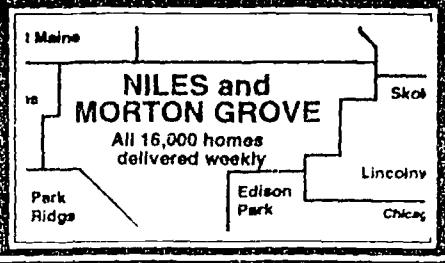


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Twenty-four hour convenience store protested in MG

by Jeanine Kromer

The Morton Grove Zoning Board of Appeals did not have any business to conduct the evening of April 16, 2001 so we said the Pledge of Allegiance which I really do love and the Board accepted the minutes from the previous meeting.

The Planning Commission had two pieces of business to address.

The first case concerned the gas station located at 7153 Golf road (the corner of Harlem). The applicant, Jack Moses of Moses Architecture was hired by station owner Sam Fakhovoy to design changes for his station property. Moses was petitioning the Village for a Special Use Permit to

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Morton Grove new officials sworn in

by Jeanine Kromer

There was a full house at the Morton Grove Village Meeting on April 9, 2001. I actually sat on the heater in the back because I arrived late and there weren't any seats available. What was going on you ask? I wondered the very

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Voting aftermath shows room for improvement

Several voting mishaps were reported in Maine Township, Park Ridge and Niles' elections, indicating that there's still room to improve election day procedures.

After voting at Town Hall, a Maine Township voter realized she was voting a Des Plaines municipal ballot instead of the township ballot appropriate to her location. The voter stated her concern to two officials before the error was recognized and corrected.

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Ballard, Greenwood may get new townhomes

A proposal to develop a 2.7 acre parcel close to Ballard and Greenwood has the attention of Maine Township officials and neighborhood residents alike.

Plans for 24 new townhomes were shown recently at a meeting in Maine Township conducted by members of the Cook County Zoning Board. The townhomes are planned by Dearborn Buckingham Group based in Chicago, who specializes in developing smaller sized properties. Dearborn is seeking to have the county rezone the

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Cable company to issue coupons and credits on customers bills

Niles approves AT&T Broadband's settlement

The Village of Niles and AT&T Broadband Cable have agreed to a remediation plan, something that's been under consideration since the cable company's flawed conversion from analog to digital service just before Christmas.

Remediation is only available to former customers of MediaOne service who lost premium channels after the conversion and did not have upgraded service through Jan. 20, 2001. Those customers will be sent a letter of apology and will receive four per-view program coupons valued at \$16. The plan also provides a \$10 credit for customers who had to wait more than 30 days for upgraded ser-

vice, an official said.

Assistant to Village Manager, Steve Vinezeano, said that he

was glad to hear that AT&T Broadband would work with

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Story of local identity theft revealed

A woman identifying herself as Mrs. Lois Mitchard brought a clipping from an out-of-town newspaper to The Bugle offices recently. The article, from The Patriot Ledger in Quincy, Ma. carried the headline "18-month term given for identity theft; defendant used Illinois man's stolen driver's license in Mass."

Mitchard explained that the victim was her husband Frank.

The article stated that "all Frank Mitchard knew was that his wallet, with his driver's license, had been stolen from a fruit and vegetable market in Niles, Ill., where he lived."

The thief doctored Mitchard's

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Commander Duffy honored for 32 years of service



Commander Peg Duffy was recently presented with a Township Board resolution honoring her for 32 years of service in the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Here, Supervisor Mark Thompson, center, presents the resolution. They were joined by Commander Duffy's replacement Deputy Area Commander Dewayne Holbrook. Commander Duffy was very active with the Township's Neighborhood Watch program for several years and was instrumental in making many public safety improvements in Maine Township.

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M-NASR celebrates groundbreaking for relocation



M-NASR celebrates their groundbreaking relocation in cooperation with the Morton Grove Park District. In attendance from left: Jeff Fougereusse, Morton Grove Executive Director; Jill Olsen, M-NASR Board President; Dan Staackman, Morton Grove Park District Commissioner; Senator Walter Dudydz; Eileen Coursey, Morton Grove Park District Board President; Andy DeMonte, Morton Grove Park District Commissioner; Jerry Coursey, Morton Grove Park District Commissioner; Steve Hartman, Skokie Park District Executive Director; and Jim Lange, Park Ridge Parks and Recreation Executive Director.

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) recently celebrated the groundbreaking for their first permanent home in their 29 year history. Senator Walter Dudydz and other local and municipal dignitaries were on hand to offi-

cially commemorate the beginning of this construction project. The Morton Grove Park District will renovate some existing space and build an addition to provide a total of approximately 8,000 square feet of administrative office space for M-NASR at

their Prairie View Community Center location on Dempster Street.

As a result of a long-term lease agreement, M-NASR will remunerate the Morton Grove Park District for the cost of this construction in a repayment schedule over the next ten years. "We are very excited about this upcoming move for M-NASR as it will provide us with a permanent home. We will realize a significant savings in our rent which we will be able to put back into service for our participants," Executive Director, Sue Bear said.

M-NASR is dedicated to improving the value of life for individuals with disabilities by providing quality recreational programs. They are an extension of the Park Districts in Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie and the Village of Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department. If you would like more information regarding M-NASR or any of their programs, please call (847) 966-5522.

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Oakton Educational Foundation welcomes new director



Shown (l to r): Oakton Community College President Margaret B. Lee welcomes Carolyn Noonan Parmer to the Oakton Educational Foundation Board of Directors. Parmer, a Winnetka resident, has a long-standing commitment to education. She served on the board of trustees of Dominican University from 1988-1998, and is co-founder and sponsor of Link Unlimited, a non-profit organization that provides minority students with educational and career opportunities.

Niles board acts on permits

Recent action by the Niles board of trustees allows fining any contractors working in the village without permits.

Previous policy allowed a stop-work order. Now, failure to get a permit can result in a fine twice the amount of the permit, plus an additional \$100.

With issuance of a permit, the work is inspected by a village official when complete, Mayor Blase pointed out.

Village code enforcement director Charles Ostman surveyed policies of eight neighboring communities before making a policy recommendation. Ostman found that by doubling the permit fees and adding a \$100 fine, Niles fees would be in line with other communities. The board approved his recommendations.

Fees for vehicle towing and storage were also reviewed. Vehicle towing was raised to \$75

from \$45 and storage to \$22 per day from \$10 per day. Any vehicle deemed "a nuisance or a safety danger to residents" will be subject to the new fine and fee structures.

This increase is endorsed by Niles Police Chief Jerry Sheehan, who said the new amounts are closer to actual costs, which means the village will no longer be forced to pick up the difference.

In other action, students in District 64 are now required to wear helmets for any bicycle activity, use of skates, scooters or skate boards while traveling to or from school.

The purpose of this resolution is solely to promote safety and reduce risk of injury. Mayor Blase assures that students will not be arrested for failure to wear helmets.

Microsoft and Nelson School form partnership for technology

Nelson School is hosting a Microsoft Technology Night on Thursday, April 26, from 7 to 8 p.m. Microsoft is sending a representative to help excite and inspire parents and students about the value of technology in education.

Together with Microsoft we will show parents safe Internet re-

search sites, and give them relevant information about new computer technology and software. We hope to see most of our students along with their family and friends.

A raffle will be held for free software. So, come and enjoy an evening at Nelson School and participate in our commitment to technology in our classrooms and beyond.

Nelson School is located at 8901 N. Ozanam in Niles, and is one of the seven schools in East Maine District 63. The District serves students in the communities of Des Plaines, Morton Grove, Niles, Glenview, and Park Ridge.

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Army Pvt. David Kaczmarczyk has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Chester P. and Christine Kaczmarczyk of Niles.

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The Wolves, the new team name for Niles West High School, will be official before the end of April.

"Wolves" was the most popular among the choices voted on by faculty and student body to replace the traditional "Indians" designation after years of controversy over the Native-American association, viewed by many as offensive.

As a matter of form, all four suggested names will be presented to the Niles Township High School Board for a final vote at a meeting April 23. In previous voting, "Wolves" racked up a total of 941 votes to the 450 votes

in support of "Rough Ryders," the 244 for "Trojans," and the 233 for "Fire Ants."

A previously scheduled pep rally will be allowed to take place before the official vote April 23. Niles West Principal Roger Stein said the pep rally will provide appropriate closure to the name change issue.

Nominations were accepted from District 219 faculty as well as the community. The students and faculty then selected four from the nominations, and then selected again from within the final four. The "Wolves" won out in each phase of this voting process.



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Roger Gustafson, former executive Director of the Boone County Conservation District will conduct the program. Mr. Gustafson has for many years researched and grown heritage gar-

dens of different cultural groups for the purpose of teaching about the variety of past and present cultures living in Northern Illinois.

This program will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2001 in the Community Room at PVCC. Participation in the program is free but reservations are required. Reserve a spot in this special program by calling the Museum at 847-965-0203. This class is funded through a Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Illinois State Museum."



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Louella Preston, recipient of the 'Illinois Woman of Achievement Award'



Louella Preston (center) receives the Illinois Woman of Achievement Award from Mayor Nicholas Blase (right) and Assistant Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey (left).

The goal of the "Illinois Woman of Achievement Award" is to honor women in every community throughout the state during Woman's History Month. The Village of Niles honors Louella Preston who has positively impacted the community through her personal achievements.

Louella Preston has served her community selflessly for over 23 years. Beginning as a Commis-

sioner for the Niles Park District in 1978, she quickly excelled in several increasingly challenging community roles serving on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals and was later elected to the Village of Niles Board of Trustees in 1985.

Her volunteer efforts include considerable service to her church. She currently serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, a Women's Club member and serves on several committees, and was past Chairwoman for the Parish Pastoral Council. She is also an active member of the Niles Sister Cities Program and

has extensive involvement in local political organizations.

Louella graduated from the University of Illinois with a teaching degree and went on to obtain both a Master's and a Doctorate degree. She soon completed law school and was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1989. During this period, she worked full time as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in the Chicago public school system, where she currently works as a case manager.

Louella Preston begins her fifth term on the Village Board of Trustees following a successful re-election campaign this April 3th.

Retired congressman Frank Annunzio, dies.

Frank Annunzio, who served 28 years in the United States House of Representatives, died recently from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

From 1964 to 1972 he represented downtown Chicago, plus the west and northwest sides of the city. After 1972 Mr. Annunzio represented the new 11th Congressional District, which included the north and northwest sides of the city, and later included Harwood Heights and parts of Niles, Niles Township, Leyden Township and unincorporated Melrose Park.

After obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from DePaul University, Annunzio taught history and civics in the Chicago public high school system. He served under

Gov. Adlai Stevenson II as director of the Illinois Department of Labor and worked for the United Steelworkers of America before beginning his political career.

During his years in Congress he worked on credit card legislation and with aspects of the banking industry.

His funeral mass at Queen of All Saints Basilica was followed by burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters, Jackie (Sal) Lato and Linda (William) O'Donnell, and Susan, and by grandchildren of the Lato, O'Donnell and Tynan families. His wife, Angeline, and a brother, Joseph, had died previously.

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What we Must teach our children about drugs

America does not have a drug problem. It has a people problem. People take drugs. Left to their own devices, drugs just sit harmlessly in little packages and do nothing.

According to statistics displayed in a recent Newsweek article, the US drug-control budget was \$18.4 billion last year alone. This is a large sum of taxpayer's money spent in an effort to keep people from eating or sniffing or smoking what's in these little packets. We try to stop the flow of illegal drugs into our country and, in what really is quite a desperate measure, our police arrest anyone who is caught in possession of them.

Of course, all this would be very commendable if it did keep people from ingesting these substances. But the end result of all this effort seems to have been to convince a great many Americans that we have a *drug problem* - one that just won't go away no matter what we do.

So we step up our police enforcement and throw more money at drug treatment programs. We run anti-drug campaigns and put diplomatic pressure on those countries where drug crops are grown. And after all that, we hear from our children that they can buy drugs on the school ground from fellow students!

Something isn't working. Rath-

er than a war on drugs, maybe we need a war on ignorance, apathy and misery, those things that are perhaps most responsible for the continuing wide abuse of drugs. And perhaps this is a war that must start in the home, long before kids start itching to have the keys to the family car.

Like any disease, prevention is always by far the best cure. But how do you ensure that your children stay away from drugs?

There are no easy foolproof answers. But a proper understanding of drugs and the full extent of their harm would be one place to start. It is, incidentally, a point where most drug education programs fall down. Exactly how drugs destroy the mind's effectiveness and capabilities was not known.

The nature of the drug/mind link had stumped researchers for decades until humanitarian and best-selling author L. Ron Hubbard unraveled the mystery. Based on his discoveries in researching and establishing a truly effective drug rehabilitation program (detailed in his book *Clear Body; Clear Mind*) he was then able to shed new light on the whole subject of drugs.

"Drugs are essentially poisons," he wrote in 1969. "The degree they are taken determines the effect. A small amount gives a stimulant. A greater amount acts as a sedative. A larger amount acts as a poison and can kill one dead. This is true of any drug."

Some drugs, such as those that form the illegal street fare, directly act on the sub-conscious part of the mind, turning on pictures and sensations of *past experiences* of which the person is not completely aware. The long-term *mental* after-effects of such drugs, says Mr. Hubbard, are to render a person "stupid, blank, forgetful, delusory, irresponsible." The drug user gets into a "wooden" sort of state, unfeeling, insensitive, unable and definitely not trustworthy.

Also, according to his studies, if drugs are used to suppress unwanted sensations and emotions,

these turn on *harder* once the effect of the drugs worn off. "One of the answers a person has for this is *MORE* drugs," says Hubbard.

In short, drugs worsen the problem one is seeking to overcome or avoid *as well as* making a person far less able to cope with life generally.

Explaining to teenagers about these *exact* effects could be far more persuasive against any peer pressure to try drugs than general scare tactics. For one thing, kids could see these very characteristics in the drug takers pushing the

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NAC to hold public forum on substance abuse

A public forum on substance abuse, to which scores of school principals, teachers, students, members of Local School Councils, PTA's, Scouts, churches, business groups and other concerned groups have been invited to attend. Invitations have been extended to President George W. Bush and Governor George Ryan to send their messages to the audience.

The event will take place on Monday, April 23, at William Howard Taft High School, 6545 West Hurlbut Ave., opening at 6 p.m., and program 7 to 10 p.m. The program is sponsored by Northwest Action Council, Inc., in cooperation with Dr. Arthur Tarvardian, principal, hosting the event. The doors will open early to facilitate registration of the expected large audience, said Mary M. Stanice, president of NAC.

The evening program will consist of talks by experts a roundtable discussion and audience participation with questions and comments to the panel of ten experts.

Expert speakers/panelists includes federal, state, county, city and private resource persons: Susan Weed, Mayor's Office of Substance Abuse; States Attorney Richard A. Devine; Police Commander Ralph Chiczewski; Presiding Criminal Judge Paul Biebel; Margo Bristow, director of Outreach Services; Paul Ulrich, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; Dr. Thomas Simpatico, Ph.D., Peter Bensinger, Esq., Kimberly Fornero, State Bureau on Substance Abuse, and special guest Roy Bonet.

The focus of the program is to create greater awareness, understanding, and magnitude of the substance abuse problem existing among the youth of our Nation and the resultant tragic deaths, destruction of families and frequent permanency of drug addiction, said Stanice.

"Admission is free to everyone. Parents are invited to come with their children to get a better understanding of the need to recognize illegal use and for the need for early intervention, before addiction takes a strong hold," Northwest Action Council, Inc., will continue to serve the community as an informational and referral agency. Refreshments will be served," said Stanice.

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center announces the election of Jeff Jerdee to the Board of Directors. Mr. Jerdee, Director of Instruction - Applied Sciences & Technology at Niles Township High Schools District 219 in Skokie, has been in the field of education for 20 years. Mr. Jerdee has served as liaison to the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, Skokie Rotary and the Niles Township Occupational Career Pathways Advisory. He is active in the Illinois State Board of Education and served as President of the Illinois Career and Technical Administrators.

Steven Berger, President of the Board, welcomed Mr. Jerdee and indicated that "Jeff is a very capable thinker and active contributor to any community cause. His inputs for planning direction for Turning Point will be most valuable to us. His knowledge of this

community, its schools, and other local services will be well utilized in our analysis of Township/Village needs and developments toward new services. Turning Point is very fortunate to have the insights of Jeff Jerdee."

The Board of Directors oversees Turning Point Center, a comprehensive 501(c)(3) charitable community mental health center serving a general population of nearly 100,000 residents of Skokie, Niles, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, and Golf. The Center serves more than 1,600 clients and families each year. The staff of 75 includes professional disciplines of psychiatry, psychology, social work, nursing, and education. Services extend from pre-school children to the elderly. Outpatient care is available by calling Turning Point at 847/933-0051 and requesting the Intake Department.

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Amy Bruce, Jeff DeLeon, Rhyann Desquetado, Nikisha Johnson, and Jessie Anderson have also been circulating and are not legitimate.

Craig Shergold, Craig Shelton, Craig Sheppard, Craig Shelton, and Craig Shelford:

In 1989, a then 9-year-old boy named Craig Shergold wanted to be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most greeting cards. His wish was fulfilled by another wish-granting organization not associated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

His wish was fulfilled in 1990 after receiving more than 16 million cards. Craig is now a healthy college student, and he has requested an end to the mail. Mail that is received is forwarded to a recycling center.

The chain letters may contain a combination of any of the above names, and the requests may be for business cards or greeting cards.

The time and expense required to respond to these inquiries distracts the Foundation

from its efforts on behalf of children with life-threatening illnesses, and more importantly, divulges information that is potentially harmful to a child and his or her family.

If you receive a chain letter please reply to the sender and inform him or her that the Make-A-Wish Foundation does not participate in these kinds of wishes.

Refer the sender and all recipients to this page.

Please do not forward the chain letter.

Most people who forward chain letters wish to help the

children that Make-A-Wish Foundation serves. Here are some ways you can help the Make-A-Wish Foundation:

If you want to refer a child with a life-threatening illness for a wish experience, please visit our wish referral page, or contact our local chapter. If you would like to make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, please visit our give page to find out how you can make a donation by mail, phone, or online. To find out how you can get involved in making children's wishes come true, please visit our volunteer page.

Congresswoman Schakowsky visits Morton Grove



Congresswoman Schakowsky recently spoke on prescription medications at Morton Grove Village Hall.

Shown are: Bud Swanson, Coordinator of Morton Grove Family and Senior Services, Harry Cooper, Rep. Jan Schakowsky (9th District, Illinois), and Ronee Brenner, Morton Grove Village Trustee.

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poisons on others.

But beyond factual information on the mental harm of drugs, the real answer lies in helping your children become successful and happy individuals - people who have too much to lose by turning to drugs. Really, their best defense lies in having no reason to be attracted to the temporary escape drugs seem to provide. An understanding of the truth about drugs and how to cure drug addiction, as stated in the book *Clear Body; Clear Mind*, can make this seemingly impossible task a realistic objective of parenthood. For the attainable goal of L. Ron Hubbard works is a person who is fully able to pursue life with satisfaction and vigor without such crutches as drugs.

The issue of drugs is really the issue of people. It is a story of pain and suffering, of depression and despair.

But there is also happiness and success. There is love and achievement. Perhaps these alone are the

real weapons with which the "war on drugs" can be won.

For more information about the true effects of drugs and the L. Ron Hubbard's Purification Program you can visit www.thinkclearly.org.

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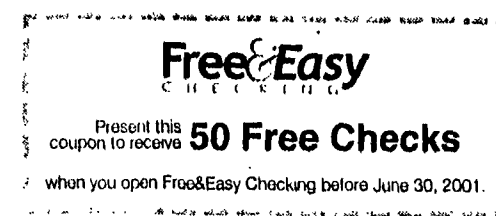
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North Shore Friends of Y-Me

The North Shore Friends of Y-Me will host a benefit performance of "Mamma Mia!" on Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m.

The event will be held at the Cadillac Palace Theatre (formerly the Bismarck Theatre), Chicago.

"Mamma Mia!" is a new musical featuring 20 of ABBA's best-known songs. Set on a tiny mythical Greek island, the musical tells the almost magical story of a single mom and her about-to-be-married daughter, notes event co-chair Sandy Zeller, Glenview.

"We're pleased to present it as a benefit for the Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization," she added.

Y-Me provides information, hotline counseling (in English and Spanish), educational programs and support services for people concerned with breast health.

North Shore Friends of Y-Me President Cookie Medansky, Morton Grove, added that the organization has a number of opportunities for volunteers wishing to make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

Other area residents working on the benefit include: co-chair Sharon Romanek, Glenview; committee members Sandy Cochran, Skokie; Verna Cohen, Glenview; Sharon Turek, Bunney Oberlander, Phyllis Savitt and Barbara Silver, Northbrook; Cookie Medansky, Morton Grove.

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Elsa and Christos Giannopoulos of Niles welcomed their first born son Panagiotis on March 8, 2001. He weighed 7.5 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Niles Grandmothers Club

Niles Grandmothers Club Chapter 699 President, Dolores Gruzynski invites all grandmothers to visit and if you like our club, join us permanently.

We meet once a month (4th

Wednesday) 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Niles Park District Recreation Center.

For more information on our club, phone park district at 967-6633.

Helping Powerful Girls Become Powerful Women

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will participate in the nationally celebrated *Take Our Daughters to Work Day* Thursday, April 26 (from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at NEIU).

Northeastern has organized a day of interactive learning and building activities for both the young girls, ranging from 8 to 15 years old, and their NEIU mentors. Workshops will be offered throughout the course of the day including sessions of Flamenco dancing, web technology instruction, kick-boxing, puppet shows, family stories, theatre games, a nature walk and more.

Fifty-three percent of young girls believe that "people think the most important thing for girls to do is get married and have children." (Girls, Inc., *Taking the Lead: Girls' Rights in the 21st Century*, 2000). NEIU Director of Women's Services, Jacqueline Harper, stated that "Offering activities that are fun and instructional can help young girls develop an interest to expand their horizons and build mentor relationships, which will help them develop the self-confidence necessary for becoming a successful woman."

Take Our Daughter to Work Day has been recognized by national educational organizations since 1993.

Republican Women of Park Ridge meeting

A St. Louis businessman who has twice challenged the reelection bid of U.S. House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) will keynote the Monday, April 23 meeting of Republican Women of Park Ridge at noon in the South Park Fieldhouse, Talcott at Cumberland, Park Ridge.

William J. Federer will speak following a salad bar luncheon provided by ladies of the club. The public is invited at no charge.

The nationally known speaker and best-selling author is credited with keeping the House Democratic Leader at home defending his own seat during the 1998 and 2000 congressional elections, when the party leader would normally be traveling the country on behalf of other candidates. The conservative Republican's engaging personality, hard-charging campaign and \$2.7 million political war chest in 2000 forced Gephardt to raise and spend some \$6 million on his own re-election and generated the most votes any candidate has ever achieved against Gephardt.

Information about the meeting may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Baekelandt at 847/698-0856. Those interested wishing information about membership in Republican Women of Park Ridge are invited to contact membership chairman Kay Jarzombek at 847/825-1616.

GOP Woman's Club trip to Springfield

Members and guests of the Maine Township Republican Woman's Club will board a fully equipped motor coach in Des Plaines early next Wednesday, April 25, for a day trip to Springfield. Area Republicans are invited to participate and may call club president Joreen Wood at 847-824-0843 to inquire whether space is still available.

Lunch at the Governor's Mansion will be a highlight of the trip, and the visit to the official residence of the people of Illinois provide for our chief executive.

Four participants will be greeted at the State Capitol by State Sen. Dave Sullivan (R-28th), who will host his constituents in the Senate chamber and arrange a tour of the capitol building, a major Illinois landmark as well as the seat of government. The trip will include a visit to the Illinois State Museum and supper aboard the bus on the return trip, all for a fee of just \$55.

"We're hoping also to visit Abraham Lincoln's Tomb, time permitting," reported Mrs. Wood, a resident of Des Plaines. "Even as it is, we expect a full day of fun and learning, and we are grateful to Sen. Sullivan for arranging so much of our itinerary, especially for sponsoring our lunch at the Governor's Mansion. What a treat!"

The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club

On Wednesday, April 25, we will attend a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Hope located at 9711 Devon Avenue, Rosemont. Following Mass we will proceed to Cafe La Cave, at 2777 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines for our annual Spring Luncheon. Cocktails at noon, luncheon at 1 p.m.

After lunch we will be entertained by the Ballroom City Dancers. Reservations at \$32 are being taken by Marie Heneby at (847) 825-2071 or Rosemary Behrendt at (847) 698-5269.

"Our state capital is a place of historic value as well as a scene of modern drama, where the activities of any given day have a real impact on the lives of people in Illinois," noted club vice president Penny Pullen of Park Ridge, who served 16 years as a state representative from our area to Springfield after nine years as a legislative aide. "Joreen and our board have planned a special day for our fellow Republicans in Maine Township. We offered this opportunity first, of course, to our club members, but we purposely booked a large bus so we could welcome friends and neighbors on our adventure as well."

Maine Township Republican Woman's Club was founded in 1944 for service to the GOP and to the communities of Des Plaines, East Maine, Glenview, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Rosemont.

The club operates an internet website at <chicagotribune.com/link/republicanwomenmt> and meets an average of six times a year. The club mans a precinct in Des Plaines for the Republican Party and each year honors Cong. Henry Hyde at a fall luncheon.

* Information about membership is available by calling Mrs. Wood or by writing to the Club at P.O. Box 1051, Des Plaines 60017.

Ketura Hadassah Group

Ketura Hadassah will attend "Opera in Focus" a puppet show featuring scenes from operas on Tuesday, May 15. Bus will leave Proesel Park, near 6856 N. Kildare, Lincolnwood at 9:30 a.m. and return about 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$38, including lunch. For information call (847) 674-6609.

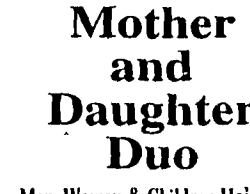
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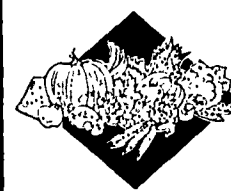
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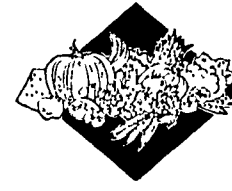
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Health News

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Godwin H. D'Souza, M.D., has been appointed to the medical staff at Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott Avenue.

Dr. D'Souza, of Chicago, received his bachelor's degree in India, and his medical degree from St. John's Medical College in India. He completed an internship in internal medicine at Grant



Godwin H. D'Souza, M.D.

Hospital, Chicago, and a residency in internal medicine at Westlake Hospital, Melrose Park. Dr. D'Souza is board certified in internal medicine.

Dr. D'Souza's office is located in Chicago at 5600 West Addison Street, Suite LL001. Appointments can be made by calling (773) 202-9622.

AAL's fraternal strength shared throughout Illinois

You rarely hear about them in the news, but they are behind the scenes providing food, clothing and shelter to disaster victims in Illinois. They give time, energy and funds to build a Habitat for Humanity home destined for a low-income Illinois family. They raise money through fund-raising projects or provide a service to help Illinois families, students, the elderly, the sick and less fortunate.

They are members of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), some 144,584 people, and they are making a difference in Illinois.

AAL, a Fortune 500 organization based in Appleton, WI, is a fraternal benefit society of 1.8 million members the join together for insurance, educational and volunteer opportunities. AAL provided \$11,423,855 in assistance to Illinois organizations and residents during 2000.

Illinois AAL members are organized into 688 volunteer groups, called branches, that

meet regularly to carry out volunteer projects, educational programs and fund-raising events. AAL members volunteered 560,491 hours to work on AAL-sponsored activities in 2000.

Helping Hands: Caring Acts Through Fund Raising or Service is an AAL program that supplements local fund raising by AAL branch members. In 2000, \$5,141,209 was given to individuals, congregations and organizations through 2,666 state projects.

AAL matched \$957,423 in gifts made by 8,124 state AAL members in 2000 through its member gift-matching program. Annual gifts of \$25 to \$100 made by an AAL member to a participating Lutheran elementary or secondary school, college or seminary are matched dollar-for-dollar by AAL.

Nearly \$349,000 in scholarships was awarded to state AAL members through AAL's scholarship program -- the largest privately sponsored program in the nation.

The two foes of human happiness are pain and boredom.

—Arthur Schopenhauer

Contacts . . .

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Research shows that 56% of contact lens wearers are most satisfied with their intimate relationships since they started wearing contacts. An even larger percentage -- 61% -- said that they thought wearing contact lenses instead of glasses "could increase their chances of good things happening to them." After all, who can forget the old line: "Boys don't make passes at girls who wear glasses!"

9) I will miss out on wearing new fashionable sunglasses if I wear contact lenses. FALSE -- Wearing contact lenses will actually give you greater fashion flexibility with new and trendy sunglasses, and allow you to save money, too! The contact lenses will correct your vision, so you can combine less-expensive non-prescription sunglasses for fashion appeal and UV-ray blockage.

10) Bifocal contact lenses are available to replace my granny glasses. TRUE -- Bifocal lenses are readily available in a multitude of optical designs, including segmented, simultaneous vision and monovision; and are made in both soft and RGP lens materials. For more on bifocal lenses, see your eyecare professional, or visit our website www.contactlenscouncil.org.

The CLC is a non-profit organization serving as an educational resource on vision correction and is dedicated to promoting the safe use of contact lenses and lens care products. The CLC information line (1-800-884-4CLC) is a free service offering consumers the most up-to-date information on contact lenses and lens care products.

The American Optometric Association, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, and the Contact Lens Society of America are advisory members of the CLC. The CLC is sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Allergan Optical, Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, Cooper Vision, Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products, Inc., and Wesley Jessen.

For more information on contact lenses, please contact the Contact Lens Council (CLC) at 1-800-884-4CLC or on the internet at: www.contactlenscouncil.org.

Purdue honors students for academic achievements

About 5,800 Purdue University students earned academic honors for the fall 2000 semester.

To earn honors, students must have at least a 3.5 semester or cumulative grade-point average on a four-point scale.

Academic honors went to: Monika K. Jedrzejek and Anders G. Norremo of Niles.

Health News

True or False? Take the Contact Lens & Vision Quiz

1) Putting contacts in my eyes will hurt me! FALSE -- With nearly 75 million contact lens wearers on the planet, and 33 million in the US alone, there are plenty of people to confirm that contact lenses are comfortable to wear. Most first time wearers, in fact, are delighted with the level of comfort that contact lenses provide. As long as a professional eyecare practitioner performs the initial contact lens fitting, any potential irritation associated with new lenses will be minimized or eliminated. After a brief adjustment period of as short as a few days to one week most people report they can no longer feel contact lenses on their eyes.

2) Teenagers are not old enough for contact lenses. FALSE -- Many parents are surprised to learn that their teenagers or child is indeed old enough for contacts. Dr. Barry Weiner, an optometrist in Maryland, is not only a CLC advisor; he is also the past chair of the American Optometric Association's contact lens section. Dr. Weiner has had many patients in their teens and early teens ask him about contact lenses: "How old is old enough?" Dr. Weiner's response? "There are no hard and fast rules here -- So much depends on the responsibility level of the young patient."

It is important for an eyecare professional to assess a young patient's vision correction needs and to discuss his or her capabilities and maturity level with both the patient and the parents when considering contacts. Personal wear and care regimens may depend upon the type of contact prescribed, the nature of the vision problem being corrected, and the patient's unique eye chemistry.

3) I can wear colored contacts without needing vision correction. TRUE -- You do not have to have vision problems to wear colored contacts. Some people simply choose non-correction colored lenses to change their eye color. It is essential, however, that contact lenses be professionally fitted and prescribed. Contact lenses are an FDA-regulated medical device.

4) Sitting too close to the television will ruin my vision. FALSE -- Actually, many children sit too close to the television because they are already on close objects. A natural occurrence that starts around age ten and affects nearly everybody by the age of 40, presbyopia usually makes reading and close-up work more difficult. Presbyopia is an entirely natural and normal phenomenon, affecting almost 90 million people. Each year, an estimated four million more people become

presbyopic, making this group the swiftest growing demographic segment requiring vision correction. While presbyopia is impossible to prevent and will not go away -- our eyes will never learn to accommodate again -- there are many simple and effective ways to deal with it.

Laser surgery, however, can do nothing to prevent or cure this condition. Most patients that have had laser surgery are likely to end up needing additional correction -- such as contact lenses or glasses -- later in life.

7) Eye exams are only for people who already have vision correction. FALSE -- Good vision is important for everyone. Routine eye exams can uncover conditions such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, and eyestrain early on, allowing for fast treatment, and the picture looks clearer up close. One in four children ages 5 to 12 has an undiagnosed vision problem that may affect their educational performance.

Unfortunately, children with vision problems often have no way of knowing that what they are seeing is different from what

others see. It is up to the adults in their life to help children reach their potential by ensuring that they are free of vision problems.

All children should have their eyes examined at or before their fourth birthday. If there is a family history of misaligned eyes, childhood cataracts or a serious eye disease, children should have their eyes examined before age three. Vision problems often respond to treatment better during the growth and development of a child's visual system, so early detection could be the key to good vision.

5) Contact lenses are the best vision correction choice for many athletes. TRUE -- Sports enthusiasts are finding that contact lenses are more practical than glasses because they can offer improved depth perception and enhanced peripheral vision. Additionally, contact lenses won't steam up from perspiration and they don't smudge or get foggy if you go from cold to warm temperature.

6) Laser surgery cannot cure presbyopia. TRUE -- Presbyopia is the loss of the ability to focus of most problems. Eye exams

can also provide evidence of other serious, but hidden, medical conditions, including high blood pressure, diabetes, inflammations, infections and the hardening of arteries. Eye ailments have also been linked to learning disabilities that can be treated with vision correction.

There is no better time than now to start the habit of regular eye exams for you and your

family. If you have not had an exam within the last two years, schedule one now. During your exam, your eyecare professional will help set a regular schedule for future exams tailored to your personal situation.

8) Contact lenses may improve my love life. TRUE -- A recent poll conducted by Roper

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House in Monticello, Illinois on April 27-28 and will give a recital.

The Niles West orchestra students who will participate in the event are: Eugene Gekhter, violin; Sharon Chang, violin; Charles Williams, viola; and Elisa Winter, cello. The Niles West Orchestra Director is Steven Katz.

Zither Spring Concert to be held

Chicago Zither Club cordially invites you and your friends to attend our Spring Concert, Fred Fischer, Conductor on Sunday, April 29 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect, Park Ridge (free parking in church lot). Concert at 3 p.m.

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'Pasta and Pops' at Niles West

Beautiful music, good food, and fun are part of the menu at the 21st annual 'Pasta & Pops' dinner concert sponsored by the Niles West music students and Music Parents Association. Tickets are on sale now for the event, to be held Saturday, May 5 in the school's contest gym, 5701 Oakton Street in Skokie (use auditorium entrance). A mostaccioli dinner, including salad, bread, dessert and beverage will be served from 6:05 to 7:05 p.m., and entertainment will be provided by students in the bands, choirs, orchestras and color guard from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$10 each,

and may be reserved by calling Patricia Ham at (847) 568-3551. Tables may be reserved for groups of ten or more. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 24. Dinner tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis; this event traditionally sells out. Desert-only tickets are available for \$5 each at the door. Please note: the dessert-only ticket holders will be seated on the second level balcony (must use stairs).

'Pasta and Pops' is the main fundraiser for the Niles West Music Parents Association. Funds are used for scholarships and for financial assistance to the music department to obtain items which the school budget does not cover.

West of Rome
A new musical group

West of Rome is a band of original songwriting and musicianship — industrial-strength folk for people who still secretly believe (despite distressing evidence) that music can change civilizations.

"West of Rome seems to embody the soulfulness of Pearl Jam with the pomp and circumstance of Queen... all with that certain Midwest direct sensibility," Joseph Richard Brewer, music critic.

West of Rome's sound is a prairie-wind howl, harnessed and ground through blues-rock machinery. Songs on the Elkhorn, Wisconsin quintet's four-song release, "Flat Iron Road," contain clear-eyed statements on the aftermath of traumas — an innocent's witness to a mental collapse (*Amihilomind*) and a regret-filled plea for love's rebirth (*So Much Water, So Close to Home*). West of Rome's music recreates the vanishing stillness of rural life (*Rural Route Crossing*) but rejects easy condemnations of modernity (*Here Comes Tomorrow*). The release has generated so much buzz that it attracted the attention of Chicago-based Whack-a-doo Records. Whack-a-doo will be releasing West of Rome's first full-length CD, "Cranberry Sauce" in April of 2001.

This music is not for the naive.

West of Rome is Marc Alberts on keyboards and vocals, Andy Beaumont on drums, Tom Cox on bass, Chris DeMay on guitars, harmonica and vocals, and Dan Kennedy on lead guitar. The band emerged from typically modest midwestern beginnings. Former trout farmer DeMay and newspaper beat writer Alberts joined mutual friend and computer consultant Cox to form West of Rome in late 1997. All three were survivors of an earlier Midwest college indie-music scene. Beaumont, working for a Janesville newspaper, joined the band just over a year later. The band arrived at its present lineup this spring, when luthier Kennedy joined as lead guitarist.

During this time of change and growth, West of Rome has played shows from Chicago to Milwaukee and Madison, finding receptive audiences, especially at favorite haunts such as Beat Kitchen and Elbo Room in Chicago and The Annex in Madison and BBC and Globe East in Milwaukee. Staying true to their roots, West of Rome also performs frequently in roadhouses throughout southern Wisconsin.

"West of Rome's singing is

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Dining / Entertainment

Native American flutes at Mitchell Museum

Wisconsin musician Al Jewer will discuss and perform on 30 authentic Native American flutes Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m., at the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, part of Kendall College, 2600 Central Park Avenue, Evanston.

A classically trained flutist of European descent, Jewer has studied, composed, and played American Indian flute music for 17 years. In keeping with Native flute practices, he performs only his own compositions. "That's

the tradition of the instrument," he says. "They play what they write."

Jewer, proprietor of the Laughing Cat record label, Fort Atkinson, Wis., will perform music from his acclaimed solo CD *Prairie Plain Song*, heard on National Public Radio and Public Radio International, and from *Cedar Wind*, a CD collaboration with Cree flutist Christine Ibach.

"The flute was shared by every tribe in North America," he says. Midwest Native flutes are

often made from aromatic cedar, Jewer says, and, to a lesser extent, river cane, also called American bamboo. He'll demonstrate these varieties, as well as a replica of a large 4,000-year-old southwestern flute of haunting tone, and a bright, lively sounding black-lacquered cedar flute from the Pacific Northwest.

Jewer happened upon his first Native flutes at a Madison, Wis., art fair. "I bought one and start-

ed playing it. It changed my life."

Audiences find the sounds to be mysterious but also familiar, because of the instruments' use in movie soundtracks and other media, he says.

"I hope listeners come away with a feeling of peace and a personal connection to the powerful music that comes from this instrument," Jewer says. "The native flute is a great healing force."

Admission to the performance is free with an entrance donation to the museum. Suggested donation is: \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for seniors, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. For information, phone (847) 475-1030.

READ THE BUGLE

Mexican Independence Day



A young woman glances away amid the bustle of the parade. This photo is one of the many images of immigrant children presented in Chicago photographer Gina Grillo's exhibition, *Between Cultures: Children of Immigrants in America*, displayed at The Field Museum through May 6. *Between Cultures* investigates the lives of immigrants through the eyes of children. Grillo, the grandchild of immigrants herself, spent more than five years photographing the citizenship process, cultural celebrations and home life that make up the experience of an immigrant child. *Between Cultures* is free with basic admission to the Museum. For more information, the public may call The Field Museum at (312) 922-9410.



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Dining / Entertainment

Spring Garden Market to be held at The American Club

If you're winter-weary and aching for a breath of springtime, the Wisconsin Spring Garden Market promises to deliver a bountiful bouquet of products, ideas and inspiration from the garden.

This year's show at The American Club will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22, with special guests, Shelley Ryan and Kent Whealey. Ms. Ryan, producer/host of "The Wisconsin

Gardener," and Richard Palm pastry chef from The American Club, will prepare recipes from The Wisconsin Gardener Cookbook on Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. The cookbooks will be on sale at the Wisconsin Public Television booth where Ms. Ryan will be signing autographs. Whealey, the executive director of the Seed Savers Exchange and frequent guest of "Martha Stewart Living," will of-

fer a lecture at noon on Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Also lending counsel and a helping hand with an array of products, will be more than 70 plant and gardening specialists, landscape designers, and artists.

There's inspiration at every turn as exhibitors showcase everything needed to create a garden paradise: gardening supplies, popular and unusual varieties of perennials, annuals and wildflowers, houseplants, starter garden kits, fragrant herbs and succulents. Show attendees will also discover hard-to-find tools, decorative containers and hanging baskets, birdhouses and feeders, folk art and floral prints, books and unique gardening gifts.

Guy Wolff Featured

Celebrated artist Guy Wolff returns to demonstrate his pottery skills and sign his creations at The Shops at Woodlake Kohler, on Saturday, April 21. Recently seen on the "Martha Stewart Living" television program, Wolff is known for his skillful blending of contemporary pottery with traditional designs from the 18th and 19th century. His work may be seen in grand homes and estates, including Thomas Jefferson's his-

toric Monticello.

Spring Garden Market attendees will have the opportunity of enjoying the historic Wisconsin Room's special Wisconsin Spring Garden Market luncheon buffet on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. The price is \$11.50, not including beverage, tax and gratuity. Reservations are not required.

Show Hours and Admission

Show hours for the Wisconsin Spring Garden Market are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 21; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 22. Daily admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children ages 12 and under (strollers are not permitted on the show floor). Advance tickets may be purchased in person for \$4 at The Emporium gift shop located within The American Club, or by mail at 1-800-344-2838, extension 55908.

Free parking is available near The American Club and also at The Shops at Woodlake Kohler, with complimentary shuttle service to the hotel. Limited parking is also available on village streets.

Wisconsin Spring Garden market Package.

The American Club, the Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond resort hotel, will offer a special

two-person package during the Market weekend. The package includes accommodations, two nights; breakfast in the Wisconsin Room on Saturday and the Horse & Plow on Sunday, and complimentary admission to the show. Package rate is \$359, plus tax, for a Standard guest room; \$459, plus tax, for a Deluxe guest room. For hotel reservations or more information on the Wisconsin Spring Garden Market, phone 1-800-344-2838, ext. 942.

The American Club is a member of Historic Hotels of America. The luxury resort hotel is located in the Village of Kohler, a convenient two-hour drive north of Chicago, and within an hour's drive of Milwaukee, Green Bay and Fond du Lac, just off I-43, exit 126 west.

Maine East Fine Arts presents 'Annie'

The Maine East Fine Arts Department and the Maine East Fine Arts Boosters present *Annie* on April 27 & 28 and May 4 & 5, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Maine East Auditorium. Over one hundred cast, crew, and orchestra members have been working since February to bring this spectacular Broadway musical to life.

Annie tells the story of a peppy orphan whose life at the New York City Municipal Orphanage has grown intolerable, thanks to the ever-cranky matron Miss Hannigan. Enter billionaire Oliver Warbucks, who has decided to invite a lucky orphan to his home for the Christmas holidays. Warbucks and Annie hit it off and he decides to offer a reward to whoever can find her parents. Miss Hannigan, who has inside information on Annie, concocts a wicked plan to collect the reward using her crooked brother and his dimwitted girlfriend as accomplices. But the scheme is foiled, and Warbucks adopts Annie. Along the way, Annie meets a faithful dog and inspires FDR's New Deal.

Featured student performers are Adriana LaCorte of Morton Grove as Annie, Max Osinski of Niles as Daddy Warbucks, Sara Schaufele of Des Plaines as Grace, Katy Kanfer, also of Des Plaines, as Miss Hannigan, and Niles residents Andrew Cristini as Rooster, and Zhenia Baranov as Lily.

Tickets are \$7 and can be reserved by calling 692-8500 or can be purchased at the door. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this amazing production!

Dining / Entertainment

West of Rome... A new musical group

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heartfelt and the music has punch, but you can swing to it," from review in Maximum Ink.

With a stage show that lives up to the passion and professionalism of its recorded work, West of Rome has become the antidote for the people numbed by contemporary music's image-driven Factory of Cool.

Name of band: West of Rome.

Musical genre: Industrial-strength folk.

City of origin: Chicago, IL. Members: Chris DeMay—guitars, harmonica, vocals; Marc Alberts—keyboards, vocals; Tom Cox—bass; Andy Beaumont—drums; Dan Kennedy—lead guitar, vocals.

Key points of interest:

•New CD "Cranberry Sauce" on Whack-A-Doo Records set for April 2001 release.

•Receiving radio play around the country, including WMSE in Milwaukee.

•Current release "Flat Iron Road" selling briskly at www.mp3.com and regional venues.

•Performing frequently around the Midwest.

Group performs frequently in Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison.



Past occupations for members include trout farmer (DeMay), supervisor at home for mentally-handicapped (Alberts), auto-parts dealer (Cox) and luthier (Kennedy). All in other Midwest bands before joining West

of Rome. Contact Information: West of Rome, P.O. Box 566-845, Chicago, IL 60657-7845. Phone: (262) 707-2456. E-mail: west_of_rome@hotmail.com. www.westofrome.com.

Pheasant Run to present 'The King & I'

The King & I—Opening April 20th, 2001, Rodgers & Hammerstein's dramatic love story reveals the cultural clashes and eventual respect and understanding that develops between a widowed English schoolteacher and the tyrannical King of Siam.

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Dinner and show times are: Friday evening 7 p.m. dinner/8:15 show; Saturday matinee 4/5:15 p.m.; Saturday evenings 8:30/9:45 p.m.; Sunday matinee 12 lunch/2:15 p.m. show; Sunday evening 5:45 dinner/7 p.m. show. Dinner Theatre prices are \$45 for the Sunday evening dinner and show or \$50 for all other performances. Show-only tickets are available at \$35 for all performances except for the Sunday evening show at \$30.

To purchase tickets, please call the Box Office at (630) 584-6342. To plan the perfect outing, special performances and arrangements are available through the Group Sales Manager, Group, children and senior discount tickets are available.

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Open auditions for 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Theatre 219, Niles Township's Community Theatre, will hold auditions for their production of "Little Shop of Horrors" beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 30 & 31 at Niles West High School, Oakton Street at the Edens Expressway in Skokie. Anyone who wishes to audition should schedule a time by calling 847/966-8280 after April

15. Participants should prepare to sing sixteen bars of a song (an accompanist will be provided) and read from a script. All roles are open. Evening performances of "Little Shop of Horrors" will be held on July 27 & 28 and August 2, 3 & 4. A matinee performance will be held on Sunday, July 29.

Area schools to receive SWANCC Earth flags

Area elementary schools will be receiving *Earth* flags from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) during April, May and June 2001. The schools include:

District 30, Willowbrook School, Glenview on April 20 at 8:45 a.m.

District 64, Carpenter School, Park Ridge on June 4 at 10:30 a.m.

District 74, Lincoln Hall, Lincolnwood on May 30, time to be announced.

Non Public School, Our Lady of Ransom, Niles on May 4 at 10 a.m.

SWANCC, an intergovernmental agency with twenty-three member communities, is awarding the flags to schools that have demonstrated a commitment to waste reduction (reduce - reuse - recycle). SWANCC requires that all Earth flag schools have a recycling program which includes at least white paper; conduct one school-wide source reduction activity; implement one school-wide reuse activity and arrange for SWANCC staff to give a presentation to one entire grade level and to all teachers at the school.

"All of the schools that will receive an Earth flag this spring, met, and in many cases exceeded, SWANCC's Earth flag program requirements. They are to be congratulated for their environmental commitment," said Mary Allen, SWANCC Recycling and Education Director. SWANCC has awarded a total of 78 Earth flags to area schools since 1996, and plans to award more during the 2001-2002 school year. Program criteria will be posted on SWANCC's web site in late August at www.swancc.org.

Earth flags will be awarded during an all-school assembly at respective schools.

Sue Whitwell, a staff member at Misericordia and June Bloom, the parent of a son at Misericordia, spoke to the club about their programs and what it has meant to them personally and how Resurrection's participation in the Candy Days helps support them.

On April 27 and 28, Resurrection students will be volunteering their time before and after school to help collect money and pass out the Fannie May Candy for the Misericordia Tag Day.

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Congregation's Singles Club welcomes Cantor

The friendship-activity club for Jewish singles 40+ years of age, formed by B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, (BJBE) Glenview, will hear Cantor Cory Winter on Sunday, April 22, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 door fee.

Cantor Winter is the Cantor of Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, and a Chicago native. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and his Master's Degree in Music from Northwestern Uni-

versity, he was an assistant to Margaret Hillis, the renowned conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus.

Before returning to Chicago and BJBE, he was Chorus Master and Assistant Conductor of the Sacramento Opera for 10 years. He also founded and conducted the Bay Area Jewish Chorale for the Northern California Board of Cantors, of which he is a past president.

For information contact (847) 673-0387.

Monarch Ball spotlight shines on Bernadette Peters



Joan Versen, Broadway superstar Bernadette Peters and Don Versen, Sr., were among the 1,400 guests at The Monarch Ball 2001, Resurrection Health Care's March 10 black-tie gala at The Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. The Versens are residents of Des Plaines and will chair The Monarch Ball 2002. He is the Vice Chairman and CEO of the LABE Bank.

Illuminations was the theme of the Monarch Ball, Saturday, March 10, and the spotlight in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers was hining brightly on Broadway superstar Bernadette Peters.

Donning her trademark cowboy hat from "Annie Get Your Gun," this Tony award winner delivered a dazzling repertoire of favorite show tunes, delighting 1,400 guests at Resurrection Health Care's annual black-tie celebration.

Dick Judson and his orchestra provided back-up music for Peters' performance and performance artists fluttered about the Grand Ballroom dressed in butterfly costumes.

Monarch Ball chairs Tom and Sharon Settles of McHenry arranged an evening of elegance, which raised \$425,000 for pediatric programs throughout the Resurrection Health Care system. These funds might be used to upgrade a family birthplace, expand counseling programs for abused children, create new pediatric specialty clinics or to explore the feasibility of intergenerational day care.

Resurrection Health Care, headquartered on Chicago's northwest side, serves almost

two million people in the city and surrounding suburbs, and is the metropolitan area's largest Catholic health care network. Joseph F. Toomey is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Resurrection Health Care.

Resurrection Health Care is co-sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection. Facilities currently include: Resurrection Medical Center, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital Center on Chicago's northwest side, Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines, St. Francis Hospital is Evanston and Westlake Community Hospital in Melrose Park.

Nursing homes include: Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Park Ridge, Resurrection Life Center in Chicago, Holy Family Health Center in Des Plaines, St. Francis Nursing and Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Evanston, Westlake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Franklin Park, Maryhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Glenview, St. Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Niles, Villa Scalabrini Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Northlake and two skilled nursing facilities in upstate New York. Retirement communities include: Resurrection Retirement Community in Chicago, Casa San Carlo Retirement Community in Northlake, St. Andrew Life Center in Niles and Bethlehem Woods Retirement Community in La Grange Park.

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Where: SBA/SCORE Citicorp Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511.

Workshop Fee: Registration Fee \$50 (Box Lunch included).

Phone: (312) 353-7724 for reservations, or send check or money order made out to SCORE at: SCORE—500 W. Madison, Suite 1250, Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511.

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Rummage Sale

Glenview United Methodist Women present their annual "Top of the Heap" rummage and plant sale. Saturday, April 28, 2001; 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Glenview United Methodist Church - 727 Harlem Avenue, Glenview. Refreshments available. Glenview United Methodist Church, (847) 441-8387. Proceeds of this sale benefit the Wesley Child Care Center, Inc. of Glenview and various other mission projects.

American Cancer Society Skokie Valley Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's 7th Annual Skokie Valley Relay For Life will take place on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16, 2001 at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois. Beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday and continuing until 10 a.m. on Saturday, this unique running/walking event will benefit the American Cancer Society. Participants in the Relay For

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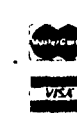
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Community Calendar

Family Matters Walk-a-thon

Chicago and North Suburban residents will come together for the 12th Annual Family Matters Walkathon on Saturday, May 19. WGN TV news anchor, Steve Sanders of Winnetka, will lead the 10-kilometer walk that starts at Family Matters, 7731 North Marshfield, and ends at Gale/Kiwanis Park in Chicago's North Howard neighborhood. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m.

The event benefits Family Matters, a community-based or-

ganization in the North of Howard neighborhood of Rogers Park. The organization is supported by numerous Chicago and suburban churches and synagogues including North Shore Baptist Church (Chicago), St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Evanston), First Presbyterian (Wilmette), Lake Street Church (Evanston), Beth Emet Synagogue, (Evanston), Kenilworth Union Church, Community Church of Wilmette, and First Baptist Church of Park Ridge.

This year's Chairman, Rose Wehner of Chicago, said, "We're expecting to raise \$100,000 and, at the same time, celebrate the importance of community and family. Our planning committee has been working hard to secure corporate sponsors and motivate walkers to raise a minimum of \$100 each."

Family Matters sponsors an after-school program, tutoring, teen boys and girls programs, and a community organizing initiative. The organization works with 150 children, their families, and the residents of the North of Howard community.

Walkers receive a free T-shirt and enjoy a picnic.

To receive a walkathon registration package, contact Family Matters at 773-465-6011.

Megillat Shir Hashirim (The Song of Songs)

Adult Education and the Reconstructionist Federation presents Megillat Shir Hashirim (The Song of Songs).

Session 2, April 24, 7:30-9 p.m. Connection with Pesach, Independent Analysis, Jewish Love Songs and Poetry. Hazza Shlomo Shuster, facilitator.

Session 3, May 1, 7:30 p.m. Language Usage (Pardos), Rabbinic Concerns. Text Dating & Authorship. Rabbi Neil Brief, facilitator.

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Friday, April 20, 8 p.m. Sisterhood Shabbat Services. Special readings conducted by the ladies of our sisterhood.

Friday, April 27, 8 p.m. Yom Ha'atzmaut Seder & Services (Israel's Independence Celebration). It's important that we support Israel during these troubling times by celebration in song & prayer for their independence.

Misericordia - Fannie May Candy Days



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Spring Used Book Sale

Friends of the Mt. Prospect Public Library will hold their annual Spring Used Book Sale, featuring another Treasure Hunt Sale, on Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22. The Preview Night sale, for Friends members only, will be Friday, April 20.

Donations have been generous this season, resulting in an array of nice hard-bound volumes, paperbacks, magazines and audiovisual material all available for purchase. Treasure Hunt items are better books priced individually.

Public sale hours are Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 22, noon to 4:30 p.m. at the library, 10 S. Emerson Street (Central Road and Rte. 83). The Members Only preview sale is Friday, April 20, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

New memberships and renewals are accepted during all sale hours and at the Library during regular business hours.

For more information please call the library, (847) 253-5675.

A Night at the Races

A Night at the Races Saturday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. at Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster in Skokie.

Furry Friends Foundation

Furry Friends Foundation, a no-kill, non-profit animal shelter, will hold a dog adoption day from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd at Petsmart, 809 Civic Center Plaza, Niles. For more information call Furry Friends Foundation at (312) 397-1001.

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of Fun & Entertainment followed by dessert. Howard Zusel of A-1 Entertainment will present Ten Exciting Video Horse Races. For only \$20 per person you will receive \$2000 in Race Money so you can bet and win on all the races.

After the races and entertainment there will be a live auction. You will be able to use your race money on some wonderful items. This is a fun evening for everybody, so get a group together and join us April 28th, 7:30 p.m. You can buy tickets at the door or call 675-4141 for advance tickets.

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'Learning History through Post Cards'

John Simmons, President of the Windy City Postcard Club, has spent more than fifty years collecting -- starting out with stamps and then converting to post cards.

His extensive collection, more than 150,000 cards, covers a broad spectrum of 400 different titles. They include countries, states, cities, and a great history of Illinois and Chicago.

Mr. Simmons will have slides showing that part of Chicago history that covers our far Northwest area -- of towns that no longer exist, and the growth of new towns.

This promises to be an evening of truly local historical enlightenment. Please come!

Where: Crippen House

Date: Wednesday, April 25

Time: 7 p.m.

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Donate food, clothes, toiletries through JUF

The "Everything Under the Sun" donation drive will be held on Sunday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. This effort is hosted by the Young Leadership Division (YLD) of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (JUF) and its volunteer network, TOV.

YLD and TOV are seeking donations of food, new toiletries, and gently used clothing. The collected items will be given to The ARK and the EZRA Multi-Service Center, two JUF-supported agencies that serve Chicago's needy. For more information, please contact Jenny Noparstak at (312) 357-4923 or jnparstak@juf.org.

Donations are being collected at the following locations:

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• Jewish Federation Building, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd.

• Florence Heller Jewish Community Center, 524 Melrose Ave.

• KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd.

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• Mayer Kaplan Jewish Community Center, 5050 W.

Church Street, Skokie.

• Bernard Weinger Jewish Community Center, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook.

• Anita Stone Jewish Community Center, 3400 W. 196th St., Flossmoor.

African Violet Society of Northern Illinois

African Violet Society of Northern Illinois meet at 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge (just west of Greenwood, north of Dempster). Bring a sack lunch; coffee and dessert provided.

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For more information phone Mr. Ed Johnson 708-457-0661.

Do something special with Mom on Mother's

Mother-daughter relationships are among the most complicated we experience. They often comprise many conflicting feelings such as love, anger, worry, resentment, envy and need. According to Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource, this critical relationship changes as both mother and daughter age, and there are several ways to improve it along the way.

Here are some suggestions for enhancing your relationship with mom:

• Look through old photo albums and have your mother identify the people in them.

• Listen to your mother tell stories from her past. It's your history too.

• Tell your mother stories about your day, but don't complain and don't expect her to solve your problems anymore.

• Prepare an old family recipe together.

• Plant a garden, take a class or start a book club together.

• Create a memory jar. Write down a memory of your mother each day and put it in a container. At the end of the year, present it to her.

• Send your mother flowers on

your birthday. It's her day, too.

Free Mother's Day Gift. This Mother's Day, Mayo Clinic is offering women a free copy of Mayo Clinic Women's HealthSource, a monthly newsletter filled with accurate answers and timely advice for women to use in their daily lives. The newsletter helps women recognize the warning signs of illness, provides tips to reduce stress and gives guidance about nutrition, exercise, aging and weight control.

For your free issue, write to: Mayo Clinic, Mother's Day Offer, Centerplace 5, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale sponsored by the Women of Central United Methodist Church in Skokie will be held on Friday, April 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Sale will be held at 8237 Kenton Avenue, Skokie (3 blocks North of Oakton Street; 4 blocks East of Skokie Blvd. (Cicero); entrance on James Drive side). Various items will be offered, including good quality used clothing and household items.

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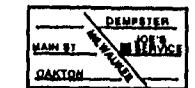
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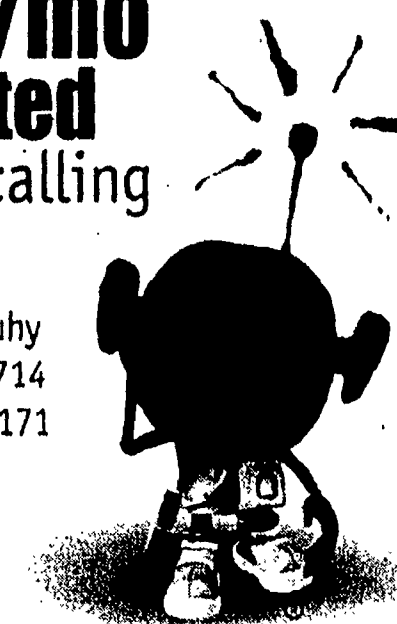
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Police News

Morton Grove

Burglary

A home at the 9300 block of Ozark was broken into sometime between 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. on April 12. Unknown offender(s) used a pry tool and brute force to open the home's rear door. All rooms in the house were discovered ransacked. At the time of the report, it was not yet known what may have been stolen. The home owner reported seeing a Jeep Wrangler driven by a white man with blonde hair parked in front of the house earlier that evening.

Currency and merchandise were reported stolen from a retail gift shop on the 7100 block of Dempster. The owner told police she closed the store at 6 p.m. on April 9, and when she went to open the store the next morning at 8:20 a.m., she noticed the door's cylinder lock was damaged. According to police the unknown offender(s) removed a cash tray containing \$200 from the open register and brought it into a rear office. An additional \$120 in coins was taken from a desk in the office, as well as a lap top computer. The owner also reported \$600 worth of Beanie Babies and \$300 in clothing missing.

Burglary to auto

The owner of a 1998 red Ford

Windstar parked unlocked in the parking lot of a health club at the 6800 block of Dempster on April 6, reported items stolen from his car, including a duffel bag, cellular phone, planner book, and business keys.

Recovered stolen auto

A 1992 blue Saturn reported stolen was recovered on April 10 with minor damages. Police discovered the vehicle in the parking lot of a sports bar and had it towed to a car dealership.

Retail theft

A white female, approximately 35 years old with long blond hair and a light complexion was seen exiting a retail drug store at the 5700 block of Dempster on April 11 with a basket full of merchandise.

A man was stopped after attempting to exit a retail clothing store without paying for merchandise. The man was observed taking the tags off a blazer and then putting it on. He was also seen grabbing two dress shirts before attempting to leave the store. The man was stopped by a store employee at the store's outermost door and asked to go to the store's security room. He complied and was processed for misdemeanor theft by police, posted bond, and was released.

Theft of motor vehicle

The owner of a black 1995 BMW 318i reported his car stolen from the 8800 block of Austin sometime between 11 p.m. April 6 and 2:19 a.m. April 7. He told police that he had stopped by a nightclub and then a restaurant, and thought he had been followed by a blue Mitsubishi with two unidentified occupants.

Niles

BURGLARY FROM AUTO

Unknown offender(s) broke into a dark green 1996 Ford Thunderbird parked in the rear parking lot on the 8800 block of Golf Rd. on April 8. The owner said his passenger-side window had been broken and numerous items including his photo ID and passport were missing.

THEFT (UNLAWFUL USE OF CREDIT CARD)

A woman reported losing her wallet and credit cards at a department store on Mannheim Rd. on April 11. When she contacted her bank to cancel the cards, she was informed that several purchases had been made that day with her VISA debit card at a shopping mall. Approximately \$573 worth of purchases had been made at a number of stores while the card was out of her possession.

PETITE THEFT

A man was stopped by an employee after he took a bottle of vodka from the shelf at a grocery store on the 7900 block of Milwaukee and exited without paying. The Loss Prevention employee held the man until police arrived.

SUSPICIOUS ACTS

A woman was contacted by the Cook County Criminal Court at 26th Street and California after a man attempted to use personal information to secure credit. She was asked to complete a credit check to see if any new credit had been applied for without her knowledge.

A jewelry store in a shopping mall reported that a man who

sells magazines in the mall is suspected of taking a \$495 Movado watch from the store. The man, identified as white, in his twenties, approximately 6', 160 lbs with brown hair and eyes, was in the store being shown watches when he was caught trying to place the Movado into his jacket pocket. Fifteen minutes after he left the store, the watch was discovered to be missing. mall security caught up with the man before he left the mall. The man opened his coat inviting security to search his person, but the watch was not found.

THEFT

A metal lock box containing \$300 in cash was discovered missing from a nursing home on April 11. A secretary had placed the box in an unlocked desk drawer the previous afternoon. The Niles Police Department was provided with a list of employees in the building during the time in question.

A woman's purse was stolen from behind the sales counter at a gift shop on the 7500 block of N. Milwaukee Ave. on April 10. The purse contained three pairs of earrings, credit cards, identification cards, and keys to her home, car and the gift store.

A white female, in her mid-twenties, 5'6", 130 lbs with blonde hair and a medium build and complexion, activated security sensors when she exited a drug store at the 5600 block of Touhy with an estimated \$300 worth of merchandise in a shopping basket. She was seen jumping into a blue 1991 Chevy Corsica 4-door with Illinois plates driven by a white male. The car was seen heading northbound on Central. Police have traced the car to a Chicago address.

THEFT OF VEHICLE

A 1992 Chevy Astro van, black with blue striping was reported missing on April 10 from a company's parking lot at the 7300 block of Melvina.

The company has provided police with a video surveillance of

the lot showing the van parked in the first row at the lot's east end.

A red 1997 Honda CBR 600F3 motorcycle was stolen sometime between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on April 9. The motorcycle was parked in a back yard at the 8000 block of Lyons, and had been secured with a wheel lock on the front handle bars.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

Unknown offender(s) broke into Rossini's restaurant on the 8800 block of N. Milwaukee sometime between 1:30 a.m. April 8 and 7 a.m. April 9. According to police, access was gained to the restaurant via the roof after the offender(s) used two step ladders kept next to the storage shed on the building's west side to climb. The first ladder was used to get atop the shed and the second was used to climb from the shed to the roof. Once on top of the building, the offenders cut the phone line, and dropped a wooden beam into a vent leading to the back dining room, but the offender(s) apparently entered the building through the vent of an electrical closet leading to a private dining area.

Inside, the fire alarms by the kitchen were disabled and the wire cut on a security camera located in the basement. Police said that none of the restaurant's other cameras were disturbed. The offender(s) entered the office area adjacent to the main dining room and pried open a fire safe. A second roller safe was found pried from the floor and flipped over, but not opened. The VCR surveillance tape system was damaged and a video cassette removed from the recorder. The offenders appeared to have exited through the kitchen door.

At the time of the report, it was not known if anything had been taken from the roller safe. An investigation is pending.

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Norwood Park Home residents acquire computer skills



Norwood Park Home resident Loretta Crigley (center) and her sister Ruth learn some of the basic skills on the computer with the assistance of Pat Zabel (left), assistant director of activities. A number of residents have signed up for the classes to gain expertise in setting up e-mail accounts, typing and sending letters to family and friends and playing games. One resident created and printed her own Christmas letter last December, another resident communicates by e-mail with her daughter in England and other residents communicate with a former NPH employee who teaches English in the Ukraine.

The computer room is expected to gain in popularity as new residents with already acquired skills make Norwood Park Home, 6016-20 N. Nina Avenue, Chicago, their new residence. Learning computer skills is only one of many activities offered daily to residents by the activities department at the 105-year old retirement facility.

A retirement plan can keep you on track

Retirement is no longer the one-size-fits-all package it once was. The reality of the new retirement is that you may live a longer and healthier life and, therefore, have a lot more opportunities than past generations - but you may also have a lot more challenges. Traditional sources of retirement income, such as Social Security and pensions, may no longer be enough.

For years, millions of Americans between the ages of 55 and 64 have been focused on accumulating assets for their retirement. However, as these pre-retirees approach retirement, they need to not only focus on being a "saver," but also being a "spender," and preserving those assets throughout their retirement.

These key decisions that need to be made can be overwhelming. Some of the issues pre-retirees may want to discuss with their financial advisor include:

- Developing an income distribution plan to determine how and when to take distributions. Determining the order of withdrawing taxable, tax-free and tax-deferred retirement income sources may make your money last longer and may help you avoid paying higher than necessary taxes.

- Taking the Required Maximum Distribution (RMD) and choosing the appropriate calculation method for your situation from non-Roth IRAs and employer-sponsored retirement plans. Planning your RMD ahead of time will help you avoid missing the Required Beginning Date for withdrawals, which in turn can have negative tax implications. Evaluating from among several different calculation methods and establishing the required minimum distribution that best fits your goals prior to the required beginning date will help you determine the appropriate amount of income you will need to support your desired lifestyle.

- Develop a comprehensive and flexible budget. Developing a realistic, flexible budget for your monthly expenditures may help conserve your assets during retirement.

"According to our August 2000 Planning for a Secure Retirement study, planning for retirement can be an extremely complex process, with pre-retirees averaging nearly six different sources of retirement income," said Marty Willis, executive

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Retirement / Nursing Home

Alzheimer's disease or normal aging?

Remember that party where you met what's-his-name? Well, you've just run into him again at the grocery store. Furtively scanning your memory for his name, you draw a complete blank. It's only after you've tried to fake your way through a conversation and made it through the checkout line that his name comes flooding back - too late, of course, to save you from embarrassment.

We've all had this and similar experiences. It's especially common in these days of information overload. The names of people and places, electronic pin numbers and the ever-elusive location of the car keys vanish from our minds, dangling just beyond our reach at the very moment we need them. They usually pop back, alas, when we're already late for work or the damage to our dignity is done. This is called age-related memory loss, and it happens to everyone, more often as we grow older. It's not only maddening, we can't help but wonder if it's the beginning of Alzheimer's disease.

Memory problems and Alzheimer's disease have become so firmly linked in most people's minds that we rarely think of one without the other. Last year, a nationwide survey conducted by the National Council on the Aging showed that very few people know how to differentiate between normal, age-related memory loss and the early warning signs of Alzheimer's disease. This is a problem because in Alzheimer's disease, early diagnosis is critical in order to reap the maximum benefit from the treatments now available. It is also crucial because of the major life changes that Alzheimer's patients and their families must anticipate.

So how do you distinguish between normal aging and the gradual onset of Alzheimer's? There are important differences. One is that in age-related memory loss, memories are not really lost. It just takes a little longer to retrieve them. With Alzheimer's disease, not only are many memories permanently lost, recent research has shown that the brains of its victims lose the ability to make and store new memories. Deterioration in the brain's frontal lobes leads to a breakdown in attention and the processing of information, a serious problem because it prevents patients from forming new memories and severely impairs their ability to perform the day-to-day tasks of living.

If you can't remember how to get to a shopping mall on the other side of town that you've been to once or twice before, this is probably not a cause for concern. Even in healthy brains, memories that are not reinforced by repetition can easily slip from our grasp. If you get lost in your own neighborhood, however, something is wrong.

Dementia, the medical term for

an Alzheimer's patient's state of mind, encompasses far more than memory loss. The condition involves what scientists have called a "global decline" in mental functioning. For example, forgetting where you left your keys is not a sign of dementia. Forgetting what the keys are for is. Not remembering the name of a neighbor you've met a couple of times is probably just a glitch, but if you have no recollection of ever meeting him or what the conversation was about, there could be a problem.

Another difference is that Alzheimer's disease affects many parts of the brain, not just the hippocampus (an important region involved in the formation of memories). The visual cortex, for example, affects one's ability to process vision and movement. Alzheimer's patients develop major difficulties with spatial relationships, especially with moving objects. This is one reason why driving and even walking along busy streets becomes dangerous. The memory loss, lack of ability to process or recognize visual images and confusion over spatial relationships form a frightening and perilous combination. In the advanced stages of the disease, Alzheimer's patients have trouble navigating their way in their own home.

One sad reality of Alzheimer's is that the patient's emotions and personality are not spared. While we all have our ups and downs, the Alzheimer's patient loses emotional coherence. Emotions, rather than residing in some specific part of the brain, are distributed throughout and can't escape being affected when the various parts of the brain deteriorate.

Alzheimer's patients not only experience inappropriate emotions like fear, anger or suspicion at the wrong times, they go through personality changes like withdrawal, being oblivious to the feelings of others and losing initiative and drive. As reality gradually recedes into a fog of uncertainty, patients who still maintain some insight into their condition can fall into a deep depression.

There are other, sometimes strange and peculiar tip-offs that could be warning signs of Alzheimer's. One of the first signs can be a problem with writing, the inability to keep the letters or words in a straight line. Another common occurrence among foreign-born Americans is the loss of English language skills and the reversion to a first language.

Ironically, if you're worried about memory problems, this is actually a good sign. Geriatric

psychiatrists have long recognized that when a patient comes into the office complaining about a memory problem, they probably don't have one. Alzheimer's patients are frequently unaware that they are having problems with memory. It stands to reason - if you've never formed a memory of a person or event in the first place, you wouldn't know you had forgotten it.

Recognizing the early warning signs of Alzheimer's in yourself or a loved one is more crucial

than ever. One reason is that the two drugs currently being used to treat the disease - Cognex and Aricept - can add up to two years of quality time to the patient's life. Another reason is that sometimes the symptoms of Alzheimer's are caused by other, treatable conditions such as depression, stress, an undiagnosed infection, thyroid disease or even a reaction to certain medication. Testing for Alzheimer's is the only way to know.

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Seniors 90+ sought

Maine Township residents who are 90 years of age or older are invited to attend the Township's first "90+ Birthday Party" on Thursday, May 31. The celebration will be part of the local observance of Older Americans Month.

"We are asking residents who are 90+ or anyone who knows someone this age who lives in Maine Township to contact our office for information and to reserve a place at the celebration," says Mary Swanson, Director of Adult and Senior Services and one of the event organizers. "This will be one great party!"

Interested parties should call MaineStreamers (the new name for the Adult and Senior Service Department) at 847/297-2510 no later than April 16. The celebration will be held at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge.

The party is one of many MaineStreamers events planned for May. For information on the classes, luncheons, trips, and other activities, please call 847/297-2510 or visit the Township's website www.maintownship.com.

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Dr. Lipkis will discuss the causes and treatments of memory loss. Information will be distributed followed by a question and answer session.

This free seminar is open to the public. Reservations are required, please call Diane Burda, Community Relations at 847-729-0000

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MAINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR MAY

Maine Township seniors' program - MaineStreamers - offers older adults a variety of programs each month. Membership is free. For more information or to register as a member, please contact the Adult and Senior Department of Maine Township at 847-297-2510 weekdays.

Below are samples of May, 2001 programs. Registration is accepted by mail only and must be accompanied by separate checks for each program. All activities and programs are held at Maine Township's Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge unless otherwise indicated.

Reminder: all Maine Township residents 55 or older can participate in the activities and programs which include day trips, men's and women's groups, special evening and weekend classes and much more.

MAINE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL DISABLED JOB FAIR

Tuesday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Chateau Ritz, 9100 Milwaukee Rd., Niles.

The fair will offer individuals with disabilities the opportunity to meet a wide variety of businesses looking in sales, management, clerical work, service maintenance and other areas. Admission is free! No registration required. Contact Donna Anderson at 297-2510 with any questions.

BINGO

Tuesday, May 1, Oakton Arms, 1665 Oakton Place, Des Plaines.

Thursday, May 3, Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Cost: \$1.

The doors open at 12 noon. Fun begins at 1 p.m. Delicious sweet rolls and coffee will be served.

"AN ITALIAN AFFAIR"

Luncheon. Wednesday, May 2, Doors Open at 11 a.m. Lunch is served at 12 noon. **New Location for this month only** Grazie! 1050 East Oakton, Des Plaines.

What could be more adventuresome than experiencing Italy in our own back yard! We will start with a delicious luncheon featuring

ing Garden Greens with Carrots, Cucumbers, Alfalfa Sprouts, Red Cabbage and Tomatoes Salad, Rigatoni with Plum Tomatoes, Onions, Fresh Basil and Olive Oil with New York Cheese Cake for dessert.

With your appetite satisfied, relax and enjoy "The Di Bello Duo" - Bernadette M. Hammond, Soprano & Leonard R. Lauricella, Tenor. Their repertoire will include Neapolitan songs along with Italian Opera. You will be sure to feel like you just experienced a romantic afternoon with a taste of Italy. Oh by the way, all of the ladies will receive a small gift in honor of Mother's Day. So enjoy "La Vida Dolce," the sweet life" with us!

The cost for lunch, gratuity, and entertainment is \$12.50 per member; \$13.50 per guest on a space available basis. Deadline for cancellation and reservations is Wednesday, April 25, 2001.

"SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS" BOOK REVIEW

Friday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Presenter: Barbara Rinella. Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Cost: \$4/Guest \$5.

Our favorite book reviewer, Barbara Rinella will present "Snow Falling on Cedars" - a dramatic book review of David Guterson's highly acclaimed first novel, which is set on San Piedro Island in Puget Sound in 1954. This novel tells the story of life, love and the pains of WWII.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER CLASSES

This introductory class is designed for people with no computer experience. Through hands-on activities, you will learn how to decipher computer terminology, use basic computer functions and gain familiarity with the Windows 95 operating system.

Mondays, May 7 & 21, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9 & 16:

Class 1: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Class 2: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, May 8, 22, 29, June 12, 19, 26, July 3 & 10.

Class 3: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fridays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 15, 22, 29, & July 6.

Introduction to Microsoft Word (Level 2). Learn the basic fundamentals of Microsoft Word. Make professional looking letters and forms. Learn tabulation, editing, and formatting features.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Computers. Instructor: Lori Barrett. Cost: \$25 for 8 classes. Deposit: \$20 for use of Lap Top Computer. Location: Old Maine North High School, 9511 Harrison, Des Plaines, IL.

Mondays, May 7 & 21, June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9 & 16.

Class 5: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays, May 8, 22, 29, June 12, 19, 26, July 3 & 10.

Class 6: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Fridays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 15, 22, 29, & July 6.

Class 7: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Microsoft Excel Using Spreadsheets. This course covers the basics of spreadsheets - the tool you can use for managing budgets, solving complex mathematical equations and financial calculations, and organizing data.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Computers. Instructor: Lori Barrett. Cost: \$25 for 8 classes. Deposit: \$20 for use of Lap Top Computer. Location: Old Maine North High School, 9511 Harrison, Des Plaines, IL.

Fridays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 15, 22, 29, & July 6.

Class 8: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR ALL COMPUTER CLASSES: Each class member will be loaned a lap top computer to use throughout the class. Their \$20 deposit check will be returned at the last class. Please make out 2 separate checks (one for deposit & one for fee) when registering. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation of class and directions to the facility.

OIL AND WATERCOLOR CLASS

Wednesdays, May 2, 9, June 6, 13, 20 & 27. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Instructor: Charles Strissel. Cost: \$20 for 6 classes.

Learn how to create beautiful works of art in this class. You will have the opportunity to select your type of medium. Minimum of 15 students required.

SEARCH FOR ROUTE 66

Thursday, May 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Tom Teague, Author. Cost: \$2 includes light refreshments.

Tom Teague, author of "Searching for 66," will share stories of history and nostalgia of America's Main Street. Bring photos of your personal experience as we share this piece of America's history together!

THE FIRST ANNUAL 90+ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, May 31. Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Arrival: 11 a.m. Lunch/Award Ceremony: 12. Award Ceremony: 1:15 p.m.

****Invitation Only** If you have not received an invitation, please contact Mary Swanson at 297-2510.**

Today's event will celebrate our residents who are 90 years of age and older during the month of May, which is declared "Older Americans Month." Enjoy lunch and then let us honor you during our awards ceremony. Please RSVP/May 24!

Morton Grove Senior Citizens 470-5223

WALKING CLUB

Spring is on its way...so it's time to put a little spring in the step and join the Walkie Talkie Walking Club. Choose two days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or one day (Thursdays). A kick-off brunch will be held at 8 a.m. on April 19 in the Prairie View Community Center with Stewart Gootnick. Stewart has been running marathons for two years now, and he started as a walker! The cost for Thursday-only walking is \$10 residents/\$13 non-residents (\$6 residents/\$7 non-residents-returning) and the cost for Tuesday/Thursday walking is \$12 residents/\$16 non-residents (\$7 residents/\$9 non-residents-returning). Walking is from 8 to 9 a.m. and juice and coffee is from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

MAINE EAST, NILES NORTH & NILES WEST

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite seniors (Maine Township residents call 825-4484, Niles Township residents call 568-3956) to join in free school productions to be performed this spring:

At Maine East: "Annie", May 3, 4 p.m.

At Niles North: Vocal Jazz Night, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

"Twelfth Fifth", May 2, 10 a.m.

Band Concert, May 2, 7:30 p.m.

At Niles West: Jazz Night, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Expressions Cabaret, April 29, 3 p.m.

HOME AND YARD CHORES

Morton Grove's home and yard "Chore Program" links senior homeowners with youth and young adult workers. Seniors who need help cutting grass can have a neighborhood worker come by to assist. There also are individuals who can perform minor odd jobs. Seniors must provide equipment and negotiate the fee to be paid to the worker. Call Bud Swanson at the Morton Grove Village Hall Senior Center, 965-4100, ext. 6110.

KINGS OF SWING AND LUNCH AT WALTER PAYTON'S ROUNDHOUSE

On Sunday, April 22, enjoy lunch at Walter Payton's Roundhouse Complex, before traveling to the beautiful and historic Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora to see the "Kings of Swing." The Ohio Ballet Company combines speed and athleticism to create a sensational performance. Catch the infectious spirit of tributes to the music of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and swing dancing! The bus leaves the Prairie View Community Center at 12 noon and returns at approximately 6 p.m. The cost is \$62 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Register at Prairie View.

DIABETES SCREENING

Non-insulin-dependent diabetes is gradual in onset and usually occurs in adults over age 40. Some of the warning signs are: blurred or any change in vision; tingling or itchy skin; slow healing of cuts and bruises; and drowsiness. Free diabetes screening is offered from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24 in the Morton Grove Village Hall Senior Center. People coming in for the screening should fast from the evening meal of the night before.

GOLF MILL SHOPPING

Seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, April 24 should call today to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 10 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 11 a.m. Shop and browse for three hours until the Seniortran returns shoppers home at 2 p.m. Mall trips are scheduled on the last Tuesday of every month at no cost. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 for a reservation.

LENDING CLOSET WHEELCHAIRS

The Morton Grove Lending Closet has a variety of mobility assistance equipment available for Morton Grove residents for up to one year. With the exception of wheelchairs, the equipment is loaned at no charge to people with temporary or permanent disabilities. Availability of items in stock is by first call/first loaned and are not delivered but must be picked up at the Morton Grove Village Hall. Wheelchairs are loaned at a rate of \$10 per three months, for a maximum of 12 months. This fee goes toward the service and repair of the wheelchairs. The Closet also accepts donations of items in good condition. For more information call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223, weekday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

For more information about these senior services and recreation programs, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223, or the Prairie View Community Center at 965-1200.

Annual Maine Township Senior Show draws rave reviews



Niles is a long way from Broadway but for over 700 Maine Township seniors and invited guests the annual musical held on March 14 and 15 was wonderful entertainment. Titled "Another Opening, Another Show" the 6th annual production held at Chateau Ritz, Niles, was the effort of nearly 50 elected officials, township staffers, and volunteers.

"What a great experience it has been to see how much talent and effort went into this year's Maine Township musical," says Mary Swanson, Director of Adult and Senior Services and one of the event organizers. "Our seniors really enjoyed the results!"

Eighteen musical numbers were highlighted by individual performances and a variety of group numbers. The songs were from popular musicals over the past seven decades ranging from "Buckle Down Winslock" from the 1920's hit "Best Foot Forward" to selections from "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific" and much more.

The music was coordinated by Mary Vandenplas while Arla Faye handled the choreography. Costumes were by Louise Gray.

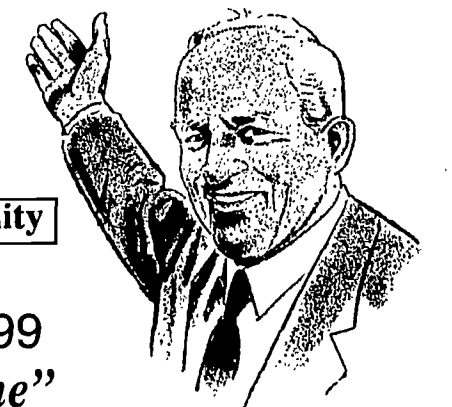
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Seniors are often scam targets

Pat is sitting on her front porch, when a van parks in front of her house. Two young men get out of the van and walk up to her house. "Hot enough for you?" one asks with a grin.

"You bet!" Pat replies. What nice young men, she thinks as she stirs her iced tea.

The three have a pleasant conversation, after which the two men tell Pat she needs a coat of blacktop on her driveway and that they'll do it for \$50. She agrees, remembering her neighbor's story about having to pay \$250 last

summer. The men immediately begin working on the driveway.

About halfway through the job, one of the men approaches Pat and tells her that the cracks in the driveway need a special treatment. It will cost another \$400, he tells her, but doing it this way will prevent her from having to replace the blacktop next year. If she can pay in advance, they'll pick up the tar tomorrow and come back to finish her driveway. Since they already started, and they seem like "such nice boys," Pat gives him a check for \$450.

The next day, no one arrives. According to police Sergeants Janée Harteau and Holly Keegel - authors of *A Senior's Guide to Personal Safety* - scenarios like this one are not uncommon, especially when they involve older generations. In order to avoid being scammed, Harteau and Keegel suggest a few precautions:

- **Be careful if you are approached by someone going door to door in your neighborhood offering to do repairs on your house or property.** If you need repairs, you should be the one to contact a business about doing the work.

- **Ask questions.** What led up to the solicitation? Was there a storm in your area that caused damage, or did the solicitor just happen by and notice your house "needed" repairs? If the latter, be-

ware.

- **If you think you might need repairs, ask for a business card.** Get the name of the company and the person you are talking to. The more information you have, the better.

- **Don't agree to have any work done until you check that the business is legitimate.** Call your secretary of state's office to find out if the business has a license. (If it doesn't, it will be much more difficult to register a complaint about the service.) You might also call the Better Business Bureau to see if there have been any complaints about the company.

- **Make sure you sign a contract and get receipts for the work.** Get copies of warranties. You may want to have a lawyer or trusted friend or relative check out the paperwork.

- **Don't let anyone into your house.** If the con artists are working as a team, one might want to show you needed repairs outside, while the other may ask to use your phone. Once inside, he or she can take cash, credit cards, checks, jewelry, and other valuables.

- **Trust yourself.** Call the police if you don't feel right about the situation.

- **Report all suspicious activity, even if the con artists leave.**

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Niles Senior Citizens

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NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION

The Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Village of Niles residents, age 62 and over, and their younger spouses. To register for classes, trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. To register to become a member, please drop in and fill out an application, or call us and we will mail one to you.

NILES - ONLINE

Visit the Village of Niles online at www.vniles.com. Learn more about the Village and its services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. While online, take a moment and give us your thoughts through our online survey. Help us make this site work better for you.

Ask about *The Niles Community Track & Field Day*, Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For all ages - Notre Dame High School. Call Fitness Center, 588-8400.

FOR YOUR HEALTH - APRIL/MAY

APRIL 19 WHAT MAKES A SERVING?

Thursday at 2 p.m. Learn what serving sizes actually are. This fun hands-on class will be taught by Iris Solar, M.A., A.E., a Nutrition Educator. Registration is required.

MAY 9 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. No appointment is needed.

**MAY 30
SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY**
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come to the gym in the Fitness Center for some FREE fun. Join in on some fitness activities and a walk around the track. Food and a raffle will be available for all participants. Register at the Senior Center or at the Fitness Center.

Pneumococcal Vaccine is still available. Contact Terry Dalla Valle, RN, BSN, for an appointment.

90+ BIRTHDAY PARTY AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Due to the popularity of this annual event, two separate celebrations are planned: The 90+ Birthday Party on Sunday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., & Golden Ring Celebration on Thursday, May 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you or someone you know is 90 or older, or if you are a couple who married in 1951, contact the Center so we may recognize you.

GENERAL TICKET SALES

Call For Ticket Availability

Poker Tournament - Friday, April 27, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Come and play seven-card stud and five-card draw. Includes lunch and prizes. Cost: \$3.50.

Evening at the Center: Senior Prom-Club International - Friday, April 27, 5 to 8:30 p.m. Students from Maine South will join us for dining, dancing, & socializing. Meal (served 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.) features Greek Salad, Chicken Parmesan, Perogi, & German Chocolate Cake. Dance with the students to songs from around the world. Limited seating. Cost: \$10.

CIRCUIT BREAKER AND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Need help paying for your prescription drugs? If you are age 65 or older or if you have a disability, find out if you qualify for this program, call 588-8420.

55 ALIVE

55 Alive is Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Receive a reduction on the liability portion of your auto insurance after completing this course. Registration required. Cost: \$10.

REVERSE MORTGAGE SEMINAR

Thursday, April 19 at 1 p.m. Barry Korogodsky of Alliance Mortgage Company will discuss the pros and cons of reverse mortgages. Registration required.

HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS

Friday, April 20 at 1 p.m. Yvette Camarano from the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) will discuss Medicare, Supplemental Insurances and HMO'S.

CONTAINER GARDENING

Wednesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. A representative from the Chicago Botanic Gardens will discuss container gardening. Registration required.

MAYFLOWER TOUR PRESENTATION

Wednesday, April 25 at 10 a.m. Previewed trips will include San Antonio, Smokey Mountains and Branson Country Christmas. Registration required.

Retirement / Nursing Home

When to suspect lactose intolerance

Do milk, ice cream, yogurt, cheese or other dairy foods cause you discomfort? If they do, you may be one of the estimated 50 million Americans who are lactose intolerant. Lactose intolerance is the inability to digest lactose, the milk sugar found in dairy foods. Left undigested, lactose can lead to the production of gas, bloating, diarrhea and other stomach discomfort within 30 minutes to 12 hours of ingesting milk or other products containing lactose.

Retirement . . .

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ive vice president, fidelity Investments Institutional Services Company.

"In addition, the study also found that 50 percent of pre-retirees have not determined when to withdraw funds. It's important for pre-retirees to understand that many of the decisions they face are essential and irrevocable, and may ultimately affect their ability to achieve their retirement goals."

Working with a financial advisor to help you understand the issues you will face as you approach retirement and then help develop a suitable income distribution plan may be important steps as you begin your journey into retirement.

Purdue winter commencement

Purdue University awarded approximately 2,920 degrees to students during commencement ceremonies in December.

The university presented about 2,250 undergraduate degrees and about 670 advanced degrees following the fall semester. Commencement ceremonies were conducted in the Elliott Hall of Music.

Area graduate is: Monica Anna Stevanovic of Lincolnwood.

digested by lactase stays in the intestine. This undigested lactose attracts water from the surrounding tissue, pulling it back into the digestive tract, increasing the tract's volume. Along with creating an uncomfortable bloated feeling, the excess water causes the lactose to move through the digestive tract more quickly than normal, making it even less likely that the lactose and lactase will have time to find one another.

This excess water in the digestive tract can trigger a number of negative effects, including gas, bloating, diarrhea and borborygmi - those embarrassing rumbling noises from moving gas inside the body. These effects can last for hours until all the lactose is consumed. Some people will have minimal symptoms or none at all while others will suffer through pain and cramps that are frequently described as unbearable.

While avoiding dairy foods may seem like a simple solution, it deprives the body of important nutrients including calcium, riboflavin and vitamins A and D. Consuming recommended amounts of these key nutrients is

difficult in a dairy-free diet. A better solution is to accompany dairy products with an enzyme supplement. Dairy Ease is a natural lactase supplement that helps break down lactose before it can cause any discomfort. With Dairy Ease, one can enjoy the goodness of milk, ice cream, cheese, and many other dairy foods without the problems associated with lactose intolerance.

Dairy Ease offers a full line of natural lactase enzyme supplements and treated milk to help millions of Americans enjoy dairy again. Dairy Ease lactase solutions include:

- **Dairy Ease Lactose Free Real Milk**- This convenient pre-treated real milk is available in nonfat, one percent lowfat and two percent lowfat varieties. It contains less than one percent of the lactose of untreated milk and is perfect for cooking and baking as well as drinking.

- **Dairy Ease Chewable Tablets**- These pleasant tasting tablets are taken during or immediately following consumption of lactose-rich foods to facilitate lactose digestion. They provide a natural and convenient way to

enjoy dairy foods at home or away.

- **Dairy Ease Caplets**- These natural, easy to swallow caplets are taken during or immediately following the consumption of lactose-rich foods to aid in lactose digestion. Like Dairy Ease Chewable Tablets, the caplets provide a natural and convenient way to enjoy your favorite dairy-rich foods.

Dairy Ease milk can be found in dairy sections, while Dairy Ease caplets and tablets are available in the health sections of area grocery and drug stores, including Eckerd, Osco, Sav-on and Walgreens

Alzheimer's . . .

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agnosing, treating or living with Alzheimer's disease, or for help in caring for an Alzheimer's patient, contact Alzheimer's Disease Research, a program for the American Health Assistance Foundation in Rockville, MD. You can write to them at 15825 Shady Grove Rd., Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850 or call 1-800-437-AHAF.

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Scam . . .

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If the police are aware of scams in your neighborhood, they can alert other residents.

A *Senior's Guide to Personal Safety* offers these and other at-a-glance safety tips to help seniors protect themselves from scams, purse snatching, theft, assault, muggings, carjacking, burglary, and domestic violence. The 192-page book is available from Fairview Press for \$9.95. To order, call toll-free 1-800-544-8207. Mention this article to receive a 20% discount and free shipping.

Common sense can help you avoid being a victim this Spring, according to Naomi Warshawsky, Council for Jewish Elderly's Crime Victim/Witness Assistance coordinator, who presents crime prevention techniques to older adults. Criminals select their targets and attempt a crime only if they believe they will succeed.

Con artists are very sophisticated, warns Warshawsky. One

Tips for avoiding becoming a crime victim

of the latest scams includes the criminal casing a neighborhood for a utility or phone company truck, dressing as an employee and gaining entrance to a victim's home by claiming he/she is trying to solve a problem. Before the victim knows what has happened, the home has been robbed.

Criminals also gain access to victims' homes by posing as home repair and heating and air

conditioning workers.

"Just because someone looks official doesn't mean he is," says Warshawsky. "If someone unsolicited rings your bell, don't let him in the building and never open your door, even if you have a chain." She recommends having the worker slide his identification under the door. "If there is any doubt that the person is legitimate, call the company immediately."

Another popular scam, often perpetrated by people in prison, consists of calling a victim and claiming to represent AT&T or another telecommunications provider. The criminal asks the victim to dial 9 0 #, which allows him to charge long distance calls to the victim's phone number.

Identity theft happens to at least 500,000 new victims each year, according to government figures. Most people aren't aware how easy it is to obtain their personal information because every identifying number you possess: Social Security, credit card, driver's license, and telephone, can allow a thief to access money or goods.

The Social Security number (SSN) has become the universal identifier by the military, many

health insurance companies, colleges and as drivers' license numbers in many states as well as in billions of commercial transactions. A thief can obtain your SSN easily, not only by stealing your wallet, but also by taking mail from your box, going through your trash for, or asking for it over the phone on some pretext. The thief can then apply for a credit card in your name, using a different address and uses it to make multiple purchases.

To avoid being a victim of identity theft, Warshawsky recommends tearing up credit card offers, never writing your account number on the outside of an envelope, memorizing your PIN numbers, shredding important documents, and keeping your social security number off of your checks and identification. "Check your credit report at least once a year, and above all, check bank and credit statements item by item. Identity theft is a nightmare for the victim," she says.

Older adults are often targets of Medicare fraud. "If someone calls you claiming to be selling devices from Medicare, don't believe him and don't provide him with your Medicare number," advises Warshawsky. "Medicare does not solicit," she adds.

"The most important thing to remember is that criminals look for easy opportunities. If you are a difficult target, they will most likely focus on someone else."

Burglars look for homes and apartments they can enter and leave quickly without detection. They don't want to spend time forcing their way through good-quality doors, windows and locks. They also avoid homes that appear to be occupied or have an alarm system.

To reduce the possibility of becoming a crime victim at home Warshawsky recommends using direct deposit for Social Security checks, keeping doors and windows locked at all times, refusing to let strangers into an apartment building, asking for written information from telephone solicitors and hanging up on pushy telephone solicitors. "It's hard for those who were raised to be polite to understand that it's okay to say no or hang up the phone," she says.

When leaving home, it's important to remember that crime occurs during daylight hours as well as after dark. Warshawsky advises taking only what you need. "Leave your Social Security card, extra money and checkbook at home," she recommends. "Women who carry purses are more likely to be hurt in a mugging than those who wear a fanny pack or keep their

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The eight-hour course is taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, April 21 and 28, in the Special Functions Dining Room on the 10th floor of Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. Participants must attend both dates to become eligible for a reduction in car insurance rates.

There is a \$10 fee for the program. The class size is limited. To register, call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop

safe, defensive driving techniques. Topics covered include age-related physical changes (vision, hearing, reaction time) and ways to compensate for those changes, traffic safety rules of the road, new laws, hazardous driving situations, effects of medications on driving ability, and proper use and maintenance of vehicles.

Future 55 Alive sessions will be held at Lutheran General Hospital on the third and fourth Saturdays of every month through October.

The 55 Alive program, which was developed by the AARP in 1979, is the first and most recognized comprehensive nationwide course created especially for older drivers. Upon successful completion of the course, graduates of 55 Alive may be eligible to receive a state-mandated multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums.

Senior Breakfast Club meeting

A presentation on managing cholesterol will be presented at the Friday, April 20, Senior Breakfast Club meeting.

Club meetings, sponsored by Lutheran General Hospital Older Adult Services, feature talks by health care professionals and are

held once a month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the 10 East cafeteria, Lutheran General Hospital. Free continental breakfast is provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To sign up, call 1 (800) 3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

Safety First Tips for Seniors

Too often, the news carries stories about elderly people being assaulted or robbed in their home. James A. Wilkinson, a health law attorney and author of *A Family Caregiver's Guide to Planning and Decision Making for the Elderly* says that incidents like these may be prevented by taking the following home-related precautions.

- Don't give money or buy something in response to a "cold call" from a telephone solicitor or stock broker.
- Don't fall for sweepstakes scams.
- A *Family Caregiver's Guide* is available from Fairview Press for \$16.95. To order copies of the 272-page book, please call 1(800) 544-8207. Mention this article to receive a 20% discount and free shipping.
- Always keep outside doors locked. The same goes for windows, car doors, and garage doors.
- Make sure you can see who is at the door without having to open it.
- Use a telephone answering machine to screen calls.
- Use timers on lights when you're away.
- Draw curtains or blinds at night so people can't see in from the outside.
- Invest in a high-quality door lock, ideally a deadbolt that goes into the door frame.
- When you go out, leave a radio, TV, or light on to make it appear that someone is home.
- Set up a check-in system with friends and neighbors. If you go away, let them know how to contact you.
- Don't keep large sums of cash in the home.

Chicago radio legend Clark Weber to host Assisted Living Open House

On Saturday, May 5, 2001, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Chicago radio legend Clark Weber will host an open house at Hartwell House, an elegant, not-for-profit assisted living residence for older adults. Located at 5520 N. Paulina on Chicago's north side, Hartwell House offers a vibrant, intimate living community for older adults in need of some assistance with activities of daily living. Residents enjoy all the comforts of home and the security of knowing that help is available 24 hours a day. A full array of cultural and social activities are a part of the community calendar, and transportation services are provided for shopping and other outings.

Hartwell House offers a well-combed alternative to other conventional assisted living residences. Nestled in a beautiful tree-lined residential block of

West Andersonville, the building was once the Convent for St. Gregory's Church, which is located just across the street on the northeast corner of Paulina and Gregory Streets. Purchased by United Methodist Homes & Services, a nonprofit and nonsectarian provider of service supporting older adults for more than 100 years, the building has since undergone a remarkable transformation. While the renovation painstakingly preserved the building's vintage exterior, the interior was thoroughly modernized. An elevator was added to provide full accessibility to all four floors. Twenty-nine private resident suites with private bathrooms have replaced the former

Convent's small bedrooms and common bathrooms. A full-service, commercial kitchen has been added to accommodate resident meals, which are served restaurant-style three times per day in an elegantly appointed dining room. A portion of the chapel has been restored, retaining the original stained glass windows, while the remaining area has been transformed into a cozy lounge complete with a fireplace. The charming decor

and intimate surroundings are reminiscent of a "European Bed and Breakfast."

Hartwell House is the newest addition to the continuum of housing and supportive services offered to older adults by United Methodist Homes & Services. Other housing and supportive services include The Methodist Home, a Medicare and Medicaid certified skilled nursing home at 1415 West Foster, and United Methodist Community Support Services, which provides in-home caregivers who assist older adults with such tasks as light housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery shopping, personal care, escorts to doctor visits, and companionship.

Join Chicago radio legend Clark Weber on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and see the finest in assisted living for yourself. Hartwell House is located at 5520 N. Paulina, just minutes from Lake Shore Drive on Chicago's north side. Free valet parking and refreshments will be offered. For more information, or to schedule a private tour of Hartwell House, please call Rosalie at (773) 275-2400.

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What's the Best Choice?
Eldercare options such as home care and assisted living are becoming increasingly popular, as they allow seniors to maintain a high degree of independent living. But for many elderly Americans nursing homes may still be a more practical option. Marilyn Rantz, RN, PhD, co-author of *The New Nursing Homes: A 20-Minute Way to Find Great Long-term Care*, suggests considering these factors when deciding whether nursing home care is the best choice for you or your loved one:

- **Local Availability of Services.** Depending on where you live, options such as home care or live-in help may not be widely available. Your Area Agency on Aging can let you know what your local options are.
- **Type of Care Needed.** In assisted living facilities, registered nurses are rarely on duty around the clock, and rehabilitation therapists may not be readily available. If you or your loved one

needs extensive nursing or rehab care, a nursing home may be more suitable.

• **Your Ability to Pay.** Assisted living facilities are often marketed to more affluent seniors, since the cost is often paid for from personal funds. If you are without significant savings or long-term care insurance, a Medicaid-certified nursing home may be your best or only option.

"The good news is, there are some really quality nursing homes out there," says Rantz. "People just need to know where to look, and what to look for." Marilyn Rantz's book *The New Nursing Homes: A 20-Minute Way to Find Great Long-term Care* provides a set of questions to ask, a list of answers you should receive, and a way to evaluate and rate the things you see when touring a nursing home. The book can be ordered from Fairview Press by calling 1-800-544-8207. Price is \$14.95. Mention this newspaper article, and receive a 20% discount and free shipping.

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The Lincolnwood Seniors Club extends an invitation to the community to join them on Thursday, June 21, at the Theatre at the Centre in Munster, IN, to enjoy the recent Broadway hit, "High Society." It is a story of the hilariously romantic misadventures of the ridiculously rich Tracy Lord. This beloved comedy is filled with fabulous songs you won't want to miss. Sign up today. Your fee of \$52 for members and \$57 for guests covers transportation, lunch, and entry to the show. Departure time is 10:30 a.m. from Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for approximately 6 p.m.

Join us on Friday, June 15, at the Drury Lane Theater in Evergreen Park, IL, for a musical performance by The Platters. This group had hits in the 1950's with *Only You*, *The Great Pretender*, *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes* and many more. Let yourself be taken back in time with this delightful musical extravaganza. Enjoy the show, lunch, and deluxe motorcoach transportation for the member fee of \$65 or the guest fee of \$70 per person. Departure time is 11 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900

North Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for approximately 5 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, June 27 at the Arlington International Racecourse for an afternoon of food, fun and horses. This event fills quickly so sign up today to spend a day in the Million Room located on the elegant fourth level of the Club House. Enjoy a 2 hour lunch buffet, great company, and, of course, races and gambling. The cost for this event is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests and includes transportation, lunch, and entry to the park. Departure time is 10:30 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for approximately 6:30 p.m.

Join the seniors on Wednesday, July 25, at the Cira '21 Dinner/Playhouse in Rock Island, IL, for a feel-good performance of *Social Security*. This hilarious Broadway hit tells the story of an 83 year-old Cinderella reminding us all that it is never too late to find Prince Charming. Enjoy this must-see show, lunch, and deluxe motorcoach transportation for the member fee of \$42 or the guest fee of \$47 per person. Departure time

is 9 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for approximately 6 p.m.

An invitation is extended to the community to join them on Wednesday, July 11 at Tommy Gun's Garage. We'll be transported back to the 1920s complete with gangsters, flappers, roaring twenties music, silent movies, memorabilia from the twenties and more. Deluxe motorcoach transportation, lunch, and entry to the show are included in the price of the trip. The cost of this event is \$56 for members and \$61 for guests. Departure time is 11:30 a.m. from the Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 North Lincoln Avenue, with return scheduled for approximately 4:30 p.m.

Oakton's Emeritus program adds new courses

Oakton Community College's Emeritus program has added four new courses to its selection of non-credit offerings for older adults. Classes meet at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie.

La Belle France (ART B97-71, Touch-Tone 07316) highlights the arts and culture of one of the world's most beautiful countries. Topics to be covered include Paris, Claude Monet and Giverny, Alsace, and the Cote d'Azur. This class meets from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on four Tuesdays, beginning May 1. The course fee is \$50.

Rediscovering Thornton Wilder (ENG E03-71, Touch-Tone 07320) explores some of the works of one of America's most admired writers, winner of three Pulitzer Prizes. This class meets from 12:30 - 3:20 p.m. on four Wednesdays, beginning May 9. The course fee is \$50.

Ethnic Groups in the Civil War (HIS E59-71, Touch-Tone 07325) examines how some of

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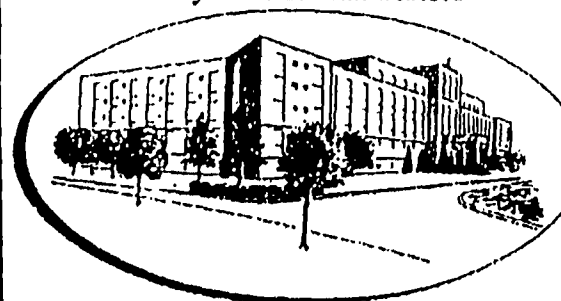
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Senior 'Emeritus' membership level created

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Executive Director Rick Ornborg said that a primary model for the new membership level was the S.C.O.R.E. group that schedules appointments on a monthly basis throughout the year at the Chamber office. "The Service Corps of Retired Executives provide free counseling service to owners and operators of small businesses or those looking to start up a new business," said Ornborg. "The DesPlaines Chamber has provided meeting space

for the group for years, and we've seen how valuable a lifetime of experience can be to those just starting up." The new Emeritus level hopes to provide additional networking value for retired seniors and other members as well. "Besides the huge foundation of experience that will be available, many of our current member employees may benefit as well by identifying new potential part time employees or consultants."

To become an Emeritus level member of the DesPlaines Cham-

ber of Commerce & Industry, applicants must be DesPlaines residents and meet the requirements of previous managerial, ownership or professional employment along with their investment fee. Seniors interested can obtain membership applications by calling or visiting the Chamber office, 1401 Oakton Street, Des Plaines, (847) 824-4200 during business hours. Applications will also be available from the Des Plaines Community Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker St.

Victim . . .

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money in a pocket." Whenever possible, go out in groups of two or more.

If you see something suspicious or have been the victim of a crime, call the police. "Don't be embarrassed. Each time a crime goes unreported a criminal is being protected," cautions Warshawsky.

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ing as escorts to court, helping to get identification and locks replaced and connecting to services such as counseling, personal care, housing and more.

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Zimmermime at the Morton Grove Library

Join us for an afternoon of family fun with Curtis Zimmerman, who will perform as *Zimmermime* at the Morton Grove Public Library, Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. Enjoy this innovative entertainment, showcasing Zimmerman's fast-paced, zany combination of mime, juggling, and audience participation, along with masterful manipulation and objects.

To attend this special event, register with a valid library card

by phone or in person. Priority will be given to Morton Grove residents. Non-residents may register on a waiting list. They will be notified if there is space available.

The program is free and open to the public. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call (847) 965-4220. TDD 965-4236.

Niles Park District welcomes new gymnastic teacher

Niles Park District is proud to welcome Lynn Esposito as our New Gymnastics Coordinator. Lynn joins us with many years of gymnastics experience with kids of all ages. Her credentials include the following: a Masters Degree in Physical Education, Head Coach at Mundelein High School, Head Coach at Regina High School, Gymnastics Coach for 8 years at the American Academy of Gymnastics, Gymnastics Coach at Buffalo Grove, Gymnastics Coordinator at Banner Day Camp, Head Gymnastics Coach at Jays Camp and 18 years

of teaching in Physical Education. Lynn brings quality experience and tremendous teaching ability to our Learning Gymnastics students.

"We are excited to have Lynn join our Athletic Department. Her experience and love for the sport of gymnastics will be very rewarding for every child that participates in our classes," said Executive Director Joe LoVerde.

Call Grennan Heights at (847) 967-6975 to receive information on the Learning Gymnastics classes Niles Park District offers.

DesPlaines Public Library

Veronica Schwartz named Head of Youth Services. Veronica Schwartz has been named Head of Youth Services at the Des Plaines Public Library, it was announced by Library Administrator Sandra Norlin. The appointment is effective immediately.

For the past two years, Schwartz has been school liaison librarian in the library's Youth Services Department. Previously, she was school liaison librarian in the children's department of the Niles Public Library District. "We are pleased to have someone with Veronica's background and enthusiasm head our dynamic Youth Services Department," Norlin said. "Her experience working with the schools is a special asset as the library continues to strengthen its partnerships with other institutions and organizations in the community."

Schwartz holds a Bachelor's Degree in French and International Relations from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. She earned her Master's Degree in Library Sciences at Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest. She is a resident of Oak Park, Illinois.

Library Awarded Internship Diversity Grant. The De-

Plaines Public Library has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) to participate in an Internship Diversity project. The grant will fund an intern who is a member of a minority population to work at the library between April 1 and August 31. Seventy-five percent of the intern's work will include direct contact with patrons. NSLS selected two academic, nine public, and three school libraries to be part of the project.

To implement the grant, the library will work with the Genesis Center for Health and Empowerment. Genesis provides comprehensive health and social services to Hispanics, who comprise the largest minority group in Des Plaines. Genesis is a joint effort of Advocate Health-Care, Lutheran General Hospital, and the Cook County Department of Public Health.

Margie Borris, Library/Community Liaison, will serve as the intern's mentor. Borris says, "We view this internship program both as a recruiting tool and an opportunity to improve library service. We hope that seeing Hispanics working at the library will encourage other Hispanics to apply for library jobs."

**** If you don't run your own life, somebody else will. —John Atkinson**

Niles Public Library

Spring Book Sale

Support the Friends of the Library and visit the Spring Book Sale at the Niles Public Library District. Sale hours are from 4-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 in the Large Meeting Room. Readers and book lovers will find great deals on a wide variety of books, including paperbacks, foreign language materials, best sellers, children's books and videos.

The Friends welcome donations of gently used hardbound and paperback books for this sale. Donations may be brought to the library during library hours. Textbooks and magazines will not be accepted. For assistance with donations or for more information about the book sale, please call 847/663-1234.

Poetry Contest

Are you a closet poet? Would you like to be recognized for your writing? Expose your creative side - participate in Niles Public Library District's Annual Poetry Contest. In celebration of National Poetry Month, adults and young adults, ages 10-18, can voice their poetic creativeness

during this special Library competition. Prizes will be awarded to winners, and winning entries will be published in a booklet and displayed in the Library during the month of May. Entries can be any length and must be typewritten. *All adults entries must include name, address and phone number. All young adult entries must include name, phone number, age, grade and school.*

Poetry entries must be received by Niles Public Library District

by Monday, April 30. Entries should be sent to Kate Wolicki or Joanne Griffin, c/o Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton, Niles, IL, 60714. Entries sent through e-mail should be addressed to kwo-licki@nileslibrary.org. Entries cannot be returned. For more information, please call Kate Wolicki or Joanne Griffin at 663-1234. *Win both prizes and recognition, express yourself and enter today!*



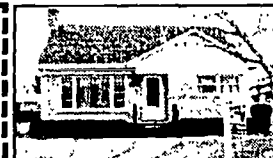
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CHURCH & TEMPLE NEWS

Rabbi Balfour Brickner to be Scholar in Residence

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Rabbi Emeritus of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in Manhattan, will be the scholar-in-residence at Glenview's Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim's Social Action Shabbat Service, on April 20, at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, has a distinguished career as a leading advocate for civil right and social justice. For over 20 years, he was the National Director of Interreligious Affairs and Civil Rights Activities for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). In that capacity, he served as the co-director of the National Commission on Social Action for the UAHC. Rabbi Brickner has served as a member of the Commission on Human

Rights for the City of New York, as well as the National Board of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the New Board of the National Abortion Rights Action League, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights League, and the Advisory Committee of Columbia School of Public Health.

Rabbi Brickner will speak on "Synagogues and Social Action in a Post Social Action Age: A Look at the Changes, from What, to What and What For?"

Rabbi Brickner's son Rabbi Barnett Brickner, is the Senior Rabbi at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, and a third generation rabbi.

For information, contact Shari Bauer (847) 729-7575, or online at: <http://bjbe.org>.

OLR seeking vendors for Fun-Fest 2001

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Niles, will hold its 10th Annual Fun-Fest 2001, on the parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal Avenues, beginning June 20-24. We are seeking vendors to display and sell their wares at the

fest.

Anyone interested, should contact the parish Ministry Center, @ 847-823-2550. A committee chair will contact you regarding the details.

'Catholics Returning Home'

St. Isaac Jogues and St. John Brebeuf parishes of Niles, IL are sponsoring jointly an ongoing series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" on six (6) consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7 - 9 p.m. The first session is on April 25th. The sessions are for non-practicing or non-active Catholics who are seeking to be reconnected with their church or

who are seeking answers to questions about returning. There is no charge for the six (6) evenings which will be held at St. Isaac Jogues in the Holy Family Room at 8149 Golf Road. To participate or for more details call: Jeanne/Marius Zurat at 847-675-4213; Dee Stanton at 847-966-1180, or Ed Lally at 773-282-4060.

Indian Gardens Program

"Local indigenous people once made their living by hunting and gathering but also grew prolific gardens. Who were these people and what were their methods and reasons for cultivating what they did? By attending the *Indian Gardens* program you will learn the how and why of these old time gardens -- and receive seed samples to plant at home.

Roger Gustafson, former executive Director of the Boone County Conservation District will conduct the program. Mr. Gustafson has for many years researched and grown heritage gar-

dens of different cultural groups for the purpose of teaching about the variety of past and present cultures living in Northern Illinois.

This program will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2001 in the Community Room at PVCC. Participation in the program is free but reservations are required. Reserve a spot in this special program by calling the Museum at 847-965-0203. This class is funded through a Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Illinois State Museum."

BJBE Michael Heppner guest speaker

Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, Glenview, welcomes Michael Heppner as its guest speaker Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Heppner, whose London congregation also has a Czech Torah scroll from Kolin, Czechoslovakia, had been a speaker at BJBE ten years ago. At that time his visit catalyzed BJBE's own Kolin connection, with adult and Youth trips to that city and its synagogue and Jewish cemeteries.

Heppner will speak on *Kolin, London, Glenview: What a Difference 10 Years Makes*.

A Shabbat Dinner, at 6 p.m., at \$12 per person, (\$7 for children 3-7 years of age - free to younger

children) will precede the services. Reservations are required for the dinner.

For information, or reservations, contact Shari Bauer (847) 729-7575 or online at: <http://bjbe.org>.

Adolfo Bolanos

Marine Corps Pvt. Adolfo Bolanos, a 2000 graduate of Maine Township High School West, Des Plaines, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Bolanos successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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Obituaries

FRANK L. ZUJEWSKI

Frank L. Zujewski, 78, of Niles, died Wednesday, February 21 at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. He was born August 25, 1922 in Morton Grove. Beloved husband of Pearl Zujewski. Beloved father of Quicke (Tom) Flood, Bill (Ellen) Zujewski and Bob (Barbara) Zujewski. Grandfather of Kimm (Matt) Pilditch, Debbie (Steve) Wells, Ken (Christi) Flood, Stacie Flood, Heidi Zujewski, Denise (Jeff) Clinkingbeard, Katie (Chris) Robel and Adam Zujewski. Brother of Eleanor (the late Pat) Brosnan. Services were held Saturday, February 24. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles.

RICHARD J. HOLOWICKI

Richard J. Holowicki, 65, of Niles, died Thursday, February 22 at VA Lakeside. He was born July 16, 1935 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Freida Holowicki. Beloved father of Deborah (Joseph) Gulik, Andy Holowicki and Rich (Janice) Holowicki. Grandfather of Anna and Erik Holowicki. Brother of Edward (Stevie) Holowicki and Eugene (Glennis) Holowicki. Services were held Monday, February 26. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles.

ROBERT C. HANOVER

Robert C. Hanover, 77, of Morton Grove, died April 6 at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. He was born October 3, 1923 in Tomahawk, WI. Beloved husband of Evelyn. Beloved father of Larry (Karen) and Laurie (Mark) Rudiger. Grandfather of Shannon and Ginny Hanover and Zayle Rudiger. Brother of Marge (Chet) Polad, John and Harold. Services and interment were privately held.

JOHN H. HAMMERSMITH

John H. Hammersmith, 55, of Park Ridge, died April 3 at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. He was born October 7, 1945 in Chicago. Beloved son of Leona. Beloved husband of Lynn. Beloved father of Debbie (Reid) Neuman, Scott Jackson, Steve (Kim) Jackson, Andy Hill, John and Michael. Grandfather of 6. Brother of James (Renee) and Rita (Tim) O'Reilly. Services were held Friday, April 6 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles. Memorials to: Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660.

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strangeness to beauty that
constitutes the romantic
character in art.
—Walter Pater

Park & Library News

Morton Grove Park District Travel Club

Join the Prairie View Travel Club aka Morton Grove Park District as we visit New York City June 12 through 16.

New York, the nation's largest city is teeming with activity and is full of glitz and glitter. All must see attractions are included and more: Times Square, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, United Nations Headquarters, El-

lis Island and two Broadway shows. Also enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Hudson River Valley area. Lunch at the world renowned Culinary Institute of America and a tour of the United States Military Academy at West Point are part of this fun filled deluxe adventure. Register at the Prairie View Community Center or call Catherine at 965-1200 for further details.

Niles Park District

Mothers Day Ceramic Class
Niles Park District invites kids 7 years to adult to this NEW ceramic class on Wednesday, May 2. Create a colorful ceramic mug or petal plate for mom or for someone special to you. Madelyn Lullo will instruct you to be the artist by letting your imagination and creativity flow. Learn how to paint with under glazes for bisque using "fingertip" painting, sponges, and some brush work. This project can be completed in one session and will be picked up the following week. Class will be held at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street

from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Fees are Resident \$10; Non-Resident \$12. Registration deadline is Friday, April 27th.

Annual Ice Show

Niles Park District is proud to present its 2001 Ice show, "2001: A Skate Odyssey" to be held at Niles Park District Ice-Land Ice Arena on Friday, May 4 through Sunday, May 6. The show will feature over 175 skaters. Performance times are Friday night at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for reserved seats and \$6 for General Admission. Tickets are available at the Ice Land Admissions Office, 8435 Ballard Road. For more information on the Ice Show, please call 847-297-8010.

Lincolnwood Public Library

Brazilian Jazz Band

It's more music on April 22 at the Lincolnwood Public Library when Dédé Sampaio's Brazilian jazz band presents *Brazil Brazil*, using a variety of such native instruments as the cuica, pandeiro, berimbau, and tamborim.

The program is at 2 p.m. Tickets are required and are available free at the circulation desk to Lincolnwood residents now and one week before the program to non-residents. The library is located at 4000 Pratt Avenue. Phone (847) 677-5277.

Murder in Three Acts

Wanted: young sleuths to solve murder mystery! Calling all kids grade 6 and up to attend the performance of "Murder in Three Acts" at the Lincolnwood Public Library on Saturday night, April 28, at 7 p.m. It will be up to the audience to watch the proceedings closely because each member will determine what they actually see, hear and think they know about the crime.

The kids will have pizza to chomp on as they interrogate witnesses and suspects, examine the evidence and pass judgment. The program ends at 9:30 p.m. Signed parental permission form is required. Tickets are \$4.

Stop Crime!

Bright Beginnings Preschool visited by Niles Police



Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschoolers recently had a visit from Niles Police Officer Alec Laule. He educated the children on safety and the role of police officers in the community.

Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool registration for the 2001-02 school year is currently underway. We offer both 3 and 4 year old programs. There are a variety of class times and locations to choose from. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, until all classes are filled. Classes begin September 4, 2001. For more information on our Bright Beginnings Preschool Program, please stop in the Howard Leisure Center or call (847) 967-6633.

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Letters to the Editor

"Selfishness is the attitude of this community"

To the Voters of Niles, within School Dist. 71:

It is a sad day in Niles when adults of this community are called upon to support the education of our youth and choose to turn their backs on them.

On April 3, 2001 we had the opportunity to vote for a referendum, which would have cost taxpayers additional money AND the investment would have been better than any stock option available. The proposed referendum put to vote by Dist. 71 were done so in an effort to continue to provide quality programs for our future, the children of our community, and the voters slammed the door in their faces and said NO!

Check out your neighborhood. I bet you will find that at least 1 in 3 homes are either occupied by the same owner for more than 20 years or that the grown children of these same longtime dwellers live within a few blocks from where they were raised and went to school. Some of these people are the same voters whose children reaped the benefits from the programs and services that must now be eliminated at Culver School. The same voters who over many years, have reaped

the benefits of high property value and the second lowest tax rate in Cook County, because they are within Dist. 71, where school boards have always been responsible in their decisions. The same voters, who saw the need for additional space at the school, approved the renovation because they realized the asset of quality education and the direct benefit they would gain on their property. If this describes you, why then would you turn your back on today's students? Someone before you provided funds to establish these programs and someone after you will be expected to continue to do their share. Why then, after all the benefits your investment can get for you, would you choose not to support the students, your neighborhood, this community?

Over the past 6 years or so, many homes have been sold, people have profited from the sale of their home because it is within District 71 school boundaries, having been able to hold out for the best price. Some people took the Mayor's advice and relocated within the district into condos, and sold their homes to young families who wanted to benefit from the excellent school

district and low taxes. Suddenly people don't like the changes this act has caused. What did you expect? District 71 has had an increased enrollment of nearly 200 new students over the past 6 years. More young families mean more children to educate and there is a price associated with providing quality education for these children. The price would probably be no more than \$1 a day, and over 500 students would benefit.

Do we live in such a selfish community that this is too much to ask? If so, perhaps it is time to consider if this is really a community where children should be raised. Should Niles, especially the southern most end, be considered a retirement community? With the senior center and the services offered from the parks and village with limited programs for the children, the push to stack the seniors in high rises, which are not children friendly, is this the desire of the Village? Or maybe the Village was confident the school was providing quality programs, (the very ones that have been cut) and they have encouraged families to locate in Niles to benefit from this strength that the school has been providing? Services, which until the tax cap and the increase in enrollment, have been standard within District 71.

District 71 has always done an excellent job educating the children with the programs and services, which now had to be cut. The request for funds was not to expand or to elaborate beyond the same programs that have been offered for well over 30 years. From the cultural arts experiences reached through band and orchestra, the special education services which have been available to identify specific problems a student may have, to offering a hot lunch, which for some may be their only balanced meal. Some may question

if these are necessary and the answer is YES. Many times diet alone can be the weakness, which allows irate students to act out. We have been very lucky that our school has not experienced devastating situations, which we have seen in the news. What will happen now? Programs which can expand beyond the classroom. (music, sports, computer, drama, student council) are ways we can educate a child so they are balanced and well rounded (not to mention keep them active and off the street corners). Services for Special Education, Hot Lunch, Resource Centers, all do directly benefit the education of a student. These programs had a twofold. The child both enjoyed the experience and it allowed them to grow socially and emotionally to become productive people in our community. There has been a better classroom performance related to the reward of being eligible to participate in such programs. These programs have kept children in organized activities and off the streets in an environment, which taught them respect and built their self-esteem. Some of the past graduates have gained scholarships for the talents developed from these experiences. The benefits of these few programs have been a worthwhile investment. These cuts are the obvious ones. Other areas, which have an impact on the students are the most critical ones. Larger classes, less assistants, no new books and supplies, loss of excellent teachers who will find new positions where they will help to make that school the best! I invite you to spend time at Culver School and to see first hand what is being taken from the students.

But all the votes are in and the people of Niles, within District 71, who opposed spending less than \$1 a day per home in additional taxes, which could have benefited over 500 students have

made their point. Selfishness is the attitude of this community! Material things, bricks and mortar (fancy municipal buildings, the additions at Culver and Niles West) are more important than the growth and development of a child, which occurs within those walls. I only hope your bricks and mortar, your home, is just a bit better than your neighbor's is because without strong educational programs within your school district, people are going to turn to their communities to raise their children. You have just decreased the value of your own home! The first one able to sell their home benefits the most because it is going to be a home-buyers market in Niles in District 71.

To the voters who came to the public meetings and took time and interest to educate themselves about the situation, I commend you! Thank You! I also encourage you to continue to show an interest for your own sake as well as that of the students. There is an image of pride to maintain as a Niles School, especially since District 71 is the only school district in Niles that is made up solely of Niles students. For the best interest of the entire Niles Community quality education is an asset we should protect and nurture.

To the voters who displayed absolute rudeness at the poles by mouth or action: who codistributed literature opposing the referendums (with misspelled words and misinformation), who said "I am not paying to educate your children!", who crumpled flyers and threw them in the faces of parents: If your actions are any sampling of what you have to contribute to this community, to the children, then I pity this community! You are not the people I want children to be exposed to! Maybe your school did not have quality education programs because there were selfish taxpayers when you were growing up!

These are my views as the mother of six, as a homeowner and taxpayer, as a lifelong resident of the District 71 community. They are expressed independently from any organization or group that I may be affiliated with. I look forward to a response and I invite you to contact me so I can explain to my children why people felt the children of Culver School are not worth this tax increase.

Mary Krueger
Niles

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Letters to the Editor

"Are the Village Standards Too Low?"

Just an observation - Look at the sidewalks in the Village that are on the 50/50 Program, within 12 months the sidewalks are falling apart.

I recently had my driveway done by a local contractor, within 10 months the top layer washed away. He replaced it under protest, insult, and accusing me of doing something. It is a cement driveway! He replaced in May of 2000 and by January 2001 (that is 8 months) it is washing away, again. When I phone the contractor he basically told me to buzz off and hung up on me. I was told I should not let water or ice stand on it and don't walk on it with high heels. This is the Midwest - we have snow and ice all the time. Now as if the poor quality of work wasn't enough, the attitude that this man displayed - like he was untouchable had me confused.

If that wasn't enough, I just went to pick up a friend, who also had their driveway replaced last year, and guess what - the top layer is washing away (it was not the same contractor).

My question is "are our standards too low?" Or is the Village turning their heads? I have a sidewalk in front of my house, which is more than 15 years old and still in perfect condition. Why are these contractors allowed to do such poor workmanship? I thought it was the "Code Enforcement Officers" job to protect the citizens, you know, the taxpayers, of the village

from shoddy construction and blatant incompetent work.

I know when my driveway was replaced the Code Enforcement Officer was there.

I also know that when I called the Code Enforcement Officer to complain about the contractor he was well aware of the contractor and his attitude and poor workmanship - there were many problems with this contractor. Then, after speaking to his supervisor he called me back to say, "cement is a funny thing." It seems they were more interested in protecting the contractor than the citizens. Well, you know what, it's not funny when you are shelling out big bucks for a project that should last 20 years and it lasts less than 20 months.

I wanted a new driveway for many years, so I observed many contractors come into the Village. I interviewed over 7 contractors for the job. I have watched time after time driveways fall apart in record time.

So, my question: "Are our standards too low? Or has the Village forgotten the people of the community?"

Diane R. Klepadlo
Niles Resident

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There are so many people to thank, and congratulate, following an election campaign. I'd like to thank my running mates, and our campaign volunteers, for their efforts. Their hard work resulted in a break-thru, with the election of a Democrat to the Maine Township Board. Thanks are also due to the local reporters, who tried so hard to present a balanced look at the issues for the voters to consider.

Perhaps the greatest thanks go to those of you who took the time to vote on a cold wintery day. With the impact of local elections on each person's tax bill, perhaps some day their neighbors will realize the importance of participating in the process.

Thanks also go to my party's slate making committee and caucus for providing me with the op-

portunity to run for office. In spite of the outcome, it was a wonderful experience, one I shall long cherish.

Last, but certainly not least, I'd like to also thank, and congratulate, my opponent, Supervisor-elect Bob Dudycz and his entire slate for a hard fought, yet issue oriented campaign. In this era when all too many political races turn negative, we all stayed with what we believed, and had positive dialog about what would be best for The Township. I look forward to continuing that type of dialog as Bob and the Board go about turning his campaign pledges into programs.

Very truly yours,
Mike Yesner,
Democratic Party Candidate for
Maine Township Supervisor.

Ten Free Shade Trees

Ten free shade trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 2001 as part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

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School News

Local children display artwork at Oakton College



Darlene Nuccio of Niles is pictured with her entry, "Nature's Beauty," at the annual Kids' College Art Fair held recently at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines. More than 200 young artists from schools in Oakton's district participated in this year's event.

District 63 meeting

A meeting of the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Board of Education of East Maine School District No. 63, Cook County, Illinois will be held on Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Mark Twain School, located at 9401 Hamlin Avenue, Niles.

This meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing financial and buildings and grounds matters.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Monday, May 7, 2001**, at 7:30 P.M. at the Niles Municipal Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, to hear the following matter(s):

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| 01-ZP-9 | Patrick Drew Terry
Nextel West Corp
400 W. Grand Ave.
Elmhurst, IL. | Requesting a change in zoning from P-1 to P-1 Special Use and variation for a 10' wooden fence to construct a 150' monopole at 6849 Touhy Avenue. |
| 01-ZP-10 | Donald Nicolay
9091 Cumberland
Niles, IL. | Requesting change in zoning from R-1 to R-2 to permit existing 100' x 200' lot to be divided into two lots of 50' x 200' each at 9091 Cumberland. |
| 01-ZP-11 | George Zachary
9065 Cumberland
Niles, IL. | Requesting a change in zoning from R-1 to R-2 to permit existing 100' x 200' lot to be divided into two lots of 50' x 200' each at 9065 Cumberland. |
| 01-ZP-12 | Katerina Klopas
8935 Prospect
Niles, IL. | Requesting a variation 20' rear yard to 12.62' (37% variation) to construct enclosed patio at 8935 Prospect. |
| 01-ZP-13 | Rick Flores
4335 Chase
Lincolnwood, IL. | Requesting a change in zoning from B-1 to B-1 Special Use for Tacos El Norte at 9626 Milwaukee Avenue. |

The Village of Niles will comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. If you or someone you know with a disability require accommodation for a Village service or have any questions about the Village's compliance, please contact Abe Selman, Village Manager, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, 847/588-8000.

Niles West physics students to produce live webcast at Fermilab

Physics students from Niles West High School will produce a live webcast at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) called "Run II - The Search for Higgs boson." The webcast will air at 11 a.m. on April 24 and can be viewed at www.visualmedia.fnal.gov/Real/QuarkNetLive.htm. The Higgs

boson is a hypothetical particle, which, if it exists, would play a critical role in our understanding of how particles get mass. The discovery of the elusive Higgs boson, considered the "Holy Grail" of particle physics, has enormous consequences: Without the Higgs boson, atoms could not exist, and neither

could life as we know it.

The students involved in the project are: Josh Berger, Brian Kucha, Suresh Kurup, Kathy Undas, and Sandra Borto. They are taught by Niles West science teachers Richard DeCoster and Elizabeth Ramseyer, who are a part of QuarkNet, a collaboration of high school teachers, physicists from Fermilab, and students working together to resolve some of the questions about particle physics. The web address for the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory is www.fnal.gov.

Maine East Debaters take first place

Maine East proudly congratulates Jeff Chang of Glenview, and Elliott Cho of Morton Grove for winning the ISTA Novice State Debate Tournament at Buffalo Grove High School on March 16

and 17. Congratulations also go to Lee and Inna Yalovetskaya of Glenview for placing in the Quarterfinals. Yalovetskaya was Third Speaker at the tournament, and Chang was Fourth Speaker.

St. John Brebeuf MarcoPolo Program

The MarcoPolo program provides no-cost, standards-based Internet content for the K-12 teacher and classroom, developed by the nation's content experts. Online resources include panel-reviewed links to top sites

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Maine East display art CSL Art Exhibit

Maine East art students will proudly display their work along with work by students from eleven other area CSL high schools at the 13th Annual Central Suburban League Art Exhibition from Friday, April 20 through Thursday, April 26 at Northbrook Court Shopping Center. Students from sister schools Maine West and Maine South will also have their art work on exhibit.

According to art teacher Michael Mastrolonardo, around eighty students have pieces ready to showcase, varying in media from paintings, to photography, to 2-dimensional drawings.

The exhibit kicks off with a reception on April 20th at 7 p.m., and includes music performed by "The North Wind" of Glenbrook North High School.

Open House to be held at Roosevelt

Roosevelt University will hold its annual spring open house for prospective students from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Schaumburg Campus, 1400 N. Roosevelt Boulevard.

Prospective students are invited to come and learn about undergraduate, transfer and graduate admission, financial aid, scholarships, student activities and residence life. College transcripts will be evaluated. Roosevelt University students and faculty will be on hand to meet with prospective students.

Campus tours and refreshments also will be provided. To register, call the Office of Admission at 847-619-8600.

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School News

District 219 drafting students to go to state

At the recent Illinois Drafting Educators Association Regional Drafting Competition, District 219 students claimed a remarkable eleven out of the twelve positions for advancement to the state competition to be held in April. Niles West won the competition by first place finishes in five out of six possible contests and qualified eight students to the state competition. Niles North qualified three students for state. The District 219 teams competed against teams from Maine East, Maine West, Maine South, and Wheeling high schools. The results were as follows:

In the Introductory Board Competition, Yoosim Kim of Niles West placed first and Peter Nelson of Niles West placed second. In the Introductory CAD division, Dan Rybalko of Niles

West and Mario Manaloto of Niles North tied for first place, while Robert Chen of Niles West took second. Ada Lee of Niles West scored first place and Frank Maurer placed second in the Machine Board Division. In the Machine CAD Division, Ben Freireich of Niles North won first place honors and Ronson Yong of Niles West placed third. Andrew Kovacs of Niles West took first place in the Architectural Board Division, while Christos Kapsalis of Niles West placed second. Thomas Rusak of Niles West won first place in the Architectural CAD Division.

Congratulations to these students on their excellent finishes and good luck at the state competition. Louis Torres is the CAD Instructor at Niles West, and Ken Albert is the teacher at Niles North.

Niles North after school homework center

Why do students fail? The Failure/At-Risk Committee at Niles North has researched causes of student failures and found that a large part of the problem is incomplete homework assignments. Niles North has made a commitment to lowering failures by creating the After School Homework Center, a pilot program, designed to provide a nurturing environment conducive to

studying. At the center, students can have their work checked by certified teachers, or get help with assignments.

Students who wish to use the After School Homework Center should stop by the IRC West Reading Room between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, math and English teachers will be present. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, science and social studies teachers will be available. Teachers assist students with understanding instructions, and provide other supportive services.

Students do not need to reserve an appointment in advance; they may simply drop in. The After School Homework Center is a resource available to any student who feels he or she needs help understanding class assignments.

For more information, please contact Mike Tarjan, director of student activities, at (847) 568-4422.

Kathleen Gilfillan

Kathleen Gilfillan of Des Plaines will be named in the 2001 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Gilfillan is one of 20 Dominican students selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Gilfillan, a junior computer information systems major at Dominican, is a graduate of Maine West High School.

Students were nominated by faculty and staff members at Dominican University based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Gilfillan joins an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

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OLR 7th graders defeat St. Margaret Mary in basketball



On Feb. 25, Our Lady of Ransom 7th Grade Boys won the Notre Dame basketball tournament defeating St. Margaret Mary 37 to 30.

Pictured standing (left to right): Adam Tandez, Alex Nellessen, Joey Randazzo, David Budzinski, Vince Mule, Andrew Pilolla.

Bottom Row (left to right): Coach Nick Pilolla, Justin Lakowski, Greg Udzielak, Andy Pinelski, Nick Marcucci, Ray Sigaya, Ian Hilo, Kevin Florentino, Coach Nick Marcucci.

District 207 commended students

Each month the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education commends Maine students deemed worthy of recognition for their outstanding achievements. Recommendations

Robert Kurian

Marine Corps Pvt. Robert T. Kurian, son of Teresa and Joel Kurian of Des Plaines, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Kurian successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Kurian is a 1997 graduate of Maine West High School.

tions are made by each building's principal and reflect honor upon the individual students, their schools, and the entire district.

Those commended at the February 5, 2001 Board Meeting are: From Maine East: Elliott Cho, Jeff Chang, Keith Barnstein, Martin Zacharia, Marina Loseva, and Heather Moore. From Maine West: Raoul J. Gravel III, Gregory Sanders, Teresa Scallise, William Young, Kyle Kopec, Nicole Kopolas, Melaine Becker, Jennifer Carlos, Emily Palm, Karen Ries, Emily Waecker, Linzy Kurien, Katie Byrne, Robert Fink, Stacey Ivanic, Matthew Kelly, Monica Wasilewski, Katherine Jordan, Megan Magnuski, Jennifer Zagorski, and Brendan Bloom.

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gether with a parent and meet on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 10-11:45. Classes run for six weeks, beginning June 19.

For more information or to register call Betsy Rotberg, (817) 675-4152.

The Garden Club of Morton Grove

The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Austin Park Field House, 8336 Marmora in Morton Grove.

Our program "Winning Combinations for Containers" will be given by Mr. Joe Heidgen. We

will learn what to plant in pots that are in the sun, the shade or somewhere in between. Find out about some unusual plants and uncommon combinations of more common annuals.

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United Ostomy Association

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The next meeting will be held on April 25. Refreshments. A WOCN (Wound Ostomy Care Nurse) is always on hand to offer help and information, and programs are fun and informative. Free.

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Native Landscaping discussion at Oakton

Learn about landscaping with plants native to the Northeastern Illinois prairie at a free program offered by Oakton Community College. This event is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, in Room A145 at Oakton's Ray Hartstein campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie.

Oakton groundskeeper Ken Schaefer will show slides and

share information about how wetland and woodland plants may fit into home gardens. Individual plants, as well as soil preparation and garden maintenance, will also be discussed. Seeds from some common plants will be distributed.

Bring your ideas and questions to this timely session. For more information, call Phyllis Deutsch at (847) 635-1656.

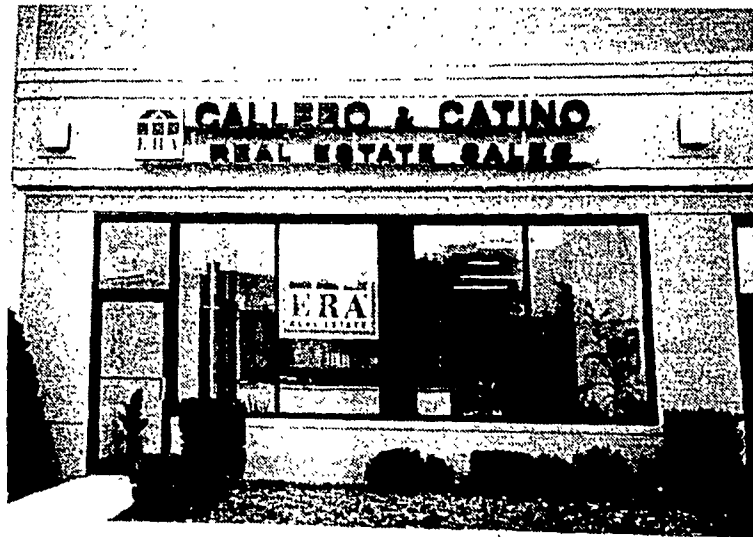
Lee Ho Park

Lee Ho Park of Niles was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Lee Ho Park is the daughter of Zoon and Chung Park and attended Maine East High School in Park Ridge.

Lee Ho Park, who is majoring in natural sciences/public health, will graduate in May 2002.

ERA Callero & Catino Realty among top 100



ERA Callero & Catino Realty received recognition as one of the Top 100 ERA offices in the nation at the ERA national convention held last month in Tampa, Florida. The Niles based realtor placed 76th in the nation for sales volume last year. They are also among the five most successful real estate offices in Illinois.

Last year was the busiest in ERA Callero & Catino's history with a 65% increase in real estate

sales. Their updated marketing programs have proved to be very successful, and they have been getting record prices for homes in this area. During the first quarter of 2001, they have added an additional 8% to these record sales. Going into the busy spring real estate market, they have a great many home buyers and are having a shortage of houses and condominiums for sale. Their phones are (847) 967-6800 and (773) 774-1900.

Morton Grove students on Dean's List

The following Morton Grove residents have been appointed to the Dean's List at Columbia College Chicago for the fall semester:

John Borto, Jeff Schuhrke, Jo-

seph Strybel, Brian Ward, and Kimberly Williams. Columbia, an independent liberal arts institution in downtown Chicago, is the country's largest arts and communications college.

Ribbon-tying event raises awareness about substance abuse



Oakton Community College students Jason Page and Shae Shores tie commemorative ribbons around trees at the Des Plaines campus to kick-off "Tie One On," a month-long event designed to raise awareness about the devastating effects of substance abuse. Throughout April, the color-coded ribbons -- each color representing different ways in which drugs and alcohol have affected people's lives -- will be available at Oakton's Des Plaines campus free of charge to anyone interested in participating in this event. "Tie One On" is sponsored by Oakton's Substance Abuse Prevention Committee and is being held in conjunction with National Alcohol Awareness Month.

The Bugle Newspapers? Area Employment News

Teamwork is key to success at Glenbridge Nursing and Rehab Center

By Jeanine Kromer

According to the calendar spring is upon us, just don't look out the window at the snow in your backyard. Springtime ushers in renewed life and new beginnings. After this long winter, tired of the same old routine at work? Thinking of making a change to match the season? If new employment is an idea floating around your cranium Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Ltd on Golf Road in Niles is worth checking out.

Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center provides standard care for its residents but the main objective is to rehabilitate and send home as many residents as possible. According to Assistant Administrator Corkie Lerman, competent and compassionate care is a priority at Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

If you enjoy working in a team atmosphere Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center may be the place for

dents that other facilities routinely turn away. Taking into account that families whose residents require hospice care may want to be near loved ones around the clock, Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has 10 fully equipped hospice rooms that include mini fridges, lounge chairs and environmental controls.

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bridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Niles. Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is operated by Home and Health Management. The staff can be reached at 966-9190.

Fatal work accidents continue to decline in midwest

The number of fatal work injuries in the Great Lakes states totaled 916 in 1998, the most recent year analyzed, down by 75 fatalities from the previous year and the lowest count since the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing data from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries in 1992.

Peter J. Hebein, Regional Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Chicago, stated that the lower fatality count was the result of reductions in work-related deaths caused by assaults and violent acts (down 25), transportation incidents (down 19), and contact with objects and equipment (down 16).

Transportation-related incidents continued to account for the largest number of deaths (384), representing 42 percent of all fatal work injuries in 1998. This was more than the next two leading causes of work-related fatalities combined. Contact with objects and equipment was responsible for 170 or 19 percent of fatalities. Assaults and violent acts led to 139 or 15 percent of fatalities in the Great Lakes states.

Workers in the Great Lakes states made up 19 percent of the Nation's employment and accounted for 15 percent of the job-related deaths. Nationally, fatal work injuries totaled 6,026 in 1998, down 3.4 percent from 1997. In comparison, fatalities in the Great Lakes states were down 7.6 percent over the year. The Great Lakes states include Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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Various factors affect the need for specific occupations. A growing, aging, and increasingly diverse population will demand a changing mix of goods and services. The skills of the workforce needed to fulfill these demands will likewise continue to change, as employers incorporate technological innovations and revise business practices to optimize their efficiency during the upcoming years.

Total employment is expected to increase by 20.3 million jobs over the 1998-2008 period, a 14 percent increase. Occupations that require more education and training generally are projected to grow the fastest. Although the Occupational Outlook Handbook targets junior and senior high school students, it also can assist college students and experienced workers, including those seeking to change careers or re-enter the labor force. All successful workers need to make informed decisions and react quickly in an economy impacted by global competition, technological innovation, and shifts in occupational structure. The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides information that reflects the needs of the present as well as the future labor force. Copies of the Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000-01 Edition (Bulletin 2520) can be purchased from the BLS Publications Sales Center, P.O. Box 2145, Chicago, IL 60690-2145, phone (312) 353-1880, or the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, phone (202) 512-1800.

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New safety measures ordered to protect health workers from contaminated needles

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced this month that changes in its bloodborne pathogens standard intended to reduce needlesticks among healthcare workers and others who handle "medical sharps" will go into effect April 18. The revisions clarify the need for employers to select safer needle devices as they become available and to involve employees in identifying and choosing the devices. The updated standard also requires employers to maintain a log of injuries from contaminated sharps.

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bridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center provides 401K plans, profit sharing and flextime.

Besides the therapy department, Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center fields a nursing staff and maintains a Russian program for its large Russian speaking population. All the staff members at Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are dedicated and friendly. The staff is extremely knowledgeable about their job and the big picture for the residents. Corky Lerman said Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a great place to work with a very family-oriented atmosphere.

Glenbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is located at 8333 W. Golf Road just two

'There's No Excuse For Child Abuse'

With April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, several events are being planned to increase community awareness of child abuse.

"There's No Excuse for Child Abuse" is the message being proclaimed through a community event billed as fun for the entire family. Sunday, April 22 has been set aside as a family event meant to bond the community together while supporting the Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County (CAC). CAC serves sexually abused children and their families.

This event will take place at the Schaumburg Township Building, located at One Illinois Boulevard in Schaumburg, and will start at 10 a.m. with family activities including face painting, a self-defense demonstration by State Police Officer Israel Collazo, button making by the Schaumburg Fire Department and team building activities presented by Girl Scout Troop 2001.

These activities will be followed by a Blue Bow Rally, with child abuse prevention

awareness speeches and presentations of blue bows to the crowd, from 11:45 a.m. to noon. A Unity Walk promoting child abuse prevention will take place from noon until 1 p.m., with a magic show by Professor Gad-get and ice cream for all the walk participants.

Some additional features of the day include informational booths and information provided by community agencies, blue bows distributed to participants and Car Wheels Catering selling hotdogs, snow cones and cotton candy.

Sponsors of the event include Girl Scout Leader Anna Klimkowitz and her Troop 2001, the Boy Scouts of America, Northwest CASA, Parents Care & Share, Roosevelt University, Spectrum Youth Services, Schaumburg Township and the Children's Advocacy Center.

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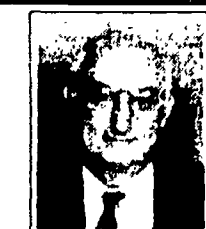
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relocate the cashier kiosk operation to a new building with expanded convenience store facilities. Fakhovy wants to demolish the current kiosk and build a new bigger building at the south end of the property next to the alley. The new building will be 1,500 square feet and offer dairy products and bread as well as the cigarettes, candy, chips and pop it currently offers.

Village Planner Bonnie Jacobson stated the staff examined issues such as parking, drainage and traffic flow. After discussions, the staff recommended 14 conditions to be met before approval is granted. The conditions included revising the landscape design, building a 7ft fence on the south end of the property, screening the trash, lowering the lighting to reduce glare, snow removal, fire sprinkler system, canopy height to allow for emergency vehicles and an alarm system directly wired to the police.

Moses assured the Board that aesthetics were considered and will blend with the surroundings. Chairman Blonz asked about signage. Moses stated the only

signage is part of the canopy, the gas pumps and the car wash will not be moved. The car wash will be remodeled.

Mr. Maher, a resident of Morton Grove who lives just east of the station property, was on hand to politely protest a 24-hour convenience store. Maher was concerned about increased traffic in the predominately residential area. Station owner Fakhovy stepped up to state his customers had requested an indoor venue to pay for purchases especially during the winter months. Fakhovy also noted the station is currently open 24 hours but he is willing to close from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Carol Rand another Morton Grove resident whose property backs into the station was concerned about increased noise, cars hanging around longer, property values and a late night incident at the station involving the police in February. Fakhovy explained that a State Trooper pulled over a westbound car at his station and assured Ms. Rand that the incident had nothing to do with his station. Moses Architecture's engineer Peter Olesen not-

ed there will only be three parking spaces at the station and the products for sale at the store will not require a long time to purchase.

Mike Raverno neighbor of Ms. Rand was wondering if the alley behind the station will be opened and the answer is no. With kids, Mr. Raverno was interested in increased security of the area and mentioned the cop at the Golf/Waukegan station. Board Member Roepenack asked if the Morton Grove police had mentioned any concern and the answer is no. Roepenack asked Building Commissioner Ed. Hildebrand if the new building would act as a noise buffer. Hildebrand said it depends on what causes the noise. The issue of alcohol for sale came up. There will not be any alcohol sold at the convenience store.

To reassure the residents, Board Member Harford reiterated that the station must abide by the rules set for a special use area. Harford motioned to accept Moses' application with the additional condition that the station be closed from 1 a.m.-5 a.m. Mr. Dorgan agreed with Harford and

added the condition that alarm system go directly to the police and fire stations. Mr. Blonder chimed in with the car wash (a separate entity) be open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. only. The petition will pass onto the Village Board of Morton Grove for final approval at the meeting on May 14. After all interested parties left Mr. Blonder wanted to make some comments but was advised to do this after the meeting. Hmmm...what does that mean? Let's hear all comments in public forum with those interested present.

As a parent and resident of Morton Grove I identify with the issues of safety for our kids and quiet streets, but it was mentioned that the station has been in operation for 36 years. The problems associated with living near or next to the station existed when buying the houses surrounding the property. Anything that would exacerbate these sticky issues is cause for concern though.

All in all it was a delightful exchange of ideas in a fairly informal atmosphere that rang true as to what a governmental meeting should be. It was great to see residents getting involved and stating their concerns and the board members and planners answering the questions in an informative and respectful way.

The second item of business was a request for a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to merge the "Retail Commercial" and the "Service Commercial" districts and to amend the list of permitted/special/not allowed uses in the combined district. Ms. Jacobson requested to continue the case until the June meeting because more research was needed. I had a few questions all set for that case so I was a little disappointed but I'll hang onto them until June.

The Morton Grove Zoning and Planning Commission Meetings are the third Monday of the month at the Village Hall on Capulina. Chairperson Blonz will be absent in May and Mr. Harford will be the big cheese that evening. There are two zoning cases and one planning case on the agenda for the May meeting.

AT&T . . .

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customers on an individual basis, if necessary.

Patricia Keenan, vice-president of communications for AT&T Broadband, said the letters will be sent within the next few weeks.

Vinezeano recalled the problem period along with complaints about the effectiveness of AT&T Broadband's customer service. "There's still the question of regulatory oversight for customers regarding customer service," he said.

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driver's license by adding his own photo over that of Mitchard's, then used it as I.D. to buy a used Lexus and \$3,000 of furnishings in Massachusetts.

Lois Mitchard said that they got calls from Filene's Basement, Sears and stores in the Boston area about "purchases." A used-car dealer provided a link to the thief, Willie Brown. 51, when the dealer's employees identified him as the man who bought the car, claiming he was Mitchard and showing the doctorate Illinois driver's license. Police arrested Brown in late 2000 when a Lojack car theft signal allowed tracking.

Due to a plea bargain agreement with Norfolk Superior Court, Brown admitted to charges of larceny under false pretense, larceny of property worth more than \$250, credit card fraud, forgery and two counts of identity fraud. He will begin serving his 18-month sentence for this charge after he completes a two-year sentence he is currently serving for another crime.

Attempts to reach Lois Mitchard by phone for additional information were unsuccessful. Mitchard's husband died in June 2000, according to the article.

Townhomes . . .

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parcel from R-5 to R-7. The property is located on the north side of Ballard Road west of Greenwood Avenue. Present housing would have to be demolished before plans could proceed. The Township has concerns about increased chances of flooding and traffic congestion. A decision is expected in coming weeks.

Aftermath . . .

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Cook County's new vote counting machines caused discomfort to some voters who chose to not vote all offices. Read by the equipment as "undervoting," the machines reject those ballots. Voters complained they were informed in a very public manner that they had undervoted, and they felt their right to privacy had been invaded.

Voters who intentionally undervote can bypass this by notifying an election judge who can then pass the ballot through.

Voters balloting at a Park Ridge church found that the ballots for park district candidates didn't line up with columns on the voting machine. After the problem was discovered, voters completed voting using something like an absentee ballot in place of the incorrectly imprinted form.

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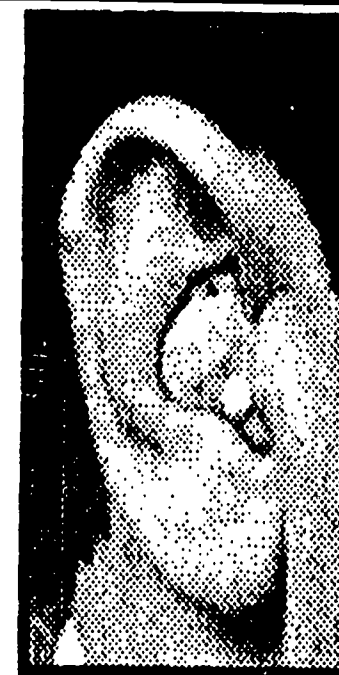
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Officials . . .

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same thing, then I took a peek at the Agenda. It was the swearing in for the newly elected officials so there were many family members and friends of the Action Party on hand.

The Board granted Special Use for Government Office Use as presented by Plan Commission Chairperson Steven Blonz for the property located at 6140 Dempster, the American Legion. The Board also authorized to accept the final balance statement and pay the balance for work completed on the 2000 Video Taping Program. The 2000 video Taping Program taped the flow of water through the sewers.

The Board accepted the presentation of warrant for \$345,853. As explained by Trustee Brenner following the adjournment of the meeting, the warrant is indeed the amount of money the village has spent since the last meeting. Brenner noted that two of the largest expenses include garbage and medical insurance for village employees. When the amount is above around \$350,000 certain bills owed for larger projects have come due. The final payment for the 2000 Video Taping Program is an example of such a bill.

Trustee Moll authorized the Village President to execute a pipeline easement agreement with Metra for the installation of the water main for the Beckwith Road Reconstruction Project. The water main runs under the Milwaukee line and Metra requires an upfront fee as well as a maintenance fee. The Village of Morton Grove will pay \$1,000 upfront and be responsible for an \$1,100 annual fee. Berrafato questioned Village Administra-

tor Larry Arft as to who is responsible for insurance - the Village or Metra.

On to the festivities. Cloaked in his official garb, long time Morton Grove resident Judge Jordan Kaplan was the master of ceremonies and swore in the "new" officials. Daniel DiMaria was up first as the Village Clerk. DiMaria was followed by returning Trustees Gomberg (first election after taking over for Snyder), Karp and Liston. After swearing in Scanlon as President, Judge Kaplan added Scanlon stands for integrity, humility, compassion and a record of good deeds.

The Board officials took turns thanking their families and friends including Dan Staackman. Staackman was the only candidate who ran against the Action Party members and he compelled the returnees to address some issues instead of gliding unchecked into re-election.

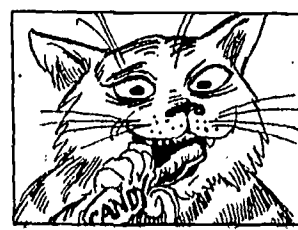
Residents comments were started off with Raymond Solal. He very strongly objected to the way the Board conducts business. He mentioned concern about the Dempster renovation project, the 3.5 million amortization of fixed assets in the Village's balance sheet and the \$480,455 in escrow to pay the IEPA loan for the restoration of the forest preserve. Solal again requested the drawings for the forest preserve renovation be released to the public. Arft replied that the plans are available at Public Works for citizens to view.

Sue Pellicano was the other citizen to speak at the meeting. She requested Scanlon to make good on the promise of an access road for the neighbors on Eldorado who have been pinned in a little

by the barricade of the "old" Narragansett. Narragansett was blocked when the haul road was put in five years ago. At the time, the barricade was presented as temporary. Now some of the residents requested to keep the road closed off because they enjoy the quiet it has brought. Other residents of the neighborhood would like "old" Narragansett to be reopened. Access to the neighborhood has been limited which may make it difficult for emergency vehicles to reach the area. Pellicano was basically brushed off, but she did get a chance to state her case. So what is the real story for the majority of neighbors in that area? Reopen "old" Narragansett or keep it closed.

The meeting ended on an up note - a celebratory party at the Studio. I did not attend the party. I was happy to go home and help my husband put the kids to bed.

The next meeting is April 23, 2001. After the recent election basically being uncontested I'm rallying for more interest in the Village government. Not that the current Board is doing poorly. I don't know enough yet to tell but a variety of opinions and interests are met by the Board and I'd like to see some new blood involved in the process. I'll save a seat for anyone interested!



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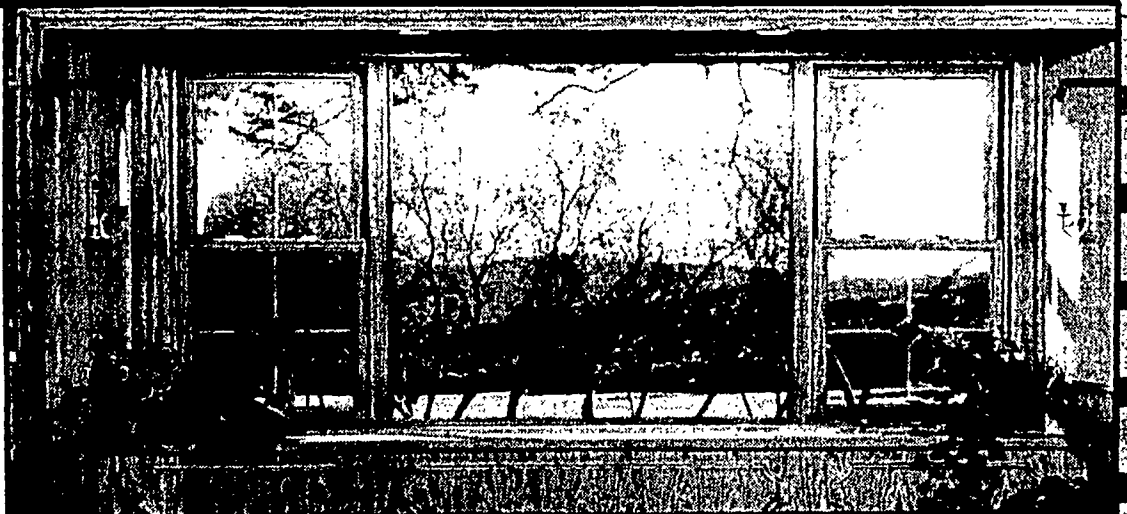
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