



Kate Raferty, l., and Joette Water, r., of Stardust perform at the Leaning Tower outdoor concert, Thursday night Aug. 28. The group performs music covering the 1920's through the 1960's.

Niles Public Library plans Super-Sunday, Sept. 7

TRACY YOSHIDA

To celebrate the library reopening on Sundays the Niles Public Library will host its 5th annual Super Sunday event on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's event will have a "streetfest style," with free entertainment in various departments of the library, including nonfiction, children's, reference, crime and western.

"We want to increase interest and support for the Friends of the Library," said Niles Public Library Administrator Cary Czarnecki. The Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers that raises money to support the

library. "We're encouraging library registration," continued Czarnecki.

The first 25 people to register for a new library card will receive gift certificates to Superdawg. At 1:15 p.m. guests of the event can attend: A Visit To Saturn, Old School Ball Players, What's With the Cubs and Sports Chit Chat and Research Your Legal Rights and Obligations.

At 2:30 p.m., the Sweet Prospect a capella female folk trio will perform and guests can attend Return to the Scene of the Crime and A Poetry Performance. At 3:45 p.m., A Trip Down the Chicago River, Illinois and the Old West and How to do a Job Search will be presented. Each

presentation will be 45 minutes in length and there will be a question and answer section after each presentation. Authors will also be available for signings as well. Entertainment for the kids will include a clown making animal balloons and face painting from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A book fair sponsored by the Friends of the Library will also take place from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. People can find new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs and videos at the book sale.

A silent auction will feature "Living History" by Hillary Clinton and Nikita Krushchev and "The Creation of a Superpower" by Sergei Krushchev.

Muslim Community Center opponents prepare lawsuit against Morton Grove

WENDY ELLIS

Attorneys for a Morton Grove neighborhood group are putting the finishing touches on a lawsuit they hope to file this week in federal court against the Village of Morton Grove. The lawsuit stems from the neighborhood's dissatisfaction with the way the village has handled their complaints of overcrowding and traffic congestion surrounding the Muslim Education Center at 8601 Menard.

"It's going to set precedent," said neighborhood resident Pat Kansoer of the pending lawsuit. "We expect this literally to go to the Supreme Court." Until the lawsuit is actually filed, however, Kansoer and attorney Doug Cannon are not getting into specifics. They will say only that the suit breaks new ground.

"Our end goal is to have everyone follow the same rules," said Kansoer. "Our goal is to have the neighborhood zoning respected. Our goal is to have the property used for the purpose it was purchased for, and that is a school."

The Muslim Elementary School has operated on the 4 1/2 acre site for 13 years. Every Friday afternoon, Muslims from around the area gather for prayer services in the school gymnasium. The surrounding homeowners, however, say the prayer services are held without proper permits, and are accompanied by so

many people and cars that they are overwhelming the neighborhood.

The Muslim Community Center, which owns the MEC, has approached the village with plans for a Mosque to be built on the open space next to the school, but the village board of trustees turned down the plans because they did not meet proper zoning requirements.

The MCC has not given up on plans to build the mosque and is in the process of revising its drawings in hopes of getting village approval. By building a mosque and moving their prayer services from the school gymnasium, the Muslims believe the issue of not having a permit to hold services will become a moot point. The plans would include more off street parking as well, but neighbors aren't convinced that will be enough.

"We have no beef with the school," said Kansoer. "That's what it's zoned for. As for the mosque, it's not zoned for that, and it will not fit there. The local officials have had this in their lap for 14 years. The local officials have played ostrich."

Kansoer says because this is a ground breaking lawsuit, the attorneys want to be very careful with the wording. Whether a lawsuit against the Village will forestall any action on Muslim plans remains to be seen. MCC attorney John Mauck says it will be interesting to see what the lawsuit says. "We'll have plenty to say after we've seen it."

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Employees of Niles' Public Works Dept. work to repair a water main break which left 150 homes without water Monday, Sept. 1.

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Water main breaks on Touhy slowing traffic, leaving 150 homes without water

A water main break at Touhy and Caldwell Avenues left about 150 homes without water most of the day Monday, September 1, as Niles Water Department crews searched for the source of the break and rushed to repair it.

"If this is any indication of what the winter is going to be like, I feel sorry for us," said Senior Water Department repair member Tom Polcyn.

Polcyn said his crew was

informed about the break at about 9 a.m. and once they located it and it should take about four hours to repair.

Workers diverted east-bound traffic on Touhy to one lane as they opened a 10 x 12 foot hole in the intersection to repair the leak.

Water was turned off to an area that mostly comprised homes southeast of the Touhy and Caldwell.

Moscow Nights asbestos removal pending following \$6.5 million loan

TRACY YOSHIDA

The Niles Park District will soon begin the removal of asbestos in the roof of the old Moscow Nights Property on Caldwell Avenue in order to demolish the building to make way for the new multi-purpose gymnasium.

A \$6.5 million loan was recently approved and the park district has received an A+ bond rating which will be helpful when they complete the sale of the bond next week, according to Niles Park District Director Joseph LoVerde. They are currently in the middle of a 10 day Cook County approval

process.

"The rating helps secure a lower interest rate," shared LoVerde. "We can now say we are low risk."

The gymnasium will contain a minimum of two full basketball courts, space to meet the increased demands of the park district's pre-school program and possibly a theater area to hold dance and theatrical performances. LoVerde said that another possibility is to turn the open Tam Golf Learning Center into a more enclosed structure that will serve a year-round purpose as opposed to seasonal. Indoor soccer games and various clinics can then be held at this facility.

Eight architectural firms have

submitted proposals and those eight will be narrowed down to three finalists.

"Once we get a design concept we'll have an open workshop," said LoVerde. At this public workshop people will have the opportunity to look over the design plans for the gymnasium and share any comments or concerns they may have with the proposal.

"I feel strongly that the community should have a voice in this," said LoVerde.

LoVerde said there will most likely not be any water features, such as a swimming pool inside of the facility. An indoor running and walking track is part of the plan

News

Chamber announces scholarship recipients

TRACY YOSHIDA

The Niles Chamber of Commerce and Industry Dollars for Scholars Committee recently held a raffle that resulted in scholarships for four students and local resident Tom Len taking home a 2003 Ford Escape.

The scholarship winners are Andrew Bishop, Daniel Borkowski, Annemarie Kelly and Steven Cielinski.

"The students are the future

workforce in our country," said Niles Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Denise McCreery. "It's very important to help in every way we can."

The two college scholarships were awarded for \$1,000 each and the two high school scholarships were for \$500 each.

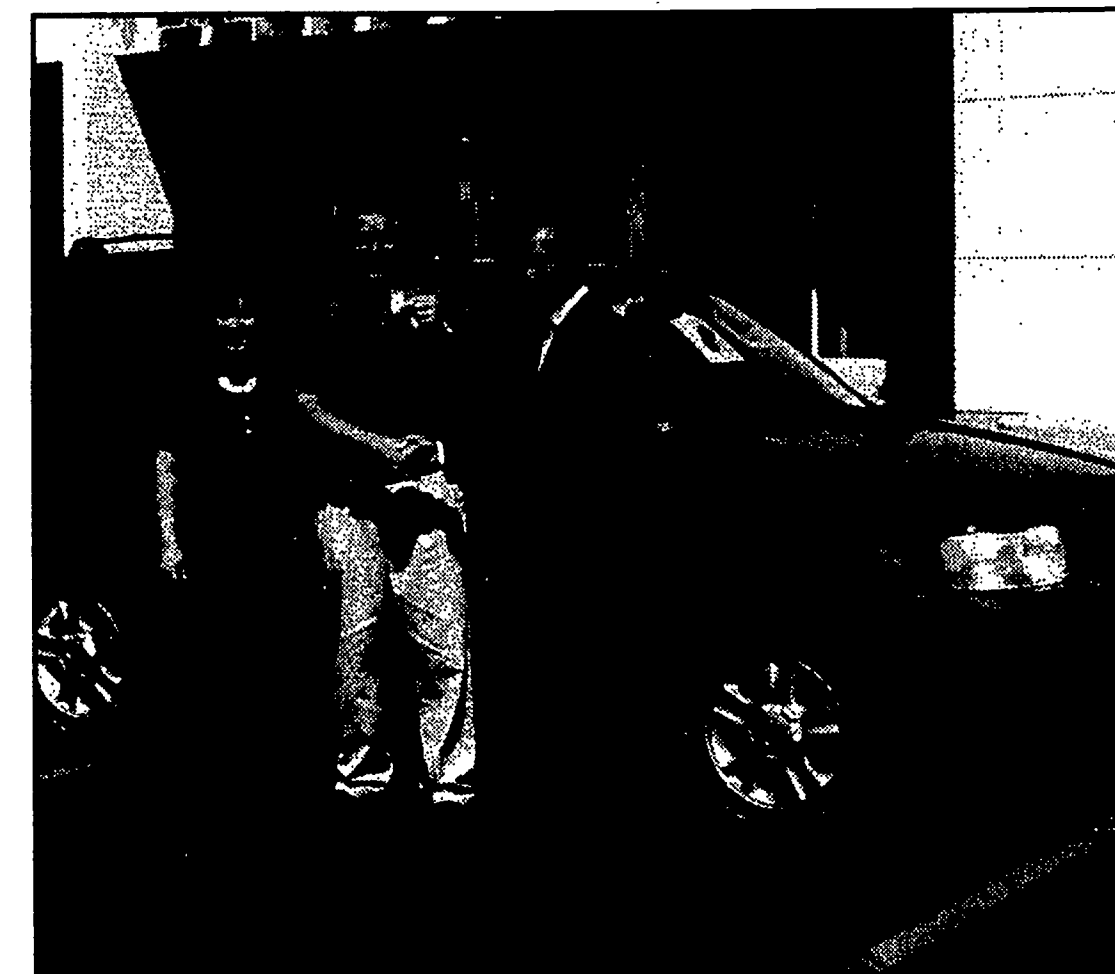
This was the first year the chamber has held a raffle and has offered scholarships and they plan to do something similar every spring.

The chamber partnered with Landmark Ford of Niles for this

grand raffle. Generous donations were given by the Clark-Halladay Ford and Northwest Community Credit Union.

Additional prizes were also awarded to the top raffle sellers, which were Sherri Cozzi of Got it Maid Cleaning, Deputy Police Chief Dean Strzelecki of the Niles Police Department and Joan Andrews of Niles Flash Cab.

The winners of the scholarships submitted applications and they were chosen based on their grade point average, essays and their involvement in the community.



Niles Police hound negligent pet owners

TRACY YOSHIDA

You're walking by a car in the shopping mall parking lot and notice a dog panting in the front seat. It's 85 degrees outside and no one is in the car with the animal.

This is a scene that many residents may be familiar with. Niles Animal Control Officer Peter Babikan has given a few warnings to pet owners who have left their animals in cars without air conditioning during the hot weather this summer and another Niles police officer has issued a \$50 ticket this summer.

"I enforce this year round," said Babikan. He said that people need

to be especially careful during very hot days in the summer and very cold days in the winter.

"Typically the people get very upset and very defensive," shared Babikan. "I give them a very stern warning. For most people it shakes them up enough so they don't do it again."

Niles police officers can make entry into vehicle to save the animal if they feel the animal's health is in

danger and they can not reach the owner.

Babikan said there was an ordinance in place prior to this past February, but at that time the ordinance was strengthened to include cold weather and the ability to enter into a vehicle.

If someone continues to violate this ordinance after they have received a ticket, they may have to pay state charges, which Babikan says are "a

little more severe" than the \$50 fines.

Babikan often hears people say they can not leave their dogs at home because they bark too much or for other reasons, but he said there other places they can take their pets such as dog day care, instead of putting their lives in danger.

"If we had warmer temperatures I'm sure we would have gotten more calls," said Babikan.

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North Maine firefighter overcome by heat in Glenview fire

ALLEN KALETA

Tuesday afternoon, August 26 in and unincorporated section of Glenview.

General Hospital in Park Ridge where he was treated and released said North Maine Fire Chief Robert Batey.

A North Maine firefighter was overcome by heat while fighting a fire in a 30 unite apartment building

The 44-year-old North Maine firefighter was treated at the scene and transported to Lutheran

According to Glenview Fire Chief Dan Bonkowski the Red Center dispatch center started to receive multiple calls around noon about a fire in a third floor courtyard apartment at 4141 Williamsburg Ct.

At right: Paramedics treat a North Maine firefighter who became dehydrated while fighting a fire in 94 degree heat Tuesday afternoon, August 26 at 4141 Williamsburg Ct.
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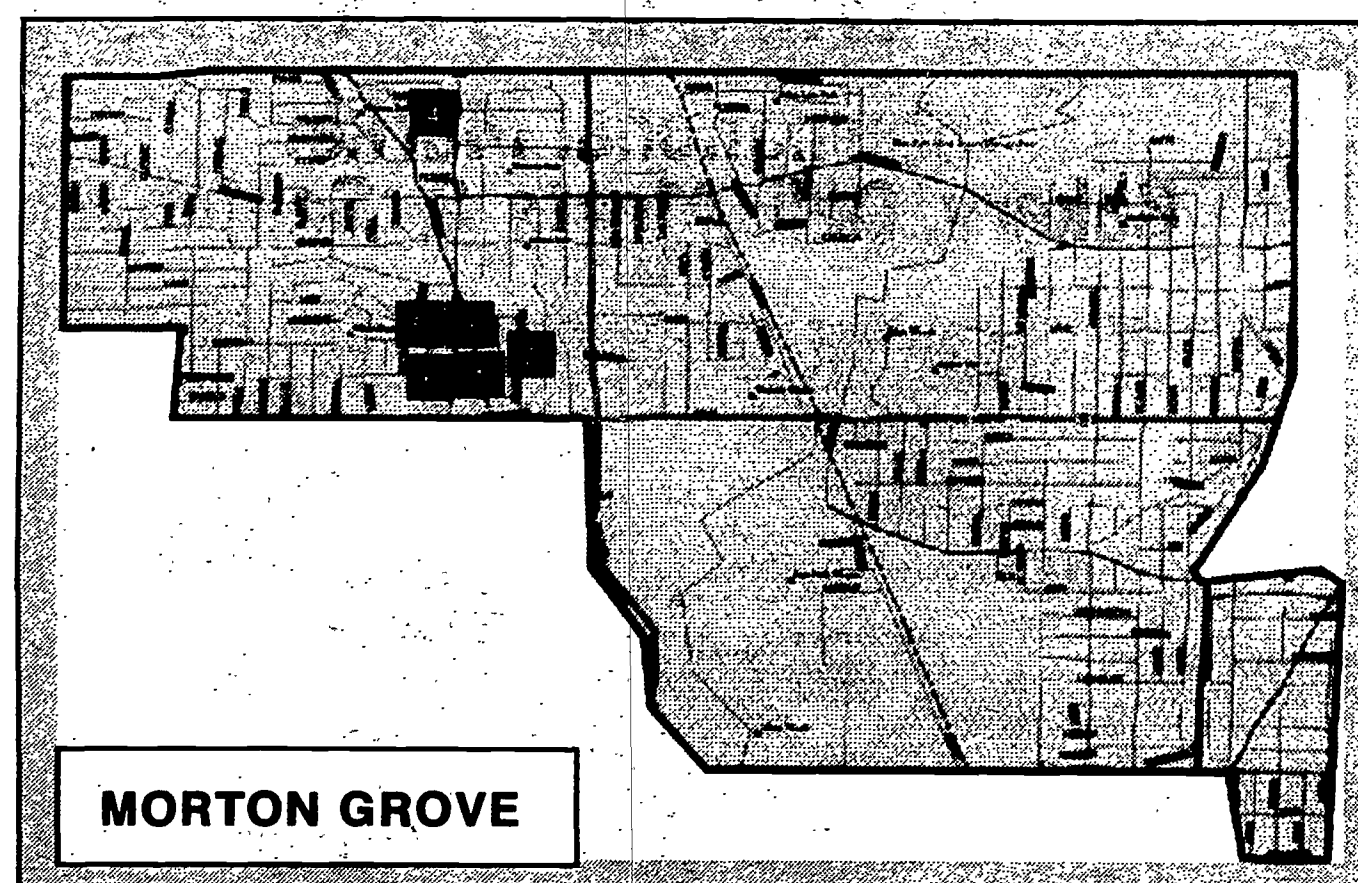
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POLICE BLOTTER



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■ Theft from Locker (6800 Dempster)

A woman's purse, a brown wallets, three credit cards, a cell phone, and various forms of identification were taken from a locker at a health club at 6821 Dempster, Wednesday morning, August 27.

The woman told police that when she returned to the locker she noticed the lock removed and her purse missing.

■ Theft from Locker (6800 Dempster)

A 59-year-old man told police his credit cards were stolen from his locker at a health club in the 6800 block of Dempster, Friday afternoon, August 22. According to the report, the man said he was called by a representative of the credit card company because someone had charged \$1,000.00 worth of merchandise to his cards at Ritz Camera and Galyans in Niles.

■ Tussle leads to marijuana arrest

A pushing and shoving match between two men resulted in one of them being arrested for possession of marijuana early Sunday morning August 24.

According to police, the two men started pushing while inside of a restaurant in the 6000 block of Dempster. The incident moved outside and one man punched the other. When police arrived they started searching the two men. And it was during the search police discovered an alleged bag of marijuana. The man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and battery.

■ Theft of purse (7900 block of Golf)

A purse was taken from a break room in an office supply store in the block of Golf, August 21, 2003. The woman, an employee of the store, told police she had the small denim purse on a coat rack in the break room.

■ Security guard smells something funny as man steals cologne (7200 Dempster)

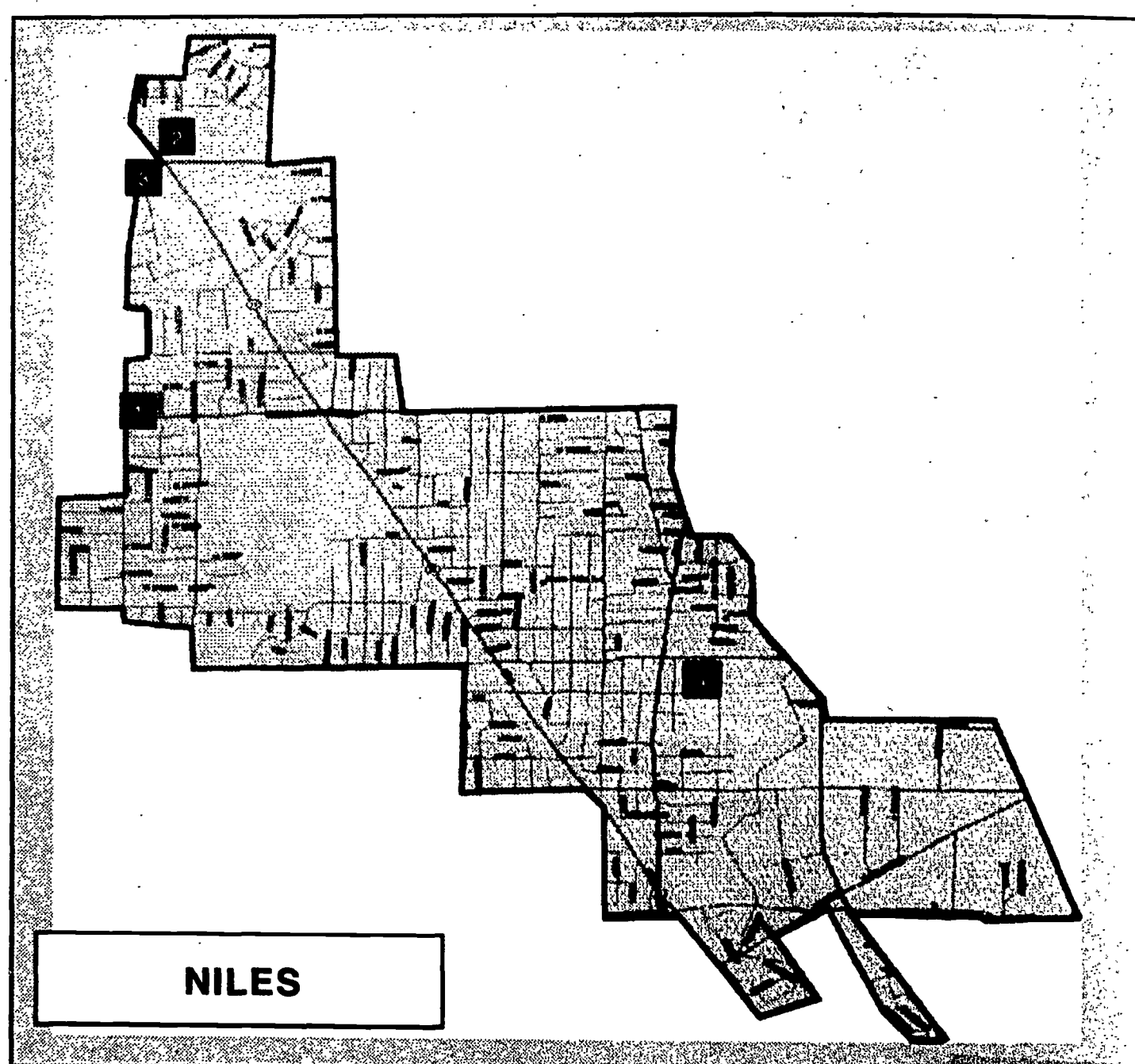
A 24-year-old man was arrested for shoplifting two bottles of cologne Wednesday night August 27 from a clothing store in the 7200 block of Dempster.

According to police, a security officer at the store watched the man over surveillance camera as he placed the bottles of cologne in his girlfriend's purse. The security officer stopped the couple as they passed the final checkout counter at the store.

The woman told police she asked her boyfriend to hold her purse while she tried on a dress. And that he continued to hold onto the purse as they continued shopping. The three bottles of cologne were valued at \$85.00.

■ Theft from store (7200 Dempster)

A 46-year-old Chicago woman was arrested for shoplifting four bottles of cologne from a clothing store Friday night August 22. According to police, a security officer used surveillance cameras to watch the woman as she placed the four bottles into a purse and headed toward the door. Security stopped the woman as she passed the final checkout.



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■ Aggravated Assault (8500 block of Dempster)

A 19-year-old man was arrested Wednesday afternoon August 27 for simple assault after he allegedly chased a man with a baseball bat. The victim told police the man chased along the 8500 block of Dempster. The 19-year-old was arrested at Maine East High School in Park Ridge after police searched his car and found baseball bats and a knife.

■ Theft of cologne (400 Golf Mill Center)

A 20-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman were arrested for retail theft after security police watched the woman place a bottle of cologne inside the man's baseball cap. The theft was valued at \$23.00.

■ Theft from wallet (239 Golf Mill Center)

A 34-year-old woman told police her mother's wallet was taken Wednesday night August 27 from her shopping cart when she left it attended for a moment while she shopped. The wallet was later found on a shelf in the store and the woman told police that 3-\$100 bills had been removed.

■ Theft of dress (5600 Touhy)

A 59-year-old woman, who had at least \$50 in her wallet, was arrested Wednesday afternoon August 27 for allegedly stealing bathroom rugs worth \$25.92 from a WalMart store in the 5600 block of Touhy. The woman was taken to the Niles Police Department where she posted a \$50 bail.

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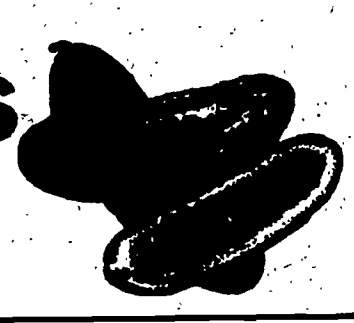
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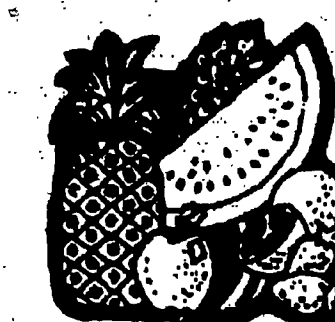
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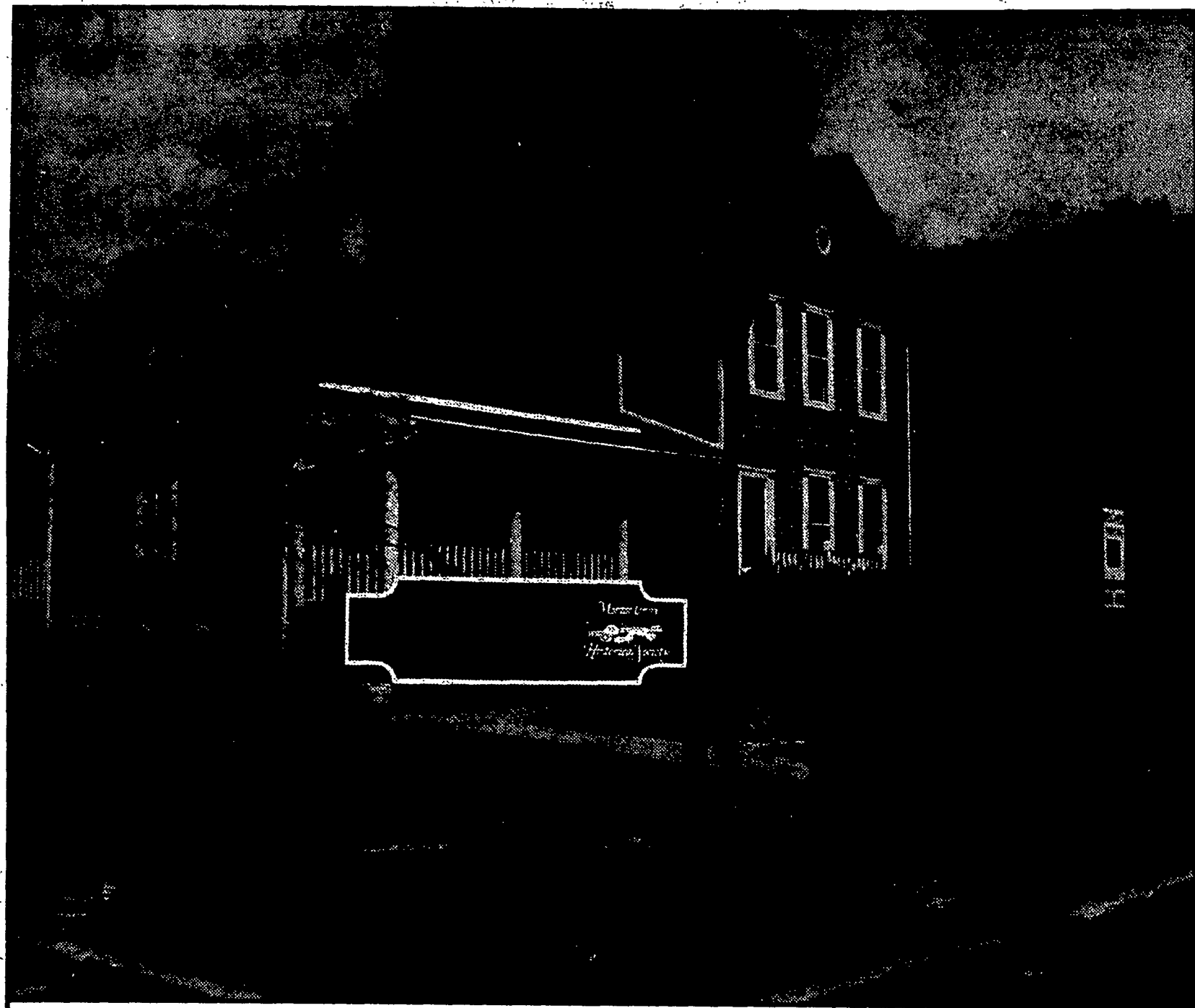
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Morton Grove Historical Society preserves memories of early years

WENDY ELLIS

Barely five years old at the turn of the 20th century, the Village of Morton Grove spent its first five decades coming alive. From pre-plumbing farmland to post World War II population booms, the Morton Grove Historical Society has been displaying village memories and mementoes in the basement of the old Haupt-Yehl home that serves as its headquarters. That display has only a few more months left before it gives way to the second 50 years of the century, so if you haven't visited the free exhibit, do so soon.

Historical Society Director Mary Walsh and her assistant Deb Szachowicz can answer almost any question you might have about the town's early years, and the artifacts in their display. A beaded chain-mail purse and a guest pass to the 1908 Republican National



Deb Szachowicz shows off an interactive train display.

The 1930's definitely roared into town with the arrival of prohibition and two popular speakeasies. Partiers came from all over the area to drink illegal alcohol and enjoy the big name acts that entertained them, like Guy Lombardo, Sophie Tucker, even Fred and Adele Astaire. Some of Morton Grove's more tragic history centered on those night-clubs. On March 24, 1935, the Club Rendezvous caught fire in the early hours of the morning, leaving six people dead and many more injured. The second club, The Dells, was closed after 4 gunmen, alleged mob hit men, doused the club with gasoline and set it on fire. Newspaper articles about the tragedies have been preserved for those who weren't alive at the time.

"Some of our older patrons will come through and say things like, 'I remember hearing screams,'" said Walsh. "I think these really impacted the way Morton Grove regulated

businesses after that." The exhibit moves on through the 1940's and impact World War II had on the community. A Mother's flag, that once flew in the window of a family with sons at war, and pictures of the Program to Aid Local Servicemen, are both represented here. Each year the historical society places a new display in the basement of the house at 6240 W. Dempster just before Christmas. The second fifty years of the century will be next, and Walsh says anyone with items or memories to share of that time period would be welcome to call them.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT

Special to The Bugle

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Keep Investing in Your 401(k) in Any Market

If you're like most people, you probably have found that it's not easy to keep contributing to your 401(k) when the market is down. After all, it's discouraging to see the balance drop on an account that's designed to provide money for retirement. Nonetheless, stopping or decreasing your 401(k) contributions could prove even more costly in the long run.

Even if you made the right moves and built a diversified 401(k) portfolio, it probably lost about 13 percent of its value in 2002, according to a study by the Vanguard mutual fund company. (However, over the first three years of the current bear market, from 2000 through 2002, the study showed that the picture wasn't quite as gloomy; the median participant's 401(k) declined 6.3 percent per year.)

Furthermore, thanks to the sluggish economy, some companies have suspended those 401(k) matching contributions that are linked to profits, according to the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council of America.

These converging forces may have caused you to think about taking a "time out" from your 401(k). And yet, that would almost certainly be a mistake.

Why? Because if you're a member of the "baby boom" generation, or if you're even younger, you'll likely spend two to three decades in a healthy, active retirement - so you'll clearly need substantial financial resources. Along with Social Security and your personal investments, your 401(k) can be a big part of your retirement savings. And there's no way you'll help your 401(k) grow by not contributing.

Also, by not putting in money to your plan, you'll lose out on pre-tax contributions and the potential for tax-deferred growth. Let's see how these tax features can help you.

First, your 401(k) earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. Over time, tax deferral can make an enormous difference in your total accumulation. Suppose that you put in \$10,000 to your 401(k) for 30 years, and your hypothetical average rate of return is 7 percent. When the 30 years are up, you will have amassed slightly over \$1 million. (This calculation is merely an illustration; it does not represent any investments currently available.) On the other hand, if you put that same \$10,000 per year into a taxable investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent, you will have only \$730,000 at the end of 30 years, assuming you paid the federal tax rate of 25 percent. (If state income taxes are assessed, this figure will be lower.)

Of course, your 401(k) earnings are tax-deferred - not tax-free. So, you will eventually have to pay taxes on withdrawals from your 401(k). But by the time you start taking 401(k) distributions, presumably when you're retired, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And even if you're not, you can find ways to spread out your payments to help you minimize your tax burden.

Clearly, these tax benefits will be of great value to you as you build your 401(k). So, no matter what the markets are doing, or what's happening with your employer's match, be persistent and keep putting away money in your 401(k). If you just can't stand to see your balance dropping, review your plan with an investment professional to discuss your goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. In the long run, investing regularly in those 401(k) options that offer you growth potential, diversification and quality should bring you closer to your retirement goals.

Jeffrey Cardella can be reached at Edward Jones, 8141 N. Milwaukee, Niles, 847-470-8953.

BUSINESS / FINANCE

Niles Chamber gets a jump on Holiday season with gift certificates

WENDY ELLIS

If you haven't given much thought yet to your holiday shopping, the Niles Chamber of Commerce is way ahead of you. The Niles Chamber's Holiday Gift Certificates are now on sale and this year they will be good in over 100 Niles businesses, three times as many as last year.

Executive Director Denise McCreery says when the program started last year there really wasn't time to sign up more than 30 businesses for the holiday season, but with a whole year to work on this year's program, the participating businesses have tripled.

"We've got some of the larger businesses signed up this year, like Galyan's Walgreens and Home Depot" said McCreery. "That's very important to the success of the program."

These are not individual store certificates. The \$10 certificates are good for one year at any of the participating businesses. A list of those retailers is included when you purchase the certificates. They can be bought at the Chamber of Commerce office at the Oak Mill Mall, 7500 North Milwaukee, Suite 225B, or at Niles Village Hall or Devon Bank, which is helping to underwrite the cost of the program.

The Holiday Gift Certificate program is just one of many things

brewing at the Chamber offices. Each month chamber members gather at a different member location for "Business after Hours." The two hour evening gathering is a chance for local business owners to mingle, trade business cards and literature about their companies. McCreery says they average 60 to 100 people each month, and it's not always the same members. The Niles Chamber boasts almost 500 members.

"It would be great if all members came, but I'm not sure where we'd house them."

On Dec. 4, the chamber will sponsor the annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction. Auction items are donated by member businesses, and

by some out of towners. Anyone who owns a business in Niles is invited, member or not. "Familiarity builds business relationships," says McCreery, who says the chamber's primary focus is to promote Niles businesses and the get people to shop close to home, no matter what time of year.

Spring may seem far away, but not for the six committees already working on the "Niles Night of Roses. Home Grown Success." This Recognition Dinner is an outgrowth of a smaller event that until now, has included only a handful of awards. This dinner, to be held April 17, 2004, at the Château Ritz, will include awards in 17 categories and nominations will be taken from the

entire community. "There will be good neighbor of the year, teacher of the year, municipal worker of the year," said McCreery. "I don't want to name them all but there are so many people who deserve recognition." McCreery says the chamber is expecting as many as 500 people to attend. A steering committee will choose the final recipients of the awards.

And last but not least, if you are looking for a job, check out the Niles Chamber website (www.nileschamber.org.) The chamber has begun posting job openings offered by its many businesses, and the Niles Human Resources department will help match unemployed residents with those jobs.

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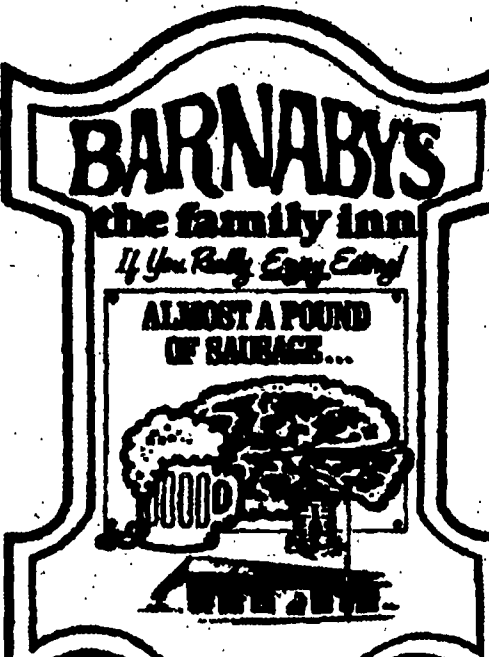
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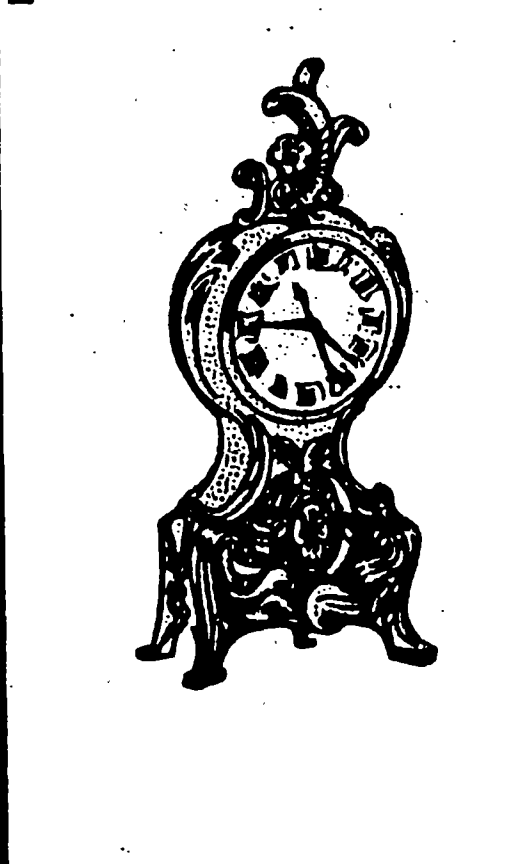
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An agreement was reached between the two, and in August part of the film was successfully shot in the store.

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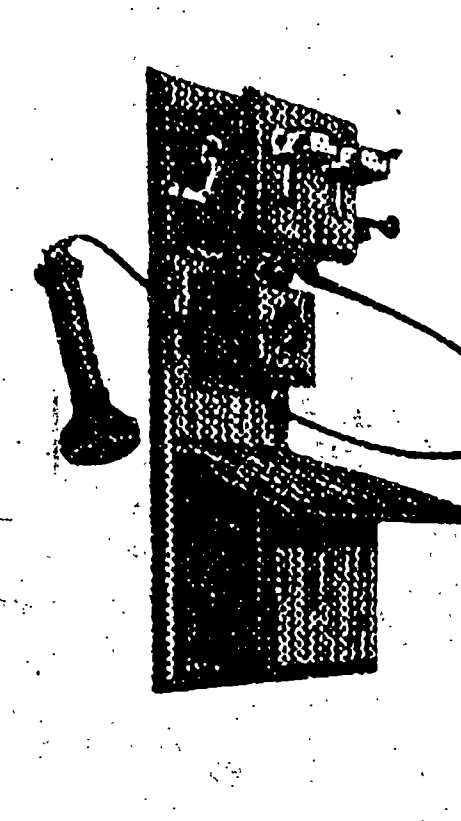
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BUSINESS/FINANCE

Niles Village Board approves economic marketing plan

TRACY YOSHIDA

The Village of Niles Board was unanimously in favor of the economic development marketing plan that was presented to them at the board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The ultimate goal of the plan is to let retailers and other businesses outside of Niles become aware that "Niles is a great place to do business," according to Village of Niles Finance Director George Van Geem.

In order to spark some ideas

to encourage businesses to come to Niles, Van Geem said that the village has been looking around at the economic development marketing plans of other communities in the Chicagoland areas.

"We've stolen the best ideas," said Van Geem. Van Geem said that they will model after a successful website of one community and a successful brochure of another community. He said that another community attends shopping center conventions and has a booth so that people become aware of their communi-

ty and what it has to offer businesses. This is something he said that Niles may look into.

"We're getting started," said Van Geem. "We got the board's blessing to get started last night."

In a couple of months, he said that the village's new plan should be fully developed and up and running. He said that the Niles Chamber of Commerce will most likely be involved in this plan as well. "We're proud of Niles," said Van Geem. "Niles is a great place to do business."

Paying for Cash Advances

The next time you put your credit card into an ATM to get a cash advance, you are also making what some economists call a "most ill-advised loan," something you would never do if you didn't allow the convenience of the ATM to keep you from seeing what this transaction does to your personal financial picture. For example:

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Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

that you are required first to pay down your balances on the regular, lower-interest transactions. (Or no interest at all if you pay off your entire bill when you get it.) In other words, if you owe

\$100 for a credit-card purchase made at XYZ store at the usual interest charge, you will have to pay down that balance before you can pay down the higher-interest cash-advance transaction.

There has been some movement in Congress to lower cash-advance fees and interest rates and put them more in line with charges for regular card use. But the credit-card industry points out that so long as people are willing to pay extra for the convenience of getting cash when they want it, Congress shouldn't interfere. What do you think?

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OBITUARIES

JOHN B. KURTZ

John B. Kurtz, 33, of Chicago, died Tuesday, August 19. He was born February 23, 1970 in Chicago. Beloved husband of Brenda Kurtz. Beloved son of the late Thomas Kurtz and the late Joyce Kurtz. Beloved father of Erin Kurtz, Megan Kurtz and Ryan Kurtz. Brother of Daniel (Kathy) Hopkins, Jim (Malecia) Kurtz and Kathie (Bob LaPlume). Brother-in-law of Linda (Tom) Dwyer. Son-in-law of Patrick Hopkins and the late Neva Hopkins. Services were held August 22 at St. Eugene Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery. Memorials to: John B. Kurtz Memorial, c/o St. Eugene Church, 7958 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL 60656.

WOJCIECH H. CIOROMSKI

Wojciech H. Cioromski, 82, Park Ridge, died Wednesday, August 13. He was born March 3, 1921 in Poland. Beloved son of the late Jozef Cioromski and the late Krysia Cioromski. Beloved father of Hubert Cioromski and Christine (Christopher) Marsh. Grandfather of Nicholas, Zachary Stephen Cioromski, Jacquelyn and Kelsey Marsh. Brother of Maryla Embowska and Danula Slaboszewicz. Uncle of Kasia and Mikolaj Mark. Christopher. Friend of Lori Hilson. Care Giver Janina Ogorzelec. Services were held August 16 at Our Lady of Ransom Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery. Memorials to: Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge, IL 60068.

BETTY WALSH

Betty Walsh, 78, of Niles, died Sunday, August 24. She was born March 9, 1925 in Chicago. Beloved wife of Joseph Walsh. Beloved daughter of the late Michael Marton and the late Elizabeth Marton. Beloved mother of Joanne (John) Olsen, James (Susan) Walsh, Michael Walsh and Patrick Walsh. Sister of Millie Gavurnik and Marion Turpin. Grandmother of Mark, Kathleen Olsen. Godmother of Jennifer Walsh. Services were held August 27 at St. John Brebeuf Church. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Maryhill Cemetery.

BERNICE J. RESCHKE

Bernice J. Reschke, 86, of Skokie, died Saturday, August 16 at Forest Villa Nursing Home. She was born May 30, 1917 in Chicago.

RICHARD C. TARELLI

Richard C. Tarelli, 57, of DesPlaines, died Saturday, August 23 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He was born April 10, 1946. Beloved son of the late Joseph Tarelli and the late Ida Tarelli. Brother of Kathleen Johnson and Kathleen (Ray) Johnson. Uncle of Joseph (Cindy) Johnson, Janet Lyn and Ray Lyn. Services were held August 27 at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Arrangements handled by Skaja Terrace Funeral Home. Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery.

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Here's to Rep. Ted Strickland of Ohio, who sits on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and has been an outspoken critic of attempts to impose an income threshold that would squeeze a large number of veterans out of the VA's health care system, on which they have relied for much of their post-service health needs.

Strickland recently appeared on a CNN news show to report on his efforts to stop the changes that would require veterans who earn more than \$24,000 a year, and are already enrolled in the system, to pay an additional \$250 fee.

The reality is, for many veterans, their incomes would not be able to absorb the effect this added fee would have on them and their families. And we're not talking living large, by any means. In any event, it would seem to me that this is one more example of what I've called the "Tommy Atkins" syndrome over the years: That's when, as the Rudyard Kipling poem so scathingly shows us, governments typically praise and promise their gratitude to soldiers marching off to war, and then turn around and break their promises when they come home.

You know, this might raise a hackle or two out there, but I think the \$30 million we gave to a tipster for the whereabouts of Saddam's sons would have been better spent on helping to keep our promises to our veterans.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.



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VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistive devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at (847) 965-8517.

MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

"RECHARGE, REJUVENATE AND RECONNECT"

Dr. Jerry Gore, Director of the Center for Holistic Medicine in Riverwoods will present this intriguing program from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. RECHARGE with good nutrition, relaxation and breathing techniques. REJUVENATE by harmonizing with the natural rhythms of the day and by using holistic medicines. RECONNECT with meaningful relationships and with inner wisdom. Gourmet pastries will be served. There is no fee for this class but registration is requested by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

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"EYE HEALTH"

Dr. Stuart Sondheimer, M.D., S.C., eye Physician and Surgeon will be visiting the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16 to discuss "Eye Health" for seniors. Dr. Sondheimer will address diabetic eye disease, hypertension and the eye, dry eyes, cataracts, macular degeneration and participants' specific questions about their eyes. There is no charge but registration is required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at (847) 470-5223.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Men like to say that dogs are "man's best friend." They're also woman's best friend, and perhaps never more so than in the part they'll be playing in a new program launched by the Breeder's Choice pet food company called "Caring for Both Ends of the Leash," which is designed to find therapy dogs that will help women recuperate from breast cancer procedures. This is especially important as more women are moving into their senior years, where the risk of developing the disease increases.

Visiting-pets programs have already shown their value in nursing homes, where people who haven't smiled for long periods absolutely beam when holding an animal. Tests have also shown that the simple act of petting a cat helps reduce hypertension, especially among seniors. It also helps strengthen the immune system. Now that same human-animal relationship phenomenon will be carried over to helping women who have been treated for breast cancer deal with both the psychological and physical challenges they face on their often difficult road back to health.

As part of the search process for the right dogs for the job, the Breeder's Choice people will partner with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's four Komen "Race for the Cure" events to be held in conjunction with the canine screenings. The races will be run in San Francisco on Sept. 7, Portland on Sept. 14, Denver on Oct. 12 and Los Angeles on Nov. 2.

Handlers and their dogs must pre-qualify for the program a day before each event. Once certified, handlers and their dogs will be able to visit women breast-cancer patients in local hospitals. They will also be able to offer other therapy-dog needs.

More information about the Breeder's Choice Caring for Both Ends of the Leash program, as well as specific local event information, can be found at the company Web site: www.breeders-choice.com.

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Program to focus on Memory Loss

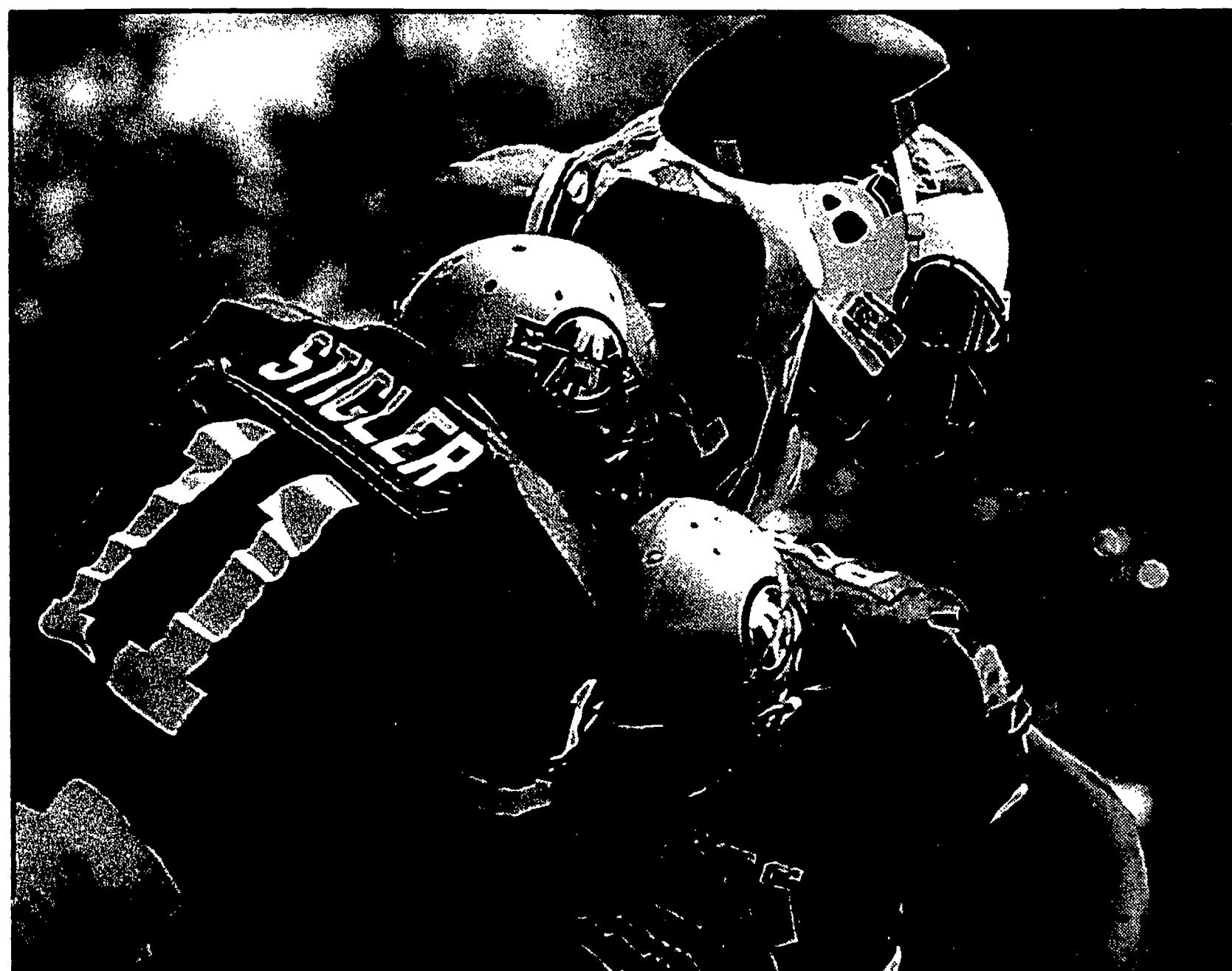
"Memory Loss: Is It Related to My Age?" will be the title of a free community education program sponsored by Holy Family Medical Center that will take place on September 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Mount Prospect Library, 852 Feehenville Drive.

Leading the program will be Lynn Zambreno, a speech and language pathologist from Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago. Zambreno will discuss how our memory changes as part of the aging process. She will also offer quick and easy methods for improving memory.

Registration is required. To register, call: 1-877-RES-INFO (1-877-737-4636).

SPORTS

Niles West Wolves begin season with victory



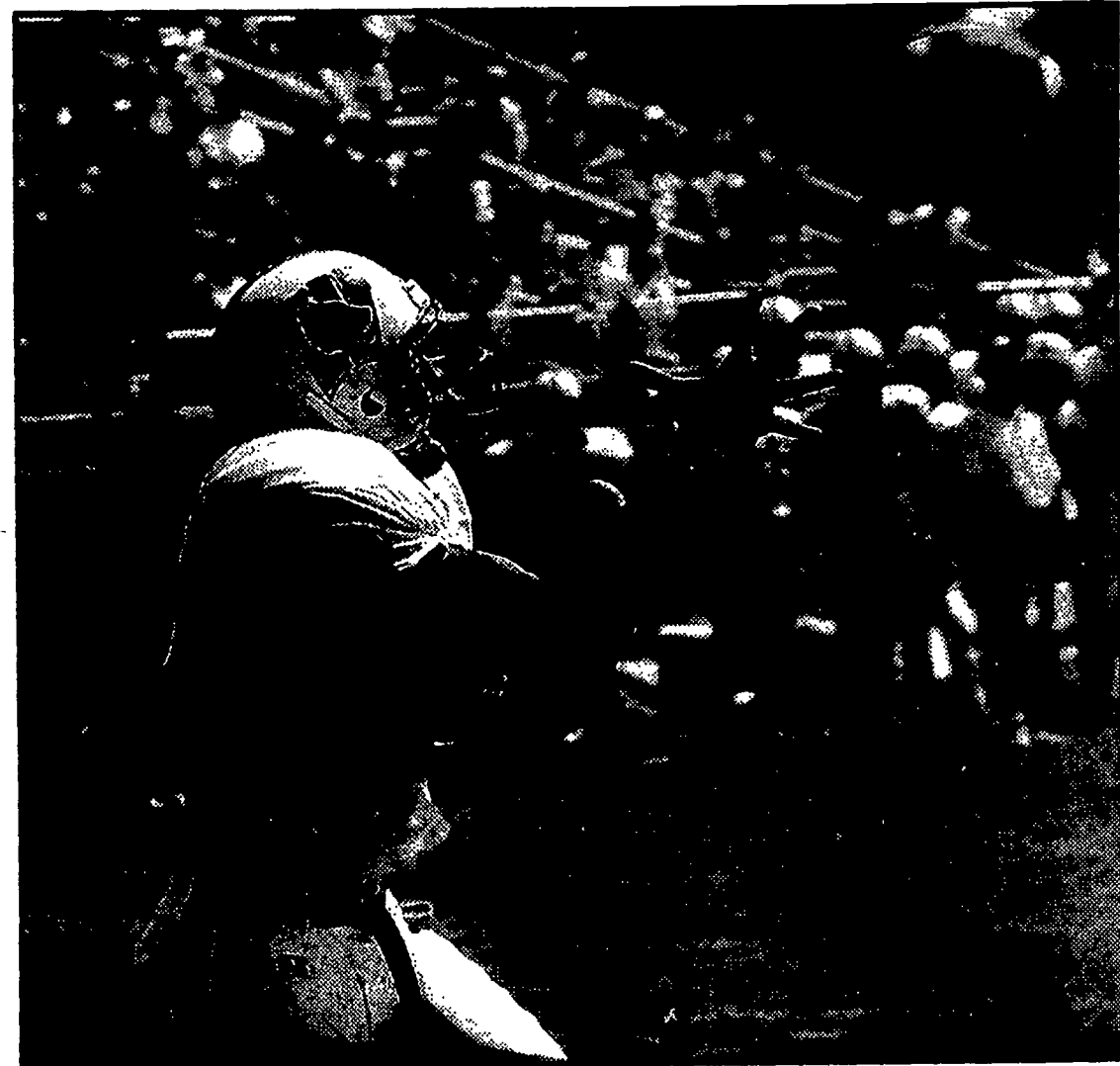
Above, Niles West Running Back Blerim Delisi loses the ball after being hit by two Antioch defenders in the first half Saturday afternoon, Aug. 30. At right, Runnin Back Rashard Mendenhall waits for a pass in the end zone to score Niles West's second touchdown in the first half. Photos by Allen Kaleta/Bugle

RYAN BISHOP

The Niles West Wolves varsity football team kicked off the 2003 season Saturday in grand fashion with a thrilling 32-21 victory over the host Antioch Sequoits. The Wolves had to hold off the pesky Sequoits after building an early 20-0 lead. It was 26-21 with 11 minutes to go in the fourth quarter when Antioch was driving for the go ahead score at the Niles West 14, and had the momentum in its favor. Senior running back Tom Rompella received the ball two yards behind the line of scrimmage where he was met by defensive tackle Bobby Poczowski. Poczowski stripped the ball away, forcing a turnover for the rejuvenated defense. That play picked up the struggling offense in the second half. Although the Wolves were unable to score on the next possession, they would use a ball control offense to run eight minutes off the clock. The story of the game was the dynamic play of the Mendenhall brothers, Rashard and Walter. The tandem accounted for all of the team's 32 points in an impressive offensive display.

Having just committed to play football at the University of Illinois, the brothers were out to show they had Big 10 talent. The Mendenhalls had a knack for the big play as evidenced in Rashard's 77-yard touchdown run, in which Rashard took the play outside and down the sidelines for a 20-0 lead at 7:44 in the second half. On the Wolves second touchdown of the game at 2:08 of the first quarter, the brothers hooked up for the sixth time in their high school career. This on a 21-yard halfback option pass called the "buck sweep". Rashard found a wide open Walter, pumping up the Niles West crowd. "The buck sweep is a play we run the last play of practice, and it has been successful for us," said Walter. "We weren't as focused as we should have been. Not everybody was on the same page during the week. But we had a talk at halftime and realized what we needed to do", said the all-purpose threat. Coach Mike Egofkse was relieved to win and finish off the game strong. "I thought Mike Pantazis was solid, and the Mendenhalls were excellent, did what we expected them to, and the offensive line was outstanding. We have to give credit to Mike

Artemchik, Larry Frank at tight end," said coach. Egofkse also said that Jason Bamaung had a super game as well as Steve Coorlass and Mike Johanson. Antioch took the lead 21-20 with 5:52 remaining on a 13-yard run after Nick Nathan broke several tackles to make his way into the end zone. It didn't take long for the Wolves to answer the call. Once again it was the trickery that did in the Sequoits. Rashard Mendenhall halfback option pass to Cusack two minutes later was all the Wolves would need to keep them in the lead. Walter Mendenhall (126 yards, on 18 carries), the 6-foot senior, started off the scoring for the Wolves in the first quarter on a 8-yard touchdown run up the middle, but the extra point was missed as the Wolves had a 6-0 lead. The touchdown culminated in a 80-yard, 11-play drive, including a key 10-yard run by Walter to keep the drive alive. Defensive standouts included strong safety, Blerim Delisi, in on ten tackles as well as an interception in the first quarter, defensive tackle Andrew Johnson, linebacker Peter Yoon, and defensive end Greg Eastmen



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the week in sports (Notre Dame) the week in sports (Maine East)

Sept. 2 BOYS SOCCER
Kickoff Classic Note: Games played at Maine East vs. Maine West S/V 4:30 pm

Sept. 2 CROSS COUNTRY
St. Patrick Invite @ Schiller Woods F/S/V 4 pm

Sept. 2 GOLF
Marian Catholic F/S/V 3:30 pm

Sept. 3 BOYS SOCCER
Kickoff Classic
vs Maine East S/V 4:30/ 7:30 pm

Sept. 3 FRESHMAN SOCCER
vs Chicago Charter @ Home 4:30 pm

Sept. 3 GOLF
Home vs St. Patrick F/S/V 3: 30 pm

Sept. 5 BOYS SOCCER
Kickoff Classic
vs Oak Park S/V @ Maine East 4:30/6pm

Sept. 5 FOOTBALL
Home vs St. Patrick V 7:30 pm

Sept. 5 GOLF
Home vs Evanston F/S/V 3:30 pm

Sept. 6 FOOTBALL
ST. Patrick F 9:30 am

Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER
Kickoff Classic
vs Northridge Prep S/V 10 am (both)

Sept. 8 GOLF
Maine East F/S/V 3:30 pm

Sept. 9 CROSS COUNTRY
Niles West Invite @ Niles West F/S/V 4:15 pm

Sept. 10 CROSS COUNTRY
St. Viator Invite @ Rolling Meadows Sports Complex F/S/V 4pm

Sept. 10 GOLF
Home vs Nazareth F/S/V 3:30 pm

Sept. 2 BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Maine East District 207 Meet F/J/V/V 4:30 pm

Sept. 2 BOYS GOLF
Highland Park S/V 3:30 pm

Sept. 2 FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER
Sept 2 @ York Invite TBA

Sept. 2 GIRLS TENNIS
Regina J/V/V 4 pm

Sept. 2 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Home vs Maine South FAB/J/V/V 5pm

Sept. 3 MAINE EAST BOYS SOCCER
Kick Off Classic
Team in white jersey will be home team
Maine Memorial Stadium
Varsity Latin vs. Oak Park 4:30 pm
Northridge Prep vs. Maine West 6 pm
Maine East vs Notre Dame 7:30 pm

Field 1 - Sophomores
Latin vs. Oak Park 4:30 pm

Field 2 - Northridge Prep vs Maine West 4:30 pm

Field 3 - Maine East vs. Notre Dame 4:30 pm

Sept. 4 BOYS GOLF
St. Joseph of Westchester S/V TBA

Sept. 4 FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER
York Invite TBA

Sept. 4 GIRLS TENNIS
Home vs Leyden J/V/V 4:30 pm

Sept. 4 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Home vs. Vernon Hills FAB/J/V/V 5pm

Sept. 5 BOYS SOCCER
Friday September 5
Varsity @ Maine Memorial Stadium
Norridge Prep vs. Latin 4:30 pm
Oak Park vs Notre Dame 6 pm
Maine East vs Maine West 7:30 pm

Field 1 - Northridge Prep vs Latin 4:30 pm

Field 2 - Oak Park vs Notre Dame 4:30 pm

Field 3 - Maine East vs Maine West 4:30 pm

the week in sports (Niles West)

Sept. 2 BOYS GOLF
vs Driscoll Catholic @ Home J/V/V 4 pm

Sept. 2 BOYS SOCCER
away- Timothy Christian Invite
Freshman/ Sophomore

Sept. 2 BOYS SOCCER
Varsity @ Lake Forest 4:30 pm

Sept. 2 GIRLS SWIMMING
vs Hersey @ Home F/J/V/V 5 pm

Sept. 3 GIRLS TENNIS
vs Niles North JV @ Home 4: 30 p.m.

Sept. 3 GIRLS TENNIS
vs Niles North V @ Niles North 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 4 BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Archbishop Quigle Invite away F/ J/V/V 4:15 pm

Sept. 4 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Archbishop Quigle Invite away F/J/V/V 4:15 pm

Sept. 5 FOOTBALL
vs Niles North @Home Varsity 7:30 pm

Sept. 5 GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Hinsdale South Invite away F/J/V/V 9 am

Sept. 5 GIRLS SWIMMING
vs Maine East @ Home F/J/V/V 5 pm

Sept. 5 GIRLS TENNIS
vs F.W. Parker @ Parker J/V/V 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 5 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Septemer 5 New Trier Tournament @NTV TBA

Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER
Northwest Frosh To u rament @ Niles West TBA

Sept. 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
New Trier To u rament @ NT V TBA

Sept. 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Maine South Tournament @ MS Soph. TBA

Sept. 8 BOYS SOCCER
Sophomore vs Willowbrook @ Home 4:45 p.m.

Sept. 8 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Loyola F/J/V 5pm

Sept. 5 FOOTBALL
Mundelein S/V 5/7:30 p.m.

Sept. 5 GIRLS SWIMMING
Niles West J/V/V 5 pm

Sept. 6 BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Sept 6 @ Fenton Invite F/J/V/V 9 am

Sept. 6 BOYS SOCCER
Saturday September 6
Varsity @ Maine Memorial Stadium
Notre Dame vs Northridge Prep 10 am
Latin vs. Mane West 11:30 am
Maine East vs Oak Park 1 pm

Field 1 - Sophomores
Notre Dame vs Northridge Prep 10 am

Field 2- Latin vs Maine West 11:30 am

Field 1- Maine East vs Oak Park 1 pm

Sept. 6 FOOTBALL
Mundelein FA 9:30 am

Sept. 6 FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER
Sept 6 @ York Invite TBA

Sept. 6 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Home JV Invite JV 9 am

Sept. 8 BOYS GOLF
Notre Dame S/V TBA

Sept. 8 FOOTBALL
Mundelein FB /JV 4:30 pm

Sept. 8 FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER
Home vs Vernon Hills S/V 5/7pm

Sept. 8 GIRLS TENNIS
York J/V/V 4:30 pm

Sept. 9 FRESHMAN BOYS SOCCER
Home vs Vernon Hills S/V 5/7pm

Sept. 9 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Maine West FAB/J/V/V 5 pm

Sept. 10 BOYS GOLF
Wheeling S/V TBA

SPORTS

Staking Out Territory

There's a slow expansion process going on in the NFL, but it's only remotely connected to adding more teams.



Instead, it's the schedule that's expanding — both in days of the week played and length of the season. It's been happening for years, right before NFL fans' eyes. Nowhere is it more evident than this week, when the NFL season opens up on a Thursday night for the second year in a row, this time with the New York Jets at the Washington Redskins.

The only time the NFL used to be found on a Thursday was at Thanksgiving. Now, much like the Cincinnati Reds used to signal the

opening of the baseball season, Thursday night denotes the beginning of the NFL campaign.

And it's not just Thursday on which the NFL is securing a spot. The same thing goes for Saturdays at the end of December.

With college football reduced to one bowl game during the final two Saturdays of the month, the NFL has three games slated for each one. And much like Thanksgiving (which features marquee teams like Green Bay and Miami), the Saturday games include teams projected to be in contention for the playoffs (with New England playing both Saturdays). The games are staggered, of course, so a fan can watch football from 1:30 p.m. until about midnight ET.

And since Monday nights have already been a major NFL event since 1970, the league can now be found on four different days during the course of the 17-week regular season.

That brings up another issue. The NFL had to use bye weeks in 1999 when the new Cleveland Browns came on board, giving it 31 teams. When the Houston Texans started play in 2002, the league was back to an even number at 32, but the bye week did not vanish. Sure, it's good for teams to get a week off during the season, but do you really think that's why it is still around? Or is it because the extra cushion provides another guaranteed week of football programming for the masses, programming that usually brings in solid ratings? The NFL season sprawls from training camp in July to the Pro Bowl in February, a month that now occasionally hosts the Super Bowl.

When will it stop? Why not an

SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek



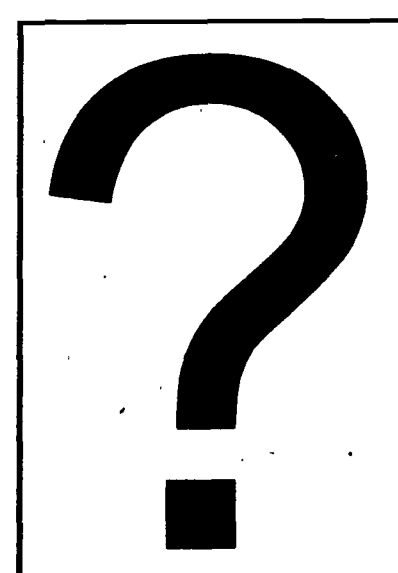
1. When was the last time before 2002 that a California-based team won a World Series game?
2. Who had the game-winning, ninth-inning hit in the clinching 6th game of the 1935 World Series between Detroit and the Chicago Cubs?
3. When was the last time before 2002 that the Montreal Alouettes won the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup?
4. How many times has the St. John's men's basketball team won the postseason National Invitational Tournament?
5. The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in 1993. How far did they advance in the playoffs the next season?
6. How many players have scored four goals in a game for the U.S. men's national soccer team?
7. Who was the oldest cyclist to win the Tour de France?

Answers

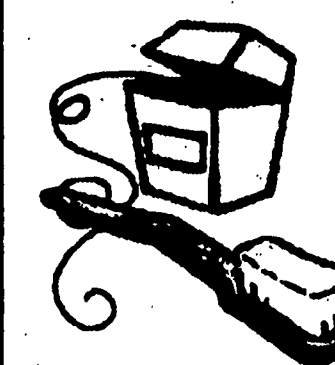
1. The 1989 Oakland Athletics.
2. It was Goose Goslin.
3. The Alouettes beat Edmonton in 1977.
4. Six times, the most of any school.
5. The Canadiens were ousted in the first round of the playoffs by Boston.
6. Four — Landon Donovan, Joe-Max Moore, Aldo Donelli and Archie Stark.
7. Firmin Lambot was 36 when he won in 1922.

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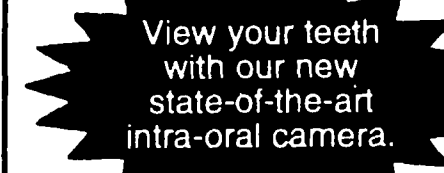
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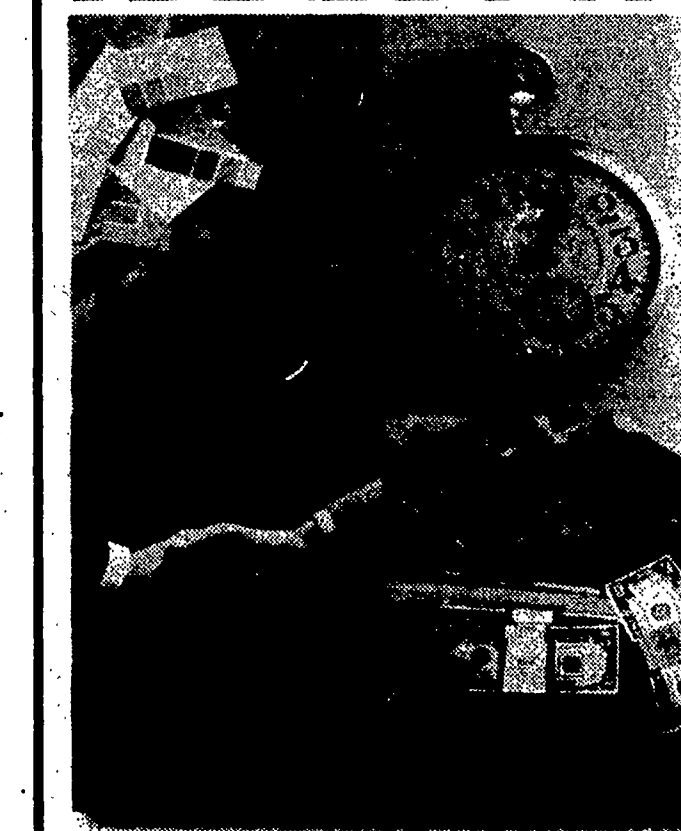
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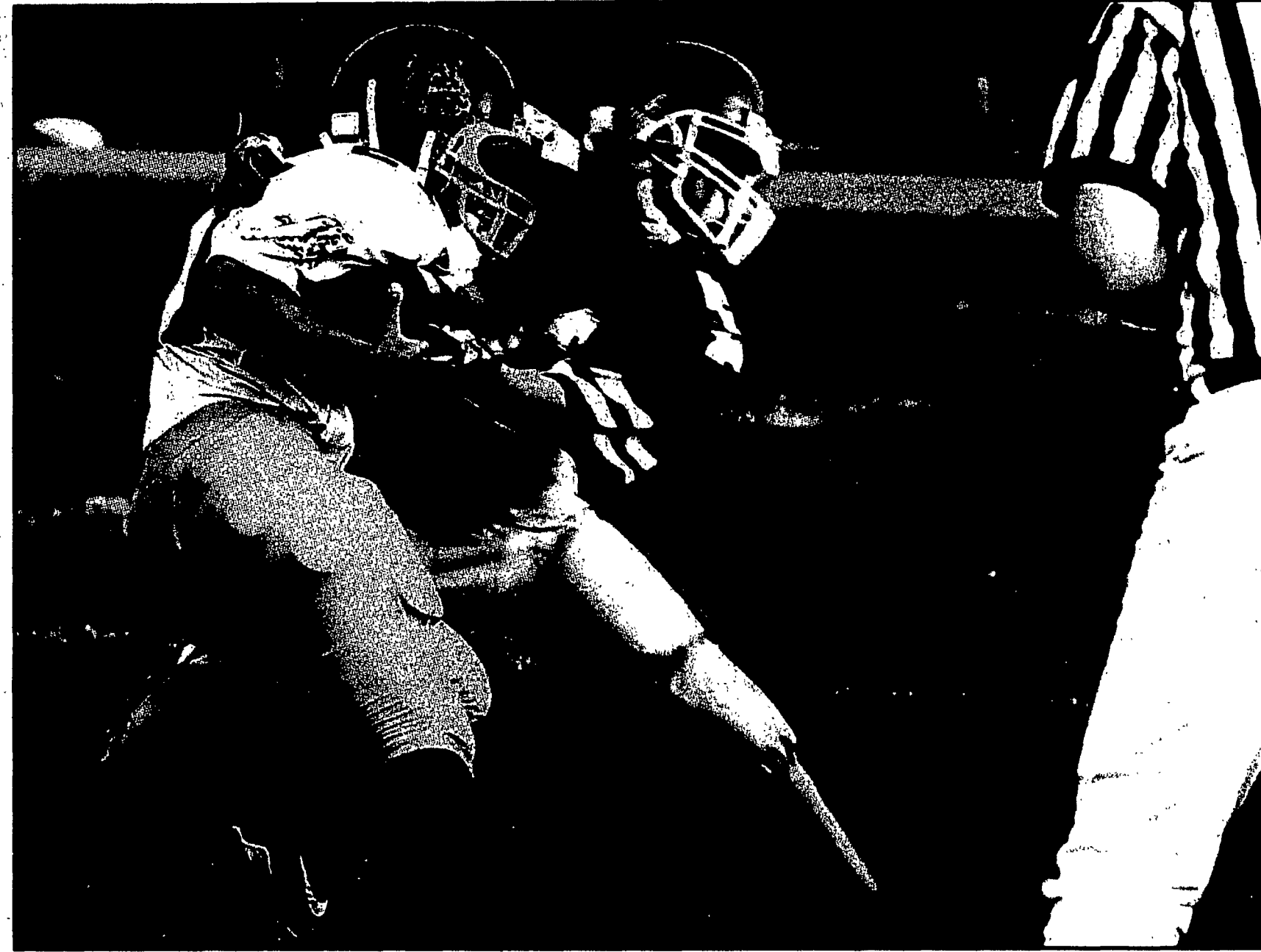
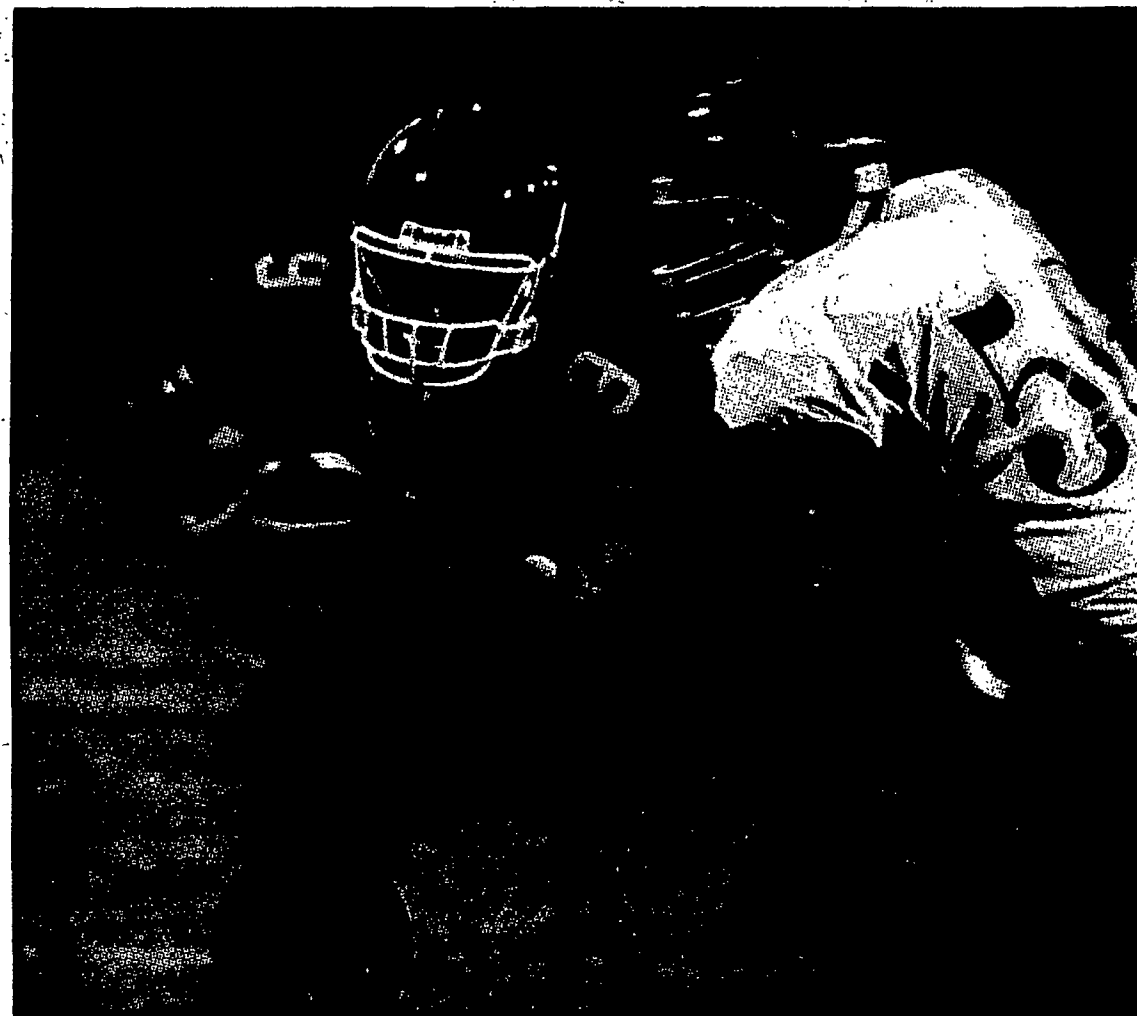
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SPORTS

Maine East socks Schurz



Above, Maine East Varsity running back Josh Bednarski eyes the end zone for his first score of the season. At right, Maine East sophomore defensive back Alex Mazurkiewicz gets a stiff arm but still pulls down Schurz wide receiver Nidal Jibawi. The Varsity team beat Schurz 35-0 and the sophomore team won 47-6. Photos by Allen Kaleta/Bugle

PARK RIDGE



Field Elementary School kindergartener Isabella Stoklosa, 5, locates an object as students read "I Spy" children's books in just their second day of classes Tuesday morning, Sept. 2.

Following TIF approval, City looks to developers for proposals

TRACY YOSHIDA

Now that the Uptown Tax Increment Financing or TIF District has been approved, the City of Park Ridge will collect re-development proposals for the Bredeman and Reservoir areas.

"It's been a long time coming," said City of Park Ridge Manger Tim Schuenke. "The community is anxious for something to happen."

Within the TIF district, property taxes will be frozen and increases will go into a special TIF fund designed to pay for capital improvements to the District. The TIF could exist for as long as 23 years.

The city will distribute requirements for qualifications to developers next week and then they will collect proposals. After the proposals are reviewed, the city will narrow the list down to five to seven proposals.

"It will take us awhile to go through all of the proposals and narrow them down to five or seven," said Schuenke.

Schuenke said he expects that the redeveloped area will be a mixed use area, consisting of residential and retail tenants. He said they will "absolutely" follow the Uptown Master Plan. According to Schuenke, the proposal process will probably take between four to six months.

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Park District requires tags for Paws Park

WENDY ELLIS

If you are a dog owner who likes to frequent the Park Ridge dog park behind Oakton Ice Arena, make sure your pooch is sporting a special park district dog tag next time you go. As of September 1, all dogs at the half acre fenced park are required to have a Paws Park dog tag or lose the privilege of playing in the park.

Since it first opened in the spring

of 1999, Paws Park has been free to all users, but complaints of too much noise from nearby residents has caused park district personnel to take a closer look at the facility. Dog Owners have always been expected to police the behavior of their own dogs. Although there is no full time park district employee posted at the dog park, the park district security officer does spot checks of the facility. Rules are posted at the gated entrance to the park and hours of operation coincide with the city's noise ordinance. Dogs are not allowed in the park before 7 am on weekdays, 8 am on Saturdays and 9 am on Sundays. Closing time is 9 pm all week long.

Park Ridge residents can buy the new dog tags for \$35 for the first dog and \$5 for the second. Non-Park Ridge residents must pay \$50 for the tag, and \$10 for the second dog. Only 2 dogs per owner are allowed in Paws Park., although there is no restriction on the total

number of dogs in the park at any given time. For the next two weeks, Paws Park dog tags can be purchased at the Oakton Ice Arena, 2800 Oakton, while the Maine Park Leisure Center is closed for roof repairs. After Sept. 12, the tags will be on sale at Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley, year round. Owners must show proof of residency, and proof that their dogs have city pet licenses and up to date rabies shots in order to buy the Paws Park dog tags.

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PARK RIDGE

Library staff clear way for asbestos removal



Tom Weiland, maintenance manager of the Park Ridge Library, adjusts the shelves of the administrator's desk in the trailers that will serve as the Library's temporary offices for the next six weeks.

TRACY YOSHIDA

The Park Ridge Public Library will be closed from Aug. 31 until mid-October in order to remove asbestos so that major capital improvement projects can begin. Once the asbestos is removed from the 45 year old building, work will start on the replacement of heating, ventilation and air conditioning, electrical wiring and lighting, plumbing repairs and a sprinkler system will also be installed. "This has a real serious impact on the community," said Park Ridge

Public Library Administrator Janet Van De Carr, about the closing of the library and the halt to library's services. "It does concern us." Van De Carr said that since the library was established in 1913 it has not been closed for a significant period of time until now. The library is encouraging patrons to visit other libraries in the north suburban library system, especially the libraries in Niles and Des Plaines because of their close location. Van De Carr said that many patrons have been stocking up on library materials to prepare for the

closing. She said that all of the feature film DVDs have already been checked out and most of the current best sellers have also been checked out. The full-time staff are working out of mobile office trailers that are located on the library's lawn during this closing. Therefore, the library will keep up to date with aspects such as making sure they have the latest best sellers. "We think it won't be too much of a burden to the community," said Van De Carr. The library plans to keep its doors open during the electrical and ventilation system renovations.

City, Park District near to TIF deal

ANDREW SCHNEIDER

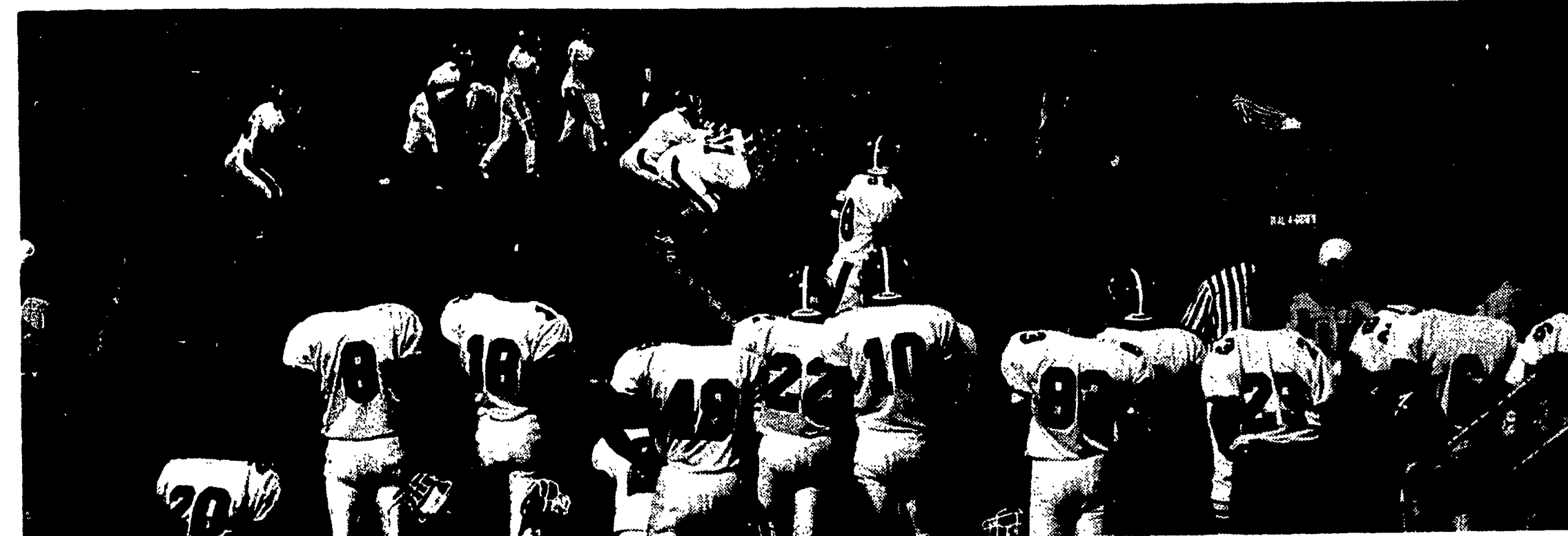
The City of Park Ridge and the Park District are in the final stages of negotiations to reimburse the Park District for lost revenue resulting from the new Uptown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. TIF Districts are tools employed by municipalities to fund improvements to economically blighted areas. Property taxes within a given TIF are frozen and increases in revenue will go into a special TIF fund designed to pay for capital improvements to the District. The TIF could exist for as long as 23 years. Under the proposed agreement, the Park District will receive 60 percent of the increased tax revenue

resulting from new development. Additionally, the City will spend \$1 million over several years to make capital improvements to Hinkley and Hodges Park, which lie within the TIF district. Park District Commissioner Bob Trizna said that reimbursing the District is extremely important, since they made the relocation of the reservoir possible. "We're the ones that are making this possible," said Trizna. "The Park District has made this thing happen, if it wasn't for us, they wouldn't be able to move the reservoir because Nicor has a lease on the City's former Public Works Garage at 1200 Elm. Without the Hinkley Park location, the reservoir wouldn't be able to move any-

where until 2005." Trizna also mentioned that the City will now be able to sell 1200 Elm for development after Nicor concludes their lease. "That's more value we're conferring on them," he said. Park Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke said he appreciated the Park District's help. "The Park District has been very cooperative," he said. "They provided the opportunity to move the reservoir out of the downtown area. That gives us the opportunity to make more space for development." Schuenke said that the terms of the reimbursement deal were agreed upon, and that attorneys for the City and Park District were hammering out the terms.

PARK RIDGE

Maine South Hawks defeat Lincoln Way East Griffins



MIKE SANTORO

The Maine South Hawks took revenge last Friday on a Lincoln Way East Griffins team that had handed them their only regular season loss last year. They looked like they had something to prove as they beat LWE 17-0 in a strong win. The game didn't start out strong for the Hawks who had 3 turnovers in the opening minutes of the game. The first occurred on the opening

kickoff where a fumble was recovered by Lincoln Way providing an opportunity for a quick score. The defense denied this opportunity as they would continue to do for the remainder of the game. This tough Maine South defense allowed the Hawk offense to turn things around late in the first quarter. The decided momentum shift occurred then, when a 69-yard touchdown pass from Lincoln Way QB Mike DiGiovanni to Matt Oskielunas was called back on an illegal shift penalty. The score would have put

the Griffins up 7-0, but the penalty forced the Griffins to punt. The Hawks quickly took advantage putting together a drive in the closing seconds of the first quarter that was capped off by a 25-yard TD pass from Junior QB Sean Price to Senior Albert DiCiccio. Halfway through the second the Hawks grabbed another score when Price completed a pass to Senior Brian Schlitter for a 65-yard gain. This play set up the score when on the next play Senior Sean Durbin took the ball up the middle for an 11-yard rushing TD that put the Hawks

up 14-0. After that the defense took over continuing to deny the Griffins any points. Though the Griffins mounted a charge in the second half, the closest they were able to come to a score was a failed FG attempt by Senior Tyler Ellis that fell just short of being good. A Maine South field goal by junior Matt Blair finished the game for a Maine South win 17-0. Maine South's next game is at home this Saturday September 6 at 2pm where they face Warren.

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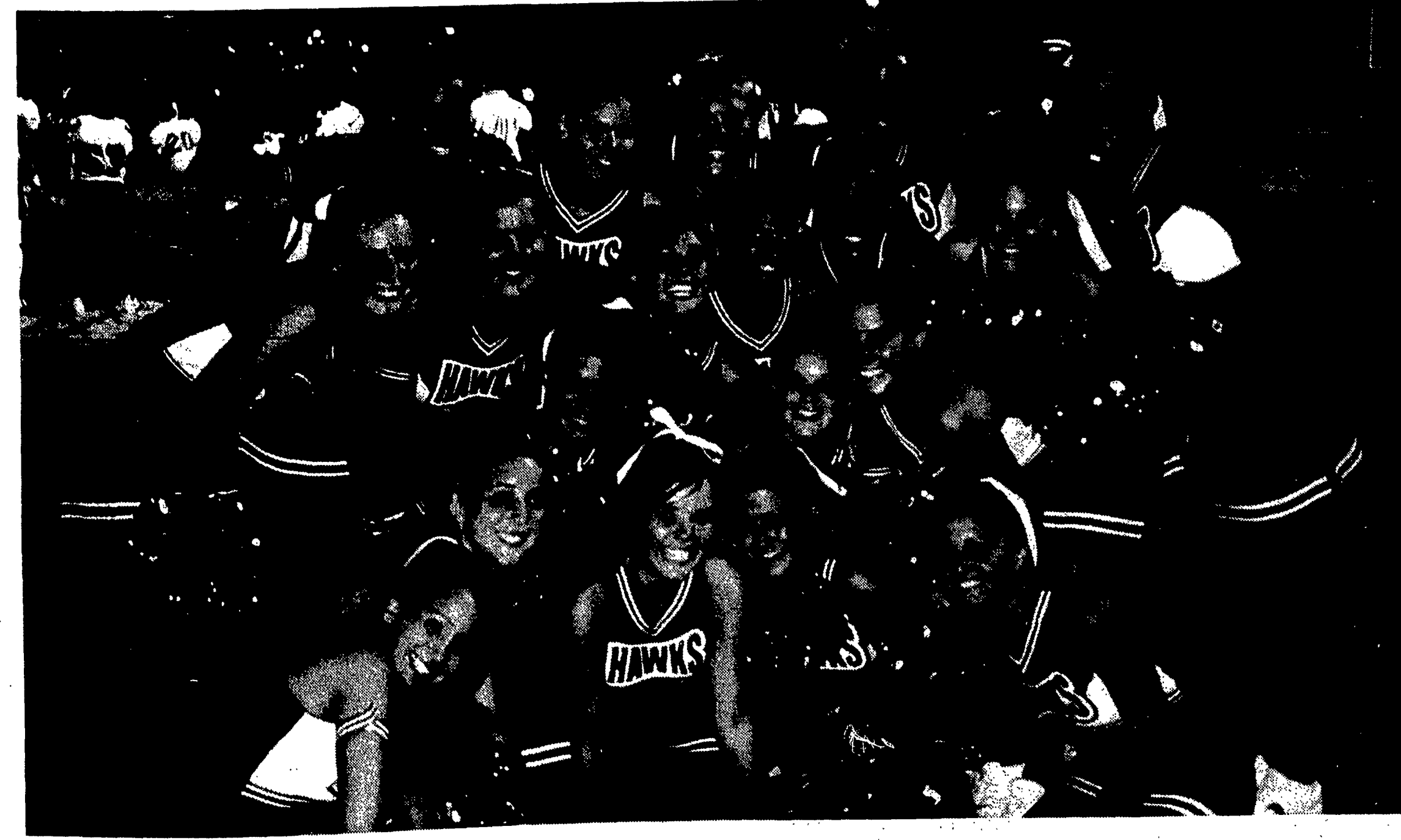
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Maine Park Leisure Center closes for roof repairs

Andrew Schneider

The Park Ridge Park District's Maine Park Leisure Center closed officially Tuesday until Monday, Sept. 15 in order to replace the facility's roof.

Park District spokesperson Renie Schreiber said that the roof replacement was regularly scheduled preventative maintenance.

The Park Board budgeted \$420,000 to replace the roof. However, the accepted bid for the work was much lower: \$209,875.

Schreiber stressed, however, that the quoted price might not include additional costs that would be determined as the work proceeded.

Because the Leisure Center is closed, the Park District Pre-School program will start on Sept. 15. Until that time, an alternative program is being provided for children who need day care at the neighboring Wildwood Nature Center.

the week in sports (Maine South)

- Sept 2 **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Maine East Conf. All 4:30 pm
- Sept 2 **BOYS GOLF**
Inverness Invite V 3 pm
- Sept 2 **GIRLS GOLF**
New Trier JV/V 3:30pm
- Sept 2 **GIRLS SWIMMING**
Prospect JV/V 4:30 pm
- Sept. 2 **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Maine East All 5pm
- Sept.2-4 **BOYS SOCCER**
Barrington Tnmt. V TBA
- Sept 3 **GIRLS TENNIS**
Home vs York V 4:30 pm
- Sept 3 York JV 4:30 pm
- Sept 4 **GIRLS GOLF**
Stevenson JV/V 4 pm
- Sept. 5 **BOYS SOCCER**
Lake Park East JV 4:30 pm
- Sept. 5 **BOYS SOCCER**
Home vs Fremd FA 4:45 pm
- Sept. 5 **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Conant Tnmt. V 4:30 pm
- Sept 6 **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Lyons Inv. All 8 am
- Sept 6 **BOYS FOOTBALL**
vs Warren @ Home All 9:30 /11:30/ 2 pm
- Sept 6 **BOYS SOCCER**
Barrington Tnmt.V TBA
- Sept 6 **GIRLS TENNIS**
Conant Invite JV 8:45 am
- Sept 6 **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Conant Tnmt V 9 am
- Sept 6 **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
Home Hawk Soph. Invite 9 am
- Sept. 8 **BOYS FOOTBALL**
Warren JV 4:30 pm
- Sept. 9 **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
Home Fenwick/Jones All 4: 30 pm
- Sept. 9 **BOYS GOLF**
New Trier/ Prospect All 3:30 pm
- Sept. 9 **BOYS GOLF**
Waukegan JV/V
- Sept. 9 **BOYS SOCCER**
Hinsdale Central SV 4:30 pm
- Sept. 9 **BOYS SOCCER**
Necqua Valley JV 5pm
- Sept. 9 **BOYS SOCCER**
Necqua Valley JV 5pm

LIFE

“Sharks Alive and Swimming”

BY BRENDAN DIAMOND

It has been a record-smashing year for the Leaning Tower Sharks, a swim team based out of Niles' Leaning Tower YMCA.

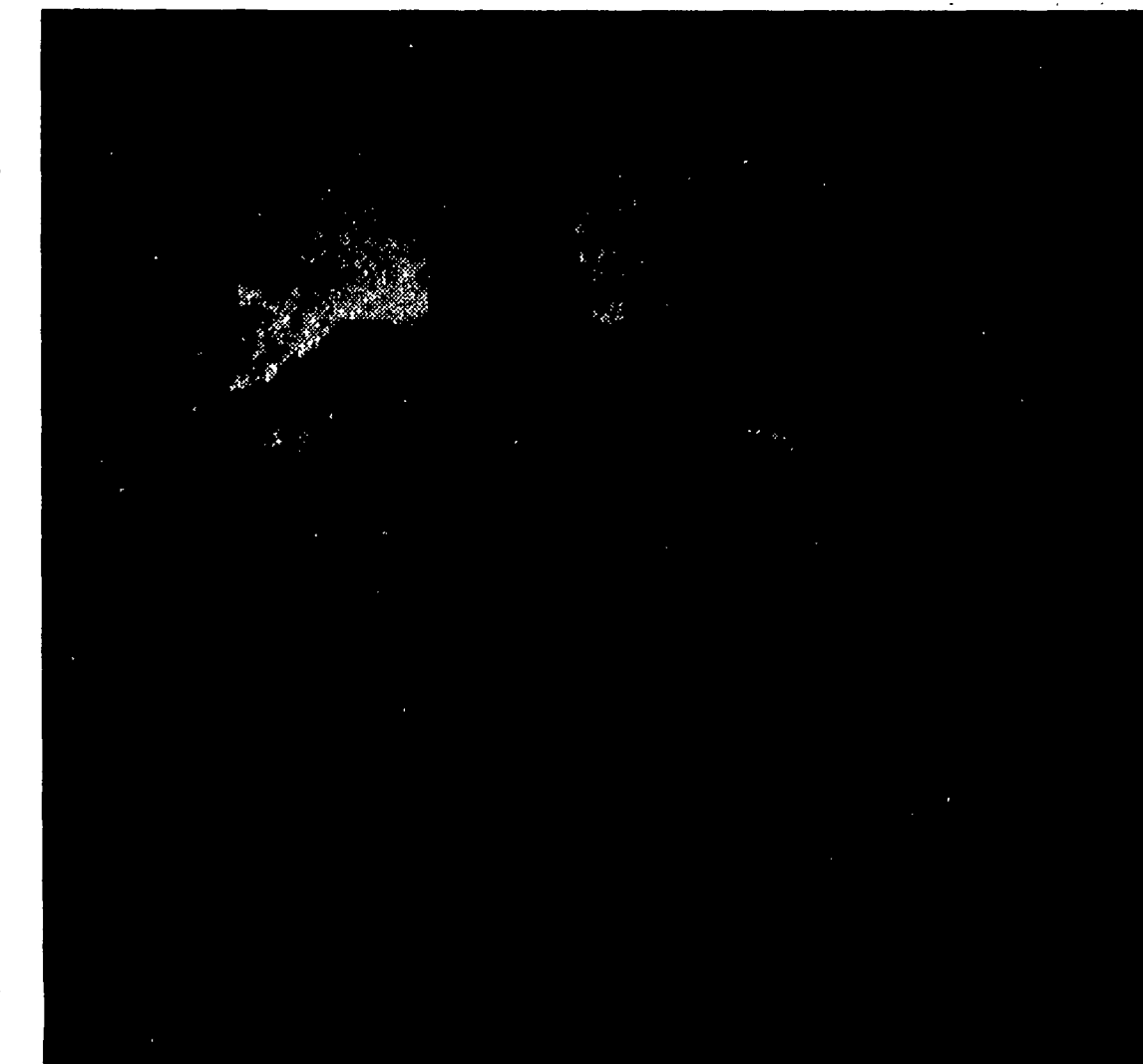
The practices since late May have made perfect. The triumphant year for the children's swim team kicked off with victory after victory in a June 7 meet against the Lake County swim team. Since then, the swimmers, ranging in age groups from Under 6 to Under 18, have been on a hot streak that has led to the breaking of several longtime swimming records.

This summer has seen four new records set by two different Sharks. Sarah Collen, competing in the 12-13-year-old bracket, had an incredibly productive day this past July, setting high scores in the 50-yard fly (30.87 sec), a record previously held for four years, and the 200 yard individual medley (2:35.19), which broke a five-year-old record. On the boys' side, Joseph Onyeali

set two new records as well, both in the 50-yard freestyle (27.30 sec) and the 50-yard fly (30.94)—both records that had stood for nine years.

Chris Bertana, the Head Coach of the Sharks, couldn't have hoped for any better. Splitting his time between Aquatics Director at the Leaning Tower YMCA and duties to the Sharks, Bertana loves to be the coach giving encouraging shouts from the sidelines, which he has been doing since coming to coach the Sharks in 2000. His coaching staff includes Ed Stranc, Mary Beth McGinnis, Tim Rourke, Seth Orlove, Melissa Gillespie, and Liz Buhler.

The Sharks wrapped up the Summer Season on August 22 with a final practice. However, thanks to the Leaning Tower Y's indoor pool, this will not be the last for the Sharks; the practices start again in early September. Hopefully the 2003-2004 season will be as productive as this season was.



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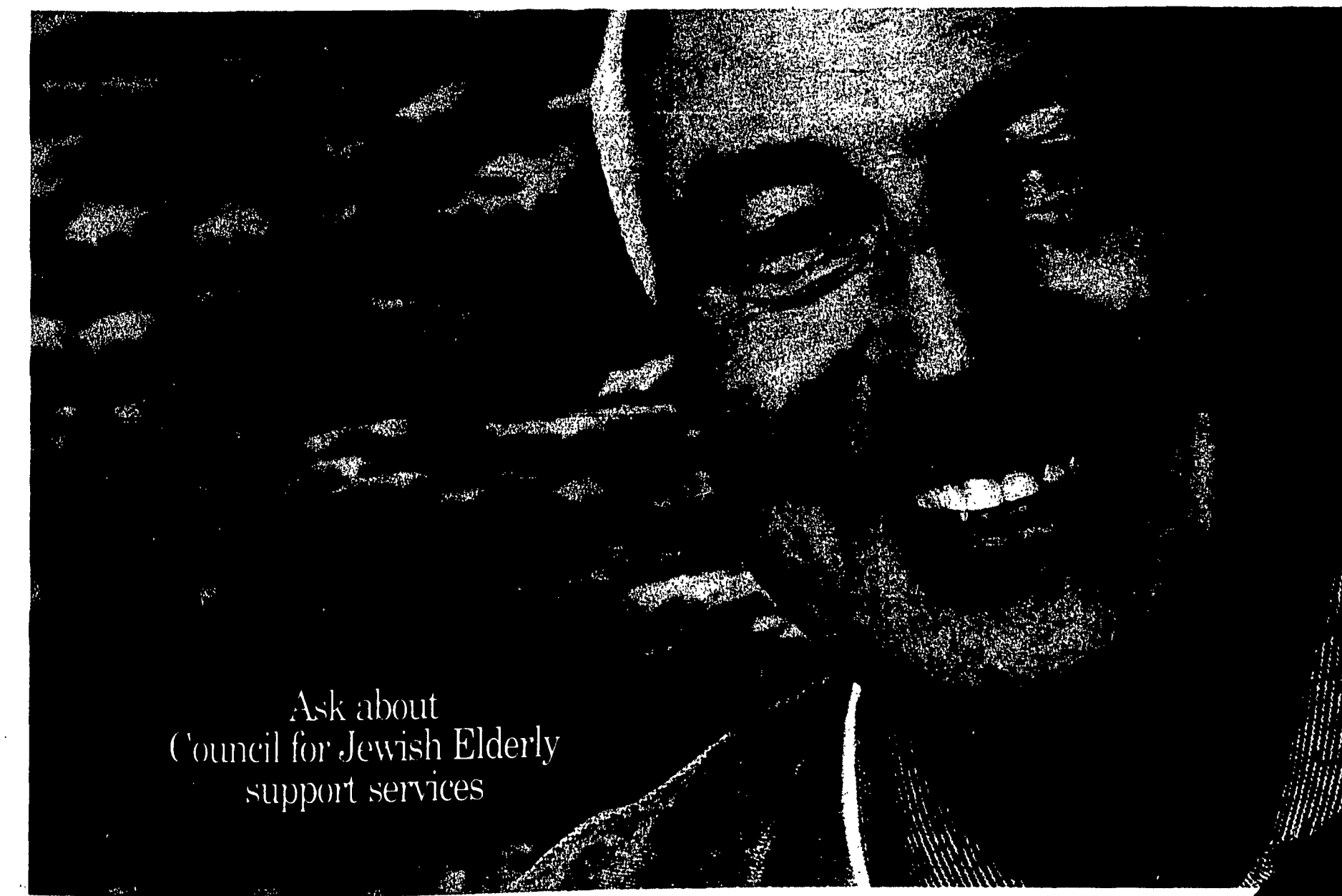
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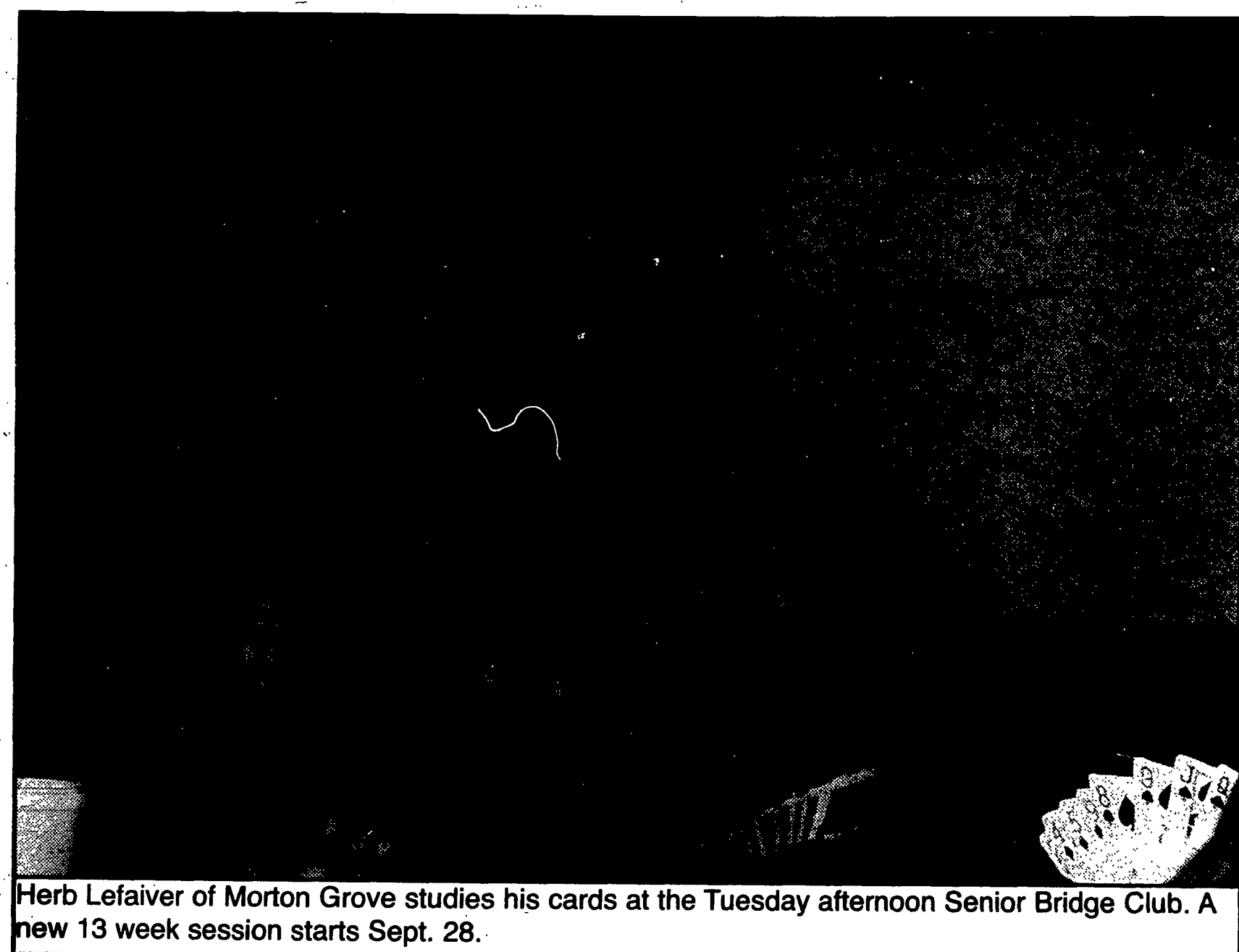
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LIFE

Morton Grove seniors do their part to get 'Bridge' alive



Herb Lefaiver of Morton Grove studies his cards at the Tuesday afternoon Senior Bridge Club. A new 13 week session starts Sept. 28.

WENDY ELLIS

Is Bridge a game of the past? Some members of the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at the Morton Grove Senior Center fear the card game will go the way of Whist in the not too distant future. Unless, of course, more young people begin to take an interest and learn the game while they are still young, as many of these players did 40 or 50 years ago.

Kurt Meyer, who exaggerates only slightly when he says he learned to play bridge 37 years ago, says young people today have their computers instead. Just as younger people lose track of time when in front of the computer, bridge players can sit for hours without a second thought. The game can be addictive.

"This is a thinking man's game," says Meyer as he waves at the players around him. "Except most of these don't think anymore." In fact, bridge is not a game you can play without a great deal of thought.

"You have to have a good memory and you have to have common sense," says Puah Katz at a nearby table. "There's almost no cheating in this game, and it's the only game you can play without money." Most of the two dozen or so men and women in the room have been members of the Morton Grove Bridge Club for half a dozen years or more. But many learned the game when they were much younger. Philip Rosenfield learned in college with his twin brother, and when they taught their parents, who became life long bridge players. Herb Lefaiver joined the club after his wife died 8 years ago. "She hated bridge," said Herb, who learned the game in the service and never forgot.

Herb and Jack Knox don't agree

on how long this bridge club has been around. Somewhere between 15 and 25 years they say. There were as many as 30 couples when the group started, but membership has dwindled over the years.

"You can't keep permanent members," says Knox. "They're gone for the winter, in the hospital or their dog just went blind." Needless to say, there is no shortage of humor here and that's one of the things that keeps these folks coming back.

"Duplicate bridge is akin to chess," says Master player Sid Wolin. "But chess is not sociable. And these guys don't have the patience for chess." This is straight contract bridge, not duplicate, but beginners are often nervous about joining a group of such seasoned players. The senior center does offer bridge lessons every Thursday. Senior Center Activity Coordinator Rob Residori says the next 10 week session starts September 18 and costs \$47 for Morton Grove residents and \$51 for non-residents. Seniors who already know the game and want to join the club can do so for as little as \$6.50 for 13 weeks of play. The next club session starts Sept. 23.

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Niles, Morton Grove organizations schedule remembrances for Sept. 11

American Legion Post #134 with the Auxiliary and Rifle Squad is conducting an area wide September 11th ceremony at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center in Morton Grove. Joining the Legion will be the Fire and Police Departments of Skokie, Niles, Lincolnwood, and Morton Grove. The pupils of Parkview School, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts troops will also participate in the ceremony.

The public is invited to remember this date by attending. The ceremony begins at 9:00 am and will end before 10:00 am. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the Civic Center.

Contact: Joseph Hedrick Public Relations Post #134 847-965-9503

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Auxiliary will have a morning ceremony to memorialize the 2,801 victims that were claimed in the Twin Tower Disaster on September 11, 2001.

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Grant Park wraps with Berlioz, plans lyric night



Do you remember the original Grant Park Music Shell? It was down by Lake Shore Drive near 11th street, and faced south toward the Field Museum. The music shell looked like the old Hollywood Bowl, and served from 1935 to 1977. There, with my parents and grandmother, this writer heard my first Gershwin "Rhapsody in Blue."

The current Grant Park Music Shell, called the Petrillo, has stood since 1978. It is hard to believe its been 25 years now, but the Petrillo has presented its last concert by the Grant Park Symphony. The shell will remain at least for the time being as the venue for Chicago's annual jazz, blues, and Gospel weekends.



Carlos Kalmar, regular conductor of the Grant Park

chorus and conductor Carlos Kalmar were four soloists: Tenor John Aler was a smoothly sung, mellifluous Faust, and bass-baritone William Powers was fully characterized in the brief role of Brander.

Also excellent were bass-baritone Richard Bernstein, a red bow tie devilishly setting off his white tux, was an insinuating Mephistopheles, and mezzo-soprano Jennifer

"Hungarian March." Conductor Kalmar, born in Uruguay to Austrian parents, today lives in Vienna with his wife and children. But summers find him here, and we are fortunate to have him. He brings a total sense of preparation and a desire for real excellence to each of his programs. After the concert, a stroll down to refreshing Buckingham Fountain

for the light show is a Grant Park must. Here one of the largest and most beautiful decorative fountains in the world was bathed in reds, golds, blues, greens, and so many combinations of color. You had to wonder, when Kate Buckingham gave that fountain to Chicago in 1927, if she had any idea what a lasting civic treasure it would be.

When the fountain was dedicated, none other than John Philip Sousa himself was here in person to conduct the music. When Queen Elizabeth of England visited Chicago in 1959, she made a ceremonial visit to the fountain, which apparently gave rise to the mistaken notion that the fountain is somehow named for Buckingham Palace.

So the Petrillo Shell days are over for the Grant Park Symphony, but there will be one more big classical event there: The Lyric Opera Orchestra and stars of the Lyric Opera under the direction of Sir Andrew Davis will perform a free concert on Saturday, September 6, at 7:30 p.m. Columbus and Jackson.

Larmore, who sang the Olympic Hymn at the closing ceremonies in Atlanta in 1996, was a fine, focused Marguerite. Her "King of Thule" aria, accompanied by viola, was a highlight of the evening.

The Grant Park Symphony Chorus, prepared by chorus director Christopher Bell, did some of their best work of the summer, fully engaged in the many roles the chorus must play in this work. Conductor Carlos Kalmar and the orchestra brought to life Berlioz's distinctive sounds with a firm pulse.

The orchestra was very good throughout, from the delicate "Dance of the Sylphs" to the rous-

'25th Hour' Spike Lee's greatest achievement released on DVD, Video

MIKE KONCZAL

Spike Lee's 25th Hour is about America in ways that most movies are not. Ed Norton plays a successful drug dealer about to be sent away for a good portion of his life to prison. Out on bail, he has one day left to sort out his life before moving to the big house. Among other things, he confronts his father, his girlfriend, one friend from high school who has become a high school teacher in a rather sad state, and his old criminal bosses.

Regret over past decisions gives 25th Hour most of its energy. Everyone confronts old demons, choices and failures made a long time before we meet all the char-

acters on screen. And behind all of this hangs the destruction of New York on 9/11. While Norton's two high school friends wonder if they are responsible for Norton's drug dealings, they are staring out of a condo window at the pits of the World Trade Center.

Many reviewers have criticized the movie on the basis that it doesn't portray Norton's character as a bad person - he's never shown actually dealing drugs and the morality of the profit he makes off the misery of others goes largely ignored. This is a credit to the movie though. Ed Norton is one of the most talented actors of his generation, and 25th Hour confirms that he has a long career ahead of him. He brings sympathy

to an inherently unsympathetic character. The ambivalence he shows towards his actions is the symptom of someone who can't quite put the blame on himself.

The final speech by the father in the movie may be one of the single strongest statements made in a movie recently. It's certainly the most important and powerful single thing Spike Lee has done. Without giving too much away, Norton's father outlines a vision of an alternate life for his son - describing the sadness of having to separate your life from your mistakes and start again. And it also tells the power of redemption, forgiveness, and the ability to start again, which is at the core of the American experience.

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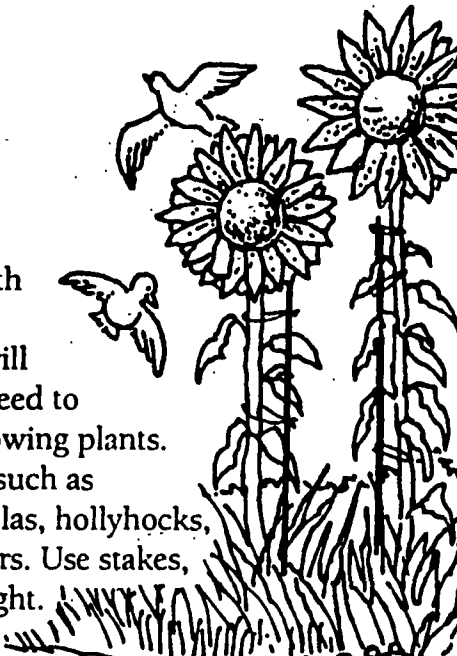
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Fall Homes 2003



Cold-Weather Emergencies

By Samantha Mazzotta

Here are a few quick tips on dealing with common cold-weather emergencies:

Frozen Pipes

- During freezing weather, if water doesn't come out of an open faucet, you may be dealing with a frozen pipe.
- Locate the pipe by running your hand along the feed line from the faucet to the entry point (often in the basement). A cold spot — or frosted area — of the pipe is the frozen area.
- If the pipe hasn't burst (you'll see water on the floor if it has), gently thaw the frozen area. Use a heat lamp, electric heating tape or towels soaked in boiling water.
- If the pipe has burst, shut off the water feed to the pipe and call a plumber. Don't try to deal with a burst pipe yourself; simply minimize damage to the house until help arrives.

Leaky Roof

- If water is dripping through a stucco ceiling, place a bucket underneath the drip. Climb up and poke a small hole through the water droplet with an awl to free trapped water and minimize damage to the ceiling.
- Locate the source of the leak in the attic or crawlspace. If the leak is coming directly through the roof, drive a nail up through the leaky area (this will mark the spot on the shingles atop the roof) and treat with a temporary patch.
- When the rain has stopped, go up onto the roof and locate the nail. Determine the source of the damage (often, a damaged shingle) and repair.
- If the source of the leak is the edge of the chimney (where the roof and chimney meet), stop the leak temporarily by catching water in a bucket or sopping it up with old towels. After the storm, inspect the flashing and sealant material and make repairs.

Power Outage

- Look out the window — Is the rest of the neighborhood dark? If so, the problem lies outside your home. Contact the power company.
- If power is out in only one section of the home, a tripped circuit (due to an overload) is the most likely cause. Check the circuit box and reset the circuit, or replace the fuse.
- If facing an extended blackout (more than one hour), break out the storm kit, which should have a flashlight, radio, batteries, candles, extra blankets and nonperishable foods.
- Turn off any appliances that were operating before the outage, to prevent damage from potential power surges.

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

- Carbon monoxide (CO) has no smell or color, so the carbon monoxide detector is your only guardian against this danger.
- If the CO alarm sounds, get your family outside as quickly as possible.
- Contact the fire department immediately, and leave the house yourself. Do not go back in until the firemen have inspected and cleared the house.

Gas Leak

- A buildup of natural gas in a home can be detected by smell (the gas company adds a chemical agent to this otherwise odor-free gas). A strong smell means that a gas leak has probably occurred.
- Evacuate your family immediately, and call the fire department.
- Shut off the gas at the meter, if possible. If not, or if you cannot locate the meter, wait for the fire department.

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Fall Homes

Cold Weather Means More House Fires

By Samantha Mazzotta

Each winter, the risk of house fires rises exponentially with the cold weather — with heating equipment as the leading cause, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Likewise, Americans are more likely to suffer injury or death as a result of carbon-monoxide poisoning in the winter than in other months.

How can you reduce the risk of a fire or CO poisoning?

- Get a professional inspection of your heating system this fall, before cold weather sets in.
- If you have a fireplace, schedule an

nausea, slurred speech, unclear thinking, shortness of breath, vision problems and loss of muscle control. These symptoms might not all be present at the same time, so address any that appear, especially in a poorly ventilated room.

- Install fire extinguishers in the kitchen, garage and near the exit points in your escape plan. Handheld extinguishers, rated for several types of fires, are available for less than \$10 apiece at home-improvement stores.
- Change the battery in smoke/CO detectors twice a year: in spring and fall. Press the "test" button on the unit to make certain the alarm works correctly.
- Check the charge in all fire extinguishers twice yearly; if you're not sure about a reading or if the unit hasn't been checked in more than a year, take it to the hardware store to be tested.

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Once the yard is set up, it's time to store all the tools used to keep it in shape during the warmer months. Clean and sharpen hedge trimmers and other bladed tools, as well as shovels, spades and hoes, and rub a thin coat of linseed oil on wooden handles. Hang up garden tools rather than storing them flat to lessen the risks of corrosion (from sitting in damp spots). Drain the gas tank of the lawnmower, remove the spark plug, and remove, clean and sharpen the blades; come spring, you'll be able to reassemble the parts quickly and get the mower running right away.

Clean lawn furniture and inspect it for damage or decay from months in the elements. Unless the furniture is designed to stay outside year-round (such as hardwoods like teak or oak), store it in an area protected from the elements and cover with drop cloths to protect from drops of oil, paint or other potential stains.

On the deck, disconnect the supply tank from the gas grill, make sure the valve is completely closed, and store away. Remove all grilling tools and put on the grill cover. If possible, store the grill in the garage or in a sheltered area.

If you're laying in a supply of wood, locate the woodpile at least 12 feet from the house to keep bugs and other critters from invading your home.

Check outdoor lights and change burnt bulbs; stock up on sand and de-icing fluid; and bring out snow removing equipment. By November, your yard will be ready for the coldest months, and you'll be ready, too!

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Put Your Yard to Bed

By Samantha Mazzotta



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inspection and cleaning by a chimney-cleaning specialist.

- Install smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors (or purchase a combination unit for less than \$50 at your local home-improvement store) throughout the house.
- Create and rehearse an escape plan with your family. Draw a diagram of all exit points from the house, and agree upon a central meeting spot once outside. In the event of a fire, CO leak or other emergency, use this plan.
- Recognize the symptoms of early CO poisoning: headaches, dizziness,

Line up the replacement tiles in the empty spaces, making sure they sit neatly in the space. Then apply a thin layer of grout to the bottom of the tiles and ease them into place. Use toothpicks to create an even space between the replacement tiles and the older tiles; once lined up, hold them in place with masking tape until the grout has dried.

Once the tiles are secure, mix dye into the grout to match the color of the older material. Then carefully apply grout to the edges using either a putty knife or a funnel. Use your (gloved) finger to smooth the grout and push it further into the gaps; repeat after five minutes. Let it dry, and there you are!

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write *This Is a Hammer*, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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THIS IS A HAMMER

By Samantha Mazzotta

Replacing Ceramic Tile

Q. One of my kids dropped a hammer onto the tile counter yesterday and cracked two tiles. How can I replace these tiles so they match the rest of the counter? — Lane A., Little Rock, Ark.

A. If the counter is relatively new, you might be able to buy the exact product directly from your hardware or home-improvement store, or purchase it from the manufacturer. A few extra tiles might have been left in the house after the counter was installed; check the basement or attic to see if any spares are stored there. If not, measure the size of an unbroken tile and record it, and then take a sample of the broken tile to the store to match the color and texture (to remove a cracked tile, follow the instructions below).

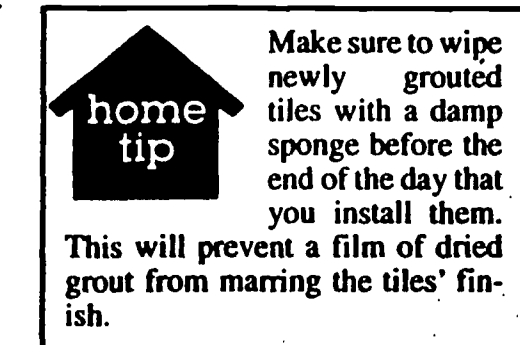
In addition to the replacement tile, purchase the tools and supplies needed for the job. Don't worry about cost; if you have a lot of ceramic tile in a household of kids, you'll be using this equipment often (on the tiles, not on the kids). You will need: safety goggles (to keep small debris from getting into your eyes), rubber gloves (to lessen cleanup time after grout work), a grout saw, a small container of tile grout, a grout dye, a glass cutter (or tile scoring tool, available in the tile section), a cold chisel (not a wood-working chisel), a wire brush or pick, toothpicks and masking tape.

That's a lot of stuff, isn't it? Well, some of it might be around the house, but you certainly need the grout saw, glass cutter and grout. The grout dye is mixed into the grout to match the color of the surrounding grout.

Using the grout saw, remove grout from the sides of the damaged tile. Then take the glass cutter and score the top of the tile: run a score line from one corner to the opposite corner, and do the same in the other cor-

ner, crossing the lines in the middle. Place the cold chisel in the center of the tile, lining it up with one score line, and gently tap the top of it with the hammer. After a few taps, line the chisel up with the other score line and repeat. Don't use much force when tapping: be patient, tap gently, and eventually the tile will break neatly into four pieces.

Remove the pieces and clean out any old grout from the empty space using a wire brush, pick or grout saw — whatever it takes. Repeat these steps with the second damaged tile.



This will prevent a film of dried grout from marring the tiles' finish.

Make sure to wipe newly grouted tiles with a damp sponge before the end of the day that you install them.

Electrical Safety

By Samantha Mazzotta

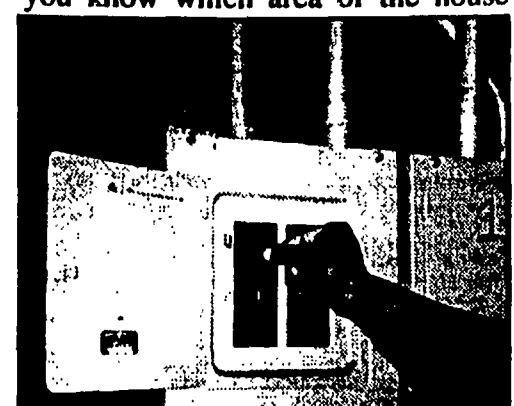
With winter's extreme weather, electrical trouble can occur — most often in the form of a blown fuse. Some folks also use the colder months for small indoor tasks, such as repairing or improving electrical outlets and switches. In both cases, safety and knowledge are paramount. Follow these tips to stay safe when doing any type of work around house wiring:

- Learn the location of your circuit switch box, and label each switch, so you know which area of the house

grounding yourself. If the box is located in the basement, place a stepladder or sturdy box beneath it, with a rubber pad on top, in case the basement floor is damp or flooded.

- Purchase several fuses, in the correct sizes, and keep them in a water-tight box next to the circuit breaker so that you can change blown fuses quickly.
- Before doing any type of electrical work, switch off the circuit leading to that area.
- If repairing or replacing electrical outlets, diagram the wiring layout before disconnecting wires from the original outlet, or label the wires themselves.
- Purchase a circuit tester, and prior to doing any work make sure a wire's circuit has been properly disconnected.
- If an electrical outlet is smoking or sparking, or you notice an acrid, burning smell that can't be located, have your family leave the house, contact the fire department and turn off the main circuit (if you can reach it quickly).

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- Place a nonslip rubber pad on the floor beneath the circuit box to avoid

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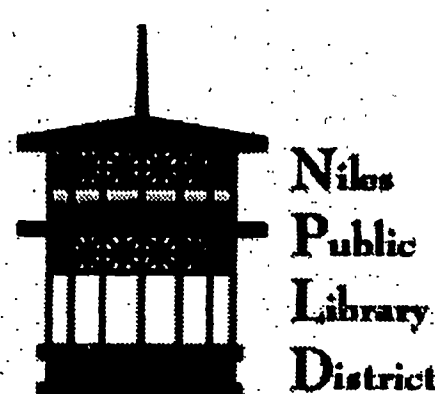
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The upcoming week at Niles Public Library...

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On September 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm the Library reopens on Sundays in streetfest style with a Super Sunday celebration you don't want to miss (see p. 28 for details). Every department comes alive with a line-up of wonderful programs to suit every fancy, and the Library even provides the popcorn. Also featured is the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale, which this year includes a silent auction of autographed books and author signings.

LifeSource Blood Services will also be parked out front for blood donations. And new library card registrants will be eligible for a free Superdawg. Stop by or stay for the whole afternoon. No registration is necessary.

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series kicks off the season with a discussion of The Marriage of Figaro on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00 pm. Enhance your appreciation of opera by learning the story, the composer and the history of the time, while listening to musical highlights.

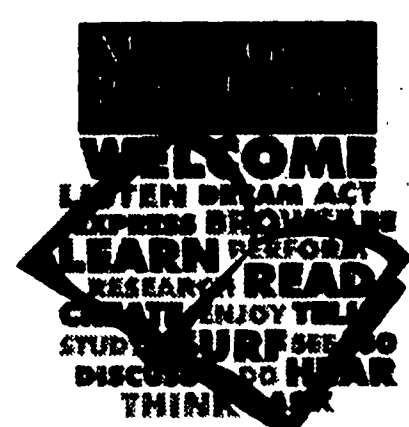
Musical duo Young at Heart performs "Oh, How I Love Those Old Melodies" on Wednesday, September 10, at 2:00 pm. The lively couple sings, dances, tinkles the keys and tickle your funny bone with old favorites and costumes galore.

On Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 pm, learn about the latest trends and issues in online fraud and the basics of how to combat them in the discussion "Online Fraud: How Not to Be a Victim."

Upcoming teen programs include the inaugural season of Thursday Night Fights. On September 11 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Students in grades 7 - 12 are invited to the Computer Room voice their opinions on Students' Rights: Drug Testing, Zero Tolerance and Censorship. Unless otherwise noted registration is required for all programs. Register at the Information desk or by calling 847-663-6462.

Children are invited to join Joel Frankel for Musical Merriment at 2:00 pm on September 14 for the first of this season's Second Sunday Specials. Tickets are available for this series on the first of every month in the Children's Department.

Entertainment Books are now on sale at the circulation desk until December 31, 2003. Your \$20 donation benefits Friends of the Library and gives you valuable savings at dozens of restaurants, stores, attractions and hotels.



Happenings at the Morton Grove Public Library

Please note: Beginning September 7, the Library is open from 1:00 - 5:00 on Sundays (until Memorial Day weekend.)

Do you have a current Library card?

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Now is the time to sign up for your Library card. The first 100 adults who sign up for a new Library card at the Morton Grove Public Library during September, National Library Card Sign-up Month, will receive a complimentary book bag. During this celebration, September 2 - 30, Libraries across the nation invite new users to apply for cards. There is nothing to buy and the application takes only a few minutes to complete. All year long you can check out books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs, and other materials. While you are at the Library, you can use reference materials, the Internet and PCs, copy machines, micr film, educational and entertaining programs, and more. It's easy to apply for a library card: all that's needed to obtain a library card or renew an existing card is proof of Morton Grove residence. Acceptable forms of identification include: driver's license or state ID, utility bill, first class mail, bank statement, school schedule with name of applicant, vehicle registration sticker form, vehicle insurance card, mortgage or lease papers. (Items used to verify address must be less than 2 months old.)

Movies, Munchies and More! Every Tuesday at 11:30 am The new name says it all! Movies, Munchies and More has evolved from the weekly program called Luncheon Videos. Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, one or two films are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues; biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Tuesday, September 9, two travelogues will be shown about Jamaica and Mt. Everest.

The Many Splendors of Tanzania and Zanzibar presented by Paul Berg. Sunday, September 7, at 2:00 pm Paul Berg is a professional photographer who has visited over twenty-five countries on five continents in the past fifteen years. Some of Mr. Berg's photographs of the flora, fauna, and people of Tanzania and Zanzibar will be

exhibited in the Baxter Room throughout the month of September. On Sunday, September 7, at 2:00 pm, Mr. Berg will give an hour-long slide presentation on Tanzania and Zanzibar, including Dar Es Salaam and Tanga, the Usambara Mountains, Zanzibar Island and the Amani Nature Reserve, the natural habitat of the African Violet. He will also discuss the logistics of planning a trip to Africa, what to pack and how to get there. Light refreshments will be served following the program. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Denmark with Myria Brand Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 pm Journey with Myria Brand to the country that gave us Lego bricks and Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales. See thatchers at work, migrating dunes swallowing buildings, a Viking ship under construction, the church frescoes of Mon, and a 2,000 year-old man. Learn about Danish Modern design, amber and why Danish pastries aren't entirely Danish. Visit Copenhagen and attend Horsens Medieval Festival as you enjoy the scenery, castles, costumes, and culture of Denmark.

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Maine East High School schedules college night, Wednesday, Sept. 24

College Night for District 207 will be held at Maine East High School on Wednesday, September 24, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Juniors and seniors, along with their parents, are encouraged to attend. Over 200 colleges will be represented. While the majority of schools are four year institutions, two year schools, military academies and specialty

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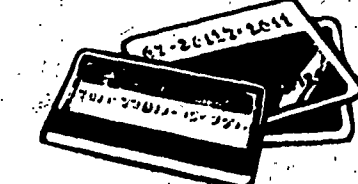
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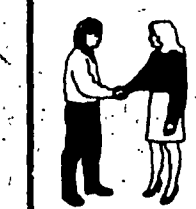
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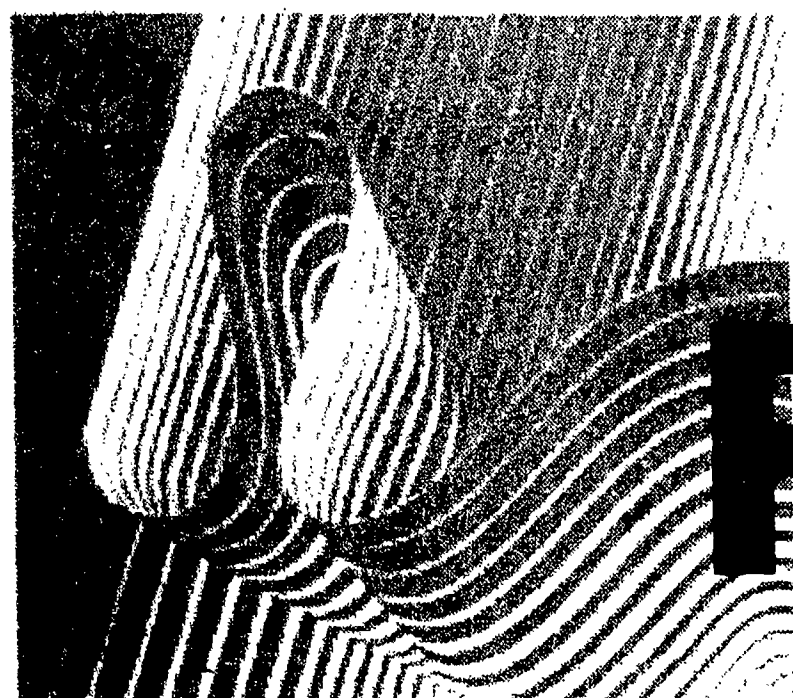
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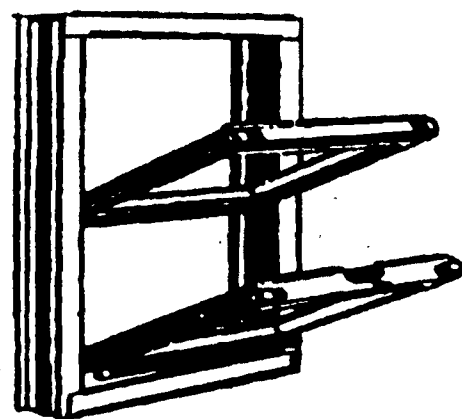
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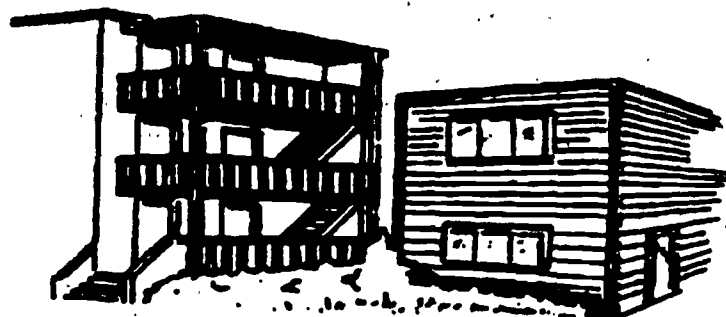
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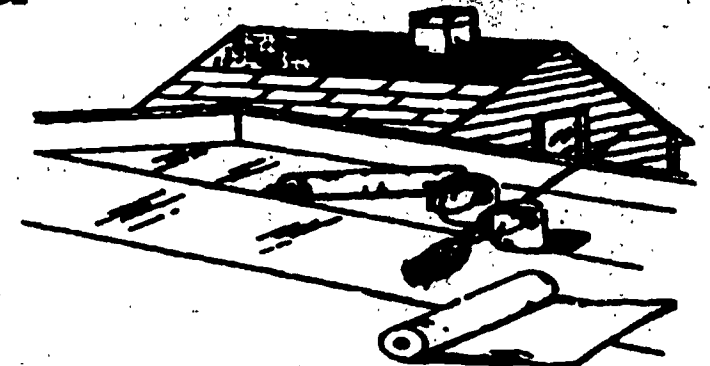
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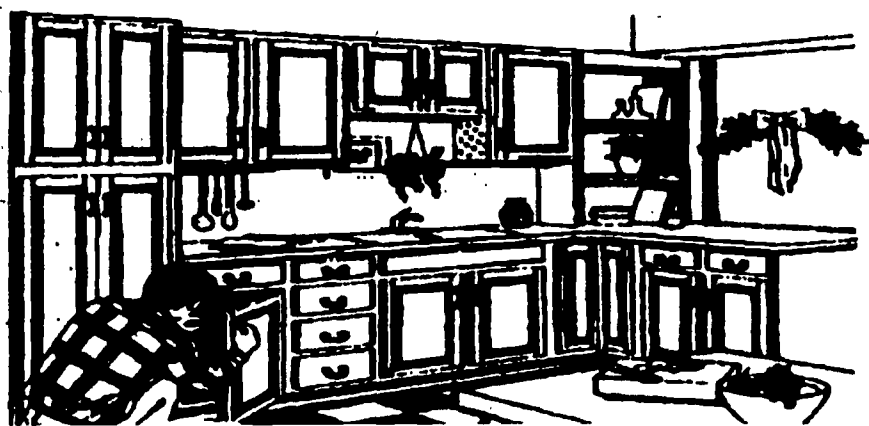


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