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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ARTHRITIS SEMINAR

Arthritis specialist to present latest information and news on February 21 at 1 p.m. at Morton Grove Senior Center. Call 847-470-5223.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Garden Club of Morton Grove to hold monthly meeting on Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Call 847-966-4624.

BEGINNING SOCIAL BRIDGE

Popular program continues on Thursday's at noon at Niles Senior Center. For information call 847-588-8420.

MANAGEMENT OF HEARING LOSS

Lecture on new techniques in dealing with hearing loss as well as hearing screenings at Niles Senior Center. For information call 847-588-8420.

OSTEOPOROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

Group meets at 6:30 pm on first Thursday of the month at Lutheran General Hospital. Call 800-323-8622 for more information.

WOMEN'S FINANCIAL PROGRAM

Program on issues for women in planning financial strategies. March 5 at 7 p.m. at Des Plaines Public Library. Call 847-376-2787.

TOWN HALL MEETING

State Senator Susan Garrett to hold town hall meeting on February 22 from 3:30 to 5 pm at Des Plaines Public Library. Call 847-376-2787.

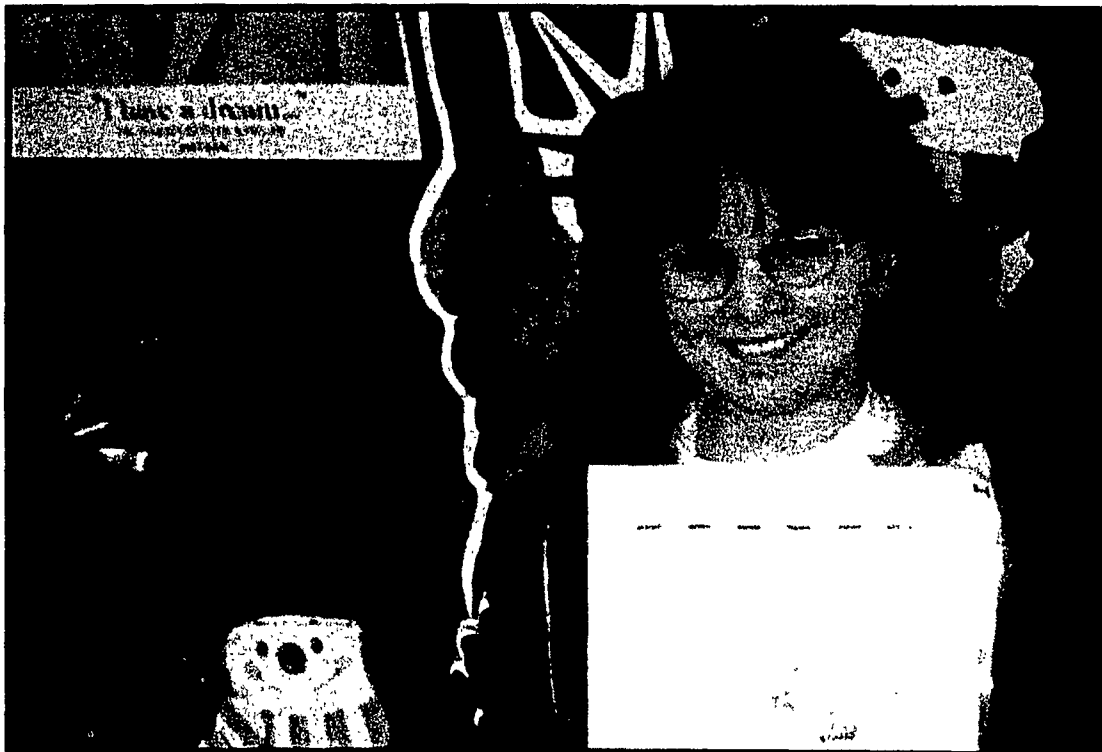
LILLIAN GISH AT PICKWICK

March 2 showing of 1920's silent file "Way Down Under." Call 847-825-5800.

Snapshots From Our Town



Nicole Olczyk (from left), Aneta Biel, Tim Manning and Nicholas Zwolinski demonstrate their engineering and architectural skills at St. John Brebeuf's Preschool. School registration for all grades is on Sunday, February 23 from 9 am to noon. Call 847-966-3266 for more information



Culver 4th grader Lauren Papucci displays her project on the State of Illinois. Students at Culver recently studied how the state operates and created posters and projects to show what they had learned.

Skokie outlaws motorized scooters on sidewalks

Feb. 3, Skokie trustees have enacted an ordinance outlawing motorized bikes, scooters or mopeds on public property.

Assistant Village Manager Mark Vanderpool said the new law arises from concern of injury from machines being driven along village sidewalks.

A recommendation to ban such vehicles was presented last October but postponed over concerns the wording was too restrictive.

The present law contains lan-

guage stating that it does not apply to motorized wheelchairs.

Postal workers, public safety officers or those with limited mobility are allowed to use a

two-wheeled Segway.

The law allows those with a valid driver's license to use motorized bikes or mopeds on village streets.

RE/MAX AllStars Announces new agents!!



Carol Ficarra & Richard Harczak are proud to announce that Tony & Valeria Ranalli have joined their team of Outstanding Agents!! Tony & Val are the second husband and wife team to join RE/MAX AllStars.

Valeria has been a top produc-



er since her very 1st year in Real Estate when she became a Multi-Million Dollar producer and was named "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR!!!" She attributes her success to providing her clients with honest & professional service. Valeria is bi-lingual and speaks fluent Spanish.

Tony joined Valeria in 1999 after being in the manufacturing/management field for over 20 years where he supervised over 150 people. These "People skills" have helped him become a successful real estate agent since his very first year. They have resided with their 3 children in the area for over 20 years where Valeria was very active with the schools & community.

Tony & Valeria both belong to the Multi-Million Dollar Club and are members of the elite 100% Club. Together, they hold a very high standard of professionalism which has led them to almost \$10,000,000 in listings and sales for 2002. They can be reached at RE/MAX AllStars in Oak Mill Mall in Niles at (847) 965-2799.

Dist. 63 sees education fund shrink

Dist. 63's education fund shrank from a balance of \$7.6 million at the end of last school year to less than \$3 million projected at the end of this year, according to a district official.

The district's operation fund is on the same downhill track, says Stacy Mallek, executive director of business services. She expects that fund balance to be gone by the end of the 2004-05 school year.

Mallek is aware that expendi-

tures continue to increase at a higher rate than revenues. She hopes to have cost cutting recommendations to present to the school board by March or April.

The school board has directed district administrators to come up with cost cutting plans.

A task force with members from district staff, parents, and the community are considering ways to trim expenses.

The district's first deficit was in 1998-99, by \$700,000.

District 219 Niles Twp High Schools News

North Student Wins Writing Contest. Niles North student Marius Toader was the winner of the ESI Student Writing Contest sponsored by the Illinois chapter of TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages). Students were required (1) to write an original essay that discussed aspects of their culture and (2) to be a non-native speaker of English enrolled in an ESI program. Marius' essay was about the Dracula legend, from his native Romania. Yekaterina Isayeva won third place in the contest, with her essay about St. Petersburg, Russia. Marius and Yekaterina will receive their awards and read their winning essays at a ceremony to be held at Chicago's Navy Pier on February 28. Their work will also appear in an upcoming TESOL newsletter. Congratulations to the winning students and their teacher, Barbara Ude.

Niles West Students Compete in Shakespeare Competition. Mallory Portnoy was the winner in the Shakespeare Competition held recently at Niles West High School. Mallory's recitation from "As You Like It" won her first place in the competition and she is scheduled to continue in the Chicago-area contest held at Navy Pier's Shakespeare Theater on February 25. Yusra Ghazi was the runner-up with her monologue from "Hamlet." The winner of the Chicago competition will be eligible to perform at the national competition held in Lincoln Center, New York. The winner of that competition will win a summer course in Great Britain.

Initiated in 1983 with 500 students in New York City, the Competition has given approximately 160,000 young people the opportunity to explore the beauty and scope of Shakespeare's language as well as the timeless themes in his works. Currently the program reaches 15,000 students and 2,000 teachers in 56 English-Speaking Union Branch communities around the United States.

Niles West Seniors May Apply for Humanitarian Award. Ivy Lynn Chaplik, a former Niles West student, enriched the com-

munity through her unique sensitivity, compassion, and respect for people. Niles West graduating seniors whose practices and principles reflect a humanitarian heart may apply for the Ivy Lynn Chaplik Humanitarian Award.

The Ivy Lynn Chaplik Humanitarian Award will be presented at the Niles West awards ceremony. The recipient's name will be inscribed on the permanent plaque entitled "The Ivy Lynn Chaplik Humanitarian Award."

Candidates for the award must meet the following criteria: (1) Candidate must be a Niles West graduating senior; (2) Candidate must demonstrate sensitivity, involvement, and empathy in regard to some segment of the home, school, or community through a contribution of his or her time and energy; and (3) One completed nomination form must be received by March 3. Nomination form will include name of nominated student, name and address of the person making the nomination, the relationship of the nominating individual to the nominee, and the reasons that substantiate the student's qualification for the award.

For more information, or to receive a nomination form, please contact Assistant Principal, Elizabeth Robertson, at (847) 626-2520.

Niles Park Spring Gymnastics Classes

Niles Park District is accepting registration for the Spring Learning Gymnastics program. Classes are held at Grennan Heights Recreation Center, 8255 Oketo in Niles. Programs are offered for ages 3 to 14 years and include beginners to advanced skill levels. Spring sessions begin March 31 and meet on Mondays and Fridays. Skills taught include tumbling, balance beam, vaulting, mini-tramp and bars. Resident fees are \$41 and non-resident fees are \$46. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. in Niles. For more information about Gymnastics, please call (847) 967-6975.

190 left powerless when wind downs wire

About 190 Park Ridge residents spent a dark two hours recently after high winds downed a power line affecting two sections of the city.

One area was Talcott Road east to Sylvanwood Avenue, and Oakton Street south to Murphy

Lake, said a representative of Commonwealth Edison.

The other was from Aldine to Hamlin, and between Busse

Highway and Touhy Avenue. Park Ridge police cordoned off the area around the downed power line.

The Lore and Lure of Spices at Liberty Bank

Spice merchants Patty and Tom Erd will speak on The Lore and Lure of Spices at Keturah Hassalah's monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at

12:30 p.m., at Liberty Bank, 6666 Lincoln, Lincolnwood. Coffee and dessert will be served. For information call (847) 674-4608.

D207 finances healthier than many

Maine Township District 207 heard a good report from auditors recently.

A representative of the auditing firm William F. Gurrie and Co., Ltd. presented the board with an audit overview at a recent meeting.

At present the District is financially healthy, said Tim Cole, but warned that once balances start to disappear, they go fast.

The District is budgeted to spend \$114.3 million this year versus a revenue of \$107.8 mil-

lion, with the difference to come from fund balances.

Cole warned that revenues are not keeping up with expenditures, and that the financial condition could quickly erode, as is happening in many districts.

The District has begun cost containment practices, such as not replacing administrative and support positions left vacant.

At this time, such reductions have not been extended to teaching staff.


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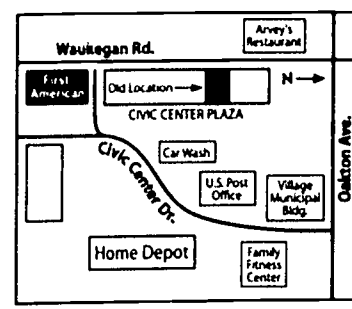
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Legion Post digs in heels, fights to stay

Skokie's American Legion Post 320, firmly entrenched at post headquarters for 70 years now, says its agreement with the Skokie Park District assures it can gather there until 2017, or until the property is sold.

But the Park District, the building's present owner, has announced plans to raze the building and sell the site. The District recently OK'd a search for a bidder to take it down.

Up in arms, the Legion calls its agreement with the District "iron-clad."

The building, at 8212 Lincoln Ave., was built by the Legion

but bought by the Park District in 1998 when, with dropping membership and higher costs, the Legion was ready to sell.

The Park District opened a teen center there but closed it after three years because it failed to pay its way. With that function gone the Park District says there is no reason to keep the building.

The Legion points to its donation of \$17,000 toward establishing the teen center and another \$60,000 it spent remodeling the downstairs quarters it occupied after the teen center opened.

The Park District has offered

the Legion a meeting room elsewhere but that facility requires meeting dates to be scheduled a year in advance, and could not provide space for the Legion where members can meet informally, as they now have.

The Legion has hired an attorney to negotiate further with the District.

Spiritual Support Group for Healing

This six-week support group is for people struggling with illness and for the people who care for them. This group will explore Jewish theological, spiritual, psychological and personal issues through the study of ancient and modern texts related to illness and through prayer. Participants will look at the relevance of the texts to their own experiences.

"Spiritual Support Group for Healing" will be held on Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Feb. 27 to April 10 (not March 20), at Beth Emet The Free Synagogue, 1224 Dempster Street (corner of Ridge Road and Dempster), Evanston. The group will be led by Rabbi Andrea London, Beth Emet Synagogue, and Tracey Lipsig LCSW, Coordinator, Jewish Healing Network of Chicago. For information and registration, call Tracey Lipsig at (847) 568-5200.



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St. Joseph's Academy observes 20 years

A school housed in what was once a manufacturing facility celebrated 20 years of its special programming this month.

It's a high school for special kids, kids with behavioral problems.

Founder Michael Schack sold personal property and used the proceeds to open the school in 1983. It opened in Niles with three students, in space rented from a church.

When it had to leave the church facility, the school moved into a former manufacturing property at 7530 N. Natchez.

Mayor Nicholas Blase helped the school stay in Niles, Schack said.

"We looked in 10 communities, but none wanted our school," said Schack.

Today 85 students in grades 6 through high school are taught by a staff of 35 including, social workers, speech therapists, psychologists and other specialties.

The student population comes from local schools. "If a school district experiences problems with kids they call us," said Tom

Monticello, a staff member.

The program is based on the Bryn Mawr model where students are rewarded for appropriate behavior and earn privileges as they advance.

The non-residential Academy teaches standard curriculum plus technical instruction like bicycle and motorcycle repairs. Sometimes we are able to place students in bike repair jobs, said instructor Vance Blume.

Church Women United of Park Ridge

Church Women United of Park Ridge will present a World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

The Service will be held in the First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 418 W. Touhy Avenue, Park Ridge, IL.

The Service will last about 90 minutes and will be followed by a Lenten lunch of soup and bread with dessert.

This year's service the World Day of Prayer women of Lebanon, from three Christian fami-

lies: Catholic, Evangelical and Orthodox, have jointly prepared this worship service which focuses on the theme "Holy Spirit Fill Us."

About 15 percent of students return to district schools.

About 10 seniors will graduate in June.

Looking forward to the next 20 years, Schack says he hopes to expand computer and technology programs.

Our Speaker will be Senior Pastor Rev. Linda Foster Mimsen from First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge.

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Trustees consider broader comment period

Morton Grove trustees are considering a procedural change allowing the audience to comment on agenda items before the trustees vote.

Registration Deadline for ACT Exam March 7

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, 2003, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA, the type of college-prep courses taken and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The Act Assessment is an achievement test in English, reading, math and science. It measures what students have learned in high school, and the skills required for success in college. It is not an aptitude test. Some students find it more comfortable than an aptitude test because it reflects their high school curriculum. The ACT was administered more than 2 million times last year.

Important tips - Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and re-take the exam as seniors. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online on ACT's website - www.act.org.

Cheerleaders Travel to Nationals

Congratulations to the Niles North Cheerleaders who qualified for the NCA Nationals Competition that will be held at Walt Disney World in Orlando on February 20-24. The cheerleaders from Niles North will compete against teams from across the country in a chance to be the best in their division. The cheerleaders are: Elaine Beltran, Stephanie Brutt, Jenny Choi, Jessica Edelman, Amy Fujinaka, Jamie Jones, Christine Le, Anna Lee, Alla Manilov, Courtney Molina, Rea Pashos, Natalie Sanchez, Zelia Seidman, Arlene Valdez, and Hyemin Yoo.

Residents have been critical that agenda items, especially those submitted on a Consent Agenda, are approved without audience discussion.

Items listed on the Consent Agenda have been considered a package and have been approved as a package.

Trustees have asked the village's corporation counsel to draft wording to allow the audience to comment on agenda items.

The change was requested last month by Acting Village Clerk Marilyn Snider.

WHAT TO DO?

Selling your home soon? Be aware of a common dilemma that often occurs - the "contingency" buyer.

What is a contingency buyer? Consider this all-too-common situation from the buyers' point-of-view. Imagine you are planning to purchase a home, but must first sell your present home. You hesitate to sell without first locating your next home, so you begin the new home search.

You locate the perfect home, but cannot complete the purchase until your present home is sold. Your solution is to make a "contingency offer" on the new home, making your offer "contingent" on the sale of your present home. From the buyers' point-of-view, it seems like a logical approach to the situation.



If you're the seller, however, be aware that there is a down side to accepting such an offer. Once you enter into such an agreement, your home is basically "off the market" while you wait for the other home to sell. You may want to ask yourself, "If I have to wait for a home to sell, wouldn't I rather it be my own home, where I have control over the situation?"

If you are tempted by such an offer, ask whether the other home is being listed with an agent. Then, find out whether it is priced fairly. If not, it may not sell, leaving you obligated to a purchase agreement that may never close.

Remember that the listing agent on your home represents your best interests. If you receive a contingency offer, ask for your agent's best advice, then go for it! Tom Dudzinski, Broker/Owner Atlantic Realty Group, Inc. 7517 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles, IL 60714 847-647-4000 www.atlantic-realty-group.com

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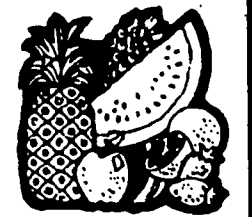
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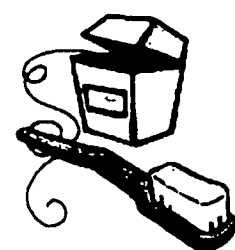
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St. John Brebeuf School will accept new student registrations for preschool, kindergarten and grades one to eight for the 2003-2004 school year on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The school is located at 8301 N. Harlem Ave. in Niles. Open House will be held in the preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Families will be able to visit the classrooms, learn about the curriculum and talk with the teachers.

Early childhood education consists of full-day or half-day kindergarten and preschool programs of three half-days a week (T, TH, F) for four year olds and two half-days a week (M, W) for three year olds. Children must be five years old by Sept. 1 for kindergarten and three or four years old by September 1 for the respective preschool classes.

Parent/guardians needs to bring copies of the child's children's birth and baptismal certificates and a copy of the latest report card for children in grades one to eight. Please call the school, (847) 966-3266 for information concerning tuition and fees.

Shown above is kindergartener, Jesus Guzman, holding a hermit crab.

Arthritis Update

- New treatments
 - New drugs
 - General information
 - Question and answer session.
- Friday, February 21, 2003, 1 p.m. at American Legion memorial Civic Center, 6140 Demp-

ster, Morton Grove.

No charge but registration required. Please call (847) 470-5223 to reserve a spot.

Presented by Dr. Patrick Schuette, Arthritis Specialist, Illinois Bone and Joint Institute.

Niles West holds Make-A-Wish fund raiser

Niles West students raised over \$1,500 recently to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Three seniors - Mike Zonis, Mark Krier and Katie Schuler put together a basketball tournament between seniors and freshmen. The players divided into teams based on which junior high they attended.

This is the second year that Niles West staged this tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The tournament was sponsored by DECA, a Niles West marketing club.

H S District 207 Special Board Meeting March 14

Notice of a Special Board Meeting, Friday, March 14, 2003 - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Notice of a cancellation of a Regular Board Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2003 - 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of a call of Mrs. Donna Pellar, President of the Board of Education of a Special Board meeting on Friday, March 14, 2003, at 2 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss (1) the financial position of the District, and (2) the evaluation of the Superintendent. The discussion regarding the Superintendent's evaluation will take place in Closed Session.

And to notify you on behalf of Mrs. Donna Pellar, President of the Board of Education of a cancellation of a regular Board meeting previously scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., that was scheduled to discuss personnel matters but will no longer be necessary.

The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Ralph J. Frost Administration Center, 1131 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge, IL.

MGBA discount deadline

Friday, Feb. 21 is the deadline to receive a discount on registration for the Spring 2003 season of the Morton Grove Baseball Association.

March 10 is the registration deadline: registrations received after March 10 may be put on a waiting list.

The MGBA sponsors teams in boys baseball and girls softball for children ages 7 to 15. All children, regardless of experience are welcome to register.

The MGBA registration form can be found in the Morton Grove Park District's Winter magazine, or downloaded from:

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Vocal Group visits Niles North



The Rip Chords, an a cappella singing group from the University of Illinois, performed recently at Niles North High School. Laura Wexler (center, arms folded) is a 2000 alumna of Niles North. Wexler, vice president for The Rip Chords, was involved in fine arts, choir, musicals, and swimming while at Niles North, and urged students to "find your niche and make your experience worthwhile."

'Advances in Pediatrics 2003'

Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital will present a day-long 'Advances in Pediatrics 2003' conference focusing on the latest treatment approaches to common pediatric problems encountered by pediatricians and family physicians.

The conference will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, in Olson Auditorium at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. It is co-hosted by the department of pediatrics and the division of pediatric surgery at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, which provide subspecialty care for children with a broad range of medical and surgical problems.

Topics will include: "Current Surgical Thinking in the Management of Congenital Heart Disease," "Pediatric Orthopedics Update: Congenital Disorders," "Post-operative Pain Management in Pediatric Patients," "Human and Animal Bites in Children," "Current Pediatric Urology Concepts," "Acute Gastroenteritis," "Genetics Update," "Appropriate Use of Antibiotics," "Evaluation of Stridor," and an "Update on Vision Screening and Amblyopia in Children."

Speakers from Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital faculty will be Henry Mangurten, M.D., chairman, department of pediatrics; Yuri Aronov, M.D., director, pediatric pain management service; James Berman, M.D., pediatric gastroenterology; Carol Booth, M.D., director, genetics; Anita Deshmukh, M.D., director, community pediatrics; Suresh Havalad, M.D., director, pediatric critical care; Michel Ibbawi, M.D., director, pediatric cardiac surgery and associate director, The Heart Institute for Children; Andrea Kramer, M.D., pediatric

orthopedic surgery; John McFadden, M.D., director, pediatric radiology; Robert P. Miller, M.D., director, pediatric otolaryngology; David Mittelman, M.D., director, pediatric ophthalmology; Ronda Oram, M.D., pediatric infectious disease; Clifford Spanierman, M.D., pediatric emergency medicine; and David Walner, M.D., pediatric otolaryngology.

The fee for the conference is \$95 for physicians, \$75 for Advocate Health Care physicians, and \$45 for residents and nurses. This includes program materials, refreshment breaks and a box lunch. The registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 27. To sign up, mail a check payable to 'Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital: Health Advisor, Advocate Health Care, 2025 Windward Dr., Oak Brook, IL 60523. To receive a registration form or learn more about the seminar, call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

Advocate Health Care is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. Advocate Health Care designates this educational activity for up to seven hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital is one of the largest and most comprehensive children's hospitals in Illinois, treating more than 3,500 inpatients and 100,000 outpatients annually. It is the leading resource in the greater north and northwest suburban region of Chicago for children and their families, and is a major regional referral center for a broad range of infant and pediatric services, especially those

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Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital is located on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, a 609-bed teaching, research and tertiary care hospital, Level I trauma center, and one of the largest hospitals in the Chicago area.

Lutheran General is one of the most nationally recognized hospitals in Illinois. It ranked among the top 10 hospitals in the nation for quality of care according to Consumer's Checkbook, a groundbreaking two-year study conducted by a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit consumer education organization. In addition, it is rated among the top 50 hospitals in the U.S. for its medical excellence and advanced treatment capabilities in cardiovascular services, cancer care, orthopedics, neurology and neurosurgery, geriatrics, rheumatology, ear/nose/throat, digestive and respiratory disorders. It also is the only Illinois hospital recognized for heart and heart surgery services in the 13th annual 'America's Best Hospitals' study. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is part of Advocate Health Care, based in Oak Brook, Illinois, which has been ranked as one of the nation's top health care systems for the past five years.

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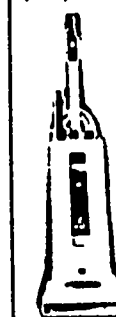
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Niles Family Fitness Center Camps

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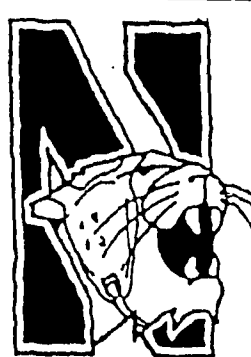
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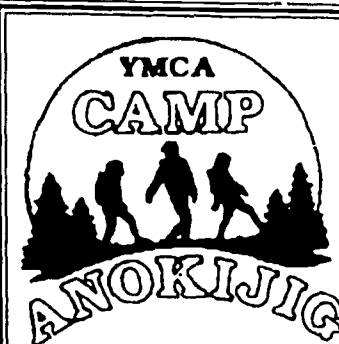
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Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance

The Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation is making preparations for its 12th annual dinner dance and silent auction. The dinner dance is the Foundation's major fundraiser which generates funds for the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation. This elegant evening, which includes cocktails, a sumptuous family style dinner, a mouth-watering sweet table and dancing until midnight will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2003 at the White Eagle Restaurant in Niles. In addition to the delectable dining, guests are invited to bid on an array of valuable and unusual items in the silent and live auctions.

The Liponi Foundation was formed in 1990 to aid the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) in advancing the participation of children, teens and adults with physical, emotional and mental disabilities in recreational programming. The late Sam Liponi lends his name and ideals of generosity and service to the Foundation which, under the direction of their Board of Trustees, represents the communities that M-NASR serves. Through M-NASR programming, individuals with disabilities are able to enjoy an improved quality of life.

If you are interested in more information regarding the Liponi Foundation or M-NASR, please call (847) 966-5522.

M-NASR Spring Brochure Available. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's (M-NASR) seasonal brochure for Spring is now available. M-NASR offers individuals with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. The Spring season offers a variety of programs and special events including sports and Special Olympic programs, art, cooking, aerobics and more. Look for the addition of many outings this season such as: Overnight Camping Trip, a visit to the Empress Casino Boat, several plays and much more. Registration begins upon delivery of the brochure. Spring programs

begin the week of March 24, 2003.

Maine-Niles serves the towns of DesPlaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. If you would like to receive a seasonal brochure or wish to offer support for individuals with special needs by volunteering, please call (847) 966-5522.

MS Family Winter Get-Away

"Taking Charge of MS: A Family Challenge"

The Greater Illinois Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is inviting families having a member with MS to attend this year's MS Family Winter Get-Away for a one-day break or the full weekend event on February 22-23, 2003 in Rolling Meadows, IL. Besides the fun of meeting, learning and sharing with other families, each family will have time to identify and develop at least one strategy to take home in "Taking charge of MS" in its household.

Pre-registration is required (Deadline February 10, 2003) with the Early Registration Fee being \$10 per person, or \$25 per family up to 3 people; the minimum age for children is 6. After February 10, 2003, the late fee is a \$40 per family. No walk-ins will be accepted. The fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, and a Continental breakfast on Sunday.

Families planning to stay overnight must call 1-847-259-5000 to make their own hotel reservations for the limited number of fully accessible rooms. Rooms are approximately \$85 per night. The registration fee does not include cost of the hotel but limited partial scholarships are available from the Chapter. (Financial verification is required in order to be considered for a scholarship.) Call Mary Webster at 1-800-922-0484 Ext. 123. The deadline to request Hotel Scholarships is also February 10, 2003.

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Woman's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood



The Woman's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Illinois will hold their luncheon/program meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Skokie, IL. Social hour 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at 12 noon. The price of the luncheon \$11.50.

After the business meeting and exciting program on floral design will feature Robert Neri.

At the club's February meeting the Illinois State Police gave a wonderful presentation with their K-9 Dog Unit. Pictured is an officer with his dog, born two years ago in Holland. The dog takes all attack commands in Dutch and is extremely smart for his age.

Skokie/Lincolnwood women interested in learning more about the club may call President, Phyllis Cossarek at (847) 256-1177.

WordMasters Challenge

A team of students representing Maine East High School has just won highest honors in the second meet of this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national competition for high school students requiring close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry. Participating with 266 high school teams from all across the country, the school's ninth- and tenth-grade Blue Division team tied for eleventh place in the nation in the December meet. The team was supervised by Dennis Wyatt.

Five of the school's students won highest honors for individual achievement as well. Freshmen Sam Lam and Merin Thomas and sophomores Daniel Kim, Mark Park, and Yana Yakhnin all earned perfect scores in the meet, where nationwide only 110 ninth and tenth graders did so. At the same time, competing in the Gold Division meet for eleventh and twelfth graders, junior Erica Szczer and seniors Lukasz Gararek and Ellen Lau all placed among the 235 highest-scoring students at these grade levels nationally.

The premise behind the WordMasters Challenge is that attentive reading and sensitivity to language are among the most important skills students acquire

in school. The texts students must analyze for the Challenge can range from short fiction by Eudora Welty or John Updike to poetry as old as Shakespeare's or as recent as Margaret Atwood's and to essays as classic as E. B. White's or as current as *Newsworld* opinion piece by George Will. Though the texts vary widely in voice, subject, tone, and length, they have one thing in common: style. All use language skillfully to convey layers and shades of meaning not always apparent to students on a first or casual reading. Like the questions on the verbal SAT I, the SAT II in English Literature, and the Advanced Placement exams in both English Language and English Literature, the questions posed by the WordMasters Challenge ask students both to recognize the emotional and/or rational logic of a piece of writing and to notice the ways in which a writer's style shapes and shades his meaning. Because the WordMasters Challenge is a classroom activity and not a college-entrance exam, however, it can be a learning experience, not just a high hurdle. After completing a Challenge, classes are encouraged to talk about the texts and the answers to the multiple-choice questions, and are also given additional topics for open-ended discussion and/or written response.

The texts for the second WordMasters meet this year were an essay by the biologist Lewis Thomas (for 9th and 10th graders) and essays by Jedediah Purdy and Anna Quindlen (for 11th and 12th graders). The school's students will participate in two more meets in the coming months, and medals and certificates will be presented in June to those who achieved and/or improved the most in the course of the year.

Free Seminar on Common Children's Conditions

WHO: The physicians of the Loyola Center for Health at North Riverside will offer a free seminar for interested Drs. Moms and Dads.

WHAT: The seminar will help parents better understand and manage common medical conditions related to children's health, including colds and flus, stomach disorders and minor injuries.

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 25
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WHERE: Village Commons,
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Registration is required. Individuals interested in attending should call 888-LUHS-888. The Loyola Center for Health at North Riverside offers a wide range of services in clinical specialties from internal medicine, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics and podiatry to diagnostic services such as mammography, ultrasound and bone tests.

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DesPlaines Registration Deadline March 4

DesPlaines City Clerk Donna McAllister has announced that the last day to register to vote in the DesPlaines City Clerk's Office prior to the April 1, 2003 Consolidated Election is Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Corporate DesPlaines residents wishing to register must bring two forms of identification to the City Clerk's Office, Room 602, City Hall, 1420 Miner St. Individuals born outside the United States will need to present naturalization papers. Hours in the City Clerk's Office for registering are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim to Host JUF Event

Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim is holding their annual complimentary Brunch on Sunday, March 9, at 9:30 a.m., to benefit the 2003 Jewish United Fund annual campaign and Israel Emergency Campaign.

This community event will provide participants with an opportunity to show their support for Israel during this time of unprecedented crisis, while helping to ensure that our own community has the funds to meet local needs.

The event will feature Rabbi David Saperstein, Director of the

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, as the guest speaker. Saperstein was unanimously chosen by Congress to serve as the first Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. Described by *The Washington Post* as the "quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill," Saperstein has established himself as an extremely influential and prolific figure. He is married to Ellen Weiss, the executive producer of NPR's *All Things Considered* program.

DesPlaines residents William and Joan Haase are JUF Co-Chairs of the event, which will be held at the congregation, 901 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview. The program also will honor JUF Silver Circle members (those who have given to the JUF annual campaign for at least 25 consecutive years).

The Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign funds essential social welfare, education and relief programs for 300,000 Chicagoans of all faiths and 2 million Jews worldwide. The Israel Emergency Campaign is a second-line campaign to help meet the dire emergency needs of the State of Israel.

Sec. of State Colin Powell regarding Iraq

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) today issued the following statement regarding the address to the United Nations Security Council by Secretary of State Colin Powell regarding Iraq:

"For months, I have urged this Administration to build a coalition of world support against Saddam Hussein and to honestly pursue inspections, diplomacy and every reasonable alternative to military conflict."

"With Secretary of State Colin Powell's presentation to the U.N. today, we now have compelling, timely evidence of Saddam Hussein's deception, duplicity and efforts to thwart meaningful inspections."

"Even with this evidence, the United States should not unilaterally launch an invasion of Iraq. But make no mistake, time is running out for a peaceful resolution of this situation."

"A dangerous military confrontation can only be avoided if Saddam Hussein immediately reverses his course and cooperates fully with the U.N. inspection teams or abdicates as leader of Iraq."

"I believe the President should call for a coalition of Arab leaders to journey to Baghdad this week to make these realities clear to Saddam Hussein."

Winter Support Groups

New support groups beginning in March. 8-week groups meet in Evanston for women in the divorce process. Limited space availability. Pre-registration and deposit required \$25/wk. Call for information.

Drop-in support groups: March 8, 2003, April 12, 2003. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., led by Kama Schulte, M.A., L.C.P.C. You may pay the door, \$15 per session. Call for location.

The Lilac Tree is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to assisting women who are contemplating divorce, in the process of divorce or post-decree to adjust successfully to single life.

Osteoporosis support group offered at LGH

The Women's Health Resource Center of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, in partnership with the National Osteoporosis Foundation, sponsors an Osteoporosis support group from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster, Park Ridge, Special Functions Dining Room.

The group provides information and emotional support to persons with osteoporosis, their families and friends.

Physical Therapist Sheryl Hilbert will discuss preventing falls and home safety at the March 6 meeting.

How Osteoporosis affects facial bones and oral health will be the focus of the April 3 meeting featuring J. Kristof Baxter, D.M.D.

The Women's Health Resource Center of Lutheran General Hospital is an access point for the public to learn about the hospital's women's programs, services, support groups and community resources.

For more information and to register, call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

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Methods to evaluate the body and use acupuncture and herbs to adjust the physiological processes and bring harmony to the body will be discussed.

The one-hour workshop will be offered at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 at the Center for

Complementary Medicine, located on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Neset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road in Park Ridge.

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Learn & Explore the Internet

This class will introduce you to the World Wide Web. You will learn how to use a web browser to visit sites of interest and use email. Viruses and anti-virus protection will be covered. Class will be Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30 to

9:30 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Program fee is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents.

Call (847) 967-6633 for more information as well as additional computer classes offered.

Red Cross Offers Free CPR Saturdays in March

This March, set hearts aflutter and become someone's hero - learn the lifesaving skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago presents its first-annual *CPR Saturdays* event offering free CPR training to anyone who signs up for a sponsored class. Use the opportunity to become CPR-certified for the first time, or to renew your skills.

CPR Saturdays will be held at the Red Cross community facility in Arlington Heights, 544 West Northwest Highway, on March 1,

8, 15, 22 and 29. A morning course (8 a.m.-12 p.m.) and an afternoon course (1 p.m.-5 p.m.) are scheduled at this site and six others in the Chicago metropolitan area. Space is limited and advance registration is required. Participants will learn the basic skills of American Red Cross CPR training and, upon passing a written test and a skills test, will receive Red Cross CPR certification and a special *CPR Saturdays* t-shirt.

Individuals can register for a free *CPR Saturdays* class, or get

more information, by calling 800-33-SAFETY or visiting www.chicagoredcross.org. Registration will continue until classes are filled.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago is committed to making our communities safer and healthier places to live and has been a leader in the field for nearly 90 years. Locally, the chapter serves more than 7.5 million people of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will.

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Knightly News & Views

A huge congratulations to Sir Knight Dan Kosiba, who was awarded the high honor of Village of Niles - Citizen of the Year for 2002! Dan has worked for 35 years in Niles as a coach, manager, coordinator and mentor to thousands of youth! Dan has worked with Ken Lee for over 35 years to coordinate the Council's annual Holiday Basketball tournament! Thanks Dan!

Grand Knight Joe Tatowski thanks all the new Brother Knights that joined him on February 5, for 1st Degree Exemplification and short meeting in Flanagan Hall. These candidates will have an opportunity to move into the 3rd Degree level later this month at St. Thecla Church, Chicago. The Brothers of N.A.M. welcome them into the great K of C family!

The Past Presidents' Night, honoring all Past Presidents of the club and guest of honor immediate Past President Joe Tatowski, was a great success with over 75 folks attending this great evening! Special thanks to President Bob Galassi for his many hours of effort to make this evening very special for Past Presidents Joe Tatowski, Rich Zaprzalka and Joe Bradtko.

Know someone that helps others and you would like to recognize them? We would like to do so too! Look for the nomination form - or call Bob Galassi @ (847) 965-0920, to nominate any-

one from our community.

All candidates are invited to attend a special 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Thecla Church Hall, Devon & Oak Park Aves., Chicago, Sunday, February 23, 2003. First Degree starts at 12 noon, candidates arrive for 11:30 a.m. Second Degree starts at 1 p.m. and 3rd immediately after. Special dinner is included for candidates. Second & 3rd Degree candidates can participate for no charge. For more information, contact Joe Tatowski @ (847) 966-6913. Come join us at a higher level!

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

Do you know any good Catholic gentlemen that could join the Knights? Help us, as we help others - when you have the time. We need new members! 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.

Remember to consult the Council web page = www.northstarnet.org/prkhome/kofc4338/

Membership Opportunity.

The North American Martyrs, Knight of Columbus invite all prospective members to attend a special 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification at St. Thecla Church, Devon & Oak, Chicago, Sunday, February 23, 2003.

This is a great opportunity for all candidates to participate in each of the Degrees locally. New members can take the first 3 Degrees on the same day and current 1st Degree Brothers can take 2nd & 3rd Degrees at this time - for not cost.

All candidates for the 1st Degree should arrive at 11:30 a.m. as the Degree starts at 12 noon. The 2nd Degree will begin at 1 p.m., and 3rd will start at 2 p.m. A special dinner will be available immediately following the 3rd Degree. For more information and reservations - contact Joe Tatowski @ (847) 966-6913.

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FOR YOUR HEALTH - FEBRUARY

February 20 - Diabetes Update: Medications & Monitors - Learn what's new in diabetic medications and see displays of the latest glucose monitors. Presented by Michelle TeRonde, PharmD, Lutheran General Hospital. Thursday, Feb. 20, 1 to 3 p.m. Free, but registration is required. Please note that next month, we are starting a monthly Diabetic Support Group listed below.

February 26 - Diabetes Screening - Monthly screening by appointment. Fasting from midnight required. Please take morning medications with water (medications that can be taken without food). 9 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$1.

February 27 - Effective Management of Hearing Loss - Audiologist Sherri Gostonsky, MS, presents information on effective management of hearing loss and the latest technology. Get an order from your physician for a hearing screening. (Medicare re-pays with order.) Appointments for hearing screenings will be made for the following week at Center. 1 to 2 p.m. Free, but registration required.

March 13 - Diabetic Support Group - A monthly support group for diabetics will start Thursday, March 13, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our focus will be on better diabetic management. Learning together while providing support to each other. We'll also be planning future speakers and activities together. Cost will be \$10 for materials. Registration is required.

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 Jaym.

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

YARN NEEDED

The Senior Center is requesting clean, left over yarn 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.

CERAMICS CLASSES

Regular Ceramics classes are Thursdays, from February 6 to April 24. Morning classes are 9 to 11 a.m., and afternoon classes are 1 to 3 p.m. All levels welcome. \$30 covers instruction, greenware, paints, and firing. If needed, you may purchase starter kit at first class. For more information, please call Mary Ann.

BEGINNING SOCIAL BRIDGE

Drop in at Beginning Social Bridge, on Thursday at 12 noon. Play game at a relaxed pace with other new players. New members always welcome.

KITCHEN BAND GROUP

The band is looking for new members (vocalists and instrumentalists) for our 2003 season. Practices are at 11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month. Please call Mary Ann.

STAMP CLUB

Stamp Club meets at 2 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month. Come and share your stamp collection with fellow Center members. Next meeting: February 24.

CURRENT EVENTS GROUP

Current Events Group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month to discuss local and world issues. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 26.

FEBRUARY TICKET SALES

Please Call For Ticket Availability

For detailed information, please see the February Program Guide, call us at 588-8420 or check out the Senior Center under the Village of Niles web site at www.niles.com. It is easy to receive the Program Guide: Become a member of the Senior Center which is for Niles resident, 62 years or older, or a younger spouse. Membership is FREE. Listed below are some of what we are offering during our February ticket sales:

ACTIVITIES

- Book Discussion on *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes. \$1 includes discussion & refreshments - March 7.
- Pinochle Tournament, \$3.50 includes refreshments and prizes - March 12.
- March Lite Lunch & Movie: *About a Boy* with Hugh Grant, \$3.50 - March 21.
- Pizza and Travelogue: *Travel the World By Train*, \$3.50 - March 26.
- Poker Tournament, \$3.50 includes refreshments and prizes - March 28.

COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP

Computer Interest Group meets the first and third Monday of the month at 2 p.m. The next meeting will be March 3.

TICKETS CURRENTLY ON SALE

Call For Ticket Availability

Sunday at the Center: Souvenirs of Paris, 1950 - Sunday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - An afternoon at the Cabaret with Claudia Hommel & her musical review featuring songs made famous by Edith Piaf, Juliette Greco, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington & Vernon Duke! Meal features salad, beef bourguignone, buttered noodles, baby carrots & dessert. Cost: \$10.

Normandy/Belgium/Luxembourg Travelogue - Wednesday, Feb. 26, 12 to 2 p.m. - Come and build a Belgium waffle with your favorite toppings. Following lunch, see the 60-minute video on Normandy, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Cost: \$4.

Poker Tournament & Refreshments - Friday, Feb. 28, 12 to 4 p.m. Cost: \$3.50.

American Passion Play Trip - Saturday, March 22, 8:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost: \$38. - Meet at Senior Center at 8 a.m. Bus leaves promptly at 8:45 a.m. Journey American Passion Play at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. Buffet lunch at Bloomington Center prior to performance. Stop at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant where you can buy dinner at your own expense. Cost includes transportation, play and buffet lunch.

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Seniors urged to use caution in severe cold weather

The Suburban Area Agency on Aging today issued a reminder that the severe cold of a Chicago area winter presents an especially significant danger to older adults. Relatives, friends and neighbors are urged to visit and check on seniors during hazardous cold weather conditions.

Older persons must be aware of these cold weather precautions:

- Wear warm clothes in layers including hat and gloves - do not wear wet clothing.

- Cover all exposed skin - if you suspect frostbite, do not rub the affected area, warm it slowly.

- Do not drink alcoholic beverages - tea, coffee, soup or hot chocolate are beneficial.

- Maintain physical health by eating well and resting.

- Know if prescription drugs you take increase vulnerability to cold.

- Recognize symptoms of hypothermia: stiff muscles, slowed breathing, mental confusion.

- In the home, never use an oven as a heater, and use space heaters only as directed.

- Be aware of warming areas such as libraries, public safety facilities, or community warm-up centers.

Persistent exposure to extremely cold temperatures can be dangerous. According to Jonathan Lavin, Executive Director of the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, "Cold temperatures are only the beginning of the hazard. In addition to air temperature, it is necessary to monitor the wind chill factor, and also the cumulative cold - duration of the current cold spell. Many communities maintain warming centers and hotlines designed to help older adults in their homes and out. Seniors need to be aware of these services, and take advantage of them in threatening conditions."

The Area Agency and its network of partner agencies provide a variety of services to help adults aged 60 or over live independently in their communities. These services include information and assistance, nutrition programs, transportation, social services, protective services and more. Older adults and their caregivers may obtain information on these services by calling the Agency at (708) 383-0258, or by visiting the Web site, www.suburban-age.org.

The Suburban Area Agency on

Aging, Oak, Ill., was founded in 1974 with the mission of planning, coordinating, advocating and funding programs for persons over 60 in suburban Cook County. The agency serves suburban Cook County, an area that is home to over 429,000 seniors, with programs such as home delivered meals, in-home services, transportation and elder abuse and neglect intervention. In its Fiscal Year 2002, the Area Agency distributed nearly \$11,000,000 to more than 40 local community agencies to provide this array of services. The Older Americans Act, Illinois General Revenue Funds, local funds and individual contributions support its programs. The Suburban Area Agency on Aging and its network of senior service agencies are the principal source of information regarding senior services in suburban Cook County.

Do you help an older relative or friend?

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

- Caring for someone with a chronic illness such as dementia, heart disease, Parkinson's disease or stroke is stressful. A six-part course, *Powerful Tools for Caregivers*, will enable you to better balance your own life with the needs of your older relative or friend.

- Whether you are a spouse, daughter, daughter-in-law, another relative or friend, these classes may be for you. Family members and friends who care for someone at home or in a care facility are welcome to participate.

- You will learn how to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate your feelings, balance your life, increase ability to make tough decisions, and learn to locate helpful resources. Interactive lessons and group discussions make this a dynamic and effective self-care program.

- Classes consist of six 2-1/2 hour sessions held weekly and are co-led by trained professionals. The cost for the entire series of classes is \$30 and no one is turned away due to inability to pay.

When: Thursdays, March 6, 13, 27, April 3, 10 and Wednesday, April 16.

Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Mather Café Plus, Norwood Park, 7134 West Higgins, Chicago.

Classes led by: Joy Balz and Melanie Chavin, Alzheimer's Association - Greater Illinois Chapter.

For more information or to register, contact Mather Info PlusSM at (888) 600-2560, or visit www.matherlifeways.com.

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Norwood Park Home Open House February 25

The Assisted Living suites at Norwood Park Home, 6016 N. Nina Ave., Chicago, will be showcased during an Open House, on Tuesday, February 25, from 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour suites, meet residents and staff members, have questions answered, and become better informed about improving the quality of life of a loved one.

Norwood Park Home, a not-for-profit division of Norwood Life Care NFP, is a 211-bed community that also offers dementia care, skilled nursing care and respite care. Silvia Garcia, director

of admissions, and Linda Kreger, director of marketing, along with other staff members will conduct the tours and answer questions. While here, representatives of the Norwood Park Seniors Network, a community outreach program, will be on hand to explain their many programs. Coffee and Bakers Square pie will be served. In addition, two complimentary dinner (lunch) coupons for use at a future date will be given to each person who completes a tour.

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Morton Grove Garden Club

The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its monthly meeting on Feb. 25, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Austin Park Field House, 8336 Marmora in Morton Grove.

Our program "The Magic of Wil Flowers" will be given by Nancy Burgess, renowned Author and photographer.

The public is invited. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call 966-4264.

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"THOSE WERE THE DAYS"
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Morton Grove resident, Chuck Schaden producer of the "Those Were The Days" weekly radio broadcast will present his special free program at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Mr. Schaden is a recent recipient of the "Studs Terkel Humanities Award" and will present samples and descriptions of some of the classic radio broadcasts from the 1930's, 40's and 50's. The Lunch Bunch serving of a nutritious Beef Stew luncheon at 11:45 a.m. will immediately precede this program. To make a lunch reservation call the Lunch Bunch at (847) 967-6876.

"ARTHRITIS UPDATE" SEMINAR

Dr. Patrick Schuette, Arthritis Specialist from the Illinois Bone and Joint Institute will provide an "Arthritis Update" seminar at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Dr. Schuette will discuss general information about arthritis, new treatments and drugs, and answer personal concerns about this painful and uncomfortable disease. There is no charge for the seminar but registration is required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

DOOR COUNTY TRIP PREVIEW

Plan to attend this free trip preview at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 in the Morton Grove Senior Center's Community Hall to learn all about this exciting trip planned for Aug. 25 through 28 to Door County. This motorcoach trip features stops at Washington Island, Cherry Train, Museums and a Fish Boil. Refreshments will be served at the preview and a representative from Tour Brokers Inc. will be here to answer questions. Register in advance by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

ANTIQUÉ ROAD SHOW

What makes an item antique? What do you look for when you want to buy an antique? Come to the Civic Center from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, February 28 and hear from Suzanne of the Antique and Resale Shoppe at 7214 N. Harlem Avenue in Chicago, tell us all about antiques. Bring an item to be appraised. The fee for this program is \$5 and refreshments will be served.

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER SOCIAL CLUBS

The Morton Grove Senior Citizens Club (Mondays), the Golden Senior Citizens Club (Wednesdays), and the Pinochle Club (Thursdays), which meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center, now have openings for new members. If interested, come in and enjoy the fellowship.

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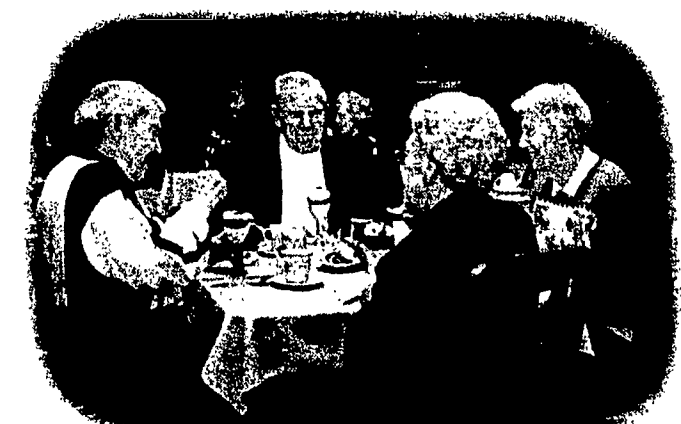
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MaineStreamers Activities and Events for Spring

Seniors from Niles and throughout Maine Township are invited to check out these events and activities offered by Township's MaineStreamers department.

• **SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)** Program to present Community Policing on March 4 starting at 10:30 a.m. in Town Hall.

• **The March Luncheon** features "Maine Township at the Hop", a fifties celebration presented by Township Officials and staff in a musical extravaganza on March 11 at Chateau Ritz.

• **"A Natural Adventure"** trip on March 7 includes visits to the Shedd Aquarium, Oceanarium, and Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum with lunch at the Soundings Restaurant.

• **55 Alive Defensive Driving Programs** will be held March 17 and 19 from 9 to 10 a.m. and again on May 19 and 21 at Town Hall.

• **Bowling outings** at Sims Bowl in Des Plaines on March 24 and April 28, both starting at 11 a.m., will include a pizza lunch.

• **Pinochle classes** will be held Mondays from March 3 to 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Town Hall.

• **Bridge classes** will also be Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. from March 31 to May 19 in Town Hall.

• **"Untouchables Tour"** is set for April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The guide-narrated bus tour includes lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant.

• **Men's Golf** kicks off on April 3 at 10 a.m. This is sponsored in conjunction with the Niles Senior Center.

• **A Fishing Outing** with a lunch will take place at Lake Julian on April 25 in the morning.

• **A Book Review** presented by Barbara Rinella will be at Town Hall on April 4 and May 16. Both reviews begin at 10 a.m.

• **Over 90 Luncheon** is planned for MaineStreamers 90 years old or older during the month of May at the Elks Club in Des Plaines. It is part of Older Americans Month.

'For Your Information' at The Abington of Glenview

The Abington of Glenview Healthcare Residence will be hosting a "For Your Information" presentation on the topic of "Tax Laws and How They Affect the Elderly."

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: The Abington of Glenview, 3901 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL 60025.

Guest speaker: Linda Barnes from the Internal Revenue Service.

Admission is free. Reservations are required. Please contact Darren Loveless at (847) 729-0000 for more information.

Resurrection, Dominicks offer free colorectal cancer test

To help reduce the number of deaths from colorectal cancer, Resurrection Health Care (RHC) and Dominick's Food and Drug are again offering anyone age 50 or older a free fecal occult screening kit during March, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The test is painless and self-administered at home.

To participate in the screening, people can pick up a test kit from March 5 through March 19 at any of nine participating Dominick's stores. They have until April 19 to return the kit by mail to an RHC laboratory where it will be processed, with test results sent by mail. The fecal occult test kit

comes with complete instructions, a consent form and a return mailing envelope.

The ACS recommends an annual fecal occult screening for everyone age 50 or older and for younger persons who have risk factors. Risk factors include personal or family history of colorectal cancer and polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, physical inactivity, a high-fat/low-fiber diet and a diet inadequate in fruits and vegetables.

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Niles Historical Society Program February 23

As we celebrate President's Month, the Niles Historical Society brings a great program to the Museum (8970 Milwaukee Avenue) on Sunday, February 23, 2003 at 2 p.m. Pastor Dick Anderson (first person in Yale University history to receive simultaneous degrees in music and divinity) comes to us as Honest Abe in person. He appears in costume and his monologue contrasts some issues confronting the nation in the 1860s with those facing our citizens today. His singing of The Gettysburg Address, The Battle Hymn of the Republic and other patriotic favorites makes the presentation unique and memorable.

Come early, bring your family and join your friends for an afternoon at the Niles Historical Museum.

Chicago Neighborhood Tours

Discover Chicago's culturally rich heritage with one of the city's most unique tour programs. Chicago Neighborhood Tours. A division of the Chicago Office of Tourism, Chicago Neighborhood Tours offers three diverse tours in February that highlight the city's varied history, from its ethnic neighborhoods to its storied past.

Tours depart on Saturday via motor coach from the Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph Street at Michigan Avenue. Refreshments, or lunch where noted, are included in each tour. Please call (312) 742-1190 for reservations.

Saturday, February 22, 2003 - Chicago Theaters. Chicago residents had a unique opportunity to jump into the movie mania that developed and flourished between the two World Wars. Most of the major theater architects were Chicago-

ans, and some of their finest work was built in Chicago. Visit a few of these exemplary buildings on a tour that focuses not only on the architecture of theaters, but also on the personalities that developed them.

To receive a full 2003 schedule of tours or to plan a group tour for 35 people or more, please call (312) 742-1190. The schedule is also on view at our website, www.chicagocitytours.com.

Kirsten Seaholm Killean Exhibit at MG Library

Kirsten Seaholm Killean, a resident of Park Ridge, will be exhibiting her unique photographs at the Morton Grove Public Library during the month of February. The exhibit, entitled *Reflections*, includes photographs of people and places around the world and will be shown in the Baxter Room. The Library is located at 6140 Lincoln Avenue. For more information or for communication or mobility access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD (847) 965-4236, www.webrary.org.

District Program Bureau Auditions February 25

The GFWC Illinois Tenth District will host District Program Bureau Auditions on February 25, 2003 at the Terrace Restaurant on Lake Avenue, Wilmette. Registration 9 a.m., Auditions 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., luncheon served at 12 noon, cost \$16. Reservations may be made by calling Phyllis Cossarek, chairman at (847) 256-1177, deadline date: 2/18/2003.

Women's Club Presidents and Program chairmen in the area are invited to attend. The Auditions committee has arranged exciting new programs for your club meetings or philanthropic parties. Bring along your Program Chairman, this is a good time to set contracts for future programs, there will be a variety of brochures for you to take back to your clubs.

Orchesis Dance Company to Dance for You

The Niles West Orchesis Dance Company presents "Dance for Me" at 7:30 p.m. on February 27, 28 and March 1. Performances will be held in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium, 5701 W. Oakton in Skokie. Tickets are \$7. "Dance for Me" will feature various dance styles such as lyrical, modern, jazz, funk, and more. Officers for this year's troupe include: Kristina Govostis, Melanie Cuaserna, Kathy Barquez, and Monica Castillo. For more information, contact Orchesis sponsor Mindy Sluzky at (847) 626-2815.

King O' The Moon at Mercury Theatre March 14

Playwright Tom Dudzick's funny and heartwarming *King o' the Moon*, the self-contained sequel to the smash-hit comedy *Over the Tavern*, will preview March 14 and open March 25 at the Mercury Theatre, 3745 N. Southport. The show is produced by Libby Adler Mages, Mari Glick, William Pullinsi, and Tony D'Angelo, in association with Darren Lee Cole, the forces behind *Over the Tavern*. *Over the Tavern* enjoyed record-breaking runs at the Northlight Theater in Skokie and the Mercury Theatre, and received raves from critics and audiences alike. Pullinsi, director of *Tavern* and winner of twelve Jeff awards, will direct *King o' the Moon*.

King o' the Moon is the second installment in Dudzick's trilogy featuring the Polish-Catholic Pazinski clan of Buffalo, New York. The story picks up 10 years after the ending of *Over the Tavern*. It's July 1969, and Apollo 11 is making its historic journey to the moon. A time of tumultuous change in our country's history. The summer also represents a crossroads for each member of the Pazinski family.


In the shadow of the lunar landing and an uncertain future, each Pazinski struggles to understand his or her place in a turbulent world and changing family. "Like the decade it's set in, this play has great urgency and passion, while retaining the family warmth and gentle humor of *Over the Tavern*," said *In Theatre Magazine*.

In *King o' the Moon* the action has moved out of the family apartment (over the tavern) and into the backyard. Wisecracking Rudy is still irritating the daylights out of everyone. And despite all that is going on around them, the Pazinskis demonstrate the humor with which a family can weather the world's changes and even become more unified by the effort.

Over the Tavern has been a huge hit in theaters across the country. Playwright Tom Dudzick was commissioned by the Buffalo Studio Arena Theatre to write *King o' the Moon* and *Lake*

with his wife and children.

The regular schedule for *King o' the Moon* is Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$38.50), Fridays at 8 p.m. (\$44.50), Saturdays at 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (\$44.50), and Sundays at 2 p.m. (\$44.50) and 5:30 p.m. (\$38.50). There is a Wednesday matinee at 1:30 p.m. (\$32.50). Tickets for all preview performances March 14 through March 23 are only \$25 each. Group tickets are available by calling (312) 977-1700. For individual tickets call (312) 325-1700.



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'Way Down East' Starring Lillian Gish at Pickwick



D. W. Griffith's thrilling 1920 melodrama "Way Down East" will be screened Sunday, 2:30 p.m., March 2, 2003 at the Pickwick Theatre in suburban Park Ridge. The film stars the great Lillian Gish as the lovely Anna - poor country girl tricked into a sham marriage by rich playboy Lemox Sanderson (played by Lowell Sherman). After several weeks Anna experiences her new husband suddenly growing distant. When she tells Sanderson the happy news that she is pregnant, he in turn tells her some unhappy news - that the marriage was a fake. With that he leaves Anna; now alone and grief-stricken. She has her baby, but the infant does not survive.

Ostracized by the townspeople, she leaves town and finds employment as a servant at a farm owned by strict Puritanical farmers. She meets David (Richard Barthelmess) and the two fall in love. When Sanderson surprisingly reappears as the town squire, he reveals Anna's past, and she leaves once more, this time during the onslaught of a fierce New England snowstorm. When David learns of her leaving, he takes off in search of his true love. One of the greatest film climax sequences of all time takes place for the final thrilling scenes on the rushing ice floes on the Connecticut River. The amazing scenes were shot live - no special effects - with Gish and Barthelmess both on real ice floes -

them both downstream!

"Way down east" is presented by the Silent Film Society of Chicago, a non-profit organization with goals of heightening public awareness of the silent cinema through proper presentation of surviving silent film prints. Admission both downstream!

Images from Science Photography Exhibit

40 Breathtaking Scientific Photographs showcased at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, through April 7.

WHAT: The Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum features *Images from Science*, an exhibit promoting a wider appreciation of scientific photography by showcasing beautiful, but rarely seen images drawn from oceanography, geology, biology, engineering, medicine, physics and the inside of laboratories. Photos include a 78-million-year-old flower fossil, a human adult digestive system and images from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

The exhibit is the brainchild of Michael Peres and Andrew Davitiaz, professors at Rochester Institute of Technology's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. The international exhibit features 58 photographs selected on the basis of their aesthetics, visual impact and scientific content.

WHEN: Through April 7.

\$7 for students and seniors, and may be purchased at the Pickwick box office, 5 S. Prospect in Park Ridge. All tickets are \$10 the day of the program. For more information call (847) 825-5800 or visit the SFSC website at: www.silentfilmchicago.com.

WHERE: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive (at Fullerton Avenue), Chicago.

COST: Admission to the Nature Museum is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-12 and \$5 for seniors age 60+ and college students. Chicago residents receive a \$1 discount off the price of general admission. Thursdays in 2003 are free.

Garrett to hold Town Hall Meeting in Des Plaines

State Senator Susan Garrett (D-Lake Forest) announced that she will hold a Town Hall Meeting in Des Plaines, on Saturday, Feb. 22.

State Comptroller Dan Hynes and State Representative Elaine Nekritz will also attend the informal meeting.

"As a new State Senator, I want to meet and listen to residents throughout suburban Cook County. We have a lot of work to do, and with everyone's input, we will be sure that our communities are strong and healthy," Garrett said.

Des Plaines: The Des Plaines Public Library at 1501 Elmhurst Road in Des Plaines from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Garrett's new Senate District includes all or parts of Bannockburn, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Fort Sheridan, Glenview, Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Prospect Heights, and Riverwoods.

Des Plaines Library March 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 Desk, (847) 376-2839. General number: (847) 827-5551. Spanish information line: (847) 376-2904.

Free Basic Computer Classes for Adults. Free basic computer classes for adults will be offered during March. For dates and times, or to register, please phone the Reference Services Desk at (847) 376-2841. (R-Reference Services).

Sunday Afternoon Movie. Friends of the Library will sponsor a feature film presentation at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 2.

Tuesday Morning Book Group - A Dangerous Woman. At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, Library Assistant Laura Adler will lead a discussion of *A Dangerous Woman* by Mary McGarry Morris. Books are available one month prior at the Registration Desk. (R)

Preschool Storytimes. The second session of preschool storytimes will be held from March 4-April 12. Saturday only is a drop-in storytime; other days require advance registration. (R-YS).

Drop-In Chess Club. A drop-in chess club for children who know how to play chess will be held on Wednesdays, March 5 and 19, from 4-5 p.m.

Financial Program - "Smart Women Finish Rich." At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, Brian J. Owen financial advisor and retirement planning specialist with Morgan Stanley, will lead a seminar focusing on the unique issues that women face in retirement planning. (R)

Stories and More. Stories and related activities for grades K-2 will be held from 4-5 p.m. on Thursdays, March 6 and 20. (R-YS)

Preschool Movies. Movies for preschoolers will be held at 10 a.m. on Fridays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Inside Writing and Publishing - Short Story Writing Workshop. Cynthia Gallaher will lead a short story writing workshop on Saturday, March 8 from 2-4 p.m. The program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing series cosponsored with participating members of the North Suburban Library System. (R)

Chicago Wolves Player Visit. Chicago Wolves hockey center Ben Simon will sign autographs and talk about reading at 7 p.m. Monday, March 10. (R-YS)

Thursday Evening Book Group. At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, Library Assistant Jeanne Meyer will lead a discussion of *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair. Books are available one month prior at the Registration Desk. (R)

Inside Writing and Publishing - Mystery/Mainstream Fiction. At 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, Michael Raleigh will discuss mystery writing and mainstream fiction. The program is part of the Inside Writing and Publishing series, cosponsored with participating members of the North Suburban Library System. (R)

Library Sponsored Trip - Chicago Flower and Garden Show. The library will sponsor a trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier on Saturday, March 15. The cost of \$28 includes deluxe motor coach transportation, gratuity, and show admission. Lunch is on your own. Bus leaves Library Plaza promptly at 9 a.m. and returns at approximately 3 p.m. Advance purchase is necessary, and tickets are limited. (R)

Animals of the Rainforest. The Milwaukee Zoological Society will introduce children to live animals from the rainforest on Saturday, March 15, from 11 a.m.-noon. (R-YS)

Friends Family Sunday - Adventures with Science. At 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, Science Theatre Productions will present a spectacular chemistry stunt show.

Wellness Program - Menopause and Hormone Replacement Therapy. At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, Dr. Ian Jasenof of the Holy Family Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will discuss menopause and hormone replacement therapy. Cosponsored with Holy Family Medical Center. (R)

Mad Hatters. Using hats as props, the "Mad Hatters" will present a special program of interactive songs, poems, and stories for children of all ages at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22. (R-YS)

Library Board of Trustees Meeting. The Library Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18. The public is invited to attend.

Friends of the Library Meeting. Friends of the Library will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25.

Spring Break Drop-In Craft. A spring break drop-in craft for all ages will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Art Exhibit. Throughout the month of March, Linda Kelly-Fosse will exhibit watercolors in the newspaper/magazine reading area on the third floor of the library. The DesPlaines Art Guild regularly exhibits work by its members in this area of the library.

New Ice Rink at NICO Park



The neighborhood kids at NICO Park (located at New England & Keeney) enjoy their new ice rink.

Kesser Maariv Congregation to Host JUF Event

Beth Hamedrosh Hagadol Kesser Maariv Anshe Luknik will host a complimentary brunch on Sunday, March 2, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. on behalf of the 2003 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign and the Israel Emergency Campaign. The event will be held at

the synagogue, 4341 W. Golf Road, Skokie. The brunch is being underwritten by Rabbi Louis and Saretta Lazovsky.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Moshe Tuvia Lieff, rabbi of Congregation Bais Yisroel in Minneapolis.

The community event will provide participants with an opportunity to show their support for Israel during this time of unprecedented crisis, terror and tragedy, while helping to ensure that our community has the funds to meet local needs.

Event co-chairs are Skokie residents Alan Busch and Alan Slodki. To make reservations or for more information, call Penina Podwol at (312) 444-2826.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood, Niles, IL 60714, will hold its annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 23, 2003.

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Common Asset Protection Mistakes in Estate Planning

We all know that estate planning includes decisions about what should happen to our assets upon our death or disability. However, people often overlook asset protection issues and strategies in the estate planning process. Asset protection is the shielding of assets from potential creditors and others.

Here are some common asset protection mistakes made in the estate planning process:

Failure to consider asset protection in funding the trust. Some states allow property to be held in "tenancy by the entirety," a form of joint ownership between spouses. As long as property is held in tenancy by the entirety, a creditor of one spouse cannot reach the asset. States vary as to whether this protection is lost if the asset is transferred to a trust. Similarly, states typically allow some of the value of a home as an exemption in bankruptcy. Some states even exempt the entire homestead. Again, states vary as to whether the protection of the homestead exemption applies if the property is in a trust.

Failure to consider Medicaid planning. Millions of Americans become disabled each year. As Baby Boomers continue to age, more and more of the population will face long term care issues. Many Americans are forced to

lose everything due to illness. There are three ways to avoid this problem. First, do not get sick. While this is the best option, it is not always possible to achieve. Second, carry adequate health and long-term care insurance. Third, include provisions in your trust, "Medicaid triggers," that allow Medicaid planning to be done in the event of your disability.

Failure to consider Special Needs Trusts for children with special needs - such as developmental disabilities, head injuries, chronic illnesses, etc. Millions of Parents have children with special needs. These children are particularly hard hit by the loss of a parent, emotionally and financially. Without proper planning, assets left for such children may deprive them of government benefits. With a Special Needs Trust, the assets can continue to be available to improve the child's quality of life while not making them ineligible for government benefits.

Failure to consider the asset protection needs of children or other beneficiaries. While there are some limited ways to protect one's own assets from creditors, it is much easier to achieve that protection when the assets are coming from someone else. A parent can leave the assets in trust for a

child and have the assets available for the child's needs and yet not available to that child's creditors. Further, by leaving the assets in trust, the child's spouse would not be able to claim a portion of those assets in the event of divorce.

Failure to consider the use of limited liability entities. Rental property, sole proprietorships, farms, ranches, and other assets can pose significant risk. Many people continue to own these assets in their own names. However, someone receiving an injury associated with such property can sue the owner. If successful, the injured party can get all the assets of the owner and force the owner into bankruptcy. On the other hand, if the asset is operated through a corporation, a limited partnership, or a limited liability company (LLC), the owner can be insulated from personal exposure except for the value of the property in that entity. Entities also can be useful to achieve valuation discounts, which reduce estate and gift taxes.

Failure to consider sophisticated asset protection. In certain situations, more aggressive and sophisticated asset protection techniques might be appropriate. These include the use of Family Limited Partnerships, Domestic Asset Protection Trusts, Offshore

Asset Protection Trusts, and other entities.

Asset protection is an important aspect of estate planning. Without proper asset protection consideration, the assets you leave to your children might be quickly lost to ex-spouses, the government, and other creditors.

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Estate Planning is Life Planning

What is the first thing that leaps to most people's minds when they think about estate planning? A will. We've all seen the dramatic scenes in films of yesteryear: the reading of the will. The truth of the matter is that the will is no longer the focal point of estate planning.

A well-rounded estate plan includes four documents: a revocable living trust, a general durable power of attorney, a health care power of attorney, and a will. Probably the least important of these is the will. A will is only effective at death, the other three documents have an impact during your lifetime.

In order to be effective, a will must be admitted to probate. Probate is a process to clear title of property from the person who died to the people designated in the will. As with most legal processes, probate can be costly, time-consuming, and public. Assets which go through this probate process are a matter of public record, open to the prying eyes of neighbors and relatives, as well as creditors and other nefarious individuals.

Assets which are in a trust do not have to go through the probate process. In theory, when you place your assets in your trust, the legal title is no longer vested in you as an individual, but in the trustee of the trust. As a result, when you die, no probate process is necessary to clear title to the property. Thus, the trust bypasses the will and the probate process entirely. A "revocable living trust" is a trust, which is created while you are living, and which you can revoke or amend at any time. A well-drafted trust can be extremely flexible and can facilitate management of your assets while you are well, during a period of incapacity, and long after your death. While you are alive and well, you would be the trustee and manage the assets in your trust. Upon your incapacity or death, someone designated by you would take over as trustee and would manage the trust, making investment and distribution decisions in accordance with the instructions you set forth in the trust, providing continuity in asset management.

In a general durable power of attorney, you appoint someone to make decisions for property not controlled by the trust. For example, your "agent" could file income tax returns for you, change beneficiary designations on life insurance and retirement plans, etc. The agent can also transfer any forgotten property into the trust. Again, this provides for a smoother transition during periods of incapacity.

In a health care power of attorney, you appoint someone to make medical decisions for you in the event you can no longer do so for yourself. You may also express any wishes you have regarding life-prolonging measures.

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25th Anniversary of The Spring Home Show

Homeowners will find a treasure trove of ideas, inspiration and expertise at the 25th Anniversary of the Spring Home and Outdoor Living Expo, Feb. 28-March 2, 2003 at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights, IL. With over 400 exhibits, seminars, all the latest products for the home and nationally-renowned speakers, the show offers the opportunity to compare products and gather information on dozens of projects, all under one roof.

Headlining the speaker schedule is Jim Parks, host of Home and Garden TV's popular remodeling show, "New Spaces." In over 100 episodes, Jim has documented the dramatic transformation of old, outdated kitchens, baths, garages, and more. He brings a lifetime of experience and his remodeling presentations will be in the form of panel discussions with audience participation on Saturday and Sunday.

Also appearing is nationally known decorator and HGTV personality, Sue Pelley. Pelley shares over 26 years of tips on making interiors new and beautiful. She has appeared on over 100 television segments and is presently touring as a lecturer and columnist.

Another presenter, Richard Preves, is an architect and author

Assessment Appeal Seminar in Maine Twp

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct an assessment appeal seminar for Maine Township residents. The seminar will be held on Monday, February 24, 2003 at the Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the seminar will begin at 6:30 p.m. The seminar is sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth Gorman and State Senator Dave Sullivan. The last day to submit an appeal complaint form from Maine Township is Wednesday, March 12. Among other things, the seminar will inform homeowners how to find out if they are overassessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal, how to procure and fill out the appeal application and how long it takes to get a decision from the Board. For more information about the seminar call the Board of Review at (312) 603-3644.

"Many people who are unfairly assessed never bother to appeal because they do not know the opportunity exists or they mistakenly think the process itself is too cumbersome," said Murphy.

The new book, *New House More House*, written to help homeowners solve the mysteries of residential construction projects. He has gained a reputation for distinctive custom homes, additions and remodeling projects through Chicago and the suburbs. He will be appearing all three days.

Bill Aldrich is the founder and publisher of *Chicagoland Gardening* magazine and has written about gardening for over 20 years. He volunteered as a Master Gardener with the University of Illinois Extension for 14 years and is the immediate past president of the Garden Writers Association of America. Bill is speaking all three days.

"It has been 25 years and the home industry is as busy and active as ever," says Tower Show President Anne Feichter. "Plus, now is the time for planning and scheduling those spring home projects. We're here to help you get started."

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Area Home Sales Remain at Record Pace

An all time January record of real estate sales was reported by Callero & Catino Realty for the first month of 2003. The Niles based Realtor recorded an increase of 126% in January home sales compared with last year, and an all time January sales record for the 47 year old local real estate company.

"Our new marketing plan has been working even better than expected," stated Bill Alston, president of the company. They have been improving their computer based marketing procedures and

upgraded their advertising program. Their agents have completed a number of training sessions designed to improve their skills in representing their clients, and the results are showing.

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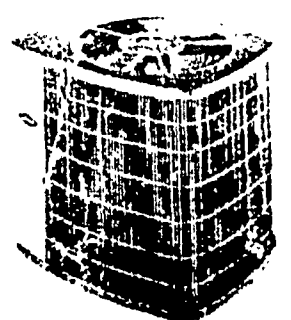
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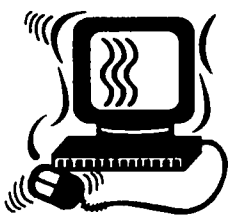
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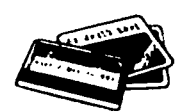
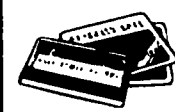
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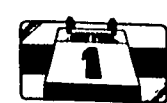
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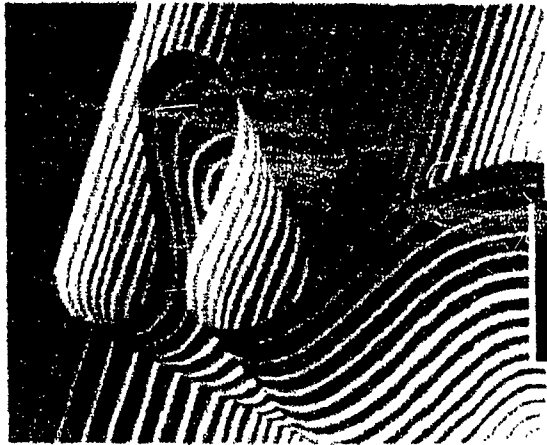
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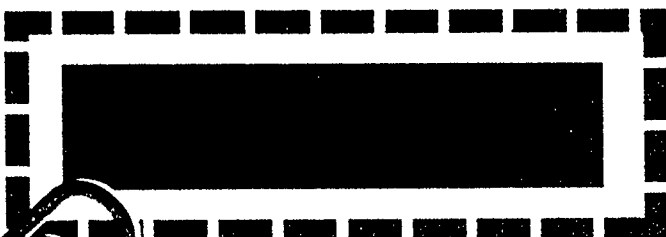


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