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basement of the Besser Family and grew with Niles into the suburban newspaper group that it is today.

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

"We are happy to be celecially turn 50 this year. The brating The Bugle's 50th

> 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 occaision, The Bugle will feature archived content all-year long beginning this week with content that appeared in 1957 and covering another year each

"We think that our readers will enjoy taking a walk through the historical content that is contained in our archive," said Editor Andrew Schneider.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.

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.

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 Suddam'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 Hussain'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.

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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

t'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 to another. Sometimes he carries her purse. As the shopping progresses, he serves as a pack mule for the purchases, staring 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 or whatever else.

Not to be too stereotypical about this, but I was always prefty 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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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 See Column, page 3

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 Roy Kogstad

"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

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

Kogstad to resign from MG Board

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

"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

Objections to Caucus petitions denied

Two residents of Morton Grove recently submitted objections to the nominating petitions and Dayal Patel. submitted by Caucus Party canlidates and were both denied by

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

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RECEPTION

pertain to Caucus Party candidates, Dale Senesky, Carol Gail

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 technicali-

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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.

Forum on ND ownership held, coverage next week

A new ownership forum was was expected to outline its initial expected to take place on plans for the school and also Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Notre Dame High School.

The executive board, which Dame High School on Jan. 1, CSC, were present at the forum.

answer questions from those who were present.

Executive board members and assumed ownership of Notre President Fr. Mike DeLaney,

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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,

"Express" his girlfriend emerged from the dressing room and, didn't see her bovfriend. 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.

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 aggravat-

ed people who couldn't settle on whether to do their shopping in a limited fashion, or in the express lanes.



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

Niles Fire Dept., US Marine toy drive a success

Firefighter Roman Kopinski, fel-

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

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 low 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 astound-

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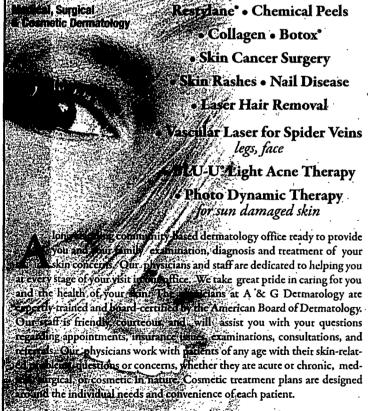
Got a minute?

You're just in time to learn how small adjustments to your daily routine may add up to improved health and a more balanced lifestyle. With the start of a new year, examine your personal profile and pinpoint opportunities where better-for-you changes can be made. Whether you'd like to shape up or slim down, the key is making smarter choices and finding real solutions that can bring about positive results.

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

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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One Doctor's Rx for Eating Better, Feeling Better

Dr. Bob Arnot, experienced medical journalist and best-selling author, offers his top three per-

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 soymilk. 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 soymilk. Substituting soymilk for whole milk may help lower my cholesterol level. And, like many adults with some degree of lactose intolerance, I use soymilk 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 soymilk.



By R.J. Ignelzi COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

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 fit-

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 realis-

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"Write it all down and get it achieve them.

■ Work with a certified fitness 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.

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, Trainers, who usually charge

National Strength

"fitness vision" looking six months into the future. At what weight do vou see vourself? What cholesterol level?

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

out of your head," Cotton says, noting that during the year you may need to revise and rewrite your goals and visions as you

professional. Todd Galati, kinesiologist, personal trainer and certification and exam development manager for the American

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.

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Attempted armed robbery in Morton Grove

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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.

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.

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.

DUI/Child Endagerment (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.

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.

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, RIDEE **Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate**

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.

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.

NILES

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 Tuesday, Jan 2. When the comand Wednesday, Jan. 3. Police said the subject(s) caused more than \$1,000 in damage.

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.

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.

Theft/Battery Thett/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 The manager refused to sell the plainant tried to stop them from leaving one subject punched the complainant in the mouth and said, "What? Are you trying to stop us?"

Subject Steals Earrings (220 Golf Mill)

A subject concealed a pair of (8900 block of Merril)

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

Four Tires Slashed (7900 block of Crain)

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

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

A subject entered the bar yelling and swearing at customers on Saturday, Dec. 30. 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.

Father and Daughter Arrested for Battery

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.

DUI Arrest (9000 block of Milwaukee)

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.

Warrant Arrest (7000 block of W. Touhy)

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

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Niles man found dead on New Year's Day

in the 8800 block of N. Cumberland Ave. on New Years Day.

A busboy at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview, the man came home from work at around an alcoholic beverage and pending.

A 38-year-old Niles man was last seen sleeping on the was found dead at his home couch at the residence at

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 9:30 p.m. Friday night and he was pronounced dead at 9 joined in with the holiday fes- a.m. He was then transported tivities. Police said he to the Cook County Morgue. allegedly consumed a few Niles police say an autopsy beers and a couple of shots of and toxicology results are

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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

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.

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

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 nonforce means sometime between Wednesday, Dec. 27 and Thursday, Dec. 28. An in-dash stereo worth \$350 was taken.

Stolen Glove Comp Door (900 block of W. Garden)

Police said unknown subject(s) entered the victim's 1999 Jeep Wrangler by cutting between Thursday, Dec. 28 and Friday, Dec. 29. The subiect(s) took a glove compartment door and the center con- Jan. 17.

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

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

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

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.

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.

Disorderly Conduct A (2600 block of Dempster)

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

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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

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

newspaper company we have ment to our readers



expanded from our Niles home to new territories in southwestsuburban 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.

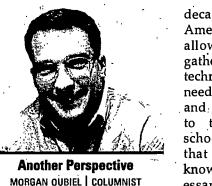
We are happy to take this time to mark our 50th anniver-Since we purchased the sary as we renew our commit

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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



concept of human intelligence or humint is ages old and one we are relearning in the War on Terror. In the

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 them-

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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

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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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his life he passed away on Dec. "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



Bidding final farewell to Larry Ptasinski

said that he will be extremely

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

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

"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 confi-

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 Jennrich.

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

Make useful financial goals for the new year

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Lawrence J. Ptasinski, the for-

mer 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

his 2005 Volvo near the intersec-

tion of U.S. Highway 14 and Wisconsin Highway 67 in

Walworth when he was sudden-

ly struck by a Dodge pickup on

Saturday, Dec. 30. After several

hours of surgery to try to save

Ptasinski, 57, was standing by

home in Wisconsin.

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 tell her. 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 through is critical.

While people humored me and shared their financial goals, it struck me that most were worthwhile and imminently 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

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

of this phenomenon: When guys look in a mirror, they usually believe their physiques look just fine. Even though the lier. Y chromosome doesn't make men financial wizards, I sus- or wrong answer to this one. pect that many men possess but those who toss a little extra the same attitude about their cash into their monthly pay- an opportunity to examine his

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 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 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 Her experience reminds me rather pump extra cash into their retirement accounts, while others feel more secure having the house paid off ear-I don't think there is a right

financial goals, after all, is investments. When they ment can dramatically reduce entire portfolio.

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 mort-

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

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

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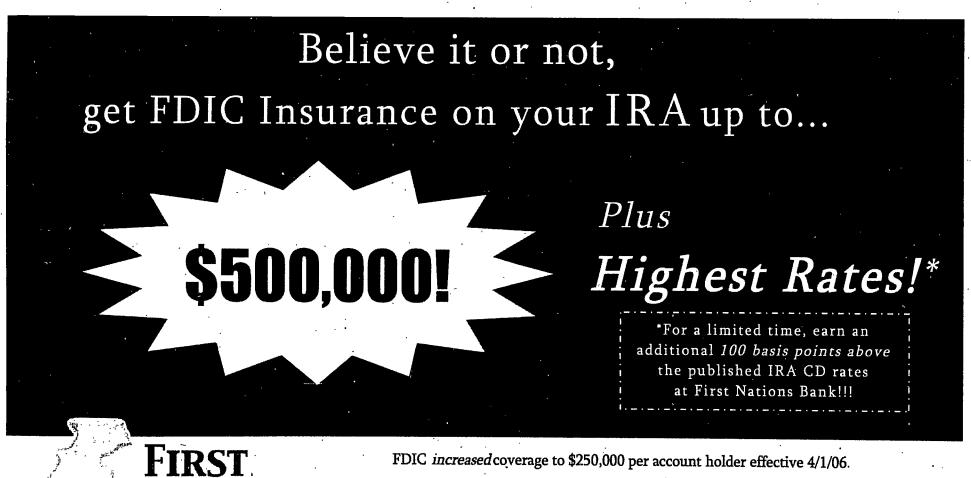


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is to be considered.

The Caucus Party had hoped to present issues to the voters and let these voters then make informed decisions. It is hoped that the Action Party will face and discuss critical issues rather than try back room tactics. Their petitions have technical problems but the Caucus Party, as stated above, will stick with issues and let the voters decide.

Harold G. Cohon Morton Grove Caucus Party, Treasurer

Morton Grove on the wrong track

Dear Editor,

We have heard several announcements from Mayor Krier over the past few weeks about the progress he has made in improving the village. I take issue with many of them.

Consider first the progress of the TIF's. Morton Grove still owes about 9 million dollars on the failed Waukegan Road TIF, partly due to the poor planning of Before that TIF was paid off, the village jumped into another TIF at Lehigh-Ferris. million dollars to come in and ·build condominiums they should have done without any seed money. .

The Action Party controlled the village at that time and allowed Elliot Builders to wiggle out of a commitment to dedicate part of their buildings to low cost housing. Now we have the village spending almost 3 million dollars to buy the Domicile Furniture lot in the Lehigh Ferris lot for undetermined development. The village consultant, S.B. Friedman suggested several possibilities, including low cost housing.

We no longer hear anything about this particular land being used for that purpose. Instead, it will probably be more condominiums, as if we don't already have enough of those. We lost several good business's, including Maxwell's restaurant. All we see now in it's place is more housing. There are too many empty lots sit-

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the then ruling Action Party. ting in this village and too many business's leaving. Weare supporting the residents of the Woodlands in the We paid Elliot Builders 5 Lehigh-Ferris TIF with police, fire, etc., and not getting back any immediate tax

All of these property taxes are being funneled back into the TIF which has many more years to go before it matures. None of these taxes are going to our schools, which desperately need more income. The village had to set aside almost 1 million dollars from our general fund this year to help the schools subsist. One solution would be to close the TIF, so that these tax funds will be released for immediate usage by the village.

has made progress with social service funding. Last The mayor tried to explain raising taxes over 24% in the year, the village allocated past two years to bring the some 30,000 dollars to this fund, while only 5,000 dolpension funding for the fire lars was actually paid out. I and police up to the recommended levels. I want to see participated in the committhese funds adequately tee to design the forms for funded, but why do we have seniors and needy residents to correct the past laxity of and had to fight the committhe Action Party in funding tee (most of whom were Caucus people) to make the them by correcting everything immediately? This form less personally invasive, like asking people to list correction could have been

amortized over several all their assets before getting any aid. The village also years. The only legal requirement by the State of requires people to personally visit the village social worker Illinois is that these funds be to convince her that they fully funded by the year qualify for this assistance. I 2030. The mayor has often think a simple form that quoted another village, could be mailed in would Franklin Park, who was sued encourage more people to for not fully funding their apply. This is how the State pension plans. I talked with of Illinois and Medicare hanthe mayor of Franklin Park dles their applications for aid and he explained that two (Illinois Cares RX and firemen independently sued their village for more fund-Medicare Extra Help). Lastly, the Garbage Tax has ing. The net result was that

been a problem ever since the Action Party introduced it to avoid raising property taxes. Our current mayor has made small efforts to reduce this tax, but he ran two years ago on the promise that he would eliminate the tax, not phase it

There is now a third pray, the Reform Party trying to offer residents another choice besides the existing two parties. As a candidate of the Reform Party, I hope we can make the necessary changes to put the village on track for better government.

> Sherwin Dubren Trustee Candidate, Morton Grove

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If you remember school, then you recall that within a few days you knew who was good, who was trouble, and who was likely to get in serious trouble. Tragically, you likely had no way of reporting this without being branded a snitch. Yet, lives could have been saved or even placed back on track with this kind of real, instant intelligence. Despite our best efforts, kids keep getting into trouble. Yet the solution lies

right at the source – the kids. What is needed is a coordinated effort that lets kids, good kids, take control of their lives and guide parents and teachers toward the fires and problems so they can be put out quickly, effectively and early. Most children spend more time in school than anywhere else and the effort needs to be focused

A program that has proven very effective in local schools is Crime Stoppers. It provides an anonymous system whereby kids can report crimes, vandalism and dangerous behaviors including drug

This allows kids to do the right thing without risking losing face to their peer group or appearing to be snitches. The goal is not to create a coven of informers, but to empower kids to keep their environment safe and

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5 thousand dollars to the

pension funds. I don't think

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more conservative

Another approach is being tried in Burleson, Texas. Due to Columbine and the Amish attacks they are training their students not to cower under desks and freeze in fear, but to fight back. They are treating attacks just like they would other disasters. Students are instructed not to comply with a gunman's orders, and to take him down. At Columbine children and teachers complied and lay down. They were shot where they lay.

Burleson students and teachers are told to "react don't want them to be vicimmediately to the sight of a tims. Whether through a progun by picking up anything and everything and throwing it at the head and body of the attacker and making as much noise as possible. Go toward him as fast as we can and bring them down." Everyday classroom objects, such as on kids to succeed. We need paperbacks and pencils, can to give them a fighting become weapons. This chance in every situation.

thinking after 9/11. Flight attendants and passengers are now encouraged to fight back. Furthermore, women and kids are now told by safety experts to kick, scream, bite and claw their way out during a rape attempt or a child-snatching. Why not teachers and stu-

It is not obvious that this is the best approach, but it has worked. In Oregon, a year before Columbine, a 17-yearold high school wrestler stopped a rampage by tackling a teenager who had opened fire in the cafeteria. Two students were killed, as well as the attackers, parents, and 22 others were wounded. It could have been much

The point is we don't want our kids to be at risk and we gram like "fight-back" or a mainstream effort like Crime Stoppers in School, we need to insure our kids know how to create safe environments. This can only come through placing more responsibility use, threats or gang activity. approach parallels new Failure cannot be an option.

Maine East announces Illinois State Scholars

SCHOOLS

Sixty-one Maine East High School seniors have been recognized as 2007 Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). "These students are the academic blue chippers of the Class of 2007,"said ISAC Executive Director Larry Matejka, whose agency has overseen the Illinois state Scholars program since 1958. "Illinois State Scholars are among the best and the brightest in our state's high schools, and we salute them, their families and their teachers for this outstanding achievement."

Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of the state's high school seniors from 897 high schools in all 102 counties. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores, and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. High school guidance counselors work in conjunction with ISAC to determine

the winners. At least a half million Illinois State Scholars/ Artur have been recognized in the past 48 years.

Congratulatory letters from ISAC and Certificates of Achievement have been mailed to each high school for distribution to each scholar. All state legislators are also notified of the scholars in their legislative district so they may honor the winners as well. While the recognition does not provide a monetary award, winners are encouraged to cite the award on applications for college admission and scholar-

Maine East Illinois State Scholars are the following: Daniel Abbas, Noorah Abdullah, Hammad Ahmad, Andrada Alexander, Cindy Alkass. Cecilia Ann Aragon, Sydney Baloue, Melisa Bergen, Gabriela Bobrowski, Teodora Candea, Jeffrey Chan, Kristin Cho, Sarah Choi, Pinal

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need this holiday season. event for the past 15 years.

Along with their moderator Carol Lee Barry, NDHS' College Counselor, the NHS

ISU announces Dean's List

A total of 1,841 students at Illinois State University, including some from Niles, Park Ridge and Morton Grove, have been recognized for their scholarship by being included in the Dean's List of their respective colleges for the Fall 2006 semester.

From Morton Grove, Cristina I. Gambino and Omar Gregory Salem have been recognized; from Niles, Jennifer M. King, Elizabeth Gail Perry and Stephanie Anne Strzelecki have been acknowledged and from Park Ridge, Ashley Marie and Mennonite College of Carlborg, Kendra Rose Durianski, Molly McSherry

point averages that place them in the top 10 percent of their respective colleges at the univer-Students are notified personally of the honor by their college deans. The colleges at Illinois State that provide a Dean's List are Applied Science and Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Fine Arts

Keith, Kathleen Mary Moore and

Kara Marie Orth have been rec-

ognized for their achievements.

Students who make the

Dean's List have achieved grade

ND sponsors 'Adopt-a-Kid

Notre Dame High School's Basil Moreau Chapter of the National Honor Society participated in the Adopt-A-Kid program and worked together to provide 400 gifts of clothing and toys to children in

Notre Dame High School has been participating in this

members organized an allschool project with each advisory purchasing gifts for four children. Many other children were also covered through the generosity of faculty and staff.

After moving the gifts to Guerin High School on Dec. 8, the NHS members helped check, wrap and sort the gifts the next day which were loaded onto trucks and delivered to support agencies that

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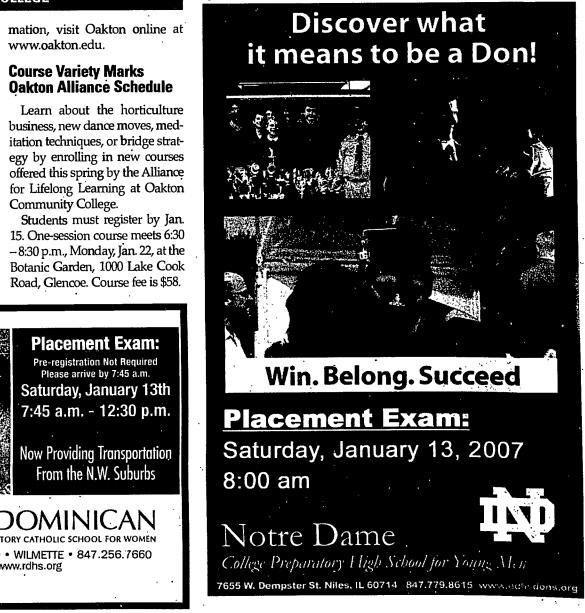
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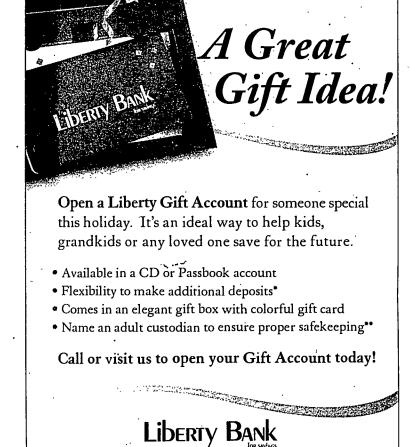
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Balbin graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Kevin C. ing, rifle marksmanship, field 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-

Balbin has graduated from training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through Community College of the Air

He is the son of Mario and Miriam Grace Balbin of Sayre Road, Morton Grove, Ill.

Notre Dame High School's Placement Exam Saturday

in Niles will hold its placement examination for Saturday, January 13, 2007 all-male school of 760 young men located at 7655 West Dempster Street. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a non- 847.779.8615.

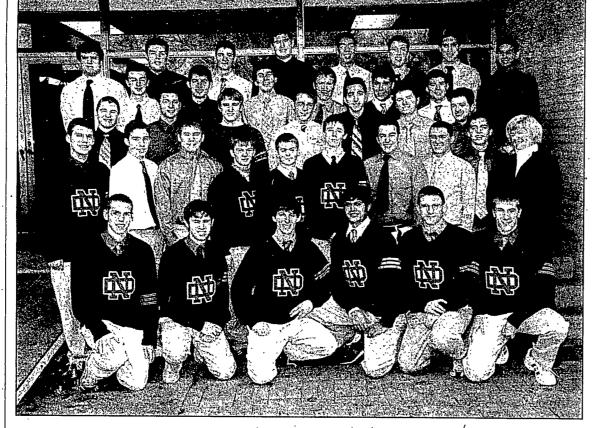
Notre Dame High School graphing calculator to the test and there is a \$25 testing fee. Pre-registration is eighth grade students on not necessary. Registration will take place in the at 8 am. Notre Dame is an Library starting at 7:15 am prior to the test. For more information, please contact LaVerne Bontempo in the Enrollment Department at

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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:

■ Michael Belpedio '07

(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)
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- 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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Adopt

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presented the gifts to the chil-

The Adopt-A-Kid Program was founded in 1988 by Rosanne Eiternick and 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

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

ment 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

nized on the center mat "I thought it was a tremen-

dous success to have guys from every decade," head wrestling coach Augie

Even though the Dons lost a Each alumni wrestler was wrestler was introduced and hard fought match to St. greeted by athletic depart- given a moment to be recog- Patrick, the festivities still

Coach Genovesi then spoke to the alumni and thanked them for their continued sup-

refreshments and food.

"With the work ethic that wrestlers have, they can feed

wrestlers were treated to

appreciate each other," Genovesi 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

off each other and respect and

Knights of Columbus free-throw contest

prizes. First Place winners in each

category will have an opportuni-

ty to compete in Knights of

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

Contest info

Saturday, January 27, in the St. John Brebeuf gymnasium, 8301 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Doors will be opening at 8:30 am.

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

1997 Elite Eight Celebration

Members of the 1997 Elite celebrating the 10-year Anniversary of their memorable run Downstate, will be

honored between the sopho-Eight Basketball Team, who are more and varsity home basketball games against St. Viator, approx. 7 pm at Notre Dame High School in Niles.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Bowled Wednesday, January 3, 2007 Bielinski and Bono Dental Candlelight Jewelers Skaja Terrace Funeral Home NorthSide Community Bank Niles Dairy Queen

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



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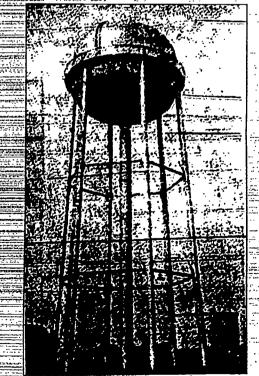
A TALE OF TWO TANKS

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 errored. 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 it's 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

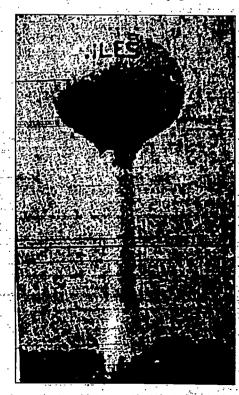
unenlightening. Coughlin could give me no information even though he was present at the meeting. Trustee Trocki was the most helpful. He stated the altitude valve would have to be paid for by the village but the engineers would install it at no additional cost.

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

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)

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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 (onearmed 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

Romey: "I don't know of any. It's lots of propaganda as far as I know. Give me the names and addresses and Ill check the businesses."

Bugle: If you found machines what would be done by the

Romey: "We would issue a ticket for gambling devices in a place of business."

Bugle: Has this happened

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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TOWERS continued

Ques: Mr. Lewis, it has been rumored here in Niles that there was an error in the construction of the overhead tank at Greenleaf and Oriole. Is this correct?

Mr Lewis: No, that is not cor-

Ques: Isn't the new tank ten feet higher than the tank behind Vapor Heating?

Mr. Lewis: Yes, the new tank is higher but both work satisfactorily. It will be necessary to have an altitude valve installed at the old tank.

Ques: Why is the old tank higher?

Mr. Lewis: The new tank is higher because of the land in this vicinity. It is higher than the old tank to give pressure to the neighboring area.

Ques: Are both tanks dependent on each other? Mr. Lewis: They are riding

on the same distribution sys-

Ques: What about this valve? Mr. Lewis: Economies of con-

struction allows for a valve Ques: Why is there a need for

valve now?

Mr. Lewis: The valve for the old tank was desired years ago but lack of funds prevented it. Now economy measures on the present (new) tank make monies available for the new altitude valve.

Your Right to Know!

This week's story of the "Tale of Two Tanks" was a tough one to report. Two of the trustees could not give us any help on what went on behind closed doors. The engineers were likewise of little help in giving us the information we

One trustee felt that it's better not to say anything about this matter as it "would cause quite a stir in town."

The BUGLE believes every citizen has a right to know. It is an inherent part of his being an enlightened citizen. We hope you will support us in defending your "right to

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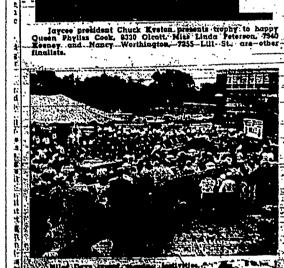
THE ENJOY A VACATION YEAR ROUND

THE WILES BUGL Niles Day Queen, Prize Winners



AND THE WINNER IS

Phyliss 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.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BRIEFS continued

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 Id better be darned sure they are there. AS far as I know there an 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 | Police and the workers the one week at the intersection of Oakton and Washington ed" without leaving the scene of

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 work men. 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 person arrested was "unarrestthe 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.

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Lawry's/Auto Show trip February 15

Niles Senior News

2007 Auto Show-Lawry's

Thursday, February 15 9:45 - 5 p.m. \$48

Join us at the nation's oldest and largest auto show, but first enjoy a fabulous lunch at Lawry's (Downtown) where you will have a choice of entrée: luncheon cut prime rib or salmon - both served with salad, sourdough bread and butter, and homemade apple pie. Plenty to see! Extensive walking!

Bronzeville Legacy

Thursday, February 22nd 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. \$56

Celebrate Black History Month as we explore the historic Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. Many famous African-Americans like Ida B Wells, Mahalia Jackson, Margaret Goss Burroughs, and Louis Armstrong lived and worked in this area. Tour Quin Chapel, the oldest African American church in Chicago,

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which served as a station on the Underground Railroad. Lunch will be a Southern feast, served family-style at Army and Lou's -featuring corn bread, chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert and beverage. We'll also visit the DuSable Museum. An exciting day for all!

Southside Irish Tour

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

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

we'll stop at an authentic Irish bakery and deli, where you can pick up some freshly baked Soda Bread, candy, cheese and other Irish gift items. Call for ticket availabil-

ity. Open to non-residents

after January 25th. (Extensive

Senior Music Group Seeks Members

walking involved)

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

Learn how a little giggling can do you a lot of good Monday January 8th and January 22nd 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. \$2.

Laugh it up! Laughter is really very good for you! Research indicates it can strengthen your immune system, improve breathing, arterial blood flow, digestion. sleep and even reduce calories! Facilitated by Om Jahari, Certified Laughter Leader, Advanced registration required. No walk-ins \$2.

'The King and I' at Drury Lane

Thursday, January 18th 11:15 - 5:30 \$50.

You're sure to enjoy this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic with its enhancing musical score. But first, enjoy a fabulous lunch featuring vour choice of Roast Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost \$50. Call for ticket availability.

Maine Twp. seniors plan winter trips, classes, more

Maine Twp. Senior News

MaineStreamers

Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Rd. in Park Ridge. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in. For more information contact the MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit us at www. mainetownship.com.

Symptoms Stroke & Heart Attacks

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No charge - registration required.

Madeline May, RN, a community nurse of Des Plaines, will address the issue of stroke and heart attack detection.

S.A.L.T. Program

Seniors Enforcement Together. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Presenter: Cook County Sheriff's Office. No charge registration required.

The topic will be: "The History of Law Enforcement; Taking a Trip Back in Time from Mesopotamia to the

"AARP's Driver Safety Program"

Mon., Jan. 29 & Wed., Jan 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP. Cost: \$10 check due on the first day made payable to AARP

inis two-part class helps you update your knowledge of agerelated changes and rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

Used Cell **Phones Collected**

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be convert-See Maine Twp., page 17

Senior Center Members and \$1

Diabetes Screening

Morton Grove Senior News

Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Screening is free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

Auroris Dance Performance

Travelers from the Morton Grove Senior Center will enjoy "Auroris" Dance Performance at Niles North High School in Skokie from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, Jan. 25. Register inperson at the Senior Center at a cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-mem-

Mall Shopping

Morton Grove seniors who would like to join shoppers on a trip to the Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Jan. 30 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 9:15 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 10:15 a.m. Trips are free for

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ed for emergency 911 usage for Senior Citizens. If you have a

phone you would like to donate, drop it off at Maine Town Hall. Distribution of the cell phones will occur at a program scheduled in Dec. Watch for details to follow.

Day Trip

The following Day Trip is currently on sale. In order to must first sign up to be a mem-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trips depart from the State of Illinois Building, ed potatoes, steamed vegeta-9511 Harrison St. in Des bles, tossed salad, warm bread, Plaines.

Free assistance for local seniors age 60+ with their State and Federal Income Tax Returns is available by appointment any Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning starting Feb. 5 in the

\$43 for Senior Center Members

and \$50 for non-members.

Income Tax Returns

"Cats" Trip

The Paramount Theatre, Aurora, IL. Sunday, Feb. 4, 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$87 members/\$92 guests.

There is no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than with us as we enjoy the 25th Anniversary tour of "Cats." "Cats" is the longest running show in North America, winner of seven Tony Awards. including Best Musical, and features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies. sign up for a Day Trip you including the hit song "Memory." We will enjoy Main ber and then a reservation Floor Seats and, after the show, form will be sent to you. To enjoy an early dinner at become a member, call the Banek's. The meal will feature MaineStreamers at 847-297- baked chicken in champagne cream sauce or sliced sirloin of beef in Bordelaise sauce, roastand chocolate cake.

for all others.

Mayflower Tours Trip Previews

Mayflower Tours will highlight their upcoming "Europe by Train," "Yosemite/Lake Tahoe/San Francisco," "Alaska," and "Hawaii" Tours from 1:30 to 2:30p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register for this free program by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

Experience' 'Barefoot in the Park' Join travelers from the Theatre Trip

Morton Grove Senior Center Morton Grove seniors will as they enjoy chocolate maktake in one of Neil Simon's ing at Morkes Chocolate in best shows on Thursday, Feb. 1 Palatine on Tuesday, Feb. 6. at the Metropolis Performing Enjoy the experience of mak-Arts Center in Arlington ing a chocolate pizza, choco-Heights. This merrily enterlate dipped pretzels and moldtaining comedy about newlyed chocolate along with samweds who are as beguiling as pling the end product! There Romeo and Juliet, but much will of course be time for shopfunnier, as they try to settle ping at the Morkes retail store. down in a wildly impractical The bus departs from the apartment at the top of six Senior Center at 1 p.m. and flights of stairs. The bus returns at 3:30 p.m. Please regdeparts from the Senior Center ister in-person at the Senior at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 Center at a cost of \$14 for .p.m. Please register in-person at the Senior Center at a cost of

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Morton Grove Senior Center. Senior Center Members and Seniors who have low or mod-\$16 for non-members. erate incomes that can be

Books, Books, Books

Ioin the Morton Grove Public Library's Karen Hansen as she discuss new best sellers, "Web of Evil" by J.A. Jance, "A Catered Valentine's Day" by Isis Crawford, and many more. This program will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Jan. 22 and pay a reduced cost of \$1 for Senior Center Members and \$2 for non-members. After Jan. 22 the costs are \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members.

Mind Aerobics This mind enhancement program presented by The Park at Golf Mill introduces participants to the basic concepts of how memories are created and the characteristics of normal aging in relation to memory. Explore the four steps to vital and healthy mental fitness mental stimulation, nutrition. stress reduction and physicalactivity. The program will include information on these key components of a healthy lifestyle along with discussion, brainteasers, and strategies for improving memory. This program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove

'A Tribute to George Burns'

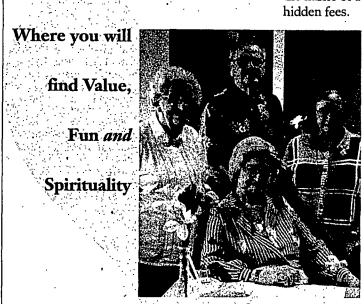
5223 before Feb. 22.

Senior Hot Line at 847/470-

Don Angelo will entertain the Morton Grove Senior Center with a tribute to George Burns on Monday, Feb. 12. For years, Don Angelo has entertained seniors with this comedy tribute. His show also includes an audience participation sing-along. Please register in-person at the Senior Center before Jan. 29 and pay a reduced cost of \$2 for Senior Center Members and \$3 for non-members. After Jan. 29 the costs are \$3 for Senior Center Members and \$4 for non-mem-

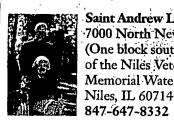
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Obituaries =

Lambert R. Binder

Lambert R. Binder, 89, of Glenview, died Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at Oakton Pavillion Nursing Home. He was born June 9, 1917 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Henry Binder and the late Mary (nee Stutz) Binder; husband of Beatrice Binder; father of James (Barbara) Binder, Joann (James) Meilinger; brother of the late Sr. Henrice Binder, Joseph Binder, and Marion Sutter; grandfather of Robert (Nok), Thomas (Adria), Deborah, Jaime, and Aubry (Christopher); great-grandfather of Thomas and Christopher. Services were held December 29 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. He served as a machinist for a manufacturing company.

Gloria P. Nevins, 82

Gloria passed away on Dec. 27 in Lake Forest Hospital, IL. She lived in Tampa, FL and Vernon Hills, IL and formerly of Park Ridge, IL. Beloved wife of the late Donald F. Nevins; loving mother of James P. (Gail), Mike (Judy), Laura Brennan, Elizabeth) and Carolyn (Kelley) Beckett; 6 grandchildren Shayne Nevins, Colin and Noel Brennan, Evan, Sean and Danielle Beckett; 5 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers Wesley, Duane and David Pidcock; many nieces and nephews. Memorial mass held Sat. Dec. 30, 11 a.m. at St. Paul of the Cross Church, Park Ridge, IL. Memorial visitation held 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fri.,

Dec. 29 at RYAN-PARKE FUEN-RAL HOME 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge, IL. Interment

Verona M. Horak, 90

Age 90. Passed away on Dec. 22 in Streamwood, IL. She lived in Batavia, IL and formerly lived in Park Ridge, IL. She is survived by her husband Raymond W.; 6 children John, William, Robert (Sophie), Mary (James) Oestmann, Virginia and Ruth (Edward) Buckley; 6 grandchildren Robert (Sara) and Steven Horak; Kristin (Russ) Mandel, Kimberly Heather and Oestmann, Christopher Buckley; 6 great-grandchildren. Visitation held Tue. Dec. 26, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the RYAN-PARKE FUNERAL HOME 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge, IL. Funeral mass held Wed. Dec. 27 at St. Paul of the Cross Church. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI.

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Leona O'Sullivan, 104 Leona O'Sullivan, 104, of Smithville, MO, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2006, at her home. She was born on September 23, 1902 to Jacob Meritus and Mary (Tichlofen) Schmitt in Burlington, WI where she grew up and graduated from high school. On February 17, 1921 she was united in marriage to Eugene P. O'Sullivan. After their marriage they lived in many towns in Illinois, spending over 30 years in Park Ridge, IL. Her husband preceded her in death in 1986. In

1999, Leona moved to Smithville. She was a member of St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge where she was in the Alter Society and Rosary Society. Leona was also preceded in death by her daughter, ean Mary Howard, and four sons, ames, Martin, Richard and Donald O'Sullivan; grandson Eugene Howard; and one brother, Henry Tichlofen. She is survived by numerous grandchildren,

grandchildren. Entombment was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30 at All Saints Mausoleum in Des Plaines, IL. Donations to St. Luke's Hospice. Arrangements made by Ryan-Parke Funeral Home.

including Patricia Reinoso and

Terri Ormond, both of Smithville,

and many great and great-great-

Telesforo B. Eufacio, 60

Telesforo B. Eufracio, age 60, of Des Plaines, passed away Dec. 25, 2006 at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. He was a United Airlines employee. Beloved husband of Lilian M.; loving father of Learose, Lalaine (Edwin) Condre, Rafael, Lynette and the late Ryan (Myline); dear grandfather of Ian Miguel, Sophia and Nicko; fond brother of Nenette, Dr. Secenio, Dr. Jose, Cleofe, Nora, Antonio and the late Mariano. Funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006 at 9:15 a.m. from Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge to Our Lady of Ransom Church, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles. Interment private. Visitation held Friday at funeral home from 3 to 9 p.m. Info: 847-823-1171.

Alberto O. Evett, 78

Alberto O. Evett, age 78, of Park Ridge, passed away Dec. 29, 2006 at St. Matthew Home in Park Ridge. Beloved husband of Dolores B. (nee McKeown); loving father of Kathy (Chris) Durbin and Allan (Mary Cavnah); devoted grandfather of Keith (Mercedes). Brad, Joel (Brittany), Melanie and David Durbin and Michelle Cavinah; fond brother of Ellnor (the late Dick) Dianovsky, Helen (Marty) Balogh and Edward (Mary Lou) Evett; dear brother-in-law of Don McKeown; many cousins nieces and nephews. Memorial service was held Friday, January 5 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 306 S. Prospect Ave. in Park Ridge. Interment followed at the church. Memorial gathering held in the church library lounge (Prospect Ave. entrance) from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. Memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church appreciated Info: Ryan-Parke Funeral Home, 847-823-1171.

Thaddeus R. (Ted) Marcyan, 81

Veteran and Program Manage for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Dedicated civil servant, born in Chicago in 1925 to Ambrose and Ursula. Loving husband of Helen N. (nee Naminski), cherished father of Carlton (Ana) and Christopher. Beloved grandfather of Maggie, Colt and Baron.Beloved brother of Sophie Pietras. Ted received his bachelors degrees in physics and mathematics from Western Michigan University and his Industrial Engineering degree from the Illinois Institute of

Technology. Appointed to the Northbrook, Illinois Zoning Board Appeals and Planning Commission in the mid 70's, traffic engineer for the City of Chicago in the 50's and early 60's, engineer for the Illinois Commerce Commission and national executive utilities engineer for Montgomery Ward & Co. Completed his career as program manager for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Served in the U.S. Marine Corps. V-12 program dur-ing WWII and later a pilot in the S. Air Force. He maintained diverse interests in archeology, genealogy and astronomy as well as in hands on skills carpentry woodworking and electronics. long time member of the PNA and the Chicago Society Lodge of the PNA. Funeral Services held Saturday, December 30 at 9:15 a.m. Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles to Our Lady of the Brook Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation held Friday 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Info: 847-581-0536 or www.colonialfu

Regina "Reggie" Pollina, 66

Regina "Reggie" Pollina, 66, of Glenview, died Saturday, December 30, 2006. She was born August 7, 1940 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Le Roy; mother of Deborah (Allen) Rogers, Sandra (Fred) Betsoleiman, and Joseph (Dawn) Pollina; grandmother of Lauren, Christine, Nick, Sara, John, Lindsey, Abbey, and Kelly; sister of Joe (Cathy), Frank (Chris), Vito (the late Ann), Jim (the late Jean), Bill (the late Patricia), and Charlie (Sharon); aunt of many nieces and nephews. Services were held January 3 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home. Interment at All Saints Mausoleum. Memorial contributions to St. Jude's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 and Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy. Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068. She served as an accounting clerk and touched the heart of many relatives and friends.

Shirley F. Bender

Shirley F. Bender, 83, of Niles, died Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born September 15, 1923 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Edwin Johnson and the late Valeria (nee Heim) Johnson; wife of Ray Bender of Niles; mother of Karen (Ed) Hausner, Susan Bender, Ray (Vicki) Bender, and Scott Bender; grandmother of 13. Services were held January 3 at St. John Brebeuf Church.

Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was at Maryhill Cemetery. She served as the secretary/treasurer for an entrepreneurial corporation.

Judith M. Flynn

Judith M. Flynn, 66, of Niles, died January 1, 2007 at Bethany Terrace Nursing Home. 'She was born May 6, 1940 in Freeport, IL. Beloved daughter of the late Michael Gerald O'Connell and the late Anne (nee Rhode) O'Connell; wife of the late Thomas Flynn; mother of Julia (Richard) Plotke,

Laura Flynn, Robert Flynn, Susan (Michael) Walsh, and the late Michael Flynn; grandmother of Nicholas, Kira, Ryleigh, Zachary, Abigael, Jack, Lileigh, and Hannelore; sister of Patricia McCauley; aunt of many. Services were held January 5 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She served as a grammar school teacher, past president of St. John Brebeuf Catholic Women's Club, and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Women's Memorials to: Alzheimer's Association, 4709 Golf Rd. #1015, Skokie, IL 60076.

Frances W. Zielinski

Frances W. Zielinski, 88, of Niles, died January 2, 2007 at home. He was born December 8, 1918 in Chicago. Beloved daughter of the late Francis Zurawski and the late Sophie (nee Pitak) Zurawski; wife of the late Edmund L. Zielinski; mother of Alan Wayne (Margaret Sherman) Zielinski of Niles, Lynne Frances (Vincent Pinelli) Zielinski; grandmother of Justin Alan Zielinski; sister of Lillian (Walter) Schreiman. the late Cecelia Bozek, and the late Adeline (late Sam) Demkoski; aunt and friend of many. Services were held on January 5 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetery. She served as a bookkeeper for a kitchen remodeling company. In lieu of flowers, please make dona-tions to the charity of your choice.

Alphonso J. Furlan

Veteran Alphonso J. Furlan, 50, of Niles, died December 31, 2006 at Resurrection Medical Center. He was born December 30, 1956 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Alphonso J. Furlan, Jr. and Betty (nee Christopher) Furlan of Niles; grandson of Myrtle Christopher; father of Alphonso Furlan, IV; brother of Betty Ann (Peter) Madsen, Nicholas (Sylvia) Furlan, and Ann Margaret (Robert) Van Kast. Services were held on January 4 at St. John Brebeuf Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Maryhill Cemetary. He served as a Deputy Sheriff for Cook County.

Walter Albert Dipping

87, of Arlington Heights, died January 3, 2007 at Glenbridge Nursing Center. He was born February 14, 1919 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Fred Dipping and the late Bertha (nee Lulloff) Dipping; husband of the late Grayce (nee Kilderman) Dipping; father of Walter Allen (Patricia) Dipping; grandfather of Paul and Mary. Services were held on January 5 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment at Irving Park Cemetary. He served as a machinist for a printing company.

Former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon appears at **Advocate Lutheran General Hospital for Arthritis Foundation**

— HAVE YOU HEARD

Former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon will be the featured speaker at this month's Luncheon with a Champion sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation.

The special event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, January 13, in Olson Auditorium at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge.
The Chicago Bears legend will discuss his experiences with osteoarthritis (OA) during this

informal roundtable discussion that will focus on management of the disease and making better

Audience participation and a question-and-answer session will offer attendees an opportunity to discuss how they can develop a Game Plan for OA, their own personal plan to manage

Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend the free luncheon and receive an OA Game Plan. Register online at www.arthritis.org, or by calling 312-372-2080.

TESTS THAT CAN HELP SAVE YOUR LIFE NILES COMMUNITY HELPS PROMOTE **HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Residents living in and around the Niles, Ill., community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the Leaning Tower YMCA on January 16th. The site is located at 6300 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles. Appointments will begin at 9:00 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology, and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

"If it hadn't been for Life Line Screening, I would have probably had a stroke." Mary Coburn

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screenings is \$109. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only \$129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit us on the web at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is

ZIA'S TRATTORIA AND MISERICORDIA TEAM UP FOR SUPER SUNDAY!

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th, 2007 Zia's Michael, Trattoria, 6699 N. Northwest Hwy., will be closed for a private Super Bowl party benefiting Miscricordia. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. for a delicious Zia's Buffet and complete open bar for just \$100 per person. There will be big screen televisions and

Niles Park District Youth Basketball Winter

League

Registration is being accepted for the Youth Basketball Winter Leagues for Grades 2nd through 8th Girls and Boys.

These fun and exciting leagues begin February 10 and end

April 1. Participants can sign up as a team or individually.

Each participant will receive a team t-shirt and will play a

guaranteed 10 games. Volunteer coaches are also needed

Registration deadline is January 22. Registration is being

taken at the Howard Leisure Center. For more information

about Youth Basketball or volunteer coaching, please call

Cheerleading Class at Niles Park District

Cathy Holbrook will instruct kids who are interested in

earning about cheerleading. Included in this ten week pro-

gram will be jumps, chants, cheers, dancing and tumbling.

Go team and register today! Classes will meet on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 2nd-7th graders. Classes will be held at the Howard Leisure Center from January 22-March 12. Call

the second year Chef Joe and or to purchase a ticket, please call Mary Kay Calabrese will be host- the restaurant at (773) 775-0808.

plenty of fun.

(847) 967-6975.

(847) 967-6633 to register.

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entered also be taken at the restaurant, Misericordia 6699 N. Northwest Hwy. Please ago. Joe and Mary Kay will generously donate the days cost, labor and all proceeds to Misericordia. Last year Joe and Mary Kay were able to present to Misericordia a check for \$11,200.00 on behalf of those who attend-

For more information ing this event. Their son, Donations of cash or check will

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Saturday, January 27, 2007 11:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

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Contact John and Yvonne Daly Directors, Tutoring Club for more information.

GUESTS INVITED TO A TROPICAL ADVENTURE SUMMIT SQUARE

Seniors are invited to beat the winter blues and enjoy a Tropical Adventure with the Aloha Dancers, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m., at the Summit Square Retirement & Assisted Living Residence, 10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge. There is no charge for the event.

While watching the dancers perform authentic Hula and Tahitian dances in their colorful costumes, guest will enjoy complementary tropical punch.
Seniors and their guests are e

Seniors and their guests are encouraged to tour Summit Square before or after the program. Parking is available in the Park Ridge Library lot across the street. RSVP to Deborah, at 847-825-/ 1161 Ext. 104, by Friday, Jan 19. Visit // www.summitsquareretirement.com for more information.

TIMELY TALK "STAYING HEALTHY THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS -- NATURALLY" AT NORWOOD CROSSING ON JAN. 17

Protecting yourself from colds and the flu seems to be an ongoing concern of many people. Maybe you've tried various vitamin juices, nutritional supplements and other remedies but the cold and flu still make their presence felt. Here's an opportunity to learn about another alternative. Donna Reilly-Engel, DC will discuss "Staying Healthy Through the Winter Months -Naturally" in this free Timely Talk at 2:30 p.m., on Jan. 17, at Norwood Crossing (formerly Norwood Park Home), 6016-

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20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. Dr. Reilly-Engel will show how to achieve balance in the is a not-for-profit affiliate of body and mind, using ancient the knowledge of healing com- Foundation, serving the senbined with modern science - ior living community since so that you can stay healthy 1896. throughout the winter and all

year round. She is a chiropractor with the Northshore Healing Centre in Glenview, is certified in acupuncture and various other techniques and has a Bachelor of Science in Social Work Her approach to avoiding certain common illnesses and treating various symptoms is sure to be informative and very helpful.

Refreshments will be served, and no reservation is required. For more information about this event or Norwood Crossing, call Mary-Anne Director of Marketing, at (773) 577- 5327. Norwood Crossing Norwood Park

Golf Mill Mall January Calendar of Events

Golf Mill Mall presents Heartland Animal Shelter Bring us Honje in 2007 Pet Adoptions Saturday, January 13th, 20th, and 27th from noon -6pm Pet adoptions will be taking place in the North mall next to the Target store.

Looking for hot deals and cool savings? Colf Mill's annual Winter Clearance Sale will be taking place Friday, January 12th-Sunday, January 14th. Save up to 70% off at select stores including Bath & Body Works, The Children's Place, The Disney Store, Express, JCPenney, Sears and many more!

Have you heard about It's a Kids Thing?
Golf Mill's club exclusively for kids is hosting their first event for 2007 on Saturday, January 27th at 11:30am off Center Court.

The Magic of Steve Snyder will be here to entertain in a safe, fun environment! Join us on Saturday, January 27th!

For more information or questions regarding any of these events, please call 847-699-1070.

By Ron James COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The Chef

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

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mother, Betty, when she asked him if he would like to be chef. He said yes and she replied, "OK, you're the chef, now learn to cook."

Boy, did he. Today, Keller is an American culinary icon who has garnered almost every major honor in the food world.

Keller learned the basics in the yacht club kitchen, but came to understand his passion under the mentoring of French master chef Roland Henin. At the Dunes Club in Rhode Island, he discovered that great cooking was rooted in the tremendous self-gratification of making others happy through culinary effort.

With that inspiration, Keller began a journey that would take him from working in top-

rated American and French restaurants to opening his own high-end New York restaurant, Rakel, in 1987. Although Rakel 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 bestselling 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)

(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

"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-

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

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.

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

1 (3 to 3 1/2-pound) butternut 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. ½ cup thinly sliced carrots ½ 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) ¼ cup creme fraiche Freshly grated nutmeg 4 tablespoons unsalted butter 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 ½ 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 mediumhigh heat. Add leeks, carrots, shallots and onions. Cook and stir often, about 6 minutes. Add diced squash, garlic, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and % teaspoon pepper, cook gently 3 minutes

keep garlic and squash from colminutes. Add stock and bouquet about 15 minutes, or until squash

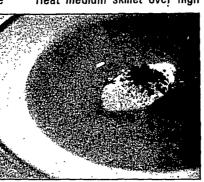
Add reserved roasted squash and simmer gently 30 minutes. Remove from heat and discard bouquet garni. •

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



reducing heat as necessary to heat. When very hot, add butter and rotate pan over neat as necoring. Stir in honey, and cook 2 to 3 essary to brown butter evenly, scraping up bits that settle on botgarni, bring to a simmer and cook tom. 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

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

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

Few actresses have allowed

themselves to look so ugly

(physically and inwardly) on

screen. Barbara's vile corrup-

tion is not a gargoyle jam-

boree 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 mon-

sters' ball. A Fox Searchlight

release. Director: Richard

Eyre. Writer: Patrick Marber.

Cast: Judi Dench, Cate

time: 1 hour, 51 minutes.

Blanchett, Bill Nighy, Andrew

Simpson, Alice Bird. Running

Rated R.

FILMS IN FOCUS 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 A Warner Bros. and Dreamdaughter pouts and the son is handicapped. Nobody snuffs Blanchett, but Dench, the older pro, has the best lines and the ruling role.

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 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 Mitchumesque 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.

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

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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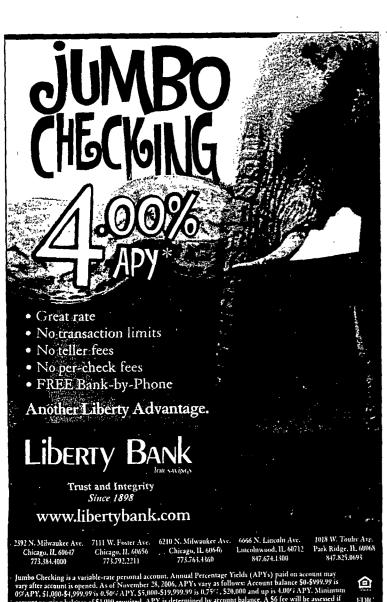
ShowTimes for January 12-18, 2007

ALPHA DOG (R) 2:15, 5:00, 8:15, Fri-Mon early matinee 11:30am ARTHUR & THE INVISIBLES (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:15; Fri-Mon early matinee 11:10am PRIMEVAL (R) 1:45, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00; Fri-Mon early matinee 11:00am STOMP THE YARD (PG-13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00; Fri-Mon early matinee 11:45am CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50; Fri-Mon early matinee 10:50am CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) 9:40pm

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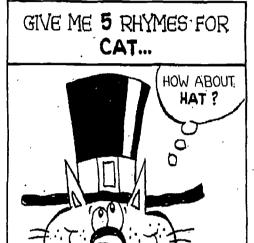
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By J.R. Rose - Copley News Service

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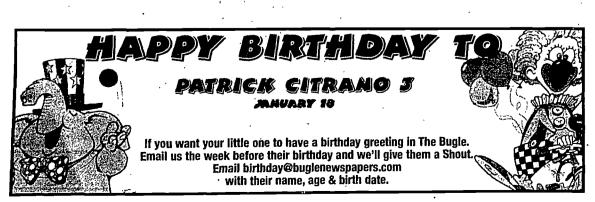
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Winter roosters

It's a particularly North American sight, and an impressive one at that: huge darkbrown birds with hand-some 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

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

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.

WHERE TO OBSERVE

Mormon Lake, Ariz. Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge, Ark Phantom Canyon Preserve, Colo. Cache River Wetlands, Ill. Lake Red Rock, Iowa Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge, Kan. Conowingo Dam, Md. Blackwater NWR, Md. Sandy Island Eagle Sanctuary, Mo. Concjohela Flats, Pa. Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge, Tenn. Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Utah

very large bird planklike outstretched wings large head and bill large yellow feet with two toes forward, one backward dults: white head, white tail. brown body and wings. yellow bill and eyes iveniles: all brown, with pale belly and white streaks on tail, dark bill and eyes

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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Picking a Part

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

- 1. The word "really" is an a.) adjective.
- b.) adverb.
- c.) article.
- 2. The word "under" is a a.) preposition.
- b.) conjunction.
- 3. The word "be" is a a.) verb.
 - b.) noun. c.) conjunction.

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

under

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c.) interjection.

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 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: We are planning an addition to the house that will give us a new Great Room downstairs and a master bedroombath 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, vou can add a second, even a third, say, a dining area, pool or table-and-chairs grouping for playing games. The rub comes from trying to service two viewing areas with

ter 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 handsome-

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). Would it be weird to have a dinner party in the front hall?

A: Not weird, historic, actually. Many houses in earlier America were built without a dining room. In the summer One solution would be to months especially, families ate locate your entertainment cen- 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 conly illustrated in the Great Room vention from the Victorians we show here: the screen for a 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.

Hate coming home to a Dark House?

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Industry groups predicting rosy future for real estate

Bv Jim Woodard COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The prognosis for the real estate market in 2007 looks promising. Previously owned

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home sales will slowly rise. Mortgage rates will rise slightly but remain at historically low

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

"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.

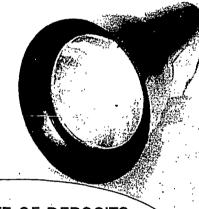
"Home buyers, especially first-time buyers, with the combined benefits of seller flexibility and an unexpected drop in mortgage interest rates in recent months, have provided a window of opportunity. These conditions will persist in many areas until spring, when inventory supplies are likely to become 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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Cultural Tapestry. All 18 colors

are compatible with each other,

according to the company, and

are meant to be mixed and

Calming Green, Scenic Drive

A copy of the company's

Glidden, another leading

Glidden is also focusing on

and Adobe Dust are among the

color choices.

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

A GREENER VIEW

varieties in the seed catalogs. You may not even be on the mailing 1 st 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 CARDENER

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

REAL ESTATE



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 5inch 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 international 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 shar-

ing them with other gardeners. Her seeds are selected from growers in the U.S., Netherlands, Italy, England, France, Germany, Hungary, Mexico, Canada, 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 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

retail outlets, but if you can't

find them there, you can check

out their more than 40 new

varieties at www.botanicalin-

I haven't planted zinnias in

recent years, but I may have to

try Zesty Pink, which comes in

I like jelly beans, but unfortunately they don't grow on vines. The closest thing to them is the new tomato variety called Ielly Bean Red and Yellow from Botanical Interests. They also have very detailed seed packets, including a lot of informa-Builders. tion printed on the inside of the packet. They, too, are found in

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

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 owners and managers.

"The office and industrial marsupported by job growth and sector is seeing healthy rent increases," said Lereah, of the "The retail sector is essentially flat, but the hotel industry is

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each applicant submission. And, of course, those added fees are

passed along to the consumer. Considering all factors, good and popular will suddenly lose favor, making rooms look

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 pre-

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

"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

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

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

kets continue to shine brightly trade, while the rental apartment National Association of Realtors. 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

Open House

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE Just ask anyone who still has harvest gold appliances: Color schemes that were once stylish

HOME ZONE

By Linda Pescatore

dated. Trend watchers from the Color Marketing Group, 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

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be operated from your car or

your bedside table. Based on

radio frequency (RF), their new

AuroRa system includes a con-

troller you can clip to your car

visor. Flip a switch and illumi-

nate your way, not only into,

but throughout the house. Say

you wake up for a glass of milk

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

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

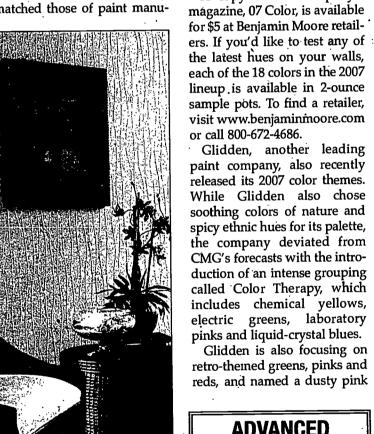
- It's easy been green. Not only are "green" or environmentally sensitive solutions gaining ground, the color green - especially soft, botanical hues will flourish in the coming

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

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

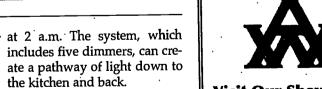
- Accent with an ethnic aesthetic. Rich reds and vibrant oranges from a mix of cultures will add punch without losing that natural flavor.

Those forecasts closely matched those of paint manu-



selfers. Have a closer look at

www.lutron.com.



The RF technology has been around for some time; but costs a lot and required complicated installation and programming. OR AuroRay retails for about \$750 and is aimed at do-it-youradvancedwindow.biz

called Movie Star as its color of the year. The company bills Movie Star as a "masculine lineup of 18 colors, organized pink" that appeals to both in three categories: Timeless Simplicity, Natural Terrain and

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Once Upon a Mattress

If you're shopping for a new bed, the array of choices can be mind-boggling. 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 a soft bamboo fabric. Topping the 15-inch mattress is an inch of cashmere and more memory foam for year-round comfort.

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

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 viscoelastic 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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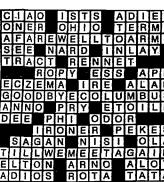
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