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Board of Review to open Maine Township for appeal

The Cook County Board of Review will accept applications from property owners living in Maine Township who wish to appeal their property tax assessments. Applications from those townships will be accepted now through December 27. Any property owner who wishes to appeal their assessment may pick up an application form at the Board of Review at 118 N.

Clark Room #601 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call Commissioner Maureen Murphy's office at 312-603-3644 to find out about Board of Review locations in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie. Applications may also be available at the Maine Township Assessor's office. The Board of Review will

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Niles Park District bond debt reduced

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

The Niles Park District struck a major portion of bond debt off the books, allowing for abatement of taxes levied for the year 2000 on over \$9 million in General Obligation Park Bonds.

At this month's meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, three ordinances were approved which direct Cook County from

levying or increasing taxes to pay for the principal and interest on three bonds totaling \$9,295,000. Though Niles property owners will continue to pay \$.514 in property taxes to refund \$1,595,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Park Director Joseph LoVerde said he was pleased at

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District 63 OKs gas station

East Maine School District 63 has withdrawn objections to the proposed gas station at the Dominick's store on Greenwood Avenue.

The location across from Gemini High School posed a concern to the district due to the possibility of cigarette advertising at the kiosk shop adjoining the pumps and also to traffic flow. However, Dominick's representative Steve Schwartz told school board members that no cigarette advertising would be displayed at the station, adding the kiosk "will not sell to minors, and we will not advertise at the site on sign boards."

Schwartz also said the traffic plan has been approved for Greenwood Avenue.

After the additional input, three board members changed their votes, with a resulting 6-1

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Total of over \$33,000 in jewelry, cash and silver coins taken; Break-ins happened during the day

Niles home burglaries mirror Morton Grove

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

Were two Niles burglaries, which share similarities to thefts committed in Morton Grove and currency on Nov. 16. Four

Niles police spokesman Sgt. James Zimmerman said that while the crimes have not been officially tied together, the two village police departments have been in contact to discuss the cases.

"As of right now, we don't know if these cases are related but we're attempting to network with Morton Grove to compare evidence," he said.

As reported on Nov. 22, unknown offender(s) used a pry tool to break into three apartments in a

Morton Grove building at the 6400 block of Elm, and made off with at least \$19,000 in jewelry

days earlier, offender(s) combined a pry tool with brute force to gain entry through the rear

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KKK rally can go ahead says county

A permit request to the village of Skokie filed by the KKK was deferred to Cook County for action on the grounds that the court house where the rally is planned is county property.

So deputies from the county will be on duty Saturday, Dec. 16 for the rally, a spokesman

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Niles Public Service Dept. is salt-ready

Four thousand tons of salt lies in wait for the onset of this winter of 2000-2001, according to Niles Public Services Department spokesman. That's 4,000 tons at \$30.40 per ton. The village ordered early last summer, and it's a new and improved product, at that.

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Kids Learning Other Ways Naturally



Maine Township's Klown (Kids Learning Other Ways Naturally) Club Program went to schools in Niles, Park Ridge, and DesPlaines during the recent National Red Ribbon Week. Here, "Peek-a-Boo," left, and "Junie Bell" were on hand to tell the children about the dangers of drug and alcohol use while the teacher, Tracie Thomas, looks on. The Klown Program was established in 1990 specifically for third graders.



The Bugle's community job listings can be found on
<http://www.ChicagoMetroJobs.com>



Washington Commons first major contributor to Morton Grove Foundation's "Taste"

Washington Commons Shopping Center makes its \$1,000 donation to the Morton Grove Foundation's "2001 - A Taste Odyssey" Fundraiser at a ceremony taking place at 3 p.m., Thursday, November 30, at the center. Washington Commons is located at Golf and Washington in Morton Grove.

Village officials, Foundation members, and this year's Fundraising and "Taste" Committee will be present including Ralph Czerwinski, Morton Grove Fire Chief and this year's Fundraising Chairman; Terry LeBeau, Foundation President; Larry Arft, Village Administrator of Morton

Grove; MaryJo LeBeau, Morton Grove Fire Department Administrative Assistant; Tina Miritello, Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce - Executive Director; Jim Simkins, Simkins Funeral Home; and Steve Kropp, Kropp Insurance. Washington Commons Management Representative, Jan Koe of Method K Partners, will make the presentation.

The Foundation's annual fundraiser, "2001 - a Taste Odyssey," is cosponsored by the First National Bank of Morton Grove and takes place Thursday, March 1, 2001, at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. Proceeds from this major event are earmarked to meet the

charitable needs of organizations in Morton Grove and surrounding communities benefiting the health, safety, education, and environment of area residents. This year's beneficiaries include: Association of Horizon, Inc., Christmas in April; First Step Foundation; Glenkirk; High Five Center; Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation; Maryville Academy; Morton Grove Historical Society; Orchard Village; St. John Brebeuf; Shore Training Center; and Turning Point.

"It is the caring attitude of businesses that make our community a wonderful place to work and live," stated Koe. "And all of

us here at Washington Commons are pleased to be a part of this worthwhile cause," concluded Koe.

"Taste" event activities include gourmet samplings from area restaurants, live music, silent auc-

Programs for children in December

The DesPlaines Public Library has scheduled a variety of programs for children during the month of December. Phone Youth Services at 847/376-2839 for more information.

Santa arrives at the library at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2. (His arrival is cosponsored with the DesPlaines Chamber of Commerce and Industry.) Also on December 2, at 11 a.m., Dan LeMonnier will be in the Youth Services Department on the second floor to lead families in sing-along musical activities focusing on gift-giving customs from around the world.

The Teen 2000 advisory group for young people in grades six through eight will meet from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. Registration is required.

Junior and seniors from Elk Grove High School will conduct Spanish storytime for children ages four to seven from 7-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6. Featured are stories, games, songs, and crafts.

tion, and prize drawings. To make a contribution and for event tickets contact Pauline Wehr, First National Bank of Morton Grove, 847.965.4400 or visit the Morton Grove Foundation Web Page at www.mgfound.org.

Patti Ecker leads evening storytime for children and families at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

Children of all ages may drop in and play with games and puzzles from 4-5 p.m. on Game Fun Friday, December 8.

A drop-in holiday craft for all ages will be presented from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, December 16. All materials will be provided.

A "Groovy Movie" for young people in grades five through eight will be shown from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20.

Please note: The library will be closed on Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve; Monday, December 25, Christmas Day; Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve, and Monday, January 1, 2001, New Year's Day.

Notre Dame is pledged gift of \$1.1 million

George H. Holley, 60, of Greenwich, Conn., a Notre Dame graduate of its first class, has pledged to fund the school's new science center with a gift of \$1.1 million, the largest donation in the school's 45-year history.

Because of Holley, who graduated in 1958, a plan to refurbish a science facility has gone full-scale to a new science technology center. The facility will contain five new labs with computers built into every station.

Holley attended the University of Notre Dame, and after serving in the army, received an MBA from Northwestern University. He began his career with General Electric working in new product development, and later founded several businesses in technology fields.

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Holley's former classmate, Ken Coughlan, an attorney, recalls him as "... someone who would always pitch in to help his family and do the kind of work that most kids his age would dodge." Coughlan, who also attended Notre Dame University, called him "as good as they come."

Notre Dame spokesman, George Ratin, says ground was broken for the new center in September and expects completion in August 2000 for a total expected cost of \$2.7 million.

Firefighter's Holiday Food Drive

The Holiday Food Drive sponsored by the Firefighter's Association of Morton Grove will take place now through December 20, 2000.

Drop off sites: The Morton Grove Fire Station #4, 6250 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. (Always open).

The Morton Grove Village Hall, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. (8:30 through 5 Monday through Friday).

The Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053. (Their posted open hours).

The American Legion Hall, 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053 (Limited open hours).

Food: All food should be non-

perishable and have a current expiration date.

Due to the 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 Firefighter's Association will also provide a holiday dinner, dessert, and gifts for the children of those families.

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

1st Row: Coach Kelly Dameron, Billy Fabbri, Barb Kautz, Ira Alexander.

2nd Row: Kathy Maloney, David Ritz, Bob Kadlec, John Wijas, Coach Phil Gronemeyer.

Niles police look forward to new home

As Deputy Chief Dean Strzelecki sums it up, "This building's shot."

So it's planned to replace the 36-year-old building and erect a two-story, state-of-the-art facility, said Strzelecki who heads up the planning committee. The process of interviewing the six to eight architects who have submitted bids will begin soon.

The new facility is expected to contain about 40,000 square feet divided between two levels, as opposed to the present 17,000 square feet on a single level.

A much-enlarged fingerprinting area is needed because the computerized process requires

almost a room in itself.

A press room where reporters can compose reports for their newspapers and an interview room where officers can meet privately with citizens are also in the plan, plus an upgrade to bring the cell area up to standard. Record storage space will be added and certain functions need dedicated space, as the community service officer and the 911 emergency manager presently work from the same office. Other goals are a booking room and conference room, and special parking needs for the K-9 and evidence vans. A lecture room for training purposes is proposed by Sgt. James

Zimmerman, the Public Information Officer, who adds that the rifle range needs to be enlarged.

Strzelecki and his committee are visiting other sites to generate ideas. The other committee members are Mayor Blase and the entire Village Council, Village Manager and Asst. Manager Abe Selman and Mary Kay Morrissey, and Purchasing Agent Lois Leyh.

The village has hired Earth Tech to oversee the project. "We hope we're looking at... starting to build in the summer of 2001... with about a year to complete," Strzelecki said.



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Morton Grove Legion Auxiliary Luncheon

Mrs. Patricia D. Jordan, president of the Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit #134 this week is sending a cordial invitation to community residents to join the group for their annual Christmas luncheon Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Legion Memorial Home, 6140 Dempster. Cocktails begin at 11 a.m.

This is not a ladies' only luncheon; couples and the male contingent of the village are also invited.

The delicious baked breast of chicken entree catered luncheon is just part of the day's activities.

A cash raffle will take place and for those not able to attend, tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Jordan for a mere 10¢ a piece. Prizes are \$75, \$50 and \$25 and winner need not be present.

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A table raffle for the benefit of items will also take place.

The highlight of the afternoon is a musical variety show to be performed by the patients at the Lakeside-West Side VA Hospital. Two dozen men and women will entertain with a medley of delightful songs.

The Auxiliary's major project is the hospital work they perform at the various Chicagoand VA Hospitals for those still confined. They would like to show the public how proud they are of these patients who will be given a complimentary meal also. Directed by their recreational director and a volunteer. The show is certainly one to be seen by all in the area.

Reservations at \$8 each may be made with Mrs. Jordan at 847-967-5812.

For further information or to register call Janis Battle M.S.W., L.S.W. at 588-8467 or Erica Skulstad M.S.W. intern at 588-8474.

Niles Family Service presents A Grief & Loss Group

A six group for adults who have experienced the loss of a spouse through death. The group will meet every other week on Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m., at the Niles Human Service building, 999 Civic Center Drive. The dates are: November 29, Decem-

ber 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 07.

For further information or to register call Janis Battle M.S.W., L.S.W. at 588-8467 or Erica Skulstad M.S.W. intern at 588-8474.

American Daughters of Sweden

The American Daughters of Sweden will hold a "Christmas Cookbook Celebration" on Saturday, December 9, at the Fountain Blue Restaurant in DesPlaines. The Palmer Ensemble will

present a Concert of Christmas music.

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Niles Family Fitness Center Programs

The Niles Family Fitness Center is now offering the following new programs. Call (847) 588-8400 for questions regarding the following programs or Club membership.

• **Parents Day Out 4-12 Years.** If the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has left you with too little time and too much to do, we have the answer. Leave your child with our experienced staff for a day of fun and games, including holiday crafts and themes. Saturday, December 2 and Saturday, December 16 from 12-4 p.m. call the Niles Family Fitness Center at 847-588-8400 for more information. Deadline to register is 10 days prior.

• **Fitness Center Winter Brochure Arrives December 4.** The Niles Family Fitness Center Winter Program Brochure will arrive the week of December 4. Our

Winter schedule includes classes for all ages and interests, including: tumbling, camps, sports, Swim Lessons, dance, Preschool programs, teen programs, Adult fitness and arthritis exercise classes and more. Classes begin the week of January 15. Call 847-588-8400 to receive your copy of the Niles Family Fitness Center Winter Brochure.

• **Winter Break Escape Camp.** The Niles Family Fitness Center is currently accepting applications for our Winter Break Escape Camp for ages 6-12. Activities include sports, outdoor games, crafts, swimming, and more. Daily registration offered for your convenience. Camp runs

December 27-January 5. Camp hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with extended camp options available. Call the Niles Family Fitness Center at 847-588-8400 for more information or to receive a camp application form. Deadline to register is December 11.

• **Teen Gym & Jam - Grades 6th-8th.** Join us as we rock into 2001 with Saturday night dance parties just for you, December 16 from 6:30-9 p.m. Participants must be Niles residents, members of the Fitness Center or attend a Niles school. Participants may bring one (1) non-resident guest. Call the Niles Family Fitness Center at 847-588-8400 for more information.

Santa Claus to arrive in Edison Park

Here comes Santa Claus! Yes, he will arrive in Edison Park by train at 9:57 a.m., on Sat., Dec. 2. From the railroad station, he will walk with children and parents down Oliphant Avenue and along Northwest Highway to the corner of Oshkosh and Northwest Highway where he will participate in the Christmas Tree dedication and lighting at 10:15 a.m.

Ald. Brian Doherty and Edison Park Chamber President Jim Del Medico will deliver brief welcoming remarks. Afterwards, the pastor or assistant pastor of Edison Park Lutheran Church will bless the tree. Refreshments will be served by Pat Clark and her elves, while Christmas music is played. A drawing for a free turkey will be held at 11 a.m. at the Oshkosh/Northwest highway location.

Following the ceremony, Santa Claus will cross Northwest Highway to the Edison Park Fieldhouse to visit with children from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. He will be located in Santa's House on the second floor. Children visiting Santa will receive an activity book and candy cane.

Children and parents waiting to visit Santa may make themselves comfortable in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen where hot chocolate and cookies will be served by Mrs. Claus and her elves. The Edison Park Fieldhouse will be colorfully

decorated for the season.

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

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

Park Ridge Christmas Housewalk

The upcoming Park Ridge Christmas Housewalk, sponsored by the Maine Center for Mental Health Auxiliary, now in its 24th year, has raised funds to benefit the clients of the Maine Center for Mental Health.

The Housewalk will be held on Friday, December 1, 2000, and our boutique will be held on Friday, December 1 from 12 until 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 2 from 10 to 2 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. We also encourage all those attending the Housewalk to bring non-perishable food items to the boutique, the food will be donated to the Maine Township food pantry. For more information call 696-1570.

Participating are: Mary & George Czerwonka; Craig Elderkin & Debby Scheck; Debbie & Craig Harris; Joan & Bill McGeehan; Cindy & Craig Weiss; Holiday Boutique; Redeemer Lutheran Church, Clifton & Gillick St., December 1, 2000, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. December 2, 2000, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Admission: Housewalk \$15 through November 30, \$20 on December 1. No children under the age of 12 on walk. Boutique \$1 (free with Housewalk ticket). Tickets: Maine Center for Mental Health, 832 Busse Highway, Park Ridge Community Bank, 626 Talcott; Park Ridge Park District Office, 2701 Sibley; Raffia Gifts, 29 S. Prospect.

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Former Morton Grove resident heads I&M Canal Heritage Corridor

Former Morton Grover, Phyllis M. Ellin, first heard about the Illinois and Michigan Canal while in Philadelphia with the National Park Service. "I read its description," she recalls. "Here was the country's very first national heritage corridor, and it's right in my backyard." Ellin read further that Chicago's very location was determined because of the canal. "I thought that can't be right because I'd never heard that before," she recalled, amused.

Today it's far from obscure, because the I&M Canal is the main

event in her professional life as Director of the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor.

Ellin attended all local schools - Grove, Park View Junior High, and Niles West - before earning her B.A. in History at Princeton. After earning an M.S. in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania, she joined the National Park Service and spent the following years in the Philadelphia area. She returned to this area by accepting this directorship in 1999.

While agreeing that the I&M

by Barbara A. Mendelsohn



Canal still falls short of total recognition, Ellin says great strides are being made in getting this history before the public. And, yes, Chicago was platted by the canal commission in 1830 to serve as the canal's northern terminus. Prospects of the canal and resulting land speculation drove Chicago population from a mere fifty to 4,170 between 1830 and 1837 and turned Chicago into a trade center.

Began in 1836 and completed in 1848, the canal provided transport for both passengers and goods, making it possible to travel from New York to New Orleans by water. Access to the canal was off the South Branch of the Chicago River, and it ended at the Illinois River near LaSalle, Ill.

To put this historic canal in context to today, the limestone used in Chicago's landmark water

tower was barged here from Le-mont on the I&M Canal.

Since its elevation to national heritage corridor status, many organizations foster this canal history, including Chicago-based Canal Corridor Association, which offers a teaching curriculum for grade schools, Ellin said.

National heritage corridors are a newer concept of the National Park Service, and back in 1984 the I&M Canal became its prototype. The heritage corridor concept is utilized where a historic feature is surrounded by private and public entities. In the case of the I&M Canal Corridor, its boundaries pass through 40 cities and towns, portions of five counties, commercial centers, residential areas, industries, parks and museums, state parks,

forest preserves and historic areas. These public and private groups are regarded as partners of the National Park Service. "What makes it so interesting," Ellin said, "is learning what's out here and working with all the participating agencies."

For bike riders, a good way to get acquainted with the area is through the corridor's many trails. "Once the American Discovery Trail and the Centennial Trail are linked to existing paths, bike travel will only be limited by endurance," Ellin said.

Corridor brochures are stocked at the Commission office at Lockport, IL (815/740-2047).

Ellin's parents are Myron and Ruth Ellin of Carol Avenue in Morton Grove.

Grace Curtis

At its May 6, 2000 commencement ceremony, Concordia University, River Forest, awarded a master's degree to Grace Curtis of Des Plaines in Curriculum/Instruction.

Concordia University, River Forest, a Lutheran Christian institution of higher education, is ranked by U.S. News and World Report at 28th in the top tier of comprehensive universities in the Midwest. Nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students

are enrolled in the university's College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, Concordia University and West Suburban College of Nursing, School of Graduate Studies, and the University College.

Sue the Dinosaur: Up Close and Personal

Join us Thursday, December 7 at 7 p.m., at the Morton Grove Public Library, to learn more about Sue, the fascinating fossil. Dr. Darin Croft, a geology post-doctoral research scientist at the Field Museum, presents the 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil now on exhibit at the Field Museum. Did you know the weight of Sue's skull was about a ton, yet the brain cavity is just big enough to hold a quart of milk? Her legs are enormous, but her arms are the size of a human's and so short she couldn't even reach her mouth! Was she a predator or a scavenger? A raffle will be held at the end of the program for free passes to the Field Museum. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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. www.webrary.org.

Marc A. McGee

Air Force Airman Marc A. McGee has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. McGee is the son of Cheryl L. and stepson of Harold T. Wilson of Niles.

He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery. —Samuel Smiles

Niles sailor maintains watch overseas Precious Memories' Grand Opening filled with children's events

As part of the national defense plan, the U.S. Navy continuously maintains a portion of its warships in foreign waters.

These ships provide the president with a quick and powerful response force to handle crises around the world. In the past, ships stationed in Japan have been ordered to speed to the Arabian Gulf to counter Iraqi threats, and to sail in the Straits of Taiwan in response to heightened tension between China and Taiwan.

Sailors and officers onboard these permanently forward-deployed ships have a challenging work environment. They endure long periods at sea and must maintain peak readiness.

Niles' Jason M. House is one of these sailors maintaining the watch overseas. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class House, the 25-year-old son of Sharon House of Niles, is stationed onboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Cowpens (CG 63), forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

House understands the need to maintain a vigilant watch in foreign waters.

"It is important for the Navy to be deployed in Japan because we are the first ones to help out when there is a situation or conflict," House said.

The 563-foot-long Cowpens, a Ticonderoga-class cruiser, is one of the most versatile and capable ships in today's Navy. The heart of Cowpens' armament is the Ae-



Jason M. House

gis weapons system, named for the shield of the Greek god, Zeus. Aegis combines four extremely powerful radars, each pointing in a different direction for 360 degrees of coverage, with highly advanced computers to track and shoot down aircraft and missiles. This system, coupled with vertically-launched missiles, allows Cowpens to protect an entire carrier battle group - as many as eight ships - against enemy air attacks.

In addition to Standard surface-to-air missiles, Cowpens is also armed with Tomahawk land-attack missiles, Harpoon anti-

ship missiles, five-inch guns, anti-submarine torpedoes, and two SH-60 helicopters. With this array of weaponry, Cowpens can conduct sustained naval warfare

against enemy submarines, ships, and aircraft, and launch strikes against enemy targets hundreds of miles inland.

House, a one-year Navy veteran, is a radar and navigation specialist. He tracks all aircraft and sea traffic. House is also responsible for training lookouts and junior radar specialists.

It can be difficult to spend the holidays away from family and friends. Fortunately, Cowpens will be a port during the holidays, unless called away for a crisis. While some of the crew will have the opportunity to visit the United States over the holidays, most will stay in Japan. Those sailors unable to go home still find ways to enjoy the time in port.

"I am planning to spend a short leave period with my mother and family in Chicago," House said.

Despite the challenges of being forward-deployed, Cowpens' crew has many opportunities for personal and professional achievement. Constantly poised for real-world operations while living in a land far away from the United States, in addition to frequent visits to exotic ports, affords many rewarding experiences to the sailors and officers of Cowpens.

"The most unique aspect of being forward-deployed in Japan is that I am constantly busy and the knowledge and experience from the Japanese culture is a rewarding experience," House said.

Visits with Santa and Bobo the Clown are highlights of Precious Memories' Grand Opening festivities. The new scrapping store celebrates its opening on Saturday, December 2, with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. by Morton Grove Mayor Dan Scanlon and Chamber of Commerce members. Fun activities and special sales for young an old alike are planned throughout the day. Precious Memories is located at 7961 W. Golf Road, Washington Commons Shopping Center, Morton Grove.

Bobo the Clown will visit with children from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. creating balloon designs. Santa arrives at 2 p.m. and will visit with children until 6 p.m. Santa's gift of free stickers will delight each boy and girl. Additional activities include door prizes awarded every hour and refreshments. Special sales are also in progress for the scrapping enthusiasts.

"We are committed to providing unique, custom scrapping products and the friendliest of service," stated owner Kim Connelly. "Enabling our customers to create art forms that preserve their dearest memories, that bring joy, acknowledge life, and honor people's accomplishments is our passion," concuded Connelly, a life-time Morton Grove resident.

Precious Memories carries basic scrapping supplies including paper, stickers, scissors, and punches. They also have a selection of custom products. Current in-store brands include Mrs. Grossman's, Frances Meyer, My Mind's Eye, Bo Bunny, and a line of Disney. Coluzzle products will be arriving soon.

For further information call 847.583.9952. Details on sales and door prizes are available at Precious Memories.

Jennifer Gillum

Millikin University Junior Jennifer Gillum of Des Plaines has been selected as a member of the Symphonic Wind ensemble for the 2000-2001 season. Gillum, a Music major, was chosen by audition and will play the clarinet. The 51 member group performs a variety of music with emphasis on the traditional and contemporary literature written for wind band. Gillum is a 1998 graduate of Lincoln Community High School.

Men are never so likely to settle a question rightly as when they discuss it freely. —Thomas Babington

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Women's News

Wedding Bells Monica and John Ruscheinski



Mrs. Romaine Bogdanovic and Mr. & Mrs. Jakob Ruscheinski proudly announce the marriage of their children on Sept. 30, 2000.

The ceremony took place at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Matteson, followed by a reception at DiNolfo in Mokena, IL. The couple reside in Joliet.

Polish Women's Christmas Luncheon

The Polish Women's Civic Club Inc. cordially invites you to their annual Christmas Luncheon Wednesday December 13 at the White Eagle Banquet's and Restaurant -- 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL.

Proceeds from this benefit provide scholarships to needy college students and other philanthropic endeavors. Donation is \$40 per person.

President Yelicia Krupinski and Chairmen Jane Kaminski Simers and Wanda Kalin invite members, friends and gentlemen, to share in the holiday festivities.

Cocktails will be served at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. We will have an interesting program presented by Barbara Rivella, Book Dramatist. For further information contact Reservation Chairman Maria Ciesla (773) 774-8951.

Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity.
—George Bernard Shaw

Wedding Bells and Honeymoon Horrors

(NU) - What do you do when you're stuck on a boat in the middle of the Caribbean with passengers dropping like flies so fast you have to wonder if the Grim Reaper was a stowaway on the ship? Make the best of it, of course!

Dylan and Amber Oles had to do just that when the dream cruise they booked for their honeymoon played host to five on-board deaths in less than 10 days (a feat that puts Agatha Christie to shame!). Things got so bad that even passengers and crew nicknamed the vessel the "Ship of Death."

The trouble began one evening on their way to dinner when a man collapsed and died right in front of them. And before the cruise was over, four more people unexpectedly died.

At one point, the ship was forced to turn around and drop off a deceased man's body. However, by the fourth death on board, the ship's comedians were cracking jokes about the growing body count.

"We were looking forward to having fun with other young couples or honeymooners," said Amber. "To top it all off, we were on a ship that was in the middle of

being remodeled, which meant the hot tub, gym and other facilities were off limits."

Trying to make the best of their disastrous honeymoon, Thrifty Car Rental chose the Oles as grand prize winners of their sixth annual Honeymoon Disasters contest. They were awarded a second honeymoon to their city of choice anywhere in the continental United States. The trip includes airfare, hotel accommodations for three nights and a four-day car rental.

If you would like to send your tale of honeymoon horror for next year's contest, write to Honeymoon Disasters 2000, c/o Thrifty Rent-A-Car System Inc., Corporate Communications Dept., CIMS #1020, P.O. Box 35250, Tulsa, OK 74153-0250.

All entries must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 2000. The winner will be announced on Valentine's Day, 2001.

You can also visit any Thrifty Car Rental location in person to enter, or visit Thrifty's Web site at www.thrifty.com and e-mail your entry by visiting the "Promotions" section.

Online bridal registries see explosive growth

With the explosive growth in popularity of online gift shopping, it's no surprise that the Internet is becoming a major source for the purchase of wedding gifts. Major retailers are scrambling to affiliate with a growing number of online bridal registries. There are several good reasons why:

- Convenience for the bride and groom. A couple can quickly pick out the things they need for their new home, rather than spending hours looking at items in many local stores.
- Convenience for gift-buyers. An uncle in California or a cousin in Texas can easily find just the right thing on the Internet for that couple getting married in Minnesota. The online registry assures that the items have already met with the approval of the loving couple.
- A unique selection of gifts. At the luxury end, it's now possible for couples to register for the kind of sports car they'd like somebody to buy for them. On a more practical level, it's possible to seek out and buy unique gifts that will help make a special day even more special.

Though the trends are still developing, it appears that couples are finding it most convenient to be affiliated with online bridal registries tied to traditional "brick and mortar" retailers. In this business, brand names still mean a lot.

All of which helps explain the popularity of the online bridal registries operated by quality retailers such as Bloomingdale's and Fortunoff, each of which can be accessed through a shopping Web site called Mall.com.

Online registries can be kept up-to-date at the speed of light and can even reflect activity that takes place in "real" stores, which means if somebody in the bridal party buys a tea service on the In-

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Women's News

Wedding Gift Shopping Made Easy

(NU) - The wedding is in New York, the bride and groom live in California, and you live somewhere in between. The days of growing up, getting married and settling down in the same town as your family and friends are gone for most of us.

Those were the days when buying a wedding gift was easy - you didn't have to travel with the gift, the couple was registered close by and you knew what they needed because they needed everything.

Modern times and modern weddings have changed all that. But modern technology can make it just as easy to get a wedding gift the couple will treasure without having to lug it with you all over creation.

In fact, online shopping makes it easier because you don't even need to leave your house to find that perfect gift. Mall.com, the premiere Internet mall, answers your questions about buying wedding gifts online.

Q: How do I know what to get?

Bridal registries...

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ternet in the morning, an interested shopper prowling a department store in the afternoon won't be tempted to buy the same thing.

Make no mistakes -- the wedding business is a very big business. According to the experts at Modern Bride magazine, the 2.5 million couples who get married each year in the United States will generate wedding-related spending in excess of \$50 billion.

Of that remarkable total, it's estimated that \$17 billion -- about \$6,800 per couple -- will be spent on gifts. That will certainly buy a lot of napkin rings, salad bowls and pasta makers.

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.

A: The options are limitless. Find out if the couple is registered. More and more, online stores allow access to their bridal registries online. Simply pull up the registry, choose a gift, pay for it, and it can be gift wrapped and sent directly to the couple. If the couple is not registered, you can still get them a wonderful and thoughtful gift online. Most online stores offer gift ideas for you.

Q: Where should I send the gift?

A: Weddings are hectic enough without the bride and groom having to worry how they'll get their gifts home without anything breaking. Send your gift to the designated address on the registry or to the couple's home after the wedding. This is the best way to avoid hassle for everyone, including yourself.

Q: Where do I go to find a gift?

A: This part is easy. Most major retailers and department stores have online counterparts. You could search them out individually or find them all in one place at Mall.com. Mall.com serves as a hub to online stores such as Williams-Sonoma, Nordstrom, Eddie Bauer, Bombay Company, Bloomingdale's and Dillard's, among others. The lay-

out of Mall.com looks like one of those free-standing mall maps at your local mall that says, "You are here." Clicking on a category such as "Home & Family" will pull up a mall layout featuring all the stores that sell housewares. Just click on the store of your choice, and you are there.

Mall.com also offers free e-mail service and customized service that allows you to create your own virtual mall online. For more information, visit www.mall.com.

The Morton Grove Woman's Club

The Morton Grove Woman's Club invites all to attend the last luncheon and meeting of the Year 2000. Beginning the day with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon at noon, a regular monthly meeting will follow.

Luncheon/Meeting: December 14, 2000; Cocktails: 11:30 a.m. and Luncheon: 12 noon; The Wilmette Country Club, Terrace Restaurant -- Lake Avenue/Harms Road.

The festivities will begin with a Boutique of new items raffled, a white elephant table, small

Christmas and hand-crafted items and a bake sale.

The party atmosphere should be uplifting, with all joining in a sing-a-long. Members will be bringing the wrapped gifts they purchased for needy families.

The Holiday season can now officially begin as Best Wishes of Good Health and Peace are extended to all now and in the coming year.

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The book and lyrics for *Aladdin*, were written by Valerie Carlson and Dyanne Earley with music composed by David Siegel. *Aladdin* is directed and staged by Dyanne Earley.

Performance Schedule: *Aladdin* opens November 15 and runs through December 30. Performances are Mondays through Fridays at 10 a.m., Saturdays at 11 a.m. During the month of December there are added performances at 12:30 on most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays (December 2, 9, and 16). A special performance has been added on Saturday, November 25 at 1:30 p.m. All proceeds from this performance will be donated to Children's Miracle Network/Children's Memorial Hospital.

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by Jeanine Kromer
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The menu at Sushi 21 has a variety of reasonably priced items to make each dining experience unique. A plethora of appetizers ranging from shrimp and cucumber in a vinegar sauce to deep fried bean curd is available starting at \$2.95. Entrees include Teriyaki, Tempura, Char-broiled, Donburi and noodle dishes in addition to a list of sushi combos. Sushi 21 offers lunch specials during the week beginning at \$5.50.

Sushi 21 is a great choice for the health conscious diner because its specialties: sushi (raw fish with seasoned rice) and sashimi (raw fish) are by nature healthy dishes. There are many vegetarian items and a noodle soup prepared daily. Even the tempura dishes taste light and crispy because Sushi 21 uses less flour in the batter than the typical deep fried dish.

From the beautiful hardwood floors to the hanging paper lights Sushi 21 exudes an elegantly warm ambiance. An ideal spot for a romantic dinner for two, a family reunion or a business meeting; Sushi 21 has something to please everyone.

Sushi 21 is located at 8353 Golf Road in Niles. The restaurant is one block east of Golf Mill Shopping Center. Reservations are accepted and carry out is available. The phone number is 847.583.1212. Orders may be faxed to 847.583.0808.

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A Swedish Christmas Extravaganza is arranged at the Studio Restaurant Banquets, 8717 N. Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove (at Dempster) on Sunday, Dec. 3rd at noon with fruit punch and cookies and a sit-down dinner of Roast Sirloin Beef served at 1 p.m.

Star-soloist will be a former Miss Illinois Suzanne Johnson-Peterson of Wheaton. She has had her own TV-show "Sing-along with Suzanne" in Chicago. We also will enjoy accordion music by our long-time Norwegian friend Ray Nilsen of Naperville, whose powerful baritone voice will raise the roof.

We will all say farewell to our much beloved Pastor and Mrs. Bernhard Pedersen who are returning to Norway in January. Pastor Pedersen will present a Christmas story on our program. Swedish Christmas songs will be sung in unison. In closing our President Per-Hugo Kristensson will lead our traditional dancing around the Christmas tree.

Many have already signed up so call Barry Bishop at (847) 895-1304 and mail a check made out to the Swedish Cultural Society for \$25 per person and send to him at 474 Lambert Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60193-1833 or call Per-Hugo Kristensson at (847) 825-8408 and reserve at least a week before the event.

Lambs Farm 5th Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be stopping by The Country Inn Restaurant of Lambs Farm to listen to kids wish lists just in time for the holidays. Families are invited to join Santa for breakfast on Saturday, December 2nd, December 9th and December 16th. Two seatings are available each day at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The breakfast buffet is only \$9.95 for adults and \$5.95 for children ages 2 to 10. Children under 2 years old are free.

After breakfast, everyone will want to visit Santa's Secret Playland where each child will receive a free goodie bag with a Beanie Baby. Entertainment will include music, coloring, letters to the North Pole and Lambs

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Activities will take place throughout the school, located at 7500 W. Talcott, including a continental breakfast, kids' crafts, face painting, visits with Santa, theatre performances and

more. Each child will also receive a special gift from Santa. Price per child \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Adults are \$2 each.

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International Christmas Dinner

International Christmas Dinner and festive Program will be arranged by Jupiter Lodge N. 3 of the International Order of Good Templars on Sunday, Dec. 17th at noon with fruitpunch and cookies at the Studio Restaurant, 8717 N. Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove (at Dempster).

Carolyn Irvin-Neihoff, soprano will sing and Roger Bingaman, music director at Irving

Park Lutheran Church, will accompany at the piano.

The Rev. Dr. Norman Nelson from St. Charles will render a Christmas story and we will close with happy traditional Christmas dances. The Good Templars is an international organization which promotes universal brotherhood and its members abstain from use of alcoholic drinks and mindalter-

ing drugs.

Call at least a week before the event and reserve with Lyle Burgess, 406 Laurel Ave., Apt. 2-S, Wilmette, IL 60091-2853; Tel: (847) 251-3150 or to Eleanor Holmberg (708) 458-0267. Everyone is most welcome.

Swedish Christmas Festival and Santa Lucia Pageant

For more than 20 years, North Park University and Chicago's Scandinavian American community have anticipated the Santa Lucia Pageant as a tradition of the Advent season. This year the event takes place on Saturday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in Anderson Chapel, which is located on the corner of Foster and Spaulding avenues.

Sponsored by the Swedish Department and Center for Scandinavian Studies at North Park, the night features Christmas carols, folk tales, special vocal and instrumental musical selections, and a candlelight presentation of "Santa Lucia." Lucia, dressed in a white gown with a red sash and crowned with a wreath of candles, symbolizes the return of light and life to a dark world. For more information, please contact the Center for Scandinavian Studies at (773) 244-5592.

Christmas Brunch Buffet with Santa

Pheasant Run Resort invites you to join Santa on December 3, 10 and 17 for the annual Champagne Brunch with Santa. Brunch will feature all the usual fabulous selections as well as seasonal items and holiday desserts. Santa will be on hand to meet the children and have photos taken. One complimentary photo per child will be taken by one of our elves, and carolers will serenade guests with popu-

lar Christmas tunes. Brunch is available from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at \$21.95 for adults and \$10.95 for children. Children 5 and under are complimentary. Call (630) 584-6300 ext. 7000 for reservations.

For overnight reservations or for more information call (630) 584-6300. Don't forget to visit us on the web at www.PheasantRun.com.

Le Ballet Petit Guild

Tchaikovsky's classic Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker" will be presented by Le Ballet Petit on December 9th and 10th at the St. Scholastica Theater at 2 p.m. One hundred seven dancers ranging in ages from 4 to 67 will tell the tale of Clara and her beloved Nutcracker as they battle the Mouse Queen and King, enlist the help of the Snow Queen,

and visit the court of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Le Ballet Petit is a not-for-profit dance school which has been run by volunteers on the northwest side of Chicago since 1955. The theater is located at 7416 N. Ridge Avenue in Chicago. Tickets are \$7. For group sales and ticket information, please call (773) 271-1277.

'Cherish the Ladies' Celtic Christmas Concert

The Irish traditional music and dance ensemble, "Cherish the Ladies," will appear in the Irish American Heritage Center auditorium on Thursday, December 7, at 8 p.m. for a Celtic Christmas Concert.

Originally recognized as the first and only all-women Irish band, they have won accolades as musicians and performers without peer. Theirs is a unique blend of virtuoso instrumental talents, beautiful vocals, captivating arrangements and stunning step dancing. All six musicians were born in the United States, four of them to Irish parents.

The group has traveled all over North and South America, the United Kingdom and Europe. They have been named Entertainment Group of the Year by the Irish Voice Newspaper, and received the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall's International Group of the Year Award at the Celtic Connections Festival in Scotland. At the Atlanta Summer Olympics, they were chosen to represent Irish music and culture at the Official Cultural Olympiad.

The "Celtic Album," their collaboration with the Boston Pops Symphony, led to a 1999 Grammy nomination.

Tickets for the Cherish the Ladies Celtic Christmas Concert may be purchased by calling the IAHC office at 773-282-7035. They are \$15 if purchased by December 5, \$20 at the door.

Every age has its pleasures, its style of wit, and its own ways. —Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux

Poor Clares come to Irish American Heritage Center

Good Celtic music is where you find it... and on Friday, December 8, it will be found in the Fifth Province Pub of the Irish American Heritage Center, when The Poor Clares entertain Irish music lovers at 9 p.m.

The Poor Clares have been recognized as one of the most gifted American Celtic groups. While their songs are strongly Irish in nature, there's often a dash of jazz and folk in their music, as befits a goup born in O'Flaherty's Irish Pub in New Orleans' French Quarter. They will provide music, stories and folklore of the Christmas season from the Celtic Nations.

Plan on an evening out at the Fifth Province on December 8. As usual on Friday and Saturday evenings, pub grub will be available from 6 to 10:30 p.m. There will be a \$10 cover charge on December 8.

The Irish American Heritage Center is located at 4626 N. Knox Avenue in Chicago. For more information, please call the Center at 773-282-7035.

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'Isn't It Romantic' opens at Oakton

The Oakton Community College production of *Isn't It Romantic* opens at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, on the Mainstage of the Performing Arts Center, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines.

This hilarious and insightful play by Wendy Wasserstein chronicles the lives of two best friends, Janie Blumberg and Harriet Cornwall, as they wrestle with their careers and their crazy relationships with Jewish mothers, lovers, husbands-to-be -- and each other. Wasserstein deftly exposes the feelings of these two women as they struggle with conventional expectations and personal satisfaction.

Additional performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 and 15; at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 and 16; at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, 10, and 17; and at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 13. Tickets at \$10 for general admission and \$5 for the Wednesday matinee can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. For group discounts, call Karol Verzon at (847) 635-2185.

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Health News

Sisters of the Resurrection celebrate a century of service

A large birthday cake was cut and served November 1 to celebrate 47 years of service to the community by Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott Avenue, coinciding with the centennial of the Sisters of the Resurrection -- 100 years of service in Chicago and the United States.

The celebration of the two birthdays began with an afternoon Mass in the hospital's chapel, followed by the birthday party in the hospital's Marian Conference Center. The Mass was concelebrated by Monsignor William Bilinsky and Father Leon Grantz, C.F. Harp music was provided by guest musician, Marysue Redmann. More than a dozen hospital employees participated in or contributed to the liturgy.

On February 2, 1900, four Sisters of the Resurrection arrived in Chicago to establish a ministry in the United States. One of the four was Sister Anne Strzelecka, C.R. In Chicago, the Sisters established a school for more than 400 children of Polish immigrants at St. Mary of the Angels Parish -- their first ministry in the United States.

In 1920, Sister Anne purchased a 52-acre tract of land, known at the time as the Ander-



Joseph F. Toomey, President and CEO of Resurrection Health Care (RHC), assisted by Sister Mary Barbara Sniogowski, C.R., Provincial Superior, are ready to cut the birthday celebration cake in the Marian Conference Center. On the left side of the table, Sister Clara Francis Kusek, C.R., left, Senior Vice President, Mission, RHC, and Sister Mary Paul Schultz, C.R., Vice President, Resurrection Retirement Community, prepare to serve the cake.

son onion farm, and predicted that one day a hospital would be built there. Sister Anne died in

1934, nearly two decades before realizing her dream. Resurrection Hospital opened

on the site that had been an onion farm and skating pond on November 1, 1953.

Health alert

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Health News

ABC's of Alzheimer's disease

If you are worried about someone who has memory problems or know someone who has been diagnosed with dementia, the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Chicagoland Chapter is presenting a free workshop called the ABC Program: Alzheimer's: Beginning to Cope, Tuesday, December 7, 2000 at the Mather Gardens, 1615 Hinman in Evanston from 7-9 p.m.

The workshop will cover the following topics: The difference between normal aging and dementia, the diagnostic process,

what to expect as this disease progresses, and how family and friends can help the person with dementia. The workshop is open to the public and pre-registration is requested.

For more information or to register for the ABC Program call the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Chicagoland Chapter at 847-933-2413. For more information about Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, call the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Chicagoland Chapter Helpline at 1-888-301-1819.

Center of Concern seeks donations

The Center of Concern, at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, 60068, is seeking donations of non-perishable foods through the Maine Township Food Pantry during the week of December 4 - 10.

Suggested items are chunky-style soups, canned stews, pork and beans, tuna, spam, canned pasta meals, peanut butter, boxed potatoes, canned yams and mixed vegetables, tomato and spaghetti sauces, and fruit

juices. Such baking items as cake and biscuit mixes and condiments including mustard, ketchup, and mayonnaise are also appreciated. All packages should be in good condition, unopened.

The Center of Concern is a multi-service not-for-profit agency addressing the needs of Maine Township residents for 22 years. For further information call 847/823-0453.

Leukemia, lymphoma & myelodysplastic Meeting

The Evanston-based Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF) will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for patients and families affected by leukemia, lymphoma and myelodysplastic syndromes on Sunday, December 10, 2 - 5 p.m., at the Writin O'Hare Hotel, 6100 N. River Rd., Rosemont. The Town Hall Meeting is a free, interactive question and answer session which will feature responsive professionals prepared to address the medical, financial and supportive care issues relating to these cancers.

Bring your questions to this panel of leading experts for an informal discussion and sharing of information hosted by the LRF specifically for patients and families.

The LRF is made up of more than 1,000 volunteers from 20 local chapters who have joined together to conquer leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplastic syndromes by funding research into their causes and cures.

For more information on the December 10 Town Hall Meeting or the various other activities directed by the Leukemia Research Foundation, call Michelle at (847) 424-0600 or visit their web site at www.leukemia-research.org.

Council for Jewish Elderly Support Groups

Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families in Skokie. For information or to join a group, please call CJE at 773-508-1000.

Mondays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Coffee and Conversation meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each Monday at the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, 4255 W. Main Street, Skokie. The group, for Holocaust survivors, is sponsored by Council for Jewish Elderly and Jewish Family and Community Service. No charge. To register, call Ann Hartman Luban at 773-508-1000.

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 19 & 26, 3 to 4 p.m.
Coping with Parkinson's,

meets from 3 to 4 p.m. each Tuesday at Lincolnwood Place's Auditorium, 7000 N. McCormick, Lincolnwood. Individuals with Parkinson's disease share coping strategies, practical ideas for making tasks easier, and day-to-day struggles and triumphs. Sponsored by CJE, the group is free. To register, call Sharon Dornberg-Lee at 773-508-1000.

Wednesdays, December 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Living with Parkinson's provides ongoing support, guest speakers, helpful resources and medical updates are featured. The group meets at Lieberman Geriatric Health Centre, 9700 Gross Point Road, Skokie. No charge. For registration, please call 773-508-1000.

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Church & Temple News

The Feast of St. Francis Assisi



The Feast of St. Francis Assisi was celebrated by the students of St. John Brebeuf School. The third grade classes assisted with the liturgy by offering a reading from the writings of St. Francis. They also led the congregation in song as part of the service. Since St. Francis is known for his love and care of all God's creatures, the third graders gave a small stuffed animal to each classroom to display and remember St. Francis. After the service the celebrant, Fr. Adam Galak, spent some time with the class to greet and thank them for their part in the liturgy.

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OBITUARIES

NORMA E. CARDELLA
Norma E. Cardella, 68 of Niles died Nov. 18 at Lutheran Genral Hospital, Park Ridge. She was born March 28, 1932 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Leo A. Cardella. Beloved mother of Jim (Renee) Cardella, Linda (Tom) Enright, Jeffrey (Amy) Cardella. Grandmother of Jason, Andrew, Kelly, Tom and Alison. Sister of Herb (Lore) Endorf. Services were held Nov. 21 at Niles Community Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines. Memorials to: Niles Community Church.

MARGARET M. MELEHES
Margaret M. Melehes, 79 of Morton Grove died Nov. 16 in the Hospice of The North Shore, Skokie. Beloved wife of the late John Melehes. Beloved mother of Barbara (Mary) Labno. Grandmother of one. Sister of Henry (Lillian) Miller. Services were held Nov. 21 at St. Peter Church, Skokie. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. Memorials to: in lieu of flowers, Masses appreciated.

FRANCES J. ZEHNER
Frances J. Zehner, 51 of Morton Grove died Nov. 12 at Glenbrook Hospital, Glenview. Beloved wife of Donald Zehner. Beloved mother of Scott, Kelly and Katie. Sister of Donald (Donna) Quick. Services were held Nov. 16 at St. Martha Church, Morton Grove. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorials to American Cancer Assoc., 820 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201.

TOSCA "DOLLY" GARGANO
Tosca "Dolly" Gargano, 69 of Park Ridge died Nov. 5 at Desert Springs Hospital in Las Vegas. She was born Sept. 20 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Nick Gargano. Beloved mother of Michael (Linda), Susan (Frank), Laurie and Nancy (Keith) Warner. Grandmother of Michael, Nicole, Nick, Nina, Kevin and Alex. Sister of Hugo (the late Lorraine) Innocenti. Services were held Nov. 11 at Our Lady of Ransom, Niles. Arrangements were handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines. Husband Nick works for the Village of Niles Police Department.

JOHN SALLANZ
John Sallanz, 81, of Niles, died Saturday, September 30. He was born April 5, 1919 in Romania. Beloved husband of Elisabeth Sallanz. Services were held October 5. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles.

STANLEY KOSTER
Stanley Koster, 85 of Phoenix died Oct. 29 at Life Care Center. He was born August 6, 1915 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Charlotte, nee Zachacki, Koster. He is survived by his children and other family members. Services were held Nov. 4 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles.

GEORGE I. KOZLOWSKI
George I. Kozlowski, 88 died Nov. 8 at Evanston Hospital, Evanston. He was born Sept. 4 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Lorraine (nee Gamacher) Kozlowski. Beloved father of Robert (Charlene), Thomas (Leslie), and John (Kay). Grandfather of 14. Great Grandfather of 1. Brother of Jessie Tilles, Mae Boland, and Lucille Nilinski. Services were held Nov. 11 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Skokie. Arrangements were handled by Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorials to: St. Mary of Providence School, 4200 N. Austin Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

FREEMOND KUESTER
Freemond Kuester, 87 died Oct. 24 at Rush North Shore Hospital, Skokie. He was born Sept. 29, 1913 in Woodstock, IL. Beloved husband of Esther (nee Neilson) Kuester. Beloved father of Dolores (Charles) Schumann of Wheeling; June (Ross) Nuccio of Florida and Betty (Ronald) Korman of Chicago. Grandfather of 11. Great Grandfather of 15. Services were held Oct. 27 at Simkins Funeral Home, Morton Grove. Interment was in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Skokie.

JLC Worship schedule

Jerusalem Lutheran Church of Morton Grove will hold worship services in the fall and winter months at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, with Bible class and children's Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. A teen study group is also offered at 9:15 a.m. Sundays. Jerusalem Lutheran is located at 6218 Capulina Ave., 2 blocks west of Village Hall. For more information, call Pastor Dennis Kleist at 965-7340.

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Church & Temple News

Have fun at Chanukah with new immigrants

Celebrate Chanukah this year by inviting a newly arrived family from the former Soviet Union to your holiday dinner or group gathering. New émigrés are eager to learn about our Jewish customs through the eyes of their American hosts. You will be able to share latkes and jelly doughnuts while exposing them to the tradition of lighting candles, spinning

the dreidl and giving (chocolate) gelt.

"Chanukah Basket" deliveries and visits to new families at this time of year are also meaningful. Give new meaning to the Festival of Lights this year by calling Shelley Stone at JCC's New Family-To-Family Program (847) 763-3628 to request a family.

Church offers after-school holiday program

Morton Grove Community Church invites all area children, grades K-5, for after-school holiday programs every Wednesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas, beginning November 29. Children will enjoy snacks, games, crafts, stories and Christmas sing-alongs. Activities commence at 3:15 and end about

5:15. The program is free and overseen by the church's youth director, Chris Hogan. For registration and more information, contact the church office at 965-2982 or email Chris at MGCCyouth@aol.com. Morton Grove Community Church is located at 8944 Austin Avenue, 2 blocks north of Dempster.



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The tree lighting ceremony will be at 4:45 p.m. followed by food (chili and hot dogs), drinks and a dessert table. Only \$1 per person, \$5 per family. Advanced tickets after Mass, or call Donna 966-1532 or Cathy 965-8116, if you have any questions. Come see Santa, live entertainment, and help the homebound ministry. (You don't have to know how to sing) -- Fun for all ages.

Advent Services

Advent services will be held at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 6218 Capulina Ave. in Morton Grove, on Wednesday evenings, December 6, 13, and 20 at 7 p.m. These special services offer a quiet preparation for the Christmas season and will feature music by the grade school children. For more information, please call Pastor Dennis Kleist at 965-7340.

Laughter is a great tranquilizer with no side effects.

Area students receive degrees at Lewis University

More than 460 men and women received bachelor's and master's degrees at May commencement ceremonies at Lewis University. Among those honored were the following area residents who received master's degrees:

Rohangiz Ayrempour, Kinga Wysocki and Noreen Hague of Des Plaines; Joanne Carbone, Bridget A. Gaughan and Matthew E. Fisher of Park Ridge;

Siby T. Joseph (with honors) and Sheryl T. Nellamattathil of Glenview; Cynthia J. Milan of Niles; and Alvin P. Acerson (with highest honors) and Sharon M. Kportute of Skokie.

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St. John Brebeuf Parish invites parishioners, friends, local businesses and supporters to participate in a parish project to provide funds to refurbish the pews, paint the metal window frames, and continue maintenance of the church building.

The Millennium Chime Tower and Walkway connects the church and school for safer passage for children. It provides a safe walkway to the South parking lot and another place for prayer.

Please give generously. There are five (5) donation categories:

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Police News

Drinking and Driving

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 help reduce alcohol's effect on the body is false. Only time removes its effect. 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.

To lessen the amount of alcohol absorbed in the bloodstream:

- Drink slowly to give the body time to handle the alcohol. Space the drinks.

- Know what is in the drink. If unsure, do not drink it.

- Before the first drink, set a limit on the number -- then stick to it.

Don't drink and drive

Each year nationally, an average of 20,000 drivers and pedestrians die in alcohol related

crashes.

- The host should stop serving alcohol a few hours before the end of the party.

- Guests should be offered non-alcoholic beverages.

- Guests who have been drinking heavily should not be allowed to drive a vehicle. They should take a cab home or stay at their host's home overnight.

For information on holiday safety contact CCDPH at 708-492-2000; TDD for hearing/speech impaired: 708-492-2002.

Niles

Retail theft

Two arrests were made after a department store cashier knowingly under charged a friend for three leather jackets. The jackets, valued at around \$200 each, were rung up for \$25 resulting in a loss of about \$575. When confronted by store security, the cashier admitted the under ring and contacted the customer, who brought the jackets to the NPD and turned himself in. Both were charged with misdemeanor retail theft and will appear in court on Dec. 28.

Theft

An employee at a department store in a mall was arrested and charged with theft after she was observed pocketing money from store registers. The employee had been under surveillance because of recent shortages on registers she had closed. On Nov. 19, the employee was observed via closed circuit television as she removed approximately \$170 from her register and placed it in her

front left pocket. On Nov. 23, she removed \$46 and concealed it in her pant pocket before being confronted by another employee and a witness, at which point she turned over the \$46. The employee was charged with Class A property theft and will appear in court on Dec. 5.

Burglary to auto

Unknown persons forced open the rear cap door of a red GMC pick up truck parked in a hardware parking lot in a plaza and removed approximately \$4,300 worth of tools and equipment between 10 and 11 a.m. on Nov. 19.

Criminal damage to property

Unknown persons used a hard object to break heads off of four lawn statues at two different residences sometime between 6 p.m. on Nov. 17 and 11 a.m. on Nov. 18. The first crime occurred on the 8300 block of Oconto where three statues valued at \$375 were damaged. A fourth statue valued at \$150 was damaged on the 7900 block of Oconto.

Tips on cutting gas costs

(NAPS) -- The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that gasoline prices this summer were 25 percent higher than they were a year ago. Getting the most out

of every gallon of gas can save you money and can be a lot easier if you follow a few simple rules. Here are seven tips suggested by members of careclub.com, a J.D. Power Club:

1. **Join careclub.com.** You can save ten percent on gas purchases with the club's gas discount card.
 2. **Combine Errands.** If you have a bunch of errands, arrange to get them done in one driving trip.
 3. **Keep Your Car Tuned.** A rough-running engine can waste a lot of gas.
 4. **Avoid Jump Starts and Fast Braking.** Try to start up smoothly and come to slow, smooth stops.
 5. **Avoid Idling for Long Periods.** Turn off your engine if it looks like traffic will be stopped for a period of time or while waiting to pick up passengers.
 6. **Use Air Conditioning Sparingly.** By using your air conditioner less you can save a lot of fuel.
 7. **Keep Tires Inflated to Recommended Pressure.** Improperly inflated tires waste gas.
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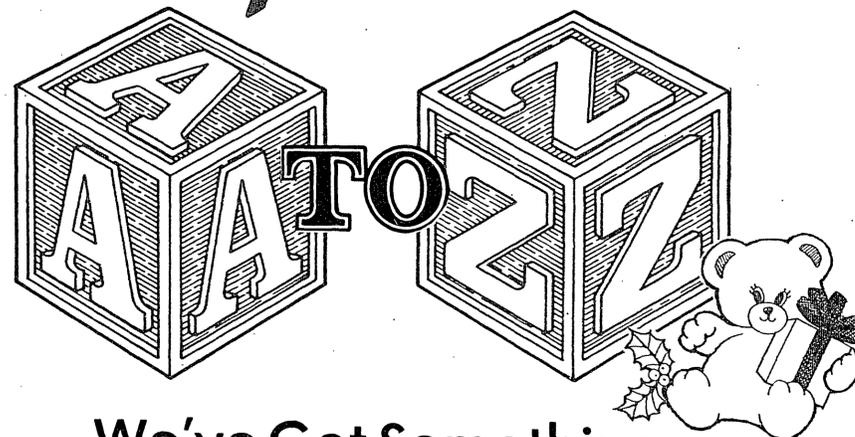
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Upcoming Niles Park District Holiday Events

Holiday Gingerbread House
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W. Howard Street on Saturday, December 9 and three time seatings are available; 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., 10 - 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Fee is Res \$6 and Non-Res \$12. For more information, call Niles Park District at (847) 967-6633. Don't miss out on this jolly time! Register early, spaces fill up fast.

Abington Holiday Bazaar

Breakfast with Santa
Join Santa for his annual breakfast with Niles Park District. Every year, Santa stops by to enjoy pancakes, visits and of course pictures with the children. Registration deadline is Friday, 12/08 for this popular event. Event will be held at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676

The Abington will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Friday, December 1 from 2:30-5 p.m. at The Abington of Glenview, Main Dining Room, 3901 Glenview Rd., Glenview.

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Oakton's Kids' Club presents 'Holiday Stories'

Celebrate holiday fun and festivities "through the eyes of a child" when Oakton's Kids' Club presents **Holiday Stories** at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, in Room 1610 at the DesPlaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

This interactive musical program is performed by the Child's Play Touring Theatre, one of the largest touring arts organizations in Illinois. For nearly 20 years, Child's Play has performed stories and poems written exclusively by children. The audience becomes part of these stories as well, when children are invited to the stage to don costumes and deliver lines.

Tickets at \$4 for general admission, \$2 for Oakton students and \$3 for children ages 3-12 may be purchased at the door or by calling the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. There is no charge for children age 2 and under.

Toddler/Preschool Christmas Party

St. William School, Chicago, invites children and their parents to a Christmas Party and Playtime on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. The event, which will be organized by 7th and 8th grade students and teachers, will allow children to participate in a variety of Christmas related activities. This is a great opportunity for the children to play with other children their age, as well as a great

learning experience for the St. William students. The activities are geared toward toddler and preschool age children. There may even be a visit from Santa! The event is free of charge. If interested in attending, please respond by December 7 to 773-637-5130. St. William is located at 2559 North Sayre, Chicago, 20 blocks south of Grand Avenue.



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Currie Hall at PWA Headquarters in Park Ridge. Our Committee Co-Chairs Mary Meehan and Lillian Cook are asking that you put on your best smile for your family's annual Council 9 pic-

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Make toy buying more like child's play

This holiday season, that creature, the mouse, is stirring more than ever. A nationally-known retailer offers shoppers live assistance that's only a mouse click away.

The service is free to customers who visit and shop at www.FAO.com, the Web site of the world-famous toy store, FAO Schwartz. The new online service lets shoppers interact

with an FAO customer service representative live, thanks to an embedded text-messaging window, or directly through public instant messaging tools such as AOL Instant Messenger.

The toy store joined forces with Face Time Communications to make the new applications possible. Now customers will be able to ask questions, get gift recommendations and check on product availability, all on the Web. The technology lets shoppers and customer service representatives exchange instant messages, speeding up the shopping process since the customer will not have to wait for an e-mail response.

The Web site, established in 1995, has become the fastest growing part of the toy retailer's business.

Holiday Open House at Niles Library



Get in the holiday mood and join us for an afternoon of festive music and traditional treats during Niles Public Library District's annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 3 from 1-3 p.m. During this special drop-in event for all ages, harpist Robin Galante will entertain patrons with an extensive repertoire of live music, including some holiday favorites. There will be plenty of refreshments, including home-baked holiday cookies. No registration is required.

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Hundreds of local kids have been photographed with Santa at Century 21 McMullen over the last six years. It's a community service from the largest real estate office on the northwest side. Call 773-631-8300 for information.



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Who's on your list this holiday season?

The holiday season is approaching fast and finding gifts for everyone on your shopping list can be difficult. Online shopping sites are an easy way to avoid crowded malls, save time and find that perfect gift for everyone on your list -- whether it's the traveler, business professional or gaming enthusiast.

Gifts for travelers:
The occasional traveler or road warrior wants to work and travel in style. A new line of laptop carrying bags, Simply Portable cases, are stylish and offer the protection a laptop user needs for their valuable hardware and irreplaceable information. Complete with DropShield Padded for added laptop protection,

the cases easily attach to wheeled luggage and provide organizer pockets for airline tickets, business cards, CDs, PDAs and cell phones. There are eight different styles to meet the needs of all your colleagues, family and friends.

Gifts for business professionals:
With laptop theft on the rise, business professionals need to have the proper security. The good news is that protection from theft is available with the Kensington Notebook Micro-Saver Security Cable, the industry standard for notebook computer security. The MicroSaver Security Cable is easy to use and as effective as a bicycle lock.

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Gift for gaming enthusiasts:
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'Toy Shower Season' benefits children & teens

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago has kicked off its 53rd Annual "Toy Shower Season" to collect 40,000 gifts for children who are current clients of Catholic Charities. The not-for-profit's massive gift-gathering ends on Friday, December 15.

Besides collecting individual gifts for the 20,000 children in over a dozen Catholic Charities children's programs, the Toy Shower also provides gifts for entire families. This part of the Toy

Shower, called the "Sponsor-a-Family for Christmas" program, hopes to provide needed gifts, including clothing and furnishings as well as toys, for more than 450 families with special needs who are current clients. Individuals, families, organizations, businesses, corporations, or corporate departments can "sponsor" a family by calling the Toy Shower Hotline at 312/655-7174.

New, unwrapped gifts of toys and clothing for infants, children and teens from birth through 18 years of age may be dropped off until December 15 at Toy Shower Drop-Off Headquarters at Catholic Charities' St. Vincent Center at 721 N. LaSalle Street in downtown Chicago, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 12 to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Gifts may also be dropped off at:

- any of the more than 40 In-SureOne locations throughout Chicago and Cook County from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday;

- any of Catholic Charities Regional Offices, and at Catholic Charities Senior Residences from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In the suburbs: 161 Seton Drive, South Holland; 10661 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills; 1400 S. Austin Boulevard, Cicero; 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines; Frances Manor, 1270 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines; Holy Family Villa, 12375 McCarthy Rd., Lemont; and Lawrence Manor, 21425 Southwick Dr., Matteson.

- In Chicago, gifts may be dropped off at the following Catholic Charities Senior Residences: St. Brendan Apartments, 6717 S. Elizabeth St.; Hayes Manor, 1211 W. Marquette Rd.; Tolton Manor, 6345 S. Stewart St.; Roseland Manor, 11717 S. State St.; Matthew Manor, 271 N. Albany Ave.; and Cortland Manor, 1900 N. Karlov Ave.

"Sponsor-A-Family" gifts can be dropped off at Catholic Charities' St. Vincent Center, 721 N.

LaSalle St., Chicago on December 2, 3 or 4. Anyone wishing to volunteer or make a financial contribution; or requesting a brochure or drop-off information should call Catholic Charities "Toy Shower Hotline" at (312) 655-7174.

Holiday Shopping Fair at Kagan Home

Jump start your holiday shopping at Kagan Home for the Blind on Sunday, December 3, from 12 - 3 p.m. The Fair will feature beautiful hand-made items (pottery, crafts, woven keepsakes). Also, some wonderful gift-giving ideas, a white elephant table and an assortment of

knick-knacks. Refreshments will be available.

Located at 3525 W. Foster, Chicago, Kagan Home for the Blind is the only sheltered-care residence in the Chicago area serving people with vision loss. Admission is free.





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Park & Library News

Niles Public Library

Holiday Open House
Get in the holiday mood and join us for an afternoon of festive music and traditional treats during Niles Public Library District's annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 3 from 1 - 3 p.m. During this special drop-in event for all ages, harpist Robin Galante will entertain patrons with an extensive repertoire of live music, including some holiday favorites. There will be plenty of refreshments, including home-baked holiday cookies. No registration is required.

Gingerbread House Workshop
Get into the spirit of the holidays and create a gingerbread house on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Niles Public Library District. Using fresh gingerbread, a variety of candy and ready-made frosting, BBC Holidays will demonstrate and assist you with making your own unique holiday centerpiece. Each participant will create a house approximately 10 inches tall by 6 inches wide, with a 9-inch base. Anyone ages 11 and up can join the fun! There is a \$20 fee for this program, which includes all materials and a box for your gingerbread house. Please register at the Library Information Desk or call 847/663-1234.

See the Best Christmas Decorations
For millions of Americans, driving around to look at Christmas decorations is as much a part of holiday traditions as trimming the tree. Take an amusing look at the finest holiday displays in the area and the delightful people who created them during The Best Christmas Decorations in Chicago on Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at Niles Public Library District. During this entertaining Yuletide slide presentation, author and native Chicagoan Mary Edsey will present beautiful photographs of outdoor decorations from the suburbs to downtown. See the elaborate displays of Chicago's Candy Cane Lane neighborhood and the Evanston home of the creator of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Please register for this program at the Library Information Desk or call 847/663-1234.

Afternoon of Magic
Join us for an exciting and interactive Second Sunday with lots of humor and a touch of magic during Very Funny Magic on Sunday, December 10 at 2 p.m. at Niles Public Library District. Magician Dennis DeBondt will delight children of all ages with a unique and entertaining magic show featuring a variety of tricks, nonstop comedy and plenty of audience participation.

Lincolnwood Public Library

Review of The Bialy Eaters
Book reviewer Elise Ginsparg will discuss *The Bialy Eaters: The Story of a Bread and a Lost World* by Mimi Sheraton at the Lincolnwood Public Library on Friday, December 1. Coffee at 10 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m. A passion for bialys, those chewy, crusty rolls with the toasted onion center drew famed food writer Mimi Sheraton to explore the history of this Jewish staple. She traces the history of the traditional treat and tells the poignant personal story of her worldwide search for a Polish town's lost world and the daily bread that sustained it.

Popology band swings
The six-piece band Popology brings its late 1950s swing music along with some head bobbing, finger snapping up tempo jazz at the Lincolnwood Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 10. Tickets are required for the Sunday programs and are available free at the circulation desk to Lincolnwood residents now and one week before to non-residents.

Remember to wear a smile; it increases your face value.

The man who lets himself be bored is even more contemptible than the bore.
—Samuel Butler

Bookmark design competition winners

Skokie Public Library announces the winner in its annual bookmark design competition in honor of Children's Book Week. Children in grades K-8 were eligible to submit an original bookmark reflecting this year's Book Week theme, *Fuel Your Mind*. This year's winner are:

Grades K-2: First Prize -- Andrew S. Rapoport, Madison School; Honorable Mention -- Andrea Lupas, Walker School.
Grades 3-5: First Prize -- Joey Navarro, St. Peter's School; Honorable Mention -- James Kocan, Fairview School and Alaine Rothstein, Hillel Torah Day School.

Grades 6-8: Lisa Rothstein, Hillel Torah Day School; Honorable Mention -- Ramsen Zacharia, East Prairie School.

First prize bookmarks were professionally printed and will be distributed in the Youth Service Department. Winners received a new book and ten copies of their bookmark. Honorable mentions had their original bookmarks laminated and displayed. All of the 762 entries will be on display in the Youth Service Department November 12 - 19.

Christmas with Kimber Stonehouse

Come celebrate the holiday season on December 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Morton Grove Park District. Kimber Stonehaus, pianist, will entertain you with holiday favorites. A continental breakfast will be provided. The cost is \$3 for Morton Grove residents and \$4.50 for non-residents. Please register at Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster.

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St. John Brebeuf Golden-Agers party hearty!

The grinning gremlins, greedy goblins and gregarious ghosts have grabbed their goodies and crept away; the beauty-providing bulbs for next year's fragrant and eye-pleasing floral bounty have been gently nestled in their beds; this year's crop of turkeys have danced up their last turkey trot; and the votes for the next president of the country have been dutifully cast.

To celebrate the spirit of the season, members of St. John Brebeuf's Golden-Agers Club donned colorful costumes and delightful getups at the club's

Halloween party -- to the enjoyment of all the members. The tummy-rubbing yummy luncheon was followed by an array of fun-filled games. Thanks to Theresa Kapka and all her busy-bee helpers for making this such a joy for a day!

Anniversary greetings go out to the following happy couples:

September -- Albert and Angie Cassettari; Bill and Dorothy Gruzynski; James and Lorraine Jacques; Ted and Helen Vacura. October -- Harry and Virginia Brekke; Henry and Bernadette Dobosiewicz; Adrian and Leona

Galassi; John and Sophie Keopke; Frank and Anne Knapp; Leonard and Lotie Rospenda; Dolores and Bill Uhlig.

Many happy wishes to all! Charles Szatkowski presented members with his usual informative civic report. According to Charles, seniors are the strongest group of voters in the country, with 66 percent of the registered seniors getting out and voting. (Hopefully, everyone in the club was able to get out and vote, for events of this election show just how important everyone's individual vote can be!) And the votes are still being counted...

In addition to the election information, Charles provided updated data on HMOs, Social Security, Medicare and circuit breakers/pharmaceutical assistance programs. Senior citizens receive a lot of help from our representatives, Dick Durbin and Jan Schakowsky. Charles suggested that members write these people, because personal letters are always answered. A special thank-you to Charles for keeping members up-to-date on important senior activities!

Congratulations are in order for Rose Ann Di Maggio Mazek, daughter of Camille Di Maggio, who was appointed school principal in Villa Park, after working as a teacher for 30 years. Anne Mazek is also very proud of her daughter-in-law. Good luck on your new position, Rose!

On November 14, a 25th memorial Mass for the club's deceased members was celebrated. Since the club's inception, 200 of its members have passed away. We miss all of them and will continue to remember them in our prayers.

Pretty soon, sooner than the wink/blink of any eye, the holiday spirit will be happily upon us all, creating a feeling of peace and harmony and goodwill to all. And maybe then, too, the votes will all be counted!

Great, Unique Gifts for Your Wedding Party

NewsUSA
(NU) - The cake is ordered, the dress is bought, the invitations were sent and the honeymoon is planned. You think you have all your bases covered? Think again.

Have you thought about gifts for your attendants and groomsmen? Too often, little thought is put into their gifts at all. In a typical wedding scenario, the bride buys her attendants some sort of jewelry to match their dresses - you know the ones they'll never wear again - and the groom buys the groomsmen something engraved like a money clip or a flask.

But, like your wedding itself, your attendants and groomsmen

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Morton Grove Senior Citizens 470-5223

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

Monitoring blood cholesterol is a key method of controlling the risk of heart and artery related health complications. The Morton Grove Village Hall Senior Center thinks it is important for seniors to maintain a cholesterol level below 200 mg/dl. The Center has scheduled a screening from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The cost is \$4 for Morton Grove seniors (age 65+) and \$5 for non-residents or residents under age 65.

HOLIDAY BUS TRIP

Join the Prairie View Travel Club for a holiday bus trip on Thursday, Dec. 7 sponsored by Cambridge Bank. This free trip includes a luxury bus ride to the Museum of Science and Industry to view the annual Christmas tree display, followed by a light dinner on the bus and then a drive down State Street and Michigan Avenue to view all of the beautiful holiday lights. The bus will be leaving the Prairie View Community Center at 12 noon and return at approximately 6 p.m. This trip is for Morton Grove residents only and individuals will be selected by lottery. Please register at Prairie View. The lottery will be drawn on Nov. 27. Participants chosen will be notified by phone.

WREATH CLASS

Here's a chance to create a new decoration for the front door at home. A number of wreaths are available for decoration in this class to be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 in the Prairie View Community Center. Mary Lou Kohl of the Morton Grove Park District is the "crafty" person who will lead and assist students. A limited amount of decorations are available so students are encouraged to bring their own. The wreath can be for any holiday or season, so be creative! There is a \$1 fee to cover refreshments. Please register at Prairie View or call the Morton Grove Park District at 965-1200.

WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS

Wisconsin Connection Tours is back again to take the Prairie View Travel Club on a wonderful trip to Racine on Dec. 7 and 8. Day one includes: strolling among 50 beautifully themed and decorated trees and visiting O&H Kringle Shoppe to learn the art of making the Kringle. View Racine's beautiful Christmas light displays by trolley and a spectacular musical celebration of the joys of the season at the Fireside Dinner Theatre. Beautiful costumes, glorious songs and traditional dances grace the stage with all the warmth and passion that makes Christmas such a special time.

Day two is filled with more fun. Harmony Hall, the world headquarters of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America; a tour of the Kemper Center, once an 1800's Episcopal Girls Boarding School; and much more. Don't miss this trip.

The cost is \$175 for triple occupancy, \$195 for double occupancy, and \$235 for single occupancy. Register at the Prairie View Community Center.

CHRISTMAS WITH KIMBER

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the holiday season at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the prairie View Community Center. Pianist Kimber Stonehouse will entertain with delightful renditions of holiday favorites. A continental breakfast will be served. Take a break this holiday and enjoy the sounds of the season. The cost is \$3 for residents and \$4.50 for non-residents. Register at Prairie View.

55 ALIVE MATURE DRIVING COURSE

The 55 Alive Mature Driving Course is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. The next course offered at the Morton Grove Village Hall Senior Center starts at 8:30 a.m. on both Thursday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 16. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 to sign up.

A GIFT FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY
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 about childhood, upbringing and adult life will be asked while the videotape is running. Call today, families will appreciate this gift for years to come.

Niles Senior Citizens 588-8420 - 588-8000

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION

The Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Village of Niles residents, age 62 and over, and their younger spouses. To register for classes, trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. Please call or visit, and be placed on the mailing list.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Class Registration for the Winter and Spring classes begin Monday, Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. See the Niles Senior Center News & Views for all class offerings. Remember that some classes sell out quickly.

DECEMBER TICKET SALES

December Ticket Sales is Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis to all senior registrants. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Poker Tournament - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1 to 3 p.m. Come play Seven Card Stud and Five Card Draw. Cost: \$3.50 includes lunch at 12 p.m. and prizes. Registration is required.

January Lite Lunch and Movie - Friday, Jan. 5, 12 p.m. Enjoy a hotdog and bag of chips, then enjoy the wonderful musical, *Bye, Bye Birdie* (1963) starring Dick Van Dyke and Janet Leigh. Cost: \$2.

Sunday at the Center: Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join us for a good old fashioned pancake breakfast! Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs. Following breakfast, Comedian George Casey will keep you laughing. You may have seen him opening for Rosemary Clooney, or in the bright lights of Las Vegas. Cost: \$6. Registration is required.

Evening at the Center: A Chinese New Year Celebration - Wednesday, Jan. 24, 5 to 8:30 p.m. The evening will include music and traditional Chinese Dance as performed by members of the North Chicago Chinese School in Des Plaines. Followed by a Chinese Travelogue featuring world traveler and humorist, Joe Cuniff. Dinner is 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., featuring a meal catered by Jade East Restaurant. Cost: \$10.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Book Discussion is Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. The featured book is *The Red Tent* by Naomi Diamond. Cost: \$1 includes morning pastries.

ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

Annual Men's Club Holiday Party is Friday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Eagle Restaurant. Doors open at 11 a.m. - lunch served at noon. London Broil (\$19.50), Salmon (\$19.50), or Chicken (\$18.50). Frank Martello Orchestra.

TREE TOP ANGEL

Tree Top Angel is Monday, Dec. 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Make a ceramic and lace tree top angel during this one day class. Fee covers all supplies and instruction. Cost: \$30.

RULES OF THE ROAD

Rules of the Road is Monday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. Registration is required.

THE KITCHEN BAND GROUP

The Kitchen Band Group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month (Dec. 6 and 20) at 11 a.m. We are looking for new members. See Mary Ann for more information.

REGULAR TICKET SALES

Please call for ticket availability.

Holiday Lights Tour - Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 13 and 14, 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Shop at Watertown Place, then a delicious dinner at Berghoffs with choice of Wiener Schnitzel, Grilled Cornish Hen or Broiled Salmon. After dinner, travel the Magnificent Mile. See the Holiday Lights. Cost: \$28.50. Note: Bus will depart from the Senior Center.

Evening at the Center - Pre New Year's Eve Party - Wednesday, Dec. 27, 4 to 8:30 p.m. After a meal featuring Beef Roulade, Warm Potato Salad and Trifle with Berries and Cream, we will enjoy the musical sounds of Mario and His Society Orchestra. Cost: \$10.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS are needed to deliver meals to Niles homebound elderly, weekdays between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact Kelly at 588-8420.

COMPUTER LAB VOLUNTEERS needed to assist other older adults in learning to use computers (2 to 4 hours/week). Computer experience required. Training provided. Contact Jaymi. **TAX COUNSELORS** are needed for the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide Program to help other seniors with tax preparation. Training is provided. Contact Maryann at 588-8420. **CLASS INSTRUCTORS** for Learn to Crochet and Cross Stitch classes. Contact Maryann.

Gifts . . .

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are unique. Shouldn't your gift to them be the same?

Mall.com, the premier Internet mall, offers some distinctive gift suggestions for your wedding party from your favorite name brand stores at its Web site (www.mall.com).

The outdoors lovers in your wedding party would enjoy hiking gear or travel books from REI.

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We are expecting further Flu Vaccine shipments, but our suppliers cannot give us dates at this time. When we receive the flu vaccine, we will notify you in our news releases as well as post flyers at the Center. We changed the procedures from "first come, first served" to signing up for time slots. This should make it more convenient and efficient for all. As soon as flu vaccine is received, flyers will be sent to all Senior Center members informing you of the sign up procedures.

DECEMBER 7 DISCOVERIES! EXPLORING OPTIONS IN ARTHRITIS MANAGEMENT

Thursday, at 11 a.m. Learn what arthritis is, who is affected, what causes it, how it is diagnosed, and how it can be effectively managed. Presented by Terry Dalla Valle RN, BSN. Registration needed.

DECEMBER 13 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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Home Style

Preparation key to protecting home against natural disasters

The Federal Emergency Management Agency reports that an average of 33 disasters has occurred every year since 1976. Taking many different forms - hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, or other acts of nature - disasters will affect millions of Americans this year.

According to the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), homeowners are advised to take steps to protect their investments. "Many homes will

suffer damage from the full force of a natural disaster such as a hurricane or tornado, but with proper preparation, damage from the powerful effects of these occurrences can be reduced," says ASHI President Mark Cramer. "Should a disaster actually strike, homeowners can especially benefit from having inventoried their home and contents."

Risk-Reduction Tips
ASHI recommends homeowners consider the following steps:

- Check Your Home - Roofs and foundations are often ravaged by floods, hurricanes and high-winds. Roof coverings should be inspected for signs of wear that could contribute to wind damage. Readily available metal straps can keep roof rafters tied to the top of walls while foundation bolts can help secure walls to their foundation below. Roof structures can also be strengthened with proper bracing. These should be installed by a qualified contractor along with advice from a design expert. If you are replacing your roof, have the roof sheathing nailed to modern standards to lessen the likelihood of it blowing off during a storm. If you own a home in flood zones, you may also want to consider install-

ing a sewer back-flow valve that can prevent unsanitary conditions caused by municipal sewer backups during severe flooding.

• Document Your Home's Contents - If a disaster does hit, an accurate inventory of your home's contents is the critical first step to getting back on your feet. Videotape or at least photograph all closets, drawers and other areas in case you need to file a claim. Store these and other important items in a safe location away from your home.

• Have Your Home Inspected - Hire a home inspector qualified to conduct a predisaster check of your home. Discuss your specific needs and concerns with the inspector before the inspection. This is an effective way to uncover simple repairs or improvements that could help guard your home against serious damage if tragedy strikes.

For More Information
Homebuyers who wish to know more about the American Society of Home Inspectors or obtain the names of local ASHI members may contact the organization at 932 Lee St., Suite 101, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Phone: (800) 743-2744, or visit the ASHI Web site at <http://www.ashi.com>.

Pointers For Parents

Safe-Surfing Tips For Cyber Kids

Industry experts estimate that nearly 700 sites unsuitable for children are added to the Web each day. And, with more than half of all children expected to be online by the year 2003, parents are establishing home rules and employing new tools to protect their kids as they rocket through cyber space.

Anne Collier, editorial director for NetFamilyNews.org, says: "As many parents know the Internet is increasingly woven into children's everyday lives -- from 'chatting' online with friends to downloading music to researching a school project to learning the technology tools they need for future jobs. Even the risks involved in Net use won't outweigh the Internet's benefits to kids. But that means good parenting increasingly means Web-literacy for parents and solid family ground rules for kids' Internet use."

Advice for Parents:
1. Place the computer in a central location where you can monitor your children's cyber travels.
2. Install a filtering tool, like the Surf Monkey Bar, which can be downloaded for free at www.surfmonkey.com/home. Tools like this protect kids from inappropriate materials as well as protect them from communication with strangers.
3. Never give your children permission to use your credit card. It's the law. Kids can shop, but parents must buy.

For more information on smart surfing practices and leading safety products, visit SurfMonkey.com at <http://www.surfmonkey.com>.

Home rules for kids:
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MWRDGC offers to take responsibility for flood management

At their regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 16th, The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRDGC) Board of Commissioners moved to introduce legislation in Springfield during this year's fall veto session to amend the Illinois statute for storm water management to give the MWRDGC authority for regional storm water management in Cook County.

Current statutes assigned responsibility for Cook County storm water planning and management to a consortium of planning councils: the Cook County Board President, the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPEC), the Northwest Municipal Conference, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the West Central Municipal Conference.

"The diverse nature, responsibilities and limitations of technical and financial resources of these organizations make it difficult to address this regional issue," stated MWRDGC President Terrence J. O'Brien. He continued, "The District, with its regional responsibilities for pollution control and its history as

the local sponsor for flood control projects, is an ideal resource for taking responsibility for Cook County storm water management. The President of the Cook County Board is supportive of this effort and we have worked with all the regional planning councils and the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission to develop the language for this bill. I believe this is an

excellent opportunity for the citizens of our region and an important step in putting in place a program to minimize the damaging effects of flooding."

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—William Hazlitt

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School News

SJB students visit pumpkin farm



The first and second grade children from St. John Brebeuf School in Niles recently went to Green Meadows Farm for a day of fun. Throughout the day, the students milked cows, rode on hayrides and ponies, went to the petting zoo, listened to a Native American storyteller and picked pumpkins. The field trip was enjoyed by all!



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones: Wild Markets Spur Need for Investment Expertise

When the stock market keeps going up, it's easy for investors to feel confident about their abilities to pick "winners." But what happens when the going gets rocky? That's when it's time to turn to the experts. At least, that's one of the findings of the Investor Confidence Index, a semi-annual survey sponsored by the Forum for Investor Advice, a nonprofit association of financial-services firms. During the extreme volatility of the market earlier this year, many people lost confidence in their own investing abilities, according to the survey. At the same time, the number of investors who expressed a great deal of confidence in investment representatives rose sharply. Many investors came to realize that they could benefit from professional financial expertise during times of market volatility. However, good investment representatives will prepare their clients for every type of investment climate. In fact, if they do their jobs correctly, they won't get a flood of calls when the market is choppy. That's because their clients know the financial markets will always fluctuate -- and they don't panic when the "ups" turn to "downs." They follow personalized, long-term investment strategies instead of making vain attempts to "time" the market. They build diversified portfolios instead of chasing today's "hottest" stocks. Where can you find an investment representative who will show you these things? Here are some suggestions: Ask for referrals -- Ask your friends or relatives who they use for professional financial expertise. Find out what it is they like about the person with whom they work. Is he or she a good listener? Knowledgeable about new products, services and laws? Accessible? If you get glowing reviews, you may decide that this is someone you'd like to talk to. Interview prospective investment representatives -- Don't be afraid to ask for interviews with financial professionals. Find out how they work, how they get paid and if they've had experience with people whose financial situation is similar to yours. Learn what areas, if any, they specialize in. Ask what licenses they hold. If they work for a company, find out the company's investment philosophy. Above all else, see if you sense a rapport between the two of you. If you become a client, you'll be divulging some of the most personal details of your life -- so you'd better feel comfortable with this person. Hold a "tryout" -- Even after you've chosen an investment representative, don't just assume that you're set for life. In your mind, give the person you choose a set time period -- say one year -- to prove that he or she is truly providing you with a valued service. And base the "tryout" on the investment representatives' ability to understand your needs and objectives -- not just on his or her short-term performance. If, at the end of the tryout period, you're not satisfied, then find someone else. Remember, you're the client, and you're the one whose needs have to be met. Once you find someone who does a good job on your behalf, stick with him or her. Don't bolt for somebody who promises stratospheric returns. If they sound too good to be true, they're probably neither. Jeffrey Cardella can be reached at Edward Jones, 8141 N. Milwaukee, Niles, 470-8953.

District 64 music students honored

School District 64 was well represented at recent music honor events sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). A total of 95 students participated in the IMEA District VII Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Festival on Saturday, November 4 at Waukegan High School, and the IMEA Jazz Festival on Saturday, November 11 at Maine South High School. The purpose of these events is to raise the level of musicianship in participating schools and to celebrate the accomplishments of the highest achieving music students. Band students were selected from among 380 of the finest junior high band students from surrounding schools. Chorus students were selected by their school chorus director. Selection for membership in one of the performing groups is a reflection of high standards established for, and by, the student, director, and school district. The following District 64 students were selected to participate in the IMEA Honors Festival: **Carpenter Choral Students,** Kara Konken, Jessica Kwasi, Stephanie Zimny. **Lincoln Band Students, Mr. Brian Jacobi, Director:** Margaret Archer, Grace Elderkin, Sarah Griebler, Emily Hayden, Karen Karrasch, Michael Mangan, Ryan Stegink, David Werner, Christie Zimmerman. **Emerson Orchestra, Mr. Dallas Klytta, Director:** Joseph Baumh, Daniel Bergen, Kathryn Bratko, Kelly Craven, Alison Derfield, Cara Deverman, Brittany Lasch, Daniel Leung, William Liss, Colleen Montgomery, Veronica Sosniak, Jeffrey West, Stephanie West, Laura Wilkins. **Lincoln Orchestra, Mrs. Natalie Jacobsen, Director:** Emily Altman, Tim Aumiller, Jamie Burger, Robert Hemphill, Kiersten Hoiland, Dianna Kim, Siobhan Lau, Kristina Pearson, Jason Ryan, Daniel Takagi, Emily Tumminello. **Emerson Band Students, Mr. Eric Bachmann, Director:** Kristyn Anderson, Donnie Bungum, Jacqueline Dow, Evan Epifanio, Ellen Frazel, Shawn Hackett, John Jacobi, Meghan Machon, Elaine Martini, Megan McCue, Allison Mueller, Jennifer Poliwka, William Potratz, Audrey Russell, Drew Sobczak, Charlotte Sorensen, Elizabeth Upton, William Warnock.

As sheer casual reading matter, I still find the English dictionary the most interesting book in our language. —Albert Jay Nook

School News

Sports, Softball tournament



The combined teams of St. Matthew Lutheran School/Niles and Jerusalem Lutheran School/Morton Grove recently competed in the annual CALL (Chicago Area Lutheran League) softball tournament in Palos Heights. Jerusalem/St. Matthew had two teams of fifth through eighth graders. They competed against 9 other area teams. The Jerusalem/St. Matthew teams placed in first and eighth places to keep the championship trophy for another year.

Afghans for Maryville

On Tuesday, November 14, 2000, seven students and two teachers from Gemini Junior High School in Niles delivered afghans to Maryville's Home for Babies in Chicago. The students of the Alpha 8 team in Mrs. Misovich's room took on the projects of knitting afghans for the babies of Maryville. The students held a bake sale, raffles, and car wash to earn money for the yarn. Everyone learned the basics of knitting and worked for a period of six weeks on the project. Visiting the Maryville Home for a tour and to deliver the afghans were students Michelle

District 207 Committee Meeting

The Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) of Maine Township High School District 207 will meet on the following dates/times for the 2000-2001 school year. All meetings will be at the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center located within Maine South High School, 1131 South Dee Road, Park Ridge, IL. December 21, 2000; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. January 18, 2001; 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. February 15, 2001; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. March 15, 2001; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. April 19, 2001; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. May 17, 2001; 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SIUC offers on-line distance education courses

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, a provider for the Illinois Virtual Campus, will offer 18 on-line courses for spring semester 2001. A wide range of courses will be offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels. All carry full SIUC residential credit applicable toward a degree. To register for an on-line course, SIUC degree students must bring a registration form signed by their adviser to the Office of Distance Education at Washington Square "C." Course charges due at registration, are \$142 per credit hour for undergraduate courses and \$169.45 per credit hour for graduate courses. On-line registration is also available for students outside the Carbondale area. For more information about on-line courses, call the SIUC Office of Distance Education at 618/453-5659 or visit their Website at <http://www.dce.siu.edu/siucconnected.html>.

Niles North Website, Showcase Site

For the fourth year in a row, the Niles North website has been selected as an official Illinois Computing Educators (ICE) Web Showcase Site. ICE recognizes quality educational websites, and the honor of being a Web Showcase Site pays tribute to the time, talent, and effort set forth by the individuals who contributed to the construction and development of the website. The Niles North Website was featured, with other Web Showcase Sites, in the Cybercafe at the recent 2000 ICE conference. Kevin Kelley submitted the website for consideration; students in his Computer Applications/Internet Class performed most of the original work. Visit the winning website at www.niles-hs.k12.il.us/north/. That is what the title of artist means: one who perceives more than his fellows, and who records more than he has seen. —Edward Gordon Craig

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Notre Dame Open House

Notre Dame High School for Boys is pleased to announce the date for its second fall Open House. The Open House takes place Sunday, Dec. 3. It starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

Prospective students and their parents will be able to tour the campus with Notre Dame students, meet with staff, faculty and coaches, and receive information on Notre Dame's planned Science

Wing expansion and athletics and fine arts renovation project.

Notre Dame High School for Boys is an all-male, Catholic, college-preparatory school of approximately 685 students. Notre Dame is located in Niles on Dempster St., between Harlem and Milwaukee Aves. For enrollment information, call Dennis Zelasko at (847) 779-8615.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on December 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., the Village of Niles, Illinois (the "Issuer") will conduct a public hearing, to be held in the City Council Chambers at 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois regarding the proposed issuance by the Issuer of its not-to-exceed \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Alliance for Character in Education Project) Series 2000 (the "Bonds"). Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance all or a portion of the costs of (i) repaying certain debt obligations incurred to finance costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of the schools referenced below and (ii) construction, renovation and equipping of classrooms, meeting space, a gymnasium and related educational facilities for the schools listed below (the "Project") to be owned and operated by The Alliance for Character in Education (the "Borrower").

The Willows Academy - 1012 Thacker Street, Des Plaines, Illinois
Northridge Preparatory School - 8320 Ballard Road, Niles, Illinois

The Bonds will be special, limited obligations of the Issuer, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on which will be payable solely from revenues derived from payments received from the Borrower pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement between the Issuer and the Borrower, and income from the temporary investment of Bond proceeds, all of which revenues are pledged to the payment of the Bonds. Neither the Bonds nor premium, if any, nor interest thereon shall ever constitute or create an indebtedness, liability or obligation of the Issuer, the City of Des Plaines, the State of Illinois or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional provision or statutory limitation or a pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of, or constitute or give rise to any pecuniary liability of, any of them.

The above-noticed public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the nature and location of the Project. Written comments may also be submitted to the Village of Niles at its office located at 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois 60714, until December 14, 2000.

VILLAGE OF NILES, ILLINOIS

Notice Dated: November 30, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE NILES, ILLINOIS

The Village of Niles is offering for sale, by sealed bid, vehicles as listed below. These vehicles may be inspected at the Village of Niles Maintenance Garage, 6859 West Touhy Avenue, Niles, Illinois, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. To make an appointment, or for information on the vehicles, please call the Niles Fleet Manager at 847-588-7961.

- One 1986 GMC 4X4 Utility Truck
- One 1984 GMC 4X4 Pickup Truck
- One 1983 GMC Step Van
- One 1984 GMC 5-Ton Dump Truck
- One 1986 GMC Cab & Chassis

Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois. Bids will be opened at 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, December 27, 2000, in the Conference Room at 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois.

You may call the Purchasing Department Office, (847) 588-8000 for a copy of the bid form. Bids must be returned in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Purchasing Agent, and legibly marked with the item being bid for and the words, "BID ENCLOSED". Bids received after the appointed time will not be accepted. The bidder's name, address and phone number must be included in each envelope.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities or technicalities in any bid and to accept the bid which it deems to be in the best interests of the Village.

LEGAL NOTICE NILES, ILLINOIS

The Village of Niles will be conducting interviews with pre-qualified architectural firms for the purpose of selecting a design firm to design a new police facility.

Interviews will be held December 5 and December 6, 2000, in the conference room in the Administration Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois 60714.

Only those firms who have submitted proposals and have been pre-qualified will be eligible to participate in these interviews.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities or technicalities in any proposal, and to accept the proposal which it deems to be in the best interests of the Village.

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE PLAN COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following case:

CASE PC00-05
Requesting a Special Use Permit for installation of a telecommunication antenna to the existing water tower located at 8820 National Avenue, Morton Grove, and for associated equipment to be located in an adjacent cabinet on the site. The applicant is Tom A. Ebels, Jr., AICP as Agent for Cook Inlet/Voicestream Operating Company, L.L.C., 1375 East Woodfield Road, Suite 400, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.
Steven Blonz
Chairman

Seizure disorder meeting

The Northwest Epilepsy Support invites anyone with seizure disorders (Epilepsy). Family and friends are also welcome to attend our monthly meeting on December 6th at Our Lady of Resurrection Hospital -- 5645 W. Addison Ave. 7th floor Room Sr. Jerome.

For more information call Melody Freeman at 773-685-3447 or Bill Hood 312-939-8622.



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LEGAL NOTICE NILES, ILLINOIS

The Village of Niles is issuing bid requests for professional janitorial services for cleaning and maintenance for the following buildings.

- Administration Building
- Police Department
- Fire Station 2
- Human Services Building
- Maintenance Building
- Fitness Center

Only those firms who have responded to a request for qualifications and have been pre-qualified will be eligible to participate in the bidding process.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, January 10, 2001, at the Village of Niles, Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois 60714. Proposals will be opened at 2:00 P.M. in the Conference Room, Village of Niles Administration Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois 60714. After review by village officials, the contract will be awarded at the Village of Niles Board meeting of January 23, 2001.

The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive informalities or technicalities in any proposal, and to accept the proposal which it deems to be in the best interests of the Village.

LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following case:

CASE 1339
Requesting a variation from Section 6.1.7.4, of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to enlarge existing kitchen:

Rear Yard	
Required	30.00 ft.
Requested	26.50 ft.
Variation Necessary	3.50 ft.

The parcel is located in the R-1 Single-Family Residence District and is commonly known as 9221 Nashville Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is Yan Borochia.

CASE 1340
Requesting a variation from Section 6.1.7.3 of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to construct a family room and expand the attached garage.

Side Yard - West	
Required	6.00 feet
Requested	2.89 feet
Variation Necessary	3.11 feet

The parcel is located in the R-1 Single-Family Residence District and is commonly known as 7537 Emerson Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is Nawal Gupta.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Steven L. Blonz
Chairman

Halloween Parade and Party



Photo by Larry Zimmerman
The Niles Park District had a parade and party on Saturday, October 28 at Grennan Heights. Spooks and goblins came out for the event.
Shown are Gianna Figueroa and Gino Fasso.

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Young Masters Studio Holiday Cards benefiting four local needy children's charities; Jobs for Youth, Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Uhlich Children's Home, and Chicago Dance Medium offering imprinted or non-imprinted holiday cards. Choose from twelve different designs including an assortment pack, ranging from a Chicago El Train and Chicago Skyline scene for corporate use to traditional holiday scenes for personal use, all of which were created by children. Prices starting at \$41 for 25 cards.

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Zionist Organization of Chicago

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State Senator Ira Silverstein will be the recipient of the Macabean Award and Mr. Robert Eisenstadt will be the recipient of the Frank Isaacs Award. The Honorable Tzipora Rimol, Consul General State of Israel, will be the keynote speaker of the evening.

Reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Harry Berger and Dr. Milton Shulman are presidents of the Zionist Organization of Chicago. Leonard Silverstein is dinner chairman, and Miriam R. Goldberg and E. Michael Feltenstein are dinner co-chairs.

For further information and reservations, please call 847.568.0244 or fax 847.568.1233.

You can't blame a worm for not wanting to go fishing.

Santa's arrival in Des Plaines at new library

The Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry, member businesses and the Des Plaines Public Library have teamed up to welcome Santa Claus to downtown Des Plaines on Saturday, December 2, 2000. Arriving at approximately 10:30 a.m. on a firetruck, Santa will be met by Chamber President John Larson and Des Plaines Acting Mayor Tony Arredia.

The South School Singers, made up of 4th and 5th graders from South School, will be on hand beginning at 10 a.m. to help everyone get into the holiday spirit before Santa arrives, and by Chamber President John Larson and Des Plaines Acting Mayor Tony Arredia.

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Alden Health Care & Rehabilitation, Ochler Funeral Home, Rabjohns Financial Group, VISIONS, AlphaGraphics and State Senator Dave Sullivan so far with more sponsors yet to sign up. Even Santa himself was brought here with the help of Athens Investments.

The event is co-sponsored by the Des Plaines Library, along with help from the Des Plaines Fire Department, Police Department and others including the Des Plaines Camera Club who will be manning the cameras.

"We're inviting kids to stop by and see Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and all other friends that will be there that morning to welcome Santa to Des Plaines," added Ornborg.

The Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote, support, and assist the Des Plaines business community through effective communication and quality service. For more information on Santa's arrival or on becoming a Chamber member call 824-4200.

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Nine Months Before

- Discuss wedding plans and budgets with your fiancé and families.
- Choose attendants.
- Select wedding and reception locations.
- Confirm ceremony date, time and location with clergy member or judge.
- Hire caterer, photographer, band and florist.
- Start making guest list.
- Visit www.Mall.com on the Internet and start registering for wedding gifts.

Six to Eight Weeks Before

- Address and mail wedding invitations.
- Write thank you notes for gifts as they come in.
- Send your wedding announcement to newspapers.
- Make sure all legal and religious paper work is ready.
- Choose attendants' gifts.
- Pick up wedding rings.

Two Weeks Before

- Update bridal registries.
- Get marriage license.
- Double-check honeymoon reservations.
- Submit request lists to band and photographer.

One Week Before

- Double-check details with attendants, florist, caterer, etc.
- Give final count of guests to caterer.
- Pick up attendants' gifts.
- Remember to have fun knowing everything will go according to plan.

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Take medications properly

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6. Refill your prescriptions so you don't run out, even for a day.

7. If you've had any problems with your medicine, call your doctor or pharmacist right away, but don't stop taking it.

8. Don't stop taking a prescribed medicine just because your symptoms go away.

1. Keep a record of all prescriptions and over-the-counter medications you're taking. Bring it with you when you visit the doctor and ask your doctor to review it.

2. On a daily calendar, write down when to take your medication. Then make a check mark when you take it.

3. Incorporate taking medication into your daily routine.

4. Buy an inexpensive plastic pillbox marked with the days of the week to help you remember when to take your medications.

5. Take your medicine as directed.

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Center of Concern Calendar of Events

The Center of Concern has announced the following calendar for the month of December. (Please note that the office will be closed for the holiday weekend, Friday, December 22 - Monday, December 25.)

Sat., December 2, 16 - Legal Counseling by appointment.

Mon., December 4, 11, 18 - Weight Loss Support Group, 10 a.m.

Mon., December 4, 11, 18 - Employment Counseling by appointment.

Tues., December 5 - Annual Holiday Party at South Park Community Center, park Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

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M-NASR's volleyball team wins 3rd place



The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) recently competed in the 2000 SRANT (Special Recreation Association of Northern Illinois) volleyball tournament which was hosted by the Richport YMCA and held at Martinez Middle School in Romeoville. Led by Coaches Kelly Damron and Phil Gronemeyer, the M-NASR Wildcats played two hard-fought matches and garnered the third place trophy. During the first match, M-NASR played SEAS-PAR's Blue and lost by a close score of 16-14 and 15-11. Although the M-NASR team lost their first round, their spirits were still high as they played their second match against the Special Recreation Association of Joliet-Channahon (SRAJC). However, SRAJC proved to be a very worthy opponent, and M-NASR lost 15-12 and 15-11. Coach Damron said, "The team played so well together and should feel great about their accomplishments."

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation serves the towns of DesPlaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. If you would like to receive a seasonal brochure or information regarding M-NASR, please call (847) 966-5522.

John Y. Lee
John Y. Lee has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Tae K. and Myang S. Lee of Morton Grove. Lee is a 1997 graduate of Niles West High School, Skokie.

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A fresh cut pine tree bedecked with trimmings. Tempting treats and chocolate set out for guests. Candles shining brightly. Your home is ready for holiday celebrations - but did you know that many seasonal traditions can threaten your pet's safety? "People are not aware of the hidden dangers for pets that go along with holiday festivities," said Funda Alp, director of communications for the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPPMA). "But there are steps people can take to minimize potential hazards to keep their pets safe during this joyous season."

Here are some tips from the experts at APPMA to protect your pet during this holiday season: Don't take chances with ornaments and branches - place small and fragile ornaments high up on your tree. Make sure ribbons, tinsel and garland are out of your pet's reach since they can get caught in your pet's throat. Also, make sure your pet doesn't chew on branches or eat fallen needles. Fresh tree branches smell great but can be toxic to your pet. Don't deck the halls with boughs of holly - or mistletoe, poinsettias, lilies, azaleas, anemones or cyclamen. While these plants add a nice touch to your holiday decor, they can be poisonous. Use artificial plants made from silk or plastic instead.

Some sweets aren't treats - chocolates and other candy can cause your pet severe stomach pains or even a fatal reaction. Place goodies out of the reach of a puppy's paws, a kitty's claws and a gerbil's jaws. Batteries not included - Keep loose batteries or packages containing batteries away from pets. Batteries contain corrosives that if bitten or swallowed can cause ulceration in your pet's mouth, tongue and entire gastrointestinal tract. Use caution with candles - when lit, candles produce fumes that can be harmful to birds if inhaled. And, don't forget that your pet's wagging tail can easily knock over a burning candle. Potpourri is also dangerous if pets ingest it from decorative bowls and simmer pots.

According to Dr. Steven Hansen, director of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' National Animal Poison Control Center, "We see an increased number of calls related to pet poisoning during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's. If your pet comes into contact with harmful substances during the winter holiday season or anytime throughout the year, call 1-888-4ANIMAL-HELP (888-426-4435) to speak to a trained animal poison specialist or visit www.napcc.aspc.org for more safety tips."

For more information about pet care, check out APPMA's "The Pet Owner's Manual" at www.appma.org.

Two promoted in Vector Marketing central region office

Two longtime employees, Heidi Heigel and Martin Fukada, have been promoted to new positions at Vector Marketing Corporation's central region headquarters office it was announced by Martin L. Domitrovich, executive vice president of sales for the company.

Ms. Heigel, who joined the company in 1995 and most recently served as sales promotion manager, has been named to the new position of campus relations associate in which she will work directly with colleges and universities in many areas including providing guest lectures for sales and marketing classes and exposing college students to the Vector opportunity. Ms. Heigel has served as an assistant manager at two midwestern Vector offices and was featured on a national training video for Vector receptionists.

Mr. Fukada graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in business administration and marketing. He currently resides in Niles and grew up in Park Ridge where he graduated from Maine East High School.

Mr. Fukada, who also joined Vector in 1995, will be replacing Ms. Heigel as sales promotion manager for the 14-state region. He began as a sales representative and then was promoted to branch manager the following year. In 1999 he was top 10 in the region for summer offices. Prior to moving to region headquarters Mr. Fukada served as district manager of the company's Crystal Lake office.

NEIU improves student learning through grant

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) was recently awarded a \$1,674,844 grant by the United States Department of Education to fund faculty development activities designed to improve student learning. The grant will be paid over a five-year period with \$376,434 to be received in the first year.

Northeastern Illinois University qualified for the grant because it is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), a status awarded colleges and universities whose undergraduate population is at least 25% Hispanic. Northeastern Illinois is the only four-year institution in Illinois designated an HSI.

The grant will help faculty develop and implement general education courses that incorporate student-centered teaching methods, including the use of the latest technology and classroom assessment techniques to measure student learning and course evaluation.

The expectation is that, over the five-year term of the grant, many University faculty will be involved in creating curriculum modifications for general education courses based on student/learner-centered pedagogy and learning technology. These modifications will be designed to increase students' mastery of core competencies. The grant also provides funds to remodel space in the Ronald Williams Library as a resource center for faculty training and a library of instructional materials.

Niles West soccer teams assist others in need

Members of the Niles West boys varsity and junior varsity soccer teams recently spent some time off the playing field assisting those in need. The teams worked at the Greater Chicago Food Depository packing food on pallets and loading up trucks with food for the homeless. The Greater Chicago Food Depository is the central distributor for homeless shelters and food pantries in the Chicago area. Not only did the athletes contribute their time for a worthy cause, but they learned valuable life lessons about working together to help others that will benefit them as a team, both on the playing field and off. The junior varsity soccer coach is Niles West teacher Chris Schwarz.

The Willows Academy - 1012 Thacker Street, Des Plaines, Illinois Northridge Preparatory School - 8320 Ballard Road, Niles, Illinois

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The above-noticed public hearing is required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed issuance of the Bonds and the nature and location of the Project. Written comments may also be submitted to the City of Des Plaines at its office located at 1420 Miner Street, Room 102, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018 until December 18, 2000.

Skokie student receives Excellence Award

Lt. Governor Corinne Wood recently honored Seema Mittal of Skokie with a 2000 Lt. Governor's Youth Excellence Award for Civic Responsibility.

The Lieutenant Governor's Award recognizes high school students who have excelled in the classroom and as leaders in their communities." Lt. Governor Wood said. "These youths have distinguished themselves in a variety of areas, from spearheading efforts to bring technology into our schools to organizing gift collections for children's hospitals. Their actions show how much we can achieve when we get involved and make the effort."

The lieutenant governor invited every public high school from Illinois to nominate up to five students for an award, one in each of five award categories. Awards were given for athletics, civic responsibility, community leadership, scholastic achievement and student leadership. Over 350 students received awards at an evening reception in Chicago's James R. Thompson Center.

Allison Rosati of News 5 Chicago served as the Mistress of Ceremonies at the reception. Presenting awards were: Dr. Sylvia Manning, Chancellor, University of Illinois - Chicago; Father John P. Smyth, Maryville Academy Executive Director; Mr. Jamie Murray, Co-founder of soulgear.com; Sheriff Ken Ramsey, Sheriff, Kane County; and Mr. Damien Anderson, Northwestern University Running Back. The Honorable Corinne Wood gave welcoming and closing remarks.

This is the second year for the award, which Lt. Governor Wood will continue annually. The awards program marks the continuation of the lieutenant governor's Youth Initiative, which aims to engage young people in state government and in their communities.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on December 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., the City of Des Plaines, Illinois (the "Issuer") will conduct a public hearing, to be held in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 1420 Miner Street, Room 102, Des Plaines, Illinois regarding the proposed issuance by the Village of Niles, Illinois of its not-to-exceed \$5,000,000 aggregate principal amount Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds (Alliance for Character in Education Project) Series 2000 (the "Bonds"). Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance all or a portion of the costs of (i) repaying certain debt obligations incurred to finance costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of the schools referenced below and (ii) construction, renovation and equipping of classrooms, meeting space, a gymnasium and related educational facilities for the schools listed below (the "Project") to be owned and operated by The Alliance for Character in Education (the "Borrower").

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Burglaries ...

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door of a Morton Grove home. The family had been out of the home for about an hour.

Nothing appeared to be missing from the home and it is not certain if the break-in was related to the apartment thefts, but all four robberies share similarities to the Niles crimes, which also occurred on Nov. 16. In all six instances a pry tool was used, and upon gaining entry into the apartments and Niles homes, the offender(s) targeted closets and dressers stealing jewelry and currency.

The first Niles theft took place on the 8400 block of north Ottawa sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 5:20 p.m.

According to the police report, the offender(s) ransacked two bedrooms, going through the closets and dressers. The homeowner told police that jewelry and wristwatches were missing from a box on one of the dressers.

In addition, a pillowcase was missing from a bed, just as in one of the Morton Grove apartment robberies where a red pillowcase was removed during the theft.

While the first floor and basement levels were left undisturbed, the homeowner noticed that the chain lock for the basement door leading to the back yard was removed. The responding officer also observed an open window in another bedroom, leaving two possible points of exit.

The homeowner also told police that the window shade from the family room had been pulled down.

The second Niles case occurred sometime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the 8700 block of north Terrace where a pry tool and brute force were used to gain access to a dead bolted back door.

A closet and dresser drawers were found ransacked. Jewelry and coins from a collection in the homeowner's daughter's bedroom were discovered missing, and the offender(s) rummaged through a jewelry box on her bookshelf.

Due to the home's ransacked condition, the family said it was unsure of how many items had

been stolen. The homeowner had left the house with the kitchen and family room lights on. In addition to the theft, the homeowner told police that a living room chair was found turned around facing out a south window. Police surmised that an offender "may have used it for a lookout."

In all of the robberies, at least five out of the six took place between the mid-morning and early evening.

Morton Grove police discovered the apartment robberies at around 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 16, when a resident reported that his fourth floor apartment had been robbed while he was out of his home between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Thieves targeted his master bedroom, kitchen and living room stealing an estimated \$6,000 worth of jewelry and \$400 in cash, as well as his checkbook and the keys for his front door and the building's main entrance.

Other fourth floor apartments were investigated after the resident told police that he'd noticed a vacationing neighbor's door was open.

That resident had been on vacation since Nov. 10 and returned home on the 16th to find \$3,000 in jewelry as well as her passport and a Sentry padcode safe were missing.

The resident of the third burglarized fourth floor apartment left his home at about 11:10 a.m. and spoke with police at approximately 5:25 p.m., relaying that \$5,000 in jewelry and \$5,000 in silver coins had been taken from the master bedroom closet.

According to police, the offender(s) appeared to have gained access to the building by using a 1/2" pry tool to force open the front security door. While investigating the lobby, the officer noticed pry marks and a piece of wood by the door.

Despite the cases similarities, Sgt. Zimmerman cautioned against jumping to conclusions before all the evidence has been gathered.

He explained that pry tools are often used for residential break ins, and that currency and jewelry are common targets for thieves.

Park District ...

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the progress made in debt reduction.

"Six million dollars in bonds have been paid since 1997 (because) we've stayed committed to reducing the debt," said LoVerde.

The bonds serve as an alternate revenue source for funding capital improvements and property acquisitions. The bonds that have been paid off are rollovers from ones purchased in 1995, which helped pay for construction of the Howard Leisure Center and improvements at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course restaurant/club

house. LoVerde said the ordinances are needed to prevent the recurrence of a controversy from several years ago when Cook County unnecessarily levied and increased property taxes. By passing the ordinances, the Niles Park District lets the county know that the principal and interest of a bond has been paid in full.

The park district expects to have the remaining General Obligation Park Bond debt paid off by 2003.

Board ...

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release the names of townships that may file appeals on a monthly basis as they become eligible. Assessment appeal seminars in or around these areas are currently being planned by Commissioner Murphy's office.

Commissioner Murphy encourages local organizations and associations to call her office if they would like to sponsor a free Assessment Appeal Seminar in their area conducted by her expert staff. Seminars educate taxpayers about their rights of due process and the best way to make a successful appeal at the Board of Review.

The Cook County Board of Review listens to and rules on appeals from taxpayers asking for property tax relief. Last year, the Board reviewed over 83,000 appeals. Over 43% of parcels appealed received a reduction. Commissioner Maureen Murphy is one of the three elected members of the Board of Review.

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vote to drop objections to the project. Member Dimond stayed with her "no" vote, saying she continues to be concerned about traffic, impact on students, and neighborhood appearance.

Members Marzullo and Levy dropped objections with the thought that the project would go forward anyway, but Marzullo added she was pleased that Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase considered the Board's representative appear before them to answer questions. Board member Mess changed her initial objection when it was determined that a story about gas fumes from a station affecting students at a school proved inaccurate.

KKK ...

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said. The group scheduled other demonstrations in the past that did not take place, noted Cal Sutker, the Cook County Commissioner representing Skokie.

It's hoped history will repeat, but just in case, officials from Skokie met with county officials and federal agents to plan strategy. This group, from Wisconsin, has planned local rallies that did not materialize twice in recent years.

In 1995 a KKK group gathered without incident at the Rolling Meadows Court House.

The enemy who forces you to retreat is himself afraid of you at that very moment.
—Abdre Maurois

Choosing our roles wisely makes all the difference

by Rex Martin

It's been reported that actor Mike Myers may be offered \$20 million to play Inspector Clouseau in a new "Pink Panther" movie. While film purists might complain that no actor could do justice to the role of the bumbling detective made famous by Peter Sellers, you can't blame Hollywood for trying.

There's a new generation of movie goers buying theater tickets today who are scarcely familiar with Sellers' work, and Myers is popular with generation Xers and Ys, first as a cast member on TV's "Saturday Night Live" program and now as the star of the "Austin Powers" movies.

A gifted comedic actor, Mike Myers will likely bring his own interpretation to the role of the French detective. Actor Kevin Spacey reportedly turned down the part because he didn't want to try to imitate Sellers. Lesser-known actors might do better imitations of Sellers as Clouseau, but that's not the point. It's star power that packs the movie house.

If Myers is successful in the new "Pink Panther" film, the movie-going public will then have difficulty imagining any one other than Myers as the new Inspector Clouseau. American film history is fraught with examples of popular movie roles that were initially considered by other actors who either didn't get the part or want the parts.

Back in 1938, for example, a number of American actresses tested for the role of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone with the Wind." The part eventually went to English actress Vivien Leigh, who won a "Best Actress" Oscar for her portrayal. Today, it seems as though she had been born to play Scarlett. Other examples:

•How about Shirley Temple as Dorothy and W.C. Fields as the wizard in "The Wizard of Oz"? That was the plan, but

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Niles changed salt vendors two years ago, with better results. Prior to the sourcing change, the Village used the same supplier that the state of Illinois uses with the result that Niles' deliveries often were delayed because state deliveries took priority. And the delivered product often needed "screening" before it could be used.

The Village's new supplier is long-time Chicago business, the Morton Company.

Just a reminder, winter snow and parking regulations provide that after a one-inch snowfall, parking is prohibited on either side of a primary roadway or designated snow route until removal is completed. A "snow route" is any primary roadway that receives immediate atten-

tion, like Milwaukee Avenue or Dempster Street. While both those routes are state highways, Niles has a state contract to clear them and receives annual payment to do so. Greenwood Avenue is cleared by the county.

After a three-inch snowfall parking is prohibited on the odd-numbered side of all village streets for 24 hours after the snow stops or until plowing, and following that, the procedure applies to the even-numbered side.

Residents are also reminded of the law that prohibits snow from driveways placed in the street. Additionally, residents are reminded to move vehicles off the street so that plowing can be complete.

Temple was tied to another studio and Fields reportedly wanted too much money. Judy Garland and Frank Morgan went on to immortalize those characters in 1939.

•David Niven and Bette Davis originally were expected to take the starring roles in 1951's "The African Queen." The parts eventually were awarded to Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn. Bogart won his only Oscar as the boat skipper who falls in love with Hepburn's character as they travel down river.

•The role of Indiana Jones in "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was first offered to Tom Selleck. No offense to Tom, but Harrison Ford is Indiana Jones, just as James Arness will always be Marshal Matt Dillon, a TV role first offered to John Wayne, or just as Clayton Moore is the one and only Lone Ranger.

•Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn were first considered for "Thelma and Louise," which ultimately starred Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon.

•Debra Winger is said to have turned down "Fatal Attraction." Glenn Close was then chosen for the role.

•Burt Reynolds considered playing a former astronaut in "Terms of Endearment," a part Jack Nicholson went on to play to perfection.

•Speaking of Jack Nicholson, actress Helen Hunt won an Oscar for her role opposite Nicholson in 1997's "As Good as It Gets," a part originally planned for Holly Hunter.

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Irish American Heritage Center events

December is a festive holiday time at the Irish American Heritage Center. Great music continues to be a tradition, both in the Fifth Province Pub every Friday and Saturday evening, and in the auditorium. The Irish American Heritage Center is located at 4626 N. Knox Avenue in Chicago, where there is plenty of free parking. For more information on events at the Center call 773-282-7035 or visit us on the World Wide Web at www.irishamhc.com.

Dec. 1, "Céili Mór" with The Burden Céili Band at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 2, Dyed in the Wool at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 3, Christmas Mass at 10:30, followed by a traditional Irish breakfast (reservations required - adults \$6, children \$3). Breakfast reservations may be made by calling the IAHC office at 773-282-7035.

Dec. 3, Christmas Bazaar and bake sale open from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. with holiday craft items and holiday baked goods for sale. Santa available from 1-3 p.m. The Fifth Province Pub will open at noon with entertainment by Sean O'Donnell.

Dec. 7, "Cherish the Ladies" Celtic Christmas Concert at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 after December 5. They may be purchased by calling the IAHC office at 773-282-7035.

Dec. 8, Celtic Christmas Concert by "The Poor Clares" at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub. Cover charge \$10.

Dec. 9, The Dooley Brothers at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 15, "Christmas in Ireland" by the Shapeshifters, IAHC resident theatre company, in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 each, with a family rate of \$20 for up to 4. For tickets, please call 773-282-7035.

Dec. 16, "Christmas in Ireland" by the Shapeshifters, IAHC resident theatre company, in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 each, with a family rate of \$20 for up to 4. For tickets, please call 773-282-7035.

Dec. 17, "Christmas in Ireland" by the Shapeshifters, IAHC resident theatre company, in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 each, with a family rate of \$20 for up to 4. For tickets, please call 773-282-7035.

Dec. 22, Printers Rogue at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 23, Velvet Green at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 29, Pat Daley and the Sound of Green at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 30, Jimmy Moore and Pat Broaders at 9 p.m. in the Fifth Province Pub.

Dec. 31, On New Year's Eve, the Fifth Province doors open at 7 p.m. There will be music by "Central Sun" Celtic Rock Band, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. \$15 cover charge.

Dec. 31, A New Year's Eve dinner dance will begin at 8:30 in the Social Center. There will also be an open bar and a champagne toast at midnight. Music will be provided by Johnny Gleeson, Ted Healy and Bart McMahon. Reservations are required at \$45 a person, and may be made by calling the IAHC office at 773-282-7035.

Upcoming events at Dominican University Center Stage include two holiday classics for the child in everyone, "Twas the Night Before Christmas and A Charlie Brown Christmas, presented together, Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10 at 3 p.m.; the dynamic jazz dance ensemble, River North Chicago Dance Company, Saturday, January 27, 2001; and Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Wendy Wasserstein, Saturday, February 10, 2001.

Tickets for The Rimers of Eldritch are \$8. For tickets and information, please call the box office at 708-524-6942.

M-NASR lights up Harrer Park

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR), with the generous cooperation of the Morton Grove Park District and J.W. O'Brien Electric Company, will once again have a streetside display of over 20 decorated evergreen trees and a menorah. This dazzling holiday display will "light up" Harrer Park at 6250 Dempster Street in Morton Grove from early December through the new year. The trees and menorah have been sponsored by local businesses and organizations with a sign designating their contributions. The following sponsors have shown their support of M-NASR and the services they provide: Abt Electronics, American Legion Post No. 134, Bella Via Ristorante, Cambridge Bank, Champs Sports

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M-NASR provides therapeutic recreational programs for children, teens and adults with physical, emotional and mental disabilities. If you would like more information regarding M-NASR or any of its services, please call (847) 966-5522.

MG Chamber sponsors Holiday Blood Drive

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce has joined with the Village of Morton Grove in sponsoring its first Holiday Blood Drive to be held Monday, December 4, 2000 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Building, 6140 Dempster in Morton Grove. Local businesses are donating refreshments and door prizes for donors as well as promoting donating blood among their employees.

"We are looking to boost the number at our regular blood drive," states Mary Kay Andreoni, Morton Grove Blood Program coordinator. "The need for blood is even greater over the holiday season and blood donations across the Chicago area and across the country have been dropping. We hope that in the spirit of giving we can bring out new donors willing to give the 'gift of life,' a blood donation. Our goal is to have 100 donors on December 4! We appeal to all Morton Grove residents and its business community to come out and donate."

Blood is desperately needed. Donations collected go for

own area hospitals including Lutheran General, Rush North Shore, Glenbrook, and Holy Family Hospitals. Join in the holiday spirit and call to make an appointment to donate on December 4. Appointments are being taken by Morton Grove Department of Senior and Family Services at 470-5246.

For information on the program, please phone Youth Services at 847/376-2839.

The important thing is not to stop questioning.
—Albert Einstein

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