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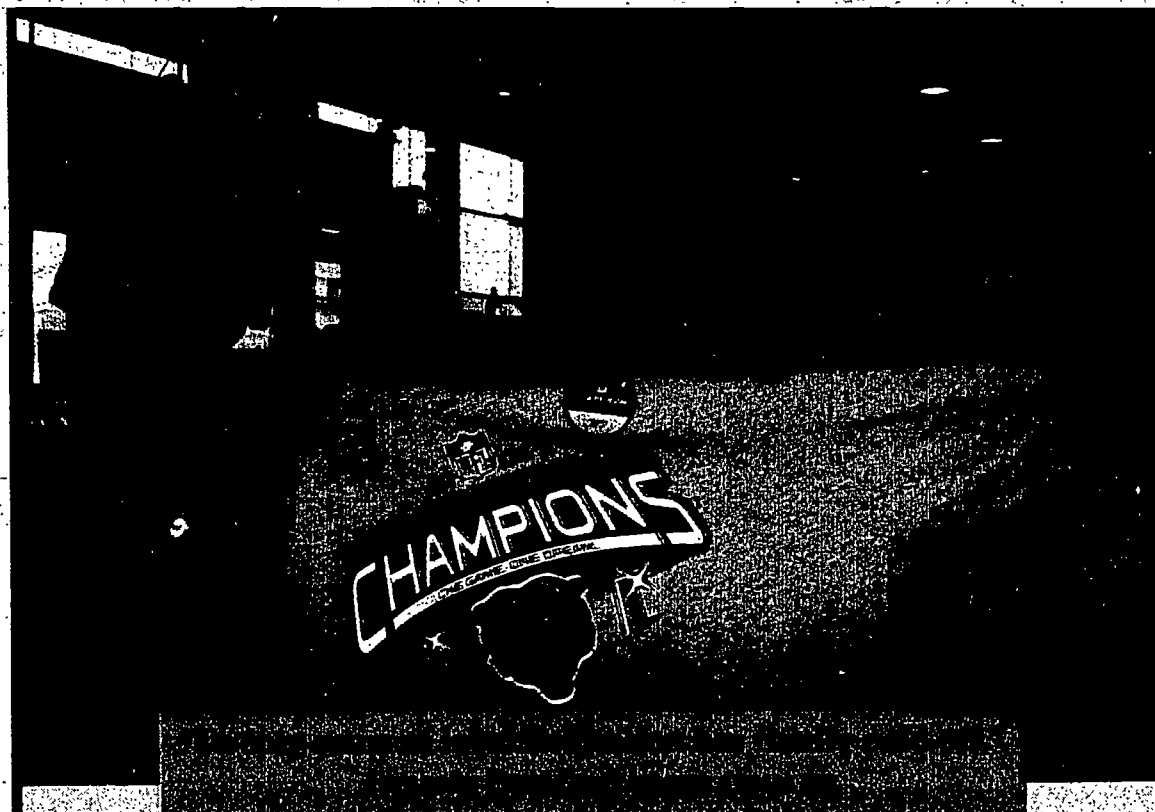
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Bears Mania hits area

Fans mob local stores for any Bears memorabilia

The Bears are going to the Super Bowl. And all around town, you can feel the excitement.

Dick's Sporting Good store located at Village Crossing in Niles stayed open later than normal on Sunday evening following the big win against New Orleans and the fans sure enough came rushing in.

The store once again opened its doors at 5 a.m. on Monday morning and a crowd of

fans shopped for hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts and more.

Fernando Perez, of Niles, was shopping at Dicks for some Bears apparel.

"Twenty years of loyal dedication has finally paid off," said Perez, about the historic win. He watched the game over at his sister's house in Steger, Illinois.

The excitement was spread throughout town. Vehicles displayed "Go Bears" flags and local restaurants cheered on Chicago's beloved Bears.

Maryville's Smyth would lead ND

Smyth would consider position if approached

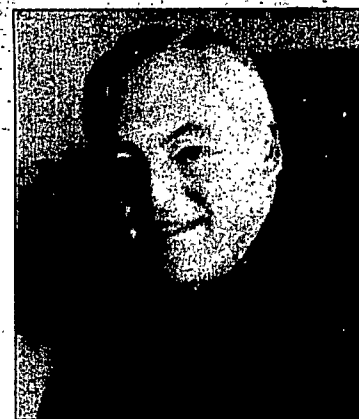
By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Rev. John Smyth, past leader of Maryville Academy that received criticism from state officials who claimed that the home for abused and abandoned children was not a safe place, may be one of the candidates to become president of Notre Dame High School in Niles.

"A number of people have applied on his behalf," said Peter Newell, a member of the new leadership board for Notre Dame High School.

Smyth said that if he was approached by the board, he would consider the position.

The school will continue to receive applications through an ad that they placed through Jan. 22 and there is no specific time limit that has been set for the appointment of the new



Rev. John Smyth

president.

The new president will take the place of Father Mike Delaney.

"He has done a tremendous amount for the school," Newell said of Delaney. "He's been a very important part of the vitality of the school."

Newell believes that the recent new leadership meeting was very successful.

"I think we raised the comfort level for most of the people in the room that the Catholic mission continues," said Newell.

Four burglaries reported in Park Ridge recently

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Four burglaries have been reported to the Park Ridge Police Department in the past few weeks.

The subjects involved in these incidents have been described as Hispanic looking and wearing baseball caps, possibly trying to hide their identity. Entry was gained into the residence by posing as their contractors or utility employees.

Once they are allowed inside the homes one individual would distract the victim while another individual would attempt to wander off. It is believed that this individual then searches for valuable and

currency. In one of these burglaries, a woman's purse was taken by the subjects.

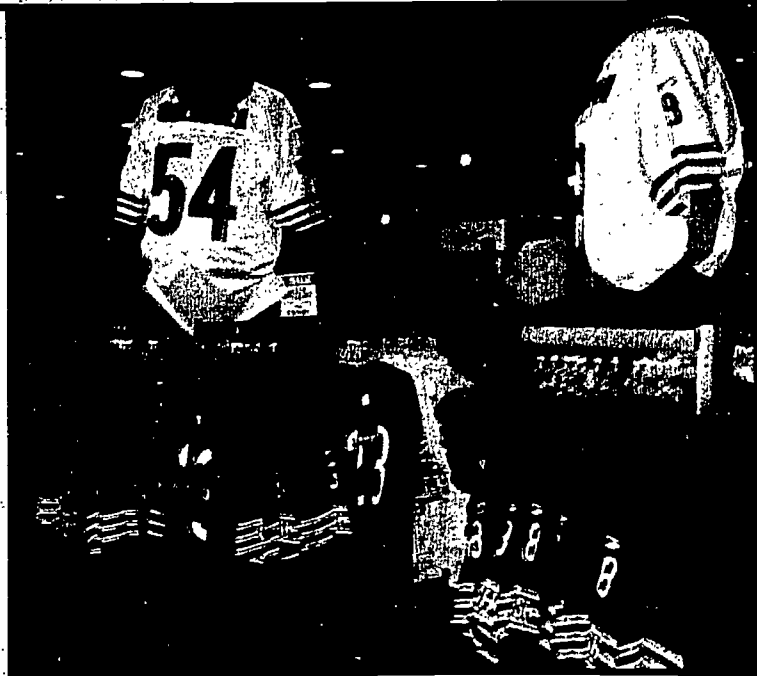
The Park Ridge Police are reminding residents to not open their door to anyone who is not displaying proper official utility company identification. Also, no resident should ever allow contractors, who say they are working in the neighborhood and would like to use the electric, water, etc. inside their home for any reason. Legitimate utility company employees will always readily allow their credentials to be checked. When in doubt, contact police or village officials.

Any resident that witnesses anything suspicious should call 9-1-1 right away.

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Nominations accepted for Niles Chamber Night of Roses

The Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry has begun preparations for their Fourth Annual Niles Night of Roses - A Tribute to Home Grown Success. This popular community recognition dinner is set for Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the White Eagle Banquets. The event honors the outstanding members of the community who usually go unnoticed, because they work and volunteer not for the

recognition, but to enhance the quality of life in Niles. This event gives organizations, schools, churches and businesses a chance to honor those who go above and beyond to



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Bob Ryan | CHAIRPERSON, NILES NIGHT OF ROSES

make our community a great place to live and work. Think of that individual who is always ready and willing to lend a hand, they make things happen and motivate others to get involved. It may be a teacher whose love for education goes far beyond their daily planner or a neighbor who looks out for the elderly couple next door.

"We are really encouraging people to send in a nomination. This is really an opportunity

to thank that neighbor, friend, or co-worker who has made a difference in your life," says Bob Ryan, Chairperson, Niles Night of Roses "...past recipients have truly been honored. This year's Night of Roses will be unforgettable."

The Chamber is currently accepting nominations for eleven awards that will be presented at the Niles Night of Roses on April 21, 2007. Awards will be given in the following categories: Business of

the Year, Coach of the Year, Dynamic Parent Volunteer, Fire Fighter "Hot Spot", Ken Scheel Chamber Member of the Year, Niles Citizen of the Year, Niles Good Neighbor, Police Officer "Special Agent", Teacher of the Year, Unsung Worker "Not Enough Hours in the Day", and Youth of the Year.

Official nomination forms can be found inside this edition of the Bugle or can be picked up at the Niles Chamber office, 8060 West Oakton St., Niles 60714 (Inside the NorthSide Community Bank). All forms must be submitted to the Chamber office by Wednesday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m. Winners will be announced to the community in the Niles Bugle on March 22, 2007.

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Becoming older gracefully

I saw the film "Rocky Balboa" last week and for all those Rocky fans out there I have one confession to make: it's the first of the "Rocky" films I've ever seen.

That being said, it's hard for me to avoid having seen some footage from the films. I've seen the archetypal training montages, some parts of the triumphant boxing scenes and, of course, know the now-cliché tune, "Eye of the Tiger," which several people in my college dormitory used to play prior to leaving for an



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exam.

Anyone who listened to the buzz on the internet though that the latest and, presumably, last of the Rocky films

was going to continue the systematic Hollywood beating of Sylvester Stallone's dead "Italian Stallion" horse. There was even a spoof song circulating that replaced the words "it's the eye of the tiger" with the words "time to die or retire."

So, with this frame of reference, I went to see "Rocky Balboa," and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

It could have been that I had low expectations going in, but I think that part of the reason I enjoyed it was that the film wasn't really about Rocky's latest triumph, it was about aging and doing it well. For those of you who haven't seen the film, Stallone is portrayed as an aging Rocky long past his prime who runs a restaurant. The film is most scenes of Stallone visiting his old neighborhood and contrasting the life of his youth with the life he now lived.

Not much happened. There was the obligatory montage, the fight scene at the end, but for the most part, the movie focused on what life is like for an aging star, Rocky Balboa, or Sylvester Stallone.

They age much as the rest of us, they struggle to put their life in context as it comes to its end, they try to find meaning in its events and, ultimately, Rocky defies time to do its worst.

And so, to time in hope this film shall stand, praising our worth despite time's cruel hand.

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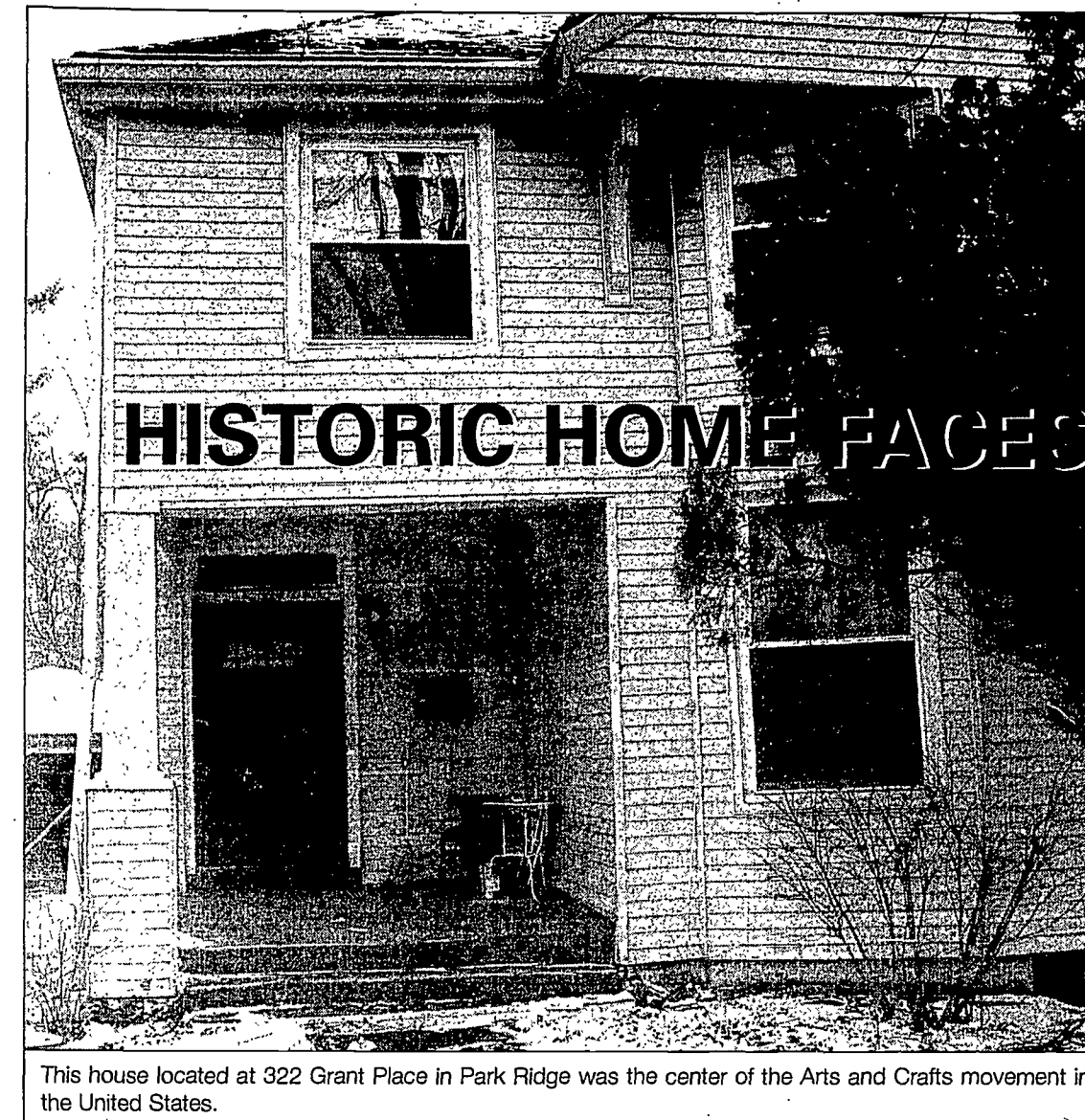
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This house located at 322 Grant Place in Park Ridge was the center of the Arts and Crafts movement in the United States.

Home was center of Arts and Crafts Movement

It's almost time for an old house on Grant Place in Park Ridge to go on the market—but it's not just any old house and a group of citizens have joined together to preserve the home and keep it from being sold.

This house located at 322 Grant Place was the center of the Arts and Crafts movement in the United States.

HISTORIC HOME FACES DEMOLITION

Clara Barck Welles founded the Kalo Arts Crafts Community in the early 20th century to help women find work and put their skills and talents to good use. James Bornhoeft purchased the home in the 1940s and when he recently passed away it was inherited by family members who wish to sell the historic home.

Welles and the other women hired immigrants, taught them how to make the products and also encouraged them to sell their items independently.

"She taught several famous silversmiths of the time," said Betsy Foxwell, one of the Park Ridge residents who is fighting to preserve the historic home.

"Kalo is considered benchmark jewelry of the Arts and Crafts movement in America."

Foxwell said that Bornhoeft strongly wanted to preserve the historic home that was expected to go on the market Jan. 17.

The historic journey started at the turn of the century, when a group of women who went to the Art Institute could not find

jobs because they were women so they joined together in the home and made jewelry and silver designs. In the first three years, the ladies made \$50,000 in capital.

Foxwell said there is currently a board of about 20 members and many other residents who are concerned and want to help preserve the home. The group is currently seeking funding and applying to be on the 10 most endangered property list.

"Park Ridge doesn't tend to pride itself on its history as much as I think it ought to," said Foxwell.

Foxwell said she and the others are dedicated to keep fighting to preserve the old house. They have held silver exhibitions using original designs and continue to do so.

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Niles Receives Clean Air Counts Award



The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus congratulated the Village of Niles for joining the ranks of Clean Air Communities at their December meeting. Clean Air Counts is a nonprofit campaign that is working to improve air quality in the Chicago area by targeting the problem of urban smog. Over forty of the Chicago region's municipalities have now received a Clean Air Counts Award. Visit www.vniles.com to learn more about our efforts and www.cleanaircounts.com to learn how you can "Make a Visible Difference." Shown here (left to right) are Northbrook Mayor Eugene Marks presenting Niles Village Attorney, Joseph J. Annunzio, with the Clean Air Counts Award. (Photo by Lisa Winn)

Senator Kotowski plans Veterans Advisory Council to create a 'unified voice'

Illinois State Senator Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) recently announced his plan to start a Veterans Advisory Council.

Kotowski believes area veterans should have a unified voice so lawmakers can better serve the needs of those who have served the United States of America.

Kotowski shared his intention to start an advisory committee at an event hosted by the Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services. The event emphasized the importance of veteran's health care issues.

"People who serve our country and are willing to die for our freedoms should have all the healthcare opportunities that we can afford them," stated Kotowski, in a press release. "That is why I am forming the North West Suburban

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Sen. Dan Kotowski
ILL. STATE SENATOR, D-PARK RIDGE

Veteran's Advisory Council." Kotowski expects the council to be diverse, reflecting today's military, but also remembering that those who have served decades ago also have needs that have not been heard.

"This council is a vehicle to share ideas, hear concerns, and advocate for pro veteran policies in the state of Illinois," said Kotowski, in a press release.

'Shabu-Shabu' restaurant at Niles board for discussion

Something new and different may be coming to town.

The opening of a "hot pot" style or Shabu-Shabu restaurant was expected to be discussed at the Niles village board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The plan is for the restaurant to be opened at the Four Flags Shopping Center at 8257 Golf Road. The special use to operate the 60-seat restaurant was up for discussion at the board meeting.

Shabu-Shabu, often found at Japanese restaurants, was developed by Genghis Khan.

Ruler of Magnolia in the 13th century, Khan created a massive and highly organized army and he developed the hot pot or Shabu-Shabu way of cooking in order to feed his troops.

Shabu-Shabu involves thinly sliced meat and was originally meant to feed the troops efficiently and nutritiously.

The restaurant will feature the Shabu-Shabu experience which involves customers cooking a variety of vegetables, meat and seafoods themselves using an individual range and pot.

AnswerNet network expands

The AnswerNet Network has expanded its Miami, FL and Morton Grove, IL facilities and has hired more contact center agents to staff them.

AnswerNet more than tripled the number of workstations at the Morton Grove center and doubled the number of staff at that location.

The business increased its Miami center, managed by its Signius division, by 40%. The added capacity enabled the center to increase its staff members by more than 30%.

The Miami expansion enables AnswerNet to better serve the Spanish-speaking market. The center offers bilingual employees.

AnswerNet has 55 contact centers located throughout the United States and Canada. AnswerNet's expansion is a result of growing demand for its catalog, order entry, product recalls and ID theft hotlines services.

The company has also seen an increase in bilingual programs from clients.

Dist. 64 approves April 17 tax increase referendum

The District 64 Board of Education at its January 22 meeting voted unanimously to place a tax increase referendum on the ballot for Tuesday, April 17. The District is asking for a 44-cent increase to its tax limiting rate for two years.

The Board is expected to approve the actual language of the referendum ballot question at a special meeting scheduled for Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Educational Service Center. The District will provide a complete analysis of the impact of the 44-cent tax increase on the quality of the educational programs and services to students, and outline the effect on homeowners and the District's long-term financial outlook. This information also will be available in an upcoming "Connections" newsletter and will be available on the District's Web site.

"The Board believes we have reached a tipping point where the quality of the education being offered in District 64

schools - which are so highly valued by the members of this community - will be jeopardized unless additional funding is provided," according to Board President Chris Mollet. "We believe local residents want Park Ridge-Niles schools to remain competitive with neighboring communities. The impact of the \$12.2 million cumulative total of cuts to educational programs and services made previously combined with a minimum of \$1 million in cuts required for next year - and even larger amounts thereafter - will make that unlikely," he remarked.

The Board's referendum decision is the result of a multi-year review of the District's finances, which included analyses and recommendations from a 30-member Community Finance Committee (CFC). The CFC's three subcommittees in September presented final reports to the Board, and recommended the District consider a tax rate referendum com-

bined with spend management and stepped up community outreach. Since then, the Board has conducted 11 Committee-of-the-Whole on Finance meetings to evaluate the CFC findings and related reports from the District 64 administration.

Also at Monday's meeting, the Board reviewed feedback from the three informational "64 Forums" sponsored by the CFC earlier in January, which were attended by more than 450 community and staff members. The Board also reviewed the preliminary results of a telephone survey being conducted that will provide input from 300 residents.

At its February 12 and 26 meetings, the Board will identify at least \$1 million in expenditure reductions to balance its 2007-08 budget. The Board is expected to authorize some combination of increased class sizes, reductions in programs and services to students, and deferral of Life Safety maintenance projects.

MG retains law firm to advise on vacancy

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Richard Krier announced that the village contacted a law firm to help them determine whether recent statements and actions of Trustee Roy Kogstad equate to his resignation at the village board meeting on Monday, Jan. 22.

"I have not received a word from Trustee Kogstad," said Krier. "All I know is what I've read in the papers."

The village has contacted the law offices of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, Dicianni and Krafthefer, P.C.

"Mr. Kogstad's statements such as 'taking my leave,' 'taking a sabbatical' or 'leave of absence' are not available methods of performing his elected responsibilities. Either you serve or you don't. In this instance, there is ample reason to believe that Mr. Kogstad has resigned," explains the law firm, in a letter to Krier. It states that Kogstad has also returned

his January trustee salary check.

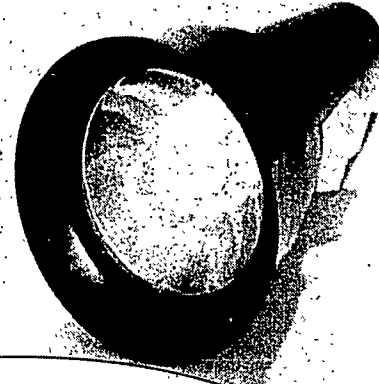
"It's too bad that Mr. Kogstad has decided to take this route," said Krier, who said he has been hesitant to move forward with selecting a replacement for Kogstad, because he wants to make sure there are no legal issues involved.

The law firm the village hired informed the village that in their opinion Kogstad has provided enough "circumstantial evidence" that he has voluntarily resigned from the position of trustee.

"Therefore, you may declare a vacancy on the board of trustees, and follow the procedures you have outlined in your Jan. 15, 2007 certified letter to him," explained the law firm in a letter to Krier.

Corporation Counsel Teresa Liston shared that the village has spent thousands of dollars on legal counsel on this matter. She said that she was informed that this type of situation has never happened in the state before.

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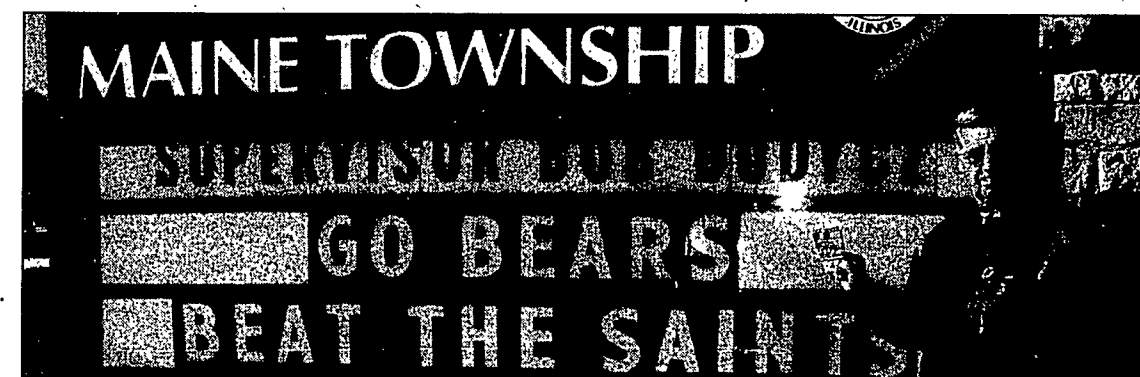
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Clerk Warner stopped at his office on the way to the Bear Game on Sunday, he was going to his third NFC Championship Game. He attended his first on December 29, 1963 at Wrigley Field when they beat the New York Giants 14-10. The temperature was 11 degrees. The second Championship was January 12, 1986 beating the LA Rams 24-0. The temperature then was a balmy 39 degrees. On this past Sunday's Championship they beat the New Orleans Saints 39-14 in 29 degrees. "The last two Sundays' games were really great, attending them with me was my wife Arlene. That covers 43 years as a season ticket holder, said Warner."

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Two cases of identity theft in Morton Grove

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1 Identity Theft
(5700 block of Lincoln)
Unknown person(s) used personal identity information belonging to the complainant's son in order to fraudulently obtain credit through Chase Bank sometime between Monday, Jan. 1 and Sunday, Jan. 7. The fraudulent accounts have been set up by unknown subject(s) in 2002 and 2006.

2 Burglary to Vehicle
(6700 block of Dempster)
Unknown subject(s) smashed the passenger side window in and removed a suitcase with various pieces of jewelry and a \$400 Tom Tom in a case on Friday, Jan. 12. The victim brought the jewelry in a suitcase to a jeweler to prepare for an upcoming wedding and it was taken out of her vehicle.

3 Burglary to Vehicle
(8500 block of Lehigh)
Police said unknown subject(s) broke the windows of a vehicle and entered the victim's vehicle on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

4 Identity Theft
(7100 block of Simpson)
Unknown person(s) fraudulently used the victim's identity information to take out a home loan on Friday, Jan. 26.

5 Arrested for Cannabis
(6100 block of Dempster)
A 25-year-old Vernon Hills man and a 23-year-old Mundelein man were arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 10 after an officer smelled burnt Cannabis coming from their vehicle. The police officer observed part of a handgun underneath the passenger's seat. Another handgun was found in the vehicle as well as more than 2,200 grams of Cannabis that has a street value of \$40,000. The men were taken into custody and found to be active in Lake County.

6 Revoked License Arrest
(Dempster/Sayre)
Police said a 26-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested on Sunday, Jan. 14 after being stopped for a traffic violation and was found to have a revoked license. The bond is set at \$2,000 and the court date is Feb. 14.

7 Arrest on Warrant
(Dempster/Narragansett)
Police arrested a 38-year-old Chicago man on a warrant out

of Dupage County on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The court date is Feb. 20 and bond was set at \$1,000.

NILES

8 Armed Robbery at Drive-Thru (8800 block of W. Dempster)
An employee of the restaurant, who collects money at the drive-thru, said a suspect standing behind her was holding a knife on Friday, Jan. 12. The suspect reportedly grabbed \$500 from the employee and ran westbound. A witness, another employee at the restaurant, began to chase the subject but lost him.

9 Bloody Clothes Found (6100 block of Touhy)
The complainant said an unknown female brought a bag of clothes into the store that she said she found in the parking lot on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The clothing items reportedly appeared to have blood on them.

10 Punched on the Street (9000 block of Milwaukee)
While walking down Milwaukee near the Shell gas station, two men said they were approached by two unknown males on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The subjects said something to the victims and later punched them in the face. A black SUV pulled up to the subjects and appeared to say something to them and then drove off. Police said the subjects fled off on foot down southbound Milwaukee.

11 Purse Taken from Washroom Stall (400 Golf Mill)
The victim said she was in the washroom stall when unknown person reached over the door and grabbed her purse on the hook and then threw it back in the stall after removing money inside the victim's purse on Thursday, Jan. 18. Police said there was \$870 in USC in the woman's purse.

12 Burglary From Vehicle (9500 block of Greenwood Ave.)
Unknown subject(s) stole a brand new flat screen television worth \$1,390 from the trunk of the victim's vehicle on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

13 DUI Arrest (9000 block of N. Maryland)
A 29-year-old Niles man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after he drove off a roadway on Saturday, Jan. 13. The bond is set at \$3,000 and the court date is Feb. 28.

14 DUI Arrest (Near Harlem and Touhy)
Police arrested a 57-year-old Chicago female for driving under the influence and having a breath alcohol concentration of more than .08 on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The bond was set at \$1,000.

PARK RIDGE

15 Attempted Burglary (1600 block of Cedar)

Unidentified person(s) attempted to enter the victim's garage by forcing open the overhead door on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The door was discovered broken and had pry marks on the bottom. Nothing appears to be missing from the garage, said police.

16 Senior Citizen Robbed (1900 S. Cumberland)
Police said a female victim in her 70s was getting into her vehicle when a male in his 20s with dark hair approached her and asked for the time on Friday, Jan. 12. When the victim looked at her watch the suspect reportedly grabbed her purse. During a struggle to hold onto the purse the victim fell down. The suspect got the victim's purse and fled on foot. The purse contained \$30, ID, credit card and checkbook.

17 Burglary to Residence (2100 block of Farrell)
The owner of the residence

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discovered a bathroom window open and her door on the east side of the residence unlocked sometime between Sunday, Jan. 14 and Monday, Jan. 15. Two checkbooks were reported missing.

18 Subject Keyed Hood (1200 block of N. Beau Dr.)
Unknown subject(s) "keyed" the hood and left side of the victim's 2005 Acura TL sometime between Friday, Jan. 12 and Saturday, Jan. 13. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

19 Burglary to Business (500 block of W. Higgins)
The manager discovered approximately \$1,000 of hair care products missing from the business sometime between Friday, Jan. 5 and Tuesday, Jan. 9. Police said telephone wires were also discovered cut but there were no signs of forced entry.

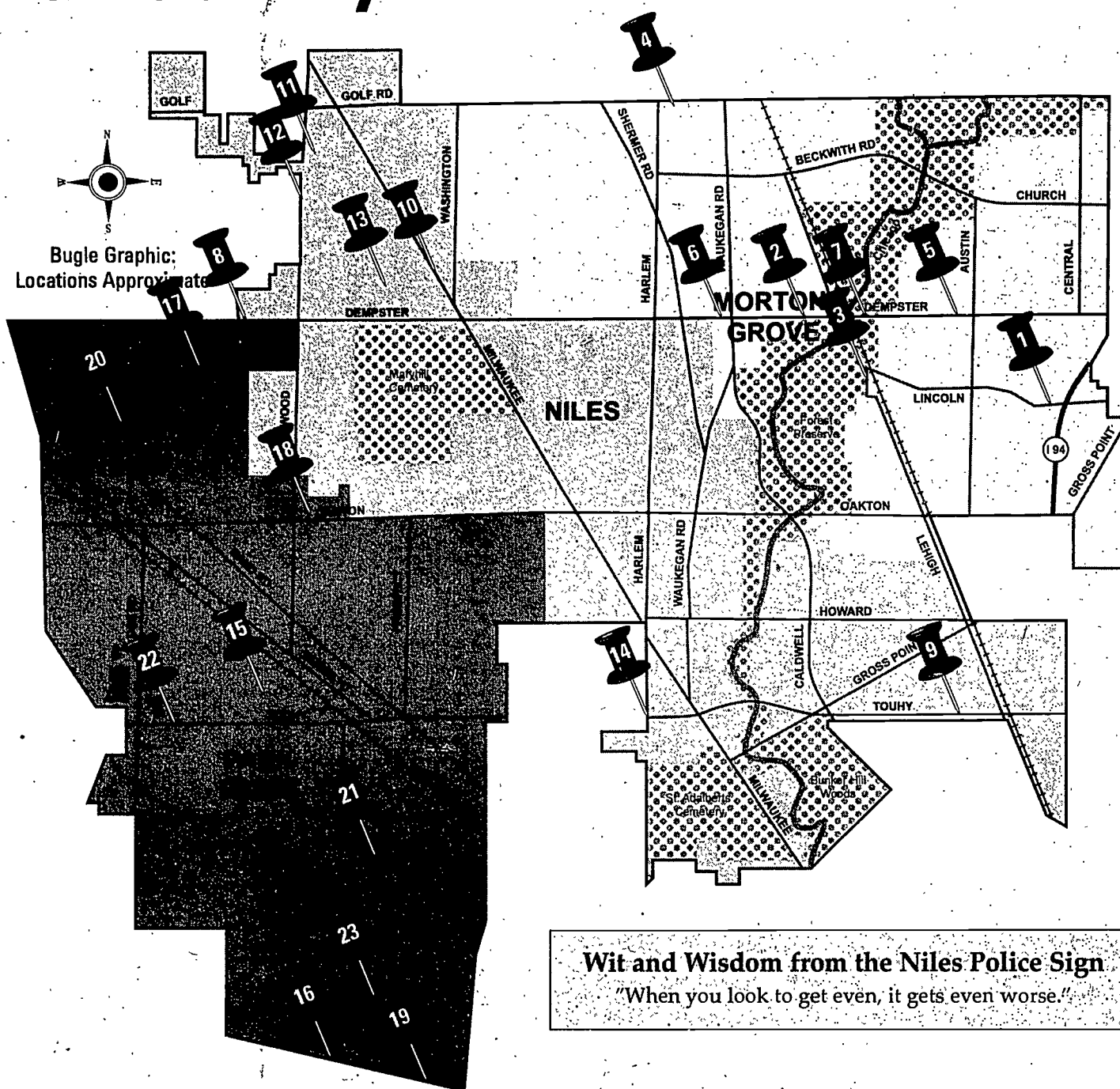
20 Criminal Damage to School (2400 block of W. Manor)
Unidentified person(s) spray painted several loca-

tions on the exterior of the school and wrote on several windows with a black marker sometime between Saturday, Jan. 13 and Sunday, Jan. 14. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

21 Vehicle Window Destroyed (700 block of S. Prospect)
Unknown subject(s) destroyed the driver's side window of the victim's 1993 Cadillac sometime between Sunday, Jan. 14 and Monday, Jan. 15. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown, said police.

22 DUI Arrest (2000 block of Touhy)
A 50-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 17 for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to signal and improper lane usage. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Feb. 23.

23 Retail Theft Arrest (1700 block of S. Prospect)
Police said a 28-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Saturday, Jan. 13 for retail theft. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is Feb. 20.



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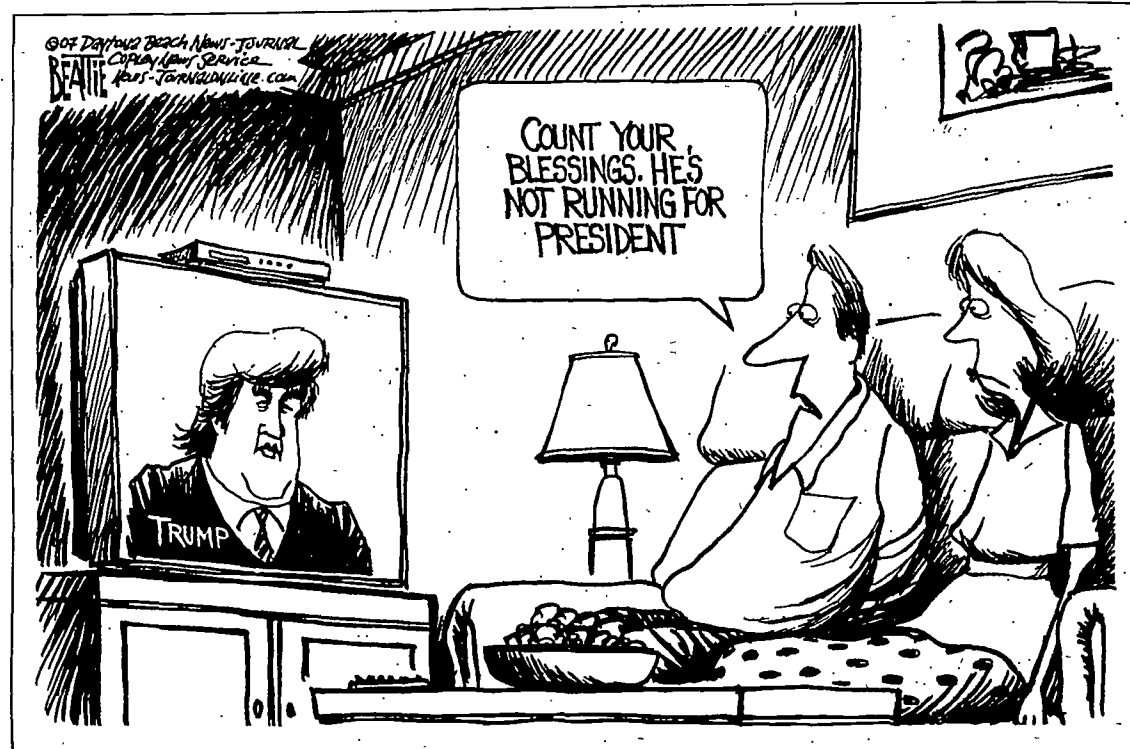
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The Return of the Black Father

The Law of Unintended Consequences is always active, regardless of good (or bad) intent. In the late 60s, when government stepped in to "alleviate" poverty with direct payments to mothers with children born out of wedlock, it eliminated the need for fathers. These are fathers in the traditional sense: they marry the woman and are a part of the children's lives. The full role as opposed to the least important element - breeding.

This period of history was especially difficult for American blacks. It is the time of the civil rights movement. Jim Crow laws imposed by state and local governments had devastated much of the gains made by blacks up to that point. The Great Depression had cut the legs out of the progress made during the Harlem Renaissance. Something few people know is that blacks held positions of success and authority and were making gains up until the 'Great Depression' and the return to "slavery" found in the racist policies implemented by government. Jim Crow was most obvious in the south, but keep in mind that the Dan Ryan expressway formed a very real racial border, along with the idea of concentrating the most poverty possible in a single zip code by building high rise tenements. Still, the hypocrisy of being only partly free did not hold down blacks. The power to endure and overcome is amazing.

Blacks held prominent positions as doctors, bankers, lawyers, and architects and



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worked with and served white customers. When the "War on Poverty" was started with good intent, blacks had already made great strides toward full equality. The trouble was that the incentives contained in the policies actually encouraged out of wedlock births and idleness. During the 70s, black households were faced with the unenviable position of earning too much with a dad. Without a father in the home money, programs and opportunities would be showered down in plenty. Politicians would be wise to follow the medical adage: First Do No Harm.

It is some defense, though, to recall the tensions of the time. In a poisonous atmosphere peoples' worst fears come to the fore and bad thinking takes hold. This was the time of Bull Connors and government sponsored thuggery, lynchings, the assassination of Martin Luther King, and the Black Panthers (who could at that time openly carry rifles onto courthouse steps). Into this tumult spilled the worst human emotions - fear and guilt. These two emotions rarely lead to good outcomes and the net result were a series of laws that reduced liberty

and actually increased poverty. It was a time of harsh and virulent feminism. Males were the enemy. Add to this the marriage penalty imposed by tax policy and families on the margins, those most poor and in need of the solidity provided by family and fatherhood, spilled over the brink. Fatherlessness took hold. Why have a daddy if government will pay the way?

The media was also to blame. It fed into white fear by portraying blacks as dumb, sexualized, emotional, violent and childlike, needing to be cared for and at the same time sinister and dangerous. Blacksploitation became a term for a film genre in which black men are portrayed as ghetto heroes dealing drugs, discarding women, and staying one step ahead of "the Man". Not the best images for men, women or youths and the use of the word "hero" is obviously not in keeping with tradition. There were no black John Waynes in these films. Yet, today, something has changed.

In fifteen years of working on the south side I have seen more black men spending time with their children this year than over that entire time. Black pastors and religious leaders get it. In their sermons and their private counsels they now emphasize marriage and the need for fathers in families. This is a sea change and one that can only be for the good. I know many of these fathers and they are emphatically delighted to have this role return. They revel in the opportunity and challenge

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Broker's first loyalty to company, not you

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

About a year ago, Smith Barney, the brokerage giant, announced that it would start calling its stockbrokers "financial advisers." Most Smith

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Barney clients, if they heard this pronouncement, probably greeted it with some variation of "duh." These investors already assume that the brokers, who handle their accounts, are advisers.

While the clients would have been puzzled by the need for a press release, many of the investment advisers who belong to the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors were apoplectic. NAPFA, which has 1,000 or so members, is the financial industry's little engine that could. Despite its small size and diminutive clout, the organization of fee-only advisers starts tossing china plates when one of the Goliaths in the financial industry does something dastardly.

Peggy Cabaniss, the NAPFA chairwoman, rightly called Smith Barney on its linguistic shenanigans. "The term 'financial adviser' should be reserved for professionals who give objective financial advice and who always put the interest of their clients first," Cabaniss wrote. "It should not be co-opted by salespeople whose only loyalty, both financial and legally, is to their employer."

Millions of people who rely upon stockbrokers for investment advice won't know what the heck Cabaniss is talking about. And that, of course, is the problem. The brokerage industry has worked hard to erase the distinctions between brokers and investment advisers. And Smith Barney isn't the only linguistic contortionist. Just try finding any brokerage firm that hasn't embraced honorific titles for its brokers. If you pick up any stockbroker's business card today, you will find that they've morphed into financial consultants, wealth managers, retirement specialists and all sorts of other titles.

Playing loose with titles wouldn't matter if they were inconsequential, but they aren't. You see, the stockbroker who handles your stock trades

and perhaps sold you some annuities is essentially a salesman. If you're only buying shares of Apple Inc. or whatever other company you take a fancy to, maybe this won't matter. But if you expect your financial point person to provide you with a comprehensive plan that could include how you're going to fund your kids' college education and your golden years, you may have walked through the wrong door.

You could be puzzled by what I am saying if you value the advice you receive from your broker. There are some very intelligent, conscientious brokers in the field today. I've talked to plenty of them. But while these brokers may impress you with their educational background, their investment acumen, their alphabet soup of professional designations and their promptness in returning calls, many of them can't compensate for one glaring omission on their vitae: They can't call themselves fiduciaries.

It's not that many brokers wouldn't love to be fiduciaries, but many firms routinely forbid it. In fact, ferocious battles have been waged by the brokerage industry in Washington, D.C., over something informally called the Merrill Lynch rule, to make sure that their sale forces don't have to behave as fiduciaries. If you're wondering who is winning the war, it sure isn't the investor.

Before you can appreciate why the brokerage industry is keeping its howitzers fully loaded, you have to understand why you should seek advice from a fiduciary, which has become the investment world's latest buzzword. First and foremost, a fiduciary must act in good faith when making decisions for clients. A fiduciary will only recommend investments that are in an investor's best interests. A fiduciary, who must set aside personal interests, discloses all his or her fees.

So who are these fiduciaries? The Investment Advisors Act of 1940 obligates registered investment advisers to behave as fiduciaries. One requirement of these advisers is filing an annual ADV form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which provides information on such things as

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Wood-working supply store to close

After 25 years in business, R.A. Ness, The Woodworkers Emporium located at 8888 N. Milwaukee in Niles has announced that it will be closing. While no official closing date has been set, the business's owners say they could close in as little as two weeks. The business sells wood-working tools and supplies and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday. It is located on the west side of Milwaukee, just north of Dempster St.

McCreery settling in

Denise McCreery, Niles' newest "Business Development Coordinator" is settling into her position in the new year, visiting businesses throughout Niles in the last few weeks.



Denise McCreery

McCreery was hired last year to fill the vacant post and work under Dave Esposito.

"My job deals with business retention," McCreery says.

"Basically I visit businesses throughout Niles and make sure that they are happy with the level of service they are receiving from the village."

McCreery noted that not many municipalities have a position dedicated to business retention.

"I think it's the reason for the low vacancy rate," she said.

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Park Ridge Chamber holds awards ceremony, installation

Above: Bob Dudycz was awarded a Community Star for his volunteer work as 2005 & 2006 Chair of The Taste of Park Ridge. Iglow is President of The Taste Board of Directors.

Right: L to r, Community Star Award winner Bob Dudycz is congratulated by Chamber President Dick Barton and Larry Narum, a new Director for the Chamber, at Saturday annual awards dinner and installation of 2007 Officers. The event was attended by over 140.



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of being husbands and fathers again. Much of this change is psychological, but an enormous part is financial. The welfare reform started during President Clinton's administration and the tax reform under President Bush have eliminated the anti-father and anti-family aspects of the system. By encouraging marriage and fatherhood and eliminating the marriage penalty government can get out of the way of people helping themselves. In Illinois

alone the welfare rolls have fallen some 84%.

And at last Hollywood is catching up to this new reality. Will Smith stars in The Pursuit of Happyness, a film based on a true story in which a single black father struggles to find employment, a home and success while caring for his son. It is a film that will reawaken your belief in the human spirit and the ability to overcome all obstacles. Too often we see only bad news and failure, but don't believe the hype. Things are really getting better and finally, there is a black John Wayne.

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an adviser's background, compensation and size of the firm. If your financial professional is an RIA, he or she can provide you with his or her annual ADV form, which you should definitely read.

You may be wondering how a broker's responsibilities compare with a fiduciary's. For starters, a broker's first loyalty is to his employer. Rather than recommending the best investments to their clients, brokers

can skate by with the lower standard of suggesting "suitable" investments. This might not sound egregious until you hear examples of how this works. Would you rather, for instance, have your broker recommend inexpensive mutual funds with a solid history of performance or stick you with a "suitable" in-house mutual fund dogged by high fees and a hideous track record? Sure, you'd be hurt financially, but the brokerage firm would benefit when your broker unloaded a bow-wow fund on you.

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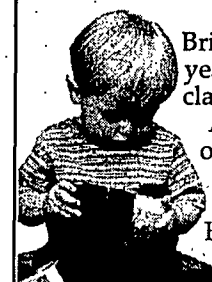
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Cinderella Ball at Niles Park District

It's time again for Niles Park District's Cinderella Ball on Friday, February 9. Girls are invited to ask the favorite man in their life (dad, grandpa, uncle) for an evening of fun. Girls in grades K-6th will enjoy an evening of dancing to a live DJ, games, prizes, and refreshments. Event is held at the Howard Leisure Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fee is Res \$40; Non-Res \$50/ per couple, \$15 for each additional daughter. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street or call (847) 967-6633.

King of Hearts Ball at Niles Park District



It's a magical night out with your favorite little guy in grades K-6th. Moms, aunts and grandmas are invited to join Niles Park District for an evening of fun, dancing, games, prizes and refreshments. Our DJ leads the way to get everyone moving to the music. Don't miss this special event on Friday, February 23 at the Howard Leisure Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fee is Res \$40; Non-Res \$50/ per couple, \$15 for each additional child. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street or call (847) 967-6633.

Youth Basketball Winter League

Individual Registration is being accepted for the Youth Basketball Winter Leagues for Grades 2nd through 8th Girls and Boys. These fun and exciting leagues begin February 10 and end April 1. Each participant will receive a team t-shirt and will play a guaranteed 10 games. Volunteer coaches are also needed. Registration deadline is January 22. Registration is being taken at the Howard Leisure Center. For more information about Youth Basketball or volunteer coaching, please call (847) 967-6975.

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ART AT THE SUMMIT

Chesterine "Tess" Satiwicz, right, shows her collection of original artwork to her friend, Helen Schaeffer. Satiwicz started studying art when she retired. Now in her 80's she had her first art show last week at Summit Square Retirement & Assisted living where she has lived for the past four years.



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Reprimanded Then Ok'd for New Job

Wednesday, March 11, 1959

An engineer named Slezak was slapped on the wrist by the village board for changing the plans for sewer pipes in the Gail Ann Subdivision without receiving permission from the village for the variation.

The Board then turned around and approved a fee for Slezak of \$750 for inspecting a sewer connection on behalf of the village.

Slezak who is employed by both the Metropolitan Sanitary District and Ray Adreanni (developer of the Gail Ann Subdivision) thus was placed on the payrolls of three individual groups who are involved in one basic project.

This bizarre episode results from an inspection of the Gail Ann area (Milwaukee Ave. south of Oakton) by Trustee Denis Nielsen. He noticed the sewer pipes in the area were concrete pipes. In checking the plans that were approved for the area he noted that vitrified clay pipes were on the plans submitted to the village. Slezak, who served in the dual capacity of engineer for the project as well as inspector for the village, admitted he made the change to save the contractor money.

★ Approve 3 Liquor Licenses in Niles' Newly Annexed Areas

**Play Politics Before Approval
Wednesday, May 13, 1959**

In one of the most bizarre meetings ever held in the village hall, in which the Stanley and the Stankowicz groups butted their collective politicking heads against one another, the new village board unanimously approved the increase of the liquor license ordinance by three more, to include three businesses in the newly annexed area north of Dempster. Those expected to receive the licenses include Sullivan's, The Highland House and Vinci's.

Only Vinci's has never previously had a license. This will raise the total licenses within the village to 39 Class A (consumption on the premises) and 6 Class C licenses (Package stores).

Mayor Stankowicz who is also liquor commissioner is given the authority to issue the

★ Village Approves 3 Liquor Licenses in Niles' Newly Annexed Areas



three more licenses. While it is expected that the three previously named businesses will receive the licenses the liquor commissioner has the choice of deciding who will receive the licenses.

A near rhubarb existed Wednesday night over the issuance of these licenses as well as the previously issued ones. The last time the trustees raised the license quota it was understood by several of the trustees that Vinci's was to be included at that time. The quota was raised to seal agreements which were made with the Golf Mill Shopping Center interests as well as with Vinci's, all of which agreed to annex into Niles contingent with their receiving licenses.

Blast 1 Man Cars; "I Got a Drag" Star

Thursday, August 13, 1959

"The Chief always has an excuse - It's time the village board has some say. I don't believe that man is going to run this village." Thus spoke trustee John Trocki, chairman of the police and fire committee, who was criticizing Police Chief Romey at the Aug. 4

trustee meeting.

Both Trocki and Stanley were critical of the department's only allowing one man to ride at night in a police car. Policeman Ed Dennis was recently shot at by unknown persons in a car by the East Maine School and both trustees believed it was time two men were assigned to a car on the night shift.

Romey, in answer to this criticism believed the village is better served by having one man cars patrol the village giving better coverage by having four cars on active duty rather than two two man cars. He said in the Dennis incident he should have radioed another car which would have quickly come to his aid. (Since this meeting two men have been riding together at nighttime.)

Trocki also mentioned the "I've Gotta Drag" group of men who have police stars are never employed by the village. This was in reference to special policemen who carry stars but are never used by the police department.

Stanley said he noticed one of these men is never on the monthly payroll. He said the

man's initials are Frank Luecker.

In other actions, the 70 acre property bordering the East Maine homeowners homes was approved for industry, commercial and multiple dwellings.

Rainbow Foods on Waukegan Road were turned down in their request to have their property zoned for D commercial which would be used for package liquors. The petitioner will have to re-petition for a variation with the present C zoning....A new ordinance which results in oil companies being at least 300 feet from each other will be drawn by the village attorney....

120 acres within the western Greenwood-Ballard Dempster area is considering annexation to Niles.

Tornadoes Play Havoc In South Side of Niles

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1959

A double tornado, with winds estimated from 80 to 100 mph played havoc in the Touhy Ave. area Sept. 26, leaving in its wake damages which may cost as high as \$250,000 throughout

the village.

The winds ripped off the roofing from the village hall sending the two inch insulation, which rested beneath the tar and gravel flying across Milwaukee Ave. The one and a half foot wall, the vita cotta coping and gutter, also were wrested from the building and sent flying in all directions about the hall. Pebbles from the roof even made air rifle-like holes in a policeman's car windows, the car being parked on Newark Ave.

Utility Company Has Water Rights

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1959

Niles' drive to annex additional property at her northern borders was momentarily slowed down after it was disclosed at Monday's trustee meeting that Niles is now feeding water into Ballard Terrace Estates illegally.

The confusion resulted from the fact that the Domestic Utilities Company, which services much of the surrounding area has had a contract, which is three years old, which was signed by the original landowner, which granted the utility company the exclusive right to service the entire area bordered by Church, Ballard, Greenwood and Cumberland.

Niles is only responsible to re-imburse the utility company for the value of the water which was service to the area plus any incidental cost for the use of the pipes. Until the problem is reconciled no further "taps" will be permitted for additional homes there.

Village Officials Believe 16,000 is Closer Guess

**Bugle Estimates
Population is 17,500**

While the final tabulation of the 1959 village census has not been completed it is likely that Niles' new population figure will be around the 17,500 figure. However, this is only an estimate of this newspaper. Village officials estimate a population of about 16,000, which we believe is conservative. Ed. Note.

An estimated two weeks was required to complete the special federal census in Niles which got underway Monday, July 6, 1959 according to information released by James G. Kozak, village clerk.

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The Three Paisanos

Thursday, March 8th 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$42.

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St. Joe's/St. Pat's Day Party

Friday, March 16, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

It's corned beef and cabbage time, served with rye bread, potatoes, carrots, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Then join in the fun as the Barjo Buddies Dixieland Trio performs. Raffle. Reserved Seating. Check for Ticket availability. \$12.

Southside Irish Tour

Thursday, March 22 8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$54

On this interesting tour. You're invited to discover the rich heritage of the Southside Irish. Visit the I & M Canal Museum in Lockport and see Lock #1 on a driving tour along the canal to see what Irish workers accomplished through back-breaking work. You're sure to enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch in an authentic Irish pub, brought piece-by-piece from Ireland, now located in the Irish Cultural Center. In Gaelic Park,

we will have a tour and you will see a beautiful collection of Irish crystal and china. On the way home, we'll stop at an authentic Irish bakery and deli, where you can pick up some freshly baked Soda Bread, candy, cheese and other Irish gift items. Call for ticket availability. Open to non-residents after January 25th. (Extensive walking involved)

Senior Music Group seeks members

This enthusiastic group wants you if you like to hum, sing or even whistle. If you can carry a tune, bring your voice! We want you if you play a conventional reed, percussion, keyboard, or stringed instrument, guitar or ukulele. We'd especially love you if you play a harmonica, kazoo, washboard, spoons or whatever (have your own homemade instrument - we can incorporate it into the band!). No pay, but lots of fun! Join the Niles Senior Center Kitchenaires Kitchen Band. Call for our practice schedule or for more information (call MaryAnn 847 588-8420). Non-residents are welcome.

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Napa sauvignon blanc sets stage for Tunisian-inspired bouillabaisse

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

Cathal Armstrong was as freaked out as an executive chef could be. An important

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woman expected for lunch the next day had arrived without warning. Armstrong and the surprised staff of the Washington, D.C., Bistro Bis whipped up the best lunch they could, then held their breath as she dined. When finished, the woman said she was so pleased that she would return with a friend. The next day, Julia Child was back - along with Jacques Pepin - to enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Although the Irish-born Armstrong shared his parent's passion for food, cooking for a living was the last thing he wanted to do.

"I'm not sure I've made

that decision even now," said Armstrong, who was honored as one of Food and Wine Magazine's best American chefs in 2006.

"I ended up in the business by accident. I was taking computer programming and started to wash dishes at a nearby Dublin restaurant. I enjoyed watching the chefs and was enthralled with their knife skills. As fate would have it, the chef got sick and they had me fill in. The chef never came back - so I was the chef."

Soon after, the 19-year-old Armstrong and two partners opened a French restaurant in the Dublin suburbs. "My dad came up with the hare-brained scheme," he said. "It lasted about six months, but I learned many lessons."

Like that he needed more experience - which America provided. "In Washington, D.C., I decided to work about three months for tuition to go back to school. That was 17

years ago. It was all about the money at the time. Then I met my wife Meshelle and everything changed."

Twelve years after arriving here, with support and inspiration from Meshelle, Armstrong opened his nationally acclaimed Restaurant Eve - named after their first child - in Old Town Alexandria, Va.

The Dish

Bouillabaisse is a fish soup said to have originated in Marseille, France, in the 1700s. It is the royalty of fish soups, characterized not by the fish, but the magic achieved from olive oil, spices and herbs, including saffron, leeks and fennel. The broth can be made a day or two ahead and refrigerated.

The keys to Armstrong's bouillabaisse are fresh ingredients, especially the fish and shellfish. It's best to shop at a seafood market

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Cathal Armstrong runs the nationally acclaimed Restaurant Eve in Old Town Alexandria, Va., near Washington, D.C. (CNS Photo)

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where fresh mproduct is usually abundant. Ask for fish bones for the stock - most likely you'll get them for free.

The dish calls for harissa, which is a hot, Tunisian red chile paste or sauce. It is sold in jars or tubes online or in specialty food markets.

The Wine

It is essential that this flavorful dish be served with a very nice white wine, such as the highly rated yet affordable 2000 Artesa Reserve Sauvignon Blanc (\$17).

Artesa is in the Carneros area of the Napa Valley and is one of the newest wineries in the region. They open under the name Codorniu and produced sparkling wine. In 1997, they changed direction to focus on ultra-premium still wines. Their sauvignon blanc has rich fruit-forward flavors of melons and citrus, mellowed with vanilla tones in the finish. It received 90 points from Wine Spectator.

'Time Traveler' a lifelong quest for fulfillment

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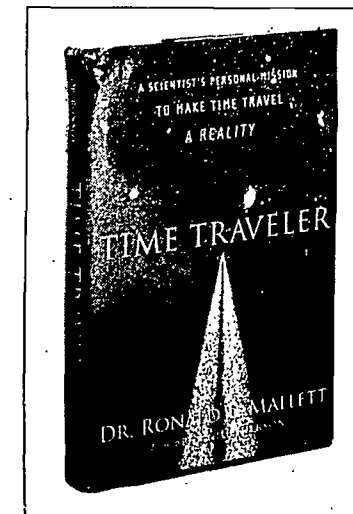
"Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality" by Ronald L. Mallett; Thunder's Mouth Press; 216 pages; \$34.95.

SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF

In 1955, Ronald Mallett's father died of a heart attack. The trauma sent the heartbroken boy, then 10 years old, on a lifelong quest to see his father again.

That is the premise behind Mallett's very serious and very personal memoir, "Time Traveler: A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality."

Mallett, a 61-year-old physicist at the University of Connecticut, is no science-fiction writer. Some of his peers question whether it will be ever possible to build a time machine for people, but there's nothing about the laws of physics that forbids time travel. It's actually theoretically possible, and Mallett is now working on an experimental machine designed to transport



Hands of time - His secret dreams led Ronald L. Mallett to physics; 'Time Traveler' is a surprisingly poignant memoir. (CNS Photo)

neutrons into the future.

In "Time Traveler," Mallett is driven by a singular mission - from a withdrawn childhood comforted by science fiction, to an ascetic life in the military, to an intellectual blossoming in academia. Mallett doggedly pursued a life in physics, devouring books on subjects he did not yet understand, using food money for books, seeking training in the military

and college, then industry, then back to a life of scholarship.

The author takes us along with him as he slowly begins to grasp the insights of Hendrik Lorentz, Albert Einstein, Erwin Schrodinger, Kurt Godel, Richard Feynman, John Wheeler, Kip Thorne, Stephen Hawking, Alan Guth and a galaxy of other scientists who influenced Mallett's life.

If you're not interested in physics, then, this isn't the book for you. The narrative of "Time Traveler" often feels like a college lecture, but Mallett is such a great teacher that the complex ideas that shape modern physics aren't so scary under the professor's easy guidance.

Physics and Mallett's pursuit of his dream are the centerpieces of his memoir, but readers are also taken on a trip to America in the 1950s and 1960s, where a black boy and then young man encountered periodic racism. It's not insignificant that Mallett never experienced such small-mindedness in academia, where a series of teachers and colleagues supported him and

opened doors.

Still, Mallett kept his dream of building a time machine - his prime motivation for studying physics in the first place - a secret to most people. As one of a handful of black physicists in the country, he didn't want to risk being labeled a crackpot and jeopardize his future.

By the late 1990s, however, Mallett found that time travel had actually become a serious theoretical field of study. It was Einstein who showed that gravity is the bending of space and time. Anything with mass or energy distorts the fabric of space and the passage of time near that distortion. That explains why a clock runs slower close to the Earth's gravitational field, and faster when it's far away.

Any mass that's spinning "drags" space and time around with it, like milk in a cup of coffee being dragged around in a circle by a spoon. Take this circular motion to an extreme, with an ever-dense mass and ever-faster spin, and theoretical physics tells you that you'll create "closed loops in time."

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- 2 leeks, white and tender green parts, roughly chopped
- 1 head peeled garlic, roughly chopped
- 8 shallots, roughly chopped
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon saffron, packed tightly
- 3 large vine-ripened tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 pounds non-oily white fish bones, cleaned, all blood removed
- 3 quarts water
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 4 parsley sprigs

Rouille:

- 1 Idaho potato, peeled and cut in large dice
- 1 cup broth
- 2 large egg yolks
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- ½ roasted red pepper
- 2 teaspoons harissa or to taste
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt, to taste

Soup:

- ½ bulb of fennel, cut in ½-inch dice
- 1 leek, washed, cored, cut in ½-inch dice
- 2 cloves peeled garlic, minced
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 Idaho potato, peeled and cut in



- ½-inch dice
- 1 large vine-ripened tomato, peeled, seeded and cut in ½-inch dice
- 12 littleneck clams, scrubbed and rinsed
- 16 mussels, debearded
- 4 large prawns
- 1 ½ pounds cleaned white fish like cod, rockfish, snapper or monkfish, cut in 2-inch chunks
- 3 tablespoons chopped basil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- Baguette slices, brushed with olive oil, toasted
- Lemon wedges, for serving
- Yields 4 servings.

For Broth:

- Over low heat, sweat fennel, leeks, garlic and shallots in olive

oil until tender. Add saffron and cook 1 minute. Increase heat to medium-high and add tomatoes and tomato paste and cook for 2 minutes stirring constantly. Add fish bones, water, bay leaves, thyme and parsley and bring to a simmer. Cook for 45 minutes. Strain and set aside.

For rouille: Cook potato in broth until tender, strain and reserve liquid (you may need it to thin rouille later).

In food processor, place cooked potato, egg yolks, garlic, roasted pepper and harissa. Turn on processor and add olive oil in thin stream. Season to taste with salt.

Note:

The rouille should have the texture of mayonnaise; you can use reserved broth to thin, if needed. For soup: In large braising pan, sweat fennel, leek and garlic in olive oil until tender. Add potato and continue to sweat until tender. Add tomato, clams and remaining broth (from above). Increase heat to medium and cook until clams start to open. Add mussels, prawns and fish and cook until all seafood is just cooked. Season bouillabaisse to taste with salt. Add basil and lemon juice.

Garnish with baguette croutons. Serve with rouille and lemon wedge on side.

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THE QUEEN (PG-13)

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Rocking on a porch swing may sound old-fashioned, but the Double Lounger from Outback Chair Co. is new-fashioned.

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With distinctive curved hardwood armrests, 600 denier UV-protected fabric and two handy cup-holders, the Outback Double Lounger is an updated version of the traditional, rigid porch swing. Set at a restful incline and cushioned with 1 1/2-inch-thick closed-cell foam, the chair feels like a cross between a lounge chair and a hammock.

The Double Lounger comfortably seats two; it is 45 inches wide and supports as much as 500 pounds. The chair comes with mounting hardware and a 10-year warranty.

The durable, easy-to-clean polyester fabric comes in a smooth and a basket-weave pattern in your choice of navy, green, Burgundy, sand or camouflage. The Double Lounger retails for \$400 for smooth fabric and \$429 for basket-weave fabric.

The Double Lounger is the latest addition to Outback Chair Co.'s lineup of more than more than a dozen hanging chairs and hammocks. The company's products are available at hardware stores, lawn and garden centers, pool and spa dealers, gift boutiques, casual furniture specialists, as well as through the company's Web site, www.outbackchair.com.

- Linda Pescatore

Sleep for the pet set

Is your pet crowding you off your bed or snoring so loudly that you can't sleep?



Porch swingers - The Outback Double Lounger is a modern version of the old-fashioned porch swing - and it even features two cup-holders. (CNS Photo courtesy of Outback Chair Co.)

The Pet Murphy Bed is just the thing for a dog or cat that may not be a welcome visitor to a regular bed, but insists on the comfort of a mattress.

The space-saving wooden bed folds down from its cabinet and can be mounted directly to a wall or used as a free-standing piece. It weighs 55 pounds and measures just over 3 feet high, 24 inches wide and 10 inches deep. The maker, Midnight Pass, says it's a good choice for RV owners, too.

You may appreciate the raised panel front and the color choices - black, mahogany and natural - that can blend into many decors. But purrs or wagging tails from Mugsy or Topper will be directed at the 4-inch-thick foam mattress with a "nesting" backrest and a fitted, removable washable cover.

This isn't a bed just for miniature poodles or pint-sized

felines. It'll even hold a mastiff, since the bed is rated for animals up to 200 pounds. Handcrafted in Thailand, it's just the thing for your Siamese.

Although it's not an option, a smart homeowner may want to install a do-it-yourself push button to open the bed at the press of a paw.

Now, if they only could change the litter. Retailing at \$250, the Pet Murphy Bed is available at 800-Mattress showrooms and from the company Web site, www.mattress.com, or at www.midnightpass.com.

- Carl Larsen

Cut the Clutter

It's not enough to have a goal; to fulfill that resolution to get and stay organized, you've also got to have a strategy.

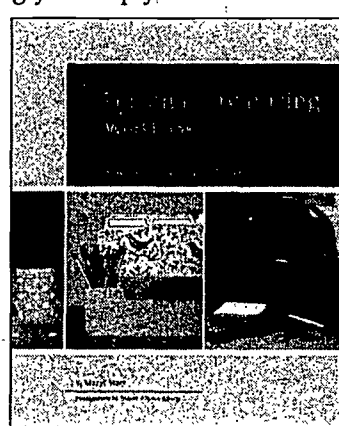
Two recently published books aim to help us get out

from under the jumble of papers, clothes and other items that seemingly multiply over-night and keep us organized.

"Help, I'm Knee-Deep in Clutter!" by professional declutterer Joyce I. Anderson (AMACOM; \$15) offers tips for clearing not only the knee-deep but also the hip-deep clutter lurking in spaces from the attic to the cellar. She covers the problems particular to each area of the home as well as events, like throwing a party or planning a trip, that can spin our well-organized plans out of control. Follow her daily, weekly and yearly routines and you're

sure to cut the chaos once and for all.

"The Personal Organizing



Workbook" by professional organizer Meryl Starr (Chronicle Books; \$25) tackles more than just physical clutter. After the first section, "Stuff," tackles how to keep possessions in order, subsequent sections

take on to-do lists and relationships. After all, if we're not managing our things too well, we're probably not managing our time and our friendships, either. Her final chapter deals with staying organized even when you can't seem to shake old habits.

- Linda Pescatore

Lily varieties save the day for short-blooming garden

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

As I plan my garden for the next year, I am going to add more day lilies. I like all lilies,

A GREENER VIEW

but day lilies have some of the best foliage before and after they bloom. It blends in with the other perennials, roses and shrubs in the garden. Well, at least that is what I want it to do. Some of the older, more sentimental varieties in my garden look pretty awful after they bloom, but I probably won't replace them; I will just hide them better.

Another thing I want in my day lilies is longer bloom times. Actually, that is one of the criteria I have for all my new plantings. I have a few varieties that bloom for only about a week. I don't want to waste space in my garden for such a short blooming time.

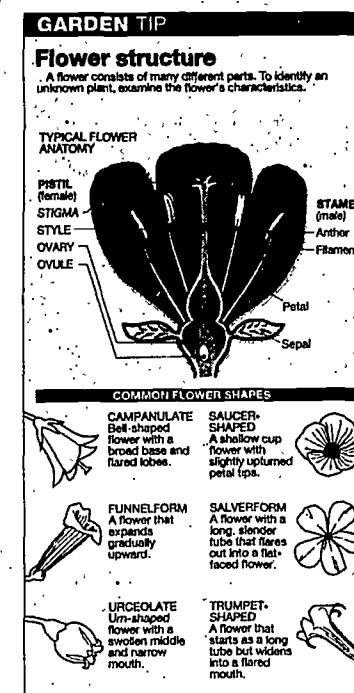
So where am I going to look for such a wonderful day lily? I am going to look in catalogs and at local nurseries for All-American Winners as ranked

by the All American Daylily Selection Council. It is an organization that administers a network of test sites throughout North America, which perform rigorous evaluations of day lily cultivars, taking into account more than 50 criteria.

One of the nice things about the program is that after a day lily proves to be a good plant, it is not announced for a few years, so that it can be propagated in the fields to get enough plants that it can be sold without shortages after it is announced.

There are more than 42,000 different varieties of day lilies registered. The AADSC has tested more than 6,000 since 1985 - only 15 have come up as winners. They had to show superior performance across at least five USDA hardiness zones. The AADSC differs from many other awards programs in that its results are based on scientific methodology. They have day lily test sites from California and Florida all the way up to Alberta, Canada.

Testing has shown that the average day lily blooms for as much as three weeks, so some



of mine are well below average. All-American Winners specify how long they bloom, depending on whether you are a Northern or Southern gardener.

The only winner for 2007 is the day lily called Lavender Vista. In the North, it will bloom 40 days; in the South, 135 days per year. That by itself will make it a winner in my

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husks, so it's tough enough to resist abrasion, insects and rot. In fact, coir can spend months underwater, so it's perfect for the great outdoors.

Seagrass may be the champion of all these preternaturally durable naturals. It's so resistant to stains, it can't even be

dyed! Always left in its natural state, therefore, seagrass makes carpets and rugs that are resilient and comfortable underfoot.

Bamboo is also showing up underfoot in rugs and carpets that resemble familiar bamboo blinds, bound and laid on the horizontal. Famously fast-growing, sustainable and durable, bamboo is also being

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required by most lenders when the down payment is less than 20 percent of the purchase price.

It's a premium-saving device for home buyers with a very low, or even no down payment. The second mortgage normally carries a higher interest rate than the first. Piggybacks are most practical for buyers with high salaries but low immediate cash availability.

Hybrid ARMs are among the most popular new mortgage plans. They offer a fixed interest rate for a period of years - commonly three, five or seven years - at the end of which it reverts to a one-year adjustable rate mortgage for the remainder of its 30-year term. The rate is only slightly higher than a regular

one-year ARM loan, and the borrower is assured of a low rate and payment for several years.

We should mention the 40-year fully amortized mortgage. It's not really an exotic mortgage, but has recently become popular. It's similar to the conventional 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, but because payments are spread out over 40 years, it provides a lower monthly payment and makes it easier to qualify for the loan.

For example, if you obtained a 40-year mortgage in the amount of \$300,000 at 6.25 percent interest, your monthly payments would drop by about \$95, compared with a 30-year fixed mortgage. However, by the end of the 40-year term of the mortgage, you will have paid much more in total interest costs.

garden. Lavender flowers are nice because they visually blend with pink or purple flowers. This day lily will work nicely with my pink shrub roses.

Day lily flowers live up to their name: Each only lasts a day. Each scape, or individual flower stalk, can have from only a few buds, like mine, to as many as 100 in some of the All-American Winners. There are numerous color combinations and patterns available. The flower can range from one to 10 inches long.

The AADSC rates foliage performance second out of the 52 test criteria. Winning day lilies need to have more than four months of good-looking leaves in the North and much longer in the South. That characteristic will help my garden look much nicer in late summer and early fall.

Day lilies are good plants for many kinds of conditions. They tolerate salt spray and occasional saltwater flooding pretty well, so if you are near a coastline or a heavily salted highway, you might want to try some, especially where

nothing else is growing anyway. In windswept areas, try varieties with shorter flower stalks to keep the flowers looking nicer.

Another location that you might want to try day lilies is on slopes. The roots intertwine and are good at holding very steep slopes. The leaves and roots also hold a lot of moisture with very little buildup of flammable material, making them a good plant for fire-prone areas.

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GO Month Suggestions!

By Terri Urquhart.

Is disorganization costing you time and money? Whether you've made a resolution to organize or the abundance of the holiday season has left you wondering "What am I going to do with all this new stuff?" I encourage you to conquer your clutter. Fulfill that promise to yourself and set a goal to get organized.

• First and foremost, decide what you want to accomplish. You need to have a clear picture of where you want to go in order to know when you've arrived.

• Do not try to do it all in a day. Organizing takes time. Allow yourself a realistic time frame to accomplish each task. Schedule appointments with yourself. Break down large projects into smaller, more manageable ones. For example, if your kitchen is too overwhelming try starting with just one or two cabinets.

• Begin organizing the areas that are most prominent in your daily life. You want your initial effort to give you the most bang for your buck. Seeing immediate reward in your day to day activities will keep you focused and motivated to conquer more of your clutter.

• Be sure everything in your home has a place. It's easy to leave things lying around when you don't have a place to put them or if it's too difficult to get to.

• Finally, give your self permission to be human. Your home is where you live and it should reflect that. Being organized is not about living in a showroom but about being able to find what you need when you need it.

Whatever your reason to get organized I hope these tips will help you further your goals. If you find that organizing is too much of a chore or you feel lost, find someone to be your "Get Organized" buddy or hire a Professional Organizer to coach you through the process and help you set up systems that will keep you on track.

Terri Urquhart, a Professional Organizer and co-owner of Forever Functional, Inc. To learn more about "GO Month" and getting organized or to subscribe to a FREE quarterly organizational newsletter please contact Terri or Beth at foreverfunctional@sbcglobal.net or call (312) 730-4300.



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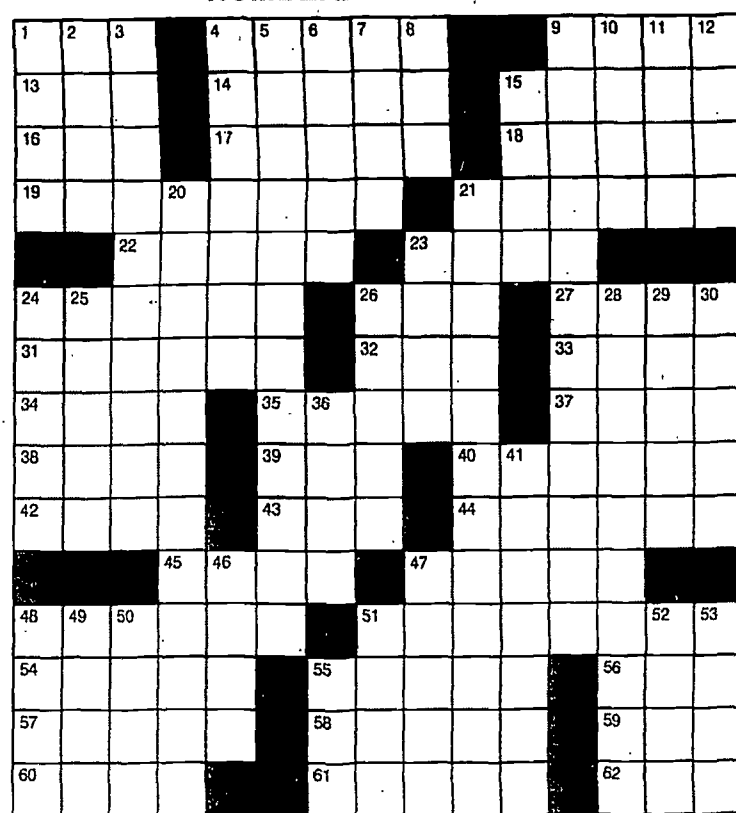
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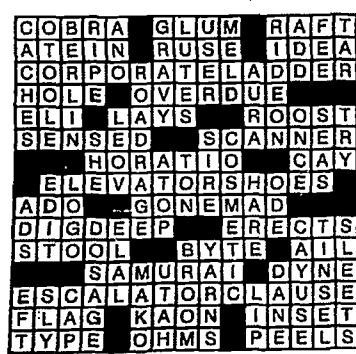
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11 Yo!, at sea
12 Cotton separators
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23 54 Across, e.g.
24 Appropriate
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28 Camping supplies
29 Little house on the prairie?
30 Uncorks
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49 Pound, of poetry
50 One who repents
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52 Push a product
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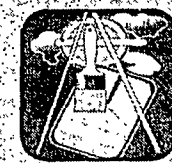
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- Inspect the roof edge for damage caused by wind, driving rain and ice dams (where water freezes and backs up under the roofing system).
- Watch for discolorations on the roof, especially dark spots.



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They could be signs of moisture damage and algae or mold growth.

- Clean your gutters, leaders,

window wells and drains of any debris. Leaves, sticks and other items can cause water to back up and flow under the roof. It's also important to make sure gutters are securely fastened to your house and to direct all downspouts away from your foundation.

Maintaining Roof Health

If you spot damage, work with a professional roofing contractor who uses quality materials. Doing so can save you time and money and prolong the life of your roof. Plus, it can keep you from having to spring for costly repairs down the road.

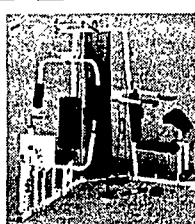
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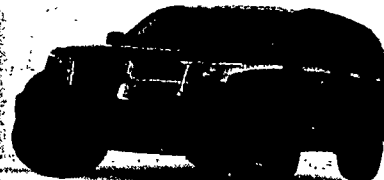


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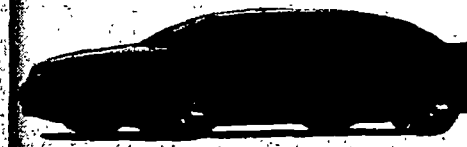
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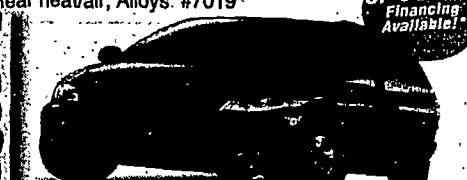
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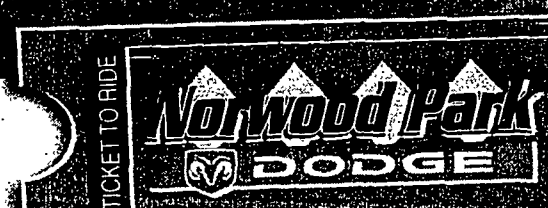
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