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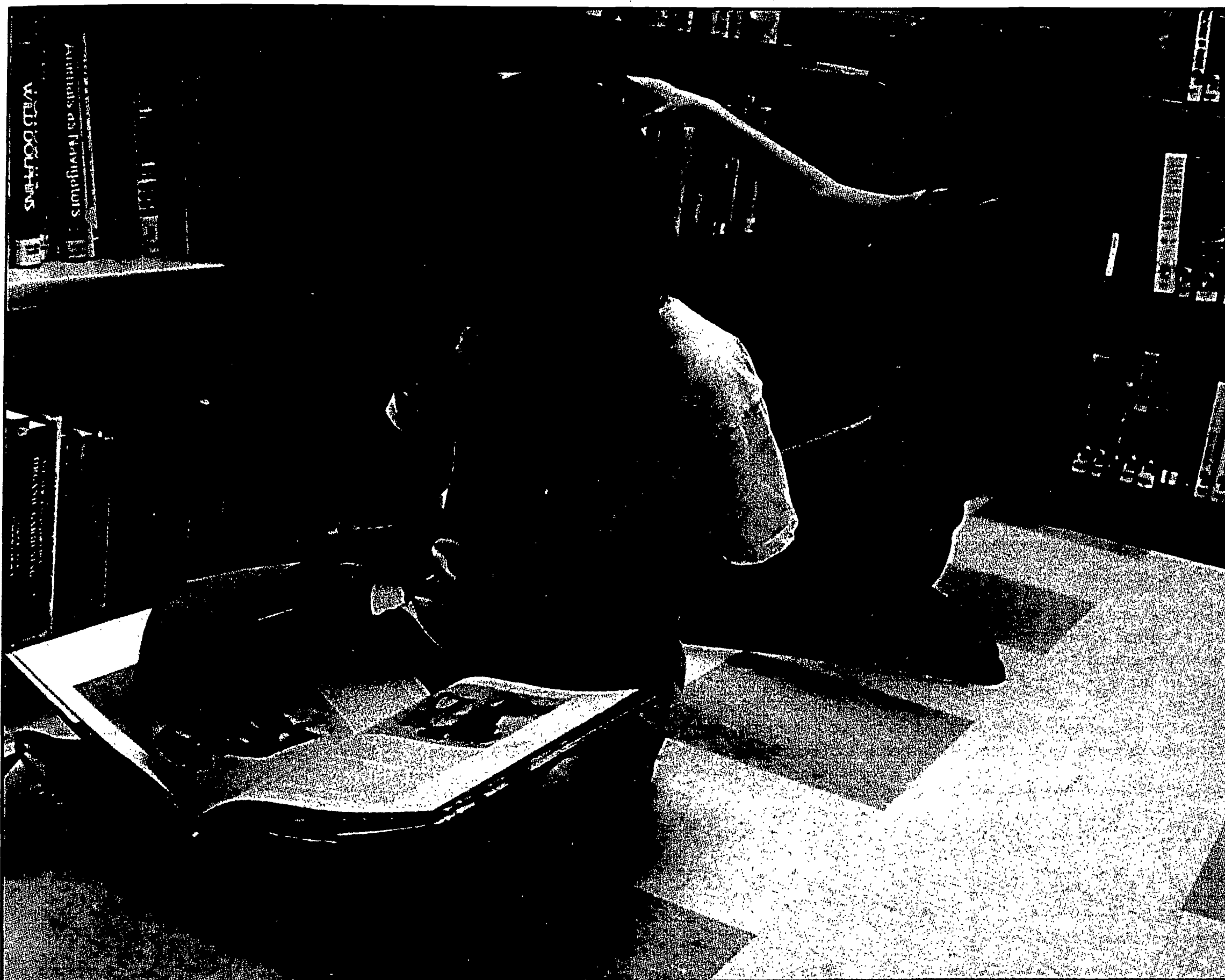
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Niles Public Library's 'Super Sunday' is super hit | Jasmine Nieves, 9, and Martha Plucinski, 9, of Niles look over the selection of animal books on sale at the Super Sunday book sale, Sunday, Sept. 7.

Park Ridge, Niles, Morton Grove citizens memorialize 9/11

In order to memorialize the 2nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, citizens of Park Ridge, Niles, and Morton Grove have scheduled a variety of memorials today, Thursday, Sept. 11.

In Park Ridge, a 50-voice choir from South Park Church will perform on the steps of Park Ridge City Hall at 7:30 p.m. Their concert, entitled

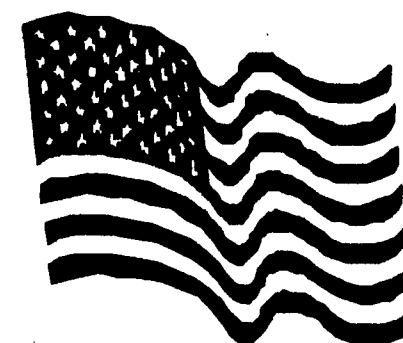
"Sweet Land of Liberty," will feature patriotic songs, as well as songs of faith and remembrance.

The Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7712 and the Niles Ladies Auxiliary planned to hold a ceremony to memorialize the victims of 9/11 at Veteran's Memorial Fountain located at the corner of Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues. They invite all residents to join in the 9 a.m. observance.

The American Legion in Morton Grove planned to hold a flag ceremony, at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster Rd. The Legion's rifle squad will be present at the ceremony.

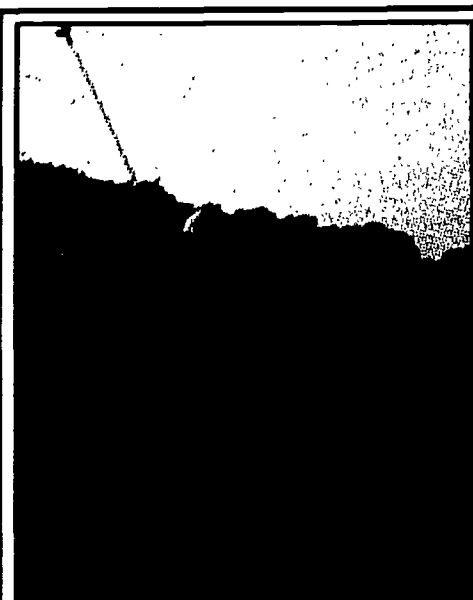
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Residents file lawsuit against Morton Grove over Muslim Community Center

WENDY ELLIS

This is a sad day for the village of Morton Grove. Those are the sentiments of Village Trustee Dan Staackmann, as he listened to attorneys for a group of Morton Grove residents announce the filing of a federal lawsuit against the village last Friday. The lawsuit was filed because residents of the neighborhood surrounding the Muslim Education Center at 8601 Menard, have been upset over the parking situation during Friday afternoon worship services at the Muslim school, and what they view as the village's failure to do anything about it. Douglas Cannon, attorney for the neighborhood group known as Morton Grove Organization, LLC, made the announcement outside Morton Grove Village Hall.

"It focuses on the lack of enforcement by the Village of Morton Grove of the basic fundamental laws and ordinances, that frankly, the village is obligated to enforce," said Cannon. The attorney pointed out that the group has no argument with the Village Board of Trustees, but rather with Village Administrator Pro Tem Ralph Czerwinski, Police Chief George Incledon, Building Commissioner Edward Hildebrandt, and city attorney Gabriel Berrafato. Also mentioned as defendants in the suit are the Muslim Education Center and the Muslim Community Center, its governing body.

"The problem is clearly with the administration. With the Chief of Police, with the Administrator Pro Tem, with the Building Commissioner and other named private parties as defendants, who do not choose to exercise and enforce

the law as it is written," said Cannon. "That kind of parking should never be tolerated by a police force effectively in place."

The Muslim Education Center has included religious instruction as part of its curriculum since the school opened 13 years ago, but recent years have brought increasing numbers of Muslim worshippers to the school on Friday afternoons when religious services are held in the gym. As many as 500 people can attend these services, and once the 70 space parking lot is full, worshippers park on the grassy area north of the school usually used for sports activities, and on neighborhood streets. The lawsuit also accused the city of allowing the religious services to go on, even though the MEC does not have a proper permit for them. The lawsuit asks that a

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At left, Douglas Cannon, the lawyer representing the Muslim Community Center's (MCC) neighbors awaits questions at a press conference held last Friday announcing the lawsuit. At right, Pat Kansoer, who has actively opposed expansion of the MCC watches.

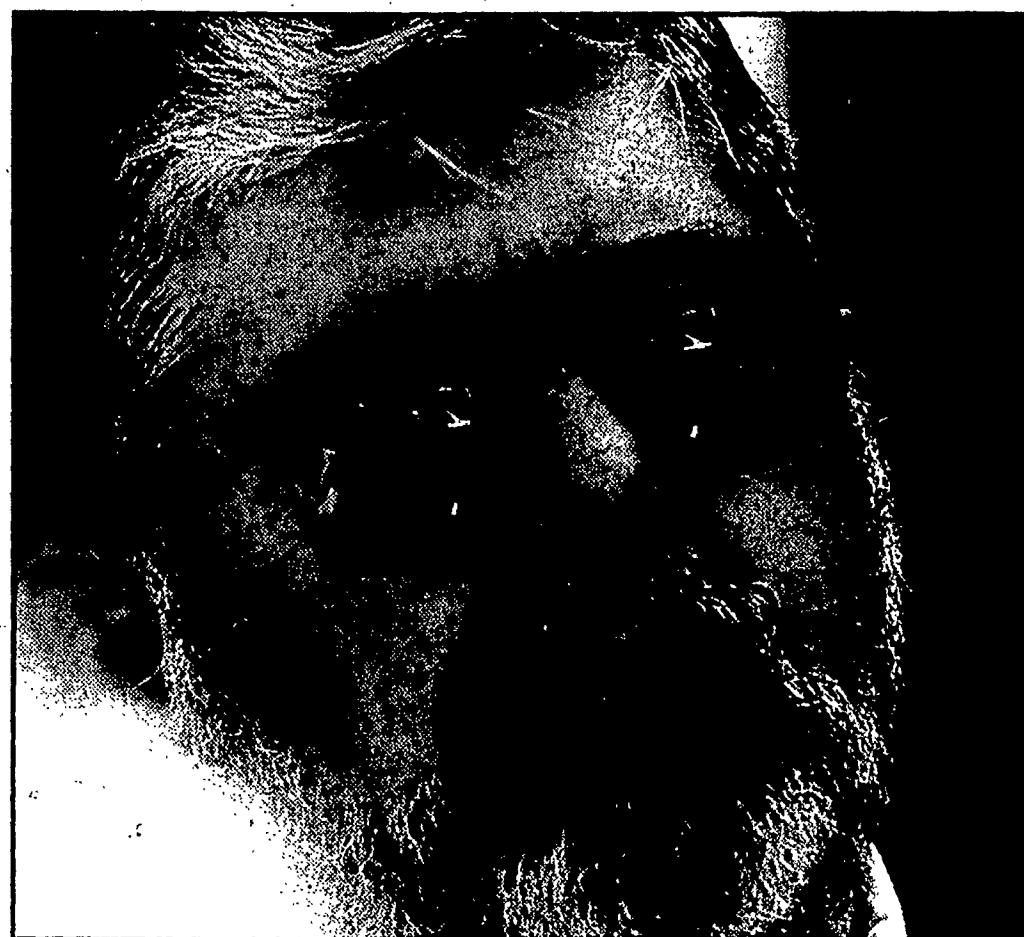


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restraining order be issued to stop the services.

The suit also claims that some neighborhood residents have reason to fear for their safety, and includes reference to an unsigned letter of a hostile nature that was sent to Morton Grove Mayor Don Scanlon last April. That

letter included the name of a neighborhood resident, but was anonymous in nature. Muslim Community Center Director Mohammed Kaiseruddin was angered by the assertion that it came from them.

"To put in a lawsuit an anonymous letter is absurd," said MCC attorney

John Mauck. "They're going to force a lot of litigation. This could really push up Morton Grove tax bills and drive down property values. I can easily see Morton Grove paying up to \$10 million in legal fees," Mauck said the MCC will be filing a response to the lawsuit in the near future.

Police Chief Incledon could say little about the letter, or how the police department handled the situation at the time. "If it's part of the lawsuit it will all come out at the appropriate time," said Incledon. "I don't want to make any comment on that at this time."

City administrator Ralph Czerwinski said he, too, could not comment directly on the suit except to say that the city is seeking legal advice and direction.

John Mauck, attorney for the MCC, and MCC director Mohammed Kaiseruddin were unavailable for comment.

News

Niles Youth Coordinator Eischen preps for first meeting

TRACY YOSHIDA

Niles Youth Coordinator Christine Eischen has been talking with members of the Niles youth task force in order to prepare for her first meeting with the Niles Youth Council on Thursday, Sept. 18.

All youth are welcome to attend the meeting held at the Howard Leisure Center from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Eischen said that all of the feedback she's been getting from members of the village, park district and library about the youth council has been very positive and she's receiving a great amount of support.

"Their support is very much needed," said Eischen.

"I encourage kids to come because it's a program for them that is run by them," she said. She said that the kids get to choose activities

that are of interest to them. "They'll be able to help the community and meet new people and people will really listen to them."

Eischen will pick up where past youth coordinator Ann Czapla left off and continue working with the kids toward achieving their goal of creating a skate park in Niles. She said that they will be applying for two grants, one that is federal and another that is private.

Eischen also plans on holding the haunted garage fund-raiser again this year, since it was successful last year. She also would like to continue having the kids shovel snow and rake leaves for seniors and people who are unable to do it themselves.

Eischen encourages youth to come to the first meeting and she said they could either email her at www.christinee@niles-parks.org or call her at the Niles Park District.

Niles Firefighters receive contract

The Niles Fire Department received their first labor contract on Aug. 26, with a final vote of 24 to 19. "It was a close vote," said Niles Deputy Fire Chief Barry Mueller. Mueller said that although the firefighters were generally satisfied with their current conditions, they

wanted something in writing. Some of them were concerned about what may happen when Village of Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase decided to leave the village. The contract states that within three fiscal years, employees will receive a 3% raise the first year, a 3 1/2% raise the second year and a 3

1/2% raise the third year. Lieutenants will receive a 3%, 5 1/2% and 3 1/2% raise, respectively. Mueller said that he would have liked to have thought that a contract wasn't necessary, but now that it is a reality, "We've got to make the best of it."

District 219 Seeks New Board Member

Niles Township High School District 219 seeks qualified applicants to fill a vacancy on the current Board of Education.

Board member Sam Borek formally submitted his resignation to the board at its meeting Monday, September 8, 2003. Borek served on the Board since 1993. His current term was scheduled to end in April, 2005.

To serve on the Board of Education, you must be 18 years

or older, a citizen of the United States and resident of District 219 for at least one year. Interested candidates should submit an application, a resume including their educational and professional history, and evidence in support of their ability to effectively serve as a board member.

Completed applications must be submitted by 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 25. Interested candidates can pick up

an application packet in the Superintendent's office at the District Administrative Office Building 7700 Gross Point Road in Skokie, or at the District website www.niles-hs.k12.il.us. Completed applications with supporting materials should be directed to the attention of Michael Burnett, Board Secretary at the address listed above. For more information please contact Superintendent Neil Codell at 847/626-3960.

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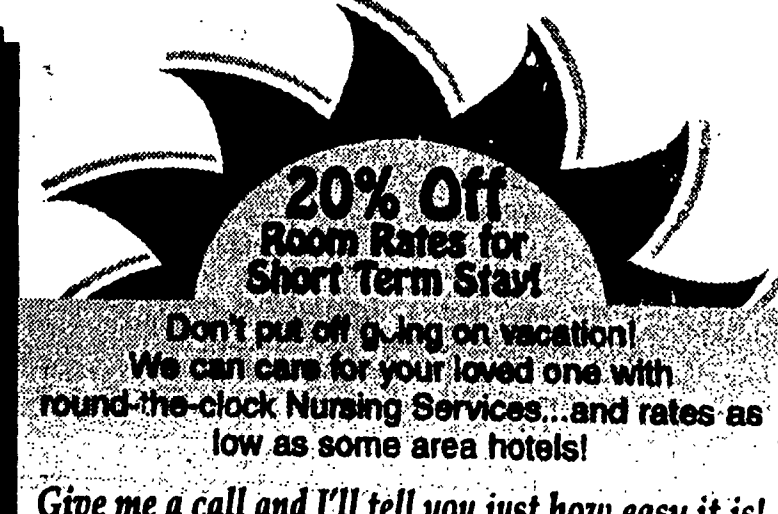
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Revin' the Engines at Pioneer Park

Dan Paavola, an employee of the Niles park District looks under the hood of a 1967 Chevy RS/SS 427 convertible on display in Pioneer Park for the Park District's Thursday night event.

The car is owned by Randy Herr, a resident of unincorporated Des Plaines. He has owned the vehicle for 15 years.

News

Niles business manager arrested for Disability Act violation

TRACY YOSHIDA

Advantage Kitchen and Bath Gallery store manager David Kotowsky surrendered himself to Niles police Friday August 29 and was charged with violation of the Illinois Guide Dog Act police said.

According to the report, Kotowsky, 28, "turned himself in at the Niles

Police Department reference to a follow up investigation of this case."

Kotowsky was charged with one Class C Misdemeanor count of denying a blind person with a guide dog Entry to Place of Accommodation which is a violation of the Guide Dog Access Act. The violation is punishable by a 30 day jail sentence and a \$500 fine.

In a previous police report filed August 21, Kathryn Mehrtens, 25, a legally blind resident of Skokie, told Niles police that she entered the store with her dog and a friend and was approached by the store manager and asked to leave. Mehrtens told police the manager told her that no dogs were allowed in the store. She also told police she informed the manager that her dog was a guide dog. And in the report Mehrtens said the manager told her they have a private business. Mehrtens said the manager refused to give his name. She also wanted him to call the police. Mehrtens said after a few minutes the manager returned and said the police were not called. At that point Mehrtens left the store and went to the Niles Police Department to file a complaint.

In a phone interview with The Bugle on August 22, David Kotowsky claimed Mehrtens' disability was ambiguous. "She had sunglasses in her hand and no walking stick and she was looking at product," said Kotowsky. Kotowsky did say the dog was on a harness. He also said the store had a policy against animals.

Kotowsky said he reviewed a surveillance tape after Mehrtens left the store. "She was looking to get us in trouble. She clearly wanted to cause a scene," said Kotowsky. He also said Mehrtens did not say the dog was a service dog until she started to leave the store. Kotowsky characterized the whole situation as a little bit weird.

Kotowsky said the store obtained information on recognizing service dogs and people with disabilities and circulated it to all employees. "This will never happen again," said Kotowsky.

Mehrtens' attorney, Marie A. Clear, faxed a copy of an informational statement to The Bugle on September 1. In the statement, Clear says, "My client Kathryn Mehrtens, is not currently planning any civil action, since her goal is to bring attention to the White Cane Law and Guide Dog Access Act-both misdemeanors."

Kotowsky was released after posting a \$75.00 bond. Kotowsky is scheduled to appear in court in Skokie October 7, 2003 in room 102 at 1:30 p.m.



Kathryn Mehrtens poses with her seeing eye dog, Fairway.

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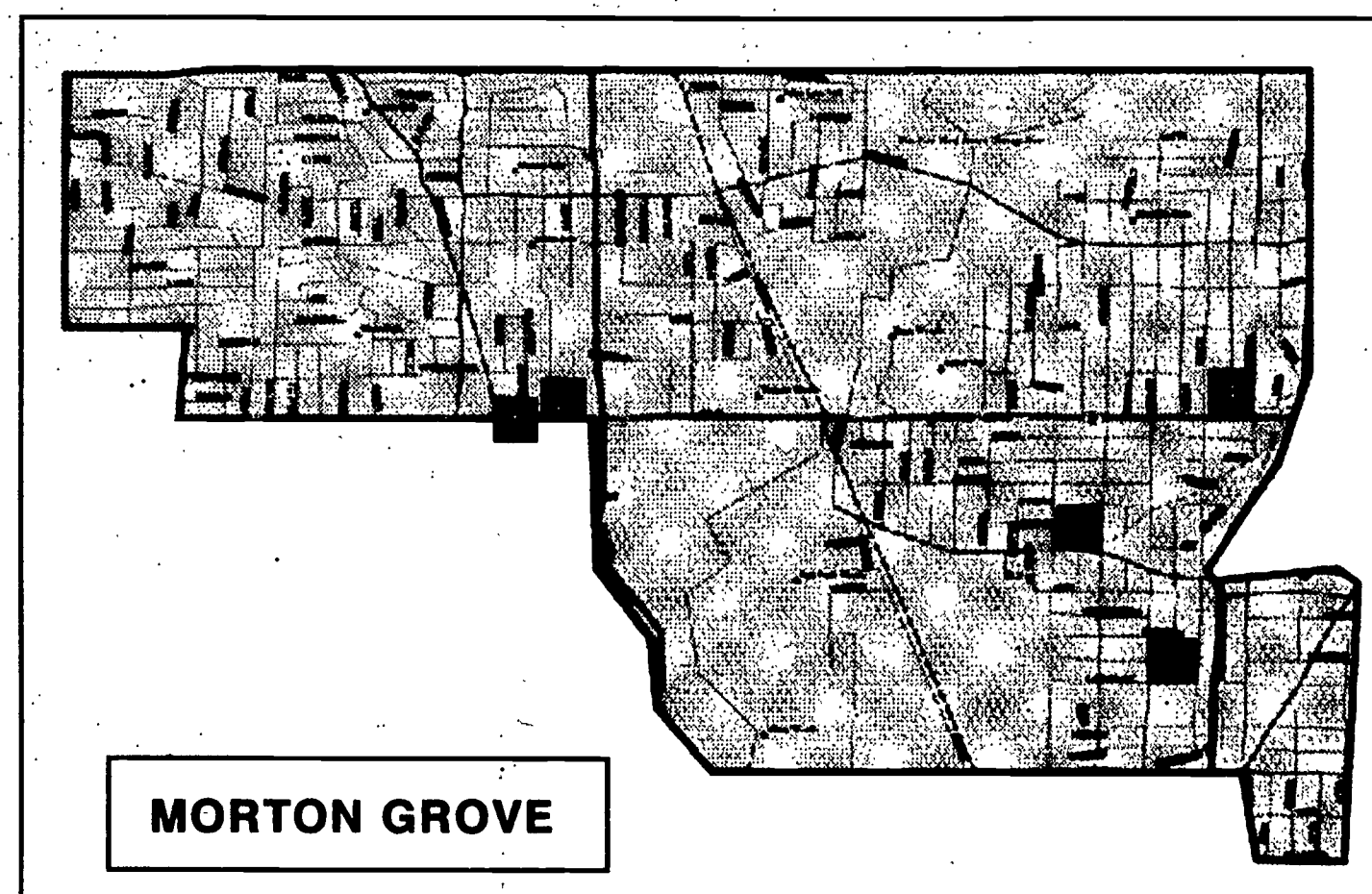
1 -Cars Missing off Dealers Lot(8800 Waukegan)
Castle Honda reported a black 2000 Honda Civic missing off of its lot September 2, 2003. According to the report, the car was not accounted for when the company took inventory August 5. The report said the car was purchased at an auction and came with only one key.

2 In a similar matter, Castle Honda reported a 1999 Honda Accord missing of the lot September 3, 2003. According to the report, the car was on the lot July 29 when inventory was taken, but was not on the lot when inventory was taken August 5. The keys to the car were also missing.

3 Cat Found (8500 block of Mason)
Sol J. Sucherman of the 8500 block of Mason found a gray female cat August 28. According to the report, the cat had no tags and was declawed. Sucherman took the cat to the Morton Grove Police Department and the cat was transferred to the Morton Grove Animal Hospital.

4 Speeding violation end in arrest for marijuana(6900 block Dempster)
A 22-year-old man was arrested in the 6900 block of Dempster Septmeber 3 after police radar clocked him doing 50 mph in a 35 mph zone. A check on the mans liscense showed it was suspended and he was arrested. Police asked one of the passengers if they could drive the car, a 1998 Ford Contour, but the passenger did not know how to drive a stick. The officer said he noticed a piece of wood under the seat and upon inspecting it found a metal pipe and a green leafy substance.

5 Neighbor dispute centers on dog waste (8200 block of Mango)
A 62-year-old woman called police, September 2, after her neighbor put up a sign regarding dog waste being thrown into her back yard. The woman told police she wanted the neighbor to stop throwing dog feces into her yard. The woman said the waste was not from her dog but she offered to clean it.



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1 Cats found in hazardous conditions (7100 Carol)
Police responded to a call in the 7100 block of Carol Friday afternoon August 29 and found a house filled with as many as 30 cats, many in poor health, and floors and counters covered in animal feces and cockroaches.

Police said they were called to the house by the son of the 72 year-old woman who was in the hospital at the time. The son wanted Niles police to help him remove the cats.
According to the report, the house was in hazardous condition with leaking pipes, cat feces covering counter tops and floors, overflowing litter boxes, and a strong smell of cat urine.

Police said most of the cats appeared unhealthy and some had eye infections.
One cat had no left eye, and the right eye appeared to be bulging from the socket.

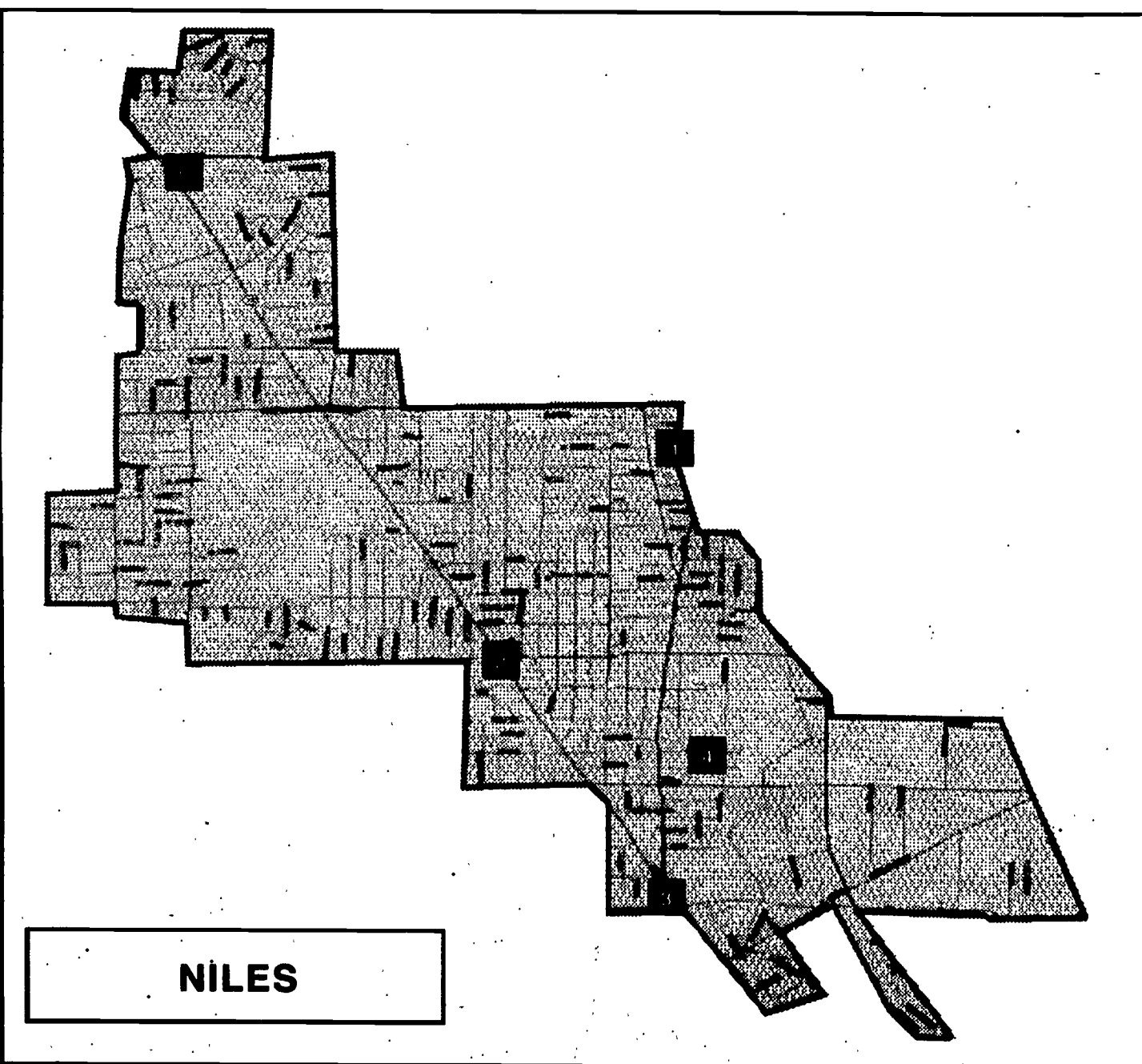
A Niles animal control officer removed the nine sickest animals. The animal control officer estimate the cats ranged from 2 months to 10 years of age. The cats were transported to Niles Animal hospital.

2 Baggy blue jeans aid in coffee theft (7900 block Milwaukee)
An supermarket employee told Niles police he seen a man leave the store Wednesday afternoon, September 3, and get into a car parked in the stores lot in the 7900 block of Milwaukee. The employee told police he seen the man take three cans of Presidents Choice coffee out of his pants. The employee described the man as 20-25

3 Car broken into in bowling alley lot (7300 block Milwaukee)
Police said a 1999 white Lincoln Town Car was broken into Wednesday night September 3 while it was parked in the lot of Brunswick Bowl 7333 N. Milwaukee. Police said the driver's side rear window was broken. The owner of the car reported a palm pilot, three pairs of sunglasses, a pair of reading glasses, and a briefcase stolen. The theft was estimated at \$925.00.

4 Sump pumps stolen (Oakton and Waukegan)
Two men used the ladder of a home improvement store in the 900 block of Civic Drive to drive away with at least two sump pumps.
The manager told police he asked the men if they had a receipt and they told him to wait a minute then they got into their car and drove off. The manager described the car as a black Hyundai.

5 Bank deposit missing (9400 block Milwaukee)
Niles police are investigating the disappearance of thousands of doll a r s that were supposed to be deposited in a safe at a car dealership in the 9400 block of Milwaukee Ave. According to the report, the 19-year-old cashier on duty at the time said she placed the envelope in the drawer in the cashier's office. She said another cashier came on duty after she left. Police questioned the two cashiers, but no charges have been filed.



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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Morton Grove Lions Club will hold a Fish Fry tomorrow (Friday), Sept. 12 at the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster. Tickets are sold by Lion members or at the door.

The Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 134 will install new officers on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster at 5 p.m.
Heading the group is re-elected president Dee Dolan. Her board to serve this up-coming year is composed of:
First Vice President in charge of membership: Patricia Jordan, Second Vice President in charge of fund raising: Anne Marrazzo, treasurer: Donna Hedrick, co-secretaries: Dodee Connelly and Dolores Giblin, corresponding secretary duries will be handled by Mrs. Marrazzo and past president Lorry Nehart. Mrs. Giblin will also assume chaplain duties. Sergeant at arms will be Mary Ann Bartusik.

St. Thecla's annual rummage sale will be held on Friday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held in the church basement, 6725 W. Devon Ave. in Chicago.

Register for Fall Classes at Niles Park District
Registration for fall programs is in progress at Niles Park District. Stop by and pick up the Fall Fun Guide available at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. There are a variety of programs for everyone to choose from. Don't miss out, register today!

Maine Township Fishing Derby Results Announced
A Niles man and a Lake Zurich boat captain won bragging rights at the Maine Township's Fourth Annual Bob Lindstrom Memorial Fishing Derby held Aug. 16 at Lindy's Landing in Bangs Lake, Wauconda.

A total of 15 boats with volunteer captains took over 45 area seniors out fishing. Over 150 fish were caught and released. The largest was a 21" Northern Pike caught by Larry Pasdiore of Niles.

Another winner was Captain Barry Leikom of Lake Zurich. Seniors on his boat caught the most fish — a total of 26.

The annual derby benefits the Bob Lindstrom Memorial Fund that donates funds to local food pantries and helps restock Bangs Lake with more fish

Maine Township residents who didn't own their own poles were given fishing equipment as part of a lending program called "Access to Fishing". The year around program is coordinated by Maine Township in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that makes poles, hooks, and bobbers available from Maine Town Hall.

The "Access to Fishing" program requires that residents register in order to obtain fishing equipment for their use for up to two weeks. The loaner program was established to expose people to the joys of fishing without having to make an initial investment in their own equipment.

For further information on the 2004 derby, equipment program, or other senior activities contact Mary Swanson, Director of Adult and Senior Services, at 847/297-2510. For information on other senior services or all Township activities, agencies and programs visit the Maine Township website at www.maintownship.com.



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Hello,
I was astounded to read in the August 28th Bugle Mr. Patrick Kansoer's claim that "If you bring upwards of 2,000 people into a neighborhood...you are going to impose on a neighborhood." Surely he could not be saying that these 2,000 people are coming to the Muslim Education Center (MEC)? Regrettably, I believe he is, though I doubt Mr. Kansoer can find even one day in the fourteen years MEC has been in the neighborhood where the people count even approached anywhere near 1,000, let alone 2,000.

Perhaps Mr. Kansoer is taking the 400 worshippers counted in the Bugle article and multiplying it by the 5 daily prayers of Muslims to get 2,000. That too would be unfortunate for Mr. Kansoer would show he does not understand that the Friday prayer in the afternoon is valid only in congregation, whereas the other 4 prayers on Friday can be prayed individually. That is why mosques always have a spike in attendance for the Friday afternoon prayer, and why mosques rarely even approach 10% of their Friday afternoon attendance for the other prayers. This is also similar to why synagogues have spikes in attendance on Saturday, and churches on Sunday, and significantly lesser attendance during the other days.

I certainly hope such misinformed statements of Mr. Kansoer have not alarmed Morton Grove residents into joining him in the lawsuit he is threatening to file to stop Muslims from worshipping at MEC. For that would be quite a tragedy in this country.

Thanks:
A.K.

With the start of a new school year, local counselors offer parents tips for students' success

TRACY YOSHIDA

Local elementary school, middle school and high school social workers recently shared what advice they would give to parents in order for kids to have a successful school year.

Linda Feldheim of Culver School in Niles recognizes how difficult change can be and how some kids may have a hard time making the transition from the playful summer days to the more restricted school days.

"If everybody can laugh a little it won't be so bad," said Feldheim. She said that parents should help their children get back into the "swing of things" by helping them purchase supplies, clothes and other new items. She said that parents should let their kids know that school is very important, however, there will still be some time for play as well. Feldheim also believes that parents should stress the importance of problem solving and the actions that need to be taken in order to reach a certain outcome.

"I would advise regularity of schedules, such as homework time and bed time," said Judy Wittmus, of Lincoln Middle School. She believes that parents should stress the fact that priorities should be set and that school work should come before other activities. She also said that parents should encourage more reading and less television.

Seth Knobel of Niles West High School shared that entering high school can be an overwhelming experience for many freshman, especially at a large high school such as Niles West.

Knobel would advise parents and students to "a.) know what it is the teacher is looking for and if you don't know, ask. b.) get as much sleep as you can and c.) have fun." He said that although high school is a serious time, it is also a time for students to get involved in various activities, such as art, band, cheerleading, sports, etc. and for them to develop their interests and hobbies and develop socially as well. He encourages students to go for whatever they want to go for, no matter how talented they are in that particular area. For example, he said if someone doesn't believe he/she can sing well, they should talk to the choir director and still go for it.

He said that one challenge that high school students have is balancing their time between academics and extracurricular activities. Knobel encourages students to be well organized and use a palm pilot or handbook in order to keep track of their assignments. He would advise parents to talk to teachers, along with the students talking to teachers, because he said sometimes they will get very different perspectives, which can be beneficial.

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A Niles Neighbor

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Fusilli with Garbanzo
Beans & Spinach

TOTAL TIME: 20 minutes
MAKES: 6 main-dish servings

1 pound fusilli pasta
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed with press
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1 can (29 ounces) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
2 6-ounce bags baby spinach.

1. Cook pasta as label directs.
2. Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook, covered, 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in garlic and oregano and cook 30 seconds. Stir in beans, vinegar, salt and pepper; cook 5 minutes, stirring often.
3. When fusilli has cooked to desired doneness, remove 1 cup cooking water and reserve. Drain pasta; return to saucepot. Add spinach, bean mixture and reserved cooking water; toss gently to combine. Serve with warm, crusty breadsticks.

i Each serving: About 500 calories, 20 g protein, 85 g carbohydrate, 8 g total fat (1 g saturated), 14 g fiber, 0 mg cholesterol, 980 mg sodium.

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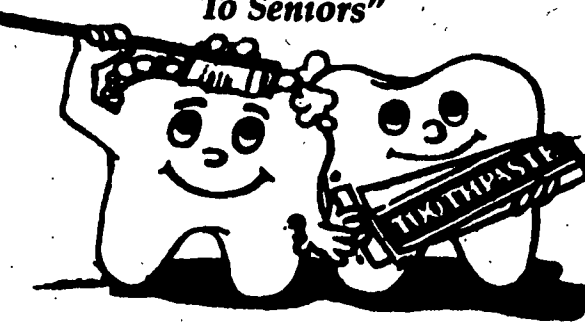
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Over 2,800 attend Niles Libray's 'Super Sunday'



'Super Sunday' visitors browse used titles at the book sale, Sunday, Sept. 7.

WENDY ELLIS

Super Sunday at the Niles Public Library was about as super as it gets. Over 2800 people passed through the doors Sunday afternoon, as the library kicked off its annual celebration of winter time hours. The library closes on Sunday during the summer, but reopens from 1 to 5 pm on Sundays during the winter months.

This year's event was designed to offer something to everybody. With popcorn clutched tight, young visitors could enjoy a conversation with Spongebob Squarepants or cringe at the sound of balloons being shaped into animals and hats by Kooky the Clown. Face painting was a popular activity in the Children's section, before the youngsters trekked off to browse the books. 15 year old Anum Raza of Chicago brought her younger sister Samrah. "I just came to do some research, and I brought my little sister. I think it's pretty fun."

Theresa Simpson of Park Ridge brought her four children since the Park Ridge library is closed for asbestos removal. She didn't know Super Sunday was underway until they arrived. "I love it. Park Ridge doesn't have anything like this."

Adults were not left out of the fun. Local authors presented programs around the library, every-

thing from lectures on Chicago Crime to traveling down the Illinois River. The Sweet Prospect folk trio entertained in the main floor meeting rooms. There was a poetry presentation, an outer space presentation by a NASA ambassador and even sports chat-chat.

"The idea was to promote every section of the library with authors in that type of book," said library Public Relations director Mary Edsey, who appeared overjoyed with the turnout. The crowd, however, was a little daunting to Niles resident Amy Vaughn. "Couldn't we have a private Niles time, like from 12-2 first, and then open it up to everybody else?"

Library Executive Director Cary Czarnecki said he wasn't surprised by the out of towners, since Park Ridge Library is closed and they have a reciprocal card agreement with most Northwest suburban communities.

"We got a very favorable reaction," said Czarnecki on Monday morning. "All in all it was really a terrific day, considering we had lots of competition for people's attention. It was a beautiful day, and the opening day of football, but people still found time to come to the library." The Niles Library, at the corner of Waukegan and Oakton, will be open Sunday afternoons from now until Memorial Day in May.

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Historic Tam O'Shanter plans golf museum

TRACY YOSHIDA

There's much history behind the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Niles that was the spot of the first televised professional golf tournament. The 9-hole golf course was once an 18-hole golf course that was originally part of a country club operated by the George S. May family since the 1920s.

"It's certainly a country club quality golf course," said Niles Park District Director Joseph LoVerde. "It's the crown jewel of public courses in this area."

The Niles Park District acquired the golf course in 1975. A local group, called the Friends of the Park, fought to preserve the golf course and was successful. Original trees from the 1920s still exist along the golf course and the number six hole on the golf course is the same hole from the initial 18 holes.

LoVerde said they are planning to create a museum-type display that will contain some artifacts from the old golf course/country club. He said that George's daughter will work with the park district to achieve this goal.

Today, the golf course is popular, providing between 42,000 to 45,000 rounds of golf each year. LoVerde said the course gets a lot of league play and brings in a good amount of revenue.

"It's the work horse of the park district," he shared. In order to keep the course at its "country club" quality, additional maintenance and experience staff are required. Recently, LoVerde has noticed that there is a greater amount of younger kids playing golf at Tam O'Shanter. He said that they draw golfers are of all ages. He said that the golf course provides good exercise for people and keeps them healthy, in addition to entertainment.

What's in store for The Bugle?

From the editor's pen

When I started working at The Bugle about a month ago, our publisher, Rich Masterson, set a high bar for my performance; he wanted to see a new Bugle, one that the readers in Niles, Morton Grove, and now Park Ridge would want to read. I have done my best, since that time, to accomplish this goal.

Among the changes that have been made at the paper are:

- better organization of the news content,
- a new look for the paper,
- color pages,
- more original content.

These are not the only improvements we have planned for The Bugle.

The readers who have contacted me, individually, or through our "Sound Off" column, have expressed pleasure at the improvements in their paper. I invite our readers to continue submitting comments.

You may have noticed that the number of pages in The Bugle has been increasing: as times goes on we look forward to expanding our coverage of senior news, sports, and social events throughout Niles, Morton Grove, and Park Ridge.

The Bugle your paper. A great portion of the news reported within each edition is the result of phone calls, e-mails, or letters from the readers of the paper who have an interesting story to tell. Our communities are so peaceful that many journalists ignore them. When I started covering them, however, I realized that I could easily spend the rest of my life telling the stories of their extraordinary people.

During my tenure as The Bugle's managing editor, I look forward to improving the appearance and content of the paper. Working as a journalist, each day is an opportunity to learn more about the people who live and work in our communities. I hope that some day soon, I can tell your story.

Andrew Schneider

Andrew Schneider

The Bugle BUSINESS / FINANCE Thursday September 11, 2003

Moblle Hearing's Audiologists take hearing tests on the road

WENDY ELLIS

When Ursula Fromm worked for an audiologist in Skokie a few years back, she noticed how often older clients had difficulty getting to appointments. Some people used canes, some had walkers. When the weather would turn icy, many had trouble getting around. It was that observation that led her, and her husband Ben, to hit the road three years ago with their own business, Mobile Hearing, a hearing aid service on wheels.

"We do testing and hearing aids," said Fromm. "We do repair, service and sales. I can test the hearing. I look in the ear canals and I can see what's good and what's bad."

All these services Fromm takes to her clients, rather than having them come to her.

"A home visit is cheaper than taking cabs there and back," says Fromm, who travels not just to private homes, but often to area nursing homes where she will screen residents and refer them to doctors if she sees an undiagnosed problem.

"I'm a licensed dispenser, board certified," says Fromm. "As a dispenser and not an audiologist, I can only see people 18 or older." Fromm says children with hearing loss quite often need speech therapy and some kind of rehabilitation, which she is not qualified to do. But for the adults and senior citizens in the north and northwest suburbs, she is just what the doctor ordered.

Fromm is excited about the new technology that is always evolving in the world of audiology. The newer hearing aids are programmable or digital hearing aids. In some models, with the simple push of a button you can drown out the din in a noisy restaurant. Another button will increase voice clarity with more high tones and rid the user of extraneous noise by blocking low tones. In the old days there was only one button, the volume. To make things quieter you turned down everything. Fromm says the only problem with the industry is that research is always ongoing, and hearing aid models don't get less expensive the longer they're around. Instead, they get replaced by newer, more efficient, more expensive models. "There is more and more research going on," says Fromm. "But the prices are not going down."

Fromm and her husband are on the road three days a week, and have opened a Skokie office two days a week for clients who would prefer an office visit. There she is assisted by Joe Groner, a man with 43 years experience in the audiology trade. Whether they are on the road or in the office, they are available 7 days a week, if needed. Like the country doctor of old, house calls are their stock in trade.

Stars and Stripes signal Chamber of Commerce week in Morton Grove

WENDY ELLIS

Red, White and Blue will be the color scheme for September in the Village of Morton Grove. The Chamber of Commerce will be passing out flag posters to all businesses, members or not, in celebration of Chamber of Commerce Week, from Sept. 14-20. Chamber Executive Director Katie DiMaria says the posters will go out early, so that all community businesses can have them on display for the second anniversary of Sept. 11.

The Morton Grove Chamber has a number of events coming up in the next few months to peak the interest of its members. An evening with State Rep. Lou Lang (D-16th) will be held at the Morton Grove Park District at Dempster and Waukegan on Sept. 18, from 7-9 pm.

"This is an opportunity for local business people to meet our state representative," said DiMaria. "He's going to talk about issues that face businesses and what he's doing to help."

October will bring a multi-chamber Business to Business After Hours Showcase. The event will be held at the Morton Grove American Legion Hall on Dempster, and will be hosted by 15 businesses. Chamber members from Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie will be invited to mingle and get to know each other.

Every month, the Morton Grove Chamber hosts a Women's Power Lunch on the last Thursday of the month.

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SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION

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ACTIVITIES

Book Discussion – Friday, October 3rd, 10:00am – 11:00am. \$1.00

Join us as we discuss, *The Dive From Coausen's Pier* by Ann Packer. Refreshments.

Lite Lunch & Movie – Friday, October 3rd, 12:00pm – 3:00pm. \$3.50

Join us at noon for a Roast Beef Sandwich and Cole Slaw prior to the movie. Then stay for the movie, *Road to Perdition* (2002, R) with Tom Hanks and Paul Newman.

Pinocle Tournament – Friday, October 8th, 12:00pm – 4:00pm. \$3.50

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Pet Parade – Monday, October 13th, 1:00pm – 2:00pm. Free
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Poker Tournament – Friday, October 24th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm. \$4.00

Play 7-Card Stud and 5-Card Draw. Lunch, refreshments, & prizes are included.

Thailand Travelogue – Wednesday, October 29th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm. \$5.50

Travel with Rick Steves to exotic Thailand. Traditional Thai meal served prior to video.

Halloween Fun – Friday, October 31st, 11:30am – 2:00pm. \$8.00

Celebrate Halloween at the Center with lunch followed by an hour of BINGO fun (one card maximum). Lunch includes Salad, Baked Mostaccioli with Meatballs and Dessert.

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MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS
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September 9, 2003



BASIC BRIDGE LESSONS

This class is designed as an introduction to this popular game that will teach the fundamentals of Bridge on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The next ten-week session runs from Sept. 18 through Nov. 20. The fee is \$47 for residents and \$51 for non-residents. Register in person at the Senior Center.

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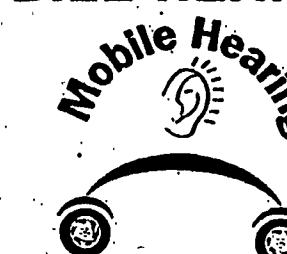
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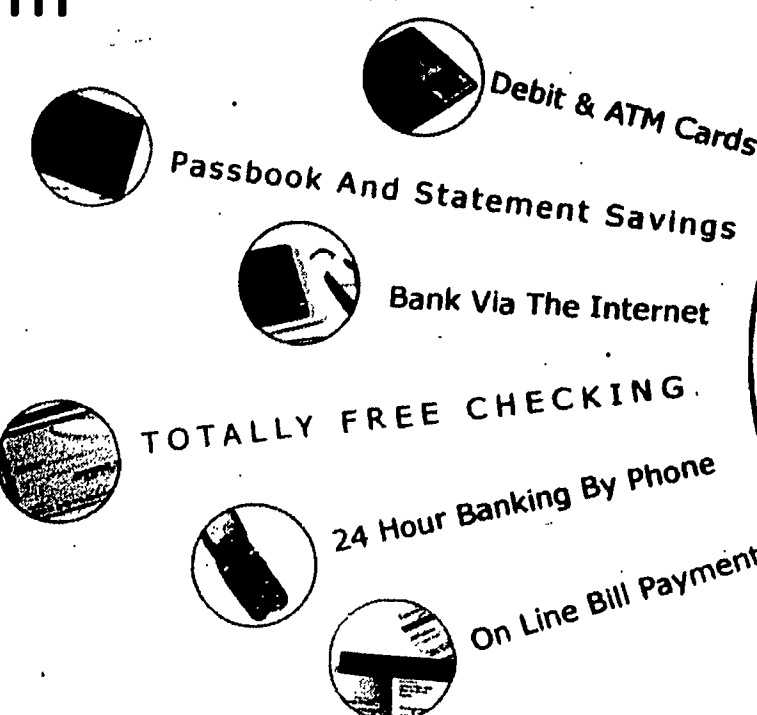
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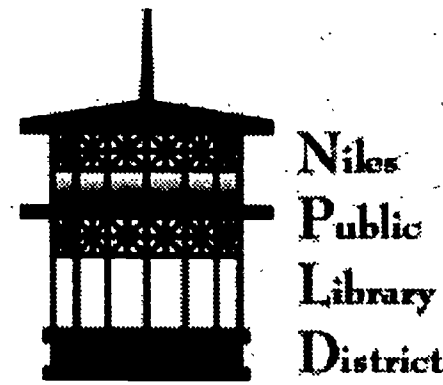
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September is National Library Card Month. Register for a new (no renewals) Niles Public Library Card during the month of September and receive a 2 for 1 gift certificate from Riggio's Restaurant, 7530 W. Oakton St. good for a free lunch or dinner entree. Already have a library card? Dine in or carryout at Riggio's during the month of September, present your library card, and receive a 10% discount. (Restrictions apply.)

Upcoming adult programs -

Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm Laurie Garber-Amram, LCSW, presents Emotional Eating - Helping to Help Yourself, a discussion of why diets fail and successful methods for committing to a healthier lifestyle.

Online Privacy?

The Lack Thereof and How to Combat It will be the topic of discussion Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 pm.

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series

Continues with a discussion of Regina on Tuesday, September 23, 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.

Upcoming Teen Programs -

On Monday September 22 at 4:00 pm join beauty advisor, Lynda Van Puymbrouck for a hands-on make-up demonstration.

Hang out in the comfort of books, CDs, board games, art supplies and snacks while you finish your homework during the first Third Tuesday of the school year, Sept. 16, 4:00 - 5:30 pm. (7th - 12th graders only, no registration necessary.)

Unless otherwise noted registration is required for all adult and teen programs. Register at the Information desk or by calling 847-663-1234.

Children's Program's -

Children and their caregivers are invited to listen to stories, play games or sing songs during Storytimes. Toddler Time (ages 20 mo. - 3 yrs.), Tuesdays or Wednesdays 9:30 am - 10:00 am. Preschool Storytime (ages 3 - 5 yrs.), Tuesdays or Wednesdays 11:00 am - 11:45 am. Storytime for Big Kids (ages 4 - K), Mondays 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm. Family Storytime (ages 7 and under), Tuesdays or Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm.

Registration is required. Children who have registered for Storytime and attend regularly are guaranteed a spot in that same Storytime for the entire school year. Children will be added throughout the year as space allows. Additional Storytimes will be added if needed.

Join Joel Frankel for Musical Merriment

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.



Happenings at the Morton Grove Public Library

Art Students Exhibit

Architecture drawings by 8th grade students at Golf Middle School are exhibited in the Lincoln Avenue entry to the Library through September. Drawings on display are by Mark Bayani, Armen Bayraktaryan, Biolet Talya, and Joel Wilson. The artists are students of Kelsey Quinn.

ReadtoMe!

Parents, grandparents and caregivers: Now that school has started for the older kids, are you looking for fun things to do with the little ones? Every Tuesday at 10 am, the Youth Services Department hosts a drop-in story time with two volunteer grandmothers reading stories to preschool-age children accompanied by their adult caregivers.

Opera Profile

Opera fans, take note: Philip Seward will present a profile of the opera Regina in the Baxter Room on Sunday, September 14, at 2:00 pm.

Computer Class: Excel

Registration for Introduction to Excel has begun. Call the Library at 847-965-4220 to sign up for this two-part class to be held on Wednesday, September 17 and Wednesday, September 24, at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Didier will give a lecture/demonstration on how to create and link worksheets and enter formulas using Excel, a spreadsheet and analysis program for managing data.

Book Discussion

The Library's morning book discussion group, All Booked Up, will be talking about Sylvia Nasser's book, A Beautiful Mind, on Thursday, September 18, at 10 am.

Films at the Library

The Pianist will be shown at 2:00 and 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 18. The film is rated R; 150 minutes long. Adrien Brody won an Oscar for his portrayal of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who survived the Nazi occupation of Poland.

The movie Evita (rated PG, 135 minutes) will be shown at 2:00 on Friday, September 19. Madonna stars as Eva Peron, who rose above poverty and a scandalous past to become the first lady of Argentina.

The Family Film, to be shown on Saturday, September 20, is Piglet's Big Movie. (Rated G, 75 minutes.) This Disney-animated film starts at 2:00 pm. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Best of Broadway

Bill and Susan Goodman present the Best of Broadway on Sunday, September 21, at 2:00 pm. You'll be delighted with the Goodmans' music, costumes, and humor in this entertaining musical review. They will feature songs from such Broadway hits as Phantom of the Opera, Cats, Showboat, Sunset Boulevard, Carousel, and Mame.

Bill and Susan Goodman

Artists: 2003 marks the 30th anniversary of the Morton Grove Public Library Annual Children's Art Contest. Contest winners from past years are encouraged to stop by the Library or call the Youth Services Department to let us know what you are doing now. The Library would like to present a display this fall of past winners' artwork. Any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Teen Advisory Board

The Teen Advisory Board meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Drop in and discuss your ideas for programs and services for teens. Call Melissa Rice, Teen Librarian, for more information at 847-965-4220.

Dons suffer second close defeat of the season

RYAN BISHOP

The Notre Dame Dons varsity football team came flying out of the gate Friday night against their rival St. Patrick Shamrocks. Unfortunately for the Dons (0-2), all they had to show for their efforts was a 20-16 heartbreaking loss, their second close loss of the season.

Notre Dame was coming off a 20-19 loss at the hands of Marian Catholic the week before.

In front of a capacity crowd of over 8,000 raucous fans at Notre Dame's home opener, Don quarterback Ryan Corliss led the surging offense to an 8-play, 64-yard touchdown drive capped off by Corliss' one yard pass in the back of the end zone to senior wide receiver Tom Cirone. Senior Matt McAlleer kicked the extra point for the Dons. The big play of the drive was a 41-yard run by Corliss down to the St. Patrick 10-yard line.

The Dons offense controlled the line of scrimmage and kept the Shamrocks off-balance with their no-huddle attack in scoring the first seven points of the game at 8:59 of the first quarter.

The Don defense came up with a stand on their first series of the night as senior defensive back Keith Lesniak and linebacker Dan Gallery recorded tackles on junior

St. Patrick running back Jeremy Stephen. Linebacker Pat Casey would force the Shamrocks to punt after knocking down a third and ten pass. Corliss, who finished the game 16

would stall after Corliss' fourth and four incompleteness to Mike DiPiazza.

St. Patrick's ball control offense failed to produce any points before the half as the Dons dominated on

yard loss at their own 2-yard line. The Shamrocks would be called for a safety on the next play after a holding call with three minutes left in the half.

The second half would turn out

yard TD run put the Shamrocks in the lead for good at 3:34 of the fourth quarter. The Dons couldn't stop #41 of St. Pat's as he ran for over 50 yards in the second half, breaking tackles in Notre Dame territory.

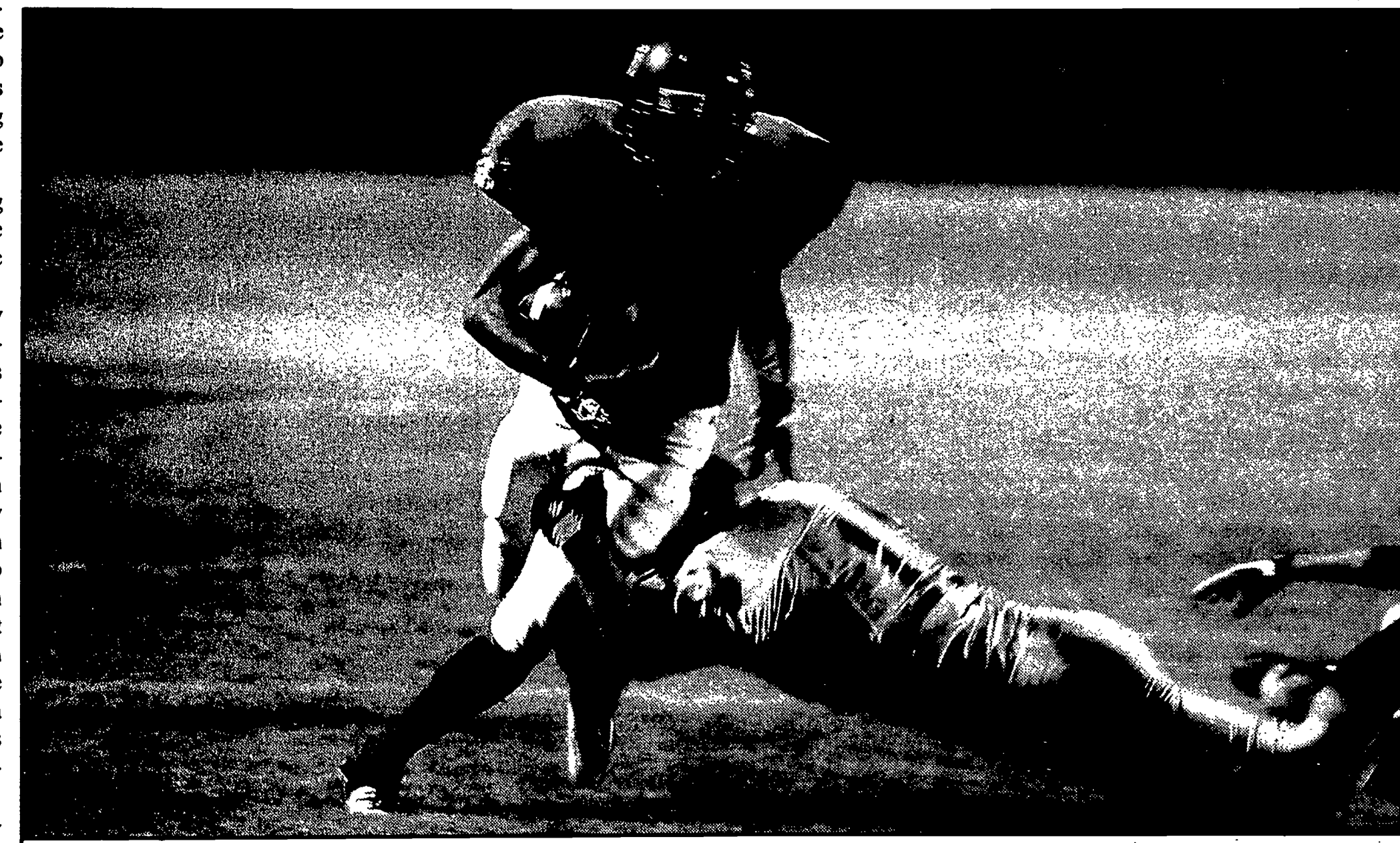
A fumble on a ND handoff exchange was picked up by lineman Joe Pullia at the ND 21, resulting in a 14-yard TD run by Mark Dietz to make the score 16-12 at 2:08 in the third.

"It was two different halves of the ballgame. We had a chance for that third score, had we gotten it, it would have given us a lot of life. They came out in the second half and took control of the line of scrimmage. We couldn't stop the run and we didn't maintain possession of the ball long enough to keep the ball out of their hands," said coach Mike Hennessey.

"We got a long way to go. It's

hard with two losses at this point in time. We're playing some great competition, but we've got to go on from here pick up some wins," said a disappointed coach Mike Hennessey.

The Dons host St. Patrick at home next Friday in search for



Notre Dame wide receiver Mike DiPiazza spins away from St. Pats defender on his way to a short gain in the first half of their game at Notre Dame Friday night.

both sides of the ball. Notre Dame took a commanding 16-0 lead at the half, due in large part to the duo of Corliss to Cirone. The defensive play of the first was turned in by LB Dean Cademartori and DE Godfrey Henry. They sacked QB Keith Yopchick for a 6-

to be a nightmare for the Dons as St. Patrick, led by poised quarterback Keith Yopchick let its efficient running game do the work. Junior Jeremy Stephen, (26 carries, 126 yards, 2 TD) ran several sweeps and counters to wear down the Don defense. Stephen's 43-

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A SPORTING VIEW: The Power Game

By Chris Richcreek

This week, Notre Dame kicks off its Big Ten football schedule by traveling to the University of Michigan for a huge game against the Wolverines. Being an alert reader, you are probably saying "aha" right about now, because you know that Notre Dame is not a member of the Big Ten.

Yet the Fighting Irish will have an effect this year on the Big Ten, the Big East and maybe even the ACC — perhaps as much by what they do off the field as what they do on it.

Start with on the field. Coming off last season's rebirth under new coach Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame is a force on the gridiron once again. And although it has no conference ties, the team truly is entering the Big Ten part of its schedule, as Michigan State and Purdue follow this week's Michigan contest.

Later this season, Notre Dame will

face Big East teams Pittsburgh, Boston College and Syracuse, and it will also have a rematch with Florida State of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

And don't think non-conference games have no effect on conference standings. The lift from a win against Notre Dame can carry over to games against conference opponents. A loss can be shrugged off, but it can also send a team into a tailspin.

That being said, Notre Dame's bigger impact could come off the field, as a shifting college conference landscape moves toward stability. The king of the independents sits high with its TV deal with NBC and automatic at-large bid for the Bowl Championship Series. Yet the aforementioned conferences have an interest in what Notre Dame might choose to do next. To wit:

* The Big East already has Notre Dame on its roster competing in other sports. An addition of Notre Dame football would make the

loss of Miami and Virginia Tech to the ACC easier to take and bring back much-needed pigskin prestige to the conference.

* The ACC could use a 12th team, and Notre Dame would be a big catch for a conference that is rapidly emerging as a football power.

* If the Big Ten ever decides to move to 12 teams, the addition of Notre Dame, which rebuffed such an offer in 1999, could make it the dominant college football power conference.

Notre Dame could just remain as an independent, quietly admired for its power but outwardly despised. Any offer for conference affiliation would have to be very sweet to entice Notre Dame to leave independence behind.

But even if the Fighting Irish remain alone, that, too, will have an effect on what other schools and conferences do. That's what true power is about, and Notre Dame currently wields it on and off the field.

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Sept. 13	BOYS SOCCER @ Home Zeedyke Invite V 10 am -12:30pm
Sept. 13	BOYS CROSS COUNTRY 31st Annual Gordon Tech. Invite F/J/V/V 9am
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Sept. 13	GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY @ Lake Park Invite F/S/V 9:30 am
Sept. 13	GIRLS SWIMMING @ St. Viator Invite V 10 am
Sept. 13	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ Niles North FA Tour. 8 am
Sept. 15	BOYS SOCCER Maine East @ Home FA 4:45 pm
Sept. 15	BOYS SOCCER Maine East @ Home FB 4:30 pm
Sept. 16	BOYS GOLF vs Maine South @ Home JV/V 4 pm
Sept. 16	BOYS SOCCER Maine East SV 5pm/7pm
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Sept. 17	BOYS GOLF @ Maine West JV/V TBA
Sept. 17	BOYS SOCCER Sept. 17 vs Lake Forest @ Home FA/V JV 4:30 pm
Sept. 18	BOYS SOCCER Sept. 18 vs St. Patrick @ Home FA/S 4:45 pm
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Sept. 11	BOYS GOLF @ Glenbrook North SV TBA
Sept. 11	BOYS SOCCER @ Leyden SV 4:30pm
Sept. 11	GIRLS TENNIS vs Waukegan @ Home JV/V 4:30pm
Sept. 11	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL @ St. Charles FAB/J/V 5pm
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Sept. 16	GOLF @ Carmel F/S/V 3:30 pm
Sept. 17	BOYS SOCCER @ Carmel SV 4:30 pm
Sept. 17	GOLF @ Home vs St. Joseph F/S/V 3:30 pm

Niles Youth Council First Fall Meeting

After a summer break, the Niles Youth Council is having its first fall meeting. It is a brand new school year and the Youth Council is once again seeking current 6th-10th graders who live in Niles or attend a Niles school to participate in the Niles Youth Council.

The Council will help develop and plan activities, get involved with community services and have their voices heard.

Old and new members, come to the meeting on September 18th at the Howard Leisure Center from 5:00-6:30 p.m. to learn and discuss upcoming

events, voice your ideas and help plan for the future of the Youth Council. Free pizza and pop will be served. Come eat some pizza, meet new people and use your voice...we'll listen. Any questions please call Christine at (847) 967-6633 or e-mail christine@niles-parks.org

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SPORTS

Niles West swimmers deluge Maine East

ALLEN KALETA

Niles West Girls swim team stroked past Maine East 121-65 on Friday evening September 6 at Niles West. The Junior Varsity won 126-50.

"The kids are swimming well," said coach Dan Vanderjeugd; "it's one of the strongest teams we have had in my four years here."

Vanderjeugd said sophomore Stefani Masterton is a swimmer to watch this year with a time of 59.8 in the 100 yard freestyle on Friday. Masterton later joined up with Jackie Snowsky, Heather Benson, and Loreen Targos to win the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay for Varsity with a time of 1:59:92. Masterton finished the day by winning the Varsity 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:17:47 a good 7 seconds faster than Niles West freshman Cara Corcaran.

Niles West High School will also host a swimming stroke clinic beginning September 15. The clinic, open to children from 6-14 years old, will give them an opportunity to improve their swim stroke with the aid of members of the Swordfish swim team.

The Junior Swordfish will host a clinic for children 6-9 years of age beginning September 22 and ending November 4. A second session is scheduled to begin November 11 and end December 23. Fees for each session is \$115.00. For more information please call the Niles West Athletic Department 1-847-626-2801.



Niles West Senior Misa Rivera grabs a breathe before returning to her freestyle form in the 200 yard individual medley versus Maine East Friday, Sept. 5. Rivera won the varsity match up with a time of 2:44:05.

Photo by Allen Kaleta/Bugle

PARK RIDGE

Perfect weather helps pack Oktoberfest

WENDY ELLIS

Fabulous weekend weather brought the crowds out to the 13th annual Park Ridge Oktoberfest and Carnival this past weekend. "This is the second best year we've had," said Southpark Merchant treasurer Jim Foster, who estimates this year's event brought at least 4 to 5,000 people out to the three day carnival. Having been moved off the grass two years ago because of heavy rains, the city closed down a stretch of Talcott for the second year in a row to make way for the Carnival rides. "We learned a lot from last year, about spacing and what rides go well next to others," said Foster.

The merchants also sponsored this year's car show, which was a huge success. "They expected about 20 cars, and they got about 40," said Foster. Twenty trophies were handed out, including two Best of Show. Best Stock Trophy went to Ron Mikrut of Mount Prospect, who showed up with a 1956 Chevy. Wheeling car buff Rick Boghoff won Best of Show Modified for his 1966 Pontiac GTO.

A good time was had by all, according to Park Ridge mom Laurie Cairns who had several youngsters in tow, armed with game prizes and food. "It seems bigger this year," said Cairns. "And it's nice not having it on the grass." 12 year old Steven Wear volunteered that the "dropping" ride was the best on the midway.

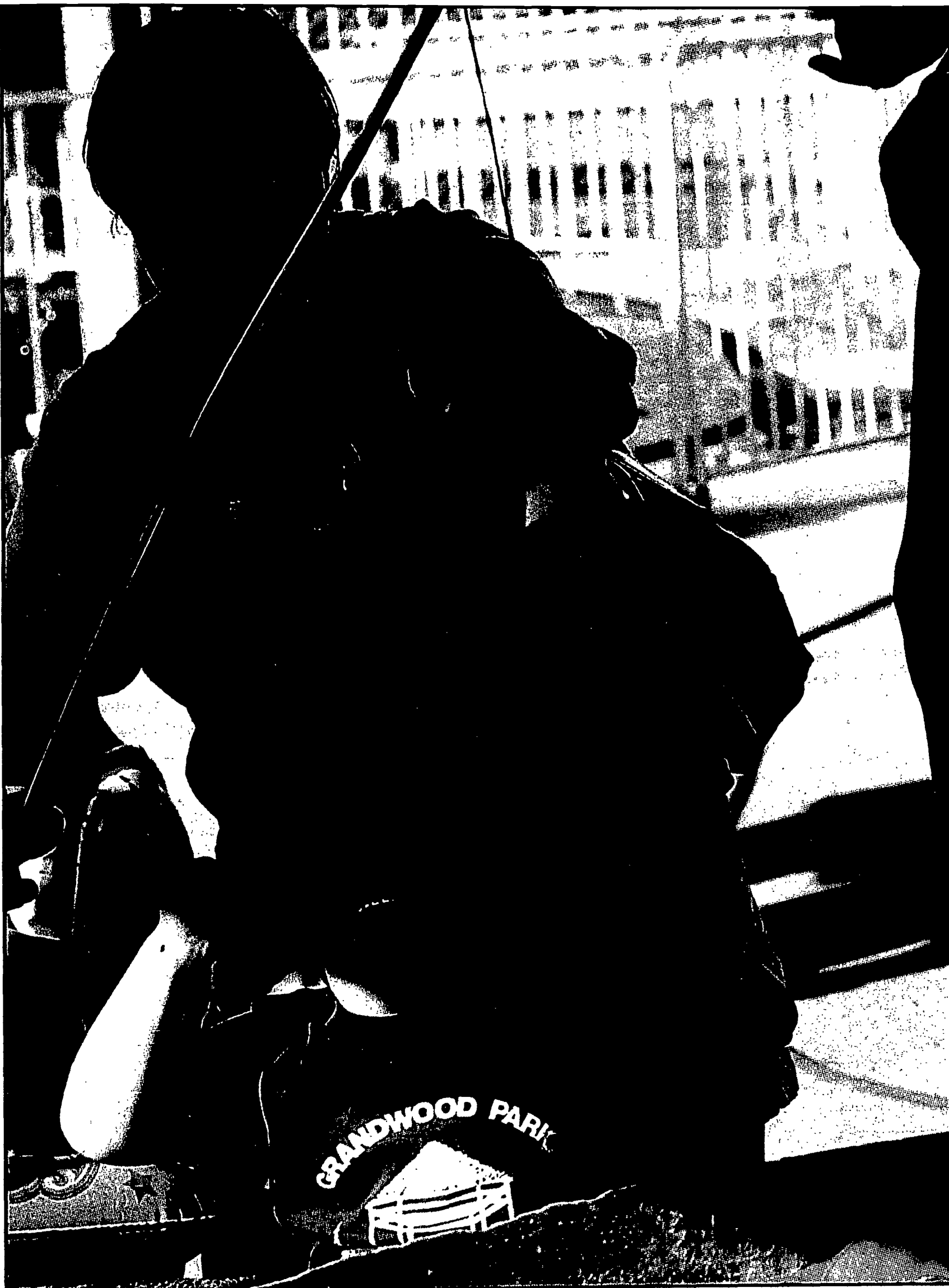
8 year old Alex Hyslop declared the bumper cars the best. Her 2 year old sister Anna was more the Merry go Round type.

Another satisfied group of young men were laden down with prizes from the carnival games. 5th grader Nathaniel, who was toting a framed picture of dogs playing poker, rated the games better than the rides. "Sometimes they can be tough, but you get great prizes if you win." Since he'd already won a framed picture of Homer Simpson the day before, he was probably headed home to redecorate his room.

The annual event is a joint effort by the Chamber of Commerce and the Southpark Merchant's Association. The Chamber hosted the Saturday Oktoberfest feasting which included brats, hot dogs and wienerschnitzel.

"All the money received goes back into the community," said Foster. In previous years, the carnival proceeds have paid for the gaslights up and down Devon Avenue. Last year, the money paid for the median plants along the street. The Merchants also make annual donations to the police and fire departments from this event.

The sponsors always contact the neighbors afterwards to make sure they're happy and there were no problems. And within hours of closing up shop, the work had begun for next year's event.



An overjoyed Jonathan Morrelli, 4, watches as his mother Jean pulls out a forg at the "Catch-A-Frog" game at the Park Ridge Oktoberfest, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6.

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Hay Caramba likes taste of Uptown Park Ridge

TRACY YOSHIDA

Hay Caramba Mexican restaurant at 146 S. Euclid in Park Ridge is expected to move to 122 S. Prospect in Park Ridge sometime next year.

"We are working on the drawings and applying for a permit," said owner, Bull Saavedra. "We're moving because I bought the property," said Saavedra. "It's in a better location."

Saavedra believes that business will improve at the new location. Hay Caramba has been located in Park Ridge for 12 years.

"It's still good," said Saavedra, about business in the current location. "It's not the way it used to be."

In addition to being in a different location, the new restaurant will be larger, containing about 4,500 sq. ft. compared to the 2,900 sq. ft. it current has.

Saavedra said that they were initially considering having condos connected to the building, but he said that they would have been too expensive to build.

The new restaurant will continue operating with the same menu and it will maintain its sit down casual style.

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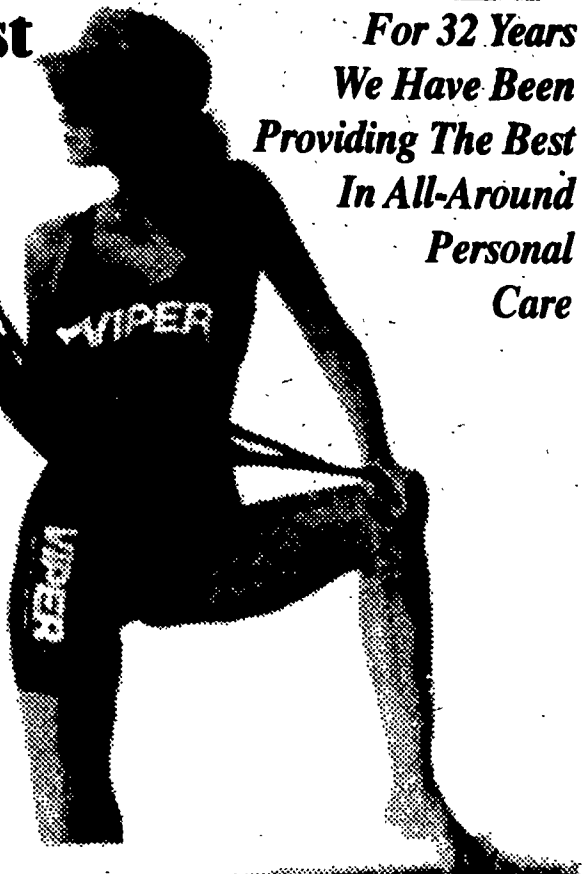
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Cultural Arts Showcase performed at Maine South



Brian Hotchkisson, I., and Amy Pickering, sing "Dunque io son" at the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Showcase. The event was held at Maine South High School, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7.

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Park District, City close to \$1 million agreement

TRACY YOSHIDA

Park Ridge Park District Commissioner Bob Trizna and Park Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke both say they feel "optimistic" toward an agreement that is likely to involve the city providing \$1 million for capital improvements at Hinkley and Hodges parks.

The park district requested that 60% of the lost new value revenue from the T.I.F. district property be

reimbursed by the city plus an additional 40% or \$1 million. Trizna said the park district felt they deserved more than the 60%, because they were saving the city more than \$1 million by allowing them to use Hinkley for a reservoir site.

"In one respect we deserve more than the schools," said Trizna. "We'll cap the top at \$1 million. We're trying to be the good guy."

"Our attorney has advised us not to go with a percentage," said Schuenke, who said the city will

likely provide \$1 million for capital improvements at the parks. Some of the money will go toward fixing the restrooms, the parking lot on Morris St. and the sidewalk on Busse at Hinkley Park. Other improvements will take place at Hinkley.

"As of this moment we have no absolute firm locked down agreement, but we are optimistic," shared Trizna.

"I'm equally optimistic," said Schuenke. "I'm sure we can get it done."

POLICE BLOTTER

PARK RIDGE

■ **Burglary (700 block of N. Elmore.)**
Thieves took a \$2,000 computer and a computer scanner from a home in the 700 block of N. Elmore by opening an unlocked rear patio door August 25-26.

■ **Burglary to Motor Vehicle (1500 N. Northwest Hwy.)**
Thieves broke the passenger side window of a 1992 Ford truck and removed a sewing machine, a basin wrench, and miscellaneous drills and wrenches August 26. Estimated value of loss was \$1,970.

■ **Cell phone stolen (600 block of N. Ottawa)**
Thieves broke into a 1998 Chevy van August 21-22 morning and took a Nokia cell phone and sunglasses. Estimated value of items taken \$450.

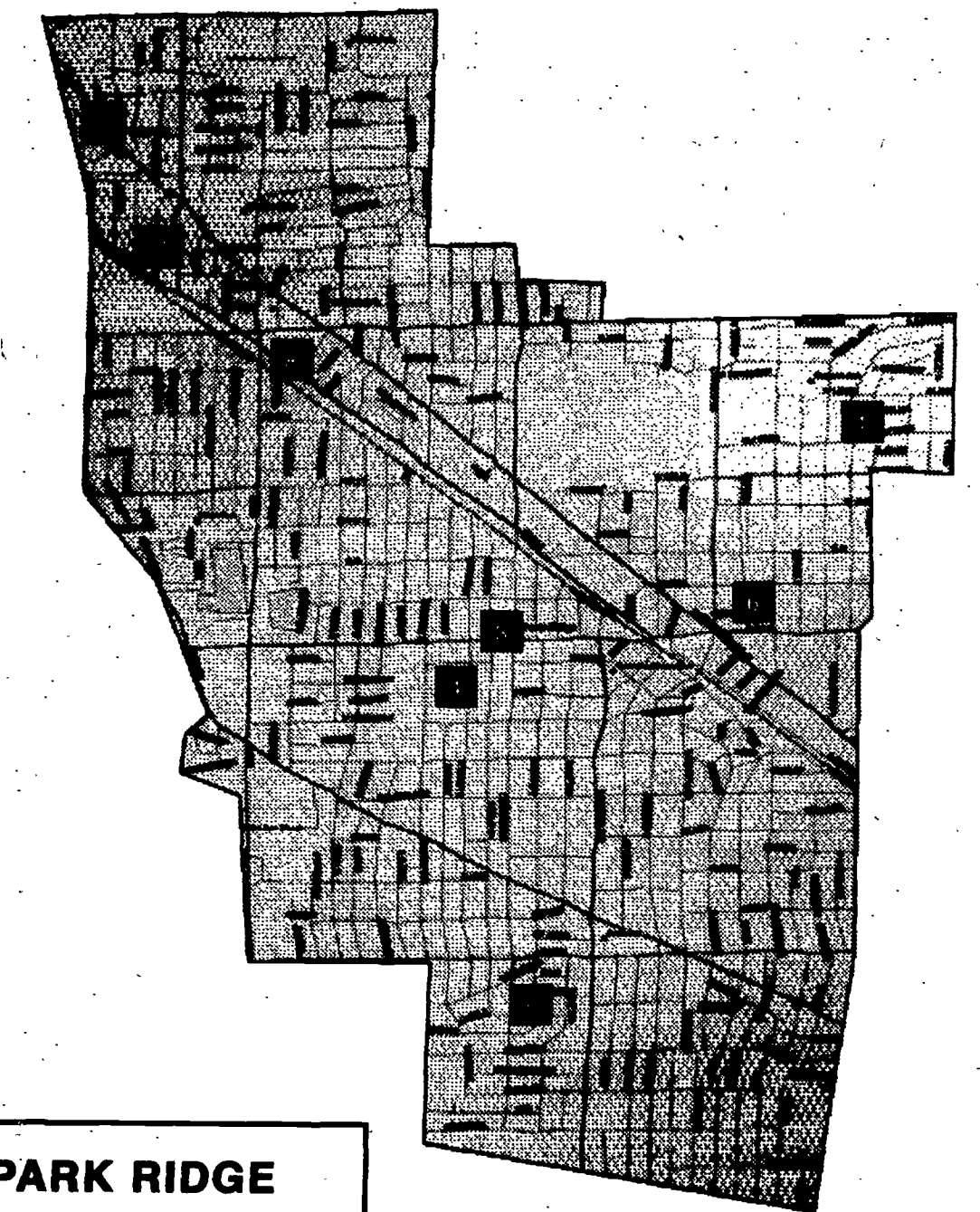
■ **Car stereo taken (1400 block of W. Garden)**
Thieves took a Sony car stereo and a Motorola cell phone charger from a car parked in the 1400 block of Garden St. Wednesday August 27. Estimated value of loss was \$330.

■ **IDs and Dry cleaning stolen (100 block of Chester)**
Thieves entered and unlocked 1996 Chevy Cavalier sometime overnight August 27-28 and took a wallet, credit cards, a black bag, DVDs and dry cleaned clothing.

■ **Burglars break sunroof to steal wallet (1000 block of Washington)**
Someone broke the sunroof of a 1996 Ford Taurus overnight August 27-28 and stole a wallet with \$200 and credit cards.

■ **Cars spray painted (1300 block of Elliot)**
A 1999 Mercury Mountaineer and a 1993 Ford van were damaged with spray paint around 7:30 pm Sunday August 24

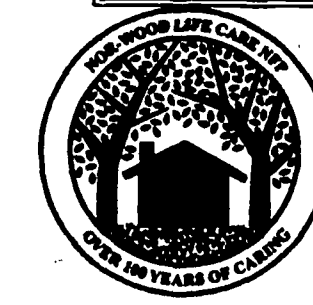
■ **Windshields smashed (900 blocks of Buses Hwy)**
Vandals used rocks to break the windshields on two cars parked in a dealers lot in the 900 block of Buses Highway, early Friday morning August 22.



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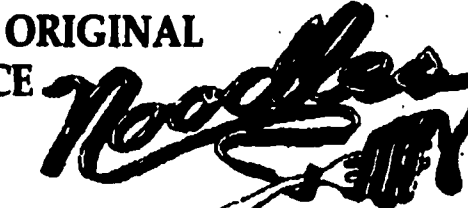
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Maine South running back Andy Cupp finds daylight for a first down in their game against Warren, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6.

Maine South scores win for first home game

MIKE SANTORO

The Maine South Hawks looked to impress the crowd last Saturday in its home opener against the Warren Bears. The Hawks improved their record to 2-0 with a 34-14 win over the Bears.

Passing was the name of the game for the Hawks as Maine South Quarterback Sean Price went 34-44 for 309 yards and 4 touchdowns. The first score came early in the first quarter after an interception by Maine South safety Mike Bello. This set up a drive that would end in a 4-yard touchdown from Price to senior Brian Schlitter. After exchanging fumbles with Warren, Price

would again hook up with Schlitter for an 8-yard lob pass in the back corner of the end zone. On the next Hawk drive Price would again move the offense up the field, capping the drive with a 10-yard pass to senior wide receiver Alberto DeCicco.

Warren threatened at the end of the half pounding the Hawk defense with the run, but with time expiring they were forced to end the half with a 21-point deficit.

Maine South came out of the half fired up and Price threw his fourth touchdown of the day, completing a 22-yard pass up the middle to senior wide receiver Mike Labus.

The fourth quarter allowed Warren to take advantage of one of Price's few mistakes, when Warren Defensive Back Marvin Bemby returned an interception 23 yards for the Bear's first score of the day.

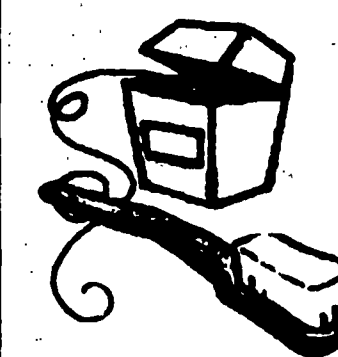
The Hawks would respond with an 80-yard drive finished by a 2-yard touchdown run by junior Andy Cupp leaving little time for Warren to respond. A final drive gave Warren another touchdown from junior Tony Butler but unfortunately for the Bears it was too little too late.

Maine South travels this week to Highland Park to face the Giants at 2pm.

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- Sept. 11** **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
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- Sept. 12** **BOYS SOCCER**
@ Buffalo Grove FA/JV 4:45 pm
- Sept. 12** **GIRLS GOLF**
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- Sept. 12** **GIRLS SWIMMING**
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- Sept. 13** **GIRLS SWIMMING**
@ Hoffman Est. Inv. V 10/1 pm
- Sept. 13** **GIRLS TENNIS**
Buffalo Grove Inv. 8 am
- Sept. 15** **BOYS GOLF**
@ Buffalo Grove All 3:30 pm
- Sept. 15** **BOYS SOCCER**
vs Niles North F/JV 4:45 pm
- Sept. 15** **GIRLS GOLF**
Waukegan JV/V 4:30 pm
- Sept. 16** **BOYS SOCCER**
@ Niles North S/V 4:45 pm
- Sept. 16** **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
vs Maine East @ Home 4:30 pm
- Sept. 16** **BOYS GOLF**
@ Niles West JV/V 3:30 pm
- Sept. 16** **GIRLS GOLF**
Sept. 16 @ York JV/V 4pm
- Sept. 16** **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**
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- Sept. 17** **BOYS SOCCER**
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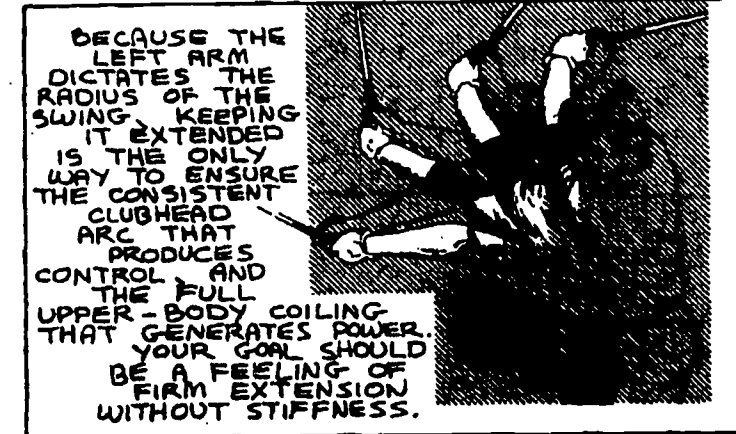
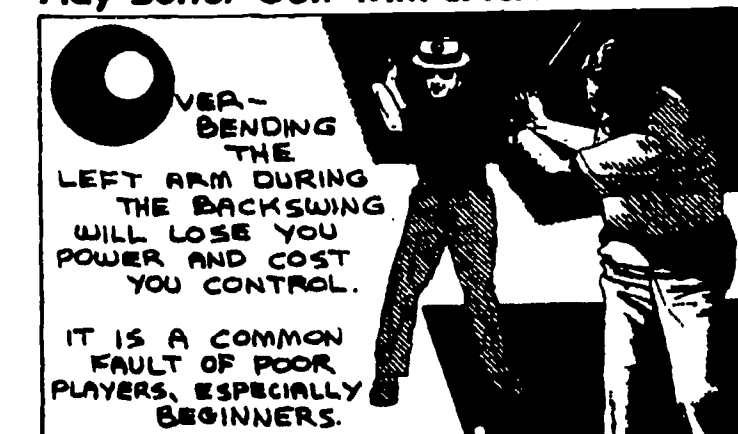
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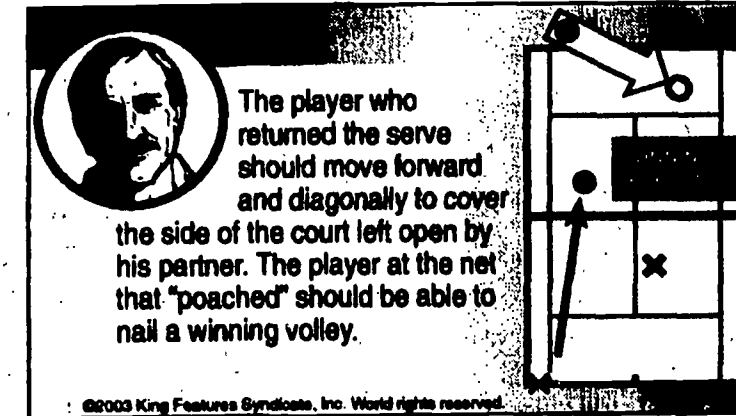
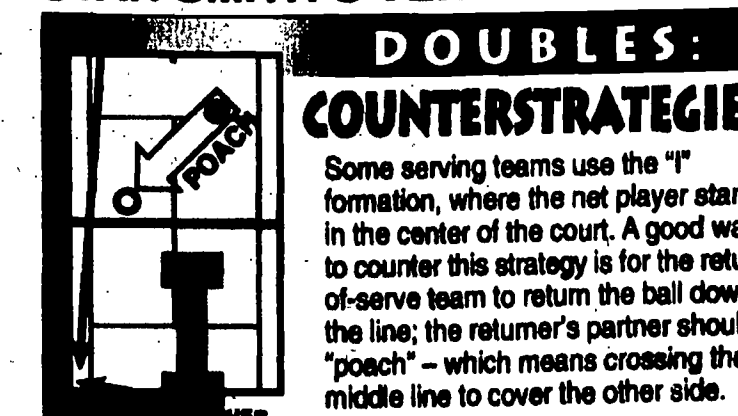
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BOOKS — Recommended Reading

"The Virgin Blue"
by Tracy Chevalier
(Plume, \$14)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

Tracy Chevalier won great acclaim for her 2001 best seller "Girl With a Pearl Earring," a finely detailed novel of 17th-century Holland (a movie adaptation is currently in production). "The Virgin Blue," a novel written prior to "Girl," is also a historical tale, but with something of a time-travel twist.

Ella Turner is an American trying to start a new life with her husband in a small French town. Shunned by her new neighbors, she fills her time by delving into her past, attempting to trace her French ancestry. But Ella finds herself haunted by disturbing dreams, although she can remember little of them — only strange words, an overwhelming sense of fear and an indescribably beautiful blue.

Isabelle Tournier is a French woman of the 16th century, also something of an outcast in her village. She and her family are uprooted by religious turmoil and forced to seek a new home where she can raise her children in peace. Surrounded by danger and superstition, Isabelle clings to a long-ago vision of beauty — a glimpse of an indescribably beautiful blue.

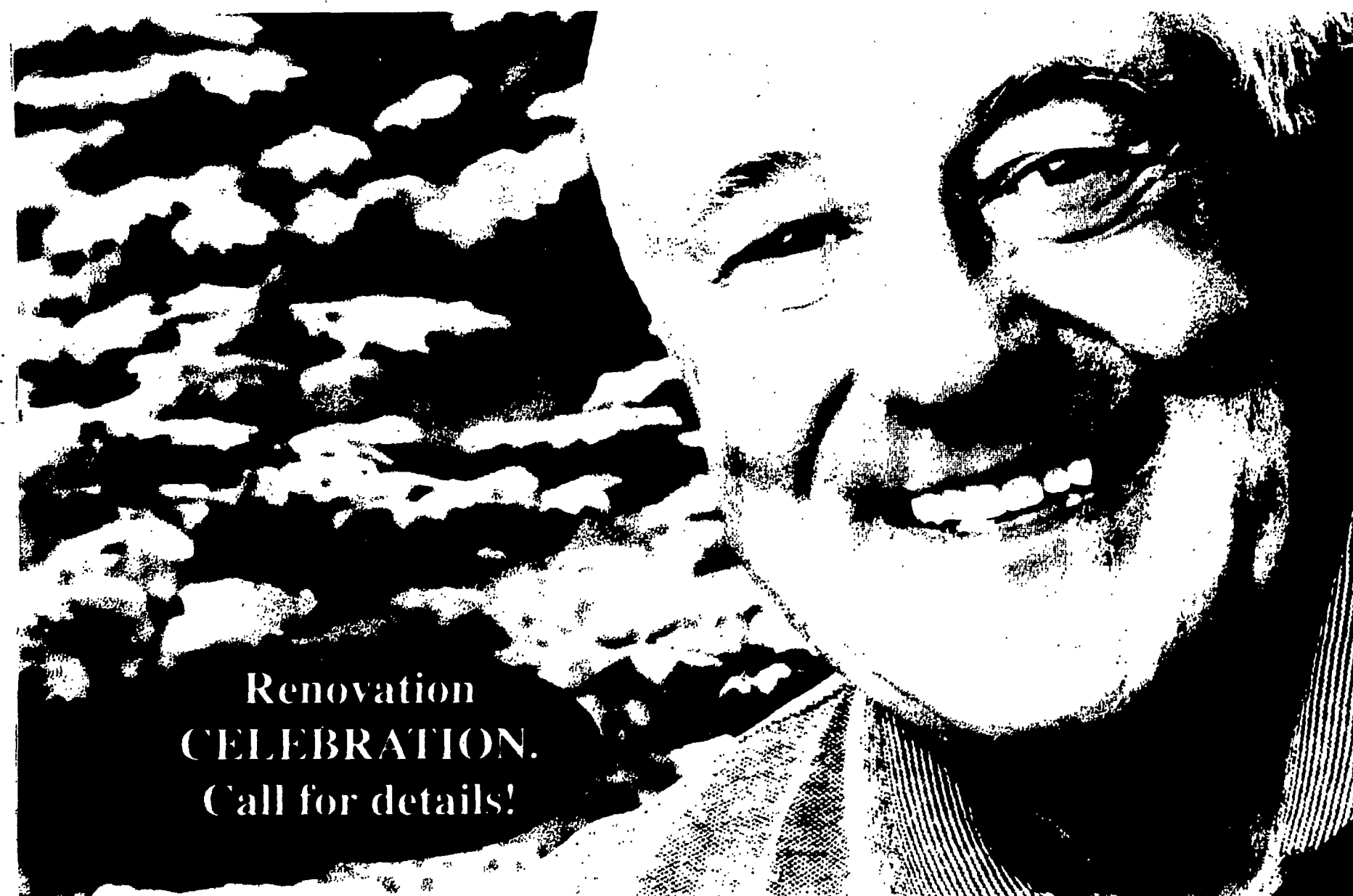
Striking similarities in the lives of the two women are slowly revealed as the reader is transported back and forth through history, pulled ominously toward the terrible secret that will tie them together. Certain elements of the mystery may be easy to predict, but the whole of Ella and Isabelle's parallel story is absorbing, and matching up the events of the two lives offers an intriguing thrill for the reader.

With vivid details and lyrical language, Chevalier creates a luminous story of love and revelation, both terribly sad and terribly hopeful.

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Historic River Walk scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20

WENDY ELLIS

Wear long pants and good walking shoes and don't forget the bug repellent if you plan to explore the secrets of the Chicago River with the Morton Grove Historical Society. The two mile walk on Saturday, Sept. 20 is hosted by retired naturalist and archeologist Ed Lace, who's been privy to the river's secrets for many years.

Those secrets are both natural and man made. For instance, did you know city dwellers used to come out by train to spend the day at a turn of the century recreation area in the St. Paul Woods?

"It had a dance hall, and probably a beer garden and a carousel!" said Lace. "There was an old wooden bridge over the river that people crossed from where the train was parked."

Lace brings old photographs of the recreation area to share with walkers so they can get a sense of what the area was like a century ago.

Going even further back in time, Lace takes you to an old Indian Fishing Weir that he estimates has been there for roughly 200 years.

"A fishing weir is kind of a trap. Fish moving upstream have to pass through a narrow spot, and that's where Indians would

cast their nets or stab them with a spear." The river's plant life is a focus of the walk. Lace will show you the native plants and trees as well as the non-native varieties. Catalpa trees, native to the south-

west part of the country, may have once ringed the recreation area. The people are gone, but many of the trees remain. Lace points out what may be an Indian Bent tree. Indians used to bend

certain trees towards things like fresh water springs and river crossings, to mark the trail.

"There's one huge tree there called the Hackberry tree," says Lace. "It's not very often you find a tree that large in this part of the country." Even trash from long vanished farms, like broken glass and crockery, can tell a story, which Lace is ready to share with hikers.

The river walk is free of charge, but if you want to join the trek sign up at the Morton Grove Historical Society by calling 847-965-0203. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The walk begins at the entrance to St. Paul Woods in the Forest Preserve, across from the Morton Grove train station.



Ed Lace, a retired naturalist with the Cook County Forest Preserve pictured here on a previous River Walk. Photo courtesy Morton Grove

David Spade totally inadequate in 'Dickie Roberts'

MIKE KONCZAL

When making a comedy vehicle, it's important to have a lead character people will like. This seems common-sense enough, and you think after more than 80 years of filmmaking Hollywood producers would have caught on to such a rule. Hopefully after sitting through Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star, Hollywood may actually write this rule down.

Dickie Roberts is a burnt-out 70s child sitcom star played by Former Saturday Night Live comedian David Spade. In order to help secure the acting part of a lifetime he hires a family to raise him as their child. Most of the humor is based around the idea that Spade's character fails at most things and people just don't like him. Random people taunt him, call him a loser, while his car is destroyed, his agent can't get calls taken, and he valet parks cars. This humor comprises the majority of the movie, and if it

sounds like it gets old as you read this review it gets even older on the screen.

Virtually every character is recognizable as some Hollywood B star playing themselves. Countless former TV stars, from the guy who played Greg Brady to the guy who played Screech hang out with Dickie and help him along his quest. It takes a while to make a movie, and the time between the script being written to the final product arriving in theaters can take years and years. Even though this movie feels like it was churned out in a week, no matter how much time it took former TV stars hitting rock bottom is a concept that lost most of its edge a decade and a half ago with the Different Strokes family falling on hard times (though not too hard lately if Gary Coleman can elect himself Governor of California).

Spade does have his strong points though. Spade's snide, caustic demeanor makes for an excellent foil, and the stuff Spade will best be

remembered for are his movies he did with Chris Farley (Tommy Boy, Black Sheep). Spade abrasive sense of humor was balanced by the childlike destructiveness of Farley's massive build and presence. Together they acted as one complete character.

By himself however, Spade feels like a supporting character that has wandered into the wrong set. There's nothing wrong with playing supporting characters. Some of my favorite actors, from Steve Buscemi to Phillip Seymour Hoffman, suffer in starring vehicles but absolutely shine with they can play in the background, stealing scenes when they are present but not having to worry about being the center of attention. Spade has none of the characteristics that you would want to see in your leading man. His whole comedy is based on being snide and unlikeable, and sure enough, after about 15 minutes you won't like him at all. The feeling won't change after finishing this movie.

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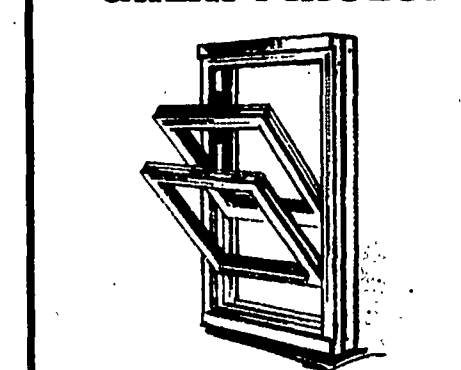
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Just for snobby rich people. That seemed to be the message of Lyric Opera of Chicago's fourth annual free concert "Stars of Lyric Opera at Grant Park." An absolutely theatrical-looking moon drifted across an unusually clear night sky.

The weather was ideal at the Music Shell, with the audience and orchestra in short sleeves. Opera lovers brought picnic baskets and stretched out on blankets underneath the stars, while in the seats near the stage could be seen other stars, such as British stage director Sir Peter Hall, who will direct Lyric's opening show, Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

William Mason, the Chicago-born General Director of Lyric, gave the opening remarks. Sir Andrew Davis, dressed in black formalwear, walked briskly onto the stage to conduct the Lyric Opera Orchestra.

The opening selection was Rossini's overture "La gazza ladra" (The Thieving Magpie). Though possessed of a story that is so silly—even by operatic standards—that the opera is no longer performed, the overture is still popular, and received a solid and vigorous performance.

More Rossini followed with "Largo al factotum"—the famous fast-talking "Figaro" number from "The Barber of Seville." Singing with personality and humor was baritone Quinn Kelsey, a huge young man from Hawaii who looks as though he could be a wrestler. Kelsey is a first-year member of the

unique Lyric Opera Center of American Artists, which sponsors select singers to be trained for several years in singing, languages, stage movement, etc. They also have the

Polezani, magnificently substituting for an indisposed singer with "Una furtiva lagrima" (A secret tear) from Bellini's "The Elixir of Love."

Singing selections from Donizetti, Rossini, and Halevy, four established international stars closed the first half to deserved cheers: Canadian-Armenian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, Italian bass-baritone Ildebrando D'Arcangelo, and—in a category by themselves—Canadian tenor Ben Heppner and American lyric-coloratura soprano Ruth Ann Swenson.

The second half of the show was devoted entirely to the music of Hector Berlioz, continuing the international observation of the 200th anniversary of his birth. Lauren McNeese returned for a gorgeous "Romance" from "The Damnation of Faust," and Isabel Bayrakdarian returned for an equally beautiful "Les belles fleurs" (The



From top left, singers, Ben Heppner, Isabel Bayrakdarian (Susanna), Lauren McNeese (Cherubino) and Ruth Ann Swenson (Countess Almaviva) performed in Lyric's fourth annual "Stars of Lyric Opera at Grant Park" on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003.

invaluable opportunity to sing supporting roles during the season. For the rest of this article the Center will be referred to as LOC.

A third-year LOC singer was next, Tulsa-born soprano Lauren McNeese, stunning in a close-fitting sparkling gown. She displayed a firm and fine voice in the aria "Nobles seigneurs, salut" (Noble lords, I salute you) from Meyerbeer's "Les Huguenots" (The Huguenots).

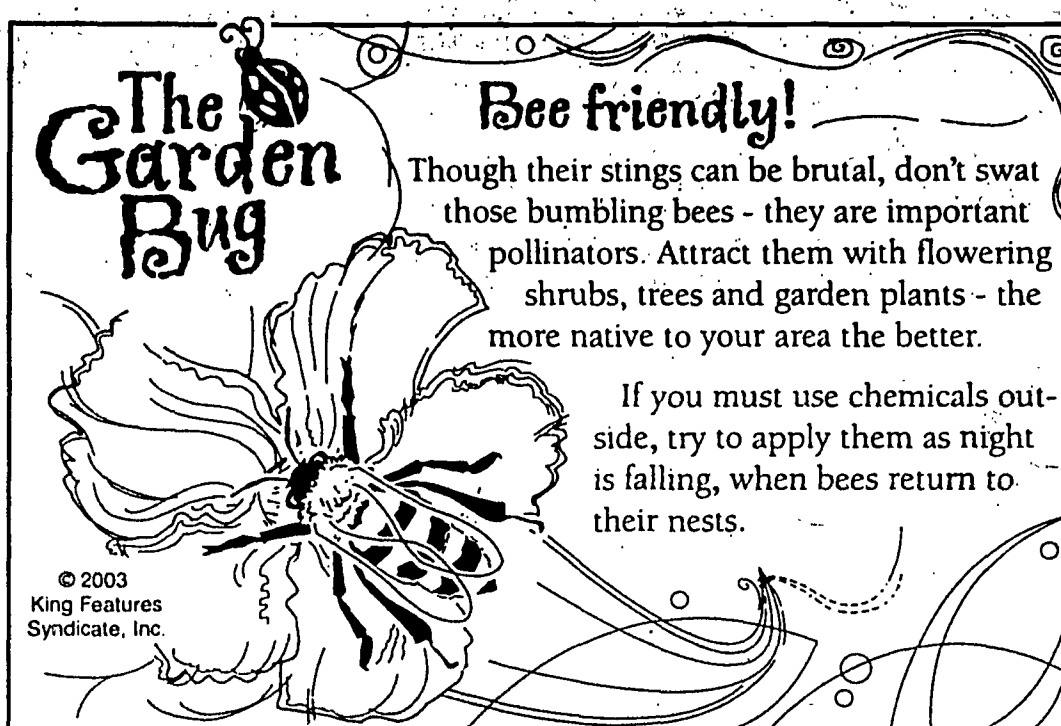
Two other LOC members distinguished themselves: Iowa-born bass-baritone Wayne Tigges in a selection from Bellini's "La sonnambula" (The Sleepwalker), and a Wilmette native, tenor Matthew

lovely "Benvenuto Cellini." Matthew Polezani came back for a smoothly polished "O blond Ceres" from "Les Troyens" (The Trojans), and, as Aeneas from that same opera, Ben Heppner displayed remarkable dramatic power in "Inutiles regrets" (Futile regrets). Sir Andrew and the orchestra brought out the playful side of Berlioz's Shakespeare-inspired overture "Beatrice et Benedict" before Bayrakdarian joined a second-year LOC member, Chinese mezzo-soprano Guang Yang, for a hypnotic duet from that same Shakespearean opera.

Wedding Announcement:

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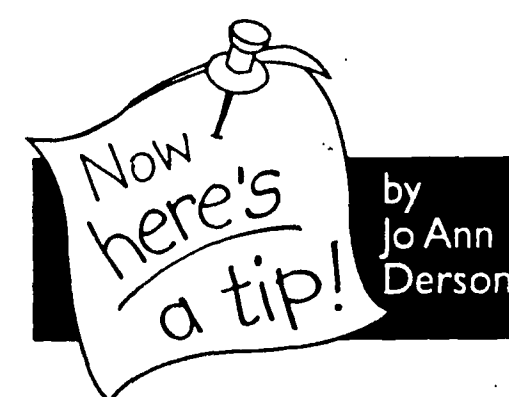


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Keeping Pests Out

Q. We've developed a bit of a bug problem in our home lately, and we're not sure why. The exterminator is coming next week, but what caused this problem? We've never had trouble before. — *Elias K., Kennesaw, Ga.*

A. If you clean your home regularly (and of course you do), and bugs suddenly appear, a change in the environment around the house — inside or out — is often to blame. The abundance of multi-legged pests can be caused by anything from a change in normal weather patterns, a shift in the location of certain items, or undetected access points to the house (such as cracks in the foundation).

Check your home, inside and out. Inspect the outside walls and foundation for cracks or holes and patch any you find. Check all windows and doors, and make sure they fit snugly in their frames. If a window is drafty (signaling a possible access point), add weatherstripping or caulk around the drafty area. Inspect screens for holes or rips, and repair any you find.

Check out foliage near the foundation of your house. Are foundation plants (shrubs or ground covers) located right up against the wall? If so, prune the branches back a few inches. If they're planted very close to the foundation, consider removing them and replanting shrubs farther out from the wall, so that encroaching roots don't damage the foundation and create an entry point.

Now, note the location of potential trouble spots. Extra-large bags of pet food shouldn't be stored inside the

house, tuck them into a dry, elevated spot in the garage (always check carefully before reaching in to scoop out food, in case an unfriendly animal is rooting around in there, too. Trust me, I know). Or, store pet food in a large plastic container that can be sealed tightly. Don't store firewood inside the house either, since woodpiles often harbor various pests, including spiders and roaches. Store it outside, at least 12 feet from the foundation. Keep the compost pile away from the house, too.

In the kitchen, store all food, includ-



Schedule a regular home inspection and treatment from a reputable, licensed and bonded pest-control company — ideally, one that guarantees its work — to keep a lid on pests.

ing dry goods, in airtight containers. Clean up leftovers from dinner immediately, and don't allow food to be eaten in other areas of the house. It's inconvenient, but will limit the range of pests and make it easier to eradicate them.

Some of these measures are pretty extreme, but until the pest problem goes away, you'll need to reduce the temptation for them to come inside.

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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Garden Ornamentation is the topic of the Blooming Branches program on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Public Library's Edgebrook Branch, 5331 W. Devon. Learn about the various types of garden ornaments and how to use them to enhance, rather than detract from your garden.

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But all "picture books" don't have to come from a library. Engaging tales can be created right out of the daily activities of your budding reader. Tell your child, "We're going to publish a book!"

First, choose a routine your child is familiar with, such as going for a walk to the park, shopping with you at the grocery store or going to a friend's

house to play. Or, with fall just around the corner, plan a Saturday morning outing in the country to a pumpkin patch.

Fill your camera with film and explain that you're going to take pictures to illustrate the adventure. Ask your child, "Where does the story begin?" As he or she answers the question, you might start taking photos of your child at home putting coins in a pocket for the purchase of a pumpkin, then getting into the car, stopping at a rest stop and arriving at the farm. If your child notices interesting animals or objects, take pictures of them as well. Continue the activity, snapping "action shots" until you return and the pumpkin finds its new home with your family.

Develop the film and spread the photos on a table. Find the picture that best represents the beginning of your child's story, then ask, "What happened next?" Find the pictures as they depict the action, and line them up in a long "story line." Trim and tape each one to construction paper cut slightly smaller than zipper-style sandwich bags. As your child describes each picture, write the text on the extra space on the construction paper. Insert the pages into sandwich bags, close them shut, punch holes along the opposite side of the seal and string the pages together.

Make sure to include a cover page with the title, like "Amanda's Great Pumpkin Adventure."

Write *Donna* with your questions and ideas at www.donnaday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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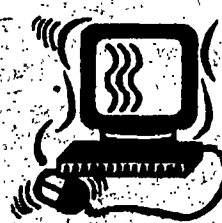
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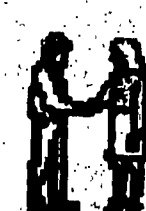
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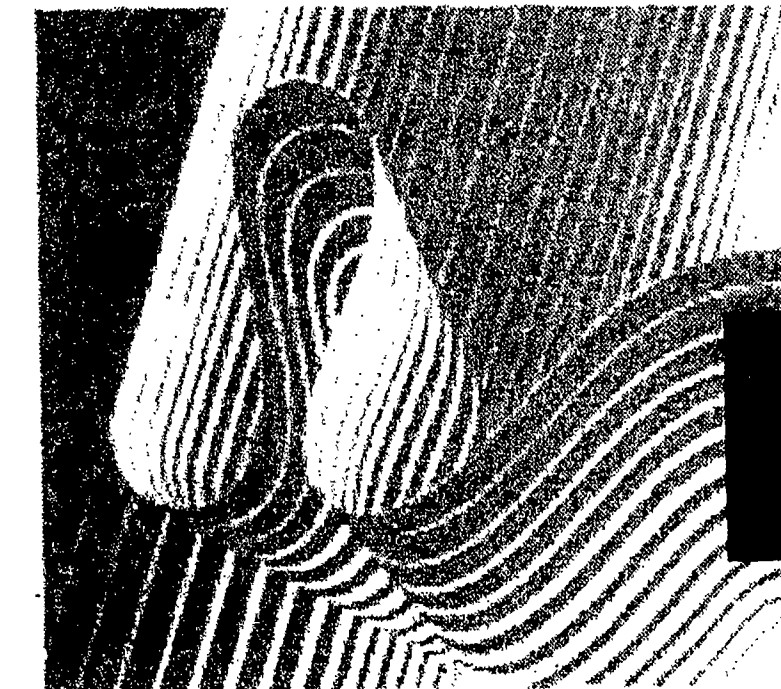
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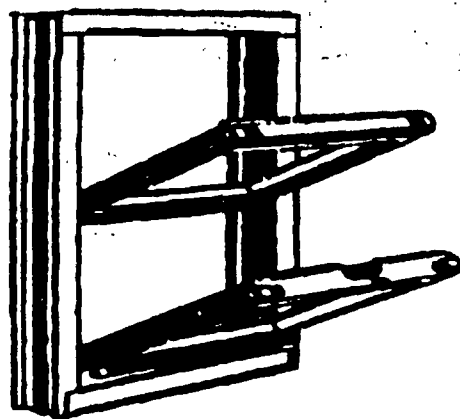
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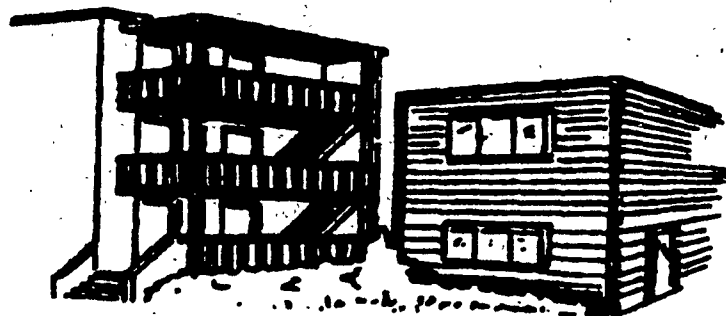
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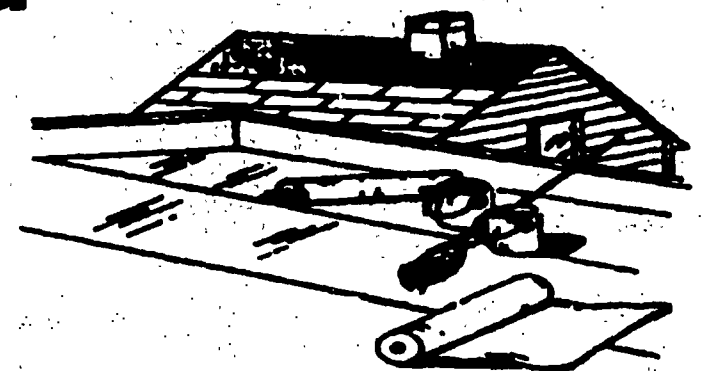
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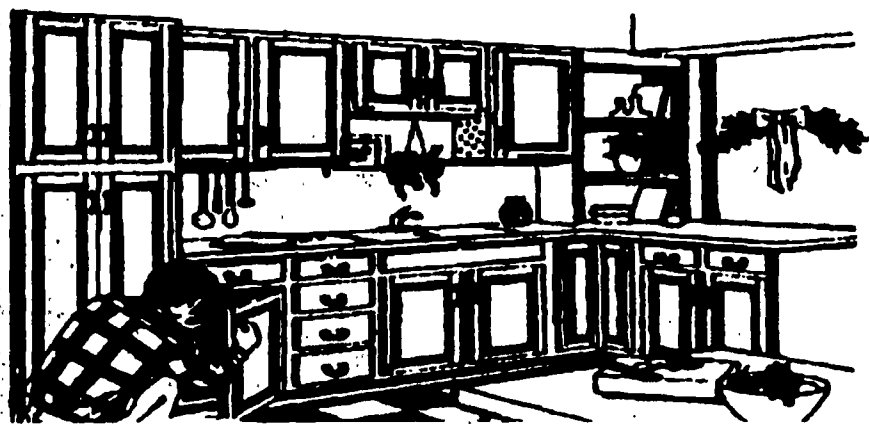


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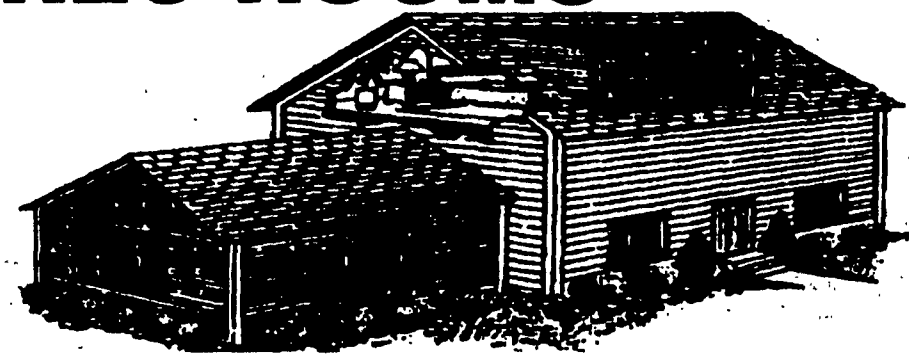
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