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Teaching Dangers of Secondhand Smoke Successful

Survey of Cook County Residents Shows Effectiveness of "Take It Outside!" Campaign. According to a recent survey, 81 percent of suburban Cook County residents say they are more aware of the serious health issues related to secondhand smoke. Nearly twice as many residents now realize that in addition to causing lung cancer, second-hand smoke is associated with bronchitis, pneumonia, emphysema, asthma and other types of cancer.

Launched in late July 2002, the "Take It Outside!" initiative aimed to educate suburban Cook County residents about the serious health dangers of secondhand smoke through an innovative and multi-faceted public awareness initiative. The campaign featured:

- Bus and radio advertising.
- Window decals.
- Expert speakers at places of worship throughout suburban Cook County. Cont'd. on Page 23.

Police Commendation Detective Michael Boba

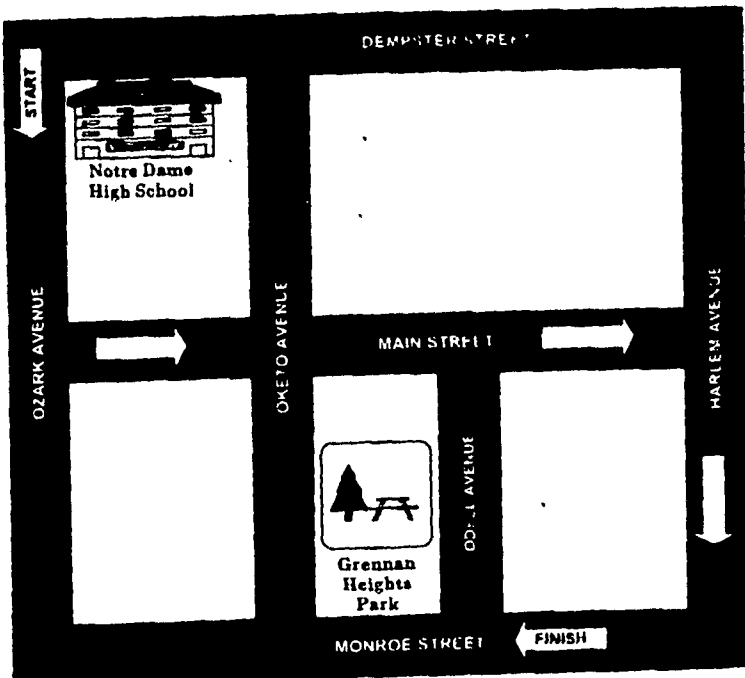
Detective Michael Boba was recognized at the May Village Board Meeting for his investigative police work. Commander Dennis McEnemey & Detective Michael Boba were doing a follow-up investigation on a burglary from one of our retail establishments. They were able to determine a vehicle description

and a possible offender through the "MO" from the burglary. The offenders were located in Elmwood Park and were arrested. Approximately forty additional burglaries were cleared up in municipalities in the west & north suburbs. Chief Sheehan thanked Detective Boba and presented him with a Distinguished Duty Declaration.

Fourth of July Parade Route

For more information on the route or post-parade festivities, contact Denise Jarjosa at the Village of Niles, (847) 588-8005.

Have A Safe & Happy 4th of July!



At your service: the Niles Free Bus by Barbara A. Mendelsohn

Driver John C. Thompson pulls Niles bus #1932 eastbound onto Touhy Avenue at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, one passenger aboard. A second rider, obviously a "regular", climbs aboard at Leaning Tower YMCA, greets John by name. They discuss the health of local businesses and Internet's going rate for Cubs-Yankees tickets.

Someone boards at the library, still others on a swing through residential areas and Notre Dame High School. By Golf Mill Plaza #1932 is close to full. At Dempster Plaza, some leave and others board. The route winds through more neighborhoods, over to Oasis Pool and Recreation Center, passes near the Renaissance Condominiums, over to St. Andrew's Life Center, and finally stops at the CTA turnaround to pick up any transferees. Ninety-five minutes later Thompson returns to the garage, having finished a capsulized version of a day driving a Niles bus.

That's also a capsule of Niles' free bus service. Besides the 411 route, there's the 411 Reverse, which makes its first stop at the CTA turnaround and all 411 stops in reverse order. There's the 412 serving Golf Mill, Four Flaggs, K-Mart, Golf Glen and The Breakers, and the 412 Reverse. Lastly, the 413 stops at Aldi Foods, Leaning Tower YMCA, and at shoppers' points due east along Touhy Avenue. Of course, there's also the 413 Reverse.

"We developed reverse routes to better serve the public. The reverse system cuts down on waiting time," says Tom Surace, Niles' Transportation Supervisor.

Surace keeps track of 31 drivers, 7 are full time, and a stable of 10 buses, which allows eight on the street and two spares, he explains. "The 412 route is all part-time drivers, with morning and afternoon shifts. Explaining the logistics, he says, "For instance, the 411 route operates every half hour, so its 95-minute round trip means that at any time three buses are operating."

Surace doesn't appear to have a problem keeping all that scheduling straight. Apparently he grew into it, starting as a part-time driver in 1979, then taking over as transportation manager in 1998.

Niles' 28-year-old, fixed-route transportation system carries about 400,000 riders per year and

boasts low accident rates. Routes are planned so that 90 percent of village residents live within two blocks of service. Buses operate Mondays through Fridays from about 8:45 a.m. to roughly 6:15 p.m., depending on route. Saturday and Sunday service begins about 11:00 a.m. and continues through late afternoon.

He's not surprised to hear about first-name informalities. "We go for the personal touch with riders," he says. "They're about 70 percent seniors, but we also have kids going to schools along the routes and commuters headed for local workplaces. Drivers handle about three or four wheelchair riders per day," he adds.

"Our drivers are special people," he says. "We look for driving skills and a patient disposition, both necessary to take care of our precious cargo." Surace himself appears about once a month at the Niles Senior Center to explain the system, and occasionally speaks to condominium associations.

More about the personal touch: Surace recalls one item left on a bus about three years ago. It was a change purse containing \$27,000 in cash. It contained no identification, just a bank slip. Surace approached the institution, told the story, and asked a bank officer to inform the individual that personal property had been located on a Niles bus. That accomplished, he made contact.

What was the rider's reaction? "Actually, she gave me kind of a rough time," Surace says. "Perhaps there were other problems involved. While I was there she complained to me about her stove. I recognized hazardous conditions and tamped open some burner holes for her."

Not everyone needs that kind of servicing, but it's nice to know it's potentially there.

If you have a question about bus schedules and routes, call him. He can handle that.

(To reach Tom Surace's office, 847-588-7960. For optimum phone coverage, he suggests calling on Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Below is a photo of Surace visiting with 413 Route driver, Rich Olson.



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Local Student Named to Dean's List

Monta K. Patel of Niles has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2003 semester at St. Louis College of Pharmacy. To make the Dean's List, students must earn at least a 3.0 grade point average for the semester. Patel is the daughter of Kano and Shushila Patel and is a 1999 graduate of Maine East High School. Patel is a member of the Student Alumni Association and the International Student Organization.

Niles Resident Achieves Rank of Eagle Scout



The Scouts, Leaders and Committee of Troop #107, Niles, IL, Boy Scouts of America take great pleasure in announcing that John C. Harter has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In addition to this significant personal achievement, John has been a lifelong resident of Niles and just recently graduated from Maine South High School where he played football, wrestled and participated in numerous other activities. He will continue his education in Business Administration at Western Illinois University.

Morton Grove Native Receives Special Award

The University of Missouri-Kansas City Women's Center recently awarded Mary Sheridan with a Women's Council Graduate Assistance Fund fellowship.

Sheridan is the daughter of Jim and Margaret Sheridan and is pursuing a degree in Clinical Health Psychology at UMKC.

The GAF, established in 1971, provides financial support to women students at UMKC who are pursuing post baccalaureate degrees or their first professional degree in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Law.

More than 900 women graduate students have received fellowships or short-term assistance grants through the GAF. The fund has reached \$1.5 million.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City, established in 1963, is the University of Missouri System's university for the visual and performing arts with a designated mission to support health and life sciences, the professions and urban engagement.

This information is available to people with speech or hearing impairments by calling Relay Missouri at (800) 735-2966 (T) or (800) 735-2466 (voice).

John, a scout for over 12 years from first grade throughout high school, plans on making future contributions to scouting by serving in a leadership role. In addition to earning numerous required badges, achievements and participating in numerous community service projects, John had to contribute to a charitable organization by way of a significant community project in order to demonstrate his leadership and earn this prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. John's choice of Eagle Project was one of unusually significant size, difficulty, challenge and most importantly, served a very worthy cause.

Specifically, John's Eagle Scout project consisted of planning the creation of six (6) elaborate oak folding tables and six (6) twelve foot oak storage benches to be used in the various activity rooms at Clearbrook Commons (a residence in Rolling Meadows for developmentally/physically disabled adults and teenagers), all in accordance with ADA specifications. This required that he raise over \$2,800 in cash and over \$3,500 in donated services and with the help of his fellow scouts and families, build the actual project to completion using over 500 labor hours. John's project was completed in April utilizing the tools and space within the Maryville Academy woodshop. A formal dedication ceremony honoring the project was held at Clearbrook Commons on May 24, 2003.

Mister Breger



"How would you like your hair, sir?"
"Thick, wavy and golden!"

Local Chef appears on TV



Personal Chef Susan Schultz, (left), who serves clients in the Niles/Edison Park area appeared June 5 on WGN TV's Morning News (Chicago). She was interviewed by Reporter Chuck Coppola, (right). Also shown are Chontell and her mother Gloria Lane of Chicago. Chontell was being honored by WGN and Chicago Public Schools for 12 years of perfect school attendance. Susan cooked breakfast for Chontell and five of her friends at the Lane home.

Susan has a local cooking service that prepares custom meals for clients in their own home. For more information, visit: www.schultziesslabfoods.com or call (773) 774-0075.

Sister City Leixlip, Ireland Says Thank You

Dear Editor,
May 1, on behalf of the people of Leixlip, your Sister City in Ireland, express our thanks to Police Commander Dennis McEnerney and Village Attorney Joe Annunzio for visiting Leixlip during the weekend of 30th May and taking part in our annual festival.

Joe brought his band Undercover on their first international "gig" and what a success they were! They performed in two of our Gaelic sports clubs and had people dancing in the aisles and they also gave two lively and spirited performances in our town centre on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. They added colour and variety to our festival and they have already been invited back next year!

Dennis has been with us before and was warmly welcomed by Leixlip people who recognised his large police frame as he wandered among the crowds. He also tried out the famous K Club golf course in advance of the Ryder Cup to be played here in 2006!

The visit by all five front Niles strengthened the ties between our two villages and we look forward to having them and others back in future.

Once again, thanks again.

Yours faithfully,
Mary Foley
Town Clerk

Niles 4th of July

You are invited to attend the Niles Park District 4th of July Post-Parade Celebration at Grennan Heights Park, 8255 Oketo, following the Village of Niles Parade. This exciting event will take place on Friday, July 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have planned another unforgettable 4th of July event. We have added new and exciting attractions for the whole family to enjoy, including our NEW Water Feature, so dress to get wet! Don't forget our raffle, pony rides, face painting and so much more. Our Main Stage will once again feature the "Fabulous Murray Brothers" musical band.

They will have you dancing from 12 to 2:30 p.m.

This is only a brief description of what we have planned; you'll have to come to discover the rest! "The hard work and dedication of both Niles Park District and the Village of Niles staff has once again prepared two terrific 4th of July events for Niles residents to enjoy. Niles Park District is proud to provide the post-parade activities for all to enjoy," said Niles Park District Executive Director Joe LoVerde.

Call or stop in the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633 for more information.

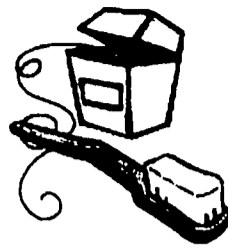
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Animated Film, Hayao Miyazaki's celebrated animated film will be shown at the Library on Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m. Davy Chase. Suzanne Pleshette,

Jason Marsden, Lauren Holly and David Ogden Stiers provide the English voices for this story of a young girl who is spirited away to a strange new world. The film is rated PG: 124 minutes. The Library is located at 6140 Lincoln Ave. For more information, or for communication or accessibility assistance, please call (847) 965-4220. TDD (847) 965-4236. www.webrary.org.

Teens: Join the Teen Advisory Board. If you are looking for a fun, creative and useful community service project, join us at the Morton Grove Public Library and help plan and develop services for teens. The MGPL Teen Ad-

visory Board is looking for teens who enjoy working with other teens to develop new programs and services. The TAB meets on the first Monday of every month (except Sept.) at 7 p.m. For further information, call Melissa Rice, Young Adult Librarian, at (847) 965-4220. TDD (847) 965-4236. www.webrary.org.

Local Athlete on Lake Forest Handball Team

Yee earned first varsity letter Lisa Yee, a junior from Niles, Illinois, competed on the 2002-2003 Lake Forest College handball team. She earned her first varsity letter in the sport.

The Foresters won their fourth straight United States Handball Association Collegiate Combined National Championship. The women also defended their national title while the men placed third. The team had five players earn six All-American distinctions.


Yee won once in the Interstate singles Division at the USHA Collegiate National Championship Tournament.

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These tennis programs emphasize fun, fitness, and friendship and offer professional tennis instruction at a fraction of the rates charged by private clubs and resorts. Offered are tennis camps.

group tennis clinics and classes for adults and youth. All programs are directed by Frank Sacks, who is a certified USPTA and USPTR tennis professional and former Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach at Northwestern Illinois University and Niles West and Niles North High Schools.

For more information, contact Jason Cleavelle, Athletic Director, Skokie Park District at (847) 674-1500, ext. 2183, or Frank Sacks, Frank Sacks Tennis Camps, at (847) 933-0002 or via the Internet at: www.franksackstennis.com.

WSJB Channel 4 Newscast



Our eighth grade students at St. John Brebeuf School have been very busy this year writing and producing TV news programs each week.

The students gather information from teachers and staff, then write the news articles and organize the news items according to grade level or all school news.

The TV crew includes a student news director, two anchor persons, the technical crew using two cameras, and a technical and audio board to produce the news.

The WSJB channel 4 newscast gives many students an opportunity to have hands-on experience with the TV media communication skills.

Good Housekeeping

Spicy Zucchini Boats

- 1 pound hot Italian-sausage links, casings removed
 - 4 small zucchini (about 6 ounces each), trimmed and each cut lengthwise in half
 - 1/4 cup plain dried bread crumbs
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 2 plum tomatoes (about 8 ounces), chopped
1. Preheat broiler. In 10-inch skillet, cook sausages over medium-high heat 7 minutes or until browned, breaking up sausages with side of spoon.
 2. Meanwhile, scoop out pulp from zucchini halves, leaving 1/8-inch thick shell; coarsely chop pulp. Place shells, cut side up, in microwave-safe baking dish. Cook in microwave oven on High 3 minutes or until fork-tender.
 3. With slotted spoon, remove sausages to paper towels to drain. Discard all but 1 tablespoon fat in skillet. In remaining fat, cook zucchini pulp over medium-high heat 4 minutes or until very soft and almost all liquid has evaporated. Remove skillet from heat; stir in sausages, bread crumbs, and all but 1 tablespoon Parmesan.
 4. Fill zucchini shells with sausage mixture. Place zucchini in broiling pan (without rack); top with tomatoes and sprinkle with reserved Parmesan. Broil 5 minutes or until tops are browned and tomatoes are heated through.
- Total time: 30 minutes. Makes 4 main-dish servings. Each serving: About 365 calories, 22 g protein, 14 g carbohydrate, 25 g total fat (10 g saturated), 3 g fiber, 68 mg cholesterol, 910 mg sodium.
- TIP For a milder version, use sweet sausage instead of hot. If you like, serve on a bed of cooked rice or orzo.
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Summer Squash

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To Store: Refrigerate in the crisper drawer up to two or three days.

To Prepare: Scrub gently under cold running water. Trim both ends. Do not remove the seeds or skin unless the squash is mature.

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St. John Brebeuf 50th Anniversary

St. John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem, Niles, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. On June 29th at 3 p.m., an anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Cardinal Francis George. Following the Mass, the groundbreaking for the new parish center will take place. A reception with refreshments will follow.



"I really like creamy deviled eggs. When I make mine, I use this trick to get the yolks nice and creamy, with no lumps. I loosely chop the yolks into a plastic zip-lock baggie. Then I add the mayonnaise and spices to the baggie. Then I just seal the bag and mush everything together. It doesn't take long, and you can feel the lumps while you squeeze. As an added bonus, you can cut off the bottom corner of the bag and pipe the mixture right into the shells. No-mess cleanup, too!"

— Any in Pennsylvania

"A lot of people change their own oil to save money, but not as many think to change their own spark plugs. I was recently quoted a whopping \$176 for parts and labor. I went to the auto-parts store and got the spark plugs for less than \$10. A store employee sort of walked me through it in the parking lot, and it was not sweat! At a savings of \$166, it can't be beat."

— George in Rhode Island

• Keep a note pad and pen by every phone for messages and notes. The small citen can even be attached with Velcro to the phone base.

Niles Sister Cities News

The alliance between Niles, Illinois and Leixlip, Ireland was re-inforced in May 2003 when the band "The Undercover" traveled to Leixlip to entertain at their annual festival. Chairman Paul Kelly was among the members of Leixlip's Twinning Committee who helped during their stay.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK!

Selling your home is a big decision. Choosing the right real estate agent to represent you is just as important a decision. Don't just point to a name in the classifieds or Yellow Pages - do your research and ask tough questions. You may interview just one agent or several, but the National Association of REALTORS® recommends that you evaluate agents' responses to the following questions:

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Edward Jones: Get Finances Straight Before Saying "I Do" for Second Time

Marimony is in the air, as June is the most popular month for weddings. But many of these newlyweds are not making their first trip down the aisle. And second marriages bring a host of financial issues that should be discussed well before vows are exchanged.

Furthermore, it's unfortunate but true that the divorce rate for second marriages - approximately 60 percent, according to the National Center for Health Statistics - is even higher than that for first marriages. Consequently, you'll need to protect everyone involved in a second marriage. Consider the following:

- **Share all financial information** - For starters, make sure both of you have copies of your credit reports. Then, each of you should list, in writing, your respective debts and assets. If either of you is divorced, be clear about obligations under a divorce decree. Each of you must be aware of any required child support or alimony payments, along with disability, life, health or long-term care insurance mandated by the divorce settlement.
- **Set up a prenuptial agreement** - If you have children from a previous marriage to whom you want to pass on your assets, you might want to consider establishing a prenuptial agreement in which your new spouse waives his or her rights to your property. Remember, in the eyes of the law, widows and widowers almost always have the first claims on their deceased spouse's property - so, if you want to protect your children after you remarry, establish that "prenup."
- All these issues are important to deal with before you remarry. But, after the marriage, you will need to review your overall financial plans to make sure they reflect your changed circumstances. Here are a few steps you'll want to take:
- **Update your will and living trust** - Revise these documents to include your new spouse, and possibly, stepchildren. If you don't have a will, now is a great time to draw one up.
- **Consider "QTIP" Trust** - Under a Qualified Terminal Interest Property (QTIP) Trust, your surviving spouse will have access to your assets, upon his or her death, the assets will pass to your children.
- **Change your beneficiaries** - Review the beneficiary designations on all of your financial documents, including insurance policies, retirement plans and annuities. Many people don't change their beneficiaries when they remarry, thus leaving earlier spouses in a position to receive assets, at the expense of new spouses.
- **Evaluate your insurance** - If your new marriage involves a blended family, you will need to review your life and disability insurance to see if it's sufficient. Also, once you reach your 50s, you might want to take a close look at long-term care insurance. You or your new spouse may never need to spend time in a nursing home, but, if you did, the costs would be enormous. A long-term care policy can help protect your financial independence - and the younger you are when you buy a policy, the less expensive the premiums will be.

Clearly, you'll need to consult your financial and legal adviser to address many of these issues. But don't delay - by addressing financial issues quickly, you can help your second marriage get off to a good start.

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Adolescent Scoliosis Surgery

Live Internet webcast of adolescent scoliosis surgery presented by Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital.

Surgery to correct adolescent idiopathic scoliosis, a deformity of the spine that can cause chronic pain and disfigurement in adulthood, will be the focus of a live Internet webcast June 26 presented by Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital (Park Ridge, IL) and Advocate Hope Children's Hospital (Oak Lawn, IL).

Selective anterior spinal fusion with instrumentation, a highly effective treatment for scoliosis that requires the fusion of fewer vertebrae and preserves significant spinal mobility, will be shown from 5 to 6 p.m. CST Thursday, June 26, at www.advocatehealth.com/lutherankid or www.advocatehealth.com/hope.

Advocate Health Care's children's hospitals are among the few hospitals in the Chicago and area that offer scoliosis correction via the anterior approach.

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Legion Auxiliary elects new officers

At a recent meeting the members of the Morton Grove Unit No. 134 of the American Legion Auxiliary elected new officers for the 2003-2004 term.

Re-elected president was Dee Dolan who in addition to just completing this past year as head of the large women's organization, also served as its leader for the 1984 year.

First Vice President-Membership Chairman will be past president Patricia Jordan. Second Vice President-Fund Raising is Anne Marrazzo.

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who filled in this past year when the former officer in that position resigned.

Re-elected chaplain is Dolores Giblin. Re-elected historian is past president Lorry Nehart.

Completing the current slate of elected officers is sergeant at arms, Mary Ann Bartustak, who also stepped in this past year and filled the remaining term when former sergeant at arms passed away.

The newly elected officers will join Legion Past new officers in joint formal installation ceremonies in early fall.

OBITUARIES

ANN M. LISS
Ann M. Liss, 80, of Des Plaines, died Saturday, May 31. She was born July 29, 1922 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Casimir Liss. Beloved daughter of the late Anthony Milanowski and the late Ann Milanowski. Fond aunt of Linda Touhy. Services were held June 6 at St. Mary Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

GERALDINE LEE SMOLEN
Geraldine Lee Smolen, 60, of Chicago, died Monday, June 2. She was born August 13, 1942 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Bob Smolen. Beloved daughter of George Willis and the late Gertrude Willis. Beloved mother of Donna Walls, Paula Walls, Tina Walls and Mary Smolen. Sister of Bob Willis. Grandmother of Mitzi & Ryan Kirk. Amber Victory. Services were held June 6 at Elm Lawn Cemetery Chapel. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Elm Lawn Cemetery.

WALTER W. WENDT
Walter W. Wendt, 86, of Riverside, died Thursday, June 5. He was born July 26, 1916 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Loretta Wendt. Beloved son of the late John Wendolowski and the late Sophie Wendt. Beloved father of Dianne (Peter) Meucci, Carole Coon and the late Judy Wendt. Brother of Lynne Perkins, Jeanne (Ken) Ritzel, the late Henry Wendt and the late Cecilia Wiles. Grandfather of Gerald & Eric Kostelny and Rachael Coon. Great Grandfather of Cameron Yarger. Services were held June 9 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery. Memorials to: St. Thomas Hospice, 8230 South Madison, Burr Ridge, IL 60527.

LILLIAN BARTEL
Lillian Bartel, 104, of Niles, died Sunday, June 8 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born January 29, 1899 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late John Bartel. Beloved daughter of the late George Ebrorn and the late Minnie Ebrorn. Beloved mother of Florence (the late Florian) Litz. Grandmother of the late Robert Litz. Services were held June 11 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery.

ELIZABETH P. CLAWSON
Elizabeth P. Clawson, 93, of Niles, died Thursday, May 29 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born January 2, 1910 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late William C. Clawson. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph B. Lentz and the late Mary Lentz. Sister of the late Rose (the late Herbi) Koeppel and Joseph (the late Marge) Lentz. Fond aunt of Karen (Bill) Byrd, Marilyn (Wayne) Klatt, Annette Lederermann and Annette (Robert) Lederermann. Services were held May 31 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

RICHARD D. SARNO
Richard D. Sarno, 58, of Niles, died Friday May 30 at Glenbrook Hospital. He was born November 22, 1944 in Chicago. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Sarno. Beloved son of the late Joseph F. Sarno and the late Anne M. Sarno. Beloved father of Anthony (Jessica) Sarno, Julie Sarno and Kenneth Sarno. Brother of Concetta Kadaw, RuthAnne Orsini and Joseph Sarno. Services were held June 3 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

Commissioner Suffredin Announces Intern Program

Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, 13th District, is pleased to announce his new internship program for college students. College students interested in learning about County and local government, public service and community affairs are encouraged to apply. All internships are unpaid and interns will be primarily assigned to the Commissioner's District office located in downtown Evanston.

Commissioner Suffredin commented, "I am excited to provide an opportunity for students to gain practical knowledge and learn skills that will serve them in their future work." A variety of opportunities exist for interns including working on Forest Preserve District issues, assisting with programming and outreach efforts done in conjunction with local, state and federal elected officials, and working with local residents to address issues of concern.

Interested individuals should contact Hollis Hanover at (312) 603-6383 or visit the Commissioner's website at www.suffredin.org to obtain application guidelines. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis for Summer, Fall and Spring internships.

"Working in public service is a rewarding professional career and I look forward to introducing students to this career avenue," commented Commissioner Suffredin.

Vacation Spending On The Rise

Slow economy not hindering the urge to get away.

Despite a poor economy and security concerns while traveling, Americans are planning to spend 9.5 percent more on summer vacations this season. According to the annual Summer Vacation Survey by Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization, the average summer vacation will cost \$2,378, up from \$2,172 in 2002.

"While people are still concerned about their jobs, the economy and terrorism, it's surprising that many are planning on spending a little more this year on their vacations," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta. "It shows that even in these tough times Americans are still determined to spend."

Of those taking a trip, 78.2 percent plan to pay for all or part of their getaway with credit cards and 28.5 percent plan on taking three or more months to pay off their vacation charges.

"Using a credit card to pay for your vacation can be a very convenient way to track your spending, make hotel reservations and have financial security while traveling. But a credit card should not be used to finance a vacation you can't afford," Rhode said. "While everyone needs a vacation from time to time, no one needs a huge bill when they return home, except maybe the credit card companies."

Not everyone will be packing up the kids and heading to the beach, though. The survey also shows that while 48.5 percent of Americans will be taking a summer vacation, 48.4 percent will not. The other 3.1 percent were undecided.

A full listing of Wisconsin Dells campgrounds can be found on: www.wisdells.com.

Use coupons: Wisconsin Dells area coupons are available at www.dells.com or www.dells-coupons.com. Many Wisconsin Dells businesses offer coupons on their individual Web sites as well. Guests should take a few minutes to check the sites of attractions and accommodations in which they are interested.

Bring a Group: Large groups, including youth groups, seniors, family reunions and even those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, will find many discounts at area attractions. Request a Group Tour Planner from the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau, or contact area businesses for additional information.

Make full use of all-day passes: You wouldn't spend half a day at Disney World or Six Flags, so if you plan on visiting a water or amusement park in Wisconsin Dells that offers an all-day pass, plan on dedicating the entire day to that attraction. Pack a picnic lunch and plenty of snacks.

Take advantage of free entertainment: It's no secret that many Wisconsin Dells resorts offer guests free on-site entertainment, ranging from musical performances to children's activities. If staying at a major resort, be

sure to inquire about complimentary activities. Additionally, for the first time guests to Wisconsin Dells this summer will find free street entertainment downtown every evening in the Dells River District, ranging from bands and vocal groups to jugglers and clowns. Entertainment will run from mid-June to late August, plus holiday weekends.

Purchase tickets for multiple attractions at the same time: If you know you'll be hitting many of Wisconsin Dells' most popular attractions, consider buying your tickets immediately when you arrive through a program such as "Passport to Savings." Visitors can save as much as 35 percent by purchasing tickets ahead of time. For further details, visit: www.passporttosavings.com

These are just a few of the many ways families visiting Wisconsin Dells can stretch their dollars this summer, but the key to sticking to a vacation budget is careful planning and research. Guests are encouraged to plan ahead and use the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau as a resource.

For more information on planning your next trip to Wisconsin Dells, contact the Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau at: 1-800-223-3557, ext. R, or visit: www.wisdells.com.

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Some Credit Checks Can Raise Red Flags

A reader, Frank in New Jersey, wrote that he recently came across a term called "soft inquiry" that appears to be related to credit reporting. What is it, he asked? And if a soft inquiry exists, is it logical that a "hard inquiry" does too? (It is, Frank.)

A soft inquiry is one in which someone or some company contacts a credit-reporting agency to check on a specific person's credit status. These inquiries may be done by a credit-card company to determine if a prospect should be solicited. Or a current creditor may do a check up on a debtor's present credit standing. Or you might call to get a copy of your report to make sure it's accurate. Soft inquiries do not affect one's credit status, nor do they become part of a credit record.

And yes, there is such a thing as a hard inquiry. This occurs when you are looking to obtain credit by, for example, applying for a loan or a credit card. Each time you fill in a credit-account application with a department store or seek a credit card, or apply for a loan at a bank or mortgage broker, you have initiated a hard inquiry that goes on your credit record.

One of the problems with accumulating hard inquiries on your credit report is that it signals to a potential creditor that you may have a questionable attitude about handling credit — meaning that you might tend to borrow beyond your ability to repay, especially if a financial emergency affects your income. That's why money mavens advise you not to accept every credit-card offer that comes your way. Cut down on your cards, and you're likely to raise your credit rating. That way, when you're ready to make a major purchase, you could avoid a delay or even a turnaround because of all those red-flag-waving hard inquiries.

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For the second straight year people in the Northeast plan on spending the most on their vacations with an average of \$2,710. People in the West came in a close second with an average of \$2,602. Those in the South plan on spending \$2,272 and those in the Midwest plan on spending \$2,057.

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Keeping pets safe on July 4

Family picnics, fireworks and other celebrations will be on most people's minds around the July 4 holiday. Many dog owners will want to bring their beloved "Dakota" or "Spot" with them to watch the firework displays. This holiday is surprisingly busy for many animal shelters because pets become frightened and confused by the strange noises and commotion that is occurring. With a little planning ahead and taking simple precautions, you and your pet can safely enjoy Independence Day.

- **Resist the urge to take your pet to firework displays.** Often dogs get scared and frantic from the loud noises caused by the fireworks as well as all the strange people.
- **Do not leave your pet in the car.** It takes only a few minutes, even with the windows slightly open for the temperature inside a car to become very hot. As a result your pet can suffer serious health effects, even death.
- **Keep your pets indoors at home.** Make sure all doors are securely closed and locked. Block off access to doggie doors since dogs that are frightened tend to run away. Also, some pets become destructive when scared, so remove any potentially harmful objects.
- **NEVER leave pets outside unattended, even in a fenced yard or on a chain.** In their fear and confusion, pets that normally would not leave the yard may escape and become lost, or entangled in their chain, risking possible injury or worse death. Before leaving your house bring your pet(s) indoors and securely lock all gates to ensure the safety of your pet.
- **If you know your pet gets easily distressed by loud noises, consult your veterinarian before July 4** for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during firework displays.
- **Make sure that your pet is wearing proper ID tags so that if he or she becomes lost, they can be returned to you promptly.** Your pet should have a collar with a current rabies tag as well as an identification tag with your name, address, and telephone number. Animals found running at large should be taken to the local animal shelter or contact your local police department, where they will have the best chance of being reunited with their owners.
- **By following these simple suggestions, you and your pet can have a safe and happy Fourth of July.** If you have any questions, call Niles Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan at the following phone number: (847) 588-6508.

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Abbott Laboratories today announced that it will phase out by June 2003 all IV sets that contain or require needles, as part of the company's continued commitment to improving patient and health care worker safety. By no longer manufacturing and marketing these products, the company expects millions of needles to be eliminated from the U.S. health care system, further protecting health care workers against needlestick injury and blood exposure. Abbott will use a needle-free technology across its entire line of infusion therapy

products. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 600,000-800,000 needlestick accidents occur each year among health care workers. These exposures can lead to hepatitis B, hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS. With the preliminary treatment cost for a single needlestick incident estimated between \$500 and \$3,000, the industry faces yearly treatment costs upwards of nearly one billion dollars.

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Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network presents 'Partners in Hope' award



Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network recently reelected Advocate Lutheran General Hospital as being among the top 10 hospitals in its service area for working with the greatest number of patient families who chose to give hope through organ donation in 2002. Accepting the 'Partners in Hope' award from Jerry Anderson (left), chief executive of Gift of Hope, is James McCoy, M.D., chief medical officer of Lutheran General Hospital. The plaque was presented in recognition of the collaboration between the organization and the hospital in organ and tissue donation efforts. Lutheran General was second on the list of top organ donor hospitals in Chicago and northwest Indiana. Also attending the special ceremony honoring the hospital were representatives from Lutheran General's intensive care units, emergency department, trauma services, mission and spiritual care, social work and ethics committees.

Help Pets Through the "Dog Days" of Summer

Our pets provide us with love and companionship. They also depend on us for care, and need our help to avoid the dangers of excessive summer heat. The Anti-Cruelty Society provides the following tips to ensure that your pet will be healthy and happy through the summer.

- Never leave an animal in a parked car during warm weather. Even with the windows open the

temperature inside can reach well over 100 degrees in a few minutes.

July Cholesterol Screening Schedule

Des Plaines Public Health Nurse Madeline May announces that she will be providing cholesterol screenings for DesPlaines residents, 9 A.M. - Noon and 1:30 P.M. - 4 P.M., on Thursday, July 3, 2003 at City Hall, 1420 Miner St. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 847-391-5480.

The nurse will not provide screenings on Saturday, July 5, 2003, at the Des Plaines Public Library.

- The Anti-Cruelty Society strongly advises that dogs live inside the home year-round. If your dog spends a lot of time outside in warm weather, you must provide a shady area to cool down and rest. Cats should be kept inside at all times.
- Try to limit exercise to the cooler hours in the morning or evening. Remember, the normal body temperature for pets is higher than ours and they cool off less effectively.
- Pets need plenty of fresh, clean water at all times. An ice cube in each bowl can be refreshing during especially hot weather.
- Pets cool off by panting and perspiring through their foot pads. However, excessive panting or drooling may be a sign of heat-stroke or distress.
- Know the signs of heat-stroke: difficult, then rapid breathing; reddened tongue and gums; a blank stare, or sudden collapse. Emergency action is necessary: bring the body tem-

perature down immediately by covering the animal with cool (not cold or iced) water until excessive panting stops. Even if your pet appears to recover, take it to a veterinarian.

- Fleas and ticks can lead to variety of health problems for your pet during summer months. Check your pet daily for these parasites, especially around the ears, neck, between toes, and around the back legs.
- The sweet taste of engine coolant attracts animals and if ingested can be fatal. Keep all bottles out of pets' reach, and be sure to clean up any spills in your garage or driveway immediately. If a dog or cat should swallow coolant - or any other poison - contact your veterinarian immediately.

The Anti-Cruelty Society is a full-service humane society that provides the Chicago area with shelter, adoption and low-cost veterinary services. Home of Chicago's oldest and largest low-cost, high-volume spay/neuter clinic, Anti-Cruelty helps more than 22,000 animals each year its programs and services.

Make-A-Wish Volunteers Are Honored

Kathy Connell of Des Plaines, Nancy Elliott of Chicago and Georgina Sluka-Ozga of Barrington were honored by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois at a special celebration for remarkable volunteers. The trio works together on special medical outreach projects.

The three organize the annual Children's Memorial Hospital Holiday Party, with more than 500 children and their families in attendance each year. In March 2002, they began planning for the December party. They took on planning and solicited in-kind donations to keep the out-of-pocket expenses below budget. They established a key relationship with another non-profit group called the Gus Foundation that serves a similar population as Make-A-Wish. The positive partnership has proved to be mutually rewarding.

"These three volunteers are always ready to coordinate parties and events, and they do a wonderful job of getting items and services donated," says Pam Deveraux, executive director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois. "The quality of the parties and events is truly magnificent and they are to be commended for their dedication, spirit and enthusiasm."

Over 700 volunteers contribute 60,000 hours a year to make the wishes of life-threatening illnesses come true. Serving as wish granters, helping with office projects, fundraising, special events and more, their efforts make a marked difference in the lives of children facing life-threatening medical conditions.

Make-A-Wish Foundation is the oldest and largest wish-granting organization in the world. Since its start locally in 1985, more than 4,000 children with life-threatening medical conditions have gained hope, strength and joy as they experi-

ence a wish come true. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northern Illinois serves children in 70 countries throughout Central and Northern Illinois. For more information, or to refer a child to the program, please call 312-943-895 or visit www.wishes.org.

Sullivan: Governor signs new prescription benefit

The Governor Monday signed legislation providing senior citizens, regardless of their income, with an opportunity to enroll in a prescription drug discount program, according to Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge).

The legislation (HB 209) creates a new, voluntary Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Program. The legislation places a ceiling on drug costs at participating pharmacies. It also requires the Illinois Department of Central Management Services to enter into a rebate agreement with drug manufacturers, allowing Illinois seniors to obtain their prescription drugs at a discounted price.

"The cost of prescription medication continues to go up, which is a problem for senior citizens living on a fixed income," Sullivan said. "But this new law provides seniors of all income brackets with an opportunity to purchase their prescription at a discount."

As participants in the program, senior citizens will pay a \$25 enrollment fee to participate. Any senior 65 years or older qualifies for the program.

Those senior citizens already enrolled in the Circuit Breaker program are not required to pay the enrollment fee and under the bill, they would automatically be enrolled and have access to discounts on medications not covered by the Circuit Breaker program.

Program to Focus On Sleep Problems

"Trouble Sleeping? ... Rest Easy" will be the title of an upcoming free community education program sponsored by Holy Family Medical Center. The program will take place on July 15 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Mount Prospect Library, 852 Fechenville Drive.

Leading the program will be Sharon Linder, a sleep therapist at Holy Family Medical Center. She will discuss the signs, symptoms and treatments for sleep apnea, snoring and restless leg syndrome. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 1-877-RES-INFO (737-4636)

Foster Care Information Meeting

Catholic Charities is searching for loving foster homes. If you'd consider opening your home and your heart to someone in need of a home, you might plan on attending one of the following foster parenting classes. Everyone is welcome, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or economic circumstances. Information on how to become a Catholic Charities foster parent will be presented at the following meeting:

July 1, 2003 at 7 p.m.
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For more information, call (312) 655-7200. Spanish-speaking persons may call (312) 655-7205.

Durbin Introduces Initiative to Aid Sufferers of Postpartum Depression & Their Families

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Senator Says Bill, Named After Chicago Native Melanie Stokes, Would Help Over 18,000 IL Women Suffering From Postpartum Depression Each Year.

With serious postpartum depression affecting 10 to 20 percent of women who give birth, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) today introduced new bipartisan legislation to develop a coordinated approach for understanding and treating the devastating mental health disorder. Even by conservative estimates, Durbin said more than 18,000 Illinois women suffer from postpartum depression each year.

"Two years ago, a rash of suicides in the Chicago area linked to postpartum depression focused the spotlight on this devastating mental health disorder. We saw four tragic deaths in five short weeks, and people took notice," Durbin said. "Sadly, that attention is all too rare. Each year, thousands of women in Illinois and many thousands more across the country struggle with postpartum depression. We can and must do everything we can to help the many women suffering because they are failing to receive the treatment they desperately need."

Durbin said the "Melanie Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act" he introduced today is named after a Chicago native who struggled unsuccessfully against postpartum psychosis following the birth of her daughter. While fighting this debilitating mental condition Mrs. Stokes had been in and out of hospitals several times, stopped eating and drinking, wouldn't swallow pills. Despite medical assistance and the support of her family and friends, Mrs. Stokes was ultimately unable to overcome her condition and jumped to her death from a 12-story window ledge on June 11, 2001.

Durbin's bill asks the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to hold a series of national meetings to develop a plan of action for research on postpartum depression and psychosis and implement the plan following its establishment. The research would hopefully lead to effective treatments for this disease. The bill also would set up a community grants program at the federal agency responsible for mental health treatment to provide treatment and services for families suffering from postpartum depression.

The legislation would create a coordinated approach to understanding and dealing with postpartum depression with the potential to benefit millions of women, children and families nationwide.

Studies indicate at least 50 to

75 percent of all new mothers undergo the "baby blues," a feeling of let down after the emotional experience of childbirth. Serious postpartum depression affects 10 to 20 percent of women who give birth. Symptoms include excessive worry or exhaustion, sadness, feelings of guilt, apathy, phobias, sleep problems, physical complaints and marked fear of criticism of mothering skills. The symptoms may last from three to 14 months. The most severe form of postpartum depression, postpartum psychosis, affects an estimated one in 1,000 new mothers

and may lead to attempts at suicide or harm to others.

At present, very little is known about the causes and effective treatments for depression and psychosis suffered by pregnant or new mothers. However, new evidence suggests the disorder may be treatable if promptly diagnosed and attended to by a trained provider.

Durbin's bill is a companion to a similar bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this month by U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL).

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Local Student Graduates from Lake Forest College

Harry Bastermajian of Niles, Ill., graduated from Lake Forest College with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and international relations.

Bastermajian was elected into Phi Beta Kappa for superior academic achievement and was awarded membership into Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society, and Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for politics.

Lake Forest College is a private liberal arts institution located 30 miles north of downtown Chicago. The College has 1,300 students representing 45 states and 43 other countries.

Susan Garrett Passes Summer Kindergarten Initiative

State Senator Susan Garrett (29th District) recently passed SB 903 in the Illinois Senate, a public policy initiative amending the school code to allow school boards to establish and operate summer kindergarten programs.

Studies of kindergarten age children (Frazier and Morrison, 1998) indicate that youngsters who have attended extended-year kindergarten programs outperform children from the regular kindergarten program the next year in math, reading, and general knowledge.

"Emphasis on early education is critical for Illinois schools. We

need to do everything possible to prevent high-risk children from falling behind and provide them with the opportunity to be successful. Children who receive early educational support clearly have a better chance of future success," Garrett said.

Such an extended kindergarten schedule would allow the opportunity for students who have made unsatisfactory progress to catch up on basic skills. It would additionally promote a higher level of developmental readiness to allow students to acquire a higher level of skills during the regular kindergarten session.

Economically disadvantaged school districts electing to implement these education initiatives can apply for Federal Title I funds through the No Child Left Behind act. In addition, school superintendents may also apply for Title V monies that have been earmarked for leadership initiatives to fund innovative program.s

St. John Brebeuf Father/Daughter Dance



Pictured are Perry Hansen with daughter Cassie.

The St. John Brebeuf Parish School Association recently hosted its first Father/Daughter Dance. The daughters received beautiful silver-tinted carnations upon arrival and had photographs taken with their fathers.

Daughters received a departure gift and a copy of their photo. The event was a tremendous success and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

DCFS Spotlights Successful Foster Parent

DCFS spotlights successful foster parent during foster parent appreciation month.

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) celebrated the month of May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. During this month, outstanding foster parents who have dedicated themselves to the safety and care of children in the child welfare system are recognized for their efforts.

One exceptional individual whom DCFS is proud to call a foster parent is Marjorie Brazelton. Brazelton, a Cook County resident, has been a licensed foster parent for the Department since 1975.

Throughout the years that Brazelton has fostered, she has also participated in many functions that advocate for foster care. Some of her accomplishments with DCFS include being the president of the South City Foster Parent Association from 1991-1998, helping write the manual Foster Pride-Adopt Pride, helping create the 10 Modules for Foster parent In-Service Trainings, and participating in State-

wide Advisory Council meetings. Brazelton has been a DCFS Support Specialist for the past 18 years, which consists of being on-call for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year to answer foster parents' questions which may range from child care to Departmental issues.

"Fostering, I believe, is very necessary...I feel (it) is a ministry. My niche is taking care of kids," said Brazelton. Brazelton has shown a great deal of dedication over many years by taking children into her home.

Brazelton is truly a success story for the Department because she has not only cared for hundreds of children, but she has done it while also battling cancer. She has shown that even through difficult times in her life, her dedication to children was still important.

DCFS would like to acknowledge Brazelton and other foster parents' outstanding accomplishments. Despite the oftentimes negative accounts of the child welfare system, there are still caring people working hard every day to make a difference in the lives of children.

Judy Baar Topinka at State Street Memorial Day Parade



Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (left) joins Mayor Richard M. Daley of Chicago and Grand Marshall of the parade this year General Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff at the memorial Day Parade on historic State Street in downtown Chicago.

"Less Lethal" weaponry gives police another tool to fight crime



Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan displays a "baton round" used in the Sage SL-6 Launcher, a new state-of-the-art weapon being used by the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

Sheriff Offers SWAT Services To Suburbs

The Cook County Sheriff's Police are hitting the streets with a new, state-of-the-art weapon designed to take violent or unruly offenders into custody without the use of deadly force.

The Sheriff's Police have purchased six, Sage SL-6 Launcher revolvers that fire a "less lethal" round of ammunition designed to temporarily disable an offender and allow him to be taken into custody without endangering his life or the safety of the officers.

The stinger rounds would be used primarily by the Department's elite Hostage Barricade Team (HBT Team), a highly trained unit that responds to hostage situations and other high risk incidents.

"Traditionally an officer has had only two weapons to use when confronted with resistance or a life-threatening situation: a wooden nightstick or gun," Sheriff Sheahan said.

The weapon is capable of firing different ammunition depending on the circumstance. A cork-shaped "baton round" is used to stun and disarm an offender threatening harm to himself or others.

"For years the Sheriff's Police have assisted suburban departments with a range of specialized police services including the Bomb Squad, Gang Crimes Unit and evidence technicians, just to name a few," Sheriff Sheahan said.

The HBT Team participated in the invitation-only National SWAT Challenge in South Carolina two weeks ago for the first time and placed among the top 10 in several individual events.

The less lethal weapon is used by Sheriff's Police in two areas. In the Patrol Division, four weapons are on the streets around the clock. The weapons are assigned to one patrol officer each shift in each of the Department's four districts: Bridgeview, Markham, Rolling Meadows and Skokie.

As first responders to a scene, patrol officers would most often use the "baton round" to disarm an offender threatening harm or refusing to cooperate.

Tuley High School All Class Reunion

Tuley High School all class reunion, October 11, 2003 at the Chateau Ritz, Niles, IL. tuley.4ever.cc. Carol (Babic) Riehle. (773) 775-9510.

Culver School's Extended Day Program News

Culver's Extended Day program provides before and after school child care for Culver students. The success of the program depends upon early registration. It is very important to complete and return registration forms for Culver's Extended Day Program for the 2003/2004 school year.

Financial assistance is available through the State for qualifying families. For registration forms or information regarding the Extended Day Program, please contact Program Facilitator Denise M. Sotiriu, (847) 966-9280 Ext. 140.

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Thomas F. Elenz Finance Director Niles Park District Cook County, Illinois

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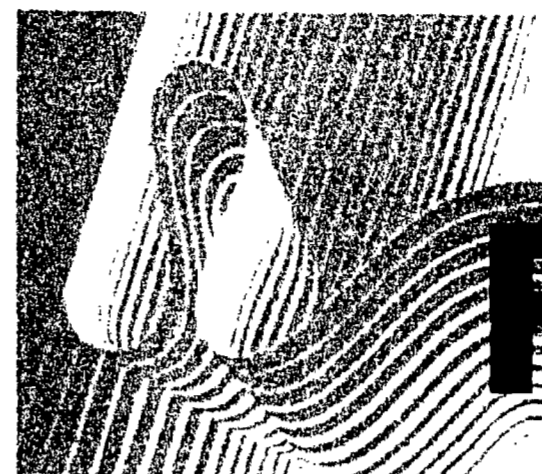
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15 Year Fixed	4.500%	0	4.620%
10 Year Fixed	4.375%	0	4.420%
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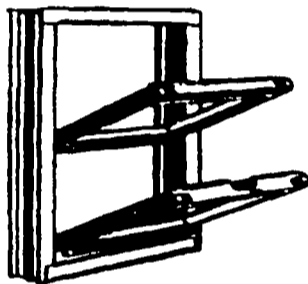


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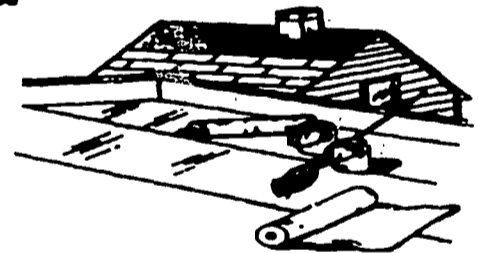
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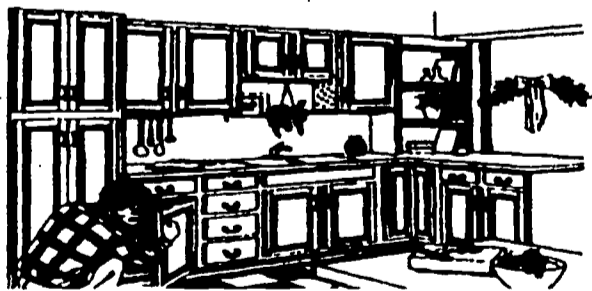


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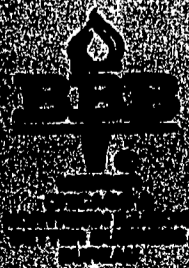


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