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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BABYSITTING CLASSES OFFERED

Program for babysitters in fifth grade and up to learn the basics of babysitting as well as simple first aid. Class to be held on May 17. Call the Niles Park District at 847-967-6633.

NILES WEST STAGES 'THE CRUCIBLE'

Niles West High School to stage Arthur Miller play on May 9 and 10. Tickets are \$8. For more information call 847-626-2633.

SENIORS' DANCE SHOW

May 14 show planned by 17-member senior troupe on history of dance. Morton Grove Senior Center. Call 847-470-5223.

HEARING AT SENIOR CENTER

The Suburban Area Agency on Aging to hold hearing on funding for services for seniors at Morton Grove Senior Center on May 20. For information call 847-470-5223.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals On Wheels drivers needed to deliver meals to area homebound. Call 847-588-8420.

HUMOR IN HEALTH

Three hour discussion and dinner on humor and its effect on your health. Program begins at 5 p.m. on May 12. Call 847-588-8420 for more information.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOWLING

Niles Park District to sponsor mother/daughter bowling on May 4 for children in kindergarten and up. Call 847-967-6633 for more information.

CONVERSATIONAL POLISH

Learn basic Polish at twice-weekly class at Niles Senior Center. Call 847-588-8420 for more information.

Snapshots From Our Town



International Day was held at Our Lady of Ransom School recently. The day was designed to celebrate the diversity represented within the school. Students were encouraged to wear the traditional clothing of their country, or to dress in the flag colors of their ancestors' country. Everyone was treated to an international food fest, sampling treats made by their parents.



Saint John Brebeuf seventh graders recently won an area-wide math contest held at St. Patrick High School. Drew Beierwaltes, Andy Greif, Elvin Guevarra, J.J. Palliser, Charles Vasis and Danny Zajac represented St. John Brebeuf.

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Niles woman dies in car crash

A Niles woman died enroute to Lutheran General Hospital of injuries she received in an auto collision.

The collision occurred at the intersection of Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue as Anna Zinsky, 62, made a left turn from eastbound Dempster Street onto northbound Harlem.

Zinsky's car collided with a westbound auto driven by a 22-year-old Morton Grove man who was treated at the hospital for injuries.

Morton Grove Police and Cook County State's Attorney's Office were both investigating.

Teacher fights D207 retirement policy

A Maine East teacher has filed a complaint with the Illinois Department of Human Rights, charging that age discrimination exists in the district's retirement package.

Maine Township High School Superintendent Steven Snider said the district disagrees with Tenny's view.

Tenny, 62, taught at Maine East for 22 years and at Maine North for 10.

Tenny has 6+ more years spent teaching outside District 207, at Roosevelt University and at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Tenny first saw a problem in the District's retirement package some years ago and contacted union leadership when he recognized that early retirement benefits were cut for teachers over age 60.

His complaint led to mediation in 2001, but the mediator decided against his case because Tenny had not yet retired.

At the next round of contract negotiations, district and union lawyers agreed on a package which Jean Miller, Maine Teachers Association president, says is no longer discriminatory.

But Tenny says the contract is still discriminatory to him. Because of those years spent teaching at college level, his maximum benefit year (34

years teaching at high school level) will not occur for two more years.

However, the maximum one-

lump benefit of \$28,000 that is paid to retirees who are over age 60 must factor into a June 2003 retirement, the rule says.

'Operation Prom Night' Makes Bad Decision a Reality

While prom night should be one of the happiest memories for high school students, one wrong decision could change the rest of their lives. This is the premise behind "Operation Prom Night," a powerful and realistic simulation of a tragic automobile accident caused by drunk driving. The simulation depicts a collision between two prom couples and a family, with victims rushed to the hospital in ambulances and one passenger pronounced dead on the scene.

"Operation Prom Night" will be held for over 400 juniors and seniors at Resurrection High School, 7500 West Talcott, on Friday, May 2, at 8:45 a.m. To add to the realism, two Resurrection High School students along with two young men from neighboring high schools will play the roles of the prom couples.

This is the third time that Resurrection has sponsored the simulation, in conjunction with the Illinois State Troopers and the Chicago Police and Fire Depart-

ments. The event is being coordinated by Anne Bleicher, an emergency room nurse at Holy Family Hospital and mother of a current Resurrection High School student. Following the simulation, the students will gather in the Little Theatre for the inside portion of the program, where they will hear from guest speakers from the Illinois State Troopers and the Illinois Secretary of State's Office.

For more information on "Operation Prom Night" please call (773) 775-6616, Ext. 12.

Smoking Cessation Workshop at Advocate LGH

Turn over a new leaf this Spring by kicking that smoking habit. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering an eight-session smoking cessation workshop. "Freedom from Smoking" classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings beginning May 7 through June 25.

"Freedom from Smoking" was developed by the American Lung Association and was designed to help smokers kick the habit permanently. The program focuses on behavior modification and relaxation techniques. Participants will learn skills to change the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States.

The fee for the course is \$175. \$25 will be returned upon successful program completion. To register for the program, call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

Niles Park District Babysitting Class

Niles Park District invites you to register for the Babysitting class. This program will give children 5th grade and older a strong foundation in handling the responsibilities of babysitting. The program will cover basic First Aid, foreign body airway obstruction, routine diaper and feeding for the novice babysitter. This program follows the American Red Cross program. Class will include hands on training scenarios, and the topic of community - who to call, when to call and where to go. The goal of this class is to instill confidence in your son/daughter and the ability to manage a crisis should one arise. Class will be held Saturday May 17 from 10-1 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Program fee is Resident \$25; Non-Resident \$30. Call (847) 967-6633 to register.

Charity takes hair donations

A high school girl decided after seeing her friend's hair lost to cancer treatments.

A store manager made her donation after she was inspired by her 12-year-old niece.

So what is it they did? They donated lengths of their hair to Locks of Love, in Florida.

The organization receives about 1,500 hair donations per week, said Susan Stone, executive director. About 80 percent of donated hair comes from children or teenagers, Stone said.

Locks of Love prefers donations in 10 inch lengths, although it can use shorter lengths

as well.

Hair arrives either in braids or in pony-tails, which makes it easier to separate and match strands by length and color.

To get the finished product, Locks of Love works from head molds of plaster-of-paris submitted with the hairline drawn in.

A California manufacturer uses the molds to make a hard plastic form and, from that, a silicone cap.

The silicone cap is shipped to Indonesia where attaching individual hairs into the cap is done by hand. Each piece requires

about 150,000 hairs close to the same length, although the completed hairpiece can be cut or styled.

The rubber-like cap allows a tight fit on the girl's head so she can swim, shower, even hang upside down, without losing the piece.

Such custom hair pieces would sell between \$3,500 and \$6,000, but most are given free because patients and/or parents cannot afford the price.

Locks of Love is located at 2925 10th Avenue N, Suite 102, in Lake Worth, FL 33461.

Phone numbers are (561) 963-1677 or (888) 896-1588.

A Visit with Mr. Bunny



Julia and Morgan Harbison took time out from a busy day of shopping to visit with "Mr. Bunny" at Golf Mill Mall

Register Early for Fall Classes at OCC

Classes available for the fall 2003 semester can be found online at www.oakton.edu or in the Fall Credit Class Schedule, which can be picked up at Oakton's DesPlaines campus, 1600 East Golf Road, or Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 North Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

Oakton offers several options for registration. Students can register online at <http://webreg.oakton.edu>. In-person registration is available at both campuses Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., until May 23; and Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., from May 26 through Aug. 15. Students who have applied to or have attended Oakton within the last three years also may use the Touch-Tone registration system

on Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to register by phone, dial (847) 635-1616 and refer to the computer ID number listed by the course title in the Fall Credit Class Schedule. For more information about fall classes, contact Student Services at (847) 635-1741 (Des Plaines) or (847) 635-1417 (Skokie).

Tuley High School All Class Reunion

Tuley High School is having an All Class Reunion, on October 11, 2003, at the Chateau Ritz, Niles, Illinois. tuley4ever.cc or call Carol (Babicz) Riehl at (773) 775-9510.

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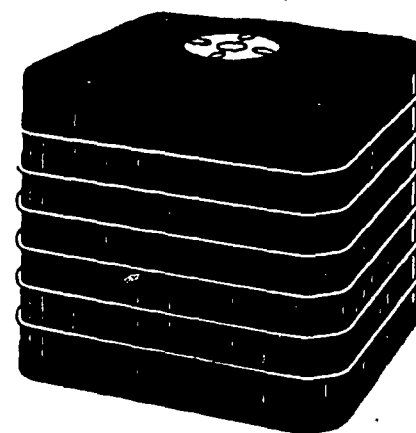
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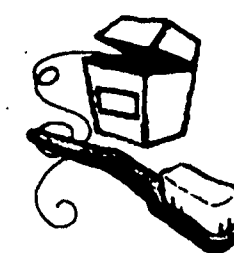
Heritage Fest May 4

Join in a celebration of unity and diversity in our community. On Sunday, May 4, 2003 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Harrer Park, 6240 W. Dempster, the Morton Grove Historical Museum is hosting a Heritage Fest which will recognize the variety of people who have come to live together in the local community. Enjoy dancing, games, fashions and food from some of the different cultures that enrich local life. Students from Niles West High School, Maine East High School and other community groups will help in this celebration that is free to the public. This event is made possible by a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/ Illinois State Museum.

Niles West students participate in prairie burn



Christopher Barnett's AP Environmental Science students at Niles West High School brave the heat while controlling the spread of fire during a recent burn of the school's Prairie Restoration Project. This plot is set alight every couple of years to simulate the effect of lightning on a natural prairie area and to help rejuvenate the land. The Niles West Prairie Restoration Project is maintained by the school as a tool to better understand the ecology of the area and to teach students of all ages what the Illinois landscape was like hundreds of years ago.



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Woodlands project stalls on condo question

A condominium project at 6301 Lincoln Avenue was rejected 5-2 by the Morton Grove Plan Commission recently, ruling on grounds that the buildings are too big for their proposed location.

Developers of the Woodlands condominium project want to drop previous plans for a 200-unit senior assisted-living building and erect the condominium units instead.

Funding for the senior units has not been forthcoming and McShane Corp., the developer, has tried unsuccessfully for three years to find an operator for the facility.

An attorney for the project said the developer is concerned with the uncertainty of not knowing what will go in there, proposing condominiums instead.

The proposed buildings would contain 156 units and increase the number of units from 234 at present spread over three buildings, to 390 units over five

buildings.

Commissioners generally felt the six-story buildings are too high and dense for that location; however, two did vote in favor, saying that while the plan is not ideal, it has more chance of seeing completion than the senior housing plan.

The village board will next consider the plan May 12.

OLR Students Give a Pat on the Back



To promote good character and nurture self-esteem, the second graders at Our Lady of Ransom School gave each other a "pat on the back." First, the children paired off and thought of live positive comments describing each other. After writing one comment on each finger of a paper hand shape, each child read his partner's positive comments aloud. They then "patted their partners on their backs" with the hand shape and let it remain there for the rest of the day.

Pictured are Melissa Balitaan (left) giving Jenny Cichon a "pat on the back" as part of a building good character program at Our Lady of Ransom School.

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Dist. 219 keeps writing centers staffing plan

A move to amend the staffing plan for District 219's writing centers was defeated by outcry from faculty, parents and students alike.

Teachers' Union President

Niles Baseball League

Attention Special Events Editor:

The Niles Baseball League chartered since 1958 is pleased to announce that on Saturday, May 10, 2003 our annual opening day parade kicking off our 45th season will be held beginning on the site of the Notre Dame Parking Lot located at Ozark and Dempster, Niles, IL. In conjunction with approximately 200 tee-ball players and 250 girls softball players from the Niles Park District and some 400 NBL ball players, we are planning to assemble between 9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m. the parade will depart onto Ozark marching south toward Main Street and then head west towards Oketo and Southwards towards Grennan Heights Park (diamond #1) where the opening day ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m.

We would greatly appreciate your publicizing this event and making it a special day for the children of Niles and adjacent areas. Many of our players have participated in this NBL program since Tee Ball and are still participating in the A.A. and A.A.A. upper leagues thanks to the support of fine people and organizations like yours.

Sincerely,
Frank DeCicco
NBL Opening Day Chairman

Stress Reduction Seminar at Advocate LGH

The Counseling Center of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will hold a one-day Stress Reduction through Relaxation and Visualization seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge.

The seminar is designed to assist individuals who have stress-related symptoms such as trouble sleeping, overeating, smoking, headaches, alcohol or drug use, low energy, missed days of work due to illness, or stress-related illness such as T.M.J., colitis, ulcers and asthma.

Participants will learn about stress reduction through relaxation and visualization, and will practice techniques to quiet the mind and cope with stressful patterns in life. The instructor for the seminar is Julie Milne, licensed clinical professional counselor at The Counseling Center.

The cost for the seminar is \$80 plus \$15 for materials. For more information or to register, call (847) 518-1800.

Dan Montgomery referred to the writing centers "the most influential education tool we have, outside of everyday teaching."

The school board administration had proposed reorganizing staffing at the centers by doubling the number of assigned teachers from 5 to 10.

Critics of the proposal charged that doing so would disturb the established continuity.

The changes suggested would have saved the district about \$136,000 annually, according to the administration, but trustees and the teachers' union reached agreement on how to pay for the program in its present format.

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Vote delayed on Skokie's smoking ban

Skokie trustees put off the vote for a village smoking ban, at least for the time being.

The proposed smoking ordinance backed by Skokie Board of Health would ban smoking in all workplaces, including restaurants, bowling alleys and bars, and would require smokers to stay 25 feet away from buildings serving as workplaces.

At the recent meeting trustees struggled to find a compromise to help restaurants, bars and tavern owners, but still protect workers.

The session drew about 175

people from both camps and fifty-six speakers who addressed the board.

The restaurant business is struggling to stay alive in these difficult economic times, said Edward Copeland, general manager of Howard Johnson Hotel and Don's Fishmarket.

We're concerned that staffs will leave if they're required to move 25 feet away from the building for a smoke, Copeland said.

The matter is on the agenda of the next meeting, July 7.

M-NASR offers Summer Day Camps

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) Summer Day Camp brochure is now available and registration is being accepted. A wide range of camps for children and youth with special needs is offered by M-NASR. A staff-to-participant ratio of 4 to 1 allows for individual attention, a structured environment and a safe, happy summer day camp experience for all.

Activities at camp vary with interest and ability, but may include: arts and crafts, games, sports, swimming and field trips. All activities are designed to im-

prove physical and social skills, and participants are grouped according to age and ability.

Early bird registration, which offers a discounted fee, is available until May 16. After that time, regular registrations will be accepted through May 23. Camp begins on June 16 and runs in two week sessions ending on August 8. Participants can choose any and all sessions that fit their schedules.

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Two Maine twp. teachers win prizes, grants

Two teachers, one at Maine South and one at Maine East High Schools, received teaching awards from technology-giant Radio Shack.

The corporation presents awards to math, science and technology teachers based on

their commitment to the class and their innovative approach to teaching.

Maine South's Ken Sorenson, a biology teacher, plans to spend his \$500 grant on enlarging his beehive.

Each year Sorenson teaches a unit on honeybees. This year he will enlarge the observation hive to twice its present size.

The present hive, in a storage room, is a wood-and-plastic affair with an access tube to outdoors.

Maine East's Sharon Cannavino, a biology teacher for bilingual and ESL students, will use her grant to buy class reading material.

Radio Shack has given these teaching awards for 14 years.

The awards were distributed at the National Science Teachers Association meeting in March, in Philadelphia.

Exceptional Children's Field Events Day

The Niles North High School CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) Club will hold its eleventh annual Field Events Day on Sunday, May 4. Children aged three to eleven with disabilities will enjoy the contests which include ball throws, obstacle course, dashes, jump rope, bowling, and more. Parents must accompany their child when participating in each event. All events will take place in the Field House at 9800 North Lawler, Skokie (enter through back of school). The day's schedule is as follows:

11:30 a.m. -- Registration, 12 p.m. -- Opening Ceremony, and 2 p.m. -- Awards Ceremony. All children who enter will receive lunch, a T-shirt, and a winner's ribbon. There is no entrance fee, but participants must register by calling Ms. Hyun Song at (847) 626-2365.

Families with children with disabilities are encouraged to take part in this enjoyable day in

which children can take part in fun activities, make friends, and receive awards. Field Events Day kicks off the beginning of Exceptional Children's Week which will be held May 4 to 10, and is aimed at awareness of individuals with disabilities. Please contact Ms. Song at (847) 626-2365 for more information.

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Congregation Bnai Emunah will be joining the Chicago Jewish Community's Israel Solidarity Day, featuring the Walk with Israel, on Sunday, May 4, 2003. This year's festivities will take place at McCormick Place Lakeside Center. Free bus transportation to and from Bnai Emunah will be available. Please call the synagogue office at (847) 674-9292 to reserve your place on the bus.

Congregation Bnai Emunah is a conservative, egalitarian synagogue located at 9131 Niles Center, Skokie.

Niles Park District



Congratulations to Kaylin Hack, Bridget Lappe, Kristie Hack, Becky Janus and Megan Murray, winners at the 2003 Ceramic Craft & Doll Expo at Pheasant Run in March. They are pictured with their winning ceramic pieces. They are students in Kathy Zyrkowski's ceramic class at the Niles Park District. For information on our classes, call us at (847) 967-6633.

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Edward Jones: Get Familiar With Basics of Estate Planning

If you still have many years to go until retirement, you may not consider drawing up an estate plan to be a high priority. And yet, as long as you have a family and financial assets, you do need to think about estate planning - no matter what age you are.

Of course, you may be aware that the Tax Relief Act of 2001 repealed estate taxes for the year 2010, while reducing them gradually before then. Doesn't that mean you don't have to worry about burdening your heirs with estate taxes?

It's not quite that clear. Current law repeals the estate tax only in the year 2010 and there is uncertainty over what will happen in the following years. Laws affecting estate taxes could easily change many times over the next several years. Also, comprehensive estate planning covers more than just taxes. You still need to determine who gets what. You still want to reduce costly and expensive delays in distributing your estate. And you still need to make arrangements to have someone act in your best interests if you become incapacitated.

To address these and other issues, start familiarizing yourself with these basic elements of estate planning:

- Proper titling of assets** - It's important that all your assets - your house, property, bank accounts, retirement plans, stocks, bonds, etc., be properly titled in terms of legal ownership. You may want these assets listed in your individual name in joint tenancy or in the name of your living trust.
- Beneficiary designations** - You need to make sure that your beneficiary designations are always updated and consistent with your overall estate plan. For example, if you name a spouse as a beneficiary on your life insurance and you later divorce and remarry, you'll need to change the beneficiary on your policy.
- Will** - A will spells out how you want your assets distributed. If you don't have a will, your assets may be distributed according to state law. If that happens, your heirs may not get what you had intended for them to receive. A will is also the document in which you can name a guardian for small children.
- Living trust** - For many people a simple will by itself, may not be sufficient. For one thing, if you only have a will, your assets may still have to go through the time-consuming and potentially expensive process of probate. A well-designed living trust, though, can bypass probate and give you more control over how and when your assets will be distributed.
- Durable power of attorney** - When you set up a durable power of attorney, you name someone to act for you if you become mentally or physically unable to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf.
- Health care directive** - By drawing up a health care directive, you authorize, in advance, the kinds of health care you would or would not want if for whatever reason you cannot communicate for yourself in your health care directive, you can name someone to make health care decisions for you, leave written instructions to help others in making those decisions or even do both.

We've just looked at the "bare bones" of all these estate-planning elements. To get a fuller understanding of these issues, and to draw up a comprehensive estate plan, consult a legal advisor who is experienced in these matters. And once you've got an estate plan, revisit it periodically to make sure your arrangements reflect the changes in your life that will invariably come your way.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard T. Hocking Municipal Center, 6101 Capulus Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

CASE 1395
Requesting a variation from Section 2.5.5.4 of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to construct a sunroom at the back of the existing house:

Distance Between Principal Structure and Accessory Structure	Required	Requested	Variation Necessary
	10.00 feet	3.00 feet	7.00 feet

The parcel is located in the R-2 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 8930 Cherry Street, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is John Cibulskis.

CASE 1396
Requesting a variation from Section 6.2.10.1 of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to allow use of an old driveway for off-street parking:

Off-street Parking	Required	Requested	Variation Necessary
	No parking in front yard	Parking in front yard	Parking in front yard

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All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Steven Blomz
Chairman

Program to explore hearing aids and listening devices

"Higher Technology Hearing Aids and Listening Devices" will be the title of a free community education program that will take place at Holy Family Medical Center, 100 North River Road, on May 5 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Licensed audiologists from Holy Family Medical Center will discuss hearing loss and the hearing aid decision-making process. They will also cover detailed information about programmable, digital and disposable hearing aids and assistive listening devices. Participants will have the chance to listen to higher technology hearing aids and see how computer adjustments can be made to the hearing aids.

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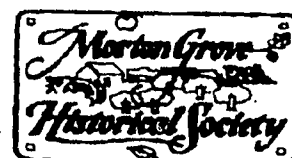
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Thank you to the following members and friends of our community for participating in this event: Ethnic Clubs from Niles West and Maine East High Schools, the Muslim Community Center, the Mazovia Children's Polish Dance Group, the Sheila Tully School of Irish Dance, the Glenview Square Dancers, and others.

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Sadly, many well-intentioned family members and executors have unknowingly disposed of family heirlooms and valuable household treasures that were intended to be passed on by the owner to their heirs. When the owner is unable to communicate their wishes, the family, burdened with the responsibility of disposing of a lifetime of possessions, is not able to fulfill the owner's wishes.

Jim Frugoli of June Moon Estate Sales in Des Plaines recommends that property owners take steps now to protect family heirlooms and valuable personal possessions from being mistakenly thrown away or unknowingly sold for pennies at a garage sale. The procedure is simple and can be done on a daily basis while living in the home.

All family heirlooms should be marked as such with a tag and a brief note as to their importance to the family history. If there are a

number of heirloom items a listing and description can be included with a will or placed in a safety deposit box. Family members will then know that these items are special and should be given special attention. Be as thorough as possible in describing the heirloom as you may be the only one who understands its significance and knows its true family history. Use dates and names to make your description complete.

Decorative or personal items you believe to be valuable but are not sure should be marked so that an executor can know to check them before disposing of or selling them. If you have had items appraised indicate that on the tag. A small adhesive label is fine to tag ceramic, metal or wood items. Paper items should have a paper note inside or carefully attached so they are not damaged. And, of course, family photos with historical importance should be so marked. Photos from generations ago are usually of little value to family members unless the subject is marked with names, dates and places.

June Moon Estate Sales can evaluate items for a fee if you do not require a professional appraisal. This can give some idea as to an item's worth or significance. There are also books on antiques and collectibles in the library, at most bookstores and there is in-

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The time you spend to properly indicate family heirlooms and treasures for your family will bring rewards for generations. You may now be the keeper of the family history and your grandchildren and great-grandchildren will thank you for your foresight and thoughtfulness.

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REGISTRATION

Mail-in/Drop-off registration due by 5 p.m., Friday, May 2. Use registration form in the May Program Guide accompanied with payment (check or credit card if by mail). In-person registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, providing space is available.

• **Evening at the Center: Humor in Health: It's the Laughter You're After - Monday, May 12, 5 to 8 p.m. \$8.** Health comedian, Dr. Ed Dunkleblau, Past President of the Association of Physicians for Applied & Therapeutic use of Humor, will make you laugh as he discusses the importance of humor in health. Check in at 5 p.m. for Tri-Color Tortellini with Grilled Chicken Breast. Then laugh yourself to better health.

• **Conversational Polish - Mondays & Thursdays, June 2 to July 10, 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$30.** Have you ever wanted to learn to speak Polish? Here's your chance! Learn the Basics of the language. This is a 6-week class. Register early, space is limited.

• **Microsoft Excel - Wednesdays, June 4 to July 2, 4 to 5:30 p.m. \$20.** Learn the basics. How to create spreadsheets & charts, analyze your data and much more. This is a 5-week class.

• **Introduction to Windows - Wednesdays, June 4 to July 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m. \$20.** Learn the fundamentals of Windows. Includes instruction, handouts and lab time. Learn how to get your computer working for you! This is a 5-week class.

• **Wednesday Evenings at the Center - 5 to 8 p.m.** We will be showing Hollywood Musicals. Grandchildren welcome!

• **June 4 - South Pacific, June 11 - Fiddle on the Roof, June 18 - West Side Story, June 25 - The Lion King.**

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• **2nd Look at Microsoft Word - Wednesdays, June 11 to July 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$20.** Brush up on your Word skills. Get answers to your questions. Learn more complex functions such as creating columns, how to use store bought products, inserting symbols and tables, just to name a few. This is a 4-week class.

HEALTH FAIR & SENIOR FITNESS DAY

Wednesday, May 28, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Comprehensive Blood Screening by MyHealthLink available by appointment only (847) 590-0200. During the Health Fair, other FREE screenings will be available including hearing, back screenings, foot exams, blood pressure, vision, and fall screenings. Seniors can also test their individual fitness levels in the Niles Fitness Center. This event is sponsored by the Village of Niles. Contact the Senior Center for more details.

Once-a-Year Infusion for Osteoporosis Research

Physicians at the Northwestern Center for Clinical Research are currently evaluating the safety and effectiveness of a once-yearly infusion for the treatment of osteoporosis. This study is part of an overall clinical program known as HORIZON (Health Outcomes and Reduced Incidence with Zoledronic Acid Once Yearly). There are 70 participating centers in the United States, enrolling approximately 2,000 patients.

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Women between the ages of 65 and 89 may be eligible to participate. Eligible participants will make 7-10 visits over 3 years. Study participants will receive all study-related care, including a bone density exam, at no cost.

For more information, call the Northwestern Center for Clinical Research at (312) 503-6227.

Morton Grove Seniors

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 7. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which will provide a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

"COLOR YOUR LANDSCAPE" LECTURE - CANCELLED

The "Color Your Landscape" lecture scheduled for May 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center has been cancelled. We apologize for this inconvenience.

MEMBERS BRING-A-FRIEND DANCE SHOW & SOCIAL

Members of the Morton Grove Senior Center are welcome to this special event planned from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14 in the Main Hall. The "TNT" dance group is a 17-member group of energetic senior ladies who will perform a one-hour program on the history of dance from African to modern. Following the program there will be desserts, tea and coffee. This free program is open to all Morton Grove Senior Center members who bring a non-member friend. Registration is required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

SENIORS AND THE FUTURE

Join other seniors from the northern suburbs to express opinions about federally funding for services for Older Americans in the suburban area Cook County area. The Suburban Area Agency on Aging will host this hearing starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Seniors who wish, can also take in lunch at the Morton Grove Lunch Bunch following the hearing. Lunch reservations are required and can be made by calling the Lunch Bunch (847) 967-5876.

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New Beginnings

New Beginnings chorus, under the direction of Mary Jane Robinson will present their Spring Concert "We're Putting On a Show" on Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 330 W. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights. Tickets are \$7. Refreshments will be served. For more information and tickets, call Joan at (847) 259-0189.

'Crossing Delancey' Opens at Oakton Community College

Discount Offered for May 11 Performance. Move over destiny and make room for two lonely hearts looking for love in the Performing Arts at Oakton production of "Crossing Delancey," May 2-17, in Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road in Des Plaines. In honor of Mother's Day, a special two-for-one discount is available for the matinee performance on Sunday, May 11.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$8 for group and Partner in Performance (PIP) members. Tickets for May 11 are two for \$8. Tickets can be purchased through the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. [To learn about discounts for groups of 15 or more, call Karol Verson at (847) 635-2185.]

Pasta & Pops Annual Dinner May 3

Tickets are now on sale for the 23rd annual Pasta & Pops dinner/concert sponsored by Niles West music students and the Music Parents' Association. This popular event typically sells out, so don't delay. Pasta & Pops will be held May 3 in the Niles West Contest Gym at 5701 W. Oakton Street in Skokie. Use the auditorium entrance. A mostaccioli dinner, including salad, bread, beverage and dessert, will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. and the entertainment will be provided by all the musical groups - bands, choirs, orchestras and color guard - from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Raffles and door prizes will add to the festivities.

Dinner tickets are \$12 each and may be reserved by calling Sandy at (847) 679-6441. These are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and traditionally sell out, so call and reserve now. Dessert-only tickets are available for \$5 each at the door. Dessert-only ticket holders will be seated on the second level balcony.

Pasta & Pops is the principal fundraiser for the Niles West Music Parents' Association. Proceeds from the event are used to support the high school music program and to provide scholarships and financial assistance for music students.

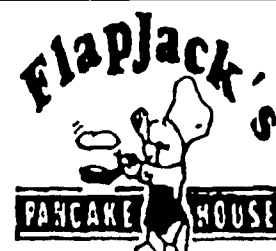
Jefferson Park to Hold Spring Concert

The Chicago Park District's City-Wide Orchestra will present a free spring concert on Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. in the Jefferson Park Auditorium located at 4822 N. Long Avenue in Chicago.

Selections from "The Sound of Music," "Oklahoma!" and "Flower Drum Song" will be highlighted. Alex Gudimov will be the featured harmonica soloist. The orchestra is conducted by Mr. Chung Park.

Seating is limited for this free performance. Refreshments will be served. More information is available by calling the park at (312) 742-7609, weekdays from 2-9 p.m.

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Niles Public Library District Programs

Spring Film Series. The Spring Film Series is presented the last Tuesday of each month. Movies begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. This free series features new and classic films geared for adults. No registration is required. For a list of the featured films, please call the Library at (847) 663-6640 or visit the Library's website at www.nileslibrary.org.

Etiquette the Focus of Mother/Daughter Tea. Join us for our annual Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m. at the Niles Public Library district. Etiquette consultant Patricia O'Brien will discuss the history and etiquette of afternoon tea. Don't forget to wear your hats and gloves! Refreshments will be served. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please register at the Library Information Desk or call (847) 663-1234.

BloodHag Rocks the Stacks at the Library. Get ready to rock with BloodHag, a Seattle heavy metal band that's heavy into science fiction on Saturday, May 3 at 4 p.m. at the Library. Dedicated to the promotion of literacy in a heavy metal format, BloodHag

kicks-off their *Unabridged Library Tour* this month with concerts at libraries and clubs throughout the United States. Learn about the greatest authors of science fiction and fantasy during each song, a short speed metal bio. You'll be banging your head as you scour the stacks! Don't miss the band's only library show in Chicago and our first live rock concert. For more information, please call the Library at (847) 663-1234.

An Evening With Theodore Roosevelt. Meet Theodore Roosevelt live and in person through the talents of veteran actor Derek Evans on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Library. Traveling through his days as a soldier, conservationist, athlete, philosopher, adventurer, Nobel Prize winner, scholar, teacher, visionary, father and 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt comes to life with amazing clarity and surprising present-day similarities. Don't miss this must-see performance. Registration is required. Please register at the Library Information Desk or call (847) 663-1234.

House Moves to Protect Women's Access to Clinics

The Illinois House passed legislation Tuesday sponsored by Representative Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook) that will prohibit obstruction of or interference with those seeking to obtain services at a reproductive health clinic.

"Women and clinic employees are subject to increasing harassment at health services facilities

in Illinois," Nekritz said. "We must step up law enforcement and provide increased access to the local courts to protect these individuals. This legislation makes it an offense to interfere with or physically obstruct anyone entering a clinic in Illinois."

House Bill 2486 makes it illegal to block the entrance to a reproductive health services facility by force, threat of force, physical injury, intimidation or interference. The bill mirrors a current federal law but gives state and local law enforcement more authority to act. Nekritz allayed fears from some legislators that the law would prevent protesters from exercising their First Amendment right to approach

women in front of abortion clinics.

"This bill addresses inappropriate conduct, not speech. We are not trying to prohibit someone walking up and handing out a pamphlet," Nekritz said. "Courts have indicated that the language in this bill does not limit free speech. Instead it focuses on the physical obstruction of someone seeking the services they need at a clinic."

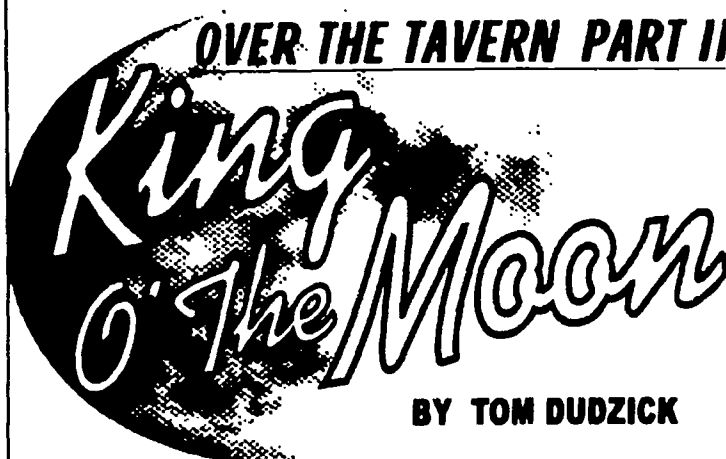
HB 2486 passed the House and is now awaiting action in the Senate.

Rep. Nekritz, a resident of Northbrook, represents the 57th District.

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Niles West stages classic 'The Crucible'

The Niles West Theater Department will close the season with Arthur Miller's classic parable of mass hysteria "The Crucible" to be performed at 7:30 p.m., May 9 and 10 in the Robert L. Johnson Auditorium at 5701 West Oakton in Skokie. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased by calling the Box Office at (847) 626-2633. A free community performance will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8.

"The Crucible" draws a chilling parallel between the Salem witchhunt of 1692 and the McCarthyism that gripped America in the 1950s. The story of how the small community of Salem is stirred into madness by superstition, paranoia and malice, is a savage attack on the evils of mindless persecution and the terrifying power of false accusations.

The cast of "The Crucible" (in order of appearance): Kate Schmid as Tituba; Mallory Portnoy as Abigail Williams; Diane Teng as Mercy Lewis; Samantha Meron as Ruth Putnam; Sandra Israel as Mary Warren; Ingrid Koeljan as Susanna Wolcott; Lizzy Brodsky as Betty Parris; Linda Lim. Sarah Perimeter, and Nina

Michael Berger, assistant director; Giselle Ghofrani, production assistant; Sam Rosen, stage manager; Rachel West, assistant stage manager and deck captain; Francine G. Schulman, costume designer; Anne LaManna, head dresser; Margo Chervony, hair manager; Julia Macholl, make-up assistant; Karen Petratos, lighting designer; Matt Grinko, technical director; A. J. Tarzian, student technical director; Joe Cabrera, properties manager; Mike Ardashnikov and Mark Mangoba, sound designers; Megan West, master flyman; Sam Rosen, graphic designer; E. J. Ladlad and Sandra Israel, publicity managers; Claire Rogoski, house manager; Paul Barbato, head usher, and Chelly Brodsky and Kate Schmid, dramaturgs.

Tiberi as Girls of Salem; George Kinas as Reverend Samuel Parris; Joe Cabrera as Thomas Putnam; Chelly Brodsky as Ann Putnam; Pam Wilcox as Rebecca Nurse; Diego Colon as Giles Corey; Josh Solomon as John Proctor; Michael Budzik as Reverend John Hale; Dale Mackey as Elizabeth Proctor; Adrian Brizones as Ezekiel Cheever; Dan Rosenthal as Marshall Herrick.

Senate Approves Simplifying Foreign Adoptions in Illinois

The Illinois Senate today approved legislation to make the adoption of foreign children less complicated for Illinois families, according to State Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge).

The legislation (SB 180) allows adoptive parents to obtain a Record of Foreign Birth for their adopted child when federal law does not require re-adoption in the State of residence. Current law requires a certificate of adoption from an Illinois court before a Record of Foreign Birth can be issued.

The need for this legislation came to Sullivan's attention when one of his constituents, April Sakaeda approached him about the problem. Sakaeda is a parent from Park Ridge. The legislation is an attempt to match Illinois law with current federal statutes.

"Anyone who has gone through an adoption process knows how much work is involved," Sullivan said. "There is no reason to complicate the process unnecessarily. This is a constituent driven bill and it was my honor to carry this legislation for her."

The measure now moves to the Illinois House of Representatives for further consideration.

Remember Mother's Day With Flowers

Members of the Knights of Columbus, North American Martyrs Council, will be selling flowers after each Mass on Saturday, May 10 & Sunday, May 11, at the main church entrances, east and south side of St. John Brebeuf Church.

All proceeds will be given to Women's Center, Chicago. The money will help someone that needs charitable assistance. Here's a way to show mom you care and help other moms in need. Please be generous!

Garrett/Nekritz reception planned

State Senator Susan Garrett (D-29th) and State Representative Elaine Nekritz (D-57th) will host an informal reception at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Street, in Des Plaines between 5 and 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5. Residents of the 29th State Senate District and the 57th Legislative district are invited to attend this event to meet their new State Senator and State Representative. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, contact the office so State Senator Susan Garrett at (847) 433-2002, or the office of State Representative Elaine Nekritz at (847) 257-0450.

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The Morton Grove Police Department immediately activated the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) for the investigation.

The recovered human remains are currently being examined at the Cook County Medical Examiners Office. Final results of the examination are not yet available.

There is no additional information at this time with regards to the investigation.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, please call the NORTAF TIP LINE: (847) 853-7580

FPDCC Reminds Public of Fire Safety Awareness

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County reminds Cook County residents to remain vigilant about the need for fire safety awareness when enjoying or passing District lands, especially during the Spring and Fall months. The cool and occasionally dry conditions often present during these months is optimal for wildfires started by various combustibles, such as charcoal dumped by picnickers and discarded cigarettes from individuals driving by District holdings.

"Certain times of the year, like Spring and Fall, present a higher risk for wildfires, so we ask that the public employ a common sense approach to discarding their combustibles - disposing of smoking materials properly and dousing hot charcoal briquettes with water," said Richard Newhard, Director of the District's Department of Resource Management.

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Eagle Scout to be Honored in Front of Family, Friends



A young Morton Grove man will become an Eagle Scout this weekend. After 12 years of scouting, 18-year-old Steven Dogiakos will be honored in front of his family and friends at his Eagle Court of Honor. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 4 at 1 p.m. in the Village of Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center. The Eagle is the highest award attainable in the Boys Scouts of America's advancement program.

Steve's scouting career culminated with an Eagle project which involved cleaning out a portion of the Chicago River. The area of the river that he worked on is located in the Linne Woods area of Morton Grove. The river had become dammed up with a large fallen tree and had become a dumping area after the bridge had been replaced. Concrete blocks, tables

and trash were all pulled from the river during the clean up project.

Under Steve's leadership, the river returned to normal levels and the flow of the river helped the local habitat and vegetation. Steve worked with officials of the Cook County Forest Preserve, the Friends of the Forest Preserve, Friends of the Chicago River and his troop committee to obtain permission and approval to work on the project. Approximately 20 Scouts, Scout volunteers and other adult volunteers assisted Steve on the project.

Steve is a senior at Niles West High School and a graduate of Park View School in Morton Grove. Park View is the sponsoring organization for Troop 228. Steve is also currently a lifeguard at the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston.

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Sullivan on Task Force on Environmental Issues

State Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge) has been selected to serve on a national task force, which provides valuable information and insight into the complicated issues facing state legislatures.

Sullivan will be serving on the Environmental Task Force for the 2003 and 2004 term. The task force is part of the Council of State Governments, which tracks national trends, advocates multi-state problem solving and cham-

pions state sovereignty.

Senator Sullivan is the Republican Spokesman on the Senate Environment and Energy Committee. He was the lead sponsor of the landmark telecommunications reform legislation that has improved customer service, opened up competition in local phone service and saved consumers more than \$130 million. He also sponsored legislation last spring to extend the ComEd electric rate freeze.

Tax Breaks Available to Commuters

With tax day upon us, the Chicago Transit Authority reminds commuters they can lower their taxes next year by taking advantage of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and CTA Transit Benefit program. The program provides a tax benefit to both employers and employees.

"Transit Benefit provides substantial savings to public transit customers and their employers by enabling them to purchase fares with pre-tax earnings," said CTA President Frank Kruesi. "Reducing a commuter's transit expenses through tax savings is a great benefit for those who use public transportation on a regular basis and a great incentive to encourage more commuters to come aboard."

Participants' monthly pre-tax deductions can be up to \$100, which enables employees to save \$200 to \$465 in taxes annually by paying for transit with pre-tax dollars set aside from their paychecks. Commuters can use the program to purchase the unlimited ride \$75, 30-Day Pass; and \$30, \$35 and \$60 passes. Reduced fare and Paratransit passes also are available through Transit Benefit. The \$65 Transit Card is no longer available. RTA Transit Checks can be purchased for any amount between \$10 and \$100. Employees may purchase

CTA Transit Cards and/or RTA Transit Checks and have them delivered to their workplaces. Payment options include: setting aside pre-tax income of up to \$100 per month per employee, a company-sponsored, tax-deductible subsidy or a combination of both.

Transit Benefit positively impacts the environment by encouraging the use of public transportation. Other benefits of the program include reduced commuting and parking costs for employees, reduced absenteeism and improved employee morale and productivity.

Employers benefit by getting an annual payroll tax savings of approximately 10 percent of what their employees set aside due to decreased payroll costs. Currently 1,800 employers and 40,000 employees in the Chicagoland area are enrolled in the Transit Benefit Program.

CTA Transit Benefit sales for 2002 were \$12 million, a 103 percent increase over \$5.9 million in 2001. Combined sales of the RTA/CTA Transit Benefit program in 2002 was \$57.7 million, a 45 percent increase over 2001 sales.

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Military Pay Boost Bill To Be Signed by President Bush

A measure drafted by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Ted Stevens (R-AK), Daniel Inouye (D-HI) and John Warner (R-VA) to raise combat pay and increase family support payments to American military personnel was approved by both the U.S. House and Senate this weekend as part of the \$75 billion supplemental appropriation requested by the President to fund the war in Iraq. The bill now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Durbin's provision would increase Imminent Danger Pay (also known as combat pay) from \$150 per month to \$225 per month and would boost the Family Separation Allowance for military families from \$100 per month to \$250 per month. Both pay provisions are retroactive to October 1, 2002.

"We have asked our American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen to put their lives on the line and to bear the burdens of combat. It is not fair to ask them to bear a heavy financial burden as well," Durbin said. "If we want to continue to have the finest armed forces in the world, we must take care to fairly compensate military personnel for their service in

combat and to provide the additional support their families need in the face of lengthy separations."

Durbin noted that military deployment can leave families with increased child care costs and health care costs not covered by TRICARE, such as counseling for children having a difficult time with their parents' deployment. In addition, families incur additional costs in preparing for deployment, communicating with deployed personnel and traveling to mobilization briefings, which can be held in other states.

The measure earned high marks from the country's largest military family organization, the National Military Family Association. The National Military Family Association was founded in 1969 and continues to promote and protect the interests of military families.

"The National Military Family Association is very grateful for the Senator's leadership in alleviating some of the cost of deployment faced by military families. We are grateful for the recognition by Congress that the well-being of the military family is a vital factor in the readiness of the servicemember," said Joyce Raezer, Director of Government Relations of the National Military Family Association.

St. Jude 'Dream Home' Open to Public

Residential Homes of America has opened the St. Jude "Dream Home" to the public, giving everyone who visits not only the opportunity to buy a \$100 ticket to win the brand new \$420,000 Dream Home, but also a free chance to win a \$10,000 shopping spree from Walter E. Smith's Custom Furniture.

"This is a separate drawing, open only to those who come out to see the St. Jude house," said Ann Danner, President of Residential Homes of America. "No purchase is necessary to win the furniture - we just want everyone to come see this beautiful home that has been built with so much talent and love."

All of the materials and labor to build the house have been donated. Residential Homes of America donated the lot in their Greens of Turnberry development and coordinated construction of the St. Jude "Dream Home." The four bedroom, two and one half bath home features an English basement, fireplace, deck and many upgraded features. The Dream Home will be raffled for the benefit of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on CBS2 Chicago TV on June 29.

The "Dream Home," located in the Greens of Turnberry in Lake-wood, IL (off of Bard Road and Farrell Drive) will be open every Saturday and Sunday through June 22, 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

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The program is designed for people who have a basic familiarity with computers, and have used the World Wide Web, but don't always feel that they are getting the most out of it. People who attend will learn how to decide which search engine to use and how to put together quick and successful searches. The program will also cover how to evaluate Web pages. Some of the most popular and useful Web sites and services will be reviewed, so that research on the Web can be fun instead of frustrating.

Handouts of the tips that are presented will be available, as well as bibliographies of Internet sites prepared by library staff.

For information or to register, please phone the Registration Desk at (847) 376-2787.

Evening Book Discussion Features *Back When We Were Grownups*.

Library Assistant Jeanne Meyer will lead a discussion of *Back When We Were Grownups* by Anne Tyler at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at the Des Plaines Public Library. The program is free, but advance registration is required. Books are available at the Registration Desk one month prior.

Tyler's novel revolves around 53-year-old widow Rebecca Davitch, who suddenly begins to question the choices she has made in her life. Married at 20 to an older man with three children, then widowed five years later, she became the anchor for her own child and her stepchildren. She also maintained the family's party planning and catering business. Readers join her on her quest for her "true self" as she wonders what would have happened had she kept to her academic pursuits and married her college boyfriend, who is divorced and lives nearby.

Anne Tyler was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. She graduated at 19 from Duke University and did graduate work at Columbia University. *Back When We Were Grownups* is her 15th novel. *Breathing Lessons*, an earlier work, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1988. Tyler is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and lives in Baltimore.

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"Wellness vs. Illness: You and Your Home"

Debra Walton will discuss "Wellness vs. Illness: You and Your Home" from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at the Des Plaines Public Library. The program is free, but advance registration is required. Books are available at the Registration Desk one month prior.

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Steven Blonz
Chairman

Tamara A. DeCaro

Marine Corps Pvt. Tamara A. DeCaro, daughter of Antonia DeCaro of Des Plaines, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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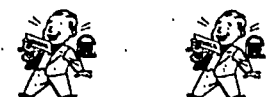
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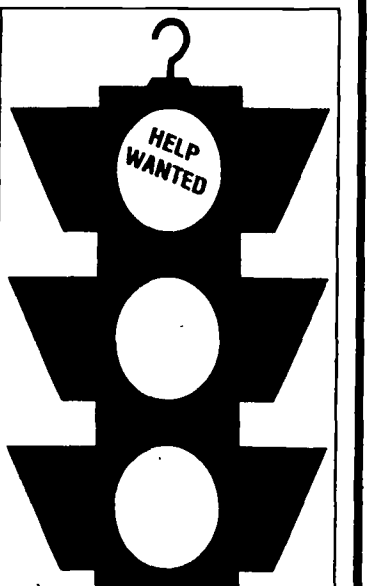
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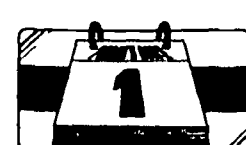
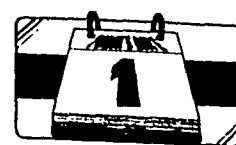
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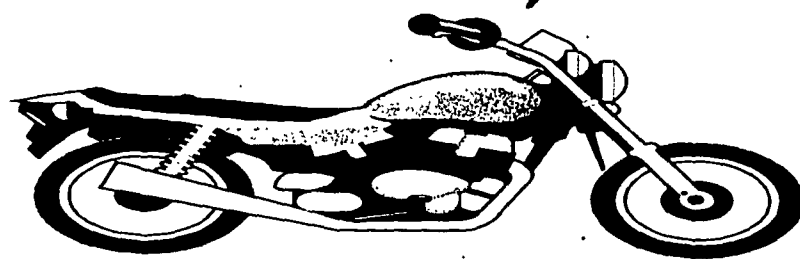
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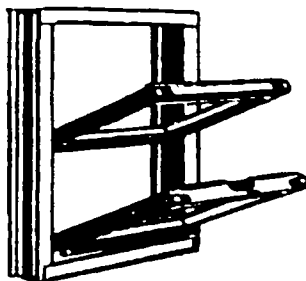


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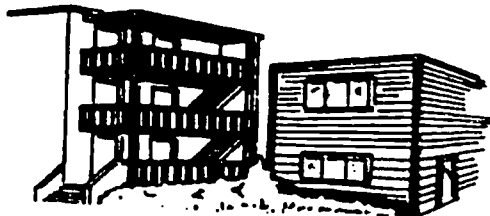
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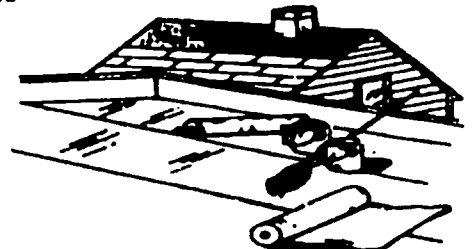
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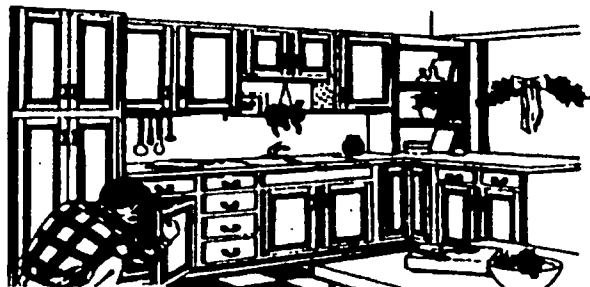


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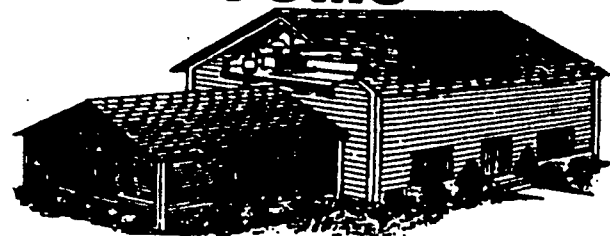
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