



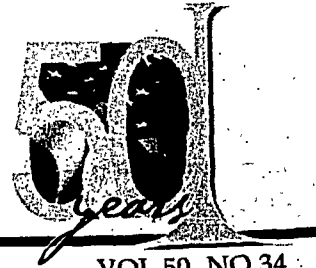
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OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Bugle Newspapers officially turn 50 this year. The company began in 1957 in the basement of the Besser Family and grew with Niles into the suburban newspaper group that it is today.

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In 2003 the Bessers sold the newspaper company to Richard Masterson and Robert Leach who now operate The Bugle Newspapers as a part of Voyager Media Group.

"We are happy to be celebrating The Bugle's 50th birthday this year," Publisher Richard Masterson said. "We're happy to continue to provide the quality news reporting that our readers have come to expect."

In order to mark this occasion, The Bugle will feature archived content all-year long beginning this week with content that appeared in 1957 and covering another year each week.

"We think that our readers will enjoy taking a walk through the historical content that is contained in our archive," said Editor Andrew Schneider. "Many of our readers may still remember the headlines and controversies that gripped Niles in the past and the achievements of our local civic and community leaders."

The first of The Bugle's 50th anniversary features is located on pages 14-15. Look for 1958 next week.

He left Iraq for Morton Grove

Edward Odisho left Iraq in 1980, after 26 years he looks back at his home country

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Edward Odisho, a resident of Morton Grove, escaped from Iraq in 1980 to come to the United States.

"It was a brutal dictatorship," said Odisho, describing the situation in Iraq at the time he escaped. "I had no choice but to escape."

Odisho was born in Iraq and lived there for almost 40 years. He lived in Iraq under Saddam's dictatorship for a year and decided that he could not live in those conditions any longer.

Odisho felt that Saddam Hussein should have been immediately executed on the spot at the moment he was found.

According to Odisho, in addition to killing many people, the biggest harm that Hussein has caused is the "retardation" of education and political stability over past decades.

Odisho described Hussein's



Edward Odisho

execution as the "destiny of dictators" and the honorable burial of President Ford as the "destiny of democracy."

Odisho, 68, is a linguistics professor at Northeastern Illinois University and has taught at Loyola University for 21 years.

Edward's son, Fred, fought for the United States of America, serving in Iraq.

Odisho said that he enjoys living in Morton Grove where he has been since 1997.

Park Ridge woman fatally struck by commuter train

A 45-year-old Park Ridge woman was struck by a Metra Commuter train in the 300 block of north Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge on Jan. 3 at approximately 4 p.m.

At this time, Park Ridge Police Chief Jeffrey Caudill said that the death appears to be a suicide.

Upon arriving at the scene, Park Ridge police observed the body lying inside the middle track. She was pronounced

dead at the scene. There are three sets of train tracks at this location.

The engineer of the train was interviewed and said that the Metra train was traveling northwest bound at approximately 45 mph. The engineer said that at mile marker 13.5, he observed a person walk out from behind the tree line on the Busse Hwy. side and walk up to the track that his train was traveling on. The person

then laid down on the tracks in front of the train. The engineer said that he sounded his horns and attempted to brake but could not stop before the train struck the woman.

Caudill said that on Jan. 4 the body was being examined by the Cook County Medical Examiners Office.

The Park Ridge Police Department is conducting a death investigation and at this time it appears to be a suicide.

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Lions donate to food pantry

The Niles Lions Club brought many Christmas food baskets to the Niles Senior Center for their food pantry on Dec. 14.

Pictured left to right are Lions Phil Bergquist, Randy Greco, Walt Beusse, Al Schafer, Norbert Johnson, Glenn Steude, Russ McAndrew, Martin Friedman, Jim Capek, Chris Kutselas and Dennis Burns.

It's easy to get lost in RETAIL-LAND

It's a story that is as old as time itself - boy loses girl while shopping.

I learned my shopping habits from my father (mostly); he follows along behind my mother aimlessly as she darts from one rack of clothes to another. Sometimes he carries her purse. As the shopping progresses, he serves as a pack mule for the purchases, starting ahead at nothing, as if in a trance. He only emerges from the protective trance once he's in the car, ready to drive home.

That isn't to say I don't like to shop, but only for electronics, movies and music. When it comes to clothing, my eyes glaze over like my dad's and I follow aimlessly behind my leader, carrying bags or hangers of whatever else.

Not to be too stereotypical about this, but I was always pretty sure that this was how it worked for most men and this last Christmas I received some confirmation from a close friend.



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ANDREW SCHNEIDER | EDITOR

He was shopping with his girlfriend for some post-Christmas deals at a mall somewhere in the city of Chicago. His girlfriend was in a clothing store called "Express" which is primarily distinguished because of its high prices, cheaply-made clothing and bad music played too loudly.

Over the din, he told his girlfriend that he was going to the mall bathroom while she tried on clothes. He would return, he said.

After he concluded his business, he returned to the dressing rooms and waited for her to emerge. He waited.

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Kogstad to resign from MG Board

By Tracy Yoshida Gruen
STAFF WRITER

Roy Kogstad has stepped away from his position as village trustee of Morton Grove.

Kogstad said he is a caregiver for a few ill family members and has found that over the past three months it's become very difficult to look after his family members, perform his work as a tax accountant and serve the village as a trustee at the same time.

"It's just becoming too much," said Kogstad, who is resigning immediately. "It's been a good experience."

Kogstad admits that "it's kind of been frustrating being in the minority position" among the village board. Kogstad is sometimes the only trustee to publicly disagree with other village board members and Mayor Richard Krier when he is



Roy Kogstad

opposed to something the board is leaning toward, such as increasing property taxes.

Kogstad said that the Caucus party made several promises to change the government in Morton Grove on behalf of the village residents and he feels they have not kept some of those promises. Kogstad is pleased, however, that in recent meetings board members have been voting 3-3 with Mayor Krier breaking the tie.

"I think the tide is turning," said Kogstad.

Kogstad said he's received a lot of support and well wishes from residents of the village. Many of them were glad to see him stand up against the opinions of other trustees and the mayor.

"It's a great disappointment to many of us who believed in what he stood for," said

Resident Pat Kansoer.

Kogstad said he is most proud of the fact that he has kept his promises to the residents of Morton Grove.

Kogstad said that helping to maintain a wholesome Village from unsavory businesses and protecting high school students (with the help of many) was also a highlight.

Lastly, he also noted providing sound financial solutions to the Villages' fiscal challenges allowed him to utilize his 20 years of accounting and financial expertise.

Mayor Krier said that he had no idea that Kogstad was resigning until he read about it in the newspaper.

"The reason we didn't get along is that there was no communication," said Krier.

Village Attorney Terry Liston also commented that they were unaware that he was resigning from the position of village trustee.

Objections to Caucus petitions denied

Two residents of Morton Grove recently submitted objections to the nominating petitions submitted by Caucus Party candidates and were both denied by the Electoral Board.

Resident Patrick Kansoer filed an objection and was denied at a hearing and resident John Gattorna also filed an objection and was denied at a separate hearing. The nomination papers

pertain to Caucus Party candidates, Dale Senesky, Carol Gail and Dayal Patel.

The Electoral Board is composed of Chairman Mayor Richard Krier and Carol Fritzshall, both members of the Caucus Party, and Village Trustee Dan DiMaria.

"Both Gattorna and I were hosed," said Kansoer. Both of the residents objected to technical-

ties in the paperwork. One of the technical objections is that the office that they are seeking is listed as "village trustee," without specifically listing the village of Morton Grove. Gattorna's objection states that the designation "village trustee" is incomplete and does not comply with the Illinois Election Code.

Gattorna also said that a staff liaison to one of the village's commissions appears to have obtained signatures of commission members on village property during village time. Village attorney Terry Liston said there was a motion to strike that from the complaint because it wasn't something that the electoral board would handle.

"Obviously, I would not have filed an objection if I didn't think it was valid," said Kansoer. "I was all set to file an appeal, but after finding out Kogstad resigned I didn't see any point."

Kansoer compares the politics in Morton Grove to "Chicago style" politics and Mayor Krier to Mayor Daley. Kansoer said that it would have been too expensive to hire an attorney for an appeal.

The Electoral Board concluded that the listing of the office on the statement of candidacy when read as a whole with the other nomination papers was "not confusing and properly stated the office sought by the candidates." The board stated that it was legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

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Forum on ND ownership held, coverage next week

A new ownership forum was expected to take place on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Notre Dame High School.

The executive board, which assumed ownership of Notre Dame High School on Jan. 1,

was expected to outline its initial plans for the school and also answer questions from those who were present.

Executive board members and President Fr. Mike DeLaney, CSC, were present at the forum.

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45 minutes and then began to suspect that something was wrong.

He went to the dressing room attendant who ensures that no one is shoplifting by wearing clothes out of the store and inquired about his girlfriend. She had no idea who he was talking about.

Meanwhile, at the "Express" his girlfriend emerged from the dressing room and, didn't see her boyfriend. She began her own wait, but soon tired of it and went looking for him at the electronics store where she suspected he had gone, passing by a store called "The Limited" on her way.

The two were unable to find one another for over an hour. As it turned out, my friend had emerged from the bathroom and entered "The Limited" instead of the "Express" and, unable to tell one from the other, had remained there not realizing that anything was wrong until he had grown so impatient with what he believed to be his girlfriend's leisurely shopping pace and inquired after her in the waiting room.

The girlfriend had concluded that he had lost himself in the electronics store when he should have been attending her.

The result? Two aggravated people who couldn't settle on whether to do their shopping in a limited fashion, or in the express lanes.



Left to right, FF/Medic Dan Ryan, FF/Medic James Leibach, Fire Chief Barry Mueller, patient Haley Mallon, Sgt. Michelle Livingston and Coordinator FF/Medic Roman Kopinski.

Niles Fire Dept., US Marine toy drive a success

The Niles Fire Department wishes to thank everyone who donated to our very successful third annual Niles Fire Department and U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots drive.

The toy drive was a huge success bringing hundreds of toys that were dropped off at the fire department, Niles Senior Center and Niles Fitness Center. The generosity and outpouring continues to overwhelm us each year.

The majority of toys were picked up by Marine Air Control Group 48 Wing Great Lakes Naval Base. On December 22, 2006, Fire Chief Barry Mueller, Program coordinator

firefighter Roman Kopinski, fellow firefighters and Sgt. Michelle Livingston of MACG 48 distributed toys to young children and teenagers at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Nina Sittler, Certified Child Life Specialist, and fellow staff members accompanied firefighters in helping to pass out gifts in the Child Life Department where children are hospitalized throughout the holidays, short term and long term.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas day, firefighters distributed to over a dozen families in need in Niles. The children were all very happy and excited

to receive these gifts and their parents touched by the kindness of the donations. After distributing some toys to local families, District Chief Martin Feld stated "it's amazing how a small gesture around the holidays can bring so much joy and happiness to so many."

We are sure that each year will be more successful than the year before. People have opened up their hearts to children in need and have given them a special holiday. Firefighter Kopinski stated "toys from Legos to bicycles from dolls to baseball gloves were donated, the generosity of these secret Santas was astounding."



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Before you know it, you'll be eating better, feeling better and living better, explained Dr. Bob Arnot, who has served as chief medical and health correspondent for national news shows. For example, exercise should be compared to play — not a chore. "I've always advocated fun sports, such as walking, golfing or biking, as the best way to stay fit," said Arnot, also a best-selling author. "I find biking the single best sport for keeping in shape because from day one, you put in as much time and distance as you want. It's also friendly to the joints."

Another timely tip: bookmark a favorite online resource that offers a refreshing perspective and a dose of inspiration. A top pick is www.EatBetterAmerica.com, which features simple tips on eating better, the benefits of doing so and recipes to get started. Good nutrition, Arnot notes, not only plays a role in weight management, it can also have a big impact on reducing risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes.

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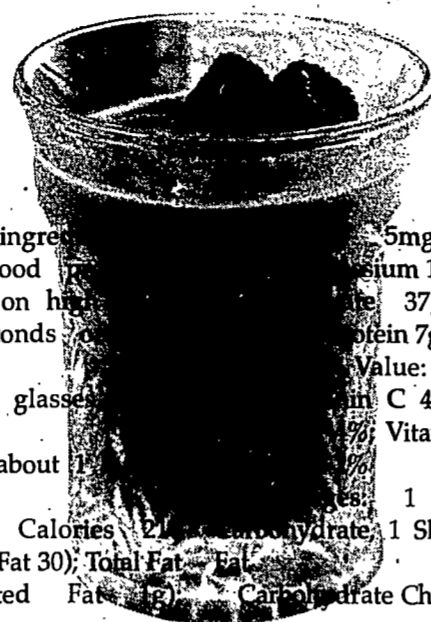
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One Doctor's Rx for Eating Better, Feeling Better

Dr. Bob Arnot, experienced medical journalist and best-selling author, offers his top three personal tips for better health:

First Things First: Breakfast is my favorite meal — hands down. I still start with a whole grain cereal, such as my childhood favorite Wheat Chex, slice a banana on it, throw in some blueberries and douse it in ice-cold soy milk. I tell patients breakfasts are free... meaning this meal won't add inches to your waistline, but it will give you the energy to help fuel your morning. And, choose cereals with lots of fiber to help fill you up and get you off to a healthy start. What if your kids won't eat adult cereals? Look for kids' cereals made with whole grain; they provide many essential nutrients in addition to the health benefits of whole grain.

Chill: Fresh vegetables are often perceived as the healthiest choice. However, within hours after harvest, nutrients begin to disappear. And, during the week-long trip from the fields to the grocery store, a significant amount of nutrients can be lost. What's the solution? Today, food companies literally freeze fruits and vegetables within hours of being picked to retain valuable nutrients. In fact frozen fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh. I stock my freezer with corn, broccoli, green beans, blueberries and raspberries. They taste as fresh as if I just picked them myself.

Enjoy Soy: Soy is a super healthful food I enjoy every day. Using it in my cereal bowl at breakfast, or in a smoothie, is great because it delivers a low-fat, naturally cholesterol free protein great for heart health. If I'm in a hurry and need instant nutrition, I'll grab a glass of soy milk. Substituting soy milk for whole milk may help lower my cholesterol level. And, like many adults with some degree of lactose intolerance, I use soy milk as a terrific replacement for milk and a great way to get added calcium to help reduce my risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures.

"If you make one change to your health routine," said Arnot, "make breakfast a must." He recommends cereal made with whole grain topped with fruit and ice-cold skim or soy milk.



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Experts give their best advice on shaping up

By R.J. Ignelzi
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Getting in shape is probably near the top of many people's New Year's resolutions lists. However, for lots of folks, that's as far as it goes - a well-intentioned aspiration that never makes it into reality.

FITNESS FORUM

Incorporating fitness into your life can seem like an overwhelming endeavor, especially for someone who hasn't exercised regularly. To make it worse, there's an abundance of conflicting information out there via buff celebrities and Internet fitness gurus.

To help simplify things and motivate you with some solid exercise advice, nine fitness professionals offer what they each consider a practical, yet vital tip for improving or maintaining your fitness for 2007.

Plan your workout and work your plan. Richard Cotton, chief exercise physiologist with www.myexerciseplan.com

"After the first of the year, people go diving into a weight loss or exercise program without any upfront planning. And, they usually fail because they don't have a plan," Cotton says. "You've got to have a specific, well-thought-out (fitness) plan and anticipate possible barriers and obstacles so when the first one hits, it won't be a surprise."

A fitness plan starts with determining specific goals.

"Don't just say you want to lose weight or lower your cholesterol. Rather determine how many pounds you want to drop or how much you'd like to decrease your cholesterol and in what period of time. Be realistic," Cotton says.

He recommends creating a "fitness vision" looking six months into the future. At what weight do you see yourself? What cholesterol level?

Focus on any barriers you might face in reaching your goals and how you plan on overcoming them.

"Write it all down and get it out of your head," Cotton says, noting that during the year you may need to revise and rewrite your goals and visions as you achieve them.

Work with a certified fitness professional. Todd Galati, kinesiologist, personal trainer and certification and exam development manager for the American Council on Exercise

"A fitness professional can help you reach your personal physical goals just as a financial planner can help you with your financial goals or a medical professional can help you when you have medical needs," Galati says.

While you can make some progress on your own, if you really want to reach your fitness goals, enlist the aid of a pro who can help you set up a program that will help you progress and set attainable goals.

In the beginning, you can work with a trainer once or twice a week. Then as you get into the maintenance phase, the schedule can be every couple of months, Galati says.

Trainers, who usually charge \$55 to \$85 an hour, can be found through the ACE Web site, www.acefitness.org. Look for someone who holds a professional certification from organizations such as ACE, the National Strength and Conditioning Association and the American College of Sports Medicine.

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Attempted armed robbery in Morton Grove

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1 Attempted Armed Robbery (6900 block of Dempster)

A 19-year-old Morton Grove boy, a 20-year-old Skokie boy and a 20-year-old Northfield girl were arrested for an attempted armed robbery on Dec. 27. Two of the subjects entered the store with a realistic-looking fake gun and a hold-up note. The other subject was waiting in the car as the getaway driver. They were arrested before the robbery took place, said police. The subjects have a court date of Jan. 11.

2 Burglary to Vehicle (6600 block of Palma)

Unknown person(s) burglarized an unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway sometime between Dec. 27 and Dec. 28. The victim said all of the items in the glove compartment were scattered all over the floor and car seat, but nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

3 Damaged Inflatable Christmas Decorations (8900 block of Major)

The victims said they were inside their home when they saw someone run up and hit their inflatable Christmas snow globe on Dec. 30. The snow globe with a value of \$150 was cut and the inflatable snowman worth \$100 was also damaged. The subject(s) fled away in a dark colored Jeep Wrangler.

4 DUI/Child Endangerment (Dempster/Austin)

A Morton Grove man was taken into custody after he was driving under the influence with his son in the vehicle on Dec. 31. The man was issued a citation for driving under the influence of alcohol and for endangering the health/life of a child. He has a court date of Feb. 14.

5 Criminal Damage to Vehicle (5500 block of Washington)

Police said unidentified person(s) poured green paint on the back hatch of a 2002 Chevy minivan and silver paint on the driver's side door sometime between Dec. 29 and Dec. 30.

6 Criminal Damage to Property/Resisting Arrest (8600 block of Ferris)

Police were called to the 8600 block of Ferris for a report of domestic battery on Dec. 29. The victim said the subject is under house arrest and is not supposed to drink. However,

the victim said the subject was drunk and "breaking all her stuff." The subject was leaning out the window and the police pulled him back in.

7 No Valid Driver's License (Dempster/Waukegan)

A 52-year-old Morton Grove woman was arrested on Dec. 28 for having no valid driver's license. The bond is set at \$2,000 and the court date is Jan. 25.

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8 Criminal Damage to Property (6400 block of Touhy Ave.)

Unknown person(s) damaged the beds, mirrors, walls and pictures at a motel sometime between Tuesday, Jan. 2 and Wednesday, Jan. 3. Police said the subject(s) caused more than \$1,000 in damage.

9 Burglary to Vehicle (8600 block of National)

Police said unknown subject(s) shattered the front passenger side window of a vehicle

and removed a \$94 radar detector and a black leather briefcase containing miscellaneous papers on Thursday, Jan. 4.

10 Battery at Restaurant (9100 block of Golf)

A subject reportedly thought two victims said something about his girlfriend when she walked past them and as a result the subject struck one victim in the jaw and punched another in the nose on Thursday, Jan. 4.

11 Theft/Battery (7900 block of Milwaukee)

Police said five or six subjects entered the liquor aisle and filled a cart with miscellaneous bottles of alcohol and left the store without paying on Tuesday, Jan. 2. When the complainant tried to stop them from leaving one subject punched the complainant in the mouth and said, "What? Are you trying to stop us?"

12 Subject Steals Earrings (220 Golf Mill)

A subject concealed a pair of

\$30 silver earrings in her sweatshirt pocket and left the store on Monday, Jan. 1. The subject was issued a ticket for petite theft.

13 Four Tires Slashed (7900 block of Crain)

Unidentified person(s) slashed both left side tires on two vehicles sometime between Friday, Dec. 29 and Saturday, Dec. 30. The officer observed all four tires flat.

14 Intoxicated Subject Injures Himself on Vehicle (7200 block of Waukegan)

A subject entered the bar yelling and swearing at customers on Saturday, Dec. 30. The manager refused to sell the subject alcohol because of his intoxicated state. While outside, the subject lost his balance and fell down and hit his forehead on the hood of a parked car. He was transported to Resurrection Hospital.

15 Father and Daughter Arrested for Battery (8900 block of Merrill)

Police arrested a 19-year-old girl and her 47-year-old father for domestic battery on Tuesday, Jan. 2. The daughter was reportedly upset and threw a shoe at her mother. The father then chased her up the stairs, punched her and kicked her in the upper body. The father said his wife was struck in the head with the shoe, which his daughter disagrees with. They were both given a Jan. 19 court date.

Police arrested a 42-year-old Niles man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol on Dec. 31. The man was traveling 58 mph in a 35 mph zone. The bond is set at \$3,000 and the court date is Jan. 29.

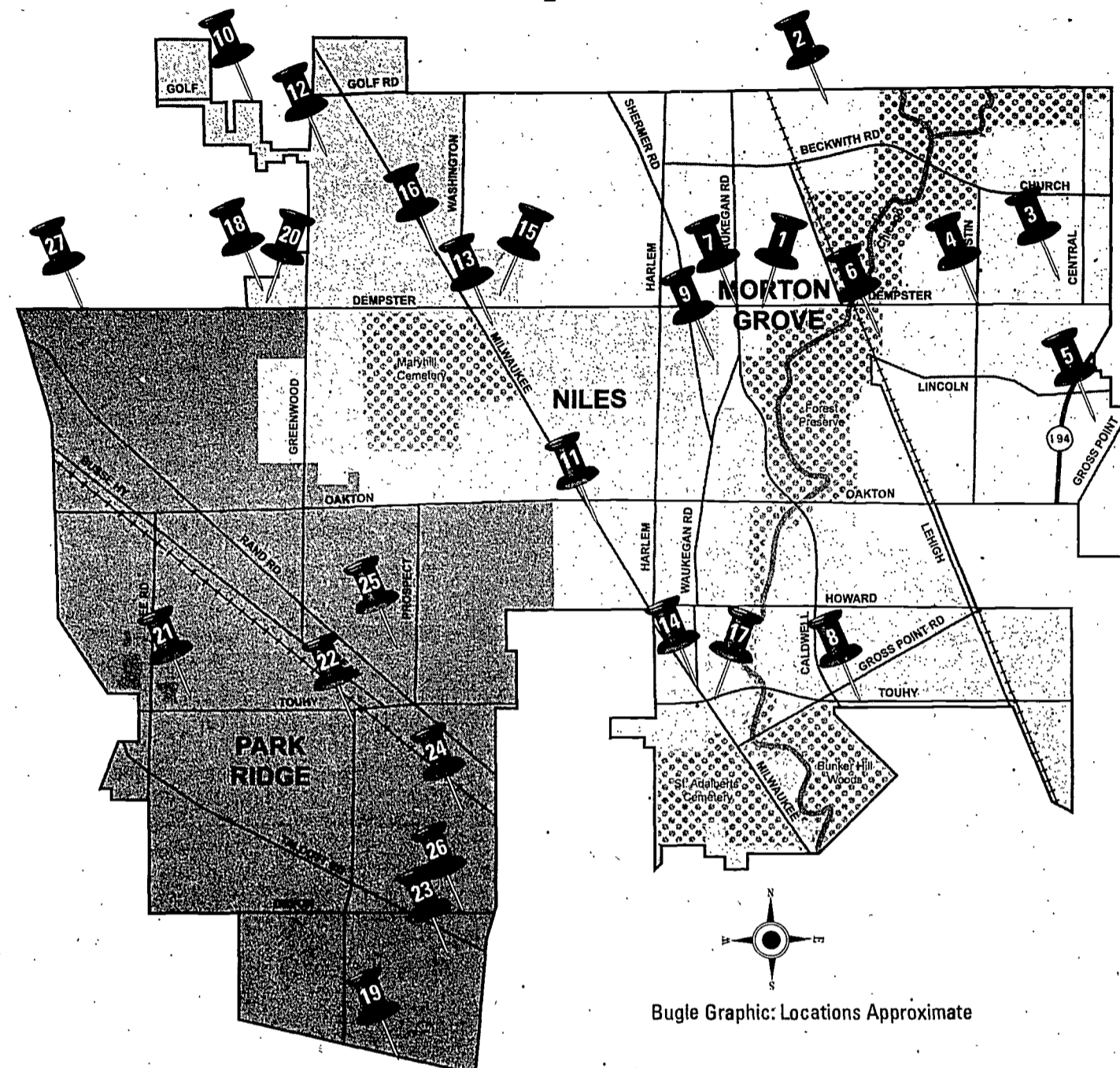
16 DUI Arrest (9000 block of Milwaukee)

A 40-year-old Niles man was arrested on Jan. 1. The arrestee came to the Niles Police Department about an issue

17 Warrant Arrest (7000 block of W. Touhy)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's 1999 Jeep Wrangler by cutting the soft top sometime between Thursday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Dec. 29. The subject(s) took a glove compartment door and the center con-

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Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

Niles man found dead on New Year's Day

A 38-year-old Niles man was found dead at his home in the 8800 block of N. Cumberland Ave. on New Year's Day.

A busboy at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, the man came home from work at around 9:30 p.m. Friday night and joined in with the holiday festivities. Police said he allegedly consumed a few beers and a couple of shots of an alcoholic beverage and

was last seen sleeping on the couch at the residence at around 4:30 a.m.

On New Year's morning, at around 8:20 a.m., the man was found in a lifeless state on the couch. He was transported to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge where he was pronounced dead at 9 a.m. He was then transported to the Cook County Morgue. Niles police say an autopsy and toxicology results are pending.

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concerning his domestic problems and a criminal history check revealed an active warrant out of Dupage for failure to appear on a traffic violation. Bond is set at \$3,000.

PARK RIDGE

18 Burglary to Vehicle (1700 block of Ballard Rd)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's 1996 Jeep Cherokee by breaking the rear window on Saturday, Dec. 30, said police. The subject(s) took a Pioneer stereo with an unknown value.

19 Subject Threw Eggs at Vehicle (500 block of W. Higgins)

Unidentified person(s) threw eggs at the victim's 2004 Infiniti on Wednesday, Dec. 27. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

20 Graffiti on City Signs (2000 block of Parkside)

A police officer observed graffiti written on city street signs on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the 2000 block of Parkside.

21 Stereo Taken from Vehicle (100 block of N. Broadway)

Unknown person(s) entered the victim's 1996 Dodge Avenger by unknown non-force means sometime between Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28. An in-dash stereo worth \$350 was taken.

22 Stolen Glove Compartment Door (900 block of W. Garden)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's 1999 Jeep Wrangler by cutting the soft top sometime between Thursday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Dec. 29. The subject(s) took a glove compartment door and the center con-

sole lock was also damaged. The console contents were found on the front seat, said police.

23 Subject Strikes Vehicle with Paintballs (1400 block of S. Ashland)

Unknown person(s) struck the victim's bay window with three paint balls, causing the window to break sometime between Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28. The estimated cost of the damage is unknown.

24 Burglary to Vehicle (100 block of Columbia)

Unknown subject(s) entered the victim's 2002 Pontiac Montana and removed the victim's purse on Monday, Jan. 1. The purse was later recovered on the next block but the victim's wallet, credit cards and IDs were missing from the purse.

25 Brick Smashes Vehicle Window (400 block of Grand Blvd)

Police said unknown person(s) used a brick to smash out the driver's front side window of the victim's 1998 Saturn on Dec. 28. The estimated cost of the damage is \$300.

26 Zero Tolerance Arrest (Devon and Canfield)

A 17-year-old Park Ridge female was arrested on Dec. 28 and charged with zero tolerance with respect to the use of alcohol/curfew. She was released to her guardian and has a court hearing date of Feb. 13.

27 Disorderly Conduct Arrest (2600 block of Dempster)

A 39-year-old Park Ridge man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was involved in a confrontation with another person on Jan. 1. He was released on his own recognition and has a court date of Jan. 17.

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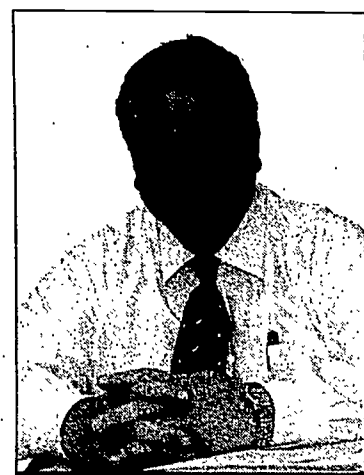
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A Letter from the Publisher

Bugle turns 50

Perhaps you noticed a small addition to the front page of our newspaper this week. While we're new to the southwest suburbs, the year 2007 marks the 50th year that The Bugle Newspapers have been publishing.



Richard Masterson
PUBLISHER

The company began in 1957 in the suburban Niles basement of the Besser family. The newspaper made a name for itself by advocating for the rights of local homeowners and change in local government.

The Bessers guided the newspaper through a tumultuous post-WWII period of growth in Niles' history where it went from a small town on the fringe of the Chicago-metro area to the mature, "first-tier" suburb it is today.

The Besser family ultimately retired from newspaper publishing and sold The Bugle Newspapers to me and my partner, sports editor, Robert Leach.

Since we purchased the newspaper company we have

expanded from our Niles home to new territories in southwest-suburban Bolingbrook and Romeoville, but our dedication to Niles hasn't changed because of these responsibilities nor has our dedication to serve our readers in all of the communities we publish.

We are happy to take this time to mark our 50th anniversary as we renew our commitment to our readers.

Preventing the next Columbine

Schools for the most part are very safe places. That is why a horrific event like Columbine terrifies and shocks us to the core. The real tragedy is how two psychopaths could behave so brazenly and still fly under the radar of teachers, police and administrators. What is the real lesson of Columbine?

You see, plenty of kids at Columbine knew these two psychos. They told their parents, teachers and even the police - all to no avail. The



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Letters to the Editor

Caucus candidate objection a 'nuisance' suit

Dear Editor,
On Friday December 22nd, a hearing was held at 3:00 pm in the Morton Grove council chamber. The reason was to listen to a complaint by a citizen regarding the petitions of the Caucus Party. These petitions are for the party to appear on the ballot in April, 2007. He filed a pseudo-legal paper claim-

ing the petitions had errors that made them invalid and that the Caucus Party should not be allowed on the ballot. However, he did not bring evidence to support his claim and the lawyer for the Caucus Party noted the references he cited had no bearing on and were irrelevant to his petition. The three-person hearing board voted unanimously to reject the petition.
On Friday December 29

decade leading up to 9/11 American leaders had allowed our intelligence gathering to become overly technical and bureaucratic. It needed to be on the ground and gotten by people closest to the situation. In our schools we need a system that relies on those who know best to provide the necessary information to keep our schools safe. Those people are the children themselves.
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another hearing was held, same time, same place, same complaint, same rejection. This time a man associated with the Action Party was the complainant. Again, no supporting evidence and no rebuttal to the Caucus Party lawyer. These nuisance suits are a considerable waste of village money. The required court reporters are not inexpensive. The time wasted by village officials and staff also.
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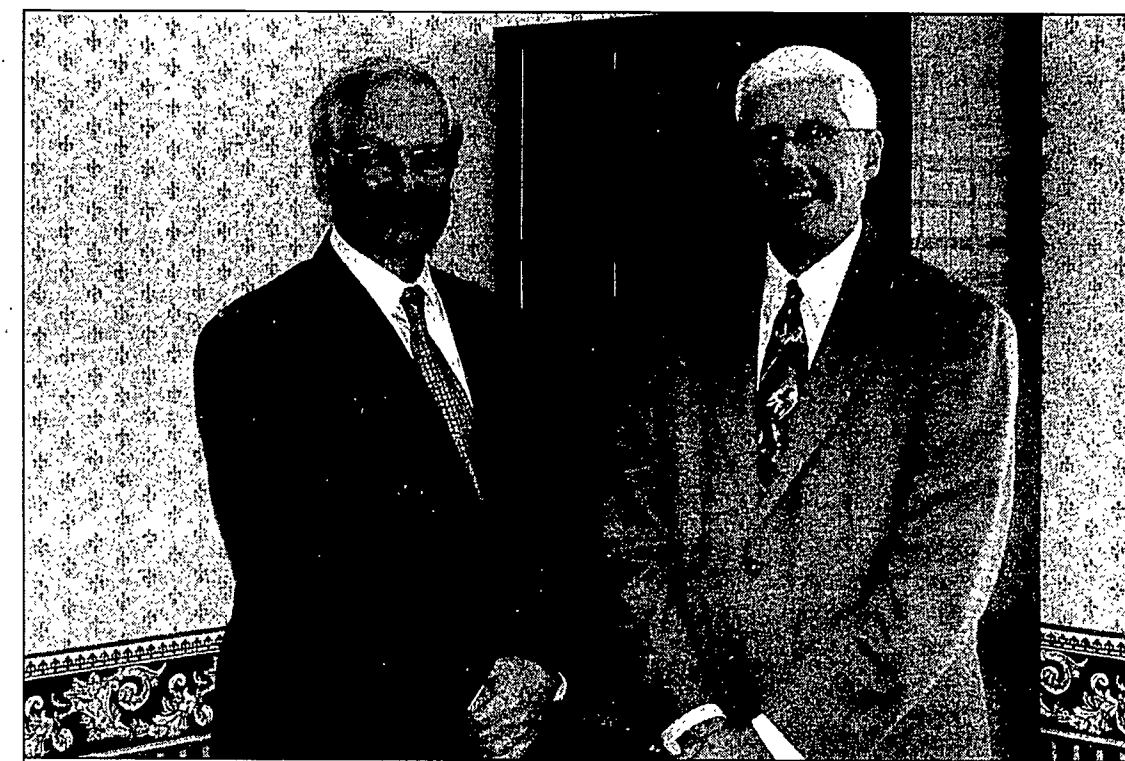
Bidding final farewell to Larry Ptasinski

Lawrence J. Ptasinski, the former president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce who worked in Niles as an attorney and lived in Park Ridge, was recently struck and killed by a drunk driver near his vacation home in Wisconsin.

Ptasinski, 57, was standing by his 2005 Volvo near the intersection of U.S. Highway 14 and Wisconsin Highway 67 in Walworth when he was suddenly struck by a Dodge pickup on Saturday, Dec. 30. After several hours of surgery to try to save his life he passed away on Dec. 31.

"We're all devastated here," said Katie DiMaria, the director of the Niles Chamber of Commerce. For about 25 years, Ptasinski has been involved in the Niles Chamber of Commerce and served on the board for many years. He was also one of the few to receive the honorable title of Director Emeritus of the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

DiMaria said that Ptasinski was very active and volunteered his time and energy to help the chamber in various ways. She



The late Larry Ptasinski, left, with his law partner Don Smith.

said that he will be extremely missed.

Ptasinski worked as an attorney with his partner Don Smith at the Golf Mill Professional Building in Niles since 1994. He

primarily practiced in the areas of real estate, estate planning, estate and trust administration and the representation of small businesses.

Smith describes "Larry" as a

fun-loving, enthusiastic, curious person who loved to learn. Every morning Larry could be found at the pancake house in Park Ridge reading the newspaper. Smith said he would often clip out arti-

cles and give them to people if he thought they were of interest to them.

"There were hundreds and hundreds of people at his wake and his funeral," said Smith. "Over the years our clients became our friends. People trusted him. He exuded a lot of confidence."

Ptasinski loved to travel, visit national parks and other outdoor sites, and he was a huge Cubs and Notre Dame football fan. He enjoyed collecting autographs and sports memorabilia.

"He loved his family," said Smith. "Larry's going to be missed greatly."

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his daughter, Catherine (24); his son, Joseph (21) and his parents, Joseph and Jean. He is also survived by mother-in-law, Sally Zajac, sister-in-law, Judith Zajac and a close family friend, Judith Jenrich.

A funeral mass was held at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Park Ridge. Funeral arrangements were handled by Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home in Niles.

Make useful financial goals for the new year

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Instead of preaching to people about what kind of financial resolutions they should be embracing for the New Year, I decided to ask people to share their own financial goals.

MONEY & YOU

I began my research at the dog park, where I was headed with my golden retriever. While there, I became so engrossed in a conversation with a woman with a handsome Siberian husky - her admirable goal for 2007 was to reduce her debt by 20 percent - that I didn't notice when a bulldog decided to mark what he apparently considered his territory. The dog had enough time to urinate on my legs.

If you need evidence that I take New Year's resolutions seriously, there's a bulldog wearing a spiked collar who can vouch for my intensity.

This incident, as humiliating as it was, didn't deter me from continuing to pry financial resolutions from friends, relatives and strangers. Setting yearly financial goals, after all, is

important and following through is critical.

While people humored me and shared their financial goals, it struck me that most were worthwhile and immovably doable. Here are some resolutions I collected:

- At the gym. I climb the StairMaster almost every morning and when I'm lucky I'm joined by a friend who bounds up the moving stairs twice as fast as me. (My 2007 resolution is to pick up my pace.)

- Her goal is to get her husband to stop treating their finances as his personal fiefdom. He's a great guy, but he routinely fails to share what's happening with their financial picture. And it's been like this for more than 25 years. In 2006, for instance, he sold their stocks and never bothered to tell her.

Her experience reminds me of this phenomenon: When guys look in a mirror, they usually believe their physiques look just fine. Even though the Y chromosome doesn't make men financial wizards, I suspect that many men possess the same attitude about their investments. When they

review their account statements, they tend to think everything is just fine.

And that's just one reason women need to get involved. Wives who don't know what their husbands are up to need to find out and also educate themselves on investing basics.

- At the hair salon. Securing an appointment with a great hairstylist during the Christmas season is only slightly less difficult than buying a Nintendo Wii. But when my daughter broke her wrist playing in a high school soccer tournament - and missed her appointment - my hairstylist/friend felt sorry for her and squeezed her in later.

My friend's goal is to make four extra mortgage payments in 2007. She is a single mom and would love to have her condo paid off by the time she retires. Some people would rather pump extra cash into their retirement accounts, while others feel more secure having the house paid off earlier.

I don't think there is a right or wrong answer to this one, but those who toss a little extra cash into their monthly payment can dramatically reduce

their mortgage servitude. Suppose you are paying \$1,750 a month for 30 years on a \$300,000 fixed loan with an interest rate of 5.75 percent. If you round up to \$1,800 each month - an extra \$50 - you'd slash 25 months off your mortgage.

- On vacation. Spending Christmas in St. Louis was bittersweet because my dad had decided this year to sell the family home. He no longer wants to cook for himself or continue asking his grandsons to mow the lawn or shovel the snow, so he's moving into a beautiful retirement facility nearby.

My dad's financial goal is a timely one: He wants to know what he should do with the cash he'll pocket from the sale of his house. He posed the question to the two kids in the family who he believes should know the answer: my youngest brother, John O'Shaughnessy, the chief financial officer for an order of nuns, and me.

We suggested that he shouldn't just look at this chunk of money, but take it as an opportunity to examine his entire portfolio.

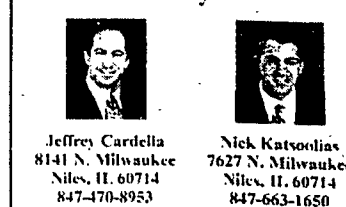
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Balbin graduates from basic training

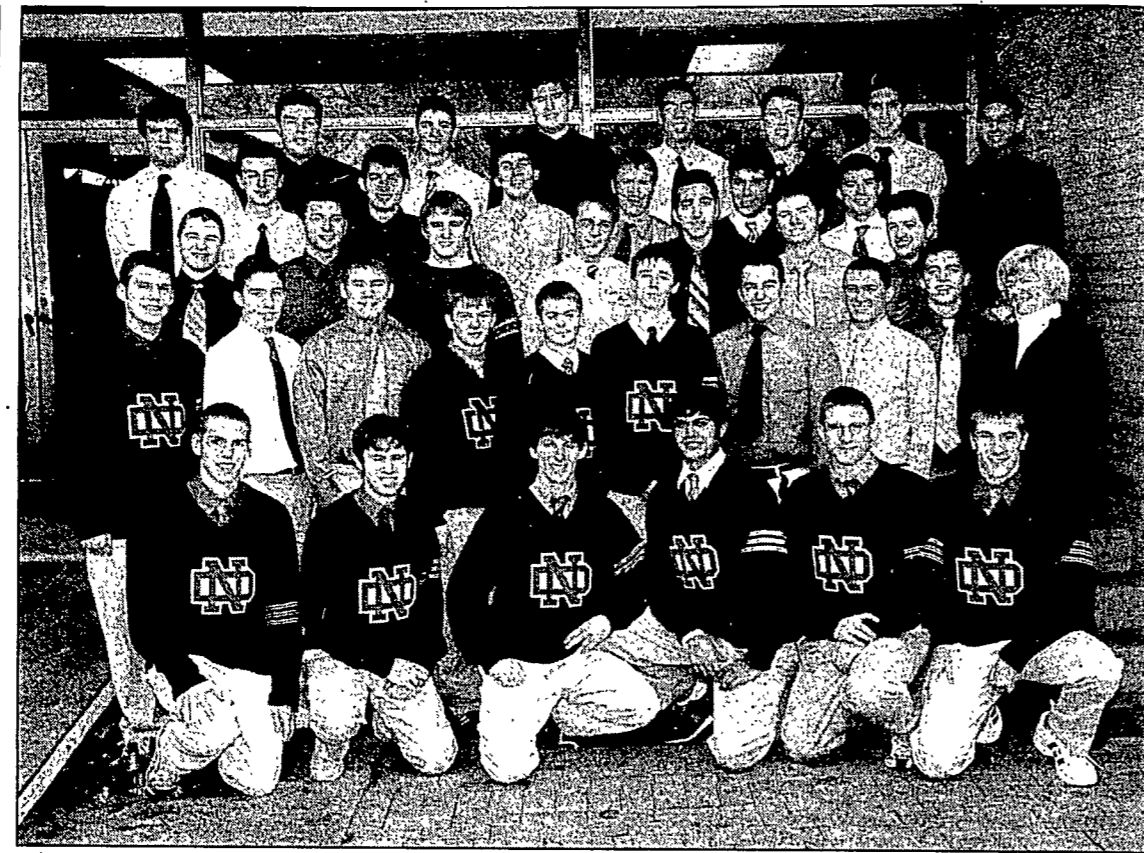
Air Force Airman Kevin C. Balbin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical train-

ing, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Mario and Miriam Grace Balbin of Sayre Road, Morton Grove, Ill.

Notre Dame High School's Placement Exam Saturday

Notre Dame High School in Niles will hold its placement examination for eighth grade students on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 8 am. Notre Dame is an all-male school of 760 young men located at 7655 West Dempster Street. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a non-

graphing calculator to the test and there is a \$25 testing fee. Pre-registration is not necessary. Registration will take place in the Library starting at 7:15 am prior to the test. For more information, please contact LaVerne Bontempo in the Enrollment Department at 847.779.8615.



ND inducts members into National Honor Society

Fr. Basil Moreau, CSC chapter of the National Honor Society at Notre Dame High School proudly announced the induction of 20 new members, 20 juniors and 4 seniors, to its ranks.

The National Honor Society at Notre Dame High School is a select group of Notre Dame students who best represent the virtues of character, scholarship, leadership and service. Students do not apply but are selected for membership by a faculty committee. Only juniors and seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or above are considered.

The 2006-2007 inductees include the following:

(Chicago 60656)

- Anthony Giannese '07 (Chicago)
- Shane Murray '07 (Chicago 60646)
- Arthur Zlotnicki '07 (Chicago 60634)
- Zachary Abraham '08 (Mt. Prospect)
- Thomas Baran Jr. '08 (Chicago 60656)
- Phillip Bogusz '08 (Des Plaines)
- Michael Casey '08 (Niles)
- Bo Cisek '08 (Harwood Heights)
- Joseph Frake '08 (Morton Grove)
- Joseph Godziszewski '08 (Norridge)
- George Koutsostamatis '08 (Chicago 60646)

- Edward Lapinski '08 (Des Plaines)
- Gregory Lucchesi '08 (Park Ridge)
- William McTighe III '08 (Chicago 60631)
- Brendan O'Reilly '08 (Chicago 60646)
- Michael Sharifi '08 (Morton Grove)
- Ross Simkins '08 (Morton Grove)
- Daniel Stagl '08 (Deerfield)
- Daniel Zajac '08 (Niles)

These members were introduced during NDHS' annual Grandparents Mass where the grandparents of the Dons were honored. Over 300 guests attended.

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presented the gifts to the children.

The Adopt-A-Kid Program was founded in 1988, by Rosanne Eiternick and a youth group of 10 in order to distribute gifts to 24 foster children. The concept was to give two gifts to each child, one practical (clothing, hat, gloves) and one impractical or fun (toy, game). The program has developed over time and now serves over 5,000 children in Chicago who are most in need.

SPORTS



Over 50 Notre Dame High School (Niles) alumni wrestlers attended the Inaugural Wrestling Reunion on January 5, 2007.

Notre Dame alumni grapplers reunite

Over 50 Notre Dame alumni wrestlers came back to their alma mater for the Inaugural Wrestling Reunion on Friday, January 5 as the Dons took on Joliet Catholic and St. Patrick.

Each alumni wrestler was greeted by athletic department secretary Judy Byrne

and received a t-shirt that read, "ND Wrestling: The older I get, the better I was." After Notre Dame beat Joliet Catholic and before the St. Patrick match, each wrestler was introduced and given a moment to be recog-

nized on the center mat "I thought it was a tremendous success to have guys from every decade," head wrestling coach Augie Genovesi said. Even though the Dons lost a hard fought match to St. Patrick, the festivities still

continued in the library as wrestlers were treated to refreshments and food. Coach Genovesi then spoke to the alumni and thanked them for their continued support. "With the work ethic that wrestlers have, they can feed

off each other and respect and appreciate each other," Genovesi said. "[The wrestlers] all have self-discipline and it's a tremendous accomplishment to them to go through with this sport. If you can wrestle, you can do anything."

Knights of Columbus free-throw contest

The Annual Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest - for Boys and Girls from 10 - 14 years old, sponsored by Council 4338, Niles, will be held on Saturday, January 27, in the St. John Brebeuf gymnasium, 8301 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Doors will be opening at 8:30 am.

Each of the Boy and Girl Competitions will be held in the gym, starting at 9 am with 10 year olds, 9:30 am for the 11 yrs. old, 10 am for the 12 yrs. old, 10:30 am for 13 yrs. old and 14 yrs. old.

Each group will shoot independently and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be awarded

prizes. First Place winners in each category will have an opportunity to compete in Knights of Columbus District # 7 competition, to be held in February.

Every Boy and Girl in the neighborhood is encouraged to participate in this competition, attempting to become champion of their age bracket.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Bowled Wednesday, January 3, 2007

Points	Won	Lost
Classic Bowl	7	0
Bielinski and Bono Dental	5	2
Candlelight Jewelers	5	2
Skaja Terrace Funeral Home	2	5
NorthSide Community Bank	2	5
Niles Dairy Queen	0	7

High Series/Game: Olivia Tanada 506/182, Millie Kroll 495/181, Mary Johnson 477/182, Bing Calso 474/177, Dahlia Sarosario 470/158, Helen Reyes 460/161, Pam de la Cruz 169, Helma Drag 167, Remy Huszar 159

1997 Elite Eight Celebration

Members of the 1997 Elite Eight Basketball Team, who are celebrating the 10-year Anniversary of their memorable run Downstate, will be

honored between the sophomore and varsity home basketball games against St. Viator, approx. 7 pm at Notre Dame High School in Niles.



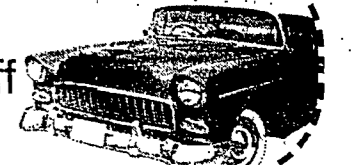
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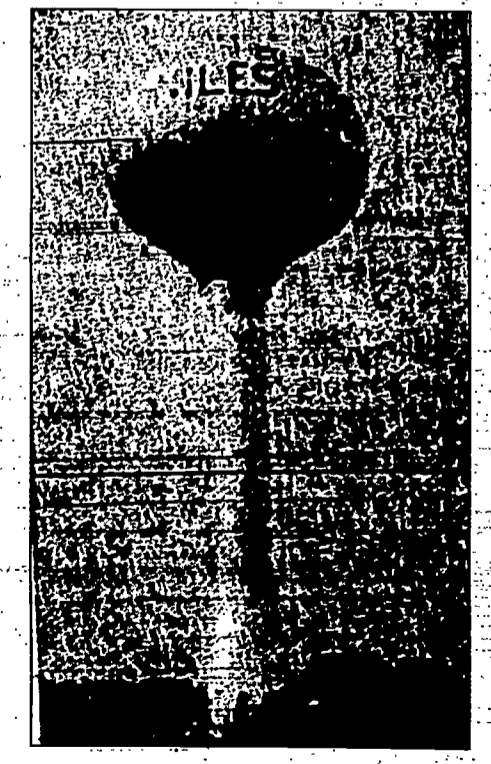
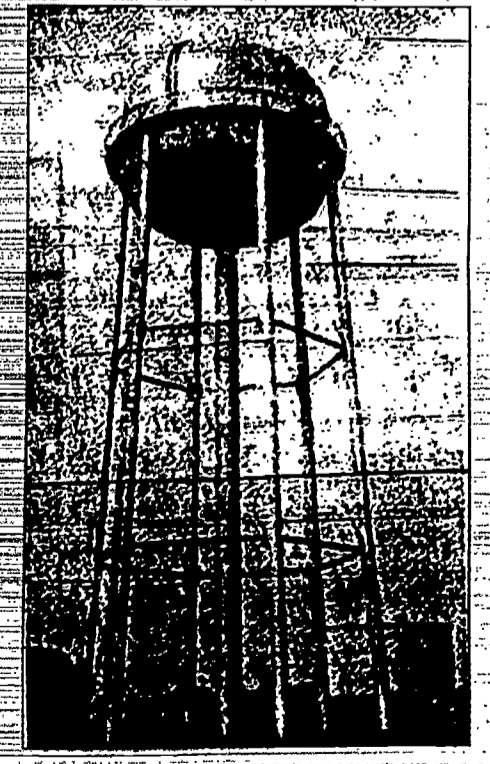
A TALE OF TWO TANKS

New Water Tank is 10 Ft. Higher than Old Tank

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1957
 Village trustees met in a closed-door session last week with Consoer, Townsend and Associates, Village engineers, to find out what happened in the construction of the new overhead water tank at Greenleaf and Oriole. It had been mentioned at board meetings that the new tank is ten feet higher than the old tank which is behind Vapor Heating just north of Howard Street. Arthur Lewis, project engineer and Bob Buchanan, field engineer, were also in on the meeting. After much sparring back and forth, which included huddles between the two backfields and the many quarterbacks present, it was disclosed that some underling in the firm had erred. The question of why one of the "overlings" hadn't checked the final plans was never answered. However, Mr. Lewis told this reporter he was in charge of the project and I assume this means the responsibility of this construction lies within his

province. The two water reservoirs are reserve tanks that hold 250,000 gallons of water each. When the water is pumped through our water mains it naturally requires additional pressure to pump water into the tanks. There are electric controls at the Howard (old) Street tank which prevents the water from overflowing. It takes additional pressure to fill the new tank since it is ten feet higher. However, when there is a power shortage the automatic turnoff valve won't work and the result is an overflowing of water in the old tank. Since both tanks work on the same distribution system the old tank will continue to overflow and the new tank will not reach its maximum level unless there is an increase of pressure; and if this should happen the increased pressure would increase the amount of overflow at the old tank. It was suggested by the engineers that an altitude valve be installed at the old tank which would prevent any future overflowing of water. When the trustees asked if the engineers would buy this valve they stated they wouldn't. They contended there was \$13,000 for use in the maintenance of water and they felt the village should pay for the valve. However they agreed to transfer the controls from the old tank to the new one which would cost about \$2,000. When asked if they would guarantee this work and the working of the system with the aid of the "valve" they again said "no." The two groups re-huddled and the result of the meeting seems to be inconclusive. What went on behind close doors? Trustees Coughlin and Nielsen would not comment on the results of the meeting. Nielsen wasn't present at the meeting but since he is chairman of the committee that oversees water his answers to our queries were certainly

unenlightening. Coughlin could give me no information even though he was present at the meeting. Trustee Trocki was the most helpful. He stated the altitude valve would have to be paid for by the village but the engineers would install it at no additional cost. Since the problem exists, and the answers from both sides have been evasive, I can only ask questions and hope somebody in the know can supply the answers. Did the engineers error in this construction? If they did, and the closed door meeting lends credence to this, how will the error be rectified? Any one care to open up the doors? **Engineer Says No Error** (Following is a conversation I had with Arthur Lewis, who was the project engineer for Consoer, Townsend and Associates on the overhead tank at Greenleaf and Oriole) **TOWERS continued on next page**



1957 Local Briefs

Unaware of 1-Arm Bandits

By David Besser | Editor, Publisher
 Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1957

The Bugle did not fulfill her responsibility to the village of Niles by reporting the alleged operation of slot machines (one-armed bandits) in the area. A neighboring paper, the News, deserves full credit for breaking the story in last week's edition. I had been told by several people Niles had one armed bandits in several "spots" on Milwaukee Ave. Since I can not positively state that it is true it would be unfair to name the locations. However, the sources who related the story to me are well respected in the community and I do not doubt the veracity of their statements. They related the machines were located behind the locked doors and it was necessary that only "the reliable" could gain admittance to the gaming room. Three weeks ago I was told the bandits had been shut down and unfortunately I did a poor job of reporting by leaving the story off the press. Last Saturday we interviewed Police Chief Romey. The following is the conversation that ensued. "Chief, do you know anything about one armed bandits in town?" **Romey:** "I don't know of any. It's lots of propoganda as far as I know. Give me the names and addresses and I'll check the businesses." **Bugle:** If you found machines what would be done by the police? **Romey:** "We would issue a ticket for gambling devices in a place of business." **Bugle:** Has this happened before? **Romey:** Two or three years ago...they were told to get them out, which they did." **Bugle:** If County Police came into the area would this be a reflection on local law enforcement? **Romey:** "No...they know local police...plainclothesmen they do not know would have easier time getting behind

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Niles Day Queen, Prize Winners



Crown Miss Jaycee
 Phyllis Cook was crowned Miss Jaycee of Niles by Jaycee President Chuck Kveton. Miss Linda Peterson and Nancy Worthington were also finalists in the Niles Day queen contest. The Niles VFW Drum and Bugle Corps, wearing red and white uniforms, rolled the drums and the crowd grew quiet.

Jaycee president Chuck Kveton presents trophy to happy Queen Phyllis Cook, Miss Linda Peterson, 7500 Jersey, and Nancy Worthington, 7255 Lull St. are other finalists.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 Thursday, July 25 - Evening Board of Appeals - 6:00 Village Hall
 Friday, July 26 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Saturday, July 27 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Sunday, July 28 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Monday, July 29 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Tuesday, July 30 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Wednesday, August 1 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
 Thursday, August 2 - Board of Trustees - 7:00 Village Hall
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 locked doors. It is necessary to have a warrant before going behind these closed doors. If we broke in and did not find anything we could be sued just as an individual is sued. In answer to other questions Romey stated: If we know the machines are around we check. If they are "sneaking" all we can do is look around. I can sign a search warrant myself but I'd better be darned sure they are there. AS far as I know there are no gambling stamps in town.
Oakton-Washington "Riot" Last Week
August 21, 1957
 A local riot on the Park Ridge-Niles border took place last week at the intersection of Oakton and Washington.

Fourteen squad cars converged on the area to quell the riot which erupted among the men who are working on the gas line on Oakton Street. The battle started between a driver who was held up passing by the area and one of the workmen. The driver later returned with reinforcements and the local battle expanded into a king size free-for-all. Police from Niles, Morton Grove, Des Plaines and the county sheriff's office came to the assistance of the Park Ridge Police to break-up the fights. Since the disturbance took place inside Park Ridge the Park Ridge Police had jurisdiction over the area. After much discussion between the Park Ridge Police and the workers the one person arrested was "un-arrested" without leaving the scene of the riot ("Riot" as defined by the Morton Grove Police must include 30 persons or more. Since there was less than this figure the Morton Grove police called this a "suppression.")
Village Clerk a Grandfather Again
Wednesday, August 21, 1957
 The fifth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Kozak was born July 27 at St. Anne's Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Kozak of 6931 Jonquil Terrace. Craig Edward weighed in at 6 lbs, 8 oz. His big brother, Gary, who will be four in November, happily greeted the new arrival. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Staehle of Des Plaines. The great grandmother is Mrs. Catherine Daly of Downers Grove.

Butternut squash soup brings on warming trend

By Ron James
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

Thomas Keller was a dishwasher at the Palm Beach Yacht Club restaurant managed by his

rated American and French restaurants to opening his own high-end New York restaurant, Raketel, in 1987. Although Raketel earned two stars from the New York Times, it closed when the stock market took a tumble.

When Keller found a restaurant for sale in the tiny Napa town of Yountville, he was smitten with the stone building that was once a saloon and laundry. He spent the next 19 months putting together \$1.2 million from friends and investors to make the purchase.

Keller bought The French Laundry in 1994 - and the rest is restaurant history. Prestigious awards and top ratings followed, as did more restaurants, including Bouchon, Bouchon Las Vegas, and Per Se in New York. The French Laundry was the first West Coast restaurant to garner a three-star rating by the Michelin Guide.

The Dish

This butternut squash soup recipe comes from Keller's award-winning and best-selling cookbook, "Bouchon"



Thomas Keller, chef and owner of The French Laundry, is one of America's culinary icons who has garnered almost every major honor in the food world. (CNS Photo)

ic hazelnut brown, add it to the soup, which will stop the butter's cooking as it seasons the soup."

The Wine

An elegant Napa Valley 2005 Joseph Phelps Viognier pairs beautifully with this elegant soup. The layers of fruit and floral tones harmonize perfectly with the rich flavors of the vegetables, herbs and spices.

Joseph Phelps Vineyard, located in the foothills just outside St. Helena, Calif., produces some of the best wines in Napa Valley. Its flagship Insignia blend won the Wine Spectator wine of the year in 2005. The viognier has soft flavors of apricots and peaches with floral and spice undertones. It is balanced by a nice acidity producing a refreshing and satisfying finish.

Ron James welcomes comments and suggestions. E-mail him at ronjames@perfectpairings.us. Listen to his "Gourmet Club" radio show and see archives of previous columns at www.perfectpairings.us.

(Artisan, \$50).

"Butternut squash, brown butter and sage are a classic combination in various cuisines, whether as soup, sauce, or pasta," Keller writes in the recipe notes. "This recipe combines roasted squash with sauteed squash, onions, and carrots, then is finished in veg-

etable stock and pureed for a soup that's a little thicker and more substantial than a cream soup.

"We like to make this a day ahead because the butternut squash gets sweeter if it rests," Keller continues. "When serving, be care not to burn the butter - as soon as it hits an aromat-

Butternut Squash Soup with Brown Butter, Sage and Nutmeg Creme Fraiche

- 1 (3 to 3 1/2-pound) butternut squash
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided use
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 sage sprigs
- 1 cup thinly sliced leeks, white and light green parts only
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced shallots
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced onions
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 6 cups vegetable stock, plus extra if necessary
- 1 bouquet garni (using 8 thyme sprigs, 2 Italian parsley sprigs, 2 bay leaves and 1/2 teaspoon peppercorns)
- 1/2 cup creme fraiche
- Freshly grated nutmeg
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon minced chives
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

For soup: Preheat oven to 350 F. Line small baking sheet with aluminum foil. Chop neck off squash and set aside. Cut bulb in 1/2 and scoop out seeds. Brush each piece inside and out using 1 tablespoon canola oil. Season inside with salt and pepper, and place a sage sprig

into each. Place cut side down on baking sheet and bake 1 hour, or until completely tender.

Remove squash from oven and set aside to cool until it can be handled. Scoop out and reserve flesh, discard sage.

Meanwhile, using paring knife or sharp vegetable peeler, peel skin from reserved neck of squash until you reach bright orange flesh. Cut squash into roughly 1/2-inch pieces (about 4 cups).

Put remaining canola oil in stockpot over medium-high heat. Add leeks, carrots, shallots and onions. Cook and stir often, about 6 minutes. Add diced squash, garlic, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper, cook gently 3 minutes

reducing heat as necessary to keep garlic and squash from coloring. Stir in honey, and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add stock and bouquet garni, bring to a simmer and cook about 15 minutes, or until squash is tender.

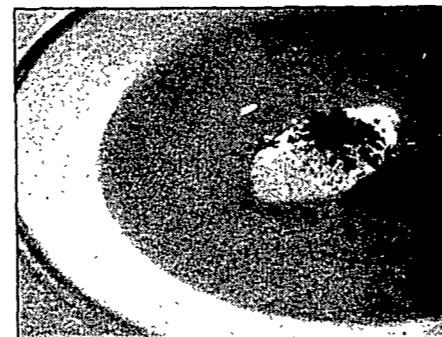
Add reserved roasted squash and simmer gently 30 minutes. Remove from heat and discard bouquet garni.

Transfer soup to blender in batches and puree. Strain soup

through fine strainer tapping side as it passes through. Taste and adjust seasoning, add more stock if too thick. Let cool and refrigerate until read to serve.

To serve: Place creme fraiche in small chilled metal bowl, stir in nutmeg to taste. Whisk creme fraiche until it holds shape. Cover and refrigerate.

Heat medium skillet over high



heat. When very hot, add butter and rotate pan over heat as necessary to brown butter evenly, scraping up bits that settle on bottom. As soon as foaming subsides butter is hazelnut brown, pour into pot of soup.

Ladle soup into bowls. Top with a dollop of creme fraiche. Grind black pepper over top and garnish each with minced chives. Drizzle a little olive oil over top.

- Adapted from "Bouchon."

'Scandalous' film for Dench, Blanchette

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New Releases

Notes on a Scandal ★★
- When British actors are on a mighty rip - or the slow, sure buildup to a grand convulsion - the pressure can turn

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dizzy. This happens in "Notes on a Scandal." Judi Dench has one of the plummiest roles in her cake of a career, as lonely, treacherous teacher Barbara Covett. This is perhaps the greatest performance of a bitter, conniving spinster since Agnes Moorehead in "The Magnificent Ambersons" (1942), but Moorhead had a fairly small role, while Dench rules this film like an evil queen. She must split the spotlight with another champion, Cate Blanchett. As Sheba, the new, rather naive teacher at a tough London school, Blanchett is lured into the web that Barbara spins. The old spider has a lesbian crush on the chalk-white beauty, but her need to pull strings on people far exceeds any sexual urge. Barbara keeps a diary, and narrates her scheming with poisonous pedantry. She's a snob and a shrew, but articulate. She envies Sheba's youth and fuller life, although husband Richard (Bill Nighy) is much older and drinks, the teen daughter pouts and the son is mentally handicapped. Nobody snuffs Blanchett, but Dench, the older pro, has the best lines and the ruling role. Few actresses have allowed themselves to look so ugly (physically and inwardly) on screen. Barbara's vile corruption is not a gargoyle jamboree like Bette Davis in "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?" If enough Oscar voters can see this movie without flinching, Helen Mirren ("The Queen") may have to forfeit the crown many have prematurely awarded her. If Dench takes the prize, and Forest Whitaker does for his Idi Amin, it will truly be a monsters' ball. A Fox Searchlight release. Director: Richard Eyre. Writer: Patrick Marber. Cast: Judi Dench, Cate Blanchett, Bill Nighy, Andrew Simpson, Alice Bird. Running time: 1 hour, 51 minutes. Rated R.

Children of Men ★★ - Here is your post-holiday depression pill: "Children of Men." Not to relieve depression. To cause it. Alfonso Cuaron's film, from a P.D. James novel, should be called "Children of Women." After all, it's about a near-future in which women have been infertile for around 18 years, no babes live (except animals), and only women could stage the natal recovery to get humanity breeding again. It feels like a loose thinker's remake of "1984" in the manner of sci-fi catastrophist J.G. Ballard. Clive Owen, not so much Mitchum-esque this time as a rancid Mitchum hangover, plays Theo. A variant on George Orwell's Winston, the decent guy drinks hard for good reason - the whole bloody world has gone crazy. Mostly the story kills off good actors. Among them are Michael Caine, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Peter Mullan and, as the final, mordant director of the Tate Gallery, grimly glad to have filched Picasso's "Guernica" and Michelangelo's David out of ruined Europe, the suavely sad Danny Huston. Bodies pile up. Rot fosters. But an infantile cry is heard in the world, and the depressed nanny in us stirs, having nursed this baby through a bad night and wanting a better sequel. A Warner Bros. and Dream;



Cate Blanchette and Judi Dench co-star in the drama 'Notes On a Scandal.' (CNS Photo courtesy of Clive Coote)

Works release.
Director: Alfonso Cuaron.
Writers: Alfonso Cuaron, Timothy J. Sexton. Cast: Clive Owen, Julianne Moore, Michael Caine, Clare-Hope Ashitey, Peter Mullan, Chiwetel Ejiofor. Running time: 1 hour, 50 minutes. Rated R.

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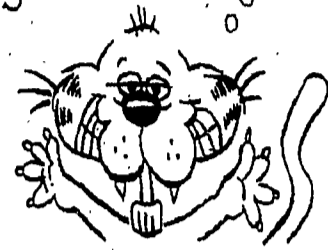
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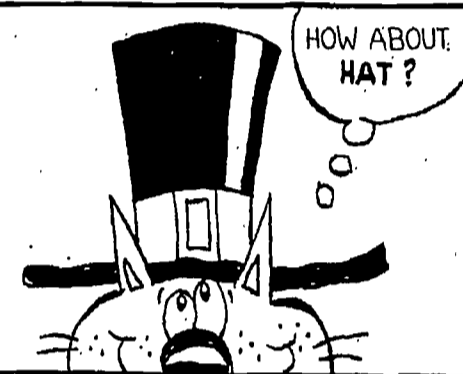
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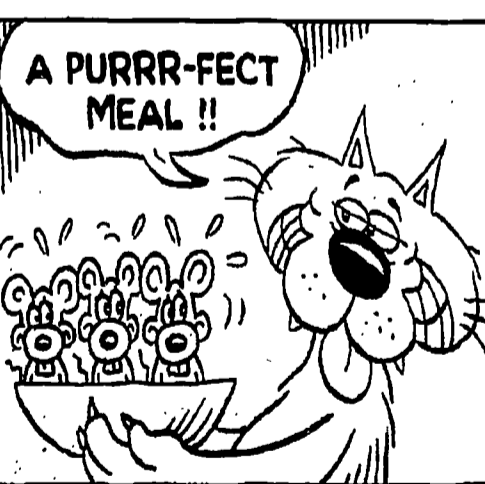


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Wildlife observation in the right place at the right time

Week of Jan. 14-20, 2007

Winter roosters

It's a particularly North American sight, and an impressive one at that: huge dark-brown birds with handsome white heads and striking white tails congregating in winter roosts near abundant fish and game. Equally impressive are their soaring flights on long, broad wings or their snatching of live fish from the water in powerful talons.

The magnificent bald eagle, significantly recovering from its losses from pesticide poisoning, poaching and habitat destruction, is now a common winter resident throughout much of the midcontinent. It tends to associate with large concentrations of waterfowl, while avoiding areas with nearby human activity.

Its winter range is quite large - upward of 15,000 square miles - and it travels far and wide in a day, but prefers to roost communally in conifers near bodies of water for the fishing opportunities. As a confirmed opportunist, however, it also uses other habitats if alternate food resources like rabbit or carrion are available. Trees shared by two or more bald eagles are common and some are popular with as many as 100 or more.



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Bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

3 feet; wingspan: up to 8 feet

Habitat: forests and open areas near waterways, seacoasts

Range Key: Breeding Year-round Nonbreeding

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Grammar Matters

by Patty Gibbons Saunier

Picking a Part

The English language has nine main parts of speech. Choose the correct part for the words below.

- The word "really" is an
 - adjective.
 - adverb.
 - article.
- The word "under" is a
 - preposition.
 - conjunction.
 - interjection.
- The word "be" is a
 - verb.
 - noun.
 - conjunction.

Answers: 1. b.) adverb 2. a.) preposition 3. a.) verb

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REAL ESTATE



Now you see it - This retractable projection TV fades into the woodwork when it's the fireplace's turn to be the main attraction. (CNS Photo courtesy of Brian Vanden Brink)

Decorating dilemma: 1 room, 2 focal points

By Rose Bennett Gilbert
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Q: We are planning an addition to the house that will give us a new Great Room downstairs and a master bedroom-bath suite upstairs. My ques-

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tion is about the Great Room. We'd planned to put the fireplace on the outside wall but then we don't know where to put the entertainment center. If it goes on the opposite wall, how do we arrange the furniture to work in both directions? **A:** Every room needs one focal point. In a large space, you can add a second, even a third, say, a dining area, pool table, or table-and-chairs grouping for playing games. The rub comes from trying to service two viewing areas with the same furniture.

One solution would be to locate your entertainment center on the wall that's at a right angle to the fireplace wall and arrange your seating area so you can sit to face your attraction of choice.

Another option is handsomely illustrated in the Great Room we show here: the screen for a

projection TV has been mounted above the fireplace so it pulls down for viewing. Otherwise, the fireplace is the center of attention. Author Jane Gitlin ("Fireplaces," Taunton Press) also suggests building a niche, either above or beside the fireplace, where you can close off the TV when you prefer to enjoy the fire itself.

Notice the mirror-image seating arrangement here: an easy chair flanked by two sofas lets the occupants see both the TV and the crackling fire from wherever they choose to sit. **Q:** We have a large entry hall but no separate dining room in our new house. I really hate entertaining in the kitchen (although it's big enough). **A:** Not weird, historic, actually. Many houses in earlier America were built without a dining room. In the summer months especially, families ate in their entry halls with the doors open to the breezes.

The dropleaf tables they used for dining spent the rest of the time pushed out of the way against the walls.

You could also borrow a convention from the Victorians and center a round table in

your entry hall. Skirted to the floor and topped with a vase of flowers between meals, it would be double-duty space use of the smartest kind.

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By Jim Woodard
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home sales will slowly rise. Mortgage rates will rise slightly but remain at historically low levels.

That's the view of research folks at the National Association of Realtors. And they are usually quite accurate. They expect the volume of existing home sales to rise, while new-home sales will continue to slide downward.

"Roughly three-quarters of the country will experience a sluggish expansion in 2007, while other areas should continue to show lower sales for at least part of this year," said David Lereah, the association's chief economist. "Most of the correction in home prices is behind us, but general gains in value this year will be modest by historical standards."

"Home buyers, especially first-time buyers, with the combined benefits of seller flexibility and an unexpected drop in mortgage interest rates in recent months, have provided a window of opportunity. These conditions will persist in many areas until spring, when inventory supplies are likely to become more balanced," he said.

There are several new developments that become effective as of the first of this year - developments that could influence the market negatively and positively. On the positive side, premium payments for private mortgage insurance became tax-deductible for the first time, as was recently mentioned in this column.

A negative factor, however, is increasing fees charged by credit bureaus. Two of the three major bureaus, Equifax and Experian, have started charging for each report needed for considering or processing a mortgage application. Even when a mortgage broker shops many lenders to find the right lender source for a borrower client, a fee is tacked onto

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Out with the old, in with the new seed

By Jeff Rugg
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

If you like growing your garden vegetables and flowers from fresh seeds, you'll have fun trying new varieties. But it isn't always easy to find new

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varieties in the seed catalogs. You may not even be on the mailing list for many catalogs, so how do you find the new varieties? One easy method is to go to the National Garden Bureau Web site. The NGB is dedicated to the dissemination of accurate information so that home gardeners can successfully grow flowers and vegetables from seed.

On the site, there is a page for new seed varieties that have been submitted by the wholesale or retail companies that sell it. Just because it is new doesn't mean that it will be better than older varieties or that it will grow well for everyone everywhere, but it is often fun to try new plants and to be the first ones on the block to grow it. Before introducing a new variety, most companies test the plants for several years as they try to produce enough seeds to be able to meet demand.

Here are a few plants that sound like they may be worth trying. The amaranthus named Dreadlocks grows 4 feet tall and has maroon flower stalks that are 2 to 3 feet tall. Look for it in the Park Seed Co. catalog.

On the other end of the size spectrum and also from Park, is the geranium Nano Mix. It is a naturally dwarf 6-inch-tall geranium that remains compact all season long. Available in several shades of pink, the 2- to 3-inch flower heads stand

GARDEN TIP

Growing from seeds

Growing plants from seeds is a great way to try a wide variety of plants that are not always available at local nurseries. Annuals and biennials are among the easiest plants to raise from seeds. Seeds can be kept for several years if stored in a closed container and placed in a cool location.

RECOMMENDED PLANTS GROWN FROM SEEDS:



SUNFLOWER 'JUNIOR'

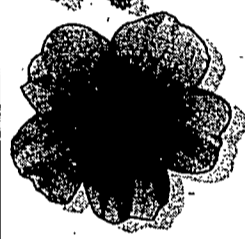
This early bloom grows 2.5 feet tall and is covered with 5-inch blooms that have long, bright yellow petals with dark center disks. The long-lasting yellow flowers are excellent for container growth in sunny areas.



AMARANTHUS DREADLOCKS

Amaranthus is a sun-loving annual that is easy to grow and very long-blooming. The giant magenta blooms dangle on 3-foot stems and have the appearance of oversized magenta dreadlocks.

Company: Park Seed Co.



GERANIUM 'NANO MIX'

This dwarf geranium grows 6 inches tall in the sun and remains compact all season long. It has mixed 2- to 3-inch flowers with dark leaves, and is easy to grow indoors because of its size. This full-sun annual is perfect for containers and baskets.

Company: Park Seed Co.

Source: www.ngb.org

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above the dark leaves. Grow it in full sun, especially in containers and baskets.

The sunflower Junior is the first pollen-free, dwarf branching sunflower. Cheerful 4- to 5-inch faces have long, bright yellow petals and dark center disks that smile atop branching stalks just 2 1/2 feet tall, making it a perfect annual for sunny pots. It is available from Renee's Garden.

Renee Shepherd is widely regarded as a pioneering innovator in introducing interna-

tional vegetables, flowers and herbs to home gardeners and gourmet restaurants. She searches for the very best seeds from around the world, testing them in her own gardens, cooking with them to develop recipes around their unique characteristics, and then sharing them with other gardeners.

Her seeds are selected from growers in the U.S., Netherlands, Italy, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Thailand, Japan, China and

New Zealand. The seeds undergo trials and are evaluated in test gardens in different climate zones before being added to her list.

You might want to buy her seeds just to get the seed packet. Each one has a watercolor portrait, a personally written description, complete growing instructions, a quick-view planting chart, growing tips, harvesting information and cooking ideas.

If you like cooking fresh vegetables, then you will especially enjoy Renee's "Recipes from Kitchen Garden" cookbooks.

Renee is one of the best seed growers anywhere, but she won't be sending you a catalog. She does not have a printed catalog, but many better gardens centers stock the seed packets of hers that grow best in your area. If you can't find them locally, try her Web site, www.reneesgarden.com, where she has 24 new varieties for 2007.

I like jelly beans, but unfortunately they don't grow on vines. The closest thing to them is the new tomato variety called Jelly Bean Red and Yellow from Botanical Interests. They also have very detailed seed packets, including a lot of information printed on the inside of the packet. They, too, are found in retail outlets, but if you can't find them there, you can check out their more than 40 new varieties at www.botanicalinterests.com.

I haven't planted zinnias in recent years, but I may have to try Zesty Pink, which comes in six colors. This is a heat-tolerant, full-sun loving annual that will provide a good show in a landscape bed. It is being sold by Ball Seed to retail stores, so check locally for it.

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each applicant submission. And, of course, those added fees are passed along to the consumer.

Considering all factors, good and not so good, the market looks increasingly healthy for the year. By the fourth quarter of 2007, existing-home sales will be 4.6 percent higher than at the current time, the association predicts.

New-home sales are expected to continue their slide downward, showing another 9.4 percent drop this year. Much of the sluggishness in new-home sales is pegged to cuts in builder construction to support pricing for current inventories. Also, high construction costs in many areas are minimizing potential profits.

However, it should be noted that sales of new single-family homes increased in November by 3.4 percent over the previous month, according to a U.S. Commerce Department report - a jump that surprised many experts.

"This is a very good report and is consistent with the idea that the abrupt downward correction in home sales from the unsustainable highs of 2005 has reached its end," said David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

As for the mortgage market, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage is predicted to gradually increase in rates to 6.7 percent by the fourth quarter of this year, according to NAR projections.

Q: What are the prospects for commercial real estate in 2007?

A: Commercial real estate is another market niche that looks bright this year. It will grow with record investment, and individual sectors in many areas seeing tighter vacancy rates and higher rents - good news for property owners and managers.

"The office and industrial markets continue to shine brightly, supported by job growth and trade, while the rental apartment sector is seeing healthy rent increases," said Lereah, of the National Association of Realtors. "The retail sector is essentially flat, but the hotel industry is doing better than at any time since 2001."

There's a record flow of capital into commercial real estate. Institutional investors, pension funds and foreign investors have focused on commercial-grade properties to diversify portfolio assets with expectations of solid long-term gains, an NAR report noted.

Nature sets the tone for the colors you'll see in '07

By Linda Pescatore
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Just ask anyone who still has harvest gold appliances: Color schemes that were once stylish and popular will suddenly lose favor, making rooms look

HOME ZONE

dated. Trend watchers from the Color Marketing Association, an international association of design professionals in a wide variety of industries, meet annually to share observations about what hues are hot. Participants are often responsible for planning the colors used for their company's products for the coming years.

This year, they agree that soothing, natural colors will take center stage, so you'll be seeing a lot of them in products from paints to plates.

"Our members specify color for everything from Cadillacs to Kleenex boxes," said CMG

Executive Director Jaime Stephens. "They tell us that the mainstreaming of environmentalism is the key to next year's colors."

Specifically, CMG released these four forecasts for what's fashionable in 2007:

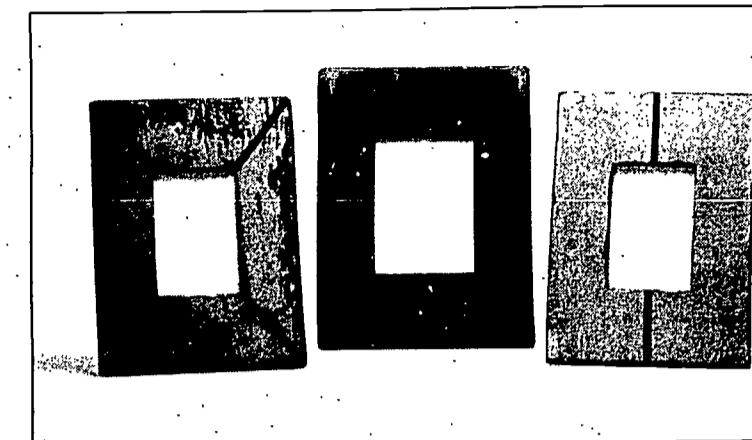
- It's easy been green. Not only are "green" or environmentally sensitive solutions gaining ground, the color green - especially soft, botanical hues - will flourish in the coming year.

- Color me blue. The soft blues of nature - sky, water, slate - will be prominent this year.

- Put it in neutral. Look for soft earth colors, such as tans, browns and beiges, as an alternative to stark black and white.

- Accent with an ethnic aesthetic. Rich reds and vibrant oranges from a mix of cultures will add punch without losing that natural flavor.

Those forecasts closely matched those of paint manu-



Nature Blues - Sky blues and earthen browns were among those identified by industry color mavens as the coming year's trendiest. (CNS Photo courtesy of Color Marketing Group)

facturer Benjamin Moore, which just released its 2007 lineup of 18 colors, organized in three categories: Timeless Simplicity, Natural Terrain and Cultural Tapestry. All 18 colors are compatible with each other, according to the company, and are meant to be mixed and matched.

Calming Green, Scenic Drive and Adobe Dust are among the color choices.

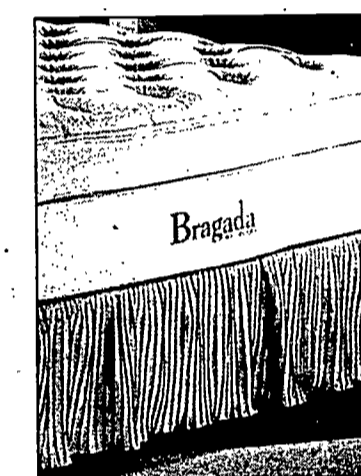
A copy of the company's magazine, 07 Color, is available for \$5 at Benjamin Moore retailers. If you'd like to test any of the latest hues on your walls, each of the 18 colors in the 2007 lineup is available in 2-ounce sample pots. To find a retailer, visit www.benjaminmoore.com or call 800-672-4686.

Glidden, another leading paint company, also recently released its 2007 color themes. While Glidden also chose soothing colors of nature and spicy ethnic hues for its palette, the company deviated from CMG's forecasts with the introduction of an intense grouping called Color Therapy, which includes chemical yellows, electric greens, laboratory pinks and liquid-crystal blues.

Glidden is also focusing on retro-themed greens, pinks and reds, and named a dusty pink

called Movie Star as its color of the year. The company bills Movie Star as a "masculine pink" that appeals to both sexes.

For more information visit www.glidden.com.



Once Upon a Mattress

If you're shopping for a new bed, the array of choices can be mind-boggling. Bragada Luxury Mattress recently introduced to its Ultra Luxury collection a new top-of-the-line mattress, Vellagio, that combines many of the features that buyers desire.

Inside the Vellagio is a layer of BIOFlex medical magnets, which are believed to aid circulation and healing. Layers of visco-elastic memory foam

help relieve pressure on the body. The layers are wrapped in a soft bamboo fabric. Topping the 15-inch mattress is an inch of cashmere and more memory foam for year-round comfort.

Bragada claims it is one of only two mattress makers that use the authentic visco-elastic memory cell foam technology that was developed by NASA (the other mattress maker is Tempur-Pedic). Their beds are manufactured in the U.S. using a substance called MDI. Bragada says MDI is superior to the toxic chemical TDI, which other manufacturers use to make mattresses using visco-elastic foam. Bragada says its beds are also anti-mite and anti-allergy.

Vellagio mattress prices range from \$1,993 for twin sizes, up to \$2,800 for a California king, not including foundations. The mattresses come with a lifetime guarantee. For more information visit www.bragada.com.

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The RF technology has been around for some time, but costs a lot and required complicated installation and programming. AuroRay retails for about \$750 and is aimed at do-it-yourselfers: Have a closer look at www.lutron.com.

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