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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NILES PARKS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Wide variety of summer programs for children from preschool thru eighth grade. Information packets at Howard Leisure Center. Call 847-967-6633.

NILES SENIORS PLAN THEATRE OUTING

Niles Senior Center planning April 16th trip to Marriott Lincolnshire to see musical "Cats." For information call 847-588-8420.

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Nurse to lecture on the disease on March 20 at 2 p.m. at Niles Senior Center. Free, but registration is required. For information call 847-588-8420.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson's disease support group will meet March 19 at 7 pm at Resurrection Medical Center. Patients and families are invited. Call 773-594-7866 for more information.

SJB 50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

As part of the 50th anniversary of St. John Brebeuf, an all class reunion will be held on April 11 at 7 p.m. For info call 847-966-3266, ext. 29.

THINK GREEN AT MG SENIOR CENTER

St. Patrick's celebration at MG Senior Center on Monday, March 17. Food and special dancing. Call 847-470-5223 for information.

NATURALIST TO SPEAK

Naturalist from the Cook County Forest Preserve District to speak at MG Senior Center on March 24. Call 847-470-5223 for information.

Snapshots From Our Town



St. John Brebeuf School recently participated in a week long celebration of Catholic schools. For one week various events were planned involving the community, faculty and students. Students shown above, Sarah Shulga, Julie Jerema and Robbie Getty participated in the Prayers of the Faithful during a special mass.



Maine Township's Annual Volunteer Recognition Night was hosted last week for over 100 volunteers who helped with township programs in 2002. Margie Bialczak, Township Administrator, helps Tom Higgins of Lutheran General Hospital check out his door prize, a new set of barbecue tools.

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Morton Grove trustee slates set for elections

When Morton Grove's three trustee seats open up in April they'll be sought by six candidates; three from the ruling party and three from Morton Grove's new Caucus Party.

The Caucus Party candidates are Rick Krier, a member of Morton Grove's Traffic Safety Commission; Dale Senensky, a one-time police officer; and Georgianne Brunner, a nurse. Krier has criticized the village board's agenda review sessions held just prior to the board meetings. Because of those sessions, there is little discussion taking place during the board meetings when village residents attend, he says.

He has also criticized another vehicle, the consent agenda, by which approvals are sought and given on a "package" of items without individualized discussion. He has criticized increased fees and new taxes, such as the tax on natural gas.

On the Waukegan Road redevelopment project, Brunner says the village did not plan well enough and had no options on the burner when a development fell through.

Brunner says the sidewalks within the Waukegan Road project are too narrow and hard to navigate and improvements do

not benefit the area businesses. Brunner wants to see the village dedicate more programs to families and children.

Senensky hopes to bring a new supermarket to Morton Grove. He advocates sending formal notices to residents who live near larger development projects.

The Active Leadership Party, the ruling party, will present nine-year board member Joe Mull and Dan DiMaria, appointed to the board in 2001.

Dan Stackman, village park

district commissioner, is the third candidate.

Mull praises Waukegan Road redevelopment for eliminating blight and for bringing the large Acura dealership presently under construction.

DiMaria, who served on the board since his appointment two years ago, characterizes himself as the most independent voter.

Stackman, who twice ran against the incumbent party, now will now run on its slate in place of Joe Weiss, who chose to not seek a second term.

NDHS WYHS Team takes first at Regional

The Notre Dame High School for Boys Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) Team competed in the Academic Challenge regional competition held at Oakton Community College on Friday, Feb. 14, 2003. This year's team broke a long-standing reign by Regina Dominican High School. The varsity team from Notre Dame earned a record 16 medallions and 499 points out of a possible 500, defeating Regina by 14 points, and capturing the combined Division 700/1500 championship. Varsity medal winners include: Daniel Bloden, 3rd in chemistry; Michael Casey, 1st in mathematics; Matthew Chmura, 3rd in mathematics; Stephen De-Vience, 1st in chemistry and 3rd in biology; Peter Goeppinger, 3rd in engineering graphics; David Kaye, 1st in mathematics and 2nd in English; James Kolodziej, 3rd in computer science; Phillip Rumei, 2nd in biology and 3rd in English; Mark Sieklucki, 1st in computer science; and Austin Smiley, 2nd in engineering graphics. The following at-large competitors also won medallions: Christopher Lara, 3rd in engineering graphics; Robert Rusin, 3rd in physics; and Adam Tandez, 3rd in computer science.

Notre Dame's WYSE Team is coached by Miss Erin P. O'Connor.

The WYSE Academic Challenge is a series of competitive tests in seven subjects designed to motivate high school students to higher achievement in the fields of math and science. Students are required to take tests in two of the seven subject areas. Test material is drawn from senior high school and freshman level college curricula. Written by teams of college and university faculty, subjects include biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics. Each test production team produces three tests of increasing levels of difficulty: regional, sectional and state finals. Students compete as individuals or as part of a team; they have 40 minutes to complete multiple-choice tests that range in lengths from 30 to 100 questions. The next level of competition for the Notre Dame team will be at Notre Dame High School on Friday, March 14.

District 219 National Merit Finalists

Four students from Niles Township High School District 219 were named among approximately 15,000 finalists in the 48th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are now eligible to receive one of the 8,000 Merit Scholarships available through the program. The students attained Semifinalist status in September by scoring in the top one-half of one percent of more than one million students who participated in the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Finalist status was granted based on contributions to Niles North and Niles West as well as academic achievement.

The District 219 National Merit Finalists are: Lynn Dukarevich, Mila Gumin and Jeff McHugh from Niles North and Caroline Froning from Niles West.

SJB Seventh Grade Celebrates Graduation



Recently, the Seventh Grade at St. John Brebeuf School celebrated a special graduation. Not the traditional graduation, but a graduation from a program presented by the Cook County Sheriff's Police. The program is known as G.R.E.A.T. This stands for Gang Resistance Education and Training.

Under the guidance of Officer Dave Ribaldo, affectionately known as "Officer Dave," the students learned many skills to resist gang and drug involvement. They learned how to say, "No," they also learned both verbal and nonverbal skills to avoid any gang-related membership.

Officer Dave came on Friday afternoon from September until early January to conduct two sessions of the class. Through reading, discussing, role playing and special projects, the students approached a very important topic. The classes were such that the students felt very comfortable to discuss any problems or questions they might have in this area.

Not only did the students learn much valuable information, they also found that a police officer is a wonderful friend and truly interested in the youth of today.

At the graduation, the students received a certificate, t-shirt and water bottle. Parents were invited to share this special occasion. The ceremony was followed by refreshments serviced by the room mothers.

Local resident named to Dean's List

Jenni Lada of Niles, IL has been named to the Dean's List of the Honors College of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, for the Fall 2002 semester, earning a 4.0 grade point average.

Jenni is the daughter of Roland and Kathy Lada and a 2001 graduate of Niles West High School. She is majoring in English and Secondary Education.

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M.G. promised \$1 mil for Dempster St. development

Morton Grove officials learned that one million federal dollars has been approved to help complete the Dempster Street improvement project.

The appropriation comes through the efforts of U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-9th).

Tim Angell, Economic Development Director, said Schakowsky visited several businesses along Dempster Street during her walking tour there in April 2002.

Angell said that a couple of

months later her grant coordinator called to say Schakowsky would try for a \$500,000 appropriation for the project.

Village Manager Larry Arft said that until Feb. 24 he was unaware the amount had been doubled.

The project, aimed at improving traffic flow on Dempster, includes adding a center turn lane and eliminating parallel parking between the Edens Ex-

pressway and county forest preserves.

Neither village officials nor Rep. Schakowsky's aids know when the money will be disbursed.

The village has other funding sources for the project and more are being pursued.

Work is expected to begin in late 2003 or early 2004, said Arft.

DaMerio A. Lane

Marine Corps Cpl. DaMerio A. Lane, son of Donna R. Lane of Skokie, Ill., and Donald A. Chastany of Evanston, Ill., is currently on his fifth month of deployment while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lane is one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deployed aboard the ships of the USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group. Part of his unit is currently providing security for the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

During this deployment, Lane's unit has participated in training, humanitarian assistance and peace support operations in Spain, Italy, Kosovo, Kenya and Djibouti, Africa before patrolling the seas and skies in the U.S.

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Lane is the grandson of James A. and Georgia A. Lane, also of Evanston. He is a 1997 graduate of Evanston Township High School of Evanston, Ill., and joined the Marine Corps in March 1999.

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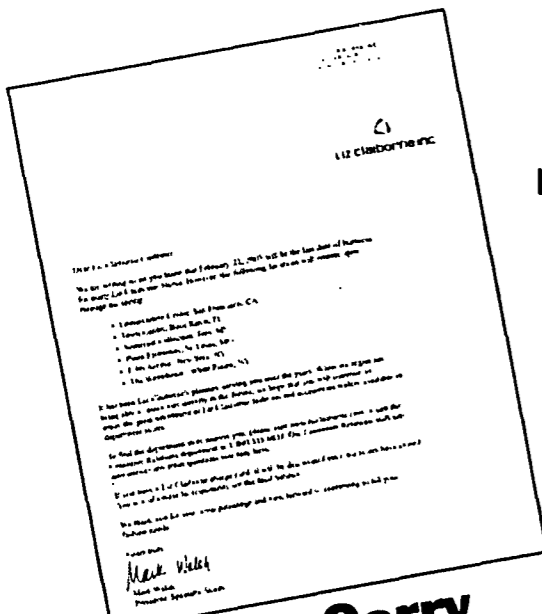
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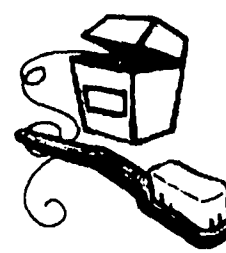
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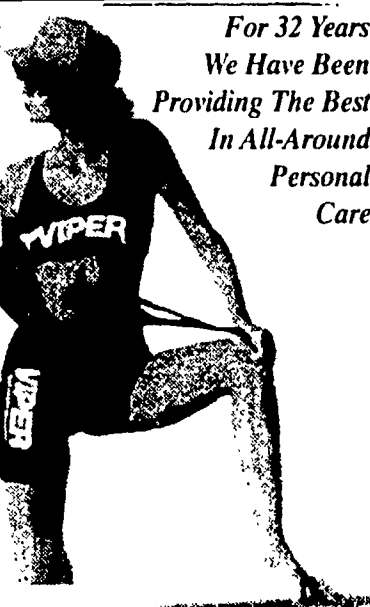
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Village Crossing theater wins later show times

Skokie trustees have approved later show times for movies at the Crown Theater in the Village Crossing Shopping Center. This ruling lifts restrictions placed on the business as a condition of its opening in 1999. The favorable vote followed assurances from theater and shopping center officials that security would be increased and maintenance rescheduled to reduce noise nuisance. Theater attorney James Fox said that present schedules make it difficult to book first-run movies. At present, movies may start no later than 9:30 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Fox said. Fox said that Crown Theaters agreed to that restriction reluctantly because it faced strong opposition to opening at all. "Then we were unknown, but now we've showed ourselves to be a good neighbor," Fox said. Late screenings will range from 11:15 p.m. to 11:45 p.m., said Fox. Garage cleanup will be scheduled the next day around 7 a.m. instead of after the final showing.

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Open Letter to Village Residents

The Village of Niles and the Niles Police Department, in keeping with the Village's motto "Where People Count" have embarked on an expansion of the Community Policing concept.

Community Oriented Policing is not a new concept, in the Village of Niles, but it is being expanded and enhanced. Community Oriented Policing is the concept of involving the whole community to solve a problem. Various agencies within the village, community leaders, business partners, religious leaders and

private organizations come together to address issues regarding quality of life, crime, crime prevention, health and safety. This is achieved through a central focus point or liaison officer. This officer funnels, directs, contacts and intervenes, when a problem arises and then whatever services or actions are needed would be directed to the long-term elimination of the problem or concern.

The Niles Police Department recently designated the areas bounded by Cumberland, Ballard, Dempster and Prospect as a C.O.P.S. beat. The C.O.P.S. Liaison Officer's responsibilities are to reduce crime, improve quality of life issues, assist in crime prevention, and address health and safety issues.

The Niles Police Department will address those issues through Bicycle Patrol Officers, increased patrols, juvenile intervention, probation & parole contacts, domestic violence intervention, community events, code violation and safety assessments to make the beat safer for all residents.

The Niles Police Department is making this a long-term commitment to achieve this goal and if you would like to become involved in this program or see it expanded to your neighborhood, please feel free to contact me at (847) 588-6500.

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Low snow deals main breaks

Skokie's water supply system is having a tough winter, with 41 water main breaks during December and January. That equals the total number of breaks during the entire 2001-02 winter season.

The bill for the two months was \$15,000 in materials and another \$18,000 in overtime pay for 489 man-hours worked.

Cold weather and light snow fall is hard on water mains, said village Water Superintendent Seher. Layered snow acts as an insulator, Seher said.

Skokie buries its mains at least five feet down. While the frost line is generally above that, the standard can change along with the weather.

Ground movement occurs when temperature changes. When the ground shifts, mains break, Seher said. More shifting could occur in Spring as temperatures rise, he said.

Employers Sought for Teen Job Fair

Are you searching for part-time help? Need workers to fill open positions now or in the summer? Employers are now being sought to participate in a free Teen Job Fair. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2003 from 4-7 p.m. at the Skokie Park District's Community Center, located at 4701 Oakton Street.

Meet with young adults looking for a start in the job market, conduct interviews on the spot, or drop-off information about your available position(s) and job applications for interested teens.

Employers or volunteer organizations that would like to recruit teens at the March 19 Job Fair should contact Maryann Mondrus at (847) 324-3114.

More than 20 organizations participated in past fairs, attracting approximately 300 teens. Participating companies ranged from local movie theatres and grocery stores to Rush North Shore Medical Center and the Skokie Park District Library staff members were also on hand to help teens find job hunting resources and learn about different careers.

The Teen Job Fair was inspired by Skokie Public Library's T.A.G. Team's Teen Advisory Group, a panel of young adults who work with librarians to develop programs and resources for 12-18 year olds.

This year's Job Fair is co-sponsored by Skokie Public Library's T.A.G. Team and The Skokie Park District.

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• **Preschool Storytime (ages 3 to 5).** Tuesday March 18 from 1:30 to 2 p.m. and Wednesday, March 19, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. in the Youth Services Program Room. A variety of songs and fingerplays will be shared each week. Children must be three years old by January 1, 2003. Children attend Preschool Storytime independently while parents are asked to remain in the Youth Services Department. Registration required. Call the Youth Services desk at (847) 324-3149 or register in person.

• **Rock and Read for Babies (ages 16 to 23 months with adult).** Wednesday, March 19, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Services Program Room. Call the Youth Services desk at (847) 324-3249 or register in person.

Student Scientists Prepare for Science Fair

Curious about which parachute material works best? Have you ever found yourself pondering whether you are right or left brain dominant? Perhaps you'd like to see a hovercraft in action! For the past four weeks, junior high students have been researching and experimenting on a wide variety of topics. Whatever your interest, this year's Science Fair at St. Juliana promises to surprise and delight you.

On Thursday, March 20, 2003 the seventh and eighth grade students at St. Juliana School will be

proudly displaying their projects in the Parish Activity Center. Throughout that day the students from grades one through six will come to see the display of student work. Judging will take place from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the Open House to view, congratulate, and encourage the student scientists. This Science Fair Open House will be held the evening of March 20, 2003 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center at the corner of Touhy Avenue and Oketo Street.

District 71 News

Intergenerational Music Fest. Culver School will host an Intergenerational Music Fest with the Niles Senior Center on Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m. The Niles community is invited to enjoy the performances by the *Golden Notes* and *Kitchenaires* from the Niles Senior Center as well as the Culver School 1st grade music classes, and Band and Orchestra ensembles. New this year will be an Intergenerational Choir. Culver School is located at 6901 Oakton in Niles. Please join us for a fun and entertaining afternoon.

May 1. Parents or guardians need to call as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for May 1. A birth certificate will be necessary at the time of registration. Please call the school office at (847) 966-9280 ext. 101 and ask for Debbie or Kathy. When the children attend the kindergarten Connection-Registration on May 1, they will visit a kindergarten classroom, see a slide show of kindergarten activities and meet with a kindergarten teacher.

Golf Middle School
On Wednesday, February 26, students from Golf Middle School made a Black History Month presentation to personnel on local Avon Campuses.

Culver School Kindergarten Connection - Registration. Students who will be age 5 by September 1, 2003 and live within the Niles School District 71



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones: Roth vs. Traditional IRA: Which is Right for You!

If you already contribute to an IRA, then you're taking an important step toward building the financial resources you need for retirement. If you don't have an IRA, then you might want to consider opening one. But which one?

Your two main choices are a "traditional" IRA and a Roth IRA. These IRAs share some common characteristics. First, you can fund either one with virtually any type of investment you choose - stocks, bonds, CDs, etc. And second, you can contribute up to \$3,000 per year to either IRA, or \$3,500 if you're 50 or over. (However, you cannot contribute to a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$160,000, if you're married and file jointly, or \$110,000 if you're single.)

Beyond these similarities, though, there are some important differences in the two IRAs. Here's a quick look at each.

• **Traditional IRA** - Your traditional IRA contributions may be tax deductible, depending on your annual income and whether or not you're covered under an employer-sponsored retirement plan. And your earnings grow tax-deferred until you start taking withdrawals.

• **Roth IRA** - You fund a Roth IRA with after-tax dollars, so you always have tax- and penalty-free access to your contributions. And your earnings grow totally tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years. Also, you can typically make tax-free withdrawals for first-time homebuyer expenses.

(If you withdraw money from a traditional or Roth IRA before you're 59-1/2, you may have to pay a 10 percent penalty.)

So, which IRA is right for you? As is often the case in the investment world, there are no quick and easy answers. If you're not eligible to deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA, and you are eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA, then you may want to choose the Roth IRA.

But what if you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA and you could still deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA? On one hand, the traditional IRA offers a powerful combination: tax deductibility and tax-deferred growth. On the other hand, a Roth IRA is one of the few investments that offers tax-free earnings.

Obviously, it's a tough choice. And that's why you may want to consider some other criteria. For example, if you have a traditional IRA, you must start taking minimum distributions by the time you're 70-1/2. With a Roth, you never have to take them - you can leave the entire value of your IRA to your beneficiaries, and they won't have to pay taxes on withdrawals. Consequently, your projected need for retirement income and your desire to leave money to your family are two factors you'll want to consider when choosing between a Roth and a traditional IRA.

Unfortunately, you can't have it both ways - that is, you can't contribute the maximum amount to both types of IRAs. Whatever amount you contribute to one will reduce what you can contribute to another.

A qualified financial professional or your tax adviser may be able to help you determine which type of IRA is right for you. But even with this assistance, make sure you understand all the issues involved. Remember, this money is for your retirement - so you'll want to make the right moves.

Jeffrey Cardella can be reached at Edward Jones, 8141 N. Milwaukee, Niles, 847-470-8953.

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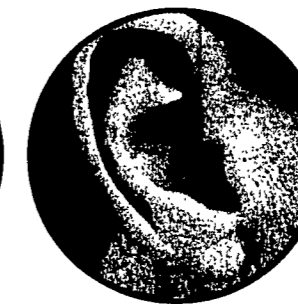
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OBITUARIES

DAVID J. CASTY
David J. Casty, 24, of Buffalo Grove (formerly of Park Ridge) died Saturday, February 1 at Resurrection Medical Center. He was born May 20, 1978 in Evanston. Beloved son of Dennis (Judith Nolan) Casty and Jane Casty. Beloved father of Alexis Casty. Brother of Jennifer (Tini) Kernell. Companion of Autumn Bingham. Services were held February 4 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Internment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery.

DARLENE A. MUELLER
Darlene A. Mueller, 81, of Niles, died Saturday, February 1 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born July 20, 1921 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Karl Mueller. Beloved daughter of the late Edward B. Anderson and the late Ruth J. Pearson. Beloved mother of Wayne Mueller and Ruthann (William) Nystrom. Sister of Arthur (Diane) Anderson, the late Leroy (Collette) Anderson and the late Earl (Lorraine) Anderson. Services were held February 5 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Internment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Memorials to American Lung Association or Children's Home & Ais Society of Illinois, 125 S. Wacker Dr., 14th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-9921.

CATHERINE OBERMANN
Catherine Obermann, 38, of Kildeer, died Friday, January 31 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She was born November 9, 1964 in Hong Kong. Beloved wife of Mark Obermann. Beloved daughter of the late Kwong Koon Yuen and Suey Kin Yuen. Daughter-in-law of Alice Obermann. Sister-in-law of Jim Obermann. Services were held February 3 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Internment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

DONNA M. KRAUSE
Donna M. Krause, 72, of Chicago, died Saturday, February 1 at Our Lady of the Resurrection Hospital. She was born April 7, 1930 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late William Corey and the late Estella Cisowski. Beloved mother of Susan Krause and Sharon Nuzzo. Sister of Dolores Kotwica. Grandmother of Tammy Baehman, Michelle Blanton, Tammy Blanton, Heather Knott, Dawn Krause and Anthony Nuzzo. Great Grandmother of Ashley Knott, Michael Knott and Joshua Mendez. Services were held February 4 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home.

JOSEPH BRESNAHAN
Joseph Bresnahan, 90, of Niles, died Monday, February 10 at Elmhurst Hospital. He was born November 26, 1912 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Helen Bresnahan. Brother of Catherine (the late John) McGeevy. Loving Uncle to many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. Services were held Thursday, February 13 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Niles. Internment was in All Saints Mausoleum. Memorials to Alzheimer's Disease, 4709 W Golf Road, Suite 1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

CAROL R. EKLUND
Carol R. Eklund nee Urban, 74, resident of Niles 47 years. Beloved wife of Dean, loving mother of Gary (Barbara) Eklund and Gail (Dr. Lee) Simeone. Devoted grandmother of Peter and Tim Simeone and Brian Eklund. Dear sister of the late Inez (Arnie) Lange. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Eklund died February 26, 2003 at Friendship Village. Funeral Mass was at St. Walter Church in Roselle 3-1-03. Burial was at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Donations to Friendship Village Development Department, 350 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194. Arrangements by The Oaks Funeral Home (630) 250-8588.

MITCHELL SUPELLA
Mitchell Supella, 82, of Glenview, died Monday, February 10. He was born February 9, 1921 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Leona Supella. Beloved father of Janice (Howard) Schraeder, Joyce (James) Daneck, Donna (Michael) Foley and the late Mitchell D. (Diane) Supella. Grandfather of Jeff, Jennifer, Jason, Shannon, Shaun and Michael. Great Grandfather of Felicia and Dylan. Services were held Friday, February 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Internment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery.

VINCENT G. VOGT
Vincent G. Vogt, 84, of Niles, died Wednesday, February 5 at Hampton Plaza Nursing Center. He was born October 6, 1918 in Waterloo, IL. Beloved husband of Dolores "Dolly" Vogt. Beloved father of Donna (Doug) Witt, Margaret (Patrick) Silady, Vincent John (Mary Jo), Mary A. Mosca and Elizabeth (Robert) Knauss. Grandfather of 7. Brother of Agatha Vogt. Services were held Saturday, February 8 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Internment was in All Saints Mausoleum.



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John Phillip, who owns the store with his wife Sue, grew up in a retail family shoe business that featured major brands of comfort shoes. He has since been through training in the fitting of the Good Feet™ brand of arch supports to best serve the needs of the Niles area customers.

The Good Feet Store™ in Niles is located at 5689 W. Touhy Avenue in the Village Crossing Shopping Center. It is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and is closed on Sundays.

Winter Book Party for Kids

Winter Book Party for Kids. The Winter Book Party for 4th and 5th graders at the Lincolnwood Public Library on March 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincolnwood Public Library will feature "Tuck Everlasting" by Natalie Babitt. The party includes snacks, games, and giveaways.

The book tells the engrossing story of how the Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old-girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from every growing older. Copies of the book are available for kids to borrow on the first of each month. The library is at 4000 W. Pratt Ave., phone (847) 677-5277.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's disease support group at Resurrection Medical Center (RMC) will meet March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the hospital's Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, on the first floor of the Resurrection professional building, entrance C, at 7447 West Talcott Avenue.

A presentation on speech and swallowing issues will be given by Jennifer Brandt, a speech therapist at RMC. The free support group for people with Parkinson's disease, their spouses, family, friends and caregivers held its first meeting in January. It meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information, and to register for the March meeting, please call Mrs. Brandt at (773) 594-7866.

Poems from Niles residents wanted

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000.00 grand prize.

"We are delighted to sponsor this contest," says Thomas Grey, Poetry Director. "Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets."

To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd, PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520, you may also enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is March 20, 2003. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems online. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Shabbat Singles

Shabbat Singles for Jewish singles 45+ will have Sabbath services followed by an Oneg Shabbat (social hour and refreshments) at Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave. in Northbrook, IL at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2003. A Beth Shalom clergy person will conduct services.

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Norwood Park Historical Society Spring Fling

Tickets for the Norwood Park Historical Society's fourth annual "Restoration Spring Fling" are now available. The dinner dance will take place on Saturday, April 5, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago.

Proceeds from the Restoration Spring Fling help the Historical Society continue the restoration and maintenance of the oldest house in Chicago. The group is also celebrating the fact that a portion of the Norwood Park

neighborhood has been given National Register status as a Historic District.

The "Restoration Spring Fling" will give you a chance to check out the progress of the house and mingle with your neighbors who are also proud to live in and around historic Norwood Park.

The party will include an open bar and hors d'oeuvres catered by *All On The Road* from Park Ridge. There will be dancing till the wee hours to music from all eras spun by DJ Phil Rafini. A

special appearance by well known dance instructor, Tina Mangos will add to the excitement. Prizes from area dining and service establishments will be raffled at the event.

Plan on attending the "Restoration Spring Fling." April 5, 2003. A limited number of tickets are available, so make your plans now! Tickets are \$50 per person and can be ordered from Carolyn Benson by calling (773) 631-4633.

District 219 Art Students Exhibit at Arts Center

The community is invited to attend the 2nd Annual SOAR (Student's Outstanding Artistic Recognition) exhibit to be shown at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, IL. Artworks from District 219 will be on display at the Center from March 3 to March 31. This is an opportunity to view art in a variety of mediums by many of the community's finest student artists. On Monday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor's Reception will be held in the lobby.

Original artwork by the following will be on display:

(Niles North) Marissa Feldman, Alexander Kirshenbaum, Maria Kunich, Ilana Cstar, Lilia Persits, Abigail Rich, Anthony Skelton, Hyun Ji Yi, Dan Radcliffe, Vivian Zapata, Brooke McLean, Ho Seon Lee, Masooma Khan, Alla Sutin, Emily Wroblewski, Ricky Lurie, Miroslav Kyurkchiev, Ken Otsuka, Mhara Goldstein, Tuck Miller, Yuliya Gorina, and James Desir.

(Niles West) Natalie Norberg, Roxana Ilinescu, Elisa Kowalczyk, Mohammed Ejaz Ali, Grace Park, Maria Titova, Anastasia Kuelhina, Clarice Butacan, Alyssa Zeller, Georgia Tsiabas, Grace Lee, Sumaiya Hakcent, Suzanne Meyerowitz, Lauren McLaughlin, and Renato Cuevo, Jr.

'Company' is Coming Opens March 21 at OCC

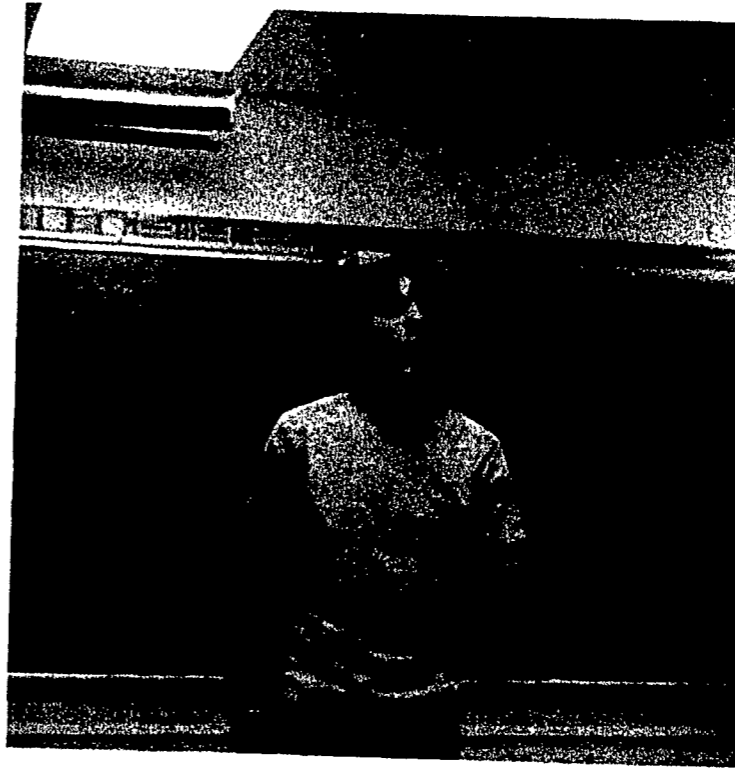
Award-Winning Play Opens at Oakton March 21. The truth about love and marriage is revealed as the Performing Arts at Oakton presents the Tony Award-winning play, "Company," opening Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m. in Studio One at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, DesPlaines.

Written by George Furth, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "Company" examines the humorous and painful complexities of love and commitment. The story centers around five married couples and their bachelor friend, who is desperate to find a bride until he discovers that love might not be all it's cracked up to be.

Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, March 21 and 28, and Saturday, March 22 and 29; and for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23 and 30. Tickets are \$18 for general admission, \$16 for students and seniors, and \$14 for group and Partner in Performance (PIP) members may be purchased by calling the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. (NOTE: The purchase of one full-price ticket to any show in the spring 2003 performance schedule earns a free PIP membership to Oakton's Performing Arts Center and reduced ticket prices to other shows. To learn about discounts for groups of 15 or more, call Karol Verson at (847) 635-2185.)

The public also is invited to a free preview lecture, "The Savvy Sounds of Sondheim," at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, in Studio One at the DesPlaines campus. Oakton's dramatic dramaturge, Karol Verson, will discuss how Sondheim's "concept" approach to the musical has impacted American theater.

Niles West Students perform



Josh Solomon (pictured) performed in the Shakespeare Competition held recently at Niles West High School. Students recited a monologue or sonnet by the Bard, in a natural accent. Niles West High School is one of the few North Shore schools that competed in the contest. Initiated in 1983 with just 500 students in New York City, the Competition now reaches over 15,000 students and 2,000 teachers across the United States.

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Want Comfort, Warmth? Choose Carpet for Your Floor

By Werner Braun
For News USA

(NU) - It's not just coincidence that carpet covers more than 70 percent of the floor surfaces in the United States. There are many features that make carpet the floor covering of choice, but perhaps the most understated of all of carpet's benefits is the fact that nothing says "inviting" in a home, workplace or school like carpet does.

Carpet provides warmth, beauty, sound absorption and numerous safety benefits. The visual beauty of carpet and the comfortable, home-like atmosphere it provides makes carpet the most popular of surfaces — almost 2 billion square yards are sold annually.

Carpet helps insulate a home and maintain warmth during the winter months. The pile construction of carpet is an efficient thermal insulator, reducing energy consumption from heat and air conditioning. Carpet's softness makes it ideal for family activity, whether it cushions the first steps of a toddler, the deliberate steps of a busy adult or teenager.

Businesses, schools and health care facilities also are

touting carpet's many benefits. Today's American population is focused on creating a work and leisure environment that is safer and more comfortable. The softness of carpet helps improve employee productivity and comfort, provides a quieter atmosphere and helps reduce liability from slips and falls.

Wet or polished areas are a major contributing factor to most indoor "slip and fall" injuries. By contrast, carpet reduces the incidence of falls and cushions the falls that occur. This helps reduce medical costs, workers' compensation cases and insurance claims.

Carpet also is used in patient rooms and nurseries in health care facilities to provide a pleasant, comfortable environment that feels more like home for patients and visitors.

Moreover, it is used almost exclusively in elementary and preschool classrooms. Among the advantages to carpet in the classroom is its ability to help absorb sound. Soft floor coverings are highly effective in controlling noise by reducing ambient sound and surface noise up to 70 percent and reducing impact sound transmission from floor to floor.

To learn more about carpet, visit www.carpet-rug.com.

Werner Braun is the president of the Carpet and Rug Institute, a trade association for the carpet industry.

Tips for Your Home

(NU) - As every designer knows, the most important part of successful remodeling is to reflect the style of the homeowner. Did you know that you can beautify your home without straining the decorating budget with custom-designed laminate flooring? "With the variety of realistic patterns and colors on the market today, consumers can readily find a pattern and style that will work in their overall design scheme," said Michael Lyons, product manager for Bruce Laminate Floors.

(NU) - The enduring charm of a classically styled home is easy to spot. The next time you visit a classic home, look around and take note of the details, such as wood accents throughout the home. You can give your home an elegant, classic look by focusing on wood details, such as doors. For more information about wood doors, visit www.morgandoors.com.

(NU) - Your home heating system holds the key to making your home comfortable and efficient during the cold winter months. Stay warm this winter without spending a fortune. To learn how to make your home more comfortable and efficient, visit www.heil-hvac.com.

(NU) - It only takes a second to lose your balance, but the consequences could last a lifetime. Slips and falls within the home are the leading cause of injury among children and adults over 65. For families living with a grandparent or young child, reducing the risk of slips and falls is a primary concern in creating a safe home. According to the Carpet and Rug Institute, the foundation for at-home safety is right underneath your feet: carpet.

By Joe Sherinski
For News USA

(NU) - Just like a child's foot needs new shoes as it grows, so does your potted plant or flower. The good news is you still have a chance to allow your container garden to flourish and mature by repotting.

Most plant enthusiasts don't realize that over time, two things happen to your plants. One is that the soil, or potting medium, gets "tired" and becomes devoid of essential nutrients. The second is that a plant's roots will continue to grow, taking up more and more space in the pot. As this happens, the plant becomes "root-bound," which means the roots either begin to grow out of the drainage

'Help! My Neighbor's Lawn Is Better Than Mine'

By Ashton Ritchie
For News USA

(NU) - What's the big secret? Why do some lawns always seem to look better than others? Chances are, if you stop to ask your neighborhood lawn guru, you will discover three keys to lawn success.

First, mow your grass taller. By adjusting your mower height to a higher setting, you will help your lawn grow deeper roots to match the increased leaf growth. With deeper roots, your lawn will be better able to withstand hot, dry weather. A taller lawn also will be a better competitor against new weeds.

Second, water only when your lawn really needs it and water long enough to get the moisture down deep. When you leave footprints on your lawn, this means your lawn could use some water. A deep watering will encourage deep roots. Run your sprinklers long enough to put down one-half inch of water twice a week. Figure out how long to run your sprinklers by measuring the water that catches in an inverted glass on your lawn.

Third, don't let your grass starve. Aside from the basics of mowing and watering, the single most important thing you can do for your lawn is to provide proper nutrition by fertilizing it.

One or two feedings a year make a marked improvement. However, you can see the difference between a so-so lawn and a truly beautiful lawn with four or five feedings a year.

There is a big difference in how different fertilizers work, even if they have the same nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium (N-P-K) numbers on the bag, so get a brand you can trust. Then follow the schedule on the back of the package so that you are feeding with the right product at the right

time of year to keep your lawn problem-free.

That's all there is to it. You too can become the neighborhood lawn expert if you mow tall, water deep and follow an annual feeding schedule of four or five feedings.

If you think you may forget the feeding schedule for your lawn, visit www.scotts.com

Let Your Plants Go to Pot

holes or become brown and unhealthy at the bottom.

The combination of decomposing potting medium and cramped quarters inevitably leads to an unhealthy environment for the plant. The cure is usually quite simple: Repot the plant.

Repotting should be done once a year, preferably in the late fall or early spring, and it's best to repot plants only when they are between flowering cycles.

To repot a plant:

1. Select a new container, with drainage holes, which is one or two sizes larger than the original one. A pot too large can lead to overwatering.
2. If the pot has been used previously, use an antibacterial soap to kill harmful organisms. Clay pots should be soaked overnight and then washed to remove the white fertilizer salts around the inside.
3. Fill one-third of the new pot with premium potting soil, such as Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Potting Mix or Miracle-Gro Premium Potting Mix. I like Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Potting Mix because it is formulated to absorb excess water and release it gradually into the roots as needed.
4. Remove the plant from the old pot. Next, gently shake off the old potting soil or mix from the root mass. If the roots are tightly wound, gently slice the sides of the root ball in two or three places.
5. Insert the plant into its new pot. Make sure the crown of the

plant is about an inch below the top of the pot. This allows space for adding sufficient water, and it eliminates spills. To finish, fill in around the sides of the root ball with your potting medium and gently compress the mix as you fill in. Then, water the plant thoroughly to ensure that all areas in the root zone have been moistened and allow the plant to drain.

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Carpet Adds Comfort, Safety to New Rooms

By Werner Braun
For News USA

(NU) - When the weather is nice, many of us start thinking about giving our homes a good cleaning and maybe even making some modified improvements. For some, there also may be an added incentive to making changes because of the arrival of a new baby or guests coming in for a long stay.

Guest Commentary

Perhaps you are considering

building an in-law suite for an aging parent or you would like to decorate your nursery. A lot goes into preparing your soon-to-be nursery or guest room for its new arrivals.

One thing to consider is carpet. Not only is carpet a better choice to keep mold and mildew to a minimum, but it can offer a safe and comfortable living space.

Mold and mildew are the prime causes of allergies in the home and can occur on any surface that is not properly maintained and where moisture is extreme. Keeping your carpet and

other areas of your home dry can help reduce mold and mildew.

When it comes to air quality, scientifically performed studies tell us that carpet is a real asset in any bedroom because of its filter-like attributes. When allergens, such as dust and dust mites, fall to the carpet, they remain there and can easily be vacuumed instead of circulating in the air where they can be inhaled.

Other benefits of carpet include keeping a room warmer in the winter and cooler during the summer, assisting in energy efficiency and providing a more

comfortable environment.

Additionally, it acts as an insulator for noise, such as a baby's coos and cries, and provides a soft, warm surface for both parent and child to play on.

For a baby or senior, choose carpet styles with low pile height, which allow more mobility and are easier to clean up. High pile styles are more likely to get caught on walkers or shoes.

Werner Braun is president of the Georgia-based Carpet and Rug Institute. For more information about carpet and carpet care, visit www.carpet-rug.com.

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Morton Grove Fire Department

Morton Grove Fire Department receives four (4) Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) from Morton Grove Masonic Lodge #1146.

Overview - The Morton Grove Fire Department has placed in service, on its non-ambulance fire apparatus, four AED units. These units were purchased through a \$7,000 donation from MG Masonic Lodge #1146. Sparing the donation were lodge members, Jim Ledwon and Henry C. Maier. These units were received by on-duty members of the fire department on Friday, Feb. 21, and were placed in service on two fire engines, an equipment squad and the shift commander's vehicle. This placement increases the availability of contemporary defibrillation equipment in the department and therefore the community. The receipt of this equipment in February coincides with the declaration of February as Heart Month by the American Heart Association.

Special thanks to the Morton Grove Masonic Lodge for their generosity and especially to Jim Ledwon and Henry Maier for their thoughtfulness, foresight and community spirit.

Ex-Lawyer Pleads Guilty

An ex-lawyer who was accused of stealing about \$1.4 million in assets from two clients and a cousin who suffered from severe epilepsy has been sentenced to five years in prison after he pleaded guilty to theft and failure to file an Illinois income tax return, Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced Thursday.

Michael Bledsoe, 45, of Northbrook, was disharred in 2000. He has been in jail since October 2001 when his bond was revoked by a judge after prosecutors found evidence of more victims during a joint investigation between Cook County prosecutors and the Attorney General's office. Bledsoe pleaded guilty to the crimes Wednesday, February 19, before Judge Rodolfo Garcia and was sentenced to five years in prison.

"Most lawyers make enough money. To steal more, from family, from people who have placed their trust in you, from people who've just suffered the loss of a loved one, is unconscionable," Devine said.

"Michael Bledsoe betrayed his clients, his cousin and his professional responsibility," Madigan said. "He belongs in jail."

Bledsoe was given power of attorney over his cousin's affairs in 1997. Bledsoe soon made himself the sole beneficiary of his cousin's life savings and took approx-

imately \$142,000. Bledsoe's cousin, who is in his 50s, worked as a bus boy for years and saved all his money.

Bledsoe was also accused of stealing \$250,000 from the estate of a Park Ridge man. Bledsoe was hired by the man's nephew as the probate lawyer. According to prosecutors, Bledsoe convinced the nephew to open a joint checking account with him for the estate, then emptied the account.

Bledsoe was also convicted of stealing more than \$1 million from the estate of a woman after being hired as an attorney for the woman's estate by the estate's executor.

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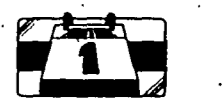
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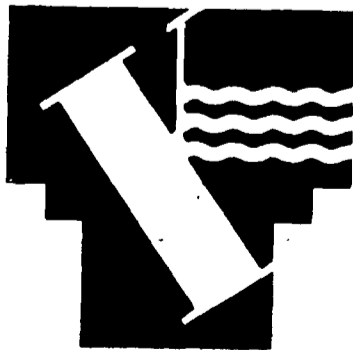
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