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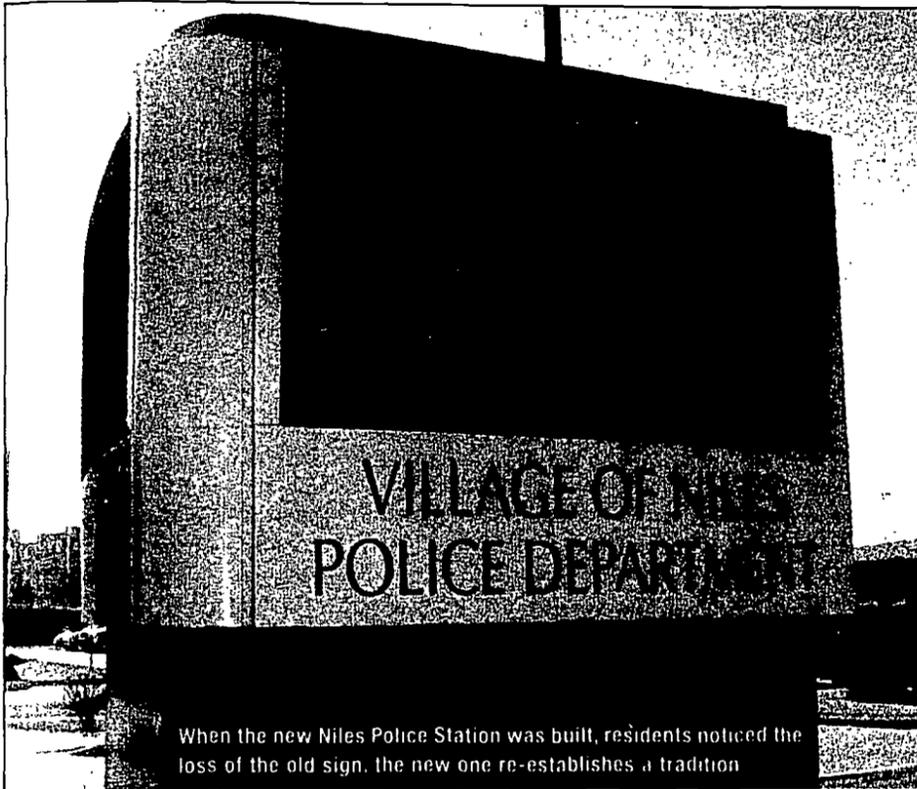
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When the new Niles Police Station was built, residents noticed the loss of the old sign, the new one re-establishes a tradition



Wit and wisdom from the Niles Police sign

By Andrew Schneider | EDITOR

Do you want to have good friends? Then the Niles Police Station's new electronic sign would advise you to be one.

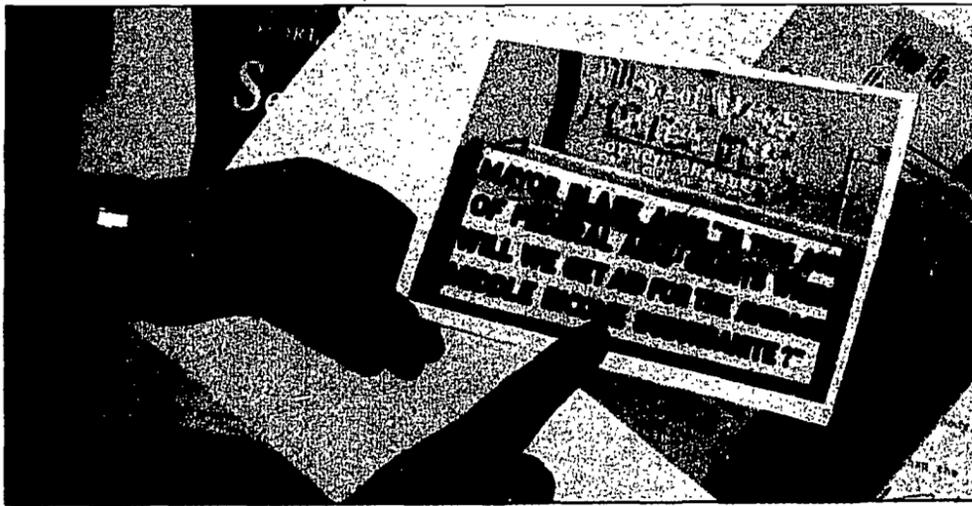
Niles residents and anyone passing down Milwaukee Ave. has probably noticed the double-sided electronic sign. It displays up-to-date information on traffic, community announcements and, if the need arises, is used for Amber-alerts. It was purchased with some help from a federal Homeland Security grant for

about \$55,000. When it isn't being used for official duties, it also provides Niles residents with a little wit and wisdom.

Last week, the sign reminded anyone reading it that, achievers aren't born, they're made.

Of course, the sign doesn't dispense this advice without help. Two Niles Police Officers, Gary Amato, the Operations Support Supervisor and Heather SanFilippo, Community Service Officer Supervisor, take turns posting the new week's saying on the sign every Monday.

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Niles Parks approve \$5M in bonds for Oasis

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Niles Park District Board approved an ordinance authorizing \$5 million in alternate bonds to fund the renovation of Oasis Pool and the Oasis Recreation Center on Milwaukee Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Joseph LoVerde, park district director, said that the board has been discussing a renovation of the two-story recreation center at 7877 Milwaukee Ave. and Oasis

Pool for quite some time. The anticipated time to sell the bonds is mid-January.

"We're excited to move forward with this project," said LoVerde. He said the building is in "horrible shape" and it is the right time to get started with the project.

LoVerde said their neighbor, the Morton Grove Park District, said that they have offered that the Niles residents who use the Oasis Pool can use Morton Grove's facility at the Morton Grove

resident rate during construction.

LoVerde said he appreciates this gesture that will help out Oasis Pool goers. He said that often times neighboring park districts will help each other out. For example, when Park Ridge needed assistance with their aquatics, Niles was there to help.

Also at the park board meeting, the Niles Park Board was expected to present an update of the Tam Tennis center renovation.

LoVerde said the project has been moving ahead on schedule and will be finished on Dec. 15, which was the original target completion date.

Seven of the eight tennis courts have been available for play and the eighth court is being used as a meeting place for staff.

Currently, they are finishing up placing tile and painting in the locker room area and office areas. The final inspections will be done the week of Dec. 6.

MG may bond \$30M for Skokie Holocaust Museum

Village steps in after Skokie opts out

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Village of Morton Grove has been asked to act as a conduit for bond financing for the new Holocaust Museum that will open in Skokie after the village of Skokie decided they were unable to do so.

Morton Grove Administrator Joseph Wade said that the bond

issuance would be about \$30 million. He said they are 501c3 bonds, which are issued to support not for profit organizations.

"We have 70 different ethnic groups in the village, what we do for one we would have to do for all," said Village of Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "So, we simply weren't able to do it."

Van Dusen said that the Village of Skokie has always supported the Holocaust

Museum and will continue to do so. He said that another concern they had was they needed to make sure that the village had entire bonding authority because if they do decide to build a new police station they would definitely need to have that in place.

Morton Grove Mayor Richard Krier said that he was at an event for Cal Sutker and he was approached by representatives from the Holocaust Museum who asked if the Village of Morton Grove would be able to assist them in issuing the bonds.

Krier said that the major "hurdle" for him was making

sure that the issuance of the bonds would not put the village in financial trouble. Krier said that after finding out that it wouldn't have a negative impact on the village's finances, he saw no reason why they shouldn't support this great cause.

As for Van Dusen's concern with being fair to all ethnic or not for profit groups that may approach the village with similar requests, Krier said that is a concern, but he said that they would look at each situation on an individual basis.

Resident Pat Kansoer is against Morton Grove issuing the bonds to finance the

museum.

"Why should an entity in Skokie be underwritten by Morton Grove?" asked Kansoer. He said this may set a precedent and the Muslim Education Center or St. Martha's may approach the village with similar requests.

There will be a bond hearing on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. and a law firm will determine whether there is any financial/legal liability of the Village of Morton Grove. Wade said they don't believe there is, but the law firm will make the determination and discuss the situation in more detail at the upcoming hearing.

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It's been looking a lot like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and that's OK now that we're through with Thanksgiving. But a friend came to my house for a visit in early November and said she was no longer listening to one particular Chicago radio station, because it had begun broadcasting only Christmas music.

Every year, I gear up for the marathon weeks leading up to Christmas by attending parties, shopping for those last presents and attempting to wrap up work here at The Bugle so that our employees can enjoy the holiday season with their families. It's a yearly struggle that is also a joy because most people are going about their lives in a good mood.



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

I'm pretty tired of reading news reports that forecast the health of the American economy based on what retailers are making in their stores for the holiday season. It sometimes seems like the fate of many major companies rests on how many shoppers it can lure into its stores for a four-week orgy of buying.

I've even read lately that several outlet malls outside the Chicago-metro area planned to open their doors at midnight on the day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as "Black Friday" because it's the day most retailers from being in the red, to in the black, marking profit for the year. It seems a bit crazy to me.

But seeing some of the photos from last year's Christmas/Day After Thanksgiving/Holiday Buying Season's rush where people trampled each other for the chance to save a few hundred dollars on a laptop or other electronics device, I'm thoroughly soured on the idea of buying gifts at traditional retail stores.

For the last year I've slowly been purchasing my gifts at a variety of places - online or at places I visited outside of Chicago. It had a two-fold benefit, it spread out my gift-buying so I didn't have to resort to credit cards to make purchases when available cash ran low and it allowed me to select gifts that I felt would say something about the relationship I had with the person to whom I was presenting it. I had the time to wait for the perfect gift instead of doing the lazy thing and buying the latest hot electronics gizmo or other toy.

It also had the benefit of keeping me out of retail stores on Black Friday, maybe costing me a few bargains I didn't really need, but ensuring my continued survival.

Morton Grove budget approved by one vote

Mayor breaks tie

Breaking the tie, Morton Grove Mayor Richard Krier voted yes, to approve the 2007 budget.

The budget includes a 4.28 percent tax levy increase and a big portion of the budget is going toward funding pensions that have to be fully funded by 2030. Krier said that the pension fund has been neglected for many years and he said that now is the time to start catching up.

Even with a surplus, Krier said that the village still has obligations, such as the pension fund, to fulfill.

"We don't need to increase taxes at this level," said Trustee Roy Kogstad. "We were over-taxed in 2006."

"No one wants to raise taxes," said Krier. "But then tell me where we're going to get revenue."

Trustee Dan DiMaria said that he could not support the budget because he said the village was offered the opportunity for other revenue sources in the past, but

did not act upon them. He feels these opportunities could have prevented the increase in taxes. Trustee Staackmann voted against the budget as well.

"Rick Krier's right, it's all about choices," Staackmann said after the meeting. "I voted against the food and beverage tax in '03 why would I vote for it now? I voted for the fuel tax in '03 because it had a sunset clause to rescind it if the financial picture improved for the village. We're showing a \$1 million surplus in the '06 budget, \$1.5 million in the '05 budget and a \$1 million surplus in this budget. The financial picture is improved and that's why I voted against this budget."

"One of the things I want to do is plan for the future," said Krier. "That's one of the things I think we haven't done in the past."

Trustee Rita Minx said that they need to re-invest in the village in order to continue receiving the same level of services, such as police, fire and public works that the residents of Morton Grove enjoy.

Dhamer family increases reward for information in Park Ridge murder

The family of Gerald J. Dhamer, the Park Ridge resident who was murdered on Nov. 13 has increased the reward for suspect information leading to an arrest and conviction to \$25,000.

Currently, there are about 20 Major Case Assistance Team

(MCAT) investigators and Park Ridge detectives working on the investigation full time. The department is extremely dedicated to solving this crime. About 140 lead entries have been recorded.

The Park Ridge Police department said that the subur-

ban regional MCAT has provided them with "invaluable assistance."

The Park Ridge Police Department encourages anyone with any information in regards to the murder to call the department's tip line at (847) 878-2465.



Cardinal visits St. John Brebeuf - Francis Cardinal George visited St. John Brebeuf in Niles to confirm 21 disabled students of the Gladd program this past Saturday. Following the mass, the cardinal had lunch with the students as well. The students all received a pair of slippers as well as a symbol of walking with God in their lives. (Photo By Krzysztof Jancozak)

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Park Ridge added to Ash Borer quarantine

Park Ridge Forester Sarah Tien recently announced that Park Ridge has been added to the quarantine area in order to curtail the movement of the Emerald Ash Borer, a pest that kills Ash trees.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture formally declared quarantine on the movement of all Ash wood products in Cook County on Thursday, Nov. 9. The quarantine boundaries are Lake-Cook Rd, Interstate 294, Touhy Ave. and Lake Michigan.

In Park Ridge, the Emerald Ash Borer has the ability to kill about 2,200 parkway Ash trees with a cost to remove and replace of more than 1.5 million dollars.

The entire north side of Park Ridge is within the established quarantine zone.

All tree service and landscape service companies will be required to sign The Illinois Department of Agriculture Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement.

The quarantine prohibits the movement of the following articles outside of the quarantine boundaries:

- The emerald ash borer in any

- living stage of development
- Ash trees of any size
- Ash limbs and branches
- Any cut, non-coniferous firewood
- Bark from Ash trees and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees

- Ash logs and lumber with either the bark or the outer one inch of sapwood, or both, attached
- Any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the emerald ash borer

- Any other article, product, or means of conveyance determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation.

Any of these regulated articles should not be moved out of the zone unless:

The regulated articles have been chipped/processed to a size measuring less than 1 inch in two dimensions

The bark and outer 1/2 inch of sapwood has been removed

The regulated articles are moved from Sept. 1 to Apr. 30 to a certified processing site.

For more information, visit www.emeraldashborer.info.



From left, Michael Dati, Heather SanFilippo and Zachary Christensen at the computers in the Niles Police Station from which the new sign is controlled, detail below.

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"I think there's always been a history of the Police Department having a sign with quirky sayings," said Niles Chief Dean Strzelecki. "I think people look for that."

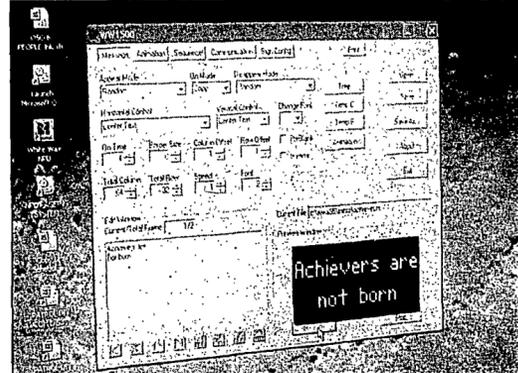
The former Niles Police station was demolished two years ago to make room for the new station. It had a sign in front of it where police and the village posted information of interest to residents.

When the old sign was demolished, "we were worried about what was going to happen when we lose the sign," said Strzelecki. "We were happy that we were going to have a new one." The new electronic sign allows Police to post several different messages at the same time.

"They can't be too long though," Strzelecki said, "since you should be able to read that while you're waiting at the light at Milwaukee and Waukegan."

The messages should also be changed often.

"If you want people who pass



by regularly to read the sign," Strzelecki said, "then you have to change it often so that they don't think the sign always has the same information."

But the sign isn't just going to provide information on traffic and community events, Amato and SanFilippo are going to make sure it has regular advice as well.

The source of the sayings that have been appearing on the sign and will continue to do so is a file of sorts that was collected by

Niles officials for years.

"I knew there was a file because I'd seen it when I was a sergeant," Strzelecki said.

SanFilippo picks what goes up on the sign every other Monday. "This has been going on for years," she said of the sayings. "People have even sent in suggestions. It's just never-ending. The chief has come up with some good ideas too."

SanFilippo and Amato control what goes on the sign from a computer at the front desk of the station. They enter it into the computer and the sign displays it automatically.

"We can even program it to display something on a particular day," Strzelecki said.

SanFilippo said she tends to put more motivational sayings up on the signs as well as sayings that make people stop and think.

"I like sayings that you can interpret different ways," she said, "like 'many people who have the gift of gab don't know how to wrap it up.'"

In case you have an idea of what you'd like the sign to say, Police are also willing to take public suggestions. For the front desk, call (847) 588-6500.

Park Ridge Blood Drive December 3

LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, and the Park Ridge Community are hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 3.

The blood drive will take place at Mary Seat of Wisdom, 920 W. Granville in Park Ridge. All presenting donors 18 or older can also enter a random drawing and get a chance to win an iPod Nano.

During the holiday season, blood donations decline and the need for blood rises. One blood donation can save the lives of three people. Blood that is collected at the Park Ridge blood drive will stay right here in the Chicagoland area.

Blood is needed for surgeries, emergencies, cancer treatments and medical procedures every day. The donation process takes about an hour and it's safe and comfortable. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications are accepted.

Those who wish to schedule an appointment can call (847) 803-7943.



Displaying some of their statewide awards, are in the front row, l to r, Collector Susan Flosie-Moylan, Supervisor Bob Dudycz, and Clerk Gary K. Warner. In the back row, l to r, are Assessor Tom Rueckert, Trustee Carol Teschky, and Trustee Peter Ryan.



L to r, are Coordinator Marie Worobec Dachniwsky of MaineStay, Director Evelyn Fennell, and Township Administrator Dayna Berman who helped found the Adventure Day Camp Program for disadvantaged youth.

Maine Twp. wins state-wide awards

Maine Township won more statewide awards at the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) conference last week in Peoria then all the other townships combined. The awards included:

Supervisor Bob Dudycz was honored with Supervisor of the

Year from the Illinois Township Assn. of Senior Citizens Community Service; Clerk Gary K. Warner received the Williams Z. Ahrends Clerk of the Year Award from the Town Clerks Division; Marie Worobec Dachniwsky of MaineStay won the Youth Staff Worker Award

from the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth; MaineStay Youth & Family Services was awarded the Youth Organization Recognition for its Adventure Day Camp program for disadvantaged youths; Trustee Peter Ryan was awarded for his com-

pletion of the Inaugural TOI Leadership Development Program; and the Township was recognized for Professional Development in Public Service along with being given a Mighty Message Award for its new Resident Guide publication.

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\$35,000 worth of coiled copper stolen

MORTON GROVE

1 Thousands of Dollars in Copper Coil Stolen (8200 block of Austin)

Police said unidentified person(s) stole 7,000 pounds of copper coil sometime between Oct. 27 and Nov. 14. The coil is worth \$35,000. The business is offering a \$2,500 reward for any information that would lead to identifying the subject.

2 Burglary to Vehicle (5800 block of Warren St.)

Unknown person(s) took a \$3,000 laptop computer and other items from a locked vehicle sometime between Nov. 20 and Nov. 21. The victim found his glove box open and all of the items that were in it were out in the vehicle.

3 Retail Theft (7200 block of Dempster)

A subject stole two Gucci colognes and one T-shirt from the store on Nov. 19. The total value of the items taken is \$119.97. Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in custody.

4 Criminal Damage to Auto (8300 block of Parkside)

The victim said his driver's side mirror was broken and there were several scratches on the driver's door on Nov. 18. He had a fight with his girlfriend earlier in the day and he saw her sitting in her car laughing and then she quickly drove away.

5 Rear Tires Damaged (9400 block of Washington)

Unknown subject(s) damaged the two rear tires on the victim's vehicle using a sharp object between Nov. 4 and Nov. 15. The damage costs \$350.

6 Suspended Driver's License (Lyons/Washington)

A 20-year-old Niles male was arrested on Nov. 17 after a traffic stop. The man had a suspended driver's license. The court date is set for Dec. 6.

7 DUI Arrest

A 41-year-old Des Plaines man was stopped for a traffic violation and was arrested for driving under the influence on Nov. 18. The court date is Dec. 20.

NILES

8 Retail Theft (220 Golf Mill)

Unknown subject stole a necklace and earrings worth \$60 from the store on Saturday, Nov. 25. The subject removed the items from the display and exited the store without paying.

9 Damage to Bus Shelter (Park and Washington)

Unknown person(s) removed one of the glass panels from the bus shelter and put it on the ground next to the shelter on Saturday, Nov. 25, said police.

10 Burglary to Auto (8700 block of Dempster)

Police said unknown subject(s) stole a monitor, lap top computer and PC game from a vehicle on Friday, Nov. 24.

11 Residential Criminal Damage (8000 block of Ozark)

Unknown subject(s) threw an unknown object at the front living room window and then ran east bound through the alley on Saturday, Nov. 25, said police.

12 Criminal Damage (Wisner/Main)

Unknown person(s) pulled the street sign out of the ground and put it near the cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 23. The sign at Washington and Main was also missing. Further investigation showed that there

was also damage to a few other signs in the village.

13 Retail Theft (9000 block of Golf)

Police said unidentified person(s) stole shoes, pants and a pack of candy from the store on Friday, Nov. 24. The value of the items is \$98.99.

14 Retail Theft Arrest (220 Golf Mill)

A 45-year-old Niles female was arrested for retail theft on Saturday, Nov. 25. She stole one tie and six pieces of jewelry with a total value of \$170.50. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is Jan. 2.

15 Felony Retail Theft (220 Golf Mill)

A 41-year-old Niles female was charged with felony retail theft after putting \$564.91 worth of clothes into a plastic bag and exiting the store on Friday, Nov. 24.

16 DUI Arrest (7400 block of Milwaukee)

A 26-year-old Niles male was arrested for driving under the

influence of alcohol, speeding and cannabis and possessing drug paraphernalia on Sunday, Nov. 26. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Dec. 22.

PARK RIDGE

17 Entered Home and Removed Saw (1100 block of Austin)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's residence by unknown means and removed a Bosch Table Saw sometime between Thursday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 18.

18 Burglary to Vehicle (500 block of N. Prospect)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's unlocked 1998 Honda Civic sometime between Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19 and stole a Magellan GPS system and Oakley sunglasses worth \$160.

19 Saliva on Vehicle (200 block of S. Rose)

Unknown person(s) made

deep scratches in the paint of the left rear quarter panel of the victim's 2006 Mini Cooper along with what appeared to be saliva on Friday, Nov. 17. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

20 BB Shot at Van (700 block of S. Hamlin)

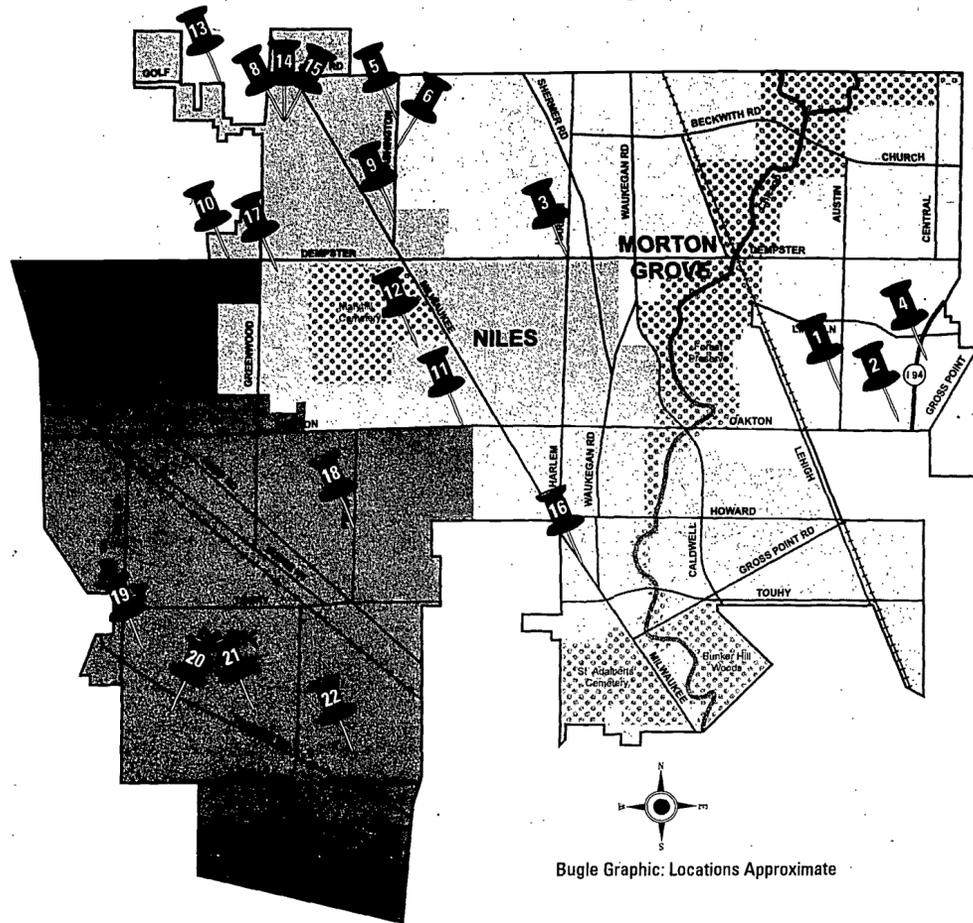
Unknown person(s) used a BB gun to shoot at the front window of the victim's van on Sunday, Nov. 19. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

21 Bat Used to Break Out Window (700 block of S. Greenwood)

Unknown person(s) broke out driver's side window of the victim's 2007 Chevy Uplander possibly using a bat between Sunday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 20. The estimated cost of the damage is \$300.

22 Mustard Squirted on Vehicle (900 block of S. Prospect)

Unknown person(s) squirted mustard on the victim's 1997 Lincoln Town Car and stole the hood ornament sometime between Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19. The hood ornament is worth \$125.



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

Police offer holiday tips

The Niles Police Department, on behalf of Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, would like to provide the following safety tips to help people have a wonderful and safe holiday season:

Police Officer or Security Guard.

For your home:

- Lights are one of the least expensive forms of Home Security.
- If you are away, use timers on your lights. Have someone you trust watch your home and pick up your mail and newspapers. Have them shovel your walks and driveways if needed. Leave a car in the driveway. Make it appear you're home.
- Keep your doors locked at all times, even when home!
- Question and require identification from anyone attempting to enter your home or call the police to have them checked out.

- For more information those interested can contact their local police department's Crime Prevention Unit or check the National Crime Prevention Council's website at www.npc.org.

When shopping:

- Be alert to what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lit space. Close and lock your doors and windows. When possible place items in your trunk.
- Don't over-burden yourself with packages.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Be mindful of your purse and wallet.
- Do not fall for scams. Remember, if it is too good to be true, it's probably a scam! Ask yourself why a stranger would be giving you money or special treatment.
- Teach children who they should contact if lost such as a

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Lincoln Town Car and stole the

hood ornament sometime between Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19. The hood ornament is worth \$125.

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What you don't realize is

Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

Iceland used to be fairly backward and poor. Of course, it is a land of ice and snow and it really did not surprise anyone. But, recently Icelanders have been buying up major companies in Europe with their millions and billions. How did this happen? Iceland decided to lower its taxes and reduce regulations and in essence abandon the socialist form of governance. This caused a boom in opportunities, incomes and wealth.

We likely have few Icelanders here, but there are many Irish. Ireland is another country that is booming. How did they do it? They lowered taxes and reduced regulation and moved away from the socialist model of governance. It worked. Ireland's economy is the fastest growing in Europe. That is what economists know, but you don't have to be a college trained economist to know that taxes and regulations

kill an economy. U2, the Irish rock band, recently fled Ireland for Netherlands. Why did they go? Ireland decided to raise the income tax that musicians pay. Netherlands' is much lower. For rock-n-rollers, "Dutch treat" really means something. But, lets look closer to home.

Cuba used to have a standard of living on par with most cities and states in America before Castro came to power. It had the highest standard of living in the Caribbean and South America. When Castro conquered Cuba and put it on the socialist model of governance its people were driven into poverty. How bad? The number one way Cubans earn hard currency is through the official tourist industry. Unofficially, the number two way they earn money is through the same tourist industry, but this money is earned by prostitution. Not good.

You see, personal liberty and economic liberty are one and the same. Economy comes from the

Greek and means literally, "household management". So when we talk about the economy it is not something far away in Washington or Springfield. It is not a thing for businessmen and financiers. It is literally your life. When someone talks about managing the economy they are really saying, "I am going to manage your life." Moving closer to home Illinois has seen a loss of 71,000 people during 2000-04. The majority move to low or lower tax states like Arizona. Arizona saw an increase of 66,000. The ten highest tax American states lost 1,201,663 while at the same time the ten lowest tax states gained 1,324,214. High taxes make it difficult to retire and at the other end difficult to save, buy a house and raise a family. Taxes lower liberty.

People are voting with their feet and they are voting for more economic liberty. What does any politician anywhere know better

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Letters to the Editor

Residents thinks Dempster plan bad

Dear Editor,
It appears as if the village is preparing a new plan for Dempster Street which will eliminate on-street parking. The reason for this is to provide turn lanes. I drive that street very often and find turn lanes are not necessary. Left turning motorists can be avoided by driving in the curb side lanes. There are several traffic lights between Edens Highway and Waukegan Road where people can easily and safely make turns.

The village is planning to add several off-street parking lots for customers of the many shops along Dempster to find parking. I think this will discourage shopping at these stores, as people will not want to hunt for these special lots. This seems like another way to drive business out of the village. Speaking of special parking lots, why didn't the village acquire the then Osco out lot for this purpose?

It seems like our village attorney has bought that property, after she knew that there were plans to acquire state and federal funding to improve Dempster Street. She wants to build an office building there, which will bring no retail sales revenue to the village.

I think the village should reconsider this plan in light of my comments. The Illinois Department of Transportation has as its prime goal to increase traffic flow on the streets they control. They are not interested in how much revenue our village acquires, so their priorities are not necessarily the same as ours. I think that any funding we get from state and federal agencies can be put to better use.

Sherwin Dubren
Morton Grove

Former resident argues for more inclusion

My youngest daughter is now in college. One of her courses is in Eastern and Western civilization. She has to study Islam and the Koran.

I can understand learning about other people and cultures. However why can't they make studying the Bible mandatory also?

Only in America you have to study the Koran in College while not learning about the Bible. While in the Islamic countries you could be put in jail for studying the Bible. It seems like the whole world is turning upside down.

Keith Mueller
Formerly of Niles

Veteran comments on proposal for new draft

Dear Rep. Rangel:
Some suggestions on your proposal to re-instate the draft.
1) Make it Compulsory National (or International) Service, not just military service.

2) No lottery; everyone goes. No exemptions - except certifiable disability, or current or prior military or Peace Corps- or AmeriCorps-like service. Male or female. Married or single. Gay or straight. Left or Right. Christian or Muslim or atheist. Corporate honcho or burger-flipper. Everyone who can, and hasn't. And no deferments.

3) Start at age 65 and work chronologically backwards. Everyone who hasn't can do something useful somewhere. (Think Gulf Coast, or Banda Aceh.)

4) At least two years of continuous service; three years, if non-military.

5) Paid at then-current military pay scales and benefits. No other perks.

6) Volunteers WITH prior service also accepted.

A good idea in so many ways. No?

Charles S. Balidacchino
1LT, US Army, Infantry and Field Artillery (1966-1969)

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Niles-area stores hopping on Black Friday

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

At 3:30 a.m. die-hard shoppers started to form a line outside of the new Wal-Mart store in Niles on Golf Rd that opened its doors to the rush of customers at the early time of 5 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving.

"It was really, really crowded," said a store manager. "There was a line stretched down to the end of the complex." The manager said that everything "went pretty smoothly, although it was very busy." He said they had minor challenges such as running out of certain merchandise. The store was well-prepared for Black Friday.

"We had everyone scheduled to work," said the manager. The manager said the Wal-Mart in Niles on Touhy was busier than the new Wal-Mart, probably because it's so new and not as many people may be aware of it.

The Niles Police sent officers to the Golf Rd. location.



Wal-Mart in Niles was crowded on Black Friday. Police say that crowds that were lining up as early as 3:30 a.m. were largely well-behaved, only becoming unruly at one point.

Sgt. Davis said that the crowd started to get a bit "unruly" at one point, but he said there were no injuries or arrests made or major incidents.

Retail theft did not stand out during the busy shopping weekend, however criminal

damage to vehicles did. Davis said that unknown subject(s) punctured the tires of six vehicles in the Four Flags shopping center at about 7 p.m. Around the same time, the tires of six other vehicles in the funeral parking lot at the 8000 block of Golf were also punctured. Davis said there are no leads at this time.

Nation-wide, retailers said they were encouraged by "Black Friday" sales. The day after Thanksgiving is typically referred to as "Black Friday" because it is the first time of the year when most stores reach profitability for the year. Retail sales were high on Thanksgiving and Black Friday and balanced out slower sales over the weekend. Wal-Mart had some bad news, however, saying that same-store sales dipped slightly from last year.

Wal-Mart's website also suffered during Black Friday, working intermittently during the morning and potentially impacting sales figures as well.

Broker's loyalties to brokerage, not clients

By Malcolm Berko
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Berko: I have \$1.2 million and want to open a 1 percent growth and income wrap account at a large brokerage. The broker told me that the Securities

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and Exchange Commission doesn't approve of wrap accounts and now his firm frowns on them. I really liked this man but had to take my business to another firm. Is he telling me the truth? He's giving up \$12,000 a year in guaranteed commissions. Why would his firm discourage this type of account? I'm really disappointed because this man is very good at picking high growth and income issues.

T.S.
Joliet, Ill.

Dear T.S.: This man, devoting the same time and effort to a nonwrap account, can generate \$40,000 in first-year commissions. So would he want to take your wrap account with a 1 per-

cent annual fee? And he can "churn" another \$25,000 to \$30,000 next year if he doesn't wrap your account. So I ask you again: Why should he waste his time with a wrap account and charge you a 1 percent annual fee?

Wrap fees have been a blessing in disguise for most privately managed accounts. Wrap fees of 1 percent to 1.5 percent of an account's market value have been standard fare in the brokerage industry for 20 years. But, sadly for the brokerage industry, wrap fees have severely reduced stock commission for most of the large New York Stock Exchange houses. So, no, it's not the good folks at the SEC who want to eliminate wrap fees; rather, it's the various brokerage houses under the guise of the SEC that want to put the wrap fee business out to pasture.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No.06-O-105 (the "Ordinance"), adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners (the "Board") of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), on the 21st day of November, 2006, the District intends to issue alternate bonds (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, for the purposes of paying for land purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, including but not limited to improvements to the ice rink, outdoor swimming pool and community center gymnasium, and the expenses incident thereto. The revenue sources that will be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be (i) funds lawfully available in the District's Corporate Fund, (ii) proceeds received by the District from the issuance of its general obligation bonds or notes to the fullest extent permitted by law, including Section 15.01 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and Section 6-4 of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and (iii) such other funds of the District as may be lawfully available and annually appropriated for such payment. The District will also levy ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. A complete copy of the Ordinance follows this notice.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and the Ordinance, signed by not less than 1,028 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to seven and one-half per cent (7.5%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue the Bonds be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice and not later than the 11th day of December, 2006, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 27th day of February, 2007, unless no voters in the District are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office on said date, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 17th day of April, 2007. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within said thirty (30) day period, but after the 11th day of December, 2006, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 17th day of April, 2007. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2006.

Joseph V. LoVerde, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners,
Niles Park District,
Cook County, Illinois

ORDINANCE NO.06-O-105

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

WHEREAS, the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing Park District created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as supplemented and amended (the "Park Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the District (the "Board") has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District to pay for land purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, including but not limited to improvements to the ice rink, outdoor swimming pool and community center gymnasium, and the expenses incident thereto (collectively, the "Project"), all in accordance with the preliminary plans and estimate of cost heretofore approved by the Board and now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, printing and publication costs, capitalized interest and other expenses, will be not less than \$5,000,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

WHEREAS, such costs are expected to be paid for from the proceeds of alternate bonds authorized to be issued at this time pursuant

to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and for the best interests of the District that the District proceed with the Project and in order to raise the funds required therefor it will be necessary for the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 and in evidence thereof to issue alternate bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, all in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the revenue sources that will be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the alternate bonds will be (i) funds lawfully available in the District's Corporate Fund, (ii) proceeds received by the District from the issuance of its general obligation bonds or notes to the fullest extent permitted by law, including Section 15.01 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and Section 6-4 of the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and (iii) such other funds of the District as may be lawfully available and annually appropriated for such payment; and

WHEREAS, if the above-mentioned revenue sources are insufficient to pay said alternate bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on said alternate bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. *Incorporation of Preambles.* The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. *Determination to Issue Bonds.* It is necessary and in the best interests of the District to proceed with the Project in accordance with the preliminary plans and estimate of cost as described, and that for such purpose alternate bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued and sold from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, known as "General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)" of the District and bearing such series designation or designations as may be appropriate (the "Bonds").

Section 3. *Publication.* This ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published in the Niles Bugle, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and if no petition, signed by not less than 1,028 electors, the same being equal to 7.5% of the registered voters in the District, asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum, is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this ordinance and said notice, then the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

Section 4. *Additional Ordinances.* If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Board may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project described herein. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective immediately without publication or posting or any further act or requirement. This ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law.

Section 5. *Severability.* If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. *Repealer.* All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Adopted November 21, 2006.

William Terpinas
President, Board of Park Commissioners

Attest:

Joseph V. LoVerde, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

Perspective

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than you do about how to live your life? Every year politicians meet in Washington D.C. to pass new laws, new spending, new regulation and new taxes. The same thing happens in Springfield and even closer to home at Niles Village Hall. Is America just one law away from perfection? Is Illinois? Is Niles?

It might just be the opposite. In many ways each additional layer of rules and laws not only steals liberty, but it reduces down our ability to manage our own lives. What is the benefit of the next law?

A better way would be to assign cost and benefit analysis to new regulations and laws. The first question is what does this law intend to solve? How soon will it solve this specific problem and how do we judge success? Too many laws get added to other laws on top of other laws and to what purpose? We should demand no new net laws. If they pass a new law they have to retire an old one. We should limit new laws to one side of a sheet of paper, double spaced, and written in plain English. After 20 pages or so who can remember what was on page 3? These guys are no smarter than you or me. They only have 24 hours in a day just like the rest of us and they put their pants on one leg at a time. They cannot manage their own lives, why do we let them manage ours?

What if we took a year off and shuttered the legislatures around the nation. Do you think America would shut down? Would you be able to function? Of course you would. Life would just be the same. Thousands of years ago we got the Ten Commandments. They still work to guide you through most of life. Add in the Golden Rule and stick to the Constitution for good measure and you have a great country filled with good people. No one has improved on that in over 2000 years and I doubt they ever will.

In this case, less is more. We would all be better off if we just got back to basics.

"We talk a lot these days about freedom - freedom for the individual and freedom among nations. Freedom for the human soul is, indeed, the most important principle of our civilization. We must always remember, however, that the freedom we are talking about is freedom based upon moral principles... "The Divine Law," "The Golden Rule," and the "evils" that occur when we ignore them, none of them pretty, nor insignificant. - President Harry Truman

HAVE YOU HEARD



Be a Santa to a Senior Continues Popular Holiday Gift Tradition

this Be a Santa to a Senior program, Home Instead Senior Care has helped provide more than 200,000 gifts to 122,000 seniors.

"Be a Santa to a Senior continues to grow in popularity as citizens from all walks of life discover the joy of giving back to a group that often is forgotten during the busy holiday season," said Michael Melinger, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving the north side of Chicago and the north shore suburbs. "Some people have told us they always give to needy children during the holidays, but never thought about the fact that there are isolated and lonely seniors who need a lift during this season as well. Be a Santa to a Senior also is designed to help stimulate human contact and social interaction for seniors who are unlikely to have guests during the holidays."

Here's how the program, which runs from November 22nd through December 22nd, works: Prior to the holiday season, the participating local non-profit organizations will identify needy, orphaned and isolated seniors in the community and provide those names to Home Instead Senior Care for this community service program. Christmas trees, which will go up in Linens and Things in

Skokie, Carson's in Wilmette, Dominick's Food in Evanston, Jewel-Osco in Wilmette, and the north suburban locations of North Shore Community Bank, the day before Thanksgiving, will feature ornaments with the first names only of the needy seniors and their respective gift requests.

Holiday shoppers can pick up an ornament, buy items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached. Home Instead Senior Care then enlists the volunteer help of its staff, senior care business associates, non-profit workers and others to collect, wrap and distribute the gifts to these seniors. A citywide gift-wrapping day, when hundreds of the presents will be wrapped, will be held on December 15th from 10am-12noon at the Morton Grove Senior Center, located at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster Street, in Morton Grove.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to help on the citywide gift-wrapping day, contact Michael Melinger at 847-673-1250. Businesses are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors.

The area office of Home Instead Senior Care, the world's largest provider of non-medical home care and companionship for older adults, has partnered with Evanston Skokie Valley Senior Services, Linens and Things in Skokie, Carson's in Wilmette, Dominick's Food in Evanston, Jewel-Osco in Wilmette, and the north suburban locations of North Shore Community Bank, to provide presents to seniors who otherwise might not receive a gift this holiday season.

This is the third year of the program where last year 6,000 volunteers distributed gifts to deserving seniors. In just the two years since introducing

Senior Advocate offers Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings each month.

Screenings will be held from 10 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of every month. The next screening will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster Street, Niles. (across from the hospital) No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (847)723-7277.

Chiropractic Center Donates Food For The Needy

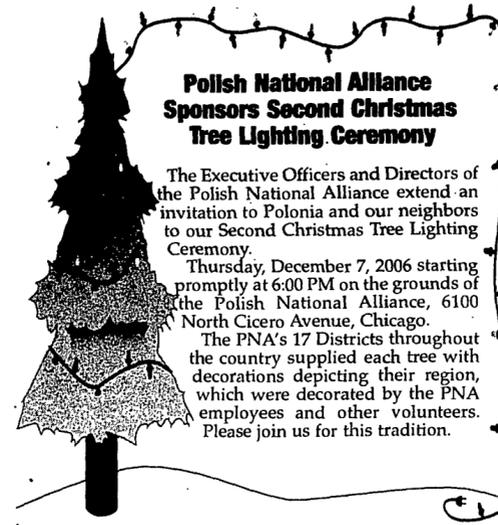
Chislof Chiropractic Center Donates Food for the needy on Thanksgiving. Chislof Chiropractic Center collected over \$700 worth of food for the Niles Township Food Pantry in order to assure that everyone has a nice Thanksgiving Dinner. The food will be distributed to those less fortunate in our community. Chislof Chiropractic Center is located on 7448 N Harlem Chicago, IL 60631.

Men's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital sponsors Avon fundraiser

The Men's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital sponsors a variety of fund-raising events throughout the year to benefit programs of the hospital.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, December 7 and 8, an Avon products sale will be held in the Grainger Atrium of the hospital. The sale will feature bubble bath, skin softener, face creams, shower gels and other products including Skin-So-Soft, Bug Guard, Foot Works and Moisture Therapy.

For more information about the Avon sale, call 847-723-6105. The Lutheran General Hospital Men's Association, which was established in 1962, is a community-based philanthropic and social organization committed to support the mission of the hospital. Over the years, the organization's donations have assisted Lutheran General in expanding its programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, and pursuing research and education initiatives.



Polish National Alliance Sponsors Second Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The Executive Officers and Directors of the Polish National Alliance extend an invitation to Polonia and our neighbors to our Second Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Thursday, December 7, 2006 starting promptly at 6:00 PM on the grounds of the Polish National Alliance, 6100 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago.

The PNA's 17 Districts throughout the country supplied each tree with decorations depicting their region, which were decorated by the PNA employees and other volunteers. Please join us for this tradition.

Local Pub Hosts Benefit & Customer Appreciation Celebrations

A benefit for Rainbow Hospice was held on November 3, 2006 at Trinity Pub. The event raised over \$2,000 for Rainbow Hospice, a facility, which provides comfort and help for those in need. The event was in memory of Nancy Ann Suterko and Judith Murray. The Pub, located at 5943 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, also announced it is having two customer appreciation celebrations on December 24 & 31. For more information call (773) 763-0095.

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Top row Daniella Gobbo, Therese Casey, Sarah Ryan, Martyna Nowik, Gina Orlandi, and Robbie Getty. Middle row, Krystina Kotlinski, Carol Sperl, Kyle Cychoz, Alyssa Pilac, Melvic Jusi, Nicholas Carsello, and Natalie Fries. Bottom row, Alyshia Duberstein, Isabelle dela Cruz, Maria Elena Mando, Emily Tudor and Peter Coenna.

National Honor Society welcomes 36 Regina Students

36 Regina Dominican juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS) during a special candle-lighting ceremony on November 1. Proud families attended the ceremony prepared by NHS members and by moderators Kim Fermoye and Kate Houston. President of NHS, Anne Mersch and Vice-president Margaret Shinnick presided.

The 2006-2007 inductees include seniors Grace Ansani (Skokie), Nina Cho (Glenview), Soldam Kim (Skokie), Colleen Pike (Chicago-Edgebrook), Hyun Ryu (Wilmette) and Emily Trapp (Chicago-Sauganash).

Juniors inducted into the NHS this year are: Paula Acuna (Skokie), Elizabeth Anichini (Chicago-Edgebrook), Katherine Baker (Wilmette), Anette Bochenek (Mount Prospect), Dagny Broome (Evanston), Annice Coughlan (Chicago-

Norwood Park), Tahra Elissa (Evanston), Kathleen Golembiewski (Chicago-Edison Park), Krystina Gralak (Chicago-Edgebrook), Kelly Grant (Glenview), Kim Griseto (Skokie), Mia Gutsell (Chicago-Edison Park), Susan Hager (Wilmette), Emily Kemnetz (Chicago-Sauganash), Kerry Hancuch (Wilmette), Katherine Kinnaird, Hannah Koch (Evanston), Maura Lakowski (Northbrook), Mary Mostyn (Chicago-Jefferson Park), Katherine Nickle (Glenview), Suzanne Niersbach (Chicago-Norwood Park), Katie Pins (Glenview), Kelly Roderer (Evanston), Sarah Rosenak (Evanston), Courtney Sakas (Northbrook), Kimberly Schaefer (Park Ridge), Rebecca Schmitz (Chicago-Jefferson Park), Julia Stoner (Chicago-Rogers Park), Jessica Trapp (Northbrook), Devin Warden (Chicago-60631).

Maine East DAR and SAR Awards

Maine East is pleased to announce the winners of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution awards (SAR and DAR). This year's winner of the DAR award is Antonina Ponda of Morton Grove, who will now move on to compete against other DAR award recipients for a regional honor. If she wins the regional and state honors, she will then move on to national competition, the winner of which will be announced in February.

The first runner-up and recipient of the SAR award is Aleksandr Zhukhovitskiy of Des Plaines, who will be honored for

this achievement at a senior honors night in June.

The annual awards recognize seniors who excel in the areas of citizenship, service, leadership, and patriotism. The two awards are of the highest recognition seniors can receive while at Maine East. Candidates for the award are nominated by teachers, put on the ballot, and then voted on by both seniors and teachers. This year there were seven seniors on the ballot.

The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution is a group of individuals who can trace their ancestry back to a member of the American Revolution.

Skyway Conference announces new name

One of the most respected Illinois community college conferences for athletics and co-curricular activities is going by a new name.

The Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference replaces the Skyway Community College Conference, the league's name since its inception in 1970. The conference consists of eight member community colleges ranging from northwest McHenry and Lake County counties to southeast Cook County. In addition to Oakton (Raiders), conference members include: College of Lake County (Lancers) in Grayslake; Elgin Community College (Spartans) in Elgin; McHenry County College (Fighting Scots) in Crystal Lake; Morton College (Panthers) in Cicero; Moraine Valley Community College (Cyclones) in Palos Hills; Prairie State College (Pioneers) in Chicago Heights; and Waubesa Community College (Chiefs) in Sugar Grove.

"The new name adds the geographic reference of Illinois, giving the conference greater identity and visibility on a local and national level," said Dave Cole, Oakton athletic director. "The new name marks an exciting transformation in the conference's proud history."

Athletic directors, coaches, athletes, and marketing personnel at all eight conference schools were surveyed in October of 2005. Based on some 400 responses, the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference emerged as an overwhelming favorite. Additional changes planned for the coming academic years include a new logo, new colors, and an enhanced Web site.

The Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference offers competition in the following sports for men: cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, and tennis. Women compete in cross country, basketball, softball, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. The conference also hosts various co-curricular activities for students interested in academics, the arts, music, and writing.

For more information contact Melinda James, marketing chair of the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference, at 630-466-2590, or mjames@waubesa.edu.

St. Matthew's school collecting food donations

Preschoolers at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Preschool in Niles are learning about the importance of helping community members at an early age.

The preschoolers, ages three to five, have been busy collecting food items from their homes and on Tuesday, Nov. 21 representatives from the Maine Township Food Pantry will visit the St. Matthew's Preschool classrooms and

pick up the donated food items that will go to needy families in the community.

Teacher Jenny Powell said that they also went grocery shopping with the kids to show them that purchasing a lot of food costs a good deal of money.

"It gives them a sense of community and social responsibility," said Powell. She said that they learn that when they're hungry it only lasts for a little while, but some chil-

dren go hungry for several days.

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church participates in various community projects throughout the year.

On Wednesday, December 6, at 9:30 a.m., Lin-Mar Towing will visit the St. Matthew's Preschool classrooms. The visiting Lin-Mar employees will take the opportunity to explain how the tow truck operators serve the community.

On Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. the preschool is presenting a bilingual Christmas program for parents as well as community members. The program features the children attending the English language program, Japanese immersion program and two children from the new ESL Kindergarten class. Traditional Christmas songs and the dramatic presentation of the birth of Christ are included in this program.

St. John Brebeuf honors Peacekeepers

St. John Brebeuf will honor students this year through the Peacekeeper Program. The program honors students who show a positive attitude, cheer people up when they were sad, share selflessly, help their classmates and teachers, and compliment their fellow students. Most importantly we honor them for the spirit of peace they spread through their words and actions. Being chosen as a peacekeeper is the highest honor a student can attain at St. John Brebeuf.

The students in every homeroom from Kindergarten through eighth grade nominate the Peacekeeper from their room

each month. They explain how that person shows the qualities of a Peacekeeper. The homeroom teacher makes the final selection.

Our peacekeepers receive a medal and an out of uniform slip at each end of quarter celebration. A bulletin board is devoted to our peacekeepers so that everyone will know who they are and what they had done to achieve this award. The Peacekeepers are also recognized in the weekly school bulletin.

We congratulate our first group of Peacekeepers and thank them for all they do to make St. John Brebeuf such a welcoming and peaceful place.

Our Peacekeepers are:

- Kindergarten:** Maria Elena Mando and Emily Tudor
- Grade 1:** Isabelle delaCruz and Peter Conenna
- Grade 2:** Alyshia Duberstein and Kyle Cychoz
- Grade 3:** Carol Sperl and Melvic Jusi
- Grade 4:** Natalie Fries, Nicholas Carsello and Ayssa Pilac
- Grade 5:** Sarah Ryan and Martyna Nowik
- Grade 6:** Krystina Kotlinski and Daniella Gobbo
- Grade 7:** Shauna Czarnik and Robbie Getty
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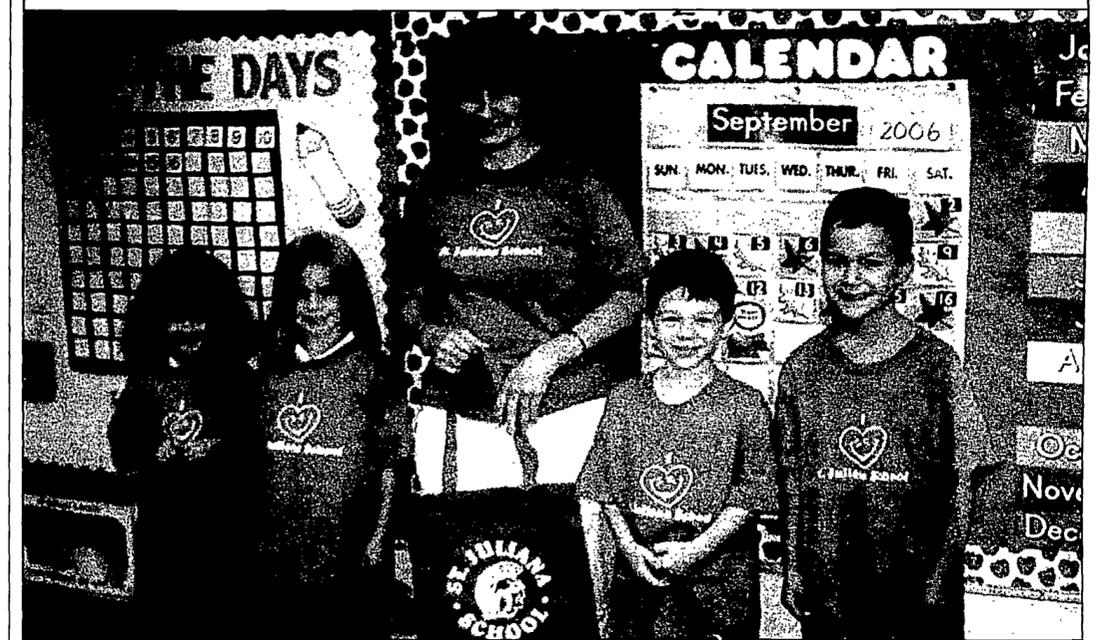
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HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE *Holiday Gift & Dining Guide* HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE

Gifts That Give Back

FAMILY FEATURES

None will deny that 'tis better to give than receive. And the joy of giving is doubly rewarding when there's something extra special about the gift ... whether it's personalized, handmade or it benefits charity.

Many gifts on the market this holiday season offer the opportunity to give twice by supporting a cause, and these colorful, warm and fuzzy stuffed animals are perfect gift solutions for the hard-to-buy-for friends or relatives and those who have everything. Countless pink items benefiting breast cancer awareness efforts are great gift options for moms, grandmothers, aunts and other special ladies. Guys and teens will appreciate the celebrity cache associated with the high tech and trendy red products tied to the new African AIDS relief fund. For kids, cause-related plush toys provide an excellent opportunity to learn about the joys of giving back to the community while making personalized gifts for their friends,

siblings or cousins.

Build-A-Bear Workshop offers selected stuffed animals that children can make themselves to benefit children's health and wellness, literacy and animal welfare charities. For each of these cause-related stuffed animals purchased (priced from \$16 to \$25), \$1 goes toward the respective cause. It's a great way to help others and it's fun. After selecting and stuffing an animal, shoppers can personalize it with clothing and accessories.

"At Build-A-Bear Workshop, families can make personalized gifts for everyone on their holiday list and also have the satisfaction of knowing that a portion of the proceeds is going to help others," said Maxine Clark, company founder and chief executive officer.

Champ — A Champion Fur Kids is a bear with patches representing various children's health and wellness issues such as juvenile diabetes, cancer, autism and cerebral palsy, as well as hearing, vision and speech limitations. Champ was inspired by Nikki Giampolo, a teddy bear lover, who at 15 struggled with cancer. Champ wears a purple heart patch in honor of Nikki and represents the champion and the fighter in every child.

Read Teddy aids not-for-profit organizations like First Book by providing children from low-income families with new books. Bearemy's Kennel Pals, featuring Mallipoo a new Maltese/Poodle mix, is a collection of canine stuffed animals that supports animal shelters, stray rescue and rehabilitation efforts and other domestic pet programs. The World Wildlife Fund Collectible Bear Friends, such as Snow Leopard, benefit conservation efforts worldwide including saving endangered species and habitats such as deforestation, over-fishing and climate change.

Purple satin hearts also can be purchased at stores and online for only \$1 with the proceeds directed to programs for children, families and animals via the company's Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation. Bear Bucks gift cards also make great stocking stuffers, allowing recipients to select, make and personalize their own charitable bear. Visit www.buildabear.com for more information or to find a store near you. Charities that support health or wellness causes may apply for a grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation at the company's Web site or by e-mailing giving@buildabear.com.



Carol Weisman, author of "Raising Charitable Children," suggests the holidays are a great time to start a family tradition of charitable giving. She adds, "When you make this type of purchase, it teaches children that they can buy a gift and help a cause they believe in. It also helps to educate children about the importance of becoming an informed consumer. They learn to decide what companies they want to support."

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Flu Shot Clinics available Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7

The flu vaccine has arrived and the scheduled clinics are on as scheduled. Those with appointments should check in at their designated time. If you do not have a scheduled flu shot appointment, a limited number of walk-in appointments will be available during both morning and afternoon

sessions on clinic days. Adults age 18 and older are welcome.

Senior Music Group Seeks Members

This enthusiastic group wants you if you like to hum, sing or even whistle. If you can carry a tune, bring your voice! We want you if you play a conventional reed, percussion, keyboard, or stringed instrument, guitar or ukulele. We'd especially love you if you play a harmonica, kazoo, wash-

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Protect Yourself against Crime

Thursday, December 7th

1:30PM

Join Officer Ron Brandt of the Niles Police Dept for an informative lecture that can help you reduce your potential of becoming a victim of crimes that are abundant during the holidays. A representative from ADT Home Securities will also be on hand to give you tips on making your home safer and less desirable to thieves.

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Lunch with the Red Hatters

On December 7th, the Red Hatters have luncheon reservations at Hay Caramba, 122 S Prospect in Park Ridge. Join us for a deliciously authentic Mexican Lunch featuring your choice of entrée. Contact Kelly for carpooling and/or directions. Red Hat and Purple out- See Niles, page 18

AARP Driver Safety program at Morton Grove

Morton Grove Senior News

AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP's "Driver Safety Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for motorists age 50 and older. 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 may receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9 at the Morton Grove Senior Center; and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16 and Thursday, Jan. 18 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

Osteoarthritis of the Knee Lecture

Dr. Sydney Bradwain will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6 to discuss signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis, how it causes knee pain and up-to-date treatments for osteoarthritis. Please register in-person at the Senior Center. After Nov. 22 the costs are \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. The Senior Network, the Hyalgan Speakers Bureau and the Morton Grove Department of Family & Senior Services present this program.

Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but

Free Diabetes Screening; Free Passage on the Seniortrian Buses; and Free use of the Senior Center Library Computers. Membership rates will not change for 2007. They are: \$15 for an individual resident; \$25 for a resident married couple; \$25 for an individual non-resident; and \$40 for a non-resident married couple. For more information call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Let's Do Lunch'

Come visit the "Lunch Bunch" any Monday through Friday at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. The following special "Lunch Bunch" events are coming up:

Park View School Choir on Thursday, Dec. 7. Lunch is Beef Vegetable Roll-up. Molloy School Concert on Thursday, Dec. 21. Lunch is Turkey Breast with Stuffing and Gravy.

New Year's Party on Thursday, Dec. 28. Lunch is Meat Loaf Jardiniere.

The lunch cost is a \$2.75 to \$3 donation. For information about the menu or transporta-

tion call the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch."

'Love Islands of the Pacific' Program

Thrill to the experience of a 13,000-mile trip to the Society Islands of Tahiti and Bora Bora while viewing exotic seas, tropical beauty and hearing fascinating legends at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register in-person at the Senior Center. After Nov. 13 the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members.

'Leaving Iowa' Play

"Leaving Iowa" is a hilarious sentimental comedy about family and family vacations, which travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will enjoy on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The Detroit Free Press nominated this production for "Best New Play" in the country and the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun Times and WGN have also critically acclaimed it. This play is guaranteed to

have the audience laughing and remembering the childhood vacations that they tried to forget. The bus will depart from the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. for the Royal George Theatre in Chicago and return at 5 p.m. The cost for those who register on Nov. 14 or after will pay \$65 (Members) and \$75 (non-members). Please register in-person at the Senior Center.

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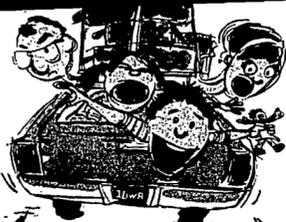
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Maine Twp. seniors plan winter trips, classes and more

Maine Twp. Senior News

MaineStreamers

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www.maintownship.com.

'A Traditional Holiday' Luncheon

Sunday, December 10, Doors Open: 11 a.m., Lunch Served: 12 noon, Crystal Palace, 2648 Dempster, Park Ridge, Cost: \$13 members/\$15 guests + \$1 Fish

Don't miss the event of the year...join us as we celebrate the Holidays together! Choose between Prime Rib or Salmon. Each entrée will be served with Caesar Salad, Double Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables and Mint Ice Cream for Dessert. A complimentary glass of Wine from Crystal Palace will also be included. We will be entertained by Harmony Productions Enchanted Holidays Program - a wonderful show featuring music of the season, a dash of comedy and a whole stocking full of warmth and joy. Table

prizes will be raffled off to top this event. Please note there will be NO Bingo at this month's luncheon!

Reservations and cancellations must be received by Monday, December 4th, absolutely no exceptions.

Twilight Dining

Tuesday, December 12, Bob Chinn's Crab House, 393 N. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Cost: \$32 members/\$34 guests

Let's celebrate the holiday season with a nice dinner out. Our menu will feature a Tossed Salad, an appetizer plate of Garlic Shrimp, Crab Vermicelli and Sweet Potato Fries, dinner includes a sampling of Grilled Steak Medallions, Coconut Shrimp and Teriyaki Chicken Breast. Save room

for Dessert as we enjoy Purple Paradise Pie. Newcomers welcome - it's a great way to meet new people.

Men's Group

Tuesday, December 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cost: No Charge this month only- Lunch Provided, Registration Required

This month will feature a program entitled "Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid to Ask" given by Jay Lewkowitz, LCSW from Oakton Place.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To

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Drury Lane Oak Brook, Thursday, January 18, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., \$50 members only

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Park Ridge seniors plan Christmas trip

Park Ridge Senior News

Christmas Trip

On Tuesday, December 19 the Park Ridge Senior Center is planning a "Christmas in the Country" at Grand Geneva Resort. This is a trip not to be missed because the Grand Geneva puts on a wonderful holiday celebration.

Leaving the Center at 10:30 am and arriving at the resort for lunch which will consist of a holiday salad, parmesan breadcrumb crusted breast of chicken, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes and pumpkin nut bar for dessert. "Hooray for the Holidays!" follows lunch. This show is performed by 10 energetic performers in spectacular costumes performing creative choreography to amazing music. After the show, there will be a "holiday tea" before returning to Park Ridge. The return to Park Ridge is about 6 p.m. Reservations for members only are required in advance and

should be made according to current registration policy. The cost is \$75.00 for lunch, show, tea and motorcoach transportation. Guests will be allowed after members have been accommodated.

Exercise Classes

The holiday season is a very busy time of the year, but to keep up your energy you should continue with your exercise program. The Center's exercise classes will continue as usual during this time. The classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at either 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. There is no need to pre-register so if you miss the 9:00 a.m. class you can still come to the 10:30 class. The exercises are part of a head-to-toe conditioning program and includes stretch bands and weights and mat work as well. Come and join in... it's lots of fun.

Friendship Bricks

The Center has almost enough brick orders to be

installed before the end of the year. All you need do is pick up a form at the Senior Center office.

This program is a great way to provide recognition or a memorial for someone: It also has been a successful fundraiser for the Center. The cost is only \$50 for a 4x8 brick or \$10 for an 8x8 brick.

Gamer's Group

The "Gamers" group meet on Fridays at 1 p.m. The group has grown to the extent that now dominos, "hand and foot", and rummy kube and more are played. This is a great way to spend a relaxing and fun afternoon.

Folk Dancing

Rudy Keil continues to lead the folk dancing on Monday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 p.m. He always has something new, fun and challenging. And to think this is also a great way to exercise. New participants are always welcome.

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fit required. Cost \$16.50.

Pre-New Year's Eve Party

Thursday, December 28,

Edwardian, Twice Baked Potato, and Dessert. Then get ready for the Bopology Band when they take the stage for your listening and dancing enjoyment.

Gewgaws and more Victorian Holiday Ornaments offered

Join the staff of the Morton Grove Historical Museum at 10am in the Activity Room of Prairie View Community Center, 6834 W. Dempster Street in Morton Grove on Saturday, December 2, 2006 to try your

hand at producing some special Victorian ornaments: Gewgaws. At the turn-of-the-20th-century, both homemade and store-bought ornaments decorated the Victorian home at the holidays. The small, sparkly, inex-

pensive ornaments were called Gewgaws and included painted nuts, candy canes, ribbon candy, and more. The program is free but registration is required and limited. Call now to reserve your spot, (847) 965-0203.

Morton Grove

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'Be a Santa to a Senior'

Home Instead Senior Care of Skokie is organizing holiday gift collections and hosting a "Gift Wrapping Party" at the Morton Grove Senior Center during November and December. Local merchants will be placing a Christmas tree inside their stores starting Nov. 22nd. A code name representing a senior citizen recipient will be inscribed on tree ornaments along with a gift preference. Merchant customers will pull an ornament from the tree and shop for a gift for the senior listed on the ornament and the store will collect the gifts for wrapping later in December. Gift ideas include functional items like slippers, socks, gloves, hand lotion, toiletry items, a nice pen and stationery including stamps, or a prepaid phone card. Volunteers will then gather at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 12noon on Friday, Dec. 15 for the "Gift Wrapping Party." Gifts will be distributed by the non-profit agencies and nursing homes that have contact with these seniors. For more information about purchasing gifts, wrapping gifts, or receiving gifts, please contact Home Instead Senior Care at 847/673-1250.

stars with Jessica Lange in this heart-filled classic that heralded a new era of Hollywood wig-flipping, and set a new standard for unpredictable laugh-out-loud comedy. "Tootsie" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 18 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Dec. 1 and pay a reduced cost of \$1 for Senior Center Members and \$2 for non-members. After Dec. 1 the costs are \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members.

The Mikado Musical

Victorian England meets an imaginary imperial Japan in this sparkling send-up of all thing British by the renowned musical theater team of Gilbert and Sullivan. Enjoy such songs as "Titwillow," "A Wand'ring Minstrel," "I and Three Little Maids from School." Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will depart for the Cahn Auditorium in Evanston at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and return at 5 p.m. Registration fees after Nov. 28 are \$46 for Senior Center Members and \$53 for non-members.

New Year's Party

Ring in the New Year at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28. Cat Catalani will provide the afternoon's vocal entertainment. Cat will perform songs from popular musicals and provide anecdotes on their songwriters like Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. The show will end with a "toast" to the New Year. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Dec. 1 and pay a reduced cost of \$1

for Senior Center Members and \$2 for non-members. After Dec. 1 the costs are \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members.

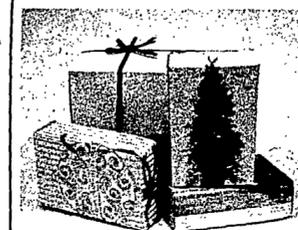
Making Glass

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for an afternoon at the "Making Glass Studio" in Highland Park on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Travelers will observe a glass blowing demonstration and hear about the history and science of glass. Following the presentation, all participants will have the opportunity to design and create a paper-weight. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 1 p.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Dec. 21 and pay a reduced cost of \$47 for Senior Center Members and \$54 for non-members. After Dec. 21 the costs are \$54 for Senior Center Members and \$62 for non-members.

For more information about senior services and activities, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Membership in the Morton Grove Senior Center provides these benefits: twelve issues of the Seniors in Morton Grove newsletter; free Diabetes Screening; free passage on the Seniortran (for residents); free Computer usage in the Senior Center Library; 15% discount on trips and classes; an annual members-only party; and a photo i.d. card. Membership registrations are accepted any weekday morning between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the Senior Center, 6140 Dempster Street. The membership fee is \$15 for an individual resident; \$25 for a resident married couple; \$25 for an individual non-resident; and \$40 for a non-resident married couple.

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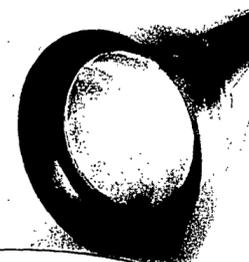
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Shrimp bisque and viognier make music together

By Ron James
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The Chef

Tyler Florence is a far more complex young man than you see on his Food Network shows like "Food 911" and "Tyler's Ultimate."

PERFECT PAIRINGS

The 34-year-old, baby-face hunk is adored by a vast audience of female foodies, and is a popular pitchman for pots and pans and Applebee's restaurants. Florence speaks his mind in interviews with both praise and scorn for certain chefs, but mostly to tout the virtues of healthy, home-cooked food.

When the topic is cooking, Florence is the salt of the earth, calling for hearty meals from the freshest products and using his media savvy to lure Americans back into their kitchens. He feels that fast-living, fast-food families are missing out on not only great, nutritious home-cooked meals, but the tradition of wonderful fra-



Tyler Florence, standing, cook-book author and a popular pitchman for pots, pans and Applebee's restaurants, is host on "Food 911" and "Tyler's Ultimate" cooking shows on the Food Network. (CNS Photo)

grances from the kitchen that should be a part of all of our memories.

Florence has a powerful platform from which to preach his

cook-at-home message; his television show can influence 750,000 people three times a day. He also influences thousands of cooks across the country through his cookbooks, the latest of which is "Tyler's Ultimate: Brilliant Simple Food to Make Anytime" (Clarkson Potter, \$35).

With all of that culinary talent and dedication to improving the dining habits of a nation, it's OK for the young chef to be a bit complex. Aren't we all?

The Dish

"Every time I make this soup I can't get over how delicious it is," Florence says in his cooking notes for Shrimp Bisque. "The intense flavor comes from the shrimp shells simmered with leeks and orange, and the cream gives it a silky texture. This is a classic soup. I'm definitely putting it on the menu at my next restaurant."

Shrimp stars in this dish, so make sure they are flavorful and sweet when purchased. They will usually be flash frozen and then thawed at the supermarket. Small them to make sure they aren't fishy or have a hint of ammonia. It's best to buy from a trusted fishmonger, specialty food market or some big-box stores like Costco that take pride in selling good-quality seafood.

The Wine

Choosing a wine to match the Shrimp Bisque can be as delicate as the soup itself. The best choice is a light wine that won't overpower the subtle flavors of the bisque. Even a sauvignon blanc with its bold passion fruit flavors might be too much here.

Choose a semi-dry sparkling wine or a fruity white wine with good acidity to contrast with the richness of the bisque, like the 2005 Pride Mountain Viognier (\$39). It's one of California's best viogniers and a great match for Tyler's wonderful dish.

Pride Mountain Vineyards was founded in 1990 by Jim and Carolyn Pride at the old Summit Ridge ranch, the site of wine-making since 1890. The vineyard is located on more than 200 acres on the crest of the Mayacamas mountain range which runs through Napa and Sonoma counties. Carolyn, her daughter, Suzanne, and son, Steven, now run the winery along with winemaker Bob Foley. The wine has the elegant aromas of pears and peaches with hints of orange honey, balanced by a solid natural acidity.



Shrimp Bisque

- 1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, in the shell
- 1 orange
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 leeks, trimmed, halved lengthwise and rinsed well
- 1 onion, trimmed, peeled and halved
- 2 celery stalks, cut into big chunks
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into big chunks
- 3 fresh thyme sprigs
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup brandy
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 to 3 cups water
- 4 cups heavy whipping cream
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Finely chopped fresh chives, for garnish

Yields 4 to 6 servings.

Peel and devein shrimp, reserve shells; refrigerate shrimp.

With vegetable peeler, strip off a couple pieces of orange zest. Grate remaining zest. Cover and refrig-

erate. grated zest for garnish. Heat olive oil and butter in large pot over medium heat until butter melts. Add shrimp shells, leeks, onion, celery, carrots, thyme, bay leaf, strips of orange zest, tomato paste and cayenne. Cook, stirring every now and then, until shells are red and vegetables begin to soften, about 10 minutes.

Take pot off heat and carefully pour in brandy. Return pot to medium heat, cook 1 minute, then sprinkle in flour. Give it a stir, cook 2 minutes. Add water to cover and deglaze, scraping up all browned bits on bottom of pot with wooden spoon. Add cream and bring to a boil. Immediately reduce heat to low and simmer gently until soup is reduced and thickened, 30 to 40 minutes.

Strain into clean pot and season with salt and pepper.

To serve: Return bisque to a simmer, add shrimp, and heat 2 to 3 minutes, just to cook shrimp through. Give bisque a final taste for seasoning, pour into warmed soup bowls and serve garnished with reserved orange zest and chives.

From "Tyler's Ultimate: Brilliant Simple Food to Make Anytime."

Film 'For your Consideration' ripe for parody

New Releases

For Your Consideration ★★★ - The annual circus of media stupification with the Oscars is ripe for parody, or would be if it didn't so lavishly spoof

FILMS IN FOCUS

itself. Christopher Guest avows that "For Your Consideration" is not a specific parody of Academy Awards mania, though few viewers will agree. Coily dancing around the absent Oscar, jokey in an easily accessible way, the comedy has its moments. Guest plays an idiotic "indie" director. He is making a Southern Jewish tearjerker set in the wartime 1940s called "Home for Purim." That permits the mossiest studio Dixie cliches (heralded by a clip from "Jezebel") to mingle goofily with Borscht Belt hokum. After inane interviewers burble stuff like, "It's about a Jewish Yiddish family?," one thudding "suggestion" from the smug British producer (Ricky Gervais) is to avoid the Jewish content. Well before it heads into release as a Thanksgiving treat, the buzzed by Web gossips and abetted by a stunningly retro agent (Eugene Levy) who has entered well-named star Marilyn Hack (Catherine O'Hara) and straining young Callie Webb (Parker Posey) into the coming awards frenzy. The movie spits well, lobs pretty well, but is vaporish. We can never really believe that Marilyn and her pathetic cohorts are awards contenders, even in the blogosphere. After the wild, gutsy grab that is "Borat" and the politically spiced savvy of "Thank You for Smoking," the new Guest party is a bit of a limp balloon. A Warner Independent release. Director: Christopher Guest. Writers: Christopher Guest, Eugene Levy. Cast: Catherine O'Hara, Harry Shearer, Christopher Guest, Parker Posey, Eugene Levy, Jane Lynch, Jennifer Coolidge, Fred Willard, Ed Begley Jr. Running time: 1 hour, 26 minutes. Rated PG-13.

The Fountain ★★ - "The Fountain" is carbonated. There is a lot of gas in this effluence, and you might want to dryly exit (Brad Pitt did, years ago), but it has a certain flummoxing fascination. Director and writer Darren Aronowsky puts his own flippers on the term "imagineer." He puts it on his head like a beanie and spins it. Even more than in "Pi" and "Requiem for a Dream," he shows how to stretch a budget into the daffy taffy of his dreams. It starts with a Spanish conquistador (Cliff Curtis) confronting a superbly feathered and armed bunch of Mayan warriors. Before we can pin it down as a teaser for Mel Gibson's "Apocalypto," we're whooshed past the violence into the mythic or mystic quest of a modern American (Hugh Jackman), a brilliant doctor named Creo experimenting with arcane Mexican tree sap on cancerous monkeys, to the frequent bewilderment of boss Ellen Burstyn. Don't say "whoa" too soon. Wait until well after Jackman's stunning, flower-babe wife Rachel Weisz makes her appearances as the one vision worth having in whatever mind zone the story occupies. Supposedly drawing upon ancient reservoirs of wisdom, "The Fountain" is really a cola spigot for young cultists who want to mutter "awesome." No peyote needed - just pass the popcorn. A Warner Bros. release. Director, writer: Darren Aronowsky. Cast: Hugh Jackman, Rachel Weisz, Cliff Curtis, Ellen Burstyn. Running time: 1 hour, 44 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Recent Releases

Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus ★★★★★ - "Fur" reunites writer Erin Cressida Wilson with director Steven Shainberg. They made "Secretary," a sparky oddball with ace work by Maggie Gyllenhaal. Nicole Kidman is just as terrific in this film, playing photographer Diane Arbus, maybe surpassing her



Deborah Theaker, left, Jim Piddock and Rachel Harris star in the offbeat comedy "For Your Consideration." CNS (Photo courtesy of Shangri-la Entertainment)

Oscar-winning Virginia Woolf in "The Hours." Wilson, who truly conceived this script during the late phase of her pregnancy, drew on Patricia Bosworth's esteemed Arbus biography, and Bosworth was a producer. But her fresh take is often inspired. The focus is young Arbus of the 1950s, a sort of finishing school fawn who helps with her husband's advertising photography, filmed by Shainberg in mildly mocking setups. Diane ("Deane," she insists) has two girls and loves her husband, but is going a bit cuckoo in her class Manhattan nest; something is greatly needed beyond cocktails and Adlai Stevenson. It's her inner cuckoo that saves Diane - she is a voyeur with a kink, her antennae tingling for nudists, outsiders, "freaks" (in her book, Bosworth notes that Arbus' avidity once led her to confide having "envied a girlfriend who'd been raped"). Not since "Dreamchild" (1985) so richly probed Lewis Carroll has a movie taken such fertile liberties with an artist, to stir our grateful gratification. To call "Fur" one of the year's best seems a little diminishing - it's a classic. A Picturehouse release. Director: Steven Shainberg. Writer: Erin Cressida Wilson. Cast: Nicole Kidman, Robert Downey Jr., Ty Burrell, Harris Yulin, Jane Alexander. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R.

Little Children ★★ - Clocking in at more than two hours, "Little Children" starts to feel like a slab of time you might want for a different eternity. This nail-down-their-souls drama has real suction of solemnity. Todd Field directed, losing the compressed power of "In the Bedroom." Novelist Tom Perrotta adapted his book with Field, and there are long stretches of narration that echo the dry, godlike voice in high school science films.

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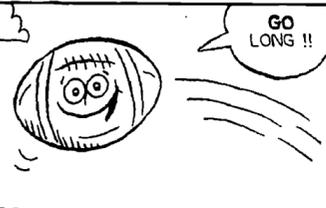
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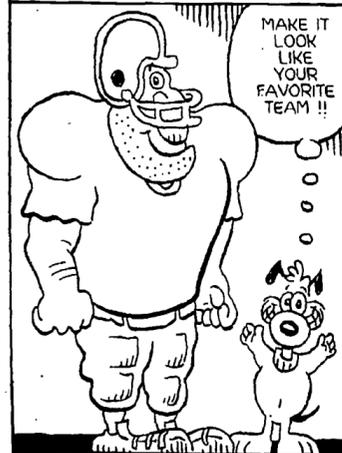
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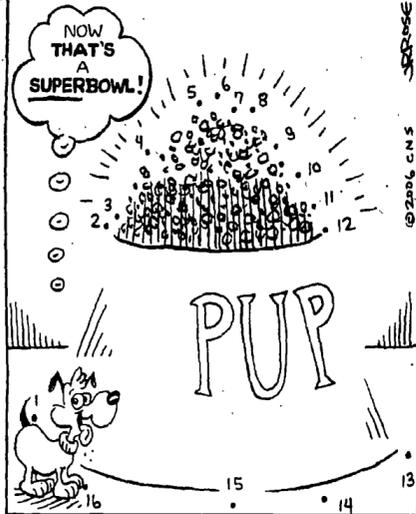
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Hungry bandits!

Raccoons in fall eat a tremendous variety of the harvest bounty, including apples and grapes, beechnuts and acorns, corn and earthworms, crickets and beetles, fish and frogs, mice and carrion, eggs and snakes — and practically anything else. They often forage along streams and seem to wash their food before eating it.

While this behavior is peculiar, many naturalists think it is more about curiosity than cleanliness, as the coon uses its acute tactile sense to determine edibility. It may also be that the ring-tailed critter produces little saliva, and the extra moisture helps it go down better.

In any case, those manipulative front feet also allow it access to your trash cans and its store of leftover smorgasbord. Four fingers and a semiopposable thumb on each forefoot make easy work of it.

By late autumn, the now roly-poly raccoons have consumed enough to let their thick layer of fat sustain them until spring, although they still eat whatever they can find in winter. Look for their plump presence during the warmer spells wherever food is found.

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Notre Dame triumphs in tournament

Beats New Trier in tourney finale...but, are they for real?

Cautiously optimistic were the words Notre Dame High School Hockey Coach Shawn Brown used to describe his feelings leading up to the Thanksgiving Holiday Tournament hosted by Stevenson High School. I know that the kids were putting a lot of attention on this tournament to see just how far they have come this year. We set some goals this year and one of them was to make a good showing at the Thanksgiving Tournament knowing that we would be playing some of the best High School Teams around. The Dons finished 1-2 but that isn't the real story. They don't like to lose and that means they are getting closer to the top. I see a change in attitude around here. The old Dons team would lose and say "oh well." Not this one. You have to learn to lose before you can win. These guys are tired of losing. They had a

taste of winning last year and liked it. They want to compete and win.

The Dons looked like they were ready to belong with the top teams when they opened up against a strong Fremd club who were ranked 15th. Notre Dame opened the scoring and really manhandled the bigger and faster Fremd team in the opening period. Fremd tied it late in the first period and then added three more unanswered goals to beat the Dons 4-1. Brown was happy with the effort. The kids gave it their all. A bad call on Fremd's third goal changed the game around and took a little life out of the young ND team. "It was 2-1 midway through the second period when Scotty (sophomore goalie Scott Czarnik) has the puck frozen in his glove and ends up getting pushed into the net and for some unknown reason the referee gives them a goal. I still don't have a good explanation on that one, Brown said." It was anyone's game to that point. That caused the Dons to take a

few more chances offensively which could leave you vulnerable on defense. It did and Fremd put home the final goal to finish it. We had our chances with two 5 on 3 power plays in the first that didn't even net a shot. If we get a few breaks in the first we open up a 3 goal lead and then it's a whole different game.

Their second game was against tournament winner Warren. Notre Dame played most of the first period short-handed as the inexperience showed taking penalty after penalty trying to keep up with the more talented club. With the Dons trailing 6-1 Brown had a few choice words to say to his team before the start of the final period and it wasn't "How was your Thanksgiving dinner?" Whatever was said sure hit home as the Dons won the third period in scoring 3-1. The third period is what our team is all about and the way we like to play, Brown stated. I don't know if they got caught up in playing one of the tournament favorites or what but they

regrouped and played one heck of a third period. Final was 8-4. How was our effort? From a nightmare start to a very satisfying finish, that third period was the turning point for this team.

The final game was against New Trier White. One thing was for sure. No way would we want to go home 0-3. We needed this game more than anything. With Czarnik out with a pulled groin, Andrew Murphy after getting beat by Warren got the call to fend off the Trevians and for the first time played back to back games in tournament play. Leave it to

Mike Giangrand and the leading scorer in the Metro Central Joey Indurante, to carry them as both bagged home 2 goals in the 5-4 thrilling victory. Our leaders came through when needed, Brown said. We had some bad breaks happen in this game but the difference was that we kept to our game plan. When we play within the plan of aggressiveness and discipline we are a much better

team. We make things happen. It showed as the breaks finally went our way as we finished the tournament with a victory.

Overall, Coach Brown says that with more experience this team definitely could play with the big boys. They showed a lot of heart in this tournament. After the first game and the start of the second when the breaks didn't go their way, they could have hung their heads and given up. This team rallied together and ended up winning the third period of the second game and continued it into the final game with a strong performance team wise. I sure hope that this attitude change will now carry over into the rest of the season, especially now since we have the toughest part of our schedule coming up. These next few weeks will really tell the story for the season. They play 5 top seeds in a row. It starts on Thursday night against Lake Zurich in Niles. I know what this team can do, but will they be up for the challenge? I am staying "cautiously optimistic."

PGA Tour qualifying school's 'second stage' is still a pressure-packed event

By Tod Leonard
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Imagine a working world in which every employee has to take a test to keep his or her job at the end of every year. The exam would be 288 questions

and they'd be the most demanding the boss could devise.

When the pencils were put down, those in the top-10 percentile could keep their jobs. The rest hit the streets to fend for lesser paying jobs. The life-changing difference could be answering a single question wrong.

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Among even golfing fans, second stage is an unseen, unheard drama that doesn't

make the newscasts and rarely appears in the agate type in most newspapers. And yet it remains one of the most compelling, wrenching events in sport.

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Family room can't take the heat, or the glare

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: Our family room is all windows on three sides - one reason we bought this house in the first place. The problem is, I didn't think about that

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when I planned an all cream-and-white color scheme. I really love the way the room looks - cool - yet it's anything but; it faces south and gets the afternoon sun. I have drapes on all the windows, but it hurts me to keep them closed. Should I just give in and go with a darker color scheme, so the room won't look so bright?

A: There are a number of natural phenomena at work here. It's true that white and light colors dramatically intensify the light, yet keep things cooler because they deflect the rays (one reason desert-dwellers always wear white).

On the other hand, dark colors absorb glare and warmth, the reason we tone down our wardrobes for winter.

Putting that physical principle to work at home, it is possible to use color to regulate both light and temperature. So, yes, you could redo and darken your family room and soften the light that streams through your walls of windows.

But there are other ways around your glare-and-heat-gain problems.

For example, Hunter Douglas is just one window coverings manufacturer that makes blinds, shades, and what they call "shadings" designed to filter - but not block - the light. A new con-



Glare Down - The windows in this all-white room have been covered with a light-and-heat filtering film that promises to block 99.9 percent of all UV light rays. That means your room stays an even-temperature all year. (CNS Photo)

cept altogether, these shadings look like sheer curtains and work like blinds with soft horizontal or vertical vanes you can turn to control the light. Check out Silhouette, Vignette, and Luminette shadings at www.hunterdouglas.com.

You may also be interested in roller shades that can be installed upside down. With the roller mounted on the sill, they pull up as far as you need them, leaving the top of the window open to the view but not too much glare.

Another approach is to treat the glass itself so the glare can't get in, but the view can, and with no noticeable change

in natural colors. In the all-white room we show here, the windows have been covered with a light-and-heat filtering film (Vista UV Shield, www.vista-films.com). The high-tech film promises to block 99.9 percent of all ultraviolet light rays, which means your room stays even-temperature year-round, and your furnishings will be safe from sun-fading.

Unlike do-it-yourself products, this film must be applied by trained professionals, and carries a lifetime warranty. Look on it as an insurance policy for the life of your furniture and the comfort of your future.

Q: We need to combine our guest room with my husband's home office, so I'm looking for interesting furniture that he will enjoy, too. I read your news report from the Furniture Market, and thought you might have some suggestions. We need a bed and desk and maybe bookshelves.

P.S., We can't find a sofa bed we like.

A: You are exactly right about the International Home Furnishing Market in High Point, N.C. If you can't find it there, whatever it is probably doesn't exist. The largest home furnishing resource in the world, the expo runs

through hundreds of showrooms in dozens of buildings, and editors like me who try to see it all can come home with smoking feet - and notebooks full of ideas.

Here's one for your office-cum-guest room from Bauer International, manufacturer of handcrafted rattan, mahogany and leather furnishings that look as though they'd come straight from a 19th century safari to darkest Africa or brightest India.

Brainchild of Kenneth Bauer - his great-grandfather made trunks and valises in the 1850s - and wife Dee Ann Bauer, the company offers fun and functional pieces like the travel bed trunk that could work in your room. It's a brass-cornered rattan and leather trunk that opens out into twin bed with a cool leather compartmentalized headboard.

There are also rattan and leather bookshelves and campaign desks with carrying handles - only the slide-out keyboard shelf belies their origins in the 19th-century's Golden Age of Exploration. You could have jolly good fun with the safari theme. I see old maps, rattan carpeting and large potted palms in every corner. See what you think at www.bauerinternational.com.

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Not everyone sees a bubble bursting

By Jeff Rugg
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I have a new favorite poinsettia variety. Poinsettias, the flowers most connected with Christmas, are beautiful plants that come in

A GREENER VIEW

many sizes, from a 4-inch plant that can be worn as a corsage to 6-foot trees. Poinsettias provide a bright focal point indoors when the landscape outdoors is so drab.

The colorful part of a poinsettia is a specialized leaf called the bract. The real flowers are found in yellow-and-red clusters at the end of the branch.

I attended an open house at Schaefer Greenhouses in Montgomery, Ill., and have to agree with Debbie Miller that the Strawberries and Cream variety is a real gem. It is only grown in smaller sizes, but it really catches the eye. The bracts are pink and white, and the leaves are dark and light green.

The bracts and leaves are both shaped more like an oak leaf than a typical poinsettia leaf, which is heart-shaped with a smooth edge. The Strawberries and Cream leaf has irregular shaped teeth along the edges.

Another one I liked was the red Carousel; the bracts are ruffled and very attractive. It also comes in a pink ruffled variety. I have always liked the variegated varieties, such as Jingle Bells and the Peppermint series that have speckled bracts, but the new Monet Twilight has a more refined airbrushed look and the White Glitter has prettier white spots on the bracts that I really liked. If you don't like the typical red poinsettia, you might like the purple one called Cortez Burgundy - it is striking.

If you want high quality, new varieties or different sizes, you will have to shop for poinsettias at a florist, greenhouse or nursery, not at the grocery store or hardware store.

The Schaefers do an excellent job of growing thousands of poinsettias and have many color varieties on hand as well as greenhouses full of cyclamen and other flowering and tropical plants.

Florists do a lot of research on their products and their customers. If you only buy flowers once a year, your purchase will be a poinsettia. Eighty percent of poinsettias purchased are by women. Most are college educated and have moderate incomes. The more money they make, the more poinsettias they will buy.

The poinsettia's popularity is growing with senior citizens, and declining in the younger age groups. Slightly less than half of the poinsettias are given away.

A survey of poinsettia growers shows they produce about 80 percent red ones, but a survey of purchases found the red ones go home at about a 50 percent rate. People like the newer colors.

It takes several years of testing to bring any flowers to market, and there are many red cultivars of poinsettia, but the consumer sees little difference in them.

Since the small 6-inch potted plant is seen as a loss leader by many retailers, they will not spend much money on them. Because of the low profit margin on poinsettias, many growers are not growing them anymore.

When choosing a blooming poinsettia, there are a few important characteristics to look for. Good quality plants have dark green leaves all the way to the bottom, no dead spots on the leaves and true flowers that are just starting to bloom. If the yellow, powderlike pollen is dis-

persed and dried up or the true flowers are dried up, skip that plant. If any of the bracts have dried and dead edges, skip that plant, too. If the lower leaves are turning yellow or fall off green with just a slight tug, go to the next plant. If you turn over a leaf and it is covered with small white insects, do not buy it.

A problem with some new poinsettia cultivars is they are brittle and lose branches easily. Look for plants with vertical stems and few horizontal ones, especially if it is going to be taken home in a paper sleeve. Some growers install a plastic ring on the pot that supports the branches about 5 inches above the pot rim.

Speaking of paper sleeves, don't buy a plant that has been sitting in the sleeve for a few days, as the lower leaves will begin falling off from lack of sunlight.

Plan for the right day to buy your plant. When bringing the plant home from the store, do not expose it to near-freezing temperatures or leave it in the car while doing more shopping. Once home, don't expose the plant to drafts of any kind (especially for plants placed on the floor) or direct sunlight.

They prefer temperatures from 65 to 75 F, and cooler temperatures makes the flowers last longer. Putting a plant near a heat-generating appliance, such as a TV or photocopier, will shorten its flowering lifetime.

Keep the soil evenly damp all the time. Check the plant daily at first, until you determine how much water it will need; big plants and pots with several plants in them use a lot of water.

If it dries out, it will begin losing leaves. If it is overwatered or left to sit in water, the roots will die and then the whole plant will die.

By Jim Woodard
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Despite all the "bubble bursting" talk in recent months, this year will probably be the third-best performing year on record for home sales.

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And 2007 will see about the same level of activity, according to economists at the National Association of Realtors.

"Overall, home price gains will be modest this year," said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. "Sellers are adjusting to the market transition. They are becoming realistic about current market conditions and are now offering more competitive pricing in addition to offering incentives or concessions, especially to help first-time buyers."

As Pressly mentioned, one key factor continues to motivate consumers: the general belief that owning a home is the best of all forms of investment. Most families will make substantial sacrifices in other areas to own a home.

A recent study by Wells Fargo Financial shows that 72 percent of respondents to a survey believe the equity in their home is their most important investment. Among homeowners who have a home equity loan or line of credit, 82 percent say their home equity is most important.

When asked to select the most important benefit in owning a home from several options, the top choices were that it provides a sense of security and that it's just a great investment. Interestingly, women were more likely than men, by a 3-to-2 ratio, to view the most important benefit as security. Men were more likely than women, by a 3-to-2 ratio, to see their home as a good investment.

Those mortgage interest rates are indeed low and dipping lower from time to time. At this writing, rates have lowered over the past week and new mortgage applications are up. The 30-year fixed rate is now at its lowest since January.

"Both long- and short-term mortgage rates are falling due to early signs that the threat of inflation may be waning," said Frank Northaft, chief economist for Freddie Mac. "The Producer Price Index and Consumer Price Index are coming in lower than expected and bond yields are dropping, thus mortgage rates are lower."

Even with temporary declines in some months, the national median existing-home price should increase 1.9 percent for all of this year, then another 1.7 percent next year, NAR projects. The median new-home price is expected to drop 1.1 percent this year

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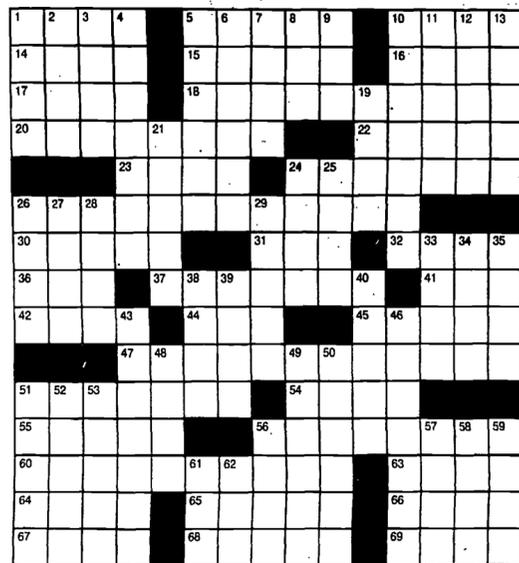
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