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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WE PLAY THINGS

Special play class for toddlers six to eighteen months. Niles Fitness Center, 847-588-8400.

CELEBRATING 69TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Niles residents Edwin and Mary Holland are celebrating 69 years of marriage. Contact the Hollands for advice on maintaining marital bliss.

AUDITIONS AT OAKTON COLLEGE

The Public is invited to audition for a new stage production at OCC on Jan. 21 and 22. For information call 847-635-2185.

BABY SITTER SAFETY CLASS

Free baby sitter class at Holy Family Hospital on January 16. For information call 877-RES-INFO.

HEARING AID OPEN HOUSE

Review of new digital and programmable hearing aids at Resurrection Medical Center. For information call 773-792-5258.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE

Annual Girl Scout Cookie drive runs Jan 10 thru January 31. Those extra calories go to a very good cause.

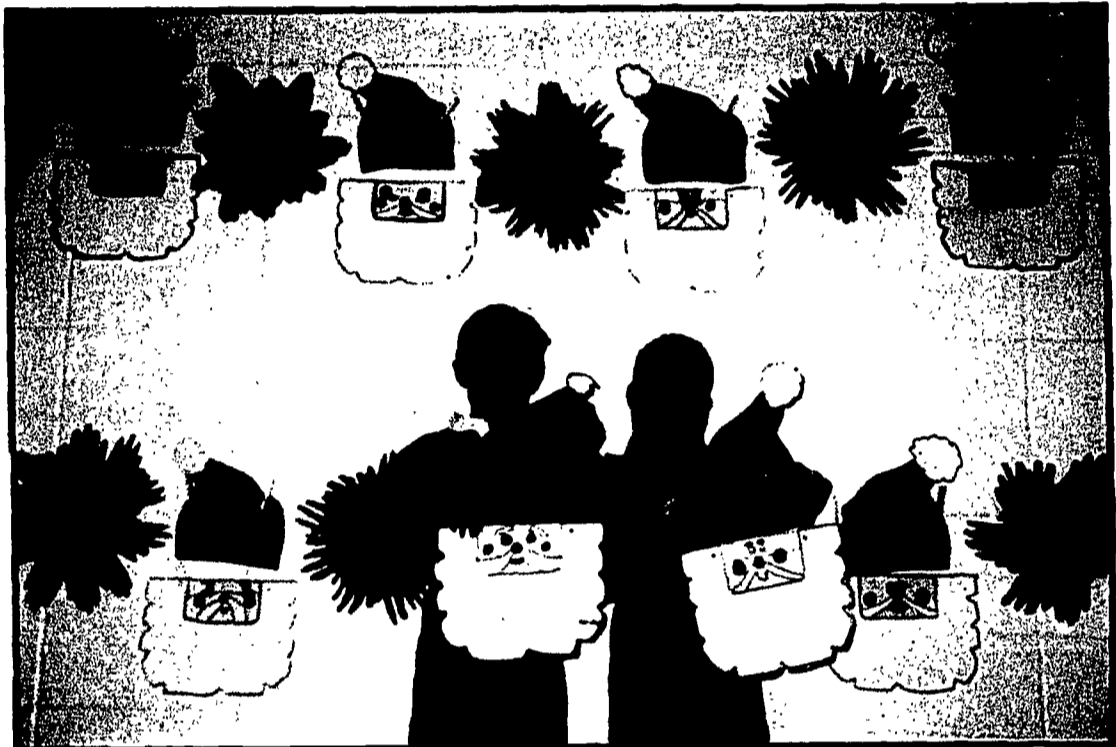
FOOD DRIVE AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN HOME

Non-perishable foods being collected for Maine Township Food Pantry thru January 12. For information call St. Matthew's in Park Ridge.

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Glenview Terrace Nursing Center is sponsoring classes for those caring for loved ones. Call 847-729-9090 for information.

Snapshots From Our Town



Secret Santas at St. John Brebeuf School chose the names of students and teachers to secretly give notes and treats during the holidays. The project gave students and teachers the opportunity to show their generosity during the holiday season. Students Jonathon Beierwaltes (l) and Regina Garcia are pictured.



Eight year old Hannah Kabat of Niles was recently presented a plaque by the village. She collected over 200 pounds of food items for the Niles Family Services food pantry. Pictured with Hannah are Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase (r) and Marty Friedman, Director of Niles Family Services.

Muslim Community Center vandalized

The Muslim Community Center at 8601 Menard Ave. in Morton Grove was the target of vandalism Dec. 22 when a landscaping brick was thrown through a window.

Although the MCC has been the subject of neighborhood controversy during recent months, officials say there is no reason to connect this vandalism with that situation.

The controversy is a area thing, with neighbors citing traffic, safety and parking issues.

However, no factions in that dispute connect that disagreement to the vandalism.

Habeeb Quadri, school principal at MCC, said that Center officials place no blame on neighbors. Quadri calls it an isolated incident.

Neighborhood advocate Patrick Kansoer says he has heard no comments supporting that action.

"We are not against these peoples' religion; we are against what they want to put into a space that's not designed for it," Kansoer said.

Shortly after the incident Morton Grove Deputy Police Chief Louis Rossi stated that no notes or phone calls claiming responsibility for the action had been received.

The broken window was discovered by a caretaker about 7:00 a.m. Damage is estimated at \$500.

A security camera captured an image at 3:29 a.m. showing a male wearing blue jeans and white gym shoes, and also of a car entering a parking lot at nearby Molloy Education Center.

The tape shows only the lower part of that individual's body, however.

Filing Period for Nominating Petitions in DesPlaines

DesPlaines City Clerk Donna McAllister announces that the filing period for nominating petitions for independent or new political party candidates for the April 1, 2003 Consolidated Election is January 13-January 21, 2003. Hours in the City Clerk's Office, 6th Floor, 1420 Miner St., are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays. Filing will close promptly at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

If petitions are filed for the same office at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of filing, January 13, 2003, a public lottery will be held within nine (9) days after the last day of the petition filing period.

For additional information call (847) 391-5311.

Beloved Niles resident Joe LoVerde Sr., dies at 79

Longtime Nilesite, Joe LoVerde Sr., passed away last week. He was 79 years old.

In 1962 Joe founded LoVerde Water and Sewer Construction Company. The first company offices were behind the Amy Joy Donut Company at 7244 Milwaukee Avenue. In 1966 the company purchased a residential home at 7042 Milwaukee Avenue and converted it into business offices, later adding a maintenance building. The company remained in Niles until 1987 and moved to Wheeling, Illinois where Joe subsequently retired. The company continued to be operated by Joe's sons, George and Joe. Jr. George continues to run the company. Joe, Jr. is the director of the Niles Park District.

The LoVerde family reported Joe Sr. was very proud of the continued growth of Niles during his years in the community. He was always available to Niles officials in giving his input for improving the community he so greatly loved. His suggestions through the years enhanced the infrastructure of the village which showed great growth during his years in Niles.

Joe served in many community, business and professional organizations including the Niles Chamber of Commerce, the Niles Lions Club, Illinois Road Builders, Illinois Underground Contractors Association, Scouts Lunch-O-Rec, Stritch School of Medicine and Director of the Dempster Plaza State Bank. He was a lifelong member of Local 150 Operating Engineers.

Joe was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Married 61 years to his beloved wife, Nora, nee Till; loving father of George (Vicki), Joseph Jr. (Maura) and the late Vito (Lucille); dearest grandfather of Luann (Guy) Battista, Joseph (Glinda), Vito, Tony, Anthony (Laura), Lana (Kenneth) Hoffman, Lisa (Anthony) Barbara, Michael, Stefanie, Natalie, Joseph and Kimberlie; great-grandfather of Vito, Vicki, Guy



and Frankie Battista, and Joell Nicole, Dominique, Dino, Tony and Gianna LoVerde, and Samantha and Vincent Hoffman; dear brother of Dominick (Rose) LoVerde and the late Frank LoVerde; and many loving nieces

and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday from Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles to St. Mary Church in Buffalo Grove. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Family Fitness Center

The Niles Family Center is now offering new programs. Call (847) 588-8400 for questions regarding the following programs or Club membership.

School's Out Camp, Martin Luther King Day -- Don't spend your day off school bored at home. Join us for swimming, sports, games and crafts. **Monday, Jan. 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Ages 6 to 12. Deadline to register is January 13. Contact the Niles Family Fitness Center at (847) 588-8400 for more information.

MVP Volleyball Classes -- This Volleyball Professionals player development program will teach passing, setting, spiking and more. Players will learn overhand serve and game strategy. All classes taught by Volleyball Professionals staff. **Classes offered: Skills and Drills: Grades 4th to 6th, Grades 7th to 9th, Adult, and Spiking.** Classes start January 16. Contact the Niles Family Fitness Center at (847) 588-8400 for more information.

Diggin' Dinosaurs -- Learn about your pre-historic pals in this exploratory class. Games, stories and sensory activities will enhance the learning experience. Ages 3 to 5. Thursdays, 10 to 10:45 a.m., January 16 to 30. Contact the Niles Family Fitness Center at (847) 588-8400 for more information.

Holland's Celebrate 69th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Edwin Holland, 92 yrs. old and Mrs. Mary Holland, 88 yrs. old will have their 69th Wedding Anniversary.

Their motto for the long and successful marriage is love and respect for one another.

The Holland's will spend the day just like any other one.

Des Plaines man dies in crash

A Des Plaines man died in a crash Christmas night when he lost control of his SUV and struck an overpass structure

along Golf Road west of East River Road. The driver, Merced Montesinos, 38, of the 9400 block of N.

Potter Road, was driving erratically at high speed when he lost control, entered eastbound lanes, and struck a concrete abutment, said Des Plaines police Sgt. Richard Rozkuszka.

Montesinos was cut from the wreckage by Des Plaines firefighters and taken to Holy Family Medical Center where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The air bag in Montesino's vehicle did not activate, nor was there any indication of alcohol use; however, Montesino was not wearing a seat belt, police said.

American Red Cross seeks volunteers

Janet Johnson often is the first to arrive at the Red Cross office in Arlington Heights. As a volunteer for the Red Cross, Janet helps with support operations by answering phones, greeting visitors, answering general questions and providing information about community classes. "I realized after retiring that I wanted to do something that didn't feel like work," she said. "At the Red Cross, I get to meet new people every day."

Helping with support operations is just one of more than 50 volunteer opportunities, with the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. Opportunities range from assisting at blood drives, to providing mental health counseling to disaster victims, to teaching first aid/CPR courses. You can also participate in our Speaker's Bureau or assist with fundraising events and committees. Volunteers are a critical part of the American Red Cross, working in neighborhoods and with individuals and community groups to

provide these services. Looking back on her role at the Red Cross, Janet is pleased with her decision to start volunteering. "You get the feeling of doing something worthwhile with an organization that does such great things," she said.

Find out how to be a part of the local Red Cross by attending a volunteer information session on **Friday, Jan. 31, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** at the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago Community facility in **Arlington Heights, 544 West Northwest Highway, one block east of Euclid.** Free parking is available. For more information about volunteering or this information session, contact Lois Kosmen at (847) 355-0703.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago stands ready to provide community disaster preparedness and relief, assistance to military families, international services, and safety and health education around the clock, every day of the year.

Skokie planning group OKs Holocaust Museum

Skokie's Plan Commission unanimously approved plans for the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois' new museum and headquarters building during its Dec. 19 meeting.

In all, the panel approved seven zoning changes needed for the museum's construction at 5300 Golf Road.

Next, the plan will be presented before the full village board, possibly in late January.

This meeting was not marred by disputes like those caused by the Foundation's earlier plan to build in Skokie's residential

South Fairview section. South Fairview homeowners objected, saying a museum did not belong in a residential area.

The amended plan will be 17 feet higher than the design presented for the Fairview site and will be visible to one looking west from Edens Expressway.

The museum complex will house a 293-seat auditorium, a library, museum and book shops, eating area and foundation offices.

The complex was designed by architect Stanley Tigerman.

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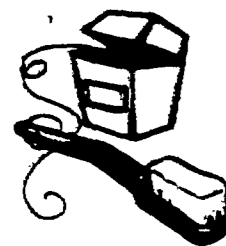
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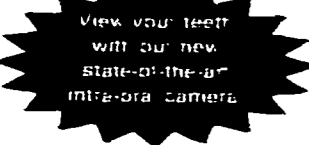
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Local hospitals prep for smallpox program

Rush North Shore Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital plus public health departments in Evanston and Skokie, will participate in the federal government's voluntary smallpox inoculation program for healthcare workers.

President George Bush has asked that 500,000 doctors, intensive-care and emergency-room workers be vaccinated in this first phase of an anti-terrorism prevention strategy.

Rush North Shore and St. Francis have responded to the request from the Illinois Public Health Department to make plans for administering the program.

Administrators of Evanston, Glenbrook and Highland Park Hospitals—all which operate as

Evanston Northwestern Healthcare—are cautiously awaiting federal guidelines before deciding whether to participate.

The vaccine, which contains live virus, can occasionally cause serious or fatal side effects.

Hospital and public health authorities have said they will not force employees to be vaccinated.

Students Complete G.R.E.A.T. Program

More than 75 students from Nelson School in Niles recently completed the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, according to the office of Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The students participated in a 13-week program that is designed to decrease gang violence by giving the students the tools they need to avoid gang involvement. The program is designed to develop the students into responsible members of the community by teaching them to set goals for themselves, resist peer pressure, learn how to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner and understand how gangs can negatively impact their quality of life.

copied by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, is being conducted locally by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. The program puts specially trained Sheriff's officers in the classroom to teach junior high and middle school students about the consequences of gang affiliation.

"Law enforcement, courts and educators must work together to convince children of the dangers of gang involvement," Sheriff Sheahan said. "By working closely in classrooms directly with students, our officers are making a tremendous impact."

For more information about the G.R.E.A.T. program, contact the Sheriff's Office of Preventive Programs at (708) 974-6485.

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Children Need Protection from Internet Perverts

Dear Editor:

As a parent, I used to be repelled to protect my small children from insects. Today, children still need protection, but from more treacherous nuisances - the pests of perversion that swarm the Internet waiting to attack - namely porn peddlers and perverts. These pests have unhindered access to children, thanks to groups whose hands are deep in the pockets of the taxpayer.

On December 3, 2002 these groups succeeded at stopping a bill to require libraries to block access to illegal pornographic Web sites on children's computers. The next day the Illinois Library Association publicly congratulated their coalition members for their sixth defeat of this legislation.

Children must have Internet filters at public libraries and schools to safeguard them from illegal obscenity and child pornography. But groups that take the money of hard-working Americans don't want any sort of protection for children.

Following are groups that feed the swarming creatures of crudeness by contributing time, resources and energy to continually oppose Internet filters on children's computers in libraries and schools.

Chicago Library Commissioner Mary Dempsey

American Civil Liberties Union - Illinois
City of Chicago
Planned Parenthood
Illinois Education Association
Illinois Press Association
Illinois Secretary of State's office

National Organization for Women

People for the American Way
Various library groups

The ACLU claims that filters block numerous legal sites that do not contain offensive material. Others concur with this nonsense. ACLU lobbyist Mary Dixon, when asked to supply their source for the alleged blocked sites, named www.peacefire.com. Peacefire gives instructions for kids on how to disable blocking software.

However, using my filtered service, I tested the 21 sites Peacefire claims are blocked by my filter. Seventeen were accessible and four were no longer available.

Be your child's bug repellent against the pests of perversion and speak out loudly for filters.

Kathy Valente
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Shops at North Bridge™ 'Kid Culture' Workshops

A Kids Club For Little Tykes Meets Every Third Thursday of Each Month.

Kid Culture, The Shops at North Bridge™ kids club where imagination reaches new levels, announces its workshops for Thursday, Jan. 16 and Thursday, Feb. 20 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the third floor Children's Level at 520 N. Michigan Ave. The club's friendly leader, Year 10 Piper guides children on their educational journey the third Thursday of every month through exciting fun-filled activities free of charge.

On Thursday, Jan. 16 treat your toddler to Paulie the Clown in "Cirquestem," a light-hearted clown show featuring music, robotics, a rolling globe, balloon stunts, juggling and comedy. Paulie the Clown is a graduate of clown college and was seen in "Lion King" at Disney World.

On Thursday, Feb. 20 Wild Weston and the Western Show will make an appearance on the third floor Children's Level. Wild Weston uses his "Wild West" talents of rope twirling, whip cracking, juggling, balloons and "horseback riding" in telling children tales about the old frontier and in learning to play new games that the whole family can enjoy together.

To register for Kid Culture, sign up is available at every workshop or at the Concierge Service Center. Kid Culture members are entitled to many exclusive benefits, including special offers, discounts and more, when presenting their membership cards. Following the workshop, delicious \$1.99 deals on kid's meals will be available at Chicago's Magnificent Meal, The Shops at North Bridge dining area located on level four.

For more information regarding Kid Culture at The Shops at North Bridge or other special events, please call the Concierge Service Center at (312) 327-2800 or visit The Shops at North Bridge Web site at www.northbridgechicago.com

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

File No. D03082159 on January 3, 2003, under the Assumed Name of Creagh Financial Services with the business located at 6300 W. Touhy Ave., #809, Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Pamela Louise Creagh, 6300 W. Touhy Ave., #809, Niles, IL 60714.

Enjoy Fitness and Recreation Classes Offered by Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning. Choose from a variety of noncredit fitness and recreation classes offered this winter by Oakton's Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL).

Swing Dancing (PED E86-01, Touch-Tone 06787) introduces swing and jitterbug basics, and then progress to more advanced steps, including the walk-over and the "mooch." This eight-week course meets from 8 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 5, at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie. The course fee is \$80.

Co-ed Volleyball (PED S52-01, Touch-Tone 06512) reviews basic skills and game strategy. Players at all skill levels enjoy challenging competition in a round-robin tournament. This seven-week course meets from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 6, at Niles West High School, 5701 W. Oakton St., Skokie. The course fee is \$75.

Other fitness and recreation courses include **Latin Line Dancing (PED S67)**, **Learn How to Scuba Dive (PED S27)**, **Boating Skills and Seamanship (REC E12)**, and **Individual Personal Training (FIT P01)**.

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Free Baby-Sitter Safety Class

A free baby-sitter safety class sponsored by Holy Family Medical Center will take place on January 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 East Thacker Street, Des Plaines.

Anne Bleicher, R.N., will lead the class designed for baby-sitters and soon-to-be baby-sitters. She will discuss the do's and don'ts of baby-sitting as well as important first aid and safety tips. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Registration is required. To register, call 1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636).

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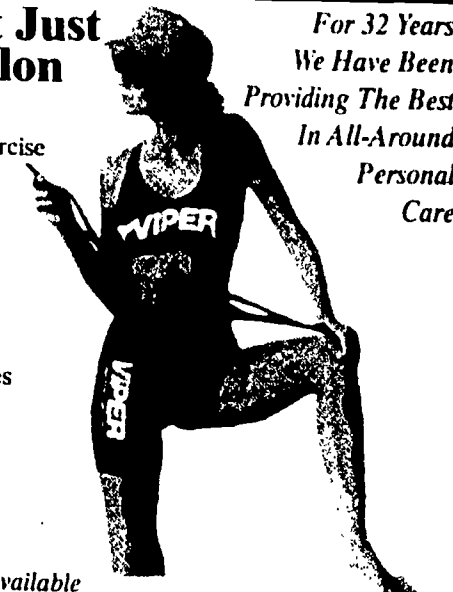
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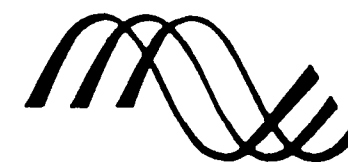
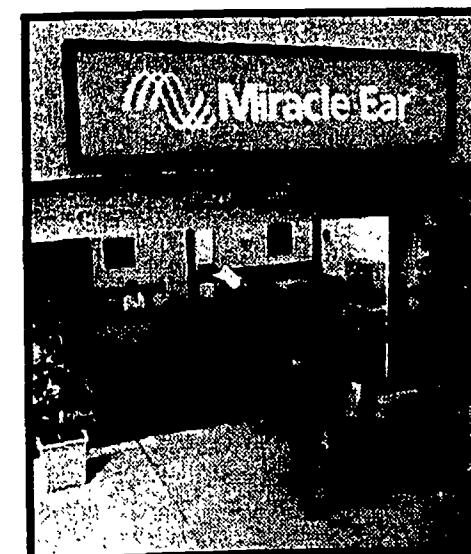


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Dominican University hosts Visiting Day

The Dominican University Office of Undergraduate Admissions is hosting a Visiting Day for high school juniors and seniors on Monday, January 20 at 9 a.m. in the Eloise Martin Recital Hall, 7900 West Division Street, in River Forest.

Students will tour Dominican's campus, meet faculty and students, attend class and learn about admissions and financial aid. Representatives from the admissions and financial aid offices will be available to answer any questions regarding academic programs, scholarships, financial aid and life on campus.

For more information or to register contact (708) 524-6800.

Founded in 1901, Dominican University is a comprehensive, coeducational Catholic institution offering bachelor's and master's degrees. Dominican offers 51 undergraduate academic programs in the Rosary College of Arts and Science and 18 graduate programs in four graduate schools through the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, the Graduate School of Business and Information Systems, the School of Education and the Graduate School of Social Work. In the 2003 issue of *America's Best Colleges, U.S. News & World Report* ranked

Dominican University in the top tier of Midwest master's level universities and as a best value for the fifth consecutive year.

Global B Boy Connection & New York City Breakers

The Morton Grove Public Library presents Global B Boy Connection & the New York City Breakers on Saturday, January 18 at 2 p.m.

Global B Boy Connection & the New York City Breakers communicate through the universal language of dance. From the inner-city to the White House, and around the world, this group spreads the positive, non-violent message of releasing tension and anger through dance. The group will demonstrate shuffles, sweeps, freezes and other precision dance and acrobatic moves. Seating is limited.

Registration began Monday, December 23. Make your reservations by calling (847) 965-4220, or stopping by the Children's Desk at the Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call (847) 965-4220. TDD 965-4236. www.webrary.org.

Santa Claus brings the gift of hope to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital



Seventeen-year-old Ashley Hissong's smile might be hidden, but the joy in her eyes is quite evident. Hissong, of Schaumburg, proves you are never too old to enjoy a visit with Santa, especially when you aren't feeling at your best. Santa (a.k.a. Jeff Comment, CEO of Helzberg Diamonds) visited pediatric patients at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge to deliver hope, hugs and teddy bears. "While doctors work with facts, Santa gives hope," said Comment.

After dressing up as Santa at a local charity's holiday party, Comment was inspired to take his Santa impersonation on the road. Every December since 1995, Comment visits pediatric hospitals around the country to spread holiday cheer. Comment shares stories about his extraordinary experiences with these children in his new book, *Santa's Gift*. All of the author's proceeds are donated to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Seniors offered advice on winter survival by EMA Expert

Robert Cohen, Director of Maine Township's Emergency Management Agency, offers seniors tips and advice on surviving the harsh Chicago winter.

"Timely preparation for yourself, your car, and your home can avoid some costly and unpleasant circumstances or problems when the severe weather hits this area," Graber says. "It is a matter of safety to know what and when to react to a winter storm, even a blizzard."

Cohen advises that some advance preparation goes a long way in being safe and sound this winter. For example, store drinking water, a first aid kit, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, radio, flashlight, and extra batteries where you can get them easily, even in the dark, he said.

His other tips included: Before Severe Weather Arrives

1. Keep your car and other vehicles fueled and in good repair. Also, keep a winter emergency kit in each.
2. Know how the public is warned i.e. siren, radio, TV, etc. and the warning terms for each kind of disaster in your community. This might include knowing the differences, for example, be-

tween a "winter storm watch" and a "winter storm warning" or a "winter weather advisory."

3. Know how to turn off gas, electric power and water in your home in case of the need to evacuate.
4. Winterize your home and prepare it by installing storm shutters or windows, clearing rain gutters, repairing roof leaks, and checking the structural ability of the roof to hold unusually heavy amounts of snow and ice.

During a Winter Storm

1. Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your house cooler than normal. Temporarily shut off heat to unused rooms.
2. If using kerosene heaters, maintain ventilation to avoid a buildup of toxic fumes. Keep heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable. Refuel kerosene heaters outdoors.
3. Avoid travel, if possible. If you must travel, do so during daylight hours and don't travel alone. Stay on main roads and keep others informed of your schedule and route, if possible.

After the Storm

1. Report downed power lines and broken gas lines immediately.
2. Check for physical damage to your home and confirm that water pipes are working.
3. Check on neighbors, especially anyone who might need help.
4. Beware of overexertion and exhaustion from shoveling snow, etc. Set priorities and pace yourself on any duties or cleanup.

For a free copy of "Winter Survival Tips for Seniors" or further information on other senior programs, contact (847) 297-2510.

Chicagovolunteer.net teams up with Nicor

Community Resource Network announced its partnership with Nicor today as the exclusive energy sponsor of Chicagovolunteer.net. Chicagovolunteer.net is an interactive website that promotes volunteerism and provides information about volunteer opportunities throughout metropolitan Chicago.

"Chicagovolunteer.net has become a major resource for volunteers seeking to give back to the communities in which they work and live," said Kathleen Gillig, president, Community Resource Network, a United Way partner agency. "In fact, nearly 7,000 volunteer applications to date have been submitted for opportunities listed on the site."

Chicagovolunteer.net was launched in September 2001. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11th, the site became an instant community resource for thousands of metro Chicagoans who wanted to learn how they could help locally. The volunteerism website has an extensive database, which lists more than 2,700 metro Chicago organizations that have programs that need volunteers.

"Through our many years of working with United Way, Nicor understands the importance of connecting volunteers with local

not-for-profit organizations," said Julian Brown, manager of corporate contributions for Nicor. "We encourage our employees and customers to visit Chicagovolunteer.net to find opportunities to further support the communities in which they live and work."

For over 60 years, United Way's Volunteer Center and First Call for Help have linked people with volunteer opportunities and community resources throughout metropolitan Chicago. Recognizing the increased need for the expansion of these services, United Way in Chicago created an independent non-profit organization, Community Resource Network.

To register for volunteer opportunities or learn more about Community Resource Network's other programs, visit their website, www.chicagovolunteer.net. Nicor Gas is one of the nation's largest gas distribution companies. It serves two million customers in a service territory that encompasses most of the northern third of Illinois, excluding the city of Chicago. The company has provided safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas services for more than 45 years. Nicor Gas is owned by Nicor, Inc. (NYSE: GAS) a holding company.

St. Matthew Lutheran Home Collects Food Donations

St. Matthew Lutheran Home will be sponsoring a food drive for the Maine Township Food Pantry. St. Matthew's will be a food donation collection site from Monday, January 6 to Sunday, January 12. Non-perishable items or canned food can be dropped off at St. Matthew's, 1601 N. Western Ave., Park Ridge, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday - Friday or between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Also, many times people find it more convenient to donate money, and that money is used to pur-

chase Food-Only Vouchers to be used at Jewel. Checks, made out to City of Park Ridge, can also be dropped-off at St. Matthew's. While any donation is appreciated, the following is a list of food items which are especially needed: chunky soup, tuna, beef ravioli, spaghetti-o's, tomato sauce, pork and beans, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, boxed or canned potatoes, canned yams, beef stew, Spam, mixed vegetables, peanut butter, cake mixes, Biquik and fruit juice. St. Matthew's thanks you for your support.

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Pappas to address Levy Center Golden Years Club

Maria Pappas, Cook County Treasurer, will speak before the Levy Center Golden Years Club, Friday, Jan. 17 at 1:15 p.m. at Levy Center, 300 Dodge, Evanston.

Leslie Wilson, coordinator, announced that Maria will discuss the working of the new Treasurer's Office. Elected in 1998, Treasurer Pappas has made many major improvements benefiting Cook County residents, and is working on initiatives to improve services even further.

Treasurer Pappas, in a very short time, has significantly increased total interest earnings on monies held in County accounts. New investment systems are on pace to earn about \$22 million. Newly designed tax bills and informational brochures have been created to provide better understanding about the property-tax system.

Prior to being elected Treasurer, Pappas served as Cook County Board Commissioner for two terms. She received her degree in sociology at West Liberty State College in West Virginia and her Master's Degree in guidance and counseling at West Virginia State University. She went on to receive her Doctorate in counseling and psychology from Loyola University and in 1982 received her Juris Doctorate from Kent College of Law in Chicago.



Under her direction, the Treasurer's Office has implemented a new cashing and general ledger system, which, along with other automation projects, will benefit the people and government of Cook County.

'Powerful Tools for Caregivers' at Glenview Terrace

Starting in January, Glenview Terrace Nursing Center will be sponsoring "Powerful Tools for Caregivers," a six-week educational series designed to provide the tools needed for the caregiver to take care of themselves while taking care of a loved one with a chronic illness.

This program is designed to help family caregivers: reduce stress; improve self-confidence; better communicate feelings; increase the ability to make tough decisions; and locate helpful resources.

Classes consist of six, 2-1/2 hour sessions held once a week starting on January 21 through February 25 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A nominal fee will be charged for the program to cover the cost of printed materials. For more information or to register for "Powerful Tools for Caregivers," contact Jami Mandl at Glenview Terrace, (847) 729-9090.

The classes will be located at United Way/Glenview Chamber Conference Room at 2320 Glenview Road in Glenview.

Registration opens for Oakton's Emeritus Program

Register now for spring 2003 classes available through Oakton Community College's Emeritus program. Designed for students age 50 and over, Emeritus offers lectures, seminars, tours, and credit and noncredit courses about diverse and fascinating topics.

More than 30 new courses premiere this spring, including *Reel Art: Masterpieces of the Cinema* (HUM 290 002), *Great Moments in Opera* (HUM 290 001), *Art History: Modern Art* (ART 113 050), *Europe's Struggle Between the Right and the Left* (HIS E88-71), *The Middle East and North Africa in the 20th Century* (HIS E92-71), and *Frida Kahlo* (ART C53-71).

Also scheduled are three popular Emeritus series: *Passport to the World*, a program about foreign relations; *Passages Seminar*, lectures on topics ranging from genealogy to government; and *Celebrating the Arts in Chicago*, tours to local cultural events and attractions.

Classes begin the week of January 12. Students age 60 and over who reside within Oakton's district pay half-tuition for Emeritus noncredit classes. Those who have registered for an Oakton credit class within the last three years or an Alliance for Lifelong Learning noncredit class within the last five years may register using the Touch-Tone system by dialing (847) 635-1616. Touch-Tone registration requires payment using a major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or Discover).

For more information, call (847) 635-1414, or (847) 982-9888, press 3.

Knightly News & Views

Last chance to make your reservations for the annual Council Communion Breakfast, January 19, 2003. Breakfast is available by reservation only for \$3/person or family of 3 or more = \$8. Call Joe @ (847) 966-6913 for more info or reservations. Join us as we pray and feast together! Honor Guard has been requested for this event. All Sir Knights are invited to participate.

New Members Requested. Looking for a way to help others, without a major commitment of your time? How 'bout joining the Knights of Columbus?!

The North American Martyrs, Knights of Columbus invite all Catholic Gentlemen to attend a special 1st Degree Exemplification at St. John Brebeuf School's Flanagan Hall, 8301 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, on Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

This is a great opportunity for a candidate to participate in the Degree locally. New members can take their 1st Degree and participate in a short Council meeting, which will follow immediately.

All candidates for the 1st Degree should arrive at 7 p.m. as the Degree starts at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available immediately following meeting. For more information and reservations - contact Membership Chairman Larry Huiras @ (847) 663-1484.

Don't miss this great opportunity to become a Brother Knight and advance to heights within a great organization! Come join us in our Knightlife!!!

Free-Throw Contest Announced. North American Martyrs Council 4338 Past Grand Knight Bob Bianchi reminds everyone that the annual Free-Throw Contest for Knights of Columbus is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, January 25, 2003. Competition will be held in St. John Brebeuf Gymnasium, 8301 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, starting at 2 p.m.

Bob Bianchi, Chairman for his 22nd consecutive year, invites members to assist him as this tradition for youth continues for the Council's 47th year. All boys & girls from 10 to 14 invited to compete. Gym opens 2 p.m., competition starts: 10 yrs. old = 2:30 p.m.; 11 yrs old = 3 p.m.; 12 yrs old = 3:30 p.m.; 13 & 14 yrs old = 4 p.m.

The Brothers of North American Martyrs Council proudly support many youth events throughout the year. Every Brother offers their congratulations to all the participants. By competing you have proven you are a winner!!

Formarty's Club's President Bob Galassi announces next meeting is January 22, 2003. We will have a special meeting for all Sir Knights. If you have become a Sir Knight in past three years, please join us for this special meeting. Refreshments will be available immediately following the meeting.

Grand Knight Joe Tatkowski offers his special thanks to all the

Brothers and the Auxiliary members that participated in the events throughout 2002! With your assistance, the Council had another successful year in serving our faith and community.

Have you placed your reservations yet! Formarty's President Bob Galassi announces the past Presidents' night, honoring all past presidents of the club and guest of honor immediate past President Joe Tatkowski, will be held on Friday, February 7, 2003, at the Lone Tree Manor, in Niles. Tickets are only \$12.50 ea. for family style meal with 3 meats and trimmings. Social Hour - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m. Special Program - 8 p.m. Cash bar will be available. Reservations must be made in advance with payment. For more info call Bob Galassi @ (847) 965-0920.

Again, the Brothers of N.A.M. thank the many folks that supported the Council's efforts to assist the needy throughout the year 2002, by their generous purchases of the Entertainment Books, Tootsie Roll Candy and donations to the annual candy drive. All funds went to charities in area.

Please pray for our sick and distressed members of our family and for all those fighting illnesses. Pray for the souls of all faithful departed members of our family. Keep the health of all family members always in your daily prayers! Visit a sick friend - they appreciate it!

We need new members!! Do you know any good Catholic gentleman that could join the Knights? Help us, as we help others - when you have the time. We all have a friend, a neighbor or relative that could become a member of this great organization! Ask him!! For more information on membership - call Membership Chairman Larry Huiras @ (847) 663-1484.

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Remember to consult the Council Web Page = www.norlistar.net/prkhome/kofc4338!

'Company' is Coming at OCC

Auditions Begin Jan. 16 at Oakton. Auditions for Oakton Community College's production of "Company" are scheduled at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, and 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, in the Foothill Theater at the DesPlaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Call (847) 635-1901 for an appointment.

The Tony Award-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim focuses on five affluent couples living in a Manhattan apartment complex and their overly protective feelings about a bachelor

Earn your GED Certificate This Spring

Test Preparation classes Begin in January.

Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL), the continuing education program available through Oakton Community College and area high schools, offers a low-cost program to help students earn high school diplomas.

Evening High School is open to Maine and Niles Township residents, age 16 and older. Classes meet two times per week from 6 to 10 p.m., Monday and Wednesday at Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dec Road, Park Ridge. For more information, call (847) 825-7719. Glenbrook district residents may apply to Steven Von

Boeckman, principal of the Evening High School, at (847) 998-6100, ext. 418.

GED Preparation Classes prepare students, age 19 and older, to pass the General Educational Development (GED) Test. The GED covers five subject areas and is accepted by most employers and schools as equivalent to a high school diploma. The test is administered at Oakton's DesPlaines campus by the Cook County GED Testing Service.

A variety of test preparation classes begin in late January. In addition to the pre-GED classes in English, reading, and math

skills, ALL offers GED-level review classes in essay writing, reading, math, science, social studies, English, Spanish, and the U.S. Constitution. To enroll in GED test preparation classes, students must attend this free session for placement testing, counseling and registration:

Monday, Jan. 13 and Wednesday, Jan. 15 (must attend both nights), 6:45-10 p.m. at Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie.

For more information about Oakton GED preparation classes, call (847) 825-6299 or visit www.oakton.edu/cont_ed/all.

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Liberty Bank makes \$1 million commitment

Liberty Bank for Savings has committed \$1 million to Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS) to assist the organization's efforts to revitalize the city's neighborhoods. Liberty Bank's \$1 million investment will be used to help fund NHS's special loan programs for home purchase and home rehabilitation for people who might not otherwise be eligible for conventional loan products. By encouraging home ownership and home rehabilitation in economically disadvantaged areas, NHS works to improve the vitality and economic viability of Chicago's neighborhoods, while increasing the community pride of neighborhood residents.

"Liberty Bank is proud to participate in this worthwhile and successful program," said Liberty Bank President and Chief Executive Officer William Smigiel in announcing the bank's financial support. "As a community bank, we know firsthand how important it is to invest in our neighborhoods and help keep them strong and vi-

al. By providing \$1 million in loan funding to NHS, Liberty continues our longstanding commitment to making the dream of home ownership a reality for more Chicagoans." Established in 1898, Liberty Bank for Savings has been a member of the community for more than 100 years. With three offices, conveniently located in Chicago and one in Lincolnwood, Liberty Bank offers a variety of products to meet the financial needs of its neighbors.

Youth Worker Graduates



An Evanston resident was among 20 graduates in the second class of a program designed to train professionally certified youth workers. Pictured (center) Sterling Goodrich from the North Suburban Project serving Evanston and Skokie with fellow graduates Lisette Gonzalez from the Girl Scouts of Chicago and Amina Green with 21st District YouthNet. The Youth Development Practitioner Certification Program was developed in a partnership between Chicago Area Project (CAP) and the Chicago Department of Human Services (CDHS). The graduation ceremony took place at Kennedy King College on Dec. 18.

Northeastern Illinois University Mostly Music

Mostly Music at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) presents two concerts in January. The addresses of the private residences will be given when tickets are purchased. Ticket prices are \$20; 15 for students. For information and reservations call (773) 442-4978. Music for a Sunday Afternoon - Concerts in the Home Series. "Stars of Music of the Baroque" - January 12, 3 p.m. Quadrangle Club, 1155 E. 57th Street. Patrice Michaels, soprano, Lyon Leifer, flute; Michael Bahmann, harpsichord; and Craig Trompeter, cello. Long-time principals of Chicago's Music of the Baroque, flutist Lyon Leifer and harpsichordist Michael Bahmann, return to Hyde Park, joined by soloist, soprano Patrice Michaels and cellist

Craig Trompeter in an afternoon of German and Italian repertoires performed on period instruments. Featured composers include Vivaldi, Handel and Bach. Katarzyna Marzec, piano - January 19, 4 p.m. Marzec's program includes J.S. Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in E-flat minor, BWV1*, Scriabin's *Sonata - Fantasy in G-sharp minor, Op. 19*, Chopin's *Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22*, three *Intermezzi* by Brahms and the *Piano Sonata No. 2 in B-flat minor, Op. 10* by Rachmaninoff. A native of Poland, Marzec came to the United States after receiving a master of arts degree in piano performance. She continued her studies and graduated with a master of music performance degree in 2002. She has performed solo, with orchestra and as a chamber musician. She has participated in a number of music festivals in Poland including the International Festival of Contemporary Music "Warsaw Autumn," and has performed during "Hala February" Festival in Kuwait. She has also recorded for radio and TV.

Taylor J. York

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Taylor J. York has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Patrick W. Wohlrabe

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick W. Wohlrabe, a resident of Glenview, IL, recently reported for duty with Naval Reserve Commander in Chief U.S. Naval Forces Europe Joint Task Force Contingency Unit, Detachment 0513, Great Lakes, IL.

Be a Smart Shopper Before Buying a Car

NewsUSA

(NU) - Would you ever dream of buying a home without "shopping around," or booking a family vacation without comparing hotel and airline rates? Making major purchases should never be left to chance. Doing your homework first can help you make confident decisions and may save you from regret. The same can be said about shopping for cars. With the myriad of choices and options available in vehicles today, shopping for the right car shouldn't be a guessing game. Examining your needs and the market can help you make an educated purchase. Thinking of buying a car? MetLife offers these tips to help you get started: Evaluate your needs. Are you more likely to be cruising with your friends in a racy sports car or is shutting the kids to and from soccer practice more your speed? Think lifestyle first, looks later. How often will the car be used? Where? If you think you'll log an average number of miles per year (about 12,000), then a car with a midsize engine may be sufficient. But if out-of-town business trips or weekend excursions are a regular part of your life, then a larger engine is best suited to handle the long hauls. Also, consider where you do most of your daily driving.

For instance, you won't want a sporty convertible if rough back roads are taken on your daily commute. Do some research before you shop. From current prices and features to total model evaluations, you'll find more than enough car information at the library, bookstore and Internet to give you a heads up before heading to the car lots. Once you've determined the features and options that are most important to you, set a price range and stick to it. Once on the lot, compare sticker prices, review standard and optional features, take test drives, and most importantly, ask questions. Along with purchasing your car, consider which auto insurance provider and amount of coverage best suits your needs. Although many states require just basic liability coverage, you'll want to choose a package that will best protect you, your family, your car and your assets. When searching for a provider, get quotes and compare prices and services from at least three different insurers. Looking to trim the cost of your auto insurance? Don't forget that a good driving record lowers your insurance rates. To learn more about buying a car and auto insurance, visit www.lifeadvice.com.

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(NU) - Commuter transportation woes in metropolitan areas may have little to do with factors such as the unavailability of railroads or spotty reliability of bus service. The big headache for many commuters is getting to the railroad station or bus terminal and, once there, finding a parking space. According to Mechanical Engineering magazine, a new type of car produced by Ford Motor Co. could contribute to a solution. Featuring dimensions closer to a golf cart than a full-size passenger car, Ford's Think City vehicle occupies about 40 percent less parking space in commuter lots. That translates to greater parking lot capacity and reduced waiting time for harried commuters. The Think City is a nonpolluting electric vehicle that is fueled by a nickel-cadmium battery. It has surprising power — the model earmarked for entry in the U.S. market sometime this year will achieve 65 mph. It is 9 feet 8 inches in length and 5 feet 2 inches in width. By comparison, the 2002 Buick Century is 16 feet 3 inches in length and a little more than 6 feet wide. Currently, there are only 100 Think City vehicles on the road — in a New York City demonstration program called "Think Clean Commute." While transportation officials and some legislators are encouraged, economic and regulatory hurdles must be overcome before the Think City can proliferate on American highways. The cars would have to be equipped with passenger-side airbags and meet other U.S. safety regulations. According to Mechanical Engineering, the plan to use electric vehicles to link commuters to mass transportation centers is novel if costly. Credits from railroads along with substantial tax credits from both the state and federal governments will be necessary before commuters embrace the program, says the magazine, which is published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Think City vehicles now cost about \$30,000, but according to Ford, a major cost reduction redesign could lower the retail price of the car to about \$20,000. The limitation of the battery also is a concern. While nickel-cadmium batteries are more robust than their lead-acid counterparts and provide a 50-mile range between recharges, Nicad cells require replacement in six to eight years, with an average cost of \$5,000. For more information about ASME and Mechanical Engineering magazine, visit www.asme.org.

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(NU) - At any time of year, it is very important to take proper care of your vehicle.

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George W. Welter, 82, of Buffalo Grove, died Saturday, December 14, at Claremont Rehab and Living Center. He was born June 11, 1920 in Evanston.

PLACIDA GARCIA
Placida Garcia, 91, of Des Plaines, died Thursday, November 14 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born March 2, 1911 in Spain.

ANNE L. KRISS
Anne L. Kriss, of DesPlaines, died Saturday, November 23 at St. Matthew Home, Niles. She was born in Chicago.

JANINA FABISZEWSKI
Janina Fabiszewski, 65, of Arlington Heights, died Friday, November 15. She was born November 7 in Poland.



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JOHN F. BASISTA
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Born in Chicago, IL, June 12, 1930. Served in U.S. Army 1951-1953. After honorable discharge, went to work for ADT Security Services until forming his own security business in 1971.

NICHOLAS VITACCO
Nicholas Vitacco, 82, of Niles, died Saturday, November 2 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born February 8, 1920 in Niles.

MILDRED H. WONS
Mildred H. Wons, 84, of Chicago, died Saturday, November 16. She was born April 23, 1918 in Chicago.

MARY M. POKLADOWSKI
Mary M. Pokladowski, 83, of Sun City West, AZ (formerly of Niles), died Monday, November 18 at Sun Health Hospice.

MYRTLE L. THOMPSON
Myrtle L. Thompson of Chicago, died Saturday, November 23 at Swedish covenant Hospital.

JOSEPHINE F. CHRISTOPOULOS
Josephine F. Christopoulos, 88, of Glenview, died Friday, November 8 at the Glenview Terrace Nursing Home. She was born November 13, 1913 in Chicago.

ROBERT EDWARD WEILER
Robert Edward Weiler, 45, of Niles, died Monday, November 18 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born September 21, 1957 in Oak Park.

BERNICE LORRAINE WELTER
Bernice Loraine Welter, 85, of Buffalo Grove, died Tuesday, November 19 at Claremont Rehab and Living Center.

WALDEMAR A. PURTA
Waldemar A. Purta, 72, of Arlington Heights, died Sunday, November 3 at Northwest Community Hospital. He was born January 10, 1930 in Poland.

THOMAS JOHN DIGANCI
Thomas John Digan, 80, of Niles, died Friday, November 22. He was born September 30, 1922 in Chicago.

ROBERTA GRABOW
Robertta Grabow, 81, of Arlington Heights, died Thursday, November 21 at Glenview Terrace. She was born October 16, 1921 in Milwaukee, WI.

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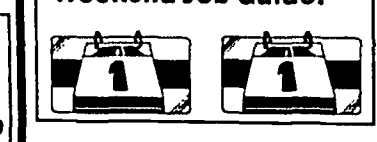
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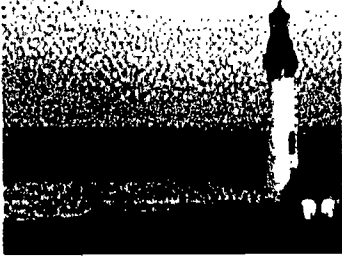
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