

Man pleads guilty to robbing area banks

By Rosemary Tirio

Christopher Consago, 23, an unemployed carpenter charged with robbing the TCF Bank in Niles in April and again in May, the LaSalle Cragin Bank in Park Ridge in March and five other banks on Chicago's Northwest Side, admitted his guilt in court Nov. 20.

The Chicago man, who police said was once a crack cocaine addict, pleaded guilty to the eight-robbery spree he perpetrated over a four-month period in 1995 and 1996.

Four of the five robberies were originally attributed to William Wilson, 28, also of Chicago, because Wilson was identified by five witnesses. However, a test determined that a fingerprint on a demand note used in one of the robberies was Consago's.

In addition, authorities learned of records at another bank showing that Wilson had deposited money there just eight minutes after the first bank robbery. The

second bank is located more than eight minutes away from the crime scene.

Wilson, who spent three months in jail, was cleared of all bank robbery charges and released last June.

Consago, who changed his *modus operandi* by verbally warning tellers that he would shoot instead of handing them notes as he had done before Wilson's arrest for the first four robberies, got away with a total of \$37,716 from the eight robberies.

Consago admitted holding up TCF Bank a total of five times at three different locations in Chicago and Niles. He also said he robbed First Security Federal Savings Bank in Chicago twice and LaSalle Cragin Bank in Park Ridge once.

A Northwest Side resident, Consago could receive a lengthy term in prison. He will be sentenced Feb. 25.

Holiday Food Drive

The Firemen's Association of Morton Grove is sponsoring a food drive November 29 through December 22, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Morton Grove Fire Station #4, 6250 Lincoln Ave.

All food should be non-perishable and have a current expiration date. Due to limited storage space we are unable to accept

toys and or clothing. Please limit your generosity to food or a cash donation for which food can be purchased. The food collected will be distributed to needy families during the holidays. The Firemen's Association will also provide a holiday dinner, dessert and gifts for the children.

If you have any questions, contact the fire station at 470-5226.

Drug Hot-Line number changed

Several months ago the Village of Niles began installing a new telephone system. Part of the change in phone systems required the changing of many of our telephone numbers. One number that did change was the Drug Hot-Line number. The new telephone number for the drug-

hotline is: (847) 588-6533. This number should be used by any citizen who wishes to report any illegal drug activity. The calls are completely anonymous and all reported incidents will be investigated by officers of the Niles Police Department.

Christmas Party for Children

Mayor Nicholas B. Blase and the Maine Township Regular Democratic Organization's Annual Christmas Party for the Children, will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Morton Grove Theater, 7300 W. Dempster, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

As usual, there will be candy and gifts for the children. Santa will also be present. All children under 12 are welcome.

April 1, 1997 elections

The filing period for established political parties is from December 9, 1996 through December 16, 1997.

The filing period for new parties, independent and non-partisan candidates is January 13, through January 21, 1997.

Skokie Municipal and Library Board candidates file with the Skokie Valley Clerk during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5

Finance company claims Niles Parks failed to alert County of retired bond issue which caused over-taxing

Parks explain cause of taxing mistake

by Kathleen Quirsfeld

Non-abatement of a retiring bond issue was the "official" reason given for why excessive property tax amounts were collected from Niles homeowners in September.

Although most Niles Park District taxpayers were somewhat aware of the reason why it happened, the Niles Park District on Nov. 19 called in its financial expert to go through the unfortunate mistake step-by-step for the record.

Peter Koukos, Vice President, Public Finance of Mesirov Financial, Highland Park, confirmed the fact that the Park District had failed to inform the Cook County Clerk's office that it had retired a bond issue.

Consequently, without knowing this, the Clerk's office tacked on this extra amount to the amount it had assessed Niles homeowners in property taxes for the 1996-97 school year.

"I'm surprised this doesn't happen with more frequency," Koukos told the Bugle. "People

have to remember to do something," he said, and since most Park Districts have only one set of eyes to watch for this, mistakes like this can happen.

The mistake has taught Koukos and his firm a lesson. He said

he now asks all his clients to give him the abatement before it is filed so they can double check the dates.

"Nobody in my business ever asked to do this. I have learned

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Pension, docked pay stall Dist. 219 contract

by Rosemary Tirio

Three weeks after the ink dried on the Nov. 5 tentative agreement that ended the 11-day teacher strike in the Niles Township High School District 219, union and board officials are still negotiating final terms of the as yet unsigned final contract.

Still being debated is the contract's early retirement provisions, which have not been approved by the Illinois Teacher Retirement System. The board is especially wary of repeating the mistake made in the 1991 negotiations when a shortfall in funds resulted after more money was promised to retirees than the board actually had.

"Board officials are unwilling to sign any contract that will increase its monetary obligation," District 219 spokesperson Jeff Berkwitz said.

Another bone of contention is the stipend paid to coaches

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Niles Centennial Economy Party



Mayor Nicholas B. Blase has announced his intention to run for Mayor in the upcoming April 1, 1997 Consolidated Election. Joining with Mayor Blase will be incumbent Trustees (left to right) Robert Callero, Louella Preston, (Mayor Blase) and Andrew Przybylo. They will be running under the party name "Niles Centennial Economy Party."

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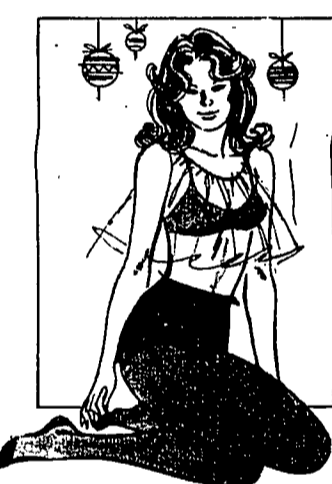
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Holiday kick-off at Amazing Savings



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A collection bin has been placed in the lobby of the Police Station for anyone choosing to donate. New unwrapped toy donations will be accepted now through December 20.

Any questions can be directed to the Morton Grove Police at 470-5208.

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Maine Twp. Republican Organization Party

Festivities are now being planned for the annual Maine Township Regular Republican Organization Holiday Party for Precinct Captains and their families on Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 7:30 PM, at the township hall.

Republican organization president John Dini is asking those attending to bring a gift for a child between the ages of 11 and 14 years, which will be given to the Maine Township general assistance department to be distributed to the needy children at Christmas.

Those precinct captains unable to attend the party but would like to donate a gift, can drop them off at the Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge (847)297-2510.

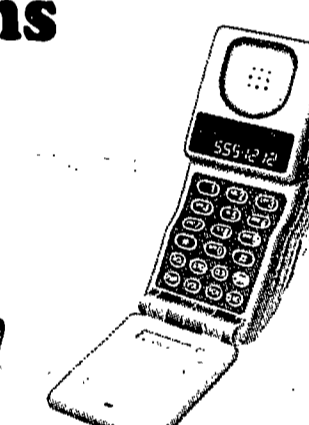
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Our Halloween Party: The Singing Nuns L-R - Standing Alberta Papini Vivian Leonard, Seated L-R Vivian Zamir, Evelyn Murtagh, Anne Cascio, Rose Morbello. Enjoyed their singing very much.

Putting the "jolly" back in the holidays

On Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m., Norwood Park Home, located at 6016 N. Nina Ave., will host a seminar on "Surviving the Holidays" presented by Dr. Joan Durlacher, a clinical psychologist in private practice in Mt. Prospect.

Holiday decorations are beginning to appear and the holiday countdown has begun. This is the time when many families begin to feel the pressure of putting together the perfect family celebration or dread seeing that certain family member they see only once a year. Others may not have family to share this time with, and may feel sad and lonely. This seminar will assist you in discovering realistic ways to create your own style of holiday fun. Attendees will learn to focus on the here and now, how to keep things simple and develop new rituals to

make the holidays mean happy times.

Norwood Park Home offers seminars free to community members as part of its community outreach program. For more information or to receive a free calendar of event highlights, please call (312) 631-4856.

December Breakfast and Movie

The December Breakfast and Movie is scheduled for Friday, December 20 at 9 a.m. Come and enjoy a full breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage links, baked ham, hash brown potatoes, biscuits, orange juice and coffee. Then, enjoy the delightful remake of "Miracle on 34th Street!" Cost is \$4.40. Call for ticket availability.

Norwood Park Seniors Wednesday shopping trips

Norwood Park Seniors Network (NPSN), a personalized outreach program for community seniors, located at 6016 N. Nina Avenue, now offers weekly shopping trips for seniors who have limited transportation or are homebound.

Beginning the week of December 4, NPSN will pick up and drop off community seniors directly from their own door or from the lobby of the Norwood Park Home to various shopping locations and back for only \$5 each way. "This is a great way for seniors to accomplish many of those difficult tasks they would not be able to accomplish otherwise," says Linda Rasicci, NPSN Director. The December trips include: December 4, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. a trip to Dominick's and Walgreens; December 11, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. a trip to KMART; and December 18, 9 a.m. - 3:30 a.m. a trip to Golf Mill Shopping Center. These trips offer an opportunity for early holiday shopping, with the holidays just around the corner.

NPSN offers a variety of services other than social outings including medical, home care, referral and non-medical services. To make reservations for the shopping trips or to find out more information about how to receive special discounts on NPSN services, please contact Linda Rasicci at (773) 631-5673.

Holiday Splendor Trip

A Botanic Garden trip sponsored by the Women's Club is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lunch will be at the Orrington Hotel in Evanston followed by a tour of the holiday displays at the Botanic Gardens. Price per person is \$23. Call for ticket availability.

Niles Senior Citizens 967-6100 ext. 376

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION

The Niles Senior Center is open to residents of the Village of Niles age 62 and over and their younger spouses. Niles seniors interested in obtaining additional information should call or visit the center and be placed on the mailing list. The center is located at 8060 Oakton.

YARN NEEDED

The Niles Senior Center is requesting any left-over yarn or scraps of material (8" X 8" or bigger). Lap robes and shawls are made for veterans at Hines Hospital. Volunteer knitters and crocheters are needed. If interested, please contact Mary Vandepinas.

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

The Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving Holiday.

CARBON MONOXIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The village of Niles Carbon Monoxide FREE screening program needs volunteers in Niles to schedule appointments for carbon monoxide inspections. The program runs from Nov. to May and only 2 hours a week is requested. If you are interested please contact Kelly Mickie.

MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTIES

The men's club holiday party is on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle with entertainment by Frank Martello. Call for ticket availability.

HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY

The Holiday Decorating Party is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 4 from 9 am until 2 pm. Come and help us decorate the Senior Center for the holidays. A continental breakfast and pizza lunch will be served. Registration is necessary.

BOOK REVIEW

Book review will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 at 10 am. The cost is \$1 and includes refreshments. The book is *Crossing to Safety* by Pulitzer Prize winning author, Wallace Stegner. Registration required.

HANDLING HOLIDAY STRESS THROUGH MASSAGE THERAPY

Handling holiday stress through massage therapy is a free class given by students from the Chicago School of Massage therapy. Free shoulder and neck massages will be given. Learn how massages can be used to handle stress and pain on Friday, Dec. 6 at 2 pm. Registration required.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY AND MEETING

The women's club party and meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 9 at noon. There will be Hors D'oeuvres followed by a cookie exchange and a sing-a-long. All are encouraged to bring FRESHLY BAKED cookies to exchange. The cost is \$2 per person.

BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OWNING STOCKS?

One of the most important benefits of owning stocks is that they offer the opportunity for growth of principal, and growth of principal is the only way to stay ahead of inflation.

Fixed-income investments such as bonds offer security -- you know exactly how much income you will receive and how much principal will be returned at maturity. However, there is no possibility for that income to increase nor for your investment to grow.

Stocks, on the other hand, offer

the potential for increasing dividends and growth in the value of your investment. Although there are no guarantees about stock prices or dividends, over the long term stocks have outperformed every other type of investments.

The key to selecting stocks is to choose quality companies with long histories of increasing dividends and stock prices and strong potential for the future. Then hold your investment for the long term.

I JUST STARTED INVESTING A YEAR AGO, BUT I'M WORRIED

ABOUT THE MARKET'S VOLATILITY THIS YEAR. SHOULD I GET OUT OF THE STOCK MARKET?

One of the cardinal rules of investing is: It's time in the market not timing the market that's important. Investing should be a long-term commitment, and when it comes to the long term, history has proven that no investment outperforms stocks.

Short-term declines are a fact of life for stock investors. Since the early 1950's, there have been 14 bear markets (defined as periods when the Standard & Poor's

500 declines 15 percent or more). View these market drops as stock sales, the best time to buy clothes is when they're on sale, right? Why not view the stock market the same? When the market drops and stock prices decline, some terrific bargains are available. History has proven the market, and stock prices, will rise again.

Finally, you may want to consider investing a set amount of money each month. This investment strategy, called dollar-cost averaging, allows you to buy more shares when the market de-

clines and stock prices are lower and fewer shares when the market advances and prices are higher. Over the long run, this typically lowers the average cost of the stock you purchase.

Regardless of which investment strategy you use, the key to weathering uncertain times is to choose high-quality investments. These are usually the least affected by market declines and the first to recover afterward.

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Silver Anniversary Celebration



Mayor Lorraine Morton proclaimed November 11-16 "North Shore Hotel Week" in Evanston, honoring The North Shore Hotel's 25th anniversary. To kick off a week of special events at the North Shore, Morton along with Health and Human Services Director Jay Terry (left) officiated at a ribbon cutting ceremony as Senior Administrator at The

North Shore Marvin Cohen (center), looks on. As part of the celebration, a unique "time capsule" will be installed in The North Shore garden. Containing residents' reflections on life in the future, the time capsule is to be opened in the year 2021. For further information, please call The North Shore Hotel at (847) 864-6400.

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AARP meeting

A.A.R.P. Skokie Chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 1 P.M. in the Petty Auditorium of the Skokie Public Library, 5215 W. Oakton St. Musical Duo with Edna Gerstein, Violinist, and Bee Gerris, Pianist, will present Christmas, Chanukah and Broadway songs. Socializing and refreshments will follow. Please call President Sid Sonis, 847-824-2821 for further information.

New physician at Regency Health Centre

Regency Health Centre is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Bernadette B. Mayer as the new Medical Director of Regency Home Health Services, Ltd.

Regency Home Health Centre provides a full spectrum of services including skilled nursing care, physical, occupational and speech therapy, medical social work, and home health aide services.

Dr. Mayer is currently in private practice. Her specialty is internal medicine. She is affiliated with Resurrection Medical Center and Our Lady of Resurrection Medical Center. Her professional affiliations include the American Medical Association, The Illinois State Medical Society, and The concentration in internal medicine. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She completed her post-graduate education at Illinois Masonic Medical Center. She is on the faculty of the University of Illinois, Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine. Her professional experiences include Immediate Care Center at Resurrection Hospital, E.R. and house physician at Methodist Hospital of Chicago. She also has specialized training which includes advanced life support systems and pediatric life support.

Dr. Mayer's office is located at 5365 West Devon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

"We are very pleased to have Dr. Bernadette Mayer as a member of our staff," says L. Kay Olsen, Administrator of Regency Home Health Services.

Dr. Mayer is also on staff at Regency Nursing Centre. Regency Nursing Centre is a 300-bed geriatric facility.

Morton Grove Senior Citizens 470-5223

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance found in every cell in the body. Most of the body's cholesterol is made in the liver, the rest comes from animal fat in foods. Egg yolks, meat, poultry and dairy products all contain cholesterol, but not too much. Eating foods low in animal fat is one of the best ways to lower cholesterol. Cholesterol screenings will be offered from 9 to 11 am. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 in the Flickinger Senior Center. The quick and simple test will give an accurate total blood cholesterol measurement in just three minutes. For Morton Grove seniors (age 65+) there is a charge of \$3. For those under 65 or for non-residents the charge is \$4.

LUNCHES NOW BEING SERVED ON TUESDAYS
 Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 3, the senior nutrition program located within the Flickinger Senior Center (Village Hall) will serve lunches on Tuesdays. The community Nutrition Network, Inc. will operate four days per week (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) by serving up to 60 meals each day to those over age 60. The suggested cost is between \$1.75 and \$2.25, depending upon what a person can afford. Serving time is 11:45 am. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line to sign up for lunch in advance.

LUNCH BUNCH MOVIES
 Following the regular Senior Nutrition Site lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 4, the original version of "Father of the Bride," will be shown at 1 pm. in the Flickinger Senior Center. Lunch is provided for those who make a reservation. Seniors who do not come in for lunch can still come for the show. Future movie dates are: Jan. 8 "Grumpy Old Men" and Feb. 5, "Roman Holiday." For information about the lunch program call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
 Travel to Peoria for the Annual Festival of lights and much more on Dec. 5 and 6. The trip includes a stop at the Paradise Casino, a narrated tour through the glittering displays of Christmas lights and a narrated tour through the glittering displays of Christmas lights and a show on the Spirit of Peoria featuring the wonderful Christmas production, Holidayz. A visit to the historic Pettengell-Morrison House, and eleven-room Victorian mansion and a narrated tour of the Christmas displays at St. Francis Monastery is also included. The cost is \$169 per person, double occupancy and \$219 for single occupancy. Call Catherine Dean at the Morton Grove Park District for availability at 965-1200.

THAT SPECIAL GIFT
 Often people wonder what to buy that certain someone, or perhaps others have a terrific idea for a gift that they'd like to share? Just in time for the holidays, there will be a sharing board for gift ideas at the Prairie View Community Center. Send in or drop off ideas with Park District senior adult supervisor, Catherine Dean.

TEENS RAKE LEAVES AND SHOVEL SNOW
 The Flickinger Senior Center matches youth workers with senior citizen homeowners who need a little assistance with seasonal related chores around the house. Call the Senior Center at 965-4100, ext. 343 for more details.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 On Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, don't miss the exhibit at the Chicago Historical Society- The last Best Hope of Earth: Abraham Lincoln and the Promise of America. The exhibit takes visitors for a walk through the story of Lincoln's life from boyhood to presidency. The bus will leave the Prairie View Community Center at 10:30 am. and return around 4:30 pm. The cost is \$26 for residents and \$29 for non-residents. Register by Jan. 10 at Prairie View.

RTA REDUCED FARE CARD REGISTRATION
 The Flickinger Senior Center will now be a distribution point for the RTA reduced fare card. At 10am. on Monday, Jan. 27 seniors can have their own RTA Reduced Fare Card. At 10 am. on Monday, Jan. 27 seniors can have their own RTA Reduced Fare Card processed free of charge at the Flickinger Senior Center. Registration is for seniors (age 65 and over) to ride at half fare on the CTA, Metra or Pace transit systems. Bring a medicare card plus a driver's license or Illinois identification card. Photographs will be taken and affixed to the fare card.

The flickinger Senior Center will begin processing cards after that date. All seniors need to do is bring in the same identification and a color 1 1/2" by 1 1/2" photograph. If you do not have a current color photo we will take one of you for \$3. For more information, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 470-5223 between the hours of 9 am. and 3:30 pm.

Church and Temple News

OBITUARIES

RAYMOND SZMURLO
 Raymond Szmurlo, owner of Mike's Flower Shop, husband of Patricia, nee Pasterczyk. Father of Glenn (Karen), Sharon (Frank) Wyzkowski, Gary (Diane) and John. Grandfather of Amanda, Michael, Katelyn, Bradley and Matthew. Brother of Roger (Gayle) and Jim. Funeral services were held November 2 at St. Thecla Church. Entombment was at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home.

FREDERICK H. EICHLER
 Frederick H. Eichler, 59, of Morton Grove, died on November 18 at Rush North Shore Hospital, Skokie. He was the husband of Irene. Father of Heide. Brother of Evelyn Garrett. Funeral services were held November 21. Arrangements handled by Simkins Funeral Home. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights. Memorials to American Diabetes Assoc. 6 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 1202 Chicago, IL 60602.

To report the death of a Social Security beneficiary or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient or to apply for Survivor benefits: call, 1-800-SSA 772-1213, business days, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WALTER E. WIESZCHOLEK
 Walter E. Wieszcholek, 77, of Niles, died on November 2 at Resurrection Medical Center. He was born on May 1, 1919 in Chicago. He was the husband of Laverne (Gerstung) Wieszcholek. Father of Robert (Nancy), Dennis (Margie), Michael and Mary Beth. Grandfather of Katie (Jim) Culotta, Renee, Tessa, Maggie, Kevin, and Kailyn. Brother of Stella McCandless and Jean Havlik. Funeral services were held November 6 at St. Juliana Church, Chicago. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines.

HELEN BALASKOVITS
 Helen Balaskovits, 81, of Niles, died on November 8. She was born March 16, 1915 in Chicago. She was the wife of the late Steve Balaskovits. Mother of Michael (Mollie). Grandmother of Jacob Stephen Balaskovits, Sister of Katherine Trok, Fred Havrila, Elsie Awot, the late Anna Lizak, and the late John Havrila. Funeral services were held November 11 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Hillside.

HELEN M. CARANTZALIS
 Helen M. Carantzalis, 81, of Spartanburg, SC (formerly of Niles), died on November 12. She was born March 24, 1915 in Pennsylvania. She was the wife of James Carantzalis. Funeral services were held November 18. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove.

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 Helen M. Koepke, 92, of Niles died on November 8 at Our Lady of the Resurrection. She was born on June 8, 1904 in Chicago. She was the mother of Mary Lou (George) Wotruba and Alice Jean (Richard) Maloney. Grandmother of 7. Greatgrandmother of 14. Funeral services were held November 11 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Montrose Crematory, Chicago.

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Lukasz P. Pietraszewski
 Air Force Airman Lukasz P. Pietraszewski has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Pietraszewski is the son of Leszek K. and Helena Pietraszewski of Des Plaines.

Our Lady of the Angels Fire Survivors Group

A memorial service for all affected by the 1958 Our Lady of the Angels School Fire will be held on the anniversary date, December 1, at 12:30 p.m. at the memorial monument located at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Lot 18, Hillside. Immediately following, at 2 p.m., a memorial mass will be held in the chapel at Ro-

sary College, Lewis Hall, 7900 W. Division, River Forest. All are invited to pray with us.

For further information, contact Linda Maffiola at (708) 343-2758, or at the following P.O. Box: Our Lady of the Angels Fire Survivors Group, P.O. Box 1190, Melrose Park, IL 60161.

Congregation feeds homeless

Every fourth Sunday, Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim's, (Glenview), kitchen is a buzz with activity as 700+ bagged lunches are prepared by congregants of every age for distribution to the homeless.

At 8 am. those who have made sandwiches in their own kitchens drop off their bags at the North door of the building at 901 Milwaukee. Community residents are invited to join with the congregation in this worthwhile effort by dropping off sandwiches they have prepared, or by helping in the preparation of sandwiches in the Temple's kitchen.

For information contact BJBE (847) 729-7575.

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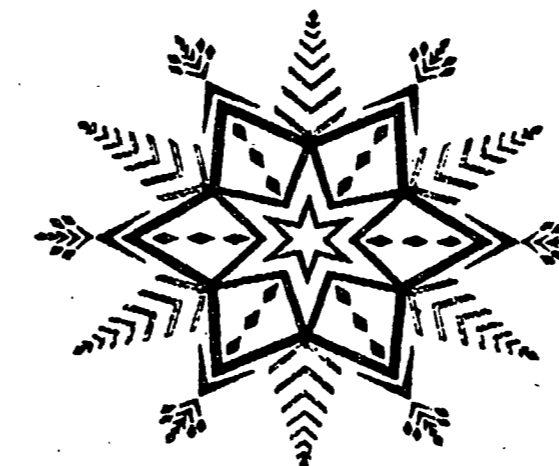
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Business News

JDF names research grant

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) will use a \$30,000 donation from Equitable/Rotter & Associates of Northbrook to fund a grant for continuing diabetes research.

"In recognition of Equitable's generous support of JDF, we are naming a research grant for Equitable/Rotter & Associates," said Robin S. Harding, executive director of the juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Chicago. "Their investment in the fight against diabetes ensures a brighter future for us all."

The research grant will provide scientists working in hospitals, universities, and laboratories with funding for the equipment

and technical help needed to prevent and find the cure for diabetes. The recipient for this grant will be named next fall.

Rotter & Associates raised the \$30,000 at its 2nd Annual Golf Outing held in September, 1996.

Cherie Govis

Cherie Govis has been promoted by the Specialty Retail Div. of Superior Coffee and Foods to credit manager.

Govis, who has been with Superior for eight years, was formerly credit supervisor. She resides in Skokie.

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Unseen Insights' first successful year

Unseen Insights, 7507 N. Milwaukee, Niles, is celebrating their first anniversary in business. They first opened on November 15, 1995.

June Hammond, proprietor, has furnished her clientele many diverse products and services. Unseen Insights is a store that furnishes both inspirational and metaphysical materials, and offers guidance to its customers in various fields.

June is a life-long resident of Niles, and is gifted in tarot (new energy connections) and has been

Computer Info Systems Class

Network 4.1 Administration (CIS 174) classes will be offered days, evenings and weekends in the spring at Oakton community college's Des Plaines Campus, 1600 E. Golf Road Registration for spring classes is currently underway; classes start the week of Jan. 21.

This is the first class in networking which is offered the first 10 weeks of the semester. Students may take an advanced administration class, (CIS 274) on Saturdays the last six weeks of the semester. Students who need Network 3.12 may take CIS 173 and CIS 273. An additional class, Data Communications (CIS 170), which requires LAN experience, is also available. Students should take CIS 170 after CIS 173 or CIS 174. More classes in this area are planned for the future.

For more information regarding CIS spring course offerings, contact Pamela Schmidt, CIS chairperson, at (847) 635-1834.

interested in the field of the paranormal for most of her life. Because of her desire to share her interests and know how she opened her unique gift store.

Unseen Insights offers books, crystals, candles, jewelry, incense, wind chimes, posters, complete line of tarot cards, herbs, amulets, talismans, and good luck charms. Besides these June also provides instructors to teach classes in tarot, astrology, meditation, healing massage, aromatherapy, numerology, palmistry and Reiki (a form of energy healing). The noted instructors are interviewed by the proprietor as to their methods and their credentials. The instructors are all highly qualified.

Monthly full moon meditations are held. Also featured at

COOMERS' successful Grand Openings

COOMERS, Inc., the nation's largest retailer of handmade crafts celebrated the Grand Openings of two more stores. On October 5th, Coomers opened its newest store in the Houston area and three weeks later Coomers was doing it again in Bloomingdale, Illinois, just outside of Chicago.

Despite the rainy, dreary weather, craft enthusiasts in the Houston area were welcomed Coomers with open arms. The day was full of festivities, giveaways and lots of shopping. "Houston crafters are excited by the second Coomers location and shoppers are delighted to have a retail store that is like a craft show every day," says Rick Jarvis, new Director of Operations. The Humble location is located in the Deerbrook Plaza Shopping Center across from deerbrook Mall at the intersection of Highway 59 and FM 1960. Coomers shares the center with TJ Maxx, Crown Books, Academy Sports and Sound Warehouse.

Jarvis was also present to witness the Grand Opening of Coomers in Bloomingdale, Illinois on October 26th. "There was a line of people waiting for the doors to open with the rest of the day just as busy." The Bloomingdale Coomers boasts nearly 60 feet of front windows to attract craft lovers in the high traffic Bloomingdale Court Shopping Center next to Stratford Square Mall. The Bloomingdale store promises to flourish with co-tenants like Marshall's, Builder's Square, Service Merchandise, Office Max, Wal-Mart, and Frank's Nursery.

Grand Openings for Both the Humble and Bloomingdale location were exciting and jammed with shoppers. Occupancy in both stores in one the rise with the wonderful Christmas Season just around the corner. Coomers looks forward to a great holiday season and new year in both stores.

various times each month are the "Tea and Talks." These are informal gatherings which deal with various subject matter. Psychic Fairs are held bi-monthly on a Saturday and Sunday. Various energy connections are held at these times for fun and information. Among the instructors who participate both in the psychic fairs and classes/seminars are Claire Panico palmistry and tarot; Phil Clark, numerology; Deborah Debari, astrology; Dianne Redington, aura imaging photographer, and Sarah Hartfield, dream analogy.

Plan to visit Unseen Insights, 7505 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, (847) 647-1460. Hours: Monday - Thursday 11 - 9; Friday 10 - 9; Saturday - Sunday 10 - 6.

Crafters interested in leasing in the Humble or Bloomingdale store can contact the store manager at the numbers below or call our central leasing office at 1-888-DO-CRAFTS or visit Coomers on the Internet at www.coomers.com

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630-351-6020

Motor Fuel Tax

Motor fuel tax funds are allocated monthly to the various municipalities in Illinois for their streets and highways. The monies allocated are computed on the basis of population.

The allotments to certain of the municipalities follow: \$126,655 for Des Plaines; \$91,142 for Glenview; and \$67,304 for Niles.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D038780 on Nov. 18, 1996, under the Assumed Name of G. F. Handyman Service with the business located at 9144 W. Barbary Ln., Des Plaines, IL 60016. The true name(s) and residence address of owner(s) is: Guy Forzstek, 9144 W. Barbary Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

READ THE BUGLE ADS FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.

Come and see the performance of 'Oleanna' at Oakton

Don't miss the performance of "Oleanna" coming to stage of the Studio Oen in the Performing Arts Center at Oakton Community College's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

Performance dates are Thursday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. (\$3 preview), Thursday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. (\$2 matinee), Friday, Dec. 6 and 13, 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 and 14, 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8 and 15, 2 p.m.

Oleanna presents a seething

investigation of political correctness. Written by the award-winning David, Mamet, the play is directed by Karol Verson.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students, faculty, staff and seniors. Please call the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900 for further information or to place an order for tickets by credit card. For group sales information, call (847) 635-1901.

Skokie Art Guild

The following are the locations where the Skokie Art Guild members are presenting their work during the months of November and December: McDonald's, 4830 Dempster-Nativa Cafetera; LaSalle Talman Bank, 5033 Dempster-Peg Kartinos; Bank of Lincolnwood, 4433 W. Touhy; Geraldine Hernandez; LaSalle Talman, 7080 Carpenter Rd.; Gloria Moschel; and Liberty Federal, 5700 N. Lincoln-Miriam Horn.

Mexican Folk Art lecture at OCC


Rich Mastrodonardo and Gordon McLean take an inside look at Mexican folk art at 1 p.m., Dec. 3 as part of Passages, the weekly series sponsored by Oakton Community College's Emeritus Program. Lectures are held in Room A151 at the Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

folklore of Mexico, including its music and dance, from muralists Rivera, Orozco, Tomayo and Siqueiros to the connecting folkloric artists.

The admission fee is \$1. For more information on this and other programs sponsored by the Emeritus Program for older adults, call (847) 635-1414.

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Police News

Mob action/battery

Three 18-year-old women riding a purple 1989 Chrysler Lebaron around the retail store parking lot in the 8600 block of Dempster Street at 2:54 p.m. Nov. 11 when a 19-year-old woman exited another vehicle in the lot and approached the purple vehicle blocking its driving path.

The driver exited the blocked vehicle and approached the woman who punched her and pulled her hair, causing both of them to fall to the ground. The 19-year-old woman's boyfriend then exited his vehicle and began tearing the clothes off the driver of the purple vehicle. The two friends of the driver then joined the fray, pummeling the boyfriend, who fought off the attack and attempted to hand a knife to his girlfriend.

Finally, the three women re-

entered their vehicle and were attempting to leave the lot when they were stopped by police. The 19-year-old woman and her 24-year-old boyfriend were stopped by police in the 7700 block of Nordica Avenue.

All five subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Niles Police Department. The knife was found under the front seat of the purple vehicle and inventoried. All subjects were charged with mob action and given a Dec. 17 court date.

Battery

The 20-year-old manager of the restaurant in the 7800 block of Caldwell Avenue was bruised on the cheek and scratched on the neck around 12:20 a.m. Nov. 17 when he was attacked by two 18-year-old men. The men were on the dance floor when they sud-

denly began laughing at the victim and then kicked and punched him causing him to fall to the floor when he attempted to walk away. The victim told police one of the offenders works at a nearby shoe store and that he can find out who the offenders are and will contact the police when he does so. He said he will sign complaints.

Disorderly conduct

A 16-year-old youth living in a townhouse in the 8800 block of Washington observed a 16-year-old Niles youth and a 16-year-old Buffalo Grove youth running the alley and fleeing the area in a 1986 Pontiac Firebird between 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Nov. 19 after they placed rugs behind the victim's vehicle and a construction cone on the hood. They also placed a sofa and a rug in front of the door so that the door could not be opened and then rang the door-

bell. The offenders returned at 11:25 and threw a garbage recycle bin and bags of garbage on the walkway in front of the victim's door, also breaking glass containers on the sidewalk and again fleeing the area.

The victim gave the offenders' names and descriptions to the police. While exiting the victim's home, police observed the offenders' vehicle in the alley and stopped it, confirming that the subjects were the persons the victim identified.

The subjects were ordered from their vehicle, and a pat down search revealed tobacco in the possession of the two minors. The offenders were also found in violation of the Niles curfew ordinance. They were taken into custody for disorderly conduct and transported to the Niles Police Department.

Forgery

A 24-year-old security employee at the department store in the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue reported that a 20-year-old Chicago employee who worked as a cashier in the store had used the credit account number of a customer from Taylorville, Ky., sometime between October 31 and 7:58 p.m. Nov. 19 to purchase \$422.55 worth of store merchandise.

The victim told police on the phone that he never gave the arrestee permission to use his account number nor did he even know the arrestee. On each receipt the arrestee had signed an unreadable signature, which he said was his own.

The arrestee was transported to the Niles Police Department but was released without charge at 11:45 p.m. pending further investigation.

Theft from auto

A 24-year-old Westmont woman reported that unknown offender(s) used a hard object to shatter the front windshield of her 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier while it was parked in the rear alley behind the 5600 block of Touhy Avenue between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Nov. 21.

Entry to the vehicle was made via an unlocked door. The rear-view mirror was found lying on the front seat, and the cigarette lighter and \$2 in change were taken from the car.

A 39-year-old Niles taxi driver reported that unknown offender or offenders gained entry to his vehicle which was parked in a lot in the 8000 block of Foster Lane sometime between 10 p.m. Nov. 16 and noon Nov. 17.

A CB radio valued at \$600 and a taxi meter valued at \$300 were removed, along with the victim's

driver's license.

Criminal damage to property

A 26-year-old building supervisor at the ice rink in the 8400 block of Ballard Road reported that he observed a high school student in his late teens punch the north side window near the front door causing it to break around 8:54 p.m. Nov. 15.

The subject fled westbound from the scene. Damage was estimated at \$300.

Criminal damage to vehicle

A 50-year-old program manager from Chicago exited the food store in the 7900 block of Milwaukee Avenue around 3:15 p.m. Nov. 17 to find the 54-year-old former wife of her husband standing on the driver's side of her 1993 Ford Taurus damaging the antenna and front windshield wiper.

When the offender observed the victim, she entered her gray 1986 Honda Prelude and fled the area in an unknown direction.

The victim identified the offender and told police she has been involved in two prior incidents with the victim and her husband. The victim also found damage on her trunk lid near the lock.

A 16-year-old Niles youth was observed by a Niles man using a knife blade with a green handle to cut the tire and driver's side door panel on a 1991 Toyota Previa that belongs to a 37-year-old manager. The car was parked in the 8200 block of Oketo Avenue and sustained an estimated \$800 in damage.

The youth was also observed causing \$500 damage to the driver's side rear tire of a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am and the driver's side front tire of a 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier that were parked in the 8300 block of Olcott Avenue.

Police News

Pursue a law enforcement career at Oakton College

If you would like to help take a bite out of crime, pursue a law enforcement career at Oakton Community College.

After almost two years at the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Mike Wasowicz, a Skokie Police Officer, abandoned his plans to become an architect, turning in his drafting table for a badge and a blue uniform. This change of heart came when he began working in retail security for Montgomery Ward. "I enjoyed what I was doing and realized that the work appealed to me much more than my studies at IIT. Police work provided me with varied work experience and satisfaction because it allowed me to get involved and help others," Wasowicz says.

The 12 year decorated, veteran police officer enrolled in Oakton's Law Enforcement program in 1990, after serving six years on the force. "I realized that I would need additional knowledge and I recognized the importance of an education," Wasowicz says. He earned an associate's degree in law enforcement in 1995, and is currently taking accounting classes at Oakton. While accounting

skills are not a requirement for police officers, he says they can be very useful. "Law enforcement agencies need to be equipped to deal with white collar crimes, particularly at the local level. I'm taking these classes so that I am more knowledgeable on financial matters as they relate to criminal activities." He also revealed that there has been a shift in law enforcement. "College degrees are becoming a requirement for new officers as well for promotional purposes."

"Thanks to Oakton's program," Wasowicz says, "I was exposed to a variety of backgrounds and to different perspectives on law enforcement and it was a very positive experience." Oakton's curriculum is designed to help prepare men and women for careers in the field of law enforcement in police and sheriff's departments, federal and state agencies, retail/hospital/industrial security and for private investigative agencies. The program also serves to help individuals already employed in the field, like Wasowicz, improve their skills and to move up in rank. Some of the

course offerings transfer to baccalaureate programs in criminal justice, law enforcement or related areas.

As secretary of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #68, Officer Wasowicz worked with other lodge officers to establish a scholarship fund for law enforcement students to be awarded annually. Wasowicz is a member of Oakton's Law Enforcement Program Advisory Board. He also shares his expertise as a guest speaker to students in Oakton's program and makes himself available to counsel students about career goals.

Register now for spring classes which begin the week of Jan. 21. For more information regarding the Law Enforcement Program, contact Jim O'Shea, department chairperson, at (847) 635-1853.

Transportation News

The Illinois Department of Transportation announces the publication of Safe Bicycling in Illinois, a free, 32-page booklet that provides practical, accurate information to bicyclists about riding safely on and off the road. Bicycling is on the increase in Illinois, due in large part through projects funded by the Department of Transportation. Illinois has nearly 1,000 miles of dedicated bicycle paths and more than 60 percent of the state's roads are suitable for bicycling.

Safe Bicycling in Illinois was written by Effective Cycling instructor Dave Glowacz of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. He has also written Safe Bicycling in Chicago. Copies of Safe Bicycling in Illinois are available free by writing to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety, 3215 Executive Park, Dr., P.O. Box 19245, Springfield, IL 62794-9245; Attention Gene Brenning. The booklet will also be available at bicycle shops throughout Illinois.

Stuck in snow? Don't spin your tires

Use finesse rather than power when extricating your vehicle from snow and ice this winter advises the AAA-Chicago Motor Club.

Hard acceleration usually won't help. In fact, it's likely to worsen the situation by causing the tires to spin, and digging the car deeper into the snow.

Instead AAA-CMC recommends these tips:

- Clear away as much snow as possible from around the tires and under the vehicle.
- To improve traction, scatter sand, cat litter or some other abrasive material around the front wheels for front-wheel-drive cars, and around the rear wheels for rear-wheel-drive cars. Special traction mats are also available for this purpose. Floor mats also can be used.

- Place the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions) and apply gentle pressure to the accelerator. Ease off if the tires begin to spin.

- If still unable to move, try slowly rocking the car. Ease forward with the car in low gear (automatic transmissions) or second gear (manual transmissions), when the car will no longer go forward, release the accelerator to allow the car to roll back. When the vehicle stops its backward motion, apply minimum

pressure on the accelerator again. Repeat these actions in rapid succession. If the vehicle remains stuck, do not continue rocking for prolonged periods. Serious damage to automatic transmissions may occur.

- If others are available to help, have them push to assist the car's rocking motion. People pushing the vehicle should not stand directly behind the wheels because of potential risk from flying gravel, sand and ice. Also, they should be aware of their own physical limitations. Footing can be hazardous and overexertion can be especially dangerous in cold weather. If you are unable to free your vehicle, carefully assess weather conditions before abandoning your vehicle. In extreme cold or in heavy snow, stay with your car until you can be rescued.

- If you stay in your car, tie a bright cloth to your antenna to alert rescuers. If running the engine for warmth, make sure snow does not block the exhaust pipe, which could cause dangerous fumes to backup inside the car.
- If you can leave your vehicle and reach shelter safely, contact your auto club for assistance. Remember that during winter emergencies, high demand for emergency road service can sometimes cause delays in response.

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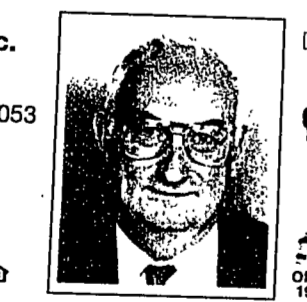

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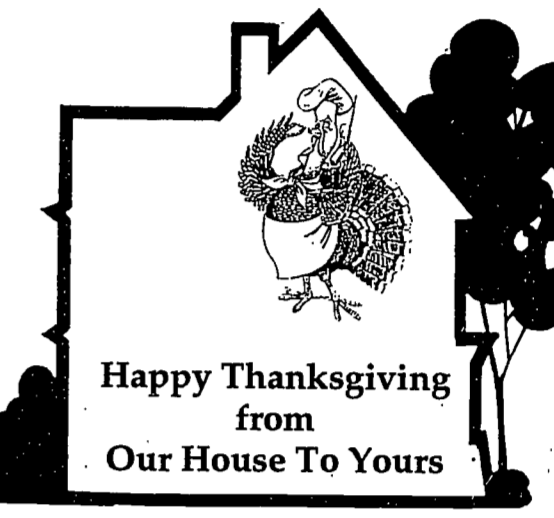


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Nature Center offers free programs

During the winter, the Forest Preserve has the ideal remedy for cabin-fever - free nature programs for the entire family. Cook County Forest Preserve District Board President John Stroger announced a series of nature programs beginning in Nov. at the Preserve's River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Ave., Northbrook.

"We are glad to be able to offer this series of free nature programs in order to provide people of all ages with an excellent opportunity to enhance their understanding and appreciation of nature," said Stroger.

The following is a list of the Forest Preserve's scheduled nature programs during December, and January at the River Trail Nature Center.

On Wednesdays, Dec. 4, and Dec. 18, at 11 am, the Preserve's naturalists present "Small Serendipity," a nature hunt for children between 3 and 5 years of age. An adult must accompany children at this program.

On Saturdays, Dec. 21, and Jan. 25 at 11 am, Preserve naturalists present Curiosity Club, a nature walk and identification program for children at this program.

On Sunday, at 1:30 pm, Forest Preserve naturalists will use natural materials to demonstrate and conduct Holiday Nature Crafts, a program for all ages. Advanced registration is required. To register, call 847-824-8360.

On Saturdays, Dec. 7, and Jan. 11, at 1 pm, the Forest Preserve naturalists present "Tales and Trails," a storytelling program for children 4 to 7 years of age. An adult must accompany children at this program.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 pm, Forest Preserve Naturalists present "Shelter from the Storm." This family program explores how the native wildlife survives and adapts to the winter.

On Friday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 pm, Winter Tales, an outdoor storytelling program for the entire family with snacks and refreshments will be featured. Advance registration is required. To register, call 847-824-8360.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, at 1:30 pm, Forest Preserve Naturalists present "Winter Wonders," a guided nature walk for the entire family along the nature center's trails. The naturalists will discuss the characteristics of the wildlife that are identified during the walk.

The nature programs are for people of all ages except when noted. Admission and registration is free. To obtain additional information, contact the River Trail Nature Center at 847-824-8360.

(special accommodations can be arranged)

Wisconsin's Winter Trails and snow conditions

To plan a Wisconsin winter getaway, travelers can call 1-800-432-TRIP8747 to request the 1996-97 Wisconsin Winter Recreation Guide, a free publication highlighting many ways to enjoy the season in Wisconsin. This is also the number for the Wisconsin Snow Conditions Hot Line, which provides weekly snow reports about downhill ski sites, cross-country ski trails and snowmobile trails throughout the state.

The Wisconsin Winter Recreation Guide is a full-color, 80-page publication that charts the state's winter recreational opportunities, including snowmobile trails and rental locations, downhill ski areas, cross-country ski trails and sleigh ride services.

From Dec. 4 through early March, operators at the 24-hour Wisconsin Snow Conditions Hot Line can provide travelers with snow reports, updated Wednesday afternoons, about statewide downhill ski sites, cross-country ski trails, snowmobile trails and snowboarding availability.

Wisconsin ranks among the top ten ski destinations in the country with 1.46 million skier visits in 1995-96, according to the National Ski Areas Association, and leads the country with 20,000 miles of interconnected snowmobile trails.

Wisconsin's snow cover typically extends from mid-December through March. The average annual snowfall in Wisconsin, statewide, is 46.3 inches. Regardless of natural snowfall, many downhill areas can open for business as early as mid-November.

Wisconsin winter travel information is also located on the state's Internet site - at <http://tourism.state.wi.us>. For snow condition information, see the site's Seasonal Travel News section.

Sixth grade Archaeologists

The 6th grade students at Nelson School are studying ancient cultures. Prior to their study, they learned about the role archaeologists play in using artifacts to explain and understand the lives of ancient civilizations.

Using this information, the 6th grade students went to the Field Museum. Armed with paper, pencil, and their keen observational skills they were told to hypothesize what the ancient Egyptian civilization was like by looking at the artifacts in the Egyptian exhibit.

Upon returning to school they wrote their archaeologists' findings and presented them to their fellow historians.

Now they are learning about what life was really like in this rich civilization, and they can compare the information they gathered to what they are now learning.

State Library grants awarded

Secretary of State George H. Ryan announced his office is awarding \$13.1 million in population-based general operation grants to 611 public libraries throughout Illinois.

When local property taxes in a community do not generate enough money to meet the state-wide standard minimum level of funding, these grants provide funds to equalize services provided by libraries in these communities.

"These state grants are a major force in strengthening our public libraries," said Ryan who is also the state librarian. "The money helps keep the doors open, buys new technology and provides new materials for entertainment and learning."

Grants awarded to area libraries are:

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Area News

Fire department visits Futabakai School



The Niles Fire Department recently visited Futabakai School to teach fire safety to the first, fourth, and seventh grades. Pictured: Lt. Borkowski and students.

Edison Park United Methodist Church

Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant, Chicago, extends an invitation to join in the programs and fellowship of the Advent season and their traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service planned for 10:30 pm.

An Advent program that will feed the body and soul will begin Wednesday Dec. 4 with a Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm followed by a study of the Psalms associated with Christmas. The fellowship, feasting and study will continue Dec. 11 and 18.

All are welcome to join the congregation as the Advent journey begins Sunday, Dec. 2 in a worship with Holy Communion led by the pastor, Rev. Daniel D. Facemyer, and followed by fellowship for all who gather. Every first Sunday of the month the United Methodist Men meet at a breakfast at Ruby D and Me restaurant at 8 am, at 9 am an adult

Area Honor Students and Open House

Four area residents have been recognized for their academic achievement at St. Scholastica Academy during the first quarter. Seniors Uzma Shariff of Lincolnwood and Uzma Khan of Skokie achieved First Honors, as did freshman Helen McCallister of Edison Park/Norwood Park neighborhood. Sophomore Deborah Miller, also of that neighborhood earned Second Honors.

St. Scholastica Academy, a Benedictine college preparatory school for high school girls, is expecting official acceptance into the International Baccalaureate Program in January.

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The children viewed age appropriate videos and a filmstrip which stressed safety rules for drug use. Discussions followed.

The week ended with the students all wearing red, and watching a program by the Murphy's Paw Puppet Theatre. The program focuses on building self-esteem and learning to respect themselves as well as others. It covered drugs, smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages as well as "stranger danger."

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RES High announces scholars for '95-'96 school year



The names of the top students at Resurrection High School who finished uppermost in their class standings have been released. For the Class of 1997, the following Seniors have been recognized according to their class rank:

Amy Anderson, Candice McGrew, Josephine Puleo, Angela Janor, Sarah Scifo, Victoria Prosser, Kathleen McGrath, Michelle Tapkowski, Megan Cantos, and Melissa Kazikiewicz.

Members of the Class of 1998 were headed by Jennifer Nelson, Margaret Nguyen, Jacquelyn Johnson, Debra DiMartino, Rebecca Como, Kristen Thomas, Nicolette Palkowski, Jennifer Abbatacola, Jacqueline Cappie-

Hesburgh Scholars take on Teams Challenge Course

The senior class members of the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. scholars of Notre Dame High School took on the Teams Challenge Course at the Northbrook Park District.

This course offers a variety of outdoor activities geared to promote group cooperation and cohesiveness. Many of the activities required the group to plan their approach to the problem before attempting to master the activity, and most exercises concluded with a debriefing session in which the team was asked to analyze their solution and comment on what they had experienced.

This day was part of the Senior Seminar experience conducted by the Physical Education Department of Notre Dame High School and was led by Mr. Steve Szymkowiak, a member of that department along with Mr. Anthony Kozole, Director of Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. Scholar Program.

The following seniors took the challenge: Peter Buchanic, Mark Chabura, Daniel Gandor, Thomas Gizynski, Scott Michalik, Jonathan Morris, Christopher Szarek, Jason Thorn, Ryan Waller, and Robert Walter.

Joshua W. Winterburn

Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua W. Winterburn son of Larry C. and Karen W. Winterburn of Glenview, recently departed for a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific Ocean with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the ships of the USS Essex Amphibious Ready group (ARG).

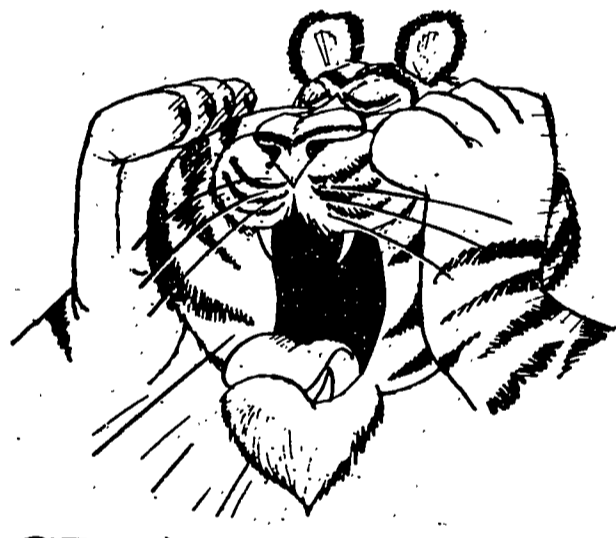
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Anti-Cruelty's Messiah scheduled

Hallelujah, Hallelujah... The Anti-Cruelty Society annual Messiah will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8th at noon in the Society's reception area at 510 N. La Salle Street. Four voice soloists and an orchestra will perform parts of Handel's classic Messiah. The public is invited to attend and sing the choruses (music will be provided) or just to listen. There is no entry fee, although donations to the Society are appreciated. After the concert, volunteers will be selling baked goods to support Anti-Cruelty Society Programs and services.

Siamese Sopranos, Airedale Altos, Tabby Tenors and Basses will join the choir. Doors to the adoption rooms will be propped open so the animals can enjoy the music and some potential adoptees will join the chorus in "person" if they are especially exuberant. The Halle'mew'jah chorus concludes the festivities.

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"Turkey Bowl" soccer shootout

The Niles North High School soccer team is issuing a challenge to all Niles North alumni to show off their passing, trapping and shooting skills in a game against the current squad in the fourth annual "Turkey Bowl" Soccer Game to be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m. on the Lawler Park field, located at the corner of Lavergne Avenue and Old Orchard Road in Skokie.

The event is free and will be held rain or shine. This invitation is a unique opportunity for past generations of Niles North alumni, along with parents and current students to see how their athletic skills match up to a competitive team in a strictly-for-fun game. To register, please contact Paul Rojas, Niles North Junior Varsity Soccer Coach at (847) 568-3315.

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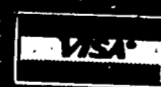


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