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## Niles residents awarded for bravery

by Heidi Stadler

Niles resident Saad Chaundry, was honored with a Chief's Citizen Award for pulling passengers from a car stuck on railroad tracks as a train headed their way.

On July 21, 2001, Chaundry noticed a vehicle drive off of the road and get stuck on the railroad tracks on Touhy and Lehigh Avenues. He sprung from his automobile and flew to assist the victims, pulling them out of the vehicle moments before an Amtrak train going northbound hit the car.

The award was presented at the Niles Village Board meeting, Sept. 25, where another

citizen, Richard Chevarria was also awarded for providing information that led Niles police to arrest two individuals involved in an attempted robbery on April 8.

Lastly, Officer George Alexopoulos received a Department Commendation for successfully pursuing an offender wanted in Chicago for assaulting an officer.

On May 13, 2001, Alexopoulos stopped a speeding car driving 62 mph on a 35 mph of Milwaukee Ave. As the officer exited his own vehicle, the offender took off down Milwaukee.

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## Notre Dame alumnus donates \$1.1 million

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

A computer with Internet access at each station, five classroom labs containing seven stations each, and an audio-visual room with a recording studio: three million dollars.

Giving back to the school that imparted the foundation for your rise from struggling kid to successful businessman: priceless.

Notre Dame School for Boys alum, George Holley credits the lessons he learned as a student with giving him the "faith and intelligence" to

succeed. As an adult he's returned the favor with a \$1.1 million donation for the Niles Catholic boys school's new state-of-the-art science center. Notre Dame in turn has named the facility the George H. Holley Science and Technology Center.

Part of the Niles Catholic boys school's first graduating class in 1958, Holley went on to receive a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Northwestern, be-

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Notre Dame HS alumnus George Holley speaks at a mass held as part of the opening ceremonies for the Catholic boys school's George H. Holley Science and Technology Center. Holley donated \$1.1 million toward the construction of the \$3 million state-of-the-art addition.

Niles Firefighters Dan Ryan and Roman Kopinski assist at ground zero; "This was like seeing Hell," says Ryan

## Niles firemen return from NY rescue effort

by Daryl Dee Moir

Niles firefighters, Dan Ryan and Roman Kopinski, along with others from Chicago, started out Sept. 13 on a fourteen hour, non-stop drive heading to New York's "Ground Zero" at the World Trade Center plaza. Ryan spoke with *The Bugle* last week about the experience working at the site of this month's terrorist attacks.

Ryan said he initially felt an "empty feeling" when they arrived as volunteers to assist rescue/clean up efforts at the site. Artificial lighting was the backdrop for the piles of rubble and the heavy black smoke, with fires still burning.

"This was like seeing Hell," he said. "We walked about two blocks before arriving at the site. It was so dark along the way and there were no people around - it was like the city had been shut down."

Ryan described Ground Zero as "organized chaos...but there was a command structure

to be followed. Everyone knew what to do and jumped in by taking their own initiative."

He said that he and his fellow firefighters (one of them

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## "Angela's Ashes" author speaks at Niles West

by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

"It's just mind-numbing that I'm 17 and I'm going to see Frank McCourt - for free!"

Susan Krause beamed while awaiting the arrival of *Angela's Ashes* author Frank McCourt at Niles West High School. A member of the National Honor Society, Krause was invited to serve as an usher for the upcoming Chicago Celebrity Forum evening lecture series kicked off by the Irish writer Sept. 18.

She wasn't disappointed. Speaking for an hour alone with students and teachers before

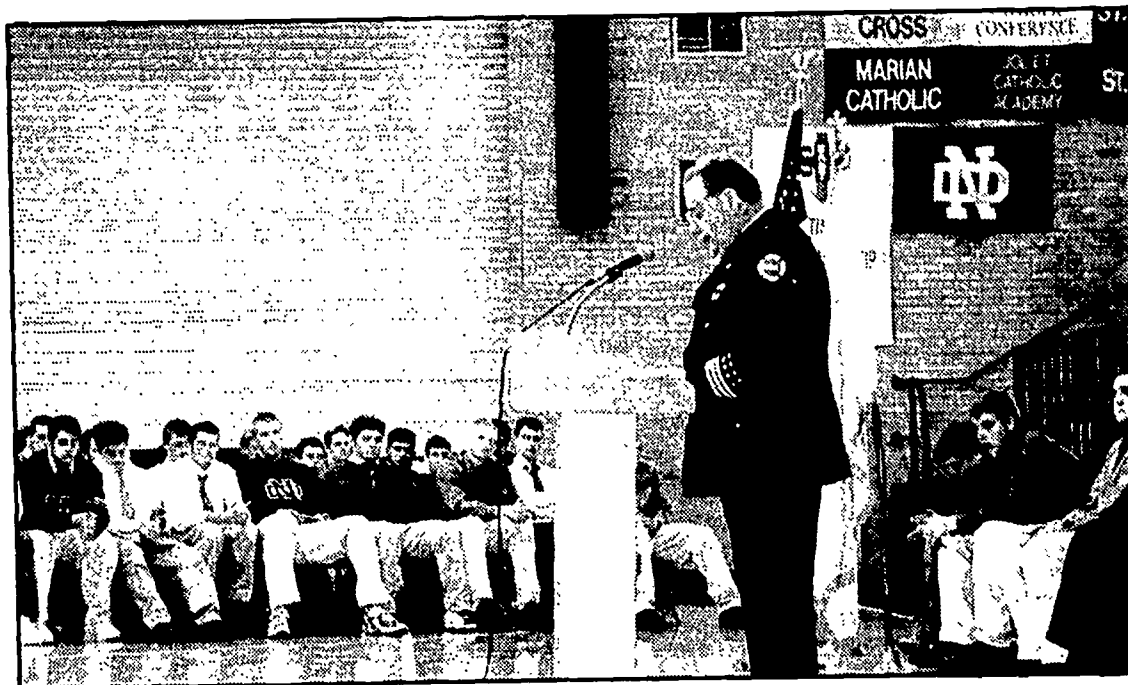
the event, McCourt first challenged the group, jumping through his thoughts on the necessity of wisdom in American culture.

He questioned a recent article he'd read about bringing computer technology to Chicago school children in an effort to promote computer literacy.

"But I want to know, where is the pursuit of wisdom?" McCourt asked, objecting to the advancement of technological education at the expense of exposure to the

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## Notre Dame holds fire/police appreciation day



Niles Fire Chief Harry Kinowski spoke at the Notre Dame High School's Police and Fire Fighter Appreciation Day, held at the school Sept. 26. The event honored Niles responders in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.



The Bugle's community job listings can be found on  
<http://www.ChicagoMetroJobs.com>



# Community Focus

## Niles, Morton Grove promote flag waving

by Barbara A. Mendelsohn

Both Niles and Morton Grove reacted to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks with local campaigns to put flags into the hands of residents.

In Niles, Mayor Nicholas Blase directed the village's purchasing office to buy flags for public distribution. "I ordered over 2000," said village purchasing agent, Lois Leyh. "We got the flags Sept. 12. They were distributed Sept. 13, and by the afternoon of Sept. 14 all were

gone."

At a dinner event Mayor Blase spoke with Morton Grove Mayor Dan Scanlon who mentioned that he'd like to be able to distribute flags to Morton Grove's school children.

"I know where you can get them," replied Blase. So Scanlon contacted Blase's source. Flags Over America, an Itasca outfit.

"I was able to get the 2500 flags needed to cover all stu-

dents at Morton Grove's Edison, Parkview, Golf, Hynes and Melzer Schools," said Mayor Scanlon.

"Melzer students come from many different backgrounds and cultures, but these flags symbolize the country they all are part of now," said Melzer Principal, Susan Deaton. "The students took the flags home and put them in front of their houses or in their windows," Deaton added.

In Niles, residents were contacted using the village's Reverse 911 calling program. A recorded message invited residents to pick up free flags at police and fire department facilities, at the senior center, and at village hall.

## Property tax bills mailed

The mailing of second-installment property tax bills for tax year 2000 has begun. Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas announced. Pappas urged that payment be made at any of LaSalle Bank's 126 locations.

By state law, the County Treasurer's Office must mail property-tax bills 30 days before the "due date," or final date for payment without penalties. The current mailing began 37 days before the November 1st due date for payment of this installment.

"We are glad to be able to give taxpayers an extra week to arrange for payment," Pappas said, noting that her office received tax rates from the County Clerk's Office on September 13. The tax rates are needed for the Treasurer's Office to order the bills to be calculated, printed and mailed.

Pappas urged property owners to pay by November 1 to avoid penalties of 1.5 percent per month on unpaid taxes. Payment can be made at 118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, and at more than 126 LaSalle Bank locations across Cook County.

The Cook County Treasurer collects \$8 billion in property taxes on 1.6 million parcels of real estate annually, invests the funds, and distributes them to more than 1,800 local units of government across Cook County, such as municipalities and school, library, police and fire districts.

In a given year, property taxes are collected for the previous calendar year in two installments. The first installment for tax-year 2000 bills was due last March 1.

## Emerson teacher Fulbright Scholarship recipient

This October, Abby Sloan, Emerson Middle School Language Arts teacher, will depart for Tokyo, Japan as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Ms. Sloan was selected from a national pool of over 2,000 applicants by a panel

of educators to earn this honor. This program allows distinguished primary and secondary school teachers in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

## Resident thanks Niles 911

Dear Editor:

My name is Roman Truskolaski. My wife Lorraine suffered a brain aneurysm on March 2nd of this year. She was in a coma for 17 days and hospitalized for more than two months. She is home now and completely recovered.

I attribute this mostly to the initial care of our Niles Fire Department and the Niles paramedics. My call to 911 was answered and responded to in minutes, yes minutes!

I now hear awesome stories of people having brain aneurysms and not surviving. Those kind and knowledgeable people we have in our Fire Department and Paramedics should be commended in some way or other.

I didn't realize how lucky we are in our fine village of Niles to have such a wonderful crew working for us. Their thankless job should be made known to our Niles citizens. They should be aware that marvelous units such as this are available to us day and night.

Respectfully,  
Roman Truskolaski

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The 18th annual Mid-America Hypnosis Conference will be held from Friday morning, October 5 through Sunday evening, October 7, at the Holiday Inn North Shore Holiday in Skokie, and will bring together professional hypnotists and others interested in hypnosis—physicians, psychiatrists, counselors, massage therapists, and member of the lay public.

## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, announced the popular Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day program will return to the area on Saturday, October 13.

The program will target eight local communities: Arlington Heights, Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Glenview, Morton Grove, Mount Prospect, Niles and Park Ridge.

The event site is at Maine East High School, located on the southwest corner of Dempster Avenue and Potter Road in Park Ridge.

Trained technicians will be on site to collect common waste

products, including: antifreeze, auto batteries, fungicides, furniture strippers, household cleaners, insecticides, medicines, oil-based paints, metal polishes, paint removers, pool chemicals, solvents, used oils and weed killers. All hazardous waste will be disposed in a safe and proper manner.

The Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in association with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Additional information is available from the District at (312) 751-6633 or by visiting the District's web site www.mwrddg.dst.il.us.

## ILEPA watches Howard Commons

by Heidi Stadler

A resolution agreement has been reached between Howard Commons and the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action (TACA) in response to Howard Commons' pursuit of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA) corrective action plan and right-of-way agreement, following the discovery of a possible chemical contamination in the groundwater at the Niles industrial complex. The plan would basically provide protection to the property at 6151-6201 West Howard Street in the event of an environmental accident.

The plan's major concern deals with a chemical called vinyl chloride, which has been found in shallow groundwater, located on the west side of the

site.

"TACA has said that this chemical can be left in the ground until the street is opened," said Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio. "As long as it's there, it's not going anywhere - it's fine."

A former deputy chief at the Environmental Division of the Illinois Attorney General's office, said that the contaminant is not a problem, as vinyl chloride as well as similar matter, often is found on major streets, rather than in residential areas. Furthermore, there is already an ordinance prohibiting the consumption of ground water, and Annunzio said that Niles is in full compliance with the law, concerning all such matters.

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## Hypnosis Conference

At the conference they will hear a variety of speakers on such subjects as hypnosis to overcome pain, hypnotic techniques that guarantee your clients' success, and how to convince people on the power of the mind.

In addition, those interested in acquiring skills in hypnosis can attend several certification sessions at various levels offered by the National Guild of Hypnotists for both the public and professionals.

There will also be more than thirty exhibits open to the public free of charge. A wide array of merchandise and services for

both the lay public and professionals will be on display, including books, video and audiotapes, hypnotic aids, aura photography and jewelry.

According to conference chairman Carmen Blacchiere, the conference is a chance for those interested in hypnosis to learn more about the field, to acquire additional skills in hypnosis and become hypnosis-certified.

The National Guild of Hypnotists requires that members have fifteen units of continuing education in hypnosis annually to retain certification.

In short, participants have the

opportunity to meet new people and to refresh themselves in the goals of the profession, as well as to attain skills to stay up to date about hypnosis.

Hypnosis has been used successfully in recent years to control pain, assist in weight loss, overcome sleep problems, and to help people lead more exciting and fruitful lives.

Sessions will run continuously from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday evening Oct. 4; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat. Oct. 5; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. Oct. 6.

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## Dining / Entertainment

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Founded in 1831 by Daniel Webster, The International Platform Association has recognized among its members world political leaders such as John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger, as well as leaders in the literary arts such as Charles

Dickens, Mark Twain, Herman Wouk, Jack Anderson (current Chairman of the Association), and William F. Buckley, Jr.

"We are constantly on the lookout for today's future world leaders in politics, communication, the arts and the sciences," continued Pearl. "Our Board of Directors unanimously believed that in the literary arts, there is no greater influence on the poetic landscape than the Poetry.com website, which features the work of over 3 million individual poets."

In celebration of their award, Poetry.com has announced it expects to feature an additional 2 million poems on its website this year as the result of a record \$58,000 in prize money to be awarded in their 2001 Open Amateur Poetry Competition. All poets, regardless of experience, are invited to enter the contest by submitting a poem directly online at [www.poetry.com](http://www.poetry.com) or by sending one original poem, any subject, any style to: Poetry.com, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills, MD 21117. Poems must be postmarked, or entered online by December 31, 2001.

### Enjoy Illinois this fall

**Annual Apple Fest**  
 • Keep the doctor away this fall by indulging in a variety of apple inspired-treats at Long Grove's Annual Apple Fest October 5-7. There will be apple sweets and treats galore as apple mania hits this historic village, which also features more than 90 unique shops to explore. Select apple delights from numerous outdoor food booths, stroll along the town's cobblestone walkways while listening to live music or enjoy live entertainment. (847) 654-0888.

**Haunted Village at Pumpkin Plaza.**  
 • What are you going to be for Halloween? Visit the 5th Annual Pumpkin Plaza in Daley Plaza October 21-31, and just remember to wear your spookiest costume! This year Pumpkin Plaza features a Haunted Village that will thrill children and adults alike. Ghosts, fortune-tellers and storytellers will roam the plaza creating a spooky atmosphere offering chilling entertainment. View the display of pumpkin characters, take in The Midnight Circus Show, or watch the characters as they roam the plaza and entertain visitors with free theater performances throughout the day. This is an eerie Halloween

festival you will not want to miss. (312) 744-3370.

**Magnificent Lights Festival**  
 • Ring in the holiday season with the 10th Annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival in Chicago November 17-18. Start the weekend on Thursday with the unveiling of Michigan Avenue's many unique holiday window displays and enjoy an array of activities, including Walt Disney World stage shows, live ice-carving demonstrations, carolers and a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Stay for Saturday's light show when Mickey Mouse, in his eighth year as master of ceremonies, will illuminate more than 200 trees along the Magnificent Mile from Oak Street to the Chicago River. The lighting of the trees kicks off the festivities and will be followed by a magical procession of Walt Disney characters ringing in the holiday season. Watch the city light up and let joy enter your heart during this enchanted weekend. (312) 409-5560.

**Christkindlesmarkt**  
 • Sprechen Sie Deutsch (Do you speak German)? Even if you don't speak German, you still can experience German culture at Schaumburg's 4th Annual Christkindlesmarkt, a holiday market modeled after the traditional Christkindlesmarkt in Nurnberg, Germany November 24-25.

Browse through a range of interesting arts and crafts, sample international cuisine and listen to local and international choirs. Children will also have the opportunity to hop on a sleigh ride and visit Santa Claus. (847) 895-3600.

**Weekend getaway in Chicagoland**

• While in Schaumburg enjoying Christkindlesmarkt, why not stay for the weekend and become more familiar with this wonderful Chicagoland village. Schaumburg offers many great attractions and activities for every visitor, such as The Schaumburg Prairie Center of the Arts with its 442-seat theater, gallery and outdoor stage or the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, with hiking trails for seasonal activities. Check out the European-style town square centrally located in Olde Schaumburg, where guests can shop, dine, socialize, relax and enjoy a variety of regularly-scheduled entertainment. You can shop-untill-you-drop at Schaumburg's Woodfield Mall where there are more than 285 shops offering the chance to find the perfect holiday gift. There are plenty of hotels and B&Bs to accommodate your stay. To plan your weekend getaway, call an Illinois Travel Counselor at 1-800-2CONNECT or visit [www.enjoyillinois.com](http://www.enjoyillinois.com).

### KOC selling tootsie roll candy banks

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## Dining / Entertainment

### Group continues fight against pediatric cancer



During Medieval Times' Tenth Anniversary celebration, Jonathan Speier presented Kathleen Casey, President and Founder of Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation with a check for \$2,500 while the King (Bill Sowler) reigned over the ceremony.

Chivalry comes in many forms, and the familiar term "knights in shining armor" rings true even in modern times. Recently, at Medieval Times' tenth anniversary celebration, General Manager Jonathan Speier gave a \$2500 check to Bear Necessities' Executive Director Kathleen Casey.

In addition, Speier and his knights have tried to help brighten the days of numerous sick children and their families by hosting them at the castle.

Bear Necessities is a pediatric cancer foundation with a mission to raise funds for pediatric cancer research, to meet needs of hospitals whose equipment is insufficient, and to improve pediatric cancer patients' quality of life.

Other acts of generosity recently came in the form of a

White Sox Skybox donated by the winner of the auction item at the Bear Necessities Dinner Dance earlier this year. Two children, both who would have been unable to attend otherwise, and their families were able to enjoy the game, food and fun in the air-conditioned suite. In addition, several small cancer patients and their families enjoyed a night out at a recent Kane County Cougars game with tickets donated by that organization.

Through the efforts of Casey and her team, and the many generous supporters who donate time, money and services, Bear Necessities continues to fight the battle against pediatric cancer. In the 2000/2001 fiscal year, \$60,000 in research grants was given to recipients working on cancer research. Over \$41,000 was used to fund support services to put some joy

into the lives of children afflicted with cancer and support for their families, and \$150,000 was dedicated to assisting more than 300 children through Bear Necessities' Small Miracle program.

Upcoming events include the Bear Run on Oct. 14 and the Doncaster Fashion Show on Oct. 27. Each of these events will raise funds to enable Bear Necessities to continue to further its mission.

October has been named Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month by Governor George Ryan. For information about the Bear Run or the Doncaster Fashion Show, or to volunteer time, donate services or make a monetary gift, call Kathleen Casey, Carlene Travers-Ignoffo or Maureen Tokar at (847) 952-9164.

### Maine Township

Disabled persons who are looking to mingle or just get out of the house for a little entertainment are invited by Maine Township to come and bring a friend for the Movie and Popcorn event Oct. 9 at Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., from 12:30 to 3 p.m. This month's movie is *Bounce*, an unusual romantic drama featuring a hard drinking ad executive who gives up his airplane ticket to a stranger. When the plane crashes, the executive is shaken and re-evaluates his life and sets out to

make amends with the man's widow. This film stars favorites Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow. Registration begins at 12 noon. The cost is \$1 payable at the door. The Town Hall is accessible. A sign language interpreter will be available upon request. Call Donna Anderson or Barb Winecki at (847) 297-2510 (voice) or (847) 297-1336 (TTY) for reservations or further information on this and other programs/activities for disabled persons.

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Founded in 1831 by Daniel Webster, The International Platform Association has recognized among its members world political leaders such as John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, Dr. Martin Luther King, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger, as well as leaders in the literary arts such as Charles

Dickens, Mark Twain, Herman Wouk, Jack Anderson (current Chairman of the Association), and William F. Buckley, Jr.

"We are constantly on the lookout for today's future world leaders in politics, communication, the arts and the sciences," continued Pearl. "Our Board of Directors unanimously believed that in the literary arts, there is no greater influence on the poetic landscape than the Poetry.com website, which features the work of over 3 million individual poets."

In celebration of their award, Poetry.com has announced it expects to feature an additional 2 million poems on its website this year as the result of a record \$58,000 in prize money to be awarded in their 2001 Open Amateur Poetry Competition. All poets, regardless of experience, are invited to enter the contest by submitting a poem directly online at www.poetry.com or by sending one original poem, any subject, any style to: Poetry.com, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owing Mills, MD 21117. Poems must be postmarked, or entered online by December 31, 2001.

### Enjoy Illinois this fall

**Annual Apple Fest**  
• Keep the doctor away this fall by indulging in a variety of apple inspired-treats at Long Grove's Annual Apple Fest October 5-7. There will be apple sweets and treats galore as applemania hits this historic village, which also features more than 90 unique shops to explore. Select apple delights from numerous outdoor food booths, stroll along the town's cobblestone walkways while listening to live music or enjoy live entertainment. (847) 634-0888.

**Haunted Village at Pumpkin Plaza.**  
• What are you going to be for Halloween? Visit the 5th Annual Pumpkin Plaza in Daley Plaza October 21-31, and just remember to wear your spookiest costume! This year Pumpkin Plaza features a Haunted Village that will thrill children and adults alike. Ghosts, fortune-tellers and storytellers will roam the plaza creating a spooky atmosphere offering chilling entertainment. View the display of pumpkin characters, take in The Midnight Circus Show, or watch the characters as they roam the plaza and entertain visitors with free theater performances throughout the day. This is an eerie Halloween

festival you will not want to miss. (312) 744-3370.

**Magnificent Lights Festival**  
• Ring in the holiday season with the 10th Annual Magnificent Mile Lights Festival in Chicago November 17-18. Start the weekend on Thursday with the unveiling of Michigan Avenue's many unique holiday window displays and enjoy an array of activities, including Walt Disney World stage shows, live ice-carving demonstrations, carolers and a special visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus. Stay for Saturday's light show when Mickey Mouse, in his eighth year as master of ceremonies, will illuminate more than 200 trees along the Magnificent Mile from Oak Street to the Chicago River. The lighting of the trees kicks off the festivities and will be followed by a magical procession of Walt Disney characters ringing in the holiday season. Watch the city light up and let joy enter your heart during this enchanted weekend. (312) 409-5560.

**Christkindlesmarkt**  
• Sprechen Sie Deutsch (Do you speak German)? Even if you don't speak German, you still can experience German culture at Schaumburg's 4th Annual Christkindlesmarkt, a holiday market modeled after the traditional Christkindlesmarkt in Nurnberg, Germany November 24-25. Browse through a range of interesting arts and crafts, sample international cuisine and listen to local and international choirs. Children will also have the opportunity to hop on a sleigh ride and visit Santa Claus. (847) 895-3600.

**Weekend getaway in Chicagoland**  
• While in Schaumburg enjoying Christkindlesmarkt, why not stay for the weekend and become more familiar with this wonderful Chicagoland village. Schaumburg offers many great attractions and activities for every visitor, such as The Schaumburg Prairie Center of the Arts with its 442-seat theater, gallery and outdoor stage or the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, with hiking trails for seasonal activities. Check out the European-style town square centrally located in Olde Schaumburg, where guests can shop, dine, socialize, relax and enjoy a variety of regularly scheduled entertainment. You can shop-untill-you-drop at Schaumburg's Woodfield Mall where there are more than 285 shops offering the chance to find the perfect holiday gift. There are plenty of hotels and B&Bs to accommodate your stay. To plan your weekend getaway, call an Illinois Travel Counselor at 1-800-2CONNECT or visit www.enjoyillinois.com.

## Dining / Entertainment

### Group continues fight against pediatric cancer



During Medieval Times' Tenth Anniversary celebration, Jonathan Speier presented Kathleen Casey, President and Founder of Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation with a check for \$2,500 while the King (Bill Sowler) reigned over the ceremony.

Chivalry comes in many forms, and the familiar term "knights in shining armor" rings true even in modern times. Recently, at Medieval Times' tenth anniversary celebration, General Manager Jonathan Speier gave a \$2,500 check to Bear Necessities' Executive Director Kathleen Casey.

In addition, Speier and his knights have tried to help brighten the days of numerous sick children and their families by hosting them at the castle.

Bear Necessities is a pediatric cancer foundation with a mission to raise funds for pediatric cancer research, to meet needs of hospitals whose equipment is insufficient, and to improve pediatric cancer patients' quality of life.

Other acts of generosity recently came in the form of a

White Sox Skybox donated by the winner of the auction item at the Bear Necessities Dinner Dance earlier this year. Two children, both who would have been unable to attend otherwise, and their families were able to enjoy the game, food and fun in the air-conditioned suite. In addition, several small cancer patients and their families enjoyed a night out at a recent Kane County Cougars game with tickets donated by that organization.

Through the efforts of Casey and her team, and the many generous supporters who donate time, money and services, Bear Necessities continues to fight the battle against pediatric cancer. In the 2000/2001 fiscal year, \$60,000 in research grants was given to recipients working on cancer research. Over \$41,000 was used to fund support services to put some joy

into the lives of children afflicted with cancer and support for their families, and \$150,000 was dedicated to assisting more than 300 children through Bear Necessities' Small Miracle program.

Upcoming events include the Bear Run on Oct. 14 and the Doncaster Fashion Show on Oct. 27. Each of these events will raise funds to enable Bear Necessities to continue to further its mission.

October has been named Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month by Governor George Ryan. For information about the Bear Run or the Doncaster Fashion Show, or to volunteer time, donate services or make a monetary gift, call Kathleen Casey, Carlene Travers-Ignoffo or Maureen Tokar at (847) 952-9164.

### Maine Township

Disabled persons who are looking to mingle or just get out of the house for a little entertainment are invited by Maine Township to come and bring a friend for the Movie and Popcorn event Oct. 9 at Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd. from 12:30 to 3 p.m. This month's movie is *Bounce*, an unusual romantic drama featuring a hard drinking ad executive who gives up his airplane ticket to a stranger. When the plane crashes, the executive is shaken and re-evaluates his life and sets out to

make amends with the man's widow.

This film stars favorites Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow. Registration begins at 12 noon. The cost is \$1 payable at the door. The Town Hall is accessible. A sign language interpreter will be available upon request. Call Donna Anderson or Barb Winiecki at (847) 297-2510 (voice) or (847) 297-1336 (TTY) for reservations or further information on this and other programs/activities for disabled persons.

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### North Park University new library

North Park University in Chicago will celebrate the completion of the Paul W. and Bernice P. Brandel Library at a special dedication ceremony on Friday, October 5, at 3:30 p.m.

The celebration, which is scheduled for North Park's Homecoming Weekend, will take place at the front entrance of Brandel Library, located at the end of Christiana Drive on North Park's campus. In addition to the presentation of keys and ribbon cutting, the ceremony will feature short presentations from the architect, principal donor Bernice Brandel, and other dignitaries, including 39th Ward Alderman Margaret Laurino. It will also include special music from Rollo Dilworth, director of choral activities and director of music education, and the North Park University Choir.

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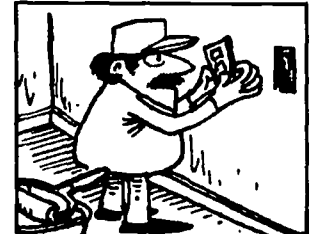
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The Chicago Community Trust has designed a new set of guidelines that will help determine the foundation's grant making for the next several years. Trust representatives will be present at meetings throughout metropolitan Chicago to answer questions about the new grant guidelines and to learn more about community needs Friday, October 5th, 9-11 a.m. Kendall College, 2408 Orrington Avenue, Evanston. To preregister or for more information, please call Claudette Baker at the Donors Forum of Chicago, (312) 578-0175, ext. 134.

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The production of this map publication is supported solely by advertising revenues. If you would like to join in on this exciting opportunity, please call today. Thank you for your support and participation in this wonderful program for the Chamber.

### Chicago Community Trust listening tour

The Chicago Community Trust has designed a new set of guidelines that will help determine the foundation's grant making for the next several years. Trust representatives will be present at meetings throughout metropolitan Chicago to answer questions about the new grant

guidelines and to learn more about community needs Friday, October 5th, 9-11 a.m. Kendall College, 2408 Orrington Avenue, Evanston. To preregister or for more information, please call Claudette Baker at the Donors Forum of Chicago, (312) 578-0175, ext. 134.

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# The Bugle Newspapers' Area Employment News

## Private Illinois Colleges and Universities (PICU)

PICU is an organization dedicated to educating transfer students and college transfer center coordinators about the numerous benefits available at private colleges and universities. By presenting diverse educational sessions to community college counselors, well as the traditional college fair format for the students, PICU stresses the importance of taking a more thorough look at private schools.

PICU is currently comprised of 32 Illinois colleges and universities that are united by a student-centered approach at every phase of the transfer process. By insuring a smooth transition from the community college to the receiving institution, PICU schools allow students to fully concentrate on successfully completing their bachelor's degree program with the assurance that they will be assisted every step of the way.

The benefits of a more personalized education are endless. Private colleges and universities have much smaller enrollments. Help from students, alumni, faculty and tutors are more readily available. Classes are taught by professors rather than by teaching assistants. Private schools offer scholarships and financial aid. An average of 70 percent of all students enrolled in private colleges and universities received some type of scholarship or financial aid to help towards the cost of tuition. At some private colleges/universities, merit-based awards pay for over half of a student's tuition. Generally, private schools offer a variety of academic, social, political, religious, and ethnic clubs and organizations. Graduation rates of private colleges and universities rank higher than public.

## Shaker Advertising celebrates 50 years

Driven to give his clients a competitive advantage, in 1951 advertising pioneer Joseph R. Shaker founded a specialized agency that provided one of the most innovative, cost-effective and results-driven recruitment and advertising services in the industry.

On July 24, Shaker Advertising Agency, Inc. marked 50 years in business, distinguishing itself as not only the fifth largest recruitment/advertising agency in the world, but as the world's largest family-owned and operated agency.

by Jeanine Kromer  
"Over the last half-century, Shaker has revolutionized this industry by offering integrated recruitment advertising strategies, highly personalized service and award-winning, creativity," said Shaker. "This is due in large part to our commitment to service, and the incredible tenure of our staff. Our customers know they can trust us to serve them with distinction and over the long term."  
Shaker Advertising serves clients of every size in all business categories, and assists them in finding as many of the best-qualified candidates as possible for each hiring opportunity. Headquartered in the Chicagoland area, Shaker also has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Newark, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Miami and Tampa. Additionally, Shaker serves international clients as part of the Recruitment Advertising Networked (RAN), with affiliation in Europe, Asia, Australia and the Middle East.

## Academic innovation

by Jeanine Kromer

Oakton Community College (OCC) is hosting a full and part-time faculty job fair on Thursday, Oct. 11 from 3 to 8 p.m. in the TenHoeve Center, rooms 1604-1610 at the Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Rd. The fair is co-sponsored by Hispanic Alliance for Career Advancement (HACE), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Association for Asian American Professionals. The participating colleges are the College of Lake County, Elgin Community College, Illinois Valley Community College, Moraine Valley Community College, South Suburban College and William Rainey Harper College.

With campuses in both Des Plaines and Skokie (7701 N. Lincoln), OCC provides a very real and integral service to the surrounding communities. Oakton supplies numerous adults with a place to begin or continue their collegiate career. Additionally, there are thousands more who enjoy learning, and employ OCC's non-credit curriculum.

Oakton Community College is dedicated to learning and

excellence, encouraging students to expand their intellect and grow emotionally. With students and faculty representing a myriad of races and nationalities, the school expects tolerance and integrity from its students and staff; change is inevitable and OCC welcomes the opportunity to evolve with the times. The state-of-the-art facilities are indicative of the aim to remain current. College life at Oakton is comprised of numerous extracurricular activities and student services, provide an all-encompassing college experience. Utilizing contemporary technology, OCC not only offers courses in the traditional classroom setting, but also through media-based and interactive television courses. The new wave course wetting provides flexibility for students and teachers, opening Oakton to a wider range of students. Courses offered span baccalaureate-oriented college transfer programs, career programs, continuing education programs and community service programs.  
For more information about Oakton Community College and/or the Job Fair, call (847) 635-1600.

There is a catch for consumers to get these government giveaways. They have to know where to go and they have to ask for it. That is what this new booklet is all about. There are listings of names, addresses and phone numbers of where consumers can take advantage of the top 100 government giveaways programs.

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(NU) -- Hiring is one of the hardest aspects of running your own business. So how do you know whether the person you are considering will perform well in your workplace?

There are qualities a person may have during the interview that indicate how well he or she is suited for the position. But you have to ask the right questions to know.

During the interview, be sure to identify the behaviors associated with a particular job. Ask the interviewee to demonstrate knowledge of the particular competency. If you need someone with good communication skills, for example, have the person demonstrate that.

According to the experts at GeoBiz2Biz.com, an online directory providing helpful information for business professionals, companies of all sizes also should look for people who share these qualities:

- Commitment to results.** Top performers will show a pattern of persisting until a problem is solved or a goal achieved.
- Business perspective.** The most productive employees know how to get to the essence of complex business issues quickly.
- Staffing skills.** The most valuable staffers know how to attract talent that improves the organization.
- Strategic abilities.** The best workers develop creative but workable plans.
- Vision.** Star employees know how to convey the organization's mission, purpose and strategic direction to others.
- Adaptability.** If you are looking for a job, keep in mind that employers usually evaluate three skill sets while conducting an interview. They are:
- Functional skills.** These skills are characteristic ways of working with people, data or things and are often referred to as transferable skills. These skills apply to a wide variety of jobs or situations and may be acquired almost anywhere.
- Adaptive skills.** These skills are rooted in temperament and personality and acquired during one's early years among family, friends and peers. They're often referred to as self-management skills since they describe how someone operates as a person.
- Content skills.** These skills should be related to performing a job and are acquired through reading, specialized training, internships, academic degrees and on-the-job training.

## New booklet available

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC has just published a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs." The booklet includes information on how and where to take advantage of the most popular government giveaway programs.

Consumers can receive a copy of the booklet by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to the Free Enterprise Institute - 100 Government Giveaways - Dept. 100GG-0620 - P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071. Consumers can also get more information about the booklet by calling (202) 747-7401, or visit online at [www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org](http://www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org).

**Beauty is a mystery. You can neither eat it nor make flannel out of it.**  
—D.H. Lawrence

## Aid for out-of-work airline industry employees

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) is supporting bipartisan legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Jean Carahan (D-MO) to provide financial assistance, training and health care coverage to airline and airport employees who lost their jobs due to the recent terrorist attacks on the United States.

U.S. airlines, severely hurt by economic and safety concerns following the September 11 hijackings, are laying off more than 80,000 employees. United Airlines and aircraft manufacturer Boeing, both based in Chicago, have said they will cut some 50,000 jobs between them.

"We cannot simply stand by as thousands of hard-working American men and women continue to suffer," said Durbin, a

member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation. "This bill will provide the foundation on which they can begin to rebuild."

The bill, recently introduced, applies to employees of airlines and their suppliers, airports and aircraft manufacturers who lost their jobs as a direct result of the events of September 11. It gives access to an additional year of federal benefits to those who remain out of work beyond the 26-week limit on state unemployment benefits. In addition, the legislation would provide reimbursement for COBRA health insurance or Medicare premiums for up to 18 months and optional retraining opportunities for those not returning to the airline industry.

## \$90.7 million approved for military construction

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Illinois), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the committee has approved \$90.736 million for construction projects at three military facilities in Illinois.

The Fiscal Year 2002 military construction spending bill includes funding for the following projects:

Army: A Child Development Center (CDC) at Rock Island Arsenal. \$3.5 million for construction of a new child development center to serve up to 120 school-age children and to make other changes to existing CDC facilities at the Arsenal.

Air Force: At Scott Air Force Base, \$550,000 for improvements to a base housing office.

## Library board has opening for an interim trustee

The Lincolnwood Public Library has a vacancy on the Board of Trustees for a term that will expire in April 2005. Trustee Maxine Zukerman, who was elected to a six-year term in 1999 and has served two years in the post, submitted her resignation at the September board meeting. She is moving to Northbrook.

The board will appoint a trustee to serve on an interim basis. Any resident of the Lincolnwood Public Library District who is a registered voter and would like to be considered for the interim position may pick up an information packet at the library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., during regular hours.

Application deadline is Oct. 26, 2001.

The trustees will interview all candidates. Appointment requires a vote by the full board. The board meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Potential candidates are urged to attend the board meeting on Oct. 10. For additional information, contact Library Director Kellie Flynn, 677-5277.

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Alexopoulos gave chase to the offender and provide dispatch with a description and route of their whereabouts.

The car chase ended when the offender drove onto a residential front lawn. The suspect abandoned his car and ran towards St. John Brebut School. A check on the offender's car license plates was

then made, revealing that the car was stolen. A barrier was set up around the school, as the offender then jumped off of the roof and was caught.

It was discovered that the offender had a warrant out for his arrest from the Chicago Police department, for assaulting an officer. He was then charged with several violations.

## Niles Firefighters return from NY

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his brother, Tom Ryan, from the Chicago Fire Department) worked round the clock for three days, where they were assigned to digging, working a bucket brigade and putting out ongoing fires that continued to flare.

Although not asked about the victims, Ryan made it very clear that he wouldn't speak about any of the victims he saw out of respect. It was hard enough seeing the belongings left behind - wedding pictures, ties and various other personal effects.

When asked if there was any "ray of sunshine" he could find from the atrocity, Ryan said that despite the "constant emotional roller coaster" of the effort, "the camaraderie between everyone was unbelievable. We cried and joked together."

Adding that many new friendships and the bonding that took place between all those working the site and with New Yorkers in general, would be there forever and would continue to flourish and thrive through the years to come, Ryan noted that "seeing all people of New York so united regardless of race, color or creed was wonderful."

The worst time for Ryan was when he had to leave the site and return home. He missed his family and was anxious to see them, but it was difficult for him to walk away from unfinished business.

When expressed to Ryan what a hero he and his fellow firefighters are, Ryan retorted, "I'm no hero...it makes you a good person to help out, not a hero."

He continued, "Those that

lost their lives are the heroes. Those that went into burning buildings not knowing if they'd come out alive or not are the heroes."

When asked how his family felt about him going to New York, he said, "it was difficult on them, they were afraid." Ryan addressed the fear his children had by asking them, "If dad were trapped, wouldn't you want someone to help me?"

His children responded, "yes."

## Village of Niles vehicle tags

The due date for Niles vehicle tags has past and the Niles Police Department will be actively enforcing the ordinance requiring all village registered vehicles to display a current vehicle tag. The fine for not displaying a Niles vehicle tag is \$50. If your vehicle is registered in Niles and you have not yet purchased and displayed your vehicle tag we urge you to do so immediately. Village vehicle tags can be purchased at the Village Hall, 999 Civic Center Drive during normal business hours. The fee for a passenger vehicle is \$15 and only \$5 for senior citizens. The fee for trucks is \$30.

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# County moves to improve elections integrity

by Barbara A. Mendelsohn

After errors like those seen around the country were detected here in the April 2001 election, County Clerk David Orr established an advisory committee to look at ways to improve election integrity throughout Cook County.

As a result, a 16-member, bipartisan committee formed in July is addressing issues like the enhanced training of election judges, better education of new voters, and improved ballot design and layout.

Orr states that, while larger issues must be decided at state and national levels, "there are many positive steps that election authorities can take on the local level to reduce confusion, errors and problems at the polls."

A major corrective step will allow the electronic scanning of ballots to detect under- and over-votes. With this technology (called a "precinct ballot counter"), a voter can insert the completed ballot into a slot in much the same way a dollar bill is fed into a vending machine. If the scanner detects an error, the ballot is ejected and the error is displayed as a readable message, giving voters the opportunity to correct their error before they leave the poll.

The equipment's ballot counting function was used in 1999, but legislation to enable use of its error-detection function was stalled in the General Assembly. Some critics objected to this technology on grounds that it compromised voter privacy.

## Author speaks

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teachings of Ghandi, Kant or Schopenhauer. The one-time New York City school teacher admonished the culture's failure to encourage critical thinking, asserting that the educational system coupled with society's emphasis on entertainment, resulted in "conditioned" attitudes.

"Do you feel that you're encouraged to think for yourselves?" he asked the students. "Do you feel that you live in the land of the free and the home of the brave...when expressing your opinion?"

It's fair to conclude that at that point, every kid in the room wondered if McCourt would adopt them.

Bemoaning the status relegated to teachers, he joked about the media's portrayal of "doctors, doctors, doctors falling in love...their eyes meeting over a gurney...lawyers are thin and pretty with fantastic apartments in New York (but) when was the last time you saw a teacher on a talk show?"

McCourt later took questions from students, answering questions about the loneliness of moving back to the States as a young man (though raised in Ireland, he was born in depression-era Brooklyn) and the new challenge

On August 24 Judge Julia Nowicki of Circuit Court ruled to allow this use, but also ruled that voters will insert their own ballots directly into the precinct ballot counter, so that completed ballots are handled by the voter only. "Ensuring that only the voter will handle his or her ballot will eliminate the opportunity for fraud," said Orr.

Committee members were selected by recommendation of both Democratic and Republican Committee Chairmen, as well as on the basis of which townships had a problem recruiting election judges. Niles Township is not represented on the committee.

"We received many proposals from precincts and townships, and we hope to have improvements in place for March primaries," said Scott Burnham, a county clerk spokesman.

Maine Township is represented by Republican Herb Schumann, Jr. The configuration of Schumann's 17th District covers Palos Township in the southwest suburbs and extends northward in a linear segment, finally broadening to include most of Maine Township. Redistricting will not bring major changes, said a representative of Schumann's Des Plaines office.

Other Republicans serving on the elections committee are Tolbert Chisum (New Trier Township), Gregg Gosline (Northfield), Manny Hoffman (Rich), Maureen Murphy (Worth), Connie Peters (Wheeling), and Doug

Troiani (Bloom).

The nine Democratic members are Joan Brennan (Elk Grove), Bill Crowley (New Trier), Don Harmond (Oak Park), Charlie Hernandez (Cicero), Joan McNamara (Worth), Eugene Moore (Proviso), Elaine Nekritz (Northfield), Bertha Scott (Bloom), and Terry Steczo (Bremen).

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fore embarking on a career with General Electric. He then struck out on his own with the establishment of MIT Development in 1979, the first of many successful ventures into business and technology.

Holley recalled the circumstances that brought him to Notre Dame after his father, a pressman for the Chicago Tribune succumbed to lung cancer in 1949, a year after the family had moved to rural Glenview. Holley's mother worked as a hairdresser to support her children and send them to Catholic schools. Not only was she able to get the kids a quality education, she also opened Holley's Beauty Salon, a Glenview establishment for over 40 years.

"My hope was in some small way to give back and recognize the significant contribution Notre Dame High School has made in growing the hearts and souls of young men, and establishing by example the highest moral standards," stated Holley in a recent press release. "Let all those fine teachers who sacrificed to contribute their time and their talent know that they are recognized. I hope that the generosity of all who have benefited from Notre Dame High School will help the school continue its fine tradition of giving to growing young men."

Holley's contribution will certainly help. The George H. Holley Science and Technology Center rivals facilities seen at many small colleges and certainly most area high schools.

The 15,000-square-foot center contains labs for biology, chemistry, and physics. As previously mentioned, each station (for two boys) has its own internet-ready computer, while lab ceilings hold projection equipment. It's also the only part of the school with air conditioning.

The center is more than practical - the atrium, with its pale yellow walls, three skylights, and two landscaped waterfalls give it a very soothing feel.

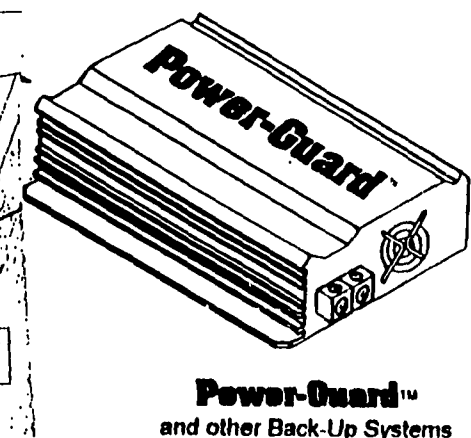
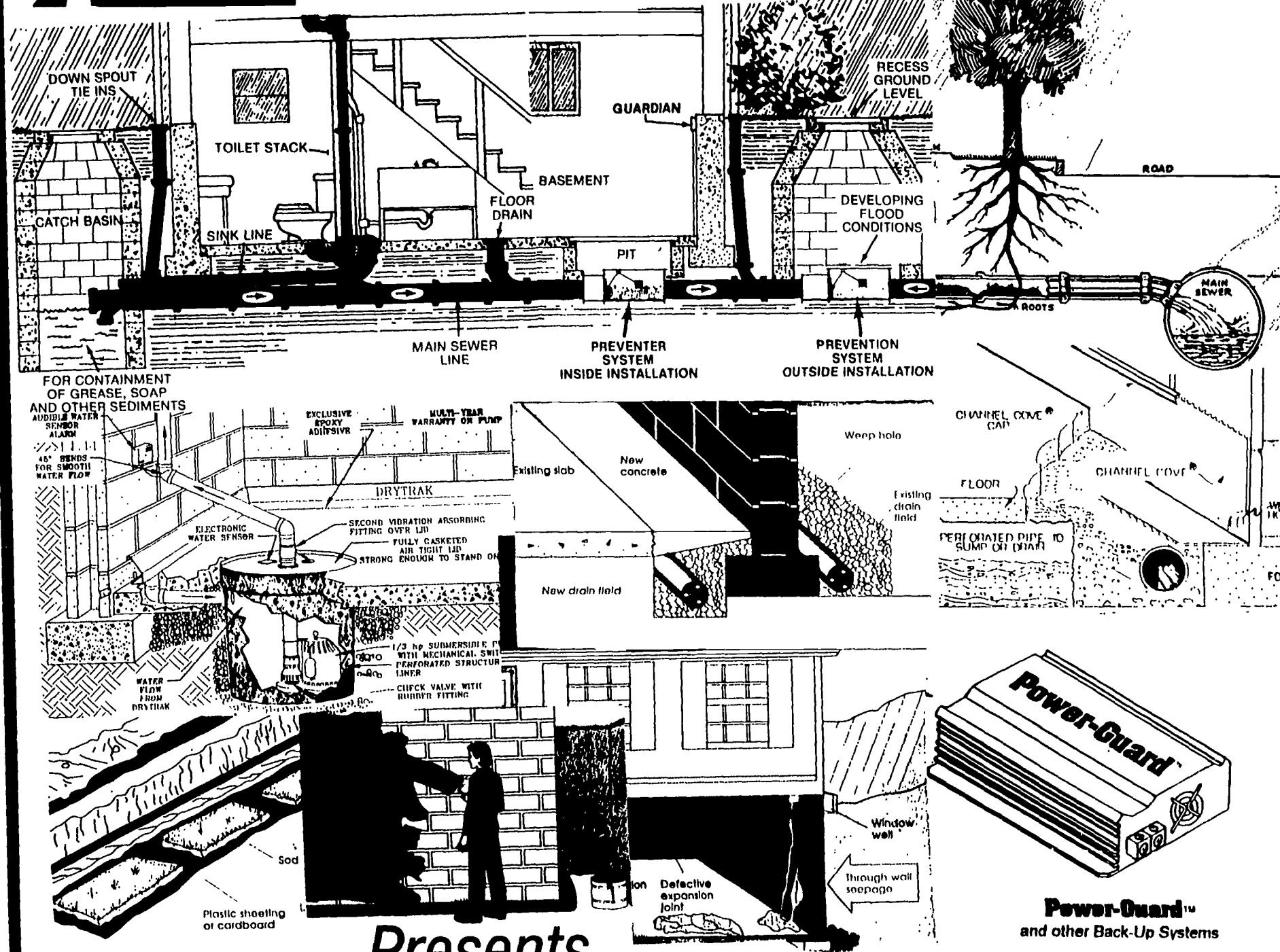
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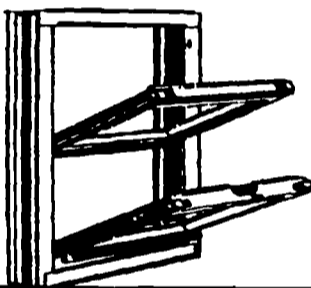
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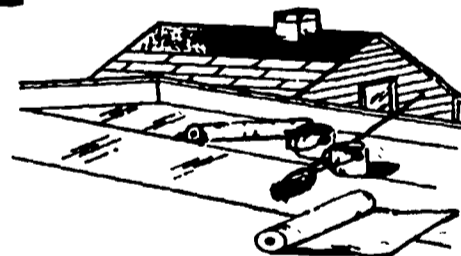
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