

Taste of Sister Cities Attracts Many Families

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Niles Sister Cities Association held another successful Taste of Sister Cities on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the White Eagle Banquet Hall.

"We get about 1,000 people every year," said Village Manager George Van Geem.

The event featured a variety of food items donated by local restaurants representing the flavors of Niles' four sister cities, Pisa, Italy; Nafplion, Greece; Leixlip, Ireland and Limanowa, Poland.

Participating restaurants included Amici Ristorante, Bacik's Deli, Graziano's, Lone Tree Manor, Niles Polish Deli, White Eagle Banquets, Blue Moon Restaurant, Chasers Bar and Grill, Howard Street Inn, Kappy's Restaurant and

Mykonos Restaurant. Many other businesses donated items for the silent auction.

"What's not to like about it?" asked Van Geem, about the event that includes variety of great food and entertainment. He said it's nice to see all of the families coming together at the annual event.

Andrew Przybylo, Taste of Sister Cities Chairman and village trustee, said that it is important to show kids that there are a lot of good things going on in the world, despite what is often shown in the media.

Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio emceed the event that included a raffle (with a 42" HD plasma television as a top prize), silent auction, music by the Grand Avenue Big Band and a performance by the WICI Polish dancers.

An important message of the Sister Cities Association



Many local restaurants donated food that was enjoyed by many guests at the Taste of Sister Cities on Nov. 18 at the White Eagle Banquet Hall. (Photo by Tracy Yoshida Gruen)

is "The more people to people contact, the more hope for ultimate world peace."

Many volunteers worked together to make the event

a success.

This year, a delegation from Niles traveled to Leixlip in June 2007 to participate in the annual Leixlip Festival.

In October, village officials spent five days hosting a delegation of dignitaries from Niles' oldest sister city, Pisa, Italy.

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Tax Relief Suggestion Shut Down By Niles Library Board

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The Niles Public Library Board did not consider tax relief for residents at the board meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The board received its audited financial report for the year ending on June 30, 2007. The total net assets grew by \$2,307,701, with revenues exceeding expenses for the third consecutive year.

The reports show that the library's assets exceed liabilities by \$12,357,900 with \$7,553,087 in unrestricted assets and \$3,626,167 invested in capital assets.

The library board's audit reported they have about eight

months of reserve, with about \$6 million in special reserves and \$1.3 million for capital replacements.

"I would suggest we reset our rate, lowering it to reflect our surplus," said library board trustee Morgan Dubiel at the Nov. 14 meeting. No one seconded this notion or discussed it any further.

Dubiel believes that currently everyone is demanding more taxes from people and this is something the library can safely do to help the people. He has stated that when the library needed the residents' support they were there for the library by approving the referendum.

"It took us a long time to get in this good shape," said Past

Library Board President Mr. Sugar, who was opposed to providing tax relief.

Sugar said that when he was on the board they had to eliminate the bookmobile and other important services due to financial struggles. He said now that the library is in better financial shape he is hoping to bring back the computer room and the bookmobile.

"I'm very happy the board approved the ordinance," said another past library board president Ted Przybylo. He referred to Dubiel's suggestion of tax relief at this time as "uncalled for and silly."

Przybylo said it's important to keep in mind the need to provide services and keep property values up.

Village Reports Successful TIF Districts

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

A special meeting to discuss various TIF districts within the Village of Niles was held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at village hall.

Village Manager George Van Geem said that the village's TIF district's have been very successful and have brought a good amount of money back to the tax base.

"That's why we do redevelopment," said Van Geem. He said one misconception people have involves TIFs having a

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Morton Grove Board Approves First Reading of Village, Library Budget

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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Morton Grove village trustees approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the village and library budgets at the village board meeting on Monday, Nov. 12.

The total budget for the village is \$46,099,745 and the library's budget is \$2,732,364, with a total of \$48,832,109. A public hearing has been scheduled for Nov. 26. Three budget workshops have been held since late October.

"There were changes made to the budget," said Finance Director Daniella Partipilo, who said that there was a reduction in the budget, mostly due to a reduction in the Lehigh/Ferris budget. Previously, the tentative budget called for total spending of about \$53.7 million, an increase of about .2% compared to this year's budget.

The budget includes an increase in property taxes of about 3.5 percent.

The total in the general corporate fund is \$23,980,258; the Lehigh/Ferris TIF fund is \$6,873,822 and the police pension fund is \$2,132,326.

A third budget workshop was held on Nov. 1 after Trustee Rita Minx brought up the suggestion of increasing the village's contribution for solid waste collection from \$235,000 to \$500,000.

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Daniella Partipilo
FINANCE DIRECTOR

shop village administrator Joseph Wade said he did not advise the use of fund balances for reoccurring expenses.

Trustee Dan Staackmann was also concerned about using a fund balance to support additional garbage subsidies. He said that a healthy fund balance generates interest and is needed for infrastructure. Trustee Georgianne Brunner noted that Minx had good intentions but agreed with Staackmann.

Although Minx's motion failed, she also asked that a committee be established to review other revenue enhancement options.

Mayor Richard Krier said that the village's priority after January was to focus on looking at the village's revenue stream.



LSSI Honors Dr. Peter Benson

On November 3, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) honored Dr. Peter Benson, president of the Minneapolis-based Search Institute, at its 26th Annual Amicus Certus Gala. The event, hosted by the Women's Network of LSSI, was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. Orion Samuelson, WGN agricultural broadcaster and 1996 Amicus Certus honoree, served as master of ceremonies of the event, which featured a variety of entertainment including captivating performances by cirque-style dancers. The event was chaired by Kathy Johnson, a Barrington resident.

"There is no thinker in child development like Dr. Peter Benson, who looks at the development of children in such a positive basis, and who focuses not only on the importance of loving children, but also on teaching them to be loving people," said the Rev. Dr. Frederick Aigner, LSSI president, as he presented

the award to Benson. "He has had a remarkable influence across our nation in shaping both how we as mentors, teachers, leaders and communities view and approach children and adolescents, enabling them to thrive and engage constructively in life."

As he received the award, Benson said, "I am thrilled about receiving this award and being at this event with people who love life, love community and love kids. There are a number of reasons why this award means so much to me. We get so busy sometimes that we lose sight of the meaning of our work. ... [This award] reenergizes me for the work that I do." Also recognizing the efforts of the staff at the Search Institute, he added, "I will be sharing this [award] with them. It's not about me — it's about us."

The evening also highlighted LSSI's 140th anniversary. On October 31, 1867, the Children's

Home at Andover — the first Lutheran charitable institution in Illinois and the forerunner of the agency — opened its doors to children orphaned by a wave of cholera epidemics that had ravaged the area.

The Amicus Certus Gala raised approximately \$65,000 for LSSI's Telepsychiatry Program, which enables LSSI to provide psychiatric services to clients via video-conferencing technology. Using special equipment, Dr. Chris Fichtner, a psychiatrist and former director of the Illinois Department of Mental Health, is able to "meet" with adolescent clients at Nachusa (Ill.) Lutheran Home from a conference room in LSSI's Des Plaines office. The program has been so successful in its first year that the agency is looking at the possibility of expanding the service into other rural areas in Illinois. Fichtner, who worked with LSSI to help establish and now expand the program, also spoke at the gala.

Park Ridge City Manager Honored for 30 Years of Service

Park Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke was recently recognized for 30 years of service as a local government manager.

The International City/County Management Association gave the recognition at the ICMA annual conference attended by 2,400 managers in Pittsburgh in October.

During the conference, Schuenke was also named to serve on ICMA's government affairs and policy committee.

Prior to coming to Park Ridge in 1996, Schuenke served as village manager in La Grange Park, Illinois for 13 years. He also served as city administrator in two Wisconsin communities for six years.

In 2002, Schuenke received the International City/County Management Association's credential manager designation. He was one of 170 local government managers

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Maine Township Seeks Holiday Donations for Food Pantry

Feeding the hungry never takes a holiday. The Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry is seeking donations from individuals, companies, and organizations to stock up on much-needed food to meet the winter demands. The pantry helps feed hundreds of families and individuals each month.

"As people go about enjoying the upcoming holiday season, we hope they will also remember those less fortunate," says Carol Teschky, Supervisor of Maine Township. "Our emergency food pantry does an excellent

job serving our residents in need but donations are necessary to keep the shelves full, especially during the winter months."

Any contributions of non-perishable food and money are always appreciated. The most pressing needs are for peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, canned tuna, chunky soups, dry cereal, macaroni and cheese, and large cans or plastic bottles of juice especially apple, orange and grape flavors.

"Local agencies, schools, and civic organizations which

organize food drives can help to meet the need," Carol Langan, Pantry Coordinator, says. Individuals and groups are encouraged to contact her for a copy of the full "wish list" of food donations needed.

Donations may be brought to Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge on Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Assistance is available for large deliveries.

For questions or assistance, contact the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry at 847-297-2510 or visit the township web site www.mainetownship.com.

Breakfast with Santa at Resurrection

The Resurrection High School Alumnae Association presents Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 9am to 11:30am (breakfast is served from 9-10:30am). All are welcome to have breakfast with Santa, have your face painted, enjoy a theater production by Res drama students

and make Christmas arts and crafts. Children and families can have their photos taken with Santa and each child will receive a special gift from Santa!

Tickets are \$7 per child in advance, \$8 per child at the door, and \$4 per adult. Call today to order your tickets at

773/775-6616 Ext. 142 or visit the Res website at www.reshs.org.

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Conquering the Costs of Cancer Through Special Cookbook

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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Close friends and family members of life-long Niles resident, Kathy Berresheim, have put together a special cookbook containing 100 of her delicious recipes to help her conquer the costs of cancer care.

Berresheim was diagnosed with oral cancer in 1997 and has undergone two surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. The cancer has taken most of her tongue and part of her neck causing a severe speech impediment and deformity of her neck and throat that makes swallowing extremely difficult.

Kathy was cancer free until abnormal cells started to appear in her mouth again. Today, she needs invasive and costly treatments. Due to her health history, she is unable to qualify for health insurance and has been turned down twice when she applied for social security disability.

Kathy's close friends Renate Galgano, Ann and Don Bellile and her family members originally wanted to surprise Kathy with the cookbook in her honor



Close friends and family members of Kathy Berresheim, of Niles, attended the St. John Brebeuf craft fair on Nov. 11 where they were selling a cookbook they created in her honor to help her with cancer-related costs. (Photo by Tracy Yoshida Gruen)

but then realized they needed their friend's expertise so they told her all about their great idea.

Galgano said that the cookbook has picked up Kathy's

spirits. The book, called Kathy B's Heavenly Sweets 'n' Treats features a variety of recipes for treats, such as creamy pumpkin pie, buttermilk brownies, pecan delights, candy bar pie, lemon

sheet cake, layered peanut butter brownies and much, much, more.

"It turned out really nice," said Berresheim, at the St. John Brebeuf craft fair held on

Sunday, Nov. 11 where they were selling copies of the cookbook.

"Kathy is like an angel to all of us," said Bellile, about her long-time friend. She said Kathy is the "famous baker" among her family and friends.

Renate and Ann said that Kathy bakes several cookies and other treats each year and delivers them to her friends and families.

"She's such a nice person and a great baker," shared Renate.

In the cookbook, Galgano created a "Recipe for Kathy" which includes one cup of understanding, one heaping cup of trust, two cups of laughter, three table-spoons of joy, three cups of love and a dash of memories.

Those interested in ordering the special cookbook can send a request to PO Box 480084, Niles, IL 60714. Suggested donations are \$10 per book. You can make your check or money order payable to "Kathy's Care Benefit" (Please add \$3 for postage and handling).

Or those interested can call 1-888-786-8372 or visit their web page at www.papalena.com/kathy to meet or become one of the sponsors.

Learning Ability Services Expanding at Resurrection High School

In a classroom on the second floor at Resurrection High School is an inviting room with small round tables, the most current issues of Time Magazine, a copy of the novel Wicked and other popular fiction, text books, audio tapes, shelves with board games and colorful files and cubbies full of study skill aids. Part classroom, part library, part hang-out space - that is the Learning Ability Services (LAS) classroom at Resurrection

High School.

Resurrection High School is committed to providing all young women with a quality college preparatory curriculum consisting of a wide range of class options to meet the student's individual needs and interests. An expanding part of the curriculum is the Learning Ability Services (LAS) Program. The LAS Program provides additional academic support and skill training to students at varying levels of ability and learning styles.

LAS is a 2-year program currently available to freshman and extends through sophomore year based on the individual student's needs. Through small class, individualized instruction, students improve their auditory memory, listening, study and organizational skills. The goal of the LAS Program is to assist the student's development and competence in language and critical thinking skills.

Ms. Heather Riggs, a full-time faculty member, is the LAS teacher. Ms. Riggs is a graduate of Bradley University and is certified in Special Education. In the Learning Ability Service class-

room, Ms. Riggs can be found teaching freshman students in small groups, facilitating sophomore guided studies, or meeting individually with students. The classroom contains resources that meet individual student needs and that help develop skills that will increase each student's academic success. For example, the core English department books are available as audio downloads, i.e. books on tape, for students who learn best auditorily. Ms. Riggs is looking to expand the auditory guides to include the core texts for the Social Studies and the Science departments.

Ms. Riggs works closely with each student's teachers to coordinate class assignments, writing skills and test preparation. This collaboration between the teachers provides support and encouragement to the LAS student as each experiences success and self-confidence in the classroom.

The freshman small group classes use current periodicals, novels and non-fiction books in discussions to work on information processing and vocabulary enhancement. The core text books,

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Park District Staff Member Passes Away

On July 29, 2007, a valued Park Ridge Park District staff member and friend passed away. Jo Herzog had enormous passion for her work as a fitness instructor and the fitness program manager at the Park Ridge Park District Community Center. For twenty-five years Jo's boundless energy and enthusiasm inspired those who knew her. She will truly be missed.

Jo's annual event, the 'Thanksgiving Day Family Exercise Class', promoted

health and wellness, even on a day that people usually over eat. She made this a fun family event while asking participants to donate much needed food items for the community's needy families. On November 22, 2007 from 8:00am to 9:00am the Park Ridge Park District Community Center, 1515 West Touhy Avenue, will host the event in her memory. Space is limited and requires a ticket to participate. Tickets are available at the Community Center's front desk and the

admission price is non-perishable food items to be donated to Maine Township Food Pantry.

Directly following the exercise class there will be a short ceremony dedicating a bronze plaque in Jo Herzog's name at the Park Ridge Park District Community Center. In addition, the entrance driveway to the Community Center will be named 'Jo Herzog Way'. Residents and friends who will not be participating in the exercise class may attend the

memorial dedication beginning at 9:00am at the Community Center gymnasium.

Donations in memory of Jo Herzog are being accepted by the Park Ridge Parks Foundation and will be allocated to support and promote quality facilities and programs at the Park Ridge Park District. If you would like to donate, please make checks payable and mail to: Park Ridge Parks Foundation, Attn: Maryanne Lucarz, 2701 West Sibley, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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PARK RIDGE LIBRARY NEWS & EVENTS

Holiday Open House

Friday, November 23, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Park Ridge Public Library is holding a Holiday Open House on Friday, November 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome at the event, which will feature music, crafts, goodies and more.

'Food for Fines'

November 23 - December 23 The Park Ridge Public Library is holding a "food for fines" event from Friday, November 23 through Sunday, December 23. Fines for overdue Library materials may be "paid" by bringing non-perishable food items to the Circulation Desk of the Park Ridge Public Library. The food will benefit needy residents of Maine Township.

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professionals to be credentialed at the time.

Schuenke has served on the ICMA committee on regional and the ICMA conference planning committee. He has

Magnifier Help For Low-Vision Problems

Friday, November 30, 10:00 a.m. The Park Ridge Public Library is offering a special event to help people with low vision find the right magnifier. The event will be held on Friday, November 30 at 10:00 a.m., in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Library. For more information, contact Cathy Thompson at 847-720-3382.

Adult Programs

Rocky Mountain Chocolate Holiday Molds

Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Hills of Park Ridge's own delectable chocolate shop will teach us how to create holiday chocolates and other yummy candy treats.

Limit: 30 participants.

A Celtic Christmas with the Academy of Irish Music

Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. Come celebrate a Gaelic Christmas as talented members of the academy play music from the Emerald Isle, on traditional musical instruments.

The Christmas Canvas

Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. Take a deeper look at "the reason for the season," as Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc., presents a study of masterpiece paintings that depict the Nativity story from various time periods and cultures.

A Winter Wonderland of Vintage Holiday Films

Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a cup of eggnog and ring in the season with style, as Steven Frenzel

also served as a board member and as president of the Illinois City Management Association and as board member and president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. The ICMA promotes excellence in local government through professional management by providing an information clearinghouse, technical assistance, training and professional development to chief appointed administrators, assistant administrators and more.

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Criminal Damage to Education Center

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1 Criminal Damage to Education Center (8600 block of Menard)
Unknown person or persons used a BB-type projectile to shoot at a window on a building in the 8600 block of Menard sometime between Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. The damage is estimated at \$2,000.

2 Theft to Vehicle (8800 block of Osceola)
A GPS device, tote bag with cigars and a cell phone earpiece were taken from a vehicle in the 8800 block of Osceola on Nov. 11. The value of the items taken is more than \$600.

3 Items Taken from Vehicle (6900 block of Church)
A \$100 fleece, \$100 in USC and 30 CDs were taken from a vehicle in the 6900 block of Church sometime between Nov. 11 and Nov. 12.

4 Theft to Vehicle (9100 block of National Ave.)
Unknown person or persons took a \$350 digital camera, \$400 GPS system and a gas card from a vehicle in the 9100 block of National Ave. between Nov. 7 and Nov. 8.

5 DUI Arrest (9100 block of Austin)
A 20-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested on Nov. 9 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was involved in a traffic crash. His court date is Dec. 3.

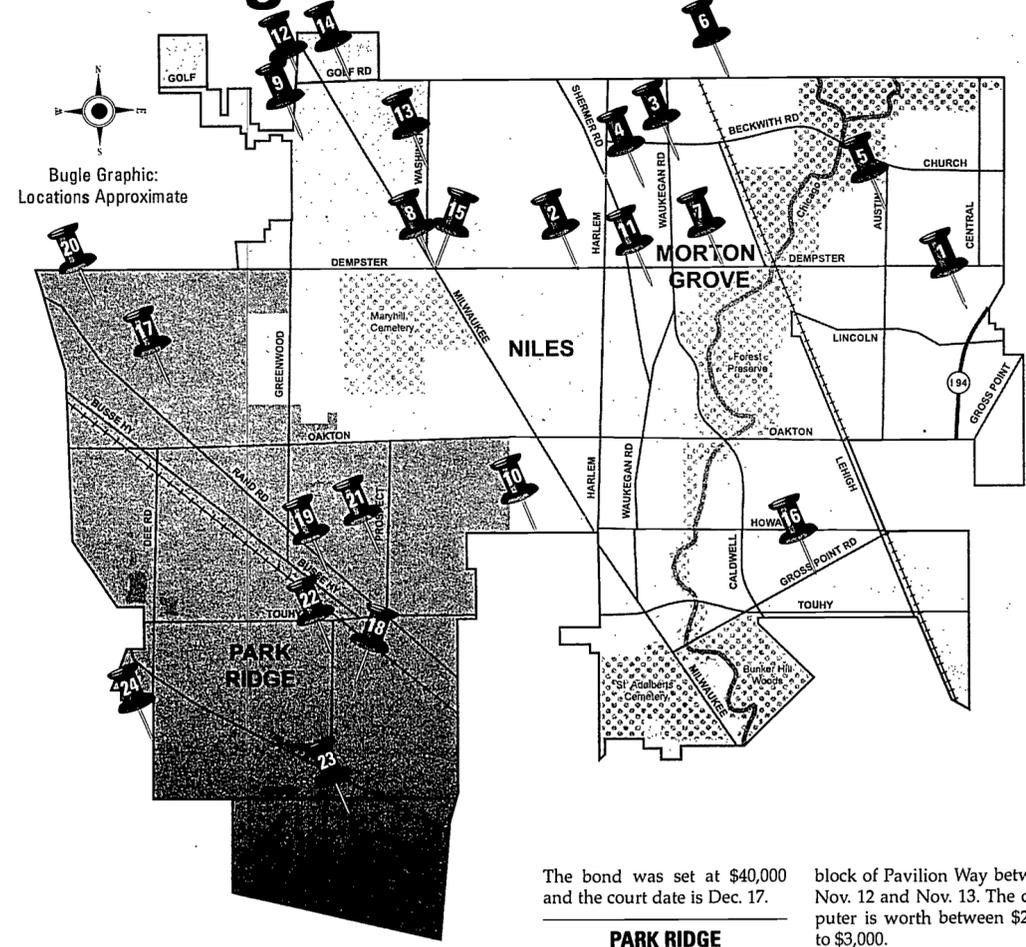
6 DUI Arrest (6700 block of Golf)
A 42-year-old Morton Grove woman was arrested on Nov. 10 for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was involved in a traffic crash. Her court date is Dec. 3.

7 Revoked Driver's License (6700 block of Dempster)
A 25-year-old Evanston man was arrested on Nov. 12 for driving on a revoked driver's license. His court date is Dec. 19.

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8 Serving Alcohol to Minors (8800 block of Milwaukee Ave.)
The manager and bartender of a facility in the 8800 block of Milwaukee Ave. received citations for serving liquor to minors on Nov. 16.

9 Battery (400 Golf Mill)
A subject approached a man from behind at 400 Golf Mill, head-butted him and then



fled on foot on Nov. 9.

10 Items Taken from Front Step (7600 block of Oleander)
Unknown person or persons took a package of energy drinks, coffee and noodles worth about \$100 from a front step of a residence in the 7600 block of Oleander after it was delivered by UPS.

11 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (Crain and National)
Unknown person or persons denied the hood and right side doors and broke out the rear window of a vehicle at Crain and National sometime between Nov. 12 and Nov. 14.

12 Retail Theft (9500 block of Greenwood)
Unknown person or persons took a \$19.99 video game and a \$25.99 memory card from a store in the 9500 block of Greenwood on Nov. 10.

13 Fugitive Warrant (8000 block of Lyons)
A resident gave an agent per-

mission to search her residence in the 8000 block of Lyons to attempt to locate her son wanted on a fugitive warrant on Nov. 13.

14 Theft from Store (8500 block of Golf)
A woman said her wallet was stolen while she was exiting a store in the 8500 block of Golf on Nov. 15. Her wallet contained \$120 in USC, social security card and driver's license.

15 Leaving Scene of Property Damage Accident (Milwaukee and Dempster)
A 36-year-old Niles man was arrested for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and reckless driving on Nov. 12. The bond was set at \$2,000 and the court date is Nov. 29.

16 Domestic Battery (6200 block of Gross Point Road)
A 36-year-old Niles man was arrested on Nov. 13 for domestic battery. During a struggle, the intoxicated man allegedly struck the victim under her right eye with his forehead.

The bond was set at \$40,000 and the court date is Dec. 17.

PARK RIDGE

17 Inflatable Santas Slashed (1400 block of N. Hoffman)
Unknown person or persons slashed two inflatable Santa's worth \$400 in front of a residence in the 1400 block of N. Hoffman between Nov. 9 and Nov. 13.

18 Residential Burglary (500 block of W. Stewart)
Unknown person or persons entered a residence in the 500 block of W. Stewart on Nov. 13. Police said there was food all over the kitchen, the rear door was ajar and wine bottles were moved.

19 Copper Wire Taken from Construction Site (0-100 block of N. Summit)
Unknown person or persons took \$1,000 worth of copper wire from a construction site in the 0-100 block of N. Summit between Nov. 5 and Nov. 12.

20 Burglary to Vehicle (1700 block of Pavilion Way)
A laptop computer and other computer accessories were taken from a vehicle in the 1700

block of Pavilion Way between Nov. 12 and Nov. 13. The computer is worth between \$2,500 to \$3,000.

21 Motor Scooter Stolen (500 block of Meacham)
A motor scooter worth \$300 was stolen from an alley behind a residence in the 500 block of Meacham on Nov. 14.

22 Graffiti on Garage Doors (200 block of S. Cumberland)
Unknown person or persons spray-painted graffiti on two garage doors in the 200 block of S. Cumberland. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

23 Unlawful Sale of Tobacco to Minor (800 block of Devon)
A 19-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Nov. 9 for the unlawful sale of tobacco to a minor. The court hearing date is Dec. 11.

24 Zero Tolerance Arrest (1100 block of S. Dea)
A 17-year-old Park Ridge female was arrested on Nov. 9 after police believed she was under the influence of alcohol at school. She was given a court hearing date at Dec. 11.

Holiday Season Brings Need For Enhanced Fire Safety

By Ven Griva
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Each year in the United States, close to 10,000 children age 18 and younger suffer burns resulting in \$212 million in hospital inpatient charges. Fires and burns result annually in almost 4,000 deaths and more than 745,000 non-hospitalized injuries among all age groups, says a new study published in the November issue of the Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation.

The approach of the holidays and winter heating season brings with it an increase in burn-related injuries for children, experts say. It is a time when people use their fireplaces and light holiday candles.

It also is a time when children are particularly at risk for burns. "Burns are a major source of pediatric death and disability and are associated with significant national health care resource utilization," said study senior author Dr. Gary Smith, who is director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital and a faculty member at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

"Burns often require long periods of rehabilitation, multiple skin grafts and extensive physical therapy," Smith said. "Not only can burn-related injuries leave patients with lifelong physical and psychological disabilities, they often also result in significant burdens for the patients' families and caregivers."

The study found that children age 2 or younger were more likely to be hospitalized for burns to their hands or wrists, and from

contact with hot liquids or objects. Children 3 to 17 were more likely to be burned by fire.

Children 2 and younger made up half of the children hospitalized for burns. Almost two-thirds of hospitalized children were boys. The average length of hospital stay for all children was seven days with an average inpatient hospital charge of \$21,800, the study found.

"Findings from our study underscore the importance of promoting known strategies that are effective in preventing burns among children," said Smith. "Examples include the installation and maintenance of residential smoke alarms, residential sprinkler systems, developing and practicing an escape plan in case of a fire, anti-scald devices on faucets, limiting water heater temperature and child-resistant cigarette lighters."

The Johns Hopkins Burn Center in Baltimore provides these tips to help protect children from burns during the holiday and heating seasons:

- Store matches and lighters away from children's reach in a locked cabinet.
- Keep young children away from cooking stoves, heating devices, holiday trees and all fireplaces, even gas ones.
- Have a professional inspect chimneys, fireplaces, central furnaces, and wood, pellet and coal stoves every year.
- Make sure to get a fresh holiday tree with the needles firmly attached; older, dry needles that flake off easily are highly flammable.
- Keep decorations and flammable materials at least 3 feet away from the fireplace or other

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Niles West Students Recognized As National Hispanic Scholars

Ana Alvarez and Karina Mendez-Keil of Niles West High School were named National Hispanic Scholars in the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program. Established in 1983, The National Hispanic Recognition Program is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional

academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions. In order to enter the program, students take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic.

More than 196,000 PSAT/NMSQT takers nationwide identified themselves as Hispanic this year, and more than 4,000 of those students have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars or Honorable Mention Finalists based upon their PSAT/NMSQT scores and their academic achievements.

Niles North Educator Awarded

Mickey Smetana of Niles North High School is the recipient of the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children (ICEC) award for Meritorious Service. This award is presented annually to one person who has shown outstanding dedication and service to children with disabilities in the state of Illinois. Smetana has worked as a

paraeducator in the Niles North Special Education Department for almost 20 years and children that have worked with her have benefited from her patience, understanding, and teaching ability. "It is wonderful to be acknowledged for work that so many others do as well every day. I am an extension of a great

professional team. My goal has always been to do whatever it takes to help our students achieve their full potential in life," stated Smetana in a district press release. Smetana was presented with her award at the ICEC Ray Graham Luncheon on November 2 at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, IL.

Open Houses for Prospective Students at RES

Junior high students and their parents are invited to attend Resurrection High School's Open House for Prospective Students in order to learn about Resurrection and tour the school. The Open House will be held Tuesday,

November 27th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For information about attending Res or for more information about the Open House, please contact Debbie Gillespie at (773)775-6616 Ext. 129 or dgillespie@reshs.org

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D64 Students Perform with IMEA All-Star Groups

Twenty-two middle school students attending Park Ridge-Niles Dist. 64 schools participated in two regional events sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA). The district band and orchestra festival was held on Nov. 3 at Maine West High School. More than 800 of the finest band and orchestra students

from more than 46 middle schools auditioned to be a part of the all-star group. The students had the opportunity to work with nationally known conductors such as Dr. Glenn Hayes from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater and Professor Robert Gillespie from Ohio State University. Students from Emerson

Middle School and Lincoln Middle School were selected for these groups. The IMEA Jazz Festival took place Saturday, Nov. 10 at Niles North High School. Professor Don Owens from Northwestern University directed this event. Students from Emerson Middle School participated in the IMEA Jazz Festival.

Park Ridge Community Blood Drive

LifeSource, Chicagoland's Blood Center, is hosting the Park Ridge Community Blood Drive on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Mary Seat of Wisdom School, 1352 S. Cumberland Avenue, about a block south of Devon, in Park Ridge, Illinois. All donors will be entered in the LifeSource "Winter Wonderland Shopping Spree" for a chance to win a \$100, \$250, or \$1,000 gift card.* The need for blood is constant and ongoing. It is needed for surgeries and medical procedures; leukemia and cancer management; trauma and other care. Although any time is a good time to donate blood, it is especially needed during the coming winter

months when there is a cyclical shortage due to bad weather, the holidays, travel, and school vacations. Every time you donate blood you can save the lives of three people. And it's easy to donate. The donation process takes about an hour and it's both safe and comfortable. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental signed consent form), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most medications are accepted. There is no upper age limit. For more information or to make an appointment, call 847-803-7943. Walk-ins welcome.

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Plenty to Be Thankful About

Thanksgiving has to be one of the best and most unique holidays in the world. Pilgrims, escaping religious persecution in England, half died until the local Indian tribe, the Wampanoags, came to their aid. Life then was harsh, without the help from the Indians they all would have died. Do you think that the Wampanoag Indians and the Pilgrims fully realized just how important the holiday would become to Americans? Do We Still Have Things to Be Grateful For?

babies who sit in their own dirty diapers wailing away for someone to help them. Man, get on your own two feet, change your own diaper, and get on with life. I mean it is just about un-American to pout, grouse or do nothing. We are by nature positive and there is a lot to be grateful for, even when you don't have much.



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

When I was little we had a crummy Christmas year. My mom was struggling with finances, but she always was chipper. We just couldn't know or understand as children what she must have been going through; bare cupboard and scant Christmas gifts. We did not even have a tree. My mom always emphasized that somebody else had it worse and somewhere somebody does. Two days before Christmas a knock



came to our door. No one was there, but a fresh cut Christmas tree sat waiting to be taken indoors and decorated. To this day, we don't know who did that. It was an anonymous act of kindness that we've never forgotten. Giving and kindness are two of the best traits of our country. This year I am especially glad to those who serve or served to keep our country

free. We watched the PBS story called American Valor about the lives of those who've won the Medal of Honor. You would be hard pressed to name one of them. They too served anonymously. One story really stood out for me, the story of Leo Thorsness. He spent six years as a POW in Hanoi. During the first 3 years torture was normal. Here are his own words: "In a prison camp you

had to bow 90 degrees, if you didn't bow right they'd beat you and one day I was not gonna bow and I was hoping that my courage was strong, the guard opened the door, and I looked him in the eye and I didn't bow, and, and, and the thought that went through my mind, and it wasn't pre-thought, was I won the flip of the coin. I said, you know, he could have been, had

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Instilling Values in Your Kids: Part I

By Carrie Schwab Pomerantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

A friend of mine, the mother of a 10-year-old, recently asked me for advice. "My husband and I have started to give our daughter an allowance," she said. "But frankly, I don't know how to teach her what money really means. What does she need to know? And what should I do?"

As we talked (and, needless to say, I was full of advice on this topic), I realized she wasn't asking about the nuts and bolts of personal finance, though that is a subject that everyone needs to master. She was asking me about money in the larger sense, or how to teach her daughter what used to be called "the value of a dollar."

In this two-part article, I discuss ways you can instill good financial values in your children. Part I is about spending, saving and working, while part II is about charity and philanthropy. The reality is that they're not going to learn this stuff in school; it's up to you. Be prepared to give them experience with money as they grow up. And remember that you're setting an example for them every day.

The Value of Experience

My friend was on the right track when she started giving her daughter an allowance - every kid needs hands-on experience with money - but she needs to

go a bit further. She should make it clear what her daughter is expected to do with her weekly pocket money, which at that age boils down to two things: discretionary purchases and saving.

Saving for the future comes first, and the earlier the habit starts, the stronger it becomes. Encourage your child to save 10 percent to 20 percent of his or her allowance; you might even offer an incentive to encourage the habit. Some parents offer to match, dollar for dollar, whatever portion of the allowance a child saves. If your kids are very little or the amounts are trivial, a piggy bank is fine; however, once a child has, say, \$100, open a savings account at your bank. Let the child make the deposit and see the amounts add up with interest.

As for spending, let your children be consumers, using it as a learning experience. Teach them to distinguish between needs and wants. Make them save for something that allowance for a week won't cover. And don't be afraid to let them make mistakes. When they're using their own money, most kids learn quickly about being good (albeit small-scale) shoppers.

As your kids get older, their allowances as well as their spending responsibilities should grow. They should be paying when they go to the

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Community Woven Into the Fabric of Pine's Menswear

Park Ridge Store Dedicated to Full Service

For more than 55 years, Pine's of Park Ridge has served Chicagoland and its north and northwest suburbs.

Pine's carries a wide variety of men's clothing and is proud of its reputation for being the "Full Service Store Without the Full Service Price." Pine's offers prestigious clothing from makers such as Joe-Joseph Abboud, Kenneth Cole, Raffi S. Cohen, Tosani, Peletti, Fusion, Aureus and many more.

Pine's rents and sells formal wear, custom suits, sport coats and slacks and carries boys' suits and sport coats. Due to the expert European tailors on the premises, Pine's guarantees that your clothes will fit just right.

"We have been fortunate to make wonderful friends in this town, and I will always be grateful for that," stated Dave Iglow, owner of Pine's of Park Ridge, in a press release.

Iglow has been very involved in the community of Park Ridge, serving as the president of the Park Ridge Morning Kiwanis Club in 2001 and

the president of the Park Ridge Chamber in 1999.

Currently, Iglow is a board member of the Park Ridge Community Fund and the Taste of Park Ridge. Iglow has been involved in other aspects of the community by donating gift certificates to various local organizations and tuxedos for the annual fashion show at Maine South High School.

Committed to the charm and potential of Park Ridge being a wonderful shopping destination, which he feels can someday rival Old Orchard, he established the Retail Committee of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce, organizing retail events designed to help obtain this objective.

"I've always believed people would patronize a men's clothing store that concentrated on better merchandise at competitive prices, with service second to none. And they have," shared Iglow.

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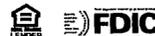
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Investments Can Make Great Holiday Gifts

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Now that the holidays are here, you're probably looking around for the right gifts for your loved ones. Of course, as you know, it's not always easy to find gifts that are both meaningful and useful. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list?

What types of financial gifts should you consider giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

- **Contributions to Section 529 plans** — If you have a child (or grandchild) who will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college savings plan. Their earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. You might receive additional tax benefits if you participate in your own state's plan. Also, you can contribute extremely large amounts to your savings plan. Plus, you can change beneficiaries, if you've been putting money in a Section 529 plan for your child or grandchild, and he or she decides to forego college, you can transfer the money to another family member.

- **Contributions to an IRA** — If your loved one has an IRA, consider making a contribution. Many people don't fully fund their IRA each year — so any help you can give toward that goal will be important.

- **Stocks** — Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient. If you're going

to give some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock. (You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1 million without incurring gift taxes.)

- **Savings Bonds** — They may sound old-fashioned and stodgy, but U.S. savings bonds can still make nice financial gifts, especially for young people who can use the money in the future. Among the most popular savings bonds are Series EE bonds, which can be purchased in denominations ranging from \$50 (or \$25 for electronic EE bonds) to \$10,000. Paper EE bonds are sold at half their face amount and will increase in value until they are cashed in or reach final maturity in 30 years. Electronic EE bonds are sold at face value and reach maturity immediately. (You can learn more about Series EE bonds, or even purchase them directly, from the Treasury Department's Web site devoted to savings bonds: www.savingsbonds.gov.)

A financial gift may not be traditional, but it can have a big impact on the recipient's life — and it won't be forgotten after the holidays are over.

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movies with their friends or go out for a special treat. When they enter the teen years, help them learn to budget their money and encourage them to save for bigger-ticket purchases. This is, after all, exactly the skills they'll need when they become adults.

Should kids work for their allowance? My own view is that chores around the house are part of life, and that the allowance is a child's share of the family income. I never explicitly linked the two with my three children.

The Example You Set

Giving your kid an allowance and encouraging him or her to

learn to save and spend well is an important step toward adult financial realities. But they're also absorbing lessons from you every day. You are their most powerful role model, so be mindful of the example you set. And, whenever possible, explain what you're doing and why (using age-appropriate discretion).

■ Teach them to be prudent consumers by comparison shopping and to understand advertising and promotion.

■ Point out your own savings, investing goals and strategies. As your kids get older or start earning money on their own, open Roth IRAs or custodial accounts to give them some hands-on experience with investing.

■ Use April as an opportunity to talk about taxes, to teach them about our responsibility as citizens, and that gross earnings and take-home pay are very different.

■ Help them understand the role of credit cards: Their benefits (ease of use, consumer protection, etc.) and their many dangers (the spiraling cost of revolving debt, expensive fees for missed payments, etc.).

The World of Work

I also think it's invaluable when kids get a taste of work during their teenage years. As long as the job doesn't interfere with school, there's no better way to learn about the value of a dollar than earning one.

Questions regarding the LAS Program at Resurrection High School can be directed to Ms. Heather Riggs, LAS Teacher, at (773)775-6616 Ext. 506, or Debbie Gillespie, Recruitment Coordinator, at (773)775-6616 Ext. 129.

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negative impact on schools. "TIF's don't take money from schools."

One of the TIFs that has closed is the Touhy-Central TIF district that includes Pointe Plaza. Van Geem said that the fund balance started at \$2,325,919 and \$30,047 of interest was added to it.

The Touhy-Central TIF project area was designated in 1998 and at that time the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) was \$17,577,583. After the redevelopment, Van Geem said it jumped up 300% to \$55,589,423.

As a result of the TIF, various taxing bodies receive a rebate.

From this particular TIF, the Niles Public Library District received \$125,481 and the Niles Park District received \$139,292. Niles Township High School Dist. 219 received \$794,323.

"It's pretty much gravy," said Van Geem, about Dist. 219 and School District 72's rebate. "It's above and beyond their tax levy."

The Touhy-Melvina TIF District has also been closed, which means that taxing bodies receive a rebate.

The starting EAV in this district shot up from \$3,337,307 to \$19,049,708, a 600% leap.

The Lawrencewood (Civic Center Plaza) TIF will finish in 2013 and the Milwaukee-Touhy TIF will close in 2019, explained Van Geem.

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heat sources, such as space heaters or light bulbs.

■ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace.

■ Keep in mind that toddlers are at high risk for deep hand burns because they don't have the strength to pull back if they fall and touch the

fireplace screen.

■ Keep a fire extinguisher in the house.

Diet and Dementia

A recent French study on the eating habits of people 65 and older adds to the growing evidence that a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids and fresh fruits and vegetables can considerably lower your risk of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

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American parents and I could have had Vietnamese parents. How'd I luck out? And it really made a, it made an impact on me. And from that day on, I felt kind of sorry for those guys over there. You know, just by birthright, I was handed this fantastic amount of freedom."

Watching him humbly tell the story of how much he loved his country and how from that point onward he knew he would get out alive and return to be home again puts life in perspective. What good does it do to complain? Too often we overlook the enormous blessings we are given and spend too much time counting our lack. A friend related a story about prayer. He'd been praying for enough work to sustain his family. His wife asked him not to say it again tonight. Honey, she said, don't you think we ought to count the blessings we've already received? It hit him right then, he'd been looking so hard for blessings he'd overlooked the ones he had.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration.

Room at the Inn returns to Saint Matthew Center

A beautiful non-commercial Advent event the whole family will enjoy.

For the sixth year, Oak Park resident Susan Greeley will be displaying over 300 nativity scenes she has collected over many years from around the world at St. Matthew Center for Health in Park Ridge. A limited number of sets from other friends of Saint Matthew will be included in the event. "I hope visitors will be struck by God's overwhelming love and generosity by seeing the way other people and other cultures imagine the nativity," Greeley says.

Many visitors return each year to see the display. One returning Park Ridge resident said, "The display of the nativity collection is the highlight of our pre-Christmas religious preparation."

This year for the first time groups of students, kindergarten through 8th grade from area parochial schools, will be coming to see the display during private viewing hours on Friday. They will hear age-appropriate presentations about the collection.

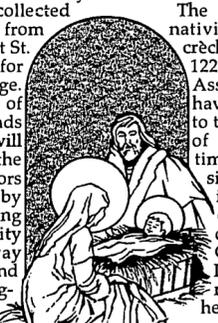
The tradition of the nativity scene, or crèche, dates back to 1223. St. Francis of Assisi is said to have been traveling to the Italian village of Greccio at the time, when the sight of shepherds in moonlit fields evoked images of the first Christmas. Inspired by the midnight scene, he beckoned villagers that Christmas Eve to light the sky with their torches, bring their animals, and re-enact the nativity. During succeeding centuries, the tradition spread from Italy to the rest of Europe and beyond. Today, many Christian families annually display a crèche, often one that has been handed down from generation to generation.

Susan Greeley is producer of the radio program "Grace

Matters" for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and has traveled extensively. "I bought my first nativity scene in 1980 when I was living in Bogota, Colombia," Greeley says. Throughout the years her collection has grown - through purchases she has made and gifts she has received, including one from her husband on their wedding day. She will be at St. Matthew to meet visitors and answer questions about the collection.

While viewing this beautiful, inspiring exhibit, guests may register for a chance to win a nativity set of their own. Children will enjoy the "Please Touch" table, and may participate in a separate drawing to win a set that has special appeal to them. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Saint Matthew Center for Health is located at 1601 N. Western Ave. in Park Ridge, two blocks south of Dempster Street. For more information on "Room at the Inn" call 847-825-5531, or visit www.SMatthewCenter.org.



Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, 2007 10:00 am - 4:00 pm



The Early Bird Grabs the Goodie Bag

Golf Mill Shopping Center Hosts Blitz @ 6 Black Friday Promotion Doors Open at 6 AM

WHAT: Early risers ready to "shop 'til they drop" the day after Thanksgiving will be greeted with a special holiday goodie bag compliments of Golf Mill Shopping Center. The promotion, Blitz @ 6, awards the first 500 eager shoppers a bag filled with retail discounts and giveaways when doors open at 6 am. In addition, lucky shoppers will find cool prizes randomly placed in bags. Prizes include:

- A Nintendo Wii from GameStop and Wii Play
- One \$250 mall gift card
- Five \$50 mall gift cards
- Pepsi Giveaways

Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the season, and the newly renovated Golf Mill Shopping Center wants to provide customers with a fun experience that goes beyond great shopping.

Customers 18 years or older will receive one bag. Blitz @ 6 is sponsored by American Express, Discover Card, GameStop and Pepsi.

Please note: bags available while supplies last. All prizes must be collected by noon on Friday, November 23, 2007. Other exclusions may apply. See Customer Service for details.

WHEN: November 23, 2007
Doors open at 6 AM

WHERE: Golf Rd and Milwaukee Ave
Enter at the Main Entrance next to Elephant Bar Restaurant
CONTACT: For more information and/or interview opportunities with mall management, please contact Regina Verdico, 847-699-1070 or regina.verdico@gggp.com

Niles Park District Winter Wonderland Camp

Kids 5- 12 years old, are you looking for something fun to do when you are on Winter Break from school? Why not register at Niles Park District for our fun-filled camp. Start the morning at 8:00 a.m. Grennan Heights. Pick up is at IceLand, 8435 Ballard Rd., at 5:00 p.m. Camp will be held 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 01/02, 01/03 & 01/04. Register for one, two or all days. Fees are Resident \$30; Non-Resident \$35/ per day. Call (847) 967-6633 to register today!

More Niles Park District events on page 19.

XO Glow hosts Grand Opening Ceremony,

To commemorate the grand opening of XO Glow, co-owner Georgia Plevritis and manager Maria have scheduled a ribbon cutting ceremony for November 29, 2007 at 4: 00pm.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 4pm at XO Glow Tanning Spa, 129 S. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Representatives of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to cut the ribbon, as well as the Mayor, Mr. Howard P. Frimark. After the official cutting of the ribbon, there will be a social time with refreshments.

XO Glow Tanning Spa has a unique look and combination of services that are put together to satisfy our customers. XO Glow offers a variety of tanning packages to choose from with top of the line, brand new, Ergoline tanning beds. Stop in and receive \$ 10 off any package, bring in a friend and you both receive 25% off any tanning package. We offer eyebrow threading and waxing for \$5! Along with these services, we also have body waxing, relaxing and rejuvenating facials, airbrushing and henna tattoos. Designer lotions are 35% off. We offer only the best so that our customers walk out glowing! We can't wait to see you!! (Offers expire 12/31/07 and cannot be combined w/ any other offer)

Star Watch Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 7pm

Come out to view and learn about the stars and planets of the night sky. Several telescopes will be set up in Harrer Park, near the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6240 W. Dempster, on Wednesday, November 28th, 2007 at 7pm. The Pleiades Cluster and M31 (Andromeda galaxy) should be great. Mars is rising at about 8pm. The Star Watch may be canceled without notice if the sky is not clear. This program is free to the public and no registration is required. Thanks to the Chicago Astronomical Society and to the Niles West Astronomy Class for their equipment and expertise!

Back By Popular Demand at Grayslake Antique Market

LAKE COUNTY FAIR-GROUNDS: "The Meister Steiners of Chicago" and the "Jolly Stein Hunters of Wisconsin" will exhibit and give FREE appraisals of antique and collectible Beer Steins.

Club President, Al Mahr stated, "We will exhibit museum quality steins including: Mettlach, Military, Salt Glaze, Character and other Fine Beer Stein examples".

The clubs will have applications for new members available. "You don't have to drink beer for membership - but it helps" stated Henry Bahr club treasurer.

The clubs will be in building #7 during the massive Grayslake Antique Market on Sunday, December 9th. Admission is \$5.00 per adult from 8AM-3PM. Early buyers can come in from 6AM-8AM for \$20.00.

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Norwood Park Historical Society announces Victoria's 20th Annual Holiday Boutique @ Cafe

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movies with their friends or go out for a special treat. When they enter the teen years, help them learn to budget their money and encourage them to save for bigger-ticket purchases. This is, after all, exactly the skills they'll need when they become adults.

Should kids work for their allowance? My own view is that chores around the house are part of life, and that the allowance is a child's share of the family income. I never explicitly linked the two with my three children.

The Example You Set

Giving your kid an allowance and encouraging him or her to

learn to save and spend well is an important step toward adult financial realities. But they're also absorbing lessons from you every day. You are their most powerful role model, so be mindful of the example you set. And, whenever possible, explain what you're doing and why (using age-appropriate discretion):

- Teach them to be prudent consumers by comparison shopping and to understand advertising and promotion.

- Point out your own savings, investing goals and strategies. As your kids get older or start earning money on their own, open Roth IRAs or custodial accounts to give them some hands-on experience with investing.

- Use April as an opportunity to talk about taxes, to teach them about our responsibility as citizens, and that gross earnings and take-home pay are very different.

- Help them understand the role of credit cards: Their benefits (ease of use, consumer protection, etc.) and their many dangers (the spiraling cost of revolving debt, expensive fees for missed payments, etc.).

The World of Work

I also think it's invaluable when kids get a taste of work during their teenage years. As long as the job doesn't interfere with school, there's no better way to learn about the value of a dollar than earning one.

Questions regarding the LAS Program at Resurrection High School can be directed to Ms. Heather Riggs, LAS Teacher, at (773)775-6616 Ext. 506, or Debbie Gillespie, Recruitment Coordinator, at (773)775-6616 Ext. 129.

Resurrection High School is a Catholic, College Preparatory High School for girls. For more information about Resurrection High School, 7500 West Talcott, call 773/775-6616 ext. 129 or www.reshs.org.

they come here and they can rely on me and each other if they have questions," said Ms. Riggs. As the first semester is wrapping up, the key to success for LAS students has been the individual attention given by Ms. Riggs in the LAS Program. As the Learning Ability Service Program continues to expand at Resurrection, more and more students will be able to take advantage of all of the support and services available.

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negative impact on schools. "TIF's don't take money from schools."

One of the TIFs that has closed is the Touhy-Central TIF district that includes Pointe Plaza. Van Geem said that the fund balance started at \$2,325,919 and \$30,047 of interest was added to it.

The Touhy-Central TIF project area was designated in 1998 and at that time the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) was \$17,577,583. After the redevelopment, Van Geem said it jumped up 300% to \$55,589,423.

As a result of the TIF, various taxing bodies receive a rebate.

From this particular TIF, the Niles Public Library District received \$125,481 and the Niles Park District received \$139,292. Niles Township High School Dist. 219 received \$794,323.

"It's pretty much gravy," said Van Geem, about Dist. 219 and School District 72's rebate. "It's above and beyond their tax levy."

The Touhy-Melvina TIF District has also been closed, which means that taxing bodies receive a rebate.

The starting EAV in this district shot up from \$3,337,307 to \$19,049,708, a 600% leap.

The Lawrencewood (Civic Center Plaza) TIF will finish in 2013 and the Milwaukee-Touhy TIF will close in 2019, explained Van Geem.

Lifewire

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heat sources, such as space-heaters or light bulbs.

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace.

- Keep in mind that toddlers are at high risk for deep hand burns because they don't have the strength to pull back if they fall and touch the

fireplace screen.

- Keep a fire extinguisher in the house.

Diet and Dementia

A recent French study on the eating habits of people 65 and older adds to the growing evidence that a diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids and fresh fruits and vegetables can considerably lower your risk of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

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American parents and I could have had Vietnamese parents. How'd I luck out? And it really made a, it made an impact on me. And from that day on, I felt kind of sorry for those guys over there. You know, just by birthright, I was handed this fantastic amount of freedom."

Watching him humbly tell the story of how much he loved his country and how from that point onward he knew he would get out alive and return to be home again puts life in perspective. What good does it do to complain? Too often we overlook the enormous blessings we are given and spend too much time counting our lack. A friend related a story about prayer. He'd been praying for enough work to sustain his family. His wife asked him not to say it again tonight. Honey, she said, don't you think we ought to count the blessings we've already received? It hit him right then, he'd been looking so hard for blessings he'd overlooked the ones he had.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration.

Room at the Inn returns to Saint Matthew Center

A beautiful non-commercial Advent event the whole family will enjoy.

For the sixth year, Oak Park resident Susan Greeley will be displaying over 300 nativity scenes she has collected over many years from around the world at St. Matthew Center for Health in Park Ridge.

A limited number of sets from other friends of Saint Matthew will be included in the event. "I hope visitors will be struck by God's overwhelming love and generosity by seeing the way other people and other cultures imagine the nativity," Greeley says.

Many visitors return each year to see the display. One returning Park Ridge resident said, "The display of the nativity collection is the highlight of our pre-Christmas religious preparation."

This year for the first time groups of students, kindergarten through 8th grade from area parochial schools, will be coming to see the display during private viewing hours on

Friday. They will hear age-appropriate presentations about the collection.

The tradition of the nativity scene, or crèche, dates back to 1223. St. Francis of Assisi is said to have been traveling to the Italian village of Greccio at the time, when the sight of shepherds in moonlit fields evoked images of the first Christmas.

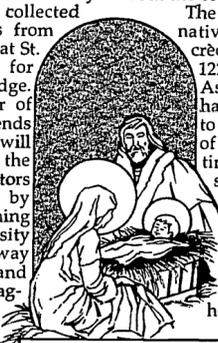
Inspired by the midnight scene, he beckoned villagers that Christmas Eve to light the sky with their torches, bring their animals, and re-enact the nativity. During succeeding centuries, the tradition spread from Italy to the rest of Europe and beyond. Today, many Christian families annually display a crèche, often one that has been handed down from generation to generation.

Susan Greeley is producer of the radio program "Grace

Matters" for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and has traveled extensively. "I bought my first nativity scene in 1980 when I was living in Bogota, Colombia," Greeley says. Throughout the years her collection has grown — through purchases she has made and gifts she has received, including one from her husband on their wedding day. She will be at St. Matthew to meet visitors and answer questions about the collection.

While viewing this beautiful, inspiring exhibit, guests may register for a chance to win a nativity set of their own. Children will enjoy the "Please Touch" table, and may participate in a separate drawing to win a set that has special appeal to them. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

Saint Matthew Center for Health is located at 1601 N. Western Ave. in Park Ridge, two blocks south of Dempster Street. For more information on "Room at the Inn" call 847-825-5531, or visit www.StMatthewCenter.org.



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The clubs will have applications for new members available. "You don't have to drink beer for membership — but it helps" stated Henry Bahr club treasurer.

The clubs will be in building #7 during the massive Grayslake Antique Market on Sunday, December 9th. Admission is \$5.00 per adult from 8AM-3PM. Early buyers can come in from 6AM-8AM for \$20.00.

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The Early Bird Grabs the Goodie Bag



Golf Mill Shopping Center Hosts Blitz @ 6 Black Friday Promotion Doors Open at 6 AM

WHAT: Early risers ready to "shop 'til they drop" the day after Thanksgiving will be greeted with a special holiday goodie bag compliments of Golf Mill Shopping Center. The promotion, Blitz @ 6, awards the first 500 eager shoppers a bag filled with retail discounts and giveaways when doors open at 6 a.m. In addition, lucky shoppers will find cool prizes randomly placed in bags. Prizes include:

- A Nintendo Wii from GameStop and Wii Play • One \$250 mall gift card • Five \$50 mall gift cards • Pepsi Giveaways

Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the season, and the newly renovated Golf Mill Shopping Center wants to provide customers with a fun experience that goes beyond great shopping.

Customers 18 years or older will receive one bag. Blitz @ 6 is sponsored by American Express, Discover Card, GameStop and Pepsi.

Please note: bags available while supplies last. All prizes must be collected by noon on Friday, November 23, 2007. Other exclusions may apply. See Customer Service for details.

WHEN: November 23, 2007

WHERE: Golf Rd and Milwaukee Ave Enter at the Main Entrance next to Elephant Bar Restaurant

CONTACT: For more information and/or interview opportunities with mall management, please contact Regina Verdico, 847-699-1070 or regina.verdico@ggp.com

Niles Park District Winter Wonderland Camp

Kids 5- 12 years old, are you looking for something fun to do when you are on Winter Break from school? Why not register at Niles Park District for our fun-filled camp. Start the morning at 8:00 a.m. Grennan Heights. Pick up is at IceLand, 8435 Ballard Rd., at 5:00 p.m. Camp will be held 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 01/02, 01/03 & 01/04. Register for one, two or all days. Fees are Resident \$30; Non-Resident \$35/ per day. Call (847) 967-6633 to register today!

More Niles Park District events on page 19.

XO Glow hosts Grand Opening Ceremony,

To commemorate the grand opening of XO Glow, co-owner Georgia Plevritis and manager Maria have scheduled a ribbon cutting ceremony for November 29, 2007 at 4:00pm.

The ribbon cutting will begin at 4pm at XO Glow Tanning Spa, 129 S. Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Representatives of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to cut the ribbon, as well as the Mayor, Mr. Howard P. Frimark. After the official cutting of the ribbon, there will be a social time with refreshments.

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Star Watch Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 7pm

Come out to view and learn about the stars and planets of the night sky. Several telescopes will be set up in Harrer Park, near the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6240 W. Dempster, on Wednesday, November 28th, 2007 at 7pm. The Pleiades Cluster and M31 (Andromeda galaxy) should be great. Mars is rising at about 8pm. The Star Watch may be canceled without notice if the sky is not clear. This program is free to the public and no registration is required. Thanks to the Chicago Astronomical Society and to the Niles West Astronomy Class for their equipment and expertise!

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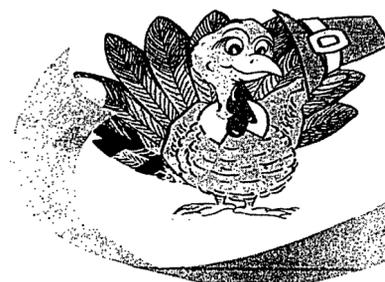
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Maine East AP Scholar Awards

Seventy-one students at Maine East have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in more than 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

Five students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are: Rhombus Harloff, Kevin Houlihan, Mohammed Hussain, Darshan Patel and Aleksandr Zhukhovitskiy.

Twenty students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least

3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Sydney Baloue, Andrew Beierwaltes, Pinal Chokshi, Pallavi Gupta, Rhombus Harloff, Shoaib Haroon, Joseph Harrington, Kevin Houlihan, Mohammed Hussain, Rachel Johnson, Erin Li, Williette Nyanue, Josephine Opada, Darshan Patel, Jay Patel, Sylvia Prokopowicz, Ava Socik, Michael Telwak, Dmitriy Vysotskiy and Aleksandr Zhukhovitskiy.

Fourteen students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

These students are: Noorah Abdullah, Hamaad Ahmad, Andrada Alba, Fahad Chaus, Kristin Cho, Artur Dzierzanowski, Taniya Easow, Martha Golonko, Katherine Hogleund, Artur Kopec, Mathew Plis, Antonina Pondo, Vinit Shah and Bona Yu.

Thirty-two students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing 3 or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: Fawaad Ahmad, Jaison Alexander, Cindy Alkass, Cecilia Ann Aragon, Melissa Bergen, Katarzyna Cudziech, Leena Danawala, Nausheen Farishta, Cathlynn Gold-ufsky, Paula Grzebiec, Jung Ham, Stephanie Jevtic, Almira Jezerak, Hong-Jong Joo, Jessica Joyce, Cyril Kakkannad, Andrew Lee,

Total Learning Community Awards Dinner A Success



The annual awards dinner on Nov. 8 for the Total Learning Community (TLC) and the School Dist. 63 Educational Foundation was a rousing success. Here, MaineStreamers Director Mary Swanson, congratulates one of her members, Diane Graham, center, who was recognized as TLC Volunteer of the Year. Maine Supervisor Carol A. Teschkyr, was on hand to show support. The township is a major financial supporter of the nationally-awarded TLC after-school program.

Sabrina Leung, Faisal Masood, John Mathai, Cheryl Mathew, Ria Mathew, Dipali Patel, Maulik Patel, Bincy Philip, Jincy Philip, Magdalena Puniewska, Falguni Rana, Ravi Shah, Krupa Tailor, Kristina Youmaran, and Robert Zielinski.

Of this year's award recipients at Maine East, seventeen were juniors in May, 2006, at

the time of the exams. These students have at least one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's

credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2007, thirty-seven AP Exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork.)

Maine East Students Win Scholarships

Maine East senior Ava Socik of Niles has won a Nordstrom scholarship. Ava applied as a junior, having met the initial criteria based on substantial community service contributions along with other requirements. On the basis of her personal statement and interview, she was awarded \$2,500 a year for the next four years—a total of \$10,000. Ava was one of only ten winners in the Chicago area and twenty nationwide.

In other school news, sen-

ior Dana Vattanavanitkul of Morton Grove received a Japan-US Summer Youth Exchange Initiative Scholarship. As a participant in the Youth for Understanding (YFU) USA exchange program, she traveled abroad, lived with a host family and participated in a cultural immersion experience on the Short Term program to Japan. Youth for Understanding is a worldwide movement of committed individuals and organizations working together to

prepare young people for their responsibilities and challenges in a changing, interdependent world. It works with international partners in more than 60 countries and offers summer, semester, and year-long educational programs to destinations in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and Latin America. YFU USA has the distinction of awarding over 300 scholarships annually thanks to funding from numerous corporate, government and foundation sources.

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Abe Badmus Drafted by NBA Developmental-League's Tulsa

Former Bison, Don Point Guard Taken in Eighth Round

Former Bucknell standout point guard Abe Badmus was selected in the eighth round of the NBA Developmental League draft by the Tulsa 66ers on Thursday night. Badmus, a 2007 graduate who is part of the winningest senior class in school history, will become the first Bucknell alum to play in the D-League.

Badmus was selected with the fourth pick in the eighth round. Tulsa took former Pepperdine forward Glen McGowan in the first round of the 10-round draft. For complete draft results, click [HERE](#).

With Badmus headed to Tulsa, that means each member of Bucknell's Class of 2007 is now playing professionally. Chris McNaughton is currently playing for C.B. L'Hospitalet in Spain, while Donald Brown is averaging better than 21 points per game for U.M.F. Tindastoll in Iceland. That trio won a school-record 87 games in four years.

Tulsa is one of 14 teams in the D-League and is affiliated with the NBA's New York Knicks, Dallas Mavericks and Milwaukee



Abe Badmus was drafted by Tulsa of the NBA D-League on Thursday.

Bucks. The 66ers, who finished 21-29 last season, open their season on Nov. 30 against Colorado.

A native of Chicago, Badmus took over as Bucknell's starting point guard midway through his freshman year, and he went on to enjoy a terrific career for the

Orange & Blue. He played in 123 career games and finished second on Bucknell's career steals list (217) and fifth on the all-time assists chart (375).

The 2004-05 Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year is perhaps best known for his 11-assist, no-turnover performance in Bucknell's upset of Kansas in the 2005 NCAA Tournament. A year later he had seven assists and three steals and hit the game-clinching free throws in another NCAA victory over Arkansas.

Regarded as a playmaker and lock-down defender, the hard-working Badmus averaged 5.9 points per game in his career, with a 7.5 average as a senior.

Badmus has dual U.S.-Nigerian citizenship, and he helped lead the Nigerian national squad to a third-place finish at the 2005 FIBA Africa Cup, helping them qualify for the 2006 World Championships. He was back with Team Nigeria again this past summer, but an injury limited him to two games in the most recent FIBA Africa Cup.

2007-08 Dons Basketball Schedule

11 19	Libertyville @ New Trier	8pm
11 20	Mather @ New Trier	6pm
11 21	New Trier @ New Trier	8pm

11 30	@ Carmel	7:30pm
12 7	@ St. Joseph	7:30pm
12 8	@ Downers Grove North	7:30pm
12 14	Marist	7:30pm
12 15	@ Hersey	7:30pm
12 26	Tourney @ Wheeling	TBA
12 27	Tourney @ Wheeling	TBA
12 28	Tourney @ Wheeling	TBA
12 29	Tourney @ Wheeling	TBA
1 4	St. Viator	7:30pm
1 5	Northridge Prep	7:30pm
1 11	@ St. Patrick	7:30pm
1 18	@ Nazareth	7:30pm
1 19	@ Peoria-RVS Tourney	4pm
1 21	@ Peoria-RVS Tourney	4pm
1 25	@ Marian Catholic	7:30pm
1 26	Joliet Catholic	7:30pm
2 1	St. Joseph	7:30pm
2 7	@ St. Viator	7:30pm
2 9	Benet	7:30pm
2 15	St. Patrick	7:30pm
2 20	Carmel	7:30pm

2007-08 Hawks Basketball Schedule

11 19	Benet @ Downers Grove N.	6:00pm
11 20	@ Downers Grove North	7:30pm
11 21	Sullivan @ Downers Grove N.	6pm

11 27	Streamwood	7:30pm
11 30	Highland Park	7:30pm
12 4	@ Evanston	7:30pm
12 7	@ New Trier	7:30pm
12 14	Glenbrook South	8:00pm
12 21	@ Niles North	7:30pm
12 22	@ Niles West	7:30pm
1 5	Taft	7:30pm
1 11	@ Waukegan	7:30pm
1 12	Rock Island	7:30pm
1 18	Evanston	7:30pm
1 22	Elk Grove	7:30pm
1 25	New Trier	7:30pm
1 29	Prospect	7:30pm
2 1	@ Glenbrook South	7:30pm
2 8	Niles West	7:30pm
2 12	@ Fremd	7:30pm
2 15	Waukegan	7:30pm
2 19	@ Deerfield	7:30pm

Thankful? Absolutley!

Chalk Talk
ROBERT LEACH | SPORTS EDITOR

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the year in sports to this point and to share my many reasons to be thankful this holiday. I am grateful to God for my life the good and the bad. I have been blessed by a wonderful family, a brilliant business partner and a hard working staff at the Bugle. As I sit down to feast this week, I will remember to thank all the soldiers who protect my right to an opinion in this newspaper, the police, fire, park district and Village employees who make it possible to live a protected, full life in my community. I wish peace for my enemies, good fortune for my friends and happiness for all. Now as for my beloved Cubs and their rise and fall again this season. Like an old pair of shoes with a hole in the sole and a few scuff marks, the Cubs are a comfortable fit for me irregard-

less of how they look. When I thought about switching teams after yet another melt down in the playoffs this season and looked at the other options I quickly realized that despite the scuffs, they add character to the team. Yes I am still thankful to be a Cub fan even though I am staring at a 100 year losing streak this season. I am thankful the Bears made it to the big game, the Bulls took a huge step forward to respectability and that the Blackhawks look like the real deal this season so far. Most of all I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to you the reader (all 10 of you) and hope that my opinions expressed here haven't kept you up too late at night. Thank you to all of our advertisers who make this newspaper possible and please frequent them this holiday season. This week several teams we cover will begin their new season with tournaments played all over Chicagoland. Good luck to you all! As always, I'll see you in the stands!

SEAN COCHRAN'S **BIG 20**

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MORTON GROVE PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

Winter Youth Basketball Program

The Morton Grove Park District is offering an action packed basketball program this winter. Separate girls and boy's leagues will be forming as long as enrollment permits. This program is for youths in Grades 3 - 8. Registration Deadline is Thursday, November 29th. For more information, call Kevin Slobodecki at 965-1200.

See Events, page 19

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Certificated \$25,000 to \$39,999: Baird, Ellen; Bein, David; Beresheim, Ellen; Bongiorno, Ann; Bonn, Jason; Clark, Matthew; Farinosi, Daniel; Freibaum, Joanna; Freudenberg, Gail; Gebhardt, Kristina; Goldwater, Donna; Gunn, Raymond; Kennedy, Meghan M; Larsen, Nicholas; Lingel, George; Loeffler, Linda; Louis, Sarah; Maris, Anne; Martin, Debra L; Mediratta, Jyoti; Moreno, Vanessa; Morgan, Kathleen; Nelson-Zaleski, Alexis; Oros, Emanuela; Park, Joyce; Rabin, Barbara; Rapaport, Kelly; Romo, Luis; Schlosser, Angela; Schnoll, Holly; Shoemaker, Logan; Slavin, Lauren; Smith, Nadine; Turner-Busiel, Stephanie; Vicari, Dana;

Certificated \$40,000 to \$59,999: Ahern, Jenny L; Anzaldi, Isabella; Ballas, George; Banas, Lynn A; Barker, Suzanne; Bialas, Laura; Bonkalski, Tonya; Brandl, Jojean; Brandwein, Amelia; Braun, Leslie A; Brennan, Judith; Briggs, Bonnie; Brumley, Joseph P; Bublitz, Gregory; Burkman, Pamela P; Camacho, Karen S; Campagna, Margherita; Carter, Maria; Clendenning, Heather M; Cohn, Andrea; Cotromanes, Christine; Cotts, Kristin A; Couzens, Michele; Curry, Lauren; Del Porte, Ellen; Dellaringa, Gina; Dooley, Kay; Douglass, Christine S; Drivas, Eleftheria M; Dubinsky, Mitchell W; Dunlap, Molly; Dunton, Nancy; Ekstrom, Nancy J; Englund, Lisa; Evans, Lisa; Eydis, Ellian H; Feery, Fadra; Feldman, Marlene; Feller, Elaine P; Fischer, Jennifer R; Fishman, Janice E; Fradin, Hanna; Fragassi, Tracy; Franchi, Dana; Fratamico, Patricia E; Garbossa, Cathy; Geeve, David R; George, Kaylie; Ginzburg, Judith M; Goerner, Nicole M; Goldberg, Jillian; Gonzalez, Martina; Good, Allison; Grodin, Rosanne; Groner, Wendy; Grosenheider, Amy; Harmon, Christopher; Harvey, Dovie; Harvey, Elizabeth M; Henriksen, Kristy L; Hirsch, Christina; Holly, Michelle; Horwitz, Alyssa; Huenecke, Joan M; Janke, Karen A; Janus, Matthew J; Jayko, Marilyn J; Karp, Deborah J; Katin, Jennifer G; Kavina, Binaifer; Kent, Lisa G; Kim, Carol; Kokos, Cari; Kueffner, Jami; Lavidas, Alexia; Liner, Noreen; Loughin, Kristy; Malamis, Patrice; Marcus, Erin; Marks, Maureen; Mehrtens, Kathryn M; Meyer, Mari; Mihelbergel, Adam; Miller, Rachel; Molnar, Nicole; Morrow, Patricia; Naumowicz, Lori M; Nedwick, Sarah; Nielsen, Kirstin A; Nizamuddin, Noorunnisa S; Oklepek, Shannon; Palivos, Catherine; Papahronis, Michael; Parsley, Jessica; Pedrigi, Gina; Perea, Mary; Perelgut, Eva; Perelgut, Erica L; Prunotto, Donna; Raczkowski, Michele; Ray, Rosemary; Reiff, Cathleen; Rizman, Stuart; Roberts, Melissa; Rundell, Joan; Sandine, Nicole; Schulewitz, Jennifer; Schultz, Pimchan; Schwartz, Cassandra; Seamans, Cynthia A; Shinsky, Stacy; Sibaja, Maureen; Sievert, Amanda; Sjolholm, M. Kathryn; Slivka, Rosemary A; Smigaj, Stacey; Smolen, Courtney B; Stafseth, Kristina; Suerth, Jennifer; Sutter, Sarah; Swidzinski, Maria; Terrazas, Eva; Turnbow, John P; Ulery, Kristen D; Vance, Michael; Vellios, Litsa; Villarreal, Liza; Warchol, Thomas; Whitman, Karee; Wilbur, Jennifer; Wirtz, Peter; Woody, Jessica; Yabloug, Andrea; Younan, Jennifer; Zajac, Anna;

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Certificated \$60,000 to \$89,999: Achille, Phyllis M; Arvanitis, Sophia; Ban, Susan M; Baranowski, Terrence; Barone, Harriet J; Beaudette, Lynn; Benson, Elizabeth; Bloom, Harold L; Boudreau, Shannon; Bozovich, Lisa A; Bryant, Joy; Budzik, Brian; Centanni, Erin; Chamlin, Jane E; Corrigan, Mary F; Courtney, Shawn; Crock, Corinne V; Czarnecki, Wendy; Dahl, Ruth L; Daskalopoulos, Christina; Dekorsi, Sabina; Desjardins, Jenna L; Dettloff, Dawn; Dubinsky, Ruth; Edelheit, Lynn C; Esposito, Lynn; Finnegan, Ellen; Getzoff, Francine; Gordon, Michael; Green, Marla B; Hall, Leslie G; Harford, Eileen; Harkins, Donna M; Harnack, Beth; Henry, Eric; Hoffmann, Mary Sue; Hyman, Sharon F; Jacobson, Anne F; Johnson, Phyllis; Kaplan-Patterson, Bari N; Kaufman, Rosalie L; Kaup, Kimberly; Kleckner, Gregory; Kleisch, Linda; Koegel, Susan L; Kosiba, Carolyn; Koupas, Georgia; Kriesman, Elissa K; Lange, Robert C; Levin, Janice A; Liese, Hilary A; Maieritsch, Ann B; McLaughlin, John; McNulty, Paul R; Meade, Avis; Melfi, Margaret E; Mell, Laura; Merkel, Brenda K; Mitchell, Patricia M; Moyer, Christine A; Nickell, Craig A; Otten, Carol A; Owens, Maria; Paul, Scott B; Peters, Karen M; Piotrowski, Bonnie L; Plos, Brandon S; PUNCHES, Sharon; Puzen, Linda S; Rosen, R. Cheryl; Ruck, Kathy S; Sakoda, Amy; Sarandos, Pamela; Schiller, Patricia; Schlebecker, Jennifer; Schub, Karla D; Sehner, Patricia J; Simpson, Teresa; Sloan, Judy G; Smith, Nancy B; Stafford, Debra L; Stone, Loreen; Tatera, Nancy K; Teeter, Kim M; Thomas, Shana; Titze, Kirsten; Turnbow, Laura A; Valentine, Mary E; Van Ness, Mary; Webber, Robert; Weiland, Pamela W; Welter, Dave E; Wirtz, Robert J; Zlogar, Katherine S;

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Non-Certificated \$25,000 to \$39,999: Bellino, Ramona J; Brandt, Anne M; Brown, Bernard; Burdi, Louise; Casale, Lisa M; Corsini, Lorri B; Cross, Cynthia; Debenedictis, Mary; Del'herbe, Sabinne; Diskin, Julie B; Dobkin, Teri; Gonzalez, Seth; Gusak, Grace; Halperin, Janet; Harris, Karen L; Jimenez, James A; Johnson, Theresa M; Lamonica, Theodora; Leyva, Antonio; Malave-Cruz, Jose; Martinez, Jesus; Mennes, Peggy M; Miller, Sharon; Moshy, Victor; Moshy, Anwar; Murray, Ramon M; Nass, Beri; Niemczyk, Dina; Opalka, Stephen J; Rome, Patricia; Schniepp, Irene; Shuman, Carol S; Siil, Caren; Stankowicz, Mary; Thomas, Patrick; Tsoukatos, Joanna; Turofsky, Marla; Voller, Judi;

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Non-Certificated \$40,000 to \$59,999: Agrinoni, Jose A; Agrinoni, Wendy L; Barrie, Daniel; Benoit, Kristine; Busiel, Glenda; Colldock, Jean; Egelja, Milan; Egle, James; Figueroa, Jose A; Gabryszewski, Ted; Garcia, Jose O; Herrig, Doug W; Hrnjak, Vlado; Jenner, Harlene M; Johnson, Larry; Ksiazek, Ronald J; Lawson, Lanni K; Livery, Rita; Martinez, Mario; Mcallister, John M; Pieg, Ronald; Ramic, Emir; Schalkowski, Charles; Schultes, Margaret; Siegel, Marsha F; Smittle, Susan K; Snow, Samuel; Sullivan, John A; Torrence, Levester; Trauth, Kimberly;

Non-Certified \$60,000 And Over: Nowlan, Sean M; Surber, Pamela; Vega, Carlos; Weitzman, Karen;

East Maine School District 63
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Jackson National Life Insurance Company 28,380.00; Spectrum Electric 28,724.00; Ricoh Business Systems 30,132.00; Community Consolidated S.D.64 30,326.18; Vortex 30,585.50; Anderson Lock 31,030.94; Groot Recycling & Waste Services Inc. 31,364.55; Northwest Evaluation Association 31,590.50; Unisource 34,135.62; North Cook Young Adult Academy 34,583.12; Friendly Ford 34,890.77; Teachers Retirement System 35,420.42; School Specialty 35,834.71; Allendale Association 38,559.32; Xerox 39,282.78; Connecticut General Life Ins Co (Cigna) 39,710.74; Houghton Mifflin Co 39,713.25; Scarianohimes And Petrarca 40,943.31; Laureate Day School 41,814.24; Designation Inc. 42,353.45; Community Consolidated School Dist 64 49,938.19; The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Co. 55,615.00; Twin Oaks Landscaping 57,668.00; Delta Education 57,855.77; Alternatives Unlimited 59,683.20; J.A.Johnson Paving Company 60,199.75; Niles Township For Special Education 69,604.00; Precision Control Systems Of Chicago 70,115.00; Joseph Weil/Bunzl Chicago 70,599.90; Assurant Fortis Life & Ltd 73,309.66; At&T 73,965.32; Quill 74,317.10; U.S. Bank 75,395.27; Eca Educational Services 78,014.32; Assurant Employee Benefits 81,744.89; Therapy Care Ltd 88,820.25; Fidelity Investments 93,697.88; Metropolitan Preparatory Schools Inc. 102,268.62; Mcgrawhill Companies 105,640.94; Developmental Studies Center 113,298.10; Wagework Inc 115,494.40; Misc A/P Vendor 129,805.92; 303 Cab Association 146,545.50; Cdw Government Inc. 148,907.71; Honeywell 149,573.97; Ameresco Inc. 152,608.27; East Maine Education Association 153,872.37; Clic 160,092.00; Low Incidence Coop Agreement (Lica) 169,470.52; East Maine School District #63 175,831.81; Self 178,518.00; Graphtech Systems L.L.C. 184,142.84; Center Point Energy Gas Servicesinc. 214,849.92; Teachers' Health Insurance Security Fund 237,645.18; Commonwealth Edison Co 238,221.98; Midamerican Energy Company 244,124.02; Northwest Suburban Special 263,694.89; Maine Township Special Education Program 287,939.00; Equitable/Axa Advisors 315,461.81; Maine Township Credit Union 355,221.40; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 531,631.76; Illinois Department Of Revenue 605,781.10; Sodexo Inc. 793,865.41; Septran Inc 1,671,705.63; Teachers' Retirement System Of Illinois 1,750,508.94; Healthcare Serv Corp P/H/B 06967 2,100,650.20; First Of America Bank 3,759,766.68;

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2007. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

East Maine School District 63 10150 Dee Road Des Plaines, IL 60016 (847) 696-3600 7:30am - 4:00pm
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, 2008 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website @ www.ilsbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2007										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Bond & Interest	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Site & Construction/Capital Improvement	Working Cash	Rent	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	24,211,096	3,321,182	4,123,824	1,197,050	646,587	0	693,941	0	128,754
Flow-Through Sources	2000	29,250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	3,166,808	0	0	858,320	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	1,846,455	2,367	0	0	0	0	693,941	0	128,754
TOTAL DIRECT RECEIPTS/REVENUES		29,053,609	3,323,549	4,123,824	2,055,370	646,587	0	693,941	0	1,175,611
TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS/ EXPENDITURES		27,604,750	3,213,623	5,655,908	1,839,286	870,332	0	0	0	5,102,234
Other Financing Sources & (Uses)		920,851	(233,957)	(382,217)	(89,409)	0	0	(190,767)	0	653,230
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, 2006		6,077,424	5,725,378	6,233,070	1,684,664	1,288,302	0	3,987,064	0	5,102,234
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NILES PARK DISTRICT EVENTS

Youth Volleyball Academy
Niles Park District's Volleyball Academy is designed to help the beginner as well as the more experienced player learn and develop the fundamentals of the game. Serving, bumping, setting and spiking will be taught. Our Academy is for Boys & Girls Grade 2-8. Session runs Monday, November 26-December 17. Grades 2-4 play from 4:30-6:00 p.m., and Grades 5-8 play from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Golf View Recreation Center. Fee is Res \$39; Non-Res \$44. Please register at Howard Leisure Center, and call (847) 967-6975 with any questions.

Small Shots Basketball
Niles Park District is accepting registration for its popular Small Shots Basketball Program for grades Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd girls and boys. This 6-week class begins Saturday, December 1st with 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. starting times. Participants will learn dribbling, shooting, defense and offense skills. They will also play in game situations. All skill levels are welcome. Fees are \$44 for residents and \$49 for non-residents, and include a t-shirt and basketball. Please register at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, call (847) 967-6975.

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Mark Your Calendars!
Santa is coming to Morton Grove on Sunday, December 9th. Santa will be riding through the streets of Morton Grove passing out candy for all the good boys and girls on Sunday, December 9th from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Some of these pieces of candy will have special marks on them, which indicate you win a prize. Santa will be greeting kids at the Morton Grove Moose Family Center, 6419 Chestnut (across from the Metra Train Station) until 3:30pm. A map of Santa's route will be distributed to the

Morton Grove schools after the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you need any additional maps, you can email us at gomgpd@mortongrovecity.org or call 847-965-1200 to have a map sent to you.

Winter Camp
Come in out of the cold and join the Morton Grove Park District's Winter Camp Program. These fun days will feature games, snacks and special field trips. Days available are: December 26-28 and January 2-4. This program will run from 7am -6pm and the cost is \$41 per day. For more information, please contact the Morton Grove Park District at 847-965-1200.

Club Fitness
Are you looking for a great place to work out and get in shape? Well then give Club Fitness a try at the Morton Grove Park District. Club Fitness features a 5,000 square foot fitness center, indoor year round walking running track, racquetball courts, a full-size gym, kids' center, saunas and whirlpool, free personal fitness programs and an aerobic dance studio. Take advantage of our December special. 30 days of fitness for only \$24.95. Purchasing period begins December 1st and ends December 31, 2007. For more information, call 847-965-1200.

Niles Senior Center Offers Events

Annual M/C Holiday Party Spectacular

Friday, Dec. 7th, 11:00 White Eagle \$28.

Niles Senior Men's Club invites you to our annual party at the White Eagle, 6839 Milwaukee Ave. Enjoy a family-style luncheon featuring, boneless breast of chicken, fish, and beef plus great side dishes. Following lunch, Sark Antaramian and the Mid-Nite Xpress will be on hand for an afternoon of listening or dancing. Table Raffles and Door Prizes! Make your reservations by November 29th.

Red Hatters to Enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Drake

12-4:00 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3 \$50.50

If you're a Red Hatter, you'll surely want to join us on our outing to the Drake Hotel for Afternoon Tea in the Palm Court. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, fruit bread, scones, whip cream, and preserves accompanied by a selection of imported teas and pasty. This delightful experience is complemented by heavenly harp music by the Drake Hotel's gifted harpist.

The Good-Bye Girl

Thursday, Jan. 10th 10:15-5:30 p.m. \$55

Enjoy this musical production of Neil Simon's well-

known film at the Drury Lane Oakbrook. Prior to the show, we will lunch at Drury Lane on Tilapia or Roast Sirloin of Beef (your choice). Call for ticket availability (847 588-8420).

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Calling began November 26th.

It's that time again! On November 26th, Niles Senior Center volunteers began calling residents to schedule appointments for carbon monoxide testing. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas, known as the "silent killer."

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Open Enrollment

Began November 15

Are you considering enrolling in or changing your Medicare part D plan? The Annual Coordinated Election Period (AEP) for Medicare Part D is November 15 - December 31. Carefully review your plan during this time as you might want to switch drug plans if another plan better meets your needs. This is the only time during the year that such changes can take place.

Holidays with Bach, Handel, & Corelli

Wed., Dec. 12, 1:30-2:20 \$5.50
Join music historian Jim Kendros as he explores the beautiful and festive works of

these "three kings" of music in a holiday program you're sure to enjoy. Jim will even play a few tunes of the nykelharpa and the piano for your enjoyment.

AARP Driver's Safety Program

Monday, Dec. 3 & 17.

This eight (8) hour class is spread out over two days. Both days are required to receive certification for the course. You MUST preregister for this class. Payment is due on the first day of class. The cost is \$10 (check only, made payable to AARP). The class on

December 3 will meet from 12:30-4:30 p.m. and the class on Dec. 17th will meet from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This course may qualify you for an auto insurance premium reduction or discount. Please consult your insurance agent for information regarding your policy.

Get Niles Senior Center News by E-mail

Do you have an e-mail address? We are starting an e-mail list in order to send "breaking news" about events at the Niles Senior Center. This list would be used to let members know of upcoming classes, events, and trips that are filling up fast. If you would like to be on the e-mail list, contact Kathlyn at 847 588-8420.

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Center Members and \$7 for non-members. Class size is extremely limited so register early to avoid disappointment.

Holiday & Great Dance Scenes from the Movies

The Morton Grove Senior Center and the Morton Grove

Public Library are joining together to present this entertaining holiday program at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Library. Join Steve Frenzel as he highlights such holiday classics as "Holiday Inn," "White Christmas," "Meet Me In St. Louis," and "A Jack



50th Happy Anniversary

Sandy and Joe Partipilo of Niles, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married at Our Lady of the Angels Church on October 26th, 1957. They renewed their vows at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday September 9th, 2007 with Francis Cardinal George.

The couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on October 21, 2007 at Pescatore Palace in Franklin Park. It was a joyous day filled with good food, music, loving friends and family, and lots of laughter.

Benny Christmas." This is a free program but registration is required by calling the Library at 847/965-4220.

Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m.

on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations **Continued on next page**

Obituaries

Henry L. Gooris, 86

Henry L. Gooris, 86, of Skokie, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at Glenbrook Hospital, Glenview. He was born June 27, 1921 in Chicago. Beloved husband of June (nee Hansen). Cherished father of Daniel (Leslie), Lindsey (John) Canalle and the late Kimberlee (Nicholas) Cipicchio. Grandfather of Danny, Dana, Nicholas, John, Frank and Jim. Great grandfather of Brady, Casey and Avary. Brother of the late Eloise Nenoff and Jane Ackerman. Services were held November 17, 2007 at Simkins Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was private cremation. He was a Veteran of WWII 103rd Infantry Div. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose; Administrator of Morton Grove Moose Lodge #376; Skokie VFW Post 3854; Morton Grove American Legion Post #134; DesPlaines Elks; Local #5 Chicago Plasterers Union.

Akira Mitsui, 84

Akira Mitsui, 84, of Morton Grove, passed away Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Lutheran

General Hospital. He was born May 16, 1923 in Watsonville, CA. Beloved husband of Toshiko. Loving father of Suzanne (Mark) Krystinak, Sandra (John) Spryszak, Kenneth, Paul (Sheryl) and Melissa (Scott) Sanford. Grandfather of 10. Great grandfather of 1. Services were held November 17, 2007 at Simkins Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was private cremation. He was an Army Veteran and a Machinist.

Edmund A. Pogorzelski, 90

Edmund A. Pogorzelski, 90, of Niles, passed away Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Condell Medical Center. Beloved son of the late Josephine (nee Kowaleski) Pogorzelski and the late William Pogorzelski. Loving husband of the late Dolores (nee Gorski) Pogorzelski. Cherished father of Carole (Dennis) Trela, Edward (Mary) Pogorzelski and Ronald (Eileen) Pogorzelski. Grandfather of Christine and Denise Trela; Daniel, Edward (Jennifer) Pogorzelski; Jason (Breanna) Pogorzelski; George, Christopher, Carolyn Pogorzelski; the late David Pogorzelski; Robert

(Mandy) and William Pogorzelski and Brian and Nicole Kelley. Great grandfather of Madeline, Matthew, Logan and Nicole. Brother of Evelyn, Irene, the late Chester Pogorzelski, Marie, and the late Mildred. Brother in Law of Alvin (Barbara) Nicpon. Services were held November 15, 2007 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cem-etry. He was an Army Veteran and a Crew Leader at ComEd.

Reynaldo H. Punzalan, 70

Reynaldo H. Punzalan, 70, of Morton Grove, passed away Sunday, November 11, 2007 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He was born September 17, 1934 in the Philippines. Beloved husband of Benilda. Loving father of Reginald, Ronald, Roderick, Charina, Richard, Robert, Patricia, Raymond, Rhein and Rico. Services were held November 15, 2007 at St. Joan of Arc. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a Salesman.

Rita Mae Sikorski, 82

Rita Mae Sikorski, 82, of Niles, passed away Tuesday, November 13, 2007. She was born August 4, 1925 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Jerome E. Ferrra and the late Fiemmie (Serino) Ferrra. Loving wife of the late Ernest Sikorski. Cherished mother of Elaine (Sikorski) Sikorski of Niles. Mother in Law of Thierry Tritsch. Grandfather of Josephine. Services were held November 17, 2007 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She was a Hostess in Food Service. She was a Girl Scout Leader for 15 years. and a member of St. John Brebeuf Church and resident of Niles for 54 years.

Walma T. Thompson, 92

Walma T. Thompson, 92, of DesPlaines, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Glenbrook Hospital. She was born December 13, 1914 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Mathilda H. (Hirkman) Martinmake and the late Juho Martinmaki. Loving wife of the late Obert Thompson. Cherished

mother of Roy (Susan) Thompson and John Thompson. Grandmother of Kimberly Thompson and Kristin Thompson. Services were held November 17, 2007 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Ridgewood Cemetery. She was a Corporate Secretary in Electronics. In lieu of flowers donations to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated.

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can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

'Sleep Disorders'

Dr. Lisa Shives MD, sleep specialist from North Shore Sleep Medicine, will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 to give an overview of the four major sleep disorders that affect older adults: obstructive sleep apnea, insomnia, restless leg syndrome, and REM behavior disorder. Following the lecture she will provide a short screening for those participants who are interested. This is a free lecture but registration is required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 20 people registered by Nov. 30.

Laughter & Meditation

Enjoy both of these free classes at the Morton Grove Senior Center on Tuesday, Dec. 11. The "Laughter" Program will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. fol-

lowed by the "Meditation" Program from 10:30 to 12 noon. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

There must be a minimum of five people registered for each class.

Mail Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 11 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 Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others.

Sudoku Classes

Sudoku, the number logic puzzle involving the digits one through 9, is a great brain exercise for people of all ages. Two free classes will be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. with a second class following at 3 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be five participants registered for each class.

Exploring the Internet - Part II

Join the Morton Grove Senior Center for the "Exploring the Internet - Part II" class to be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of \$6 for Senior

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By J.R. Rose - Copley News Service

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ANIMAL ON THE SEEN

Impressive Sky Gliders

Turkey Vultures at Brookfield Zoo

For many of you, the Thanksgiving holiday means a mouth-watering, delicious family feast of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and much more. But it also means a break from school and a great time to visit Brookfield Zoo! We don't actually have turkeys gobbling around, but we do have an extremely cool turkey vulture. Found throughout the entire United States, often among dry, open country, ranch lands, or roadsides, turkey vultures are one of the largest birds of prey in North America.



Turkey vultures can reach lengths of 32 inches and have wingspans of nearly 6 feet. They are brown-black in color with a featherless, red head much like that of a turkey's. Yet although these birds have a rather ugly, bald face, turkey vultures are beautiful in flight. Seldom do these graceful birds flap their wings while soaring in the sky, sometimes at speeds of 60 miles per hour! In fact, turkey vultures can glide for over 6 hours at a time without flapping their wings, making them one of the most skilled gliders among North American birds.

Vultures are known for their practice of feeding on dead animal carcasses, and their bald head plays an important role in this process. When turkey vultures are feeding, they often stick their head inside the carcass to reach meat. Having an un-feathered head keeps the birds clean and safe from disease. If any meat does cling to a vulture's head, it falls off quickly while the bird relaxes in the sun. After meals, the bird stands in a spread-winged position called the "horaltic pose." This enables the bird to dry its wings, warm its body, and bake off unwanted bacteria.

Come check out Brookfield Zoo's turkey vulture at the Children's Zoo. Also, think about making a family visit to the zoo's 26th annual Holiday Magic festival over winter vacation. This brightly-lit-evening festival offers plenty of entertainment and fun for the entire family.

Contents are courtesy of the Chicago Zoological Society, which operates Brookfield Zoo. Interested in getting fun info delivered directly to your inbox? Check www.BrookfieldZoo.org/Ani-Mails for info on FREE emails.

Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

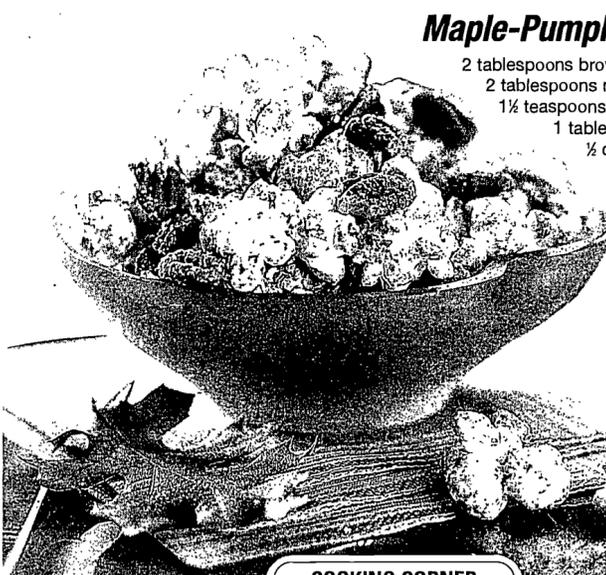
All in the Past

Choose the correct past form on the verbs in parentheses.

- The Boy Scouts (raised, rose) the flag at their campsite.
- The sign that Dan (hung, hanged) is crooked.
- The children (dove, dived) for pennies in the hotel pool.

Answers: 1. raised 2. hung 3. dived

LIFE



Maple-Pumpkin Spice Popcorn

- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans, optional
- 5 cups popped popcorn
- Yields 5 cups

In large saucepan or pot, heat brown sugar, maple syrup and pumpkin pie spice mix over medium heat. Cook, stirring, 3 minutes, or until sugar is dissolved and mixture is bubbling. Stir in butter until melted and well blended. Add pecans, if desired; and popcorn, and stir until well coated. Allow mixture to cool before serving. Serve immediately or store in airtight container.

Pop Art - It's super easy to whip up a batch of Maple-Pumpkin Spice Popcorn for a holiday gift. (CNS Photo courtesy of The Popcorn Board)

Macadamia-Butter Crunch Popcorn

- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 3 cups whole macadamia nuts
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- Yield 4 to 6 servings

between 2 ungreased 13x9-inch rectangular pans. Make sure popcorn and nuts are evenly mixed.

In medium saucepan, cook brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt over medium heat, stirring constantly until bubbly around edges. Continue cooking for 5 more minutes, and then remove pan from heat. Stir in baking soda until foamy. Pour mixture over popcorn and nuts, stirring until corn is well coated. Bake, uncovered, for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.

- Popcorn Palace

COOKING CORNER

Explore Your Creative Side with Popcorn Flavorings

By Caroline Dipping
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

For party munchies or holiday gifties, a batch of homemade popcorn all gussied up in caramel or herbs or cheese could not be easier or less expensive to make. And few people would turn up their noses at such an offering.

The trick to making flavored popcorn a howling success, however, is to pop a batch from scratch. None of this microwaveable stuff.

"It's so easy and more economical. I just don't think it's that big of a deal to pop up a batch," said Wendy Boersma Rappel, spokeswoman for The Popcorn Board, a nonprofit group funded by U.S. popcorn processors to raise awareness of popcorn as a versatile, whole-grain snack.

"People get hung up on, 'I've got to dirty a pan.' It's just a little pan... a soapy rinse and it's good."

Popping up a tried-and-true batch (which costs about 20 cents, according to Boersma Rappel) requires nothing more than heat, a pan with a lid, a bit of oil and some kernels.

Simply pour enough oil - 1/4 to 1/2 cup - to lightly coat the bottom of a pan. Add a couple of kernels to the pan, cover and heat on the stove top. When those test kernels pop, open the lid, pour in

enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan in a single layer, put the lid back on, give the pan a few shakes periodically, and wait for the explosions.

Occasionally, crack the lid slightly to let steam escape. The whole process takes about 4 to 5 minutes.

"It's a wonderful method," said Boersma Rappel. "And it connects you back with the food again, which is always an important thing."

Of the four types of corn - field or dent; sweet; flint or Indian; and popcorn - only popcorn is capable of transforming itself from hard kernel to popped goodness.

Popcorn comes in two basic varieties - mushroom, which has sturdy, more circular kernels, and snowflake, which looks like its name suggests. Mushroom popcorn is most often used commercially for making confections such as caramel corn. Snowflake popcorn is what consumers are more familiar with from the supermarket shelves.

Once you have your canvas of popped corn - at a mere 31 calories per cup if air popped, 55 calories if oil popped - the possibilities are limitless. (Tip: Flavorings adhere better to oil-popped corn than to air-popped.)

"The great thing about popcorn is that it can take on any number of flavors depending on

your own imagination or hankering that day," said Boersma Rappel. "It can take on herbs, sweet flavors, savory flavors. You can make popcorn very low-fat and low-calorie and delicious, or you can make it nice and high-fat, if that's what you're in the mood for."

Ethnic flavoring possibilities such as hot wasabi, sweet garam masala, even spicy Italian, illustrate popcorn's versatility. Boersma Rappel professes a love for Peanut Butter Cups, a melange of popcorn, raisins, mini marshmallows, shredded wheat and roasted peanuts glued together with peanut butter. (Look for this recipe and more at www.popcorn.org.)

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Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will host Santa Claus and some of Santa's live reindeer. Visit the jolly elf and his friendly and tame animals on Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free!*

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DECOR SCORE

going
clean & leanBy Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: We live really hectic lives during the week so I'd like to make our new mountain house as simple and straightforward as possible, without being severe.

I'm having a hard time finding "ordinary" furniture. Everything is overwrought - all patterns and lace and dripping crystals. Maybe you have ideas that would help me.

A: Three bits of advice: 1. Practice unclutter. 2. Emphasize natural materials. 3. Let function dictate form.

"Unclutter needs little explanation. Your "hectic" life is, regrettably, typical of most of us today. We race around so fast, there's barely time to get the mail off the dining table, much less set it for a proper dinner. Your new house offers a chance for a new cleaner and leaner life. Choose accessories as if you were going to marry them for life. Fight tschotkes like the plague that they are. Practice good-home hygiene: Throw out two-day-old newspapers, two-month-old magazines, year-old stuff you haven't worn or used. I know, I know, easier preached than practiced, but the discipline is worth developing.

Natural materials are naturals, indeed, for a mountain house. Wood tones soothe, so do familiar fibers like cottons, wools and linens. And green, living things are best of all (if you can keep them alive between visits).

Form follows function. The adage applies to a room's furnishings, as well as its architecture. You are smart to look beyond the clutter syndrome that's affecting some furniture designers. Simple, functional pieces cleanse the palette and nourish the soul.

Look how two major stars manage to escape from the hurly-burly of their celebrity lives: The dining room we show here is in the country house retreat shared by Sarah Jessica Parker (of "Sex and the City" fame) and her husband, Matthew Broderick (of Broadway hits like "The Producers"). They've rehabbed an old farmhouse in the Hamptons with help from designer Eric Hughes. Hughes is a great fan of the late Billy Baldwin, a star tastemaker known for his simple, smart, liveable ideas.

Hughes used Baldwin's signature brown denim on a sofa in the living room, and adapted his mantra for "suitability" in the dining room. A pride of



Simple, Yet Elegant - Far from "Sex and the City," Sarah Jessica Parker's dining room in the country is dramatically simple. (CNS Photo courtesy of Filipacchi Publishing)

mismatched chairs, painted as matte black as any shadowbox silhouette, clusters around a simple white dining table Hughes designed after one that belonged to Jackson Pollock and Lee Krasner, his wife, who'd also lived in the Hamptons. Between the warmth of the natural pine floor and the surprise of the antique Egyptian glass chandelier, the room is sparsely furnished but fully - and arrestingly - equipped for both family dining and entertaining. See more celebs' personal digs in a splendid new book called "So

Chic," by Margaret Russell and the editors of Elle Decor magazine.

Q: My sister-in-law had us over for drinks last weekend to show off her newly decorated living room. I don't know a lot about interior design, so I thought I'd better ask before I say anything: Her curtains were much too long for the windows. In fact, they dragged all over the floor. I hate to think how the dust bunnies will have a field day! Why did anyone sell her drapes that are too long?

A: You have had your first

encounter with "puddled" curtains, that is, where the fabric flows down the wall and onto the floor. It's not a mistake; it's a style you used to see only in Europe, where over-the-top extravagances may have been used to send signals about riches and status.

Given today's global attitudes, puddled curtains have arrived on these shores, for better (sells more fabric) or worse (entice dust bunnies). Some designers love the look; others are too practical to spill their clients' money on the floor.

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Carbon Dioxide May Serve as Pesticide

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Normally, I am not in favor of most home recipes that try to substitute for legal pesticides. In many cases there is a lack of science, if not absence of intelligence, in the promotion of home-made concoctions. They can be less safe for the environment and ineffective for the intended purpose compared to the original product.

However, today I am looking for volunteers to try a new possible solution to fire ants and maybe even other insect pests. The latest issue of the Garden Writers Association newsletter mentions a simple and safe remedy for these nasty pests and I want to know if it works. Just pour two cups of club soda into the center of the fire ant mound - that's it, that's all there is to it.

Club soda is just carbonated water. The carbon dioxide will bubble out of the water, but it is heavier than air. The idea is that it will stay in the mound suffocating the queen and the other ants within two days.

If it works, there are several nice things about this home remedy. It is entirely safe, doesn't leave any residue, won't pollute the soil or ground water, and it doesn't affect other beneficial insects. A two-liter bottle will treat two or three mounds, meaning it is cost effective. I don't know if other flavored cola types of drinks will work against the ants; however, since they have flavorings and colorings, don't use them.

The science behind using carbon dioxide as an ant killer is sound. Carbon dioxide is

about 1.5 times denser than air, so high concentrations will stay near the ground. It normally makes up only .03 percent (300 parts per million) to .06 percent of our air. Our exhaled breath is about 4.5 percent or 45,000 ppm of carbon dioxide.

Under-ground miners used canaries in cages to warn them of high carbon dioxide levels. Carbon dioxide has been used in greenhouses at 1 percent (10,000 ppm) levels to clear up pests like whiteflies and spider mites. The question is not whether or not the carbon dioxide is lethal to fire ants. I want to know if there is enough carbon dioxide in just a few cups of club soda to do the job?

Fire ants are known to be sensitive to disturbances around the nest. Oftentimes the queen has recently moved the nest, and nothing was really accomplished when other poisons were used in the past. Do the fire ants recognize something as simple as carbonated water as a threat? Will they stay in place long enough to suffocate?

Because carbon dioxide is the real killer here, can we skip the carbonated water and go directly to canisters of CO2? CO2 tanks are readily available and cheap to refill. Many sporting goods stores have them for BB guns and paintball marking guns. Could an injecting needle be made that attaches to a CO2 tank? Then you might be able to walk around injecting the mounds and suffocating the ants.

Since dry ice is cold carbon dioxide, can a block of it be set on the mounds to freeze and suffocate the ants?

If ants can be killed easily, can ants and termites in houses be eliminated in the same amount of time? Sure, the house may have to be covered with a tent, but a carbon dioxide filled tent is less harmful to the environment than a pesticide filled tent and house.

What other pests could be taken care of using carbon dioxide? Could a small tent be made to surround wasp nests for instance? Let me know if you can think of any other uses for carbon dioxide.

If you are brave enough to try this experiment of pouring club soda down your pesky ant hills, let me know the results. You can e-mail me your good or bad results. I don't want to just hear about the positive results; let me know if it didn't work, too. We are entering a season where there will be less ant activity, so it might be difficult to determine right away if the treatment worked quickly.

Fire ants are a serious pest in the southern states and have been steadily moving north. It would be nice to finally have an effective fire ant control that is also environmentally friendly.

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

GARDEN TIP

Fire ants

Fire ants are dangerous pests that have spread to large areas of the U.S. They are known for swarming over anyone or anything that disturbs their nest, often attacking or even killing them.

NEST

The fire ant nest has no obvious entry or exit hole. Depending on the type of soil, mounds can be 15 inches or more in diameter and height. The underground portion of the nest is a series of interlocking galleries, tunnels and chambers that may extend to depths of 1-5 feet. There are two kinds of fire ant colonies - single and multiple queen types. Single-queen colonies have only one egg-laying queen, and may contain as many as 250,000 workers. Multiple-queen colonies have many egg-laying queens and up to 500,000 workers.

BIOLOGY

Worker ants live only for a few months. Queen ants can live 2-7 years, and once a colony is established, a single queen can lay over 1,600 eggs per day. Worker ants tend the larvae and protect the queen(s) by defending the nest from intruders. When disturbed, the fire ant is very aggressive. The ants grip with mandibles and sting their victim several times while injecting toxin. The attack is carried out by many ants, sometimes numbering in the hundreds or more.



Fire ants are golden to reddish brown in color and are 1/8- to 1/4-inch long in size.

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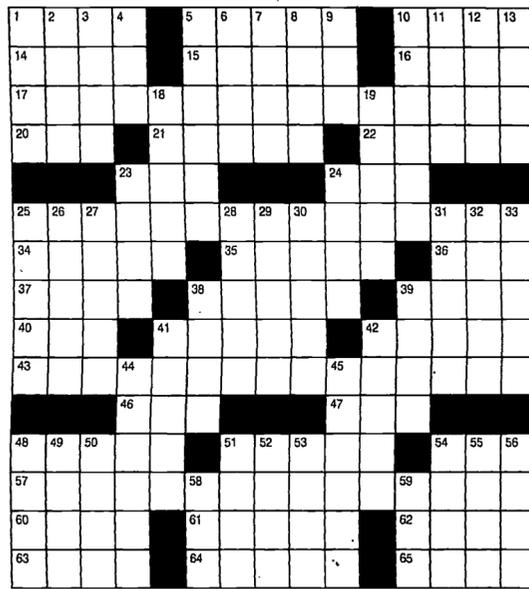
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In short, long curtains are a matter of taste. My advice: Say nothing.

Q: We're moving to the Sun Belt and I get to send most of our old furniture to charity and buy new. I want all-white in the living room. Will so much white blind us, do you think?

A: No. But you will be turning down the air conditioning to real chill, visually speaking. That's not a bad thing in a hot climate, of course, but you do need to balance all that cool white with some interesting textures - say, a nubby area rug or stucco wall. Wood tones or floors and furniture and art on

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By Charles Preston

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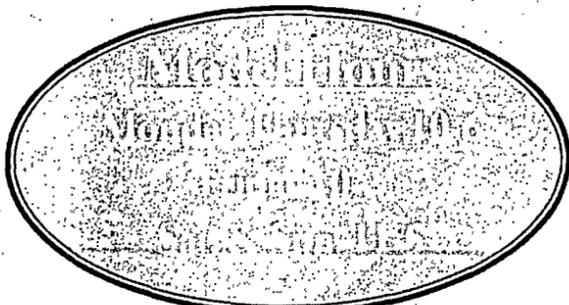
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