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Salute to Ed Kelly Brings More than 500 to White Eagle

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

More than 500 people came together to salute Ed Kelly, a man who played a significant role in Chicago parks and politics at the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles on Friday, Nov. 16.

Special guests at this event included Gale Sayers, Secretary of State Jesse White, the honorable Neil Hartigan, Village of Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo and more.

"The essence of love is giving," said Hartigan. "Nobody I knew gave more to sports and politics than Ed Kelly."

A slide show of Kelly's involvement in the parks and politics over the years was displayed at the event and Kelly was given a plaque commemorating his 60 years of service.

Hosts and co-chairs of the din-

ner included Governor Rod Blagojevich, Senator Richard Rubin, Mayor Richard Daley, Muhammad Ali and his wife, Lonnie and State Senate President Emil Jones.

Some of Kelly's most significant accomplishments at the park district include the restoration of Soldier Field, the construction of the band shell in Grant Park, the creation of the boxing program at the CPD, the Mexican Museum of Fine Arts and more.

Kelly founded Vision Illinois, a bi-partisan organization dedicated to provide support to qualified Chicago-area candidates. Proceeds from the event went to this organization.

Senator Art Berman said that Kelly has been a wonderful role model and that "we need role models."

"I know that he's helped many of you," said Berman.

Even Seniors Need Santa

No matter how old you are the magic of Santa and the Christmas spirit can surely brighten the Holidays.

The "Be a Santa to a Senior" program provides presents to seniors who otherwise might not be remembered during the holiday season.

"We see many older adults who have no one during this festive season and that makes for a very sad and lonely time," stated Michael Melinger, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office located in Skokie, in a press release.

Last year, volunteers delivered gifts to 600 local seniors.

Until Dec. 18, shoppers can select ornaments from the "Be a Santa to a Senior" trees at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 6140 Dempster; Jewel-Osco in Wilmette, Dominick's in Evanston and Linens and Things in Skokie. Each ornament lists the first name of a senior in need and gift requests.

Home Instead Senior Care

provides community volunteers to collect, wrap and deliver the gifts to the seniors.

A wrapping party is scheduled to take place at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Deliveries will be made between Dec. 17 and Dec. 21.

Anyone interested in wrapping and delivering gifts can contact Courtney Gilstrap at (847) 673-1250. Additional information can also be found at www.santatoasenior.com.

"It's about providing much needed companionship to seniors," said Melinger. "We hope that the community will support our efforts as a way of giving back to the older adults in our area who have given us so much."

Businesses, churches and other organizations are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors.

The local office phone number is (847) 673-1250.



Hundreds gathered bright and early Friday morning at the Golf Mill Mall Black Friday Blitz @ 6 promotion in hopes of being the lucky winner of either a Nintendo Wii from Gamestop, a \$250 mall gift card, or one of five \$50 mall gift cards. The first five hundred shoppers were greeted by Marketing Director Regina Verdico, Zori Miranda and Angelica Jurczyk and treated to the special holiday goodie bags and a Starbucks Coffee as well as the bags filled with retail discounts and giveaways.



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Village Takes Step to Better Protect YMCA Residents

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A new ordinance was approved by the village board to protect those Niles residents living in a single-room occupancy building, primarily the YMCA.

"This is something that has been needed," said Village

Attorney Joseph Annunzio at the Niles village board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

"We've received a number of complaints from residents that involved disciplinary issues," said Mayor Nicholas Blase, referring to YMCA residents.

The new section states that every single-room occupancy

building shall employ a security force.

"A security guard must punch a time clock on every floor of the single-room occupancy building at least twice every day" between certain hours, explains the ordinance. "The single-room occupancy building director shall keep a record of the

above activity ready for inspection by the director of community development or a designee at a reasonable time."

The new ordinance states that the director of the single-room occupancy director must send monthly records of security guard activities to the director of community

development at the first of every month.

"We'll monitor every floor," said Blase.

Trustee Andrew Przybylo questioned whether the residents at the YMCA are mentally challenged.

"I think it's fair to say some of the residents have special needs," replied Annunzio.

Oasis Water Park 'A Green' Project, Also Saves Parks Money

The new Oasis Water Park in Niles, which is now under construction, has been kind to the environment as well as the park district's finances.

Although the demolition created 2,760 tons of material, only 80 tons were taken to the landfill as trash. In addition to its green-initiative the park district will also save more than \$40,000 in material costs.

The new water park was designed and is being built by Wight & Company, a design and engineering firm committed to being a part of the "green revolution" since 1997.

"When we can do something good for the environment and save money, that's a win-win for everyone in our community," stated Joseph LoVerde, Executive Director of the Niles Park District, in a press release. "Wight understands that green design also must provide economic benefits, and has done a great job for us on all our projects."

In addition to crushing 2,600 tons of concrete, cinder block and brick, the project included recycling 60 tons of steel and aluminum. Twenty tons of lumber was also donated to the Illinois Fire Service Institute for use during fire safety training.

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DIRECTOR, NILES PARK DISTRICT

Wight was also the designer and builder for the new Golf View Recreation Center in Niles and did renovation work for the Tam Tennis Center.

The \$4.7 million Oasis Park project includes renovating the existing swimming pool, the construction of a 12,000 square foot recreation center and the addition of a "spray ground."

The scheduled opening date for the new water park is May of 2008.

Community Replenishes Maine Township Food Pantry

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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Carole Langan, director of the Maine Township Food Pantry, says once again the public has come through.

"I was getting panicky," said Langan, explaining that the shelves of the food pantry were getting pretty bare until recent donations. "It was terrible."

As in past years, donations pick up around the holiday season.

Langan said that nine community food drives are scheduled to take place in November and at least four in December.

These food drives take place at churches, corporations, schools, etc.

"It's amazing," shared Langan. "I'm so grateful to all the people who have found it in their heart to donate."

In general, the food pantry distributes boxes of food to about 200 families each month. During November through January, she said that number spikes a little bit due to the holiday season.

Langan said the food goes out faster than it comes in so the need for donations is a constant.

The first Maine Township

Food Pantry program started in 1981 when the township distributed 15 food baskets during the holiday season. Langan said due to the number of families and individuals they serve they no longer give out holiday baskets.

In 1984, the emergency food pantry became a regular program and in 1989 the program expanded to a large storage room in the basement of township hall.

Monetary or food donations may be dropped off or mailed to the General Assistance office at Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge.

MG Approves Budget After Discussion

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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After much discussion, the Morton Grove Village Board voted to approve the 2008 budget at the board meeting on Monday, Nov. 26.

The total amount of the budget for the village and the library is \$48,832,109; with \$46,099,745 allocated for the village budget and \$2,732,364

for the library's budget.

When the budget came up on the agenda, Trustee Roy Kogstad brought up a memo from Trustee Rita Minx that asked for an analysis of three different possible scenarios.

The first, which she had offered at a previous village board meeting, includes transferring \$265,000 from the fund balance to the garbage tax fund (resulting in

a \$33.52 tax benefit to the residents). The second possible scenario involves reducing the tax levy by 1% and the third option would combine the two scenarios.

"They're all reasonable numbers," said Minx, who believed the three scenarios would have left a reasonable amount of fund balance.

"The village has a very healthy fund balance," said Kogstad, who wants to see a 1% reduction in the tax levy. A tax levy hearing will be held at the next board meeting on Dec. 10.

Trustee Georgianne Brunner said that what bothered her is that Kogstad brought this up at the "11th hour," right before they were going to vote on the budget. "It just infuriates me," said Brunner. She feels that many departments had to see cuts from their budgets and thinks it's unfair to make rushed decisions about the budget that so much time has been spent on.

Mayor Richard Krier said See Budget, page 4

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Christmas Music Program

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Niles Teens Center, Senior Center Serve as Intergenerational Link

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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The Niles Teen Center and the Niles Senior Center are working together to serve as a connection between local teens and seniors.

Teens will have a chance to help seniors with various tasks, such as leaf raking, snow shoveling and yard work.

"I'm hoping to get an increasing number of kids who sign up," said Teen Center Director Mark Williams.

Williams said that the kids would be paid by the seniors for the chores they complete. He said at the middle school level receiving some extra money might be

the "driving force" for them to want to participate in the program. At the high school level, Williams said students may choose to earn community service hours instead. The incentive will be between the seniors and the kids.

On the horizon, there may also be an intergenerational pool tournament with local seniors.

Williams said the new teen center that opened recently at Golf Mill has been very busy.

"Since we opened we have 45 new members," said Williams. "On an average day I have between five and 15 kids in here."

Teens from the center also participated in the festival of giving

at the mall on Nov. 18. The teens helped with gift-wrapping and running errands.

The teen center also plans to participate in the chamber of commerce job shadow day.

Williams also said they have recently met with the Niles Public Library officials to create an inter-agency relationship in which some of the library events may possibly held at the teen center.

Those who want to sign up for the intergenerational program or learn about other teen center happenings can go to www.nilesteencenter.org. There is also a link on the Village of Niles website.

Maine East to Sponsor Financial Aid Seminar

Maine East High School will sponsor a free informational seminar titled "College Financial Aid: How to Get Your Fair Share," on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The seminar is presented by Susan

H. Daly and Paul Daly of College Planners, Inc., specializing in college financial aid planning. College Planners' primary objective is to help families qualify for as much financial aid as they are legally entitled by employing specific

financial aid planning strategies. Interested parents of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Karen Shankman, College and Career Counselor at (847) 825-4484.

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Maine East to Host District 207 Next Steps Workshops

The Maine Township District 207 Next Steps Team is presenting a three part series of transition workshops for parents of children with special needs. Parents will learn how to develop a realistic post-high school plan for their child. Because the services after high school are very different, it is important to learn how to access them while a special needs student is still in school. Each of the three workshops takes parents through the important steps to help their child reach his/her goals.

Workshop 1 - Laying the Groundwork will take place on Thursday, November 29, 2007.

Workshop 2 - Developing a Plan on Paper will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008.

Workshop 3 - Putting the Plan in Action will conclude the series on Thursday, April 17, 2008. Parents of students from any District 207 school are welcome. Attendance at all three sessions is recommended but not required.

Workshops will meet from

6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Maine East High School Faculty Lounge. Maine East High School is located at 2601 West Dempster Street in Park Ridge, at the corner of Dempster and Potter. Parking is available at the rear of the school. Enter through the field house entrance and follow the signs to the faculty lounge. For more information, please contact Marcia Adelberg at (847) 692-8489, Marybeth Sanchez at (847) 692-8103, or Betty Michalak at (847) 827-7527.

Special Events at the MG Library

Great Holiday Hostess

Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.
Interior decorator and HGTV presenter Julea Joseph will discuss tips and tricks for being a great holiday hostess. You'll learn about festive color schemes, decorating ideas, menu selections, kitchen organization, and many other practical pointers for making holiday entertaining successful.

Sweet Home Chicago

Sat., Dec. 1, 2 p.m.
Do you have a sweet tooth? Historian Leslie Goddard discusses the history of the candy capital of America. Learn about the history of sweets made in Chicago, from Brach's caramels and Cracker Jack to Tootsie

Rolls and Wrigley's gum. Samples will be served.

Space Exploration Now and In The Future

Sun., Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m.
Members of the Chicago Society for Space Studies present NASA videos about the future of space exploration and a lecture on the space year in review. Holiday refreshments will be served.

Holiday Finger Foods

Tues., Dec. 4, 11:30 a.m.
Fran Salemi, owner and chef of Sicilian Kitchen Catering, will demonstrate how to make three savory Italian appetizers and a sweet finger food for the holidays. Registration is required by **See Library, page 12**

Maine East Award Winners

Maine East is pleased to announce the winners of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution awards (SAR and DAR). This year's winner of the DAR award is Isaiah Joo of Park Ridge, who will now move on to compete against other DAR award

recipients for a regional honor. If she wins the regional and state honors, she will then move on to national competition, the winner of which will be announced in February.

The first runner-up and recipient of the SAR award is

Megan O'Grady of Niles, who will be honored for this achievement at a senior honors night in May.

The annual awards recognize seniors who excel in the areas of citizenship, service, leadership, and patriotism. The two awards are of the

highest recognition seniors can receive while at Maine East. Candidates for the award are nominated by teachers, put on the ballot, and then voted on by both seniors and teachers. This year there were eight seniors on the ballot. The Sons and

Daughters of the American Revolution is a group of individuals who can trace their ancestry back to a member of the American Revolution. The group offers the DAR and SAR awards to students who are examples of the model American citizen.

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that Kogstad was bringing up "a different way" to look at the village's accounting and that while accurate, it did not represent the entire picture of the village's finances.

Krier said that currently the village has about three months worth of funds in the fund balance if an emergency were to take place. He read from a statement by Moody that applauded the village's finances.

Krier also stated that he

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Georgianne Brunner
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

feels it is important to be present at the budget workshops to take part in the exchange, noting Kogstad's absences.

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Letters to the Editor

To Run or Not to Run • That is the Question

Every so often, it becomes necessary to dispel a political rumor lest it detract from the most important function of government, which is to represent and act in the best interests of the citizens. Now is such an occasion.

In recent weeks, many people have told me the word on the street is that I am planning on a run for mayor. At first, I laughed it off, although I confess to feeling a great sense of pride that people would even think such a thing possible. However, the truth is that I have, no such plans. Since the rumors seem to be getting out of hand, I felt it was time to clear things up.

There is no question that widespread dissatisfaction exists with the current state of city government among, at the very least, a sizable and increasingly vocal group of citizens who have

increasingly felt effectively disenfranchised. This dissatisfaction was clearly evidenced by the overwhelming vote in favor of the referendum to slice the City Council in half, a vote which was in direct response to a widespread view that the aldermen elected to represent them had abandoned any pretense of doing so. Unfortunately, the new City Council has exacerbated the problem by recently voting, in its first major act, to approve a zoning variance for a politically connected developer despite overwhelming opposition from those citizens most likely to be affected.

The prevalent view, whether or not accurate, is that the city government, including the Council and the Mayor, are beholden to the interests of developers who view Park Ridge not as a place to live but as a place to make a

quick bundle of money. Most recently, the Council rejected a recall ordinance at the committee level without more than the slightest discussion. I doubt those voters who supported the last referendum will appreciate efforts by the new aldermen to insulate themselves from the same will of the voters that led to their very presence on the Council.

I confess that many individuals whose opinions I greatly respect have in fact urged me to run. Perhaps they see me as the best chance to stem the decline of what they see as the Park Ridge way of life. Others who do not love the Mayor no doubt view me as a thorn in his side and would support me simply for that reason.

In my mind, the honest truth is that any such talk is hopelessly premature.

I have only been an alderman for six months. There are many things I hope to accomplish as an alderman, such as seeing that council and committee meetings are televised and enactment of an effective preservation ordinance. And frankly, I am still learning the ropes of my duties and my important responsibilities.

While talk of me running for mayor is a surefire ego boost, there are many people far more qualified than me to take on that task if the voters decide Mr. Frimark is undeserving of a second term, and I do not want to mislead them into thinking that my hat is in the ring. It is not. For now at least, the only job I want is representing the First Ward the very best I can.

David Schmidt

Response to David Schmidt's Letter to Editor

In reference to the letter from Park Ridge First Ward Alderman David Schmidt regarding his perceived need to dispel the rumors regarding his future political ambitions, I think it is worth pointing out that these rumors exist in large part because he has been spreading them.

I quote from an email I received from Mr. Schmidt on Nov. 8, 2007: "As far as my relevance, I represent not only the First Ward, but also a very large group of citizens around the City who are very unhappy with overdevelopment and the Council's apparent willingness to acquiesce to whatever developers ask for regardless of the consequences to the voters who put them in office. I am very relevant to them, and the legions are building my friend. Now I have to effectively represent the interests of the Fifth Ward as well, at least when it comes to development. Should I end up following the path that numerous unhappy residents have suggested to me, I might become far more relevant in 18 months than either you

or any of your comrades would like."

Mr. Schmidt's letter reads like a campaign platform statement, not a disavowal of personal ambitions. He speaks of a "prevailing view, whether or not accurate" that the Council and the Mayor are beholden to the interests of profiteering developers. He proceeds to label the only firm to have submitted a plan for the redevelopment of vacant office properties a "politically-connected developer". David has a penchant for loose rhetoric. Where's his evidence? Mr. Schmidt continues his mudslinging even after he lost his effort to block a needed project which would provide 50 units of senior oriented housing in Park Ridge for the sole reason that it would be 5% above the basic zoning code guideline in density. The rest of the Council concluded that the nature of these units justified that minor variance, after eliminating a height variance and ensuring that the project would blend with the Park Ridge streetscape.

The zoning code itself encourages vari-
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About Commentary

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Suspect Throws Potato at Home Window

MORTON GROVE

1 Potato Damages Home Window (9200 block of Merrill)

While watching television, the complainant heard something hit the window of his residence in the 9200 block of Merrill on Nov. 16. Police said unknown person or persons used a potato to damage the window. The estimated damage is \$150.

2 Attempted Burglary to Restaurant (7100 block of Dempster)

Unknown person or persons attempted to use a pry tool to gain entry to a restaurant in the 7100 block of Dempster between Nov. 15 and Nov. 16. The damage is estimated at \$200.

3 Suspicious Phone Call/Suitcase Found (6000 block of Dempster)

The owner of a business in the 6000 block of Dempster St. said a man with a foreign accent left a message and repeated the same word over and over for an entire minute about 10 days prior to the report made on Nov. 18. The woman found a suspicious suitcase lying on the dumpster in the rear of the business on Nov. 18 and was concerned that the phone call and suitcase were related. The Cook County Bomb Squad came out to inspect the property that was determined to be safe.

4 Egg Thrown at Vehicle (9400 block of Ozark)

A complainant said that during the overnight hours on Nov. 16 unknown subject(s) threw an egg at his vehicle in the 9400 block of Ozark. The man said this has been an ongoing problem on weekends and requested additional patrol.

5 Patio Door Damaged (8800 block of Oak Park)

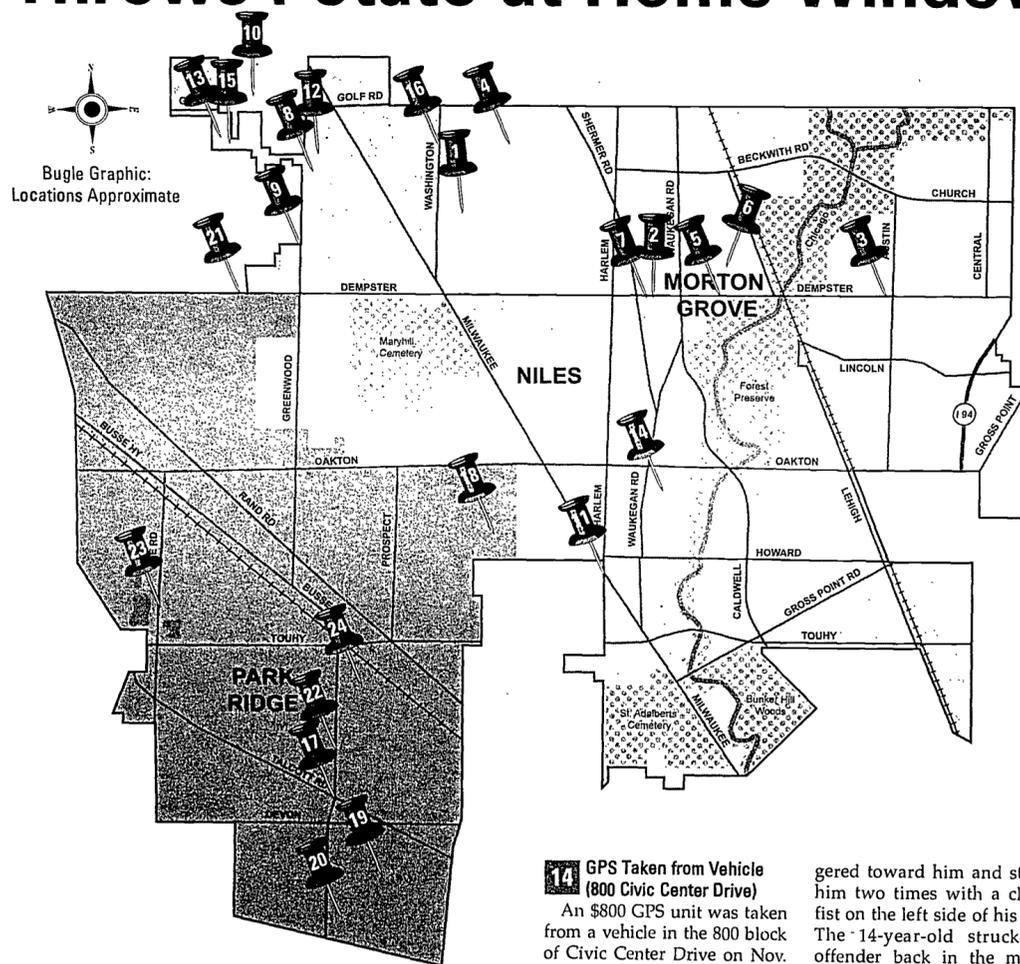
The ex-boyfriend of a complainant entered her backyard and broke the glass patio door off the rail on Nov. 19.

6 Passenger Side Window Shattered (8900 block of Birch)

Unknown person or persons broke the front passenger side window of a vehicle in the 8900 block of Birch between Nov. 16 and Nov. 17.

7 Employee Theft Arrest (7100 block of Dempster)

An employee of a store removed \$104.91 from a register and the 25-year-old was arrested for theft on Nov. 13. His court date is Dec. 21.



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

NILES

8 Video Games Stolen from Store (200 Golf Mill)

Police said 26 video games were stolen from a store at 200 Golf Mill on Nov. 19. The estimated value of the video games is \$1,380.

9 Fire at Nursing Home (9700 block of Greenwood)

While a resident was smoking in the bathroom of a nursing home in the 9700 block of Greenwood she set her pants on fire on Nov. 22. She was transported to Lutheran General Hospital by the Niles Fire Department.

10 Burglary to Vehicle (9000 block of Heathwood Circle)

Unknown person or persons used a rock to break into a vehicle in the 9000 block of Heathwood Circle and take a \$300 radar unit sometime between Nov. 19 and Nov. 20.

11 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (7300 block of Milwaukee)

Unknown person or persons scratched a vehicle in the 7300 block of Milwaukee Ave. on Nov. 16. The estimated cost of the damage is \$3,600.

12 Burglary to Store (400 Golf Mill)

A man purchased items from the store at 400 Golf Mill and then continued to shop and put a hat, necklace and pair of earrings into the shopping bag without paying for the additional items on Nov. 25. The items have a value of \$40.99.

13 Radar Detector Taken from Vehicle (9100 block of Terrace Drive)

A \$200 radar detector and a \$50 IPASS were taken from a vehicle in the 9100 block of Terrace Drive between Nov. 19 and Nov. 20 after unknown person or persons threw a large cinder block through the front passenger window.

14 GPS Taken from Vehicle (800 Civic Center Drive)

An \$800 GPS unit was taken from a vehicle in the 800 block of Civic Center Drive on Nov. 19. The cost to replace the window is \$250.

15 Possession of Liquor by Minor (9000 block of Terrace)

A 20-year-old Niles man was charged with possession of liquor by a minor on Nov. 21 after he was found sleeping in a running vehicle. A name check revealed two active warrants.

16 DUI Arrest (8000 block of Foster)

A Niles man was arrested on Nov. 25 for driving under the influence. His bond is set at \$3,000 and the court date is January 7.

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17 Battery (900 block of W. Talcott)

A 14-year-old Park Ridge boy was walking past the gas station with his girlfriend when he observed a male (about 18-20 years old) yelling remarks to his girlfriend in the 900 block of W. Talcott on Nov. 19. When the victim responded, the offender stag-

gered toward him and struck him two times with a closed fist on the left side of his face. The 14-year-old struck the offender back in the mouth and then the offender took off in a small white four-door vehicle.

18 Laptop Stolen from Vehicle (100 block of E. Cuttriss)

A laptop worth \$2,800 was taken from an unlocked 2005 Subaru Forester between Nov. 14 and Nov. 15.

19 Attempted Residential Burglary (1500 block of S. Washington)

Residents of a home in the 1500 block of S. Washington discovered the kitchen window was wide open with the screen removed and damaged on Nov. 15. Unknown person or persons left a shoe impression on a telephone wire box located below the window.

20 Obscenities Painted on Garage (1800 block of S. Fairview)

Unknown person or persons spray painted obscenities on a resident's garage in the 1800 block of S. Fairview on Nov. 17. Several similar incidents took place this week on Talcott and Fairview.

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Park Ridge Police Investigate Two Nov. 19 Armed Robberies

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Park Ridge Police Department is investigating two armed robberies that occurred on Monday, Nov. 19 at about 11 p.m.

During the first incident, a 16-year-old girl was walking home in the 700 block of South Prospect when she was approached by a male subject who was holding a five" knife in his hand.

The man grabbed her cell phone out of her hand and pushed her to the ground and then removed an I-pod from her jacket pocket as well, said police. Police said the man then attempted to pull down her pants. She screamed and the man ran north on Prospect, then east on Gillick.

In the second incident, a 16-year-old boy was walking home in the 1500 block of south Fairview when a male subject approached him. The man was holding a 5" knife.

The man demanded that he empty out his pockets. The man grabbed his arm and walked

him to the corner of Granville and Fairview and then took his cell phone, said police. A second person appeared from the west side of Fairview and punched him in the face. The boy fell to the ground and was kicked in the side. The two suspects then fled northbound on Fairview from Granville.

Suspect Descriptions: In the first incident, the man is described as a male, unknown race and age, about five foot, six inches tall, medium build. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, a white mask and jeans.

In the second incident, the first suspect was wearing a gray pullover sweatshirt, blue jeans and a mask, and is described as male, of an unknown race and age, about five feet, five inches tall. The second subject is described as a male, unknown race and age, (with darker skin) about five feet eight inches tall, wearing a blue pullover sweat-shirt.

Anyone with any information should contact the Park Ridge Police Investigations Division at (847) 318-5276.

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21 Wallet Taken from School Cafeteria (2600 block of W. Dempster)

Unknown person or persons took a wallet worth \$150 containing a driver's license and credit cards from a school cafeteria in the 2600 block of W. Dempster on Nov. 13.

22 96 Tubes of Superlube Grease Stolen (700 block of S. Fairview)

Unknown person or persons took 96 tubes of Superlube

grease worth \$700 from an alley behind a garage in the 700 block of S. Fairview on Nov. 15.

23 DUI Arrest (0-100 block of N. Dee)

A 45-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Nov. 15. His bond was set at \$3,000 and the court date is Dec. 18.

24 Warrant Arrest (Garden and Prospect)

A 45-year-old Mt. Prospect man was arrested for an outstanding warrant from Northbrook on Nov. 20.

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Benefit of The Doubt

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere regrets at the loss of Chad Schieber who collapsed and died during the 26.2 mile Chicago Marathon Oct. 7. I can, through personal experience, sympathize with their grief, pain and even anger at their loss. Death is the most difficult of human experiences and the one we are most sensitive to.

Many things went wrong that day; 88 degree heat, an apparent shortage of water/Gatorade, which eventually forced the race to end early. Over 300 people were taken to Chicago-area hospitals. The City of Chicago was overwhelmed and Niles responded to the call for help, as expected.

I am so proud of our guys. I know some of them and they carry multi-tools just so they're ready to help out. They pull over at the scene of accidents outside their jurisdiction to see if they can help. They are the kind of people who care. That is why all the talk about lawsuits is so hurtful. It doesn't seem to be coming from the Schieber family, who are an incredible bunch as well. But, too often we say, "You ought to sue." Why do we react that way?

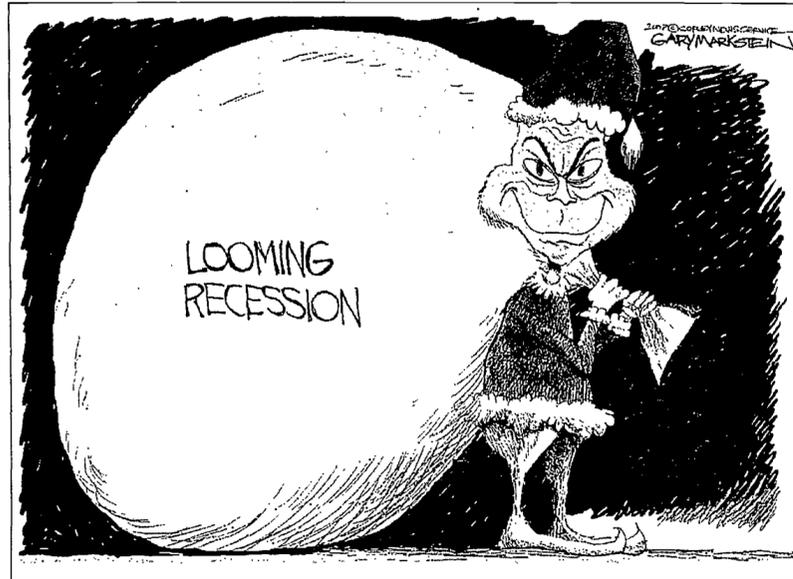
The purpose of a suit is twofold: to compensate and to punish. To sue in this case would not bring Chad back. It is true his children are left without a breadwinner and donations can be made to a fund for them at www.sarahschieber.com what about the punishment side? To punish Niles and our guys for responding to a real emergency sends the wrong message, doesn't it? It says we were better off without your help.

To believe that, you have to believe that our paramedics didn't care or worse let him die. Is that why they responded? According to what we know now everything possible was done. I don't doubt that mistakes happen and happened, but it is tragic that lawyers have built an empire of money out of people's misery. Lawsuits are an industry and a big business. People look about and wonder, "Who can I get to pay?" or "How can I benefit from this?" This is not the high mark of a good society.

Another Perspective

MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

"We give friends the benefit of the doubt and for some reason this good thinking is rarely extended to strangers. There are most certainly times when you must take action and can do so in good conscience, but as we seek to pin the blame on someone and get gain from misery and suffering we reduce down our capacity to forgive."



The best advice I ever got about suing is, "Would you sue if this was your friend?"

We give friends the benefit of the doubt and for some reason this good thinking is rarely extended to strangers. There are most certainly times when you must take action and can do so in good conscience, but as we seek to pin the blame on someone and get gain from misery and suffering we reduce down our capacity to forgive. Forgiveness is the trait of the strong. A friend of ours had her husband called back to see a doctor after a blood test, part of their application for citizenship, and they expected the worst. Two hours later the doctor called, her husband was HIV

positive, had fainted and was in the emergency room. In shock, called her family and rushed over to the hospital. This meant terrible things for her and her family. It meant infidelity of the worst kind, possibly drug abuse, death, risk and lies. She cried the whole way. She met and the doctor went over the paperwork and right there at the bottom of the page were the results: NEGATIVE.

The doctor had completely and absolutely goofed. There was no excuse. The words were large and plain as day. More shockingly, the doctor, fearing a lawsuit, did not speak a word of apology. This is why our suit crazy society is so destructive: it

drives a wedge in the heart of human kindness. This doctor could not participate in the most beautiful of human interactions: the admission of fault and asking for forgiveness - "I am sorry, I was wrong", to do so would be an admission of guilt, admissible in a court of law and would mean a lost court battle and millions.

But, the ultimate loss is ours. We lose our dignity and our humanity to the tyranny of lawyers and the hunt for blame and money. In the end, our friend and her family forgave the doctor who never, ever asked for forgiveness.

It is time we started giving each other the benefit of the doubt. Most people are good. We need to practice our beliefs, not just on Sundays or when convenient, but always. Niles is a good place with good people. You know what to do, so do it.

Letters to the Editor

As Americans, we are a generous people. Within the next month a majority of us will begin a season of Thanks Giving - giving thanks for our many blessings. As the poet said of the quality of mercy - which also applies to the act of giving - "it is twice blessed. It blesses him who gives and him who receives". You know you are helping another human being to become more than what they were had the gift not been given. Whether it be better health or a health organization, a teaching institution or

tuition help, the joy in a child who receives a gift during the holidays, helping a church or synagogue or mosque serve their membership better as well as reaching out into the community, there are many giving opportunities. They are happy to receive the money because without it they can't serve their clients/membership or expand their programs and meet human needs. Then, what happens to society? Government continues to cut its support. The giver is rewarded in the sense of satisfaction - the

knowing that they have made a difference - in helping and in the joy and thankfulness of the receiver. Many small gifts can add up to a large sum. So large or small, what you give, counts. Don't forget, giving can be financial as well as time and talent.

If you choose to take action because of thinking about this letter, my experience is that you will never out give your creator. It is like "casting your bread upon the water". Somehow, it always comes back to you in one form or another. You do need an attitude

of abundance (count your blessings before going to sleep). It helps you realize just how much you have to be grateful for. For those who have a fear of "I will never have enough," you will literally drive money away with negative thinking and expectations.

I have never met or read of any former tithers - people who give 10% or more of their income. Our creator asks us to trust Him for His provision. Good givers become truly blessed people. Look at where you are now. You can give yourself out of poverty

as documented in Guideposts Magazine.

I would challenge you to try it. And do so generously. You will be amazed at the results.

You didn't get where you are today without some help from someone whether it be parents, relatives, friends, teachers, bosses, coworkers, a minister or priest or rabbi. Be grateful for that help. May you have a blessed holiday and enjoy it even more by sharing your blessings!

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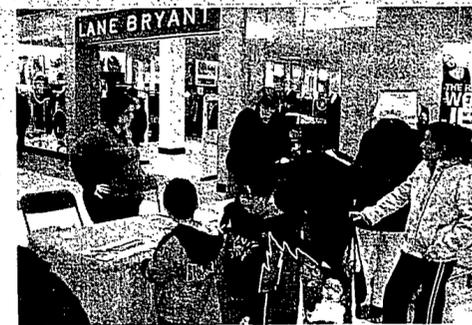
St. Martha Church Choir performs at Golf Mill Center during Festival of Giving November 18. Right: Liz Off and a Niles Teen Center Volunteer work the gift wrap booth. Below: PTO volunteers assist shoppers at the Kiddie Junction.

Festival of Giving At Golf Mill Benefits Local Charities

More than 30 local not for profit organizations and thousands of shoppers benefited from the "Festival of Giving" that was held at Golf Mill Shopping Center on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Local not for profit organizations, schools and hospitals have had the opportunity to sell the \$5 tickets to the general public and 100% of the ticket proceeds benefited each individual organization.

"Festival of Giving brought in thousands of shoppers who purchased tickets to help support their favorite local charity," said



Regina Verdico, marketing manager of Golf Mill.

For the \$5 admission price, shoppers receive spe-

cial store discounts, gifts, door prizes, music and free gift-wrap.

Local "Domino Cele-

brates Festival of Giving" sponsors were National City Bank in Niles, Courtyard Marriot in Glenview, Golf Mill Ford in Niles and Hallmark in Golf Mill.

"The Niles Teen Center was one of the many not for profit organizations who supported the event through ticket sales and volunteering for our free gift-wrap station," said Verdico. "Golf Mill is so grateful to all the organizations who supported the annual Festival of Giving event and made the event an incredible success."

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Instilling Values in Your Children: Part II

By Carrie Schwab Pomerantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Last week, I talked about ways to give your children practical experience with money - spending it, saving it and earning it - with an eye toward providing them with a foundation of good financial values that will prepare them to be financially responsible adults.

MONEY & YOU

These values aren't entirely about personal gain; I certainly believe that we would do well to instill in our children a sense of generosity and help them learn about our collective responsibility to help others.

Naturally, this idea resonates at this time of year, during the holidays, when many of us take the time to appreciate our good fortune and to give something back. By all means give generously; however, remember that the social and cultural institutions that we support through private charity need resources all year long.

As I wrote in the last column, you are the most influential role model your children will ever

have (though you may doubt that fact during their teenage years). Your example sets the tone: If you are charitable with your time and money, the chances are excellent that your children will follow suit.

Here are some ideas you might pursue with your own family as part of taking a more active role in instilling the urge to be generous in your children:

- Tell your kids what you do for others.

If you do give to charity, let your kids know what you're doing and why. Teach them about the purpose of nonprofits and how they rely on donations and volunteers to fulfill their mission. You might want to teach the habit of giving by encouraging them to earmark some portion of their allowance for a charitable cause. You could even give them an extra dollar a week with the understanding that it will go to the charity of their choice.

- Help them find a cause or a group that reflects their interests or passions.

It's most rewarding when you give to a group that speaks to you in some way, so encourage your children to find an organization or cause they can believe in. You might be surprised by their concerns. A few years ago, one of my sons announced he wanted to make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

- Pick a family charity. One approach to introducing the tradition of charity is to let your kids help choose a recipient for the entire family to give to. Hold a family meeting to solicit ideas about how to divvy up your family's philanthropic budget. In addition to teaching your child the importance of being generous, the process of selecting a charity can give your family a greater sense of purpose. Ultimately, it can bring a family closer together.

- Create a charitable gift account.

If you have the means to do so, consider setting up a charitable gift account that will pave the way for years - and perhaps even generations - of giving. It's simple to do and less expensive than you might think. Once the

account is established, involve your children in the decision making.

- Encourage them to volunteer their time.

Money is obviously essential to every nonprofit organization, but time is often just as valuable. Donate your time, and urge your children to join you or find a group that needs their help. It's easier than ever for kids to find a local group that can use their energy. Schools, religious organizations and other groups offer plenty of opportunities for kids to help their community.

I know a family that regularly helps in a San Francisco soup kitchen, and they've done so since their children were quite young. Their children have experienced firsthand the satisfaction of helping others, and they can see with their own eyes the needs in our society.

- Recycle toys, books and clothes.

Kids can also learn about selflessness simply by rounding up their old toys, games, books and clothes for Goodwill, the Salvation Army and similar charities. As your kids grow up,

talk with them about issues like poverty and homelessness that remain stubbornly part of contemporary life.

I believe it's important for children to understand that the world is not always an equitable place - and that they can play a role in addressing these problems. If they realize that you're concerned, they're more likely to take these issues seriously and, ultimately, to act on them.

Whatever cause you choose, and whatever way you decide to pursue it, assist your children in understanding how their efforts are making a difference. As a family, participate in an event like the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Take your children to a cultural institution that relies on charitable support. Stay up to date on a group's progress and mission. Help them experience the role these organizations play in our civic and cultural life. And remind them that giving can be an immensely satisfying experience; it may be cliché to say so, but I'm always struck by the truth of the idea that "I get more than I give."

Qualcomm Enters Reflective-Screen Scene

By Jonathan Sidener
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The small, monochrome display screen on the Acoustic Research music and phone headset seems so retro at first glance - unless that first impression happens in broad daylight.

While it looks like the small screen on last decade's pagers, this display remains vibrant in direct sunlight, a significant change from LCD screens that require a battery-draining backlight to be visible in bright light.

Developed by Qualcomm, the music player's screen is a new type of reflective display often called "electronic paper." While the reflective displays have been showing up on electronic devices for years, the Acoustic Research screen is Qualcomm's first product in the emerging market.

In addition to being more visible in harsh light, the new reflective displays use less power than LCD versions, allowing smaller batteries or longer periods between charges.

Without increasing battery size, Acoustic Research was able to include a feature not found on most competing products: a display of caller ID, battery level and other text and icons. Acoustic

Research, a subsidiary of Hauppauge, N.Y.-based Audiovox Corp., said it will have the ARWH1 headset on store shelves soon.

Like the Qualcomm display, the first mainstream products from competitors are monochrome. Researchers are scrambling to upgrade from black and white to color - a steppingstone on the way to color video. Other lines of research seek to make the displays thin and flexible. Put all of these attributes together and you have the holy grail of electronic paper: a thin, flexible, energy-saving screen capable of displaying color video - even in direct light.

Prototypes put a rolled-up, laptop-sized screen in a tube about the diameter of a broomstick. Laptops, mobile Web devices such as the iPhone and hand-held gaming systems such as the Nintendo DS could face tough competition from full-size displays that roll up and fit in a back pocket, say proponents of electronic paper.

That vision has languished since the 1990s. Qualcomm enters the reflective-display race as something of a dark horse with a new, but untested, technology.

The company says its technolo-



Light Bright - This working prototype of a Qualcomm phone display can be viewed in direct sunlight because it reflects light instead of using a backlight. (CNS Photo by John Gastaldo)

gy can refresh the images on a screen quickly enough to produce video. And it says the technology can be upgraded to produce color. It also expects to be able to create the screens from flexible materials.

"Think of electronic paper as a triangle with three sides made up of color video, low power consumption and flexibility," said Lawrence Gasman, principal analyst at NanoMarkets, a Virginia technology market research firm.

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HAVE YOU HEARD

Saint Martha Church Hosts Chicago Bronze Christmas Concert

Saint Martha Church in Morton Grove, IL is proud to host Chicago Bronze during their 2007 tour of Christmas concerts. On Sunday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m., this group of talented and entertaining bellringers will perform their concert program entitled, "Christmas in the City" in the Large Church at the parish. Music for the program will include a medley of tunes from "A Charlie Brown Christmas," arranged by the group's director, St. Martha Church is located at 8523 Georgiana Avenue, which is one block south of Dempster Street and west of Austin. No advance tickets are necessary and a free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is invited to the annual holiday open house following the concert. Additional information is available by e-mail at smarthachurch@yahoo.com, by calling the church staff at (847) 965-0262 or visiting our website: www.saint-marthachurch.org

What is Chicago Bronze?



Chicago Bronze is a talented community English handbell ensemble from the Chicago area. Membership in Chicago Bronze is by audition. The ensemble was established in May of 1999 by a group of directors and advanced ringers who were seeking a challenging ringing experience. Chicago Bronze members have an average of over 10 years of ringing experience, as well as additional musical experience from vocal to a wide variety of instruments.

The group is dedicated to musical excellence, as well as sharing their technical knowledge of the handbell instrument and helping to create a greater understanding and enjoyment of handbell music. Chicago Bronze performs a variety of music including sacred, secular, classical, jazz and old favorites, with a repertoire that includes pieces appropriate throughout the year. Chicago Bronze has performed for a wide variety of audiences, including churches, synagogues, holiday celebrations and business and civic organizations. The performances are family-friendly and entertaining for listeners of all ages.

Chicago Bronze members have represented the United States by performing at International Handbell Symposiums in various countries.

Free Holiday Concert at The Summit of Uptown

Members of the Maine South string orchestra will perform a free Holiday Concert at The Summit of Uptown on Friday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

In-Concert Chicago, a nonprofit organization that partners with youth musicians in the Chicago area, will be partnering with Maine South by providing this opportunity for young musicians to perform at local senior homes and assisted living facilities like The Summit.

The one-hour program performed by Maine South's string orchestra will consist of classical music. The event will feature an auditorium style setting.

Liberty Bank Hosts "Spirit of Christmas" Trip

Families are invited to join Liberty Bank for Savings for a Holiday trip to Chicago's Magnificent Mile on Dec. 4. Guests will enjoy the wonderful holiday sights and sounds on their way to see "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman Theatre. The tour will also stop at the Christkindlmarket and the Mid-America Club for a lunch buffet.

Reservations are required and the charge is \$85 per person. To make a reservation or for more information on this Liberty Bank for Savings event and other Holiday activities, call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or email sandrews@libertybank.com.

Holiday Events at Niles Park District

Breakfast With Santa

Join Santa for his annual breakfast with Niles Park District. Every year, Santa makes a stop at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Children will enjoy eating breakfast, making a special craft, visiting and taking a picture with Santa. All adults and children in attendance must register for this event. Please register early, spaces fill up fast! Event will be held Saturday, December 8 at 8:30 am, 10 am or 11:30 am. Fee is Resident \$6, Non-resident \$11 and Adults \$6. Call (847) 967-6633 for registration information.

Make a Holiday Gingerbread House

Make your own no-bake gingerbread house for a special holiday centerpiece. Instructions and all materials included for each parent/child couple to make a Gingerbread House to take home. This special event will be held Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Fee is resident \$40; non-resident \$45 per couple. Call (847) 967-6633 to register for this holiday fun event!

Santa's Mailbox

Santa's elves have installed a special mailbox at the Howard Leisure Center. Santa will write back to each child who drops off a letter. Since Santa must have time to pack his sleigh, he can only answer those letters received by Monday, December 3. Santa takes care of the postage, there is no charge for this service. Don't forget to include your return address.

Santa's Calling

Santa will once again be calling children ages 3-8 this season to check their holiday lists. Parents must complete Santa's information sheet available at the Howard Leisure Center. Calls will be made Wednesday, December 12 between 4:30-7:30 p.m. Registration required. Call (847) 967-6633 for information.



Spirit of Giving

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Proceeds go to Maine Township Food Pantry. You can help make a difference this holiday season by participating in our holiday food drive. From November 26 through December 21, Park Ridge MultiMed is accepting contributions or donations to benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry. In return for a donation of at least 3 canned goods you can receive a 15-minute massage or all first day chiropractic services.

Help us make this a special year for our families in need. For a list of items of need this holiday season or to make an appointment for your massage or chiropractic visit, please call (847) 232-9800 or email info@parkridgemd.com.

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All food must be non-perishable and have a current expiration date.

Cash donations should be made payable to the Firefighter's Association of Morton Grove. Cash donations will be used to purchase holiday turkeys, desserts, and children's Christmas gifts.

Due to limited storage space we are unable to accept toys or clothing. Please limit your generosity to food or cash donations.

If you have any questions, please contact FF/Paramedic Dennis Kennedy at the fire station (847) 470-5226.

Santa Hosts Benefit Breakfast At Golf Mill Shopping Center

To Help Raise Funds For Habitat For Humanity

WHAT: Help Santa spread holiday cheer and raise funds for Lake County Habitat for Humanity with a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Golf Mill Café. Santa along with Francisco at Golf Mill Café will provide tasty eats and host a fun-filled morning, including a magic show, giveaways, and photo ops with Santa.

Tickets costs are \$6.00 and are on sale now at Customer Service! A portion of the proceeds benefit the Lake County Habitat for Humanity Youth United House to help raise awareness and funds for families in need.

WHEN: Saturday, December 1st at 9am

WHERE: Golf Mill Café in Golf Mill Shopping Center Enter at Mall Entrance 6, facing Greenwood, next to Sears

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Letters to the Editor

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ances in such circumstances. The actual density of occupancy on this site is likely to be up to 30% less than when the office buildings were in use, according to a traffic study submitted to the City. To hint that corruption was involved is truly beyond the pale.

He also raises the fact that his proposed aldermanic recall ordinance was shot down quickly. No wonder. Recall ordinances are unconstitutional in Illinois unless or until the pending Joint Constitutional Amendment to allow them is passed in Springfield. Mr. Schmidt was aware of that when he proposed that ordinance. Contrary

to his insinuation, the reduction in size of the City Council occurred in large measure due to dissatisfaction with the kind of scurrilous rhetoric Mr. Schmidt has artfully inserted into his letter, in the guise of setting forth the views of others.

Mr. Schmidt concludes his campaign letter by stating that "for now at least," he's confining himself to the First Ward. I think most residents of Park Ridge applaud the modesty of his ambitions, and hope that he will remain steadfast at least in this course.

Regards,
David Kemerer, Park Ridge

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Holiday and Great Dance Scenes in the Movies

Wed., Dec. 5, 1-2:30 p.m.

Get into the holiday mood as Steve Frenzel presents film clips of famous holiday and dance movies such as Holiday Inn, White Christmas, and Meet Me in St. Louis. This presentation also includes a hilarious video of a

Jack Benny Christmas special. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Senior Center. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101.

For Teens

Teen Library Council (TLC)

Thurs., Dec. 6, 7 p.m.

Meet new friends, get involved in fun activities, tell us what you want to see at the Library, and earn volunteer service hours in the process!

Children's Programs

Moovin' and Groovin'

Sat., Dec. 8, 3 p.m., ages 2-4

Do you have a toddler who likes to dance? Come join in this fun, physical activity class that includes music, dancing, marching, musical instruments, parachute games and creative movement. For ages 2-4; class size 12. Registration required; call 847-929-5102.

Crafty Saturday

Dec. 8

Drop in to the Youth Services Dept. to make a seasonal craft. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. while supplies last.

Qualcomm

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Next year, Qualcomm plans to introduce a two-color version of its monitor and says it will produce a larger display for a Chinese phone manufacturer. Beyond that, it's not disclosing its timetable for upgrading its reflective display technology.

The San Diego cell phone technology company will need to be on the fast track if it hopes to make up lost ground. Several electronic paper displays are on the market, including the Sony Reader electronic book, a watch from Seiko and the Motofone from Motorola. All of these products use a technology from E Ink of Cambridge, Mass.

While the cost of future full-color, flexible versions isn't known, E Ink's monochrome displays can cost less than LCD displays. Motorola used the technology for a phone it sells in emerging markets in part because it was less expensive than an LCD display.

E Ink's electronic ink technology consists of millions of microscopic capsules - each like a snow globe that contains black and white particles. An electronic charge determines whether the black or white particles float to the top, effectively creating black pixels that turn on and off against a white background.

E Ink has demonstrated the ability to produce color images and says it can refresh pixels quickly enough to display video. The company's technology has so dominated the early years of reflective displays that its name is often synonymous with electronic paper, which perhaps explains why Qualcomm is eager to distance itself from the phrase.

"If you went to a Society for Information Display conference, you wouldn't hear our technology called electronic paper," said James Cathey, vice president of business development for Qualcomm MEMS Technologies division.

MEMS is short for micro-electromechanical systems, which uses computer-chip technology to make tiny machines. Qualcomm's technology lacks a catchy alternative name. Cathey called it a reflective display based on MEMS technology, or more precisely, IMOD, short for Interferometric Modulator Displays.

"The Acoustic Research device is the first reflective display driven by MEMS technology," Cathey said. "We're pretty excited about that."

The MEMS display works on the principle that light waves can be made to interfere with one another to produce the illusion of pigment. The best-known example occurs when a clear oil is poured on clear water, thus creating a rainbow of colors without pigment. The oil and water create two parallel reflective surfaces, which makes the light waves bounce in odd ways. The unusual bounce of one light wave interferes with another and produces colored light.

Qualcomm's technology harnesses this effect on a microscopic level, creating thousands of pixels in a small space. By manipulating the effect, it can control the color produced by an individual pixel.

The company is entering a field full of competitors but poised for growth, said Gasman, the analyst. There are about 20 competitors, but not all of them are looking at the mobile-device market, he said.

In a recent report, Gasman forecast that the market for electronic paper displays on cell phones would grow from about \$14 million this year to \$114 million by 2010 and \$763 million by 2014.

SCHOOLS

Park View's All About Going Green

The student council at Park View School in Morton Grove is going green this year.

The theme was kicked-off by asking the students to wear green or other earth-toned clothes.

The student council's "going green" agenda includes revitalizing the awareness that people are able to recycle instead of sending products to the landfills, reviving the Green Team to

aid in paper, cardboard and plastic recycling; and finally, a "non-fundraiser."

The student Council is offering an earth-friendly alternative to plastic grocery bags, which are strong and sturdy reusable bags.

The "Green Saks" are easily stored in the trunk of your car and replace the disposable plastic and paper bags that end up in the garbage, landfills and

environment for up to 1,000 years after one use.

The "Green Saks" will be sold during conferences and can also be ordered through the school.

One Green Sak is \$1.50; a five pack is \$6.50 and a 10 pack is \$10.

The student council says the purpose is not to raise funds but to help people do one significant thing to help the environment.

RES Young Women's Writing Festival Winners

Resurrection High School's English Department sponsored The Young Women's Writing Festival on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The competition, with the theme "Write On!" was open to eighth grade girls. Area grade schools were invited to submit two students from their school to compete. Students wrote an original, creative narrative within a thirty minute time period based on a writing prompt provided by Resurrection's English Department. The essays were evaluated while student writers toured Resurrection with Res student guides.

The writing festival concluded with refreshments and awards. The awards were as follows: First Place - \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and medal to Cassandra Jordan, Mary Seat of Wisdom (Sponsoring Teachers: Mrs. Victoria Hopper and Ms. Lola Milito); Second Place - \$25 Bookstore Gift Certificate and medal to Hilary Noble, St. Hyacinth (Sponsoring Teacher: Mrs.

Henrietta Markowski); Third Place - Pen and medal to Bridget Gallassini, St. Norbert (Sponsoring Teacher: Mrs. Jo Pisterzi). Honorable Mentions and medals were awarded to the following three students: Laura Picardi, Mary Seat of Wisdom (Sponsoring Teachers: Mrs. Victoria Hopper and Ms. Lola Milito); Mary Feller, St. Monica Academy (Sponsoring Teacher: Mrs. Pat Jacinto); and Faustina Ocana, St. Margaret Mary (Sponsoring Teacher: Mrs. Peggy Forgiogio).

Resurrection High School English Department looks forward to next year's Young Women's Writing Festival, congratulates all of the student writers and thanks their supportive school principals, teachers and parents.

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

D64 Elementary School to Only Offer Spanish

Spanish will be the only language offered at all five Park Ridge-Niles Dist. 64 elementary schools starting in 2008-2009 as a result of action taken at the Nov. 13 board of education meeting.

French will continue to be an option for middle school students. Currently, students at Carpenter and Washington Schools study French and those at Field, Franklin and Roosevelt study Spanish in the district's foreign language program for students in grades two to five.

"When Dist. 64 first piloted

the FLES program in 1996 using both French and Spanish, the board understood research at that time highlighted the importance of introducing a second language at a young age, with the selection of which language to study being secondary," stated Supt. Sally Pryor, in a press release. "Much has changed in the world and in our society since then, and the board's action on Monday reflects that shift in thinking."

At the district's two middle schools, grade six students have a choice to study French

or Spanish, regardless of what language they studied at the elementary level. Students may study foreign language through eighth grade.

The board also directed the district to continue with a comprehensive review of the foreign language program on the elementary level. The review includes an examination of the program's benefits, goals and time requirements.

The recommendations from the review will be given to the board in early 2009 and changes would be implemented for the 2009-10 school year.

NOTRE DAME UPCOMING EVENTS

Grammar School Athletic Open House

Thursday, November 29

Notre Dame High School invites any 6th, 7th or 8th grade boys to attend the Athletic Open House on Thursday, November 29 from 7 pm to 9 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet Notre Dame's coaches, learn about the terrific sports programs and participate in athletic challenges. This event will be held in the gymnasium at the school at 7655 West Dempster Street in Niles. For more information, please contact Judy Byrne at 847.779.8650 or email at jbyrne@ndhsdons.org.

Math Contest for 7th & 8th Grade Boys

If you're a 7th or 8th grade boy who loves math then the Notre Dame High School Math Contest is for you! The Math Contest will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 11:00 am. No registration is necessary and each participant competes individually. For more information, please contact Paul Tokarz, Director of Enrollment & Admissions. Notre Dame is located at 7655 West Dempster Street in Niles.

Tryouts for Grade School Dons Basketball Feeder Teams Scheduled

Tryouts will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 9 for the Young Dons Basketball Feeder Program at Notre Dame High School, 7655 West Dempster Street in Niles. All interested players should make every effort to attend both dates. Three teams (6th, 7th and 8th) will be selected. The tryout times are: 8th graders from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm; 7th graders from 12:30 to 2:00 pm; and 6th graders from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Each team will play about 25 games and their season will run from approximately Jan. 2008 through April 2008. Each of the three teams will play other high school feeder teams. For more information or if you are unable to attend, please notify Vic Rose at 847.253.7933 or rosevcs@aol.com.

Shadow Day Visits Available Ongoing

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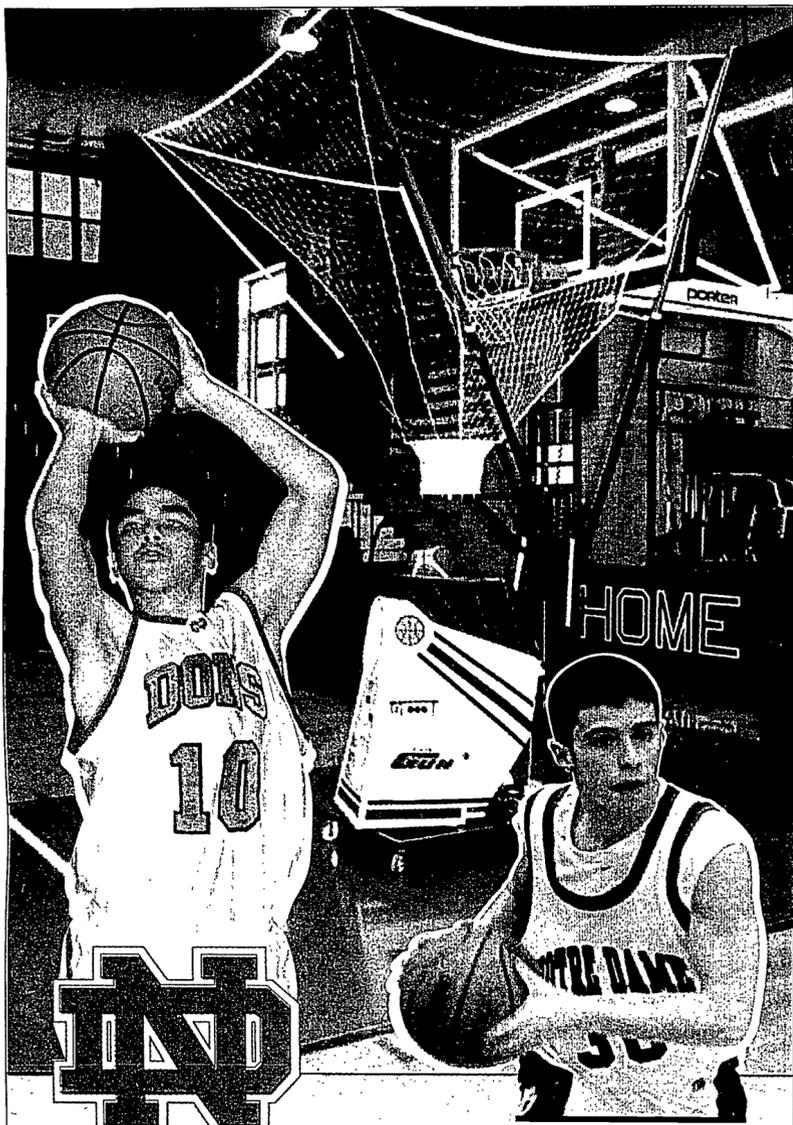
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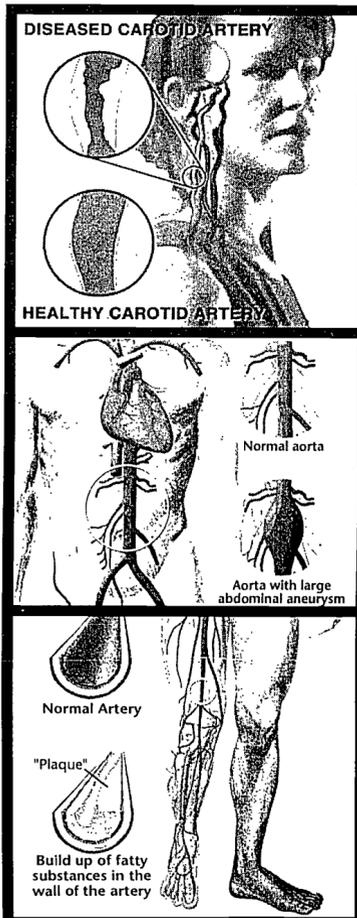
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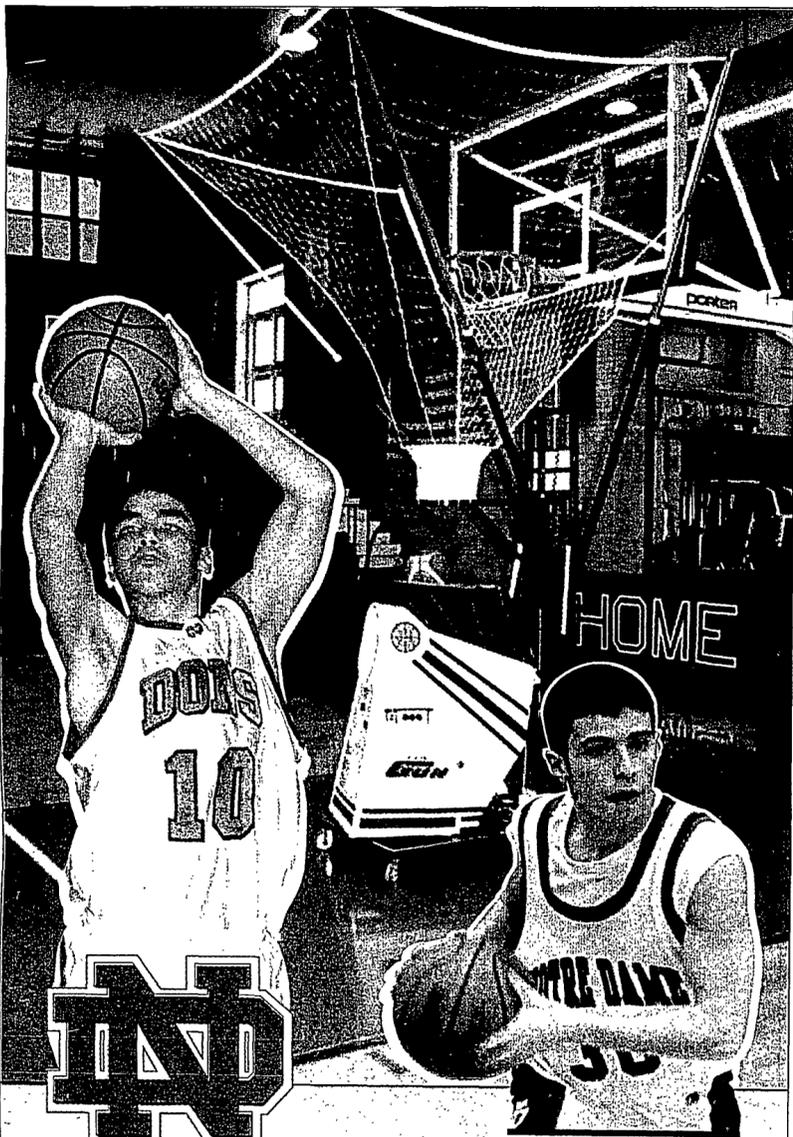
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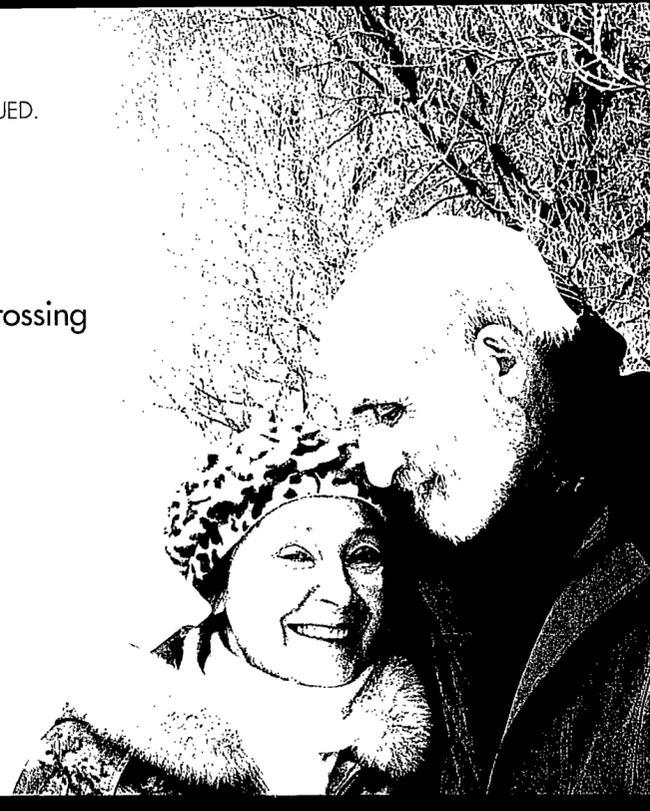
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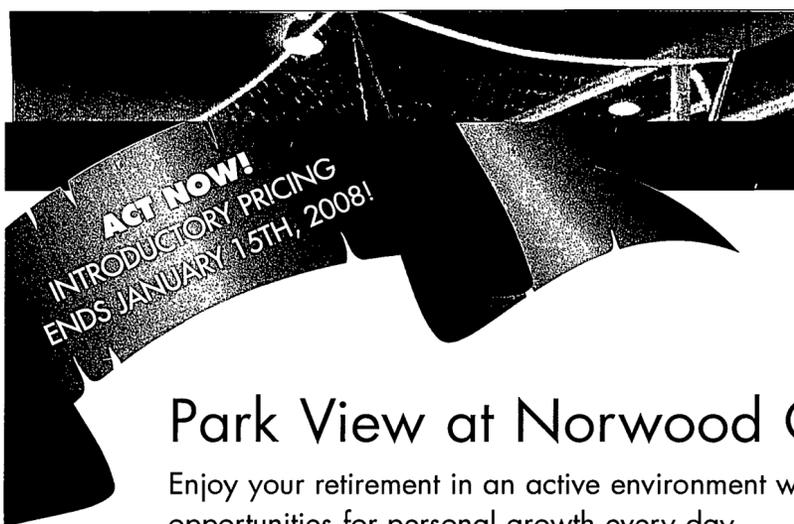
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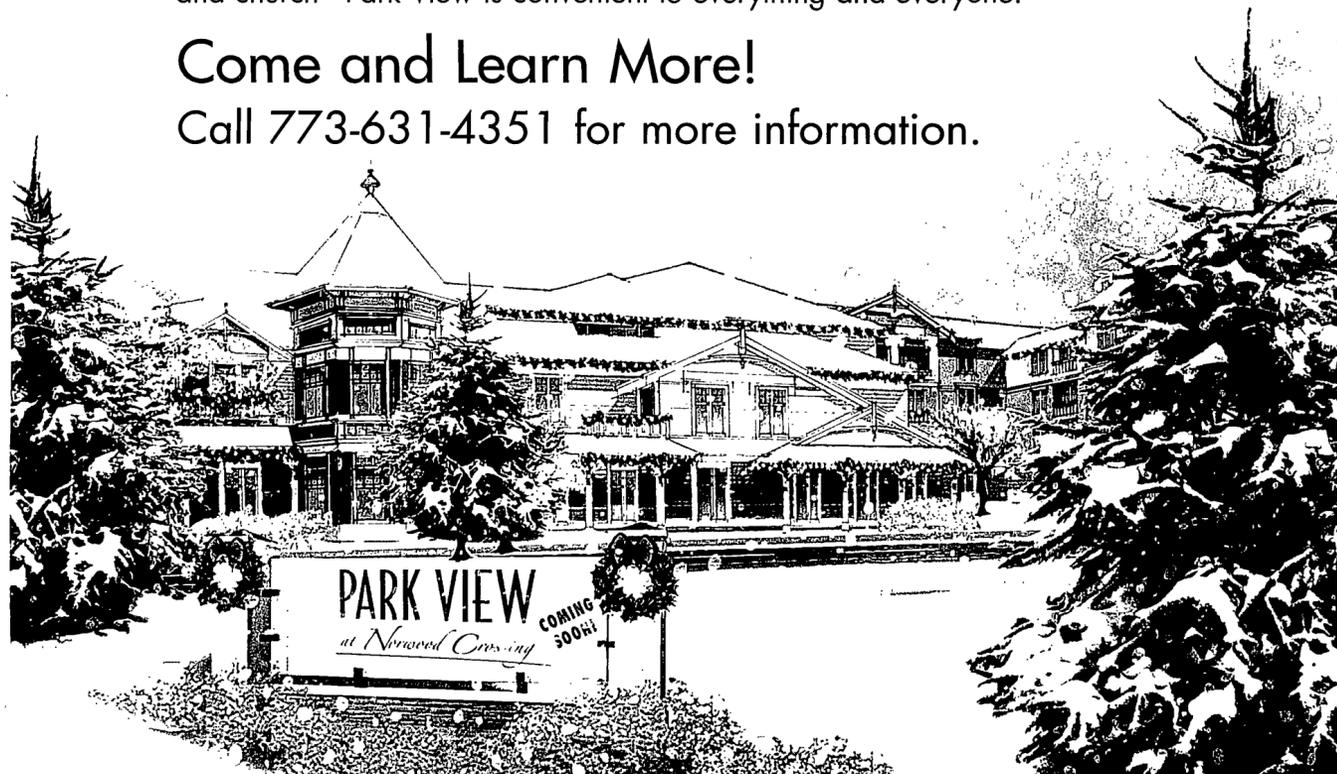
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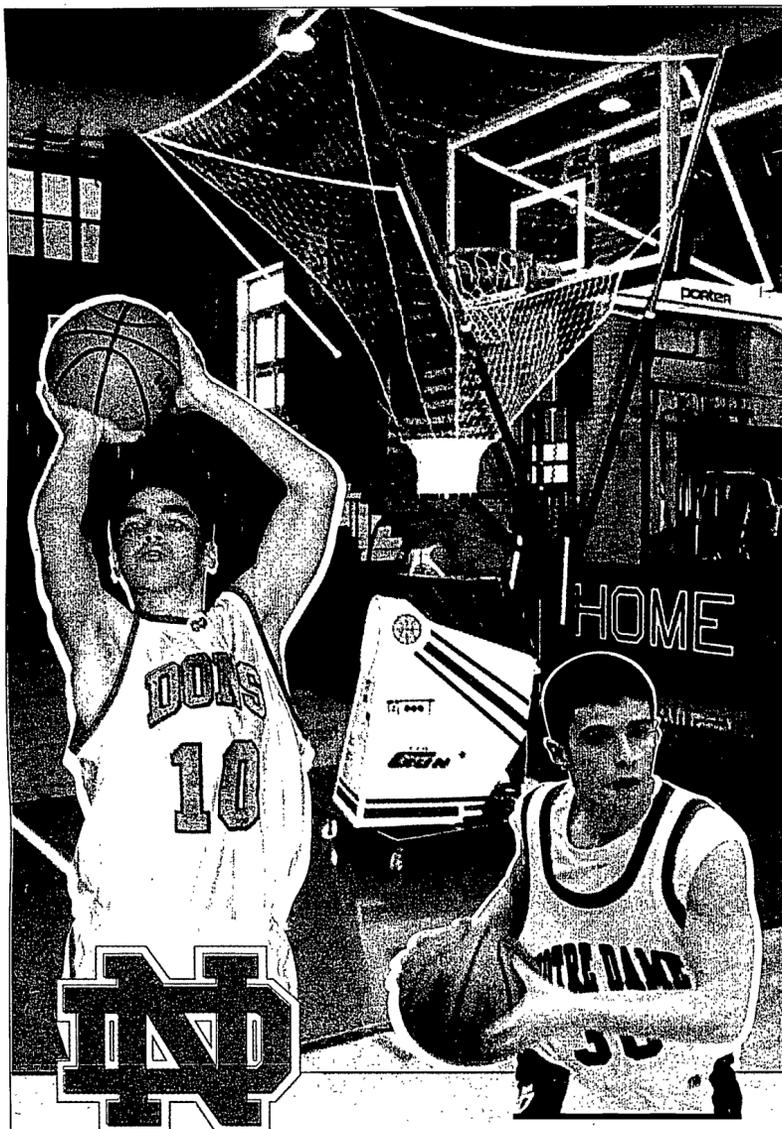
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The NDHS Athletic Club has purchased a basketball shooting machine which is designed to help the Dons drain more shots this season and for many more to come. Junior Michael DiGregorio (10) and Senior Zach Abraham (30) will lead the Dons this season. (Submitted Photos)

The Dons (1-2) play at Mundelein Carmel tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. Carmel is (1-4) early this season.

IHSA Enforces Photo Policy at State Finals

The Illinois High School Association today denied photo passes to several newspapers covering the IHSA Football State Finals after those papers refused to adhere to the IHSA's policy regarding the sale of photographs taken at IHSA events. The denial of photo passes did not prohibit these newspapers from covering today's state championship games. Earlier this month the Illinois Press Association and two newspapers sued the Association over the IHSA policy. Following the Court's decision not to grant the IPA a temporary restraining order, the IPA and the two newspapers who were party to the suit asked the Court to withdraw their request for a preliminary injunction.

"While the Illinois Press Association has indicated its willingness to compromise on this matter, its actions have spoken much louder than its words," said IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman. "We asked the IPA to have its members refrain from selling photos of our events while we continued to work to resolve this issue. We presented the IPA with a proposal nearly two weeks ago and they have yet to respond. The IHSA has made a good faith effort to resolve this matter, but the negotiation process cannot be one-sided."

In a letter to the Illinois Press Association, the IHSA's Executive Director indicated that newspapers could give photos to anyone in their communities, provided the photos were used for personal rather than commercial use. The IHSA also indicated that photo galleries on newspaper Web sites could contain an unlimited number of photos from IHSA events. "If the newspapers are interested in providing a community service, the opportunity clearly exists," Hickman said. "It has become abundantly clear, however, that some members of the Illinois Press Association are more interested in the commercial photography business."

The IHSA's policy regarding the sale of photos taken at its events is virtually identical to the policy in place at Illinois State University, the University of Illinois and the Big Ten. To date, it does not appear that the Illinois Press Association has filed a lawsuit against any other entity with a policy similar to that of the Illinois High School Association.

Left Coast Has Right Stuff to Dominate

By Hank Wesch
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Where should a college basketball follower's interest be focused for the start of the 2007-08 season?

Go West young fan. Go West old or middle-aged fan. Go West casual fan or hoopsaholic.

Tobacco Road and the talented teams and individuals on and around it will be given their props sooner or later, so help us Billy Packer. The same for those whose identifying thoroughfares might be the Dixie Highway, the D.C. Beltway, Pennsylvania or New Jersey turnpikes or

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Red Hatters to Enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Drake

12-4 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

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Carbon Monoxide Safety Calling

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.

The 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 nyckelharpa 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.

Maine Twp. Seniors Plan Seasonal Trips, Classes and More

Women's Tea

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost: \$2 - Registration required.

Celebrate with us in Holiday spirit as we enjoy Ty Gram, a wonderful entertainer, sing some of our favorite Christmas songs.

Grandparenting Group, 'Grandparent Rights'

Monday, Dec. 10, 10 to 11 a.m. No cost - registration required.

Leading the group is Colleen Connolly, a specialist on grandparent rights from Legal Assistance Foundation. Come and find out what your rights are as grandparents. If you are denied visits to see grandchildren, what do you do first? Any other questions will be answered as well. The group meets monthly and supports grandparents babysitting their grandchildren as well as those

who have guardianship or custody. All grandparents are welcome.

Computer Workshop

"Technology Buying Tips for Christmas"

Monday, Dec. 17, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$10, Registration required.

Attend this workshop and save hundreds of dollars. Learn how to buy a printer, photo printer, digital camera, desktop and laptop computer, etc. We will also review the top 50 "computing tips" to help you enjoy the computer more.

S.A.L.T. Program

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. No charge - Registration required.

Come and learn what "white-collar" crime is and how it can

affect communities. "White-collar" crimes cost the United States more than \$300 billion annually according to the FBI. Such crimes include: fraud, bankruptcy fraud, bribery, identity theft, forgery, etc.

Used Cell Phones Collected

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member, call the Maine-

Streamers at 847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Mall in Niles.

'Christmas in the Country' Trip

The Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Saturday, Dec. 22. 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$76 members/\$81 guests.

This is a wonderful outing for the holidays. Upon arriving at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort, you can relax and enjoy the beautiful gingerbread house display, shop in the many stores or simply sit by the fire. Then, enjoy a lunch of salad, chicken breast stuffed with prosciutto and sage, mashed potatoes and herb gravy, and apple strudel to finish it off. The meal will be followed by one the best shows in the area - "Hooray for the Holidays!" in the Evergreen

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Morton Grove Senior News

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 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 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 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.

Laughter & Meditation Programs

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. followed by the "Meditation" Program from 10:30 to 12 noon. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be a minimum of five people registered for each class.

Mall 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. Tips 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.

Wes Harrison 'Mr. Sound Effects'

Wes Harrison uses his remarkable talent to give the world what it needs - laughter - and that's the best sound of all! In the 1950's he provided sound effects for the Disney productions of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" and "Peter Pan," and worked at MGM studios on "Tom and Jerry" cartoons. He has made guest appearances on every major talk and variety show on television. He will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 for a free program of many of his unforgettable works. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Oklahoma'

Oklahoma! is Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration, and one of America's best-loved musicals. Enjoy musical numbers such as, "People Will Say We're In Love," "The Surrey With The Fringe On Top," "I Can't Say No," and of course the title song, "Oklahoma!" The bus will depart from the Morton Grove Senior Center for the Cahn Auditorium in Evanston at 1 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Nov. 29 and pay a reduced cost of \$56 for Senior Center Members and \$64 for non-members. After Nov. 29 the costs are \$64 for Members and \$73 for non-members. There must be a minimum of 15 people registered by Nov. 29.

New Year's Party

Ring in the New Year at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Frank K and Company will provide the musical entertainment and the dance floor will be wide open. Party favors and refreshments will enhance the celebration. Register in-person at the Senior Center before Dec. 3 and pay a reduced cost of \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-members. After Dec. 3 the costs are \$4 for Members and \$5 for non-members. There must be a minimum of 40 people registered by Dec. 3.

'My Big Fat Greek Wedding' Movie

Toula is 30 and unmarried, which means as a nice Greek girl, she's a failure. All her cousins did the right thing - married Greek boys and made Greek babies. So everyone worries, "What will become of Toula?" The movie, including popcorn, will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

'Tea Talk: The Art of Tea'

Tea expert, Anne Hampton will return to the Morton Grove Senior Center with an all new program: "The Art of Tea." Learn how the tea theme is incorporated in artwork such as China patterns and paintings. This interesting and unique program will be completed with a tea tasting! The program begins at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 11. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 before Dec. 21.

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No Place Like home... Your Own

By Joe Volz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

We've just had our kitchen faucet replaced. In the process, we asked the plumber what the difference was between a lever handle and two knobs. He hesitated then sheepishly mumbled, "I doubt if this fits you," he said, "but many people with arthritis find a lever much easier to operate."

Without knowing it, that plumber was practicing what's called "universal design."

The hottest trend in housing today is "universal design." Whether you are young or old, well or infirm, the "universal design" home fits all.

Such homes are ideal for homeowners who want to grow old in their own houses. An AARP survey reports that 90 percent of the 41 million elderly in this country said that staying put in their home is their preference. Yet often their abodes become user-unfriendly as they age. It gets tougher, for example, to climb stairs.

One reason the universal design concept is becoming more popular these days is because more

baby boomers are becoming senior citizens. They are entering their sixties.

Once, they couldn't understand why their parents didn't want to leave home. Now, the boomers get it. They don't plan to move to "The Home" any more than their parents did.

So, the time has come to configure houses for those less able to navigate stairs, enter showers or operate appliances.

"Homes that have universal design features look like other homes. But they are much easier to use," AARP says on its Web site. There are a variety of ways to convert to a universal home design.

Those with the financial means may buy a new home or condo built according to universal design principles. Yet it's quite possible to update more traditional homes and, contrary to what lots of people think, it doesn't cost a fortune. Many options exist to make homes more accommodating.

Some examples:
■ Put a second hand rail opposite existing banisters on stairways and hallways.

■ Electric chairs that ride on a rail, like a junior monorail, can be placed on stairs to ascend to a second floor. The price is not prohibitive.

■ Replace traditional faucets and light switches with levers and rocker light switches. Arthritic hands can operate them but so can anyone carrying several bags of groceries.

■ Put grab bars in bathroom showers and by toilets. That's a safety feature that benefits everyone of any age.

■ Replace ordinary bulbs with brighter bulbs, especially those by reading chairs.

■ Put lights at the top and bottom of stairways and over entryways and porches with on and off switches.

In other words, universal homes are just that - universal. They can help everyone.

What else can home owners - whether boomers or their parents - do to their homes?

Start by asking yourself what you hate to do most.

If it's hard to reach into your lower cabinet shelves, maybe you can find a way to adjust them or use them only for the items you never use anyway.

Obituaries

Richard W. Farmer, 88

Richard W. Farmer, 88, of Morton Grove, passed away Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at Claremont Rehab & Living Center. He was born December 11, 1918 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Diana Braidman. Loving father of William (Diana) Farmer and Linda (Philip) Mader. Grandfather of 5. Services were held November 26, 2007 at The Morton Grove Community Church. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery. He was a Clerk and an Army Veteran in World War II.

Joseph G. Lencioni, 61

Joseph G. Lencioni, 61, of DesPlaines, passed away Thursday, November 15, 2007 at home. He was born November 15, 1946 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Julius Lencioni and the late Mary (Festa) Lencioni. Loving husband of Candace (Torello) Lencioni of DesPlaines. Cherished father of John Lencioni and Jeanne (Michael) Califf. Grandfather of Joey Califf. Brother of Richard (Beverly) Lencioni, Anita (Pat) Nugent, Eleanor (Michael) Duax and the late Mary Christine. Services were held November 19, 2007 at St. Mary of the Woods Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. He was an Army Veteran and a Certified Public Accountant.

Raymond R. Rusch, 84

Raymond R. Rusch, 84, of Morton Grove, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2007

at Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center. He was born November 10, 1923 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Dolores of Morton Grove. Loving father of Richard (Susan) Rusch and Judith (Michael) Marconi. Brother of the late Wilma (the late Chris) Lutzow. Services were held November 21, 2007 at St. Martha Church, Morton Grove. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at Ridgewood Cemetery, DesPlaines. He was a Lithographer and an Army Veteran of WWII. Memorials to: Alzheimer's Assoc., 4709 Golf Rd., Ste. 1015, Skokie, IL 60076 OR Midwest Palliative & Hospice Care Center, 9701 Knox Ave., Skokie, IL 60076.

Eva Tritschler, 74

Eva Tritschler, 74, of Antioch, IL (formerly of Morton Grove) passed away Sunday, November 18, 2007 at Winchester House, Libertyville. She was born February 4, 1933. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas Tritschler. Loving mother of Frank (Laura) Tritschler and John (Patricia) Tritschler. Grandmother of 6. Sister of Barbara (the late Andreas) Martin, Christina (the late Alexander) Bogdan, the late Joseph (Frances Leitner) Kolb and Katherine (the late Wendel) Gaertner. Services were held November 21, 2007 at St. Martha Church. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. She was a Housewife. Memorials to: American Cancer Society, 820 Davis St., Ste. 400, Evanston, IL 60201.

LIFE

By Caroline Dipping
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's the time of year to put your flour prowess to the test. The people at your holiday table want pie - and lots of it. And whether you are making one pie or 100, take your crust cues from two bakers whose pie making reaches lofty proportions.

COOKING CORNER

This Thanksgiving, Amy O'Hara made 50 pies a scant two weeks before the big day. She was waiting to be told what kind to make.

Told?

O'Hara is the pastry chef at Nine-Ten restaurant in the upscale San Diego community of La Jolla, and is among a legion of bakers who volunteer to craft pies for the annual "Pie in the Sky" fundraiser to benefit Mama's Kitchen's, a San Diego nonprofit that provides free, hot meals for people with AIDS and other critical illnesses. After Mama's Kitchen gets a sense of which way sales are blowing, O'Hara gets pressed into service to make apple, pumpkin or pecan.

Unlike O'Hara, Elizabeth Harris, owner and baker at Elizabethan Desserts in Encinitas, Calif., knew precisely what her marching orders were this year. Bake 500 apple pies and have them ready for pickup the day before Thanksgiving.

The two bakers approach the art of pie slightly differently. O'Hara treats each baking foray like research for a thesis, while Harris is more casually at ease and scoffs at the notion that



Two Experts Share their Holiday Pie-Baking Secrets

Apple Slab Pie

- 8 Granny Smith apples (about 3 1/2 pounds), peeled, cored and sliced thin
 - 8 Golden-Delicious apples (about 3 1/2 pounds), peeled, cored and sliced thin
 - 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar (divided use)
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 1/2 cups animal crackers
 - 2 (15-ounce) boxes Pillsbury Ready to Roll Pie Crust
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
 - 6 tablespoons Minute tapioca
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- Glaze:**
 1/2 cup reserved apple juice (from filling)
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 tablespoon unsalted butter, softened
 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
 Yields 18 to 20 servings
- For pie:** Combine apples, 1 cup sugar and salt in colander set over large bowl. Let sit, tossing occasionally, until apples release their juices, about 30 minutes. Press gently on apples to extract liquid, and reserve 1/2 cup juice.
- Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and heat oven to 350 F. Pulse crackers and remaining sugar in

food processor until finely ground. Dust work surface with cracker mixture, brush 1/2 of one pie round with water, overlap with second pie round to make a figure 8, and dust top with cracker mixture. Roll out dough to rectangle and transfer to large rimmed nonstick baking sheet. Brush dough with butter and refrigerate; roll out pie crusts from second box the same way for the top crust.

Toss drained apples with tapioca, cinnamon and lemon juice, and arrange evenly over bottom crust, pressing lightly to flatten. Brush edges of bottom crust with water, and arrange top crust on pie. Press crusts together and use paring knife to trim any excess dough. Use fork to crimp and seal outside edge of pie, then pierce top of pie at 2-inch intervals. Bake until pie is golden brown and juices are bubbling, about 1 hour. Transfer to wire rack and let cool 1 hour.

For glaze: While pie is cooling, simmer reserved apple juice in saucepan over medium heat until syrupy and reduced to 1/2 cup, about 6 minutes. Stir in lemon juice and butter and cool to room temperature. Whisk in confectioners' sugar and brush glaze evenly over warm pie. Let pie cool completely, at least 1 hour longer. Serve.

The pie can be made up to 24 hours in advance and refrigerated. Bring to room temperature before serving.
 ♦ From Cook's Country, November 2007

"pastry is science." "Being patient is the most important thing anyone should do when baking," O'Hara said. "And research the recipe from start to finish before beginning. I don't like surprises."

Harris represents the other camp. "If you watched me bake, you would be horrified," she said. "I don't hardly measure a damned thing."

Here are some tips from the two bakers, who, despite their differing philosophies, get the job of holiday pie baking done on a grand scale:

♦ Find a recipe you really like and stick with it. Get to know it and understand how the ingredients work together. "That's how you get to be a better pie baker," O'Hara said.

♦ Use really good ingredients. O'Hara and Harris are fans of organic and fresh everything - eggs, fruit and high-fat butter such as a European-style butter that has a lower water content. "Don't knock the local markets," Harris said. "They have some wonderful stuff there."

♦ Use a dough that is all butter or at least mostly butter with a little shortening. The two chefs advise against using all shortening, which they say makes for a flaky but flavorless crust.

♦ For the dough, start with ice-cold ingredients. You should even chill your flour (as well as butter, shortening and water) in the freezer or refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.

♦ Use a light touch and work quickly so the dough doesn't get too warm. Overworking the dough gives gluten a chance to develop, resulting in a tough

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Pedometer a Good First Step Toward Fitness

By Ven Griva
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

It's sad but true: Almost half of all U.S. adults fail to get enough exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle and a healthy weight. And if they were to believe what they see on television, the answer is joining a gym or buying an exercise machine.

But recent research out of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., published in the Nov. 21 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association shows that a practical solution need cost no more than \$10. That's how much it would cost to buy an inexpensive pedometer,

the simple device that counts how many steps a person takes in a day.

When the device was paired with a goal for steps taken per day, researchers found, the results were inspiring.

"Much to my surprise, these little devices were shown to increase physical activity by 2,000 steps, or about 1 mile of walking per day," said the study's lead author, Dr. Dena Bravata. "This goes a long way toward helping people meet the national guideline's for daily physical activity."

Guidelines from Department of Health and Human Services recommend that adults get at least 30 minutes of daily physical activity. Several organizations,

such as the American Heart Association and Shape Up America, founded by former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop, recommend that adults walk up to 10,000 steps per day.

In recent years as medical science has recognized the benefits of walking, pedometers have become more available and more sophisticated. They can be found at the corner drugstore, or in sporting goods emporiums.

A simple pedometer keeps track of steps taken during a period of time, usually one day. More sophisticated pedometers allow the walker to input personal information - such as weight, height and length of stride - and can tell you how far you have

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crust. Refrigerate the dough between steps to let it rest - after you have formed the dough into a ball, and again after you have

rolled it out and placed it in the pie plate before filling.

◆ Use a wine bottle if you don't have a rolling pin, Harris suggests.

◆ Avoid a floury mess and roll dough out between two sheets

of parchment or wax paper. This also ensures you don't use too much flour during the rolling process, which is another crust toughener, O'Hara said.

◆ Try sauteing your apples in butter rather than using a thickener for apple pie filling. Harris prefers this method because she believes thickeners such as cornstarch or flour lend a slimy texture.

◆ Try chilling pies before putting them in the oven. O'Hara said that when the butter melts, it releases steam, which creates the desired flakiness.

◆ Take steps to prevent soggy bottom crusts. Blind bake (par-bake) crusts for custard pies such as pumpkin and pecan. Cool the prebaked shell completely before adding the filling, about 15 minutes. "If you have hot dough that's not completely set up, it will be all sogged out if you add custard to it immediately," O'Hara said.

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1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for work surface
1/2 teaspoon salt
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2 to 4 tablespoons ice water.
Yields 1 single crust

In large bowl using pastry blender, combine flour, salt and sugar. Add butter, and cut in with pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal, with just a few pea-size pieces of butter remaining.

Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons ice water, and continue to work dough with pastry blender until dough is crumbly but holds together when squeezed with fingers. (If needed, add up to 2 tablespoons more ice water, 1 tablespoon at a time.) Do not overwork dough.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured work surface; form into 1/4-inch thick disk. Wrap tightly in plastic, and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour. (Or wrap in plastic, place in a resealable plastic bag, and freeze up to 3 months. Thaw in the refrigerator before rolling.)

◆ From Everyday Food, November 2007

Spiced Butternut Squash Tart With Fleur De Sel Crust

Butternut squash custard:
1 cup butternut squash puree (or pumpkin puree), see note
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup wildflower honey
2 large organic eggs
2 large organic egg yolks
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
1 cup creme fraiche or sour

cream (see note)
Pate sucee (sweet tart dough):
1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup cake flour
Pinch fine sea salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
1 large egg
1/2 to 1 teaspoon fleur de sel
1 egg white (for brushing baked tart shell)
Yields 1 (9-inch) tart.

For custard filling: Preheat oven to 325 F. In large bowl, combine brown sugar, honey, eggs and yolks. Whisk gently until smooth. In another bowl, stir together spices and butternut squash puree. Mix in creme fraiche or sour cream. Add squash mixture to egg-sugar mixture; stir to combine. Refrigerate until ready to use.

For pate sucee: Sift flour, cake flour and fine sea salt, and set aside. Using stand mixer or hand-held mixer, cream butter and sugar on low speed, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Add egg; scrape sides of bowl again. Add flour mixture and mix just to combine. Separate into 2 equal rounds, wrap in plastic and refrigerate 1 hour.

Remove 1 dough round from refrigerator and let rest at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes. (Use the other dough round for another use.) Roll dough on lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thick. Line buttered 9-inch tart pan with dough round. Push into bottom and sides of tart pan gently; remove excess dough from sides with knife. Sprinkle fleur de sel on top and carefully press salt into dough. Freeze tart shell for 15 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake tart shell for 35 to 45 minutes, or until lightly golden brown. Brush with thin coat of egg white while tart shell is still hot. Cool shell, then fill with butternut squash custard. Reduce oven temperature to 325 F and bake for 25 to 35 minutes, until edges are set and center jiggles slightly. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate until ready to serve.

Note: You may use canned butternut squash puree or pumpkin puree, or roast your own squash and puree it.

To roast squash, preheat oven to 450 F. Cut butternut squash in 1/2 lengthwise. Remove seeds and stringy pulp by scraping cavity with a spoon. Line a baking sheet with foil, put squash cut-side down and cover with foil. Bake for 1 hour, or until a knife can be inserted easily. Let cool enough to handle.

Scrape squash flesh into a food processor. Process for 30 seconds. Line a bowl with cheesecloth or a large coffee filter and spoon squash puree into the middle. Gather sides, forming a bundle, and tie around the handle of a wooden spoon. Suspend puree bundle in a tall pitcher and allow excess liquid to drain for 1 hour. Yields 1 1/2 cups puree.

◆ From Amy O'Hara, pastry chef at Nine-Ten in La Jolla, Calif.

'I'm Not There' A Journey Into the Life of Bob Dylan

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I'm Not There ★★½ - How do you even go about making a movie that has six actors (one a woman, one a child) playing approximations of Bob Dylan, none of whom is named Bob Dylan and all of whose stories career through one another like the tracks of some demented railroad, and which further depicts a boy named Woody Guthrie being swallowed by a large, cartoon whale? "Everybody must get stoned" ... a lyric from Dylan's "Rainy Day Women No. 12 and 35," a song whose improved, intoxicated feel happens to match pretty well the defiantly unconventional ethos of Todd Haynes' Bob-centric fantasia "I'm Not There." Actually, the director's fit of Dyl-irium might be thought of more in terms of snooze than booze (or other mind-altering matter). Not that the film's a yawner. Aside from anything else, Haynes puts together a righteous soundtrack, with strong cover versions by John Doe ("Pushing On") and ex-Pavement chief Stephen Malkmus ("Ballad of a Thin Man"), among many others.

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walked in miles or kilometers, how many steps you've taken and how many calories you have burned.

In a review of previous studies, Stanford researchers have found that use of a pedometer, especially with a daily step goal, can get people to walk up to one mile more per day. They also discovered that simple increase in physical activity can help people to reduce their weight and blood pressure.

More than 45 percent all U.S. adults fail to get adequate physical activity and approximately 25 percent take no part in leisure-time activity at all, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"The costs associated with physical inactivity are high. For example, if 10 percent of adults in the United States began a regular walking program, an estimated \$5.6 billion in heart disease costs could be saved," Bravata and her team write.

But as inventively as Haynes attempts to get at the ever-elusive Dylan, the man's own words from the song "I'm Not There" might be prophetic here: "I don't belong to anybody." Director: Todd Haynes. Writers: Todd Haynes, Oren Moverman. Cast: Cate Blanchett, Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Richard Gere, Julianne Moore, Bruce Greenwood. Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes. Rated R.

The Mist 0 Stars - Stephen King's "The Mist" poses no threat to John Carpenter's "The Fog." Conceptually, it nuzzles "Godzilla vs. the Smog Monster," though it's a lot less fun. Back in 1994, a King story was the basis of "The Shawshank Redemption," a fine prison film that made director Frank Darabont's reputation and is an enduring cult hit (notably on video). But soon Darabont became even more long-winded with another, more inane King adaptation, "The Green Mile." You might say he's gone from a solid to a liquid to a gas: "The Mist." Never explained, though maybe due to a grotesquely misguided government experiment, it sud-

denly blankets much of the East Coast. Residents of a Maine town hide out at the Food House market, where plate glass and firewood lighters provide their main defense. As panic builds, vile tentacles appear from the mist, and giant insects and spiders who fly cast poisonous filaments on screaming people. That isn't primal drama; it's primeval ugliness, made worse by modern effects long on gore. King clearly hates the tide of religious fundamentalism in America, but his brazen caricature of it and everything else shows his fundamentalism as a huckster of horrors (laugh, cringe, scream). After enough time to make this spooker seem like a bug-crazed "Titanic," there is a sub-"Twilight Zone" finish so sunken in nihilism that you might crawl from the theater. The bugs, wisely, have already left. A Dimension Films release. Director: Frank Darabont. Writers: Frank Darabont, Stephen King. Cast: Thomas Jane, Marcia Gay Harden, Laurie Holden, Andre Braugher, Toby Jones, Frances Sternhagen. Running time: 2 hours. Rated R.

increased their physical activity by close to 27 percent. Having a step goal appeared to be the key predictor of increased physical activity.

"People don't always achieve it, but just having a goal seems to help them stay motivated and improve their physical activity," Bravata said.

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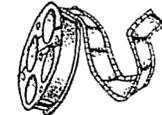
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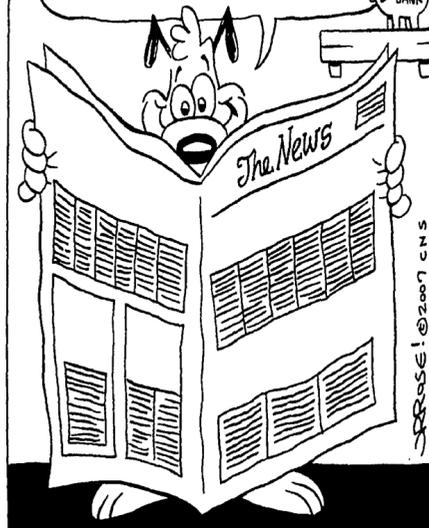


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ANIMAL ON THE SEEN

Holiday Magic at Brookfield Zoo

A Winter Wonderland Festival for the Entire Family

When the weather turns chilly, the Chicago Zoological Society turns up the heat at Brookfield Zoo's 26th annual Holiday Magic festival. Featuring live entertainment for the entire family, Holiday Magic is the perfect way to spend time with loved ones while celebrating the winter holidays. Presented by ComEd, the festival takes place on Saturdays and Sundays, December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, and Wednesday to Monday, December 26-31, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Before venturing out to Holiday Magic, visit the zoo's Web site, www.BrookfieldZoo.org, for a complete schedule of events, which lists up-to-date entertainment, activities, and animal exhibits that will be open on specific nights. Guests will also receive a schedule of the activities when they arrive at this traditional family festival.

Guests are welcome to join in the Holiday Magic opening ceremony on December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Roosevelt Fountain. Prior to the official switching on the lights, the Carl Sandburg High School Choir will perform at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Bolingbrook Park District's "DANCEFORCE" at 5:00 p.m.

Holiday Magic is sure to be one of the brightest, most decorative events in the Chicagoland area. With nearly one million twinkling lights lining the walkways, the brilliant illumination will create a truly magical aura throughout the park. Guests will be dazzled with the new spectacular "Dancing Lights" display around Roosevelt Fountain, which will feature 50 brightly lit trees and a 20-foot-tall animated peacock light display that will come alive to synchronized holiday songs. The show will run three times an hour every 20 minutes. In addition, there will be a new choreographed laser light show, presented by Sara Lee Foundation, and color-themed and theatrical lighting throughout the park. The laser light show will take place at the Formal Pool and will be shown every hour on the half hour each night of Holiday Magic. Families can also enjoy hundreds of community and corporate trees decorated with hand-crafted ornaments.

A winter celebration like Holiday Magic wouldn't be complete without Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the Chicago Zoological Society is excited to present this popular reindeer in a fascinating presentation by Rick Goldschmidt on December 8 and 9 in the Holly Jolly Theater on the East Mall. Author of the book "The Making of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Goldschmidt will give behind-the-scenes accounts on the movie's animation style, talented cast, and overall production efforts. In addition, he will present the original reindeer and Santa puppets used in the 1964 movie, and to further celebrate the longest-running television special of all time, he will play a DVD of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer featuring the original commercials. Children will be invited to sing along, and there will be time for questions and answers after the movie. To wrap up the presentation, Goldschmidt's book will be available for sale and signing—along with official Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer licensed merchandise. The entire presentation is sure to be a fun and enlightening experience for all who attend.

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

Either, Neither and I

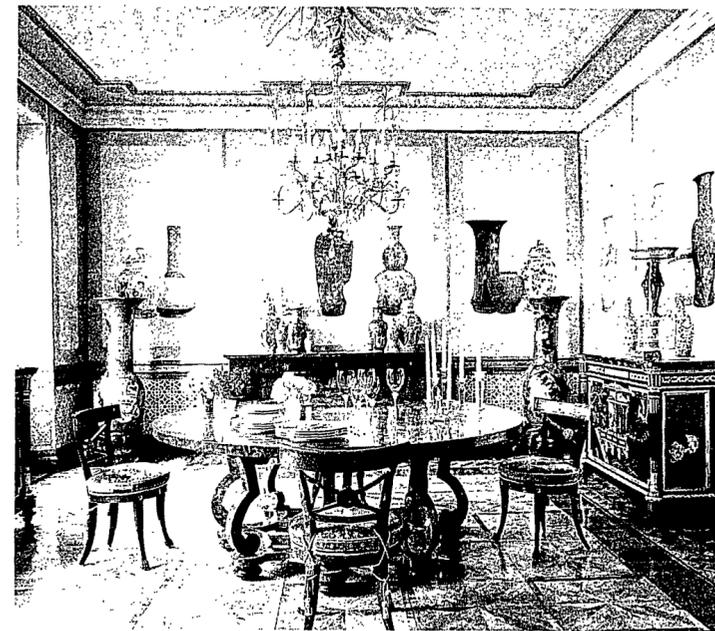
Read the sentences below and decide if they are correct or incorrect.

1. Neither John or I reached our sales quota this year.
2. Either Rosemary or I will take Grandma to the beauty salon.
3. Neither Julie, Fran nor Bobby helped with the dishes.

Answers: 1. Incorrect. You can only use "either" or "neither" with two people or items. (Try: Julie, Fran and Bobby skipped out on the dishes.) 2. Correct. Use "or" with "neither." 3. Incorrect. "Neither" is always paired with "nor." When using the correlative conjunctions "either-or" or "neither-nor," make sure that "either" is always paired with "or" and "neither" is always paired with "nor."

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REAL ESTATE



Decadent Dining - The natural habitat for a fashionista, Donatello Versace's dining room is upscale, outsized, and intriguing. (CNIS Photo by Johansen Krause)

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I saw some terrific trompe l'oeil paintings in a designer showhouse last year and can't get out of my mind that I'd love something really exciting for my living room walls. I collect blue and white dishes and garniture. The artist said she could paint them really big. My husband usually lets me do what I want, but he's not thrilled with this latest idea and I'm getting cold feet. What do you think?

A: I think you should have the courage of your convictions—even when they may seem a bit over the top. It takes courage to make a real design statement, so most people just swallow their inspirations and go for beige. To help screw your courage to the sticking point, as Shakespeare said, we present this glimpse into the natural habitat of fearless Italian fashion diva Donatella Versace.

The sister of the late Gianni Versace, now head of the famously flashy fashion house, Donatella is "no minimalist," as she once told an editor from Elle Decor magazine (we borrowed this photo from a new book called "So Chic," by Margaret Russell and other Elle Decor editors; Filipacchi Publishing).

One glance at Donatella's swellegant dining room confirms her

understatement: There's eye-dazzlement everywhere, from the inlaid wood floor to the sculpted, gilded ceiling. But the wall paintings are what I want you to see: big, beautiful, trompe l'oeil paintings of Japanese and Chinese vases akin to the real ones on display. Teamed with the exotic tile work under the chair rail, the paintings turn the room into a veritable art gallery. Dining here, one could imagine, would be an awesome sensory experience.

Leave this photo on your hus-

band's pillow. He'll come around to your, ahem, off-the-wall idea.

Q: I'm doing over a guest bath and don't want to spend a lot of money. The sink is right under the window, and the plumber insists that it needs to be moved so we can install the medicine cabinet-mirror over it. What's wrong with putting the cabinet on the wall beside the mirror?

A: Not a thing—your guests should be clever enough to look over their shoulders. But I have seen a better idea in another house

under renovation. Richmond, Va., homeowner Jean Wight revamped a smallish bath for her husband in their handsome historic house, creating smashing space without killing the budget (they're redoing all the other living areas, too).

Her secrets: inexpensive ceramic tile that looks like slate covering floors and the partial wall she had built between the open shower and sink. Plus, inspired use of the window, which, like yours, is over that sink. She hung an inexpensive metal-framed mirror, a Home Depot special, on short chains so it swings free in the window, covering enough for modesty's sake but not blocking the natural daylight. Clever! And kind to the pocketbook.

As thoughtful as she is ingenious, Jean covered the back of the mirror with black to avoid offending her neighbors' aesthetics.

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PREPARATION AND GIFT FOR SPRING GARDENERS

By Jeff Rugg
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As 2008 near its end, it is time to put away your garden tools and start planning how to make it easier to work in next spring's garden and landscape. It also is time to find the right gift for the gardener on your list.

A GREENER VIEW

Perhaps you are the gardener. If so, you might wish to leave this article in a place where someone will see it and get the hint.

One of my favorite pruning tools is the Extended Reach Power-Lever Shears from Fiskars. It is a long name for a long tool. I used it yesterday to cut down a weedy-looking perennial bed next to my driveway. The 8-inch cutting edge on the scissors-like blades is on the end of 3-foot-long handles.

The blades can be kept straight like a huge pair of scissors or they can be turned at right angles to the handle. The handle ends also have a right-angle extension to make pruning easy at any angle.

With them, I was able to cut the old perennial stalks near the ground without bending over. I use the same tool on a wide yew hedge to keep the top flat and the sides smooth. Your local Fiskars dealer should have them for under \$100.

If your hands and arms get sore when you prune, you might consider Fiskars PowerGear tools. They have a patented gear design that provides maximum leverage near the middle of the cut, where resistance is greatest.

They feature handles that roll

GARDEN TIP

Mower maintenance

Trying to start your lawn mower after a long winter can be very frustrating. The following are procedures that you can perform yourself before storing your lawn mower that can save you time in the spring.

DRAIN FUEL

Siphon the gas from the tank, then run the mower until all the gas has gone empty. Another option is adding a fuel stabilizer to the tank without draining the gas.

REPLACE THE AIR FILTER

Check air filter regularly, and clean or replace it when it's dirty. A dirty air filter will overwork the engine and waste fuel.

CHECK THE SPARK PLUG

Remove the spark plug and inspect it for corrosion and wear. Replace with a new one to ensure you get a good spark. Measure the spark plug gap to the manufacturer's specifications.

SHARPEN THE BLADE

Dull blades tear grass instead of cutting it. First detach the spark-plug wire so the engine won't start accidentally. Remove the dull blade and either sharpen with a file, power tool or take it to a professional sharpener.

MOWER DECK

Use a scraper to remove any caked on grass clippings and dirt from the underside of the mower before storing.

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to follow your hand's natural clenching motion as you make cuts, reducing stress and fatigue. While it takes getting used to at first, it soon becomes second nature. These pruners are winners of the Arthritis Foundation's Ease-of-Use Commendation and are ideal for people with arthritis, rheumatism, or carpal tunnel syndrome.

When I dig small holes for annuals and bulbs, or dig up weeds growing in tight spots, I use a couple of small trowels

from Radius Garden. Their handles are semicircular, which allows my hands and wrists to be in a comfortable straight line with the hole, rather than at an awkward right angle as with other trowels.

The trowel blades are made from a lightweight blend of magnesium and aluminum that has a finish to keep dirt from sticking to them. The handles are made from a bright, green thermoplastic, which helps me locate them.

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Wallpapering Has Many Hang-Ups

By Pat Logan
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I recently put up some wallpaper in my living room, and now I wish I had just painted. The paper is already separating, peeling and bubbling in a few areas. What is causing this to happen and how can I prevent it next time?

- Becky J.

A: Wallpapering is both a science and an art. It is not as easy as some people think to apply it properly. There are many steps, and, as you have found, if they are not followed exactly, there often are problems. The issues you have probably occurred during the installation and preparation processes, including relaxing time and choice of adhesive.

If you are having a bubbling problem, you are probably not letting the wallpaper relax long enough before applying it to the wall. Make sure you are allowing the adhesive to soak into the wallpaper. If the wallpaper is hung on the wall too soon, it will continue to relax after it is installed. As it expands, the paper will bubble.

On the flip side, wallpaper can also be left to relax for too long before hanging it on the wall. A delaminating problem will occur if the wallpaper has been sitting for too long after applying wet adhesive, no matter what quality level of paper or adhesive you are using. This can happen if the paper is too wet for too long.

Another possible culprit is the wallpaper adhesive. Sometimes certain types of wallpaper require specific

adhesives. Do not just select the most inexpensive adhesive and expect it to work. Any wallpaper store should be able to assist you in selecting the correct adhesive and appropriate relaxing time for your chosen wallpaper.

Living in a high-humidity area may also affect your wallpaper's appearance. In certain types of very humid conditions, you need to use a high-quality, more expensive wallpaper. Inexpensive wallpapers tend to have lesser-quality paper backing that will absorb the moisture from the air. This can often cause the paper to fall away from the wall or separate into layers.

Preparing the surface correctly will help eliminate many issues. Every wallpaper needs a reliable surface to stick to; otherwise, you may have just wasted your time. Make sure you both thoroughly cleaned and primed the walls first. There maybe some areas of your walls that have drywall joint compound on them. If there are, make sure you clean each section with a 50-percent mixture of ammonia before you prime the walls.

Sizing your walls first will help establish an even wall surface so the adhesive can dry at the same rate. Sizing compounds are formulated to improve the binding power of the adhesive. To save some money, you can make your own sizing by thinning down some adhesive. Mix it until it is the consistency of latex wall paint and apply it to the walls. Let it dry before hanging the wallpaper.

Forgo the Kitchen Mess Enjoy the Holidays

By Maggie Reed
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

'Tis the season for making messes in the kitchen.

The kids are in town, salads are being tossed, veggies for stuffing are being chopped, flour is flying for cookies.

Enter Argee with the Spin 'n Stor Reusable Salad Spinning Bag, Chop Keeper Cutting Board/Tray and Le Towels.

The ideas came from inventor and president of the Santee, Calif.-based company, Robert Goldman. Inventing since he was 9 years old, he just wants to make things easier.

Starting with salads and herbs, he was tired of the hassle of taking the traditional spinner apart, washing and finding a place to store it.

"It's everything spinners aren't. It's just spin, drain and store," he said.

You simply place freshly washed greens or herbs in the Spin 'n Stor, hold the top closed and vigorously spin the bag eight to 10 times in a circular motion.

The water collects in the reservoir at the bottom of the

bag and can be poured out neatly. From there, the bag becomes the produce container and can be closed with the provided twist ties and stored in the fridge using a minimum of space.

"This works especially well with field greens," said Ruth Goldman, Argee's vice president of sales and marketing. "They come out fluffy and wonderful."

The bags are also perfect for boaters and campers to take along since they are portable and don't take up a lot of space. And used bags can simply be rinsed out and folded small for easy storage.

The Spin 'n Stor sells for \$12 for 12 bags. If you need some veggies thrown into that salad, pull out the Chop Keeper Cutting Board/Tray.

"I was tired of having to spend so much time cleaning my countertops after using my cutting board," Robert said. "Now after cutting fruits, veggies, breads or whatever, my counters are always clean. It keeps what you slice or chop where you want it."

His wife, Ruth, added that it



Forget that cumbersome salad spinner and check out these Spin 'n Stor bags. (CNS Photo courtesy of Argee Corp)

safe and approved by the Food and Drug Administration. A package of three sells for \$10 with a color choice of luminescent midnight, copper and stainless, or a combination, to fit in with any kitchen decor.

To keep your hands clean during all this cooking, Argee offers Le Towels.

"I got tired of searching for a towel when I needed one," Robert said.

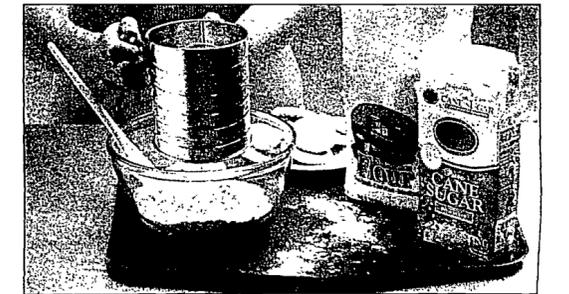
Le Towels is a 14- by 16-inch

black microfiber towel that attaches to a retractable cord that draws back into a clip-on device that attaches to the cook's waistband. It can also be clipped to included one-size-fits-all Velcro belt.

The towel can be used in dozens of situations, including housecleaning, cooking, barbecuing, car repair, bartending, yard work, exercising and more.

The towel, which sells for \$13, can easily be removed from the device and machine washed.

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also comes in handy when baking to keep flour contained and makes it easy to transfer the ingredients right into the mixing bowl.

The innovative design and shape of the Chop Keeper allows the board to flex and form an easy funnel guide so food goes where you want it.

The boards are dishwasher-

Greener View

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Radius Green trowels remains warm in cool weather and cool in hot weather, and their handles are easy to grip even when wet.

I use the narrow-bladed Weeder tool to dig many of my holes because it cuts through soil more easily than a wide-bladed tool. Radius Garden also offers a line of garden shovels with a circle at the top of their handles to give gardeners a better grip from any angle.

Instead of hand digging to turn over a vegetable garden, it might be time to buy a rototiller. You could rent a heavy monstrosity, but here is an easier way. The Mantis gas-powered tiller has been around for years, but now they have a 21-pound electric model. It comes with a risk-free, one-year home trial; how can you pass that up? The Mantis is light enough to be carried and to till small areas between established perennials. It also has an attachment that replaces the blades in order to edge flower beds.

Because tools won't be used for several months, it is important to store them properly. This means taking the time to clean them, repair them, protect them and prepare them for future use. If the tool has metal surfaces, clean it with a kitchen pot-and-pan scrub pad, and replace the kitchen one. If you can't sneak the pad out of the house, a barbecue-grill scrubber will also work. Remove all the dirt and scrub off as much rust as possible.

Sharpen all blades on shovels, hoes, hand pruners, loppers and power tools. Use a file or grinder - with safety glasses, of course - to remove nicks. Try to keep the edge sharpened at the original angle. Two-sided blades, like those on lawn mowers, should have the same amount of metal on each side. Check the balance by hanging it on a nail to see if it hangs evenly.

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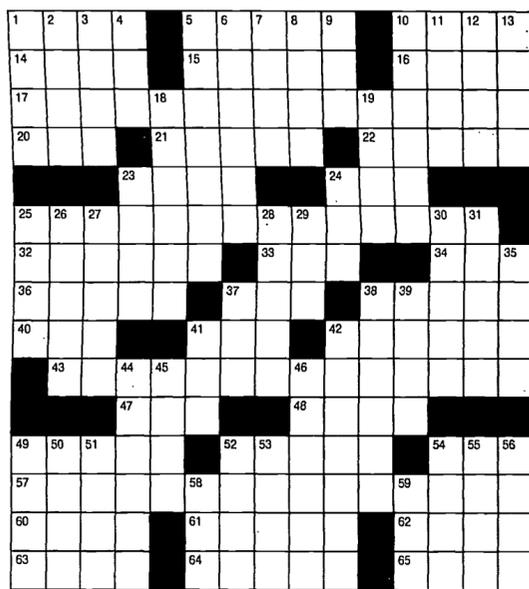
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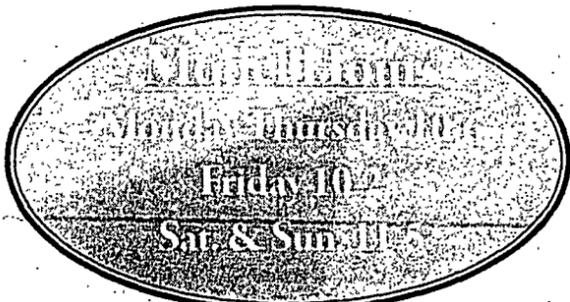
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