before boarding the coach again to delight in the spectacular Christmas decorations adorning the streets of Chicago. Depart from the Prairie View Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The cost is \$46 for residents, and \$52 for non-residents. For details, call Catherine Dean at the Morton Grove Park District, 965-1200.

55 ALIVE
55 Alive Mature Driving is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the changes that accompany aging and ways drivers can improve their driving. The next course offered at the Morton Grove Village Hall Senior Center starts at 8:30 a.m. on both Thursday, Dec. 16, and Saturday, Dec. 18. Call the Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 to sign up.

REMINISCENCE INTERVIEWS
Morton Grove seniors can give their family a very nice gift that does not cost a single penny? They can talk for about an hour and have a video legacy that their family will cherish for years. Just call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223, and ask about a "Reminiscence Interview." The next step is easy, relax in the comfort of home and talk with an interviewer. Questions will be asked about childhood, upbringing and adult life while the videotape is running. Call today, families will appreciate this gift for years to come.

VIAL OF LIFE
No one ever plans for a medical emergency to occur in their home, but being prepared for such an event can be essential, particularly for those who live alone. Certainly, the use of 911 is the most important tool in any emergency situation but there are additional steps that can be taken to prepare for an emergency. The Vial of Life issued by the Cook County Sheriff's Office known as the "Helpful Emergency Lifesaving Packet" (H.E.L.P.) is now available to Morton Grove residents at the Village Hall Senior Center. The Packet contains a small plastic vial which will store pertinent medical and health history information that emergency personnel can readily access in the event of an emergency. If interested in a Vial of Life packet, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223.

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 965-1200. Receive the "Seniors in Morton Grove" newsletter, Morton Grove residents can send \$3, and non-residents send \$4 to the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Saving for retirement when there's no time left

Are you one of those retirement statistics? You know, one of the many people you read about in the surveys who are nearing retirement but haven't saved much money. Before you throw up your hands and figure it's too late to do anything about it, consider these suggestions.

Determine your retirement needs. A common rule of thumb is that retirees need 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement income. But that can vary widely. Some retirees live comfortably on only 40 or 50 percent of their working income, while others may need 100 percent. A lot depends on your expenses if retirement. For example, will you live modestly or travel a lot? Will health expenses be heavy? Once you have a handle on your retirement needs, you can determine how much you need to save in your remaining working years.

Review your retirement sources. You may be better off than you fear. If you anticipate a healthy pension from an employer, for example, you probably won't need to rely as heavily on personal savings as someone who has no retirement plan at work at all. What other resources do you have, such as equity in your home? Find out what Social Security benefits you may be entitled to by calling the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213 and requesting a free Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement.

Maximize your retirement contributions. This usually is the fastest way to build a nest egg. Certified Financial Planner professionals typically recommend that you put a minimum of 10 percent of your gross income toward retirement, and preferably 15 to 20 percent or more if you're nearing retirement. If you don't belong to a tax-deferred retirement plan at work, join. If you belong, try to maximize your contributions or at least contribute enough to maximize any matching contributions your employer may make. Some types of retirement plans allow "catch up" contributions. Don't overlook individual retirement accounts. If you are self-employed, consider opening a tax-deferred account such as a

Keogh or simplified employee pension (SEP) plan. Invest in taxable accounts or alternative tax-favored vehicles such as annuities if you maximize tax-deductible plans.

Reduce expenses. This is no fun, but every dollar you save by wringing waste and less critical expenses from your budget is money that can go toward retirement. See if you can't live comfortably on a tighter budget. You will have to in retirement, anyway.

Increase income. Perhaps you can take a second job or turn a hobby into an income-producing enterprise. Put that extra money into retirement accounts. **Review investments.** Make sure your investments are working hard for you. For example, you may not want to leave too much money sitting in low-risk but low-earning investments. You may have several years yet before you retire, and retirement itself will probably last at least 15 to 20 years. That's plenty of time for some investments in riskier assets, such as stocks, to weather ups and downs. You also may want to consider selling assets that aren't producing much income, such as a vacation home or raw land, and invest it in income-producing assets.

Retire later. If you haven't saved much yet, early retirement is probably out of the picture. The later you retire, the fewer years you have to save for and the more years you have to earn income for retirement. Postponing Social Security benefits means larger payments when you finally retire. You don't necessarily need to work full time, either. Part-time may be sufficient.

Use your home. You may have substantial equity built up in your home. You can sell the home, buy a less expensive home or rent, then invest the difference. You can rent out a room, or you might consider a reverse mortgage, which pays you income based on the equity in your home (you don't have to pay it back until the home is sold or you die).

Make smart withdrawals. Talk with your CFP professional about the best way to take money out of your retirement accounts.

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE FOR YOUR HEALTH VILLAGE OF NILES SENIOR CENTER

The Niles Senior Center has many activities, events, and responsibilities throughout the month. One of our most important responsibilities is to present health information and health screenings for our members. Please look to our weekly news releases for these health related items. Please join us for one or more of the events. For more information, or to register, please call 588-8420.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Blood Pressure Screening is Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No appointment needed.

ACUPUNCTURE
Acupuncture is Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. This is a FREE hands-on seminar. Learn about Acupuncture theory and the use of massage to stimulate acupuncture points for common complaints and to control mild pain. Presented by Matthew P. Foley, Chiropractic Physician. Appointment needed.

Diners enjoy spaghetti dinner at Norwood Park Home



Nearly 400 diners gathered at three seatings for the recent Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Norwood Park Home, 6016-20 N. Nina Avenue, Chicago. One of the many eager diners was Bill Michalski, who spoils his spaghetti while eyeing the basket of fresh-baked garlic bread offered by Linda Kregger, admissions coordinator at the Home and an employee volunteer for the event. The dinner was staffed by many NPH employee volunteers and members of the Resurrection High School Key Club. A final food and beverage tally for the evening indicated that the volunteers prepared and served 120 pounds of cooked spaghetti, 15 gallons of sauce, 60 three-foot loaves of garlic bread, 96 liters of wine, 50 pounds of salad, 40 pounds of cheese and crackers, and 12 gallons of spumoni ice cream. Proceeds of the event, which netted almost \$4,000, will be put towards the Capital Campaign, "Building a Second Century of Tradition" to continue the Home's major renovations.



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Other Services. Blood Pressure Testing and Blood Sugar Screening, Book Browsers Group, Information and Referral, Salvation Army Service Unit, Special Meetings and Classes, Weight Loss Support Group, Volunteer Opportunities.

For more information about any of the above listed programs call The Center of Concern, 847/823-0453.

Asbury Court invites seniors to Holiday Dance

Asbury Court Retirement Communities is issuing an open invitation to all Seniors to their annual Holiday Dance. The festivities are being held on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Seniors are invited to come and enjoy great music by "Day Riz." Appetizers will be served and this is your chance to make some wonderful new friends.

Asbury Court Community is located at 1750 S. Elmhurst Rd., Des Plaines. (Behind Denny's restaurant at Oakton & Elmhurst Rds.)

For further information call (847) 228-1500.

Leaning Tower YMCA Senior Christmas Party

The Seniors Christmas Party on Thursday, December 9th, will be held at Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Ave., in Niles. Members and guests will be served an excellent luncheon, while being entertained by "Mario" and his fantastic orchestra with dance music for the balance of the afternoon. Member price is \$20 and guests are \$25. Call Laura Boyce at 847-647-8222 Ext. 2237 for further information.

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NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION
The Niles Senior Center - 999 Civic Center Drive, behind the Village Hall - serves residents of the Village of Niles age 62 and over and their younger spouses. To register for classes, trips, purchasing tickets, etc., you need to be a member of the Niles Senior Center. If you are interested in obtaining additional Senior Center information - or you wish to become a member - please call or visit the Center and be placed on the mailing list. Membership is FREE.

The Senior Center will be closed on Friday, Dec. 10 for Staff In Service Training

WINTER/SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION
There is still time to register for our Winter/Spring Classes. The classes being offered include Bridge, Pinochle, Cermics, a variety of Computer Classes, Cooking Classes, Ballroom Dance, Jazz Dance, Tap Dance, Square Dance, Drama, Pool, Oil and Watercolor, Quilting, Sculpting and Woodcarving. Contact the Center at 588-8420 for more details.

YARN NEEDED
The Senior Center is requesting left over yarn or scraps of material for veterans and senior crafters. Lap robes and shawls are made for veterans at Hines Hospital. Volunteer knitters and crocheters are also needed. Please contact the Senior Center.

POOL TOURNAMENT PREPARATION
Pool Tournament Preparation is Thursdays in December (except December 23), 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. First class is December 2. Come to this four week course to learn the strategies needed to be a winner in our January tournament. Cost: \$10.

BOOK DISCUSSION
The Book Discussion group meets the first Friday of every month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Friday, Dec. 3, the featured book is Dakota - A Spiritual Geography by Kathleen Norris. Cost: \$1 includes refreshments.

TICKET SALES
Tickets sales is Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8:45 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Tickets for the following events will be sold:
Sunday at the Center-Winterfest Party is Sunday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Roast Turkey Luncheon will be served 12 noon until 1 p.m. followed by entertainment by the North Shore Dance Studio plus sing-a-long with Larry Nestor. Cost: \$6.
Evening at the Center - The Pretenders is Thursday, Jan. 20, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dinner served 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. featuring Italian Mostaccioli and Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Dessert. The main event features The Pretenders (our very own drama group) as they perform old time radio shows. Cost: \$6.

MONTHLY SUNDAYS AND EVENINGS AT THE CENTER
The Niles Senior Center is open one Sunday every month, and one evening every month. All Niles seniors are welcome. Niles seniors who can't attend during regular hours, please join us on Sunday or in the evening. Please call to register.
SPECIAL EVENING AT THE CENTER: PRE-NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
Special Evening at the Center: Pre-New Years Eve Party is Tuesday, Dec. 28, from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ring in the new millennium with a meal featuring Roast Loins of Pork. Then listen to the music of Mario and his Society Orchestra. Cost: \$10.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY & MEETING
Women's Club Holiday Party & Meeting is noon, Monday, Dec. 13. Lunch of Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, and dessert followed by the Kitchenaire. Cost: \$3.
CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION GROUP
Become part of our newest program - Current Events Discussion Group - meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Discussion varies depending on the group's interest. For more information, contact Mary Swanson.

OVER 90 RESIDENTS AND 50 YEAR COUPLES WANTED
The Niles Senior Center will host a special celebration during May honoring those residents who are 90 and older, and couples celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary in the year 2000. If you are one of these people, please contact the Center and provide your name(s), address and phone number so an invitation can be sent closer to the event. For more information, contact Mary Swanson at 588-8420.

Police News

Theft
While reviewing store security video tapes Nov. 27, the security agent of a retail store in the 8600 block of Dempster Street observed a male suspect between 19 and 21 years of age standing 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds cut a lock assembly off a security storage locker with a bolt cutter and steal five cases each containing 30 cartons of cigarettes of assorted brands valued at \$3,500.

The offender then cut off the lock bar to an overhead delivery door and placed all the stolen items into a waiting auto. Police later checked the crime scene, but the damaged parts and the bolt cutter were nowhere to be found. The described offender has been seen with two store employees

who are under investigation by store security. The store security agent has also seen the suspect on a video of Oct. 25 attempting to steal a play station video game.

Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in a parking lot of a beverage company in the 6800 block of Jarvis around 7:40 p.m. Nov. 24. Upon arrival, Police observed two male suspects, both in their 30s standing outside a late model Ford Explorer in which 15 to 20 cases of soft drinks had been placed. When police attempted to question one of the men, he immediately entered the driver's side of the vehicle and began to flee southbound on Oak Park Avenue. Police activated the emergency lights to signal the offender

to pull over, but the offender refused to stop and continued eastbound on Touhy Avenue from Oak Park Avenue at a high rate of speed. Police continued to pursue the offender, but terminated pursuit when they reached Touhy and Lehigh. The offender continued to flee eastbound on Touhy Avenue.

Police returned to the beverage company where the security guard told them that, while making her rounds, she had observed the offenders removing cases of soft drinks from an unlocked trailer in the company parking lot and placing them into the offending vehicle.

The offenders stole 20 cases of soft drinks valued at \$120.

Fight in progress
A 31-year-old Carol Stream woman told police a showing match started inside a restaurant in the 7800 block of Caldwell Avenue around 2:05 a.m. Nov. 28 resulting in both interior vestibule glass doors being broken. A fight ensued between an unknown man and a 20-year-old Skokie man during which the woman was pushed into the parking lot. The offender fled before police arrived at the scene. The victim did not wish to sign a complaint.

Forgery
Felony charges were lodged

against a 25-year-old Chicago woman who presented a check to an employee of the bank in the 8500 block of Golf Road in the amount of \$4,078.21 from an account of "The Times." The employee suspected the check might be fraudulent and entered the account number, which was flagged as being an account that had counterfeit checks in circulation and verified through the bank fraud hotline that the account had been closed. When the offender endorsed the check, she was taken into custody. The offender told police she received \$1,000 from an unknown person for cashing the check. The business office of "The Times" confirmed that the account in question had been closed because of similar problems and that the offender had no permission to be in possession of the check.

Criminal damage to property
A 28-year-old masonry worker reported that unknown person (s) used a circular object to punch three holes in the overhead door of his detached garage in the rear of the 8000 block of Osceola Avenue sometime between 1 p.m. Nov. 23 and 11:30 a.m. Nov. 24.

The victim has just moved into this home. He has no known neighbor problems. He requested a special watch. Police checked all the garage doors in the alley

and found no other damaged garage doors.

Criminal damage to auto

A 38-year-old Niles truck driver reported that unknown offender(s) used a sharp object to slash all four tires of his white 1998 Chevrolet Lumina while it was left in a restaurant parking lot in the 7000 block of Oakton Street sometime between 10 p.m. Nov. 24 and 3 a.m. Nov. 25.

The estimated cost to replace the tires was \$500. No other vehicles in the area were affected. The victim said he had no altercation with anyone at the location.

A 33-year-old bank officer reported that unknown per(s) threw a large rock through the right rear door window of her white 1993 Mercedes Benz while it was parked in the driveway of her home in the 8500 block of Roseview. The vehicle was not entered.

Lost or stolen property

The owner of a dry cleaners in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue was unable to locate two pieces of clothing valued at \$1,924 which were brought to her shop for cleaning. The clothing items were lost or stolen from the store sometime between 4 p.m. Nov. 10 and 7 p.m. Nov. 24. The report was taken as a matter of record.

Lois Navarre, music teacher, dies at age 69

Lois Navarre, who shared her love of music with many students and entertained many audiences throughout her musical career, passed away Nov. 23 in the Marriott Church Creek Health Care Center in Arlington Heights.

After taking vows as a Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1948 following her high school graduation, Lois Navarre taught music in area Catholic Schools as well as schools in Iowa, New York, and Wisconsin until 1967.

After leaving the order, Mrs. Navarre taught for 15 years in area public schools in Des Plaines, Glenview, and Niles, including Gemini, Twain, Apollo, Washington and Stevenson schools.

With a bachelor's degree in music from Mundelein College and a master's degree from Northwestern University, Mrs. Navarre was also a talented actress and singer who performed in plays and sang in operas with the Opera

Collision with Skokie Swift injures five

Impact with a Skokie Swift Yellow Line Chicago Transit Authority train at the Niles Center Road crossing in Skokie landed the 38-year-old driver of a 1983 Honda and four train passengers in local hospitals Nov. 22.

The driver, a Skokie resident, was admitted in fair condition to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston shortly after the incident which occurred around 11:45 a.m. in the 8500 block of Niles Center Road. Skokie police said the northbound train struck the driver's side of the car, totally destroying the vehicle.

The other victims had only minor injuries. The driver was charged with driving under the gates, driving without insurance and other offenses, Skokie police said.

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Church & Temple News

KOC special prayer service



Knights stand Honor Guard for prayer service at St. John Brebeuf Church.

Almost 1800 people participated in a tribute to Mother Mary and the 33 foot statue of the blessed mother entitled 'Our Lady of the New Millennium' on Sunday, September 26.

The North American Martyrs Council 4338, Knights of Columbus, hosted a special 'The Family Hour of Prayer,' prayer service at St. John Brebeuf Parish, as part of the closing ceremonies for the statue's week-long stay at the parish.

Twenty-three Sir Knights from various surrounding councils provided the special honor guard to the special edition

prayer service at St. John Brebeuf.

Church Director Carl Forina proudly coordinated the efforts of two brother knights, Rev. Fathers to act as the prime celebrants for the service. This prayer service included an adoration, exposition and benediction of the blessed sacrament along with a procession of participants to the statue, for the Holy Rosary.

Throughout the week of the statue's stay, over 1000 pieces of literature and brochures associated with Knights of Columbus membership were distributed.

President of Ezra-Habonim, NTJC elected

Allan Carroll, a long time member of Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation will be the next president of the congregation. Allan and wife Paula have been active members of the congregation for over 25 years. He has held almost every office and chairperson of many committees including Religious Service & Capital Funds to name a few. He is predicted of Carroll Financial Group, Inc. Besides his involvement at the congregation he also serves as a Director of the Portes Center in Chicago, and The Edens Bank in Wilmette. Other officers elected were Steve Blonder, Vice President; Ray Fleischer, Financial Secretary; Sheldon Glickman, Treasurer and Norman Edelstein, Recording Secretary.

OLR 11th Annual Cookie Walk

Our Lady of Ransom Parish will host its 11th annual Cookie Walk. "Christmas Delights" on Sunday, December 12 after all the masses, at 8300 Greenwood, Niles. A variety of baked items will be featured. A raffle will also be held.

Come and purchase baked items for your holiday activities. There will be our traditional Baker's Lane where you may select a variety of cookies and purchase for one set price, or our Ho-Ho Depot- visit with Santa between 10-12 noon; Sweet Boutique- choose from an assortment of pre-wrapped trays of cookies and candies; Penguin Cafe- relax with family and friends at a continental breakfast; or visit our Gingerbread House- try your luck at our raffle.

NSJC Holiday Events

Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation fills this holiday season with the following events: On Friday, December 3 at 8 p.m., The Sisterhood will conduct the Shabbat (Sabbath) evening service featuring an all-female choir.

On Sunday, December 5, the Men's Club will host their annual Chanukah Party at the synagogue from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is welcome. Adult tickets are \$6, children's tickets are \$3, and children under 3 years old are free of charge. Reservations should be made by December 1.

For more information, please call the synagogue at 847-965-0900.

Holiday Worship at St. John Lutheran, Niles

The members of St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles invite you to join them in special worship services during the holiday season.

The choir of St. John Lutheran Church will present a service of Lessons and Carols Wednesday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. Follow the familiar Christmas story from Advent through the coming of the Wise Men in Scripture and music.

The Sunday School students of St. John Lutheran will present "Exploring God's Promise" Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Revisit the night of the birth of Jesus, who came to give us the gift of eternal life.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. The 5 p.m. service will include a special children's sermon and will feature the singing of many favorite Christmas hymns and carols including the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. The 11 p.m. service will include the celebration of Holy Communion along with the singing of Christmas favorites and featuring the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight. The Christmas sermon at both of these services is entitled "The Night the Shepherds Were Locked Out" based on Luke 2:18-20.

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St. John Lutheran to present the 'Boar's Head Festival'

St. John Lutheran Church in Forest Park will perform a medieval Christmas Celebration called the "Boar's Head Festival" on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John Lutheran Church, 305 Circle Ave., Forest Park. Advance ticket purchases are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$12 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

The "Boar's Head Festival" is the story of Baby Jesus' birth

mixed with medieval pageantry, costumes, the yule log and King Wenceslaus. What began as a pagan festival was endowed by the early Christians with symbolic religious meaning. The boar, being the most ferocious beast in the forest, was considered the ultimate symbol of evil. Its death came to symbolize Christ's victory over sin.

For more information or to order tickets, call (708) 453-2654. Visa and MasterCard are accepted and valet parking will be available.

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When: On Chanukah, Sunday, December 5. Doors open at 11 a.m. Dinner, including traditional potato pancakes, will be served at 12 noon. The Menorah will be lit at 1 p.m.

Where: Chicago Park District Armory, 5917 N. Broadway.

Why: Sponsored by The ARK, a Jewish organization which offers free social services needy including health care, legal assistance, food packages and help for the mentally ill. The ARK is headquartered at 6450 N. California, Chicago, (773) 973-1000. Executive Director is Miriam Weinberger. We are a Special Grant Recipient of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

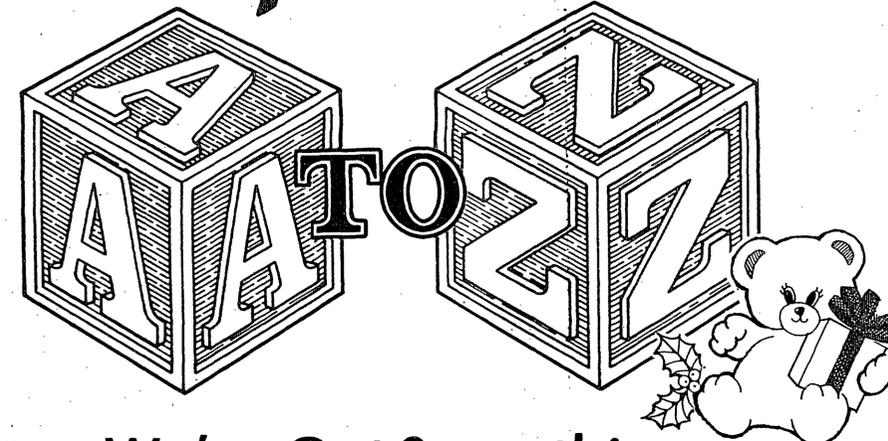
Live Nativity at St. Michaels

A live nativity program will be held at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, located at 7313 Waukegan Road, Niles. The outdoor performances are free- a gift to the community. The Christian Christmas story will feature a live donkey, sheep, and other animals that shared the stable during Christ's birth. Coffee, cocoa, and Christmas cookies will be served after each performance. In addition, tours of the Church will be offered. For more information, call 847-647-8398.

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Santa Claus to arrive in Edison Park Dec. 4

Here comes Santa Claus! Yes, he will arrive in Edison Park by train at 9:57 a.m., on Sat. Dec. 4. From the railroad station, he will walk with children and parents down Oliphant Avenue, and along Northwest Highway to the

corner of Oshkosh and Northwest Highway where, he will participate in the Christmas Tree dedication at 10:15 a.m. Participating in the ceremony will be Rev. Les Gyllstrom, pastor of Edison Park Lutheran

Church, who will bless the tree, along with Ald. Brian Doherty and Edison Park Chamber President Jim Del Medico, both of whom will deliver a brief welcome. Cookies, hot cider and hot chocolate will be served by Pat Clark and her elves, while Christmas music is played.

Following the ceremony, Santa Claus will cross Northwest Highway to the Edison Park Fieldhouse to visit with children from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. He will be located in Santa's House on the second floor. Children visiting Santa will receive an activity book and candy cane, along with having a Polaroid picture taken of their visit, all compliments of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce. Other games and activities will be coordinated by the Chicago Park District.

Children and parents waiting to visit Santa may wait in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen where hot chocolate and cookies will be served by Mrs. Claus and her elves.

The Edison Park Fieldhouse will be colorfully decorated for the season.

Also, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., free "Cinderella" carriage rides will depart from the M.J. Suerth Funeral Home parking lot, travel down Northwest Highway and return. Numbers will be given to all riders on a first-come basis. This way, parents and children will be able to enjoy the Fieldhouse activities until their turn to ride a carriage.

"This is a unique and relaxing way to see downtown Edison Park and its many businesses," said Laura Fanucci-Banash, Chamber executive director. "Besides, you'll have an opportunity to experience some of the trappings of royalty at the turn-of-the-century."

"While downtown, we hope parents will take some time to visit local merchants or have breakfast or lunch in Edison Park before or after the ceremonies," said Fanucci-Banash. "Some merchants will have decorated display windows and others will offer special sales. Enjoy downtown Edison Park for some of your shopping and dining on this special day!"

For more information on the Edison Park Chamber Holiday Program and Santa Claus arrival, call (773) 631-0063.

Little City Foundation's 1999 Holiday Cards available

Share the spirit of the season with four original holiday cards available now from Little City Foundation in Palatine. De-

signed by artists with developmental disabilities, the back of each card includes a photo and short biography of the artist who created it.

Holiday cards are available in packages of 25 and are printed on high quality paper. Imprinting is also available for a nominal fee. The four designs include: Snowman, Peace on Earth, Forest Scene and Holiday Scene. Holiday cards are available for purchase at The Front Porch Resale Shop, located at Little City Foundation, 1700 Algonquin Road, Palatine; by phone at (847) 358-9467; or by fax at (847) 358-3291.

Little City, founded in 1959, works to improve the quality of life for children and adults with mental retardation, autism, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy and other developmental challenges. Programs and services provided by Little City include housing, employment, home-based support, service coordination, foster care, media and studio arts, and advocacy.

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Christmas jungle theme at Serpent Safari

There's a new rhythm to the sounds of the holidays at Serpent Safari in Gurnee Mills. Mistletoe has been replaced with jungle vines and Santa has gone on safari. Serpent Safari, the first reptile zoo located in a major shopping mall, has announced its plans to celebrate the holidays with a new twist. "From now through Christmas eve, everyday will be a festive time at the zoo," according to owner Lou Daddono.

Rainforest Cafe, located across from Serpent Safari, will host Breakfast with Safari Santa on December 11 and 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Guests can then swing over to Serpent Safari after breakfast for their jungle photo with the jolly man. Photo opportunities will be available for the remainder of each day.

The other weekends, through Christmas, will feature Matt, the jungle elf at Serpent Safari. Pho-

tos can be taken in the Photo Safari with the Christmas elf and a favorite reptile of their choice. Choose from a giant Burmese python or baby American alligator. Photos will be discounted through the Christmas season.

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Come and experience Irish Traditions with the Wheaton History Center. This holiday season, the Wheaton History Center will feature Ireland, past and present, in an exhibit called Irish Traditions. From Celtic heritage, architecture, and handicrafts, to music and dance, the exhibit will provide an overview of the Emerald Isle while focusing on holiday customs.

A highlight of the tours and programs will be the McNulty Irish Dancers. The dancers will explain the traditional costumes and music of Ireland as well as performing traditional dance. Interpretive tours will be given on the following dates and times, where visitors will interactively learn about Irish Traditions: Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m.; Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m.; Saturday, December 18 at 11 a.m. Tours and programs also offered in January.

is located at 606 N. Main at Lincoln Avenue, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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A Christmas Carol in Hog Patch Holler

Center Stage at Dominican University presents performances of "A Christmas Carol in Hog Patch Holler." The performances will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 1 p.m. in the Lund Auditorium located in the Fine Arts building, 7900 West Division Street.

"A Christmas Carol in Hog Patch Holler," was written by national award-winning playwright Mark Pence, especially for Center Stage at Dominican University. Based on Dicken's "A Christmas Carol," this production is centered around a barnyard where all your favorite fairy tale characters, including the Big Bad Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs, meet Scrooge. This Christmas classic is perfect for the entire family.

Center Stage at Dominican University is directed by Jill and

Michael Poehlman. Center Stage offering a full season of performances at Dominican including Tennessee Williams' "This Property is Condemned," Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago, and Danny Glover and Felix Justice in "An Evening with Martin and Langston."

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol in Hog Patch Holler" are \$7. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Center Stage at Dominican University at (708) 524-6942. Bring a canned good for a local food pantry or a new toy for Toys for Tots and receive \$1 off each ticket purchased.

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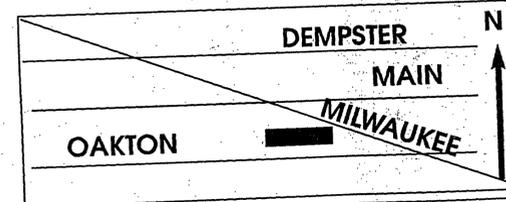
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Christmas Tree Safety

Keep the fun in holiday decorating by following these safety tips:
 To ensure a tree of maximum freshness, buy from a tree farm and cut it down yourself.
 Never buy a dry tree. If you do buy a pre-cut tree, remember

to ask the seller questions about the tree's freshness, such as when it was cut, where it came from and how it was transported and stored. Trees exposed to wind and sun for two to three weeks tend to be dangerously dry.

Measure the area you plan to put the tree before you purchase it. Make sure the stump of the tree is long enough to provide sufficient support and to soak up enough water. The stump should be 1 inch long for each foot of height to provide enough water for the tree.

Saw 1/2 inch off the bottom of the trunk to expose new wood that will absorb water easily. Until you are ready to put up the tree, set the tree in water out of the wind. Check water level daily.

When you put up your tree, be sure to use a sturdy stand that holds water.

Check water level several times each week and add water when necessary.

Do not display the tree near heat outlets -- close off heat vents that will blow directly on tree.

Turn off tree lights before leaving your home or going to bed.

If you have an artificial tree, make certain it is flame retardant.

Christmas in Park Ridge Housewalk and Boutique

Friday evening, December 3, Maine Center's Auxiliary will conduct the 23rd Annual "Christmas in Park Ridge" Housewalk and Boutique for a tour of some of Park Ridge's most beautiful homes and to support the positive presence of Maine Center for Mental Health. Last year's walk attracted nearly 1,000 persons -- current residents, prospective homeowners and people from all over the Northwest Suburban area. Our 1999 Housewalk will include 5 homes and the Brickton Gallery and Art Center in downtown Park Ridge.

For 32 years Maine Center has provided community-based mental health services to Maine Township residents of Des Plaines, Glenview, Morton

Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Rosemont. The center served almost 800 individuals last year. Services are provided at the agency's Park Ridge office, and a psychosocial rehabilitation program is operated at a facility in Des Plaines. Maine Center also provides assisted living services for 25 clients through 10 different apartment sites located in the Park Ridge and Des Plaines area.

Many clients cannot pay the full cost of their care. Fee subsidies for these clients are underwritten by gifts from generous individuals and organizations.

The housewalk is our only major fundraiser and a very special social event for all who attend. Housewalk proceeds directly benefit clients of Maine Center.

Shopping for holiday gifts for children

Although fewer and fewer dangerous toys are on the market each year, adults must still choose safely when shopping for children. Too often adults select toys that appeal to them rather than choosing appropriately for the child. The most important rules for safe toy giving are to pay attention to age guidelines and select toys suited for that child.

Read the label for the age recommendations and choose toys appropriate to the child's age. Remember, toys recommended for children older than aged 3 may contain small parts which could present a choking hazard to a younger child.

Choose toys the child can handle. Just because a toy is recommended for 8 year olds does not mean every 8-year-old is mature enough to operate it.

Think about how much adult supervision the toy will require and whether the child will have supervision available.

The ideal toys for young children (three and under) are those that: Have smooth, rounded edges, are too large to swallow, have no exposed pins, wires or nails, have no detachable parts that could become lodged in a child's windpipe, ear or nostrils, does not contain pieces, such as darts or arrows that can be thrown or shot at another person, are not electric, are not made of material, such as glass or brittle plastic, that will crack or shatter easily.

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Keeping an eye on safe holiday toys

Selection of the proper toy is the first step in keeping the holiday safe for young children. The right toy can help a young child develop creativity and coordination in their early developmental years. Buying the *wrong* toy can do more harm than good.

Every year young children are treated in hospital emergency rooms for product-related eye injuries in or around the home and at play. An estimated 290,000 injuries occur each year with children under five years of age making up 10 percent of that number. Ninety percent of these injuries were preventable.

In an effort to increase awareness on the importance of selecting safe toys this holiday season, Holy Family Medical Center recommends these Prevent Blindness America® tips.

• Read all warning and instructions carefully and follow suggested age levels.

• Avoid toys with sharp or rigid points, spikes, rods and dangerous edges.

• Inspect toys for safe, sturdy construction.

• Stay away from flying toys and projectile-firing toys.

• Look for the letters "ASTM." This indicates the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).

• Make this holiday season safe and fun by selecting proper toys for young children. They deserve a chance to benefit from a happy and safe holiday season injury-free!



Preventing holiday tree theft

All too often we hear of the homeowner that once had a beautiful blue spruce in the yard, but during one night in early December the tree was cut down by vandals and probably used as a holiday decoration. As it takes many years to produce a quality tree it is indeed quite a loss when such an event happens. Holiday theft of this kind is not limited to homeowners' premises but occurs all too often in cemeteries, parks, country clubs, along interstate highways, and on college campuses. The thieves are indeed very particular, so only the choicest evergreen trees are selected for cutting. Trees that have crooked trunks, those that are spindly and malformed are left untouched.

Products have been produced that make sprayed trees give off a very bad odor if brought indoors. If such treated trees are stolen, I suppose one can be consoled that at least the thieves will not be able to enjoy the trees. But the loss has already taken place, would it not have been better to prevent the loss from occurring.

One method that has proven to prevent such thievery is to make trees look objectionable. Most thieves do not like evergreen trees that have orange spots. Of course one does not want the spots to be permanent or to cause any injury to the bark or foliage. The use of an orange chalk spray applied as a spot treatment to evergreen trees on the University of Illinois campus at Urbana-Champaign has nearly stopped holiday tree vandalism. Marshal Bellville, Tree Surgeon, at the University of Illinois said that the year before spot treatments were made 18 trees were stolen on campus whereas this year trees were treated only 3 trees were stolen. The chalk spray comes in a convenient aerosol spray can and is applied to a few areas on a tree as a spot treatment. Yes the treated trees do look a little odd during the winter months, but by spring the orange spotting has faded and the trees have survived. Chalk sprays are usually used by construction companies to temporary mark an area, but applied to trees they have proven to be tree savers. There are probably several producers of chalk sprays but one brand that has been used successfully goes by the name Trig-a-Chalk and is distributed by A. M. Leonard of Piqua, Ohio (800-543-8955 or <http://www.amleo.com/>).

A home remedy can also be used for spot spraying. The mixture consists of 20 oz hydrated lime, and 4 oz of Wilt Pruf mixed into a paste then add 20 gal of warm water and 2 bottles of food coloring.

It is indeed unfortunate that we have to take such actions as tree spotting, but with just a little effort we can save a valuable investment that will continue to grow.

James E. Appleby, Entomologist
Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
University of Illinois

Parks & Library News

Lincolnwood Public Library

The All-Village Singers to perform
The All-Village Singers will present Holiday Medley, favorite Christmas carols and Hanukkah songs, at the Lincolnwood Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12. The singing group of some 25 members has an entertaining repertoire of popular holiday songs, ancient songs and lively carols. The All-Village Singers has performed numerous concerts throughout the North Shore. Tickets are required and are available free at the circulation desk three weeks before the program to Lincolnwood residents and one week before to non-residents. The library is located at 4000 W. Pratt Ave., phone 847-677-5277.

Raptor art exhibit by falconer Laura G. Kirby
Pen and ink raptor art-falcons, eagles, condors, and hawks- by Laura G. Kirby will be on exhibit at the Lincolnwood Public Library from Dec. 18 to Jan. 29. The St. Charles artist, who has worked at drawing and painting all her life, was formerly a high school art teacher, but is now fully committed to making her living as an artist.

Kirby's realistic and highly detailed primarily consists of originals and fine art prints depicting birds of prey and in the early 90's she became a licensed falconer. In 1994 she formed her own company, Yarak, the archaic falconry term meaning "slightly hungry, eager to hunt."

She graduated from Illinois State University in 1981 with a degree in fine art. This summer her work was awarded "Best of Show" at the Art in the Park art fair in Oak Park and second place at the Riverfest Fine Art Show in St. Charles. The art exhibit are coordinated by Barbara Knapp. The library is located at 4000 W. Pratt Ave.

Morton Grove Library holiday hours

The library will be closed Friday, December 3 for staff training. Service will resume Saturday, December 4 at 9 a.m. The library will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will resume service on Sunday, December 26 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The library will close one hour early, at 5 p.m. New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day. Service will resume Sunday, January 2 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. For further information, please call the library at 965-4220.

Holiday Gingerbread House (New Program)

Make your own no-bake gingerbread house for a special holiday centerpiece. Instructions and all materials included for each parent/child couple to make a gingerbread house to take home. This fun learning activity is on Wednesday, December 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Fees: Resident \$35; Non-resident \$40.

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa for his annual breakfast with Niles Park District. Every year, Santa makes a stop at the Howard Leisure Center, to enjoy pancakes, visits, and of course pictures with the children. Adults are welcome to register for the breakfast too! It's a jolly time. Santa would love to see everyone again this year, and new faces too! Registration deadline is Friday, December 10. Call (847) 967-6633 for availability. Sorry no registration will be accepted at the door. Children up to 3rd grade & adults are invited to attend one of the following seatings on Saturday, December 11: 8:30-9:30 a.m.; 10-11 a.m.; 11:30-12:30 p.m. Fees: Resident \$4; Non-resident \$5.

Santa's Mailbox

Santa loves to get letters from boys and girls who have been good all year long! Those wishing to send a letter to Santa should drop it off at Santa's Mailbox, located at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., during regular office hours. Please include your return address so that Santa can write back. Make sure your letter is in the box by Wednesday, December 8 so that you receive a reply in time for Christmas.

Santa's Calling

Santa not only makes visits, but phone calls too! Sign your child up to receive a personalized phone call from Santa. Calls will be made on Wednesday, December 15 between 5:30-7 p.m. This is a free event -- so don't hesitate to sign up by Monday, December 13. Lite up your child's eyes -- and ears, with a call from Santa and his reindeer. Registration will be taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Call (847) 967-6633 for more information.

Cynthia Josephs to retire Feb. 29, 2000
Lincolnwood Public Library Director Cynthia Josephs has announced that she will retire February 29, 2000. She came to Lincolnwood in September of 1988 from the Springfield Public Library in New Jersey and has held the top post here for twelve years, serving under five library board presidents.

During her tenure she oversaw the passing of the \$2.5 million bond referendum in 1995 and the subsequent expansion and remodeling of the building at 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The library celebrated its grand reopening in September of 1997.

Lincolnwood Public Library

Teen Read Week winners
Seven students turned in book logs to the Youth Services Department at the Lincolnwood Public Library at the conclusion of Teen Read Week October 17-23. They proved the theme of the week that "Reading Rocks! Read for the Fun of It!" and received either a packet of fast food restaurant coupons or video rental coupons for their special effort. The winning students were: Hedy Fenn, Jonathan Glassner, Jorie Glassner, Priya Kalapurayil, Jessica Lipscomb, Beth Rheinstrom, and Elizabeth Zaleski.

Review A Breach of Promise
Connie Adelman will review A Breach of Promise by Anne Perry at the Lincolnwood Public Library on Friday, Dec. 3, coffee at 10 a.m.; program at 10:30 a.m. Another of Perry's best-selling private detective William Monk mysteries, the novel has all to do with the roles and positions of women in Victorian society, with a rousing courtroom drama at the center of the book.

The author manages to show the many ways in which women were made to pay for their place in a male-dominated society. This touching and surprisingly suspenseful story has a plot that is stunningly original and makes Victorian London come brilliantly alive with authentic period details and characters that are both real and genuine.

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School News

Fall is Apple Time at St. John Brebeuf



Mrs. Daray's Kindergarten Class at St. John Brebeuf School in Niles, has been experiencing many learning activities with an apple theme. A video on Johnny Appleseed told the children about how apples traveled westward with the pioneers. A sequence book

was made to tell the story of Johnny Appleseed.

The children learned about how apples grow from blossoms on an apple tree in Spring to full grown apples by fall. They also learned that apples come in three colors, red, yellow and green.

Graphing apples was a math activity done to show how many we had of each color apple. We sequenced apples from largest to smallest.

The unit was finished by making and eating applesauce together.

Instructor honored on USA Today

Notre Dame High School for Boys' teacher/administrator Sister Carole Ciemiak has been honored by USA Today as one of the top teachers in the United States in the national newspaper's Third Annual All-USA Teacher Teams.

Sister Ciemiak was one of 13 individual instructors and seven teaching teams to make the All-USA Teacher Second Team. The announcement appeared in the October 14 issue of USA Today. She is Notre Dame's Director of the Brother Andre Scholars Program, which helps at-risk students, and also teaches in the math department. She has been teaching for 36 years, the last six of which at Notre Dame.

Sister Ciemiak has been teaching at Notre Dame since 1994. She became Director of the Andre Center in 1997. Sr. Ciemiak also has a busy schedule outside the high school. She has been a volunteer color commentator for Notre Dame basketball and football games for Media One Niles cable television outlet since 1997. She was also an auctioneer at Notre Dame's Spring Benefit in 1998 and '99. Before arriving at Notre Dame, Sr. Ciemiak was the principal at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Grade School for 20 years.

In 1996, Ciemiak was given Notre Dame's Students Council Award for recognition of the assistance she gave the organization. The following year she was selected by her teaching colleagues to receive the Heart of the School Award, which is given in recognition of a teacher's work. Ciemiak earned her master's in education in 1973 from Loyola University.

Ten judges, including a member of last year's All-USA Teacher First Team, selected a first, second and third team from 599 nominees nationwide. Each team had 20 teachers on it. "These stellar teachers inspire their students to be the best they can be, academically. They also teach lessons of empowerment, responsibility and community," President and Publisher of USA Today, Tom Curley, said. "By honoring them, we recognize what they're doing is building a better future."

The fellow with the smallest mind is the one usually most willing to give someone a piece of it.

School News

Reunions scheduled for the year 2000

Dance classes at NEIU

Registration for the spring session of dance classes for children, teenagers and adults, ages three and up begins December 1 through the month of January. The classes are offered by Northeastern Illinois University's (NEIU) Department of Music and the Dance Program.

Dance classes for children include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet, Ballet I and II, and Jazz Dance for Kids. Classes for teens and adults include Ballet I and II, and Modern and Jazz Dance.

The spring session begins Saturday, January 15 and runs for 21 weeks through Saturday, June 17. Classes meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The cost for each course is \$147. All dance classes will be held in the A-Wing dance studio, room A-113 at NEIU, located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (near Bryn Mawr and Central Park), Chicago.

For additional information or to receive a brochure, contact Rachel Burton at 773-794-6138.

Just as one dog can start all the dogs barking, so one person can start a whole group to gossiping.

Kennedy High School - Class of 1979 - 20 + Year Reunion:

Kennedy High School, Chicago, Class of 1979, is planning its 20 + year class reunion to be held in March, 2000. For information, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Shepard High School - Class of 1989 - Ten + One Year Reunion:

Shepard High School, Class of 1989, is planning a 10 + year class reunion to be held in April, 2000. Alumni are encouraged to update their records by calling (847) 259-1130 or writing REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Roosevelt High School - Class of June 1950 - 50 Year Reunion:

Roosevelt High School, Chicago, Class of June 1950, is planning a gala 50 year class reunion to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2000. Classmates are encouraged to call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

York - Willowbrook H.S. Class of 1960 - 40 Year Reunion:

York - Willowbrook High Schools, Classes of 1960 alumni are seeking classmates for their combined 40 year class reunion to be held in September, 2000. To update addresses call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

its 30 year class reunion in the summer of 2000. For information, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Libertyville High School - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

The Libertyville High School, Libertyville, Class of 1980 will celebrate their 20 year class reunion in the summer of 2000. For additional information, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Prospect High School - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

Prospect High School Class of 1980 is seeking classmates for a 20 year class reunion to be held in the fall of 2000. For additional information, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Prospect High School - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

Prospect High School Class of 1970 is seeking classmates for a 30 year class reunion to be held in the summer of 2000. For further details, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Evanson Township H.S. - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

The Evanson Township High School Class of 1980, Evanson, is planning a 20 year class reunion to be held in the summer of 2000. For additional information, call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

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Evanson Township H.S. - Class of 1950 - 50 Year Reunion:

Evanson Township High School, Class of 1950, is planning a 50 year class reunion to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2000. Classmates are encouraged to update their addresses by calling (847) 259-1130 or writing REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Evanson Township H.S. - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

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McHenry High School - Class of 1980 - 20 Year Reunion:

McHenry High School, Class of 1980 is seeking classmates for a 20 year class reunion to be held in the summer of 2000. Class members are encouraged to update their records by calling (847) 229-1123 or writing REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065.

Reunions Scheduled for the Year 2001:

Marshall High School - Classes of Jan/June 1951 - 50 Year Reunion:

Marshall High School, Chicago, Classes of January and June 1951, are planning a 50 year reunion during the summer of 2001. Classmates are encouraged to call (847) 259-1130 or write REUNIONS, LTD., P.O. Box 4641, Northbrook, IL, 60065 to update their records.

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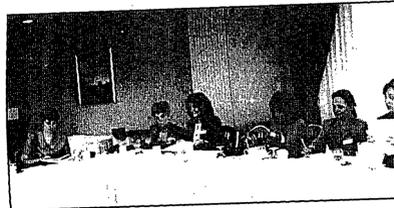
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CEB 1999 Overview

Human Resource/Recruiters facing the Big "M" and what comes with it

by Dolores Nateghi
Director
CEB HR & Recruiting Group

As the year approaches its close, I swore I would not use the "M" word, no matter how many additional columns I wrote before 1999 comes nearer to that momentous number 2000.

Throughout this past year we have been faced with a deluge of books on the subject in addition to list after list of the best and worst of this and that. There was no subject unworthy for comparison.

The CEB can resist no longer as we jump into the fray with our list. Ours differs in that we first pose the questions we've heard end of the year we will print your responses, reverent, or irreverent. Here Goes!!!

1. Will office politics ever end?
2. Will employees ever stop coming late to work?
3. Will companies ever stop downsizing?
4. Will employee benefits ever stop downsizing?
5. Can an employer always expect to pay for a forty hour week, when many times the employee only gives thirty hours. (This does work both ways though, let's be honest).
6. Will medical coverage ever be what it used to be?
7. Will the work responsibilities of HR personnel ever reflect a realistic work week?
8. Can employers form a partnership with their employees when it comes to personal phone calls? You pay for yours, I pay for mine.

We're going to stop here, because these questions could each warrant their own column, and common sense tells us there is no completely right or wrong answer, but a lot in between. Write or fax me your responses to: The Bugle Newspapers, 7400 Waukegan Road, Niles, IL 60714 or fax (847) 588-1911, attention Dolores Nateghi, Director CEB.

What effect does depression have on business?

During the course of our lifetime, 21.4% of the population will experience a mental health disorder, 12.9% will have a substance abuse/dependence disorder and 13.7% of us will have both disorders. Among people aged 15-54, in the general population, 11% had a depressive disorder in the past year. A study conducted in 1990 estimated the cost of mental health problems at \$147.9 billion. The majority of these costs were related to health-care costs (\$67 billion) and loss of productivity due to illness or injury (\$83.1 billion). As health-care costs have risen at a rate averaging more than 5% a year since 1990, it is clearly a significant problem for employers to have to tackle.

These statistics are consistent with our findings at Workplace Solutions Employee Assistance Program. In the annual report reviewed with each of our contracted companies, we include an analysis of the presenting problems that brought employees or their family members into the EAP for service. Among all of our companies, depression and other mental health disorders consistently rank as the first or second leading problem, alternat-

ing with family and marital problems. Substance abuse problems rank third.

The symptoms most often associated with depression include: a sad, empty or tearful mood; irritability; loss of pleasure; significant weight loss or gain; insomnia or sleeping too much; easily agitated, isolated, withdrawn or markedly slowed activity level; fatigue; feeling of worthlessness; difficulty thinking or concentrating and recurring thoughts of death. An examination of these symptoms easily established the impact upon the workplace when an employee is coming to work displaying this type of behavior or is just unable to make it to work. This results in lost productivity, workplace conflict, lower morale, increased accidents, poor work performance, increased benefit utilization and many other disruptive and costly behaviors.

The good news is that depression is an illness that can be treated with a very high rate of success. The National Institute of Mental Health reports that...depression in a matter of weeks or months through effective treatment consisting of specifically

designed psychotherapy and/or the use of anti-depressant medication, a worker's distress can be lowered and functioning and productivity improved.

2. How can employers help employees on disability leave related to depression?
A depressive illness and complications related to depression can result in an employee being unable to attend work or to perform the essential functions of their job. This may lead to the employee requesting leave, according to the company's policy. In addition, workers on leave following an injury or extended physical illness, may develop a depressive disorder that prolongs their leave and interferes with their ability to return to work.

An employer can best address this issue through the provision of disability case management services that include a mental health specialty component. This would include an assessment for depression, referral, coordination of necessary treatment services and a specific return to work plan. This plan is completed with the employee and is part of the process of receiving disability benefits (per company policy).

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Community Employment Bureau First Meeting



Our Publisher Bob Besser in background came to our first meetings then disappeared forever, too much woman power. Gary Ritter, Wells Lamont, and Althea Gregory, SPM.

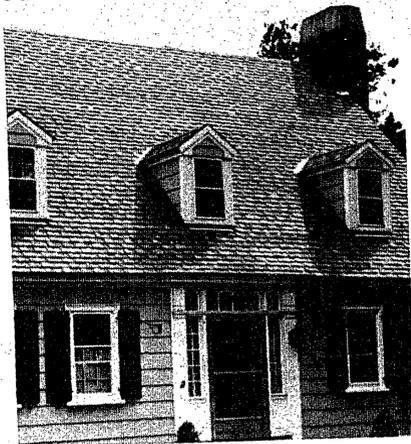
Home Style

Keeping The Roof Over Your Head:

If you're like most homeowners, you don't know very much about your roof, or roofing in general - that's because a roof is one of the longest-lasting and most reliable parts of any home. But every once in a while, you may need either to repair or replace your roof. That's when it's important to understand the basics of roofing and what to look for when dealing with roofing contractors or undertaking the project yourself.

A good place to start is with the low-cost, consumer-oriented publications available from the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association (ARMA). All offer excellent, easy-to-understand information on the basics of roofing, from common maintenance and repair concerns to a step-by-step guide on reroofing procedures. Since asphalt shingles account for nearly 80 percent of all residential roofs in the U.S., there's a good chance the information contained in these ARMA publications will apply to your home.

The following publications are highly recommended to any homeowner seeking general information on roofing basics, from selection and design to repair and installation procedures. A *Homeowner's Guide to Quality Roofing (\$1)* - This excellent pamphlet with color photography is designed to help the consumer recognize when to replace



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All of these publications are available by sending a check or money order to ARMA Publications, Dept. HP, P.O. Box 1532, North Babylon, NY 11703. If you're interested in more specific information about roofing, be sure to request ARMA's publications directory, as well.

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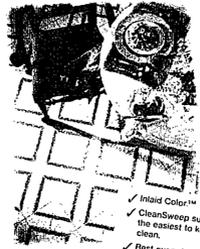
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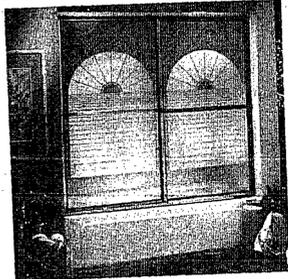
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Decorative molding gives any room a picture perfect look

Decorative molding is one of the easiest and most creative yet least expensive ways to add beauty to an interior decor. A small detail like wood or faux-wood wood molding can change the entire appearance of a room and also add value to your home.

If you can't find a molding that fits your style, make one up. Inexpensive off-the-shelf moldings can be mixed, matched and layered to create custom designs. Use a flat molding as a base and then add layers until you get the look you want. Molding styles that are no longer made can also be duplicated using this method.

Elaine Sawyer, an expert with The Home Depot, tells customers to look around their home to see where molding might add dimension to an otherwise simple space. Here are some places where she says a little creativity can go a long way to changing the look of a room:

- Turn an ordinary fireplace into a family focal point.
- Accent a simple window casing with rosettes and fluted molding.
- Give definition to the ceiling with crown molding.
- Embellish a window seat with a strip of embossed molding.

Transform a plain wooden

box into a beautiful chest; Enhance a wall or high-light artwork with a classic frame design;

- Live up an ordinary shelf with scalloped molding;
- Enrich a bathroom vanity with straight molding and corner pieces;
- Add a chair rail to a dining room, library or even home office;
- Use a chair rail border on wainscoting or partially paneled walls.

Moldings are available in dozens of styles and materials and can be found at most home improvement centers. Synthetic trim moldings, which are made of wood composites or rigid foam covered with a layer of melamine, are less expensive than hardwood moldings.

When placing the molding on a wall, think odd-numbered proportions. Chair-rail moldings look best when placed about one-third of the way up the wall. For higher moldings, go beyond

the halfway mark - three fifths up from the floor. Never divide any area in half, Sawyer says. Also, be careful around windows and doors to avoid bisecting them.

How molding measures up
To see how much you'll need, measure the length of each wall, round up to the next foot and then add another foot. That way, you'll be sure to have enough molding to cover outside corner miterers. For example, if your wall is 8'8", you rolled 10' to cover the wall. (Round up from 8'8" to 9', then add a foot for a total of 10'.)

Most moldings are made of softwoods like pine or fir and should be handled with care. If you are storing the molding before using it, keep it in a dry and clean place. Before installing, place it in the room where it will go for a day or two. This allows the wood to acclimate to the room temperature and humidity, helping prevent expansion or contraction after it has been installed. *Continued on Page 41*

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Home Style

Working at Home: Setting up an Office

With the new millennium, and with technology becoming more accessible, it is predicted that more and more Americans will choose to work from their homes. Organization is a key part of any business. In fact, there are many studies that show that the better organized a business is run, the more successful it will be.

While working from one's home sounds like an ideal situation, there is still a lot of planning that goes into setting up a

home office. Good planning is essential if you want to create an efficient, well-organized home office. According to Carey Ekstrom, a designer for California Closets, the following aspects should be considered when setting up a home office.

Determine the Goals of the Home Office

First analyze the space and explore ideas and concepts to meet your home office needs. Think about the purpose of the room and what you want to ac-

complish with it. Is it going to be used actively, eight hours a day, by someone who works out of the home, or will the room simply serve as a place to pay bills a few hours a week? Will children use the computer for homework assignments and games? What items will you need in the office? Will the space be used for anything else, such as a den or guest room? Are there any decorative needs? Determine the comfort level you desire - do you want to face a window or a wall? Also, be sure to take lighting into consideration. These factors will help you get off to the right start when setting up your home office.

Consider the Number of People Using the Space
Think about how many people will be using the room. Will there be one or two household members? What about children? Will more than one person use the office at the same time? Determine how many work stations you will need - typically one or two. Will there be separate work stations or will you be sharing a single work station? The number of people using the room will affect the layout and how it is organized.

Take into Account the Equipment Needed
Consider the type and amount of equipment that will be presented in the home office. How many PCs will there be? Do you have a laptop computer that offers mobility? Will there be a fax machine and printer? If you have a lot of equipment and limited space, you may want to consider a pull-out for the printer and the keyboard to maximize space effectively.

Plan for Efficient Storage
Determine how much room you will need for books, literature, manuals and other resource materials. This will allow you to plan for shelving accordingly. Assess how much filing will be done. How many file drawers will you need and how accessible will they need to be? Also, consider desk space. Will you need a tape dispenser, stapler and scissors at your fingertips? What about pencils and pens? Make sure there will be enough room on the desk so you can work on the computer comfortably and still be able to perform other tasks, such as writing, without being too cramped.

Wire Management
Look at how many phone jacks and outlets there are in the room. Determine if you have enough, and if they are in the right location. You may need to add a jack or two. You may also need to move an outlet or phone jack before you install a home office to avoid having a wire stretched across the room. Remember to consider a modem if you have one.

You probably never imagined that there would be so much involved when setting up a home office. If you don't have the time or expertise, consider hiring a professional to take charge and ensure the home office is arranged just the way you want it. A professional can help prioritize your needs and work within your budget. Good planning will help you get the best use out of the space available, and will create the organization you need to help make your business a success!

Carey Ekstrom is a home office designer for California Closets, with locations in the Merchandise Mart and 1726 Clybourn in Chicago, and Studio 41 in Highland Park and in Northbrook Court.

Ski season to open soon in Wisconsin Dells

With an average annual snowfall of 25 inches and breathtaking natural scenery, Wisconsin Dells is expected to attract thousands of outdoor sports enthusiasts this winter. While Nordic skiers anxiously await the first snowfall, downhill enthusiasts can hit the slopes later this month as area hills prepare for the season by manufacturing artificial snow.

Rated the number one ski resort in the Midwest by Snow Country Magazine, Cascade Mountain will open November 20. With 27 runs, 10 lifts and Wisconsin's first high-speed detachable quad chair lift, Cascade Mountain is the area's largest ski resort. Enthusiasts are encouraged to take advantage of a variety of specials offered throughout the season, including senior specials, two-for-Tuesday skiing, two-for-one ski clinics and college student price nights.

Special packages are also available. The "Discover Skiing" package offers a lift ticket, ski lesson and rental equipment, while "Cascade Kids" provides parents time to ski during their child's two-and-a-half-hour lesson including ski rental and a lift ticket. In addition to downhill runs, Cascade Mountain has cross country trails, snowboarding and snow tubing.

Opening mid-December, Christmas Mountain Village features seven well-groomed downhill slopes designed for day and evening skiing for the entire

family. Featuring beginner and intermediate hills and excellent instructors, Christmas Mountain is great for families and groups with different experience levels. Cross-country skiers can enjoy winding through 400 wooded acres of pristine trails. Visitors are able to rent skis, boots and poles for downhill and cross-country skiing. Special packages, ski lessons and arrangements for individuals or groups are also available.

Twenty miles of well-groomed, cross-country ski trails are among more than 2,000 acres of natural beauty at Mirror Lake State Park. Each winter, Mirror Lake State Park hosts Candlelight Cross-Country Ski evenings. The dates for this year include Jan. 16, 22, 28, 2000 and Feb. 12, 2000 from 6-9 p.m., weather permitting.

Visitors are also invited to surround themselves in the serenity of Devils Lake State Park. This 11,000-acre refuge offers cross-country skiers 17 miles of pristine cross-country skiing paths. During winter, cross-country skiers of all levels can ski for free with admission to the state park. Devils Lake is also home to one of the area's premier sledding hills.

For outdoor enthusiasts who prefer the speed and excitement of snowmobiling, Wisconsin Dells offers more than 850 miles of marked county trails that host thousands of snowmobilers annually.

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Molding ...

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What you'll need
"Only basic tools are needed to install wood moldings, but the better the tool quality, the easier the task, and the more professional the look," says Sawyer.

Because you want to create tight-fitting joints, a sharp saw and a quality miter box are the most important tools for working with trim and moldings.

When installing the molding, nail it down one piece at a time, working your way around the room. If you are using finishing nails, blunt the ends with a hammer to prevent splitting before driving them into the wood. After all the molding is installed, countersink the nail heads, fill the holes with wood putty and touch up the finish.

Practice cutting on scraps before beginning your project. If you are applying more than one type of molding to create a built-up design, use scrap pieces to decide how you want it stacked and spaced.

Ready, set, cut
For best results, measure and cut your molding first. It is generally easier and faster to do the finish after the molding has been measured and cut, but before it has been installed. Smooth and

Ask a friend to give a helping hand when changing an interior door

Question: I would like to change a bedroom door, but wonder what's involved. Can you help?

Answer: It's always good to find a partner when replacing a door, recommends Brian Jordan of The Home Depot.

First, remove the old door by taking the pins out of the hinges. Next, use a nail-pulling tool to take the nails out of the frame and remove it.

Use a carpenter's square, level and plumb bob to make sure the existing frame is square and plumb. Center the pre-hung door and slide it into the frame. Then, nail the lock side of the frame into place, followed by the remainder of the frame. Be sure not to hammer the nails in fully until you have made final adjustments. Finally, add the shims.

sand any rough areas, sanding with the grain and using 150 to 200 grit sandpaper. Wipe the sawdust off with a slightly damp cloth. Next, apply either a stain or paint finish. If you plan to use a stain, make sure you choose solid molding. Finger-jointed molding works well if you plan to paint.

Question: Is there an inexpensive way to prevent drafts coming in from underneath my door?

Answer: A wide piece of masking tape and a rolled-up rug or towel will do in a pinch, but permanent solutions is just as easy and inexpensive, says Carl Roberts or The Home Depot. The amount of space under the door will dictate which kind of insulation to use. If the space is

somewhat large, a door bottom with vinyl fins is most effective. Self-adhesive vinyl strips work well for small cracks, but will not last for more than a season. For a true cure, use a weather-stripping that attaches with nails or screws. If an irregular floor is the source of your problem, use a broom fiber vinyl strip. Weather-stripping below a door also helps to keep dirt out, says Roberts.

Ski ...

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nally. Guests who don't own a sled or choose to leave theirs at home, can rent from A&G Snowmobile Rentals. A&G is the area's premier rental facility with a fleet of 10 Polaris 440s that are equipped with heavy-duty suspension for two-person riding.

For more information about winter activities in Wisconsin Dells, call 1-800-223-3557. Or, visit Wisconsin Dells on the Internet at www.wisdells.com.

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National Honor Society students offer free tutoring

Members of the Niles West High School National Honor Society have organized a free tutoring program for their schoolmates. Peer tutoring is available every Monday from 3 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Information Resource Center (IRC) at the school, 5701 West Oakton in Skokie. These high achievers are

available to work with students in all subject areas. NHS also welcomes non-Niles West students to drop in for free tutoring. The National Honor Society Free Tutoring Program will continue throughout the 1999-2000 school year. For further information, contact NHS sponsor Jean Attig at 847-568-3753.

Morton Grove Woman's Club

Christmas comes early to Morton Grove Women's Club on Thursday, December 9, at the Terrace Restaurant, Wilmette. Ways and Means Chairman Ellen DeFrancisco will present a Christmas Boutique to the members who can purchase many Christmas oriented gifts at the meeting. Thirteen past presidents will be honored with a free luncheon that day. Cost of the

luncheon is \$12. Make reservations with Louise Widdowson at 965-5764.

Program for the day will be a Christmas musical under the direction of Past President Barbara Duffy.

There will also be a collection of gifts for our eight needy families that we take care of on all holidays.

Victorian 'Shamrock' Tea

Enjoy an afternoon of elegant dining at the Wheaton History Center's Victorian "Shamrock" Tea on Sunday, January 9, 2000. Guests will delight in savory treats and delectable desserts, elegantly served and accompanied by live vocal and instrumental performances. Our featured vocalists, Kellie Bortor and Lisa Savagnano will delight our guests with their musical talent.

The Center's holiday exhibit, "Irish Traditions" will serve as a backdrop to introduce guests to the arts and culture of Ireland. Tea will be served at 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required, beginning November 1, 1999. Register early to guarantee your preferred seating time. Personalized gift certificates are available for your holiday gift giving. The cost is \$15 per person. Register at the Center, 606 N. Main Street, Wheaton, 630-682-9472.

Educational conference in Springfield



Maine Township Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano and Clerk Gary K. Warner attended the recent Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Educational Conference in Springfield. Pictured (left to right) are Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano, TOI President Darrell Lovell, TOI Director Bryan Smith, and Clerk Gary K. Warner.

Legion salutes scout

Like the TV segment says "Someone You Should Know", the Morton Grove American Legion Post #134 wishes to acknowledge a member of Explorer Post #82 who is a candidate for the coveted Eagle Scout rank, only attained by 2% of the members of the BSA.

To fulfill one of the service requirements for the award, Sean McClean completed two projects for the Morton Grove Legion. The projects undertaken which benefited Post #134 were the replacing of a third of the stones in the patio to level it and staining the garage.

This Loyola Academy senior organized a few of his friends and other Post #82 BSA members who cooperated in this very unlikely task which was both back breaking and tedious work.

A representative of the local Legion reports the Legion felt the jobs were far more work than originally anticipated, but the kids steadfastly kept up their goal until the end result was accomplished. Scout Americanism Chairman Past Commander John Slater reports Post #82 of the BS has been very helpful in the past. Over the years they have assisted the local Legionnaires especially at the summer carnival.

SJB Principal honored

On Friday, November 19, the students, staff, and parents of St. John Brebeuf School honored Mrs. Margaret Whitman for her leadership. This was part of the nationwide celebration of the National Day of Appreciation for Catholic School Principals. Mrs. Whitman was honored at a special liturgy held at St. John Brebeuf Church. Members of the Student Council expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Whitman for the direction, dedication, and drive she brings to the education of her students. To commemorate this day, the principal was presented with a crystal desk set. The festivities continued throughout the day. Some activities included breakfast with the Principal, a special T.V. presentation by the SJB News Crew, and lunch with the faculty.

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE, ILLINOIS PROPOSED BUDGET REQUEST 2000 CALENDAR YEAR

The Village of Morton Grove will hold a public hearing at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 13, 1999, in the Council Chambers of the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, Illinois for the purpose of hearing written or oral comments from the public concerning the amendments to the proposed annual budget for the calendar year ending December 31, 2000, as contained in the proposed budget summarized below.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2000 BUDGET

	BUDGET	REVENUE & FUND BALANCE
Legislative	\$ 117,278	
Administrative	330,768	
Finance	765,291	
MIS	378,162	
Legal	145,610	
Police	4,452,391	
Fire & Paramedic Services	3,710,980	
Civil Preparedness	9,933	
Public Works - Streets & Sidewalks	1,587,497	
Public Works - Vehicle Maintenance	653,301	
Engineering	200,597	
Solid Waste Collection	1,389,962	
Health & Human Services	251,043	
Health & Human Services - Senior Services	171,622	
Community Development	213,610	
Code Enforcement	258,331	
Municipal Buildings	265,046	
Reserves	632,628	
Total General Corporate Fund	\$15,534,122	\$15,534,122
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	603,000	603,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	60,572	60,572
Revolving Equipment Replacement Fund	525,534	525,534
Public Library Fund	30,000	30,000
General Employees Retirement Fund	335,833	335,833
Tax Increment Financing Fund-Ferris/Lehigh	75,000	75,000
Economic Development Fund	503,846	503,846
Tax Increment Financing Fund-Waukegan Rd.	2,899,478	2,899,478
Commuter Parking Facility Fund	95,375	95,375
Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System Fund	135,750	135,750
Debt Service Fund	1,907,505	1,907,505
Capital Projects Fund	2,060,990	2,060,990
1999 Bond Fund	6,071,010	6,071,010
Water/Sewer Fund	3,774,905	3,774,905
Firefighters Pension Fund	811,860	811,860
Police Pension Fund	1,197,925	1,197,925
Total All Funds	\$36,612,775	\$36,612,775

A copy of this information, the entire budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

David O. Erb
Director of Finance/Treasurer

St. John Lutheran to present the 'Boar's Head Festival'

St. John Lutheran Church in Forest Park will perform a medieval Christmas Celebration called the "Boar's Head Festival" on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John Lutheran Church, 305 Circle Ave., Forest Park. Advance ticket purchases are \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$12 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

The "Boar's Head Festival" is the story of Baby Jesus' birth mixed with medieval pageantry, costumes, the yule log and King Wenceslaus. What began as a pagan festival was endowed by the early Christians with symbolic religious meaning. The boar being the most ferocious beast in the forest, was considered the ultimate symbol of evil. Its death came to symbolize Christ's victory over sin.

For more information or to order tickets, call (708) 453-2654. Visa and MasterCard are accepted and valet parking will be available.

Oakton College announces holiday hours

Oakton Community College will be closed from Friday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000. In-person and Touch-Tone registration for spring courses will not be available to students during the holiday break.

Normal hours of operation for in-person registration and student services will resume at both Oakton campuses in DesPlaines and Skokie at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3. Touch-Tone registration resumes that day at 7 a.m.

Nomadica: A Global Cabaret

Sunday, December 5 at 2 p.m., Richard Fammerece and Barbara Lynn Bates return to the Morton Grove Public Library with their new show, Nomadica: A Global Cabaret, a celebration of the millennium with music from around the world. They are accompanied by Steve Gibbons, fiery world violinist; Artissa Azari, classical Persian dancer; and Sven Hansen, global percussionist. Celebrate the coming year with international flair!

Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Free.

How's the weather

On Thursday, October 7, 1999, the fifth and sixth graders of Washington School in Glenview enthusiastically welcomed News 2 Chicago's weatherman, Steve Baskerville. Mr. Baskerville held a captive audience as he addressed various weather topics and information regarding his broadcasting career. He encouraged the children to work hard on their reading, writing, and speaking skills, and he related how those skills have helped him to be successful as a broadcaster. Mr. Baskerville's presentation served as the culminating activity of the fifth grade Science Weather Unit.

Drop-In Center talent performs



Maine Township youth at the Township Drop In Center enjoyed a performance from their peers as the band "Postscript," made up of students from Maine East High School entertained them in the Drop In Center gymnasium. Band members, from left: Joyce Park, Dimitri Polyakov, Sarah Schaufele, Dimitri Shuster, Benny Priolo, and David Pollack. The Maine Township Youth Drop-In Center provides a safe, drug-free meeting place for 5th through 12th grade youth who live in the township. For information, call MaineStay Youth and Family Services, 823-0650.

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The students represent 11 different grade schools. Apostol, Koegler, Michalik and Newman

all went to St. Edward. Immaculate Conception boasts Jarokiewicz, May and Ziberna as its graduates. DiSandro (Our Lady of the Cross), Heitman (St. Tarcisus), Lococo (St. Viator), Miglore (St. Thelma), Muntaner (Queen of Angels), Schwab (St. John Brebeuf) and Zelasko (Divine Savior) round out the group.

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Ned Crowley is also the author of *What's Behind the Bump?* and *Aliens Took My Daughter* (Little Friend Press, \$14.95). He lives in Chicago with his wife, Karen, and his three children.

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The Road to the Championship



Intramural Volleyball at Our Lady of Ransom has concluded. The participants displayed great sportsmanship and played their best. The teams were made up of 6-8th graders. After regulation play, it came down to team #1 and #5. At the midway point of the final game it was very close. Team #5 led by 8-7. The strong net play and serving by Lester Dominguez for Team #5 proved to be the difference. The score was 15-7. Congratulations to all who participated. 1st Place team shown: Lester Dominguez, Andrew Pilotta, Andrew Finkelstein, Christina Ferrigni, Colleen Jaacks, Christine Richardson. 2nd Place: Katie Elchstaedt, Nicole Puszyński, Ian Hilo, Robert Dulski, Michael Ficarella, Hee Lim, Daniela Pilotta.

Jerusalem Lutheran Church & School

Christmas for Kids:
A special "Christmas for Kids" afternoon is being offered through Precious Child Early Learning Center, 6218 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove. Parents can finish their last-minute shopping and errands while their children enjoy games and songs, hear the Christmas story, and have a birthday cake for baby Jesus. "Christmas for Kids" is on Saturday, December 18 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., for children ages 3 - 12. There is no charge for this event, but please call to register your child at the Early Learning Center 965-4750, ext. 12, or call Jerusalem Lutheran Church at 965-7340.

School News, Soccer Tournament:
Jerusalem Lutheran School recently won first place at the CALL (Chicago Area Lutheran League) soccer tournament in Aurora. The team has fifth through eighth grade students and was competing with five other area schools. Jerusalem Lutheran is located at 6218 Capulina in Morton Grove. Congratulations to the soccer team on its great efforts! Please call Principal Gustafson, 965-4750, for information on the school.

School News, Fire Prevention Poster:
Jerusalem Lutheran School, 6218 Capulina Ave. in Morton Grove, is pleased to announce that several of its students were winners in the recent Morton Grove Fire Department sponsored Fire Prevention Poster contest. Congratulations to Rachel Loeffler, 2nd grade, Laura Schoephoester, 7th grade, and Jamie Boldt, 8th grade and best overall. For information on the school, please call Principal Gustafson at 965-4750.

Advent Services:
Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 6218 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, invites you to attend their Advent services. The services will be held Wednesday evenings, December 8 and 15 at 7 p.m. This year's theme will be "Popular Notions about Christmas" and Pastor Kleist will speak on the subjects of "Christmas is for kids", "Christmas is for giving", and "Christmas is for getting". Jerusalem Lutheran is located two blocks west of Village Hall and visitors are always welcome at Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, please call Pastor Kleist at 965-7340.

Carol Sing-Along:
Jerusalem Lutheran Church invites the community to special Christmas Carol sing-along services on December 19, at 8 and 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 6218 Capulina Ave. in Morton Grove, 2 blocks west of Village Hall. The services will feature many popular Christmas carols, and music by the choir and hand-bells. For more information, please call Pastor Kleist at 965-7340.

NTJC Calendar of Events

Join us and participate in our Daily Minyan Monday-Thursday 7 p.m., 6 p.m. Sat-Sun.
Friday, December 3, 7 p.m. Hassidic Service. The Hassidic music as it is incorporated in our Hassidic service, is simply an experimental expression, a direction towards human kind solving the problems of our communication with God. Join Hazzan Shuster, Rabbi Brief and the choir for a special Chanukah Service.
Saturday, December 4, 10 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service and Junior Congregation.
Sunday, December 5, 9:30 a.m.-Noon.
The men's Club of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation invites children - parents - grandparents to celebrate Chanukah with them. Games - arts & crafts - songs - magician - hot dogs - latkes - a fun morning.
Wednesday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. Sisterhood Hanukkah Celebration. Join the fun - "Joys of Hanukkah" by Rabbi Brief. Sing Along with Shirley Rudd. Latkes Galore, Lunch \$6. For information call Lorraine Edelstein 679-1574.
Friday, December 10, 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service.
Saturday, December 11, Shabbat Morning Services and Junior Congregation 10 a.m.
Friday, December 17, 6 p.m. Monthly Family Service and Dinner. Spend a Shabbat with your friends & children only \$9 for dinner. For information 675-4141.
Saturday, December 18, Shabbat & Junior Congregation 10 a.m.
Friday, December 24, 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service.
Saturday, December 25, 10 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service.
Friday, December 31, 6 p.m. Kabbat Shabbat.

NIU August 1999 Graduates

Northern Illinois University awarded degrees at its August 7, 1999 commencement ceremonies, including undergraduate degrees and advanced degrees. Area students are: Qian Wang, Peter Matthew Knysz, Jennifer Sue March, Adam M. Bug and John Louis Szajna of Des Plaines; Jessie George and Stanley George of Glenview; Lori Ruth Janus, Natalie Ann Rojas, and Stacy Leah Strama of Morton Grove; Jennifer Ann Grimes of Niles; Lisa Marie Wilson, Daniel Joseph Bratek and Michael Lexte Segawa of Park Ridge; and Mouy-Lang Leo Lov, and David Howard Spitz of Skokie.

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mail communication with students and possession of photos of students using alcohol and illegal drugs. District 219 lawyer Anthony Scariano termed Solomon's conduct immoral, insubordinate, unprofessional and unethical.

According to District 219 Superintendent Griff E. Powell, Solomon's questionable e-mail came to light when the father of a 17-year-old female student intercepted one of Solomon's high-tech messages to his daughter on a Saturday last April. In the message, Solomon told the girl how much he liked her and that it was all right for her to drink alcoholic beverages, Powell said.

The parent gave the e-mail message to Niles West Principal Roger Stein who passed it on to Powell. "When he [Solomon] was confronted, he had an inadequate explanation," Powell said. "That's when I suspended him."

Solomon was suspended last April and dismissed from his position in June, Powell said. Solomon invoked his right under state law to contest his firing before an Illinois State School Board hearing officer. The administrative hearing, which was scheduled at Solomon's request, was continued until Dec. 21 to allow time to negotiate a settlement, Powell said.

The hearing officer encouraged settlement. Powell said "because bringing kids in as witnesses isn't good for anyone."

Powell said some parents have gone as far as hiring attorneys to keep their children out of the case. When the matter was referred by District 219 officials both to the Department of Children and Family Services and to the Skokie Police, none of the victims would come forward and make a statement, Powell said.

An 18-year-old former student did testify that Solomon had kissed her on the lips in the dean's office, but, because she is no longer a student and no longer a minor, Solomon could not be charged, Powell said.

During his opening statements Scariano listed six alleged offenses by Solomon justifying the School Board's decision to fire him.

Solomon is accused of exchanging e-mail of a sexually suggestive, predatory, unprofessional and immoral nature with

Private school ...

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ing. The lease will run from Dec. 1, 1999, to Aug. 31, 2001.

Repairs to the roof and an assessment of the heating and plumbing systems are expected to be completed before the 100 students enrolled in the Bridgeview-Challenger program occupy the building, Zaleski said.

Finding a suitable tenant for the unoccupied building has presented a challenge to the District

71 school board, which held numerous town hall and other meetings in several vain attempts to attract new lessees to the building.

John Zuckerman will continue as president of the District 71 board of education, with David Scheler as vice president. Mary Krueger was chosen as secretary at the meeting, Zaleski said.

It's risky when the devil is driving.

Budget ...

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the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, for the 22nd year in a row.

"We're never tired of receiving an A+ on report cards," said Van Geem, who credits revenues derived from state income taxes (up 4.91%) to "increased corporate profits and low unemployment."

Unemployment in the Village for fiscal year 1999 was at 2.73% down 1.37% from 1998.

Another source of tax revenue comes from Niles' 8.25% sales tax; a strong commercial economy helped increase sales tax revenue by 6.84%.

One of the largest tax revenue increases came from utility taxes. Taxes collected from telecommunications revenues increased by almost 17%. As the telecommunications tax was implemented in 1998, this is the first time that the tax revenues were collected for a full fiscal year.

In addition, the audit states that revenues from utility taxes as a whole dropped 15% from 1998. According to the audit, the drop reflects "a trend, by large Village users, towards buying gas on the open market instead of the local utility." These buyers can avoid paying taxes if they buy the gas from another state.

In order to recover lost revenues, the Village began charging a 3% user tax on natural gas in February. The audit states that the new tax has not only restored the money lost, but now accounts for 40% of all natural gas tax revenues. "Utility taxes will continue to be a very stable source of municipal revenue," wrote Van Geem.

The annual increase in the general tax levy brought an additional \$148,000 to the Village.

As for expenditures, the audit shows that approximately \$10 million was spent to complete construction of Pioneer Park (\$2.4 million) and the new Senior/Fitness Center (\$7.8 million). The largest decrease in spending (13.55%) comes from an increase in various health/risk insurance funds allocated to Niles.

The Village also retired over \$1 million in bond debts used to finance capital finances and improvements, leaving the per capita general obligation debt at \$1,589 per resident.

Van Geem's report noted that Niles' debt service has been rated Aa-3 by Moody's Investor Services.

"Only 10% of municipalities nationwide are given that rating or higher," said Van Geem, who added that the rating was important because "residents and potential residents know that we are fully secure and our village is sound."

The financial report was independently audited by Wolf & Company, LLP.

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Equipment ...

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was uncomfortable committing such large amounts of money without researching and discussing the purchases, and proposed that the new budget reflect a provision granting the board one month's notice to discuss such items. The issue was tabled into committee discussions ever since.

In September, the Library Finance Committee agreed to purchase 44 pieces of new computer equipment for a total of \$79,087. A month later, the library's administrator, Cary Czarnecki, warned the board that the recent earthquake in Taiwan would reflect increased computer prices, and he urged them to re-visit the issue immediately.

Wednesday's final recommendations from computer services technician, Richard Woznicka, called for the purchase of 52 pieces of new computer equipment: \$88,427 for 3 laptop computers, 16 printers, and 33 PCs.

However, trustee Richard Barnat said that he wanted to see a clear statement explaining exactly where the new equipment will go, as well as the fate of older, but still viable equipment.

Woznicka, referred to his written recommendations to show where the equipment will be located throughout the library departments.

Plans to utilize both old and new equipment are being explored and implemented, but Woznicka said that some older equipment may not be able to support necessary upgraded software. "We'll need something else to replace them (computer equip-

ment) as they start dying out."

But Barnat said that the board was throwing technology at a potential problem, "and I don't really know how we're keeping score." He proposed delaying the votes once more until a statement "tracking the assets" could be made available to the board.

President Ted Pryzbylo supported the idea of such a statement being sent to the board in the following week, but disagreed with further tabling the votes.

"I don't think that where (the new equipment's) going or what it's replacing would sway anyone on this board," he said.

Barnat also protested the \$88,427 price tag, up approximately \$12,800 from costs presented at the Library Finance Committee meeting in September.

"I don't know whether or not we can get better costs, but I can't see spending over our budget," said Barnat.

Pryzbylo pointed out that projections for a capital improvements reserve fund, which collects transferred surplus revenues, can more than cover any excess costs.

I realize that we may be a little over budget," he said, "but folks, we've got two million dollars (in the reserve fund)."

The board passed the 13 recommendations, with Barnat abstaining or opposing six votes. Two additional recommendations to purchase a \$17,612 digital copier and a \$13,070 analog copier also passed the board; Barnat abstained from voting on both actions.

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Carjack victim knocks on L'wood mayor's door for aid

by Rosemary Tirio

A 33-year-old man was lucky to escape with his life in a bizarre carjacking incident that started with a parking lot abduction around 9:30 p.m. Nov. 23 and ended with the emergency aid of Lincolnwood Mayor Madeleine Grant and her husband Paul.

According to Lincolnwood police, the victim was sitting in his parked 1988 Caprice awaiting the start of the night shift at his place of employment in the 7400 block of McCormick Blvd. in Skokie, when a 22-year-old Chicago man and a 17-year-old Chicago youth approached his car brandishing a handgun and ordered him into the passenger seat.

The offenders then drove the victim's car southbound on McCormick, but when one of them attempted to handcuff the victim, he leaped out of the passenger side door. While the victim was escaping, he was shot in the back by one of the offenders, police said.

The victim, who narrowly missed being struck by the cars coming from behind, was able to run west of McCormick and into the 3300 block of Rance Terrace. Knocking on the door of the first house he saw, the victim was soon pleading for assistance from none other than Lincolnwood's first family, who quickly called 911. The victim was transported

to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston.

The offenders, who continued driving south on McCormick in the victim's car, started ramming the another car they thought had stopped to assist the victim. When both cars struck a third car at Devon and McCormick in Chicago, the two offenders jumped out of the victim's car and attempted to flee.

The 17-year-old was captured by witnesses at the scene and held until police arrived. The other suspect escaped on foot.

No one was injured in the crash. The victim was listed in fair condition Wednesday.

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by Rosemary Tirio

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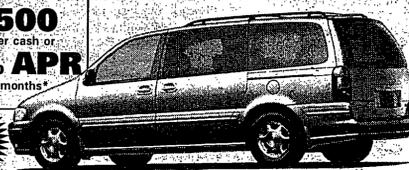


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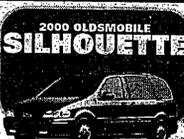
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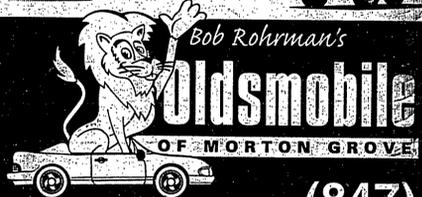
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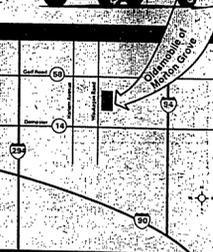
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