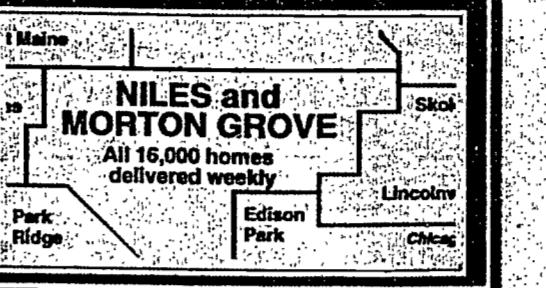




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Bulk of increase will be used for new water mains

Village of Niles Snow and Ice Control

While most people were wearing shorts and thinking summer vacations, Niles Public Services employees were busy getting ready for another winter season by servicing snow removal equipment and ordering deicing materials, including 4,000 tons of salt. Niles Director of Public Services Jim Noriega stated, "It may seem odd to put so much effort into a program, but the work we do before the snow begins to fall ensures we are ready."

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Dist. 219 irons out security problems with Andy Frain

by Rosemary Tirio

In keeping with the current corporate proclivity for "outsourcing," District 219 has hired Andy Frain Services to provide security employees to monitor at the district's two high schools.

The district has contracted with the security firm to pay them \$238,400 to provide 14 employees to monitor halls and doors at the two schools from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. this school year. The Frain employees will receive \$7 per hour for their services.

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Village Board
hears from
two businesses
by Christina Caplinger

Two Niles businesses were heard from at the December 6, 1999 meeting of the Village's Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. One was petitioning the Board for permission to build an addition, the other was defending its special use permit that was being considered for revocation by the Village.

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Niles sales tax to be increased to 8.5%

by Rosemary Tirio

Niles Finance Director George R. VanGeem announced Nov. 30 that the total sales tax rate on general merchandise sales will increase to 8.5 percent effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Sales of qualifying food, drugs and medical appliances will not be affected by the increase. VanGeem said, nor does the increase

change the tax rate for items that must be titled or registered by a state agency.

VanGeem advised retailers to adjust cash registers and computer programs by Jan. 1 so that they can start the new year and the new millennium collecting the correct amount of tax.

To answer reader Jim Kozak's inquiry as to what the village plans to do with the extra tax revenue, The Bugle learned that the quarter-cent increase will go mainly to construct new water mains and, in future years, to infrastructure maintenance projects.

"We're 100 years old," Van-

Geem said, referring to the village. Continued on Page 54

"Santa's sleeping, Mom!"



Jonathan Beierwaltes, 5-1/2, thinks it's funny that Santa seems to have fallen asleep. Sister Haley, 3, is wondering if he'll listen to her wish list. Baby Michael, 6 weeks, is enjoying Santa's comfy bed. Sam and Dave Beierwaltes of Niles, are the children's parents.

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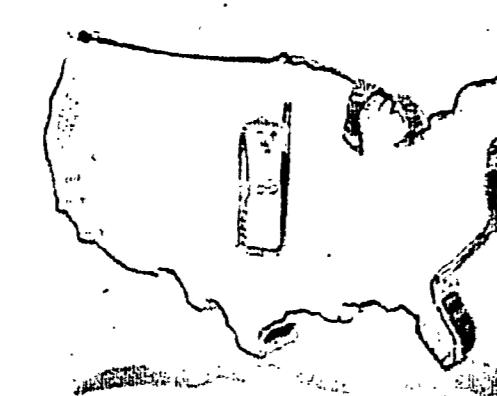
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Extreme Mobile Sound goes to extremes for customers

by Rosemary Tilio
 el with a travel kit that can be installed in just a few hours.

Another way of increasing safety and convenience with a wireless phone is to purchase an ear "bud" and tiny lavaliere microphone that can be clipped to a jacket, coat or shirt and can go anywhere with you.

While many mobile sound shops dot the suburban landscape, Extreme provides equipment and service with a big difference.

"We sell a tremendous amount of car kits," Serbekian said. "The Nextel phone is a completely different kind of wireless phone because it incorporates a two-way radio, Serbekian said. Used mainly by several members of a business, school or other group who need to communicate frequently, the Nextel, which is basically radio communication, saves a tremendous amount in wireless phone charges. At most mobile phone places, customers have no choice but to sign up for three years of service from a given provider. At Extreme, you can cancel service with one provider after only one day of service. If a better offer comes along, you won't have to wait six months, a year or even longer to take advantage of it. "Just call and cancel. There's no penalty, no 'buy-out,'" Serbekian said.

Another major advantage at Extreme is no contract signing. At most mobile phone places, customers have no choice but to sign up for three years of service from a given provider. At Extreme, you can cancel service with one provider after only one day of service. If a better offer comes along, you won't have to wait six months, a year or even longer to take advantage of it. "Just call and cancel. There's no penalty, no 'buy-out,'" Serbekian said.

Regarding the safety features of wireless and mobile phones, Serbekian said Extreme can easily convert your present phone to a more convenient hands free model.

The NPD purchased about 20 phones from Extreme and issued them to the patrol officers about two months ago according to

Niles Police Chief Ray Giovannelli

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Morton Grove Firemen sponsor food drive

Holiday Food Drive is being 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).

Food: All food should be non-

perishable and have a current expiration date.

Due to limited storage space, we are unable to accept toys and/or clothing. Please limit your generosity to food or a cash donation for which food can be purchased.

The food collected will be distributed to needy families during the holidays. The Firemen's Association will also provide a holiday dinner, dessert and gifts for the children.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Porter or Stanley Kimura at the fire station (847) 470-5226.



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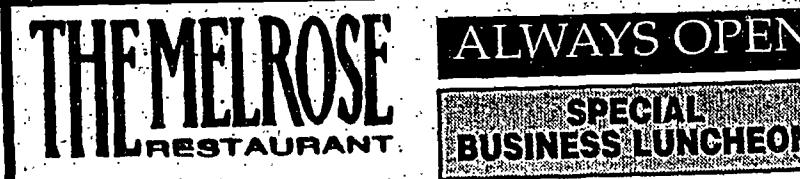
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Postman praised for saving baby's life



U.S. Postal carrier Jeff Blalock received an Outstanding Achievement Award from Mayor Nicholas Blase at the Nov. 23 Village Board meeting for his heroic actions in saving the life of a Niles infant who had stopped breathing. District Fire Chief Barry Mueller (far left) also presented Blalock with a certificate of appreciation from the Niles Fire Department, and Lowana Gooch, U.S. Postal Service Senior Operations Manager, recognized Blalock's heroism with a plaque and a watch.

by Rosemary Tirio

Jeffrey Blalock, 37, was at the right place at the right time to save the life of a Niles infant who had stopped breathing.

Blalock was preparing to deliver the mail in the 7400 block of Lawler around 12:15 p.m. Oct. 23 when he noticed Aileen Hodge

run from her home in a panic, her infant son Joseph in her arms.

Blalock, who had four months' emergency medical training in the military, came to the frantic mother's assistance by administering the Heimlich maneuver to the stricken infant.

When Niles police and fire paramedics arrived just moments later, the child was crying and breathing. According to Fire Chief Harry Kinowski, the child had a pulse, was breathing and appeared to be normal when his staff arrived at the scene in response to a 911 call.

The child was rushed to Lutheran General Hospital where medical officials determined that a problem may have caused the cessation of breathing. However, Blalock was still credited with resuscitating the infant.

Blalock's alert and unhesitating assistance was recognized at the Nov. 23 Village Board meeting when both Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase and the Niles Fire Department presented him with certificates of appreciation.

The U.S. Postal Service also recognized Blalock, a Niles postal carrier for two and a half years, with a plaque and a watch.

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Unseen Insight celebrates start of 5th year in Niles

June Hammond, the owner of Unseen Insights, believes her shop has kept her here for a reason.

"Our location here in Niles lets people of the area, along with people from all over, know this is a place to come and relax," said Hammond.

Hammond said her patrons don't have to worry about crowds, and they receive special attention for their own personal needs at her shop.

"We started out with just incense," Hammond reminisced. "Now we have a variety of Tarot Cards—at least 100 different decks, and our own unique line of oils offered at just \$1.25 a bottle."

Bath salts, custom sprays, stones to carry with you, pendulums to answer your questions, and their own line of herbs packaged individually in any amount may also be among the many products Hammond offers.

Bags, scarves and candles are other products Hammond carries, but she is especially eager to let people know about the many services available at Unseen Insights.

"We customize Astrology Charting and carry a wide range of books," Hammond said. "I consider our store as a beginning to your path. We also offer classes, and we have a staff that can accommodate any size party at very competitive prices," Hammond said.

A true shop for the '90s, Un-

seen Insights provides one-stop shopping and is an excellent source for gifts for the hard-to-buy-for.

"You can come in, have a cup of coffee or tea, get your lottery numbers, have a quick 15-minute consultation, buy a birthday gift or a gift certificate, or pick up our special 'Bucket of Rocks' so you can get rid of your anger," Hammond said.

On the serious side, Hammond said, "We try very hard to let people know that anger propels illness, first emotional illness and then physical illness."

To help people get rid of their anger, Unseen Insights offers a paper and paper on the days of Full and New Moons to facilitate the release of anger by writing down what's making you angry on a piece of paper, then tear up that paper and finally burn it, Hammond suggested.

Unseen Insights sponsors a Fair every other month so customers can get to know the staff. Among the classes offered at the shop is one about the Lottery "so we don't waste our opportunities," Hammond said.

Hammond and her staff have also designed a purse- or pocket-size one-year calendar/journal for the beginner who wants to learn more about the psychic world. The beautifully crafted and colorful calendar/journals are available free of charge at the Unseen Insights shop, 7507 Milwaukee Ave., Niles.

The Centennial Tea held on November 13-14 at the Niles Historical Museum was so successful that plans are underway for another next year. If you missed 1999, be sure to join us in 2000.

As you prepare for the holidays, remember the Niles Historical Society. If you have tokens, treasures, advertising, giveaways and/or reminders of any event, business or organization particular to Niles or its residents, we are interested in collecting them for the future. Recent additions include mementos from Niles 75th Anniversary, school yearbooks, vintage clothing and press/scrapbooks.

There are no scheduled programs during December but the Niles Historical Museum is open every Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; other times by appointment only. Call 847.390.0160 for more information.

Mark your calendars to celebrate the Twelfth Day of Christmas and hear The Canterbury Carollers - January 9, 2000 - 2 p.m.

O'Shanter's Food & Spirits closed for the Winter

O'Shanter's Food & Spirits has closed for the winter season. Watch for O'Shanter's to reopen in April, weather permitting. O'Shanter's is available for private party rentals throughout the winter. Should you be interested in booking a party, please call our Catering Coordinator, Pam Pawlowski at (847) 581-3120.

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Holiday Spirit at the Niles Park District

Children and families of Culver School, St. John Brebeuf, Our Lady of Ransom, Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool, M-NASR and Field School came together on Wednesday, December 1 to join in the third annual Community Tree Lighting Celebration, held at the Howard Leisure Center.

Each school was asked to have the students use their artistic abilities and create ornaments for their tree! Snowflake, mascot of Niles Park District IceLand Arena stopped by to check out

the trees and hand out candy canes to each child! Cookies and hot chocolate were served for all to enjoy.

After all the trees were decorated, the lights were dimmed in the room. To the obvious delight of all, the room was suddenly filled with the glow of the lighted trees. Each tree is now on display at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. You are invited to stop in and admire the trees through the holidays!

NHS seeks donations for food drive

The Niles West High School National Honor Society (NHS) is sponsoring its annual food drive for the holidays. From December 1 to 15, please bring your donations of non-perishable items to the Oakton Lobby at Niles West High School, 5701 West Oakton Street in Skokie. NHS hopes to break last year's record and collect more than 9,000 items. All donations will be distributed to needy families in the area.

For more information, please contact NHS sponsor Jean Attig at 847/568-3753. Qualified families are invited to the holiday

Maine Township Community Holiday Party needs toys or cash

Even though most of us are firming up plans for our own family get-together this holiday season, Maine Township is seeking help from residents throughout the township to help needy families enjoy a holiday party in late December.

The holiday dinner, now an annual event spearheaded by Maine Township, is co-sponsored by area organizations such as Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Maine East High School, Holy Family Medical Center and others including several volunteers. Qualified families are invited to the holiday

party based on referrals from area agencies, churches and other organizations in order to assure that the most needy are served. Besides a holiday dinner, there are toys for children delivered by Santa in-person, and plenty of fun for all family members.

Maine Township officials are asking for new, unwrapped toys - necessary to accurately distribute toys to the proper age group and gender - or better yet, cash donations to help buy toys and fill gaps that donations fail to cover.

"Last year we fed over 400 people, including children, moms and dads and grandparents who may have otherwise not had such an opportunity," said Maine Township Administrator Pamela Andersen. "This year we expect about the same number and can really use donations to help Santa present gifts to all the kids."

Checks should be made out to "Maine Township Holiday Party" and sent to Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60056. New and unwrapped toy donations can be dropped off at the Town Hall.

For more information, contact Pamela Andersen at 847-297-2510.

KOC special raffle reminder

North American Martyrs Council 4338, Vocations Director Pjk Carl Ferina reminds us all of the current Vocations Raffle. He encourages everyone to buy at least one Raffle Book offering great prizes to the winners. The book, with 15 chances, returned with the \$12 payment will help our vocations efforts for this year. If everyone helps out, we will have the funds to again assist our future seminarians. Please support the very worthy fund raiser. For additional books - contact Ken Lee at 847-967-6234.

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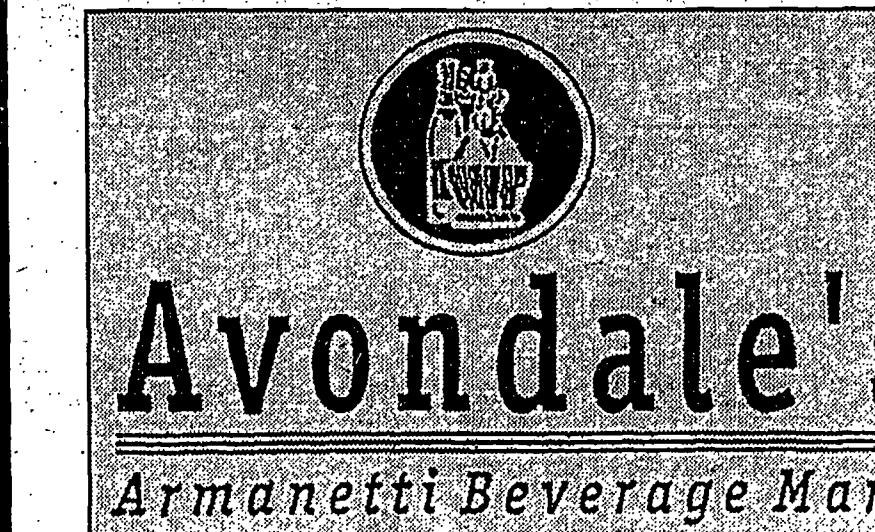
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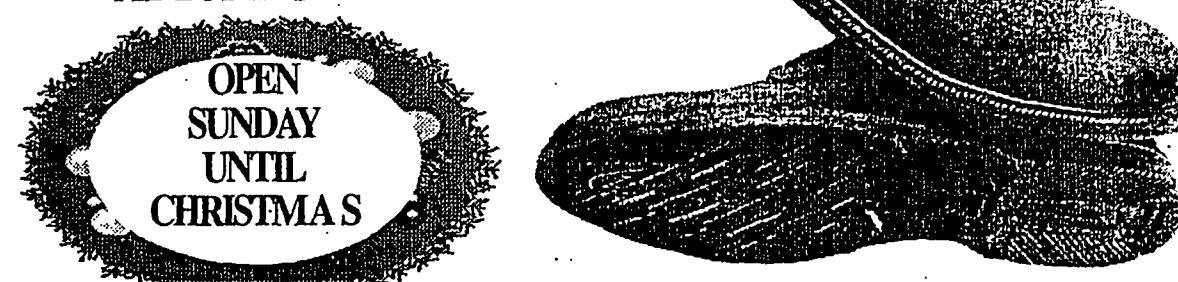
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Lake Shore Ski Club holiday party

Lake Shore Ski Club will host its annual holiday party gala, the Snowball Dinner Dance. It will be held in the Rosemont Room of the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel on Friday, December 17, 1999. A cocktail hour will take place from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Dancing will begin at 9 p.m. to midnight. Music will be provided by Savannah.

The New Oratorio Christmas concerts sold out

The New Oratorio Singers concerts December 17 and December 19 at Divine Word Chapel, Techy, Illinois, are sold out.

But there is a wonderful opportunity to hear the same high quality music performed by members of The Ensemble, chosen from the large chorus, who will perform one week earlier.

The Ensemble of The New Oratorio Singers, Alan Heahester, Music Director and Conductor, will celebrate Christmas with carols Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in St. Francis De Sales Church, 11 S. Buesching Road, Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Tickets for the concert are \$25, \$20 and \$15. For further information about tickets and CDs, please call 847/604-1067.

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Legion past leaders hold annual reunion

A reunion is held each year for the past commanders and past presidents of the Morton Grove American Legion Post #134 and its Auxiliary Unit. This year's dinner was held recently at the Post Memorial Home, 6140 Dempster.

Under the direction of past commander Joe Hedrick and past commander Pat Kim, the honored guests were the newly re-elected heads of the organization

from last year. The 1998-99 president and commander were Julie Karsten and Tom Williams.

Mrs. Karsten, formerly served as president another term, so ironically had already been welcomed into the prestigious group of outstanding leaders.

Special guests of honor were

the current commander and pres-

ident of the Auxiliary, Jerry Weaver and Patricia Jordan.

Senior vice commander Phil Hutchins and his wife Lil served as the bar personnel for the evening which included gifts and introductions by year of all the previous leaders in attendance who served as well for the Legion and community.

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Skokie trombonist to tour Japan

Bill Porter, world famous jazz trombonist from Skokie, will be touring Japan from December 14-26, 1999. He will be taking an all star fifteen piece orchestra that includes: Tom Vancanegan from Island Lake, Rich Fudoli

from Chicago, Rick Schalk from Niles, Julie Wood from Chicago, Art Davis from Chicago, Scott Sutter from Chicago, Mike Young from Morton Grove, Charlie Braughman from Chicago, Dan Trudell from Evanston.

Commends Students in 207

Each month the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education commends Maine students deemed worthy of recognition for their outstanding achievements. Recommendations are made by each building's principal and reflect honor upon the individual students, their schools, and the entire district. Area students are: Sandra Smolinski, Morton Grove, Nirav Patel, Morton Grove, Andrew Santos, Des Plaines, Spyridon Botsis, Niles, Ambreen Chaudri, Des Plaines, Rachel Friedlieb, Glenview, Lee Muench, Morton Grove, Anna Sienkiewicz, Glenview, Maine East Demon Squad, Maine East Varsity Cheerleaders, Karlo Familara, Des Plaines, Colleen Bercyn, Niles, Anne Maris, Morton Grove, Jeff Tackes, Niles, Lisa Yee, Niles, Brandy Raffel, Des Plaines, Sara Schaeufele, Des Plaines, Sheena Hembrow, Morton Grove, Ed Umansky, Morton Grove, Matt Hall, Niles, Maharah Backus, Park Ridge, Kathryn Ballard, Park Ridge, Nicholas Disabato, Park Ridge, Adrianna Pontarelli, Park Ridge, Edward Sim, Park Ridge, Son Dalal, Park Ridge, Elizabeth Kruesi, Park Ridge, Eric Pick, Park Ridge, William Heerman, Park Ridge, Jeffrey Perck, Park Ridge, Susan Puls, Katherine Skwarczak, Park Ridge, Grant Ulrich, Park Ridge.

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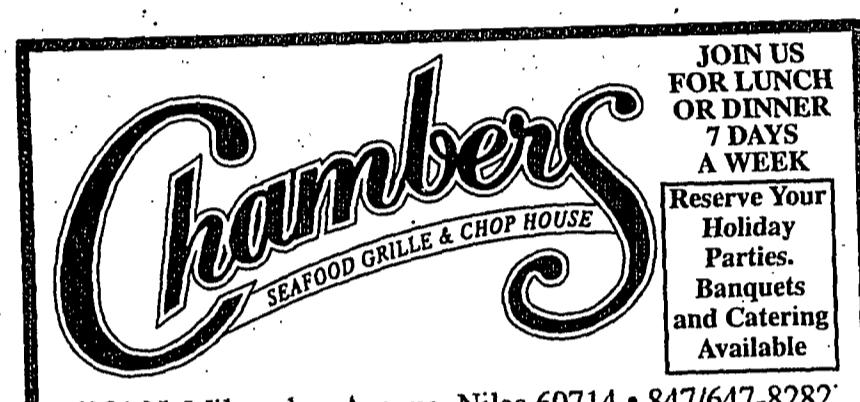
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Apollo welcomes new staff

Mr. Nicholas Maidonado, Principal at Apollo School, along with the entire Apollo staff, would like to welcome the following new teachers to their Apollo family: Ms. Kathy Sheehan, Special Needs Assistant; Ms. Jenna Des Jardins, Special Reading Teacher; Ms. Jonna Furlong, Psychologist, grades 1-3; Ms. Fatima Herrera, Bilingual Assistant; Ms. Consuelo Mamber, Bilingual/Esl Teacher; Mrs. Kristi McConnell, Esl Teacher; Mrs. Smriti Baxi, Esl Assistant; Mrs. Lynn Beaudette, Vocal Music Teacher; Mrs. Robin Olen, Vocal Music Teacher; and Mrs. Terri Miller, Library Clerk.

Ms. Nicole Bryson, Fourth Grade Teacher; Ms. Karen Felksi, Fifth Grade Teacher; Ms. Carmen Gray, Reading Coordinator; Assistant; Mrs. Pat Shocchorn, Speech Teacher; Mrs. Jessica Papchristou, Title 1 Reading Teacher; Mr. Michael Mahnke, 2-3 Learning Disabilities Teacher; Mrs. Noor Nizamuddin, 2-3 Learning Disabilities Teacher; Mrs. Padmini Chalikonda, 2-3 Learning Disabilities Assistant; Mrs. Roberta Murawski, Student Attendant; Ms. Magdalena Czaicki, Third Grade Teacher; Ms. Maria Dala-kouras, Fourth Grade Teacher;

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by Rosemary Tirio

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Paul B. Levinson

Amado and Cristy Agaton

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For more information about the China Star Restaurant, call (847)966-6611 or (847)966-1145.

The Ensemble performs at Christmas

The Ensemble of The New Oratorio Singers, Alan Heatherington, Music Director and Conductor, will celebrate Christmas with traditional and new carols Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m. in St. Francis De Sales Church, 11 S. Buschard Road, Lake Zurich, Illinois.

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with these 37 members chosen from The New Oratorio Singers chorus, joined by the Ars Viva! string ensemble.

The Ensemble has released its first CD: Wearing of the Green, a collection of folk songs from the British Isles. The New Oratorio Singers have cut two CDs: Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs and Masters in This Hall Christmas carols. All three CDs will be on sale at the concert.

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The evening will begin with the Choristers and Concert Choir singing "Ma Navu (How Beautiful)," Jewish folk song, followed by "Lamp Burning in the Night" by Eugene Butler. The

Niles North Orchestra & Choir Winter Concert

The Niles North High School orchestras and choirs will present a free Winter Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15 in the auditorium at 9800 North Lawler, Skokie. A selection of classical and contemporary works will be performed, with audience participation encouraged during the Sing-A-Long. For more information, contact Orchestra Director Pam Hendrix at 568-3417 or Choral Director Dan Gregerman at 568-3417. Admission is free.

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Dining / Entertainment

Flamenco Christmas - performances of dance, music & song

Ensemble Espaniol Spanish Dance Theater, the critically acclaimed Spanish dance company in residence at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU), Dame Libby Komaike, founder and artistic director, presents *Flamenco Christmas*, two evenings of Spanish dance, music and song celebrating the holiday season, on Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. in NEIU's Auditorium.

Guest dancers and musicians from Spain and the Americas will join the Ensemble's full company of 50 dancers and musicians and the All City "IR" Ensemble, and the Jones Academic Magnet Youth Choir, under the direction of Gaye Klopak.

Dancers include Dame Komaike, the company's first dancers Irma Suarez Ruiz and Jorge Perez, and principal dancer Maria Cecilia.

Guest musicians include flamenco singer Maria Elena "La Cordobesa," flamenco singer and guitarist Paco Fontan; flamenco guitarists Greg Wolfe, Mateo, and Hector Fernandez; percussionist Mick LaBriola; and classical guitarists Ann Waller and Mark Maxwell.

The holiday celebration opens with a Spanish Christmas "Procession" featuring the Jones Choir and "IR" Ensemble, an extravaganza showcasing Christmas carols. Gala performances from the company's extensive repertory will include "Malequerias/Verdades," choreography by Edo; "La Era Romantica," choreography by Dame Komaike, music by Vives; "Danza Oriental," choreography by Dame Komaike, music by Enrique Granados;

and "Vivencias," choreography by Dame Komaike, music by Enrique Granados.

General admission is \$22; senior citizens and students, \$20; and children under 12, \$17.

NEIU is located at 5500 North St. Louis Avenue (two blocks west of Kimball, between Foster and Bryn Mawr Avenues), Chicago. Free parking is available in Parking Lot F at the west end of the campus (enter off of Central Park).

For charge-by-phone tickets, call 773-794-ARTS. For group rates and more information, call the Ensemble Espaniol office at 773-583-4050, ext. 3015.

Children can splash in the New Year alongside seahorses and sharks at Shedd Aquarium's Kiddie New Year: 2000 Leagues Under the Sea, a year-end, family-oriented party for kids. Dive in for an evening of fun from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30.

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Holiday concert by Lakeside Flutes

Lakeside Flutes is an ensemble of talented flutists in their eleventh season. Conducted by Ruth Abbinkini, Lakeside Flutes plays a variety of classical, folk, and popular music arranged for the flute choir on Sunday, December 12 at 2 p.m. in the Baxter Room of the Morton Grove Public Library. Call: 965-4220 for reservations. Holiday refreshments will be served following the performance.

The Morton Grove Public Library is located at 6140 Lincoln Ave. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call 847-965-4220, for TDD call 965-4236.

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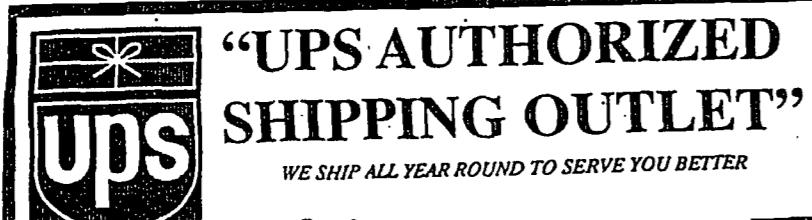
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- Toys**
 - Pokemon Fossil Cards
 - Rock & Roll Elmo and Ernie
 - Furby and Furby Babies
 - Amazing Alley
 - Pokemon Pikachu Plush Doll
 - Interactive Yoda
 - Millennium Princess and Working Barbie
 - Talking Darth Maul Doll
 - Smart Flying Buzz
 - WCW Tuff Talkin' Wrestlers
 - WWF Net Wired Stone Cold Steve Austin
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- Self-improvement/Inspirational books/Advice books (ex. "The Carbhydrate Addict's Diet Book" and "The Art of Happiness" by the Dalai Lama)
- "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw
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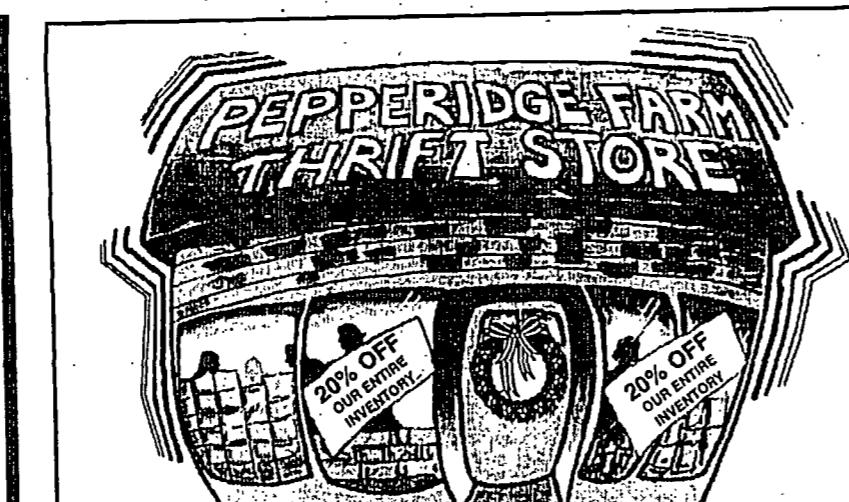
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Don't drink and drive

Although drunk driving is a year round problem, it is more common during the holiday season. With the holidays come celebrations where alcohol is served. The belief that coffee, showers or food helps reduce alcohol's effect on the body is false. Only time removes its effects. It takes the body approximately two hours per drink to metabolize alcohol. On average, alcohol is burned up, at the rate of about 1/2 ounce per hour - a "typical" drink contains about 1 ounce of alcohol.

Each year, nationally, an average of 20,000 drivers and pedestrians die in alcohol related crashes. If you are the host or hostess, stop serving alcohol a few hours before you expect your party to end. Guests should be offered non-alcoholic beverages. Do not allow a guest who has been drinking heavily to drive home. Take their keys and call a cab or encourage them to stay at your home overnight.

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A nostalgic look at holiday recipe gathering

With the dawn of the 21st Century approaching, we find ourselves reflecting on the memorable things that have taken place over the last 100 years. And truly, there is no nostalgia so sweet as that of holidays past. Many of our earliest and fondest memories center around festive family holiday traditions and celebrations -- the pageants of religious worship; the sparkling, magical decorations; the songs sung around a crackling fire; the engaging movies that always had a happy ending; the year you received the gift you'd wanted so badly you could taste it; and the feasting...ah, that splendid feasting.

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The kitchen always has been the center of hustle and bustle, leading up to the holidays, with homemakers endeavoring to outdo the past year's spread to delight family and guests anew. Here in the Midwest, these sumptuous feasts are liberally laced with the fresh, wholesome dairy products we enjoy in such abundance -- the award-winning specialty cheeses on the appetizer tray, creamy butter topping the vegetables, whipped cream crowning the gingerbread, egg-nog sprinkled with nutmeg or spiked with brandy, sour cream adding lightness to cakes, butter-milk defining the airy texture of holiday brunch pancakes. There is nary a prized recipe worth its salt that doesn't call for at least one dairy product. And the most prized recipes of all are the sweet confections.

How these prized holiday confection recipes are gathered has evolved over the past century. Circa 1900, the homemaker traded favorites with family, friends and neighbors. "Receipts," as recipes were called at the time, were discussed at afternoon teas, church socials and quilting bees. The homemaker anticipated the postman's arrival with the December issues of her favorite women's magazines, which she examined to find the piece de resistance to complete her holiday menu.

Time passed, a profusion of cookbooks was introduced into mass circulation. More and more food companies developed recipes to promote their products, printing them on packaging and

in magazine advertising. The airwaves delivered recipes via radio, with eager cooks rapidly copying down ingredients as they listened. By mid-century, television had taken America by storm, paving the way for Julia Child to show us step-by-step how to maneuver intricate French recipes that would have been daunting had she not walked us through them.

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Because everyone's taste is different, the Parents Program offers four different packages. Each adoption package includes shared care benefits: an official adoption certificate, a color photo of Dusti, a fact sheet on giraffes, a window decal, updates on Dusti during the year, and an invitation to the annual Brookfield Zoo Parents' Evening in August.

The \$65 Premium package also features a stylish, embroidered adult sweatshirt designed exclusively for Brookfield Zoo's Parents Program.

The \$35 Premium package includes a special child's sweatshirt featuring Dusti.

The \$45 Plus package includes a cute and cuddly 12-inch plush giraffe.

The \$25 package featuring only the shared care benefits can also be purchased.

For more information about adopting Dusti giraffe or any of Brookfield Zoo's animals this holiday season, call the zoo's Parents Program at 708-485-0263, ext. 341.

Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is located at First Avenue and 31st Street in Brookfield, IL, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is accessible via the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Burlington Northern commuter line, and PACE bus service.

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New Beginnings Christmas Concert

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Concerts will be Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 19, at 7 p.m. in Divine Word Chapel, 2001 Waukegan Road, Techy.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15. As in the past, these Christmas concerts are usually sold out. Call 847-604-1067 for ticket information.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

1. Lock your car and take your keys with you.
2. Do not leave valuables in plain view in your car. Put packages in the trunk.
3. When shopping after dark, ask a friend or family member to accompany you.
4. Park in a well-lit area.
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Practical stocking stuffers for the entire family

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So, if you're looking for non-traditional stocking stuffers this holiday, think about practical gifts your family and friends can use throughout the year.

Walk into any home center and you'll find hundreds of smaller items guaranteed to bring a big smile. Here are some gift ideas from the experts at The Home Depot.

If you know any do-it-yourselfers who want their nails done, Arrow's versatile hand stapler will do the trick. The "gun" shoots six sizes of staples as well as 5/8 inch nails.

bathrobe, how about a solid brass robe hook by Monticello? Your gift will always be within reach.

Little touches can give a whole new look to someone's kitchen, bath or dresser. Cabinet pulls, hinges and handles make great gifts and are available in a variety of shapes and sizes, colors and materials.

An organized kitchen can save any cook from fumbling through cluttered drawers. The Pocket Pal by ClosetMaid is the ideal way to keep small packets of seasonings, drink mixes, tea bags and salad dressings all in one spot.

For the shower, the liquid soap dispenser by Zenith Prod-

ucts makes the messy soap dish and clutter a thing of the past. Each of four containers can be filled with shampoo, conditioner, liquid soap and hand lotion. The dispenser is simply attached to the tile.

You know someone who recently bought a home or is remodeling? Home Depot's 1-2-3 book series includes volumes on Home Improvements, Outdoor Projects and Kitchens and Baths. Each is a valuable resource us-

ing colorful photos and drawings, along with step-by-step instructions, on a variety of home repairs and projects, from layering ceramic tile to hanging wallpaper to building a deck. Gift

cards are also available online at www.homedepot.com.

Shoppers who want to avoid crowds can visit one of Home Depot's 24 hour stores. Call your local store for details.

The Home Depot's Kids Workshops are great for children who want to make a special gift for someone on their list.

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Awareness, planning can help make for sober holidays

For people in recovery from alcoholism, holidays can be a threat to sobriety. In fact, the pressures of forced conviviality and family reunions can send any of us into mood swings.

Flip on the television during December and we're likely to find scenes of domestic bliss: families gathered around glittering trees, enjoying gentle conversations and a warm fire. Before Bob N., a recovering alcoholic, stopped drinking, he measured his own experiences against that ideal and constantly found them wanting. He remembers feeling a sense of loss around this fact and meditating his grief with alcohol.

Seek sober fellowship. If you're in recovery, plan to connect with an AA sponsor or sober friend during the holidays. Also, consider starting a new holiday tradition by throwing an

alcohol-free party for friends, or attend a special AA holiday event.

At this time of year, some recovering people find it tempting to let their program slide. It can pay to do just the opposite by giving more attention to the Twelve Steps and attending extra meetings.

Bring your own. You might feel awkward arriving at a party where alcoholic drinks dominate the beverage selection. Prevent this dilemma by bringing your own non-alcoholic drinks. It's not recommended, however, to show up with non-alcoholic beers or wines. The drinking ritual paired with the smell and taste of alcohol can trigger a desire to drink.

Responsible party hosts will recognize that holiday celebrations don't have to center on alcohol drinks and that good cheer can be achieved by offering a range of attractive non-alcoholic beverages.

Take holidays one day at a time. Most holidays officially last only 24 hours. It helps to approach them in exactly that light. If the thought of abstaining from alcohol or other drugs for the whole season seems unbearable, take it one day at a time.

Reconsider family gatherings. People in early recovery might do well to opt out of family gatherings, especially when they center on drinking. Another option is to attend but take periodic breaks to call a sponsor or sober friend. Also, plan to drive your own car so you can leave at any time you choose.

Release resentments. Resentment has been described as allowing a person you dislike to live in your head, rent-free. The

people we resent tend to dominate our thinking and feeling — a fact that does nothing to resolve our conflict with them.

Resentments that gain steam during the holidays can be disastrous for anyone, especially recovering people. The book "Alcoholics Anonymous" refers to resentment as the No. 1 offender, the most common factor in failed sobriety. When we notice our own resentments, we can remind ourselves of their power and talk to someone in recovery about coping with them.

Return the holidays to a spiritual base. Drinking and drugging derive their own power by delivering a counterfeit spirituality. Using chemicals can create the illusion of self-transcendence and intimacy with others. We can taste the real thing by reminding ourselves of the spiritual basis of the holidays. Most religious traditions stress the power of unselfish giving, and this is a spiritual practice that all of us can cherish during the holidays.

Where's the House with the Giant Christmas Tree Popping through the Roof?

Gingerbread men tobogganing on a house-top, penguins skating in an apartment courtyard, a 24-foot indoor Christmas tree popping through a roof...the true joy of the holiday season can best be seen in front yards throughout Chicago and its suburbs as creative homeowners share their good cheer through the unique American tradition of trimming the outside of their homes for Christmas.

This holiday season author Mary Edsey adds to the fun of her award-winning guidebook *The Best Christmas Decorations in Chicagooland* by hosting a series of delightful tours to several of the displays featured in her book and then some. As riders view everything from spinning trees to a reindeer merry-go-round, Mary will share the amusing tales of the decorators and their creations which she acquired from five years and 10,000 miles of research for her book. It's a unique holiday treat and a wonderful gift idea!

Choose from two fun-filled bus tours aboard a luxury coach with dinner at a decorated restaurant. The Southwest Suburban Tour (Sunday, December 12, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.) includes dinner at the Homestead, 8305 W. North Ave. in Melrose Park, and a tour of displays in Bolingbrook, Lisle and Naperville. The North Side Tour (Sunday, December 19 and 26, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.) includes dinner at Cornelia's Roosteran, 748 W. Cornelia Ave. in Chicago, and a tour of displays in Chicago, Rosemont, Park Ridge, Skokie and Lincolnwood. Cost: \$49 (incl. tax and gratuities). Pick-up and drop-off at the restaurant. For reservations and further information call: (773) 404-9402.

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS R. PALMER, SR.
Thomas R. Palmer, Sr., 68, of Glenview, died Wednesday, November 17. He was born August 2, 1931 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Jeannine (nee Whalen). Beloved father of Thomas' Jr. (Kathy), Debra (Jeff) Borre, Timothy (Colette) and Patrick (Cindy). Grandfather of Jeffrey, Nicole, Katie, Beth, Erin, Brittan, Kyle, Emily, Sean and Devin. Brother of John C. and William.

(June) Palmer. Brother-in-law of Claudette Dushek. Uncle of many loving nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday, November 20 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Memorials to: Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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RAYMOND SHURSON, SR.

Raymond Shurson, Sr., 78, of Niles, died November 22. Beloved husband of Mavis. Beloved father of Cathleen (Perry) Brusenbach, Owen, Karen Wawrzyniak, David (Barbara), Mark Julie Bremer and Raymond Jr. (Nicole). Grandfather of 7. Brother of Lewellyn (Elise) Shurson, Leona (the late Jack) Hunt, Norman (Michelle) and the late Clifford (Lorraine). Services were held November 24. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. Memorials to: Vitas Hospice or Boy Scouts of America.

JAMES G. ORPHAN

James G. Orphan, 81, of Glenview (formerly of Morton Grove), died November 17 at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Beloved father of Ronald, Raymond and the late Robert. Grandfather of 5. Brother of Michael. Services were held Saturday, November 20 at St. Martha Church, Morton Grove. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst. Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Suite 206A, Evanston, IL 60201.

FERNE T. KOUBA

Ferne T. Koubas (nee Tansley), 83, of Lombard, died Nov. 10 at Regency Nursing, Niles. She was born January 17, 1916. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Beloved mother of Shari L. Koubas, Sister of Phyllis Liptow and the late Howard (Eleanor) Tansley. Fond aunt of five. Services were held Nov. 13. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst. Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Suite 206A, Evanston, IL 60201.

DINA KOSTARELOS

Dina Kostarelos (nee Limperis), 81, of Chicago, died Nov. 18 at Manor Care Nursing Home, Northbrook. She was born May 24, 1918 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Triantafyllos. Beloved mother of George (Sophia), Angie (John) Thanoukos and Dr. Frances (the Honorable Abish C. Cunningham) Kostarelos. Grandmother of Vickie, Billy and Peter Thankoukos, and Theodore Kostarelos Cunningham. Services were held Nov. 22 at St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines. Memorials to: St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church, 7333 S. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60607 or Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd., Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

JOSEPH CEISEL

Joseph Ceisel, 72, of Niles, died Monday, November 15 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago. He was born May 10, 1927 in Czechoslovakia. Beloved husband of Dorothy (neé Wesseler). Beloved father of Robert (Richard), Richard (Niki), James (Joan), Joseph (Donna), Dori (George) Petruzzello, Anniese (Craig) Opfer, Matthew (Zulima), Katy Phillips and Nicholas (Caroline). Grandfather of Christy, Caroline, Emily, Cynthia, Diane, Joanne, Paul, David, Joseph, Matthew, Elizabeth, Ahren, Evan, Jessica, Julie Anne, Elise, Audrey, Nicholas, Erich, Maxwell, Grace, Julia, Lucas, and Eleanor. Brother of Ernest (Joan) and the late Edward (Celeste). Brother-in-law of Fritz (Inge) Wesseler and Edith (Thomas) Hughes. Fond uncle of many. Services were held Thursday, November 18 at St. Julian Church, Chicago. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Memorials to: Masses or American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Suite 206A, Evanston, IL 60201.

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ROSE MIKOŁAJCZAK

Rose Mikolajczak (nee Ruhnke), 88, of Glenview, died November 1 at Rush North Shore Medical Center, Skokie. She was born July 6, 1911 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late William S. Beloved mother of Dorothy (the late Donald) Bochanin, Rose Alves, Shirley Spicak and the late Mary Jane (Edward) Hayes and the late William, Jr. (Doris) Mikolajczak. Grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Alice Cygan. Services were held Thursday, November 4 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles.

GEORGE LEONARD BENNETT

George Leonard Bennett, 87, formerly of Morton Grove, died November 25. Beloved husband of the late Mary Bennett (nee Bailey). Beloved father of Paul (Linda), Delta (Robert) Harten Len (Barbara), Mary (Tom) Matens, Rosemary (Barry) Crawford, John, Timothy (Lucille), and Virginia (Marc) Krebs. Grandfather of 15. Great-grandfather of 8. Services were held Wednesday, December 1 at St. Martha Church, Morton Grove. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Niles.

CHESSTER ZAJAC

Chester Zajac, 74, of Niles, died Nov. 4. He was born July 12, 1925 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Therese (neé Chwalsz). Beloved father of Michael, Thomas, Gregory (Cathy), Leonard and Katherine. Grandfather of Angela. Brother of Casey (the late Adele), Edmund (Florence), Sister Mary Alda, Ted (Janet) and the late Father Jesse Zajac, OFM. Uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Nov. 8 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorials to: Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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Retirement / Nursing Home

The Lincolnwood Seniors Club events

The Lincolnwood Seniors Club invites the community to join them on Wednesday, December 15, for a trip to the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre to see Phantom. The cost is only \$46 for members and \$48 for guests. Price includes show, lunch and deluxe motorcoach transportation. Lunch is at Marriott's and choice of entrees is made at the restaurant. Departure time is 11:30 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for 4 p.m. (approx.).

Celebrate December Birthdays at Old Country Buffet located at 6125 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago on Tuesday, December 21, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is "on your own." If you are interested in

joining us for lunch please call the Recreation Department at (847) 677-9740 by December 14.

Wednesday, December 22, Fireside Restaurant and Theatre to see "A Fireside Christmas." The cost of \$57 for members, \$59 for guests includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, lunch and the show. Departure time is 8:15 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for 4 p.m. (approx.).

Monday, December 27, Chateau Ritz in Niles for lunch and the Cahn Auditorium to see "The Mikado" presented by Light Opera Works. The cost of \$42 for members, \$44 for guests covers lunch, the show and deluxe motorcoach transportation. Departure time is 10 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for 4:30 p.m. (approx.).

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GOLDENFACTS

On long-term care insurance...

Long-term care, or nursing home, insurance may not be worth it for you. Your assets and income are most likely to determine your need for it.

The tax angle

Some long-term care policies' premiums are deductible and some are not. Check with your agent.

The costs of long-term care

Costs are deductible, though. Consider the debiting details. Long-term care costs are far greater than a deduction repays, of course.

Who needs it?

If your income is small (in the \$15,000 per year range) and you have small assets, the answer likely is no. Medicaid will kick in to take the insurance.

If premiums will be less than 10 percent of your income, you probably want the insurance.

SOURCE: United Seniors Health Cooperative, (800) 637-2604, Washington Post

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Celebrating the holidays when home is a nursing home

Tis the season to be jolly...and a lot of effort goes into making a long term care facility a special place for the holidays. The experts at The Wealshire, a free standing Alzheimer's care facility in Lincolnshire, have suggestions that can make this holiday season a happy time for everyone.

According to Carly Hellen, The Wealshire's Director of Alzheimer's Education, "often there is an underlying sadness that surrounds holiday visits, with feelings of loss, change and separation, as residents, families and staff try to focus on the season's joys. Families need to be aware of how they can capture the spirit of the season."

Celebrate sensibly

Residents need to be included in holiday festivities, but not overloaded with activities or unreasonably expected to participate. They may have an adverse reaction to the change in every day routine; the increased sensory stimulation from decorations and noise and perhaps visitors. These concerns are especially true for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of dementia.

The staff members who are caring for a resident all year long appreciate love and support during the holidays because they also become deeply involved with residents and their families.

Where to celebrate

Going home for the holidays, even if just for a few hours, has to be an individual decision, best made by the family with input from the staff. The nursing home usually becomes "home" a place of comfort and routine, and residents generally want to return after being away two to three hours. Going away from their care units can make resi-

SPECIAL NEWS RELEASE FOR YOUR HEALTH VILLAGE OF NILES SENIOR CENTER

The Niles Senior Center has many activities, events, and presentations 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.

ACUPPRESSURE

Accupressure 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.

DIABETIC SCREENING

Diabetic Screening is Thursday, Jan. 6, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are a diabetic or just looking to see if you have diabetes, amek an appointment to have your blood sugar checked. Fast 10 to 12 hours, water permitted. Hold diabetic medications or any medication that should be taken with food. Price \$1.

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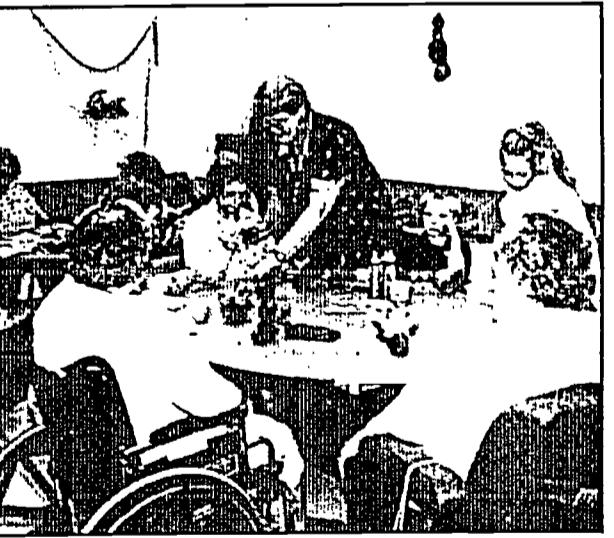
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George J. Goldman Home holds groundbreaking ceremony

The George J. Goldman Memorial Home for the Aged held a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, Nov. 15 to officially launch a major renovation and remodeling of the skilled care facility. The 3 p.m. ceremony took place at the Goldman Home, 6601 W. Touhy Avenue, in north suburban Niles.

Scheduled for completion in the spring of 2000, the expansion project will include the addition of a Medicare equipped therapy room, newly decorated patient rooms and common areas, state-of-the-art bathing facilities, a new entrance and parking lot, as well as an exterior ground floor garden. The Goldman home has 101 beds.

The George J. Goldman Memorial Home for the Aged moved to Niles in 1979, after 28 years of service in the East Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago. At the time, the Goldman home was the only Jewish non-profit geriatric nursing center in the northern suburbs which observed the Kosher dietary laws.

The philosophy of the George J. Goldman Home is to offer gracious living and gentle care, within a homelike atmosphere. When a new resident enters the Goldman Home, family mem-



Left to Right: Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen, Rabbi Neil Brief of Skokie, and Richard Gammon of Mt. Prospect were among the guests at the groundbreaking for the expanded George J. Goldman Memorial Home for the Aged. Gammon is vice president of the organization's Board of Directors.

The Goldman Home is not formally affiliated with any Jewish organization, and has always

members are encouraged to continue participation in their loved one's care.

Social activities are geared towards residents' interests, and art, music and pet therapy are part of regular programming. Religious services are held every Saturday.

The George J. Goldman Memorial Home for the Aged is run by a 20-member governing board. Howard Blau of Skokie is the current board president, with

Richard Gammon of Mount Prospect serving as vice president. depended upon financial support from friends within the community. For more information about the George J. Goldman Memorial Home for the Aged, please call 847-647-9875 or contact the home's web site at www.goldmanhome.org.

Emeritus program sponsors theater tour

Be one of the lucky ones to see a performance of the pre-Broadway, world premiere engagement of *Aida* when Oakton Community College's Emeritus Program sponsors a theater tour on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Opening this month at the newly refurbished Cadillac Palace Theatre on Chicago's Randolph Street, *Aida* is the story of a Nubian princess, forced into slavery in Egypt, who is caught between the man she loves and the countrymen who need her. With music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice, *Aida* is directed by Robert Falls, artistic director of the Goodman Theater and the winner

of a 1999 Tony Award for his direction of *A Death of a Salesman* on Broadway. John and Rice also wrote the music and lyrics for *The Lion King*.

Reservations for this tour close

Retirement / Nursing Home

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This creates the pain in the lower back as well as the pain we feel traveling down the back of the leg and into the foot. Acupuncture can make quick work of the pain, but you may need to see a chiropractor or osteopath if you have serious structural problems in your back that require more mechanical attention.

From the perspective of traditional Chinese medicine, we look at the pain as one of a number of problems.

In American culture, we commonly talk about catching a cold. In Chinese medicine, we

can catch a cold as well as many

other environmental factors such as catching a damp or wind. Not only that, but these factors can settle into the acupuncture meridians causing pain that may feel hot, or cold, they may move around like wind or become kind of thick and turbid like dampness. In the case of sciatica, we say that one of few different external factors has settled into one of the meridians that traverse the leg. Usually, that is the urinary bladder meridian.

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The Niles Senior Center started an 80+ Men's Group last month on November 16th. Pictured are nineteen men who attended the first meeting to discuss future programs. The next meeting will feature topics covering World War II. All 80+ men are encouraged to come to the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 11 a.m. To register, or for more information contact Mary Swanson at 588-8420.

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Retirement / Nursing Home**Emeritus spring credit courses at Oakton**

Older students can explore new topics in the company of their peers by registering for credit classes offered by Oakton Community College's Emeritus Program. Classes for spring semester 2000 meet from Jan. 18-May 12 at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue, Skokie.

Walk or Job for Fitness/Weight Loss, (PED 136-001, Touch-Tone 1653) is one-credit hour class designed to improve aerobic endurance and increase weight loss. Students will warm up with appropriate stretching exercises and then take a vigorous walk for several miles outdoors, weather permitting. This class meets from 11-11:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

World Religions: Religions in Chicago (PHL 205-001, Touch-Tone 13658) is a three-credit hour course that focuses on five religious traditions in Chicago, a city of rich and developing diversity. This class meets from 9:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. on Fridays. Some classes will be held in

churches and temples.

Topics in Psychology: The Psychology of Dreams (PSY 290-001, Touch-Tone 13940) is a three-credit hour course that explores the rich, symbolic meanings expressed in dreams. This class meets from 9-11:50 a.m. on

Tuesday.

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 the last three years and have their

CJE December Programs

Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) will offer the following free programs during the month of December in Skokie at various locations. For reservations and information to programs, please call 773-508-1000, or

council consult CJE's web site at <http://www.cje.net>.

A Chanukah Happening festival at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, at CJE's Lieberman Geriatric Health Centre, 9700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. Please call 773-508-1000 for reservations.

Conversational Yiddish: Remembering Chanukah, with Aviva May, 2 p.m. on Friday, December 10, Lieberman Geriatric Health Centre, 97000 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. Please call 773-508-1000 for reservations.

Piano and Vocal Musical Program, with Yvonne and Larry Lindsay, 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 12, Lieberman Geriatric Health Centre, Social Hall, 9700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. Please call 773-508-1000 for reservations.

Lycra Opera Lecture and Music: Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus, 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, Lieberman Geriatric Health Centre, Social Hall, 9700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie. Please call 773-508-1000 for reservations.

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.

Morton Grove Senior Citizens 470-5223**NO HEALTH SCREENINGS IN DECEMBER**

Please note that the monthly cholesterol (first Tuesday), blood pressure (second Tuesday), and diabetes (fourth Tuesday) in December have all been cancelled. The schedule will resume as usual in January.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIORS

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite you 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/Ochestra Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.

At Niles West:

Choir Holiday Concert, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Band/Ochestra Holiday Concert, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

MALL SHOPPING

Seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 14 should call today to reserve a seat on the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 to make a reservation.

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. The cost is \$46 for residents, and \$52 for non-residents. For details, call the Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 to sign up.

REMINISCENCE INTERVIEWS

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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.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

The Village of Morton Grove together with Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre, provides homebound and medically qualifying residents with hot home delivered meals. Deliveries involve about an hour's time and travel of about five miles within Morton Grove. To volunteer, call Nancy Reynolds at the Morton Grove Health Department at 470-5246. Mileage reimbursement is available.

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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.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIORS

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite you 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/Ochestra Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.

At Niles West:

Choir Holiday Concert, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m.

Band/Ochestra Holiday Concert, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

MALL SHOPPING

Seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 14 should call today to reserve a seat on the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 to make a reservation.

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. The cost is \$46 for residents, and \$52 for non-residents. For details, 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.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

The Village of Morton Grove together with Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre, provides homebound and medically qualifying residents with hot home delivered meals. Deliveries involve about an hour's time and travel of about five miles within Morton Grove. To volunteer, call Nancy Reynolds at the Morton Grove Health Department at 470-5246. Mileage reimbursement is available.

WOMEN'S CLUB**HOLIDAY PARTY & MEETING**

Women's Club Holiday Party & Meeting is Monday, Dec. 13 at noon. Join us for a special holiday celebration. Lunch is Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, and a special dessert. Special Holiday program by the Kitchens. 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.

MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY MEETING

Men's Club members are invited to attend their Annual Holiday Meeting, Monday, Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Following a brief meeting, the men enjoy the sounds of our Golden Notes Choral group. A full lunch will follow their performance. There is no charge, but you must register for lunch no later than December 16. No Exceptions!!!

Syndrome Differentiation:

Sciatica due to an invasion of wind, cold or dampness - Pain is aggravated by overcast, or rainy weather. The quality of the sciatica pain could include a heaviness, numbness and/or cold sensation along the pain pathway.

Sciatica due to deficiency of the Liver or Kidney (doesn't

Norwood Park Home recognized for participation in street program

Norwood Park Home, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave., Chicago, was one of 27 business entities recognized by the City of Chicago Adopt-a-Street Program in recent special ceremonies at the Norwood Restaurant, 6101 Northwest Highway, Chicago. Accepting the Program Agreement Certificate is Marcia Haigopian (center), president/CEO of Norwood Park Home, in a presentation that included (from left): Jim Boratyn, coordinator of special projects, CAPS Implementation Office; Ald. Brian Doherty (41st Ward); Sgt. John Gargul, 16th District Chicago Police Neighborhood Relations, representing Cmdr. Harry Tannehill; and Pamela Munizzi, assistant commissioner, Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation. Under the agreement, Norwood Park Home will keep its side of the 6000 - 6028 block of N. Nina Avenue and the 6000 - 6029 N. Northcott Avenue free of litter, trash and graffiti. The City, in turn, will offer its staff services and equipment through beautification programs, including Clean and Green, Green Streets, Give Graffiti the Brush, and Graffiti Blasters. Signs recognizing Norwood Park Home's participation will be placed on each street.

Scatica . . .

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Other factors that can lead to sciatica from the traditional Chinese perspective include a deficiency of Kidney and Liver organs (doesn't mean that there is something wrong with these organs), or the stagnation of the Qi energy and dissipation of the external pathogen as well as activate the movement of the Qi energy to remove the pain. Sometimes other points in the body would be used to treat the damp or cold or wind that may have spread out into the rest of the body in addition to the urinary bladder meridian.

The pain associated with sciatica follows almost exactly the path of the urinary bladder meridian in Chinese medicine from the lower back all the way down to the foot. When there is pain along that line, it suggests to the acupuncturist that the Qi energy is stagnated there and needs to be helped along in its circulation. What is causing the stagnation of the Qi energy can be one of many factors such as wind, damp, cold or heat. The fact that it occurs in the urinary bladder meridian doesn't actually suggest that there is anything wrong with the patient's bladder. It's the same thing as understanding that a pinched nerve doesn't mean that your brain even though the two are connected.

Treatments: Fine needles, some so thin as to appear more like wires than needles, would be inserted along the pathway of the pain to move the Qi energy locally and dissipate the external pathogen as well as activate the movement of the Qi energy to remove the pain. Sometimes other points in the body would be used to treat the damp or cold or wind that may have spread out into the rest of the body in addition to the urinary bladder meridian.

Electrical stimulation (electro-stim) can be used on the need-

les that pass through the leg to provide an even greater amount of stimulation. While the treatment principle is not at all "traditional Chinese medicine", it is a commonly used tool within the acupuncture clinic. The reasoning is that with minute pulses of electricity the local nerves are over stimulated, not with pain, but with a painless electrical shock. This over stimulation makes the nerves turn down their own sensitivity and hence, all the other pain that travels through those nerves is also diminished.

Wrap-up: It is interesting to me that my first experience with Acupuncture was my own sciatica problem.

I invite anybody who knows the pain of sciatica to discover the curative power of Acupuncture, just like I did.

For a free consultation contact Pain Clinic at (847) 209-0547 at 8937 W. Golf Road, Niles.

PAGE 36 THE BUGLE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1999

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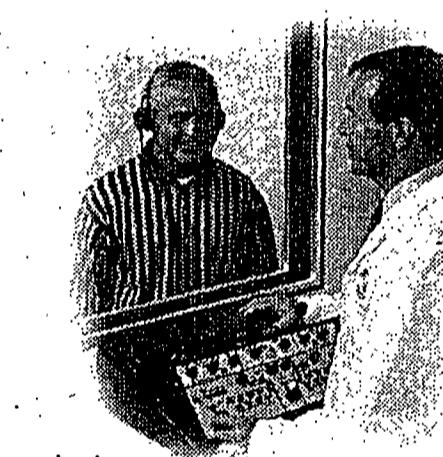


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Police News

Criminal damage to property

A 55-year-old Niles woman residing in the 7700 block of Olander reported that unknown offender(s) cut five or six sets of Christmas lights from her garage and bushes and left them hanging on the ground. The incident occurred sometime between 6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 12:15 a.m. Dec. 5. The damage was estimated at \$200.

The victim's husband told police his friend owns the satellite company and would contact the two workmen and arrange a meeting at the victim's residence. When the two suspects were questioned by police, they denied taking the rings or being inside the bathroom.

Police conducted a pat-down search of both suspects and their vehicle with negative results. The case has been forwarded to the detective division.

Theft

A 54-year-old Glencoe woman reported that she put her purse down in the shoe department of a retail store in the 9000 block of Grace sometime between 5:45 p.m. Dec. 1 and 6:45 p.m. Dec. 2. The cost to replace the decorations was estimated at \$240.

Person(s) unknown removed 30 cases of beef, cheese and jam gift combos valued at \$1,200 which were covered by a tarpaulin without locks at 380 Golf Mill Center. The incident occurred between 10 p.m. Dec. 1 and 10:20 a.m. Dec. 2. Police are investigating.

Burglary

A 43-year-old hair stylist reported that \$20,000 cash, certificates of deposit and miscellaneous jewelry were taken from a safe box she kept in the basement of her townhome in the 7000 block of Crain sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:20 p.m. Dec. 2.

Unknown offender(s) forced entry to the townhome by using a pry tool to defeat the lock mechanism on the rear north-facing window. Once inside, the offender(s) entered every room. They ransacked the two bedrooms on the upper level and located a safe box located under numerous storage boxes behind the furnace in the basement.

After forcibly defeating the lock on the safe box and removing the contents, the offender(s) left through the basement window point of entry. The victim told police the offender(s) left many electronic items undisturbed and removed only the contents of the safe box. The victim, who has been divorced two years, suspects that her ex-husband may be responsible for the theft as none of her friends or family knew the location of the safe box. Police conducted a neighborhood canvass with negative results.

Theft

A 31-year-old Niles woman residing in the 8100 block of Prospect reported that a one-carat diamond engagement ring and valued at \$7,000 and a diamond and ruby ring valued at \$5,000 were removed from a plastic jewelry box located in a second floor bathroom between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Dec. 2.

The victim suspects two men

Theft by deception

The loss prevention regional manager of a retail store at 398 Golf Mill Center reported that an unknown man called Oct. 12 and made a phone order of six items of Kiss merchandise valued at \$3,496.48 using a credit card. An employee retrieved and rang up the merchandise. The caller told the employee to sign the credit slip and advised him that someone would be coming in to pick up the merchandise.

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Theft, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

The manager of a restaurant in the 7200 block of Caldwell Avenue called police around 4:12 a.m. Nov. 29 when a 44-year-old Northbrook man refused to pay the \$18.67 bill for the meal he had eaten because he said the milk did not taste right.

When police arrived, the man was given a second cup of milk, which he said tasted all right.

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Health News

Medications put the brakes on headache pain

For many of us, headaches are an occasional annoyance. But for the 24 million Americans who experience severe, throbbing pain that lasts for hours, or even days, headaches can be cruel and crippling.

"At least twice a month, my headaches were so unbearable that I had to lie in a darkened room for most of the day," said 36-year-old Vanessa Kimmel, a professional in the computer industry who often missed days of work. "It took me years to finally

talk to my doctor. I didn't want to appear weak and I was convinced there was nothing he could do. I was wrong."

What many headache sufferers are learning is that there are many prescription medications that are now available to relieve the pain of most headaches. Being able to describe what kind of headaches you are having is the first step to help your doctor choose the right medication to treat them.

Tension headaches can occur occasionally - or daily. When you

have a tension headache, you may feel a dull, aching, or squeezing pain, usually on both sides of your head, which can last for several hours to a full day.

Migraine headaches, which are more common in women, often start in your teen years, and may occur monthly. Most migraine sufferers experience a throbbing or intense pain on one or both sides of their head that can last four to 72 hours. Other migraine symptoms can include nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity

to light and sound.

Cluster headaches are intense

35 to 40-minute attacks that usually occur on one side of your head. You may have several cluster headaches a day for weeks or months - then not again for months or years. Cluster headaches are also more common in men ages 20 to 45.

While we usually associate headache relief with pain relievers like Excedrin or Advil, another type of headache, rebound headaches, are mild to moderate

headaches.

Stress (crisis, death, divorce, job loss or stress, relationship difficulties)

Diet (coffee, chocolate, nuts, citrus fruits, alcohol, aged cheeses, MSG, processed foods, aspartame)

Sensory (bright or flickering lights, odors)

Hormonal changes in women (menstruation, ovulation, hormone replacement therapy)

If frequent or severe headaches

are disrupting your life, talk with

your doctor. With so many effective treatments available, there's no reason to let headaches pain

keep you from enjoying daily activities. For further information about headaches, contact:

American Council for Headaches, 800-255-ACHE, www.achenet.org

National Headache Foundation, 800-842-2256, www.headaches.org

Migraine Resources Center, www.migrainehelp.com

For more headache links visit:

www.healthed.com

Stephanie E. Mazzeo-Caputo, MSW, MS, RD, is Vice President of Health Education for Doctors+Designers in Westfield, New Jersey, a health communications company that specializes in Patient-Centered Health Education programs.

Crohn's and

Colitis Foundation

of America

Chicago's Carol Fisher Chapter of The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, a support group for those who want support or information about Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis, meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 104A, 10th Floor, Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Free.

The next meeting, and annual holiday party, will be held on December 16, 1999. For information about the support group call (847) 520-3456. For information about CCFA call (847) 827-0404. Visit our web site at www.ccfa.org.

Skokie resident in stage play, 'Burning Desires'

Twelve-year old Rebecca Rubenstein, a student at the Science and Arts Academy in Des Plaines, is the poster child for Defiant Theatre's stage play, "Burning Desires," being performed at the National Pastime Theater, 4139 N. Broadway, Chicago, thru Dec. 12th.

Rebecca, dressed in a girl

scout uniform with a lit cigarette

in her mouth and holding an activated cigarette lighter, represents a Bonfire Girl, who with other scout troupe members,

play a pivotal role in the play.

Her photo also appears in the current Chicago Theater Guide (Nov.-Dec.) published by the League of Chicago Theaters, to illustrate a feature on the article on the "Burning Desires" production. In addition, this identi-



cal photo graces the cover of a new CD soundtrack, "Burning Desires: Super Hit of the 50's," produced by PlayedOutMusic.

Previously, Rebecca was cast in Defiant Theatre's, The Skriker.

She has also performed with Northlight Kids Theatre, Chicago Dramatists, The Bog Theatre Co., Emanon Theatre, Devonshire Playhouse, and with the Piven Theatre Performance Project.

Rebecca, of Skokie, was cast in several independent films including the lead in "Lessons for Girls," and "Something Wonderful."

She has studied at the Piven Theatre Workshop since 1996 and the Actor's Gymnasium in Evanston. She was a previous member of the International Children's Film Festival jury, and also appeared as a guest critic on WGN Kid's Radio Jacky Runice Show.

The Chicago premier of

"Burning Desires," by Joan

Schenk and directed by Linda

Gillum, tells a modern-day Joan

of Arc story based in Seattle in

1958. Here, a teenage Joan

fights outside evil forces that

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by teaming up with Gertrude

Stein, Emily Dickinson, Marlene

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Rebecca is the daughter of

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Women's News

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet on December 13 at 12:15 p.m. at the Park Ridge South Park Recreation Center, 833 W. Talcott, Park Ridge, to celebrate their annual Christmas Party. Christmas cookies donated by members and holiday punch prepared by members will be served. If you wish to participate please bring at least one dozen homemade cookies to the meeting.

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BHGH Women's Board officers elected

The Boys Hope Girls Hope Women's Board has selected new officers for 1999-2000.

Anne Murray of Bannockburn

will serve as president; Sue Bestvina of Lincolnshire will be vice president; Susan Goodman of Lake Bluff returns as treasurer; and Mary Cary Coughlan of Glenview will serve a third term as secretary. Bestvina will also serve as membership chair.

Guests, are welcome, as always, residency in Park Ridge is not required.

We will be entertained by Sis-

Mary Frances Dolan, BVM, who will present her rendition of "Swinging Down Christmas Lane." Sister is Professor Emerita of Music from Mundelein College. She also has a master of music in voice and piano from St. Louis Conservatory.

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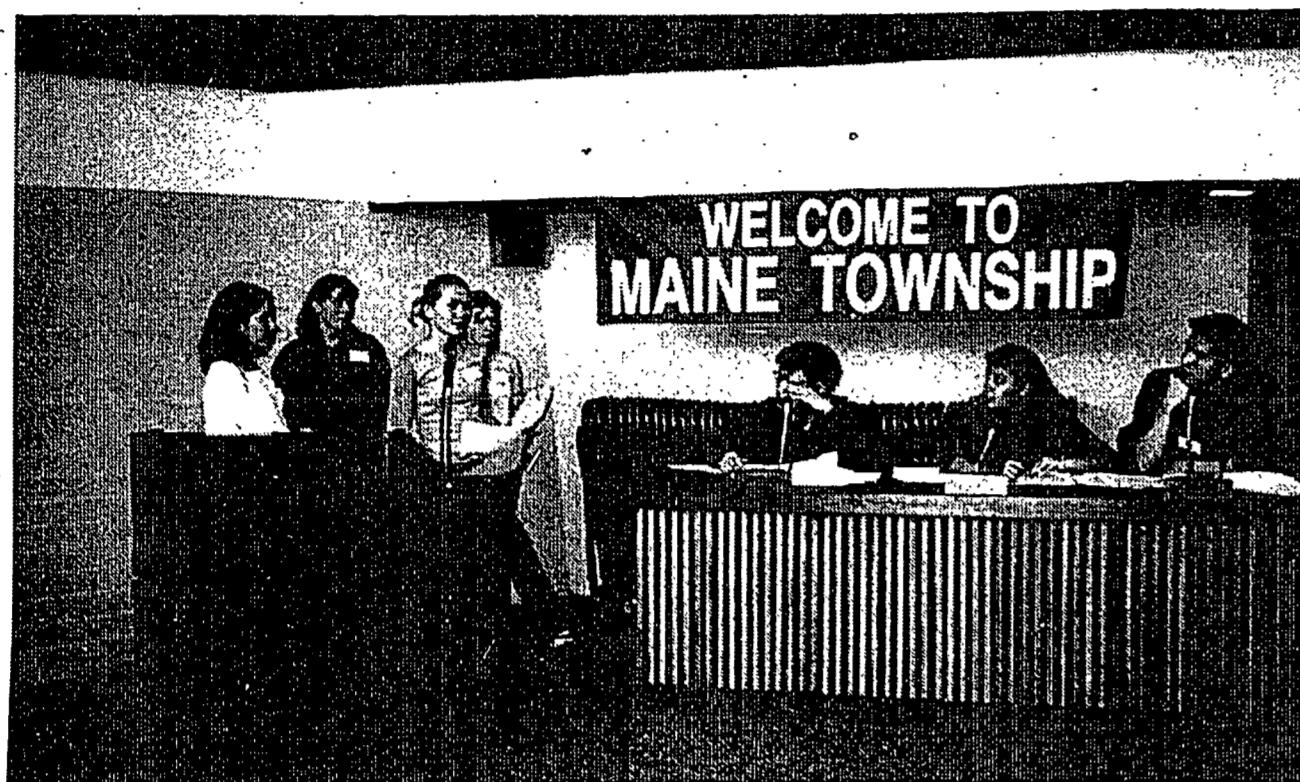
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School News

Maine Township Student Government Day



Nearly 50 high school seniors toured Maine Township Town Hall and various agencies and took part in an afternoon "mock hearing" where students played the roles of agency representatives seeking funding -- and on the other side -- township officials asking hard questions. Presenting their case to an inquisitive "board" are, from left: Rachel Friedlieb, Maine East; Krissy Goebbert, Maine West; Patty Dzodzek, Maine East; Hannah Megaz, Maine South; Danny Chung, Maine East; Bhumika Gor, Maine East and Donny Theanhai, Maine East.

Students from all three Maine Township High Schools had an inside look at Township government on November 2nd when nearly 50 high school seniors

toured Maine Township Town Hall and various agencies served by the township. The students also viewed videos about township government and took part

in an afternoon exercise where students played the roles of agency representatives seeking funding -- and on the other side -- township officials asking hard

questions. After enjoying a small breakfast at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge, the students visited Avenues to Independence in Des Plaines where they learned how the agency, partially funded through Maine Township, provides a place for people with special disabilities to learn and apply work skills in a supportive and supervised environment. The students also visited a day care center.

Back at the Town Hall students divided into groups representing some of the many agencies that receive funding through Maine Township and, from the information they were supplied, developed presentations designed to gain more funding or retain existing funding -- in much the same way as actual agencies seek funding each year.

As each group of students made presentations, the "mock funding hearings" were complete with serious questions from the "board" and were met with well documented answers from the "agency representatives."

"Maine Township is mandated to provide certain services to township residents," said Township Supervisor Mark Thompson. "The following District 219 students were named: From Niles West - Hanna Kang, Adrienne Mackey, Kiran Madhav, Erin Pazy, and Melissa Quinn. From Niles North - Eliot Hellman.

District 219

Scholarship Semifinalists

Six students from Niles Township High School District 219 achieved Semifinalist status in the 45th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These Semifinalists now have an opportunity to continue to compete, along with approximately 16,000 scholastically talented high school seniors, for some 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards, worth over \$28 million, that will be offered next spring.

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Physical education teacher at Washington School, recently attended the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance State Convention.

Physical educators from all over the state joined in this fun

concerning the agency request process. "Some services the township provides, yet others are too expensive for the township to provide, considering the full or part time infrastructure and employee costs needed to do so. That's why the township funds many agencies that provide some of those social services to the township, and these students had an in-depth experience on how the process works."

School News

Washington School News

What better way to celebrate a special occasion than by remembering others who are less fortunate? That's what students at Washington School in Glenview did last month during their annual Halloween Party/Dance.

Mrs. Stafford noted that, overall, the convention was a success; it was exciting to see what other teachers were doing in the district, and she has returned with lots of new ideas to bring back to the classroom.

Apollo students visit Apple Orchards

On October 6, 1999, the reading department from Apollo School visited Wauconda Apple Orchards in Wauconda. The children participated in an educational program presented by the orchard staff. During the day, children learned that there are over 10,000 varieties of apples around the world, including blue apples!

After the presentation, the students were thrilled to be able to pick their own apples to bring home to their families.

Introduction to the Music of the USA (MUS 145-001, Touch-Tone 12790) explores the music of the USA from the distant past to the present day, including Native American chants, classical works and popular styles. This three-hour credit class meets from 9 - 11:50 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Music Literature and History Tuition is \$42 per credit hour

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Moments in musical history highlighted

Learn about the history of music by registering for credit courses offered through Oakton Community College's Emeritus program. These classes begin the week of Jan. 18, and run through May 12, 2000, in Room B203 at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie.

Topics in Humanities: Forbidden Music (HUM 290-001, Touch-Tone 10593) examines how fascist politicians used the arts as an instrument of propaganda in the 1930s and 1940s. This three-hour credit course features the music of Felix Mendelssohn, Gustav Mahler, Paul Hindemith, Erich Korngold, Arnold Schoenberg, Alban Berg and others whose music was suppressed or displaced by the Third Reich. The class meets from 1 - 3:50 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Register for these and other Emeritus spring credit courses in Room A100 at the Ray Hartstein Campus or at the Des Plaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road. Those who have registered for Oakton or Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL) classes within the last three years and have their correct Social Security number on file may register by the Touch-Tone telephone system at (847) 635-1616. In-person and Touch-Tone registration will be available during Oakton's winter break, Dec. 24 - Jan. 2. Normal hours of operation for in-person registration and student services will resume at both Oakton campuses in Des Plaines and Skokie at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3. Touch-Tone registration resumes that day at 7 a.m.

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The award provided Carol Ann Hauber with a week's lodging and meals as well as inclusion in a series of interdisciplinary discussion on a topic in the humanities, Native Americans of the Midwest, led by a recognized Illinois scholar.

for district residents under the age of 60, \$21 per credit hour for residents age 60 and over, and \$126 per credit hour for out-of-district Illinois residents. Additional fees may apply, depending upon residency, enrollment status and course requirements.

For a brochure listing all of the programs, seminars and tours available, including registration information, call the Emeritus office at (847) 635-1414.

Local educator awarded summer study grant

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Home Style

Holiday ribbon adds finishing touch to home decorating

It's the little touches that tie a home together. Ribbon is an easy, inexpensive way to add holiday cheer to everyday items around your house and coordinate your entire holiday look, according to the home decor experts at Enesco Home Gallery, a leader in the home accents industry.

"Ribbon has always been an elegant accent in home decor, but until recently, it was quite expensive," says Kathy Cook, home de-

cior expert for Enesco Home Gallery. "Today, the ribbon in our collection is available in countless fabrics and styles, from flowing satin to heavily embroidered velvet. The uses for decorative ribbon are broad and unique."

Cook offers the following tips for decorating with ribbon:

- Ribbon edged with thin wire is easy to shape into a bow and can be used year after year if rolled and stored properly.

- Tie bows around small votive candles and place along window sills, on the mantel, or on the dining room table.

- If you're just starting an ornament collection, bows and strands of ribbon can fill in extra space on the tree.

- A festive bow on a candlestick, picture frame, or the back of a dining room chair turns everyday decorations into holiday pieces.

- Tie a ribbon and a bundle of herbs or flowers around a linen napkin in place of a napkin ring.

- Baste a length of ribbon to the edge of a plain white tablecloth to create a lovely holiday table. After the holidays, the ribbon can be easily removed using a seam ripper to pull out the stitching.

• Use bits of ribbon left over from decorating to wrap your gifts, making presents a part of the room's decor.

For more tips on holiday decorating, consumers can receive a free brochure by sending a postcard with a mailing address to "Enesco Home for the Holidays," P.O. Box 9569, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or by logging onto www.esesco.com.

Home Gallery, a \$35 million division of Enesco Corporation, makes affordable, high-quality decorative accents and fine giftware. Home Gallery's product offering features exclusive merchandise by the country's leading brands and artists, such as Mary Engelbreit, Country Living, Julie Ueland, Isabel de Borochgrave, along with detailed home accents products based on items featured in the Winterthur Museum.

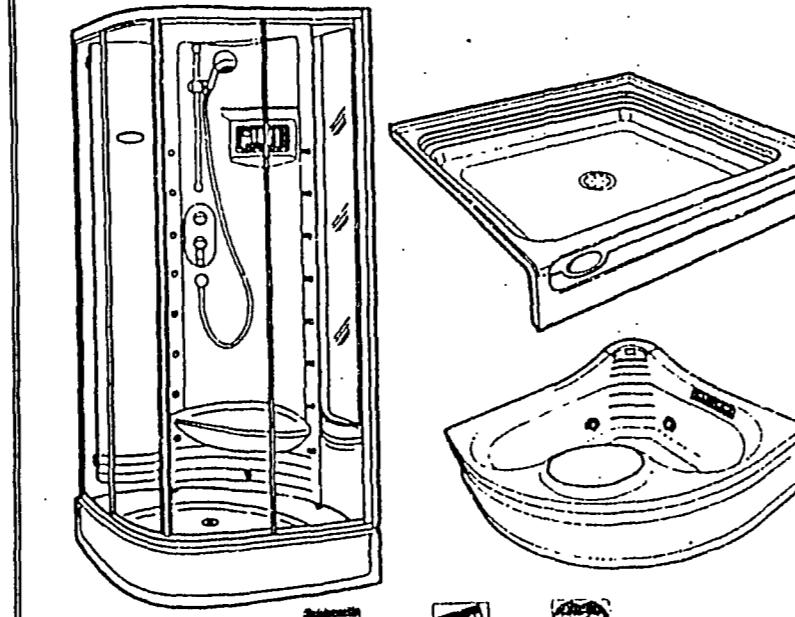
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Start the millennium off right organize your closet or pantry

An old Shaker saying tells us to "hold no object which you do not believe to be beautiful or know to be useful." With this in mind, you can attack your closet or pantry with confidence.

First things first. Before you invest in shelving supplies, get out some big black garbage bags and give your closets and pantry a good cleaning. Show no mercy.

Beautiful and useful stay, everything else goes. Keep an eye out for charitable donations and recyclables.

Now that the space is empty, measure it completely and head to your local home center, where shelving options abound.

If you're looking for sheer utility, ventilated shelving may be your best bet. The epoxy-coated wire is durable, corrosion-resistant and strong. The ventilated nature of the shelves promotes air flow, diminishing the chance of mildew.

"This is one of the most economical options and it's a project that any beginner can accomplish in just a few hours," says Gene Barnes of The Home Depot.

If the shelves will be visible at all times, you may want to consider using wood instead. Seal the wood by painting it to inhibit moisture, which can cause warping and compromise durability. Decorative metal brackets will support your heavier loads, and molding can add to a more elegant look.

For very long wooden shelves that will hold heavy loads, three-quarter to one-inch pine is inexpensive and durable. For the strongest shelves, use a harder wood like oak. Supports should be placed every 4 feet, using L-shaped brackets.

"A high quality bracket made of strong metal is important for sufficient support," Barnes says.

When storing your belongings, be sure to use proper packing materials. Covered plastic bins stack easily and can hold several items. For long-term storage, the plastic bin can prevent rodent or insect infestation. For smaller items, something as simple and inexpensive as a reusable plastic bag or jar can do the trick. Label the contents clearly on the container.

Consider what you'll be using, and how often. Place little-used

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items in the back or higher up and those which you use frequently within easy reach.

After everything has been re- placed, notice the lighting in the closet. If you can't read the labels or find what's there, you may want to add a higher wattage incandescent light bulb or compact fluorescent bulb to put your belongings in better light.

If this closet is the closest thing you'll have to a dressing room, paint the walls a rich color and hang a decorative mirror inside the door. It will turn your nightmare closet into a dream come true.



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urrection Health Care offer several monthly grief groups called "Growing through Loss: Life ahead - Loss" during the month of December. Site locations, dates and times are listed below:

St. John Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt, Lincolnwood, 2nd Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, 2nd Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Westlake Hospital, 1225 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

St. Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge, Evanston, 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Our Lady of the Resurrection, 5645 W. Addison, Chicago, 2nd Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

John Lutheran Church, 4707 W. Pratt, Lincolnwood, 2nd Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Express your emotions.

3. Plan ahead. Take charge where you can. Be flexible. Choose or create rituals that bring meaning and acknowledge the person who has died.

4. Turn to others for support. By allowing others to help you, you help them.

5. Be gentle with yourself - Let go of the "ought to," "shoulds" and "have to." Rest. Accept your limitations.

6. Remember to remember. Mention the name of the person who has died. Embrace your treasure of memories.

7. Do something for others. Volunteer. Need, appreciated, valued.

8. Harbor Hope - Original interests in life and the holidays will return. Grief takes time and leads you back to life. Ask another to hold your hope for you.

Holidays are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, holidays can bring feelings of sadness, loss and emptiness. Since love does not end with death, holidays may result in a renewed sense of personal grief - a feeling of loss unlike that experienced in the routine of daily living.

No simple guidelines exist that will take away the hurt you are feeling. However, the following suggestions will help you cope better with your grief during this joyful, yet painful, time of the year.

1. Accept the likelihood of your pain. Actually, few holidays were ever picture perfect.

2. Feel whatever you are feeling.

For more information or to register for groups, please call Rainbow Hospice Center for Loss and Life Passages, (847) 692-8884.

It's the little things that count. Pick one color and carry it through the party to give your New Year's celebration an im-

pressive flair. Begin with the invitations and extend it all the way through to the party favors.

• Light projected through a Christmas tree or at a poinsettia during the holiday season can soften any room with unusual shapes and shadows. Place a spotlight behind the tree or plant and aim the light toward the ceiling to create interesting shadows around the room.

• Keep the lights on the highest setting near the buffet table so your guests can see what they're drop over Times Square.

• Nearly 70 percent of us agree that the lighting in a home has a direct effect on the mood of a party. An excellent way to create a soft look throughout a room is to place lights at different heights and varying wattages.

• Did you ever wonder why everyone congregates in the kitchen at a party? It's the light. People tend to gather in places where the light level is bright enough to see the person with whom they're speaking. To prevent guests from hanging out in the kitchen all night, be sure to create enough pockets of light around the party to encourage mingling.

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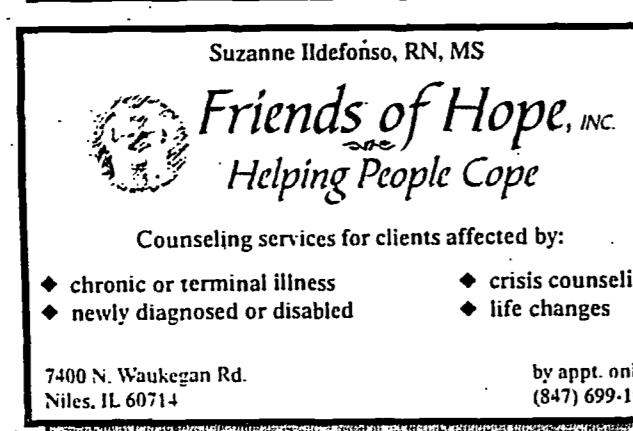
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Businesses ...

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ward Street, petitioned the Board to eliminate the 20-foot rear yard set back so that it can build an addition to the existing building at that address. The company's representative, Jory Siegel, stated that the addition would be about 36,000 square feet. The company currently employs roughly 150 people who work over three shifts. The addition would bring about another 15 people to each shift, bringing total employment to just under 200. The Board was concerned about parking for all the employees. Mr. Siegel said that the majority of the employees' work during the first shift, and, with the addition of 15, the most that would be on the job at any time would be 100 people. Since the business owns adjacent property on the 6200 block of Gross Point Road, they would convert that parcel over to parking. There would then be 142 parking spaces allocated.

The Board was also concerned about the aesthetics of the addition and the parking lot. When questioned, Mr. Siegel said that the company does not have final blueprints or bids on the addition or lot. It was agreed, though, that the addition should have a facade that matches that of the existing building as closely as possible, and that the parking lot and building should include some landscaping.

The final issue with the site that the Board brought up was the concrete slab with a shed. They were curious as to its fate. Mr. Siegel indicated that the shed was taken care of after the owner was fined and fined. The Village was seeking to rescind the special use permit as allowed in Section XI (H)(5) of the code. A representative for Niles Truck Rental requested that the Board grant continuance until the next meeting in February so that the owner would have an opportunity to bring the site up to code. The Board reluctantly voted to grant the continuance.

Snow ...

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After a 1 inch snowfall: Parking is prohibited on either side of a primary roadway or a designated "Snow Route" until snow removal has been completed. A "Snow Route" is any primary roadway that receives immediate attention, such as Milwaukee Avenue or Dempster Street. Residents living on snow routes are advised to utilize their garages as much as possible during the winter to allow for easier access by snow removal equipment.

After a 3-inch snowfall: Parking is prohibited on the odd numbered side of all Village streets (excluding snow routes and exempt streets) for 24 hours after the snow stops, or until the street is plowed. The same applies for the even side of the street during the next 24 hours.

Some streets are exempt from snow parking bans because driveway parking is not available. To determine if you live on a snow route or exempt street and which regulation applies to you, contact the Public Services Department at (847) 588-7900.

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

Skokie 911 center moved because of workers' illness

by Rosemary Tirro

Two Niles youths were among 18 area young men and youths involved in a brawl conducted with baseball bats, glass bottles and crowbars in a Des Plaines forest preserve around 4 p.m. Nov. 12.

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Michael R. Anderson

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael R. Anderson, a 1996 graduate of Notre Dame High School of Niles, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf aboard the destroyer USS Kinkaid, home ported in San Diego.

He joined the Navy in July 1996.

Sales tax ...

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Geem said, and there are sections of the town that need to be replaced. We needed another source of revenue to pay for that."

Van Geem estimated that the village would realize about \$1.5 million annually from the tax hike.

Over the next ten years, the increased revenue will be used to take care of most of the older sections of Niles, Van Geem added.

The increase will add about a quarter to the tax on a \$100 purchase, Van Geem said. "It is probably the fairest tax. We try to put programs in place that will benefit the entire village. Everybody pays sales tax, and everybody will benefit from the improvements," added.

Schusteff said that according to his hiring practices applicants are required to answer more questions than Frain required. They

Youth seriously injured in forest preserve brawl

by Rosemary Tirro

Nine of the men, all either 17 or 18 years of age, were arrested and charged with mob action. The victim and another of the combatants was charged with reckless conduct. Three were also charged with unlawful use of a weapon.

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District 71 News

Youth Drop-In Center plans holiday events

Maine Township's Youth Drop-In Center will be hosting 12 grade parties for youth in 5th through 12th grade at the center located at 9511 W. Harrison Street in unincorporated Maine Township.

A special holiday party will be held on Tuesday, December 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A \$1 admission will be taken at the door to help defray the costs of food.

There will be games, holiday treats and even a chicken dinner for attendees. "We're inviting families to attend as well," said Drop-In Center Manager Amy Joob.

"In past years, we had younger kids be dropped off, so this year all kids in 4th grade down must be accompanied by a parent or guardian."

On Thursday, December 30, a day before the real New Year's Eve, the Drop-In Center will host its 3rd annual "All Day New Year's Party" from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. No admission will be charged.

"We're going to have a full schedule of activities including outdoor activities if the weather permits," said Joob. "There will be an indoor soccer tournament, arts & crafts, movies and open gym, and if we're lucky enough to have snow, we'll have a snow-building contest as well."

At 5:30 p.m. pizza will be available for 50 cents per slice along with pop and other items for sale from the center's snack closet.

The Drop-In Center is located in the State of Illinois' North Suburban Facility (formerly Maine North High School) at 9511 W. Harrison Street in unincorporated Maine Township. The Center offers a gym with three full-size basketball courts, a computer/

payphone and a snack closet.

Another security-related problem occurred when three of the six off-duty police officers who provided security at the two schools quit in November over pay and working conditions.

Two off-duty officers are now stationed at Niles North, while one is at Niles West. Supt. Griff E. Powell said that the security jobs formerly handled by the off-duty officers who quit will be handled by the remaining officers, not by the Andy Frain employees.

The district plans to replace the off-duty police officers with other off-duty officers in the near future, Powell said.

Schusteff, who has been in the district 29 years, said the two high schools are adequately secured.

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Following that incident, Schusteff has undertaken the hir-

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No one is brought into the build-

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A recent survey, commissioned by Ameritech, shows that half of parents admit that their children have more Internet knowledge than they do, while one out of six parents believe their lack of knowledge prevents them from properly supervising their children's Internet use.

"Family schedules get complicated when kids go off to school, but it's important to talk to them about safety and to include Internet use in the discussion," said

Valeri Marks, president, Ameritech.net. "People aren't always who they seem to be on the Internet, just like a stranger on the door or on the phone. Kids need to be careful and need clear rules for communicating with strangers, especially when parents are away."

Ameritech offers a free CD-ROM as part of its Cruise Control Internet safety and education program. The CD-ROM provides families with an introduction to the Internet, including basic terms, safety tips, a list of educational and family-friendly Web sites, and more. To receive the free CD-ROM, call 800-NET-8775 or visit

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Ameritech recommends several tips for parents to share with their children to help ensure they safely communicate with others on the phone, at the door and on the Internet:

- Tell children to never let anyone on the phone, at the door or on the Internet know they are home alone - say parents aren't available right now.

- Explain to children that they should never give their name, address or other personal information to anyone on the phone, at the door or on the Internet.

- Remain anonymous on the Internet - use a nickname for your screen name. Be aware that when you enter a chat room, others may know you are there even if you are not participating in the conversation.

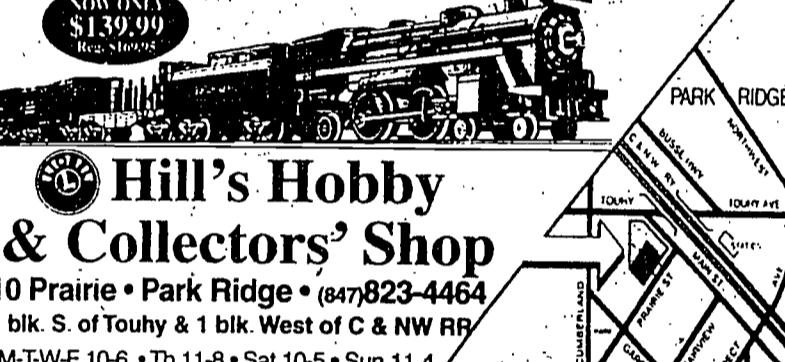
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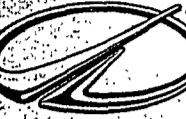
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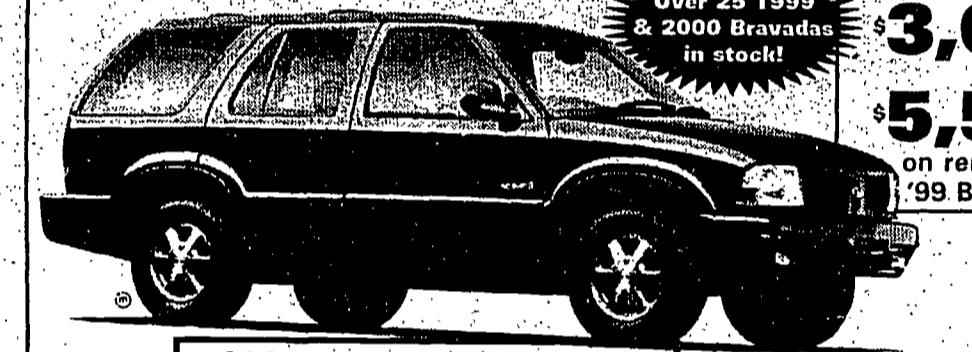
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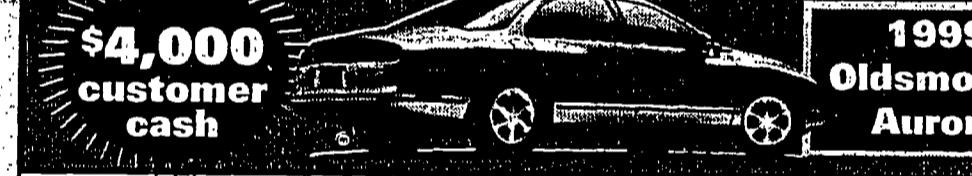
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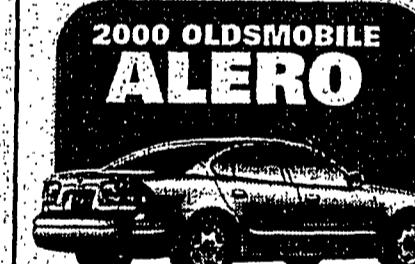
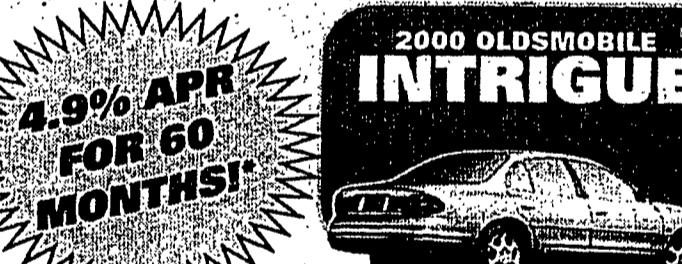
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