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To The Community: A Letter From The New Publisher

Dear Readers,

It is very exciting for me to be the new owner of the Bugle. I have spent nearly my entire working life in the newspaper business. Starting at the Philadelphia Inquirer in the mid-seventies until recently at the Tribune Company. Imagine how eager I am to publish my own newspaper now. I am confident in my publishing experience but I will need your help to make this newspaper your newspaper too. I have done all the research and began planning to grow and make this newspaper a strong voice of the community. However, all the research and expensive data I procured on our community cannot take the place of you and your voice that the newspaper needs to follow. I will need to hear from you about what is important to you and would make you want to read this newspaper every week. I want the community to turn to us to help encourage our political leaders and educators to make the right decisions for our families. We will want to be your source for local news and events.

We will want our advertisers to feel that we are their marketing partners. Their success will mean our success in growing our businesses. That will fuel local jobs and tax revenue that will complete the cycle in making our community strong and a great place to live and work.

The Besser family who started this newspaper many years ago will continue to be proud of the role of this newspaper will continue to play in making our community a model for others.

Our mission for the Bugle Newspapers will be:

1. Build positive perception in the community

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From The Left Hand

by Bud Besser

The Niles Bugle has been a longtime member of the family. It didn't linger on newsstands. It came into your homes - most of Niles homes for 46 years. It told you about your kids' batting averages, your own bowling scores. It reported about your coffee klatchers in the Garden Club, your hijinks at long-bygone Lions meetings. It told you volumes about your church, your synagogue, your scout troop and your funerals and births and weddings. It's been a member of the family.

In the early days (1957) on Thursday mornings we got up at 4 in the morning and dropped off the newspapers at the post office on Northwest Highway. Niles didn't have its own postoffice (nor library or bank). Five year old son, Bob Besser, would ride atop the papers which were jammed into our car. Heading back home we'd stop at Giovanelli's Bakery on Waukegan Road where Chuck, Senior, was ensconced in white flour. He would feed us freshly-baked Bismarcks and nutty donuts during his early morning watch.

Every other week we were down at the old Touhy Avenue village hall where an alcoholic haze would hang over the room after the 7:30 village board meeting got started two hours later. Meetings didn't end until 2 the next morning.

There was a bit of hanky panky down at the hall. Bids for sizeable dollars went through the buddy-buddy system. Pals of the public officials wound up with the big bucks contracts. Public gambling was another concern. Despite gambling village ordinances forbidding it, Niles was second to Cicero which had the most open gambling in the suburbs.

We wrote, reported, badgered and became boringly one-minded about changing Niles political climate. After four years publishing we backed four young turks who won the 1961 election, knocked out the gambling and turned this town into one of the most progressive in all Chicagoland. The transformation led to Niles receiving an All America City award and The Niles Bugle receiving the top community service award from the Illinois Press Association, the largest press association in the U.S.

Subsequently, we became a much more adversarial newspaper.

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Bugle Newspapers sold to newspaper executive

The Bugle Newspapers were sold on Thursday, May 22 to Richard Masterson and Robert Leach of Voyager Media, Inc. of Chicago.

The sale ends the ownership by Bud Besser, who began the newspaper on June 6, 1957 from his house at 8201 Ozanam St.

Voyager Media is the publisher of Screen Magazine. Screen Magazine is a trade magazine covering the commercial film industry in Chicago.

Commenting on his plans for the future of The Bugle, Masterson said, "Local, local, local will be the best words to describe our plans. Local news, local events and local features will be the main focus."

Current Bugle Newspapers publisher Bob Besser said on Thursday, "Our goal in finding a new publisher was selling to someone with a progressive vision for the future of the newspaper as well as to find someone who would treat our employees with respect. I am pleased to announce we have found just such people in Rich Masterson and Bob Leach."

While Robert Leach will continue as publisher of the Chicago-based Screen Magazine, Masterson will serve as full-time publisher of The Bugle.

The early years of The Bugle coincided with the post-World War II growth of the community from a few thousand to over 30,000 residents.

The Bugle was a key supporter of the creation of the Niles Library, expansion of the Niles Park District and enlargement of our area school districts.

Indeed, since 1957 The Bugle never once endorsed a tax referendum which failed at the polls.

Additionally, The Bugle rallied voters in the pre-Nicholas Blase years to replace those local officials who turned a blind-eye to slot machine gambling in local taverns.

Since 1957, The Bugle has been the primary source for local news about village, park and library activities, as well as church and civic organizations.

Niles tennis offers kids financial assistance

On April 26, 2003 a new and exciting program started at the Tam Tennis and Fitness Complex. Tennis Hot S.H.O.T.S (Special Help On Tennis Skills) is a "special population" program. This program is specifically designed to provide the opportunity to learn the "sport of a lifetime" for those children ages 5 to 12 that ordinarily would not be able to participate financially.

Thanks to the support and sponsorship of the Niles Park District, along with Executive Director Mr. Joseph LoVerde and his staff, Tennis Hot S.H.O.T.S provides FREE tennis lessons to about 24 Niles resident children. The registration process for this program was facilitated with the help of Mary Friedman, Director of Niles Family Services for the

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Snapshots From Our Town



Pre-school students at St. John Brebeuf stop from their busy day building trains to quickly smile for the community. Pre-school registration is currently underway at St. John Brebeuf. Students pictured are, l to r, Sebastian Kielbasa, Darryl Buczkowski and Kyle Sheridan.

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D64 language program stays as is

Two years ago a group of parents asked District 64 to modify its foreign language curriculum to offer only one foreign language instead of two. At that time French was taught in certain district schools, Spanish in others. Parents who objected wanted to see Spanish taught in all schools in the district. School board members recently voted in favor of keeping both languages in the curriculum for the current year. In March, District 64 parents

were invited to participate in an on-line survey that asked which language they preferred taught. Choices offered were French, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish or other, and comments were solicited. Spanish racked up the 83 percent majority, and French followed with 52 percent. District 64 offers Spanish instruction at Field, Franklin and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, while French is taught at Carpenter and Washington schools. The program, called FLES for foreign language in the elementary school, is intended to provide a bridge for students entering seventh and eighth grade elective language programs. Languages offered at that level are French and Spanish.

Mark Twain School gets new principal, again

Another new principal will report to Mark Twain School in Niles. Principal Melvin Berry will resign in July after one year in the post. Berry is resigning because a recent survey showed that he had been unable to unite the staff, a primary condition of his hiring. Berry spoke to Superintendent Kathleen Williams after the survey and indicated he would resign to allow an opportunity for someone else to effect that condition. "I think it was the ethical thing to do," said Berry. Berry will be replaced by

Nicholas Maldonado, principal of unincorporated Maine Township's Apollo School. Maldonado is known for his stunts to encourage higher reading goals in the student body. Toward that end, Principal Maldonado has been taped to a gym wall and has kissed a bull dog. Berry perceives the climate at Mark Twain as lacking in leadership. The staff became used to doing things without direction. Berry suggests, with too much change in too short a time. Berry said he would like to stay in the area but so far does not have an assignment.

Third Annual CATS Poster Contest Winners

The Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) has announced the winners of its third annual K-6 Poster Contest. Nearly 1,800 elementary school students from Chicago and the suburbs submitted entries for the contest, the theme of which was "Getting There...Kids Style." The 15 posters selected as winners will illustrate CATS' 2004 calendar and will be shown on CAN-TV 27. They will also be featured on the CATS Website: www.catsmpo.com. Contest area winners, their grade, school name and location, and their teachers' names are as follows:

- Kristin Kaiser, Grade 6, St. John Brebeuf, Niles; Carol O'Grady.
Brian Yoo, Grade 6, Brentwood Baptist Christian Academy, DesPlaines; Mary Ann Merrifield.
Sponsors of CATS' 2003 K-6 Poster Contest include: The Field Museum, Santa's Village, the Museum of Science and Industry, Odyssey Fun World, Jeepers, the DuSable Museum of African-American History, Bethel New Life, United Parcel Service, Pace and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

A.G. Beth Israel to Host JUF Event June 1

A.G. Beth Israel Congregation will host a complimentary brunch on Sunday, June 1, 2003 at 10 a.m. on behalf of the 2003 Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign and the Israel Emergency Campaign. The event will be held at the synagogue, 3635 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. Guest speaker will be Sue Fishkoff, a reporter for The Jerusalem Post. The community event will provide participants with an opportunity to show their support for Israel during this time of unprecedented crisis, terror and tragedy, while helping to ensure that our community has the funds to meet local needs. Event chairman is Seainen Peltz of West Rogers Park. To make reservations or for more information, call Julius Weiss at (312) 444-2914. The Jewish United Fund Annual Campaign funds essential social welfare, education and relief programs for 300,000 Chicagoans of all faiths and 2 million Jews worldwide. The Israel Emergency Campaign is a special, second-line campaign to help meet the dire emergency needs of the State of Israel.

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- 2. Provide the best customer service
3. Match content with the community
4. Focus on the local news readers want
5. Focus on strong advertising messages
6. Use the newspaper to point readers to upcoming features and current local events
7. Create a culture responsive to employees and customers
Please call me or write and introduce yourself to me. When you see me out and about please tell me how you feel about your newspaper.

Thank you, Richard Masterson

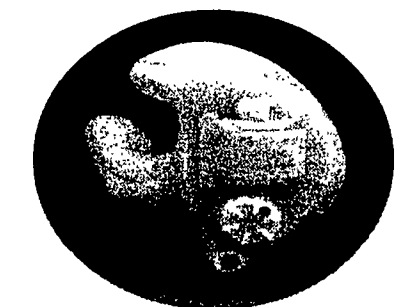
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Proposed education plan has its drawback

An education program recently proposed by Governor Rod Blagojevich would boost funding to schools statewide, but could lessen funds available to District 64, said Superintendent Fred Schroeder.

A press release issued by the Office of the Governor reports that "by investing \$248.2 million in additional funding, 680 school districts across the state will receive significant increases in state aid, with the general state aid formula increasing by \$250 per student."

Speaking on behalf of District

64--a district just placed on the state's early warning list-- Superintendent Fred Schroeder points out that as the proposal stands certain funds could be redirected.

District 64 is a flat grant district, and as such, does not receive aid dollars on a per-child basis.

"A community like ours spends generations building a school district and passing referendums. Now, that money may go to other districts that haven't supported their schools as we have," said Schroeder.

District 64 on state's warning list

The State Board of Education's newly released financial profile rates Niles/Park Ridge Elementary District 64 with a numerical score of 3.0, thereby placing it on the state's financial early warning list.

The State's district profiling system recognizes four degrees of a school district's financial health--recognition, review, early warning, and watch.

Indicators on which ratings are based are: the ratios of fund balance to revenue and expenditures to revenue, amount of cash on hand, how much short-term borrowing is available and how much long-term debt remains.

Although District 64 has cut dollars from its budget for the last three years, revenue shortfalls have impacted the balance-to-revenue ratio, expenditures-to-revenue ratio, and cash on hand.

Synergy Leadership Initiative Completed by DPL Participant

Head of Youth Services Completes Yearlong Leadership Initiative; Only 30 Illinois Librarians Participate.

Veronica Schwartz, Head of Youth Services at the DesPlaines Public Library, is one of a select group of only 30 Illinois librarians who took part in Synergy, the yearlong Illinois Library Leadership Initiative. The unique series of seminars was aimed at addressing concerns about leadership and the future of the library profession. The group held intensive three-day seminars in Utica, Grafton, and Lisle. They discussed personal and professional development, ways to be better leaders in their communities, and the future of the library profession.

"The future of libraries depends on making citizens more aware of how important libraries are to all of us," said Schwartz. "During our seminars, we committed ourselves to becoming the best librarians we could be. We agreed that the ways to achieve our goals include forming groups in our communities, becoming local advocates, seeking more cultural diversity, and encouraging more visits to our libraries."

"We met and worked closely with leaders in the Illinois library community, and they served as our mentors. Their experiences will help us become better leaders in our professional and our communities. Proactive librarians can keep our libraries strong for the future so they can continue to serve as the cornerstones of our communities."

Schwartz added, "I invited anyone, especially young people, to contact me at the library to learn more about the library profession and the variety of interesting things we do as librarians."

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Skokie plan commission OKs townhouses

A 26-unit townhouse project planned for 5201 Howard St. recently got approval from the Skokie Plan Commission. The favorable vote followed complaints by a few residents that the development was too dense for the available 2.45 acres of land.

The case goes before the Skokie Village Board for a final decision, expected mid-June.

That site was once proposed for a Holocaust museum, which was fought successfully on grounds that such high-profile use was not appropriate to a residential area.

The meeting about the present townhouse project by Skokie-based Forum Properties brought out about 20 people. About eight addressed the board and some of those spoke in favor of the project.

The meeting about the present townhouse project by Skokie-

Record area real estate sales continue



Joseph Vinh Nguyen

Real estate sales in the Bugle neighborhood have continued at an all time record price, reported Callero & Cantinno Realty. April sales increased 49% compared with the previous record month last year, and local real estate sales at the Niles based company are 68% ahead of last year for the first four months of 2003.

Two agents had individual monthly home sales in excess of a million dollars during April.

Joseph Vinh Nguyen was responsible for \$1,140,500 in sales. He just joined Callero & Catino in March and has a strong customer base in the Vietnamese community.



John Alston

John Alston sold \$1,051,500 in residential real estate in April. He has been with Callero & Catino for one year and works a lot with younger families.

In addition, Iliisa Farrell, Barbara Mundt, and Murry Hixon had substantial real estate sales just short of a million each for April. Callero & Cantinno has been expanding and diversifying their sales force. They have agents who speak a total of 12 languages. They are continuing this diversification to enable them to help more clients and are seeking additional agents. Call at: (847) 967-6800.

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Morton Grove fire chief moves to village hall

Morton Grove Fire Chief Ralph Czerwinski, head of the search committee to replace village administrator Larry Arft, out-maneuvered his job.

On June 1, Czerwinski himself will take over as village administrator.

Initially, Czerwinski will split time between village hall and the fire department. He says both departments have strong administrators to help make his double shift workable.

Czerwinski has a history of involvement in village affairs that's far broader than the fire department.

He's been involved in redevelopment projects and in long-

range planning. He was one of the original planners of the Northern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy based in Glenview and is president of the region's Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.

He served two years as chairman of the Taste Committee, an annual fund raiser for the Morton Grove Foundation, and is on the board of the United Way of Skokie Valley.

Czerwinski, a Niles resident, joined the Morton Grove Fire Department in 1975.

Larry Arft is moving to a post in Beloit, Wisconsin.

SALES UP, RATES DOWN!

Even in what appear to be uncertain times, it's still a very strong market for home sales. This is great news if you're considering the sale of your home this year.

Existing single-family home sales rose to a new record earlier this year. What reasons could there be for such a strong market? For one, mortgage interest rates have dropped to their lowest point in decades, averaging less than 6%. They were 7% this time last year. Obviously, this motivates buyers.

Ironically, economic uncertainty is also fueling home sales, as people look to real estate as a "safe haven" for their investment dollars, avoiding the unpredictable stock market, low CD rates, and even lower bank account yields.



Parent's Afternoon Away

Niles Park District invites you to enroll your child in a semi-structured classroom program. While your child has a great time, you will enjoy some well-deserved free time. The children will start each class with a picnic lunch, arts & crafts, games and songs. Please bring a sack lunch and drink, to each class. Children 3 to 5 years of age are welcome to join us at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Class begins Tuesday, June 3 through July 8. Class time is from Noon to 2:30 p.m. Class program fees are Res \$49, Non-Res \$55. For more information or to register, call the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633.

Also keep in mind that our population is still growing. Couples are looking for their first home or needing to "move up" to a larger home as their families grow or they are promoted or transferred in their occupations.

In addition to units sold, existing-home sale prices are up as well. A home that sold for \$150,300 last year is now selling for \$160,400. Those are "median" values, meaning that half the homes sold for more and half the homes sold for less. The point is that houses are selling, and there has literally never been a better time to call a real estate agent and list your home.

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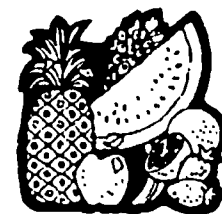
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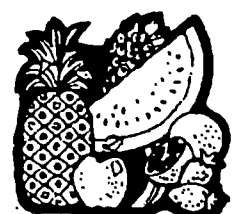
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Bus company hit with bias suit

A bus company used by Niles Township District 219 and by local elementary schools in 2001 and 2002 is the focus of a reverse-discrimination class-action lawsuit.

About 40 drivers once employed by Durham School Services at its Skokie facility received class-action notices.

The suit charges that Durham's management "began reducing and eliminating the routes and charters of Caucasian drivers."

Driver Jerrold Goldberg, objecting to a reduction of his assigned routes, filed a bias lawsuit in February, 2002.

Two African-American drivers supported Goldberg's position. Goldberg then filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The lawsuit brought by the three drivers has been certified as class action and extended to as many as 40 drivers.

The suit alleges that discriminatory practices were initiated by a Durham manager, an African-American.

The suit further contends that Goldberg was fired on the basis of false accusations and that the two African-American drivers who supported Goldberg's position had their work schedules reduced.

District 219 switched servicing to Alltown Bus Service in May 2002.

Goldberg drives for Alltown since his dismissal from Durham.

Durham's Skokie facility has since closed.

Skokie Children in Israel Sunflower Project

Students from two Skokie synagogues will be among forty-five hundred Jewish children from 18 religious schools in and around Chicago to plant "Jerusalem Gold" sunflowers as part of a program to help them connect with the land and people of Israel. Participating will be Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster, and Ezra Habonim the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 W. Dempster.

"Israel is known for its beautiful sunflowers," says Marilyn Vincent, Director of the Department of Family Education and Community Relations at the Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metropolitan Chicago, sponsor of the Sunflower Project. "Now children will be able to plant and see the same beautiful sunflowers in their own yard and they will feel connected to Israel."

"The plants need full sun and can grow from a height of two feet to eight feet and yield edible seeds," Vincent adds. "We encourage our religious school children to share the seeds with family and neighbors and to take plenty of pictures of the growing flowers."

For further information about the Sunflower Project, call Marilyn Vincent at (312) 913-1818, ext. 311.

Resurrection's top volunteer honored

Loretta Olech, 80, was one of 81 honored at Resurrection Medical Center's annual volunteers award luncheon recently.

In describing Olech's status among her peers, Barbara De Vito, director of volunteer services, called Olech "the leader of the pack."

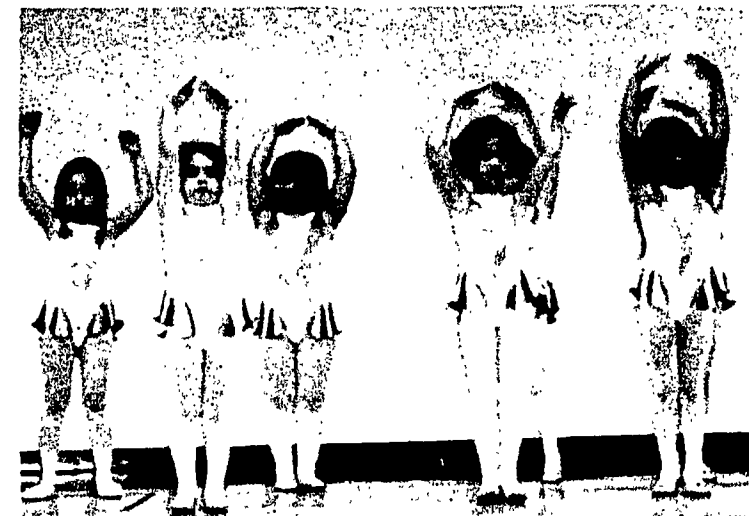
Olech, a Park Ridge resident, has volunteered at the medical center for 38 years.

She volunteered at Resurrection High School while her daughters attended, was active in the Mothers' Club and other groups.

After their graduations, she took her volunteering over to the hospital where she worked in the surgical waiting room, at the information desk, in the laboratory, medical records, with mail and flower delivery, and in the gift shop. She also holds orientations once a month for new volunteers.

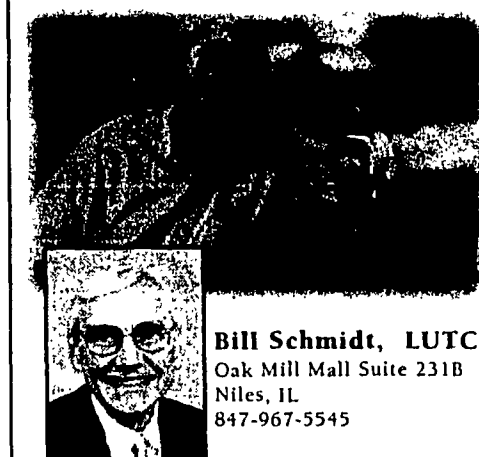
Anyone interested in volunteering at the hospital may contact Barbara De Vito at (773) 792-5110.

Niles Park District 2003 Dance Recital



On May 10, over 100 children from our dance classes participated in the 2003 Dance Recital, "Dancing With Personality...For You!" The recital took place at St. John Brebeuf School in Niles. The children did great and fun was had by all! Join us this summer, our dance classes begin in June. For information, call the Niles Park District at (847) 967-6633.

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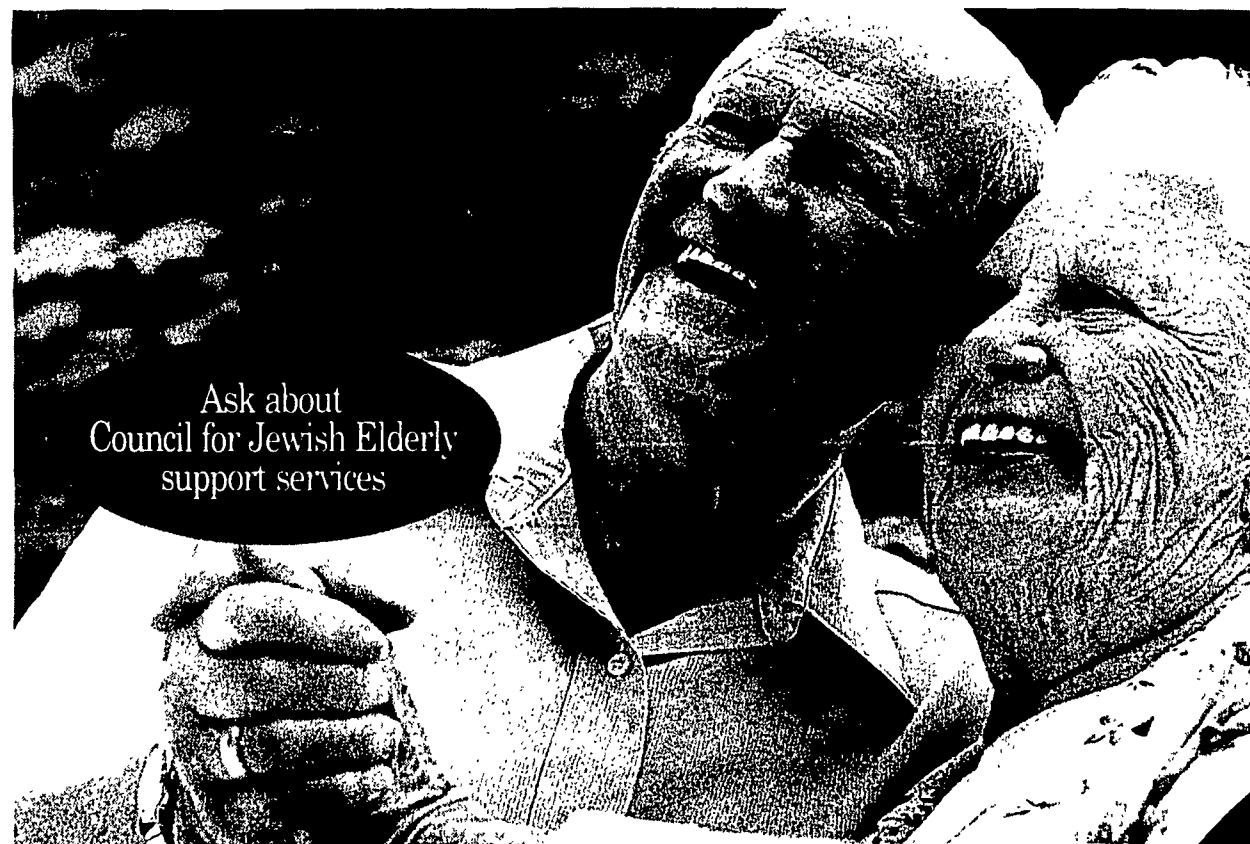
Local scouts compete in Pinewood Derby



Cub Scouts from around the area recently participated in a district-wide Pinewood Derby competition. Shown above are Nicholas Bartley and Justin Komosa from St. John Brebeuf's Pack 175. Nicholas won fourth place for his division and Justin took third place in his.

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OLR Student State Champion in Handwriting Contest

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Competing with more than 100,500 other students nationwide, Victor's handwriting was judged the best among all other students in the second grade in Illinois. Victor will now go on to compete with second grade champions from all other states for the title of National Champion, and could then continue on to the title of Grand National Champion for all grades 1-8.

The contest, now in its 13th year, was established by Zaner-Bloser, the leading publisher of handwriting materials in the United States, to emphasize the importance of developing good handwriting skills. "Studies have shown that students who write legibly score higher on proficiency tests and actually produce better compositions," says Georganna Harvey, National Handwriting Product Manager for Zaner-Bloser. "By learning how to form their letters early, they can then become actively involved in learning and thinking."

Donald Graves, a highly respected authority on the writing process, says "Make no mistake, if handwriting has a poor appearance, the writer is judged poorly by our culture." In his book titled *A Fresh Look at Writing*, When a student is comfortable with their handwriting skills, "the writer has better access to his own thoughts and information."

"We commonly hear jokes about the illegibility of doctors' handwriting, but the ability to read a prescription or even the address on a piece of mail accurately is important to all of us," Mrs. Harvey continues. "Despite the increased use of e-mail, PDAs

ceremony is held during National Transportation Week, a time set aside for local communities and the transportation community to join together for greater awareness about the importance of transportation, and other high-tech communication devices, every business and every individual still depends on pen and paper daily. We simply want to encourage students to develop good handwriting skills at an early age so it can help them throughout their lives."

State Grade Level Champions, their teachers, and principals receive classically designed pens. Victor also receives a framed award certificate and Our Lady of Ransom School receives a gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser materials.

National Grade Level Champions, one each for grades 1-8, are awarded a \$500 U.S. savings bond, and other gifts with a total value of more than \$1,000. Their schools also win Zaner-Bloser gift certificates.

One Grand National Champion is then selected from the eight National Grade Level Champions. In addition to the prizes awarded as both State and National Grade Level champion, this student is awarded prizes totaling more than \$1,500. The Champion's school also receives another Zaner-Bloser gift certificate.

"Zaner-Bloser is proud of the wonderful skills these young people demonstrate, and proud too, of the many devoted teachers who have worked so faithfully to instill this love for good handwriting," says Harvey. "Their hard work and dedication to legible handwriting will help them succeed in their schoolwork and in their future careers, as well as keeping the tradition of personal handwriting alive."

Zaner-Bloser, founded in 1888, is the nation's leading publisher of handwriting programs for students in grades K-8.

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Proposals will be opened at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in the Conference Room at the Administration Building. Bid will be awarded at the Village of Niles Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2003.

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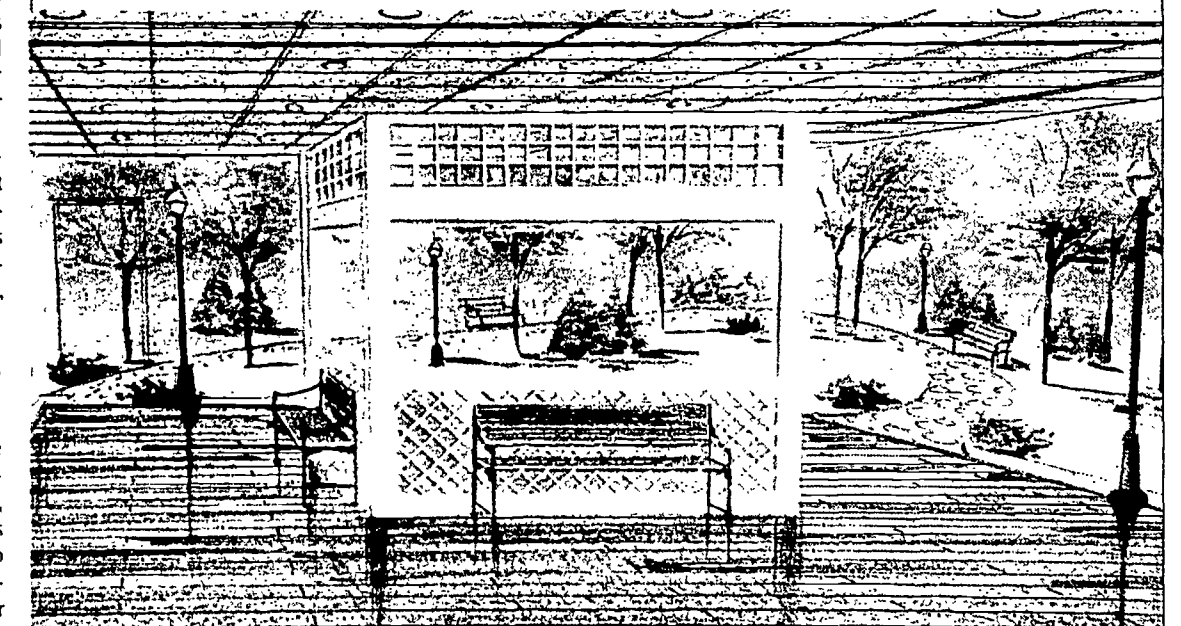
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Letter to the Editor

Band-Aids on Bullet Wounds.

Everyone is focused on how much his or her school district will win or lose under the Governor's proposed FY04 education budget. However, no matter how you slice and dice the numbers, we all lose with this budget.

The Governor's proposal at best, places a band-aid on the bullet wounds of a few school districts. The increases in the foundation level, special education, pre-school and downstate teachers pensions are needed. Though, when you subtract the 24 critical education programs being cut, adjust for the costs of inflation, escalating salaries and benefits, last year's 167 million reduction and the crisis affecting our

schools - there is less money for education overall than the current school year.

With 8 in 10 school districts in deficit, 163 with up to five years in deficit, and schools going bankrupt, the children need the Legislature to support a budget that truly invests in their future. Despite a massive teacher shortage, schools are firing teachers. And cutting high-risk programs, sports, foreign languages, art and music. They're even cutting the school day, week and year short.

Yes, Illinois is dealing with \$5 billion deficit, but that shouldn't defer our moral and constitutional responsibility to our children. The Legislature needs to do the right thing and invest in our children in this budget and lay the

foundation to end the school crisis.

We must insist that the FY04 budget return state funding to the classroom to FY02 levels with appropriate allowances for inflation. Secondly, the Legislature must fulfill its constitutional responsibility to see that Illinois provides for an efficient system of high quality public education and services for every child - rural, suburban and urban - and ensure that the state fulfills its constitutional responsibility as the primary funding source for education.

As Rep. Mary Flowers put it at the House Committee of the Whole, "if one part loses we all lose." Let's hold our elected officials to their campaign promises

on education and insist children go to the top of the list above member initiatives and special interests. Illinois needs a real investment in our children - not PR from politicians.

Quality public education for every child is the key to our democracy, our freedom and our future. Please contact your State Representative, State Senator and the Governor today. And most important, hold them accountable

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation has been working diligently and collaboratively with the Illinois House and Senate Gaming Committees, representatives of Illinois tracks and other horsemen groups to address a collective and unified plan to strengthen the vital horse racing industry in Illinois, enhance the State's struggling economy and support the tens of thousands of jobs the industry provides.

There has been an active and positive spirit of communication and cooperation between the

Niles Tennis

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Village of Niles, Roberto Maggio, Director of Tennis at Tam directs the program. Other instructors involved are volunteer High School Varsity tennis players.

The program runs every Saturday from 4 to 5:45 p.m. After all their hard work, the children are rewarded with pizza and soda, provided by The Howard Street Inn located on Tam Golf Course.

The children are not only given the opportunity to learn the game of tennis, but also learn basic social skills like team-work, effort, work ethic and respect for themselves and others on and off the court. This program has received national attention in the past because of its uniqueness and is the only program of its kind to run full time during the indoor season. Most programs like this one are run during the summer, leaving the kids wanting more. In our program the children play 12 months a year. All kids must have a C plus average at school to keep their spot in the program.

Another great aspect of this program is the opportunity to reward the most promising players with a tennis scholarship into our Junior program, where they will be able to develop even more. The first few classes have already shown a lot of enthusiasm from the kids and there is a lot of talent in the group.

"We are proud to provide the kids of our community with the opportunity to be part of a great sport through the generosity of many volunteers" says Joseph V. LoVerde, Executive Director of the Niles Park District.

If you would like to show support for the kids and our program, please contact Roberto Maggio at (847) 967-1400.

when they run for re-election. Visit www.studentsfirst.us to learn how you can help Illinois' 2.2 million children and the future of our great state.

Sincerely,
Ronald J. Gidwitz
President & Founder,
Students First
Member, Illinois State
Board of Education.

Race Tracks and the Associations representing horsemen, which we believe will be extremely beneficial to the Racing Industry as a whole, not only in this signal endeavor, but in the future in other important areas of mutual interest to all participants.

We believe that the racetracks and horsemen groups have demonstrated the ability and desire to reach an amicable agreement with respect to distribution of proceeds from alternative gaming devices at the licensed track facilities. Hence, we are in cooperation with and supportive of the Revenue Optimization Initiative which is currently being proposed.

By supporting this Initiative, Illinois tax revenues will be increased and help provide new opportunities to the hard-working men and women who make up the foundation of the horseracing industry.

John D. Bauman
President
Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation.

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**Final Standings
2002-03 Season**
1 NorthSide Comm.Bk.
2 Classic Bowl
3 Thomas Drozd, DDS
4 Candlelight Jwlr
5 Niles Dairy Queen
6 Skaja Terrace

HIGH SERIES 4/30/03

Marybeth Cruz	581
Baby Virtusio	509
Jan Repeh	487
Gerie Schultz	463

HIGH GAMES 4/30/03

Marybeth Cruz	231
Baby Virtusio	214
Lois MacAdam	194
Sandra Davis	176

Sweepstakes Winners Most Pins Over Average 4/30/03

Team 1-Sandra Davis	54 pins
Team 2-Carol Volpe	50 pins
Team 3-Jan Repeh	79 pins
Team 4-Marybeth Cruz	80 pins
Team 5-Gerry Letow	52 pins
Team 6-Mary Wasilewski	19 pins

OBITUARIES

GRACE I. SZENDA

Grace I. Szenda, 63, of Niles, died Monday, April 14 at Lutheran General Hospital. She was born May 16, 1939 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Edward J. Szenda. Beloved mother of Glenn Szenda, Tammy Szenda, Wayne Szenda and Curt Szenda. Sister of Judith Young and George Simoulis. Services were held April 18 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

ROSA HAJEK

Rosa Hajek, 67, of Niles, died Sunday, April 20. She was born January 24, 1936 in Czechoslovakia. Beloved wife of Wenzel. Beloved mother of Linda (the late Spiro) Maragos and Anita Hajek. Sister of Maria (Karl) Kaumberger of Austria. Many family members in U.S., Canada and Europe. Services were held April 23 at Queen of All Saints Basilica. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski, Chicago. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

CRISPIN NARTATEZ, JR.

Crispin Nartatez, Jr., 68, of Morton Grove, died Sunday, April 20 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born October 24, 1934 in the Philippines. Beloved husband of Josepina Nartatez. Also survived by his children, grandchildren and other family members. Services were held April 26 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

LAURA A. HAMILTON

Laura A. Hamilton, 44, of Niles, died Monday, April 21. She was born October 12, 1958 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Timothy Hamilton. Beloved daughter of the late Eugene Nagawiecki and Sally Nagawiecki. Beloved mother of Sarah. Daughter-in-law of James Hamilton and the late MaryEllen Hamilton. Sister of (Mark (Anne) and Tim (Rose)). Sister-in-law of Robert. Larry and Melissa. Services were held April 24 at St. Hedwig Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Chicago. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery.

CATALINA GUMAYA

Catalina Gumaya, 72, of Glenview, died Sunday, April 27. She was born April 30, 1930 in the Philippines. Beloved wife of the late Rosendo Gumaya. Beloved mother of Luz Dolores (Benny) Lucas, Danilo (Violeta), Zenaida (Alex) Suli, Yolinda (Ed) Senares, Carlotia (Bobby) Garcia, Carlito, Imelda (Jose) Cunanan. Grandmother of 12. Services were held May 3 at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Ridge-wood Cemetery.

STANLEY F. KRUPA

Stanley F. Krupa, 82, of Crystal Lake, died Tuesday, April 15. He was born May 1, 1920 in Chicago. Beloved son of the late Stanley Krupinski and the late Lucy Krupa. Beloved father of Allen Krupa, Michelle (Paul) Rieger and David (Kasey) Krupa. Grandfather of Adam (Kara) Rieger, Jason (Becky) Wilh Rieger, Nathan Rieger, David Krupa, Ellen Krupa, Gregory Krupa and Tony (Jen) Tosello. Services were held April 22 at St. Juliana Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery. Memorials to: Masses, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois.

IRENE MIXTACKI

Irene Mixtacki, 98, of Niles, died Thursday, April 17 at Beatina Terrace. She was born August 1, 1904 in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus Mixtacki. Beloved mother of Grace (the late John) Roback, Grandmother of Darlene (Ken Gembariski) Roback. Loving aunt of Dorothy (Edward) Sherwin and many grand nieces and grand nephews. Services were held April 22 at St. Thecla Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in St. Adalbert Cemetery.

EDWINGALE

Edwin Gale, 74, of Niles, died Monday, April 21 at Lutheran General Hospital. He was born January 5, 1929 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Evelyn Gale. Beloved father of James (Rosalie), Robert (Carol), Jeffrey (Mary) Gale and Nancy (Michael) Luisi. Grandfather of James, Matthew, Jessica, Christina, Robert, Elizabeth and James Gale and Michael Luisi, Jr. Dear friend, mentor and educator to many. Services were held April 24 at St. Priscilla Church. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. Memorials to: MDA/ALS.

ASUNCION ACOSTA

Asuncion Acosta, 51, of Gurnee, died Wednesday, April 16. She was born August 13, 1951 in the Philippines. Beloved wife of Samuel Acosta. Beloved mother of Sam. Survived by other family members. Services were held April 26 at Our Lady of Ransom. Arrangements handled by Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

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For millions of kids, summer vacation is almost here. If you have children in school, you're now one year closer to the time when you send them off to college. And if you haven't started saving for that day, now is definitely the time to start - because college costs keep going up.

Let's look at the hard facts as reported by the College Board. In the 2002-2003 academic year the average tuition and fees at a four-year private college was \$18,273, the corresponding figure for a four-year public school was \$4,081.

Knowing that college is expensive - and likely to become more so - what can you do about it? Of course your child may well qualify for some financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships. And it's in your best interest to look for as many of these as you can. For help in finding out what's available, contact your local college's financial aid office, or just do an Internet search.

Still, even if your child does get some grant or scholarship money, it probably won't be enough to cover all college costs. That's why so many students take out loans.

Initially, you might think that taking out a loan or two isn't such a bad thing. After all, the rates are competitive, and the interest may be tax-deductible. But consider this. In pursuit of their degrees, students now borrow on average \$27,600 according to a new survey by Nellie Mae, a major student loan agency.

No matter how you look at it that's a lot of money - and it's an especially heavy burden for young people to bear as soon as they leave school. This debt load can keep college graduates from buying houses and making other important investments in their lives.

So, how can you help keep your college-bound kids as debt-free as possible? Start by saving early. Consider tax-advantaged vehicles such as a Section 529 plan or a Coverdell education savings account.

When you establish a Section 529 college savings plan your earnings and withdrawals are exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying qualified college costs. And you can contribute large amounts to your 529 plan. In fact, some plans allow you to put in as much as \$250,000 per beneficiary. You also have the option of setting up a Section 529 plan as a pre-paid tuition program.

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JUNE REGISTRATION

Mail-in/Drop-off registration is due in the Senior Center by 5 p.m., Friday, June 6. Please use the registration form in the June Program Guide accompanied with payment (check or credit card if by mail). In-person registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, providing space is available.

• **Hooked on Fishing Outings, June 27, July 28, & August 16.** - June 27, McHenry Dam; July 28, Skokie Lagoon; August 16, Banks Lake. Register at least 72 hours prior to outing. Cost of outings vary. Call Mary Ann.

• **4th of July Celebration - Tuesday, July 1, 12 to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$10. - Show your patriotism and celebrate the 4th of July. Traditional summer lunch of BBQ Ribs or Chicken, Salad, and Dessert followed by Patriotic Music.

• **Computer Classes**
• **Microsoft Word - Tues. & Thurs, July 8 to Aug. 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Cost: \$30.

• **Pre-Intro to Computers - Tues. & Thurs., July 8 to 17, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Cost: 15.

• **Internet - Fridays, July 11 to Aug. 8, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Cost: \$25.

• **Keyboarding Workshop - Friday, Aug. 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Cost: \$6.

• **Mail Merge Workshop - Tues., Aug. 19 & Wed., Aug. 20, 9 to 10:30 a.m.** Cost: \$10.

Call Jaymi Ostman at 588-8420 for registration and other information on classes.

• **Saturday at the Center: Polka Party - Saturday, July 12, 3:30 to 7 p.m.** - Welcome Casey Homel & the "World's Honkiest Polka Band" after Smoked Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Polish Style Chicken, Whipped Potatoes & Kolaczki. Cost: \$10.

• **Travelogue - Eastern Cities - Wednesday, July 20, 12 to 3 p.m.** Cost: \$5.50. - Travel to Prague, Budapest & Istanbul with Rick Steves. Prior to this 50 minute video, enjoy an Asian Meal and European Dessert.

• **Evening at the Center: Indoor BBQ Summer Fun - Wednesday, July 30, 5:30 to 9 p.m.** Enjoy Summer Fun indoors with Hamburgers off the grill and ice cream social. Be entertained by the Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band! Cost: \$10.

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• **Conversational Polish - Mondays & Thursdays, June 2 to July 10, 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.** Cost: \$30. Learn the basics of the language in a six-week class. Register early, space is limited.

• **Microsoft Excel - Wednesdays, June 4 to July 2, 4 to 5:30 p.m.** Cost: \$20. Learn the basics in five weeks. Create spreadsheets & charts, analyze your data, etc.

• **Introduction to Windows - Wednesdays, June 4 to July 2, 5:30 to 7 p.m.** \$20. Learn the fundamentals of Windows. Includes instruction, handouts and lab time. Learn how to get your computer working for you! This is a 5-week class.

• **Wednesday Evenings at the Center: Hollywood Musicals. Grandchildren welcome - 5 to 8 p.m. June 4 - South Pacific, June 11 - Fiddle on the Roof, June 18 - West Side Story, June 25 - The Lion King.**

Registration is a must if you want the Hot Dog dinner. Cost: \$2. We will also be open for playing pool, cards, and games. **Grandchildren welcome!**

• **2nd Look at Microsoft Word - Wednesdays, June 11 to July 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Cost: \$20. Brush up on your Word skills. Get answers to your questions. Learn more complex functions such as creating columns, how to use store bought products, inserting symbols and tables, just to name a few. This is a four-week class.

HEALTH & WELLNESS - JUNE
• **Tuberculosis Screening - Tuesday, June 3 and Friday, June 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - You must be present for both days of this free screening. You must register in person. Call Sue Friedman, RN, at 588-8420 for more information.

• **Blood Pressure Screening - Wednesday, June 11, 1 to 3:30 p.m.** - Free monthly screening (Second Wednesday every month.) No appointment needed.

• **Diabetic Support Group - Thursday, June 12, 1 to 2 p.m.** - Monthly support group for diabetics. (Second Thursday every month.) Our focus will be on better diabetic management. Learning together while providing support to each other. Jan Fortina, RD, a dietician from Resurrection Medical Center, will be here to answer questions about diet. Please contact Mary Kay Andreoni, RN, for details.

• **Arthritic Fingers - Wednesday, June 18, 1 to 2 p.m.** - Kathy Hansen, Occupational Therapist from Forest Villa will talk on adaptive devices that can help you use those arthritic fingers. Free.

NILES - ONLINE
Visit the Village of Niles online at www.niles.com. Learn more about the Village and its services. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Northwest Cook County & Lake County Senior Summit Meeting

State Representative Joe Lyons (D-Chicago) served as chairperson for a Senior Summit meeting aimed at addressing the high costs of prescription medications, recently at the Buffalo Grove City Hall.

"Prescription drugs are extremely costly, forcing many seniors to choose between the necessities of life and their medications," Lyons said. "The State of Illinois can no longer wait around for the federal government to do something."

In his inaugural address, Speaker Madigan introduced the Speaker's Summit on Senior Services to help gain input on issues facing seniors, and using those suggestions to craft legislation in Springfield. The first issue tackled by the committee is the rising costs of prescription drugs, and later issues will focus on elder abuse and long term care. Lyons was appointed to this committee by the Speaker, and has attended three meetings thus far.

In attendance at the meeting were State Representatives Joe Lyons, Kathy Ryge, Elaine Nekritz and Ed Sullivan. Representatives from senior citizen organizations and pharmaceutical companies also attended, including the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, AARP, the Illinois Pharmacists Association, Abbott Laboratories and Catholic Charities Northwest. Representatives from the pharmaceutical industry discussed problems with existing programs available to low income seniors.

For more information on assistance programs, visit www.helpingpatients.org

New Community Service Club for Niles Seniors

Niles area residents and business seniors, of our village who would like an opportunity to participate in projects and activities for the benefit of our community are invited to find out about a new Community Service Club now being formed in Niles.

Under the organizational structure of Kiwanis International, this new club will meet for luncheon and social camaradery, and will primarily develop projects benefiting children and youth of our community, as well as some of the world-wide benevolent projects Kiwanis supports in more than 60 countries of the world.

All interested citizens who live or work in Niles are warmly invited to attend this luncheon meeting and informational get-together to be held Thursday, May 22, at 12 noon. The location will be in the "Top-of-the-Tower" Sky Room, 9th floor, of the Leaning Tower Family YMCA, 6300 W. Touhy Ave., in Niles. Plan now to attend if you might be interested in joining this new group.

Morton Grove Seniors

CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which will provide a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

55 ALIVE DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM
AARP's "55 Alive Driver Safety Program is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. The next course offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 7 and Saturday, June 14. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223 to sign up.

NEW HORIZONS BAND CONCERT
The North Shore New Horizons Band will present a free concert at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 19 in the Morton Grove Senior Center following the Lunch Bunch. The New Horizons Band program is now in its 12th year of expansion, involving more than 60 senior citizen bands in the United States and Canada. Please call the Lunch Bunch at (847) 967-6876 to make a lunch reservation.

BARB & ED WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE
Entertainers Barb & Ed will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24 to provide a guided musical "walk down memory lane."

The Lunch Bunch will be serving a choice of delicious chicken, fish or deli sandwich cuisine at 11:45 a.m. Please call the Lunch Bunch at (847) 967-6876 to make your lunch reservation.

OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS
The Morton Grove seniors will travel "Over the River and Through the Woods" to the Theater at the Centre in Munster, Indiana on Thursday, June 26. From the Creator of "I Love, You, You're Perfect, Now Change" comes this off-Broadway smash comedy. Nick is a single Italian-American guy from New Jersey who sees both sets of grandparents every Sunday for dinner. When Nick tells his grandparents that he's been offered a dream job in Seattle, it doesn't sit well, so they begin a series of schemes to keep him from breaking up the family. Start off your summer with the Chicago premiere of this delightful comedy. Lunch will be at Phil Smith's Restaurant, choose from Baked and Buttered Lake Perch, Sautéed Frog Legs, or Broiled Rib Eye Steak.

The motorcoach leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. The cost for the trip is \$62 for residents and \$67 for non-residents. Register in person at the Senior Center Reception Desk.

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER SOCIAL CLUBS
The Morton Grove Senior Citizens Club (Mondays), the Golden Senior Citizens Club (Wednesdays), and the Pinochle Club (Thursdays), which meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center, now have openings for new members. If interested, come in and enjoy the fellowship.

Niles Tam Tennis & Fitness Senior Discount

A colorectal screening is a simple, convenient and private method for individuals to test themselves for diseases of the colon. The test will detect blood in the stool before it can be seen and is very helpful in identifying the onset of colon cancer. Kits and instruction for usage are available from the Morton Grove Village Nurse at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Kits and test evaluations are free of charge to Morton Grove Residents. You may contact the Nurse by calling (847) 663-6109.

Niles Park District and Tam Tennis & Fitness Complex are presenting Niles resident seniors with a special tennis discount, "Age is your Discount". Seniors in their 60's will receive 60% of the court time fee of \$20. Seniors in their 70's receive 70% off the fee, etc. This promotion is available Monday through Thursday between 12 to 4 p.m. This discount is eligible for permanent court time holders only. For more information and to register, please call Tam Tennis at (847) 967-1400 and mention, "Age is your Discount".

For more information about these senior services and recreation programs, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223. Membership in the Morton Grove Senior Center provides the following annual benefits: six bi-monthly issues of the *Seniors in Morton Grove* newsletter mailed to the home; free Diabetes Screening at the monthly Senior Center clinic; free passage on the Senior-tran Bus for resident members.

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Around Your Home. Along with travel and outdoor exercise, summertime also means gardening and yard work for many arthritis sufferers. To enjoy your backyard and avoid unnecessary aches and pains, listen to your body. Stop at the first sign of discomfort. Other tips include:

- Wear a carpenter's apron for your gardening tools. This way you won't have to hunt for them, walk back and forth to get them or carry them in your hands.
- Use smart tools. Choose long handles on rakes and other tools to reduce bending. Special large-grip handles reduce strain on the wrists.
- Use lightweight lawn carts with large wheels to move materials.
- Avoid lifting and carrying things yourself.
- Sit rather than stoop. There are a variety of seats, scooters and benches for gardeners.
- Change positions frequently and avoid positions that put strain on your back.
- Get help. Recruit family members, or hire a young person in your neighborhood.

By planning ahead and pacing yourself, you can enjoy summer despite your arthritis. For more information about arthritis or to find an arthritis specialist in your area, visit www.allaboutarthritis.com or www.jointreplacement.com.

DesPlaines Water Restrictions Begin

The City of DesPlaines begins its water restrictions from May 15 to September 15. The restriction of water usage is to ensure adequate water pressure during certain months of the year. Hand held hoses and sprinkling cans are exempt from the water restrictions.

Water usage will be permitted between 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Residents with even numbered addresses are permitted to use water for lawn watering on even numbered days of the month. Odd numbered addresses are permitted to use water for lawn watering on odd numbered days of the month. All industrial, commercial and institutional properties follow the same restrictions as residential property owners.

Violators will be fined if these provisions are not followed. For further information, contact the Public Works Department at (847) 391-5464.

Gregory L. Dennis

Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl Gregory L. Dennis, son of Lois M. Dennis of Niles, recently completed the Small Arms Repair Course at the U.S. Army's Proving Ground in Aberdeen, Md.

During the course, Dennis learned how to operate, inspect, maintain and repair rifles, pistols, shotguns, submachine guns, grenade launchers, mortars and other automatic weapons. Dennis also studied how to prepare weapons for shipment and storage, and related safety precautions.

With his newly acquired skills, Dennis is now ready to work at a military base armory, providing weapons support to troops deploying for exercises and operations.

Dennis is a 1992 graduate of Niles Township High School of Skokie.

Chicago Commercial Real Estate Conference

A Commercial Forum, "Pulling Together" - The Place To Do Business Second annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Convention will be held on June 3. The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by a networking cruise scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The conference will be held at Navy Pier and the cruise will take place on the Odyssey. The Odyssey cruise alone is \$139. The full convention price which includes the cruise is \$159.

The convention will address important commercial real estate topics and emerging technologies. Nine educational sessions, networking opportunities, lunch and a fantastic networking/cocktail cruise on board the Odyssey!

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In school district 63 we joined parents in forcing Superintendent Bagg to increase the half-year kindergarten to a full year. We backed the Roy Makelas successful efforts to create a band program in the district. We made lots of friends with the teachers there when we backed their newly-formed union after they went out on strike. The union members promised they would not strike again but two years later they were back, out on the street. Our sharp criticism turned our new-found friends into less friendly Bugle supporters.

The controversies were big, small and silly. When we tabbed the Garden Club ladies as Koffee Klatchers their president threatened to boycott Bugle advertisers. Another lady representing Brebeuf's Womens club came storming into our office after we reported the frame wooden church on Harlem had several fire department violations. Our report came after the Our Lady Of Angels fire in Chicago which killed scores of children.

Despite our contentiousness we were very admiring of Nilesites who gave of themselves to their community. At the top of the list were the non-paid public officials who trudged year-around to their meetings. Volunteers like Elaine Heinen and Walter Buisse and Keith Peck, baseball managers and coaches, church volunteers, Lions workers who helped the visually handicapped like Troiana and Hoppe and Marchesin and Andrews and members of the KC's, the Holy Name members, the VFW vets and the scout people were the fabric which made the community cloth whole.

We bumped heads with the library people on several occasions. When they had the money shorts we suggested they close the second library on Ballard Road. When we popped off about the architectural nightmare housing their books on Oakton Street they countered by closing off their paid advertising. But they kept sending their free news releases which we never failed to publish.

We were at many, too many funerals at Skaja's...and too many alter-funeral lunches at the White Eagle Restaurant.

There were never too many parades. We'd drag our young kids to the VFW Memorial Day parades with the younger ones straggling far behind the marchers. Our Bugle truck, decked out in red, white and blue took part in many fourth of July parades. And the old van honked its way through Gretna Heights during the many opening day Baseball League parades.

We dined and danced through PTA, Womens Club, Oakton Manor, village, political, All American, 100th anniversary lunches and dinners. We were members of the family.

Our newboys/girls and their families were our friends - the Doyles and the Mulroneys and the Conoscentis and the Galantis who were part of The Bugle family for many years.

The business people, the Harezsaks and Momma Minelli and Lenny and John and Fred, and the Skajas and the Calleros and Mike Moore and his Townhouse people were more parts of The Bugle family. And all the many policemen, the Stankowicz brothers and Giovanellis and firemen Kinowski and Fox and Bublely and Public Workers, Eddie Bacher, Wally Kazakeich and Keith Peck and so many more village workers were part of the ever-expanding family.

Like all families, we helped and we neglected. When one Nilesite got in trouble in his business we asked Nilesites to send us letters about the man's contribution to the community. We got 40 letters which we sent to the judge and he made note of them when he sentenced him to community service. On the flip side another business man wandered off base and when he was sentenced to jail most of us in Niles turned our backs on the guy. He was an important part of Niles and we ignored him. It wasn't one of our finest hours.

The Bugle had a hotshot salesman who played cards on Milwaukee Avenue in the unincorporated area where some second-tier hoodlums hung out. When we were opposing gambling one of the card-players said they were going down to Niles to erase the anti-gambling editor. It was likely a bit of hyperbole but we weren't too elated when he reported this news. On the night the trustees closed down gambling in Niles a guy stood outside the village hall and asked me if my name was, "Bud". I told him it wasn't and scrambled into the village hall. Police sergeant Homer Becker told me the guy was a major Mafia figure who wound up in federal prison on a later murder charge. What little courage we had became diluted.

In our travels we had many three and four-person breakfasts and lunches with Richie Daley, Chuck Percy, Ed Hamrahan and Jim Thompson. It puffed us up a bit. But hours later we were driving The Bugle truck delivering newspapers and working in the dark-room developing film. These mundane tasks brought us back to where we belonged.

In December, 1977, The Bugle's Courtland Avenue offices burned to the ground. The following morning Buglers Val Burns, Arlene Zoellick, Diane Miller and many others slogged through icy water chipping away at the graphic arts which they saved for the next edition. Our very tough competitors from the Journal and The Life newspapers telephoned and offered to publish the next week's paper. Rich Harezak called and offered us space to operate. And my wife did yeoman's work opening our home for offices, feeding many of the troops breakfasts while others did their art work in the basement and edited and made sales calls from upstairs bedrooms.

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Foster Care Information Meeting

Catholic Charities is searching for loving foster homes. If you'd consider opening your home and your heart to someone in need of a home, you might plan on attending one of the following foster parenting classes. Everyone is welcome, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or economic circumstances. Information on how to become a Catholic Charities foster parent will be presented at the following meeting:

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Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America

Chicago's Carol Fisher Chapter of The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, a support group for those who want support or information about Crohn's Disease or Ulcerative Colitis, meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 1041A, 10th Floor, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Free.

For information about the support group call (847) 520-3456. For information about CCFA call (847) 827-0404. Visit our web site at www.cffa.org.

Nature Explorers

Venture outdoors with Niles Park District this summer! Come along to explore and investigate Bugs, Beaches, Plants and Bubbles through stories, art projects, cooking, snack and outside activities. Nature Explorers is a series of fun interactive classes. Sign up for one of them. Register early! Class meets on Mondays, June 2, June 16, July 7, and July 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Howard Leisure Center. Program fee is Res \$65, Non-Res \$72. Call (847) 967-6633 for information.

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provides at-risk youths from dysfunctional domestic situations with a healthy home, family atmosphere, food, clothing, education, and medical assistance. The grant from U.S. Cellular will be used to support outreach programs for the disadvantaged youth and to purchase food, supplies and educational equipment such as books and computers.

Congregation Bnai Emunah

Oren J. Stern Religious School of Congregation Bnai Emunah. Skokie will host a Parents Registration Brunch on Sunday, June 1, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. The brunch will take place at the synagogue at 9131 Niles Center Road in the lower social hall. Members of the community who are looking for a conservative Hebrew education for their children are cordially invited to attend the brunch. The children are invited to visit their respective classrooms.

School registration on June 1 will ensure current tuition fees. Guests will hear about the new Parents' Group that is being formed for the school year 2003-2004. Curriculum and special programming for the coming school year will also be discussed and suggestions will be welcome. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet the staff and visit the classrooms in session. The religious school offers a conservative education for children pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade.

For additional information and reservations, call the school office at (847) 674-9294.

America Red White and Blue by George McCrae

Dear Editor,

Vietnam veteran, George McCrae, is calling on you to help unify and bring love to America. George and I wrote and produced *America Red White and Blue* in 1981 but it was never released due to the politics of the music industry in the US at that time. George went with the flow, finding international record companies and fans more interested in his talents and is now an International Pop Star. His biggest hit *Rock Your Baby*, which is on the CD, sold over 80 million units worldwide and today George is still performing around the world.

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George McCrae is a powerful voice for America, a healing voice, a proud voice. Be part of the George McCrae phenomenon by helping George help America. When America pulls together, nobody can beat us. Let your readers know they can download the video *America Red White and Blue* free at georgemccrae-america.com. You'll be happy you did. America will be happy you did.

Sincerely Yours,
Kevin Misevis

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Her patience and efforts kept The Bugle alive.

What The Bugle was all about was about its local people. Jules Pandera, brought up at St. Hedwig's orphanage won a Chicago city basketball championship at Weber High and graduated from DePaul University. He became Niles park director. And there was Clarence Culver, a former Iowa boy from Benton, Iowa, population 36, who became district 71's school superintendent. Clarence loved science and band music and his school won many awards in these fields. Years after he passed away the newer school board members wanted to change the Culver-named school to a generic name. But The Bugle and his daughter, Debbie, did a little drum-beating and the school board kept the Culver name on the Oakton school. It wasn't the big story you read about in the metropolitan newspapers but we thought that was what community newspapering was all about.

We were privileged to have had a front row seat watching up close the most progressive, financially successful and egalitarian community in all of Chicagoland. We started out with \$800 in 1957, winding up with \$12,000 in sales at the end of the year. Just a few years ago our number one son, Bob, pushed the sales over the million-dollar mark.

Bob did a great job in moving the newspaper forward. It's not easy taking over the business created by your father, but he did it with aplomb and with much success.

One of our best quarterbacks who helped guide The Bugle for 30 years was our Diane Miller, recently retired. We jokingly called her our office wife but she was much more. She was our confidant, P.R. counselor, editor and most important, our very best friend. She was our number 1 family member.

Beginning in the late 1980's The DesPlaines Times and others offered to buy The Bugle. We didn't find the right match for the newspaper until Rich Masterson and Bob Leach made their offer. They've got a great deal of professional experience. They have been very successful at The Chicago Tribune, publishing an entertainment magazine, running a newspaper distributorship and publishing a city newspaper simultaneously. The experience they bring to The Bugle speaks well for the future of the newspaper in Niles. It is indeed in good hands.

As for the Bessers, we will remain in the neighborhood. We've had 46 terrific years. Unlike what Charley Dickens once wrote, "It was the best of times" but it was never the worst of times. We've been part of a wonderful family both inside The Bugle and in the outside community.

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You too, were a very important part of the family.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, JUNE 16 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chambers, Richard J. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulus Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following cases:

CASE 1397
Requesting a variation from Section 2.6.7.3c of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to expand the kitchen and master bedroom suite of the existing house:

Rear Yard - Corner Lot	15 00 feet
Requested	10.91 feet
Variation Necessary	4.09 feet

The parcel is located in the R-2 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 3401 Monroe Street, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is Edgard Leguizamón.

CASE 1329
Requesting a variation from Section 6.2.7.4 of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to construct a one-story addition to the existing house:

Rear Yard	30.00 feet
Requested	24.50 feet
Variation Necessary	5.50 feet

The parcel is located in the R-2 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 6630 Davis Street, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is Mark Albers.

CASE 1400
Requesting a variation from Section 6.1.7.3 of Ordinance 91-10 (Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Morton Grove) to construct a second floor addition and replace the current carpet with a 2-car attached garage:

Side Yard	6.00 feet
Requested	4.00 feet
Variation Necessary	2.00 feet

The parcel is located in the R-1 Single Family Residence District and is commonly known as 7412 Lyons Street, Morton Grove, Illinois. The petitioner is Victor Filasov.

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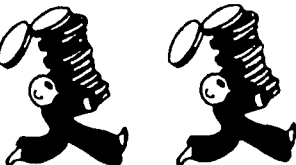
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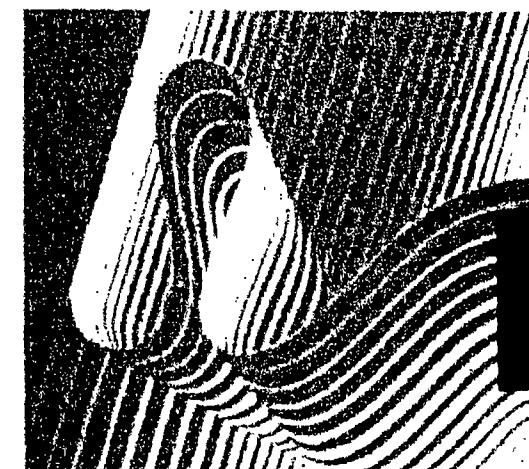
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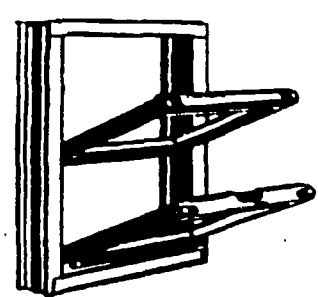


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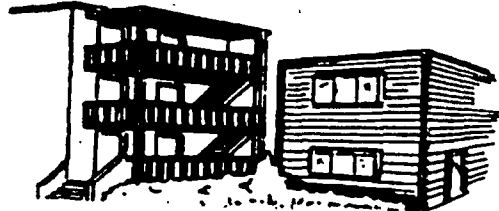
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- Soffit
- Fascia
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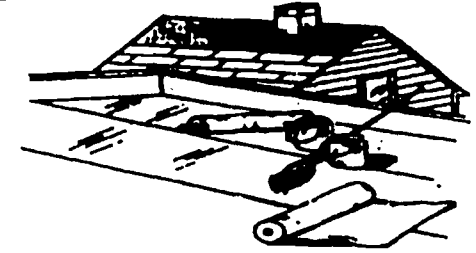
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- Porches Rebuilt and Enclosed

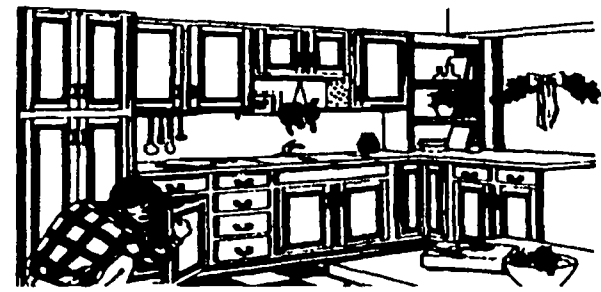


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