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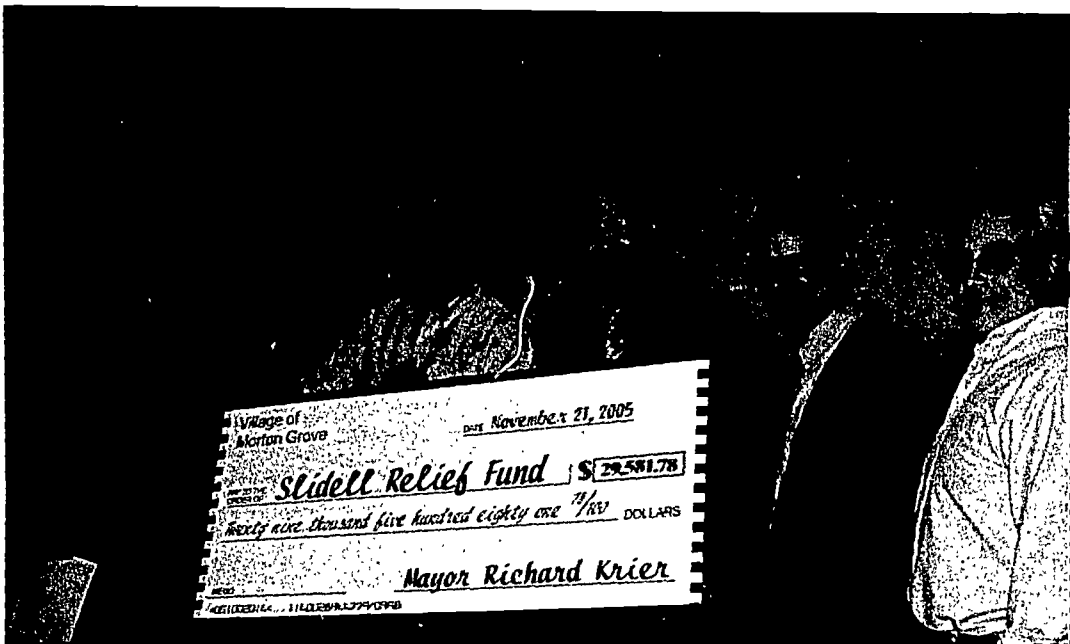
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From left Village Attorney Teresa Liston, John Hoffman with the Morton Grove Sportsman Club, Todd Kramer with the Moose Family Center, Mayor Rick Krier, Park District Director Jeff Fougrouse, Park View Supt. Gary Zabilka and Morton Grove Public Works Director Andy DeMonte pose with a check for \$29,581.78 that was sent to Slidell Louisiana for relief efforts.

A Great Tribute to America

Slidell Mayor thanks Morton Grove for Generosity

In a conference call last week with Morton Grove Village officials, Ben O. Morris, mayor of Slidell, LA expressed gratitude for the generosity of the village and its people.

"It's a great tribute to America," Morris said of Morton Grove's actions. "It's

difficult to put into words, but thank you very much."

After the devastating Hurricane Katrina hit southern Louisiana and flooded New Orleans earlier this year, Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier coordinated with local organizations to help raise money for victims at a fundrais-

er. Krier said that they wanted to make sure that the money went to a town that had been overlooked by the major relief efforts. Krier and other officials chose Slidell, a city of about

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Iceland Director Glickman Resigns

Glickman says timing has nothing to do with rink controversies

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
EDITOR

Niles Park District's Iceland Ice Arena Director Steve Glickman resigned last week, saying that he was going to take a job as the Hockey Director for the Skokie Park District's Ice Rink.

"It's like I'm going home," he said Monday, "even though it is only a few minutes away."

Glickman admits that the timing looks suspicious; for the last couple of months the Niles Park District has been revamping its figure skating program, instituting a professional fee and new tracking procedures for private teachers in the wake of the resignation of David Santee, Glickman's immediate predecessor and a private skating teacher.

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David Santee: Park Ridge Parks Nepotism Policy unfair

District already in apparent conflict with policy

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
EDITOR

David Santee, a former Olympic Figure Skater and Park Ridge resident

urged the Park Ridge Park Board to abandon their nepotism policy at their meeting Thursday, arguing that they shouldn't turn away someone as qualified to work for them as he was.

"I would love to be on staff at Park Ridge," Santee said. "This is where I was for a long time. I left unfortunately, but I'm not allowed to be on staff despite my

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Challenges and Changes in Niles Township

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

Democrat voters March 21 will settle a battle for the vacant post of Niles township committeeman.

Richard Reeder and Lou Lang, both of Skokie, have filed petitions for the post of Niles Township Democratic Committeeman.

Heated committeeman race on tap for Democrats

State Rep. Lang is a member of the Democratic leadership caucus in the state house.

Current Niles Township Democratic Committeeman Cal Sutker is stepping down as committeeman after more than three decades of service.

Sutker, 82, was reached in Florida on the phone Monday

morning Dec. 19. He said he watched the Bears game Sunday night. The icy temperatures at Soldier Field compared favorably to Sutker as he enjoyed the 80-degree warmth of Florida.

"Yep, I saw it was eight degrees there last night," he laughed.

He has served as the

Democratic Committeeman of Niles Township since Feb. 1973.

During his long career, he has also served as a state rep., chief attorney of the county forest preserve, county commissioner, chair of the Skokie police and fire commission and state democratic chair. President Jimmy Carter visited Niles Township

twice in the late 1970s and visited Sutker's synagogue and Niles West High School.

During the past presidential contest, Sutker served on the committee of the organization "War Veterans for John Kerry."

He backs Lang in the committeeman race

"He [Lang] has worked hard

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NEWS



North Maine Fire Protection District honors two firefighters

The North Maine Fire Protection District Trustees recognized two individuals at their District Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. The Award and Decoration comes from the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA). This Humanitarian Award was bestowed upon

Firefighter/ Paramedic Lance Neuses and Firefighter Len Johnson for their service to the Hurricane Katrina - Louisiana Response and Relief Effort from September 5, 2005 to October 14, 2005. Both men were presented their Award and Decoration by Fire Chief Richard Dobrowski who also

Award himself. Chief Dobrowski while not traveling to Louisiana assisted in supervising their activities and providing logistics from a Command Center at the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center in Northbrook, IL. Firefighters Johnson and Neuses were away from their families for the whole duration of this response.

SANTEE: Policy will cost District coach

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qualifications. I don't think we have many two-time Olympians just floating around, seven time World team members, a World Silver medalist. I can go on and on, but, because I happen to have the last name Santee I'm not allowed to be on staff. I just think that is unfair."

The Park Ridge Recreation and Park District has a nepotism policy that forbids the hiring of any individual related to a current employee. The policy is designed to "eliminate any potential conflict regarding relatives working together within the same department, at the same location or within the scope of a full-time staff member's authority, it shall be prohibited for relatives, either on a part-time or full-time basis to work together under the following conditions, employee's relatives may be hired for employment in other areas, locations or under the scope of another full time staff member's authority, provided it does not fall within the employee's line of responsi-

bility."

It does not apply to employees hired before 1992. Therefore it would exempt both Rosemary and Neil Santee, parents of David and Jimmie Santee but it would not exclude Jimmie Santee who was hired by the Park District in 1994 and later filled the post of Skating Director left vacant when David moved to the Niles Park District's Iceland Arena to serve as its director.

The Park District had no comment on the apparent existing conflict in the nepotism policy.

David said at the board meeting, that in certain situations the nepotism policy should be ignored.

"I can understand the nepotism policy, everyone knows the policy, but I think in certain situations when someone is so clearly qualified to be of value..." he said. "You go away and at a certain point I just would like to know the door would be open to someone who is qualified, not because my name happens to be Santee."

Several individuals in the crowd agreed with David, saying that the Oakton Skating Program flourished because of the high quality of its coaches.

"One of the reasons why the skating program at Oakton is so successful has nothing to do with the facility at all, but the coaching," said one Park Ridge resident. "I don't know if you guys are aware of this, but there are skaters who come in from rinks as far away as Japan in the summer, Russia, Belgium, Luxembourg because the quality of coaching is as good as it is." There was no resolution on the issue, because it would require a change in policy.

"This is not necessarily on the agenda tonight," said Maloney. "In order to allow David to do that it is something we can look at probably not tonight. We would have to make a policy change. It is something we can take a look at."

NEWS

Morton Grove names '06 Appointments

The Morton Grove Village Board made various village administrative and commission appointments for the new year at the last village board meeting. The appointments are effective Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2006.

The following were village administrative appointments:

- 1.) Village administrator—Joseph F. Wade
- 2.) Adjudication officer—Elizabeth M. Rochford
- 3.) Building commissioner—Ed Hildebrandt
- 4.) Community and economic development director—William Neuendorf
- 5.) Corporation Counsel—Teresa Hoffman Liston
- 6.) ESDA coordinator—Craig Karas
- 7.) Family and senior services director—Jackie Walker-O'Keefe
- 8.) Finance director/treasurer—Scot Neukirch
- 9.) Fire Chief—Tom Friel
- 10.) Police Chief—Paul L. Tasch
- 11.) Public works director—Andy DeMonte
- 12.) Village prosecutor—Nate Brenner/Frank Tennant

The following are appointments for village commissions:

- 1.) Advisory commission on aging—Jeff Fourgerousse-Chair
- 2.) Appearance commission—Deanna Gotta-Chair
- 3.) Cable and telecommunications commission—Don Sneider-Chairperson
- 4.) Community relations commission—Terri Cousar-Chair
- 5.) Board of environmental health—Raoul Smoczyński—Chair, Joseph O'Shea—Vice Chair
- 6.) Fire and Police Commission—Michael Simkins—Chair, Larry Strybel—Vice Chair
- 7.) Natural Resources Commission—Douglas Steinmann—Chair
- 8.) Plan Commission—Ronald Farkas—Chair
- 9.) Traffic Safety Commission—C. Norman Rockel—Chair

GLICKMAN: Last day is Friday, Jan. 6

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But there's no relation, Glickman insists.

"I know the timing could raise some eyebrows," he said. "The fact is, the only reason I'm leaving is because the job [in Skokie] opened up about two weeks ago and they made me an offer."

Glickman grew up skating at the Skokie Ice Rink and is looking forward to returning to be with friends.

Niles Park District Director Joe LoVerde said that he is disappointed that Glickman is leaving, but wishes him the best.

"We're always disappointed when quality people leave," LoVerde said. "But he has the right to pursue his career."

LoVerde agreed that the timing was poor.

"We have to get somebody in there," he said. "It needs a manager."

But it's not only the administration of the recent changes that concerns LoVerde.

"My primary concern is that the programs are administered properly," he said.

Glickman's last official day on the job is January 6. He was receiving a salary of approximately \$80,000 a year and serving as both the Hockey Director and Iceland Manager.

Upon Glickman's resignation, LoVerde said that he immediately began placing advertisements for the position.

Park Ridge Parks begin background checks, licensing for skating teachers

The Park Ridge Park and Recreation District approved a new policy for instituting background checks for its private figure skating instructors at the Park Board's Thursday meeting. The policy also includes a limited use and licensing agreement for the Oakton Ice Arena.

They did not, however, institute a professional fee for those skating instructors, something the rink's manager Jimmie Santee and several figure skating instructors and parents have resolutely opposed at previous board meetings.

It was standing room only in the board room. Park Board President Marty Maloney informed the crowd that the board was not going to consider professional fees that evening.

"I know many of you are in the room tonight because you think we are imposing pro fees," Maloney said. "I know Niles has done that. I want you to know we are not imposing a pro fee. The Board has discussed it, but we are not doing it. This does not impact our coaches."

The new policy will certify people for a full year and cost \$20, a fee that is meant to cover the cost of the background check.

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NEWS

COMMITTEEMAN: Sutker: Reeder has not been active

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for us. Not just over days, weeks or months, but for decades. He will make an outstanding committeeman."

Sutker said that opponent Reeder has not been active in the local organization in the past.

"He has never called or come in to help," Sutker said. "He has really been at the periphery of party politics, if he was even involved at all."

Though he is stepping down, Sutker said he might stay on board as the 'committeeman

emeritus."

Richard Reeder is the president of the High School Dist. 219 Educational Foundation.

Now a school administrator, he previously worked for Chicago City Hall in workforce development. He worked under three Chicago mayors before moving to Skokie 10 years ago.

He said he has recently been involved in the campaigns of Rep. Jan Schakowsky, County Commissioner Larry Suffredin and Sen. Barack Obama, he said.

He said the Niles Twp. Democratic Organization has not been open enough and has not done enough to help immigrants.

He said 40 percent of new residents to the township are immigrants and the Democratic organization has "not been active or inclusive with this new

population."

Reeder has also previously served as the executive director of the Polish American Association and the supervisor of the Refugee Employment Unit of the Jewish Vocational Service.

This marks the second time Reeder sought elected office. He was on the ballot as a delegate for the U.S. Democratic President in 1988.

He characterized his campaign as that of an insurgent "outsider" rather than "machine-style" politics as usual.

Harlem, Devon, Central and McCormick border Niles Township. It includes much of Niles and Morton Grove east of Harlem as well as Skokie, Lincolnwood, Golf and a small portion of Glenview.

SLIDELL: About \$30,000 raised

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32,000 located three miles north of Lake Pontchartrain in St. Tammany Parish.

They managed to raise about \$30,000 for the relief efforts, for which Morris expressed gratitude.

"You guys have really stepped up," Morris said last week. "It's going to help a lot of people at Christmas."

Krier attempted to end the phone call then, saying that he didn't want to bother Morris further because he was probably

very busy. But Morris cut him off saying, "I'm not too busy to talk to you folks. What you've done is really something."

He again praised the generosity of the village and expressed hope for Morton Grove's kids this Christmas.

"Thank you all so much," he said. "I hope Santa treats all the kids there like they should be treated."

The Maine Course

Bob Dudycz, Maine Township Supervisor



Wanted: 4 elves, 4 hours 4 weeks 4 free!

I was struggling with text for an ad when Dave's shadow fell on my table. He looked at my scrawl and a laugh erupted from his chest. "What's this, are you some kind of Santa?"

"Listen big boy, I need to find a quick way to recruit some elves for our 'Chuck Wagon' and this may be the best way. None of the guys I know wants to be an elf because they think it's too silly."

Dave listened intently as I told him about our plans to increase food donations to our pantry. When he heard the details, he stepped up and said he'd help. "I know how to get elves, Dave thundered. These guys are principled and you have to challenge them. When they lose they pay their debts because it's the honorable thing to do no matter what the debt was."

After some discussion I set up a quick poker game with the boys. A couple of hours into the evening's game I made a suggestion and Dave, Russ, Bill and Steve leaned forward expectantly. I proposed a contest where I challenge each of them to a single hand of cards. If I lost, I would buy dinner in the finest restaurant in town. If I won, the other player would have to be an elf for our food drive.

Dave having already volunteered sat out the hand. The rest liked the challenge and wanted to play. I sat opposite Russ so he was first. As I dealt five cards to each of us he joked, "When I win, do I get fries with that meal?"

I smiled and said, "Very funny Russ." Then I dispatched him with a full house. I then turned toward Bill and gave him some trash talk by quoting Dirty Harry Callahan who said, "Do you feel lucky, Punk?"

Billy retorted, "Luck has nothing to do with it. I use skill!" I guess his luck ran out that night because my flush clobbered his straight.

One more to go and this guy was the toughest of all. Steve had a reputation for hard playing and tough botting. He always said, "I'd rather have luck than talent" and people said he was born lucky. I put on my game face and dealt a hand.

Steve's hooded brown eyes glistened in the florescent light as he looked over the five cards he guarded with his meaty palm. "You don't have a chance against my hand so you may as well fold."

I looked at my cards and didn't flinch as I read the three nines and two sixes. A full house is hard to beat so I replied, "Big talk for a future elf. Your biggest fear is where to find a size 56 pair of green tights! If you are so surc

you'll win, let's make it interesting and double the bet.

Steve paused and said, "What's this all about anyway. Why do we have to dress up as elves instead of playing for money?"

Dave, who was quiet to this point stepped up and said "We have an emergency food pantry in Maine Township and it is low on provisions. We've been recruited for a special food drive that needs Santa's helpers to raise as much food as possible through a unique plan."

The fellows agreed that it was cool to be a Santa but everyone knew that elves do the heavy lifting. I continued, "Remember, if you win dinner is on me, if you lose you are an elf for the season because hungry families are counting on us."

Steve was sitting at the table and facing down four former opponents. At stake were his reputation and his free time for a few Saturday afternoons. He was still thinking when Bill whined, "I'll do it even though I'm too big to be an elf. The curly toes on the sandals hurt my feet and besides, Dave looks better in green." An indignant Dave glared and was about to roar but we'll never know his response. A collective gasp filled the room as we watched Steve lay down his cards. He quietly said, "You win, I fold."

Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather when I realized that I had won. "Gentlemen, the food pantry thanks you for your help", and I before I could gloat something extraordinary happened. I gathered the cards and as I picked up Steve's hand I saw four jacks peeking at me. I realized what he had done and my gloating turned to gratitude.

"Hey guys, why don't we go for some pizza? I'm picking up the tab and during dinner you can hear all about our Chuck Wagon." As we left for the pizza place, the guys rough housed and laughingly shoved each other and it made the evening more remarkable.

In the end, my original want ad was answered but in an unexpected and heartwarming way. It was answered that night by: 4 elves, 4 hours, 4 weeks, 4 friendships!

On old friend once told me, "There are gold ships and silver ships but nothing like a Township." It is going to be a wonderful holiday season in Maine Township.

SCHOOLS

Maine East announces November Students of the Month

Maine East High School has announced November Students of the Month. Applied Arts and Technology: Alexandria Al-Bazi, Julie Alkhovsky, Wesam Jabar, Mark Malham, Melia Memedovski, Andrew Moctezuma, Wendy Morales, Nathaly Renderos, Volodumyr Trinchuk, Jamie Livry and Jeremiah Alcozer; Art: Roxanne DeLeon, Sebastian Dziglewicz, Konrad Grabowski, and Brittany Taylor; Driver Education: Michael Salomon; English: Karina Avila, Dorine Aziz, Robin Clutters, Tadeusz Dyduch, Robert Oborski, Kaushal Patel, Daria Piekos, Jose Lorenzo-Sese, Kellie Marie Short, Krishna Surati, David Monk, Chris Balingit and Brona Patel; English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education: Zaneta Dymon, Arely Gonzalez, Zhivko Kamenov, Jung Eun Kim, Chintan Patel, Dipen Patel, Hardik Patel, Jimesh Patel, Karolina Rozmus and Monika Smetiana; Foreign Language: Naina Baledina, Max Lewis, Marian Lopez, Stephanie Peter,

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St. Juliana Student Council Reaches Out

The St. Juliana School Student Council members joined with the St. Juliana Sharing Program, directed by Pastoral Associate Pam Francisco, to buy Christmas gifts for families in need.

During the week prior to Thanksgiving, the Student Council asked all the students from Kindergarten through 8th grade to make a donation for the

gift-giving project. The students responded enthusiastically giving the Student Council a total of \$700. On November 29th, the 16 members of the Student Council went to a local Target Store to shop for the gifts. In total they were able to purchase 43 gifts to be distributed to needy people in Chicago. They purchased gifts for babies and for children from ages 3 to 13.

They also purchased gifts for adults. Student Council moderators Mrs. Jane Lidgus and Mrs. Dawn Falkovitz accompanied the students on their shopping trip.

After wrapping their purchases, the gifts were added to other gifts collected by parishioners of St. Juliana Parish. These will be distributed before Christmas to families in need.

Niles Township Dist. 219 attains 'Blue Ribbon' status

Niles Township High Schools Dist. 219 is now the only public high school district in the state in which all of its high schools have received Blue Ribbon status.

This year, the Niles North Physical Welfare Department is one of only seven schools in the state that has received the Blue Ribbon Program Award for outstanding physical education programs.

The award was given by the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD). It makes Niles North a model for excellence, setting the tone for the future of physical education in Illinois.

Karl Castello, director of physical welfare for Dist. 219, is very pleased with receiving the award and he said the entire experience has been a great learning opportunity.

"They like the fact that on a regular basis we modify and upgrade the programs to reflect current methodology," said Castello.

A team of four individuals visited Niles North, making observations, noting positive aspects of the

department, and providing feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Castello said that the team liked the fact that the board of education has made sure that physical education is a required course that factors into the student's grade point average (GPA), during a time

when many other school districts do not do so.

The team also commended the department for allowing the upperclassmen to select from various PE class choices and providing a wide variety of courses, such as life-guarding, adventure education, and martial arts, in addition to the

more traditional types of PE. The dedication and support of the staff was also noted by the team, as well as the renovations that created a new dance gym and weight room.

Castello said that in addition to praise, the team also offered suggestions about changes or modifications to be made. For example,

they suggested creating a modified testing system for those with special needs and creating a co-ed class of wrestling and other Olympic martial arts classes.

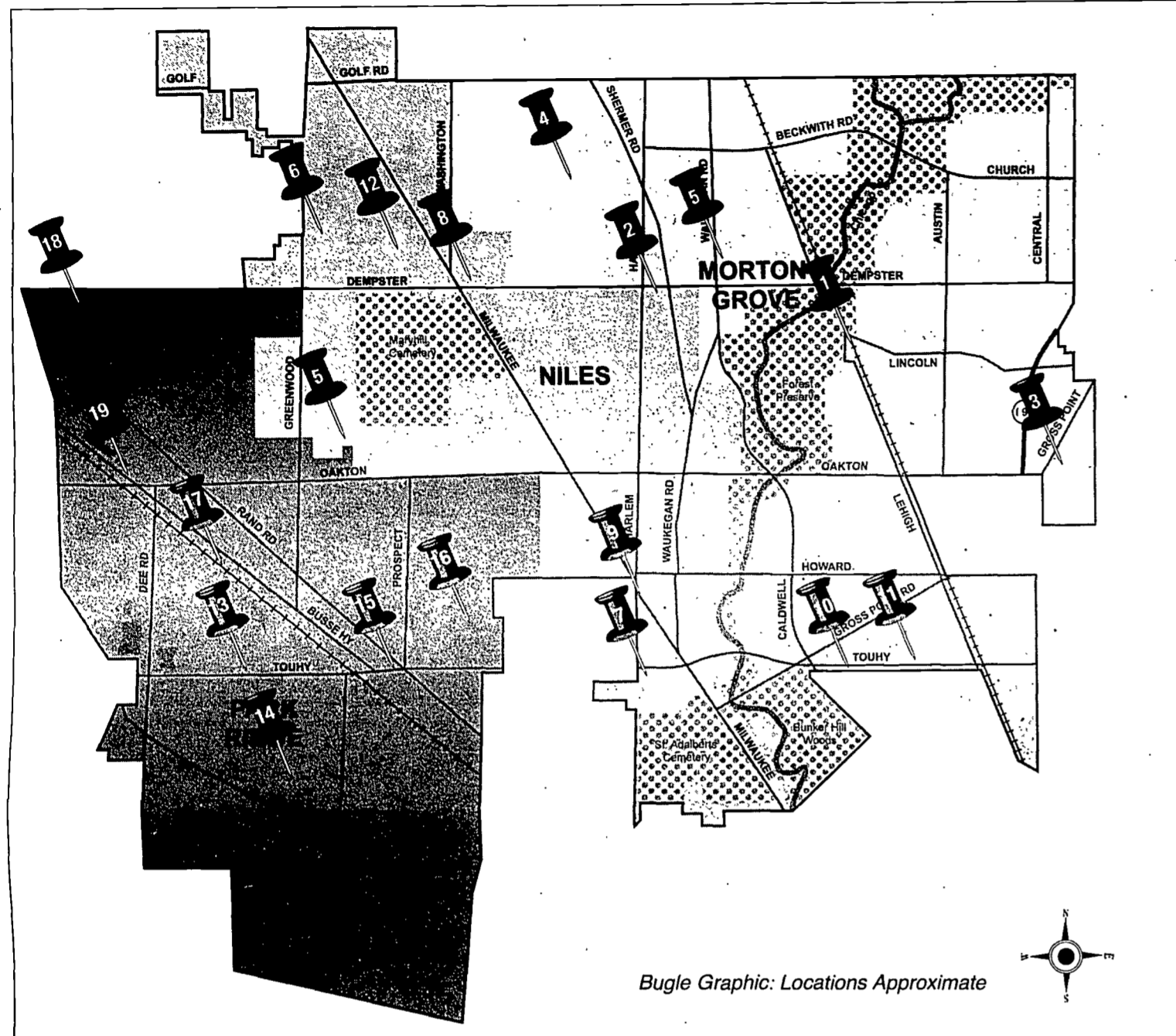
Castello said that the district listened to those suggestions and then made the necessary changes.

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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, Dec. 16.

- 1 Garage Fight (8600 Lincoln)**
Two mechanics got into a fight Dec. 12. One mechanic, 45, of Chicago attacked the other, 34, of Buffalo Grove with a wrench. A Morton Grove truck driver broke up the combat and took away the wrench but a comment was made causing the mechanic to grab another wrench and attack a second time. The victim was cut on the back of the head.

- 2 Stolen car crashed (7200 Dempster)**
Upon arriving at a crash scene Dec. 10, a Morton Grove officer ran the license plate on one of the vehicles and saw that the vehicle was listed as stolen and wanted in conjunction with an armed robbery. A Skokie youth, 18, and two others inside the car were taken to the police station. Chicago detectives arrived and took one of the passengers into custody and let the

other two go.

- 3 Fire (8200 Gross Point)**
A pickup truck caught on fire Dec. 9 and the blaze was put out by the fire department.

- 4 Threats issued (7700 Arcadia)**
The former roommate of a Morton Grove man, 49, threatened to burn down his house and told him he "should have killed him when he had a chance."

- 5 Purse lost at bar (9000 Waukegan)**
A woman, 34, of Evanston lost her purse in a crowded bar Dec. 9.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Monday, Dec. 19.

- 6 Naked man with gun knocks on woman's door (9000 N. Cumberland)**
A man, 37, was arrested Dec. 11 after a disturbance. At about midnight a neighbor knocked on an apartment door. When the resident

- 7 Unwanted subject in bar (7300 Harlem)**
An intoxicated woman was at a bar Dec. 13. She began annoying bar patrons and taking their drinks from them and drinking them herself. The bartender asked her to leave three times but she refused. The officer told the woman to come with him and she laid down on the ground and started to scream. The woman, 44, of Chicago was dragged outside and

then started swearing at police and tried to run away. She kicked an officer and was arrested for disorderly conduct and battery, resisting an arrest and public intoxication.

- 8 Doctor crashes into squad car, arrested for DUI (7400 Talcott)**
A Park Ridge doctor, 63, was arrested Dec. 13 after allegedly crashing into a parked Niles police squad car. The doctor was taken to Lutheran General Hospital who drew his blood but the doctor refused to allow the blood to be tested for DUI. Two bottles of vodka were found in the doctor's car, according to police.

- 9 Chinese Restaurant Burglary (7500 Milwaukee)**
A Chinese restaurant had \$100 to \$200 cash removed from the register in a Dec. 14 burglary.

- 10 Public disorder (Touhy YMCA)**
An alcohol-fueled case of disorderly conduct was reported at the Touhy YMCA Dec. 15. A man, 63, was intoxicated and irate disturbing residents sitting in the lobby.

- 11 Child neglect (7300 Melvina)**
A woman, 35, was issued a citation leaving a three-year-old alone in a locked car Dec. 13 as she shopped.

- 12 School Burglary (Northridge Prep)**
A \$600 computer was stolen from inside a classroom at Northridge Preparatory School over the weekend of Dec. 10. The offenders broke a window, entered the school, broke a classroom window, walked into the classroom and removed the computer.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, Dec. 19.

- 13 Hundreds of Christmas Trees Stolen (1500 W. Touhy)**
Between 100 and 200 Christmas trees were stolen from a business parking lot the night of Saturday Dec. 10. The trees were being sold at the lot.

- 14 Fake gas man? (700 N. Lincoln)**
On the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 12 a black man wearing a Nicor Gas uniform rang a residential doorbell. He advised that he was there to read the gas meter and went inside into the basement. The next day another person arrived and said he was a Nicor gas meter reader. The company said only one man was set to come to the home on Dec. 12.

- 15 Bank Fraud (1 S. Northwest Hwy)**
A man, 39, was arrested for bank fraud after trying to cash a check with a fake ID Dec. 9.

- 16 Tires Slashed (200 S. Merrill)**
A 1995 Ford Explorer had all four of its tires slashed Dec. 12.

- 17 Paintballs (600 Busse)**
A business was pelted with paintballs Friday, Dec. 9 around midnight.

- 18 Business paintballed (2600 Dempster)**
A business building and the sign of the business was hit with a barrage of paintballs the early morning of Saturday Dec. 10.

- 19 Leaving accident (6400 Northwest Hwy)**
A man, 56, was arrested Dec. 11 for leaving the scene of an accident and failing to reduce speeds.

All information printed in the "Police Blotter" is obtained from written reports of the respective police departments.

News from the Police Reports

Inflatable Santa Claus displays slashed

Head, Arms Cut Off

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

A scrooge with a knife terrorized Christmas displays the night of Dec. 11 and Dec. 12 in Morton Grove deflating a half-dozen yard displays across town.

First, a blow-up Santa Claus yard display was cut around midnight on the 9000 block of Menard Dec. 11.

A second inflatable Santa at the home of a bar owner on the 5800 block of Rosa was cut the same night. An outdoor snow globe was also damaged the same night at a third location on the 8900 block of Menard.

The next night, on Dec. 12

an inflatable snow globe outside the home of a teacher was slashed on the 8900 block of Mansfield and a retired man had four inflatable decorations cut on his front lawn on the 9000 block of Mango.

Also on the night of Dec. 12, an inflatable Santa on the 5800 block of Madison had an arm cut off. Then, on that same night, an 8-foot tall inflatable Santa display was decapitated on the 5500 block of Washington.

Police, observed that the same thing happened last year at the 9000 Menard address and the Santa cutter was apprehended by police.

The snow footprints leading to the cut Santa were adult-sized feet.

Niles Police Sergeant Joe Penze graduates from NWU program

Sergeant Joe Penze recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University and the Niles Police Department is pleased to make this announcement.

Sgt. Penze successfully completed the 10-week long staff and command program in Evanston. This program has graduated more than 7,500 students both nationally and internationally. It started in 1983 and was implemented by the Center for Public Safety.

Penze studied a variety of topics, ranging from management and management theory, to budgeting, to organizational behavior, personnel deployment and human resources for law enforcement.

Each student must complete 18 written examinations, projects, quizzes and two research papers as part of the program's curriculum. Following successful completion, students may be awarded a total of 8 units of undergraduate credit from Northwestern University.

At this present time, more than 750 graduates of the program hold the title of "Chief of Police" and 39 of the 50 directors of state police agencies have also graduated from this program.

In 1936, the Center for Public Safety was created at Northwestern University. The goal was to expand university-based education and training for the law enforcement community.

Faulstick is new MG Firefighter

Derek Faulstick, of Morton Grove, was sworn in at the last Morton Grove village board meeting as a new firefighter/paramedic for the Morton Grove Fire Department.

"We're pleased to get him," said Michael Simkins, chairman of the fire and police commission for the Village of Morton Grove. "He was on the top of our list." Simkins said the fire depart-

ment was previously familiar with him because he was involved in ESDA, the Emergency Services Disaster Agency.

Simkins said that everything on Faulstick came back "glowing."

Simkins said that for now, the department is fully staffed, but he said there may be an opening the beginning of next year.

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COMMENTARY

Another Perspective

Morgan Dubiel
Columnist



Real Estate Bubble, Blah, Blah

There used to be a cartoon with a character who had one phrase to describe every situation: "We'll never make it, we're doomed." These bad news bears are always spouting off about something and eventually something bad does happen. This makes them look prophetic

but, they are more like a stopped clock.

This is the same crowd talking real estate bubble. They want to compare it to the dot.com bubble. Remember that a bubble pops and nothing is left, but air. Imagine someone comes to your door, armed with reams of paper proving that your home is worthless. What do you do? Do you pack up and leave. No, and most homeowners are just that home owners - they live there. Homes don't just evaporate and even when they are torn down someone comes along to collect the bricks. Homes have intrinsic value as places where people live. Stocks are another story altogether, no one needs stock certificates unless you are building a fire. Homes, land and real estate always have some value barring some terrible environmental disaster, you can just keep living there.

The Wells Fargo Housing Affordability Index does bode poorly for some communities, but not ours. Our area has an index of 48, meaning that 48% of homes are affordable to those earning the median income. Median should be about 50%, so we are close. There

are places in California, Florida or cities like Boston that are in big trouble. Some of their rates are below 10%. We are not, as a community or region in any kind of "bubble".

What is driving the rapid asset appreciation in homes? Immigration is one important driving factor. Our countries population growth is driven by newly arriving immigrants and their families. People need to live somewhere. Halt immigration or cut it back sharply and you will see real estate stall, but that is not likely. Furthermore, take a look at what it costs to build and repair a home. How can housing prices drop when replacement costs have risen drastically?

Drywall, carpeting, lumber, roofing, wiring, cement, PVC, copper piping, etc. have risen sharply. That means those old bricks in your home are worth more. Ask your insurance agent how much it would cost to rebuild your entire home, add in the costs of excavation and you will see how high the costs of materials to build homes have gone.

Column Continues... see DUBIEL page 21.

A Letter from The Publisher

By Richard Masterson



It's that time of the year

What makes this a special time of the year for you and your family? Is it the smells of pine or cookies in the oven? Is it the lights on our homes with snow everywhere? Is it a concert of Handel's Messiah, Tchaikovsky's ballet The Nut Cracker or your favorite Scrooge film actor on TV in Dicken's Christmas Carol? How will you celebrate this time of the year? Whatever you and your family do to enjoy the holiday, do not forget what the holiday is all about. It is all about family at my home. If you have kids at college the anticipation of their arrival for the holiday is overwhelming. Relatives from afar to share

in the celebration. The laughter of children and family together and the reflection of sadness for those not with us any longer.

How will you and your family celebrate the near end of this exciting year? How will you share in the good fortune of having friends and family with you this year? When my children were very young, I began to teach them the importance of sharing by gathering toys no longer used or clothing grown out of and took them to a local shelter for battered women.

We to this day, adopt a family through our church to provide Christmas dinner and gifts for them to enjoy. The ACT of doing is the most important lesson to learn. Sure, it is easy to write a check or drop loose change in the red cans at the store. However taking the time to do the work is the lesson young children need. They participate in the ACT and feel like they are doing good work. Regardless of how we recognize God in our life, our bodies respond to the deed as we perform

the good deed and even long after. Every scientist acknowledges that the chemicals released in our bodies after completing a satisfying task are real. Therefore, feel the warmth and participate in the acts of sharing and giving this time of the year.

Our communities have many opportunities to participate in the spirit of the holidays get out and find them.

Best wishes to each of you, from our family here at The Bugle, to yours.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you Niles Public Works

Dear Editor,

I must commend the Niles Public Works Department for their excellent handling of the snow we had last Thursday. I left for work at 5 a.m. and when I drove my car out of the driveway onto the street, I was amazed-there was no snow at all on the streets-main roads and side streets.

I drive west, and the minute I left

Niles I was in trouble. None of the other suburbs I drove through had done any satisfactory plowing, causing me to be late for work, although I left earlier than usual.

Our hats off to the Niles Public Works Department-keep up the good work-we in Niles appreciate it!

Linda Caruso, Niles

Przybylo proposal not worthy of page one

Dear Editor,

Is there such a scarcity of news-worthy items, that an inane inter-

office memo between Niles Village trustees, merits the front page of your paper? It is pure political posturing, when local officials have no time or inclination to hear the residents' views on local matters, such as off-track betting, yet solicit our views about the federal government's involvement in Iraq.

Mr. Przybylo would do well to study local issues and form some, intelligent and original opinions on these matters, instead of serving as a yes-man to Mayor Blase. I have yet to hear him make one intelligent comment on a local issue. It seems all he can do is agree with the majority of trustees on everything.

More Letters... see LETTERS page 21.

BUSINESS

Financial books are worth it for your gift-giving list



The next time you are wandering through Barnes & Noble looking for a book for yourself or to buy as a last-minute present, you might want to have this column with you.

I've devoted this week's space to some financial books worth owning. None of these titles earned a spot on this shopping list because they represent great literature, but some of them are entertaining and the more prosaic ones can help boost your net worth if you read past the book jackets.

In no particular order, here are my picks:

"The Millionaire Next Door," Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko (Long Street Press, 1996). This book is nearly 10 years old, but it's still relevant to those who wonder why their investment accounts aren't on steroids. What the authors make clear is that the people who earn huge salaries are often not the ones who have crossed over to millionaire status. Many millionaires live well below their means and believe that financial independence is more important than outspending their friends and neighbors. Many of them don't live in fancy neighborhoods. Their shopping lists don't include \$5,000 watches, Hermes bags, Lexus sport utility vehicles and just about anything advertised in The New Yorker. I was surprised to learn that 30 percent of millionaires, who were surveyed for the book, owned a credit card from J.C. Penney. Read "The Millionaire Next Door," and you might be inspired to act like a real millionaire instead of spending like a fake one.

"Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist," Roger Lowenstein (Random House, 1995). The recent story of the San Diego teenager, who won a \$100,000 college scholarship for developing a theorem to solve a 19th century math puzzle called the Dirichlet Problem - huh? - made me think of this book. Some people are just born smarter than people like me (who can feel a sense of accomplishment for simply surviving Algebra II). This entertaining book illustrates how Buffett

cial genius at an age when most kids are sitting on the couch watching cartoons. Buffett, who his sister recalled, "lived and breathed numbers," bought his first stock - three shares - when he was 11 years old. He sunk money from his lucrative paper route into 40 acres of farmland by the time he was 14. The book introduces you to Buffett's considerable milestones, from learning about the financial markets from the storied Benjamin Graham to turning his abilities to pick stocks and buy companies into a multibillion-dollar enterprise.

If you like the Buffett book, you may want to plunge into another Lowenstein title, "When Genius Failed: The Rise and Fall of Long-Term Capital Management," which exhaustively - and I mean exhaustively - details the once-celebrated hedge fund's colossal collapse. The book may renew your faith in the average Joe, since two Nobel Prize economists, along with various run-of-the-mill Ph.D.s, managed to steer the high-flying hedge fund straight into the dirt.

"Work Less, Live More, The New Way to Retire Early," Bob Clyatt (Nolo, 2005). This little gem landed on my desk about a month ago. Most of the financial books that I get are schlock and I quickly toss them into a box for Goodwill. But I decided to hold onto this one. The aim of "Work Less, Live More" is to provide advice and encouragement to people who want to give semi-retirement a try. Sections on developing a retirement portfolio and a withdrawal strategy are certainly valuable for those who have already retired. Clyatt backs up his advice on investing and spending during retirement with solid academic research, some of which I have highlighted in previous columns.

"Devil Take the Hindmost: A History of Financial Speculation," Edward Chancellor (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999). This book comes from the reading list compiled by Dennis Zocco, a professor of finance and investments at the University of San Diego. After finishing this tome, you'll understand the reasons for every significant speculative bubble from the notorious tulip mania in Holland in the 1630s to the modern-day excesses. The book doesn't cover the dot-com bust.

Story Continues... see TIMBER page 7.

Park Ridge Chamber names new board

Dick Barton is president-elect

Following the count on mail-in ballots and nominations from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting on Dec. 14, the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce announced the election of new officers and directors for 2006. The President-elect is Dick Barton, Barton & Baron, Ltd.

The other new officers are Sr. Vice President Ann Witek, State Farm Insurance, and Treasurer Anna Rybak, Bank of Park Ridge. The 2005 President Sandy Svizzero of Parkway Bank & Trust Co. will continue on the Board as Immediate Past President. Executive Director Chelle O'Connell will also serve as Board Secretary.

The 2006 Board of Directors includes Jo Ann Arnsward, MB Financials; Dominic Cimilluca, Dominic's Kitchen Store; Adam Cohen, Harris Park

Ridge; Dr. Travis Dearborn; Park Ridge Chiropractic; Katrin Eisenberg, Concorde Consulting; Cara Lindell, Fully Fit Lifestyles; Rosemary Sajovic, Park Ridge Journal; and Donald Sebastian, Jr., Sebastian Co. Real Estate.

The new Board will be sworn in January 21, 2006 by State Senator Cheryl Axley at the 70th Annual Recognition and Installation Dinner at the Park Ridge Country Club. In addition to the installation ceremonies, the Chamber will be presenting the second annual Community Star Awards. The Awards Committee is currently reviewing 17 nominations in six categories. The winners and the nominating organizations will be notified by the Chamber on Jan. 6.

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes outstanding members of the Park Ridge community with this relatively new award called Community Star. Organizations and companies were invited to nominate an individual who demonstrated exceptional community service during calendar year 2005. All Park Ridge-based organizations were invited to submit one nomination in any award category.

According to Barton who chairs the Awards/Dinner Committee, the awards will be given to individuals who demonstrate most of the following attributes: Giver - goes beyond normal duties with extra effort in community building; Citizenship Role Model - is someone that others, particularly young people, can look up to and model themselves after; Visionary - makes positive change by

Story Continues... see PR CHAMBER next page.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones

Can You Benefit from Roth 401(k)

As 2005 ends, you are a year closer to retirement. Even though that day may still be a long time away, it will eventually arrive - so you'll need to prepare for it. And starting next week, you may have one more retirement savings vehicle: the Roth 401(k).

Just like a regular 401(k), a Roth 401(k) allows you to spread your money among a variety of investments. But there are differences between the two types of 401(k) plans. When you invest in a traditional 401(k), you generally contribute pre-tax dollars, which means you are not taxed on your contributions today. These contributions and your earnings will be taxed when you withdraw them at retirement. Using the Roth feature in your 401(k) allows you to contribute after-tax dollars, which means you pay taxes on your contributions right away. However, your withdrawals and earnings will be tax-free (provided you're at least 59-1/2 and you've had the account for at least five years when you retire).

Furthermore, if you leave your job, you can roll over the Roth portion of your 401(k) into a Roth IRA - and Roth IRAs don't force you to take required minimum distributions after you turn 70-1/2, which could be a big advantage if you won't need the money until later in your retirement years.

And here's one more advantage of the Roth 401(k): There are no income restrictions attached to it.

Of course, your employer may not even choose to offer the new Roth feature in your company's 401(k). But if it is available, should you contribute? Before deciding, consider these factors:

• Your age - The younger you are, the more

advantageous it may be to contribute some of your 401(k) dollars into the Roth portion of your plan. As a young worker, you'll have more years to take advantage of the tax-free earnings potential provided by the Roth feature. This additional time helps compensate for the cost of having to fund your plan with after-tax dollars.

• Your tax bracket at retirement - If you expect to be in a high tax bracket when you retire, you may find the Roth 401(k) to be particularly appropriate. The value of being able to withdraw tax-free dollars is worth more if you're in a high tax bracket.

• Your willingness to divide 401(k) dollars between pre-tax and Roth contributions - Your total 401(k) contributions, from all sources, are limited to \$15,000 in 2006 or \$20,000 if you're 50 or older. You could choose to put all \$15,000 into either the pre-tax portion of your 401(k) or the Roth (after-tax) portion. You also could divide the \$15,000, in any ratio you choose, between the two portions. For example, you could defer \$7,500 into the pre-tax portion and \$7,500 into the Roth portion.

Before investing in the new Roth feature of your 401(k), you may want to consult with your tax adviser and investment professional. You might have only a few years in which to take advantage of the Roth 401(k), because it will cease to be offered in 2010, unless Congress acts before then to make it a permanent fixture of the retirement-planning landscape.

As long as it's around though, the Roth 401(k) is going to be a valuable retirement savings vehicle - so think about putting it to work for you.

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BUSINESS

A Christmas present for a distressed reader

TAKING STOCK

BY MALCOLM BERKO
COPLY NEWS SERVICE

Dear Mr. Berko: I'm an 84-year-old lady and less than a year ago I invested exactly \$492,000 in a Standard & Poor's Index Annuity because the broker said such glowing things about this annuity that I put everything I could into it including almost all my cash. I guess I wasn't thinking clearly. And since then I've been having trouble paying my bills.

I also inherited 425 shares of Wal-Mart, 425 shares of Coca-Cola, 425 shares of Pitney Bowes and 425 shares of International Paper from my sister in 1999, which is in a trust for me; the lawyer who wrote the trust is the trustee.

I get Social Security, my deceased husband's pension and small royalties on one of his patents. I own my home without a mortgage and since I bought that

annuity I don't have enough cash to pay for clothes, gas, utilities, gifts and travel to visit my grandchildren in Arizona, Florida and Connecticut, to pay the premiums on my three life insurance policies and other things. I can't take money from the annuity because there's a huge penalty of 10 percent if I take money out. I have \$9,200 remaining in my checking account and the trustee (who is a snitty little man) will only allow me to sell 20 shares of each of the four stocks in the trust when I told him I needed money. I need more income, at least \$35,000 more a year and I'm at wits' end because I do not know what to do. Is there anything you can do to help me?

S.E.

Durham, N.C.

Dear S.E.: Sure I can help you and it will be as easy as falling off a piece of cake. Cancel those three \$50,000 whole life insurance policies (on your life), which you bought four years ago naming your six grandchildren as equal beneficiaries. Canceling those policies will save you about \$14,000 a

year. So - poof! - part of your problem is solved. However during our phone conversation you told me that this was a promise you made to the grandkids and will not cancel the policies. So we must rule that out.

Then I spoke with your trustee. And you're right - as hard oak. However, perhaps your sister knows your spending habits better than you and perhaps that's why she selected this hardheaded, laconic snit as the trustee.

Now for your information, I'd like to pose some questions: Why, in the name of Johnny's mare, would you stash almost all of your cash and put nearly the entire kit and caboodle in an index annuity? And why, in the name of all that is considered holy, would you spend \$14,000 on life insurance premiums for six grandkids?

Now here's what you allowed me to do and I did it. I spoke quite nicely to your stockbroker's manager, who agreed with me that placing 100 percent of your cash assets in an index annuity is a patently, dumb, unsuitable invest-

ment. He felt that you should get all your money back, without penalty before this column is printed. He and I felt that the broker was a little greedy and because he didn't want this to become a compliance issue, both he and the broker voluntarily corrected this oversight. There will be no penalty, you won't have to participate in the \$42,000 market loss and you'll get 100 percent of your money back. By the way, most annuities allow the owner to take out 10 percent of the annuity value without penalty and this one had that provision, too.

You allowed me to visit with that trustee once again. It took four phone calls over 10 days but I managed to find him in the office on Saturday morning. And that was so much fun. I was as nice as Old King Cole and I pointed out to this man that while he was trustee (with a 3 percent annual fee) those four issues were worth \$112,000 and that today they're worth \$75,000. He agreed to make the investment changes that we requested. The account now earns

a comfortable 6 percent (the previous yield was 2 percent) he agreed to let you withdraw up to 15 percent of the value of the account each year and finally he agreed to reduce his annual fee to 1 percent. All the new paperwork should be completed before this column is printed in the newspaper.

The brokerage firm is going to give you a check for just under \$492,000 and I want you to put \$50,000 in your checking account immediately. I've talked with the manager of that brokerage and, with my approval, he has selected a number of issues that should comfortably pay you 6 percent to 6.5 percent, which is \$31,000 a year. You can now take \$10,000 from your trust account and you have increased your income by \$41,000 a year, which is \$6,000 more than you need.

If the time comes when you need more income (gosh, I hope it doesn't) then we can discuss a reverse annuity mortgage on your home, which should pay you a very pretty sum of money each month.

MONEY:

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but you'll appreciate how the insanity happened by reading it.

"The Only Guide to a Winning Investment Strategy You'll Ever Need," Larry Swedroe (St. Martin's Press, 2005). The title is a bit hokey, but for the individual investor the advice could be as

valuable as the recipe for Coca-Cola. This is an excellent primer for investors who want to learn how they can build a diversified portfolio of inexpensive index funds. The book will also be a good read for stock-picking skeptics, who can't fathom why people like me are such relentless nags about the wisdom of passive investing. Another wonderful book that extols the wisdom of indexing is "The Four Pillars of Investing," by William

Bernstein. "Credit Repair, 7th Edition," Robin Leonard (Nolo, 2005). The New Year's resolution for plenty of Americans won't involve opening a Roth Individual Retirement Account, boosting their contributions to a 401(k) or sinking money into a college savings plan. Their goal will be to extract themselves from debt. This pragmatic book can help motivated readers do just that. The topics that Leonard

covers include eliminating debt, building and maintaining good credit, and cleaning up credit files. Following this book's suggestions should help readers shake off the debt collectors and start the New Year right.

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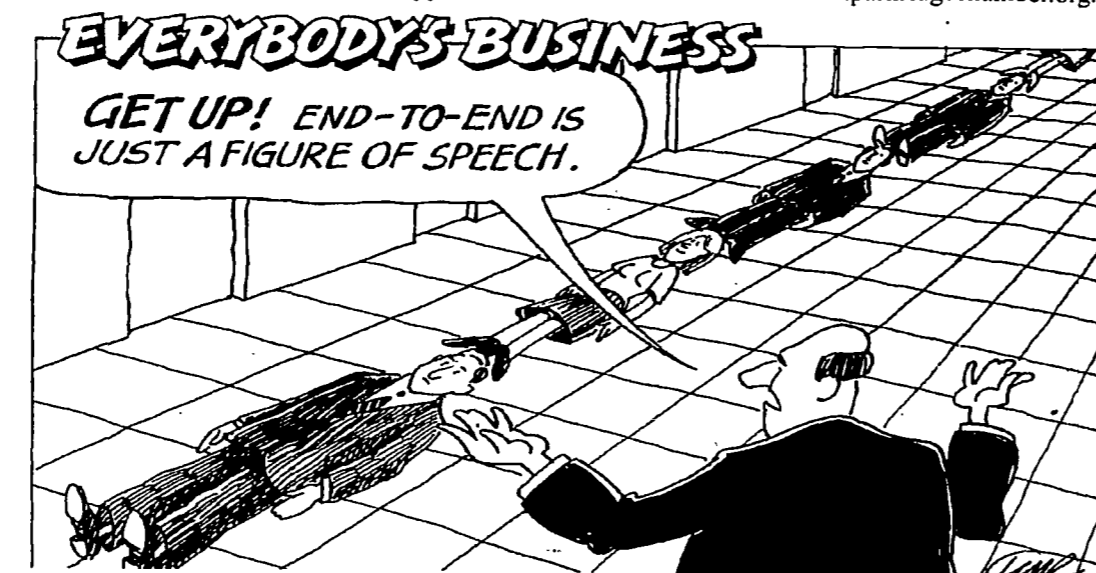
introducing initiatives and community-wide programs. Barton says, "Determination

of the award winners is a difficult decision because Park Ridge has so many tireless, caring people who do so much for their community. The 2005 winners were outstanding and well deserving so we look forward to honoring a new group next month."

The Chamber is also seeking financial support for the annual dinner by offering a number of opportunities for businesses to

promote themselves at the event with sponsorships and donations of silent auction/raffle items. Program book ads are also available.

For additional information concerning the event including sponsorships, ads, and donation of silent auction/raffle items, please contact the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce office at 847-825-3121 or visit www.parkridgechamber.org.



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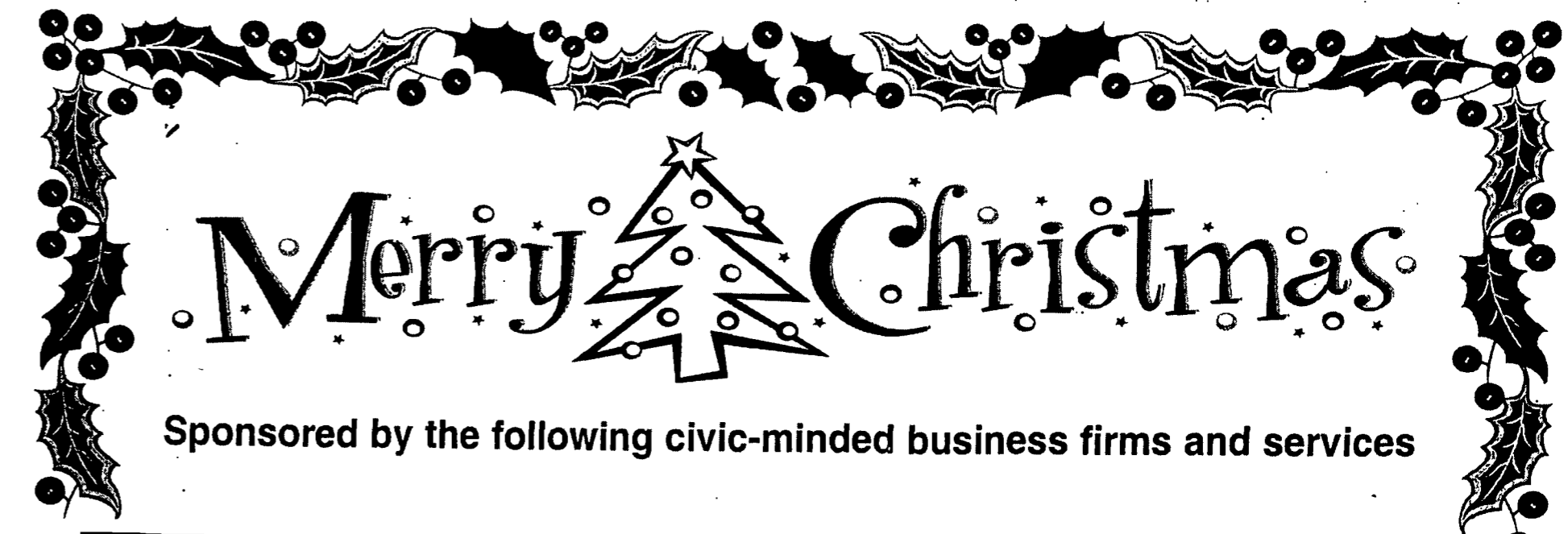
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New Year's Eve, December 31
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
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Saturday - December 31 11:00 a.m.

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Christmas Day
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January 1, 2006

New Year's Eve
5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Polish)

New Year's Day
7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Polish)

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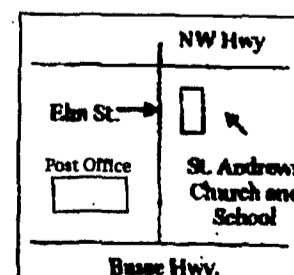
Christmas 2005

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th
The Vigil
4:40 pm Christmas Carols
5:00 pm Family Mass
Choral Group Contemporary, Folk, and Traditional Music
Midnight Mass
11:30 pm The Carol Service
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12:00 Solemn Mass at Midnight
St. Lambert Combined Choirs
Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th
Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 am Mass • 10:00am Choral Mass
12:00 noon Mass
New Year's - The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, December 31st
5:00 pm Anticipated Mass
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12:00 noon Mass
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December 26 8:30 a.m. Mass, Feast of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

December 27 8:30 a.m. Mass, Feast of St. John the Evangelist

December 31 **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
7 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

January 1 **NEW YEAR'S DAY - NOWY ROK 2006**
10 a.m. Mass for God's Blessings

January 8 **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**
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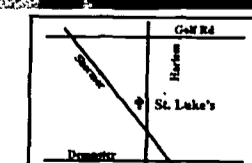
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Holiday is a good time to get into scrapbooking

BY SONYA EMBRY
Copley News Service

Stop! Before you stick that envelope of photos from Christmas away in a drawer or closet with stacks and stacks of others, consider this: This could be the year.

The year you start using those photos to assemble a keepsake that will last for generations. Something you can pull out when the family gathers and remember when Uncle Al did this or little Billy did that.

A scrapbook. But wait! Don't even let the thought of organizing every photo of your 21-year-old son since birth enter your mind.

Start here. Start small, scrapbooking experts say. Start a Christmas album that you can add to every year. There are holiday kits available to help you get started, complete with ideas and materials for laying out pages.

"Everything is there. It's all themed -- paper, stickers, everything," said Cynthia Walker, owner of The Paper Moon in Washington, Ill. "(Beginners) have to realize how simple this is. It's just putting pieces of paper together."

You might just catch the bug. GETTING STARTED

Both Walker and Lynne Demanes, owner of Scrapadoodle in Peoria, Ill., suggest beginning scrapbookers start with their most recent photos and work backward. That way, the task isn't so overwhelming.

Plus, the details surrounding recent events are fresh in mind.

Scrapadoodle sells a basic beginner's kit, which includes an album, acid-free paper, adhesive, cutting tools and pens for journaling. There are more advanced kits for longtime scrapbookers.

New scrapbookers may start out creating pages that look much like a photo album, except that the photos are attached to pages with space around

them to tell a story. Scrapbookers call this journaling -- telling who, what, when, where and why.

"Journaling is something we really emphasize," Demanes said. "Some day, a lot of years from now, someone is going to say, 'This is what was important to your great grandma.'"

For example, one two-page spread in a scrapbook created by Lisa Kausch, manager at Scrapadoodle, has just two photos and lots of words -- a list of things Kausch values most, such as

"wear your seat belt," "tell the truth" and "honor the flag."

"The reason behind all this is writing down your feelings. Keep it simple," Kausch said, adding, "I would journal the good with the bad. Everybody has diffi-

cult times in their lives."

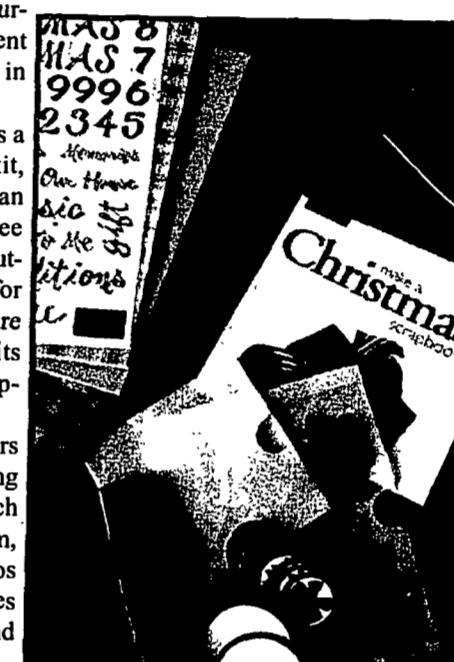
Walker said some scrapbookers carry a little notebook with them to make notes to go with the pictures they take -- the little details and their emotions at that moment.

"One thing that's real important is you do not have to scrapbook every picture you take," Walker said. Instead, pick out the photos that best represent the event you're trying to capture and store the extras.

"Don't be afraid to throw things out," she added. "You get to a point where you feel like you can eliminate. You don't need a picture of every single person opening a present."

And sometimes, objects are just as important to photograph as people. If, for instance, your family plays a certain game every year during the holidays, take a photo directly of the game, not the people playing it, Walker suggests. She and Kausch also urge scrapbookers to make sure to capture everyday life, not just special events. If your child loves peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, take photos of your child making or eating them and do a page on that.

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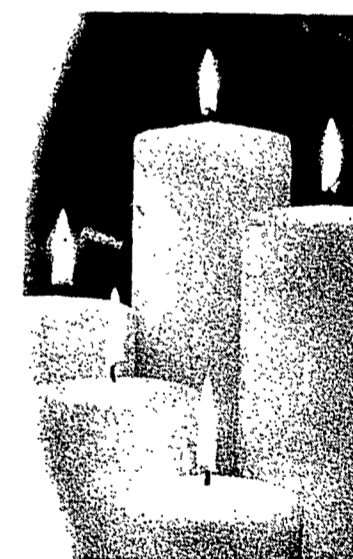
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After you have selected which photos you'd like to use, decide on a color scheme for your page, Walker suggests. Maybe one year you use reds and greens in a Christmas album; the next year blues, silvers and whites.

Decide how many photos to place on each page, and then look for any special embellishments you'd like to add. These could include anything from ribbons and buttons to paper cut into the shape of a Christmas tree.

"Nothing is garbage anymore. You can pull anything -- old postage stamps, old fibers," Walker said.

From there, you're simply matting photos, layering paper, writing down memories and adding accents.

NEW TRENDS

Nowadays, scrapbookers aim not to overpower their pages with "stuff," Walker says.

"The trend is getting back to simple," she said. "Some people had the tendency to get so much junk on a page that you miss the

point, which is the picture. ... Gone are the days where you put all kinds of little stickers on the page. There has to be a purpose." That certainly doesn't mean embellishments are out -- maybe just a little less blatant, a little more elegant.

Antique-looking metal frames, corners and charms are popular embellishments right now, as is wire and fabric. Hinges -- which are used to create a paper flap on the page that can be lifted to reveal journaling or a hidden message -- also are hot.

And shabby chic is big -- using reproductions of old theater tickets, bingo cards, bottle caps and subway tokens to accent pages. Slips of paper with dictionary entries are common too, such as (for-ev-er) -- for always, without end 2. without the bonds of time, eternal.

Scrapbookers use sheets of rubber letters to create words in fancy scripts and fonts that are transferred onto a page by rubbing the sheet with a Popsicle stick.

Brush painting and rubber-stamping with paint is another new trend, Walker said. She used a dry painting method on a page she recently created.

Starting with a paper background of black and white dia-

monds, she placed a red square over one quarter of the page and a green square below it, which served as mats for two photos. Walker placed a strip of paper that said "BELIEVE" vertically along the left side of the page and wisped white acrylic paint lightly over the letters with a sponge brush to "soften" them.

She attached a decorative red piece of fabric next to "BELIEVE" and applied a little white paint to it, too. She finished the page off by securing tied bits of ribbon to the corners of the red and green squares and adding some metal corner embellishments, which she also touched with paint.

"When it's dry, I'll rub off some of the paint so it looks old," Walker said. The idea is to express your creativity and individuality.

Walker says she thinks everyone should scrap. If nothing else, it gets photos into a safe, acid-free environment.

"Kids aren't into genealogy like they should be. Family members are going to be lost," she said. "To pass on a legacy is the main thing."

Scrapbooks and homemade cards also make incredibly sentimental gifts. Demanes made cards for friends and family with a pocket for a recipe card and a photo of the dish. Walker tells the story of a man who was sick with Crohn's disease and made a scrapbook for his girlfriend; and of a divorced woman who created a memory book for friends who took her and her children in when they had no place else to go.

"These are the presents that you keep the rest of your life and the ones you remember the rest of your life," Demanes said.

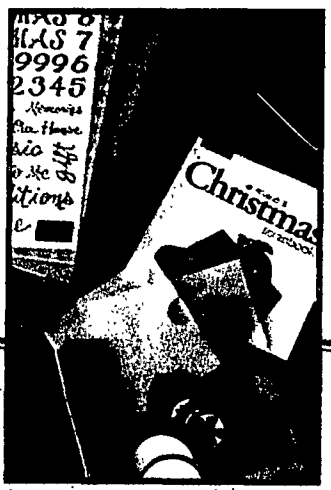
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Scrapbooking Tips

By Sonya Embry
Copley News Service

-- Start small and with current photographs. Create small books instead of trying to put together a massive one.

-- Only include the photos that tell the story best. Don't try to scrapbook every photo you take. But do try to incorporate photos of everyday life in your books.

-- Make sure each page has a focal point. -- Enlarge special photos. "Some photos are priceless, and these books are big," said Lisa Kausch, manager of Scrapadoodle.

-- Avoid cutting around a person in a photo. Later on, the stuff in the photo's background might prompt a memory.

-- Include journaling on each page, telling the story of who, what, when, where and why. Make sure to include names and dates. Write in your own handwriting, so that future generations may cherish the words even more.

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PEPPERED BEEF TENDERLOIN ROAST

- 1 (3- to 4-pound) beef tenderloin, fat trimmed
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon green peppercorns in brine, drained and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1-1/4 cups beef stock

Place beef on sheet of plastic wrap. Combine remaining ingredients except oil and beef stock; rub over roast. Wrap tightly and refrigerate at least 4 hours and no longer than 48 hours. Return to room temperature before cooking.

Preheat oven to 425oF. In large ovenproof skillet or roasting pan, heat oil over medium high heat. Place roast in skillet; brown on all sides (about 4 minutes per side). Carefully lift roast with large carving fork and place roasting rack in skillet-under roast. Do not cover. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of roast. Roast until meat thermometer registers 155oF. (Roast temperature will usually increase about 5oF after removal from oven.) Remove to cutting board and let rest in warm place 15 minutes before carving. Place skillet with pan drippings over high heat until hot. Stir in beef stock. Cook, stirring occasionally, until reduced to about 3/4 cup. Strain and serve in sauce pitcher. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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CHRISTMAS FACTS

Trim that tree

Do you have enough decorations for your Christmas tree? Or do you think you may have gone overboard? Here's a good rule of thumb on what's recommended for the tree, mantle and beyond:

Area to decorate	Feet of garland
Regular doorway	18' to 25'
Double doorway	20' to 35'
Small picture window	18' to 25'
Large picture window	20' to 35'
Fireplace mantle	18' to 25'
Ceiling decorations	50' to 100'

Tree height	# of miniature lights	Feet of garland	Novelty tree trim/ornaments
2'	35 to 40	2' to 3'	30 pieces
3'	70 to 80	3 to 4'	42 pieces
4'	200 to 400	5' to 5.5'	35-50 pieces
6'	400 to 800	8.5' to 9'	50-75 pieces
7'	500 to 700	10' to 11'	75-100 pieces
8'	800 to 800	13' to 14.5'	175-225 pieces

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Volunteering for charitable activities	36%	13%	-23
Exchanging gifts	77%	85%	+8
Decorating Christmas tree	74%	74%	—
Decorating the home	71%	71%	—
Sending cards	69%	69%	—
Cooking a holiday meal	73%	62%	-11
Making Christmas cookies, candy or desserts	61%	62%	+9

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MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHT Poinsettias of all colors are holiday favorites

BY MARY HELLMAN JAMES Copley News Service

Picking a poinsettia isn't as simple as it used to be. America's largest-selling flowering potted plant -- we'll take home tens of

Even the green leaves are often splashed with ivory or cream.

But the favorite for decorating hearth and home is still the traditional red. "Seventy percent of the poinsettias we sell are red and that hasn't changed over the years," said Carey Kramer, marketing manager for Paul Ecke Poinsettias in Encinitas, Calif., the nation's largest poinsettia propagator.

addition, this year the Glendora, Calif.-based company is introducing a variety developed by Dummer, a European-based breeder.

Merlot, exclusive to Armstrong last holiday season, has velvety deep cranberry-red bracts held above holly-like leaves. Only 7,000 plants were shared by the chain's 35 stores, mostly in Southern California.

"We spotted Merlot in a bundle of test varieties from Dummer," said Armstrong spokesman Chris Greenwood. "I liked the plant because it tends to have more internal foliage and the bloom color is very sophisticated, like a light shining through a glass of merlot."

Armstrong also stocked in limited quantities another unusual variety called Jester. Its deeply cut bracts are marked with a crazy quilt of colors including red, chartreuse and cream.

"Novelty colors tend to sell early in the season," Greenwood said, "but after about the second week in December the demand shifts to mostly red."

To keep poinsettias cheery throughout the season, treat them as you would any other holiday

guest. Don't put them too close to a roaring fire or leave them outside by the front door; like you, poinsettias are most comfortable between 68 and 70 degrees. Don't deprive them of water, but avoid constant "wet feet." Even moisture is best. And don't tuck them in a dark corner without light or attention; they like indirect sunlight for at least six hours a day.

More care instruction and tips for getting your plant to rebloom next year can be found at the Paul Ecke Web site, www.paulেকে-poinsettias.com.

Ecke's plans to introduce new varieties this year, Kramer said, "including Visions of Grandeur that has soft peach bracts with a pillowy appearance and Kris Krinkle, which has crinkled leaves."

And just in case you'd like even more holiday decorating options, Kramer says a new poinsettia-friendly spray paint is coming into stores that will allow you to add glitter, gold and silver, and other colors to the bracts.

"It definitely gives a custom look," she said.

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millions of them before the holidays are over -- is aglow in colors ranging from speckled pinks to creamy whites and dusky purples.

poinsettia called Prestige is popular, as is another red favorite called Freedom.

Still, Ecke and other breeders continue to create colorful new poinsettias for holiday decorating.

A newer variety is Shimmer Pink, with deep pink bracts or colored leaves randomly speckled with cream, and Autumn Red, the earliest flowering poinsettia on the market. Another early bloomer is Winter Rose Early Red, a variation on Ecke's innovative plant with curled bracts that resemble rose blooms.

"Poinsettias begin turning color when the nights become longer than the days, usually starting at the end of September," Kramer said. "But the time it takes each variety to come into full bloom varies. Autumn Red is in full bloom in 7 1/2 weeks, compared to 9 1/2 weeks for others."

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SENIORS

New members get acquainted with the Niles Senior Center

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights

For a detailed description of programs & activities or to ask about membership or registration requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420 - Visit us online at www.vniles.com. Pre-registration is required for most programs. Call for more info.

Niles Senior Center and Family Services Departments will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday, December 26th and the New Year on Monday, January 2nd.

DECEMBER REGISTRATION

Drop off registration for programs and classes listed in the December Naturally Active were due at the Center Friday, December 2. Walk-in Registrations for programs with openings began Wednesday, December 7th

NEW MEMBERS INVITED TO GET AQUAINTED WITH THE CENTER

On the third Thursday of every month, Newcomers are invited to meet the Staff and learn about the programs and services available to members. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th from 10:00 - 11:00AM. Advanced registration 847 588-8420.

HELP FOR HOLIDAY STRESS

While the holidays are a time of celebration, they can also be a time when older adults are faced with change and challenge. Changes in health situations can limit mobility and make it harder to carry on with previous tra-

ditions. Coping with the holidays can be especially challenging for people who have experienced losses. Expecting to feel joyous during the holidays may not be realistic if you are dealing with a changing family, illness, or loss. If you are feeling overwhelmed by holiday stress or are concerned about a friend in the community, please call Bev Wessels 847 588-8420).

CARBON MONOXIDE APPOINTMENTS

Volunteers are currently calling members to schedule appointments for the annual Carbon Monoxide and Natural Gas Testing. To schedule an appointment, please call the Carbon Monoxide Hot Line (847 588-8480). This free service is provided by the Community Development Dept of the Village of Niles.

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES OFFERS NEW CLASSES

Following is a list of the classes

set to begin in January. A full description can be found in the December Naturally Active Program Guide. Some classes have prerequisites. For information about Computer Classes, please contact Jaymi Ostman at 847 588-8420.

PRE-INTRO TO COMPUTERS

(for those who have no computer experience) Begins Jan.3

INTRO TO COMPUTERS

Begins January 9th

HOW TO GET STARTED SELLING ON E-BAY

Begins January 10th

INTERNET (How to browse and surf the net) begins Jan. 13th

MICROSOFT WORD II begins Jan. 17th

ONLINE BANKING PRESENTATION (One Session) January 26th

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TRIP: ST. PETER & the VATICAN: LEGACY OF THE POPES, Thursday, February 16,

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Tickets are now on sale to Members of the Niles Senior Center (Drop Off on December 2nd and Walk-In -Wednesday, December 7th). Check-in at the Senior Center will be 8:00AM; return time is estimated at 5:00PM.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN TO YOUR NONRESIDENT FRIENDS.

MaineStreamers Offer New Winter Programs for Seniors

Maine Township Senior News

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is free and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter that details all activities for the upcoming month. All activities take place at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For further information on membership or programs, call MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510.

GRANDPARENTING PROGRAM

"Healthy Food, Healthy Start" Tuesday, January 10 10 to 11 a.m. No Cost - Registration Required

When the grandkids just want fast food, what can you offer that is nutritious and fun to eat? We will discuss meal and snack ideas that you can make for them or with them. We will also discuss picky eaters. Newcomers are always welcome! Free books and refresh-

ment's

RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS

Thursday, January 12 1:30 to 3 p.m. No Charge - Registration Required Need to renew your drivers license? Plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam. Next Class: April 13.

"The Secrets of Feeling Great and Losing Weight" PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 10 1 to 2 p.m. Presenter: Dr. Travis Dearborn This lecture will help you pick

and choose which lifestyle changes you should make and which ones you should avoid! This program is straight forward so you can take what you learn and apply it!

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AFTER THE HOLIDAYS at the Park Ridge Senior Center

Holidays are over, the new year is starting, and January activities are already on the calendar at the Park Ridge Senior Center. Here's a reminder in case you were too busy and overlooked these dates. Monday, January 16 is the monthly luncheon. Lunch, as usual, starts at 12:30 p.m. and turkey wrap, cole slaw, chips and dessert will be served. Entertainment features dance, music and the culture of Mexico. Cost is \$14.00.

Next is the Roaring 20's, Chicago Style Party, on Thursday, January 19, the start of the celebration of the Center's 25 year anniversary. This event will take you back to Chicago in

the 20's with music, flappers and "bathtub gin." Chicago style hot dogs will be served. Party starts at 12:30 p.m. The charge is only \$6.00.

Later in January, Thursday, the 26th, a trip to see "Those Fabulous Fifties" at "The Fireside" in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Lunch is at "The Fireside" and will include pork shop stuffing with sauerkraut and pork sausage, whipped potato, green beans and New York Style lemon cheesecake topped with strawberries. The charge for everything is \$77.00.

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NEWS

Christmas Program at Niles Historical Society

The Niles Historical Society is bringing Susan Chemler to Niles for a culminating Christmas program. She brings her knowledge and fun for an afternoon of why we have (and had) Christmas trees, ornaments, decorations, different celebrations, and also a Christmas

trivia. Mark your calendar, Sunday, the 8th of January 2006 is the big day. All programs are free, parking is free, admission is free (but we will accept donations), and sweets and refreshments (mulled cider) are free.

DUBIEL:

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Add record setting low interest rates and you have the formula for a rapid rise in home prices. Right now, though, this abnormal growth in home values is slowing down and will likely return to normal levels. This may mean some years of zero growth in home prices. Here is where living beats speculating.

Two things cause almost all personal financial disasters: greed and/or fear. When you hear people making dumb financial decisions these are the two motivating factors. What should you do if real estate slows or, highly unlikely, falls? First, remain calm, there is no value in panic. People buy and sell homes in all kinds of markets. The record setting pace of the last few years cannot sustain itself. It will sub-

side and during this time you will see many startling headlines. This sells newspapers, but won't help you make a good decision about your financial future.

In the short run, get out of any adjustable rate mortgages to avoid the risk of rising interest rates. People buy the payment, not the price. That means that the payment is the most critical factor to you, get one you can live with at your current means. Like any good financial decision you should not over extend yourself.

A commodity trader and friend told me, "Where would you invest your money?" It has to go somewhere. Stock returns in the US are hovering, returns overseas are flat, bond markets & banks offer low rates. Where do US and overseas investors put their money to gain the highest rates of return? The American real estate market. Sleep easy, your home is still your castle.

What's your opinion?

The Bugle welcomes letters to the editor. To voice your opinion, write to:

Editor, The Bugle
7400 Waukegan Rd.
Niles, IL 60714

Please include contact information for verification purposes only. No potentially libelous letters or letters containing personal attacks will be printed. Opinions printed in The Bugle are those of the author alone.

Corrections/Clarifications

In last week's issue of The Bugle, a letter was incorrectly printed with the title "LoVerde lost, but so did Niles residents." The title should have been, "Dubiel's column goes too far." The Bugle regrets the error.

LETTERS:

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What exactly do you hope to accomplish with this "debate," Mayor Blase and Mr. Przybylo? Do you think a resolution from the Village of Niles, opposing or approving our continued involvement with Iraq, will alter the course of history? Is this your deluded idea of leadership?

I suspect you are not really interested in local opinion on the matter, anyway. Most likely, Mayor Blase will tell us all what we think, and draft the resolution himself.

commanders in the field? Did he ask any of them? Did he talk to any soldiers who volunteered to go over there to help the Iraqis become free from tyranny? Aren't we supposed to help the down trodden? We, ourselves, know that freedom is one of the most precious gifts any country can have. Let's not deny it to anyone who is striving for it. Let's stay the course.

D. Garby, Niles

A Letter to Trustee Andrew Przybylo

Fran Konieczny, Niles

Don't leave Iraq at the height of the struggle

Dear Editor,

Niles Trustee, Andrew Przybylo thinks we are in a war in Iraq that has no end. He'd like us to consider withdrawing our troops in a timely manner.

It's like wanting a child to fend for itself before completing its education.

All we hear is negative stories in the press. What about the good things going on there?

The Iraqis voted twice already in free elections. Next month they'll be voting on a new constitution.

Their police and army are being trained to take over the security themselves.

Hundreds of schools have been built-as well as hospitals-water treatment plants, etc.

When we were fighting in Japan, did we want to leave before the job was done? What about Germany under Hitler? Did we finish that battle? Or did we say we've been there too long and should pull out so the evil forces could resume their control?

As a Vietnam veteran, I am all too familiar with the concept of an unpopular war. The frustration felt by many Americans while our

This is in response to the article published in The Bugle on Thursday, December 1, 2005 in which you, in a memo to the members of the village board, urged them to adopt a resolution asking the federal government for the withdrawal of our troops from Iraq.

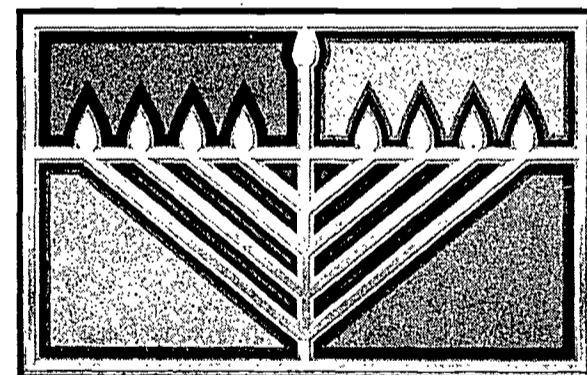
Even though I don't agree with the reasoning behind being there in the first place, leaving Iraq prematurely would be an injustice to the 2100 plus Americans and the countless Iraqis who have already given their lives.

Many of the soldiers serving in the Middle East are National Guardsmen and Army reservists who are trying to fulfill a commitment made many years before the likelihood of a war. A good many of them joined so that they could learn some vocational skills or get an education at the expense of our federal government. More power to them. Unfortunately, they now find themselves faced with the prospect of being away from their loved ones for long periods of time in a country halfway across the world. It is especially difficult during this time of year when families, gathering to celebrate during the holiday season, realize that their spouse, father, mother, brother or sister is off in some foreign land.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIAMONDS, DOLLS AND IPODS ON HOLIDAY WISH LISTS

To make someone happy this holiday season just go for glitter and gizmos. Women want diamonds; guys dream of Apple iPods; and kids just want to have electronic fun!

The General Growth Properties annual holiday survey unearthed the heart's desires for 17,000 adults and children across the country. General Growth is the second largest Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and manager of Golf Mill Shopping Center.

"Mall retailers are well-prepared for this year's most popular gift items," said Pat Pierce, Marketing Director. "We have five jewelry stores stocked with sparkling gifts, toys galore throughout our mall shops and department stores and the latest

fashions wanted by everyone. And there is always that gift that fits everyone—the mall gift certificate good at any mall shop."

The survey showed that adults most want clothing (22%), Jewelry (13%), Gift Cards (10%) and Apple iPods (6%). Diamonds were singled out by many respondents as the most desired jewelry gift, especially by women. Fine jewelry can be found at Rogers & Hollands, Kay Jewelers, Whitehall Jewellers and Zales in the mall.

Golf Mill clothing stores are dressed in the latest women's fashions showing up on the gift



lists: boxy jackets, sweaters, embellished handbags, crocheted and sequined hobo bags, Spanish-

inspired accessories, and big beaded necklaces, plus delicate ones for wearing in layers.

Kids may be unpredictable but their gift lists this year have many repeat favorites. Santa shared with us some requests from mail he received at Golf Mill. Steven says "he's been a good boy and wants Power Ranger and Chicken Little toys." Missy wants "skates, sled and Dora the Explorer princess doll", Natalie wants "books, more books and Harry Potter & stuff!" Lastly, Kristin thanked Santa "for coming to my house every year" but "I give cookies to you every year and give oats to the reindeer but they never find

them." Golf Mill offers special holiday hours to make your holiday shopping easier. Golf Mill stores are open 9am - 10pm starting Monday, December 12 and 9am to 11pm December 21 - 23rd. Santa hours are 10am - 8pm Monday through Saturday and 11am-6pm on Sunday.

Golf Mill Shopping Center, located at Milwaukee Avenue and Golf Road in Niles, IL is anchored by JCPenney, Kohl's, Sears, Target Value City Furniture and includes more than 120 specialty stores.

For more information please call Customer Service at 847-699-9440 or visit our website at www.golfmill.com.

LOCAL BOY SCOUT CHOOSES A WORTHY CAUSE AS HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Troop 175 Boy Scout, Chris Langlo has been conducting food drives to fill the empty shelves of the Niles Food Pantry. The Niles Food Pantry serves over 100 families each month. When Chris learned about this worthy cause he decided to fill the pantry as part of his Eagle



Scout project. Chris has had collection bins at various locations and has also collected food from residents. His project started in early November with a resident pick up. There was an overwhelming response, and he was able to provide food to the pantry for the Thanksgiving holiday. With the help of manager Tom Faber of Jewel foods on Touhy in Niles, Chris was able to collect over 20 boxes of food on Dec. 10th at the store. He has yet one more resident pick up and hopes to stock the pantry full in time for the holidays.

Chris plans on completing his Eagle rank by early February. Thank you to the residents for making Chris' Eagle project a success and for stocking the shelves of the Niles Food Pantry.

Knights of Columbus Host Many Holiday Events!

This year, the Officers have voted to celebrate the holidays by supporting the First St. John Brebeuf New Year's Eve Celebration, to be held on December 31, in the Parish Ministry Center. Brothers Joe Tatkowski, Mel Koenigs and their charming wives have planned an Excellent Evening for the 400 + attendees. Sit-down elegant dinner, Entertainment and Champagne along with friendship - will make this an Outstanding evening to remember! Sign up forms are available in the Bulletin or call Joe at 847-966-6913!

Celebrate the Holidays, help others and Give a GREAT present - by purchasing Tootsie Roll Banks from the Knights! Just think - you can buy 3 Banks for only \$ 5 or a case of 24 for only \$ 40 (savings of \$ 8) - the person gets great candy, you get a discount, the Handicapped folks get a donation! For more info or to buy some banks - contact Mr. Ken Lee at 847-967-6234. Local deliveries can be arranged. Call Ken , he's waiting for your call!

How 'Bout placing A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation for the Tootsie Roll Candy Drive before the end of the year? What better way to help others with a donation. Any donation will be helpful to a handicapped person in our area. Send it to: Council 4338, c/o St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL., 60714. Thank you and May God Bless You and your Family!

Great Holiday Gift, that continues to give throughout the year! The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary are still selling Entertainment Books. Many new and exciting places of business have been added to the new 2006 book. Many money savings ideas with ? off and special deals for food, show and gifts. Please call Clara Weiss at 847-698-1939. Cost of the book is only \$ 25 ea - a full \$ 5 less than the retail. Give the gift that helps others Too! All profits from the sale of these books goes to charity.

Get ready to make your reservations for the Communion Breakfast, Sunday, January 8, with the Council Family Communion at the 9 am Mass at St. John Brebeuf and Breakfast immediately following in SJB Parish Ministry Center. Reservations will be necessary ~ look for the informational mailing to be sent to membership very soon. Join us for Faith, Family and Fraternity!

We can use your help! Know someone who likes to help his neighbors and the community? The Knights would like new members to join us! The Knights are for Any Catholic Man over 18. For More information on the Knights - call Jerzy Jakobik @ 847-318-9446. All Christian Ladies, whether they have someone involved in the Knights organization or not, can join the K.C. Ladies Auxiliary. For Auxiliary info, contact Clara Weiss @ 847-698-1939.

The Holidays can be a very lonely time for some members of our family! Please Remember the Many Folks fighting Illnesses could use our Visits and our Assistance as Well as Prayers! During this Holiday Season, PLEASE, Please -Consider Calling OR VISITING A SICK FRIEND. Remember - what you do for your Brother and Sister will be appreciated and not forgotten! As we have always asked - Please pray for all the Sick and Distressed Members of our Knights Family.

If you know of a brother who is having Financial or Health difficulties -please contact Financial Secretary Ken Lee at 847-967-6234.

SPORTS

A Star is Born

Niles West Invite gives all levels of talent a chance to shine



Lynda Pisula balances during the Niles West 'A Star is Born' gymnastics invite last weekend.

BY ALI BHANPURI
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

It is not often that meets are held so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. Usually, the best of the team get to compete and the others watch without having an opportunity to medal.

However, the 21st annual Star is Born gymnastics invite held at Niles West last Thurs., offered the girls who don't always get to participate in dual meets, their opportunity to shine and make a name for themselves.

The invite consisted of fourteen schools, allowing two individuals from every team to compete in each event. In order to be eligible to participate, the athletes must have an average score of less than 8.0 in the respective event. According to Maine East head coach Stacy Grossman, the meet is exciting and fun for everyone.

"I think it's awesome, especially for a very young team like us," Grossman said. "I think we really worked our butts off. I give a lot of credit to Isabel [Diaz] and Amanda [Nagode], they did really

well." Diaz and Nagode both competed on the balance beam, scoring 6.5 and 6.2 respectively, in an effort that earned Maine East a tie for fifth in the event. Overall, Maine East, a team consisting of one junior, five seniors and the rest underclassmen, finished in a tie for seventh place with Lake Forest.

Sharing the same sentiment as Grossman, Maine South head coach Tess Robinson enjoys being a part of this meet.

"I think it's a great opportunity for those who don't always compete to place and receive an award for their efforts," Robinson said. "They can do their best and get acknowledged."

Robinson feels that overall the team did well with their fifth place finish, but singled out Olya Witkovsky's vault performance where she received second place honors with a score of 8.25. According to Robinson, the team is not satisfied with where they are and are looking to reach their individual goals and perfect their

Story Continues...
see STAR next page.

NOTICE OF REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2006 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR PROGRAM

North/Northwest Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Third District Courthouse
2121 Euclid Avenue
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Courtroom 110

West Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Fourth District Courthouse
1500 South Maybrook Drive
Maywood, IL 60153
Courtroom 102

South Region Hearing
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2006
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: Sixth District Courthouse
16501 South Kedzie Parkway
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Courtroom 101

Purpose: Cook County will hold regional hearings to solicit needs and priorities and to provide information on the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the 2006 Federal Fiscal Year which begins October 1, 2006.

Cook County receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs administered by the Cook County Department of Planning and Development.

The 2006 allocations for CDBG, HOME and ESG have not been made by HUD. Approximate amounts are as follows: CDBG - \$11,970,108; ESG - \$464,246; and HOME -

\$5,843,247; and American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) - \$227,313. If available, unobligated program income and dobligated funds from prior program years will be added to these 2006 funding amounts.

CDBG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

Housing and Residential Rehabilitation Related Activities
Economic Development Activities
Capital Improvement Activities
Commercial Rehabilitation
Real Property Acquisition
Demolition and Clearance
Public Service Activities
Fair Housing Activities

ESG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

Rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters.
Maintenance or operation expenses directly related to emergency shelters.
New or expanded essential services provided by the shelters.
Development and implementation of homeless prevention activities.

HOME Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

Construction or rehabilitation projects involving single- and/or multi-family low and very low income residential housing.
Special needs housing projects.

All interested persons, groups, not-for-profit agencies and municipalities are invited to attend. Any comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Cook County Bureau of Administration
Department of Planning and Development
69 West Washington, Suite 2900
Chicago, IL 60602
Attn: Mr. Timothy W. Kleist

The Cook County Annual Action plan applies only to those suburban municipalities of less than 50,000 in population, plus the town of Cicero and the City of Berwyn.

Dons defeat Joliet Catholic

BY ALI BHANPURI
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR

The Notre Dame basketball team exacted revenge for their football counterparts last Friday night, defeating Joliet Catholic 46-45 at home. The Dons were 3-3 going into last night's game against St. Ignatius.

After the football team suffered a shut out loss to the Hilltoppers during the middle of Sept., the basketball Dons retaliated, taking control of the game from the opening tip-off. The Hilltoppers played from behind the entire game, but

threatened to steal a victory in the last few minutes of regulation.

With 30 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, the Dons up 42-39, called a timeout in order to assure that each player was on the same page. However, on the ensuing possession, they turned the ball over, providing the Hilltoppers with a great opportunity to tie the game. Fortunately for the Dons, who play Vernon Hills this upcoming Tuesday in the Hardwood Classic at Wheeling, Joliet Catholic was unable to convert on a three-footer, forcing them to foul.

The game was then placed in the hands of senior guard John Johann,

who was sent to the free-throw line twice in the last 20 seconds. After going a perfect four of four from the line, the Dons took a commanding 46-42 lead with three seconds left, making it nearly impossible for a Hilltopper comeback. Joliet Catholic did try however, connecting on a desperation three-pointer to come within one of Notre Dame. The last four of Johann's 16 points proved to be critical in the Don's victory.

"Unfortunately Johann had trouble with turnovers during the

Story Continues...
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St. John Brebeuf 4th Grade Boys Win Knights of Columbus Tournament

The 4th grade Boys White team at St. John Brebeuf captured the championship of the Knights of Columbus Basketball Tournament held over two weekends. The tournament began on December 3 with the boys defeating St. Mary of the Woods 17-13. Advancing to the semi finals, the 4th grade boys beat

Mary Seat of Wisdom 25-20 on December 10.

The championship game was played on Sunday, December 11. It was St. John Brebeuf vs. St. Paul of the Cross. Both teams mastered the court with their defensive and offensive plays. At the final buzzer St. John. Brebeuf won the

Championship 30-14. The team consists of Jocy Abreca, Christopher Bargione, Marco Galassini, Ryan Krippinger, Paul Pepin, Daniel Proano, Tommy Sora, and Jan Suarez. The coaches are Chris Bargione and Drew Galassini. Congratulations to the team!

SPORTS

Sports Round Up

For Tiger, thirties should be something

Ed Zieralski
Copley News Service

Hard to believe, but Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns 30 on Dec. 30.

That lanky teenager who dominated junior golf here, that same young man who has won the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines three times, twice in the past three years, has 10 years under his spikes on the PGA Tour.

"I guess I've now become a tour veteran," Woods said. "I'm not grizzled yet, but I am a tour veteran."

A very rich and successful veteran.

Going into his 11th season, Woods already has won more than \$55 million, more than anyone, ever. He has more modern major championship victories with 10 than anyone but Walter Hagen (11) and Jack Nicklaus (18). He recently was named PGA Tour Player of the Year for the seventh time in his nine full years on tour. In his first year, 1996, he played in eight events, winning two.

Woods spoke recently via a satellite hookup to a media gathering inside the Lodge at Torrey Pines at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego, where Woods will defend his Buick Invitational title Jan. 26-29. Last year he joined San Diego's Phil Mickelson as the Buick Invitational's only three-time champions.

Woods covered a variety of subjects ranging from how much he enjoys playing at Torrey Pines, to what it feels like to be turning 30, to how much his Buick sponsorship means to him, to the incredible amount of changes he made in his golf swing with teacher Hank Haney. Above all, Woods seeks turning 30 as a significant passage for his career and his life.

"I think my life has changed dramatically since I first came out on tour," Woods said from a studio near Manhattan Beach, Calif., where he was filming "motion capture" and doing voice-overs for a video game. "I've won major championships. I've won tournaments around the world. More importantly, I've started my own foundation. I have a wife and

potentially, in the near future, kids. A lot of things will be happening in my 30s that I really didn't foresee happening when I turned pro when I was 20. I think it will be very exciting to see what my 30s have to offer."

What's scary is that Woods, a student of the game's history, looks around at other players' careers and sees them having more success and being more productive in their 30s and even 40s than they were in their 20s.

Woods doesn't see why he can't do that, too. He has 46 career PGA Tour victories, which is seventh on the all-time list, all in his 20s. He's coming off what he believes is one of his best years on tour after winning six times - including the Masters, for the fourth time, and the British Open for the second - and he was in contention at all four majors.

His 20s were Nicklausesque, so why shouldn't a 30something Tiger stay on the Golden Bear's tail?

"It was one of my greatest years," Woods said of 2005. "I was in contention in all four major championships on the back nine on Sunday. I was fortunate enough to win two. Considering all the changes I made in my game and to experience that rush coming into the back nine made it pretty sweet."

Woods, who finished tied for 14th Dec. 11 in his Target World Challenge exhibition, wouldn't detail his 2006 schedule.

But Woods said he will skip the Mercedes Championships in Hawaii, the PGA Tour's season-

opening tournament in January for all of this year's tournament champions.



golf course where I grew up playing or the par-3 golf course where I grew up, or St. Andrews, or Pebble Beach or Augusta, I could care less. I would just like to play golf with my dad one more time, and I really do miss playing golf

with him."

Woods sounded emotional, but he quickly gathered himself. He's not a kid anymore, and at the edge of 30, Woods has his priorities as grooved as his new swing.

SPORTS FACT

Podoloff Cup used to toast basketball greats

It's called the Podoloff Cup and it has been presented each year since 1954 to the National Basketball Association's most valuable player. It is named for NBA pioneer Maurice Podoloff, the league's first commissioner. Podoloff was born Aug. 18, 1890, in Elizabethgrad, Russia, and graduated from Yale Law School in 1915. In 1946, Podoloff was instrumental in founding the Basketball Association, which by 1949 had merged into the NBA. He served as NBA commissioner from 1949 to 1963 and negotiated the fledgling league's first television contract in 1954. In 1956, league MVP Bob Pettit of the Milwaukee Hawks was presented with the first Podoloff Cup. Maurice Podoloff was 95 years old when he died Nov. 24, 1985.



STAR: Pisula won second place

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routines by the end of the season. Host school Niles West finished in third place, and had strong performances by a number of ath-

letes. Head coach Pam Foerch said that she was pleased with the outcome of the meet and glad that no one was injured.

Senior co-captain Lynda Pisula's 7.25 score on the balance beam was strong enough for second place and combined with the score of the team's other captain, senior Annette Danilowski (2005 state qualifier), earned the Wolves first place overall in the event.

"To be honest with you it wouldn't be a foursome, it'd be a two-some," Woods said. "I would just like to play golf with my dad again. I don't care where we play, whether it's back at the old Navy

quarter, outscored the Dons 18 to 10 in the final eight minutes. "I have to give them a lot of credit, they fought and never gave up," Zelasko said.

Offensively the Dons were fairly successful tonight, playing as Zelasko said, with a more "Notre Dame-style" of basketball. "With no returning starters on the team, the young squad showed patience, passing the ball effectively and waiting for a shot to open up instead of rushing with their attempts.

Accompanying Johann's offensive performance was senior G Stephen Hughes who racked up 10 points and junior G Matt Weel who scored all nine of his points from behind the arch.

According to Zelasko, winning their first home game was a huge boost for the team's confidence.

"This was our first home game and after today we play three straight games on the road," Zelasko said. "I think we had great student body support and a nice turnout overall for the game."

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game, but his free throws down the stretch were key to the win," said Notre Dame head coach Dennis Zelasko.

The Hilltoppers, who were down 36-27 at the end of the third

LIFE

PERFECT PAIRINGS

San Francisco chef shares Dungeness crab cakes with Gainey sauvignon blanc

RON JAMES
Copley News Service

THE CHEF

"It's still not hot enough!" said the diner as he sent his lobster bisque back to the kitchen for the fourth time. Nancy Oakes, the very busy chef of the San Francisco bistro L'Avenue, vowed the soup wouldn't be returned again as she reheated the broth on the stove and the bowl in the broiler.

"I made a couple of salads and then took the bowl out with a towel and set it on a plate," she said. "I had the waiter take the bowl out to the guest. I personally would serve the soup."

What Oakes didn't realize until she ladled out the bisque for her guest was how overheated the bowl had become.

"As soon as the soup touched it, it boiled and evaporated - rising like a mushroom cloud," she said with a giggle. "Then the bowl goes 'bang' and breaks. The guest was just shaking and quivering. I just looked at the waiter and said, 'Drinks for the table,' and walked back to the kitchen."

Dealing with the vagaries of the restaurant business wasn't the future Oakes envisioned while growing up in Carmel, Calif., and the San Francisco Bay Area. She wanted to be an artist. But like most young artists, Oakes said, "I couldn't make a living at it, so I worked in restaurants to make ends meet."

Oakes found the culinary scene fascinating. "I basically got addicted to the restaurant business," she said.

Opportunity knocked when she was offered the chance to run a small working-class San Francisco waterfront restaurant called Barnacle. Although she didn't have any formal training, Oakes had a good idea of what the clientele wanted.

"I cooked the food my mother cooked - pot roast and those kinds of dishes. It's now called comfort food," she said.

After a few years at Barnacle, Oakes traveled extensively in France and Italy and began to incorporate new cooking styles in her cuisine. Armed with her new approach and her old commitment to customer satisfaction, Oakes earned high praise for the food and service at her next restaurant, L'Avenue.

That philosophy continued when she and restaurant-design guru Pat Kuleto opened Oakes' current 145-seat, bayfront restaurant in 1993, Boulevard, a perennial favorite of San Franciscans and visitors from around the world.

Oakes and her restaurants have won many honors. In 2001 she was awarded the James Beard Foundation award as "Best Chef in California."

A postscript on the soup incident: "Two things happened because of it," Oakes said. "About four days later, I got a let-

ter from the couple he was dining with that said, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you. It was the first time so-and-so had ever gotten his soup hot enough. We've eaten out with this man for 20 years and you clearly succeeded.'"

"The other response came from a woman who sat across the room watching the drama play out. She told her waiter, 'I'd like to have whatever he's having.'"

THE DISH

Dungeness crab cakes are quintessential San Francisco fare. This version, featuring celery, jalapeno pepper, thyme and mayonnaise, is from Oakes' new cookbook, "Boulevard: The Cookbook" (Ten Speed Press, \$50).

"Our basic principle is to have lots of crab with just a few ingredients to flavor and hold them together," Oakes said. "The key is to use high-quality crab and not to overstuff the mixture. Crab is very delicate and can be easily overpowered by things like bell peppers, too much onion or strong herbs."

Meat picked from a fresh-cooked Dungeness crab works best.

"A 1 1/4-pound crab yields about 5 ounces of meat," Oakes said. "So, for the crab cakes, you'll need at least three whole crabs."

Often big-box stores will sell previously frozen Dungeness weighing up to 3 pounds.

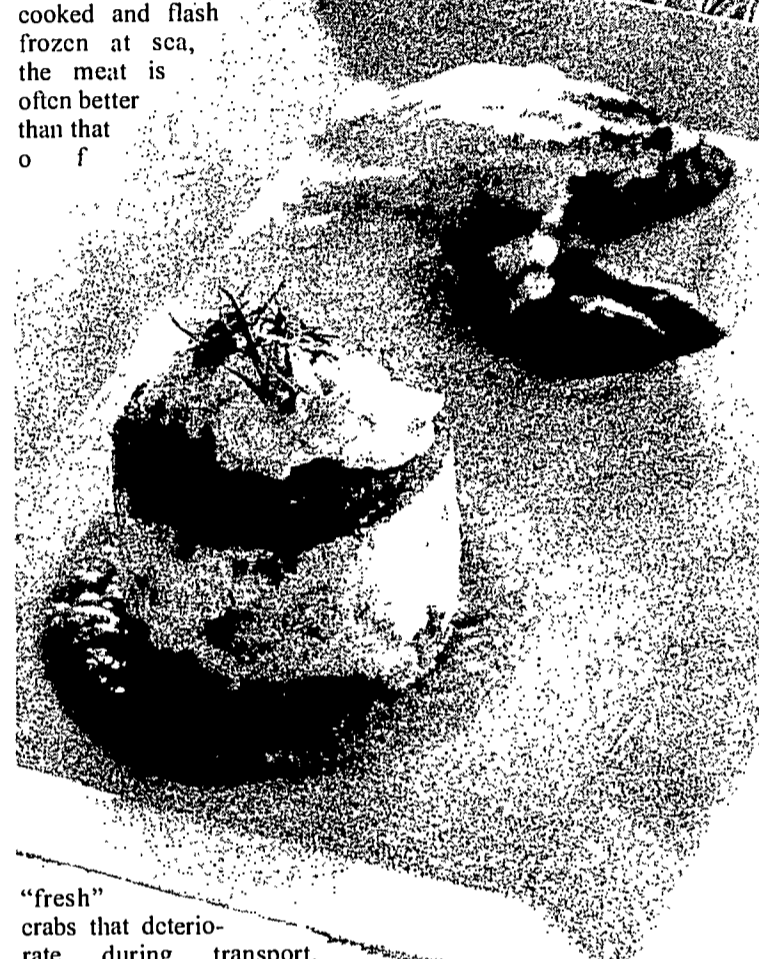
squeeze with your hands to remove excess liquid. (Be careful, you don't want the mixture too dry either.)

Place crab meat in bowl with remaining ingredients except bread crumbs and oil. Fold mixture so it is just combined and crab is not broken or mashed. Divide mixture into 4 portions and shape into cakes that are about 2 inches in diameter and 1 1/2-inches high using ring molds. Refrigerate crab cakes until ready to serve. Preheat oven to 350 F.

Pat panko onto tops and bottoms of crab cakes.

Heat olive oil over medium-high heat in medium-size oven-proof skillet. Add crab cakes and cook for about 2 minutes, or until golden on 1 side. Flip cakes and pat skillet into oven for 3 minutes to brown bottom sides.

Because they are cooked and flash frozen at sea, the meat is often better than that



"fresh" crabs that deteriorate during transport. Refrigerated canned crab in those same stores also works surprisingly well for this dish.

"It's important the mayonnaise is of good quality," emphasizes Oakes. "But it doesn't have to be homemade. We like Best Foods (known as Hellmann's east of the

Mississippi); just don't use the reduced-fat kind, which is too sweet."

Oakes forms the crab cakes by packing the mixture into a 2-inch

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grape-seed oil in slow stream. Blend for 1 minute. Strain through fine-mesh sieve into bowl; taste for salt, and add water to give the vinaigrette a pourable consistency, if necessary. Set aside.

To serve: Season reserved asparagus with salt and pepper, to taste, and drizzle with a little extra-virgin olive oil. Spoon pool of lemon vinaigrette on 1 side of each of 4 large dinner plates and top with asparagus spears. (If you have 4 spears per person, you could stack them crosswise 2 over 2. Otherwise line 3 spears side by side.) Toss crab claws or leg segments with some of the lemon vinaigrette and place on top of asparagus. Spoon a pool of asparagus vinaigrette on other side of plate and top with crab cake and dollop of tartar sauce.

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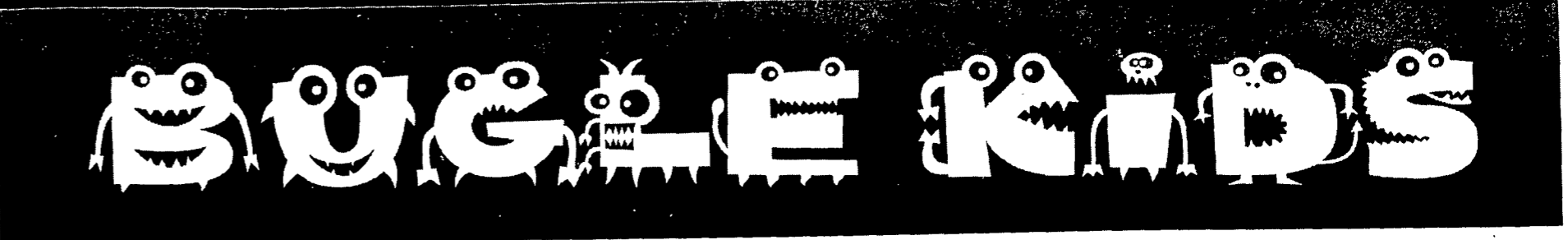
DUNGENESS CRAB CAKES WITH ASPARAGUS AND CRAB SALAD

Crab cakes:
10 ounces cooked lump Dungeness crab meat
2 tablespoons finely diced celery
1 tablespoon very finely diced jalapeno pepper
1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon (preferably Meyer)
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 cups panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
2 tablespoons olive oil
Asparagus vinaigrette:
12 to 16 medium-thick

asparagus spears, tough ends snapped off and discarded

1/4 cup fresh chervil leaves, loosely packed
1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt or kosher salt
3/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Lemon vinaigrette:
1 lemon, cut into 8 pieces
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
2 tablespoons champagne vinegar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup grape-seed oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Extra-virgin olive oil
8 whole crab claws and/or leg segments, cooked
Tartar Sauce
Yields 4 servings.

For crab cakes: Pick through crab meat to remove any bits of shell or cartilage and gently



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Winter's water rat

With sleek, water-proof fur, partially webbed hind feet, and a bare tail that doubles as a rudder, the muskrat is well-adapted to an aquatic lifestyle. It can swim forward and backward, and remain submerged for up to 15 minutes at a time. While foraging underwater, its lips close like valves behind its protruding front incisors, sealing its mouth while still enabling it to gnaw plant stems.

In marshy areas prone to flooding, muskrats build untidy mounds of cut vegetation for lodges. In other areas, they may dig a series of tunnels linking an entrance above the high-water mark to a series of underground chambers, to an underwater portal opening below the lowest ice depth.

Winter's coldness does not curtail daily activities on or under the ice. In the milder southern portion of its range, where breeding continues year-round, winter hosts the most births. Mainly nocturnal, but frequently seen in the daylight, look for them feeding at dawn and dusk.

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethica*
Head and body: 10-14 inches; tail: 8-11 inches

Habitat: marshes, ponds, lakes and streams

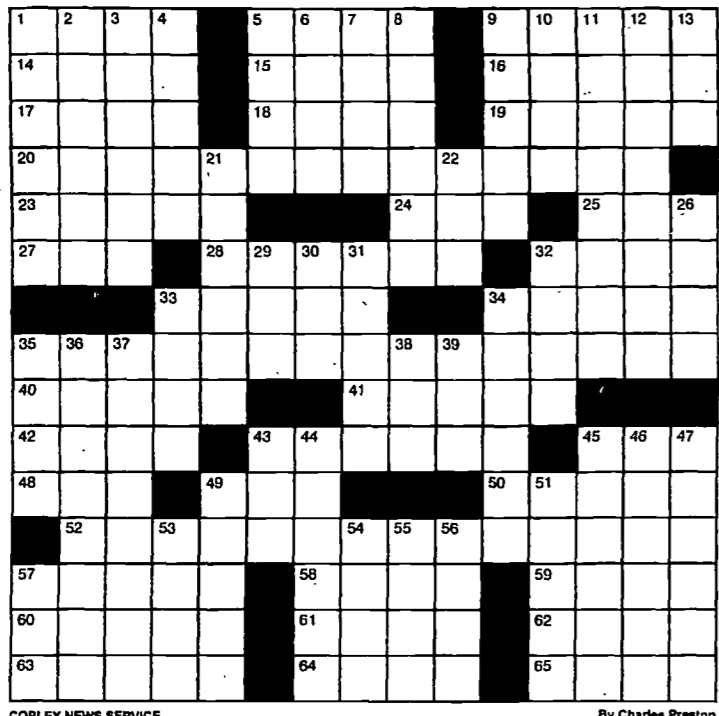
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ring mold (sold in better cookware shops). Then she coats the top and bottom with panko (Japanese bread crumbs). "They are produced from the center of the bread loaf and produce a wonderful golden brown crunchy crust," she said.

If you don't have a ring mold, use an empty can about 2 inches in diameter and open at both ends. Spread panko crumbs on a cutting board, place the clean can on the crumbs and spoon the crab into the can to the desired height. Spread crumbs on top and pat with fingers until level. Carefully push the molded crab onto a plate.

THE WINE

A number of white wines would pair nicely with crab cakes, including sparkling wine, viognier, toned-down chardonnay or sauvignon blanc. Because of the asparagus and lemon vinaigrette used in the dish, Oakes prefers Gaucy Vineyard's 2004 Sauvignon Blanc (\$14) from Santa Barbara County.

The winery strives to maintain a distinctive flavor profile that de-emphasizes the grassy and over-the-top passion fruit flavors found in most New Zealand sauvignon blancs. It maintains its bright, fresh crispness with melon, lemon, cream and orange blossom flavors that complement the vinaigrette and contrast nicely with the rich crab.

In 2005, the Gaucy family celebrated their 42nd year of farming in Santa Barbara County. In 1962, Dan C. and his son Dan J. Gaucy purchased the 1,800-acre ranch on the eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley. Early in the 1980s the family became convinced that the conditions and the land would produce world-class wines. Recently, the Spanish-style winery was named one of the best wineries to visit on California's Central Coast by Wine Spectator magazine.

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GETTING ORGANIZED Homework for mommy

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Q: I'm "retiring" at the age of 29 from my job as a marketing manager in order to take a better job: staying home with my two young children. I'm working at my current employer only through the end of this year. I'm a bit nervous about staying organized and managing it all once I make the switch. I'm so used to having set responsibilities and a schedule to stick to. I haven't networked with as many other moms as I'd like to, so I don't have an extensive support system in place yet. I'm looking for some resources to help me adjust. What do you recommend?

A: The new book *Mommyhood Diaries* (Wyatt-MacKenzie Publishing, 2005) is a compilation of 101 "Day in the Life" diaries from moms around the world. It's a charming look into how other moms manage the fun, the trials and the tribulations of their lives. Reading it, you'll definitely know that you're not alone on your journey.

The book was compiled by Julie Watson Smith, the founder of www.mommyhullabaloo.com. Her company is dedicated to inspiring moms to get organized and energized while learning, living, and loving the chaos of mommyhood. The Web site features articles and tips and links to mom-worthy sites.

On the site, you can also find the Mommy Hullabaloo Chaos Companion, a mom-inspired day planner. If you're used to being in the business world, you may already have a planner. But you probably don't have one designed just for a mom!

Open the Chaos Companion to the weekly pages and you'll find space for meal planning and reminders to book a baby sitter for a weekend night out. Self-care suggestions are printed right on the monthly pages, including prompts to call a friend, take a long bath, go see a movie, and get a manicure. All those things we know we should do, but that we put off until "we have time." Well, there's no time like the present to take care of yourself.

The reference sections in the back of the planner are exactly those that a mom needs to have at her fingertips. There's a spot to record your child's school schedule and their sports activities. There's a Beyond PB&J section that you can use to make grocery lists and record details of favorite restaurants.

One of my favorite sections is Memorable Moments. It includes a place to record important events that will take place in the coming year (never miss a birthday again!) as well as pages to write down funny and meaningful things that happen in your children's lives.

So many times I've heard moms say that they wish they had been more organized with their children's scrapbooks. But by the time they got around to doing them, they couldn't remember all of the humorous things their children did. Just by having an organized place to capture these memorable moments, you'll be less likely to forget them. And you'll know where to look when you want to transfer them to a scrapbook or to a journal chronicling this new phase of your life.

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A little professional help can go a long way

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Q: We are soon to move into a newly built home and I am like a deer caught in the headlights! I don't know where to begin decorating. Sure, we have some of our old furniture, but this will most likely be our retirement home, our last move, so we didn't keep a lot, just a few special pieces, like the paintings and my husband's favorite club chair. Please, have you anything to suggest that will help me out?

A: Two quick suggestions that may unfreeze your imagination:

- Consult a professional interior designer. This is a major move you're making, and it sounds as if you'll be living with your decisions for a while (although it pays to relax and remember that no design decision is fixed in amber forever and ever, amen). Arrange to buy just a morning's consultation with a professional designer, and he or she can lay out the guidelines you need to get going: color schemes, furniture needs, local resources, like that.

- Take another good look at one of your favorite paintings, say, the one you plan to hang over the fireplace. Although I really, really don't believe in "decorator-correct art," that is, art bought to fit a room's color scheme, I do think you can make the process work the other way around. Let the colors in the painting inspire the color scheme in the room. After all, the color harmonies in the painting have already been worked out for you by an artist whose taste you admire, yes?

In the handsome, "cognac-colored" living room/library we show here, New York mega-designer Jamie Drake found his color inspiration in one of the clients' prized possessions, the 17th century Pietra Dura marble tabletop. Inlaid with a medley of stones, all in harmonious browns, beiges and honey colors, the tabletop's colors translated smoothly to the walls, woodwork and furniture in this relaxed, yet formal, room. The walls are finished with a double striae glaze rubbed soft with steel wool to look like "old Venetian velvet,"

as Drake writes in his elegant new book, "Jamie Drake's New American Glamour" (Bulfinch Press). He also added the wide ceiling moldings and the dado, which have been marbleized in homage to the table. In this setting, the choice of furniture colors followed naturally, no pun intended - the fun of faux fur: a typical Jamie Drake touch.



Victorian style and the resurgence of Arts & Crafts are conspiring to ease wallpapers back into the public eye in what seems to be its most vigorous renaissance since the International Style declared wallpaper outre half-a-century or more ago.

Much of the credit goes to wall-coverings manufacturers who are offering a wide choice of interesting textured wallpapers, everything from grass cloth in many colors to faux wood, stone, burlap, and bamboo. It's an easy way to dress the largest surfaces in your home - the walls - without committing to an overdose of pattern.

The Victorians, who famously abhorred a void, and believed that paint was only the prep coat for wallpapers - as many as five (including the ceiling) in every room - would no doubt be very pleased.

Two new texture collections to check out are from Brewster: "Techniques & Finishes Vol. 11," and Kenneth James

"Grasscloth Collection" (www.brewsterwallcovering.com).

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THE WORD ON WALLPAPERS

The word is "texture." Color and pattern still scare many home decorators, who aren't brave enough to lavish it wall-to-wall in the living areas of the house. Much of the wallcoverings sold today - and it's precious little compared to paint - goes into kitchens and baths, with children's rooms a distant third. However, the popularity of the

HOME HOW-TO

Mount and affix in-bath accessories

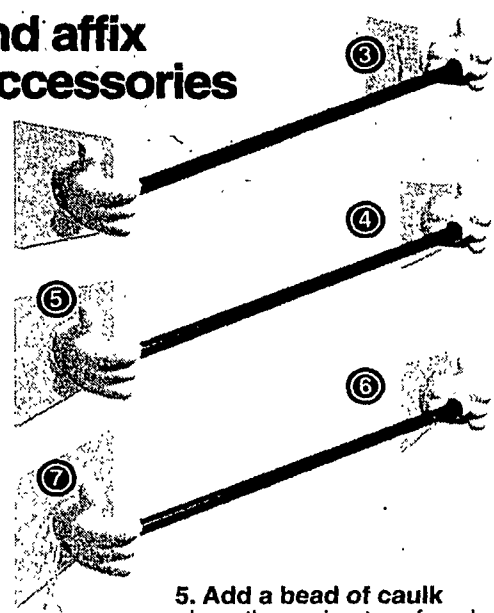
Using a 100 percent silicone caulk, install towel bar holders and soap dishes directly on the tile surface.

1. Thoroughly clean the tile with denatured alcohol.

2. Mark the position for each fixture on the tile with a marking pen.

3. Lay a bead of caulk on the face of each ceramic tile.

4. Put the first holder in place and secure it with masking tape before setting the second holder.



5. Add a bead of caulk along the perimeter of each fixture.

6. Smooth the caulk joint with a wet finger.

7. Let it set overnight before removing the masking tape.

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HERE'S HOW Draw a bead on installing ceramic fixtures

GENE GARY
Copley News Service

Q: I want to install a ceramic towel bar and soap dish inside my tiled shower. What is the best way to mount these on the tiled walls.

A: Most of today's ceramic towel bar holders and soap dishes are designed to be mounted directly on the tile surface using a 100 percent silicone caulk.

First thoroughly clean the tile with denatured alcohol. Mark the position for each fixture on the tile with a marking pen. Lay a bead of caulk on the back of each ceramic piece, push it into place and secure it with masking tape.

Be sure to put the towel rod in place before setting the second bar holder. The caulk will stiffen and set up in about an hour.

Finish the process by adding a bead of caulk around the perimeter of each fixture. Use a wet finger or rag to smooth the caulk joint. Let it set overnight before removing the masking tape.

Q: We installed a skylight in the kitchen to capture natural light.

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Unfortunately, the skylight admits too much sunshine during good weather. In fact, it has had a bleaching effect on my wood cabinets. Do you know if anything that can be applied to the glass to tone down the brightness?

A: Depending on the shape of the skylight dome, you may be able to have a transparent window film applied to the surface, which can block the damaging ultraviolet rays. You can buy do-it-yourself films, but the most effective films must be professionally installed.

Lumar (www.lumar.com) and Scotchtint (www.scotchtint.com) are quality brands that come with warranties if something goes wrong with their performance or appearance. The best fix - but also the most expensive - would be to replace your existing skylight with one that has UV-blocking glass or operable blinds sandwiched between the panes.

Q: We have a bedroom situated at the end of a long hallway. Although this room is connected to the forced-air heating system, it stays considerably cooler during the

heating season. Is it possible to adjust the central heating system to direct more heat into that room?

A: First, check to make sure that all the dampers controlling heat to that area are open; there can be as many as three. The damper in the floor- or wall-mounted register, which can be seen by using a flashlight, can be adjusted by moving a lever or wheel on the register.

Often there's another damper in the branch duct leading to the register. This is controlled by a wing nut on the side or bottom of the duct; when the wing nut is aligned parallel to the duct, the damper is open.

In some cases, there can even be a damper in the main trunk line, usually controlled by an L-shaped lever on the side of the vent.

If all the vents are wide open, consider installing an in-duct air boosting fan. This won't create more heat, but it will pull more air to the trouble spot. Before installation of this type of fan, recheck the system for any obstructions. Remove the wall or floor register panel and inspect the ductwork. If you install the air-boosting fan, bear in mind:

- Install it as near as possible to the cold room.
- You can wire it to a manually controlled switch or to the furnace's blower fan, so the booster fan turns on every time the furnace blower fan kicks in. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and all applicable codes.

- Installing it can be a pain. It's usually easiest to remove a few duct support brackets, drop down and remove one or two sections of round duct, install the booster fan, the re-install the whole works.

- These fans can also be used to improve the circulation of a gravity-type warm-air furnace.

Q: I have a mahogany door at the entrance to our home. I wanted natural wood, even though it is exposed to some weathering. The area is recessed some, so it is partially protected. When we purchased the door from a carpenter, he stained and finished it with two coats of polyurethane. The door is showing some signs of weathering. What is the best way to restore the natural wood luster and preserve the finish?

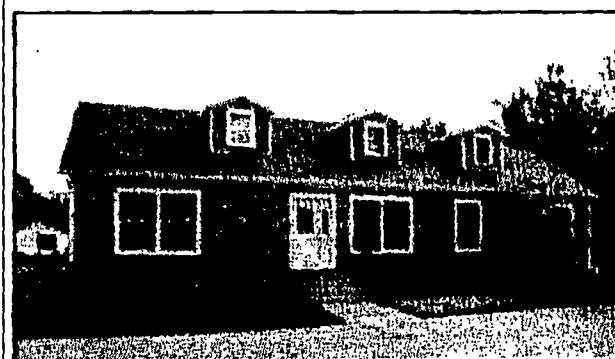
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HOME IDEAS

IT'S THE SEASON TO PEPPER ROADS WITH SALT

JEFF RUGG
Copley News Service.

Q: With the recent cold wave, I needed to add some salt to melt the ice on my driveway. I saw a product that said it was safe for plants, but it didn't list the ingredients. I didn't get it because it cost a lot more than the salt, but is there a product that can melt ice and not harm the plants?

A: The chemical in the product you found at the store was probably calcium magnesium acetate, or CMA. It is biodegradable and it is the safest of the ice-melting chemicals for plants and water sources and it is the most expensive.

It prevents the formation of the ice-to-surface bond if it is applied before the precipitation starts. It has a high initial cost, but its much lower environmental cost is almost never taken into account - just as the the low initial cost and extremely high environmental cost of rock salt and other common road salts is not taken into account.

CMA is very effective at very low temperatures and can be blended with other salts to make them more effective and to prevent corrosion and concrete damage.

Another ingredient that assists other chemicals is alpha methyl glucoside. It is a corn byproduct that speeds melting. Rock salt or sodium chloride is commonly found throughout the world and is the worst possible ice melter when it comes to plants and water quality.

Both calcium chloride and magnesium chloride release heat as they dissolve, which helps melt ice at low temperatures. They leave a slimy film on surfaces that is hard to remove. They both can pull water out of the atmosphere to melt in storage, making a mess.

Potassium chloride is safer for plants, but not very effective at low temperatures. Ammonium sulfate is also used in fertilizer, but it damages concrete.

Urea is also used in fertilizer and it is not corrosive, so it is often used in airports. Agricultural grade urea has too many contaminants to be used in airports.

Potassium acetate is biodegradable, but it is corrosive. Ethylene glycol is a liquid deicer that is used in automobile radiators. It is often used in airports, but it is very hazardous to plants, animals and bodies of water.

To avoid damage to plants, the ice-melting chemical must stay on its intended surface and not wash away. Unfortunately, all chemicals eventually wash away.

The best thing to do when you have to melt the ice is to use as little of the product as possible and try to spread it so that it won't get on plant beds or lawns.

E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenview.com.

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ADVANTAGES OF CMA

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Requires fewer applications.
- **Multipurpose**
Use straight, with salt, with sand or as a liquid.



In 2004, The cost of CMA was between \$580 and \$790/ton; road salt averaged \$39/ton.

CMA COMPARED TO SODIUM CHLORIDE:	CMA	Sodium chloride
Effective temperature °F:	+15	-6
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Effect on vegetation:	Slight	Severe
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AUTO SCENE A Look At Books

MARK MAYNARD
Copley News Service

MOPAR BY THE PAGE AND MONTH

Enthusiasts who are plum crazy for Mopar can get an eye-ful with the new coffee-table book "Challenger & 'Cuda: Mopar's E-Body Muscle Cars."

And they can get a monthly jolt with the calendar, "Mopar Muscle Cars." Both feature a cover photo of a restored Dodge Challenger R/T in factory plum crazy paint.

Author and photographer Robert Genat is an authority on Mopar and has written many photo books, covering the Hemi engine, hot rodding, drag racing and low riders.

The 192-page, 250-photo book is \$31.45 and the calendar is \$11.69 at www.motorbooks.com.

RESTORING MUSCLE

There's useful tribal knowledge in the second edition of "How To Restore Your Muscle Car" by Greg Donahue and Paul Zazarine. The book covers a dozen classic muscle car restorations with step-by-step instructions that include photos and captions. There are chapters on deciphering the VIN and Data plates, disassembly, interior restoration and how to put it all back together.

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But Shelby took a liking to Randy Leffingwell and David Newhardt, a couple of veteran auto authors and photographers, and shared his sense of detail for their new book, "Shelby Mustang: Racer for the Street."

The information covers the early years for Ford racing, the birth of the Cobra and the Daytona Coupe and how the Mustang was turned into a racer, then a street-pounding muscle car, with some background on the 2007 Shelby Cobra GT500.

Leffingwell has a knack for digging out the facts and found people who had never been interviewed before. Newhardt crisscrossed America to find special cars, including a 1966 factory drag car with the original engine. It was one of four built and the last to survive.

And outside Sacramento, he found the "Super Snake," a '67 GT500 with a 427 side-oiler

engine that was used as the Goodyear tire test car.

"It was the only Shelby made with three stripes," Newhardt says.

The hardback, 192-page book, published by Motorbooks, is \$31.46 at www.motorbooks.com.

New editions include the "Mustang Field Guide," by Brad Bowling; "Corvette Field Guide," by Jerry Heasley; "Supercars Field Guide," by Doug Mitchell; and the "Tuner Cars Field Guide," by Jay Clark.

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The new Web site, "Where the Car Hobby Clicks," was created by Barry Meguiar, of Meguiar's car-care products.

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