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Mayor Blase Addresses Business Community

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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The mayoral address to the Niles business community was held at the White Eagle Banquet hall on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The program included networking, a welcome from Niles Chamber President Todd Watkins, lunch and presentations by panel speakers, which were village department heads.

The panel of speakers

included, Mayor Blase, Village Manager George Van Geem, Asst. Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, Fire Chief Barry Mueller, Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio and others.

Elected officials were recognized and Chamber Executive Director Katie DiMaria and her staff were recognized for all the hard work that went into the event.

Blase talked to the audience about the current business trends in the village. For example, he said recently there have

been many Korean businesses coming to Niles, such as the Super H-Mart and similar Korean markets. He said that they are significantly contributing to the village's revenue.

Blase also talked about statewide issues such as the fact that the state still doesn't have a budget and that due to recent legislation residents will receive property tax relief.

Van Geem started his speech by enthusiastically saying that the village has some good

news to report, that Abe Lincoln has been fixed and is back at his normal spot at the Milwaukee Ave. waterfall.

"He's back and as good as ever," said Van Geem.

Van Geem thanked all of the people in the room that represented the Niles business community and said that Niles wouldn't be what it is without their support.

Vinezeano discussed the three-phase process of improving the Milwaukee Ave. corridor and welcomed residents to

contact him if they were interested in further detail regarding the streetscape project.

Van Geem also talked about the service cuts that PACE is proposing and he assured residents that no matter what happens; they will find a way to continue operating the Niles free bus.

Fire Chief Barry Mueller wanted to clear the air regarding an incident that has been all over the media recently. Mueller explained that a Niles

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Niles Reports Successful Financial Year

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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The Village of Niles is in solid financial shape.

The annual comprehensive financial report for the year was presented at a pre-board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

"It was a good year," said Finance Director Scott Neukirch, about the fiscal year that ended on April 30. He said that the village met their

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Mayor Nicholas B. Blase and Assistant Village Manager Steven C. Vinezeano sit with the sculpture.

Back on Display

Abraham Lincoln Couch Sculpture Returns After Mishap

We are happy to state that the Lincoln Couch at the Veterans Memorial Waterfall at Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues has been repaired and replaced, but soon to be stored for the winter.

Abe was removed the week of September 22 due to an accident caused by an excited wedding party photo shoot.

The popular Lincoln Couch was once exhibited at the Illinois Bureau of Tourism in

Chicago during the Suite Home Chicago Art Exhibit in 2001. Suite Home Chicago was Chicago's sequel to the very popular Cows on Parade.

The sculptor of the Lincoln Couch, titled "Don't Just Sit There -- Do Something", is Jeff P. Garland. This artist was once unknown, but his sister, who lives in Park Ridge, saw his work and notified him that it was now in Niles.

Niles Fire Chief: Crew Did Everything Possible

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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An ambulance crew from Niles was transporting marathon runner Chad Schieber, 35, to the UIC medical center emergency room

when they got lost.

Schieber, a Michigan police officer and father of three, died from a heart condition called mitral valve prolapse and test results showed no evidence of dehydration, which sent many other run-

ners to the hospital that day.

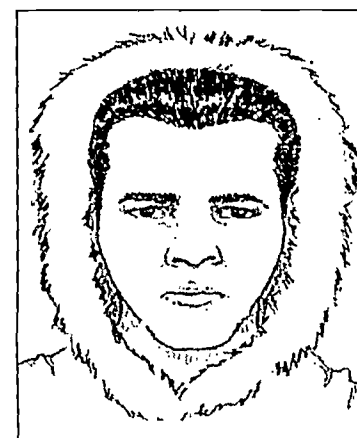
The crew from Niles was one of 30 crews from the suburbs that were called to help the hundreds of runners affected by the extreme heat.

"He was receiving excellent

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\$50K Reward in Michael Childers Murder Case

A \$50,000 reward has been offered in the case of Michael Childers, a 28 year old Niles man who was murdered on the afternoon of February 21, 2007. Childers was shot and killed during a home invasion at his residence.



Composite sketch of a suspect

On October 22, Leonard Bird, father of Michael Childers, posted \$50,000 as a reward for anyone giving information leading directly to the identification, arrest and conviction of the offender(s) in this case. The reward fund is being held in a special account set up by Mr. Bird at Premier Bank in Wilmette.

The Niles Police Department previously released the composite sketch above of one of the suspects on February 28.

Anyone having information is asked to contact the Niles Police Department Investigations Division at 847-588-6574.

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Peeping Tom Arrested in Park Ridge

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Park Ridge Police received a phone call from a concerned resident regarding a "peeping tom" in the 500 block of west Edgemont on Oct. 17.

A suspect was spotted on the roof of a residence looking into windows. Prior to the police

arriving at the scene, the suspect jumped off the roof and was confronted by the homeowner and a physical altercation began. The man struck the homeowner in the thigh with a tree branch and wrestled with the homeowner on the ground.

Christopher Abatangelo, 31, of Park Ridge, admitted that he committed similar peeping tom

acts over a period of three years, in which he would peek into windows late at night and at times videotape the homeowners.

During a search of his home, police found videotape with "peeping tom" incidents and a significant amount of materials used to make pipe bombs and other explosive devices. The

Cook County Bomb and Arson Squad and the Alcohol tobacco and Firearms were contacted and are assisting in the investigation.

Abatangelo was charged with three counts of criminal trespassing, unlawful video recording and battery.

His arrest clears several other reported incidents on Oct. 3

and Aug. 8 on Edgemont and Aug. 31 in the 600 block of Austin.

The initial court date is Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Cook county 2nd Municipal Courthouse in Skokie. His bond has been set at \$10,000.

The investigation regarding the explosive devices found in his home is on-going.

LSSI Celebrates National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is working to raise awareness about adoption, adoptive families and children waiting to be adopted, as well as to support parents before and after adoptions occur.

Last year, LSSI helped 277 children find adoptive homes, including 216 who were adopted from foster care. The remaining 61 children were adopted through LSSI's infant, international or special needs adoption programs. "We celebrate all of these families and the commitment they have made to ensure that their children grow up in a safe and loving home," says Ruth Jajko, statewide director of Adoption Services at LSSI, which is a member of the Lutheran Adoption Network (www.lanadopt.org).

"All children deserve the stability of a loving, caring family," says Jajko. "When that cannot be achieved within the

Offers Support Groups for Prospective, Adoptive Parents

birth family, adoption is a wonderful alternative."

To help couples and individuals who are seeking to grow their families through adoption, LSSI offers support before and after adoptions. "Support groups for families waiting to adopt and those who have already adopted are available through LSSI offices around the state," says Jajko.

Both adoptive parents and those waiting to adopt may attend the meetings, which generally meet once a month or quarterly in the case of the Chicago group. "There's an educational part of the meeting," says Monica Johnson, statewide coordinator of LSSI's Post-Adoptive Services. "At each meeting, the facilitator presents a topic that relates to adoption or raising a child. The second part of the meeting is supportive; the parents and parents-to-be can chat, network and share information.

"This gives the waiting parents the opportunity to hear information from people who have gone through the process and are now raising their child," Johnson adds. She notes that parents involved in all types of adoption - infant, special needs, international, DCFS (Department of Children and Family Services) and non-DCFS - are welcome to attend the meetings.

LSSI also is enhancing the training provided to families before they adopt through the use of a new curriculum, "Promises and Possibilities." This training, written through a collaboration of the Lutheran Adoption Network, covers the developmental, cultural, social,

emotional and medical needs of children adopted from around the world. All parents seeking to adopt a child are asked to complete this training during the preparation process.

After attending the training, one prospective adoptive parent said, "I know what to expect and hopefully can better respond to situations that I wouldn't otherwise contemplate, and [the training] will make me more aware of adoption from a child's perspective and the importance of preserving cultural heritage."

Families who adopt children through LSSI have access to a wide range of post-adoption services. In all adoptions, LSSI prepares and supports adop-

tive families, birth parents and children through the adoption process and afterward.

For more information on how to adopt a child, contact Tess Schneider at LSSI's Augustana office in Chicago at 312/949-4340. Or call LSSI's Adoption Services toll-free at 1-888-671-0300; or visit www.AdoptionIllinois.org. To learn more about the adoption support groups, contact Monica Johnson at 309/786-6400.

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI is an Illinois Licensed Child Welfare Agency (license no. 013005).

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ambulance was transporting the man who died after the marathon that sent many runners to the hospital because of the extreme heat. He said they weren't familiar with the area and got lost and after three attempts to radio Chicago, they didn't receive a response

for directions. He said they did take the man to an emergency room to receive treatment.

"I think they did a great job," said Mueller.

Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said the village is in good financial condition and that big-box retailers are always attracted to Niles, but the only challenge is if they leave it is difficult to fill

their vacancies.

Table exhibitors at the event included the Niles Park District, St. Andrew Life Center, Chase bank, Rainbow Hospice, Howard Commons and more.

Blase welcomed residents to ask questions and a few people took him up on the offer.

"You only get to do this once a year," said Blase. The audience chuckled.

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Culver Students Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Culver School celebrated Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 22 and Oct. 26 in their own unique way.

This year's theme is "Red Ribbon Week...and every week, at Culver School, We are making the world a better place."

"We've been talking to them about what they can do to make Culver a better place and the world a better place," shared Linda Feldheim, school social worker.

Feldheim said the school psychologist, Mrs. Leimer, has been

visiting classrooms of students in grades K to fourth grade to talk to the kids about how they can make a difference in the world.

Feldheim has been visiting classrooms to talk about how bullying and teasing is never allowed at Culver and how students can ask for help if they are being bullied.

Throughout the week, students participated in a variety of unique art projects, such as meaningful banners, in order to help get the important message across.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Feldheim.

On Monday, Oct. 22, the PTA sponsored an assembly for kids in grades five to eight called "Responsibility Counts."

Red Ribbon Week started in 1988 to honor the memory of a drug enforcement officer who was killed by a drug trafficker.

Throughout the year, Culver School has been involved in activities that build strong characters. For example, the outreach coordinator from the Niles Family Services department worked with kids in grades five to eight on role-playing and skits that encouraged positive character building.

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obligations successfully.

The total net assets increased by about \$3.5 million. This reflects the excess of revenues over current expenses, offset by the systematic and planned consumption of village capital assets that is quantified as depreciation expense.

The total debt decreased by

\$3,885,000 (8.6%) during the current fiscal year.

According to the financial report, three of the more common factors that affect the local economy are the level of retail sales, the employment level and the per capita income levels.


The sales tax receipts in Niles were 12% higher than the previous year, with a total of \$23,916, 176.

The Niles unemployment

rate at April 30 was at 3.8%, which was .9% lower than the state average. The estimated per capita income in Niles is about \$27,044.

As for the pension fund, Blase commented, "We are much higher than 90% of the communities."

The village received the certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting, as it has for the past 28 consecutive years.



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Niles Approves Faster Wireless Network to Connect Village, Police, Public Works

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

The Niles village board approved a proposal to construct a new wireless network between village hall, police and public services which will significantly increase the transfer of information on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The new wireless network will allow information to travel 100 times faster to police and about 50 times faster to public works. The new system is expected to increase the village's throughput by 150 times to an extent that it will virtually eliminate the geographi-

cal boundaries that pose as limitations with the current network.

The proposal from NEC is for \$90,937. Two other proposals the village received were from Blast Communications for \$179,105 and Air Logic for \$167,432.

The current network between the campuses is "stretched over its capacity, greatly restricting our ability to exchange information between them," according to Bill Shaw, MIS director.

"It's kind of like moving highway traffic down a side street," said Shaw, at a pre-board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The new network, howev-

er, will allow computer system such as utility billing, vehicles, animals and business licensing to be accessible from other campuses.

The network includes redundancy that will prevent one point of failure from shutting down other facilities.

"What we want is 100% availability, no down time," wrote Shaw in a village memo.

Shaw said that when they tested pushing several databases across the current wireless links they froze up or slowed down to the point that the users gave up.

"It seems like we've shorted fire," said Trustee Bob Callero.

Shaw explained that the fire department's needs are different because they need to be able to access important information in their vehicles. Therefore, the plan is to install the wireless system in their vehicles.



How to Stay Healthy During the Flu Season

Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge is offering tips on how to best prepare for the flu season that has arrived with the colder weather.

People over the age of 65 and children less than two years old are at the greatest risk during flu season. Statistics show that about 36,000 US citizens die every year from the flu and 10 to 20 percent of the population come down with the flu every year.

The good news is flu vaccines are effective 70 to 90% of the time, according to Mark Kiezel, RN, infection control at Lutheran General Hospital.

In addition to getting a flu shot during the fall season, the most effective way to avoid getting influenza is keeping your hands clean.

Kiezel states that the virus lands on surfaces such as door-knobs, elevator buttons, shopping carts, etc., and that people should keep their hands away from their face and the moment they get home they should wash their hands well.

Here are some tips:

■ Use hand wipes provided by grocery stores to wipe down cart handles

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Residents Express Concerns Over AT&T Project

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
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AT&T representatives made an informational presentation regarding Project Lightspeed on Oct. 22 at Morton Grove Village Hall and residents were able to express their concerns.

Due to recently enacted state legislation, AT&T's project lightspeed, a broadband services product that includes voice, high-speed data and video communications is coming to Morton Grove and nearby towns. The build-out is planned to take place on a staggered schedule in 2008 and 2009.

The system will use existing phone lines but will require the installation of 32 system support boxes throughout the village. The boxes are approximately five feet tall, four feet wide and two feet deep.

"A controversial part of it are the boxes," said an AT&T representative at the meeting, who said they are to be placed in public right of ways. "We don't just put them anywhere.

We don't want to put them in people's front yards."

The board and residents asked if the service would be provided to everyone in Morton Grove, such as Comcast. The representative said that would not happen initially but that is their ultimate goal. He said the majority of residents would receive the service.

"One thing that worries me is that you're not going to be on an even playing field," said Don Schneider, the chairman of the cable commission. He said the village "would love to have competition," but he doesn't see it as fair competition.

"My question comes to safety," said Resident Eric Podders, who was concerned about the safety of children regarding the boxes and asked if the sites would be well maintained.

The neighboring Village of Niles recently passed a resolution stating that they will accept permit applications from AT&T for the installation of the video relay access

Support Box Installation Locations

Proposed locations for the boxes to be placed in Morton Grove:

9147 Oriole	8616 Callie
9240 Oriole	8620 Fernald
9233 Shermer	6301 Lincoln
7200 Arcadia	6323 Elm
7225 Greenwood	6100 Madison
8821 Harlem	8411 Austin
7026 Dempster	8149 Austin
6120 Dempster	5805 Cleveland
7067 Church	5437 Cleveland
5645 Dempster	8040 Long
5600 Church	5400 Kirk
9343 Sayre	5844 Capulina
9147 Waukegan	9001 Luna
8700 Waukegan	9000 Mayor
9329 Normandy	9001 Marmora
6615 Davis	9301 Harms

device boxes at several locations throughout Niles. About 37 boxes will be installed at village right of ways in Niles.

"Project Lightspeed provides a number of important advantages — including superior speed to market with

exciting, market-changing services, and it allows us to leap-frog today's U.S. telephone and cable TV networks," said Lea Ann Champion, SBC IP operations and services senior executive vice president, in a

press release.

While some look forward to the new technology coming to Morton Grove and nearby towns, others have expressed concerns.

One Niles resident wrote a letter to Mayor Nicholas Blase expressing her concerns about the "new AT&T."

"What I find so troubling is that the "new AT&T is moving into every aspect of our communication systems and getting rid of their competition one by one. Once entrenched, how do we rid ourselves of them?" asked the resident.

"I believe this situation demands looking into and I would urge the various villages who are contemplating bringing the "new AT&T into their community to hold off and do some investigating on their own."

Niles Asst. Village Manager Steve Vinezano said "you want to be able to provide competition and a neat, cutting edge service, but it's difficult because you have to do your best to protect the appearance of the village."

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Pumpkin Used to Damage Vehicle's Tailight

MORTON GROVE

1 Pumpkin Damages Vehicle (8900 block of Marmora)

Unknown person or persons used a pumpkin to damage the left tail light of a vehicle in the 8900 block of Marmora on Oct. 19.

2 Landscaping Brick Damages Vehicle (7900 block of Beckwith)

Unknown person or persons used a landscaping brick to dent a vehicle in the 7900 block of Beckwith on Oct. 21.

3 Wallet Taken from Vehicle (8500 block of Marmora)

A wallet with \$80 in USC was taken from a vehicle in the 8500 block of Marmora on Oct. 21.

4 Retail Theft/Possession of Controlled Substance (7100 block of Dempster St.)

A 34-year-old Downers Grove female was arrested on Oct. 22 for retail theft. A 34-year-old Rockford male was arrested for cocaine and heroin possession. Their court date is Nov. 1.

5 DUI Arrest (Oakton and River)

A 21-year-old Skokie man was arrested on Oct. 20 for driving under the influence of alcohol. His court date is Nov. 16.

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6 Tricked out of \$700 (9500 Greenwood Ave.)

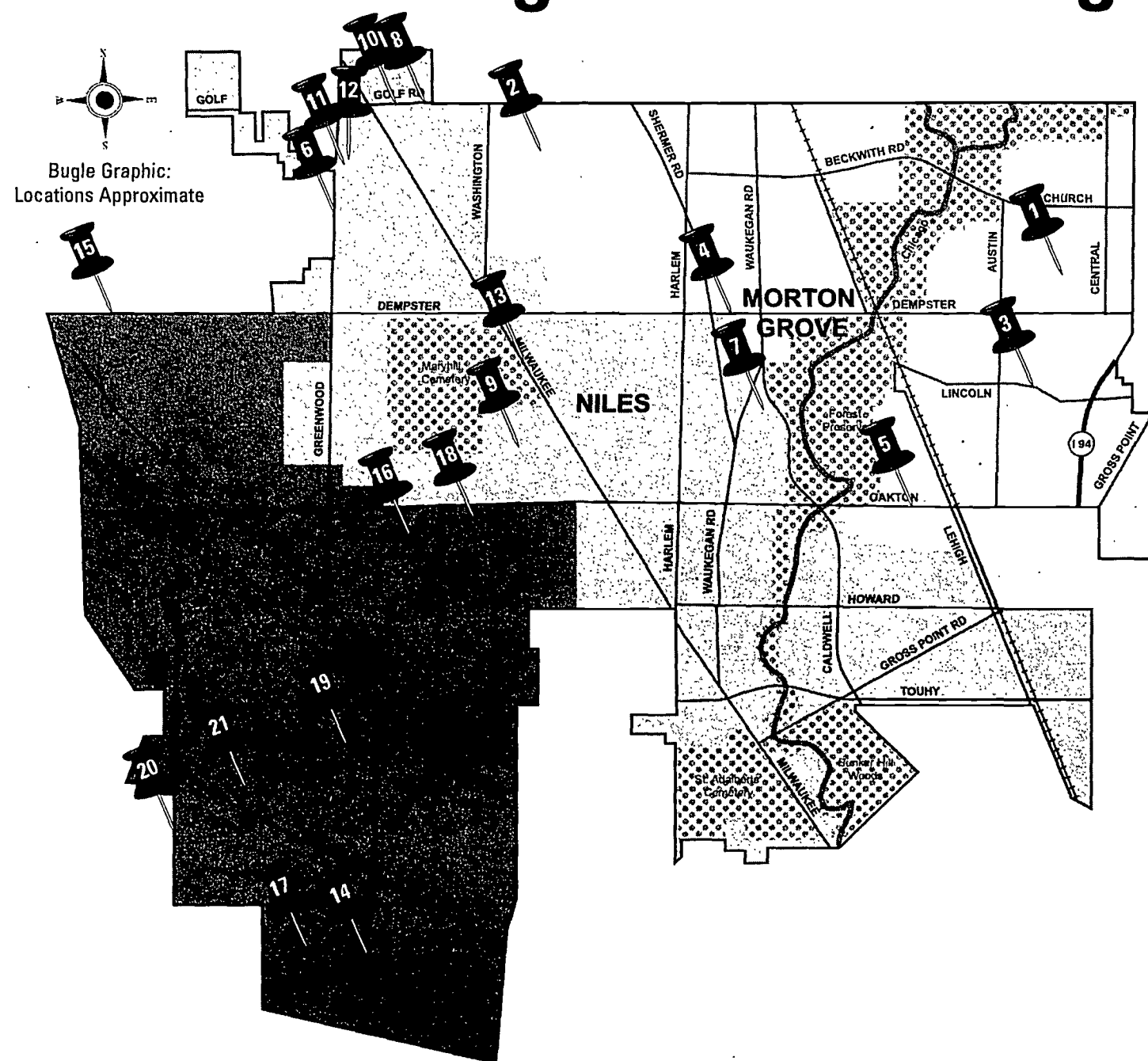
While waiting in his vehicle, a man gave \$700 to a subject who said he could get him a 42" plasma television from a store in the 9500 block of Greenwood Ave. because he knows a guy that works there. The subject took the \$700 and never came back. The incident took place on Oct. 28.

7 Residential Burglary (6900 block of Madison)

A resident returned home to find her rear door window shattered, front door open and rear door open on Oct. 28. The resident has not reported anything to be missing from her home in the 6900 block of Madison as of yet.

8 Trading Cards Stolen (8300 block of Golf)

Unknown person or persons took a binder carrying 1,000 "Magic of Gathering" trading cards worth between \$800 and \$1,000 on Oct. 27



from the 8300 block of Golf. The victim was there to play in a card tournament, police said.

9 Halloween Lights Damaged (8200 block of Washington)

Unknown person or persons cut one strand of decorative Halloween lights at a residence in the 8200 block of Washington on Oct. 24.

10 Gas Stolen (8500 block of Golf)

A person pumped \$45.19 worth of gas in his/her vehicle and fled westbound on Golf without paying for the gas on Oct. 22.

11 Battery (300 Golf Mill)

A man was punched in the face by a subject who ran northbound through the parking lot with a big group of friends at 300 Golf Mill on Oct. 26. The subject also called the man's girlfriend a bad name.

12 Retail Theft Arrest (500 Golf Mill)

A 20-year-old Niles female

was arrested on Oct. 22 for stealing a children's toy from a store at 500 Golf Mill. The toy is worth \$39.99. The bond is set at \$1,000 and the court date is Dec. 11.

13 DUI Arrest (8600 block of Milwaukee Ave.)

A 30-year-old Chicago man was arrested on Oct. 27 for driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was traveling 66 mph in a 35 mph zone. His bond was set at \$3,000 and court date for Dec. 14.

PARK RIDGE

14 Retail Theft (1900 block of S. Cumberland Ave.)

Two unknown males, approximately 18 years old, were seen taking bottles of liquor off of the shelf in the liquor department, placing them into a backpack and leaving without paying on Oct. 20. A foot chase took place, but the men were not found.

15 Theft at School Gym (2600 block of W. Dempster)

A \$250 Tiffany bracelet was stolen from the gym of a school in the 2600 block of W. Dempster on Oct. 10.

16 Home Ransacked (600 block of Edgemont Lane)

Unknown person or persons broke the window of a victim's living room and ransacked the entire home sometime between Oct. 7 and Oct. 18. It is unknown if anything was stolen.

17 Wooden Bench Damaged By Fire (1400 block of N. Western)

A cardboard box under a wooden bench was set on fire and damaged the front of the bench on Oct. 24.

18 City Owned Vehicle Damaged (300 block of W. Michael John)

After hearing a loud bang, a witness exited a residence and observed that the driver's side door of a city owned Grand Prix had been

struck with a decorative landscaping brick on Oct. 19. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

19 Bike Stolen (1100 block of S. Clifton)

Unknown person or persons took a bike worth \$110 from a residence in the 1100 block of S. Clifton on Oct. 20.

20 Random Canine Check Leads to Arrest (1100 block of S. Dee)

Following a random canine check of vehicles in the school parking lot a 17-year-old Park Ridge student was arrested on Oct. 19 for the possession of tobacco, possession of cannabis and the possession of paraphernalia. His court hearing is on Nov. 13.

21 Theft By Deception Warrant (1800 block of Stewart)

A 57-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested on Oct. 21 for an outstanding warrant out of Maine for theft by deception.

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care before and after we arrived," said Niles Fire Chief Barry Mueller, who wanted to clear the air regarding the incident that has been reported lately in the media (with a negative connotation) at the mayoral luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

"Our people weren't familiar with the area, which is understandable," explained Mueller, regarding them getting lost on route to the UIC emergency room.

The ambulance crew radioed Chicago dispatchers that Schieber was in full cardiac arrest and they informed them that they planned to take him to the UIC medical center.

Mueller said that they radioed Chicago for directions a few times, but did not get a response. So, the ambulance crew flagged down a city ambulance and got directions. Unfamiliar with the area, they drove past the UIC medical center and delivered

"I think our guys did an excellent job. You should be proud of them."

Barry Mueller
NILES FIRE CHIEF

Schieber to the Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs Medical Center a few blocks away.

Chicago's Office of Emergency Management reported that they did not receive any radio transmissions from the Niles crew asking for directions. Mueller has stated that the airwaves could have been jammed.

In a WBBM report, the department confirms there was a delay getting marathon maps to the dispatchers.

Mueller said that they had a fully operating emergency room at the medical center that they delivered him to.

"I think our guys did an excellent job," said Mueller, who assured the audience at the mayoral luncheon that the Niles crew did everything they could for him. "You should be proud of them."

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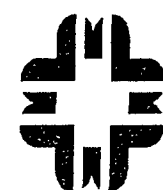
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Courage & Conviction

The American Library Association just finished its "Banned Book Week". I've held my nose for too long at this silly "celebration". It is an event that makes a mockery of the real fight for liberty and free speech fought in the world today. It marks the complete failure and mess that political correctness and multiculturalism really is. It is just the typical bash America gripe sessions you hear from the elites who look down on their country and you.

No books are banned in America. We have a Bill of Rights and a tradition of free speech. The books on the list are mainly books that work to sexualize children and indoctrinate them. They are all available throughout the United States, in book stores and over the internet. Parents have a right to be concerned about books that work to brainwash their children, especially when they are force fed as part of a school curriculum. It is their speech and concerns that are really being censored. Sorry, America is a good country and we still enjoy freedom here.

The disgusting part of "Banned Book Week" is that right now in Myanmar Buddhist monks are having their heads cracked open, spilling their blood and risking their lives so that the Burmese people might have freedom from the yoke of oppression, real oppression. There is no free speech in Myanmar. The guns are pointed at the people and they have lain down their lives to try for freedom. Spending a week pretending that they are fighting for some lost rights mocks the lives lost fighting for real rights.

Saudi Arabia bans the Bible. Even though the Bible is sacred to Islam, you cannot buy one in the bookstores of our "ally" Saudi Arabia. Ali al-Ahmed, a Muslim and the director of the Saudi Institute in Washington, tells the story of Sadeq Mallallah, who was beheaded for the crime of apostasy for owning a bible. Christians get arrested and deported. Saudi security forces confiscate and burn Bibles. A real book burning and yet I saw no Bible on display for Banned Book Week.

North Koreans have no right to free speech. People are disappeared for speaking out against their leaders. They may not even speak about being hungry for fear of undermining the glorious revolution. They



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starve to death in silence out of true fear. Closer to home the island prison of Cuba holds Cuban independent librarians in Fidel Castro's gulags. Yet, here are real librarians, writers and people of conscience imprisoned in horrific conditions, being tortured, suffering from serious untreated health problems, and dying for the right to speak. The cases for Banned Book Week are silent on this actual repression hurting real, living people. Too many in the smart set are dupes that idolize a butcher like Castro.

The message is clear: Americans who favor censorship are dummies, yet you won't find a porno section at our library. Some censorship is good. Parents have a duty to control the information pummeling their children. Communities have a right to set appropriate standards for public conduct. Just because we tolerate something doesn't mean we have to accept it or spend public monies to support it.

Banned Book Week is a celebration for fakers. Why attack parents, teachers and others for wanting to stop unsuitable material from falling into children's hands. You would be angry if your child were given pornography, let into a strip club, or molested by anyone. What makes written smut special? Why allow someone to molest a child's mind? It's dumb. Banned Book Week is false courage and empty conviction that makes a big deal out of nothing and a little deal out of something important - human freedom.

Acting like America is a bad place for thinkers, ideas and words is a lie. We don't have real repression here. We don't let our government ban books. We are a free people, still.

In America, you actually can shout "fire" in a crowded theatre; you just need a good lawyer to handle the consequences. America is easy to kick. We'll take it, we still believe in freedom.

Kappy's Says Cheers to 28 Years

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Kappy's Restaurant is celebrating 28 years in Morton Grove.

George Alpogianis runs the restaurant located at 7200 W. Dempster St. that his father purchased in February of 1980.

"We've got a great nucleus of customers that we consider our extended family," said Alpogianis. He said that some of their customers dine at Kappy's seven days a week, some even two or three times a day.

Kappy's was named one of the top ten spots for breakfast in Chicagoland by a Chicago Tribune food critic.

Bright and early, Kappy's opens at 5 a.m. every day, seven days a week. The restaurant closes at 11 p.m.



Sunday through Thursday and Friday through Saturday.

"The restaurant has been very good," shared Alpogianis. "We're very fortunate."

Alpogianis said it's been great seeing three or four generations of family mem-

bers enjoying a meal together at Kappy's.

Both of Alpogianis' grandfathers were in the restaurant business as well.

The family founded T.A.G., a Chicago-based restaurant

group in 1995. They currently own and operate eight dining establishments in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs, such as America's Dog, Carnelli's Deli and the Buckingham Café and Grill.

Kappy's offers a variety of pancake house specialties, such as buttermilk pancakes; fruit topped pancakes, pecan pancakes, German pancakes and potato pancakes. The breakfast menu also includes waffles, French toast, homemade blintzes, eggs, omelets and more.

For lunch and dinner, customers can enjoy steak burgers, classic melts, salads, deli delights and much more.

Alpogianis said many "local celebrities," such as Mayor Richard Krier, Mayor Nicholas Blase, and actress Donna Mills have enjoyed meals at Kappy's. Presidential Candidate John McCain has also been seen at Kappy's.

Cheers to 28 Years!

Money Isn't the Only Issue in Retirement

By Carrie Schwab Pomerantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

When the husband of a friend recently announced his plan to take early retirement, he'd just turned 60 and been offered a good package.

Anna was still working hard and planned to put in several more years before leaving the work force.

"Here's my fear," she told me. "I'm going to be immersed in my usual 9-to-5 crush, trying to fit everything in, and Max will be operating at a completely different pace, with lots of leisure time as well as time to explore new interests. To be completely honest, I'm a bit jealous; however, I'm just not ready to give up my career. I'm concerned that this new difference in our lifestyles will spill over into other aspects of our lives and affect how we relate to each other."

I found Anna's concern extremely compelling for two reasons. First because retirement is a huge life transition - with financial implications obviously - but with all kinds of interper-

sonal ones as well. I knew enough about Max and Anna to know that running out of money wasn't the issue. But when one spouse retires and the other continues to work, other interesting issues that connect the personal and the financial can arise.

For example, how do the financial dynamics of the partnership change when one person works and the other doesn't? How should the division of labor around the house-

hold change? In other words, how should a couple renegotiate these and other terms of their day-to-day lives?

It's clear that Max and Anna aren't alone. The baby boomer generation started turning 60 last year, which means that millions of boomers are retiring every year. So what should Max and Anna do? What would you do if you're in a similar situation? My advice is to talk through several issues before either partner makes this life-

changing decision:

■ **Income:** For Max and Anna, income won't change dramatically, given his ample pension and the retirement assets he's amassed over his career. They'll continue to fund their life together as they've done before.

If the retiring spouse will experience a significant drop in income, the couple might want to rethink how they bear this shared financial burden. The key in that case is to avoid a feeling

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Data Retrievers Keep it Real in Courtrooms

By Bruce V. Bigelow
COPY NEWS SERVICE

Deborah Burk showed how effective litigation support technology can be in a dramatic "gotcha" moment during a fraud trial in San Diego in May.

Under questioning by a prosecutor, Denise Mastro, the former assistant controller of Peregrine Systems, described how she helped others falsify the company's 2001 financial statement.

Mastro's testimony implicated two of four defendants charged with fraud that led to the 2002 collapse of the high-flying soft-

ware company: Patrick J. Towle, a Peregrine revenue accounting manager; and Daniel F. Stulac, the former Arthur Andersen partner who headed the company's team of outside auditors.

Under questioning by Stulac's defense lawyer, Michael Attanasio, Mastro denied that she was trying to protect Matt Gless, Peregrine's former chief financial officer. Mastro testified her relationship with the CFO did not become intimate until months after both had left Peregrine.

In the courtroom, though, Burk, a private consultant, searched her computer database

of more than 1 million electronic documents the defense team had compiled, yielding several love-struck e-mails Mastro and Gless had exchanged months before they exited the company. In one e-mail that begins, "Thanks again for making my Valentine special," Mastro asked, "What could be better than getting high on wine, dope and love in one night?"

And what could be worse as a witness than being confronted - and contradicted - by your own e-mails, projected onto a screen in a federal courtroom?

To organize the flood of data in

complex cases, trial lawyers are turning increasingly to consultants such as Burk, a longtime paralegal, and her partner, Shayne Davidson, a technology specialist.

VideoTrack, the small business they started about 15 years ago, provides a variety of technical services that enable lawyers to organize electronic evidence into databases, make computer-aided presentations at trial, videotape pretrial interviews and practice their arguments in a mock courtroom.

Underlying the evidence presented during the Peregrine trial

were more than 10 million e-mails and other electronic documents the government generated during its investigation.

By today's standards, "that's a medium-sized case," said George Socha, a Minnesota legal consultant who specializes in electronic data discovery, a burgeoning area of the law.

"In these massive document cases, the party that does not have its documents scanned and organized is at a tremendous disadvantage," said Robert Grimes, a San Diego defense lawyer who wrote a blog about developments in the Peregrine trial.

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of resentment by the working spouse, who might feel bitter about having to work while his or her partner enjoys a life of leisure.

■ **Spending money:** Spouses should be equal partners regardless of who makes more money, and retirees (along with stay-at-home moms or dads) shouldn't feel impoverished by the fact that they're not bringing home

the bacon. Make things equitable by adopting one of these tactics. Each spouse contributes equal amounts to a joint account for household and shared expenses, then uses the leftover income for personal, discretionary spending. Or both spouses funnel all their income into a joint account and pay themselves an "allowance" each month for personal spending.

■ **Household responsibilities:** It's a fact, unfortunately, that women in two-career families

do more work around the house than their husbands. But I believe that the retiring spouse, regardless of gender, has to be willing to step up and play a more active role in the management of the household.

■ **Stay engaged:** This is advice for the retiree. Find something to engage your energies, particularly if you're retiring early and in good health (but really, it's good advice at any age). Retirements can last a long time today, and you need to be prepared for what some people are calling the "Second Stage" of life. This could mean working part time or consulting in a former profession; volunteering or taking up a new activity, or even

embarking on a second career. Of course a retiree is entitled to some leisure, that's what retirement is about. Don't let inertia set in; you'll be unhappy and so will your spouse.

■ **Keep talking:** This is probably the most important piece of advice for Anna and Max. There is no question that Max's retirement represents a major shift not only for Max, but for Anna and Max's marriage as well. This couple is fortunate in that they are financially secure. In order to continue operating as a close couple, they need to support each other emotionally. Max is retiring now, but Anna will face similar decisions in a few years. I firmly believe that communica-

tion and respect are the key to making this (or any other life transition) successful.

I realize that for many people the question of what to do in retirement will take a back seat to the question of how to pay for it. You know my answer to that one: save, save, save; invest, invest, invest. Everyone can make retirement a lot easier financially simply by working longer.

For a growing number of Americans, the transition from career to retirement raises a lot of non-financial issues as well. Talk about them with your spouse or partner so that both of you can get the most out of your retirement years.

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Norwood Crossing To Host Veterans Day Recognition Program

The community is invited to join veterans, residents, their friends and families for a special recognition Veterans Day Commemorative Program, on Fri., Nov. 9, at 2:30 p.m. The event will take place at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Highlight of the afternoon will be a special performance of patriotic music by the 30-member Taft (High School) Eagle Singers.

Other parts of the program will include: a welcome by Richard L. Corrin, Jr., Norwood Life Care Foundation board member; presentation of the Colors by the Taft High School Navy Junior ROTC commanded by CDR Paul Muffler; pledge of allegiance led by Gerald Skotzko, commander of American Legion Edison Post 541, and Lucille Janssens, a former commander of

American Legion Norwood Post 740; singing of the National Anthem by the Taft Eagle Singers directed by Brian Lavery; invocation by Chaplain Lt. Col. Paul Pfeffer (Senior Army Reserve Ret.); recognition of veterans present; playing of Taps; introduction of special guest Sam Ozaki, former Taft High School principal and member of the U.S. Army 442nd Regimental Combat Team; and remarks by Cmdr. Rhonda Harder, Executive Officer of the Navy Recruiting District of Chicago. Members of eight American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in the immediate area also have been invited.

Veterans will be recognized individually during the program. All active and non-active military personnel who are planning to attend the event are asked to provide upon arrival their name, rank,

military unit, service branch, armed conflict (if any), where served, and dates of service. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans planning to attend should RSVP to Stan Banash, director of public relations, at (773) 577-5324.

Liberty Bank to Host Adult Driving Course

Liberty Bank for Savings is hosting a two-day adult driving course, for those 50 and older, on Tuesday and Thursday Nov. 6 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course will take place at the bank's Norwood branch, 6210 N. Milwaukee. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required.

The two-day classroom course, presented by AARP, will refresh driving skills and help prevent accidents. Completion of this class could qualify participants for insurance discounts. For more information on this Liberty Bank for Savings event and other autumn activities, please call Susan Andrews at 773-489-4458 or email sandrews@libertybank.com.

Small Shots Basketball Begins December 1st

Niles Park District is accepting registration for its popular Small Shots Basketball Program for grades Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd girls and boys. This 6-week class begins Saturday, December 1st with 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. starting times. Participants will learn dribbling, shooting, defense and offense skills. They will also play in game situations. All skill levels are welcome. Fees are \$44 for residents and \$49 for non-residents, and include a t-shirt and basketball. Please register at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information, call (847) 967-6975. Small Shots is sponsored by MB Financial Bank - www.mbfinc.com.

Niles Park District Indoor Micro Soccer

Niles Park District is offering Indoor Micro Soccer for girls and boys, Kindergarten through 8th grade. This fun, fast-paced program is played with smaller teams to insure more touches of the ball and greater skill development. Soccer clinic is November 17. Season Play is 12/01/07-02/02/08. Team t-shirts are provided with the fee of Res \$54; Non-Res \$59. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. For more information about Indoor Soccer, please call (847) 967-6975.

St. Matthew Center for Health Receives \$50,000 Matching Gift Pledge From Anonymous Donor

St. Matthew Center for Health has received a \$50,000 matching gift pledge from the family member of a former St. Matthew resident who was inspired to make the gift because of the quality of care received by that loved one. St. Matthew Center for Health, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) located in Park Ridge, provides a variety of health care services to seniors and other individuals in the community. Thanks to this donor, contributions made to St. Matthew from now until the end of the

year will be matched to help fund new fire-retardant window treatments for resident rooms at St. Matthew. The window treatments will improve functionality and help more residents to use them safely and independently. The goal is to raise \$100,000, with the donor matching donations totaling up to \$50,000.

The St. Matthew Service League, with the support of families and community members, initiated fundraising for this project by raising \$10,000 from the St. Luke's

Bottle Band benefit concert, which was held in June. Members of the fund-raising committee include: Elsie Ciulla, treasurer of the St. Matthew Service League; Kelly Fitzgerald, assistant administrator and recreation services director at St. Matthew; Howard Frimark, Park Ridge mayor; Terri Gens, LSSI major gifts director; Marilyn Goll, Park Ridge resident; Alice Gronwick, resident and part-time receptionist at St. Matthew; Pastor Eileen Harris, chaplain at St. Matthew; Betty Henneman,

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Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club Sponsors Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Women's Club Queen of Peace Guild will hold its 35th Annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale the weekend of November 10-11, 2007 in our newly renovated Paluch Hall (elevator accessible) 8300 Greenwood Avenue, Niles, IL between the hours of 8AM-6PM (Saturday) and 8AM-2PM (Sunday).

There will be a variety of all hand-made crafts, ornaments, wreaths, afghans, baby knit quilts, dolls, home decorations, jewelry and more. There will be a grand raffle, bake sale, a turkey booth and Christmas stocking tree for added chances at beautiful gifts and items. We will also have home-baked bread for sale.

Proceeds benefit the parish. For more information, call the Ministry Center at 847-823-2550.

NHS, Alumni Association Holding Drive For Military Alums October 25, 2007

Notre Dame High School's National Honor Society and the Alumni Association are holding a drive to collect items for Alumni Dons who are in the military overseas. Items will be collected from Friday, October 26 to Friday, November 16.

Donated items must be new. The NHS and Alumni are seeking items such as reading materials, all personal grooming items, nonperishable candy, socks, any NDHS wear, and sunglasses. The donated materials can be placed in drop boxes which will be available in each advisory, near the front reception desk and at area parishes.

For more information, please contact any of the following people:

- Augie Genovesi in the Alumni office at 847.779.8649 or agenovesi@ndhsdons.org
 - NHS moderator David Rosenzweig at 847.779.8710 or drosenzweig@ndhsdons.org
 - Tim Jarotkiewicz, Vice Principal for Student Life, at 847.779.8646 or tjarotkiewicz@ndhsdons.org.
- If you know an alumni Don who is currently in the military, please contact Augie Genovesi to make sure that he is aware of that person. The NHS and the Alumni Association are trying to reach all the Dons who are currently overseas with the military.

KING GUSTAV II ADOLF FEST

The Swedish Cultural Society invites all to this year's 83rd annual event Sunday, November 4, 2007 at 3PM in the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 North Harding at Belle Plaine, Chicago (one block north-east from Irving and Paluski).

This year's concert program has an international flair with noted soloist Robert Olivera singing outstanding patriotic and religious songs. Sparkling violinist Jennifer Silk will grace the program with beautiful music: excellent organist is Bob Egan. Refreshments will follow in Victory Hall with Eleanor Holmberg and staff.

The King's strategy was to avoid foreign troops from entering Sweden. He lost his life in the 30 year war in the battle at Lutzen, Germany on November 6, 1632. He was an early champion of freedom of thought and religion, established cities, universities and was a genius in governmental affairs making innovations benefiting and copied in other European countries in use even today 375 years later. Everyone is most welcome to this uplifting and historic event.

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- Hand gels are a portable and effective way to keep your hands clean. Rub your hands together until all surfaces are dry, for about 15 seconds.
- For added protection in public bathrooms, use a clean paper towel or the back of your hand to turn off the faucet and open the restroom door.
- Cover your coughs with tissue and don't go to work or public places when you're sick.

When should you see a doctor?

When high fever, muscle aches, headache and extreme fatigue come on suddenly, it's probably the flu. It is best to call your doctor right away, regardless of the severity of your symptoms.

If infected with the flu, drink lots of fluids (water and juice) to stay hydrated and Tylenol is the best option for relieving aches and pains. It is important to get lots of rest.

Three Good Reasons Not to Get a Flu Shot:

- An allergy to chicken eggs, which are used to make the vaccine.
- A severe reaction to the vaccine in the past
- A fever or moderate illness at the time the shots are being administered.

SCHOOLS

Resurrection High School Presents Charlotte's Web

A humble pig, a sweet young girl and their special spider friend are only three of the characters in the endearing E.B. White classic of Charlotte's Web to be staged at Resurrection High School. Kathie Foszcz will direct the Joseph Robinette adaptation. Performances will be held at Resurrection's Little Theatre, 7500 W. Talcott Avenue, Chicago, 60631. The show runs Thursday through Saturday, November 1-3 at 7 p.m. with the closing matinee scheduled on Sunday, November 4 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Reservations can be made by

calling the school at 773-775-6616, extension 110 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on school days. The storytellers (Junior Ashley Beranek, Sophomores Carleigh Obrochta and Kristin Viloria) share the tales of a young girl Fern (Senior Gina Prestianni and Sophomore Fiona Lally), the humble pig Wilbur (Senior Samantha Trelles and Sophomore Laura Noigebauer) and, of course, their special friend Charlotte (Junior Samantha Grazziano and Sophomore Dawn Bangert) with the audience. Coming to the aid of Fern to lend a helping hand is Homer Zuckerman (Senior Katie

Starzec), Edith Zuckerman (Senior Chrissie Lapke), and Lurvy (Junior Claire Compall). Offering comic touches are the rest of the barnyard animals: Templeton, the rat (Senior Ronni Daus and Freshman Christina Ebrom), Goose (Sophomore Ellen Olker), Gander (Junior Molly Garriety), Sheep (Freshman Joanna Metzger) and (Freshman Maddie O'Connor). Supportive of Wilbur's entry at the County Fair are John Arable (Freshman MaryRose Moss), Martha Arable (Junior Samantha Santos) and Avery (Junior Colleen Clark and Freshman Gina Orlandi).

The atmospheric ensemble adds in the colorful characters seen at the County Fair: Junior Nicole Havnoonian; Sophomores Christie Antipas, Alyson Cervantes, Monica Corona, Julia Kaufman, Jessica Loyo, and Jackie Montalvo; and Freshmen Teresa Kawula, Katie Kroski, Kasey Liberty, Andrea Melvage, Rebecca Szyzka, and Maria Tyrrell. Resurrection High School is a Catholic, College Preparatory High School for girls. For more information about Resurrection High School, 7500 West Talcott, call 773-775-6616, Ext. 142 or www.reshs.org.

Open Houses for Prospective Students at RES

Junior high students and their parents are invited to attend Resurrection High School's open houses for Prospective Students in order to learn about Resurrection and tour the school. A short presentation will be given in the school's Little Theater if participants arrive by 6:30 p.m.. The open houses will be held on Thursday, November 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 27 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For information about attending Res or for more information about one of the open houses, please contact Debbie Gillespie at (773)775-6616 Ext. 129 or dgillespie@reshs.org.

Resurrection High School is a Catholic, College Preparatory High School for girls. For more information about Resurrection High School, 7500 West Talcott, call 773-775-6616 ext. 125 or www.reshs.org.

Park Ridge Library Artist's Retirement Marks End of Era

Van Diggelen, the graphic artist at the Park Ridge Public Library, will retire on Nov. 15 after a 30-year career at the library. Diggelen was hired on a temporary basis in 1977 and after six months she became the first graphic artist at the library. "Barbara's retirement truly is the end of an era for the Library," stated Janet Van De Carr, director of the Park Ridge Public Library, in a press release.

Diggelen has created posters and finger puppets and an eight-foot-tall stuffed dragon named Fang, as well as a five-foot high bear named Borgie and two aliens, who were mascots for this summer's reading program. In addition to making colorful creations for the kids, she has also touched the lives of many adults with the various displays, signs, ads, brochures and photographs she has developed for the library.

Diggelen received training at the American Academy of Art in Chicago and Northern Illinois University. Throughout her career at the Park Ridge Public Library, she has incorporated advanced computer techniques and creative arts to complete various projects. "Though we're sad to lose her many talents, we can't wait to see the creative ways that she'll use her free time in the years ahead," stated Janet Van De Carr.

Lights, Camera Action: Movie to Be Filmed in Niles

This weekend, Nov. 3rd and 4th, from noon to midnight both days, Kristin Owings, a senior at Columbia College in Chicago is majoring in Film and Directing and is filming her thesis movie, Cargo, in Niles.

Partial footage will be filmed on location in the home of the Botsis family at 8145 N Oconto Ave in Niles. Costa Botsis is also a student at Columbia majoring in Fiction Writing and offered his friend Kristin a home to use. Kristin

is from Kansas City, Missouri. Please feel free to stop by, interview Kristin, and do a story on her movie. It would be a terrific news piece and would look terrific in Kristin's portfolio and adds a little excitement for Niles!

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Notre Dame Fall Teams Successes

Head football coach Michael Hennessey was selected an East Suburban Catholic Coach of the Year (along with Tim Racki from Nazareth).

The freshman football finished their season 9-0 and were named ESCC Freshman Champions.

The varsity football team finished their regular season 6-3 and will play Rolling Meadows on Saturday, October 27 at 7 pm at Rolling Meadows in the first round of the state playoffs.

Brendan Murray '08 was named one of the ESCC's Defensive Football Player of the Year (along with Nick Clancy from Joliet Catholic and Ryan Williams from Carmel Catholic).

Rich Szukala '08 was named ESCC Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Nine Varsity football players were chosen to the ESCC All-Conference football team including:

Zach Abraham '08 (Quarterback); Bo Cisek '08

(Linebacker); P.J. Cummings '08 (Defensive Back); Matt Franzen '08 (Defensive Line); Matt Gallery '08 (Offensive Line); Joe Gutierrez '09 (Wide Receiver); Ryan Irwin '08 (Wide Receiver); Brendan Murray '08 (Defensive Back); and Rick Szukala '08 (Defensive Back).

Notre Dame Cross Country

Congratulations to Notre Dame's Tom Baran and Peter Merkel for competing in the IHSA Cross Country Sectional Race this past Saturday at Niles West. Tom

finished in tenth place overall to automatically qualify for the State Championship next Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Peter also ran a great race and finished in 50th place overall. They both ran against 150 of the best runners in Chicagoland. Thank you to everyone for your great support of Tom and Peter at the meet and for your outstanding support of the entire team throughout the season. Tom still needs your support again next Saturday in Peoria.

NILES SPORTS BRIEFS

Niles Park Board of Commissioners Meetings

Niles residents are invited to attend the Park Board of Commissioners Meetings, which take place on the third Tuesday of each month at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street.

By Chris Jenkins
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Red Sox Nation, never more full of itself, had taken complete command of Coors Field. Out of respect for their World Series champions, they waited at least 10 minutes before making new demands.

As the Sox began their celebration into the late night on the field, the chants from several thousand fans in the

Like it or not, Red Sox are the New Yankees

stands grew more intense, coming in a cadence quite like the World Series itself. One-two-three-four.

"Re-sign Lowell!!!!"

Then:

"Don't buy A-Rod!!!!"

And then it was down to three syllables, back to basics, the chant that Beantown teaches its babies at birth. It's the chant that needs no appropriate place, the chant that breaks out at Bruins hockey games and

Harvard-Yale games and pee-wee soccer games in Lexington.

The Massachusetts Mantra: "Yankees (stink)!!! Yankees (stink)!!!!"

Funny. More and more, much as BoSox Nation refuses to see it, the Red Sox are the Yankees. That's a good thing for them, mostly. That's not such a good thing for the other 29 major league clubs, including the recessive Bronx Bomb-Out-ers.

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CHICAGO ARE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POWER RANKINGS
AS OF 10-25-2007

- 1. MOUNT CARMEL 10-0**
Imagine this. You wake up. You drive to Mount Carmel. You win the game. And then you wake up. Leyden never had a chance and they lose big 48-7.
- 2. WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH 10-0**
I know St. Lawrence had to be sick when they found out whom they had to play the first round. South steam rolls them 41-0.
- 3. NAPERVILLE NORTH 9-1**
Marian Catholic doesn't even score a point against boys from the North Side of Naperville. "Bring on Bolingbrook!"
- 4. JOLIET CATHOLIC 9-1**
Normal Community West H.S. fans drove a whole 2 hours just to watch their team get spanked 49-7.
- 5. RICHARDS 10-0**
Vernon Hills just couldn't deal with all of that offense from Richards. Their season comes to an end with the 35-13 loss.
- 6. MORGAN PARK 9-1**
Wheaton North is just too pretty, to tangle with those boys from the city. Morgan Park just destroys them 41-0.
- 7. FREMID 10-0**
Fremid escapes by the hair on their chinny chin chin. They squeeze past Stevenson 21-19.
- 8. LAKE ZURICH 9-1**
Wheeling tried their best but got doubled up 30-15 by Lake Zurich.
- 9. BOLINGBROOK 8-2**
Bolingbrook lays the wood to Lincoln Way Central with almost the entire Naperville North Football team in attendance. Naperville was duly impressed.
- 10. MAINE SOUTH 9-1**
Maine South wins but lets New Trier score 22 against them. They drop a little but round out the top 10.
- 11. LOYOLA 8-2**
Loyola keeps on keeping on with a 20-point victory against Warner.
- 12. GLENBROOK SOUTH 9-1**
Glenbrook South looked a little shaky against Bartlett. They barely win by a touchdown.
- 13. PRAIRIE RIDGE 10-0**
Prairie beats Marmion into the off-season. How does 41-16 sound?
- 14. GENEVA 10-0**
Bradley Bourbonnais lost this game before they put their pads on. Geneva shows why they haven't lost this season. They roll 35-6.
- 15. DRISCOLL 10-0**
Bishop Mac gets hammered by the 4A powerhouse 47-19.
- 16. ROLLING MEADOWS 9-1**
Rolling Meadows cruises 37-0 over Notre Dame. They advance to play Lake Zurich.
- 17. CARY GROVE 9-1**
Woodstock can't hang with the big boys. Cary Grove beats 'em down 30-0.
- 18. OAK FOREST 9-1**
Well, win you win 34-0 you move up a bit in the rankings. Oak Forest demolishes Eisenhower.
- 19. GLENBROOK NORTH 9-1**
North beats a mediocre Fenwick club. They slide into the second round.
- 20. LINCOLN WAY EAST 8-2**
Hey! Look who's back in the top 20. East beats up on Naperville Central to keep their season going.

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Big Ten Network Introduces Basketball Studio Analysts Team

Three Big Ten basketball figures who enjoyed tremendous success as a player or coach will serve as Big Ten Network men's basketball analysts this season. The roster includes legendary former Purdue coach Gene Keady; Jimmy Jackson, Ohio State's former two-time Big Ten Player of the Year and 14-year NBA veteran; and former Northwestern star Tim Doyle.

Keady, Jackson and Doyle will join Dave Reisine in the Big Ten Network's downtown Chicago studios to anchor the network's doubleheader coverage on most Wednesdays and Saturdays. In addition, the trio will serve as analysts on selected game broadcasts during the season and regularly appear on Big Ten Tonight. The announcement was made Wednesday by network president Mark Silverman and executive producer Leon Schweir.

"Fans will really enjoy the unique perspective that each one of these men brings to the table. All three have a deep understanding of the Big Ten, its history and its rivalries," Silverman said. "We're tremendously delighted to have Gene, Jimmy and Tim join our team."

Schweir added: "Given their individual experiences, we think each member of this team can provide unique insight and perspective. We have a coach who spent 25 years in the Big Ten, a player who in his conference career and for 14 years afterwards competed against some of the best players in the world and someone who played in the Big Ten as recently as last year. We're excited to have three individuals with such outstanding Big Ten basketball credentials."

Keady, 71, coached against both of his new co-analysts during his 25 years as the head coach at Purdue. He led the Boilermakers to 17 NCAA Tournament appearances and six Big Ten Championships (1984, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995 and 1996). Keady's 265 Big Ten victories ranks second in Big Ten history. A six-time national coach of the year, Keady retired after the 2004-05 season with a 512-270 record at Purdue. The former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) also served as an assistant coach on the 2000 United States Olympic gold

medal team. Jackson, 37, was the 1991 and 1992 Big Ten Player of the Year at Ohio State. A two-time first-team All-American, Jackson averaged more than 19 points per game and led the Buckeyes to the NCAA Tournament in each of his three years in Columbus. The native of Toledo, Ohio, turned pro a year early and was the fourth overall pick by the Dallas Mavericks in the 1992 NBA Draft. He played 14 years in the NBA.

Doyle, 25, lettered three times at Northwestern (2005-07) and was an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection as a senior. Doyle is one of 14 players in Big Ten history, joining Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas and Scott Skiles, to record 350 points, 150 assists, 100 rebounds and 50 steals in one season. Doyle set a new Northwestern single season record for assists with 157. The native of Merrick, N.Y., was a member of St. John's 2003 NIT Championship team before transferring to Northwestern.

The Big Ten Network is the number one destination for hoops fans this winter with 140 men's basketball games, 64 conference match-ups and three Big Ten Conference Men's Basketball Tournament games. The overwhelming majority of those contests will be televised in stunning high-definition.

During the conference season, the Big Ten Network will feature games on Tuesdays, a doubleheader every Wednesday night and a heavy dose of games on the weekends, including double-, triple- and quadruple-headers.

All intra-conference games will be distributed nationally, which means the end of the split-regional broadcasts that occurred in past seasons.

Through distribution partnerships with DIRECTV, DISH Network, Insight Communications, WideOpenWest, RCN, Service Electric, AT&T U-Verse and more than 150 other cable operators, the Big Ten Network became the first new network in cable or satellite television history to reach 30 million homes in its first 30 days. In fact, no other new cable or satellite network has surpassed 30 million homes in its first year, and only five others have achieved that milestone within their first two years.

Dons Fall, Hawks Advance

The IHSA playoffs have moved into the second round after a few surprises last week most notably in the 8A class when top seeded Downers Grove South lost at home to a feisty Homewood Flossmoor team 16-0.

Locally, Niles Notre Dame who finished the season with 6 wins struggled against Rolling Meadow who bounced the Dons 37-0 last weekend. Notre Dame could not get anything going on offense and was held to less than 100 yards of total offense in the rout.

What may have been more damaging to Notre Dame was the four turnovers committed in the game against Rolling Meadows. The Mustangs advance to take on Lake Zurich while Notre Dame will likely look back on a great season.

The Dons played in some memorable games this season like their upset of St. Viator in week 6, 26 - 21 which will go down as one of their better



Chalk Talk
ROBERT LEACH | SPORTS EDITOR

games of the season. For 17 year head coach Mike Hennessey, the off season will likely be bright especially when he considers the fact his freshman squad went an unblemished 9-0 this season.

Here is a tip of the hat to you sir for another exciting year of Notre Dame football.

In other action, Maine South is back to their old tricks as they dominated New Trier 38 - 22 and advance to play Glenbrook South this week. Maine South quarterback Charlie Goro was unstoppable in the dissecting

of New Trier's defense throwing for two touchdowns and running for two others.

Goro completed 25 of 30 passes for 252 yards and rushed for more than 50 more. To say he had a big game is an understatement but if the Hawks want to continue their winning ways, the will need to tighten up their defense after allowing 22 points in the opening round.

Head coach David Inserra has seen three of his team finish as bridesmaids in the big game in three consecutive seasons. If the Hawks find a way to win this weekend the will be on a collision course with what may be the best team in the playoffs, Mount Carmel.

If South can navigate the next two weeks, you can go ahead and crown them, nobody will beat them after a Mt. Carmel win. It will be interesting for sure. As always, I'll see you in the stands!

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Lucky Ladies	23	33
Last Ones Out	20	36

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ANTIQUE OR JUNQUE?

'Lilly of the Valley' Vase Piques Curiosity

By Anne McColam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: Can you tell me anything about my "lily of the valley" vase seen in this photo? My grandmother brought it with her when she emigrated to the U.S. from Ireland around 1910. It stands about 6 inches tall and is hand painted with lily of the valley flowers, as well as several other blossoms. Since I was born in May and lilies of the valley grew wild on our property, we always used the vase for the lilies. My mother told me it was hand-blown milk glass. There are no manufacturer's markings anywhere, just the pontil mark on the bottom.

I have researched this type of glass and have no information. I would appreciate anything you can tell me about the age, history, and value of my vase.

A: Your vase is an example of semi-opaque Bristol glass. It first was made in Bristol, England, in the 1600s and 1700s, thus the name. An abundance was also made in the late

1800s and early 1900s during the Victorian era in Europe and America. Typically, the glass was hand-decorated with enamels. Although both Bristol glass and milk glass often have an opaline appearance, the semi-opaque quality and thin, smooth body of mold-blown

pieces distinguishes it from the more opaque milk glass. Your early 1900s vase would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

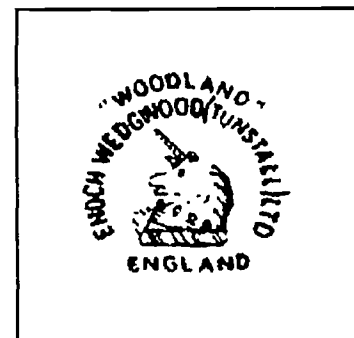
Q: This mark is on the bottom of a small ironstone pitcher that I bought at an antiques shop in England for \$15. The pitcher is decorated with a red colored transfer print country scene. When was it made and is it worth what I paid?

A: Enoch Wedgwood Ltd., has used the mark you provided from 1965 to the present day. They have been located in Staffordshire, England, since 1965 and are now part of the Wedgwood Group. "Woodland" is the name of the pattern.

Your pitcher is not even close to being an antique, but it is worth the \$15 you paid.

Q: I have a cut glass decanter that was made by H. P. Sinclair. It is in perfect condition, holds a quart of liquid and is the gooseberry pattern. Can you please tell what the current value is?

A: H. P. Sinclair and Co. made cut glass in Corning, N.Y., from 1904 to 1929. Sinclair marked their glass with an "S" in a wreath. If your decanter is not marked, its value would probably be \$150 to \$175. A marked piece raises the value. Add \$100 to \$200 if it has the Sinclair mark.



Q: I have a service for eight set of semi-porcelain dinnerware that was made in the early 1950s. Each piece is decorated with white bamboo against a sea blue background. It is in perfect condition and includes serving dishes. Marked on the bottom of each piece are the words "Winfield China Pottery - Blue Pacific." What is its value?

A: Winfield China Pottery was located in Pasadena, See Pottery, page 17

Four Fine Photo Books

By Linda Rosenkrantz
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Photography books continue to be a major force in the art book market and are increasingly collectible for their own sake. Here's a quartet of new releases that are particularly worthy of note, both for collectors and civilians.

■ "Art of the American Snapshot: 1888-1978." It's only in the past couple of decades that you would hear the words "art" and "snapshot" uttered in the same sentence, but these vernacular photos have slowly but surely edged into that realm. This book, by Sarah Greenough and Dianne Waggoner (National Gallery of Art in association with Princeton University Press), focuses on a single collection, that of Robert E. Jackson, which is now on view in Washington.

Demonstrating how the introduction and widespread use of the Kodak Brownie and other cheap cameras democratized photography and documented everyday American life, the book contains some 250 representative snapshots, organized chronologically, from carefully posed and composed turn-of-the-century silver print portraits to some humorous 1970s Polaroids. A substantive, definitive work.

■ "The Origins of American Photography 1839-1885: The Hallmark Photographic Collection at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art" by Keith F. Davis (distributed by Yale University Press) is an important photo-historical volume documenting the early years of the form and features 600 impeccable tritone and four-color reproductions, facilitating the faithful reproduction of the black-and-white and sepia of the originals. Beginning with the 1839 introduction of the daguerreotype and its proliferation during the Civil

War, it follows with a demonstration of its chronicling of the American West, a thorough treatment of its contribution to portraiture depicting Americans of the period in a variety of ages, professions and ethnicities, and finally moves on to the rise of paper photography - ambrotypes, calotypes, etc.

Fascinating subcategories include in-depth treatments of such subjects as the establishment of photography as a profession in various locales, postmortem images, outdoor views and landscapes, and humorous and allegorical pictures, providing a cultural and social history of the country as well as being an essential document on the roots of this art form.

■ "Yesterday: The Beatles Once Upon A Time" by Astrid Kirchherr and photojournalist Max Scheler (The Vendome Press). Anyone who knows their Beatles history will be familiar with the name Astrid Kirchherr: She was the young German photographer who was very much in on Hamburg's Cavern club scene when the lads were starting out, eventually becoming engaged to the original bass player, Stu Sutcliffe. These photographs, taken in Liverpool in 1964 and later in London during the filming of "A Hard Day's Night", offer a rare, intimate view of the group as they moved toward superstardom.

In the most candid of shots, they're seen rehearsing, playing, performing, clowning, cooking, collaborating and visiting their parents - all effectively capturing the spirit of that particular yesterday. The glimpses afforded of grim city streets and claustrophobic, kitsch-filled sitting rooms show exactly what the Fab Four and their British fans were escaping from.

■ "Mapplethorpe: Polaroids" by Sylvia Wolf (Prestel). Like his contemporary Andy Warhol, Mapplethorpe was a practitioner of the art of instant photography. But whereas Warhol's shots tended to be candid and casual, taken at his "factory" and Studio 54, Mapplethorpe's are for the most part more formal studies, employing his characteristic subject matter - male (and sometimes female) nudes (some of them fetishistic), singly and in pairs, portraits of some of the leading characters in his life, such as singers Patti Smith and Marianne Faithfull, curator Henry Geldzahler and collector Sam Wagstaff, as well as a number of provocative self-portraits. There are also floral and other still lifes.

German Stein a Heady Inheritance

By Anne McColam
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I am enclosing a photo of a stein that has been passed down in my family. Not seen in the photo, is a cavalier serenading the young woman that can be seen on the side of the stein facing the camera. The figures are outlined in black. On the bottom are the image of a castle and the words "Mettlach - VB - Gesch - 2780 - 1 - 05."

Can you give me some idea of its value?

A: You have an etched-type stein with an inlaid lid and a pewter thumb lift. The letters "VB" stand for Villeroy and Boch Co. located in Mettlach, Germany. "Gesch" is German for registered, "2780" is the design number, "1" shows it holds one liter, and "05" are the last two digits of the year 1905. The castle represents the ancient abbey that became a Villeroy and Boch stoneware factory. Your stein would probably be worth \$650 to \$850.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of our porcelain tea set that was given to my mother by her grandmother. The set includes a teapot, covered sugar bowl and a cream pitcher. Each piece is decorated with large pink and white roses against a back-

ground that shades from green to yellow. The set is in mint condition.

We have been wondering what our set might be worth.

A: You have a nice example of R.S. Prussia porcelain. It was made by Reinhold Schlögelmilch in Tillowitz, Upper Silesia, Germany. Schlögelmilch produced porcelain from 1869 to 1956. They used the mark you enclosed from 1870 to 1914.

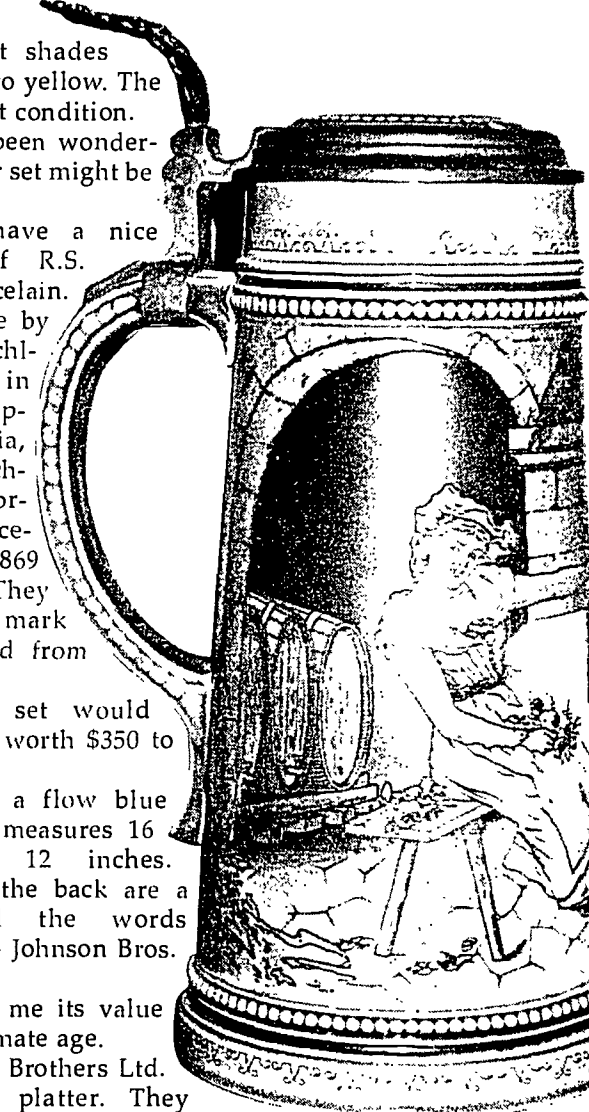
Your tea set would probably be worth \$350 to \$450.

Q: I have a flow blue platter that measures 16 inches by 12 inches. Marked on the back are a crown and the words "Richmond - Johnson Bros. - England."

Please tell me its value and approximate age.

A: Johnson Brothers Ltd. made your platter. They have produced earthenware and ironstone since 1883 in Staffordshire, England. "Richmond" is the name of the pattern.

The value of your circa 1900 platter would probably



be \$200 to \$250.

Q: I would like to know if you could help me with any information you may have on a pitcher I found in my mother's home after her

"The letters "VB" stand for Villeroy and Boch Co. located in Mettlach, Germany. "Gesch" is German for registered, "2780" is the design number, "1" shows it holds one liter, and "05" are the last two digits of the year 1905. The castle represents the ancient abbey that became a Villeroy and Boch stoneware factory."

death. After several cleanings, I could make out the words "Silver Craft" on the bottom. I'm not even sure if it's sterling silver or silver-plated.

A: Silver Craft Co. Inc. located in Boston made your pitcher. The firm was established around 1950 and eventually became Raimond Silver Manufacturing. Check the mark again carefully. Sterling is usually marked sterling and often along with the number 925. Chances are your pitcher is silver plated and would probably be worth \$75 to \$125. If you find that it's sterling, the value would increase to around \$175 to \$200.

Q: I have my dad's straight razor with the original case. My mother gave it to my husband in 1971 after my dad passed away. Inside the case is a paper stating the warranty and directions. On the razor are the words "Antoni Tadross - Made in

Germany." I don't know what the handle is made of. The blade is approximately 7 inches long and decorated with an etched image of a lion and scrolls.

What can you tell me about my dad's razor?

A: As a rule, straight razors handles were made of bone, celluloid, plastic or ivory and sometime inlaid with silver designs. Your razor was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$25 to \$50. Add another \$50 to \$75 if there is silver inlay on the handle.

Address your questions to Anne McColam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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Pottery

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Calif., from 1929 to 1962. "Blue Pacific" is the name of the pattern, which was introduced in the 1940s. The pattern was hand-painted and was inspired

by Asian designs. In 1962 Winfield China Pottery closed. They couldn't compete with the large influx of inexpensive Japanese imports.

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Thanksgiving Day Luncheon, November 22

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Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

Open Enrollment Begins November 15

Are you considering enrolling in or changing your Medicare part D plan? The Annual Coordinated Election Period (AEP) for Medicare Part D is November 15 - December 31. During this period, beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Medicare prescription coverage can enroll.

Also current enrollees in the program can switch plans. If you have Medicare Part D prescription coverage, you should review your plan during this time as you might want to switch drug plans if another plan better meets your needs. This is the only time during the year that such changes can take place.

Annual M/C Holiday Party Spectacular

Friday, Dec. 7th, 11:00 White Eagle \$28.

Niles Senior Men's Club invites you to our annual party at the White Eagle, 6839 Milwaukee Ave. Enjoy a family-style luncheon featuring, boneless breast of chicken, fish, and beef plus great side dishes. Following lunch, Sark Antaramian and the Mid-Nite Xpres will be on hand for an afternoon of listening or dancing.

Table Raffles and Door Prizes! Tickets are available in the November Naturally Active.

Niles Red Hatters Afternoon Tea at the Drake

Monday, Dec. 3, 12:00 \$50
Niles Red Hatters will take a motor coach journey to the Drake Hotel for Afternoon Tea in the Palm Court on Monday, December 3rd. Enjoy an assortment of Finger Sandwiches, Fruit Bread, Scones served with Whipped Cream and Preserves, and a selection of Imported Teas and Pastry. This experience is complemented by heavenly harp music by the Drake's gifted harpist. Reservations info is in the November Naturally Active.

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Senior Center

Make your appointment as soon as possible for your flu shot. Reservation forms are available at the Front Desk of the Senior Center. Flu shots are scheduled for November 6th, 7th, & 8th and are by appointment only.

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tion. Call the Niles Senior Center for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Special seasonal volunteers are needed for the following programs:

Life Experience Videos
Niles East H.S. and the Niles Senior Center are working together to create videos that will document ONE life experience. This experience will be organized, researched, and recorded by the students before a final showing at the High School.

AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist seniors in preparing their income taxes. Required training is provided. For more information, contact MaryAnn 847-588-8434.

Morton Grove Senior News

Cholesterol Screening

The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 20 participants registered.

'Unwrapping Holiday Stress'

Colleen Caron of Alexian Brothers Hospital Network will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 to discuss methods of

identifying the major factors that contribute to holiday stress. She will also discuss holiday burnout coping skills, the differences between holiday blues and seasonal affective disorder, and ways to avoid post holiday "let down." Register for this free lecture by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be 20 participants registered.

Sudoku Classes

Sudoku, the number logic puzzle involving the digits one through 9, is a great brain exercise for people of all ages. Two free classes will be held at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. with a second class following at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. There must be five participants registered for each class.

Mall Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Nov. 13 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 9:15 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 10:15 a.m. Trips are free for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others.

AARP Mature Driving Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program is a two-day, four-hour refresher course for drivers age 50+. In Morton Grove classes are offered from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 and Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Prairie View Community Center. The cost is \$10 and only a personal check is accepted.

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Thursday, Nov. 15. Doors open: 11 a.m. Lunch served: 12 noon. Crystal Palace, 2648 Dempster, Park Ridge. \$14 members/\$15 guests, +\$1 fish. Let's give thanks this month

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Next luncheon: Sunday, Dec. 9 at Chateau Ritz.

'AARP'S Driver Safety Program'

Monday, Nov. 26 and Wednesday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP.
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Obituaries

Stanley P. Niski, 78

Stanley P. Niski, 78, of Niles, passed away Monday, October 22, 2007 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born June 8, 1929 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Stanley Niski, Sr. and the late Agnes (Chmielewski) Niski. Loving husband of Theresa (Sowa) Niski of Niles. Cherished father of Paul, Michael (Maureen) Niski of Niles and Nancy (Bob) Ramberg. Grandfather of Caroline, Meghan Niski and Nicole and Mike Ramberg. Brother of

Lorraine (the late Edward) Trzaska. Uncle of many. Services were held October 26, 2007 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. He was a Veteran and an Accountant in Trophy business. PKG of North American Martyrs Council #4338 of K of C, Member of Niles V.F.W. Post #7712 and Past President of Niles Chamber of Commerce. Memorials to: National Parkinson Foundation.

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Emeril's luxurious Southern Style Corn Chowder takes about an hour to make, but tastes like you've been cooking all day. This is a classic Emeril-style recipe made much easier with boxed chicken stock.

Romaine Hearts Salad adds a lighter note to this menu, complementing the hearty sandwiches and chowder.

For more recipes, go to www.bgfoods.com/emeralis and www.emerils.com.

Southern-Style Corn Chowder

4 ounces bacon, chopped
1 cup finely chopped onions
½ cup finely chopped carrots
½ cup finely chopped celery
2 tablespoons minced garlic
½ cup chopped red bell peppers
5 cups fresh corn kernels (from about ears)
¼ cup all-purpose flour
2 quarts Emeril's All Natural Chicken Stock
1½ cups ½-inch-cubed, peeled russet potatoes
1 cup heavy cream
Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
Finely chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Place 8-quart stockpot over medium heat and cook bacon until crisp, about 5 minutes. Transfer bacon to paper towels to drain. Add onions, carrots and celery to rendered bacon fat in pot and cook, stirring often, until vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add bell peppers and corn to pot and cook 10 minutes, stirring often. Sprinkle flour into pot and cook, stirring constantly 5 minutes. Add chicken stock to pot and stir to combine. Use whisk to break up any lumps. Add potatoes to pot and bring to boil. Reduce heat so soup simmers and continue to cook 20 minutes. Stir in cream, season with salt and cayenne pepper to taste, and serve soup in bowls, garnished with reserved crispy bacon and parsley. Yield: 3 quarts, 10 to 12 servings

Po' Boys Sausage Heroes With Marinara

3 tablespoons olive oil
2½ pounds (8 5-ounce links) sweet Italian sausage
2 yellow onions, thinly sliced
2 green bell peppers, cored, seeded, thinly sliced
2 teaspoons Emeril's Original Essence
8 hero buns, split lengthwise, warmed
1 jar Emeril's Home Style Marinara Pasta Sauce, warmed
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
¼ cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Preheat oven to 300°F. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet over medium to low heat. Add sausage links and turn frequently until browned and cooked through, 22 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat, cut into ½-inch slices, cover to keep warm.

Add remaining oil to 12-inch sauté pan over medium high heat. Once hot add onions, bell peppers and Essence. Stir often and cook until onions and peppers are wilted and lightly caramelized, about 12 minutes.

Place warmed buns on baking sheet and spread inside of each with 1 tablespoon mayonnaise. Divide sliced sausage, onions and peppers among bottom halves of buns. Top with about ¼ cup warmed pasta sauce. Top each sandwich with ¼ cup mozzarella and 1 tablespoon Parmesan. Broil sandwiches until cheese is melted, 3 ½ to 5 minutes. Remove from oven, cut in half and serve with remaining sauce on side. Yield: 8 servings

'Dan in Real Life' Winsome and Winning

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

New Releases

Dan in Real Life ★★— The two good things in "Dan in Real Life" are right at the center: Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche. They are winsome and winning, but the script is taffy custard. Carell is Dan, a "real life" advice columnist seeking syndication. A widower, he devotedly fathers three girls, the cutest a howitzer of teen attitude. Binoche is Marie, a New Yorker who meets Dan cutely, then keeps meeting him cutely at the grand shoreline home owned by his family. But Marie has just recently taken up with Dan's burly brother Mitch (Dane Cook). So while Dan and Marie are like two pieces of kindling wishing to strike a match, smitten Mitch hovers cluelessly until he hears the backbeat and, of course, gets mad. This is comedy, mainly because Carell is such an inflected comic player, with his darting eyes and bladelike nose. He takes amusing riffs into little corners of pathos and yearning. And it's comedy because Binoche has a swift sense of humor, responds with her native French tact (just a hint of accent) and seeks to cushion her covert suitor's floundering moves. What keeps us watching is that we enjoy Dan and Marie and want them to get together. A Buena Vista Films release. Director: Peter Hedges. Writer: Peter Hedges, Pierce Gardner. Cast: Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche, Dane Cook, John Mahoney, Dianne Wiest, Alison Pill, Brittany Robertson. Running time: 1 hour, 38 minutes. Rated PG-13. 2 stars.

Sleuth ★★— There isn't much point in remaking Anthony Shaffer's stage hit "Sleuth," filmed with very busy stagecraft in 1972 by Joseph Mankiewicz. Proof: Kenneth Branagh's remake, the Shaffer play partly gutted, the rehabby Harold Pinter. No talents better sum up modern British theater than Pinter and Branagh. But they've made a movie. As such, "Sleuth" is like being stuck in a cold locker for preserved hams: Michael Caine as rich, snobbish writer Andrew Wyke, and Jude Law as actor Milo Tindle, who seduced Wyke's wife and is invited to the estate for drastic comeuppance. A lot of talent came together to provide us that rare and saddest gift of British theater to Americans: a bore. No gift for Brits, also. A Sony Pictures Classics release. Director: Kenneth Branagh. Writer: Harold Pinter. Cast: Michael Caine, Jude Law. Running time: 1 hour, 28 minutes. Rated R. 2 stars.



In 'Dan in Real Life,' Steve Carell and Juliette Binoche find that family life includes real workouts. (CNS Photo courtesy of Merle W. Wallace)

Recent Releases

Rendition ★★★— There's a curious line in the dialogue of "Rendition": "The CIA calls it 'extraordinary rendition.' It started under Clinton." A big, busy cast moves in intriguing locations in an unnamed North African country, maybe Morocco. At the center is CIA analyst Doug Freeman (Jake Gyllenhaal), new to the job and relaxed about it until the CIA toughie on duty is killed right next to him by a terror blast. The real target is hefty prison chief and CIA go-along

Abasi (Igal Naor, a virtual replica of Telly Savalas, yet less amusing). So vivid is Naor that we even come to feel for his character, a virtuoso of basement torture. Freeman is the CIA witness of this, because the new, screaming object of electric and water torment is an Egyptian-born, American engineer, Anwar (Omar Metwally, fine in a very stressed role). We meet Freeman's local girlfriend, and Abasi's family, and, especially, Anwar's pregnant wife back in Chicago, Isabella (Reese Witherspoon). The

movie is a lacing of personal lives, not only plot strings. And yet the basic substance is piercing. The extraordinary, law-subverting nature of "rendition" is rendered viably enough that American citizens should watch and then talk, and not about melodrama. A New Line Cinema release. Director: Gavin Hood. Writer: Kelley Sane. Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Meryl Streep, Peter Sarsgaard, Omar Metwally, Alan Arkin, Igal Naor. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R. 3 stars.

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Saturday, Sunday

November 3, 4

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Across the Universe (PG-13) 1:30, 5:15, 8:00

Dan in Real Life (PG-13)

1:30, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45
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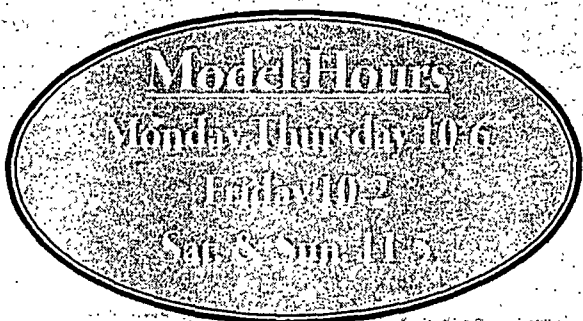
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- ✕ Easy access to I-80
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Take I-55 to I-80 West to Rt. 47. Head South to Brentwood which is one street past Hoover on the west side of Rt. 47.