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EDITORIAL

Safeway should put up the for-sale sign; because when they bought Dominick's they moved into the wrong neighborhood

Dominick's Finer Foods, a fixture in Chicago's grocery business for three generations, has been repeatedly bought and sold over the past years. The current owner, Safeway of California, purchased the 130-store chain in 1998 for \$1.8 billion.

In 1999 Safeway negotiated a three-year labor contract with their 9,000 Dominick's employees belonging to the United Food and Commercial Workers union. Now, as they negotiate a new contract, Safeway is demanding union members accept a \$2 to \$3 reduction in wages to put them on par with workers at Jewel Foods. Safeway also wants seniority rules changed and union members to contribute to their health insurance.

Safeway has announced that these terms are non-negotiable and they are making plans to close down the Dominick's chain if the union does not agree to its demands. Safeway top executives have been quoted in the press saying the company could make more money selling off the assets of Dominick's, as opposed to continuing in the grocery business. Other executives have said if the union does not accept large wage cuts, stores will be torn down and turned into parking lots.

Those in the know have repeatedly said Safeway has brought all of its problems upon itself. They purchased a respected grocery chain known for the service it provided customers and the enormous quantity of product on its shelves. Safeway promptly tried to remake Dominick's into a generic Safeway store. They eliminated the large selection of product and replaced name brands with their own Safeway brand. They fired long-time store managers and corporate managers who knew this market intimately. They fired local buyers and centralized many critical decisions out of their California headquarters. And guess what happened?

Dominick's store sales have declined annually for the past three years. During the first 36 weeks of this year Safeway's net income fell by 75 percent to \$222.7 million. While the Standard & Poor's 500 Food Retail Index showed a nation-wide grocery decline of 35 percent, Safeway fell 47 percent.

Now they want to regain profitability at the expense of their union employees. Rather than admit the mistakes they made, they claim employee salaries are at the root of their problems. Don't mention, of course, that it was Safeway which agreed to these salaries and benefits when they signed the 1999 contract.

The bottom line is that Safeway has failed miserably in managing a large grocery chain in Chicago's extremely competitive market. And to add to the mismanagement, their approach to negotiating a union contract is, simply, beyond stupidity.

Safeway of California has delusional thoughts that they can break the union in Chicago to pave the way for other union negotiations they have around the country. While we staid midwesterners like to joke about the strange things they smoke in California, Safeway's behavior may prove this joke to be too true.

The bean-counters have told all 15,000 Dominick's employees that they may soon be out of work. Who do these bean-counters think they are to behave like this?

Safeway thinks they can come into Chicago, one of the great labor union cities of the world, and dictate like a California rancher talking to migrant workers. Well, that just does not cut it here.

This is Chicago. Unions built this city. They produced the steel that built the United States. Unions broke their backs to keep the railroads growing to create the greatest wealth in the history of the world. The unions in Chicago butchered the meat which the unions in Chicago put on their railroads and sent to feed this country.

If Safeway is blind enough to allow the United Food and Commercial Workers union to strike, the Teamsters will not allow any deliveries into Dominick's stores. Customers will join in the boycott of the stores and the results will be disastrous.

What has happened at Dominick's is that the company has been bought and is now being run, not by grocers, but by bean-counters. Whether these bean-counters were in the grocery business or women's clothing or garbage collection business, they would behave the same way. They would push very hard for profits and, along the way, produce a mediocre product.

However, these bean-counters figured wrong when they came to Chicago. Here there is competition. Here you need to take off your \$600 suits, put down your little-boy-toy computers and cell phones, get into the Dominick's stores and.....work. You need to be the bag boys, you need to be the cashiers, you need to stock shelves, work behind the deli counters, work in the back room. You need to work at the front desk taking guff from customers while maintaining a smile. You have to work until your soft, bean-counter hands become calloused. Then, and only then, you might have some idea how to profitably operate the grocery stores you just paid \$1.8 billion for.

Unfortunately, when the bean-counters graduated from college they hadn't learned very much about the real world. So now, their idea of negotiating with a union is to threaten to close the stores. Besides the 9,000 members of the union, there are an additional 6,000 employees. The bean-counters have told all 15,000 Dominick's employees that they may soon be out of work. Who do these bean-counters think they are to behave like this?

Well, bean-counters, you have come to the wrong place. This is Chicago. Carl Sandburg's 'City of the big shoulders,' and Nelson Algren's 'City on the make.' This is the city where things happen. They happen for better and for worse, with money above the table and below the table, and in ways which are not always pretty.

This is Chicago. Unlike you California bean-counters, we drive General Motors cars, live in modest homes, cut our own lawns, and send our kids to state schools for college.

You know what else? In Chicago we eat meat for lunch. We eat meat for dinner. And we are about to eat California bean-counters for breakfast.

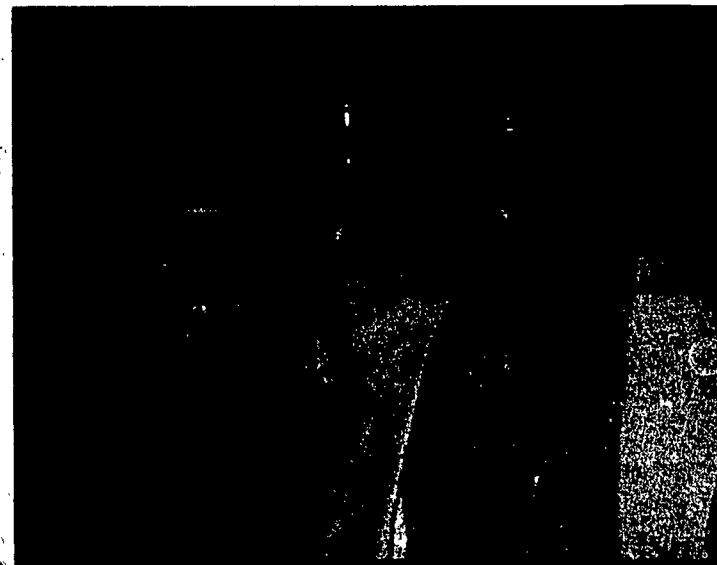
Snapshots From Our Town

Boyhood friends remain together on police force



Three Niles Police officers, l to r, Division Commander John Fryksdale, Sgt. Karl Scheel and Commander Rich Leddy, grew up playing together on Keeney St. in Niles east of Milwaukee Ave. Fortunately for our community, they chose to together become cops and not robbers.

Celebrating a 40th anniversary



Niles residents Belinda and Sam Shamuel of Nordica Avenue recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their family.

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County Police nab crooks in sting at Glenview pawn shop

Cook County Sheriff's Police were able to arrest 16 people by using a Glenview 'pawn shop' in a four month undercover operation. A secluded area at 518 Zenith, just west of Glenview, was a good location to attract a cross section of 'customers'.

Through fliers and newspaper ads, which read, 'Items bought and sold for cash' police alerted criminals to the pawn shop. Large quantities of ecstasy, cocaine, and other drugs were sold to undercover investigators. Stolen jewelry valued at \$15,000

was also recovered.

Sheriff Michael Sheahan said pawn shops have been known to draw the criminal element. Four pinhole cameras behind walls and ceiling were used for surveillance of the illegal transactions. Sheahan said video tapes are necessary to identify those involved and obtain warrants for their arrests. He continued, "The majority of the offenders we arrested in this operation are hard-core, street-level drug dealers and gang members with extensive criminal backgrounds."

Andre Hill, 25, of 2234 W. Ohio St., Chicago, tried to sell a \$50,000 leased BMW sports utility vehicle for \$9,000. He has been charged with three felony counts for delivering large quantities of ecstasy and selling marijuana. After his arrest, police also found a .22 caliber handgun.

Also arrested in this sting is Cojuan "Boo" Ruffin, 27, who lives at 1520 W. Dempster, Evanston. He was charged with the delivery of a controlled substance, the sale of six grams of cocaine, and the sale of stolen jewelry valued at \$15,000. He has had 16 prior arrests and been convicted of assault and obstruction of justice.

Others charged with the delivery of a controlled substance are Garfield Brown 26, of 1803 Dempster, Christopher Harris, 22, of 121 Elmwood, Kimberly Mitchell, 29, of 119 Elmwood, and Davian "Tooty" Hubbard, 21 of 1655 Jonquil Tr., all of Evanston. Said Musleh, 39 of 9357 N. Potter Rd. Des Plaines was charged with theft, and Gary "Darnell" McIntyre, 29, of 358 Inland Dr., Wheeling, was charged with the delivery of a look-alike substance.

First Deputy Chief Jim Malinowski of the Sheriff's Office said legitimate customers who came into the pawn shop were quoted very high prices on all items so as to discourage purchases.

Edward Herman, owner of Midwest Credit Corp. and Michael Russell, of Access Safe and

Security, were both leary of the new owners. "We thought they were the bad guys. We had no idea."

Display items borrowed from Target are being returned to the store.

SJB Kindergarten Students Make New Friends

The Kindergarten students at St. John Brebeuf School have been very busy making new friends and getting to know each other. Their teachers, Mrs. Ries and Mrs. Oliva, have planned an exciting year for them.

They began the school year with a week of getting to know each other. They read stories about the first day of kindergarten and created class books about them. Each day one child gets to bring the class book home to share with their families. The children have really enjoyed sharing their stories with family members.

The kindergarten students also spent some time getting to know their 7th grade buddies. The 7th grade buddies are important role models to the kindergartners and do activities with them throughout the year. The kindergartners had a chance to interview their buddies, asking them questions to help get them acquainted, such as their birthday or their favorite food, etc. They had a great time finding out new things about each other.

The children have also been very busy learning their letter sounds. Each week the children learn the sound of a new letter, their teachers have come up with some fun ways to help them learn their letter sounds. So far they have had a "silly sock day," "mismatched day" and "tie day." Mrs. Oliva and Mrs. Ries have many more exciting activities planned for the year and hope the children will have fun while learning in their classrooms.

Niles North teacher named to Blagojevich team

A Niles North science teacher learned recently she was named to a board set up to interface with the governor-elect.

Jacklyn Naughton learned of her appointment from District 219 teachers' union president Dan Montgomery.

According to David Wilhelm, Blagojevich transition team director, members of the advisory board will provide advice, make "people" recommendations, and generally serve in a communications role.

Naughton, who reached final level in last year's Golden Apple Awards, has taught high school for more than 30 years, the past 14, at Niles North.

The team's first meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21, Naughton says.

MG American Legion Auxiliary Holiday Luncheon

To enable residents to save the day for their annual holiday luncheon, the Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit #134 is announcing the date for this year's social.

Ladies and gentlemen of the community will wish to note it will take place Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. at the Morton Grove Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster.

Donation is just \$8. Auxiliary president Dee Dolan has appointed Patricia Jordan chairman for the day. Mrs. Jordan may be reached at (847) 967-5812 for further information and reservations.

Following the cocktail hour a delicious catered Hawaiian style meal will be served to be followed by musical entertainment by the Lakeside-West Side VA Hospitals veterans choir group.

The Auxiliary yearly remembers all hospitalized veterans still confined to nursing homes and VA institutions with a holiday remembrance.

Former Rosemont auxiliary policeman charged in Park Ridge robbery

A man with slightly more than a year's employment with Rosemont was arrested in Park Ridge in connection with a robbery perpetrated in the parking lot of a local store.

Vinni Dymond, 32, of Streamwood was charged Nov. 7 with one count each of robbery and intimidation, and two counts of official misconduct.

Dymond, formerly an auxiliary police officer with the Rosemont Police Department, was terminated by Rosemont Public Safety Department, according to the village's public information officer.

Park Ridge police said that a 30-year-old Chicago woman in

her car in a parking lot in the 1900 block of South Cumberland Avenue was approached by a man who opened the car door and announced, "Police. Empty your pockets and give me your purse."

Park Ridge Deputy Police Chief Thomas Swoboda says that man was Dymond.

Next, the woman was asked, "Where is the gun and drugs?"

With the help of a second man, the two searched the woman's purse and took her money and driver's license. She was

told to return with more money the following day, said Swoboda, who said the woman may not have been a random target.

Police had a second man in custody but released him without charges. Investigation by the Park Ridge Police is continuing with assistance from the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Dymond is scheduled to appear Nov. 20 for preliminary hearing at Cook County Circuit Court in Skokie.

Skokie Art Guild Exhibits

The following members of the Skokie Art Guild will be exhibiting at the following locations during November and December, 2002:

Shirley Engelstein at Bank of Lincolnwood,

4433 W. Touhy, Lincolnwood. Sculptural fibre with mixed media pieces, and

Gail Shapiro at Bank of Lincolnwood.

Exhibit continues until December 31.

Richard Wilberg at Bank One, 8001 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Mixed Media.

Irene Fontana at Liberty Bank for Savings,

665 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, Oil paintings.

Helen Alevat McDonald's, 4830 W. Dempster, Skokie, Collage.

Mary Sass at the Devonshire Cultural Center.

4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, Acrylic paintings.

'An Evening with Gary Soto' at Des Plaines Library

Children, adults, and families are invited to "An Evening with Gary Soto," at the Des Plaines Public Library on Friday, November 22 at 7 p.m. The program features the award-winning poet and author who writes for adults and for children of all ages. A reception and a book signing in the Youth Services Poet Tree Corner will follow. The program and reception are sponsored by Doug and Maxine Hubbard of Des Plaines, donors of the Poet Tree Corner. Gary Soto's visit is being presented in conjunction with Family Reading Month and Children's Book Week. Activities are free, but advance registration is required in the Youth Services Department.

For information about the program, or to register, please phone the Youth Services Department at (847) 376-2839.

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Following lawsuit, Niles Parks buys
Caldwell Ave. site for \$1.8 million

Following a successful condemnation lawsuit, the Niles Park District will acquire the former *Moscow at Night* property at 7800 N. Caldwell Ave., for \$1.8 million, an amount the District says it can afford without raising taxes.

The property is desirable because its two-plus acres lie adjacent to Tam Golf Course and Tam Tennis & Fitness Center, two other park district holdings.

Executive Director Joe Lo Verde says the existing building will be used for the present, per-

haps for pre-school programs or for recreational or fitness programs.

Long-range plans, possibly by 2004, include a second Park District gymnasium. Its present gym is located on the Grennan Heights property.

When the District approached the property's owner, Lifeway Foods, Inc., of Morton Grove, Lifeway asked \$3 million for the property. After additional negotiations failed, the District filed the lawsuit in 2000.

The Park District disputed Lifeway's plan to request rezoning for a high-rise condominium property of 66 units, claiming that would be inconsistent with both Niles zoning ordinance and historical decisions for that area.

The District expects to officially own the property by year-end, after final court documents are approved by Judge Thomas Chiola.

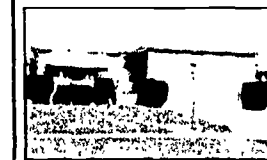
According to a Park District announcement, the District welcomes community input regarding future use of the property.



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Morton Grove police, fire budgets show slight increase

A public hearing for the Morton Grove 2003 budget is scheduled for Monday, November 25, at 7:30 P.M. The proposed budget would increase revenues less than 3 percent for both the police and fire departments.

Police Chief George Inclon's budget draft came to \$5.1 million, which was up about 2.6 percent from 2001, and Fire Chief Ralph Czerwinski's budget was up below 2 percent, at \$4.3

million. Inclon said last year's budget was 'bare bones' and this year there were a few reductions. "There's not a lot of fluff in there," he continued.

Village Administrator Larry Arft said the village shelved a plan to purchase two new squad cars and they are reducing the number of light bars for the squads. Arft stated that the budget cuts will not effect services. The 2002 budget was tighter due to the move by Abt Electronics to Glenview. They provided about 40 percent of Morton Grove's sales tax.

The police department still plans to maintain its training of

officers as 'insurance'. The fire department has included increased training dealing with weapons of mass destruction, as well as other hazards created by 9/11.

The increased fire department cost is generated by the five year, \$4,100 annual payment plan for the area's Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. This is for hazardous material and rescue vehicles. Member departments share in the use of these vehicles. Czerwinski said the Department will leave no stone unturned in looking for ways to save money. There is also a \$2,550 annual cost for the joint dispatching center.

Holy Family E.R. again a Level II Trauma Center

The Emergency Department at Holy Family Medical Center again received Level II Trauma Center designation from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

The IDPH requires that hospitals reapply for this designation every two years. On reapplying, an institution must show it has medical staff that specializes in emergency trauma medicine plus the technology and surgical capability to provide full emergency care around the clock.

Emergency facilities at Holy Family treat more than 21,000 patients annually.

Holy Family Medical Center is part of Resurrection Health Care.

Historic cemetery hopes to keep jets at bay

St. John's United Church of Christ once stood on land now occupied by O'Hare International Airport.

The congregation moved to Bensenville when forced out for airport construction in the late 1950s but left its historic churchyard cemetery behind.

Today, Chicago officials would have history repeat itself, but St. John's is resisting.

The church has filed suit in DuPage Circuit Court against the City of Chicago to prevent removal of its 153-year-old cemetery.

Named as partners to the suit are two ladies of the congregation aged 78 and 69. The first has a husband and an infant child buried there; the second has all four grandparents resting under the jets.

The suit charges that removal of St. Johannes Cemetery violates three statutes.

First, it claims that Illinois law prohibits removing a cemetery without the assent of its owners or trustees.

The church's board of directors and its legal caretakers, the St. Johannes Cemetery Committee, have not given assent.

Second, the suit claims that removal, which would substantially burden church members' exercise of religion, is allowable only if (Chicago) can show compelling governmental interest, and if relocation is the least restrictive means of accomplishing that interest. St. John's suit maintains that Chicago has not so demonstrated.

Willows Academy student awarded for leadership

The Willows Academy in Des Plaines student sophomore Gabriela Villarreal was awarded the Dan Jorndt Leadership Award. As recognition for the award, Dan Jorndt, chairman of Walgreens Co., presented Gabriela with a \$500 savings bond towards her college education and a tour of Walgreens headquarters in which she was able to meet with executives and take part in a training seminar.

Gabriela, an Addison resident, received this award for outstanding leadership for her involvement at Chicago's Midtown and Metro Achievement Center. Gabriela was chosen by her peers to represent Metro as their summer 2002 student representative. The student representative for their college orientation program for business internship served as an ambassador to the public by giving speeches and tours to visitors of Metro Achievement Center. Gabriela represents a student with good Metro spirit with a positive attitude and exceptional leadership and service. Gabriela has volunteered at the Field Museum for the past two years.

Thirdly, the suit refers to the Illinois Aeronautics Act, which forbids airport expansion without a certificate of approval from the State of Illinois.

The suit claims that Chicago not not sought such certification and has indicated that it may not.

The church has about 1,300 members buried at St. Johannes Cemetery. Some burials date back to 1849, with the most recent in 2001. Unopened plots are still held here and family members continue to maintain graves with appropriate care.

A STITCH IN TIME

Think back to the last time you purchased clothing. If you noticed a crooked seam sewn into a skirt or slacks, did you begin looking for other flaws? If a thread was hanging from a button, did you look at the other buttons too?

When buying a home, one small flaw may trigger suspicion that other unseen flaws exist. When the first impression is a silent doorbell, a smudged front door, and the odor of pets, buyers may suspect other parts of the home need attention too. Their inspection will be more meticulous, and the resulting offer (if there is one) may be well below the asking price.

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Hometown Security A Priority for Congress & President

Now that the dust has settled from the elections, there is no time to waste in completing the business of America's hometown security.

Across the nation and here in the Village of Niles our security suffers with every day that the Congress and Administration delay funding for promised and desperately needed security initiatives. The new Congress and President Bush must speed the promised \$3.5 billion first-responder and other funding to local governments, which are in the frontlines in this war on domestic terrorism.

In the days and weeks after the September 11 attacks, our law enforcement provided protection for vital systems and infrastructure. Our local officials in the Village of Niles and other Villages/Cities assessed vulnerabilities. To the extent we were able, with limited resources, we made sure we are ready as we can be for the type of attacks that the federal government has warned us about. Our local leaders initiated and implemented a state-of-arts Emergency Services/Disaster Program to protect the residents of the Village of Niles.

These steps, which we took in the name of Homeland Security, have consumed thousands and thousands of dollars in local resources. Dollars that were earmarked for other needed public services and programs. It has been a challenge in terms of marshalling the staff, equipment, and other resources we need. In the year ahead, as the nation's economic downturn continues to drive down local revenues, the challenge will grow if Villages, Cities and Towns do not receive the resources they need.

Local governments/Municipalities are the target of terrorism, the frontlines. And our Village leaders have risen to the occasion. But, we have not been treated as full partners by the federal government.

A few weeks ago, a blue-ribbon task force reported that

one year after the attacks the United States is "dangerously unprepared to prevent and respond to another catastrophic terrorist attack." This task force of the Council on Foreign Relations, co-chaired by former U.S. Senators Warren Rudman and Gary Hart, found that local police continue to not get the intelligence they need; that communities across the U.S. are not prepared for biological or chemical attack; and that key infrastructure is often unprotected against attack.

We should be alarmed at what this group of highly respected public officials, former secretaries of state and other top-level authorities have reported. But even more alarming is the failure of both the President and Congress to agree on the basic measures we need to protect our homeland, our hometown and our families.

So, as Congress returns for a lame duck session, we add our voice to the thousands of other cities, towns and villages and urge congress and the administration to overcome their differences and pass the following legislation:

1) Restore the \$2.5 billion in homeland security funding contained in the 2002 supplemental appropriations that was approved by Congress in July, then withheld by the administration;

2) Ensure that the Transportation Security Administration's 2003 appropriation enables the agency to reimburse local governments for providing security at the nation's airports;

3) Authorize the \$3.5 billion first-responder block grant originally proposed by the administration for 2003 nine months ago.

This past year has been marked by security alerts and warnings of potential attacks. But the year must not end with inaction on hometown security. The Hart-Rudman task force recognizes that the federal government can provide the resources that our police, firefighters, emergency service personnel and other first responders must have.

Willows Academy Students Soar with School Spirit

Friday, October 25, 2002 was Spirit Day at the Willows Academy. Each sport's season, the students show their pride for their athletic teams. The students were encouraged to display school colors with add-ons to their school uniforms. The junior high and senior high athletes sported their new Willows Academy Athletics Sweatshirts that they received from a student council grant. The hallways were transformed blue and white as students decorated the high school volleyball players' lockers. The school spirit day was capped off with an all school pep rally. The student body of 217 students ended the pep rally singing the school song "Eagles Soar." The pep rally set an enthusiastic tone as the Eagles volleyball team got ready to play Independent School League first place team University High. The game was exciting however the Eagles were defeated. The girls played in front of a packed C-wing gym at Maine West High School. The result of the game was a disappointment but it was a fun atmosphere in which many students and families were able to enjoy a well played match.

Wrapping Paper, Wrapping Paper & More Wrapping Paper. The Willows Academy student body consisting of 217 students' grades 6-12 raised an estimated \$9,500 for their student council. Each year student council has a wrapping paper sale to raise money for its clubs and school activities. In order for the student body to profit \$9,500 the students had sales of \$19,000. This year marks the highest sales for the Willows Academy wrapping paper sale. The profit made is distributed among school clubs such as the Pro-Life and International clubs, which fund certain activities.

All the money was raised by students' hard work and will greatly benefit the student body.

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Police seek leads in attack of 80-year-old Park Ridge man

An 80-year-old Park Ridge man was attacked at 11:00 P.M. on November 2 in the underground parking facility of his condo on Thames Parkway by two men wearing ski masks. The police report the perpetrators took cash, keys and his wallet.

The man stated that as he was leaving his car, two men approached him demanding money. During an ensuing struggle, the man was beaten, handcuffed, and tape was placed over his mouth. After taking his cash, keys and wallet, they put him into the trunk of his car and drove to the 7200 block of South Vincennes.

The victim was later found wandering by the Chicago Police at 3:15 A.M., still in handcuffs

and duct tape on his head. His car was located nearby. The Chicago Police contacted Park Ridge Police Chief Jeffrey Caudill who said the elderly man was taken to the hospital for treatment and released the same day. Chief Caudill stated that the man's condo had also been burglarized.

Six years prior, the Park Ridge

Park Ridge Rotary Club sponsors job shadowing day

Local high school students have been invited to "shadow" Park Ridge business leaders Friday, Nov. 22, during a Vocational Awareness Day sponsored by the Rotary Club of Park Ridge.

The event is part of the job shadowing program developed by the vocational service committee of the Park Ridge Rotary.

Students will have the opportunity to observe careers "in action," learn about the necessary schooling, apprenticeship and preparation required for the jobs, and understand the daily commitments and responsibilities of the positions.

The Park Ridge Rotary members who will host students have careers in accounting, architecture, banking, communications, contracting, dentistry, education, electrical distribution, financial planning, health care, hospice, insurance, investment management, law, medication, nursing home care, public relations and structural engineering.

The students will visit the businesses during the morning of Vocational Awareness Day, and attend a Park Ridge Rotary Club luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club.

The Rotary Club of Park Ridge, which was chartered in 1961, is an affiliate of Rotary International, a service organization of more than 1.2 million men and women in 31,256 clubs in 163 countries around the world. The 70-member Park Ridge club serves its community and institutions with action and funding projects; supports Rotary's international efforts for peace and understanding, improved health services, disaster relief and literacy; and promotes fellowship and vocational service.

Donations may be brought to Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge on Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For questions or assistance with large deliveries, contact General Assistance at (847) 297-2510.

Maine Twp Emergency Food Pantry Appoints Coordinator

In an effort to be even more responsive to resident needs, Maine Township's Emergency Food Pantry now has a fulltime coordinator. Robie Rubin assumes the newly created position of Pantry Storekeeper this week.

New pantry hours now in effect are Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Those wishing to receive food will need to register with the Township prior to receiving any distribution. Registered recipients will be issued an I.D. card.

"Tough economic times are even tougher on the area's low-income families who must depend, at times, on public assistance and local food pantries to get by," says Township Supervisor Bob Dudycz. "Our Emergency Food Pantry helps hundreds of families every month. We feel the new coordinator and new facilities will better serve resident needs."

The Township also needs help from residents and local businesses to keep the pantry supplied with food. During a year like 2002 when residents are faced with layoffs or lower paychecks,

the pantry is running low on some essential food items.

"We seek donations from area companies and individuals to help meet the increased need," Dudycz says. "We have been blessed with contributions from local businesses and generous individuals in other years, however, the recent economic times have increased the needs of area residents and, at times, put great demand on social services and food pantry supply levels."

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

"We are also encouraging agencies, schools, and organizations to organize food drives throughout Maine Township to help meet the need," he says.

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Slow progress toward parking solution

Although parking problems around the Muslim Community Center are being addressed, solutions are not easily forthcoming.

Another monthly meeting before the Morton Grove Traffic Commission with the Center and its neighbors is scheduled for December.

The village traffic commission began working with the Center and its neighbors after residents complained in August about traffic and parking problems during times of peak attendance at the Center.

The situation also flagged safety issues: neighbors questioned access to fire hydrants and accessibility to the area by emergency vehicles.

Based on concerns echoed by the Morton Grove Fire Department, the Center agreed to restrict parking to those sides of

streets lacking hydrants, during the summer.

Summer draws greater numbers of worshippers, a Center spokesman said.

Now, with the holy month of Ramadan underway, the Center sent letters with maps to its membership, again asking they park with that restriction in mind.

The Center's parking spaces will be increased when a planned addition is built. The parking expansion is to be addressed early on in the project.

Center officials expect to submit plans for the additional parking to the village before the end of November.

In scheduling the December meeting, interested party Patrick Kanoer summed up present status—"Some progress has been made; not enough to satisfy residents, but we are talking."

Dist. 219 signs with Coca-Cola

The District 219 school board has signed a new five-year contract with the Coca-Cola Company.

Under terms of the contract, the District will receive \$125,000 from the company over the five-year contract period, plus an annual marketing fund set at \$75,000. The District will also receive a commission on all Coca-Cola products sold.

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'Resident Alien' Takes Off at Oakton

Cosmic concepts and out-of-this-world dialogue are in store when the Oakton Community College Performing Arts Center presents the intergalactic comedy, "Resident Alien," beginning Friday, Dec. 6, in Studio One at the DesPlaines campus.

A heart-warming and delightful play written by Stuart Spencer and directed by Patti Interrante, "Resident Alien" details an alien's experiences when he arrives in a small Wisconsin town. Visiting Earth only to read celebrity gossip magazines and catch a few episodes of "Friends," the alien, with his remarkably uncluttered view on life, delivers a dose of much needed humanity and comic relief to the residents' daily life.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 and 13, and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 14; and for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 and 15. Tickets at \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$8 for group and Partner in Performance (PIP) members may be purchased by calling the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. The purchase of one full-price ticket to any of shows in the fall 2002 performance schedule

earns a free PIP membership to Oakton's Performing Arts Center and reduced ticket prices to other shows. To learn about discounts for groups of 15 or more, call Karol Verson at (847) 635-2185.

2002 Gobble Gobble Hockey Tournament

Preparations are being made for the 2002 Gobble Gobble Hockey Tournament to be held at Niles Park District Iceland on November 29 through December 1. A total of sixteen teams will be competing in two different age levels, Squirt (9 and 10 year olds) and Pee Wee (11 and 12 year olds).

Games will begin on Friday, November 29 at 8:20 a.m. and continue throughout the day until 7:50 p.m. Saturday's games begin at 7:20 a.m. and continue all day. Semi-Finals and Finals are on Sunday, December 1. For more information on the Tournament or any of Iceland's hockey programs, please call (847) 297-8031.

Park Ridge offers daily phone checks

Park Ridge is offering daily check-up calls to its elderly or disabled residents.

Called, "Are You OK," the program is built around computer-generated telephone calls placed to program subscribers.

If the person is OK, he or she hangs up the phone after the pre-recorded message.

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Residents wanting to learn more about this free service may contact Community Relations Department at 847/318-5233.

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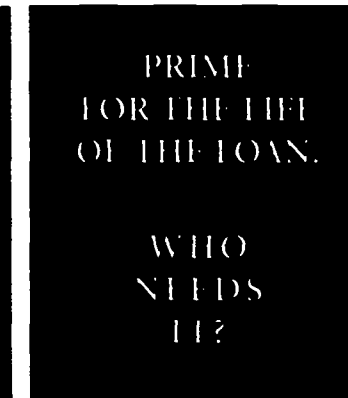
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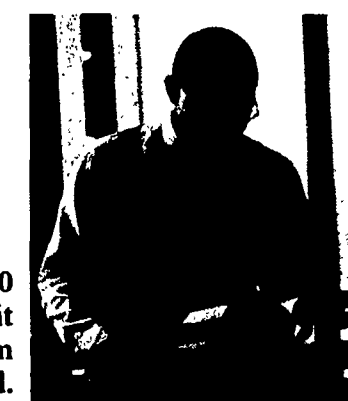
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'For the Love of Music'

Forest Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, suburban Niles recently upgraded the recreational therapy programs by contracting the services of a Registered Music Therapist.

Carrie Cappa joined Forest Villa in May, 2002 shortly after learning that Forest Villa was seeking a creative, talented musician to entertain and provide a therapeutic benefit for their residents. Forest Villa Administrator, Lisa Orzada remarked, "I was so impressed when I met Carrie Cappa, she uses music to enhance the lives of the Long-Term Care Residents that she works with by encouraging the residents to celebrate and express themselves through melody and song."

The residents of Forest Villa and their families visit with Carrie Cappa several times a week during her scheduled music therapy groups. The residents and staff call Carrie "The Strolling Musician" because her music reaches far beyond the activity center. As "The Strolling Musician," Carrie roams room-to-room providing music and laughter to those residents who are unable to attend her group sessions. "I enjoy visiting with the residents in their rooms because I love to see their smiles when I enter with an instrument. They know it's Thursday, when they see me. The residents are so happy and grateful, they thank me

and say, 'see ya next Thursday Carrie.'

The National Association of Music Therapy defines music therapy as "The systematic application of music to aid in the treatment of the physical and psychological aspects of an illness or disability." Research studies have shown that music therapy can help with recollection, expressing emotions, pain management, increase sociability and enhance the mood to help regain a sense of control.

Music therapy also benefits the Alzheimer's Disease population because you can design music programs that allow the residents to utilize their long-term memory because short-term memory is most often affected by the disease. "Carrie's group sessions help bring back fond memories and also include both breathing and movement exercises. She also encourages our residents to reminisce and often incorporates those memories into song," says Lisa Orzada.

Ms. Cappa's creative music groups help residents and their families cope with the challenges they face on a daily basis. Some of the residents who have a form of paralysis likewise enjoy music, as they can feel the beat or rhythm of the music by sensing the vibrations of a drum or guitar.

Music therapy is just one of the creative therapy programs presented regularly to the residents

and families of Forest Villa. To learn more about this program or services and care at Forest Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center please contact us at (847) 647-6400.

Chicago Police Superintendent to Visit OCC

Terry Hillard, superintendent of the Chicago Police Department, will be a guest speaker in Jim O'Shea's Criminology class at Oakton Community College on Dec. 4 at 1 p.m. Arranged by students in the class for extra credit, Hillard will discuss his career and current concerns in law enforcement such as terrorism, drugs, and hate crimes.

"Students like to hear what it's like to be in the law enforcement field, and from an administrative standpoint, Hillard's experience should be interesting," said O'Shea.

Hillard was appointed superintendent of police in 1998. Prior to his appointment he was chief of detectives, where he established a Domestic Violence Program to identify those who are most at risk. He also served as deputy chief of patrol in Area 2, where he helped set up the Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement Program, and commander of the 6th District.

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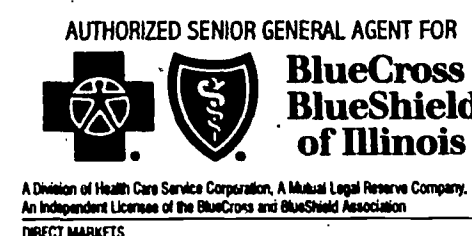
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The site of the annual service rotates among the participating congregations. The preaching re-

sponsibility is also rotated. This year, Rev. R. Michael Winters, Pastor of Morton Grove Community Church will deliver the message. An offering will be received and designated to assist the needy in Morton Grove: The Morton Grove Service Unit of the Salvation Army will administer the offering for the intended purpose and the Village Social Worker, Jackie Walker-O'Keef will manage it.

As always, this service is open to all regardless of faith or creed. For information call (847) 965-2982.

Thanksgiving Worship at St. John Lutheran Church, Niles

St. John Lutheran Church, 7429 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, will celebrate Thanksgiving with services on both Thanksgiving Eve, November 27, and Thanksgiving Day, November 28. The Wednesday evening service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Thursday morning service at 9:30 a.m. Both services will include the singing of Thanksgiving hymns as we praise our God for all His blessings. Holy Communion will

be celebrated at both services.

We invite the community for either of these two services as we pause to give thanks to God for His many blessings we have received both as individuals and as a nation.

St. John Lutheran Church has regular Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church office at (847) 647-9867.

6th Annual Edison Park Trot

Planning is underway for the 6th Annual Edison Park Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28, in beautiful downtown Edison Park. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. from the Edison Park Fieldhouse, 6755 N. Northwest Highway (Oshkosh and Northwest Highway). Proceeds from this year's race will benefit Y-Me Breast Cancer Organization of Chicagoland. All skill levels are welcome for this 5K (3.1 mile) race/walk. The cost is the same as last year, \$14 before November 25, and \$18 the morning of the race. Children under 12 walk free. If they would like a t-shirt, the cost is \$10.

New this year is the "Gobble Gallup", a race designed specifically for kids ages 3-12. Everyone is a winner and all kids receive a medal, t-shirt and goodie bag. The cost of this race is \$10 per entrant. Ages 3-6 run a 50-yard dash; ages 7-9 run 1/8 mile; and ages 10-12 run 1/4-mile. Registration for the Gobble Gallup will be accepted by mail or in person at "Packet Pick-up Night" on Monday, Nov. 25. No on-line registration or race day registration will be accepted. Also this year, we will be starting our walkers at 9:40 a.m. to relieve congestion.

Last year the Turkey Trot attracted over 2000 runner/walkers and raised \$23,300.00 for the National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS). This race has become a tradition for many area families to start their Thanksgiving celebrations by giving back. Runners have come from as far away as Australia to join in our fun!

More information and on-line registration is available through our website, www.epturkeytrot.homestead.com. Application will be sent to our mailing list in the next few weeks. If you do not receive an application or need additional forms, please call the Turkey Trot Hotline (773) 792-9005.

Iceland events

Gobble Gobble Hockey Tournament November 29 through December 1.

Holiday Figure Skating Exhibition Friday, Dec. 13, 6:20 p.m. Featuring skaters from our Learn to Skate and Competitive programs.

Maine Hockey Night, Friday, December 13, 8 p.m. Back to back High School Hockey games featuring Maine South JV vs Cary Grove and Maine South Varsity vs Maine West.

Jewish Art at Weinberg Art Gallery

"Who We Are" an exhibit of Jewish Art is on display through Saturday, November 30, 2002 at Council for Jewish Elderly's Weinberg Art Gallery, 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield.

The exhibit was created by the older adult residents at Weinberg Community for Senior Living to promote creativity and a sense of pride in their Jewish identity. A series of wall hangings depict Jewish themes created by the older adults, drawing on their personal experiences.

The Weinberg Gallery is open daily from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment, provides an opportunity to display the artwork of staff, older adults and community artists. For further information, call (773) 508-1000.

Res Student Named National Merit Semi-Finalist

Resurrection senior Stephanie Mielcarek has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. This honor is based on performance on the PSAT exam. Mielcarek also excelled on the SAT exam - she received a perfect score (800) on the verbal portion.

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Chicago Bulls Host Food Drive

The Chicago Bulls organization will host their annual holiday food drive benefitting the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation on Saturday, December 14. Prior to the 7:30 p.m. tip-off of the Bulls' home game against the Milwaukee Bucks, fans are encouraged to drop off non-perishable foods at any of the United Center admission gates.

High protein foods in unbreakable containers, as well as baby foods, diapers and hygiene products are highly recommended.

Monetary donations to CAHF in conjunction with the Bulls food drive can also be dropped off at the gates on December 14 or a check made payable to Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation may be mailed to the following address:

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All items will be delivered to the Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation (CAHF) in time for the holidays with the assistance of the

Mayor's Office of Special Events. CAHF works to alleviate hunger in Chicago by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to a diverse network of nearly 200 member agencies, including local soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters.

Donations can be dropped off Saturday, December 14, 2002 between 6-7:30 p.m. at the United Center - All Gates 1901 West Madison Street Chicago.

African American Club collects coats for needy

For the second year in a row, the Niles West African American Club is conducting a coat drive. As the cold weather season approaches, the African American Club is asking the community to go through their closets and donate cold weather clothing items such as coats, jackets, sweat-shirts, hats and gloves in all sizes. All clothing donated should be clean and in good condition.

Items may be dropped off in the box in the Maine Office at the school at 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie. Clothing will be accepted until November 23. Last year, several hundred coats and winter clothing items were collected. For more information on the clothing drive, please contact African American Club sponsor Teresa Hatch at (847) 626-2912.

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Peace Prayer Vigil and Holiday Dinner

New Hope United Methodist Church, 7115 W. Hood Street in Chicago, will hold Candlelight Prayer Vigils on Friday, November 22 and December 13, 2002. These events will begin at 7 p.m. and are open to all concerned residents of the surrounding area. Everyone is invited, encouraged and welcome to come and pray for peace. Participants may bring

candles to share these moving moments with a community of faith in silent prayers and spontaneous meditations. There will also be ample opportunity to sing some peace songs and chants together.

Will you be alone at Christmas time? Would you like to share a festive meal, a time of fun and fellowship or a worship celebration with others in the community? Community members are invited to join members of the congrega-

tion for a Community Holiday Dinner at the church on Saturday, December 14. The congregation and the pastor will host the meal. All the fixings will be potluck. (Just call the church a day or so in advance to let the secretary know what side dish you plan to bring.) Last year, the meal was a time of joy, warmth and companionship for all who joined in.

New Hope United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Hood and Nickerson Streets in

Make a Holiday Gingerbread House at Niles Park Dist.

Make your own no-bake gingerbread house for a special holiday centerpiece. Instructions and all materials included for each parent/child couple to make a Gingerbread House to take home. This special event will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Fee is resident \$35; non-resident \$40. Call (847) 967-6633 to register for this holiday fun event!

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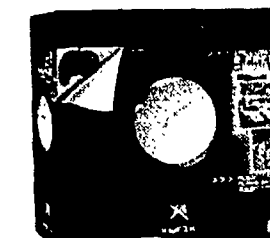
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Des Plaines CCI Brings Santa to Town

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 7. Once welcomed by Chamber President Lisa Schiro, Des Plaines Mayor Tony Arredia, Mrs. Claus and a crowd of excit-

ed kids and families. Santa will be escorted inside the library where he'll take his place in his special chair.

Mrs. Claus and 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 Executive Director Rick Orn-

berg. 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, and the entire event is sponsored by the Des Plaines Chamber and DesPlaines Public Library and underwritten by the Chamber of Commerce and Chamber member businesses.

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, call the Chamber at (847) 824-4200.

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa for his annual breakfast with Niles Park District. Every year, Santa makes a stop at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Children will enjoy eating breakfast, making a special craft, visiting and taking a picture with Santa. Adults are welcome to register for breakfast too! It's a jolly time for all! Registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 4. Please register early, spaces fill up fast! Event will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Fee is resident \$5, and non-resident \$10 per person. Call (847) 967-6633 for registration information.

Spread good cheer helping a wish come true

Sending holiday greetings takes on a whole new meaning when those greetings help make a wish come true for children with life-threatening illnesses. This holiday season, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois offers a way to spread cheer while bringing hope, strength and joy to some very special children.

Send-A-Wish is a great way to give meaningful gifts to family friends, business associates everyone on your shopping list. Available at just \$20 for a minimum order of ten cards, the Send-A-Wish Tribute Cards include a message telling the recipient that a donation has been made in his or her name.

And Send-A-Wish couldn't be more convenient! When you provide a mailing list, cards will be imprinted and mailed at no extra charge. And when a total order exceeds \$5,000 (the average cost of a wish), we'll enclose information with each card to tell recipients about a specific child's wish that their card helped to make come true.

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation is the oldest and largest wish-granting organization in the world. Since its start locally in 1985, more than 4,000 children in the northern 24 counties of Illinois have gained hope, strength and joy as they experience a wish come true. Make-A-Wish has high ethical standards for fundraising and never solicits funds on the phone or by e-mail. For more information, or to refer a child to the program, please call (312) 943-8596, or visit us online at: www.wishes.org.

'Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball' December 6

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will hold its 13th annual celebration of the Christmas season, "The Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball", benefit to help the children served by Catholic Charities on Friday, December 6, at the Chicago Hilton and Towers Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Avenue. The reception will start at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by the Stu Hirsch Orchestra. Tickets for the black tie gala begin at \$400 per person. Call (312) 655-7907 for reservations or further information.

OCC Emeritus Program Celebrates 20th Anniversary



Oakton Community College recently (Sept. 26) celebrated the 20th anniversary of its Emeritus Program, "for the student who wasn't born yesterday." More than 300 alumni of the program attended an afternoon tea at Oakton's Ray Hartstein Campus in Skokie, including (L-R) Gilbert Stieg and Irene Stieg of Skokie; Bea Boehler of Morton Grove; Myra Peterson of Skokie and Phyllis Anderson of Morton Grove. Founded in 1982 with only three classes, Oakton's Emeritus Program today includes dozens of credit and noncredit courses. Students age 50 and better also can take advantage of a variety of programs - including lectures, special events and tours - that focus on the humanities, music, political science, history and current events.

DesPlaines Public Library December Programs

Programs are free and open to the public. Advance registration required for most activities. (R) Register at Registration Desk, (847) 376-2787. (R-YS) Register at Youth Services, (847) 376-2839. General number: (847) 827-5551. Spanish information line: (847) 376-2904.

Sunday Afternoon Movies. Friends of the Library will sponsor a feature film showing at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 1.

Art Slide Presentation - "The Story of Frida Kahlo." At

7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, Claire Copping Cross will present a slide program exploring the art, experiences, and times of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. (R).

Holiday Film. A holiday classic film will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12. **Preschool Saturday Drop-In Storytimes.** Preschool Saturday drop-in storytimes continue through December 14. Phone Youth Services for times and details (R-YS).

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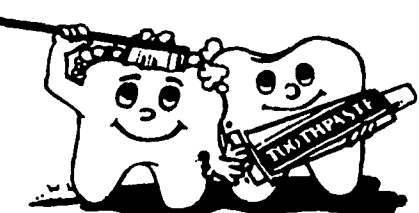
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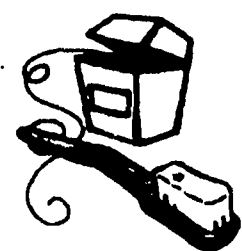


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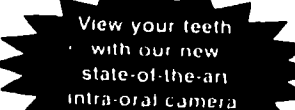
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Lira Ensemble Presents Holiday Gala in Park Ridge



The Lira Ensemble's Polish-American Christmas Gala, the most popular Polish-themed holiday concert in the Midwest, will be present in Park Ridge Saturday, December 7, 2002 at 8 p.m. at Maine East Auditorium, 2601 West Dempster (at Dec Road) in Park Ridge.

The Gala is a festive revue of beloved Polish and American carols and spirited folk songs, exciting folk dances and audience sing-alongs, all performed in constantly changing colorful folk and period costumes and accompanied by a 16-piece orchestra. Each year the program changes somewhat, but always includes favorite carols, songs and dances. The Chicago Tribune called the Lira Gala an "ethnic extravaganza."

The concert features 45 young performers, including the very popular Lira Singers female ensemble, the Lira Chamber Chorus of both female and male voices, the Lira Dancers, and the Lira Chamber Orchestra. The revered Pylik Brothers Polish Folk Band are guest artists.

The Polish-American Christmas Gala is funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; the National Endowment for the Arts; the Polish National Alliance of North America and LOT Polish Airlines. The Park Ridge performance is also sponsored by the National Office of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, which is located in Park Ridge, and the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Council.

Thousands attend the Lira Gala each year across the Midwest. In addition to Park Ridge performance, this year's Gala will also be performed in cicerò on Sunday, December 1; in Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, November 23; in Erie, Pennsylvania on Sunday, November 24, and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, December 8.

The Lira Ensemble is America's only professional performing arts company specializing in Polish music, song and dance. It is based at Loyola University Chicago's Lake Shore Campus as artist-in-residence.

A bazaar of Polish folk art, recordings, books and other items is available in the lobby before and after the performance and during intermission. Doors open 45 minutes before the concert. Free adjacent parking is available at Maine East Auditorium.

All seats are reserved at \$27 and \$23 and all children's tickets are half price. For more information or to purchase tickets using credit cards, call (773) 539-4900. Tickets for the Polish-American Christmas Gala may also be purchased by mail by sending a check payable to the Lira Ensemble with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: The Lira Ensemble, 6525 North Sheridan Road #SKY 905, Chicago, Illinois 60626.

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Laura Schroeder of Skokie, IL, will be playing flute/piccolo in the Luce Concert Band at Valparaiso University for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Laura Schroeder, a senior at VU, is majoring in elementary education in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is a 1999 graduate of Niles Township West High School and is the daughter of Timothy and Marilyn Schroeder of Skokie.



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Yiddish and Klezmer Music at Chicago Public Library



The Chicago Public Library presents a lighthearted look at the history of Yiddish and Klezmer music on Friday, November 29 at 12:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St. The free Sounds of Our City program features music historian and educator Cyril Robinson, as well as members of the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, who will perform samples of klezmer music.

Cyril Robinson has traveled all over the world to Jewish music events, recording live performances, interviewing musicians and gathering related materials. As a special emphasis, he sought out examples of klezmer, a distinct musical genre based on traditional Jewish folk music. His unique recordings of live performances and lectures provide many sounds of contemporary klezmer bands and Jewish musicians.

Formerly a Professor at the University of Michigan and Penn State, Robinson is Professor Emeritus at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He presently hosts a Jewish music program for the local radio station and continues to travel and collect materials related to Yiddish and Jewish music.

The Chicago Public Library is comprised of the Harold Washington Library Center, two regional libraries and 75 neighborhood branches. The Library provides free access to the Internet in all of its locations and offers a rich resource of books, eBooks, videos and more, as well as free public programs for children, teens and adults. For more information, visit the Library's web site at www.chicagopubliclibrary.org.

For more information, please call the Chicago Public Library's Music Information Center at (312) 747-4850.

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Free Smoke-Free Dining Guide From CCDPH

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) is distributing its first smoke-free dining guide, containing more than 650 smoke-free restaurants in suburban Cook County. The guide is designed to make it easier for residents to locate smoke-free restaurants in their community and support smoke-free dining.

CCDPH is issuing free copies of the smoke-free dining guide as part of the "Take It Outside!" campaign to raise awareness about the health effects of secondhand smoke and to encourage residents to keep their homes, cars and businesses smoke-free. Residents will receive a free guide by visiting www.takeitoutside.org and pledging to "Take It Outside!"

The smoke-free dining guide will also be available at many local park districts, libraries, village halls and other community organizations throughout suburban Cook County.

"The smoke-free dining guide is an easy way for residents to locate restaurants in their community that will protect their health and allow them to enjoy a meal free of secondhand smoke and its deadly toxins," said Janet Williams, CCDPH Director. Tobacco Prevention and Control.

For more information about secondhand smoke or to take the pledge, visit www.takeitoutside.org.

Registration for Spring Classes at Oakton

Registration for spring 2003 classes offered at Oakton Community College has begun.

In-person registration is Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road, and at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 North Lincoln Avenue, Skokie.

Student who have an application on file for spring semester 2003 or have attended Oakton within the last three years may use the Touch-Tone registration system on Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register by phone, call (847) 635-1616 and refer to the course reference number listed by the course title in the Spring Credit Class Schedule.

The first day of class is Monday, Jan. 13; however, many courses start later, so students should check the Spring Credit Schedule for specific meeting times.

For more information about spring classes, contact Student Services at (847) 635-1741 (Des Plaines) or (847) 635-1417 (Skokie).

Volunteers wanted

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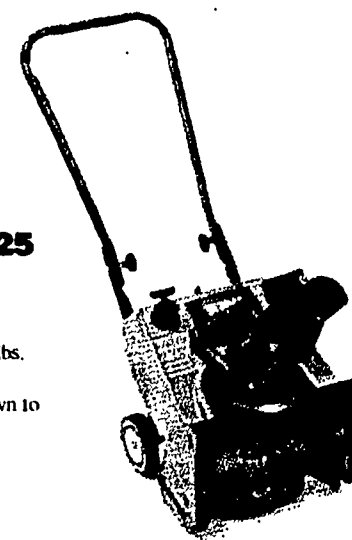
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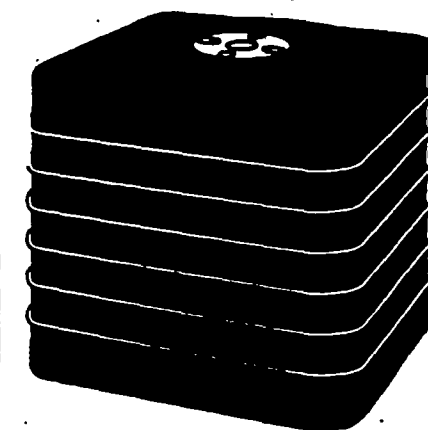
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OBITUARIES

STANISLAW TARACH
Stanislaw Tarach, 74, of Niles, died Saturday, July 20 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born December 4, 1927 in Poland. Beloved husband of Irena Tarach. Beloved father of Zbigniew (Anna) Tarach. Grandfather of Bernadette Tarach and Andrew Tarach. Brother of Emilia (Jan) Bania. Services were held July 23 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery.

RUBEN MESA
Ruben Mesa, 84, of Chicago, died Monday, July 22 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born August 24, 1917 in Cuba. Beloved husband of Delmis Mesa. Beloved son of the late Luis Mesa and the late Zoila Mesa. Beloved father of Ruben I. (Sally) Mesa. Grand father of Luly (Bob) Gonzalez, Terry (Augusto) Delgado, Dr. Ruben III (Kris) Mesa, Marco Mesa and Anna Mesa. Great-grandfather of Gus, Ricky, Tony, Alex. Ruben IV, & Katie. Brother of Zoila Cobo, the late Roberto Mesa, Olga Gomez and the late Rantiro Mesa. Uncle of many nieces & nephews. Services were held July 25 at St. Mary of the Woods Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

DOLORES MATHIS
Dolores Mathis, 69, of Niles, died Wednesday, July 10 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born April 26, 1933 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Raymond Mathis, Sr. Beloved daughter of the late Antonio D. Cosco and the late Rose Cosco. Beloved mother of Raymond (Jay) Mathis, Jr. and Richard Mathis. Grandmother of Erin Mathis. Sister of Sam Cosco. Services were held July 15 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

DANILO SANTOS
Danilo Santos, 50, of Chicago, died Tuesday, July 23 at St. Francis Hospital. He was born August 22, 1951 in the Philippines. Beloved husband of Matilde Santos. Beloved son of Juan and Marcelina Santos. Beloved father of Dexter, Lorali and Olinad. Brother of Renato, Lilia, Emily, Johnny, Emma, Cynthia, Alma, Monina, Nyle and Marjorie. Services were held July 27 at Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

PETER PRESMYK
Peter Presmyk, 84, of Chicago, died Thursday, July 25. He was born August 8, 1917 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Adele Presmyk. Beloved father of Suzanne (Steven) Schartow, Paul, Janet (Lee) Sharp, Alison Jannotta, Linda Mathis, Mark (Lisa), Christopher (Cathy) Steven (Patty) and Julie Hall. Grandfather of Beth (Chris), David, Richard, Christopher, Kevin, Erica, Jared, Alexandra, Christian, Ross, Adrienne, Kelly, Stephanie, Nolan, Laura, Anna, Jacob and Philip. Services were held July 29 at St. Pascal Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

DOMINICK CORONA
Dominick Corona, 84, of Dai-na, FL, died Tuesday, July 16. He was born August 1, 1917 in Italy. Beloved husband of Ida Corona. Beloved father of Dominick (Maria) Corona, Mario (Cathy) Corona and Elizabeth (Ralph) Nudo. Services were held July 19 at Maryville Academy. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

GENEVIEVE "JEAN" LICKO

Genevieve "Jean" Licko, 83, of Albuquerque, NM, died Wednesday, July 24 at Casa Palo Duro. She was born August 30, 1918 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late William J. Licko. Beloved daughter of the late Walter Kobus and the late Stella Kobus. Beloved mother of Clifford (Deanna) Licko and Janice (John) Rosch. Grandmother of Michael Licko, Stephen Licko, Karen (Phillip) Rawlings and Jennifer Rosch. Great grandmother of Bradley and Alexandra Rawlings. Sister of Lottie Adams, Raymond (Janie) Kobus, Sylvester Kobus, the late Leo Kobus and Venett Kobus. Services were held July 30 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

FRANK O. VINCI
Frank O. Vinci, of Plato Center, IL, died Saturday, July 13 at Loyola University Medical Center. He was born in Chicago. Beloved husband of Diane Vinci. Beloved father of Anthony Vinci, Gina Vinci and Joe Vinci. Brother of John Vinci. Brother-in-law of Phyllis Vinci. Services were held July 16 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

LOUIS LEXANDER
Louis Lexander, 57, of Forest Park, died Thursday, July 25 at Northwestern Hospital. He was born March 8, 1945 in Chicago. Beloved father of Jeffrey Lexander, Kimberly Lexander and Michelle Lexander. Grandfather of Nathan Lexander. Brother of Carol Eiden and Linda Virag. Friend of Stephen Bates. Services were held July 29 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

RITA M. SUPPAN
Rita M. Suppan, 69, of Niles, died Monday, July 22 at Aledon DesPlaines. She was born July 1, 1933 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Henry J. Suppan. Beloved daughter of the late Walter Loveless and the late Marie Loveless. Beloved mother of Pamela Progar, Michael J. (Christina) Suppan and Nancy J. (Curt) Witten-dorfer. Services were held July 25 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

ELSWARD K. BURCH
Elsward K. Burch, of Glenview, died Monday, July 15 at Hospice of North Shore. He was born in Chicago. Beloved husband of Carol J. Burch. Beloved son of the late Lawrence J. Burch and the late Erna Mae Burch. Brother-in-law of Arlene J. Santos and Henry R. (Christine) Wiatowski. Services were held July 17 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery.

2 for 1 Special at the Elmhurst Art Museum

Patrons of the Morton Grove Public Library who have a valid library card will receive one free adult admission per paid adult admission at the Elmhurst Art Museum to view the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery's exhibit, *Eye Contact: Modern American Drawings from the National Portrait Gallery*, on display through January 5, 2003. The Elmhurst Art Museum is at 150 Cottage Hill Avenue, in Wilder Park, Elmhurst. The exhibit features fifty of the most significant works on paper in the gallery's collection and includes life portraits of renowned Americans including politicians, inventors, writers, actors, artists, and musicians. The work of Mary Cassatt, Edward Hopper, Stuart Davis, Jacob Lawrence, and Andy Warhol are included in the exhibit. For further information, call (630) 834-0202.

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Northbrook Resident Donates Bat Mitzvah Gifts

Corey Epton, 13, of Northbrook, delivers over 150 toys she collected for young patients at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge. Instead of receiving gifts for her Bat Mitzvah this year, Epton decided she would rather give back to Lutheran General Children's Hospital to honor the physicians and nurses who helped save her life. Corey asked friends and relatives to donate games and toys for pediatric patients. She delivered them to patients with the help of her family and Henry Mangurten, M.D., chairman of the department of pediatrics. Dr. Mangurten was the on-call physician when Corey was born prematurely weighing only 1 lb. 7 oz. She was the only one of Betsy and Scott Epton's premature triplets to survive. Corey spent five months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Corey's gift continues a legacy of generosity by her family. Corey's grandfather, Harold Solochek, of Skokie, made a substantial donation to the NICU several years ago. The gift, in honor of Scott, Betsy, Corey and Casey Epton, remembers the two boys lost, celebrates the granddaughter who lived and supports the physicians, nurses and staff who had become an important part of the family's lives.



Corey Epton, 13, of Northbrook, delivers over 150 toys she collected for young patients at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge. Instead of receiving gifts for her Bat Mitzvah this year, Epton decided she would rather give back to the hospital that helped save her life.

Pictured in photo: (back, left to right) Wesley Wishne, Corey's cousin; Betsy Epton, Corey's mom; Harold Solochek, Corey's grandfather; Henry Mangurten, M.D., chairman, department of pediatrics, Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital; Scott Epton, Corey's father (front, left to right) Corey Epton and Casey Epton, Corey's brother.

OLR-CWC Christmas Party

The Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club will have their Christmas Party at Chateau Rand Banquets on December 10

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The Other Three Tenors perform at MG Library

Come to the Morton Grove Public Library to celebrate the holidays when the *Other Three Tenors* perform the best of Italian arias, Broadway musicals and Viennese operetta on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. Each of the three talented tenors has performed in many countries individually and in a variety of venues with the trio. The voices of Franco Martorana, Simon Kyung Lee and Lubomir Stanov will provide a musical afternoon sure to delight you. Refreshments will

be served following the performance. Seating is limited; beginning November 11, please call (847) 965-4220 to make your reservations. Priority for registration is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid Library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. For more information, or for communication and mobility access assistance, please call (847) 965-4220, TDD (847) 965-4236. www.webrary.org

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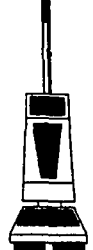
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Lincolnwood Public Library District November Events

Storyteller Megan Wells, nationally known for her precision, passion and mythic style, delivers the grand finale for the special week on Sunday, November 24, at 2 p.m. A professional storyteller for 10 years, she tells her original tales of beauty and insight, along with Greek, Nordic and multicultural myths, histories, legends, and ghost stories. Free tickets are required and are available at the circulation desk.

An award winning performer, she was honored with Chicago's prestigious Joseph Jefferson Award for Excellence in Directing (1986) and with two national awards for storytelling -- the Ed-Press Distinguished Achievement Award and the Parent's Choice Gold from Parents Magazine in 1999. That same year she was named "Outstanding Illinois Teller" at the Prairie Center, Illinois, storytelling festival.

Lecture on healthy eating Nov. 25. Just in time for the holiday feeding frenzy "Take Charge of your Health" on November 25, Debbie Drewke, registered dietitian, Cardiology Services, Swedish Covenant Hospital, will discuss making healthy eating a part of your daily routine at the Lincolnwood Public Library. In her program "Healthy Eating During the Holidays and Always" she explains how a diet low in fat and high in fruits and vegetables can prevent many illnesses. This is the final program in the lecture series presented on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. by Swedish Covenant Hospital. The program lasts about an hour and is free. The library is located at 4000 W. Pratt Ave., phone (847) 677-5277.

Library offers anytime services. The Lincolnwood Public Library's website is an extension of the library 24/7. Tap into www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org from home or work to link up to information you need to know ASAP on a myriad of subjects from medical information to help with homework. The library's free Online Subscriptions offer remote access on such subjects as Business & Investment, Encyclopedias and Almanacs, Health &

Medicine, Literature Resource Center, Magazines & Newspapers, Science & Technology, phone numbers and more.

Pick up candidate filing forms for two openings for 6-year terms on Lincolnwood Library Board.

Pick up candidate filing forms for two openings for 6-year terms on Lincolnwood Library Board. Prospective candidates interested in running for a seat on the Lincolnwood Library Board of Trustees may pick up an information packet at the Reference Desk during regular hours. There will be two openings for the office of trustee in the April 2003 election. The terms are for six years. Filing forms should be returned to the library between January 13 and January 21. Names will appear on the ballot

in the order in which the filing documents are received.

Access more information on the process from the State Board of Elections' 2003 Candidate's Guide at www.elections.state.il.us. Candidates must be a resident of the Lincolnwood Public Library district and a registered voter. All Lincolnwood residents are also residents of the Library District. Required documents include a nonpartisan statement of candidacy, a receipt for a statement of economic interest and a petition for nomination with a minimum of 50 signatures from registered voters in the district.

The Library Board meets monthly on the third Monday to decide library policy. The library is located at 4000 W. Pratt Avenue. Phone: (847) 677-5277.

Local teen ready for leadership challenge

Mr. Jovan Jovanovic of Niles has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) from November 19 to November 24 in Washington, D.C. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Jovanovic will be among 400 outstanding students from around the country to attend the Conference.

The theme of NYLC is *The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today*. Throughout the six-day Conference, Jovanovic will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the international community.

"It's wonderful to see high school students like Jovanovic seeking out the National Young Leaders Conference in an effort to learn and take leadership roles in communities throughout our country," said Michael Lasday, Executive Director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLC. "The

events of September 11 prompted the urgent need to understand and exercise effective leadership. Those who participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. Jovanovic will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Jovanovic will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as *If I Were President*, students act as the president and Cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called *Testing the Constitution*, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. NYLC culminates with the *Model Congress*, in which students assume the roles of U.S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

CYLC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, it is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 25 Ambassadors from countries around the world participate in the CYLC Honorary Board of Ambassadors.

For additional information on NYLC, visit us on the Internet at www.cylc.org.

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(Section No. 17 of the School Code)

NAME OF DISTRICT INcluding UNLSS		NUMBER OF CERTIFICATE EMPLOYEES		ASSETS	VALUE OF CAPITAL ASSETS	BASED ON VALUATION USED
FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME			
9	7	300	8	Land	\$736,300	Historical Cost
NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATE EMPLOYEES		AMOUNTS ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE		Buildings	\$30,562,548	Historical Cost
FULL-TIME	PART-TIME			Equipment	\$1,789,388	Historical Cost
140	25	3348	85			
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FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME			
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'Spook-tacular' Halloween Party



The pre-schoolers at St. Juliana School had a "spook-tacular" Halloween Party. Pictured with the morning pre-school class are Mrs. Jan Masalski, pre-school teacher's aide; and Mrs. Maria DiMaria, pre-school teacher.

Journey's from PADS to HOPE

On Tuesday, October 1, Journey's from PADS to HOPE opened their emergency shelters for another season. The PADS Program provides shelter at 24

churches thru April 30 to the homeless men, women and children throughout our northwest suburban area.

During the last PADS season, due to the newly formed partnership with the former Hope Center, Journey's from PADS to HOPE was successful in transitioning over 50 homeless individuals into transitional and permanent housing situations.

All volunteers must attend a 2-hour training program, which are scheduled several times each week at area churches. For further information regarding the PADS Program and your involvement, please call the Journey's from PADS to HOPE office (847) 963-9163 x 15 or email volunteer@padstohope.org for further information.

Area residents interested in volunteering during daytime hours assistance is needed at the Journey's office between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Journey's from PADS to HOPE office is located at 1140 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60067.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 2002, at 6:30 P.M. at the Niles Municipal Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, to hear the following matter(s):

02-ZP-39	Aneta Szumilas 8132 Wiener Niles	Requesting a variation from required 25' front yard to 21' to construct an open porch at 8132 Wiener.
02-ZP-40	James M. Alt 2440 Dayton-Xenia Road Beavercreek, OH	Requesting a change in zoning from R-1 PUD to R-1 PUD Special Use to operate a full service restaurant at 5716 Touhy Avenue - Baja Fresh Mexican Grille
02-ZP-41	Oscar A. Mariano 3209 Natchez Chicago	Requesting change in zoning from R-1 PUD to R-1 PUD Special Use to open a restaurant at 9060 Golf Road - Filipiniana Restaurant.
02-ZP-42	Benjamin Ismail 28206 N. 31st Avenue Phoenix, AZ	Requesting change in zoning from R-1 to R-2 at 8431 Maynard Road.

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

NEWS FROM THE Niles Senior Center

CALL (847) 588-8420 FOR INFORMATION

FOR YOUR HEALTH - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
November 21 - "Our Feet Are Maps Of Our Body" - On Thursday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. learn how Reiki instructor Phillip Racette can change your life with Reiki-Reflex. Join us for demonstrations and fun learning how to relax your body. Handouts will be given. Registration is required.

December 11 - Blood Pressure Screening - Blood Pressure Screening, as usual, is the second Wednesday of the month: December 11, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. No appointment is needed.

December 16 - Diabetic Screening - Diabetic Screening is Monday, Dec. 16, 9 to 11 a.m. Fee is \$1. No food after 12 midnight. Take medications with water.

December 17 - New and improved Treatments for Diabetic and Arthritic Foot and Ankle Conditions - This lecture is Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. Dr. Mark Neumann, podiatrist, will cover the following topics: Diabetic shoes, simple treatment of arthritic and diabetic foot, walking exercise, eliminating fungus nails, and treatment for heel pain. Registration required.

The Senior Center will be closed Friday, Nov. 22 for a Staff In-service Training Day. We will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 & 29 except for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. (See Below)

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

This year - for the first time - The Niles Senior Center is hosting a special Thanksgiving luncheon on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family far away? Has cooking become too much trouble? If so, please join us for this very special day. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served at 12 noon. Reservations are required by Thursday, Nov. 21. Cost is FREE but we are requesting a donation to the Niles Family Services Food Pantry as the price of admission.

YARN NEEDED

The Senior Center is requesting clean, left over year or scraps of material for veterans and senior crafters. Lap robes, shawls, and slippers are made for veterans at Hines Hospital. Volunteer knitters and crocheters are also needed. Please call us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS are needed to deliver meals to Niles Homebound, weekdays between 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact Kelly at (847) 588-8420.

COMPUTER LAB VOLUNTEERS needed to assist older adults in learning to use computers (2 to 4 hrs/wk). Computer experience required. Training provided. Contact Jaymi.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS are needed to help seniors prepare tax returns (assignment dates: February 4 to April 10, 2003). Training sessions are now forming. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact Mary Ann.

SNOW SHOVELERS are needed to assist shoveling drive-ways for the Niles Seniors. Contact Kelly at (847) 588-8420. Although it is still early, it is *not too early* to volunteer.

DECEMBER TICKET SALES

Tickets go on sale to Senior Center members at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

January Life Lunch & Movie - Friday, Jan. 3, 12 noon. See *Diving Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood* (2002, PG-13) starring Sandra Bullock and Ellen Burstyn. Prior to film, enjoy an Italian Sub Sandwich and Potato Salad. Cost: \$3.50.

Lunch with the Red Hat Society - Friday, Jan. 10, 12 noon. Red Hatters only. Purple Outfits and Red Hats Required. Bailey's in Park Ridge is next destination for the Red Hatters. Join us for a meal featuring your choice of Grilled Chicken Quesadilla, 1/2 Bailey Burger, Grilled Rueben or Third Street Club. Cost: \$14.

Evening at the Center: A Night of Health, Happiness & Colorfully Healthy Foods - Thursday, Jan. 16, 5 to 8 p.m. Red, yellow, orange, and blue... did you know these food colors are good for you? Pursue our New Year's resolutions to better health. Dinner features tasty Chicken Breast served with colorful, healthy side dishes. Our nurses, Sue Friedman and Mary Kay Androni tell us how plant pigments provide valuable antioxidants that can help prevent cancer and heart disease. A healthy, happy evening! End the evening with a little healthy exercise by line dancing to some of our favorite recorded hits. So start your New Year right - all for only \$4, including faffle.

Israel & Egypt Travelogue - Wednesday, Jan. 22, 12 noon. Travel to Israel and Egypt with us! Explore the food, people, and history of Israel and Egypt. Prior to video, enjoy a hot dog lunch. Cost: \$3. Registration is required.

Saturday at the Center: A Day at the Casino - Saturday, Jan. 25, 12 to 3 p.m. Come one, come all!!! Bring your horseshoe and rabbit's foot. Spend the day at the Niles Senior Center Casino. Take your chips and play Bingo, Blackjack, Roulette, etc. Prizes awarded. (No money is lost or gained.) Lunch will include sandwich & chips. Cost: \$5.

Poker Tournament - Friday, Jan. 31, 12 noon. Come and play seven-card stud & five-card draw. Cost includes lunch & prizes. Cost \$3.50.

Tommy Gun's Garage Dinner Theatre - Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m. "Do you know da password?" Join us at Tommy Gun's Garage interactive dinner theatre. Roaring 20's musical comedy revue is complete with gangsters and flappers. Your meal choices are: Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, Orange Roughy, or Prime Rib. \$40.

GENERAL TICKET SALES

Please Call For Ticket Availability

Men's Club Holiday Party Spectacular - Friday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get your tickets early for this annual event at White Eagle. Entertainment features Bluze Bros. Comedy Show followed by Frank Martello Orchestra. Choice of entrée - Beef, Chicken, or Fish with Potato, Vegetables and Dessert. Ticket price of \$20 includes meal, entertainment, table raffle (5 prizes per table) and door prizes. Reserved seating - due November 27.

Pinochle Tournament - Wednesday, Dec. 11, 12 noon. Participate in a three-handed tournament. Refreshments & prizes included. Cost: \$3.50.

Spares Sunday
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Snowflake Ball

The Spares Sunday Evening Club for Widowed, Divorced and all Single Adults, 55 and over, will sponsor their Annual Snowflake Ball.

Let's get dressed up and get in the mood for the coming Holidays while Dancing to the live music of the Stan Warren Trio. Bring a Friend.

Sunday, December 8, 2002, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. 8601 Fullerton Ave., River Grove, IL (corner of Fullerton and River Road). Members \$6, Guests \$7. Contact - Hotline 1-847-965-5730.

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Urgently Needed: Better Retirement Planning

You may not have realized it, but November 18 marks the beginning of National Retirement Planning Week. That means it's a great time to see if you're on track toward achieving the type of retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. Consider the following:

- **We're not saving much** - About half of all workers have saved less than \$50,000, and 15 percent say they have nothing at all saved for retirement, according to the 2002 Retirement Confidence Survey, co-authored by the American Savings Education Council. And less than one-fourth of those ages 40-59 have saved \$100,000 or more, the survey shows.
- **We're not taking full advantage of available retirement plans** - Only about 15 percent of working-age Americans have an IRA - and just 22 percent contribute to a 401(k) plan.
- **We're heavily dependent on Social Security** - Social Security provides at least half of the total income for nearly two-thirds of retirees. Clearly, all these numbers point to one conclusion: We need to save more for retirement.

So, what should you do? For starters, identify your retirement goals - and give them a "price tag." What do you plan to do during your retirement years? Will you travel? Buy a vacation home? Open a small business? Once you identify what your retirement might look like, you should be able to calculate about how much money you'll eventually need.

Next, evaluate your current savings and investment vehicles. Are you putting away as much as you possibly can? If not, what opportunities do you have? You may be able to put in more to your 401(k) or another type of tax-deferred employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you have already "maxed out" on your 401(k), then you may be able to contribute to a "traditional" or Roth IRA, both of which also offer tax advantages.

If you've contributed the maximum amounts to a 401(k) and an IRA, then you may want to look at other retirement savings vehicles, such as annuities. You can contribute large amounts to an annuity, and, as is the case with a 401(k), your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. If you need to make a withdrawal from an annuity, any accumulated earnings are taxable at the time of the withdrawal. In addition to paying income taxes, you may also be subject to a surrender charge by the issuing insurance company. And if you are younger than 59 1/2, you may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.

You have a wide array of investment options in all these retirement plans - 401(k)s, IRAs and annuities. But the volatile stock market of the past few years may make you leery of funding your retirement plan with stocks. However, stocks historically have been the only financial asset to provide the type of growth that most people need to achieve their long-term goals.

But what can you do to help protect yourself from the volatility of the stock market? First, start investing early for retirement - the more time you have on your side, the better your chances of overcoming temporary market downturns. Next, diversify the investments within your retirement plans. By spreading your dollars among a wide array of stocks - along with bonds, government securities and money market vehicles - you can blunt the impact of volatility and give yourself more chances for success.

By taking these steps you'll go a long way toward achieving your retirement objectives - and when National Retirement Planning Week rolls around again, you can look back on a year's worth of progress.

Jeffrey Cardella can be reached at Edward Jones, 8141 N. Milwaukee, Niles, 470-8953.

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Wed., Oct. 30, 2002

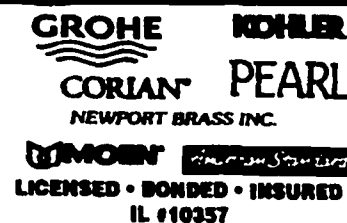
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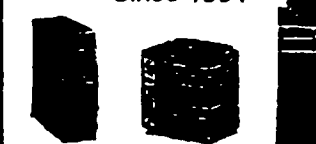
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Willows Academy
Sixth Graders Visit
Field Museum

Willows Academy sixth grade class taught by Robin Huntington is studying Egypt and visited the Field Museum on Wednesday, November 13 to see their outstanding collection. The sixth graders are also participating in the National Geographic Geography Bee between November 25 and Jan. 15.

Morton Grove Seniors

"LONG TERM CARE CRISES"

This free seminar beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Main Hall of the Morton Grove Civic Center will review the high costs not covered by Medicare for extended care services. Linda Yusim, Certified Senior Advisor with Bankers Life and Casualty Company will review an easy to understand approach to different types of contacts available for extended care. This program will equip attendees in being able to make educated decisions when planning on how to protect their assets from nursing homes and Medicaid. This seminar will be followed immediately by a Veal Parmesan lunch. To make a lunch reservation call the Morton Grove Lunch Bunch at (847) 967-6876.

DIABETES SCREENING

Screening is free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others and is offered from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Morton Grove Civic Center. People coming in for the screening should fast for 12 hours prior to the screening.

Hold diabetic medications. Water is allowed. Please note that December's Diabetes Screening scheduled for Dec. 24 will be cancelled with screenings to resume in January.

PEARLS AND CHOCOLATE
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Morton Grove Travelers will head to the Field Museum on Tuesday, Dec. 10 for a fascinating tour of two unique exhibits. • Pearls: with more than 600 objects and nearly half a million pearls, this gorgeous exhibit features the most spectacular collection of pearls ever assembled. Explore how pearls are created and the biology and ecology of the creatures that make them.

• Chocolate: This exhibit explores the history of chocolate, from the rain forest Mayan civilization, to 16th century Europe, to a modern-day candy factory.

The cost for this trip is \$25 for residents and \$27.50 for non-residents. The bus departs the Civic Center at 9:15 a.m. and returns at 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be at the Red Apple Restaurant and its cost will be "on your own." Please register by November 18.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

A Chicago Holiday Lights Tour will depart from the Morton Grove Civic Center at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. See holiday lights of downtown Chicago, spend an hour at Navy Pier and view the spectacular home displays in the city of Rosemont. Dinner is also included. The cost for this trip is \$28 for residents and \$30.50 for non-residents. Register at the Civic Center before Dec. 2.

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NEW LUNCH BUNCH DELI BAR

All are welcome to come in and try the Lunch Bunch's new Deli Bar. The Lunch Bunch is the name of the Community Nutrition Network's (CNN) senior citizen lunch program that serves daily meals in the Morton Grove Civic Center.

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"THOSE WERE THE DAYS" PROGRAM
IS CANCELLED

The "Those Were The Days" program that was to be presented by Chuck Schaden on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Morton Grove Civic Center has had to be cancelled.

For more information about these senior services and recreation programs, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. To receive the *Seniors in Morton Grove* newsletter and the rest of the benefits of membership in the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center, individuals should apply at the Center, 6140 Dempster Street, any weekday morning. The annual membership fee is \$15 for a resident individual, \$25 for a resident married couple, \$25 for a non-resident individual, and \$40 for a non-resident married couple.

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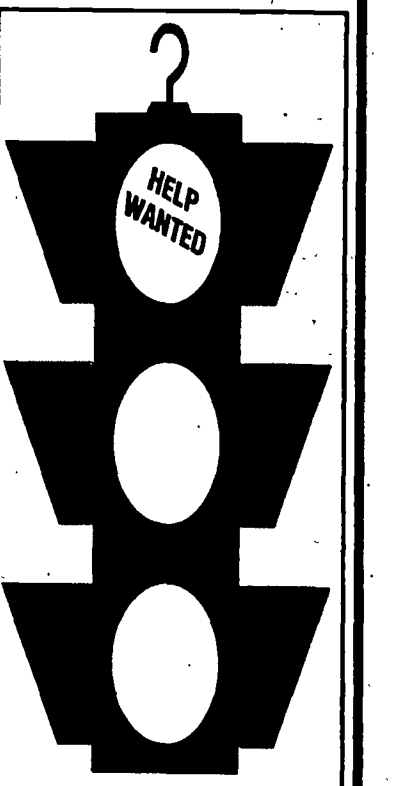
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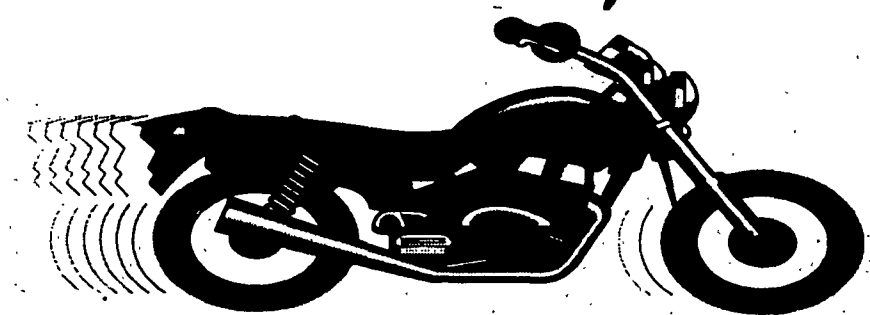
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Rent-a-Court on New Year's Day at Grennan Heights

Niles Park District is accepting registration for the Annual New Year's Day Rent-a-Court on January 1, 2003. What a great way to ring in the New Year with family and friends. This event is at Grennan Heights Recreation Center, 8255 Oketo. Two basketball courts are available by the hour between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. at \$20 per hour. Basketball games will be on big screen television in spacious lobby with plenty of tables and seating. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, please call (847) 967-6975.

Society's "Team in Training" is the #1 endurance training program in the country, with 38,000 volunteers this year. The national goal for 2002 is to train 42,000 athletes and raise \$85 million dollars for patient aid, research, community services and educational programs.

The Bachelor Auction will include 30 of the North Shore's most available 21 to 80 year old men in town. Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend and bid on a "hunk" of their choice. The date will include a gift certificate for dinner for two at area restaurants. The evening events include: Free Food, \$2 Dollar Drinks, DJ and Dancing, Door Prizes, and a 50/50 Cash Raffle.

Conni Bartosh, a 48 year old flight attendant from Mount Prospect; Nina Bavaro, a 28 year old special event consultant from Palatine, and Kimberly Ozekin, a 36 year old personal trainer also from Mount Prospect will be hosting the event. The event will be Emceed by Brad Blumenthal of Energy Productions.

The Cubby Bear-Lincolnshire is located 21661 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire (847) 541-4700. Happy Hour 6 p.m., Auction 7:30 p.m., \$10 donation at the door. For more information, contact Nina Bavaro at (847) 989-4532.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS PERFORMANCE REVIEW PROGRAM YEAR 2001-2002

A public meeting will be held to review the performance of Community Development Block Grant Program projects undertaken during Program Year 2001-2002 as listed below:

00-035 - Senior Citizen Homocare Service Program

The public meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2002 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, Illinois beginning at 9:00 a.m.

James Karp
Village President Pro Tem

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy for Niles Park District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Niles Park District for 2002 will be held on Monday, December 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Tom Elenz, Finance Director, 6676 W. Howard Street, (847)-967-6633 Ext. 122.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2001 were \$2,107,576.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2002 are \$2,237,696. This represents a 6.17% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2001 were \$1,682,745.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2002 are \$1,729,750. This represents a 2.79% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2001 were \$1,661,605.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2002 are \$3,967,446. This represents a 4.67% increase over the previous year. Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district must explain the reasons for the proposed levy and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as the authority determines.

VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

Cook County, Illinois

2003 Tree Trimming Program

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove, Cook County, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the "2003 Tree Trimming Program".

Bids will be received up to the hour of 10:00 a.m. Local Time, on the 17th day of December 2002, at the office of the Director of Public Works, at the Public Works Facility, 7840 Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois, and will be publicly opened and read at that time.

The bidding forms and documents are available at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Village of Morton Grove, Illinois, there is no fee for bid documents. Bids must be submitted on the forms provided.

The Director of Public Works has the right to refuse to issue Plans, Specifications and Proposals to any person, firm, or corporation that she considers to be unqualified.

All bids offered must be accompanied by a bid bond, cash or certified check made payable to the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract will be consummated. In addition, all bidders are required to submit an "Affidavit of Availability" with their bid.

The right to waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids is reserved to the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton Grove.

Dated at Morton Grove, Illinois, this 21st day of November 2002.

David Erb
Finance Director
Village of Morton Grove

SJB Student Council attends Leadership Day

The Officers and Representatives of the St. John Brebeuf School Student Council participated in the Junior High Leadership Conference 2002 at Regina Dominican High School. The SJB students were divided into small groups and shared many insights with students from other participating schools. Approximately 300 students attended this day from various schools. Activities and group sessions focused on problem solving, goal setting, communication, and team building. Mrs. Tracy Murdach, one of the Student Council Advisors, who attended this day with the students, participated in a round table discussion about suggestions and stories for school spirit activities, service projects, and fundraising. Participating students received a folder with many ideas and helpful leadership hints, treated to a pizza lunch and had their picture taken with the Regina Dominican High School mascot, Gina the Panther.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE HEARING

DATE: Thursday, December 5, 2002

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Cook County Board Room
118 North Clark Street
County Building - Room 567
Chicago, Illinois 60602

PURPOSE: The Cook County Community Development Advisory Council will hold a Performance Hearing to review progress, and the performance of program-wide activities for the 2001 Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program and Emergency Shelter Grants Program Year (October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002).

These programs do not include the City of Chicago.

Cook County Consolidated Annual Performance Report and Evaluation Report

The Cook County PAPER will be available after December 5, 2002. Cook County will accept comments on the report from December 5 through December 20, 2002. The report can be viewed at the Cook County Department of Planning and Development, 69 West Washington, Suite 2900, Chicago, IL 60602. (312) 603-1000.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Village of Morton Grove for 2002 will be held on December 9, 2002, at 7:30 pm at the Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Larry N. Arft, Village Administrator, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 847/470-5220.

II. Corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2001 were \$8,478,625. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied by the Village for 2002 are \$9,154,157. This represents a 7.97% increase over the previous year.

III. Property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2001 were \$1,076,510. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2002 are \$1,078,165. This represents a 0.15% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2001 were \$9,555,135. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2002 are \$10,232,322. This represents a 7.09% increase over the previous year. Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

The hearing will be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district must explain the reasons for the proposed levy and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as the authority determines.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

Included in the aggregate levy for the Village of Morton Grove is the levy for the Morton Grove Public Library. Property taxes extended for the Library for 2001 were \$2,050,967. The proposed library property taxes to be levied for 2002 are \$2,153,164. This represents a 4.98% increase over the previous period.

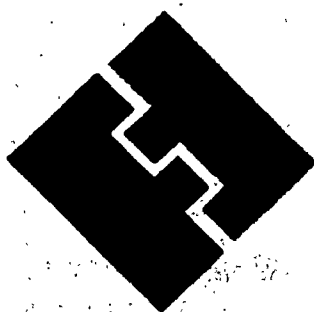
The aggregate levy of the Village of Morton Grove for 2002 for corporate and special purpose taxes includes abatements totaling \$1,352,733. The net increase to the Village's levy for 2002 after the abatement is \$319,838 or 4.99%.

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