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District 219 reexamines construction plans

Niles Township District 219 will reexamine the goals of ambitious construction projects underway at Niles North and Niles West High Schools.

Trustee Sam Borek, chairman of the Facilities Committee, plans to recommend cuts to the construction management team, a group comprised of school board members, administrators

and architects. These cuts would be voted on at the next board meeting, late in November.

Borek admits that the \$115 million price tag for the complete program is available on paper at the present time. "But ...just because we have it doesn't mean we should spend it," says Borek. "What happens if we

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Morton Grove users await full cable resolution

Although some unresolved complaints date back to last December, concerns of AT&T Broadband customers in Morton Grove have not been forgotten.

Those complaints came from customers who lost premium

channels when the cable company went digital.

One issue is getting an 800-number to reach customer service, a provision included in the franchise agreement but which

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Morton Grove Community Blood Drive

Donors needed for the Morton Grove Community Blood Drive on Thursday, December 6 at the Village Hall, 6101 Capulina from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lifesource Blood Services will be conducting the drive. Let's keep up our spirit of volunteerism and patriotic spirit in the wake of the September 11

tragedy by donating blood. To donate you must be 17 years old (16 with parental consent) or older and weigh at least 110 lbs. Before the drive eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids. Call Lifesource at 800-486-0680 with any questions or to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

Niles dad dies driving daughter to school

Robert W. Behrens, 48, of Niles, was pronounced dead at Lutheran General Hospital Thursday, Nov. 15, after his 1993 Toyota Camry collided with another car.

Behrens had been driving his 12-year-old daughter to school.

According to witnesses, Behrens' car ran a red light at Greenwood and Normal about 7:30 a.m.

The other driver, a 36-year-old man driving a 1993 Mercedes 300E, was not charged.

Morton Grove man accused of child abduction

A Morton Grove man charged with two counts of attempted child abduction has appeared before a Cook County judge.

Wayne Greiter, 35, is being held on \$50,000 bail. Allegedly, he tried to lure two girls into his car on two separate occasions. Both incidents took place on Chicago's Northwest Side.

The first incident took place Aug. 21 at the 3700 block of

North Odell. The second incident occurred Oct. 19 as he attempted to abduct a 9-year-old girl from the 6200 block of West Grace, said a spokeswoman for the Cook County States Attorney's Office, who added a preliminary hearing was held Nov. 16.

Details from that hearing are not presently available

Culver scores 79 percent meet or exceed requirements; Results show increase each year for Culver since testing began

Culver School students at top on state tests

Culver School reports that results of the April 2001 ISAT tests indicate that District 71 scores again show improvement.

It's now three years since the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) was given in present form. The overall score at Culver has risen from 77 percent in 1998-9 to 78 percent in 1999-2000, to 79 percent in 2001-2002.

Testing followed a format whereby reading, mathematics and writing were tested at third-, fifth- and eighth-grade levels in 1998-89.

Then, testing of grades four and seven in science and social science followed in 1999-2000.

In third grade, 75 percent of tested students met or exceeded state averages in reading. The state average was 62 percent.

Eighty-three percent met or exceeded the state average of 74 percent, for mathematics.

In writing, 71 percent met or exceeded the state average of 58

percent.

For tests administered in fourth grade, 94 percent met or exceeded the state average in

science, with a state average of 65 percent, and 92 percent met or exceeded in social science,

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Maine West OKs (for now) music cruise

You know it's a different world when the issue of a student trip is presented against a backdrop discussion of world conditions and patriotism becomes a supporting argument.

Under such circumstances District 207 approved a proposal allowing Maine West music students to perform on board a cruise ship to the Bahamas and Orlando's Disney World.

The board voted 5-2 to allow about 200 students to take part in a Music Festival Cruise March 21 to 27.

Tobin Langridge, director of orchestras at Maine West, said students had already planned on

this trip before the attacks of Sept. 11. Since then, he said, only one student withdrew.

The cruise concept is rather new but is catching on. Students on board participate in a workshop in which a conductor critiques their performance. A second workshop in Orlando gives them the opportunity to play accompaniment for a film project.

The board accepted the trip under conditions that cancellation insurance be purchased and that notification of current world conditions be sent to parents of those students taking the trip.

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Niles police officers recognized and commended for performance



At the October Village Board Meeting five police officers were recognized by Mayor Nicholas B. Blase and presented with Department commendations for their outstanding performance in the line of duty.

Pictured above with Mayor Blase are (top row) Sgt. John Huinker and Detective Vince Genualdi, (bottom row) Officer Alec Laule, Officer Nicholas Beyer, and Officer Thomas Fragassi.



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Morton Grove Public Library

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Holiday Concert with Ester Hana December 16. Celebrate the holidays with an afternoon of music from around the world on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m., when the legendary Ester Hana performs holiday melodies for voice and piano at the Morton Grove Public Library. Ms. Hana has a devoted following in this area; she has performed at the Pump Room, Sorriso by the River, Davenport's and numerous other venues. To celebrate the season, festive refreshments will be served following the performance. Seating is limited; reservations are required. Make your reservation by calling 965-4220 or stop by the Reference services Desk at the Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

Carol Strauss exhibits mosaics In December, Carol Strauss

exhibits mosaics in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case of the Morton Grove Public Library. Ms. Strauss is a Morton Grove artist who has been creating mosaics based on a variety of subject matter, including historical portraits, still-lives, floral arrangements and other designs.

Kay Hoffmann photography exhibits. In December, Kay Hoffmann exhibits photographs from her travels around the world: China, Europe, Mexico, and many other countries. A former teacher, Ms. Hoffmann currently writes a travel column for an Italian newspaper and is working on a photographic history of the Chicago Stockyards. The exhibit will be mounted in the Baxter Room of the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

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

Women's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood

The Women's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs Illinois will hold their luncheon/program meeting on Wednesday, December 5 at the Holiday Inn, Skokie. Social at 11:30 a.m., luncheon at 12 noon. price of the luncheon \$11.

The club recently held a very successful Philanthropic Luncheon/Fashion Show. During the business session the members will be apprised of monetary donations made to the Skokie Department of Human Services for food vouchers at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, Hospital Veterans for crafts kits and coupon books from the philanthropic party proceeds. Later in the year scholarships will be awarded to students at Niles North and Niles West. The program for the day will feature the Good Fellows Quartet, "Holiday Music." Women interested in joining the club may phone Phyllis Cossarek, President at (847) 256-1177.

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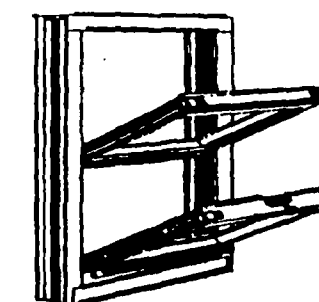
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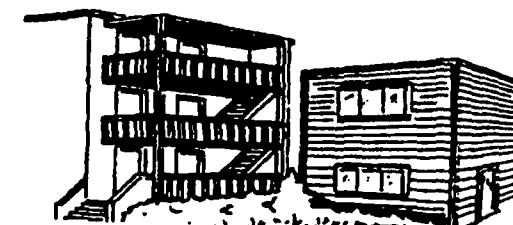
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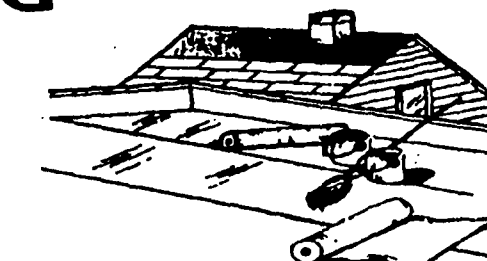
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12th Annual Food/Clothing Drive

Individuals and groups are invited to join the 12th Annual Food and Clothing Drive being conducted by the Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Northern Illinois (PAM-CANI), from Dec. 3 through 14. Clean, warm clothing and/or canned goods can be dropped off at any of the locations listed below. All donations will be distributed locally through the Salvation Army and food pantries.

Money donations also are welcome; make checks payable to "Plumbing & Mechanical Food & Clothing Drive." Receipts are available on request for tax purposes. All donations must be received by Friday, Dec. 14 so that they can be picked up and delivered on a timely basis. They can be dropped off during normal business hours at Morton Grove Supply, 6418 W. Main St., Morton Grove. (847) 966-4950.

PAMCANI represents 350 union contractors and sustaining members providing plumbing, heating and cooling systems for institutional, commercial, business and residential applications.

The Heritage to host 'Business After Hours'

The Heritage of DesPlaines, a dependent and assisted living Senior Community, will host a Business After Hours on Tuesday, December 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. for members of the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Business After Hours provide a conducive atmosphere for profitable business networking so...bring your business cards and be ready to provide referrals as well as receive leads for your company. Reservations are requested by Monday, December 10 and may be made by calling the Chamber office at 824-4200. The DesPlaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote, support, and assist the DesPlaines business community through effective communication and quality service. For more information on becoming a Chamber member call 824-4200.

CJE December support groups

Council for Jewish Elderly (CJE) offers support groups on a wide variety of topics of interest to seniors and their families. Fees vary according to the program and individual circumstances. Some groups may be partially covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance. For information or to join a group, please call CJE at (773) 508-1000.

Mondays, December 3, 10, 17 and 24. Coffee and Conversation meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. each Monday at the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois, 4255 W. Main Street, Skokie. The group for Holocaust survivors, is sponsored by Council for Jewish Elderly and Jewish Family and Community Service. No charge. To register, call Maria at (773) 508-1000.

Mondays, December 3, 10, 17 and 24. Coping with Parkinson's, meets from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays in the auditorium at Lincolnwood Place, 7000 N. McCormick, Lincolnwood. Individuals with Parkinson's disease share coping strategies, practical ideas for making tasks easier, and day-to-day struggles and triumphs. Sponsored by CJE, the group is free. To register, call Maria at (773) 508-1000.

Friday, December 28. Living with Parkinson's provides ongoing support, guest speakers, helpful resources and medical updates. The group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 W. Church, Skokie. No charge. For registration, please call Carol Harris at (773) 508-1000.

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Lawrence Hansen celebrates 105th birthday

On December 2, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Lawrence "Lorry" Hansen will be celebrating his 105th birthday at the Norwood Park Home (Dining Room), 6016-20 N. Nina Avenue, Chicago.

Joining in the birthday celebration will be Mr. Hansen's family. Lawrence Hansen is a veteran of World War I and was in the process of completing basic training when the armistice was signed. He was born during Grover Cleveland's second presidency and has lived during the administrations of 20 U.S. presidents. He resides in the Assisted Living section of the Home and walks three times a day to the dining room for his meals. He is slightly hard of hearing but is very conversant and enjoys the limelight. Vocalist Chris Colletti will provide musical entertainment during the party.

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Hanukkah and 'Something Else' at Spertus Institute

"Lights! Latkes! Laughs!" will be held Sunday, December 2 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Enjoy Hanukkah stories, puppets, games and crafts, including the puppet presentation of the popular holiday story, *The Runaway Latke*.

This program is appropriate for the entire family. All children under eight years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Free with regular museum admission. For more information call (312) 322-1747 or e-mail musm@spertus.edu.

"Something Else! A Jewish Community Festival" will be held Tuesday, December 25 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Back by popular demand, *Something Else! A Jewish Community Festival* is our lively and entertaining annual event for the entire family! Highlights include ongoing performances and enter-

tainment, including music by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, Juggler Extraordinaire Andy Head, Storytellers Susan Bass Marcus and Marilyn Price, face painting, arts and crafts projects, games, a "Taste of the Tel" in the ARTIFACT Center, and much more! Admission is free. Registration required for "A Taste of the Tel" in the Rosenbaum ARTIFACT Center. For more information call (312) 322-1747 or e-mail musm@spertus.edu.

Give tzedakah, and help feed those in need! Spertus Institute asks all "Something Else!" visitors to join us in supporting the Dina and Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center Food Pantry. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate.

If your family or organization is interested in volunteering at Something Else! call (312) 322-1734 or email slevi@spertus.edu. Something Else! A Jewish Community Festival is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Marc and Lynn Karlan. Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies is located at 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605. Visit us on the web at www.spertus.edu.

Art works by Judith Weiss in Village Hall Gallery

Cityscapes and Landscapes, works on paper combining watercolors and collage by longtime Lincolnwood resident Judith Weiss, will be on exhibit from December 1 through January 30 at the Lincolnwood Village Hall Gallery, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave.

The pieces express her continuing and evolving interest in the patterns found in nature and the urban landscape.

Ms. Weiss received a BFA degree from Roosevelt University and over the years has studied with three eminent art teachers.

A call for Spiritual Poems from area poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000. The deadline for entering is December 15.

DesPlaines Chamber brings Santa to town

The DesPlaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in cooperation with the DesPlaines Public Library, is again bringing Santa Claus to DesPlaines. As in years past, Santa will arrive at the downtown Library Plaza on board a DesPlaines Fire truck at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 1.

Once welcomed by Chamber President Roger Hull, Des Plaines Mayor Tony Arredia, Mrs. Claus and a crowd of excited kids and families, Santa will be escorted inside the library where he'll take his place in his special chair.

Mrs. Claus will be providing face-painting. Kiwi the Clown will be on hand to entertain and mingle with waiting families, and even Ronald McDonald will be stopping by along with Hamburglar. "We're offering a free photo with Santa for as long as our film lasts," said Chamber President Roger Hull. Limited to one free photo per family the Chamber expects to take hundreds of photos, but families are encouraged to bring their own cameras as well.

Cookies and soft drinks will be provided for visitors.

'Gaelic Storm' at Irish American Heritage Center

Gaelic Storm, the lively band that entertained the partying but doomed Irish steerage passengers in the epic movie *Titanic*, will once again bring its musical mastery to the Irish American Heritage Center for a concert on Thursday, December 6, at 8 p.m. in the Center auditorium.

Gaelic Storm's endless capacity for up-tempo, high energy music won the group its role in the Academy-Award winning film, as well as the hearts of its large, loyal following. Young and old

fans will enjoy this opportunity to hear the amazing group perform folk and pop music, as well as interpretations of Irish classics and original creations.

The group includes cofounder Patrick Murphy doing vocals, piano, accordion, spoons and harmonica; Steve Wehmeyer, bodhran, vocals and didgeridoo; Shep Lonsdale, drums and percussion; Steve Twigger, guitar, mandolin, bouzouki and vocals; and Chicago native Kathleen Keane, vocals, fiddle, whistle and button accordion. The group recently released its third CD, "Tree." The first, "Gaelic Storm," was released in 1998, and "Herdin' Cats" in 1999.

Tickets for this concert are available for \$20 a person at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, in Chicago. For further information or to make reservations with Visa or MasterCard, please call the Center at (773) 282-7035.

Christmas Bazaar at the Irish American Heritage Center

Everyone is invited to start their preparations for the holiday season with the annual Christmas Mass, Traditional Irish Breakfast, Bake Sale and Bazaar on Sunday, December 2, at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue in Chicago.

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., with a traditional Irish breakfast to follow. Reservations for the breakfast are required. Cost for adults is \$7, and children \$4.

The Bazaar and Bake Sale begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. There will be holiday craft items for sale from many talented crafters, as well as the Center's own Nimble Thimbles, providing perfect Christmas gifts for the special people on any holiday shopping list. A beautiful Celtic quilt will be raffled.

The Jolly Holly-Day Bake Shop will provide the wonderful homemade breads, pies, scones, cakes and cookies that make the Christmas table so deliciously festive.

The reputation of the IAHC Christmas Bazaar has spread far and wide, reaching all the way to the North Pole. As a result, Santa Claus is expected in the afternoon around 1 p.m. to check out the wonderful holiday offerings for himself.

To make reservations for the Irish breakfast, please call the Center at (773) 282-7035.

Lyric Opera presents 'Hansel and Gretel'

Imagine a mother who would send her children into the woods so she doesn't have to feed them. "Hansel and Gretel" are the two abandoned babes, whose lives go from bad to worse following this act of ultimate child neglect.

Lyric Opera of Chicago production of Engelbert Humperdinck's operatic version of the brothers Grimm fairy tale opens Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m. Chicago Civic Opera House, Wacker Drive and Madison Avenue. Susan Graham and Elizabeth Norberg-Schulz star in the title roles.

The Skokie Valley Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago invites you to revisit this wretched tale from your childhood and hear the wonderful, familiar music of the score Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 W. Lincoln Ave. from Barbara Roseman, a member of Lyric Opera Lecture Corps and chapter member. Admission free. Refreshments served. For further details call (773) 254-5498.

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There is a saying that everything is bigger in Texas - cars, hair and...laughs? Get ready for big and bigger laughs when the Niles North Studio Theatre transforms into the wild and crazy Tuna, Texas for "A Tuna Christmas" through December 1 in D-100 at Niles North High School, 9800 North Lawler in Skokie. This fishy comedy is about the lives of the inhabitants of Tuna, Texas as they prepare for the annual Christmas lawn decoration contest. Will nasty Vera Carp win again? Your attention will be caught - hook, line and sinker.

Show times are 4 and 7 p.m. November 29, November 30 and December 1. Tickets are \$9.50 each at the door. To purchase tickets in advance (and receive \$1 discount) please call the Box Office at (847) 568-3424.

For more information on "A Tuna Christmas" please contact Timothy Ortmann at (847) 568-3421.

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Catholic Charities invites you to an informational meeting on Fostering Parenting. Meeting will be presented on the following dates:

Mon. Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at Catholic Charities, 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago; and

Mon. Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at Catholic Charities NW Office, 1717 Rand Road, DesPlaines.

For more information, call (312) 655-7200. Spanish-speaking persons may call (312) 655-7205.

Immaculate Conception to present lessons & carols

The choirs and musicians of Immaculate Church will present an Advent Lessons and Carols Service by candlelight in Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday evening, December 2 with compositions by French, German, and American composers.

The choirs, directed by Steven Betancourt, director of music at Immaculate Conception Church and assisted by Edward Eicker and Karol Grib will present music during the service in styles rang-

ing from contemporary to chant and will include traditional carols. Participating in the service will be the church's 35 voice Adult Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, two children's choir and a children's chime choir.

The church will be lit by candlelight for the service, which begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free. For further details call Immaculate Conception Church (773) 775-3833.

District 207 Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education of Maine Township High School District 207 meeting in regular session on November 12 approved the following listing of Board meeting dates. Unless otherwise advised, all meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be held in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center, 1131 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge.

The meeting schedule is as follows: December 11, 2001 (Tuesday)*, January 7, 2002, February 4, 2002, March 5, 2002 (Tuesday)**, March 18, 2002***, April 1, 2002, May 6, 2002, June 3, 2002, July 8, 2002, August 5, 2002, September 9, 2002, October 7, 2002, and November 4, 2002.

*Tuesday, because Monday, December 10 is Hanukkah, and

the first Monday in December does not accommodate levy notification dates.

**Tuesday, because Monday, March 4, is Casimir Pulaski Day.

***Meeting to discuss personnel matters.

^Second Monday because Independence Day is on Thursday, July 4, of the previous week.

^^Second Monday because Monday, September 2, of the previous week is Labor Day.

'A Salute to America'

Tonight Hynes Elementary School will perform "A Salute to America" at its annual Winter Festival, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Golf Middle School gym. This year's festival, spearheaded by Mrs. Jennifer Kisselburg, focuses on paying tribute to all our patriotic heroes fighting to keep all Americans free.

Each grade level in Hynes Elementary School will conduct a patriotic performance. Parents are invited to join Mayor Dan Scanlon and the American Legion in posting the colors of our nation as well as celebrating the spirit of our country. Please show your support for our country and our district by wearing patriotic colors.

Willows' Dean's List and Honor Roll

The Willows Academy in Des Plaines announces its Dean's List and Honor Roll.

Dean's List: Alexandra Ivanova, Samantha Haring, and Caitlin Glitz of Des Plaines; Bernadette Cay of Lincolnwood; and Alison Currie and Maria Carolina Regalberto of Glenview. Honor Roll: Sandra Ampuero, Genevieve Charet, Rebecca Kolak, Syeda Maryam Bokhari, Tiffany Breider, Jennifer Geblewicz, Alexa Tanglis, and Amberly Glitz of Des Plaines; Catherine Madison, Christina Klose, and Sara Maier of Park Ridge; Katherine Hadou and Sumala Padid of Niles; Kerry Ryan of Evanston; Cornelia Petrovas and Ilana Morgan-Lopez of Skokie; Beth Georgopolus,

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The Giving Tradition is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2 and Dec. 8-9; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Dec. 3-7 and Dec. 10-14. Activities are free with paid Museum admission. For more information call (414) 278-2702.
Hear holiday music and see dance performances, including: Heritage Musik and Dance Society performing English dance (noon Saturday and Sunday, Dec.

1-2); the Cashel-Dennehy Dancers performing traditional Irish dance (1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2); Steuben First Band (noon Mondays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17); North Shore Middle School Band (noon Thursday, Dec. 13); Pius XI High School Madrigal Ensemble (noon Saturday, Dec. 15); and the Elm Player Road Show Choir (noon Thursday, Dec. 20).
Learn about the Swedish celebration of St. Lucia, and how different cultures celebrate Christmas, decorate trees, give gifts and bake, with Betty Kinden, Museum docent (noon Saturdays, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8).
See demonstrations of Swed-

ish Dala horse carving by members of the International Institute (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1); traditional Scottish arts and crafts, by members of the Caledonia Society (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2); traditional German arts and crafts, by Donauschwab Club of Milwaukee (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8); Hmong arts, by the Hmong Friendship Association (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2 and Dec. 8-9); Mexican arts and crafts, by Mexican Fiesta (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2); Polish holiday traditions, by members of the Polish Women's Association (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9); and Filipino holiday traditions (11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9).

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Learn about Kwanzaa with students from Steuben Middle School (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10).
Admission to the Museum: adults \$6.50, seniors (60+) \$5, children (ages 4-17) \$4. Milwaukee County residents are admitted free on Mondays with identification.

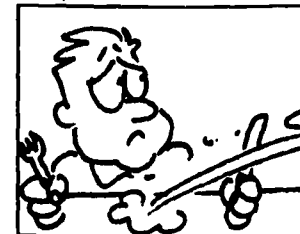
Religious poems sought from area poets

Good news for sincere poets! The Bards of Burbank is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their Religious Competition 2002, free to everyone. The deadline for entering is January 1, 2002.
To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91506, you may enter online at www.freecontest.com.

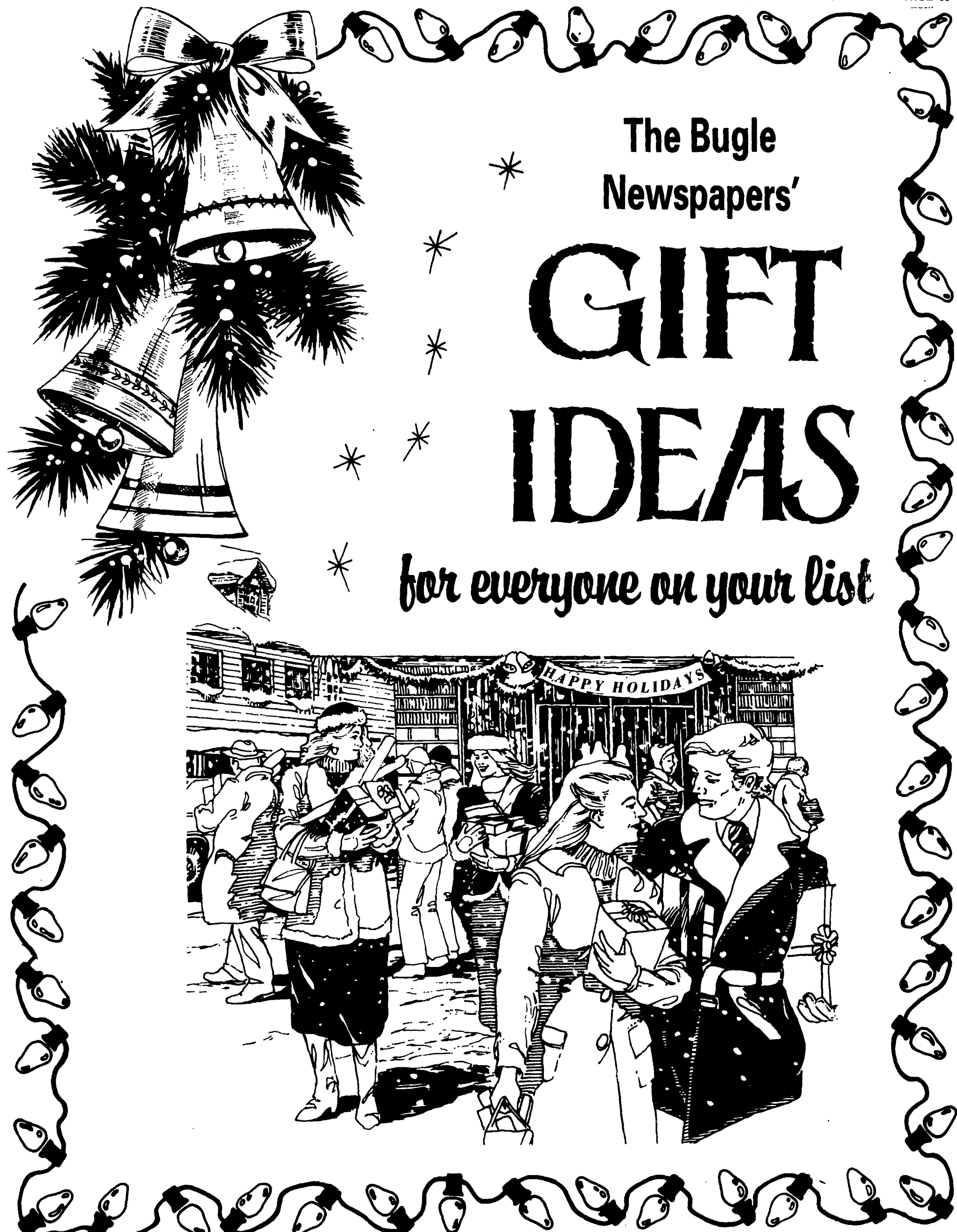
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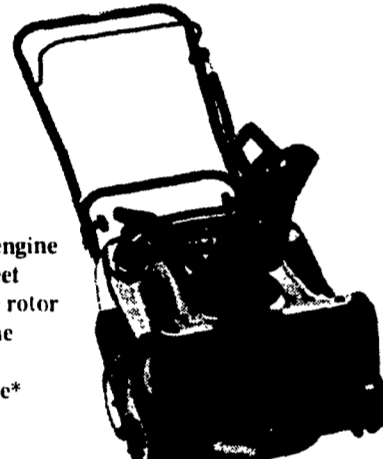
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This season's Holiday ADOPT will help Lincoln Park continue its conservation efforts on behalf of, and provide quality care for, snow leopards. The package costs \$40 (plus a \$3.95 shipping charge) and includes a cuddly snow leopard plush toy, a personalized certificate and 3 x 5 photo of a real snow leopard, a snow leopard fact sheet, fun animal stickers and a subscription to the zoo's *Wildtimes* newsletter, which provides loads of information on the animals, education programs and upcoming special events.

As a bonus, those who purchase a Holiday ADOPT by November 30 will receive two free tickets to ZooLights, which runs from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, through January 6, 2002.

Lincoln Park Zoo's Holiday ADOPT can be purchased by phone at (312) 742-2322, online at www.lpzoo.org or on grounds at Gateway Pavilion, our visitor center, or *Wildthings!*, the zoo's gift shop. All ADOPT proceeds benefit the animals and conservation programs at Lincoln Park Zoo.

Brookfield Zoo seeking groups to sing at Holiday Magic

Brookfield Zoo is looking for four-part harmony groups of up to 50 people to sing a cappella during the zoo's 20th annual Holiday Magic, a traditional family event featuring 15 evenings of festive merrymaking. Groups can sing holiday tunes of their choice on any of the following days: Fridays through Sundays, through December 23. Groups should expect to be scheduled to carol for one hour during the festival, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Those interested in caroling during Holiday Magic should contact the zoo's Marketing Department at (708) 485-0263, ext. 608.

Open every day, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.

Knights hold annual Christmas Party

Grand Knight Joe Tatkovski of North American Martyrs Council 4338, Knights of Columbus reminds everyone to mark your calendar for one of the highlights of the holiday season, the annual adult Christmas Party. This year's party will be held on Saturday, December 8, at St. John Brebeuf School's Flanagan Hall.

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Volunteers needed for children's gift program

Make spirits bright this holiday season! ChildServ, a non-profit child well-being agency, is currently seeking volunteers to sort and wrap gifts during its annual gift giving event. Every year ChildServ collects over 5,000 gifts for the children in its programs who live in under-

resourced communities throughout the Chicago area. Churches, corporations and civic organizations will deliver donated gifts to a sorting center located at the Village Green Shopping Center, 555 Busse Highway in Park Ridge. Volunteers are needed to sort and wrap gifts from December 3 through December 13 during day and evening hours. Individuals and groups are welcome! For more information or to volunteer, call Jennifer Collins, ChildServ Volunteer Coordinator, at (773) 693-0300, extension 162.

Maine Township seeks toy donations for needy

More and more unemployment and other economic hardships face Maine Township residents. But, what does this mean in human terms?

It means that more families are finding it harder to make ends meet. There are more single mothers trying to keep a place for their family and not become homeless. There are new immigrants who cannot find work because they are not yet familiar with our language or our ways. And, there are many who usually are working but because of circumstances beyond their control now find themselves without a job.

The holidays are particularly tough on those who are struggling financially. This is a time when more people reach out to places like the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry for food and other items. During 2001, the

Pantry has helped over 3,000 families.

The Pantry also helps in a different way during the holidays. It helps provide toys to those who might not otherwise have them. "In some cases, the toys we provide are the only ones some children will receive this season," says Marsha Warnick, Director of the Township's General Assistance department. "The need is greater than ever for new, unwrapped toys to be donated by companies, organizations and individuals."

She adds, "We are hoping the community will lend their support this season in donating non-perishable food and new toys for these special families who need a little extra holiday assistance."

For information call (847) 297-2510 or drop off items at

Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

NHS seeks donations for food drive

The Niles West High School National Honor Society (NHS) is sponsoring its annual food drive for the holidays. Through December 12, please bring your donations of non-perishable items to the Oakton Lobby at Niles West High School, 5701 West Oakton Street in Skokie. Last year NHS collected over 14,000 items. This year NHS would like to surpass that amount. Donations will be delivered to the Niles Township Food Pantry, which will support needy families in the area.

Knights...

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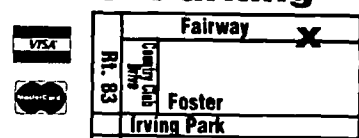


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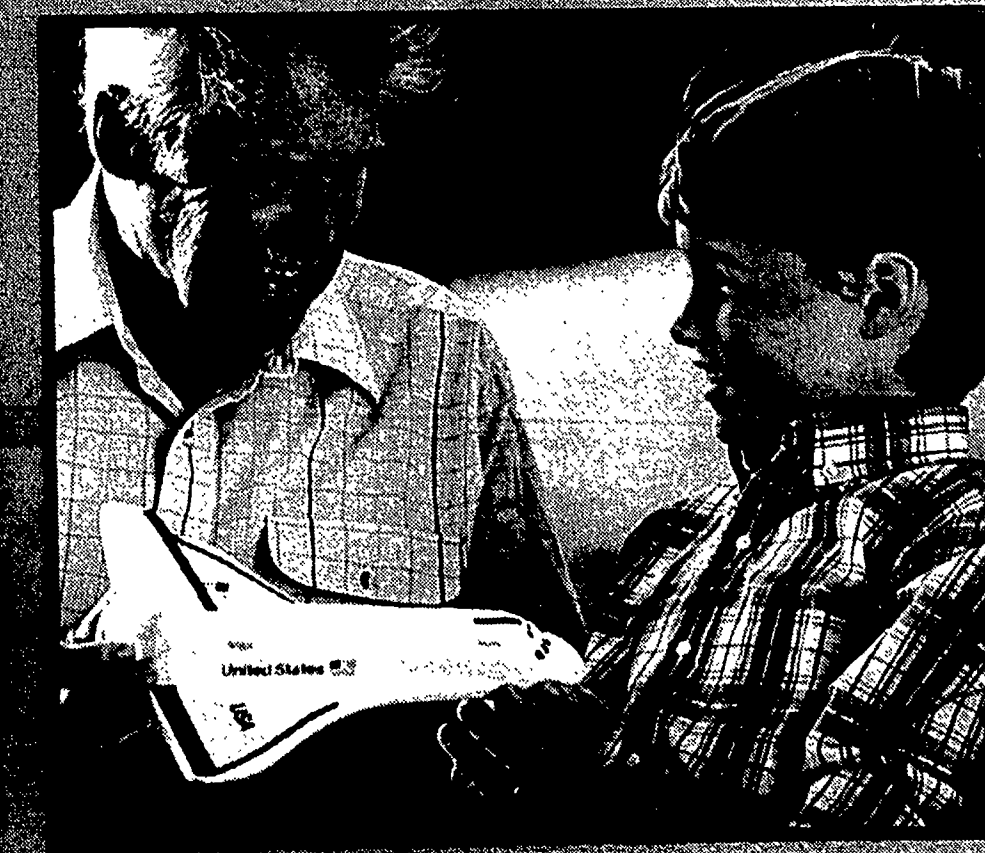
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Letting go of our need for control frees us

"If you want to make God laugh, just tell him your plans." This old Jewish proverb is especially familiar to people in recovery from addiction, but everyone can glean some meaning from these time-tested words. They serve as a gentle reminder that most of what happens in our life and in the lives of others is beyond our control.

"Control is usually a fantasy, and there is very little of it available," said John MacDougall, manager of Spiritual Guidance at Hazelden in Center City, Minn. Parents, for instance, might think they can control their children by controlling their children's environment, he said. "Yet, if you have several children, can you make them grow up the same? Can you make all your employees behave the same way by issuing the same rules at the office?"

Even agencies of social control don't really have control, explained MacDougall. Although police can exert influence by beefing up a police department or having more visibility in a high-crime area, they can't control whether or not a crime will take place.

Although we often confuse influence and control, they are two distinct things. For example, we can influence our health by exer-

cising, not smoking, eating balanced meals, and getting an annual physical, but we cannot control our health or longevity. Even the healthy and virtuous are susceptible to disease and accidents.

We can guide and we can nag others, but we cannot script their lives or control how they will act or react. We can plot and plan our own lives, yet the unexpected happens. We can buckle our own and our children's seat belts, and drive as carefully as we can, but we have no control over the careless driver who veers into our lane and smashes into our car.

Letting go of our need to control frees us to appreciate and remain open to the wonderful surprises life often hands us. We can become more spontaneous and accepting. Remember that the Chinese character for crisis also means opportunity. The rain that canceled our perfectly planned picnic outing provides a chance to snuggle in and read the book we've been meaning to get to. A difficult situation at work that escalated beyond our control affords us the chance to bond with a coworker.

Understanding the myth of control can also help us when we are in leadership roles, said MacDougall. "AA's Tradition Two says that our leaders are but trust-

ing, not smoking, eating balanced meals, and getting an annual physical, but we cannot control our health or longevity. Even the healthy and virtuous are susceptible to disease and accidents.

"A struggle for mastery and control only increases stress, not success," writes MacDougall in the "Clinician's Guide to Spirituality" (Hazelden, 2001), a book he coauthored with Dr. Bowen White. "Let go and let God" is a healthier approach to life than "I am the master of my fate and the captain of my soul."

"Let go and let God," is a slogan that people in Twelve Step recovery groups often quote. Others might say, "Trust the universe." A writer who is experiencing writers' block might be told by another writer to "Trust the process."

No matter how it is put, these various philosophies urge us to do the same thing: realize that the harder we try to control a behavior, a person, or a creative endeavor, the less likely we are to succeed. The struggle to control is usually a futile exercise that can drive ourselves and those around us a little crazy.

Schakowsky to visit children with disabilities

In appreciation for Rep. Janice Schakowsky's support of assistive technology, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Morton Grove PTO will honor the representative with an award December 3 at 1 p.m. at the Julia S. Molloy Education Center, 8701 N. Menard Ave.

Schakowsky was the driving force in securing a \$553,000 grant to the Illinois State Board of Education. These funds were then awarded to United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago to advance the assistive technology services provided through the Infinite Coalitions.

Schakowsky will have the opportunity to view what this grant will accomplish first-hand when she visits students using assistive technology equipment. Assistive devices give children who would otherwise be nonverbal a voice, through this equipment, children can participate in classroom discussions, talk with friends and communicate freely with their families. During her visit, Schakowsky will showcase the importance of assistive technology in the lives of children with disabilities.

The Infinite Coalitions are facilitated and managed by United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago. More than 300 school districts across Illinois have voluntarily joined this grassroots effort to address the assistive technology needs of their communities. The grant increased training and education, equipment availability and information services for the coalition. The grant also enabled UCP Chicago to add more assistive technology training seminars throughout the state and increase the assistive technology equipment library. The coalition Web site, www.coalitionconnection.org, was also expanded.

Schakowsky will be joined at the press conference by Glenn McGee, state superintendent of education; Paul Dulle, executive director of UCP Chicago; Gail Lieberman, federal relations liaison; and Ken Randle, executive director, Niles township Department of Special Education.

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Colleges, communities work to curb binge drinking

A stanza from the poem that a 13-year-old wrote after Brad McCue drank himself to death captures the tragedy of binge drinking: "Now people are sad/ Now people are crying/Because of your choices/Because of your dying."

Brad was a junior at Michigan State University when he downed 24 shots of alcohol to celebrate his 21st birthday. His blood alcohol level was 0.44 when he died - more than four times the legal limit.

Unfortunately, Brad's story is one of many sad tales of campus binge drinking. Each year, college students are killed, injured, assaulted, or negatively affected in many other ways because of alcohol abuse. Simply put, binge drinking is drinking too much alcohol in too little time. Researchers define binge drinking as five or more drinks in a row for men and four drinks for women. According to the most recent Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study, two out of five college students are binge drinkers. Alcohol is involved in two thirds of college student suicides, 95 percent of violent crime on campus, and 90 percent of campus rapes.

Fortunately, prevention efforts are taking place in college campuses and communities throughout the country. For instance, A Matter of Degree (AMOD) is a \$17.5 million effort by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Medical Association to curb binge drinking. AMOD established 10 campus-community partnerships comprised of college administrators, elected officials, students, parents, law enforcement, concerned bar owners and community residents to work together to discourage the behavior and practices that help sustain high-risk drinking.

"This project differs from past efforts to reduce high-risk drinking by identifying it as a public health issue," said Tracy Bachman, project manager of the Building Responsibility Campus/Community Coalition formed by the University of Delaware and the city of Newark. Bachman said that enforcing stiffer penalties, notifying parents of drinking violations, and increasing the number of alcohol-free activities has led to fewer policy violations and has reduced the "secondhand" effects that high-risk drinking has on other students and community members. In addition, Newark has reduced the density of bars on Main Street and lowered the BAC level for DUI to .08. Early results from the Harvard study indicate a five percent drop in binge drinking rates at the University of Delaware: more students are choosing to abstain from alcohol as well.

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Visit www.stopcollegebingeing.com to learn more about college binge drinking and the A Matter of Degree project.

Paul D. Sarvela's great-grandmother loved her sauna so much she gave birth there. "That happened with a lot of Finns of that generation - it was a clean, sterile place with a lot of hot water," said Sarvela, chair of the Department of Health Care Professions at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

For those unfamiliar with the curious pleasure of Finns, "sauna" refers to both a sweat-bath ritual and the cedar-lined room where that ritual takes place. In the United States, it's a word usu-

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Although born and raised in the United States, Sarvela likes to brag that he's "100 percent Suoinalainen," the name Finns use for themselves. And no Finn worth his salt would be without his sauna.

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Sauna . . .

Sauna is the country's national obsession. The Finnish Sauna Society pegs the number of saunas there at about two for every five people. They're found in city homes and country cottages, apartments and hotels. Even the Parliament building in Helsinki has one.

when he was about a week old. He's been a regular sauna-taker ever since, with the exception of two years he spent in Hanover, Md., working at his first job. "I was saunaless, which launched me into a reactive depression!" he joked. When Sarvela and his wife, Debbie, built their Carbondale house in 1994, Sarvela took the plunge and built a freestanding sauna hut, too. "Traditionally, a Finlander

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would build the sauna before he built his house, and the family would live there while the house was being built," Sarvela said. His wife, however, is not a Finn. The Sarvelas built their house and their sauna at the same time. From the outside, it looks a bit like a tool shed with a chimney. It has no windows (to keep the heat inside from escaping), but it does sport a little porch with a hand-made bench on which to sit between "heats."

"I think I have pretty much dealt a fatal blow to that one," said Sarvela, a big, barrel-chested fellow for whom the phrase "a bear of a man" might have been coined. For Sarvela, the sauna's main

When you want counseling but your partner doesn't

Relationships take work. While romance may help to bring many couples together, sharing a lifetime together brings many new demands, calling for relationship skills that may never have been needed before.

For some couples the skills necessary for a successful relationship seem to come fairly easily, or at least are learned over time. These couples find they:

- can communicate openly and honestly, sharing feelings, thoughts and ideas
• are able to develop problem-solving skills so that conflicts can be talked through and resolved to both partners' satisfaction
• have an awareness that long-term satisfaction as a couple requires commitment and effort on both sides.

When these skills are lacking, however, conflict can lead to frustration, resentment and distance between partners who were once close and loving. And when attempts to resolve longstanding conflicts fail, new skills and insights are required. This is where professional couples counseling can help.

Relationship counseling isn't a magic bullet that suddenly solves a couple's problems. But it is an opportunity to learn new insights and skills under professional guidance that can make a significant difference in a relationship.

Most couple counseling starts by getting the partners to understand that both parties in a relationship are responsible, but no one is to be blamed for what has gone wrong. Counseling will also focus on learning new conflict resolution skills - how to express thoughts and feelings more clearly, listen more carefully, and respond more sensitively.

It's also helpful to uncover how communications broke down in the first place. Each of us brings "baggage" into our relationships - unresolved hurt, disappointment and anger from the past. We grew up in different homes with different expectations. Through professional counseling, partners learn to understand each other better and communicate more comfortably across individual differences.

But an important question that faces many couples in need of help is to how to get the process started. Seldom will both partners come to the decision at the same time that help is needed. In many cases, it's often only one partner

appeal is its ability to flush away tension.

"It's cleansing - not only physically, but emotionally," he said. "Some people go to the psychiatrist: I sit in the sauna."

who feels that there is a real problem and that counseling could help.

How can you raise the idea of couples counseling to your mate? Choose a time when the two of you are calm to introduce the subject. Keep it simple. Avoid blaming or accusing, and maintain an upbeat attitude. It's always easier to accept a loving message than an angry one. You may want to say something like, "Our relationship is very important to me. I love you and I want us to stay together. Lately we haven't been as close as usual. I think couples counseling could help us be happier - will you try it with me?"

If your partner is lukewarm about the idea, offer to get some information about counselors in your area. If your partner agrees to go only because he or she thinks you have a problem, don't take it personally. Once your partner meets the counselor, you may both be glad to continue counseling.

And don't despair if your partner reacts defensively ("I don't think there's anything 'wrong'") or negatively ("I don't need a stranger telling me what to do!") Your partner may be content with the way things are. He or she may deny problems exist, even when these problems seem quite obvious to you, and even to others. Or your partner may become angry when you bring up issues that concern you. There are many common reasons why people avoid counseling, including fear of the unknown, anxiety about exposing innermost feelings, or the belief that admitting problems indicates weakness.

If your partner absolutely refuses to participate, begin counseling yourself. Your stress will diminish and your outlook brighten. Your partner may even notice the difference and become curious. Invite your partner to join you, but avoid pushing. A high-pressure approach often creates resistance. Instead of nagging or getting angry, keep letting your partner know how important he or she is to you and how much you want your relationship to succeed.

While you can't force your partner to change, one person's growth can often inspire another's.

Wedding rings were first worn by the Romans, and were made of iron.

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Helping children deal with loss

Every child experiences loss at some time. It could be as simple as a broken toy, or as complex as the death of someone dearly loved. Helping your child deal appropriately with the feeling of grief can make the experience much less painful.

Often the first significant loss a child experiences is the death of a pet. As unpleasant as it may be, the situation presents an important learning experience for the child. If the child witnessed the event or feels responsible for the pet's death, his or her feelings are likely to be all the more intense.

Your feelings are important, also. Don't feel a need to hide your tears for the sake of your child. It's all right to grieve together and talk together about what happened. It's important for your child to know that even if he or she sometimes neglected the pet or was angry at the pet, that didn't make the pet die. Children often secretly blame themselves when something bad happens.

If you sense that your child is afraid to ask questions or talk about what happened for fear of upsetting others, you may need to initiate the conversation. Let your child know you are willing to talk about what happened when he or she is ready. Share information in a way your child can understand.

Having a funeral for a pet can help bring closure. Let your child help plan what to do. You may want to talk about special memories, or make a tape recording about your pet's life. Making a scrapbook with favorite pictures of your pet can bring back good memories. Your child may enjoy drawing pictures or writing about your pet. You may want to create a memory box if there are items you want to save.

Often, after a pet dies, parents rush to get a replacement pet. However, getting another pet too soon usually doesn't relieve the grief. Even talking about getting another pet right away can be upsetting to a child who is still grieving. Your child could end up taking angry feelings out on the new pet. When your child begins to ask about getting a new pet, that is likely to be the right time to start planning for another pet.

Don't be surprised if your child sometimes "takes a break" from grief. Children can be very upset, then go out and play as if nothing happened. This doesn't mean they are through grieving. The feelings may come back many times. Bedtime can be difficult. Being alone in bed at night can give time to think and bring back unpleasant feelings. Some children may find a nightlight or stuffed animal

comforting. Respect your child's feelings; avoid making fun of them or ignoring them.

If your child is having a difficult time with the loss, especially if it is a major loss such as a relative, it could be helpful to talk with your school's professional counselor. The counselor may have a small group that meets to help children deal with loss. The counselor can answer questions your child may have and help him or her develop ways to handle any uncomfortable feelings that may have been making it difficult to concentrate and learn in class. The counselor can also suggest ways to deal with any behavior problems that may have developed. Call your child's school to talk with the school counselor and schedule an appointment.

A visit to the library may yield several child-appropriate books to read with your child about death. Books may answer questions your child has been afraid to ask. A good book will stimulate conversation and provide new understanding. Just the act of reading a book aloud to your child will give comfort. The extra attention is also valuable at this time. You may even find that you and your child grow closer as you deal with the grief together.

Grief is a process. It does not

automatically stop after a given period of time. Your child cannot "snap out of it." Helping your child handle the process well provides a foundation for dealing with other losses that are likely to

occur in life. Helping your child learn to be resilient takes time and effort, but resiliency is a valuable life skill that will help your child grow into a strong, confident adult.

Understanding a loved one's recovery program

It can be scary when someone you care about begins a Twelve Step recovery program. If that someone is an alcoholic who joins Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), you might feel left out, as if the person has joined an exclusive club and you don't know the secret handshake.

More likely, however, you will feel the sense of hope and relief that the person enjoys. You will see that the person is making a dramatic life transformation - abstaining from alcohol and building a healthy body, mind and spirit. If you truly care for this person, you will be curious about the source of this great lifestyle change.

"When I first told my family I was going into treatment, they were stunned," said Cathy, a recovering alcoholic. "I wanted to talk, needed to talk, but none of us had the right words yet. Now, five

years later, I realize that it doesn't really matter how perfectly you say something. You have to risk saying the wrong thing and just start communicating."

Learning basic Twelve Step philosophy and language can open the lines of communication. Once you understand some Twelve Step principles, concepts such as powerlessness, spiritual awakening, higher power and making amends, they will seem less like cult mantras and more like the simple guides they are intended to be.

A Twelve Step program is one that adapts the Twelve Steps of AA to fit the particular needs of a mutual-help group. Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Alateen, Gamblers Anonymous, Nicotine Anonymous, and Adult Children of Alcoholics are examples of groups with a Twelve Step foundation.

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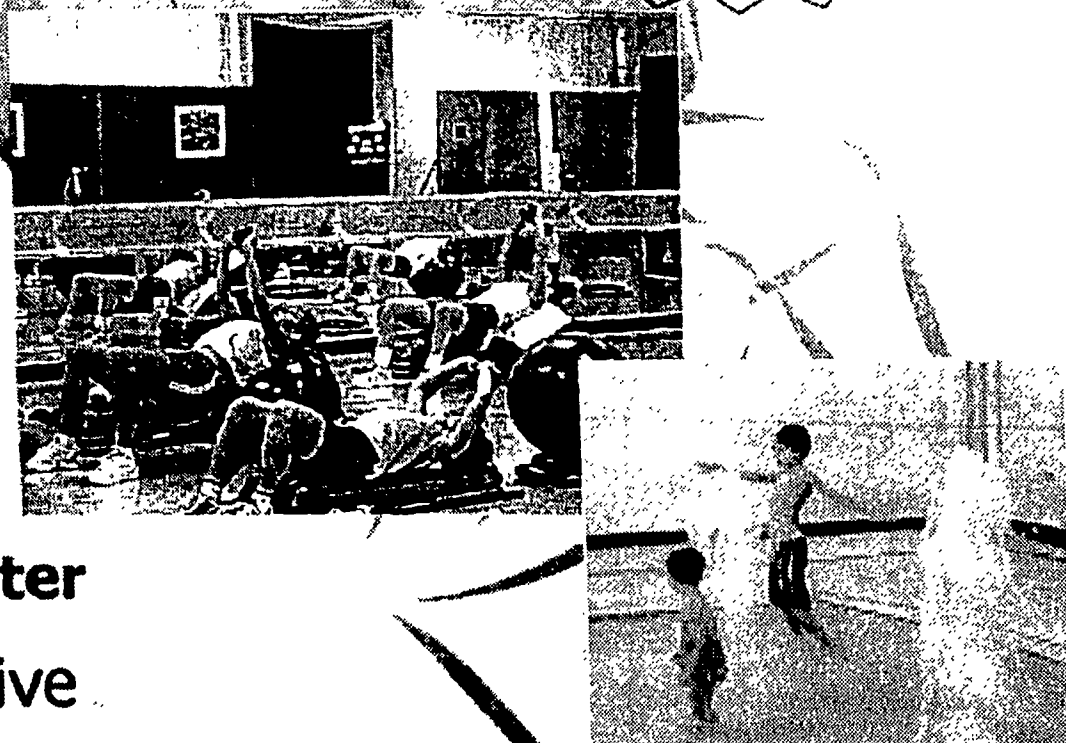
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Celebrate at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic

Make this holiday season a memorable one by joining friends and family at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic, when the zoo transforms into a wonderland glow with lights and awash in the enchantment of the holidays. The celebration, now in its 20th year, is every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening from 4 to 9 p.m. through December 23.

In wandering the zoo, visitors will discover beautifully painted life-sized fiberglass polar bear sculptures - the Polar Bear Promenade. Sponsored by Chicago-area businesses and organizations, the bears were created and decorated by Friends of Community Public Arts, a not-for-profit organization, and other local artists. The bears will "promenade" through March 2002.

Other delights for visitors to discover include:

More than 350 balsam fir trees lighting the zoo's malls and decorated by Chicagoland community organizations; Santa Claus in Discovery Center (photo opportunity); ice carving demonstrations sponsored by Lang Ice at the Discovery Center Plaza; a photo with an animal at the Magical Animal Memories studio near the Zoo Shop - package prices range from \$10.95 to \$17.95 with discounts available for multiple package purchases; North Pole Workshop in children's Zoo; fun

learning activities in The Swamp and Reptile House; roving entertainers, local singing groups, and costumed characters; and the zoo's many animals who love the winter weather, including the walrus who are back home in their refurbished habitat, Pinniped Point, Kinapak polar bear cub and the other bears, Amur tigers, and snow leopards.

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Each night during the festival, families can shake off the chill in the heated Storybook Theater, located near The Living Coast. The theater features live entertainment and Chicagoland celebrities reading their favorite holiday tales. Scheduled storytellers and entertainers include: McNulty Irish Dancers (December 15 at 7 p.m.); Singing Men of Note (December 1 at 7 p.m.); Wendy Rice, WXRT-FM radio personality (December 2 at 6 p.m.); Rich Renick and Lee Murdock, US99 radio personalities (December 7 at 7 p.m.); Frank E. Lee, WXRT-FM radio personality (December 8 at 6 p.m.); Kevin O'Connor, Star 93.5 radio personality (De-

December 8 at 6:30 p.m.); Broadway Bound Marquee Dancers (December 8 at 7 p.m.); Audra Evans, US99 radio personality (December 9 at 6 p.m.); Terri Hemmert, WXRT-FM radio personality (December 9 at 7 p.m.); Riverside-Brookfield High School Repertory Dance (December 14 at 6 p.m.); Roz Varon, traffic reporter for ABC 7 News (December 14 at 7 p.m.); Lin Brehmer, WXRT-FM radio personality (December 15 at 6 p.m.); Steve Bertrand, WGN-AM radio personality (December 16 at 6 p.m.); Oak Park Recorder Society (December 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.); and Ronald McDonald (December 23 from 6 to 9 p.m.).

During Holiday Magic, park in the zoo's northwest parking lot (near 31st Street). Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Children 2 and under are free. Car parking is \$6.75; bus parking is \$10.75. An additional admission fee applies to Children's Zoo and Hamill Family Play Zoo.

For more information, call Brookfield Zoo at (708) 485-0263, ext. 879, or visit its Web site at www.brookfieldzoo.org. Open every day, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways.

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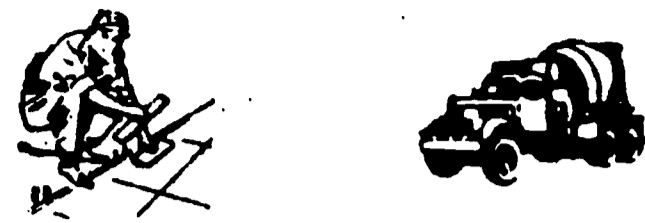
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Polish Women's Alliance offers a Taste of Poland

Polish Women's Alliance of America Council 9 is hoping to raise funds for its youth programs through the sale of boxed Polish Christmas cards and "Oplatki," the traditional Polish Christmas wafers shared among family and friends to wish each other health and happiness during holiday gatherings.

The assorted Christmas cards come 12 in a box and are available for \$5.75 and the "Oplatki" Christmas wafers are three to a package for \$1.25. Both items are available for purchase at the National Headquarters located at 205 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, or may be ordered by phone by contacting Council 9

President Regina Solms at (847) 647-1855.

Polish Women's Alliance Council 9 hosts its annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 2, starting at noon at the National Headquarters, 205 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge. Members with their children and friends are invited to attend this fun-filled holiday event.

Bring your biggest and brightest smiles along for a family photo with Santa, and don't forget to bring your Christmas list to share with Santa too! Christmas songs, games, ornament making and holiday presents and treats are all part of the fun. To join in the fun and reserve a place contact Council 9 President Regina Solms at (847) 647-1855.

Maine Twp. Provides Help with Paying Energy Bills

The bad news is rising heating costs are expected to again be a challenge this winter. Price increases and harder economic times have resulted in more Maine Township residents seeking assistance with energy bills. The good news is that more low-income households are receiving home heating assistance thanks to the efforts of Maine Township.

But, there is a limit to the amount of assistance that will be available since the funds are running low, says Marsha Warnick, Director of General Assistance for Maine Township. The demand has increased so the funds are being depleted faster this year, she added.

All those seeking assistance need to schedule an appointment as soon as possible with the General Assistance Department at Town Hall. During the appointments, Township staff will answer questions and provide help in applying for the financial assistance.

Earlier this year, legislation provided more liberal eligibility guidelines for individuals and households for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) so more people can qualify for help in paying heating (electric and gas) utilities bills.

The program administered through Maine Township and some other agencies offers assistance in paying heating costs to income-qualified individuals. A person may apply for assistance if they either pay their own heating bills or have it included in their rent. Assistance is also available for telephone bills to qualified persons.

The income eligibility guide-

- lines are as follows:
- 1 person in household with a gross monthly income of \$1,074;
 - 2 persons in household with a gross monthly income of \$1,451;
 - 3 persons in household with a gross monthly income of \$1,828;
 - 4 persons in household with a gross monthly income of \$2,205;
 - 5 persons in household with a gross monthly income of \$2,582; and
 - 6 persons in household with a gross monthly income of \$2,959.

Those interested in this program should call to schedule an appointment at Maine Township. The following documents will be needed at the appointment:

1. State of Illinois photo ID or driver's license for all adult members in the household (18 years or older).
2. Hard copy of Social Security number for all members of the household (e.g. Social Security card, Social Security benefits award letter or Social Security printout).
3. Proof of income for all members of the household (income documentation must cover 30-day period prior to the date of application. Acceptable proof may be Social Security benefits award letter, Social Security printout, public aid medical card or pay stubs).
4. Most recent itemized utility bills (electric, gas and oil bills). No final notices or shut-off notices are accepted. Note: applicant must be the consumer listed on the utility bills.
5. Rent receipt or lease.

For further information or to schedule an appointment in Maine Township, call the General Assistance Office at (847) 297-2510, ext. 236.

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Durbin calls for December Payroll Tax Holiday

With the day after Thanksgiving traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) called for a federal payroll tax holiday in December to help boost the sluggish economy by putting extra dollars in the hands of working families who could use it during the holidays to pay bills and make end-of-year purchases.

Durbin said getting the economy moving again - and quickly - should be Congress' highest priority when it comes back after the Thanksgiving holidays.

"A payroll tax holiday is one of the simplest and most direct ways to get our economy moving again," Durbin said. "Temporarily cutting payroll taxes is the type of tax cut all working Americans benefit from. It is fair, focused and fast."

Durbin said if a payroll tax holiday is provided for a two-week pay period, a family making \$40,000 a year will see a boost in its take-home pay of nearly \$120. That income most likely would go right back out into the economy and encourage jobs and growth, he noted.

The Illinois senator said the payroll tax holiday could be paid for by transferring monies from the General Treasury Fund back to the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds so that the solvency of these critical programs would not be undermined.

Durbin noted that in roundtables he held last month with Illinois business leaders, one of the messages he heard most frequently and took back to Capitol Hill was the need to put more money in the hands of consumers as quickly as possible.

Pickwick Theatre presents 'Kubrick Fest'

The Pickwick Theatre will host a film festival celebrating the groundbreaking work of filmmaker Stanley Kubrick on Saturday, December 1, in the historic theatre at 5 South Prospect in Park Ridge. Two films about war will be shown: the early *Paths of Glory* (1957), a film about the First World War starring a young Kirk Douglas, and the satiric masterpiece, *Dr. Strangelove* (1964). This Kubrick Fest is the first offering in the theatre's new Living Cinema series, which will showcase film classics.

The films will be preceded by a talk given by Oakton College Professor Susan Doll, who has a Ph.D. in film history from Northwestern University and also works at Facets Multimedia in Chicago. She will handle questions from the audience after each film as well.

The schedule for these screenings, which will take place on the big screen in the historic theatre built in 1928, is as follows: *Strangelove* at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. and *Paths of Glory* at 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. They are each just over 90 minutes in length, and have no official rating, but PG-13 is suggested as a guideline.

Tickets for both movies and the talk are \$10, and may be ordered by phoning the Pickwick



While he is known for his science fiction, French writer Jules Verne also wrote a novel about the American Civil War called *North Against South*.

Live Box Office at (847) 692-6590. Box Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10-5, and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Pickwick Live operates the walk-up ticket booth at the theatre. The Pickwick Live office is located in the Pickwick Building, 3 South Prospect, Suite 11, in Park Ridge.

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er reported nothing missing. A Ford van in the driveway at the 8100 block of Elmore had its rear lock punched out and \$1,000 worth of power tools stolen on November 18.

STOLEN VEHICLE

On November 20 a patrol of a storage facility at the 7200 block of Milwaukee revealed a gate open. Further investigation found a dark red Chevy van stolen.

A red Harley Davidson motorcycle parked in the lot at the 380 block of Golf was stolen on November 19.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE VEHICLE

On November 17 a Cadillac DeVille parked in the street at the 8100 block of Oketo had the driver's side scratched.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE PROPERTY

On November 20 officers responded to an alarm at a liquor store at the 8100 block of Golf. A search found nothing missing but a glass door had been broken causing \$400 in damage.

A house at the 8000 block of Ozark was egged on November 19.

On November 16 the overhead door of a garage at the 8300 block of Olcott was dented causing \$100 damage.

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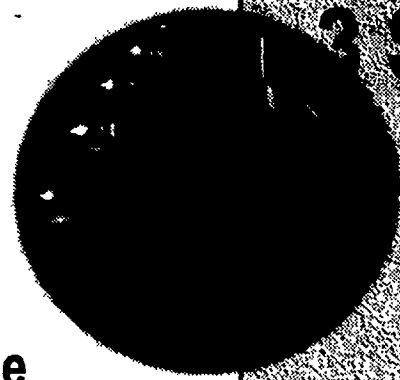
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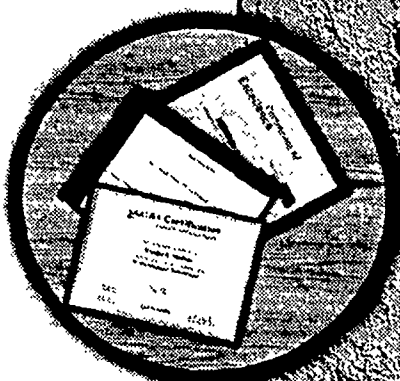
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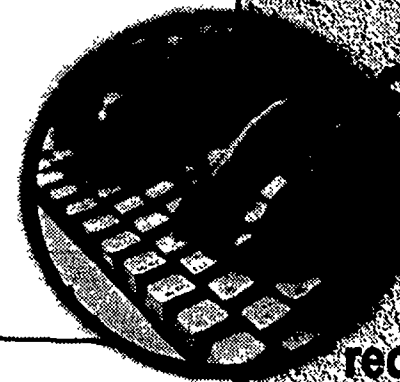
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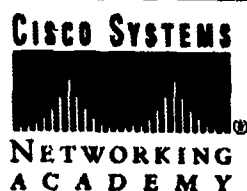


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