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New Police Car in Freak Accident

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1958

One of Niles new police cars, as yet not a week old, was in a freak accident Monday at the intersection of Central and Caldwell.

The police car was escorting an ambulance to Swedish Covenant Hospital when it stopped at the intersection blocking oncoming traffic. Vincent Tenorio, 919 Lafin, Chicago, husband of the occupant in the ambulance, was following behind. He did not follow in the ambulance path and smashed into the rear of the standing police car.

Tenorio and his wife were honeymooning at a local motel.

12 New Rooms to be Built at Golf Road

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1958

School Dist. 63, residents in the East Maine district, overwhelmingly approved a \$400,000 bond issue by a 500 to 37 vote for a new school to be built on the corner of Golf Rd and Washington Street.

In the fifth school bond issue election in the past five years, the second largest voter turnout for a school issue evidenced the electorate's personal endorsement for the new school.

A breakdown of the voting in the three precincts showed precinct 1, at East Maine, had a 32 to 6 approval. In precinct 2 at Oak School 110 voters approved the bond issue and 14 voters disapproved the referendum. Precinct 3 at Melzer School in Morton Grove had 348 people voting yes while 17 people voted no. The large Morton Grove vote obviously was due to the recognition that the new school will relieve congestion at the Melzer School. East Maine overcrowding will also be alleviated when the new school is built since students from both these schools will be eligible to attend the new school. Students at Oak School at present do not have the overcrowding problem of the other two schools. A congestion problem here is not expected for the next two years.

The exact amount of the bond issue will not be known until the latest valuations of property in the area have been determined. The bond issue can only be 5% of the total valuation in the area. It is estimated that the new valuation will be approximately \$6,000,000 which would allow a \$300,000 issue for the school. Since there will be about \$95,000 of unused

1958

Greetings From 'BUNGLE'?



Police Chief Bob Romey proudly points to the date of his most recent 39th birthday which he celebrated last Saturday, Feb. 28. Birthday cake at right was presented to him by men in his department. Inset at right was the affectionate greeting "From The Editor & Publisher Of The Right Hand Column Of The BUNGLE."

bonding power available the \$100,000 "target" figure will be achieved. This money will build a school with about twelve rooms.

30 MPH Limit Depends on Compliance

Wednesday, March 19, 1958

Mayor Frank Stankowicz and Judge Anton Smigiel reported speed limits will be temporarily lowered to 30 mph on Harlem Ave. between Touhy and Dempster. Milwaukee Ave. will be lowered to 40 mph between Oakton and Main.

Stankowicz and Smigiel reported at last Thursday's Lions meeting that they had been in conference with state highway representatives and that the Harlem area speed lowering was only temporary. During the next two months the state would survey the area and if the new speed limits were being enforced (and complied with by motorists) they would then become permanent.

Smigiel who headed a Lions safety committee, which initiated this action, has been working for lower speed limits for many months. At the Illinois Municipal League Convention Smigiel and other village representatives (the trustees) met with limited success in attempting to bring Niles high speed limits to the attention of state officials.

The Lions Club had surveyed all state roads in the community.

Parents, Boys Held for Drinking Party

April 24, 1958

Wednesday evening April 23

Sewer Level Below Homes' Basements

Wednesday, June 11

For the third consecutive trustees meeting a large group of Niles citizenry attended the meeting in quest of a solution to the sewer flood problems, which exist in Niles.

Trustee John Poeschl was pro tem president for the evening due to the absence of Mayor Stankowicz. Trustee Ken Coughlin was also absent.

A Mr. Leslie, 7549 Neva, began the discussion by relating that his home is flooded every time it rains. He said this condition has existed for the 3 1/2 years he has lived here.

Howard-Neva Survey

Poeschl stated a survey of that area was taken two years ago and requested engineer Cadigan, representative of the village engineers Consoer and Townsend report on the results of the survey.

Cadigan said a survey was made of every home in the Nora-Neva area resulting from complaints that the basements were lower than the sewers. It was found that none of the basements were below the sewer level. In engineer jargon Cadigan said that there was a two-foot minimum vertical distance to the level of the sewers. However he added that the area is the lowest in the vicinity and that the problem results from a surcharge from the Dobson Street sewer. He said this report recommended that a parallel sewer be built north of Dobson Street.

Another resident disagreed with Cadigan regarding the level of the basements in relation to the sewers. Cadigan insisted that the survey took in every home south of Howard in the area and that a two foot vertical distance was the minimum difference between the two elevations.

Poeschl then stated that he was in sympathy with every one and turned to Cadigan and asked, "When can we get a complete survey and get going on this problem?"

Cadigan said he wanted to remind Poeschl that surveys were present a year ago for the Monroe and the Dobson trunk sewers. He added that under the board's direction the engineers are revising a survey of Monroe Street which they were ordered to do four weeks ago. (This survey will be announced at the June 18 board meeting). Cadigan stated

that the board ordered the survey only of the Monroe Street Sewer.

Police Capture Parolee in Gunshooting Chase

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1958

Niles police officers were involved in a wild gun-shooting chase at speeds of 90 miles per hour through residential areas of Niles and Chicago last Wednesday night, Sept. 3.

The stolen car, driven by George Stoell of Trevor, Wisconsin, was taken in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Stoell, an ex convict, who was on parole at the time of the theft, drove the car from Kenosha toward the Chicago area. When he arrived in the locale of Wheeling, Illinois, he stopped in a gas station and after having the tank "filled" he sped toward Chicago without paying the gas attendant.

Romey Says "194 Tickets Not My Doing"

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1958

Police Chief Bob Romey denied that he issued the orders which resulted in a "ticket blitzkrieg" last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Romey, who was recently censured by the village trustees said the 194 parking tickets issued on these three days were written by officers. The two officers worked the "milk-wagon" shift from midnight to 8 a.m. during the three-day purge.

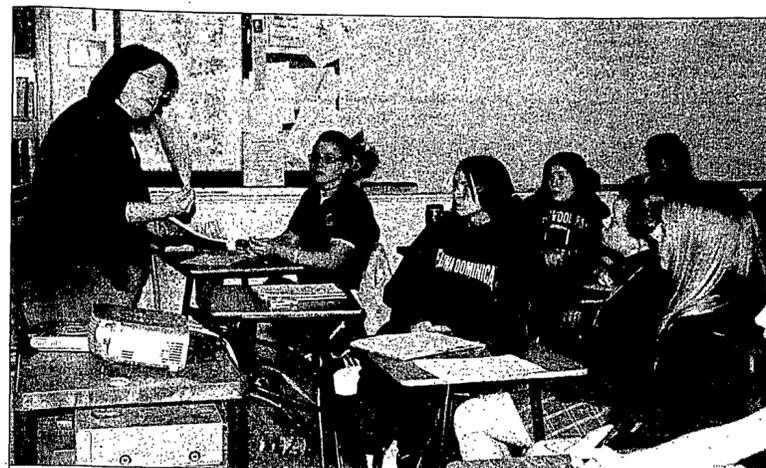
Romey heatedly vetoed the idea that he was avenging the trustees' censuring of his office an action which was finalized at the October 8th board meeting. The Chief contended, "The people have been pickin' on the department lately." He said "The people feel they can 'egg' on the department because of the recent trustees' action."

One rumor which was circulated around the department concerned the two officers wrangling with Sgt. Ryan who was the officer in charge.

Disagreement between the officers and Ryan resulted in their over zealous efforts to emulate Jack Muller, so went the rumor.

In checking this month's police reports only 11 tickets for parking violations had been issued through Oct. 12. In contrast to this figure, 194 parking tickets were "given" the next three days. Only three tickets were then issued the following three days after.

SCHOOLS



Sister Mary Jones, O.P. presents the study planning calendar to students.

Regina students attend exam prep workshop

Exams are so important to students at Regina Dominican that 61 girls packed the room after school to learn the art of "exam prep." Sister Mary Jones, O.P. offered the workshop to assure girls that they could COAST through exam week if they were willing to Chuck, Organize, Analyze, Summarize and Test.

Attentive students listened and took seriously the tips for

study, some of which were new to them. Ninth grade student Maeve Donahue heard something new: "What surprised me," she said, "is that you should take a break after seventy-five minutes of study." Jacqueline Ave Maria was surprised "that study two days before the exam is better than studying the day before."

Olivia Quinlan found the workshop helpful: "I'm scared

of exams," she commented. "Studying in chunks will help me remember things better. I play the viola and we practice in fifteen minute chunks!"

Caitlin Livingston "learned a lot," and said "it was helpful to hear about a study planning calendar."

To see the exam study tips from the Exam Prep Workshop go to rdhs.org/news and events or rdhs/learning resources.

Catch the Reading Wave Book Fair

Fiction, non-fiction, joke books, poetry books and more will be on sale at the Scholastic Book Fair to be held at St. Juliana School during the Catholic Schools Week Open House. The Book Fair will be held in the St. Juliana School Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2007.

"This is one of the most popular events at St. Juliana

School each year," says Ms. Patti Weyna, director of the Learning Resource Center at St. Juliana. "The students, their parents, and grandparents really enjoy looking over the many books on display. The Book Fair provides an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and friends to purchase good quality books as gifts or for personal enjoyment and help the school at

the same time!"

A portion of the Book Fair's total sales goes directly to St. Juliana School to purchase books for the school library. Anyone wishing more information about the Scholastic Book Fair should contact the school office at 773-631-2256, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Monroe named Company Grade Officer

Air Force Capt. Timothy A. Monroe has been named the 33rd Operations Support Squadron's Company Grade Officer of the Quarter.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, specific achievements, and community service and support.

In addition, he has been recognized as an Air Force Association "All Star" for 2006.

The captain is an assistant chief plans and programs assigned to the 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Valparaiso, Fla.

He is the son of Robert and Jeanie Monroe of W. Larkin

Lane, Ingleside, Ill. His wife, Jenny, is the daughter of Dave and Donna Dewit of Belleforte Ave., Morton Grove, Ill.

Monroe graduated in 1996 from Maine South High School, Park Ridge, Ill., and received a bachelor's degree in 2001 from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Maine East wins Tech Theatre Olympics at ITF

Maine East High School technicians placed first in the Technical Theatre Olympics held on January 5 and 6, 2007 at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Competing against teams from all over the state at the 32nd annual high school theatre festival, the Maine East technicians won the title for a third year in a row. The Technical Olympics tests high school students in many areas from flat construction to wiring a stage connector to tying knots.

The co-ed team consisted of seniors Matt Gajowniczek and Kristina Youmaran, both of Morton Grove, junior Katie Lenart of Niles, and sopho-

mores Vivianne Velazquez, Joanna Szewczuk, and Sandra Swietlik, all of Des Plaines.

"It was the single most impressive use of team work I have ever seen. They really pulled together as a group to achieve the win," said Maine East technical director Kyle Waites.

Gajowniczek placed first in the micro press event, while Szewczuk placed second in wiring a stage pin connector with a time of 3:02. The three sophomores, Velazquez, Swietlik, and Szewczuk worked together to place third in the flat construction event with an outstanding time of 4:58.

Garrett offers General Assembly Scholarships

State Senator Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest) announced opportunities for 2007-2008 General Assembly college scholarships to Illinois state universities for high school seniors and current college and graduate school students. These scholarships are open to residents of the 29th Senate District, living in the communities of Bannockburn, Deerfield, Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Northbrook, and parts of Des Plaines, Fort Sheridan, Glenview, Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Mount Prospect, Niles, Prospect Heights, and Riverwoods.

Eight full-tuition scholarships are available at the following state schools: University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University,

Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Governor's State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Chicago State University. The scholarships will be awarded by a committee of community volunteers based on the applicants' academic achievements, civic activities, letters of recommendation, confirmed admission status, and financial need. Students may check eligibility and download applications by visiting Senator Garrett's website at www.garrett98.com. For further information, please call Sen. Garrett's office at (847) 433-2002.

Completed applications must be received by Sen. Garrett's office at 425 Sheridan Road, Highwood, IL, 60040, by 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2007. Awards will be announced in early May 2007.

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MORTON GROVE

1 Attempted to Remove Greenbay Packers Flag (7900 block of Lotus)

Unknown subject(s) broke a solar light along the northside of a residence, threw eggs on the home and attempted to remove a Greenbay Packers flag from a flagpole in front of the residence sometime between Friday, Jan. 5 and Sunday, Jan. 7.

2 Gym Bag Stolen (6800 block of Dempster)

A man put his gym bag in a locker and locked it and then went to go work out and when he came back the bag was missing on Saturday, Jan. 6. Unknown subject(s) took a gym bag filled with clothing and his house and car keys.

3 Suspicious Phone Call (8900 block of Sayre)

The victim said an unknown male called her and claimed to be updating her checking account on Monday, Jan. 8. The male reportedly asked her to void the check she had in her book and asked for that number. The bank reportedly said no one called her from the bank.

4 Vehicle Stolen (9100 block of Waukegan)

While doing inventory on Friday, Jan. 5, a manager noticed that a 2005 Chevy Tahoe had been missing since Dec. 14.

5 Criminal Damage to Garage (8800 block of Menard)

Police said unknown person(s) wrote "Spades" on the resident's garage and two illegible words between Jan. 4 and Jan. 11. The victim said many beer cans have been discovered in the alley and he would like more patrol in the alley.

6 Damage to Vehicle (6500 block of Eldorado)

Sometime between Jan. 5 and Jan. 6 unknown subject(s) took two vehicle mirrors that are each worth \$200 and caused damage.

7 Suspended Driver's License Arrest (Austin and Dempster)

A 26-year-old Niles man was arrested on Jan. 6 for driving with a suspended license on Jan. 6. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Jan. 25.

NILES

8 Residential Burglary (9800 N. Lauren Lane)

The victim reportedly came home and found his front door unlocked and slightly open on

Jan. 9. The window on the rear door was shattered and unlocked and \$160 was taken from the upstairs master bedroom.

9 Scaffold Ladders Stolen (6700 block of W. Touhy)

Police said 20 scaffold ladders with a total value of about \$1,300 were taken from the rear of a business sometime between Dec. 29 and Jan. 2. The ladders and other equipment are kept in a fenced-in area.

10 Theft of Wallet (7000 block of Dempster)

The victim said during dinner her seat was bumped three times by a suspect sitting behind her on Jan. 9. The victim noticed that the wallet that was in her purse on the ground next to her was missing. The black leather wallet contained \$115 in USC, various credit cards and a social security card. A witness said that none of the subjects ever ordered food.

11 Burglary to Auto Vehicle (6800 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown person(s) used a

hard object to smash the passenger side window of the vehicle and remove plastic bags containing t-shirts, costume jewelry and hair extensions on Jan. 9.

12 Burglary to Vehicle (8500 block of Oriole)

Police said subject(s) unknown burglarized an unlocked vehicle in the resident's driveway on Jan. 11. The subject(s) took an XM radio from the dashboard and a small Casio TV from the glove box.

13 Snowblower Missing (9200 block of Washington)

A snow blower with a value of \$299 was taken sometime between Jan. 5 and Jan. 10.

14 Conditional Release Violation Warrant (7200 block of Main St)

A 25-year-old Niles female was arrested on a conditional release violation warrant from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department on Jan. 11. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is Feb. 1.

15 DUI Arrest (8200 block of Milwaukee)

A 63-year-old Niles man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol following a vehicle crash. The bond is set at \$1,000 and court date is March 6.

16 Parole Violation (7000 block of W. Touhy)

A 46-year-old Niles man was arrested for a parole violation on Jan. 8 that involved a positive warrant hit. There was no bond set.

PARK RIDGE

17 Attempted Burglary (1100 block of S. Harrison)

The victim heard a noise by her rear door and observed two males with dark complexions on Saturday, Jan. 6. When the victim opened the door, the men said they were from the water department and needed to check inside the residence. After they entered, one suspect talked to the victim while the other one walked around the house. The

suspects left after the victim stated she was going to call the police. Police said nothing was reported to be missing.

18 Cell Phone Taken from Vehicle (800 block of S. Prospect)

Unknown subject(s) entered the victim's unlocked 2004 Acura MDX sometime between Tuesday, Jan. 2 and Wednesday, Jan. 3 and took a cell phone. The Verizon cell phone is worth \$400, said police.

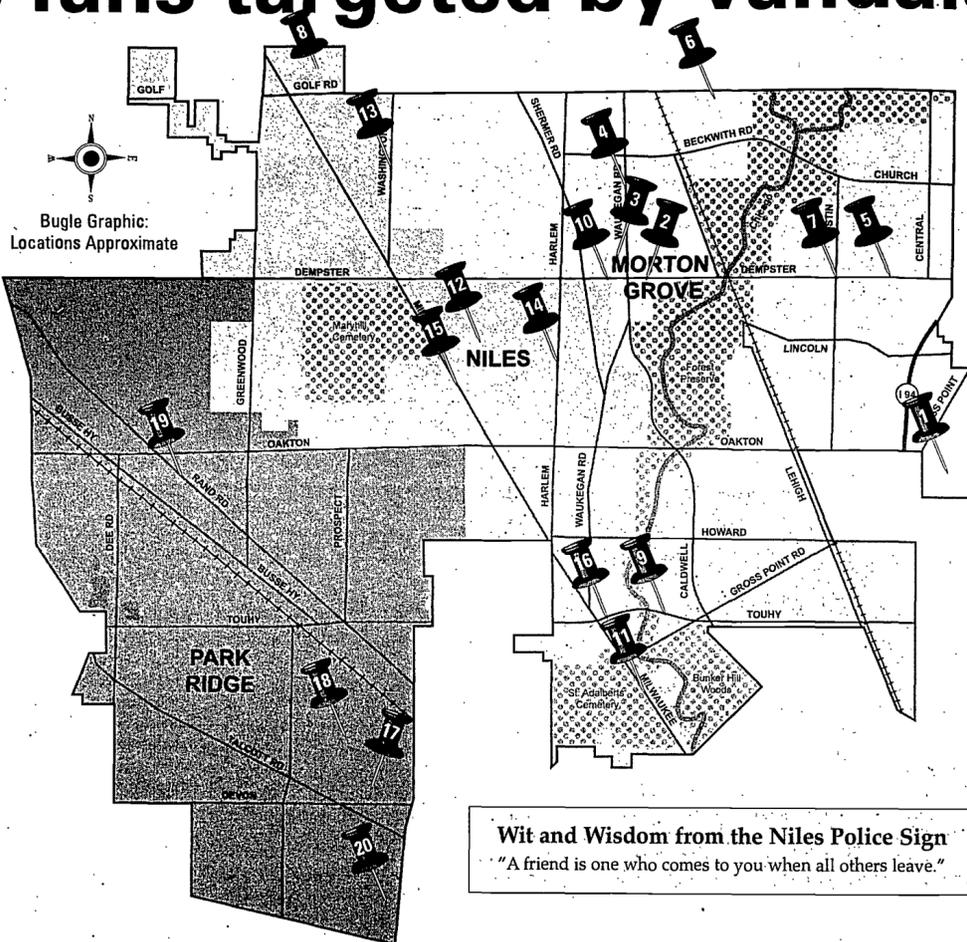
19 Trailer Stolen (900 block of N. Northwest Hwy)

Police said unknown person(s) took the victim's 2003 EZ Dumper trailer with a value of \$6,000 from the business lot sometime between Wednesday, Jan. 3 and Friday, Jan. 5. The trailer is worth about \$6,000.

20 Attempted Home Burglary (1700 block of S. Washington)

A heavy set male with a mustache knocked on the victim's door stating that he was doing

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Wit and Wisdom from the Niles Police Sign
"A friend is one who comes to you when all others leave."

Ordinance

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strongly agreed and said that people should be entitled to smoke, just as they have the right to eat a McDonald's hamburger or drink beer. A man who called himself "Big Joe" said that he has protected this country in the military and believes that people should have the right to smoke if they want to.

Owners of local taverns in the village, such as Trakside and The Bringer Inn, were very concerned and said they were sure that a smoking ban would have a negative impact on their businesses. The owner of a restaurant that transforms into sort of a "smoking lounge" at night was very concerned about his business. It was also mentioned that a couple of new Hookah lounges in town would be extremely negatively impacted with a smoking ban.

Other residents, and a member of the environmental board, reminded the village board of the detrimental health effects that smoking has on one's health and they felt there should be a total smoking ban.

Classic Bowl was another major topic of discussion. Some people were concerned about the health of the kids who bowl next to those who are bowling and smoking.

Trustee Brunner reminded the public that the issue first came into light due to a health concern for employees who work at

restaurants or bars who are exposed to second hand smoke on a regular basis.

One resident in the audience said that she has the right to be protected from second hand smoke and be able to eat at restaurants in town without inhaling smoke. Another resident, in opposition, said that it was her choice whether to go to that restaurant or not and if she doesn't want to inhale smoke she shouldn't go there.

"Then where do we go?" responded the woman.

Another resident said that he enjoys going to bars, but can't stand the smoke and if there was a smoking ban he may go to more bars and restaurants. This offered another perspective that a smoking ban may encourage business in this respect.

Resident Eric Poders suggested a grandfathering process, which would protect facilities that have been operating in Morton Grove for many years and have invested much time and money into their businesses. "Don't kill the businesses in the village." He also suggested a referendum to find out what the public thinks about the issue.

Many people suggested having signs at businesses to let people know right away if smoking is allowed or not and also letting employees know as well.

The ideas will be added to the ordinance and be discussed at the next board meeting, but a decision isn't expected until February.

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time this column is printed I will have run at least three times. In fact, the other night I told myself that this regular exercise regimen will begin. It reminds me of an episode of "Seinfeld." The character "Kramer" vows to stop speaking and he keeps breaking the vow and follows each breach of his oath with the words "starting NOW."

It's different for every person

but I think the key to keeping New Year's resolutions is making sure that they're attainable. For instance, don't vow to run 15 miles each week - try to run five. Then work it up by degrees. Shooting the moon with resolutions just doesn't seem to work. Aim for the next block, then when you've made it there, just keep running. Maybe then, we'll all be happy because we surpassed our goals, rather than never even making it into the upper atmosphere.

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work on the block and needed a bucket of water on Thursday, Jan. 4. While the victim was helping the subject in the kitchen a second suspect entered the residence and went into the victim's bedroom. The victim realized it was a scam and then exited the kitchen. Police said both suspects then fled the residence and entered a light colored vehicle that was

parked in the victim's driveway. The victim believes nothing was taken from her residence.

On Monday, Jan. 8, two men came to the residence at the 1200 block of S. Washington asking to borrow a bucket of water for a job they were doing in the area. While one offender distracted the victim the other grabbed her purse that was visible. Both subjects ran, out of the residence, entered the vehicle and then fled the area.

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Letters to the Editor

Niles Smoking Ordinance 'a disgrace'

Dear Editor,
I am writing in regard to the tweaking of the proposed smoking ban by the Niles powers that be. I think it is a disgrace that smoking should be allowed in any area of Niles, where people will have no choice but to inhale the pathological smoke emitted by people setting fire to tobacco leaves and putting them in their mouths. Even our defenseless children must be poisoned in bowling alleys, if their numbers are not in the majority.

We seem to have more money grabbers in businesses in Niles than are present in other large and small communities that have embraced a full smoking ban.

For example, the towns of Arlington Heights, Schaumburg, Rolling Meadows, Skokie and Wilmette, to name a few, all have comprehensive smoking bans.

How about replacing our village slogan, "Where People Count," with one that states,

Where Money Counts?" That would be more reflective of the thoughts of those that "govern" us.

Eunice Shparago, Niles

Truthiness' at Morton Grove Board

Dear Editor,

Openness and transparency were the two buzzwords most used by Mayor Krier and the Caucus Party during the last election. To this very day, the Mayor asserts that his administration conducts Village business openly and transparently. He bristles at any suggestion that the truth is otherwise.

Let us look at a few examples that might shed some light on the situation. While running in 2005, Mayor Krier touted a \$900,000 "saving" that could be made in the budget. Most of that "saving" was based upon restructuring pension payments (similar to what Governor Blagojevich has done at the state level). Upon getting elected, the Mayor and his Caucus Party allies took their first budget opportunity to raise the 2006 property tax levy 20%! This year they have

increased the levy an additional 5+%. This 25%+ increase in the property tax levy in two years is mainly blamed, (by the Mayor), on the legal requirement to fully fund pensions. The question then becomes; "Were you lying to us then or are you lying to us now?"

While running in 2005, Mayor Krier and the Caucus Party attacked the incumbent administration over "Done Deals". The campaign was greatly based upon being open with the citizens of Morton Grove about the way their Village conducted business. Upon getting elected, Mayor Krier decided that it was better to conduct negotiations regarding an ongoing eminent domain case by himself. He neither sought nor accepted input from the other duly elected officials in this matter but made a deal himself and rammed it through the Village Board with the help of his pliable Caucus allies.

Again, in November of 2006, the "Lone Ranger" Mayor decided that it would be a good thing for Morton Grove

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Financial Illiteracy

My uncle had a passenger that was taking his son to the airport. It was summertime and the kid was going to camp. It wasn't a regular camp. This kid's dad was rich and he was sending his son to a finance summer camp. When my uncle told me the story it about knocked my socks off.

No one ever taught me about managing my finances. During high school we had a home economics class. All I remember was a short lesson on prices and budgeting. I also vividly remember learning how to write a check. I cannot recall if we covered balancing a checkbook. In short I learned how to be a consumer. I was being trained to spend.

No one ever mentioned things like investing, saving, taxation or even that most miraculous financial tool - compound interest. Yet, here is this young man of privilege and his father is not neglecting his financial education in the least. Having some money implies the responsibility of keeping it, but not having any money implies what? It seems to me that the less you have the more training you need in how to get and



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keep it.

Most kids get the idea that money grows on trees. When they lose a tooth the tooth fairy comes and gives them money - magic. They have no idea where housing, food, cars, toys and vacations come from. Few kids actually can even tell you what their parents do for a living. That is especially sad, but it is very dangerous because it seems like money just happens. One of the worst consequences of this is young people trying to keep up with their parent's lifestyle. Some realize the challenge and never move out. Others move in and out as circumstances drive them. It seems anyone who can breathe can get a credit card. No one ever talks about the consequences of

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Cardella, Johnson and DeSario accept limited partnerships

Investment Representative Jeffrey Cardella, Sr. Branch Office Administrator Joanne Johnson and Branch Office Administrator Peg DeSario, of Edwards Jones' Niles office, have accepted limited partnership offerings in The Jones Financial Cos., the holding company for the St. Louis-based financial-services firm.

Edward Jones currently employs more than 30,000 associates in all 50 states and through its affiliates in Canada and the United Kingdom. Under the current partnership offering, 12,000 associates received initial limited partnership offerings or were

invited to increase their existing ownership in the firm.

"I am honored to be offered this limited partnership. It is a privilege to become part owner of a firm that is so well known and well respected throughout the financial-services industry," Cardella said.

Cardella, a native of Niles, IL, joined Edward Jones in 1990, and has served investors in Niles for the past 16 years. In addition, he is active in several local groups, including the Niles Chamber of Commerce, Trustee on Niles Zoning Board, Milwaukee Avenue Redevelopment

Committee.

Johnson, a native of Niles, IL, joined Edward Jones in 1991.

DeSario is a native of Morton Grove, IL, and joined Edward Jones in 1994.

James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner, added, "Edward Jones is owned entirely by its associates. We believe one of the best ways to reward outstanding associates is to offer them an opportunity to share in the ownership of the company they help build. I'm pleased to say that Jeffrey, Joanne and Peg have most definitely earned their limited partnership offerings."

LaSalle Bank to close Park Ridge branch

One of three LaSalle Banks in Park Ridge will close its doors on Jan. 19.

The LaSalle Bank that will be closing exists at 116 S. Prospect.

"It's all part of our efforts to consolidate," said Lauren Vidovich, public relations specialist for LaSalle Bank.

Vidovich said the closing of the Park Ridge branch is a mat-

ter of consolidation and is not related to the recent announcement of hundreds of LaSalle Bank layoffs in the Chicago area.

Vidovich said that none of the employees at the Park Ridge branch will lose their jobs. She said they will move to other branches.

By the middle of 2007, about 500 Chicago area workers will

no longer be employed by LaSalle Bank.

"The other two locations are still pretty convenient," said Vidovich.

The other two branches are located at 501 N. Greenwood and 425 Devon Ave.

Throughout the United States and Canada there will be a total of about 900 layoffs at LaSalle Bank.

The Bugle welcomes Urquhart to team

The Bugle Newspapers would like to welcome Dave Urquhart, its newest Account Executive.

Urquhart, a Niles resident for the last two and a half years, has become a familiar sight to many of Niles' businesses in the six months since he was first hired. "Meeting people is the best part of this job," Urquhart says. "I'm happy to be working with the Bugle and getting to know the business owners and people of Niles."

Urquhart has a long history in the area. He was born at Resurrection Hospital and is one of nine children in his family raised in the Immaculate Conception Parish at Harlem and Talcott on Chicago's north-west side.

He graduated from Niles' Notre Dame High School, working at Happy Foods in Edgebrook and Edison Park throughout high school and college.

Before joining The Bugle, he worked as a route salesman for Frito-Lay for 12 and a half years.



Dave Urquhart

"We are very fortunate to have Dave working for us," said Barbara Karawacki, The Bugle's Sales Director. "His dedication and energy have made him a welcome addition to our Bugle family."

Urquhart and his wife, Terri, have three children Alana, 6, Nicholas, 3 and Jason, a year and a half.

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over-spending. No one ever shows us how to save, let alone invest. The middleclass leaves a lot of money on the table and the financially savvy are the ones raking it in.

We need to be financially educated. We are losing thousands of dollars a year to our ignorance and squandering a lifetime of earnings on garbage. If we truly want to be free, debt free and free in the sense of economic literacy we need to understand money. What is the most important information we should know and what should we teach our children?

Money is just a tool. It is not a goal in itself. Past a certain point, recently calculated at around \$50,000 a year, more money does not lead to more happiness. Happiness is something inside and it comes from our dreams and goals. Money can make those things happen. The opposite is true as well. Too much or too little money can make us miserable.

Compound interest is your best friend. If you start with \$100 and add \$100 a month in 35 years at 8% annually it grows to over \$224,000. In 65 years it grows to over \$2.4 million. \$50/week at 10% grows to \$3.8 million in 50

years. Start small, start early, but no matter what start now.

Taxes are your biggest expense. You should start your tax planning for next year right now. Being a W-2 employee is the worst way to earn money. Do your research. Use your 401(k) and IRA to the max. They compound tax free.

Economics is simple. It is all supply and demand. Supply increases lower prices. Think of after Christmas sales. Too much merchandise equals lower prices. Supply decreases or demand increases raise prices. Think Xbox or oil prices. Simple, right? That is all you know. See you really do know economics.

Understanding your finances is the first step to real freedom. Learn it for yourself, make it a priority and then teach your kids. A recent survey on personal financial literacy showed high school seniors on average answered 52.4% of a financial survey correctly, an overall downward trend in financial literacy.

One of the greatest gifts parents can give their children is the opportunity to learn from their mistakes (or successes). Pass it on to your kids.

"[Compound Interest] is the greatest mathematical discovery of all time"

- Albert Einstein



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

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Do You Know Where Your Investments Are?

You can lose your gloves. You can lose your keys. But you'd never lose track of your investments, would you?

Actually, you might be surprised at just how many people do forget about investments or leave them behind when they move. Every state maintains unclaimed-property offices to deal with millions of dollars worth of stocks, bonds, bank accounts, uncashed checks, pensions, 401(k)s and IRAs.

To avoid losing track of your financial assets, follow these suggestions:

- Keep records of all bank accounts and investments. It would probably take just a few minutes for you to write up a list of all your bank accounts and investments. And you don't have to go into great detail, either — just include the type of account and where it's currently held. Make sure you share this list with a family member.

- Inform banks and brokers when you move or change names. Notify your bank, broker, 401(k) administrator, insurance company and any other financial-services agency you work with if you move or change your name due to marriage or divorce.

- Cash checks promptly. Whenever you receive distributions from a retirement plan or stock dividends, cash the checks promptly. The longer you leave these checks lying around, the greater the likelihood that you'll forget about them. If you don't need the dividends, you may want to automatically reinvest them, as this builds the number of shares you own — but if you're going to accept the checks, take care of them right away.

- Don't give up. Even if you do lose track of investments or bank accounts, it doesn't mean they are gone

forever. Try to "retrace your steps" to where you think you might have held your accounts. Most financial-services providers will do what they can to help you. As an alternative, you might want to visit the Web site of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (www.unclaimed.org). There are no guarantees, but this organization can at least help you start the process of finding your missing assets.

Consolidate Your Accounts

Apart from the suggestions listed above, there's one more step you can take that can potentially help you keep close tabs on your financial assets. Specifically, you might want to consider consolidating as many of your accounts as possible at one financial-services institution. A full-service company can offer you access to investments, banking services, mortgages, credit cards — virtually any financial vehicle you might need. With all your account and tax statements coming from the same place, you should find it relatively easy to keep track of all your holdings.

Furthermore, by consolidating your assets at a single financial institution and working with a single financial professional who knows your needs and goals, you may actually end up improving your overall financial position. Why? Because if you maintain several accounts without a central focus or unifying philosophy, you could end up with redundant or inappropriate investments — a costly mistake. At the same time, you could pay more than is necessary for a variety of banking or money-management services spread out among several providers.

So keep track of your investments, stay organized, and consider consolidating your accounts. You work too hard to build your financial assets to let them slip away.

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Edward Jones Named One of the "Best Companies to Work For"

For the eighth year, the financial-services firm Edward Jones was named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" by FORTUNE magazine in its annual listing, according to the two Edward Jones investment representatives in Niles. The ranking appears in the magazine's Jan. 22 edition, available on newsstands Jan. 15.

Edward Jones ranked No. 29 overall. The firm ranked No. 9 on the magazine's Best Large-sized Company list. In naming Edward Jones to the prestigious list, FORTUNE editors say, the firm's ownership structure is one aspect that makes the company great. "(Edward Jones), organized as a partnership, has more U.S. offices (8,955) than Starbucks cafes. In 2006, the number of limited partner-

ships was expanded from 4,535 to nearly 12,000, more than a third of employees," the magazine says.

The magazine also lists Edward Jones as a top 10 company where associates feel "encouraged to balance their work and personal life."

The FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For"

FORTUNE Magazine
for the Eighth Year
Named Edward Jones
to the Top 10
Companies for Its Size

ranking is employee-driven, with two-thirds of the scoring based upon how randomly selected employees respond to an anonymous survey designed to measure the quality of workplace culture. The remainder of the score is based on an in-depth analysis of the companies' benefits and practices.

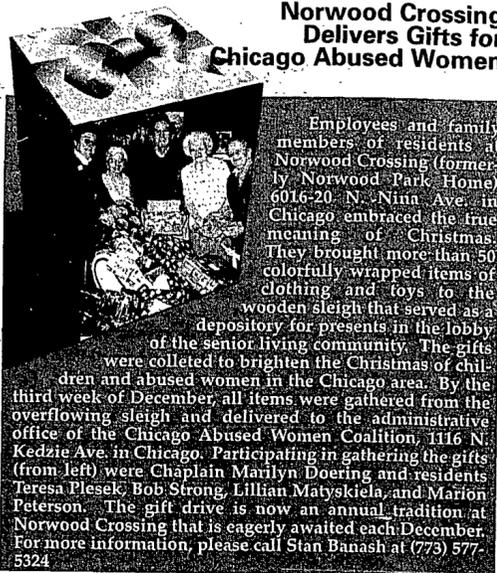
The FORTUNE ranking is one of several important honors based on associate input

that. Edward Jones has received in recent weeks. In early December, the firm was ranked No. 1 in Registered Rep. magazine's annual brokerage report card for the 14th consecutive year. Last month, Edward Jones ranked No. 3 among the "50 Best Employers in Canada" in the Globe and Mail's annual listing in Report on Business Magazine. Over the past year, Edward Jones also has received workplace recognitions from 24 state and provincial publications in the U.S. and Canada.

The firm also was ranked first in J.D. Power and Associates' annual survey of customer satisfaction among full-service investors.

The Niles investment representatives include: Jeffrey L. Cardella - 8141 N. Milwaukee Ave - (847) 470-8953 and Nick Katsoulas - 7627 N. Milwaukee Ave. - (847) 663-1650. The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

Norwood Crossing Delivers Gifts for Chicago Abused Women



Employees and family members of residents at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home) 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago embraced the true meaning of Christmas. They brought more than 50 colorfully wrapped items of clothing and toys to the wooden sleigh that served as a depository for presents in the lobby of the senior living community. The gifts were collected to brighten the Christmas of children and abused women in the Chicago area. By the third week of December, all items were gathered from the overflowing sleigh and delivered to the administrative office of the Chicago Abused Women Coalition, 1116 N. Kedzie Ave. in Chicago. Participating in gathering the gifts (from left) were Chaplain Marilyn Doering and residents Teresa Plesek, Bob Strong, Lillian Matyskiela, and Marlon Peterson. The gift drive is now an annual tradition at Norwood Crossing that is eagerly awaited each December. For more information, please call Stan Banash at (773) 577-5324.

Niles Park District New 3's Preschool

This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned three after September 1, 2006, missing the deadline for our regular three year preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Tuesday/Thursday or Monday/Friday, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs 01/08-05/25. Fee is Res \$250; Non-Res \$270. Please call (847) 967-6633 with any questions.

Visit Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool

Parents interested in Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool 2007-08 school year are invited to observe our preschool classes in action.

An Open House is scheduled for the week of February 5 during our scheduled preschool classes. An appointment is required to visit a classroom. Our evening Open House is Wednesday, February 7 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Please call (847) 967-6633 to make an appointment or to have information mailed to you. Preschool Registration will take place on February 26 for residents and March 5 for non-residents.



Attention Golf Mill Mail Walkers! THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING!

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Niles Senior News

Free Tax Assistance for Qualified Seniors

February 5th thru April 5th. FREE

Beginning February 5th, Niles Senior Center AARP Tax-Aide Counselors will provide FREE personal income tax assistance to qualified seniors in accordance with the guidelines established between the IRS and the AARP Foundation.

All Tax-Aide Counselors are certified by the IRS. The Tax Appointment Hot Line opens January 29th. At this time, you can call the Hot Line (847) 588-8440 Monday thru Thursday, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to schedule your appointment. We cannot accommodate walk-ins. Assistance is also available with Circuit Breaker and Senior Freeze applications but appointments are required. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact MaryAnn at 847 588-8420.

2007 Auto Show/Lawry's
Thursday, February 15, 9:45 - 5 p.m. \$48
Join us at the nation's oldest and largest auto show, but first enjoy a fabulous lunch at Lawry's (Downtown) where you will have a choice of entrée: luncheon cut prime rib or salmon - both served with salad, sourdough bread and butter, and homemade apple pie. Plenty to see! Extensive walking!

Bronzeville Legacy

Thursday, February 22nd, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. \$56
Celebrate Black History Month as we explore the historic Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. Many famous African-Americans like Ida B Wells, Mahalia Jackson, Margaret Goss Burroughs, and Louis

Tax Receptionist Volunteers Needed

A few volunteers are need-

ed to assist in scheduling tax appointments for the upcoming tax season. Tax receptionists make appointments and assist at the Tax Desk during appointment hours. Flexible days and hours. Contact MaryAnn.

Armstrong lived and worked in this area. Tour Quin Chapel, the oldest African American church in Chicago, which served as a station on the Underground Railroad. Lunch will be a Southern feast, served family-style at Army and Lou's -featuring corn bread, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. We'll also visit the DuSable Museum. An exciting day for all!

The Three Paisanos

Thursday, March 8th, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$42.

Come enjoy the Romanesque beauty of the Alta Villa ballroom as you dine on a fantastic Italian lunch featuring minestrone soup, pizza bread, chicken parmigiana, mostaccioli, vegetables, spumoni and a complimentary glass of wine. Cash Bar. Then you're sure to enjoy the comedy and vocal stylings of our entertainers as they perform such favorites as That's Amore, Volare, Eh Cumpari, and many other favorites. Non-residents, call for ticket availability

St. Joe's/ St. Pat's Day Party

Friday, March 16, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

It's corned beef and cabbage time, served with rye bread, potatoes, carrots, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Then join in the fun as the Banjo Buddies Dixieland Trio performs. Raffle. Reserved Seating. Check for Ticket availability. \$12.

Southside Irish Tour

March 22, 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$54

On this interesting tour. You're invited to discover the rich heritage of the Southside Irish. Visit the I & M Canal Museum in Lockport and see Lock #1 on a driving tour along the canal to see what Irish workers accomplished through back-breaking work. You're sure to enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch in an authentic Irish pub, brought piece-by-piece from Ireland, now located in the Irish Cultural Center. In Gaelic Park, we will have a tour and you will see a beautiful collection of

Irish crystal and china. On the way home, we'll stop at an authentic Irish bakery and deli, where you can pick up some freshly baked Soda Bread, candy, cheese and other Irish gift items. Call for ticket availability. Open to non-residents after January 25th. (Extensive walking involved)

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, washboard, spoons or whatever (have your own homemade instrument - we can incorporate it into the band!). No pay, but lots of fun! Join the Niles Senior Center Kitchenaires Kitcher Band. Call for our practice schedule or for more information (call MaryAnn 847 588-8420). Non-residents are welcome.

NILES TEEN CENTER

The Niles Teen Center is having an Open House on Saturday January 20th from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Bring your friends and family to check out the Niles Teen Center. You will have a chance to meet the staff and see the facility. This is a time for parents and teens to voice their ideas, concerns or questions regarding the Teen Center and teen programs in Niles. We hope to see you there.

The Niles Teen Center located at 7680 N Caldwell is open to all teens that either live in Niles or attend schools in Niles. The Teen Center is supported both by the Niles Park



District and Village of Niles. The Teen Center offers a safe place for teens to participate in programs and community service, do their homework, meet new people and relax.

For additional information or if you have questions, please contact Clare Whitman, Youth Coordinator at 847-663-9185 or at cwhitman@niles-parks.org.

Big Noise Theatre Company presents The Beard Of Avon

Big Noise Theatre Company presents Amy Freed's smart, funny, raunchy and wild play, THE BEARD OF AVON, weekends from January 12 through February 4, 2007, at the Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker Street, Des Plaines, IL, 60016. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for seniors (65+) and \$18 for adults. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ticketweb.com or by calling 847.604.0275.

In the words of director and set designer, Rick



Sarah Jane Blevins as Queen Elizabeth. Costume built by Frank Skony.

Frendt (KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN, BARNUM, AMADEUS), "this play does not attempt to provide a definitive answer to the authorship of Shakespeare's plays, but, instead, addresses in a clever way the nature of talent, inspiration, and art and their various combinations. Plus, there are a lot of pratfalls and sex jokes." Many of the authentic period costumes will be built by costumer Frank Skony, or on loan with the cooperation of the Bristol Renaissance Faire.

Visit www.bignoise.org for more information about this and other upcoming Big Noise shows.

Grandfather's advice unwelcome

By Doug Mayberry
COPLY NEWS SERVICE

Q: My loving and elderly husband retired 11 years ago after a successful career as a vice president of a major corporation. He made good money and has invested it

successfully for our future. We now have two grandchildren who are finishing college and have applied for corporate jobs.

My problem is when they visit, my husband dominates the conversation by offering them advice on how to get

DEAR DOUG

ahead in their careers. I see in their eyes and actions they don't appreciate it and, although they tolerate him, they are bored with his repeated advice and opinions. We live in the same

community, but as he puts them on the hot seat, we don't see the kids as often as we did. How can I get my husband off their cases?

A: Proceed cautiously, because he will be turned off with direct criticism, as he perceives himself as "the expert" on careers. Begin his therapy by asking him a number of questions. Did he

ask and take advice from his parents? Did he make any mistakes early in his career and learn from them? Has he realized the grandchildren were not coming around as frequently?

Suggest one of the reasons he was successful was he considered both management and the employee when

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Go mall shopping with Morton Grove Seniors

Morton Grove Senior News

Mall Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Jan. 30 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 9:15 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 10:15 a.m. Trips are free for

Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others.

Mayflower Tours Trips Preview

Mayflower Tours will highlight their upcoming "Europe by Train," "Yosemite/Lake Tahoe/San Francisco," "Alaska," and "Hawaii" Tours from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register for this free program

by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Barefoot in the Park' Theatre Trip

Morton Grove seniors will take in one of Neil Simon's best shows on Thursday, Feb. 1 in Arlington Heights. This comedy is about newlyweds who are as beguiling as Romeo and Juliet, but much funnier, as they try to settle down in a wildly impractical apartment at the

top of six flights of stairs. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$43 for Senior Center Members and \$50 for non-members.

Income Tax Returns

Free assistance for local seniors age 60+ with their State and Federal Income Tax Returns is available by appointment any Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning starting Feb. 5 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Seniors who have low or moderate incomes that can be reported on basic IRS forms are welcome to call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for a personal and confidential appointment. Taxpayers should bring in the W-2, Social Security (SSA-1099), 1098 and 1099 forms they receive in the mail along with a copy of their 2005 tax returns.

'Morkes Chocolate Experience'

Join Morton Grove Senior Center travelers as they enjoy chocolate making at Morkes Chocolate in Palatine on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Make a chocolate pizza, chocolate dipped pretzels, molded chocolate and sample the results! There will be time for shopping at the Morkes retail store. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 1 p.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$14 for Members and \$16 for non-members.

Books, Books, Books

Join the Morton Grove Public Library's Karen Hansen as she discusses new best sellers, "Web of Evil" by J.A. Jance, "A Catered Valentine's Day" by Isis Crawford, and many more. This program will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members.

Mind Aerobatics

This mind enhancement program presented by The Park at Golf Mill introduces participants to the basic concepts of how memories are created and the characteristics of normal aging in relation to memory. Explore the four steps to vital and healthy mental fitness - mental stimulation, nutrition,

stress reduction and physical activity. The program will include information on these key components of a healthy lifestyle along with discussion, brainteasers, and strategies for improving memory. This program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 before Feb. 22.

Introduction to Word Processing

This course uses WordPad, a Windows program, to set the foundation for solid basic word processing skills. Topics include basic editing, saving, printing, formatting, fonts, bullet points, and inserting clipart. Upon completion of this course, the student will have the basic skills to advance to a more sophisticated word processing program. This four-week course is taught by RJ Bruno from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 10, 24 and March 3 and 10 in the Morton Grove Fire Station #4 at Lincoln and Callie Avenues. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Jan. 18 and pay a reduced cost of \$45 for Senior Center Members and \$52 for non-members. After Jan. 18 the costs are \$52 for Senior Center Members and \$60 for non-members.

'A Tribute to George Burns'
Don Angelo will entertain the Morton Grove Senior Center with a tribute to George Burns on Monday, Feb. 12. For years, Don Angelo has entertained seniors with this comedy tribute. His show also includes an audience participation sing-along. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Jan. 29 and pay a reduced cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. After Jan. 29 the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members.

'Osteoarthritis of the Knee' Free Lecture

Dr. Sydney Bradwain will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 to discuss signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis, how it causes knee pain and up-to-date treatments for osteoarthritis. Please register for this free program **See Morton Grove, page 18**

St. Andrew Life Center offers blood pressure screenings

St. Andrew Life Center in Niles will conduct free monthly blood pressure screenings for the community. Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is known as the "silent killer" because very often it causes no signs or symptoms to warn the individual of its presence. Periodic blood pressure tests can be a quick way to detect a serious health problem and prevent strokes or other health issues.

The screenings will take place on the fourth Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew located at 7000 N. Newark Avenue in Niles. Upcoming dates are January 26, February 23 and March 23, 2007. Please call 847-647-8332 for any questions or to arrange a personalized tour of St. Andrew Life Center.

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he offered advice. Advice is a two-way street between the giver and the taker. Usually they are not equally motivated. Ask your husband to lighten up when the kids visit, and they will come more often.

Since he was successful, it's only natural for him to want to share his expertise. Remind him his experience may be considered obsolete knowledge by your grandchildren because of the ongoing dramatic changes between employer and employee. It's also possible that because he was the boss he is finding it difficult to let the grandchildren go. That's a turnoff for them.

None of us have the same experiences. Success is a total of many things such as timing, health, misfortune and especially attitude. Most of us don't resist change, we simply resist being changed! We mature more quickly when we make our own mistakes and learn not repeat them.

Suggest to your husband the grandchildren respect his knowledge, but to relax and

Maine Twp. Seniors plan winter trips and classes

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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.

S.A.L.T. Program

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter: Cook County Sheriff's Office. No charge - registration required.

The topic will be: "The History of Law Enforcement;

Taking a Trip Back in Time from Mesopotamia to the Present."

Women's Tea

Thursday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cost: \$2. Refreshments included - registration required.

Judy Rosenblom, owner of The Treasure Chest, will talk about the magical quality of earrings and their unique ability to tell something about both the wearer and her mood.

"AARP's Driver Safety Program"

Mon., Jan. 29 & Wed., Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP. Cost: \$10 check due on the first day made payable to AARP.

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

Used Cell Phones Collected

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting

used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program scheduled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently 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 become a member, call the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

"Cats" Trip

The Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL. Sunday, Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$87 members/\$92 guests.

There is no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than with us as we enjoy the 25th Anniversary tour of "Cats." "Cats" is the longest running

show in North America, winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit song "Memory." We will enjoy Main Floor Seats and, after the show, enjoy an early dinner at Banek's. The meal will feature baked chicken in champagne cream sauce or sliced sirloin of beef in Bordelaise sauce, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables, tossed salad, warm bread, and chocolate cake.

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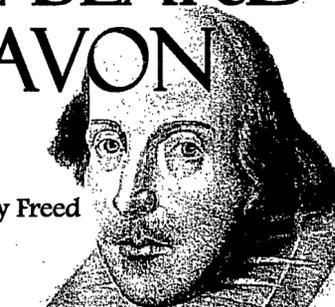
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The year to pamper your Valentine – or yourself

By Tom Roebuck
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Red Mountain Spa, located at the entrance of Utah's majestic Snow Canyon State Park, is sure to get lovers' hearts pounding this Valentine's Day with the Do

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Not Disturb package featuring artfully designed accommodations for three nights, a personalized CD of favorite love songs playing in-room upon arrival, a love poem on the pillow, gift basket of sensuous spa products and robes, a massage for two at the new three-level Sagestone spa and salon, daily guided hikes, unlimited fitness classes, three healthy gourmet meals daily, cooking demonstrations and nutrition classes, healthy living classes and full use of resort facilities.

For single girls looking for some adventure and pampering, Red Mountain is offering The Chick's Adventure package which has many of the same activities, with accommodations in a two-bedroom luxury villa



Scenic Spa – The Relaxation Room in Red Mountain's Sagestone Spa enchants visitors with a dramatic view of the Utah landscape. (CNS Photo.)

for three nights, one 50-minute Swedish massage for two, pajamas and welcome gift.

FYI: Rates for the Do Not Disturb package begin at \$1,985 per couple, available throughout 2007. The Chicks Adventure package starts at \$1,475 per person, for groups of three or four, available throughout 2007. For reservations or more informa-

tion call 435-673-4905 or visit www.redmountainspa.com.

Venture down South for Valentine's Day

Another option for Valentine's Day is a romantic retreat to upstate South Carolina. The Spartanburg Marriott at Renaissance Park's Romance

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FYI: For more information on Four Seasons Bali, visit www.fourseasons.com/jimbaranbay; for more information of Four Seasons Dallas, visit www.fourseasons.com/dallas.

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St. Juliana Junior High shares time

The spirit of service and generosity was very evident during the month of December as the seventh and eighth grade students of St. Juliana School made and wrapped gifts for the elderly residents of Forest Villa Nursing Center in Niles. The Junior High students filled gift boxes with handmade crafts created by the students. Also included in the gift boxes were items like socks, soap, and candy. On Tuesday, December 19th the eighth grade students walked from St. Juliana School to Forest Villa Nursing Center to personally deliver their gifts and visit with the residents. Also accompanying the students during their visit with the residents of Forest Villa were Junior High teachers Mrs. Lidgus, Mrs. Holly, and Ms. Arianas as well as the pastor emeritus of St. Juliana Parish, Fr. Donald Ahearn.

Closing loophole may feel like tightening noose

By Tom Margenau
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I've got good news for the anti-big-government types out there. I think the number of government workers must be dramatically decreasing. I

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base that on the large volume of letters I've been getting from retiring government employees. They all have questions about two offsets that impact their Social Security benefits. Here are the two offsets explained in a nutshell:

■ The windfall elimination provision reduces Social Security retirement benefits (usually by about half) payable to workers who spent the bulk of their careers in government jobs that were not covered by Social Security.

■ The government pension offset says that if you get a government pension (from a job not covered by Social Security), the Social Security Administration must take an amount equal to two-thirds of that pension and deduct it from any spousal benefits you might be due on your husband or wife's Social Security record.

I've discussed these provisions many times in this col-

umn. But I guess it's time to do so again. Here are some of the questions I've been getting recently.

Q: My husband and I are both government employees. He works for the state government and I work for a county government. We both pay into Social Security as well as into our government pension systems. Will our Social Security benefits be reduced or eliminated because of the government pension offset law?

A: No. Because your jobs are covered by Social Security, the windfall elimination provision and government pension offsets do not affect you.

Q: I was a teacher in California most of my life. I did not pay into Social Security all those years. I will get a retirement pension from the California Teachers Association. But I also worked about 12 years on the side at a job where I did pay into Social Security. The last statement I got from Social Security says I'll get about \$300 per month when I turn 66. But a fellow teacher told me my Social Security benefit will be offset. Is this true?

A: Yes. Your Social Security benefit will be roughly cut in half because of the "windfall elimination provision" law. In other words, despite the estimates Social Security is cur-

rently giving you, you can expect to get about \$150 per month from Social Security. I simply don't have the space in this column to explain why the offset occurs. But Social Security produces a fact sheet that will help you understand the law. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10045.html.

Q: I have worked all my life and paid into Social Security. My wife has also worked all her life, but she did not pay into Social Security. She was a teacher in Texas and she paid into, and will collect a retirement benefit from, the teachers' retirement system of Texas. We understand why she's not eligible for her own Social Security (because she didn't pay into it), but we just learned that she will NOT be eligible for any of my Social Security either. This isn't fair! Can you explain what's going on?

A: Your wife is impacted by the government pension offset law - and that law is fair. Essentially, it says the Social Security Administration is going to consider your wife's teacher's retirement benefit as though it were a Social Security retirement benefit. And that means SSA will treat her in the same way it treats all Social Security beneficiaries.

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Senior markdowns can add up

By Joe Volz & Kate Bird
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Our friend, Joanne, went to see a movie with her friend in Washington, D.C., the other day. Joanne bought her ticket first and paid full price: \$10. Her friend asked for a ticket, too, and then added, "senior price, please." Her ticket cost \$7.

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That experience bears out Joan Rattner Heilman's contention that people over 50 should always "make a practice of asking if there are breaks to which you are entitled." She is a former editor with New Choices Magazine and is over 50 herself.

Heilman's book, "Unbelievably Good Deals and Great Adventures That You Absolutely Can't Get Unless You're Over 50: 2007-2008" is the bible for many older people and is updated annually. Most discounts are not readily apparent, Heilman points out. The buyer has to take the time and effort to find them.

Heilman's cardinal rules include: When older people make a reservation, they should ask first for the senior price. Next, they should ask for the "lowest available price" and compare it with the senior price. The senior price may not be the best. Only then should the credit card appear.

A second cardinal rule: Carrying proof of age is essential since salespeople may ask for it. A membership card in an over-50 club or an ID with your date of birth will do the trick. What makes getting discounted prices difficult, Heilman says, is that many are not immediately apparent, are difficult to find or come with confusing restrictions on when they apply. Also, clerks, hotel operators, travel agents and those in the business of selling usually aren't going to make the first move. Here are some of Heilman's suggestions on how to overcome hurdles and get the discounts you are owed:

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For example, Social Security retirement benefits have always offset any benefits due on a spouse's Social Security record. So had your wife spent her career at a job where she was paying into Social Security, she would have qualified for her own

Railroads

Almost every commuter railroad and metropolitan transit system in the U.S. and Canada give older passengers discounted prices. Often, the discount depends on traveling during non-peak hours. New York's commuter train, Metro North, charges anyone over 65 half the regular fare during rush hours. For long distance travel, Amtrak offers people over 62 a 15 percent discount on the lowest available coach fares through special offers, such as Explore America Fares.

For information: www.amtrak.com; 800-872-7245 (USA-RAIL).

Rental Cars

No one should ever rent a car without getting a discount. Most car rental agencies offer a break to people after a certain age, and short-term rentals almost always carry the best bargains. Comparing different rental companies' prices is essential. Enterprise Rent-A-Car offers a free upgrade to the next car class up to full-size for anyone 50 and older.

Information: www.enterprise.com; 800-736-8222.

National Car Rental gives AARP members a 5 percent to 30 percent discounts at participating U.S. companies.

Information: www.nationalcar.com; 800-227-7368.

Tours

Some tour operators and agencies focus only on the older traveler. They offer a choice between leisurely or action-filled tours on cruises, sightseeing excursions in the U.S. and abroad and snorkeling vacations in Australia's Great Barrier Reef, to mention a few.

AFC arranges tours to most popular destinations in the U.S. and Canada and offers many kinds: holiday or seasonal tours and steam boating or grandparent trips.

AFC Tours and Cruises: 11772 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego, CA 92121; www.afctours.com; 800-369-3693.

Educational Opportunities

Elderhostel has bargain-priced educational tours for adults over 55. Sometimes this also extends to their younger travel mates. www.elderhostel.com; Elder-hostel, 11 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111; 877-426-7788.

Most state universities and community colleges invite older people to take courses at greatly reduced fees and to audit courses for free.

At the University of New Hampshire state residents over 65 may enroll in up to two courses at no cost. At many colleges and universities in Texas, those over 65 may enroll in up to six hours of college credit courses annually with no tuition.

For information: Contact the college or university in your area and ask what the policy is.

The Chautauqua Institution sponsors a variety of educational programs at its Summer Center on the lake of the same name. These include a Residential Week for Older Adults from Sunday to Sunday in August. Many Elderhostel programs also are hosted here.

The \$625 price covers dormitory lodging, meals and a gate pass that gets you into all lectures and entertainment for your stay.

Chautauqua Institution: www.chautauqua-inst.org; P.O. Box 28, Chautauqua, NY 14722; 800-836-2787.

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General Discounts

Older people in a hurry for several kinds of discounts can log on to a free Web site to look for stores and organizations that offer age-related discounts including those on a particular weekday. The Web site is a catchall that includes car-rental agencies, grocery stores, auto repair shops and many others. They are listed by city, state and zip code.

Information: www.seniordiscounts.com; 877-924-2023; 1401 Central Ave., Albuquerque, NM 87104.

own retirement pension and a dependent spouse's benefit from Social Security. Congress simply closed that loophole when they passed the government pension offset law.

Questions may be sent c/o Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Or send e-mail to socialsecurity@comcast.net.

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to use its bonding power to issue \$30,000,000 in revenue bonds to benefit the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. This deal was SO done that the minutes of the special meeting, (which I am told were written in advance by the law firm of Bell, Boyd and Lloyd), appeared on the Village web site the Friday before the meeting, (a full six days before the "hearing" happened). The "Official" minutes did not include any of the debate nor did they show that all but one of the speakers in support were not Morton Grovers and all that opposed were, in fact, Village residents. Leaving aside for a moment the advisability of using Morton Grove's bonding power to expedite the construction of a facility in Skokie, once again, a piece of legislation was "railroaded" through the legislative process. If the minutes of the special "hearing" were pre-written by special counsel, what need do we have of a Village Clerk or Village Staff to write meeting minutes? Also, didn't we recently spend tax

dollars for a laptop computer so the Clerk could effectively take minutes? Mr. Mayor, you campaigned as being against "Done deals" and "Backroom deals". Were you lying to us then or are you lying to us now?

While running in 2005, Mayor Krier and the Caucus Party promised to restore confidence in the way the Village does business. They promised open, honest and ethical conduct. Recently there was a challenge to the Caucus Party candidates petition packets for the primary 2007 election. Part of that challenge involved an allegation that a Village employee was circulating nominating petitions while at work on Village time, a direct violation of the Village Ethics Ordinance. Mayor Krier and Clerk Fritschall were two of the three members of the election board that heard the challenge. They made the decision to not hear the allegations of ethical misconduct by the Village employee since the election board was not the proper venue to hear such allegations. In the past, the Mayor has stifled the airing of such

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Obituaries

Gus V. Brzozowski, 89

Gus V. Brzozowski, 89, of Mount Prospect, passed away Monday, January 8, 2007 at Northwest Community Hospital. He was born November 2, 1917 in Chicago. Beloved son the late Stanley Brzozowski and the late Anna Brzozowski; husband of the late Helen Brzozowski; father of Kathy (Roland) Lada, the late Robert, and the late Jeffrey (Joanne); grandfather of Jenni and Justin. Services were held January 13 at St. Zachary Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home.

(Richard) Connolly; grandfather of Jason. Services were held January 16 at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a compound mixer for Helene Courtis. Memorial to: American Cancer Society, 625 N. Ct. Suite 280, Palatine, IL 60067.

Edward J. Klebek, 77

Veteran Edward J. Klebek, 77, of Niles, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. He was born April 9, 1929 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Joseph Klebek and the late Mary (nee Noga) Klebek; companion of Laura La Manna; brother of Joseph (the late Helen), Lorraine (Hank) Kaluzny, Dan (Carol), and Theresa (Dave) Merrill; nephew of Harriet (the late John); cousin of John, Jim, Rich, and Tina; uncle of Sue, Linda, Jeff, Karen, Catherine, Dan Jr., Ken, David, Lisa, Janet, Paul,

Kate, and Sarah; great-uncle of Zachary, Jessica, Jamie, Mia, Matt, Lauren, Olivia, Connor, Thanai, Caroline, Haley, and Sophie; friend to many. Services were held January 17 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a bricklayer and a member of the Niles Golf Club, Niles Senior's Club, and Niles Senior's Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Helen J. Matuszek, 92

Helen J. Matuszek, 92, formerly of Niles, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2007 at Resurrection Medical Center. She was born April 9, 1914 in Mt. Carmel, PA. Beloved daughter of the late Teofal Luta and the late Anna Luta; wife of the late Hillary Matuszek; mother of Robert (Dee) and the late Richard (Palamina and the late Adeline); sister of Anna, Florence, and Rita; grandmother and great-grandmother of many; aunt of many. Services were held

January 16 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Mausoleum. She was an assembler for Avon.

Dolores C. Pogorzelski, 82

Dolores C. Pogorzelski, 82, of Niles, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at home. She was born February 17, 1924 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Leo Gorski and the late Emily (nee Guzorek) Gorski; wife of Edmund Pogorzelski; mother of Karen (Dennis) Kelley, Edward (Mary), Carole (Denis) Trella, Ronald (Eileen); grandmother of Christine, Denise, Daniel, Edward (Jennifer), Jason, George, Christopher, Carolyn, the late David, William, Brian, Nicole, and Robert (Mandy); great-grandmother of Madeleine, Matthew, and Logan; sister of Alvin (Barbara) Nicpon; aunt of many. Services were held January 13 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She was a homemaker. Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 625 N. Ct. Suite 280, Palatine, IL 60067 and the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Lillian A. Rusk, 93

Lillian A. Rusk, 93, of Park Ridge, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born December 13, 1913 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Josef Hayna and the late Rosalie (nee Benda) Hayna; wife of the late Raymond Rusk; mother of Kenneth and the late Thomas; grandmother of Gregory (Heather), Mary Christine, Lauren Marie (Kevin), Thomas, Patrick, Daniel (Amanda), Matthew, and James; great-grandmother of Gabriella, Nicholas, Veronica, Olivia, and Sawyer; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services were held January 9 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Mausoleum. She was a homemaker and member of the Park Ridge Country Club, original and founding member of the Notre Dame High School Mother's Club, and the Sokol Gymnastics Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials to: Notre Dame Scholarship Fund.

**Frank Cremi, 89**

Veteran Frank Cremi, 89, of Niles, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2007. He was born February 5, 1917 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Frank Cremi; husband of Lucille (nee Sarch) Cremi; father of Christine

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by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 before Feb. 9. The Senior Network, the Hyalgan Speakers Bureau and the Morton Grove Department of Family & Senior Services present this program.

AARP Mature Driving Program

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on

ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 17 and 24 at the Morton Grove Senior Center; and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 15 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Register by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Assassins' Musical Theatre Trip

"Assassins" lays bare the lives of nine individuals who assassinated or attempted to assassinate U.S. Presidents. Creators, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman bend the rules of time and space, taking the audience on a roller coaster ride where assassins and would-be assassins from different historical periods meet, interact and ultimately inspire each other to harrowing actions in the name of the American Dream. The "Assassins" brilliant musical score, features American music from folk to ragtime to 1970's soft rock. Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will attend this show on Sunday, Feb. 18. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$66 for Senior Center Members and \$76 for non-members.

President's Day Program

Join Donna Horwitz at the Morton Grove Senior Center in learning about and honoring two of America's greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Hear about their contributions as

well as the historical events of their time at this special President's Day Program starting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Jan. 29 and pay a reduced cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. After Jan. 29, the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members.

'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 Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Feb. 1 and pay a reduced cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. After Feb. 1 the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members.

Summit Square

Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will visit Summit Square Retirement and Assisted Living in Park Ridge on Friday, Feb. 23. The trip includes a tour, delicious lunch and a special program. The bus

departs from the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 3 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Feb. 1 and pay a reduced cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. After Feb. 1 the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members.

'Moon Over Buffalo' Theatre Trip

"Moon Over Buffalo," the Ken Ludwig comedy hit is enjoying its Chicago premier at the Theatre Building in Chicago. Morton Grove Senior Center theatregoers will take it in on Thursday, March 8. This backstage farce features a married acting couple attempting to claw their way back to stardom. Fate offers a chance but they are met by scheming blondes; hateful in-laws and inebriated egos. Superbly acted and glamorously costumed, this fast-paced comedy leaves the audience breathless from laughter. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 6:30 and returns at 10:30 p.m. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Feb. 1 and pay a reduced cost of \$47 for Senior Center Members and \$54 for non-members. After Feb. 1 the costs are \$54 for Members and \$62 for non-members.

SPORTS

Notre Dame, Maine South square-off on wrestling mat

The week started with the first Kevin McCann-Brett Harman Dual Meet with Maine South and Notre Dame. Maine South hosted

COACH GENOVESI'S WRESTLING WRAP UP

the Dual this year and it will rotate every year between South and Notre Dame. Coaches Augie Genovesi and Craig Fallico believe that this is a great night for the wrestlers and the McCann and Harman Families. We really want to keep the Memories of two Great young men alive. It's all positive for everybody involved. Needless to say the matches were all great and the wrestlers from both programs fed off the evening by going tough and hard. The Notre Dame freshmen defeated Maine South 51-31 but Maine South came back and defeated Notre Dame on the J.V. and Varsity 33-31. Notre Dame forfeited 103 and 112 and lost close matches at 119 where Brad Hammer loss 2-1 and Nick Nowotarski loss 2-0. At 130 Bob Provox won by

a fall at 135 Soph Bill Gavin won by a fall, at 140 Pat Kinnear dropped a 12-7 decision, At 145 Soph Denis Walsh won by a fall, at 152 Peter Fudalej loss by a fall, at 160 N.D. freshmen Brian Ridge loss a tough 5-3 bout, 171 Joe Graves continues to wrestle well as he ran his record to 25-0 with a fall in the first period, 189 Brendan McAleer won 11-1 215 Junior Bo Cisek loss 8-2 and Heavyweight Steve Catalano won 2-1, all in all I thought we wrestled well. On Saturday we wrestled at Palatine, wrestling a triple Dual, we wrestled Carmel in the first round and they beat us 33-21, forfeiting 103 and 112 has put us behind the 8 ball for the past 2 weeks but the guys have done a nice job trying to make up the points we are giving up at those 2 weights. We were able to rally in the next 2 duals and beat Cary-Grove 36-34 and Lake Zurich 34-31.

Coach Jim Cartwright and Phil Chihowski both continue to use the term, we are taking baby steps, we can really see the improvement in the last

week in a half.

Leading the way so far for the Dons are 171 Joe Graves 28-0, 189 Brendan McAleer 26-4, 130 Bob Provox 12-1, 215 Bo Cisek 21-7, Heavyweight Steve Catalano 20-6 and 119 Brad Hammer 17-8, starting to really come around are 140 Pat Kinnear who won 3 big matches this weekend, 135 Bill Gavin who looks better every time he steps on the mat as does Freshmen 160 Brian Ridge who is learning what the varsity is all about after winning 23 matches in a row on the lower levels. Placing 6th as a team in the Notre Dame Sophomore Tournament and leading the way were Heavyweight Champion Jack Thompson, 140 Denis Walsh placing 2nd, 145 Matt Bascom and at 189 Eric Damlos both placing 4th, Freshmen Chang Lee also earned a 4th place finish.

We travel to St. Viator Friday night to wrestle Viators and Marian Catholic, on Saturday we wrestle in the Oak Park Tournament. We are taking those baby steps and getting better everyday.

Zelasko celebrates 19th year at ND

Coach Zelasko begins his 19th year as head coach at Notre Dame this season. As the all-time winningest coach in Notre Dame's history, Coach Zelasko brings with him 33 years of coaching and teaching experience.

Coach Zelasko began his career by investing 7 years at St. Ignatius elementary school as a teacher and coach. He then continued on at Gordon Tech High School for 8 years as a teacher and coach, coaching on multiple levels (3 years as freshmen coach; 2 years as sophomore coach; 3 years as varsity assistant). Working under legendary coaches such as Bob Ociepa (Gordon Tech; Milwaukee Bucks) and the late Steve Pappas (Retired (Gordon Tech; Deerfield), Coach Z eventually took over the reigns of his own program in 1988 and has

spent the last 19 years at Notre Dame High School in multiple capacities aside from leading the Dons' basketball team. He taught and served as a counselor at ND before becoming Director of Enrollment, a position he has held for the past 7 years.

One of the most respected coaches in the area and established as the "master of the special play" or quick-hitter, Coach Zelasko emphasizes toughness, mutual respect and the thrill of competition as a means to help our young Dons become men not only of respect but also of character. Career highlights include:

- East Suburban Catholic Conference Champions in 2002
- Regional Titles in 1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2002
- Sectional Finalists in 1997 and 2002
- Supersectional Champion in 1997

Elite Eight qualifier in 1997

■ Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year - District Four - 1997

■ East Suburban Catholic Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year - 1998 & 2002

■ Back-to-back East Suburban Catholic Conference Most Valuable Players in 2002 (John Bowler - Eastern Michigan University) and 2003 (Abe Badmus - Bucknell University)

■ Notre Dame High School's all-time winningest varsity basketball coach

Coach Zelasko graduated from DePaul University in 1973 with degrees in Education (K-12) with an emphasis on Physical Education. He is married to Mary, and they have 3 children: Matthew (ND Class of 2000), Kristen and Megan.

Cold weather brings fast swims, swimmers

While just about everyone's mind was either on the Bears or the forecasted snow, the Park Ridge Swim Club II traveled to West Chicago for the Polar Bear Classic Swim Meet hosted by the West Chicago Sharks.

Leading the way were the 10 and under boys age group represented by Jonathan Salomon (10), Andy Lui (10), Charlie Majewski (10), and Jonathan Ramoska (9) and Daniel Lewis (10). Majewski started the meet on a high note when he won the 200 yd. freestyle in a new personal best and team record of 2:36.69. Team records continued to fall as Jonathan Salomon took second in the 200 IM, just missing a State qualifying time when he touched the wall in a 2:53.97. Not to be outdone, Andy Lui also set a new team and meet record when he won the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:26.36. A new team record was also set in the 200 medley relay. Jonathan Ramoska joined teammates, Salomon, Lui and Majewski when he anchored the relay and they took second in a time of 2:35.51. The 200 free relay splashed to a third place finish with Daniel Lewis joining Ramoska, Lui and Salomon in a final time of 2:21.56.

Justin Demme represented the 11-12 boys with a top 16 finish in the 50 freestyle. His final time was 45.01. Robert Ramoska shook off a nagging cough to lead the way with a first place finish in the 50 free B Division. His time was 30.00 a personal best.

Andrew Salomon continued his assault on the record book when he set both team and Meet records in the 13-14 boys 50 and 100 free events. His winning times were 23.92 and 52.34 respectively. He also just missed qualifying for the March State

Upcoming meets for the Park Ridge Swim Club II include the Blue Devil Blizzard hosted by Blue Devil Swim Club in Gurnee, IL, the 27th Schroeder YMCA A+ Meet February 2-4, 2007 in Brown Deer WI and The Mundelein Mustangs Swim Your Age Classic.

Park Ridge Swim Club II is always looking for dedicated swimmers. For additional information on the Swim Team, contact Head Coach Terry Majewski, 847-825-2048.

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Oregon pinot noir catches on with Blue Heron scallops

PERFECT PAIRINGS

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

It was a cold November evening in 2005 and the Blue Heron Restaurant's grand opening was going smoothly. After all, chef Deborah Snow and manager Barbara White had operated the award-winning restaurant for six years at a nearby location. This redesigned 120-seat restaurant in the historic Old Town Hall in Sunderland, Mass., was the partners' dream come true.

But the dream turned to a nightmare when White was urgently called to the kitchen.

"We'd run out of propane," Snow said. "We paid our gas bill, but the company had just screwed up. Now we had 180

diners in various stages of dining. We served the last of anything we had and then went around to each table offering free wine and cocktails. We still have customers who come in and say 'I was here at your grand opening when you ran out of gas!'"

The Blue Heron survived that initial disaster - and got a deep discount on its propane for the rest of the year. Now, this small-town restaurant has garnered attention in national food publications that generally focus on big-city dining.

It received the Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator and was featured in Bon Appetit along with today's featured recipe, Pan-Seared Sea Scallops with Lentils, Bacon and Cider Reduction.

The Dish

In Bon Appetit, the magazine staff asked what was the

secret to the scallop dish that wowed them. Snow simply said, "Balance."

"I am always looking for balance. Balance is about making the many components work harmoniously together. It's also very much about our taste buds playing off one another - it's that gestalt thing - the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

Snow suggests that you get large (about 10 per pound) scallops for this dish. Make sure the scallops have a nice white opalescence and a fresh ocean smell. If they smell fishy or have a hint of ammonia, don't buy them.

"Don't substitute other lentils in this dish," emphasizes the chef. "Use only French lentils (lentilles du Puy) or the dish will not be the same." French lentils are more flavorful and a bit smaller and lighter than most common lentils. They also take a bit

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Deborah Snow



Pan-Seared Sea Scallops with Lentils, Bacon and Cider Reduction

To prepare mascarpone cream: Place wine and shallots in heavy small saucepan. Boil until almost dry, about 6 minutes. Add cream. Boil until reduced by 1/2, about 2 minutes. Stir in mascarpone, lemon peel and chives. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Transfer to small bowl; cover and chill. Rewarm before serving.)

To prepare cider reduction: Place cider, vinegar and shallots in heavy medium saucepan. Boil until reduced by 1/2 cup, about 15 minutes. Strain; discard solids in strainer. Return cider mixture to pan. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.)

To prepare lentils: Press thin

end of cloves into peeled onion. Place onion in heavy large saucepan. Add water, lentils and bay leaves. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until lentils are tender, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook bacon in heavy large skillet over medium heat until crisp. Using slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towels. Pour all but 3 tablespoons fat from skillet. Add shallots to skillet and saute over medium heat until golden, about 2 minutes.

Drain lentils, discarding onion and bay leaves. Add reserved bacon, lentils and

the recipe

- Mascarpone cream:
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
- 4 cup whipping cream
- 4 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh chives
- Cider reduction:
- 2 cups apple cider
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 4 cup chopped shallots
- Lentils:
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 medium onion, peeled
- 6 cups water
- 1/2 cups French green lentils (lentilles du Puy; about 12 ounces)
- 2 bay leaves
- 6 slices thick-cut applewood-smoked bacon, cut crosswise 1/4-inch thick
- 4 cup chopped shallots
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- Scallops:
- 6 tablespoons butter (divided use)
- 18 sea scallops, patted dry
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Yields 6 servings

thyme to shallots. (Lentils can be made 2 hours ahead. Let stand at room temperature. Rewarm over medium heat, stirring often.)

To prepare scallops: Bring cider reduction to simmer. Whisk in 5 tablespoons butter, 1 tablespoon at a time. Keep warm.

Engagement



Contorno - Naydihor

Heather Contorno and Edward Naydihor, Jr. 7330 24th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin announced their engagement. She is the daughter of Rob and Cristina Contorno of Park Ridge Illinois and Kim and Mike Hubers of Bristol Wisconsin.

He is the son of Edward and Colleen Naydihor Sr. of Kenosha Wisconsin.

The future bride graduated from Central High School, Salem Wisconsin and works at Southport Bank Kenosha Wisconsin.

The future groom graduated from Gateway Technical College, Kenosha Wisconsin and works at R & R Automotive in Kenosha Wisconsin.

A September 15, 2007 wedding is planned.

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THE QUEEN (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Fri, Sat & Sun early matinee 10:40am	ALPHA DOG (R) 2:15, 5:00, 8:15; Fri, Sat & Sun early matinee 11:30am
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'Arthur and the Invincibles'

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New Releases

Arthur and the Invincibles ★★ - Luc Besson's new movie is a little like "The Matrix" redone by troll dolls. Its original French title (translated) is "Arthur and the

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Minimoys," but since it apparently was decided Americans would have no clue what Minimoys are (and the French do?), the movie's animated little people were rechristened the "Invisibles." Which they're not exactly, but, ahem ... we forge ahead. Arthur (Freddie Highmore) is an adventurous and imaginative kid who, for a resident of rural Connecticut, speaks with a startlingly thick British accent. He lives in a cinematically ramshackle house with his good-hearted granny (Mia Farrow), and spends most of his time looking for clues to the whereabouts of his beloved grandfather, an intrepid explorer who vanished some time back while searching for a missing pile of rubies. Director: Luc Besson. Writers: Luc Besson, Celine Garcia. Cast: Freddie Highmore, Mia Farrow. Voice cast: David Bowie, Madonna, Jimmy Fallon, Robert De Niro, Harvey Keitel, Emilio Estevez, Snoop Dogg. Running time: 1 hour, 42 minutes. Rated PG.

Recent Releases

The Painted Veil ★★ - Cholera is one of the most awful of diseases, and to its credit, "The Painted Veil" does not gingerly shy from some physical details. That's one value of refilming the old Somerset Maugham story in 2006, a clear advance on the 1934 version. That piece of lacquered exotica



Pop star Madonna provides the voice for Princess Selenia in Luc Besson's 'Arthur and the Invisibles.' (CNS Photo courtesy of Ehunne Geoise.)

was a vehicle for Greta Garbo, and lesser decads of studio quality like Jean Hersholt and Herbert Marshall. Naomi Watts, though no Garbo, acquires herself well as Kitty Fane. She's newly a Mrs., having fled into marriage with bacteriologist Walter Fane (Edward Norton) to escape the curdling judgments of her snobbish mother. Kitty expects comfort, ease and fun, and is not in love with Walter, who is not very accessibly lovable. He insists on lights out during sex, and the result is quite clinical, so that downcast but frisky Kitty is soon covertly bedded by the business sharpie Townsend (Liev Schreiber). The affair is hot

and facile, yet Walter isn't prepared to forgive. He responds with a cuckold's spite, and makes a severe offer: You can have a divorce if your rising, cagey lover gets one also (fat chance), otherwise you're away with me to the cholera-stricken innards of China, during the 1920s phase of warlords and Chiang Kai-Shek's rising KMT (Kuomintang party). A Warner Independent release. Director: John Curran. Writers: Ron Nyswaner, W. Somerset Maugham. Cast: Naomi Watts, Edward Norton, Toby Jones, Liev Schreiber, Diana Rigg, Sally Hawkins. Running time: 1 hour, 52 minutes. Rated R.

Pairings

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longer to cook. Although they are called French lentils they actually originated in southeast Asia. You can find them in health food stores and online.

The Wine

Although a light-bodied pinot noir would work with this dish, play it safe with a delicious 2004 Lumos Pinot Gris (\$14). This Oregon white will really showcase the flavors of the scallop dish, mascarpone cream and cider reduction.

The Lumos winery is located in McMinnville, Ore., and owned by Dai Crisp and his wife, PK McCoy. Before starting his own winery, Crisp was well known for managing some of the top wineries in Oregon. The wine has crisp acidity balanced by honey and big, ripe fruit flavors.

Ron James welcomes comments and suggestions. E-mail him at ronjames@perfectpairings.us. Listen to his "Gourmet Club" radio show and see archives of previous columns at www.perfectpairings.us.

Letters

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allegations during regular board meetings, so the question needs to be asked, "Where exactly IS the proper venue for these allegations?" Further, although it seems that the election law does not prohibit elected officials from sitting in judgement on the probity of their allies paperwork, it does seem very much like having the fox guard the hen house. Mr. Mayor, you campaigned as being against "Business as usual". Were you lying to us then or are you lying to us now?

We have endured two years of Caucus Party rule and should have a pretty good handle on Mayor Krier's "truthiness". We have an election upcoming in the spring. Perhaps we all need to reflect on the old saying: "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me". I actively supported Mayor Krier and the Caucus Party in 2005. I will not be fooled again.

Patrick C. Kansoer Sr.
Morton Grove, IL

In Park Ridge, our city government, school district and park district can help immediately with a few signs. Let's create "idle free zones". For example, on any given school day there are lines of cars, mini-vans, and SUVs sitting curbside waiting for youngsters. Let's remind drivers to turn off their engines with some "idle free zone" signs. The same approach to idle free zones can be repeated by churches, shopping centers, and our park facilities such as the Oakton Ice Arena.

It's easy. Just turn off your vehicle when waiting even a few minutes to pick someone up. Sometimes a gentle reminder is all it takes to make small changes in behavior.

I urge our city council, school administration, park district administration, and shopping center owners to consider joining this effort. While individual drivers will save money by conserving gas, we all will benefit with lower emissions, less pollution, and a reduction in global warming by creating idle free zones in Park Ridge.

Dick Barton, Park Ridge

Reader urges action against greenhouse gases

Dear Editor,
Many are aware of Al Gore's documentary about global warming called "An Inconvenient Truth". One of the many points made in the film is that nearly everyone can do a little something to cut air pollution, conserve natural resources, and reduce waste.

There are several "easy" changes that most of us can make such as making fewer car trips, keeping our thermostats turned down a bit, and using recycled paper and other products. But, we can do even more as a community.

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By J.R. Rose - Copley News Service

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Watchable Wildlife Guide

wildlife observation in the right place at the right time

Breeding success



Arctic foxes, clad in their thick, pure white winter coats, are specialists in winter wilderness survival. Long hairs on the soles of their feet provide insulation against the cold and traction on ice. Short ears prevent excessive loss of body heat, and changes in circulation pump more blood to the nose, ears, paws and tail when extra warmth is needed. Such acclimatization allows them to sleep on the snow in comfort despite temperatures that may reach 100 degrees F colder than the norm in summer. Their only visible concession to the cold may be to lie down out of the wind and curl up with the tail covering the nose and paws.

As winter wanes, the dog fox displays enthusiasm for courtship by playfully jumping about the vixen. Showing further readiness to breed, he may make some exploratory digs for a suitable den. After a few rebuffs, the vixen tolerates his advance and permits copulation. By winter's end, digging a den in which to raise their pups becomes both their preoccupation and a capstone to another season's survival.

WHERE TO OBSERVE

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
Yukon Delta NWR, Alaska
Caribou River Wilderness Park, Manitoba
Wapusk National Park, Manitoba
Queen Maud Sanctuary, Northwest Territories
Thelon Sanctuary, NWT and Nunavut
Tuktut Nogait Park, Northwest Territories
Auyuittuq National Park, Nunavut
Katanmiliq Territorial Park, Nunavut
Quttinirpaq National Park, Nunavut
Ukkusiksalik National Park, Nunavut
Ivvavik National Park, Yukon

LOOK FOR

field marks:
a small fox
short, rounded ears
heavily furred feet
two color phases: pure white; and slate-blue with brownish head, feet

habits:
scavenges from polar bear kills
wanders widely in winter dens on well-drained slopes

Arctic fox *Alopex lagopus*
Head and body: 18-22 inches; tail: 10-12 inches
Habitat: tundra, usually near shores; pack ice

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Pluralizing People

Making proper names plural that end in s, y or z is often confusing. Do you know the correct spellings for the following last names?

- Let's ask the (Williamsses, William's, Williams') to play tennis with us.
- Did you know that the (Murphy's, Murphies, Murphys) are moving to Atlanta?
- The (Hertz, Hertz, Hertz's) are hosting a New Year's Eve Party.

Answers: 1. Williamses. If a last name ends in s, add an es.
2. Murphys. If a last name ends in y, add an s.
3. Hertz's. If a last name ends in z, add an s.

Copley News Service

Open up to the idea of open spaces

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: What if we take the walls down between the kitchen and dining room so the space is all

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one? My wife is cool to the idea. She says we won't be able to entertain "properly," by which she means in a separate dining room. Judging from the new houses several of our friends have bought, "proper" dining rooms are old hat. What's the story here?

A: It's a story with two endings, both of them happy. On the one hand, many Americans are moving away from formal - or proper - dining rooms toward the kind of multifunction room - or great room - your friends must have.

With our daily lives increasingly busy and, therefore, more casual these days, it makes sense to gather the whole family in one place for meals, relating and relaxing.

On the other hand, these increasingly busy times are leading many other families to rediscover the importance of sitting down around the dinner table to eat, to share the news of the day, to become a closer-knit unit. As interior designer John Saladino once put it so insightfully, "The dinner table is about the only ritual left to the modern American family."

There are many ways to preserve that ritual, and they don't all depend on walls that physically separate the kitchen



Open Dining - Entertaining in the kitchen, and how! This open floor plan invites big parties into this scaled-up space for cooking, dining, and taking it totally easy. (CNS Photo courtesy of Matthew Kowles)

from the dining room from the living room, as in days of yore. The spacious room we show here was a center of attention at a recent designer show house in Saddle River, N.J. The wide-open space functions on three levels - as kitchen, "formal" dining and sitting room - without sacrificing its graciousness, thanks to the skills of interior designer Diane Paparo (www.paparo.com).

Taking the chill off the enormous room, she painted the walls a warm brick red and

gathered stationary draperies between the window arches, purely for their softening effect. Another soft touch, the rug under the lacquer and glass dining table (of her own design), separates the sitting/dining space from the working kitchen and its businesslike, stainless-fronted appliances.

With dressy furnishings such as the vintage rosewood dining chairs, curvaceous loveseat and traditional wing chairs, the sitting/dining area

assumes a living-room attitude at the same time it functions as a wide-open-to-everything great room for the family.

The moral of this two-pronged story is clear: even where there is no wall, you can still find a way to the lifestyle you envision, whether that's truly casual or totally "proper."

Q: We have a typical city apartment, where the bedrooms and bath open off a long hallway. It's dark and depressing, I think, to look down that

hall as you step from the little foyer into the living-dining room. We have added a couple of sconces down the hall, which helped, but now I am thinking of mirroring the small wall at the end of the hall.

My husband thinks it's a weird - he says "tacky" - idea. What do you think?

A: You have arrived, independently, at one of the most effective manifestations of the feng shui philosophy. Mirrors can reflect long, dark hallways. See Decor, page 25

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Moth larvae can destroy squash, pumpkins

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It looks like some areas of the country are going to see an early spring. Now is the time to plan for new landscaping and gardening and to decide what to do about last year's problems.

A GREENER VIEW

Q: Before we know it, we'll be starting seedlings. Every year, I have the same problem with my zucchini plants. Once they start producing heavily, I always get some sort of insect eating the base of the plants. Then white fungus starts taking over the leaves. What insect is causing this? I can't seem to find any particular bug or beetle, unless the critters are inside the plant stalks. What should I do to prevent these problems?

A: You probably got it right when you said the critters might be inside the plant. Let's take care of the fungus first. It is probably powdery mildew. It covers the leaves in a white dusting that slowly kills the plant. Downy mildew creates yellow, then dead, areas on the upper leaf surface, and then a gray mold on the bottom of the leaf.

There are mildew-resistant varieties in many vine crops, but not that many in squash. Fungicides can be effective if applied properly.

The squash vine borer is a common moth. The larva burrows into the stem and may or may not kill it. All of the squash, pumpkin and gourd group can be infested with it.

The adult is often mistaken for a wasp. It is about an inch long and has clear back wings. The body is bright orange or

red and black. Unlike a wasp, it doesn't have a narrow waist and the body is covered in hairs. The back legs are covered with long, fluffy hairs. It doesn't behave like a moth as it flies around the plants in the daytime. They can be easily spotted sitting on the plant in the late afternoon and early morning.

The larva or pupa stage spends the winter in the top inch or two of soil and can be killed by rototilling the soil in fall or spring. After they pupate and hatch as adults, they can live more than a month, during which they can fly to your garden even if you killed last year's larvae.

The normally safe way of killing moth larvae is with a bacterial spray of *Bacillus thuringiensis*. But these larvae are inside the stem of the plant, where the spray does not reach, so it is not effective.

One of the best ways to beat the problem is to pile soil on top of the vine at intervals along the stem at a leaf junction. If the stem is damaged near the base of the plant, the new roots along the stem help nourish the vine. Covering the whole crop with a row cover cloth can help prevent the adult from reaching the plant to lay any eggs.

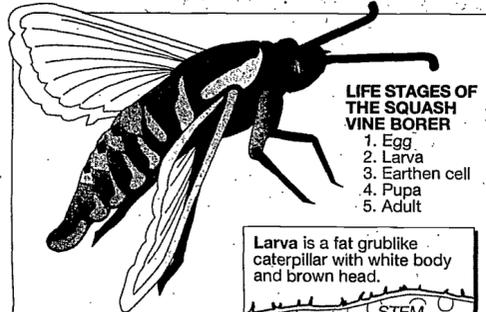
Q: We have a variegated maple tree that for the last two years looks as though it suffers from drought in the summer. The leaves get brown on the edges and then all of them fall off. The tree sends out new leaves in late summer.

In 2005, I thought it was the drought, even though I watered it. In 2006, the same thing happened. The tree always looks healthy until about midsummer. Do you think it is some type of dis-

GARDEN TIP

Squash vine borer

The squash vine borer is a destructive pest that attacks squashes, gourds and pumpkins. Unfortunately, it is usually noticed only after it has done its damage. The adult squash vine borer is a stout, dark-gray insect that appears more like a wasp than a moth.



LIFE STAGES OF THE SQUASH VINE BORER

1. Egg
2. Larva
3. Earthen cell
4. Pupa
5. Adult

Larva is a fat grublike caterpillar with white body and brown head.

ADULT SQUASH VINE BORER begins to fly in late May and early June.

PLANTS AFFECTED Squashes, zucchini, pumpkins, gourds and melons.

SYMPTOMS Damage first appears in midsummer when a long runner or an entire plant wilts suddenly. The presence of holes in plant stems and excrement around entry holes signal the presence of squash vine borers.

CAUSE Squash vine borers damage plants by tunneling through their stems, which interferes with nutrient transfer in the plants, causing leaves to wilt, collapse and eventually die.

CONTROL The key to eliminating borers is controlling them before they enter the stem. An insecticide is effective when applied at the time that eggs are hatching. Monitor plants weekly for signs of the borers' frass at entrance holes in the stems.

Source: www.ento.psu.edu

Copley News Service/Bob Kast

ease? I don't want to lose it. What should I do? Thanks for any help you can give me.

A: There are many Japanese maples that have multicolored leaves with white, pink or yellow in combination with green. There are a few Norway maples with creamy white and green leaves and a few other rarer variegated maple trees.

All of them are weaker than the ordinary green-leaved tree.

This is true for essentially all variegated plants. Green comes from the chlorophyll, where plant food production occurs. Introduce any other color and those cells are not pulling their weight in helping the plant grow.

Newly transplanted trees

are already weak from losing a bunch of roots. Trees have a balance of leaves to roots. With fewer roots supplying the leaves with water and the leaves not producing as much food, it will take some time for the tree to become established again. A normal timetable for a tree to become re-established is around one year for each inch of the trunk's diameter. Your tree will take longer.

This means that extra care needs to be taken to keep it watered, fertilized and free from insects. Borers especially love new trees and drought-stricken trees.

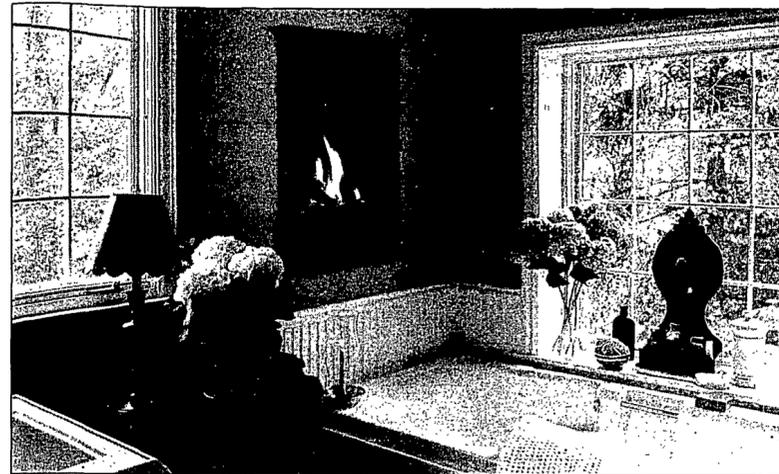
Another concern is that the chlorophyll helps protect a leaf from sunburn. White variegated leaves are very prone to being damaged. The white edges will turn brown and then dry up, looking as though the tree needed watering. The problem then is the tree can be overwatered, which damages the roots.

Variegated plants are often best planted where they will get afternoon shade, if not full shade. The benefit is the white leaves help brighten a dark landscape.

The late flush of new growth consumes carbohydrates the tree should be using to survive the winter and to grow new leaves in the spring. This bad timing can weaken the tree, but there is nothing you can do about it.

One final concern is that the tree could have a bacterial disease that causes the dead-leaf areas, but this is the least likely cause and it needs to be diagnosed by a licensed arborist.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenview.com.



Behind the looking glass - Several of stove company Lopi's designs, including this Looking Glass 'portrait-style' fireplace, can accommodate an aromatherapy oil warmer hidden in the keystone. (CNS Photo)

Portrait-style fireplaces pack a punch of passion

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Here's something that may make your house a bit more steamy this winter while pulling the plug on those electric scent-making air fresheners.

HOME ZONE

Lopi, the largest wood, gas and pellet stove company in the U.S., is now the first maker of gas fireplaces and cast-iron stoves to offer a built-in aromatherapy feature.

That is good news for anyone wanting to experience the fragrance of "Love Potion No. 10" as they and a partner watch the dancing flames of the nearby fireplace.

Made of ylang-ylang oil derived from the flower of the cananga tree, Love Potion No. 10 is believed to relieve high blood pressure and aid skin problems.

But the point here is that the No. 10 product, with a history as a South Pacific aphrodisiac, "excites the senses with a sensual, intoxicating fragrance perfect for romance."

The fragrance dispenser is hidden in a special nook in the keystone of the fireplace, above the fire. Aromatherapy compartments can be added to a wide range of Lopi stoves and gas fireplaces.

The company's Looking Glass model, a 21-inch-wide, 12-inch-deep "portrait-style" fireplace, was designed for bedroom and bathroom use. It can also be inte-

grated with kitchen cabinetry. When no fire is lit, the Looking Glass is a classically styled wall mirror. With the touch of a button, the fire ignites and the mirror fades away.

The Looking Glass comes with a convection fan that can heat an area as large as 650 square feet, and is available in both top-vent and rear-vent models. Prices for the cast-iron, portrait-style model range from \$1,500 to \$2,600.

If romance isn't in the cards, the company offers two other oils for its products: "On Cloud Nine" - with a hint of lavender to calm and relieve stress - and "Somebody Wake Up Edna" - with a eucalyptus base to stimulate and energize, and improve mood and memory.

Come to think of it, after Edna is awake it may be just the time for fanning the flames with a quick change to "Love Potion No. 10."

Lopi dealers can be found by visiting www.lopifire.com or calling 800-654-1177.

- Carl Larsen

Speedy Storage

When you need to keep several useful items handy, disorganization often results. Designers at Racor Inc., an Idaho manufacturer of garage storage systems, were inspired by the auto-racing industry to create a new line of products, called RacorPro(plus), with both speedy installation and speedy access to tools and supplies in mind.

The new product line won't

rust or corrode because it is made of heavy-duty anodized aluminum that also resists stains and damage from chemicals, according to Racor. The pieces clean up using soap and water. With predrilled holes and hardware included, these organizers go up quickly using a screwdriver and a stud finder.

The RacorPro(plus) Folding Workstation is a multitasker. Along with three 5 1/2-inch deep shelves to store items like motor oil, car waxes and cleaning supplies, the workstation has a work tray that holds as much as 100 pounds when folded down. When it's not needed, the tray folds up, out of the way, and locks into place. An extra-long towel bar will accommodate two rolls of paper towels. The workstation retails for \$190.

Another nifty idea is the RacorPro(plus) Vertical Can Rack, which fills your need for speed by holstering six of your most commonly used cans - such as spray paint, lubricant, insulating foam - securely at a 45-degree angle. The rack sells for \$50.

Of course, these versatile products aren't only for the garage. They may be just the thing to organize a kitchen, pantry, laundry room or workroom.

The RacorPro(plus) line is sold online and through major catalogs and retailers nationwide. For more information visit www.racorinc.com.

- Linda Pescatore

Decor

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in the liveliest of ways: they are said to capture the "chi" (life energy) of a space and reflect it back into the living area.

We came across a charming example of bouncing chi during a recent holiday party at the Manhattan apartment of designer and teacher Jamie Gibbs and his partner. Blessed with a hallway not unlike yours, Jamie simply had plate mirror cut to fit the hall's end wall, floor-to-ceiling,

so it looks built-in.

One glance down that now-brightened hall and you jump to the optical conclusion that the apartment is twice as lively and twice as large.

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at copleysd@copleynews.com.

January is GO Month!

By Terri Urquhart

Getting organized is consistently one of the top five New Year resolutions. Many see the New Year as a fresh start, a chance to bring order and focus to their life. Still year after year many make these resolutions only to lose sight of them. If you've made a resolution to organize I encourage you to keep it! There are several great reasons to get and stay organized. Here is some food for thought found on the National Association of Professional Organizers web-site (www.napo.net):

- 80% of the clutter in your home is a result of disorganization, not a lack of space.
- According to the National Soap and Detergent Association, getting rid of excess clutter would eliminate 40% of the housework in the average home.
- Americans waste a total of 9 million hours a day searching for misplaced items. Where are those keys?
- Americans only use about 20% of their belongings.
- 23% of adults say they pay bills late, and thus incur late fees, because they lose them.
- The US Department of Energy reports that 25% of people with a 2 car garage don't park any cars in it and 32% only park one. What's in your garage?

Is disorganization costing you time and money? Next week we'll give you some suggestions on keeping these resolutions.

Terri Urquhart, a Professional Organizer and co-owner of Forever Functional, Inc. To learn more about "GO Month" and getting organized or to subscribe to a FREE quarterly organizational newsletter please contact Terri or Beth at foreverfunctional@sbcglobal.net or call (312) 730-4300.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 African creature
 - 6 On the down side
 - 10 Go with the flow
 - 14 Had a home-cooked meal
 - 15 Stratagem
 - 16 Think piece
 - 17 Career path
 - 20 Bagel contents?
 - 21 Late
 - 22 REO component
 - 23 Bardic ballads
 - 24 Fowl place
 - 28 Had a hunch
 - 30 Checkout item
 - 32 Visitor to Elsinore
 - 35 Coral island
 - 36 They'll give you a lift
 - 40 Flap
 - 41 Deranged
 - 42 Delve
 - 45 Sets up
 - 49 Sing like a bird?
 - 50 Memory unit
 - 52 Have a bug
 - 53 Role for Mifune
 - 56 Force of physics
- DOWN**
- 57 Contract provision
 - 61 Green piece?
 - 62 Unstable particle
 - 63 Cartographic closeup
 - 64 Eschew a mouse
 - 65 They offer resistance
 - 66 Takes it all off
- 26 Swell spots
- 27 You be the judge
- 29 The other woman
- 30 Start a line
- 31 Superficial
- 33 Resting on
- 34 The middle of Estonia?
- 36 Make the cut
- 37 Symbol of industry
- 38 Fabled also-ran
- 39 Lofty lines
- 40 TV show stoppers
- 43 It's recommended by doctors
- 44 Mideast carrier
- 46 Western critter
- 47 Hollywood makeup?
- 48 Comes down hard
- 50 Witch craft
- 51 Tall tales
- 54 Big shark
- 55 Zion-ist state?
- 56 32 Across, for one
- 57 New newt
- 58 Vulpine
- 59 Tank top
- 60 Leo the Durocher

Last Week's Puzzle Answers

CRAWLERS

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ACNE	PLANE	INRE
BEGS	SIREN	STAT
ABACA	TIMID	IDO
SEGURA	NITRATES	
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TWIG	BRAT	SVC
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OSLO	ECOLE	ELLE
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