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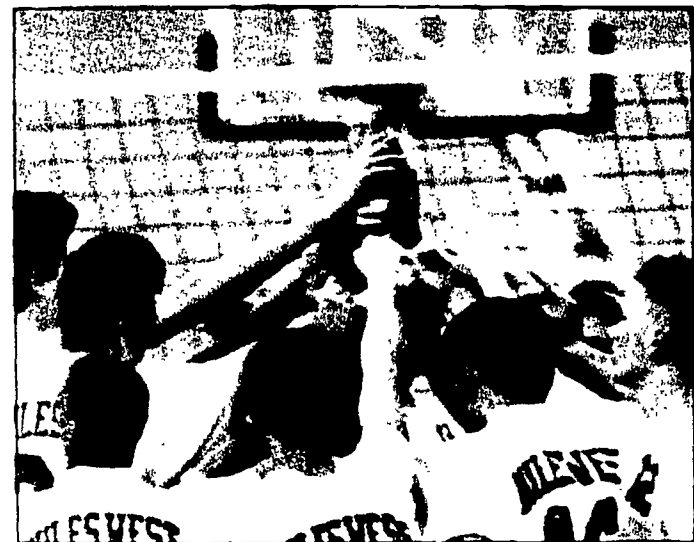
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**THE BUGLE WILL CLOSE AT
NOON FRIDAY APRIL 9TH**

Vandals apprehended thanks to local family

BY WENDY ELLIS
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The perseverance of a Morton Grove family targeted by vandals may have helped local police departments solve a rash of recent vandalisms. It was early Friday morning, March 26, when Tim Payne walked out to his car and noticed his future son-in-law's Delta 88 was sitting low. When Payne checked the car he realized all four tires had been slashed and a brick had been smashed through the windshield. The Morton Grove Police were called and a report made, before the car was taken in for new tires and a windshield.

That might have been the end of it, but in the wee hours of Saturday morning they heard a noise, and saw their next door neighbor talking to the police in front of their house. Once again the Delta 88, owned by Dan Lehman, had had its tires slashed and its side mirror broken. But this time Payne's 2002 Kia Rio also had four flats and his son's car also had two tires cut. This time they found a knife lying in the street next to the

Story Continues...

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Dan Lehman (left) and Tim Payne used a paint ball gun and a video camera to catch vandals along their street in the 8500 block of Major.

Morton Grove seeks members for Economic Development Commission

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The village of Morton Grove announced plans this week to form an Economic Development Commission (EDC) of community and business leaders who would contribute to the future development of the village.

Since 2000, Tim Angell has served as the village's full-time staff member dedicated to economic development. Angell said that creating an EDC has been a serious goal for the last two years.

"During my time with the village I have wanted to have an EDC," he said. "I feel strongly that such a body could help me, the staff, and the village chart an economic development course."

The village board approved

the creation on an EDC last week and Mayor Dan Scanlon has asked residents and business leaders to considering serving on the new body.

"We have benefited from the tremendous involvement of our residents and business owners in volunteering their time for vital committees, from the Plan Commission to advisory groups," Scanlon said. "Now, I ask the community to aid us in attracting businesses to Morton Grove, as well as keeping the great companies, merchants and service businesses that call Morton Grove home."

While no exact number of members has yet been determined for the new organization, Angell said that, in his experience, seven is a good number.

"Seven is a nice number," he said. "Larger numbers are more

difficult to work with, but seven helps make sure that all of the diverse voices of our business community are heard."

Once the members of the EDC are selected and confirmed by the Village Board, the first step will be to establish the bylaws. Angell hopes to have the EDC formed and the bylaws established by late summer.

While Angell is unsure what the Board will eventually decide, he said that other EDCs with which he's worked met once a month.

Anyone interested in serving on the new EDC should send their resumes to Mayor Dan Scanlon by fax at (847) 965-4162, e-mail at t_angell@morton-grove.org, or by post to 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove.

For further information about the position, call (847) 470-5231.

Community pitches in for Food Drive

There are only three weeks left in the first-ever Bugle/Maine Township Food Drive. Maine Township Supervisor Bob Dudycz, Bugle Publisher Rich Masterson and the clients of the Food Pantry appreciate the support they have received so far.

As we approach the end of the drive however, Food Pantry Coordinator Carol Langan said that hunger isn't confined to a single time of year.

"People always donate during the holidays," she said. "Everyone thinks of the hungry during the holidays, but there are still people in need after the holidays and they depend on us for help."

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News

Diabetes Expo held at Navy Pier April 24

Check in at the Senior Center at 8:30am - Return around 3:00pm

The Niles Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the American Diabetes Association's "Diabetes Expo" at Navy Pier on Saturday, April 24th. The bus will leave from the Niles Senior Center. Check-in time is 8:30am. You will return to the Senior Center around 3:00pm. This Expo is

reputed to be an excellent event in which you will be able to join workshops and see exhibits on the latest in diabetes care. Please call the Niles Senior Center regarding registration at 847/588-8420. Any questions about the Expo should be directed to Mary Kay Andreoni, RN, BSN. You will need to sign up in person at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714, Monday through Friday between 8:30am - 5:00pm. Cost is \$10.00 for transportation and snack.



Bound for the stars

The Morton Grove Park District's Starbound Dance Company, pictured above, competed in the Dance Educators of America Regional Competition on April 3, 2004. The group received a gold medal for their lyrical number and a silver medal for their tap number. Overall, the Starbound Dance Company had an overall score good enough to take 5th place. Front row (left to right): Frieda Trovela, Lori Beth Andel, Lynda Pisula, Adrienne Ordonez and Lidiya Farber. Back row (left to right) Assistant Marie Poliszczuk, Anet Wysocki, Katie Foley, Brenda Sekosan, Sara Thierfelder, Gina Koontz and Dance Coordinator Helen Lazicki.

Niles Park District holds Job Fair

Anyone interested in working at Niles Park District to attend our Annual Job Fair. Part-time seasonal employment is available. The fair will be held at the Recreation Center, 7877

Milwaukee Ave. on Saturday, April 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Applications can be filled out at the fair and the Park District will also hold on the spot interviews. For more information, call Nita at (847) 967-6633 Ext. 106.

News

Vandals

cars and the police took it for processing.

"We didn't think they'd hit us a third night in a row," said Payne. "But just to take precautions, we decided we would be waiting for them." That night Lehman set up a video camera in the front window, and Payne went out to keep watch from the back seat of his car. "I dozed off about 1 a.m.," said Lehman. "About 1:30 I was awakened by a loud thud and I heard Dan come out the front door." The "thud" may have been an object hitting the hood of his car, wielded by one of three men. "One guy was actually jumping on the hood of the car and

threw a rock through the windshield," said Payne. Lehman, meanwhile, had grabbed his paintball gun as he came out the door and started firing yellow paintballs in their direction. The trio took off running with Lehman and Payne in hot pursuit. Although the men got away, Payne and Lehman managed to get the license plate number of their vehicle, which the police promptly put out over the radio. A short time later Skokie police stopped a vehicle matching the description of the vandal's car and Payne says a shirt covered with yellow paint was found in the back seat. "Dan Lehman's quick thinking with the paint-

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ball gun and all that was the breaker," said Payne, who believes the culprits used the shirt to wipe the paint off the car, then tossed it into the back seat.

As of Monday of this week police in Morton Grove and Skokie were preparing to charge three men with 27 felony counts of criminal damage to property and 22 misdemeanor charges stemming from close to 35 separate incidents over that two day weekend in the two communities. "I've lived in Morton Grove on and off for 44 years," said Payne. "I've never experienced anything like this before."

Food Drive

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Donations can be dropped in the following participating businesses:

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Garbage Referendum is a great example of 'Community Activism'

I was nearing lunchtime and I was hungrily eyeing my sandwich when Ernie walked in and said, "Congratulations on the passing of your garbage referendum." Billy, our office buddy said, "What's the big deal about garbage?" "In my neighborhood it's easy. Once a week I leave the house, put a bag on the curb and when

I get home from work, like magic, it's gone." I knew this would take some time so I put off thoughts of lunch and explained the significance of this referendum.

I said that this goes beyond garbage pick-up. In fact, it is a wonderful example of community activism. In prior years, our residents have complained about the garbage issue to others who failed to address this problem. Previous attitudes of inaction made residents in our unincorporated area feel like orphan citizens and not members of a community.

Ernie told Billy that a sense of community is special. This is when neighbors get together for celebrations, school activities, parades or neighborhood issues. They also share services provided by their local government and pay a small amount for those benefits. If a problem arises, they see their elected officials for relief. The unincorporated area residents are different because Cook County is their elected government and going to the County building in downtown Chicago is not a convenient option. For this reason,

they often go to the Township for help. Billy eagerly nodded his head and said, "It's like the characters in the movie The Wizard of Oz." "They went to great lengths to find something they needed. They always had the power, they just needed an Oz to reveal their strength."

This garbage issue has galvanized the local residents into a group that feels empowered. We passed a referendum. Our next step is to form a committee that will give a list of recommendations to the Township Board to find a carrier to provide requested services. We plan to have everything in place by the end of this year then we can address other issues.

Nearly 70% of the voting residents in the unincorporated area gave a mandate to the township board to facilitate the process of getting one garbage hauler for everyone. It is a wonderful feeling to know that I can be an integral part of a solution to a community problem. It encompasses the real meaning of public service and why I was elected Supervisor of Maine Township.

Free. No registration.

Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. - The Cubs, The Sox and the 2004 Baseball Season. Sports journalists George Castle and Richard Lindberg go head to head in a lively discussion of our local teams' chances for a winning season. Registration required. Call 847-663-1234.

Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m. - Bookmark Contest Awards Ceremony featuring children's illustrator and author Kevin Luthardt. Registration required. Call 847-663-1234.

Sunday, April 18, 3 p.m. - Meet Your Trustees. Library board members will be available to meet the public. Refreshments served.

Tuesday, April 20, 4 p.m. - Teen Invasion for 7th-12th graders. Teens are invited to hang out, do homework, and play board games in the large meeting room. No registration.

Wednesday, April 21, 1 p.m. - Afternoon book discussion - Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books. Registration required. Call Greta at 847-663-6618.

Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. - Evening book discussion - One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Todd. Registration required. Call Greta at 847-663-6618.

Tuesday, April 27, 6 p.m. - Springtime movie. Call 847-663-1234 for information.

Hartwell House holds seminar on fraud

Maureen O'Bryan, Senior Citizen Coordinator for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office will conduct a seminar on telemarketing fraud, Wednesday, Apr.

21 at Hartwell House Assisted Living, 5520 N. Paulina, Chicago.

O'Bryan will explore how vulnerable many seniors can be to this type of crime and also

discuss ways to avoid victimization.

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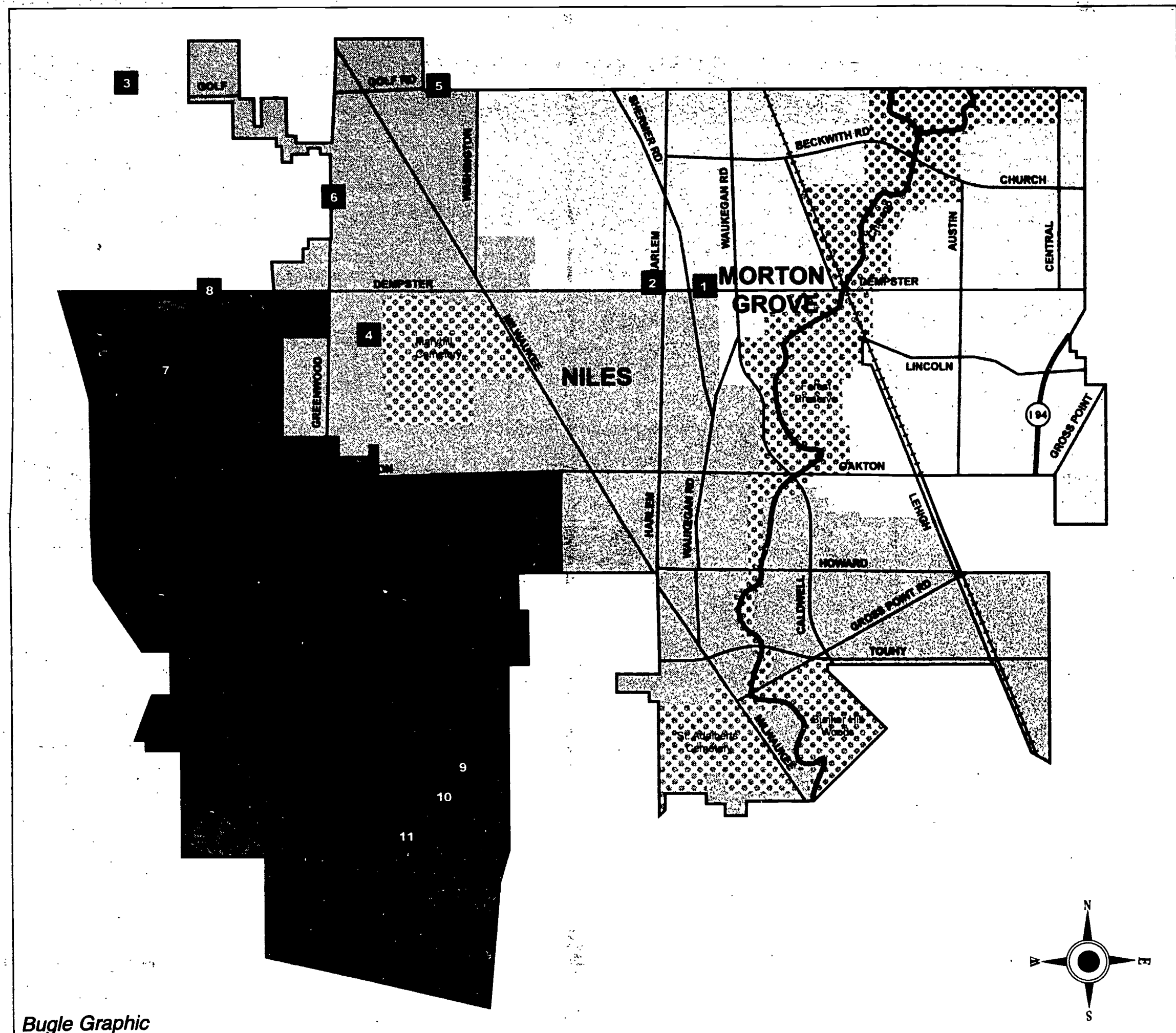
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending April 2, 2004.

1 Store allows shoplifter to walk free (6800 Dempster)
Store management decided it would be against store policy to sign complaints against a shoplifter who, according to management, has twice walked out of the store with merchandise in less than a week. According to police, store management called them Thursday March 25 regarding a retail theft. The store manager told police the woman walked out with a large amount of merchandise. No inventory of the merchandise taken was presented in the report. Management did, however, provide the police with a description of the woman along with the license plate

number of the car. Through the description and license plate number of the car, police were able to trace it to a 29-year-old woman in the 2500 block of Van Buren in Chicago. Store Police said the assistant manager said it was against store policy to sign complaints. The assistant manager also said the woman had stolen merchandise from the store six days earlier.

2 Possession of Marijuana (6600 Dempster)
A 24-year-old Evanston man, who was a passenger in a car stopped for a traffic violation, was arrested for possession of marijuana early Sunday morning March 28 after police found a bag of marijuana hanging out the left chest pocket of the man's coat. While searching the man, police found another bag of marijuana and sifters.

A search of the car produced a bottle of wine and fireworks.

3 Vehicle burglarized at Oakton College in Des Plaines

A 22-year-old Chicago woman reported her car was burglarized in the parking lot of Oakton Community College, Wednesday January 28, but it was not until nearly two months later that she found out that someone had used her debit card to purchase \$26.82 worth of gas from a Citgo station in Morton Grove. The woman told police the card was cancelled after she saw the charge. No other charges were placed on the card while it was missing.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending March 5, 2004.

Spring brings confidence scams
Niles police want to inform residents to be aware of scam artists posing as village inspectors, construction workers, con-

crete contractors, roofers, and chimney repair companies that approach citizens by coming to the victim's home to make an inspection or alert the victim of a possible problem.

In the past, scam artists have posed as water, gas, or electrical inspectors and upon gaining access to the home one of the men will distract the homeowner while the other looks for valuables. Police also want to point out that scam artists also have asked the homeowner for a drink of water, or to use the phone in an emergency to gain access to the home.

"We would like to also remind residents to lock their doors while working in your yard," said Division Commander John Fryksdale.

4 Search warrant leads to pants stuffed with cash (84000 Johanna Dr.)
Niles police arrested the 50-year-old father of two men

wanted on arrest warrants after the father stuffed \$2,000 in cash into his pants to prevent police officers from seizing it Friday afternoon April 2.

According to police, Niles police were assisting Riverwoods police in the execution of a search and arrest warrants for two Niles men on residential burglary charges. Police said they forced open the door to the home and during the search the father of the men Tadusez Rafalko returned home and told police he had \$2,000 in cash hidden in an upstairs bathroom. After police could not find the cash, Rafalko retrieved the money but refused to surrender it to police. Police said Rafalko started stuffing the cash down his pants to prevent officers from seizing it.

Meanwhile police spotted Rafalko's two sons Christopher and Darek approaching the home in a 1995 green Ford Explorer. Police said after the men noticed police cars outside of the home they drove north on Cumberland. Police said they located the car driving through the Citi Bank lot in the 8400 block of Dempster and placed Christopher, 19, and Darek, 22, under arrest. The men were later turned over to Riverwoods police.

5 Teacher auto burglarized (8600 Golf)

A 24-year-old Skokie teacher had her bag stolen from her car Tuesday night March 30 while she worked out at the Woman's Workout World in the 8200 block of Golf Rd. Police said the thief broke out the driver's side window of the car and removed a bag containing not only the woman's credit cards, but also her social security card and birth certificate.

6 Beer pilfer leads to arrest (8900 Greenwood)

A 23-year-old Glenview man was arrested Saturday night April 3 after store security at the Dominick's store in the 8900 block of Greenwood watched the man remove two bottles of beer from a six pack and slip them into the pockets of his sweatshirt. Security stopped the man outside.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending April 1, 2004.

7 Burglary (1500 block Good)
A home in the 1500 block of Good was burglarized Saturday night March 27 after someone forced open the rear kitchen door.

8 Burglary (1800 Parkside)

Thieves stole a chain saw and tree trimmer from a storage area of a multi-residence building in the 1800 block of Parkside, Wednesday night March 30.

9 Vandalism (600 S. Washington)

The driver's side mirror of a 1995 Acura Legend was vandalized Saturday night March 27 while the car was parked in the street in the 600 block of S. Washington.

10 Vandalism (400 Gillick)

The rear view mirror of a 1997 Dodge Intrepid was damaged Saturday night March 27 while the car was parked in the street in the 400 block of Gillick.

11 Vandalism (1000 block S. Prospect)

The windshield of a 1994 Ford Escort was smashed early Monday morning March 22 while the car was parked in the street in the 1000 block of S. Prospect.



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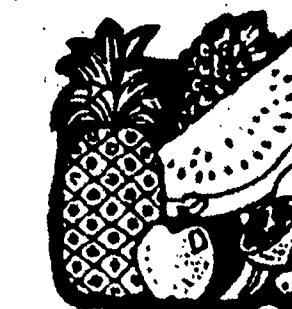
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EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Thursday, April 8
-6 p.m. City of Park Ridge Developer Workshop, Emerson School
Monday, April 12
-3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting
-7 p.m. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting
Thursday, April 15
-Park Ridge Library Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Monday, April 12
-The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will meet Monday, April 12 at 12:15 p.m. for an auction at the Park Ridge South Park Recreational Center, 833 Talcott, Park Ridge. Father Winters will be the auctioneer. All proceeds will go to the club. Cake, coffee and tea will be served.
Thursday, April 15
-Morton Grove Hadassah will host Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, today at 10 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble in Old Orchard mall. Schakowsky plans to speak on issues of importance to women and seniors.
Saturday, April 17
-The women of St. Andrews Parish will present their annual Salad Bar Luncheon on Saturday, Apr. 17 at noon in the Parish Hall at Elm and Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. The luncheon will "Celebrate America" and entertainer Dick Anderson will share American jokes and songs. For more information, call the church office at (847) 823-6656.
-The Niles Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Special Night of Recognition."
Saturday, Apr. 17.
-Our Lady of Ransom Parish will hold their 16th annual Rummage Sale, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will be held in the church's Paluch Hall, 8300 Greenwood, Niles. There will be a variety of items to select from including toys, clothing, glassware, tools, baby items, jewelry and books. There will also be a "Treasure Room" for brand new or slightly used items.

PARKS

Thursday, April 8
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Public Hearing B&A followed by an Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 15
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board Meeting

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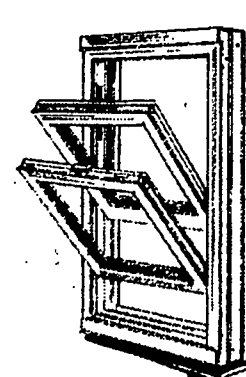
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Opinion

OLR Serves more than Niles, Des Plaines

Dear Editor,

We joined the parish 13 years ago when our first daughter was christened. At that Christening, the church was full and alive. That day about a dozen children were christened along with our daughter. We enjoyed OLR and its services so much that when our daughter became of age, we enrolled her in the pre-school program. It is heartbreaking to see what has happened to the school and the church. Fixing the church now will not fix the broken spirits of the parishioners. Furthermore, OLR was not meant to service only Niles and Des Plaines but adjoining the sister community of Park Ridge.

The demographics of Park Ridge are as follows: there are close to 40,000 people with about a 70% or more Catholic population and only two other Catholic Churches - one in the south part of town (Mary Seat of Wisdom) and one in the center of town (St. Paul of the Cross)—OLR should be servicing the North part of Park Ridge as well as the west end of Niles and Des Plaines. The church and the school should be filled! It is not, due to the poor management and ability to service these communities, which falls in the lap of Father Hall. The point I am trying to make is that a decade ago OLR was filled with life, hope and spirit and has now widdled away to a disappearing and sad little church. The demographics of the neighborhood has brought in more families with children and a good percentage of Catholics and many who still believe in sending their children on the spiritual journey of parochial school. We live one block away from the church. In the last 3 years 5 families have moved in - 3 of those families send their children to St. Paul of the Cross and St. John's.

This is a very sad reality because I know 10 years ago those families would have sent their children to OLR as their parents could watch them walk to school from their front doors. This is not an opinion, these are pure facts. I do not believe that OLR can continue to grow and rebuild the church under these conditions. As a matter of fact, I believe builders are bidding on the land surrounding the church for future development. Father Hall is not the right pastor for this church, he does not understand or care for the needs of the people. The very people who would have helped rebuild the church and revitalize the school. After one sifts through the sadness and emotion, the facts remain. The area is filled with Catholics, those Catholics now go to mass in neighboring parishes which are becoming swelled and overcrowded. OLR is a necessary part of the community that has been ruined by the hands of the wrong leader, yes, Father Hall needs to leave.

D.G., Niles

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St. John Brebeuf Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day

The students of St. John Brebeuf School recently celebrated Dr. Seuss Day. The thirty-two member student council and their advisor, Mrs. Tracy Murdach, organized this celebration. Dr. Seuss Day was inspired by the Seusscentennial Imagination Tour, a year long traveling birthday party, sponsored by Random House publishers. Students were encouraged to wear a crazy hat to school in honor of the Cat in the Hat.



The morning announcements began with a lesson on who Dr. Seuss was accompanied by a reading of his book, "My Many Colored Days". Dr. Seuss died in 1991 but this year marks the 100th anniversary of his birth in 1904. Dr. Seuss Day at SJB featured a Dr. Seuss story read by a student council member for all grade levels in their classrooms and a coordinated activity that accompanied the book. Some of the titles read by student council members were: "I Saw it on Mulberry street, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut, The Lorax, and Daisy Head Mazey." Dr. Seuss wrote and

illustrated forty-four books for children so there was something for every grade level. His last book, "Oh the Places You'll Go" was on the New York Time best seller list for over two years.

Technology was integrated into the planning of this event with the student planners using the various Dr. Seuss educational web sites to gather information and activities for all grade levels. Most interesting to the students was the fact that the United States postal service has just recently issued a new Cat in the Hat stamp honoring Dr. Seuss.

A school wide book raffle was held with winners announced at the end of the day. Winners received the following books: "The Cat in the Hat, The Cat in the Hat Comes Back", and a video of "The Lorax". Dr. Seuss has brought fun to the process of reading and to his millions of fans. The student council of St. John Brebeuf and Mrs. Murdach encouraged the students to read on this special day and every day.

SCHOOLS
'Anything Goes' at Maine East

The Maine East Fine Arts Department and the Maine East Fine Arts Boosters present the spring musical, Anything Goes, April 23 and 24 and April 30 and May 1 at 7:30 P.M. in the Maine East auditorium. This age-old tale of Boy-Meets-Girl and the complications that ensue intrigue every audience, and no musical puts it on stage better than Anything Goes. This show is an amusing story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Terrific Cole Porter songs include "It's DeLovely," "Friendship," "I Get a Kick Out of You," "All Through the Night," "Anything Goes," "You're the Top," "Blow Gabriel Blow," "Take Me Back to Manhattan," and "Let's Misbehave." It's a wonder that all the romances are sorted out and disaster is averted aboard the magical ship where Anything Goes.

This production of Anything Goes will feature the exceptional talents of over 100 Maine East students. These performers, musicians, and technicians will sweep the audience away aboard the magical ship where Anything Goes. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be reserved by calling the Fine Arts Department at 847-692-8500 or can be purchased at the door. For more information, please contact Ed Eubank, Chair, Fine Arts Department.

Culver School announces Kindergarten registration

Students who will be age 5 by September 1, 2004 and live within the Niles School District 71 boundaries are eligible to register for kindergarten on Thursday, April 29th. You must bring a birth certificate

with you at the time of registration. Parents or guardians need to call as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for April 29th. Please call the Culver School office at 847-966-9280, ext. 1101 and ask for

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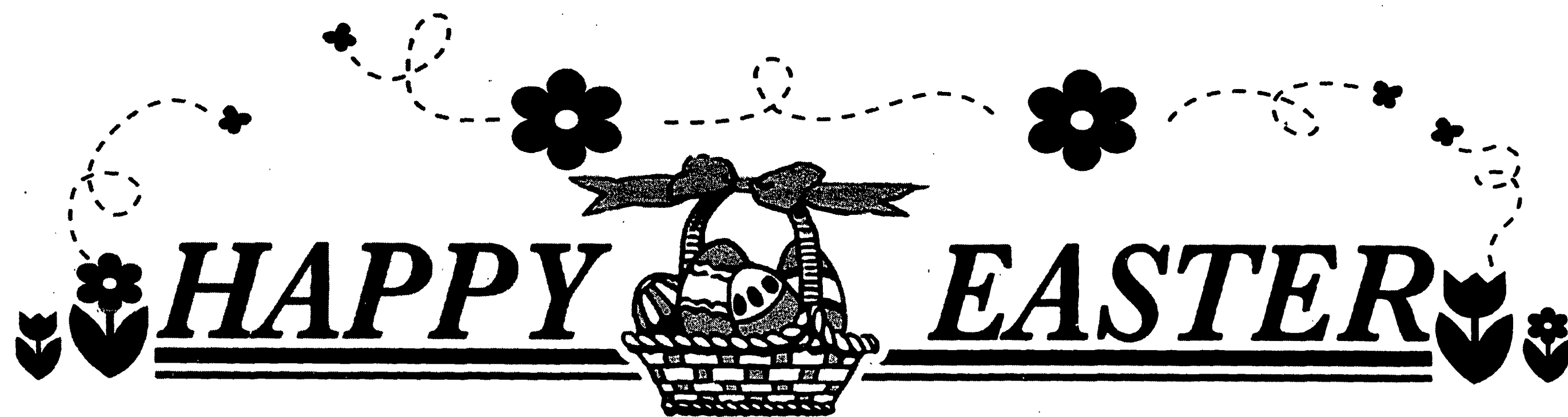
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PARK RIDGE NEWS

Second Uptown developer calls for mix of retail, residential

BY MIKE SANTORO
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The Target Area Two development process continued as the Opus North Corporation and Banbury Investments made the second of five development team presentations. Their plan for target area 2 focuses on creating an area of pedestrian traffic throughout uptown. The plan calls for a commercial area on the corner of Touhy and Northwest Highway with residential in the area behind that stretching to Hinkley Park. The plan also calls for a new street to be created, and traffic signals posted at Summit and Touhy to create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

The development team focused on seven key issues:
-Reinforce and extend existing pedestrian paths
-Link existing green city spaces from

City Hall to Six Corners to Hinkley Park

-Create safe pedestrian crossings at Touhy and Northwest Highway
-Reestablish six corners as a gateway to Park Ridge

-Allow for flexibility in dealing with Napleton and Summit Square Retirement

-Reinforce the existing architectural feel of Park Ridge

-And Address the impact of the development on traffic and parking

"We have done many projects and exercises like this in our career, but this one is special," Opus presenter and 10-year Park Ridge resident Priscilla Parkley said. "This is a unique opportunity to allow me to do what I do and help my neighbors."

Opus North called for retail stores to line Touhy and Northwest Highway. The development team designed the area with an entertainment theme, creating a "Festival

Plaza" behind the stores. The area would be used for parking as well as an area for pedestrians to relax. The area could also provide a space for special events such as a suggested Oktoberfest or art fair.

The retail team had a good idea of who they wanted to move into the retail space. The selection process began with 275 retailers that would be a good fit for the area. The retail team then contacted 75 retailers they felt would work, and with positive responses from many they were able to build some potential scenarios for the development.

Retailers that the team felt confident would work in the development included Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Market Foods, William and Sonoma, Sullivan Steak Home and Pottery Barn. Responding to a question by Alderman Rex Parker (6th), the team also was confident that they could bring in a Crate and Barrel.

In the area behind this retail area, stretching from Summit to Hinkley Park, Opus North proposed a variety of residential units. The team proposed 78 loft units, 54 luxury condos, 16 townhouses, and 11 live/work lofts. The variety would hopefully draw a mix of people to Park Ridge, from Young Professionals to Empty Nesters. The team also wants to create a unique look for the units, differentiating it from the surrounding areas and creating something that its residents can be proud of.

"People here are involved," Banbury Advisor Mark Andersen said. "They may not agree, but they are passionate about this town."

One big concern for the developers was the crossing of the surrounding busy streets. Opus North proposes creating crossings at Touhy and Summit and later one at Northwest Highway. At Touhy and Summit, pedestrian traffic would be enabled by

a traffic signal as well as the elimination of Meacham as a through street. A new street would be created from Summit to Morris with Meacham ending at this street. By ending this street, the traffic engineer felt that the odd shape of the area would be improved and traffic flow would be improved.

Overall the development team stressed that they would build upon what works in Park Ridge through pedestrian friendly areas and eclectic nature of architecture. Through these elements they hope to create something that Park Ridge would admire for a long time.

"This will change the character of Park Ridge," Opus advisor Frank Clemms said. "It will set the standard for all developments following it."

The last of the development teams present this week. The City Council will then begin the decision process on April 21st.

OUTSIDE IN
INSIDE OUT

By Chuck Baldacchino

Your New Uptown. Yawn.

By the time this gets to print I'll have seen all five developer presentations for

Uptown Redevelopment (UR) on the "Bredemann Triangle" (aka, Target Area 2, or TA2). Yawn.

(By the way, where were you? There were no more than 30 non-official citizens out of the 37,775 residents of Park Ridge at either meeting.)

The City Council will pick one of those developers to implement the TA2 project.

Oh, the slides were pretty, and the presenters slick. But what do they propose. Yawn. Nothing a

first-year planner couldn't have put together (without the dog-and-pony accoutrements) in about a day.

Why? Because they were driven by a passel of little minds. They were constrained by a previous Request For Qualifications (RFQ) that told them, in a sense, to do something between what we have at Summit Mall and what

you can see in Mt. Prospect. Yawn (or worse).

Who are the little minds? Our City Staff and our City Council. The appointed City Staff who brought you Summit Mall and very little else in the last 20 years and who wrote the RFQ. And the

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PARK RIDGE NEWS

Uptown

elected City Council that bows and scrapes to the City Staff. Yawn.

What could we have instead? Anything you want. What do you want?

This is the biggest physical change in Park Ridge in 50 years, for 50 years. And what's been presented is so ... well, yawn.

But have your elected representatives come to you to ask what

you want? Heavens, no. Democracy, representative government, is too sloppy. They'd have to ask you (maybe force you to vote by putting this \$60-million decision to, gulp, referendum) and then, worse, follow your lead — when they were elected to make these decisions. (Weren't they?)

Want some suggestions on what's not a yawner for a new Uptown? How about a (one-time)

20-storey complex on TA2 that contains a shopping mall, a hotel, high-rise condominium, and plenty of plazas and green and fountains — like Water Tower Place or Millennium Park in Chicago? (We are a city, aren't we?) Don't like that? How about a Central Park; no retail, no residential, just open green space comfortable for playing and culture in a more bucolic environment — like Central Park in

New York?

Want something else? Say so! Like what you see? Say so!

But wake up, Park Ridge, at least for the time it takes to lead on this 50-year project. Come to the remaining UR meetings and ask what they're doing, and why. Say what you think about how they're asking you and your kids to live here for the next 50 years. Say what you think, or ask what they

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think, the impact this and the other UR parcel developments will be on your quantitative and qualitative well-being as a Park Ridge resident.

Or, go back to sleep and live with what you'll get: little plans from little minds (for little minds?).

Yawn.

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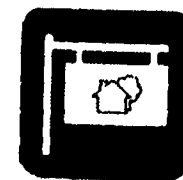
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Niles West prevails over Notre Dame

BY RYAN BISHOP
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recent victory over
Niles North

The Notre Dame boys volleyball team faced the difficult task of playing back to back games last Wednesday and Thursday. The varsity squad defeated cross Niles North in the season opener, then came home to face a Niles West team that had lost only one game coming into the match. This gave coach Jill Dunbar ample time to prepare for one of the better teams in the area.

The result was a disappointing 25-11, 25-16 loss for the Dons as the teams struggled to get their offense going in the two matches. Starters Mark Regal, Jon Doyle, Ryan Zyks, John Escher, Joe Natalie, and Rick Podkova got off to a slow start and were stymied by the offensive attack of the Wolves.

The Wolves jumped out to a 8-0 lead behind some hard kill shots of Miles Kilgallon and eight consecutive service points by Chris Bangit. Joe Natalie had a nice dig to get the ball to Escher but he was just long on the shot to give the Wolves the first point of the game. Two aces by Bangit and two blocks by the frontline of Chris Johnson and Kilgallon increased their lead to 8-0. The Dons didn't score until Doyle blocked a Kilgallon block attempt as they were forced to come back from a 9-1 deficit.

After a block at the net by Natalie, the momentum was back on the side of the Dons. What was once a 13-3 lead was suddenly a 15-10 advantage in favor of the Wolves. A kill shot by Escher and a soft dink by Natalie brought the Dons back within striking distance. The early deficit was just too much to overcome as ball control and consistent play of assist and kill shots of Johnson and Kilgallon put the game away.

"Our game plan was to get them out of their offense and I thought we did a



Niles West's Miles Kilgallon #23 and Chris McKinney team up to block a Notre Dame spike Thursday afternoon April 1 at Notre Dame. (Photo by Allen Kalata)

great job of that by keeping possession of the ball and not them get into a rhythm. We have been playing taller teams of late, so we had to concentrate on playing a tough defense. I thought we had good movement on offense and we really made their blockers move to the ball," said Niles West coach Jennifer Sinnick.

"Miles played an outstanding all-around game today. He played on a varsity elite club in the offseason and that really improved his game. His confidence is high, he's hitting the ball harder and is our best blocker on the team," she said.

Other players Sinnick will be counting on this year are John Park and A.J. Tamondong. "Park has a great arm swing and tool blocks very well for us. He is our primary setter

and a leader on the team. A.J. is one of our best setters and servers on the team," said Sinnick.

The Wolves had leads of 7-1 and 13-3 in the second game, a game in which the Dons had several unforced errors. Podkova had four points for Dons in the game as they dropped a 23-11 decision.

"We fell behind early and never recovered. They have always been a solid team and are one of the best defensive teams around. We didn't come out with the aggressiveness we needed, especially being at home. We need to do a better job blocking and get off to a better start in our next game. John Escher was really our only player that had a good game for us," said coach Jill Dunbar.

WEEKEND WARFARE

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Notre Dame Baseball at Maine East

When: 4:30 PM, April 12

Where: Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, IL

Outlook: With a 7-2 record this season, the Notre Dame Baseball looks like a strong contender this season. In their last double header, the Dons beat up on Gordon Tech, sweeping the series 19-7, 14-3. With the bats as hot as that, scoring 33 runs in one day, the defense and pitching have little to worry about. The Dons hope to continue their winning ways Monday when they travel to Maine East to face the Blue Demons.

Niles West Boys' Volleyball vs. Maine South

When: 6 PM, April 13

Where: Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie, IL

Outlook: The Niles West Boy's Volleyball team is off to a strong 6-1 start this season and is looking to continue the trend this Tuesday when they face the Maine South Hawks. In their last win over Notre Dame, the Wolves were led by Miles Kilgallon's eight kills and two blocks, Chris Johnson's seven kills and three blocks, and A.J. Pamondong's 21 assists. The Hawks have not had as strong an opening to their season, but that doesn't mean they won't give Niles West a fight. Look for a strong showing by Maine South, but with a powerful net presence the Wolves should take the win.

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Tuesday League	Time	Begin Date
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Wednesday League	Time	Begin Date
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Thursday League	Time	Begin Date
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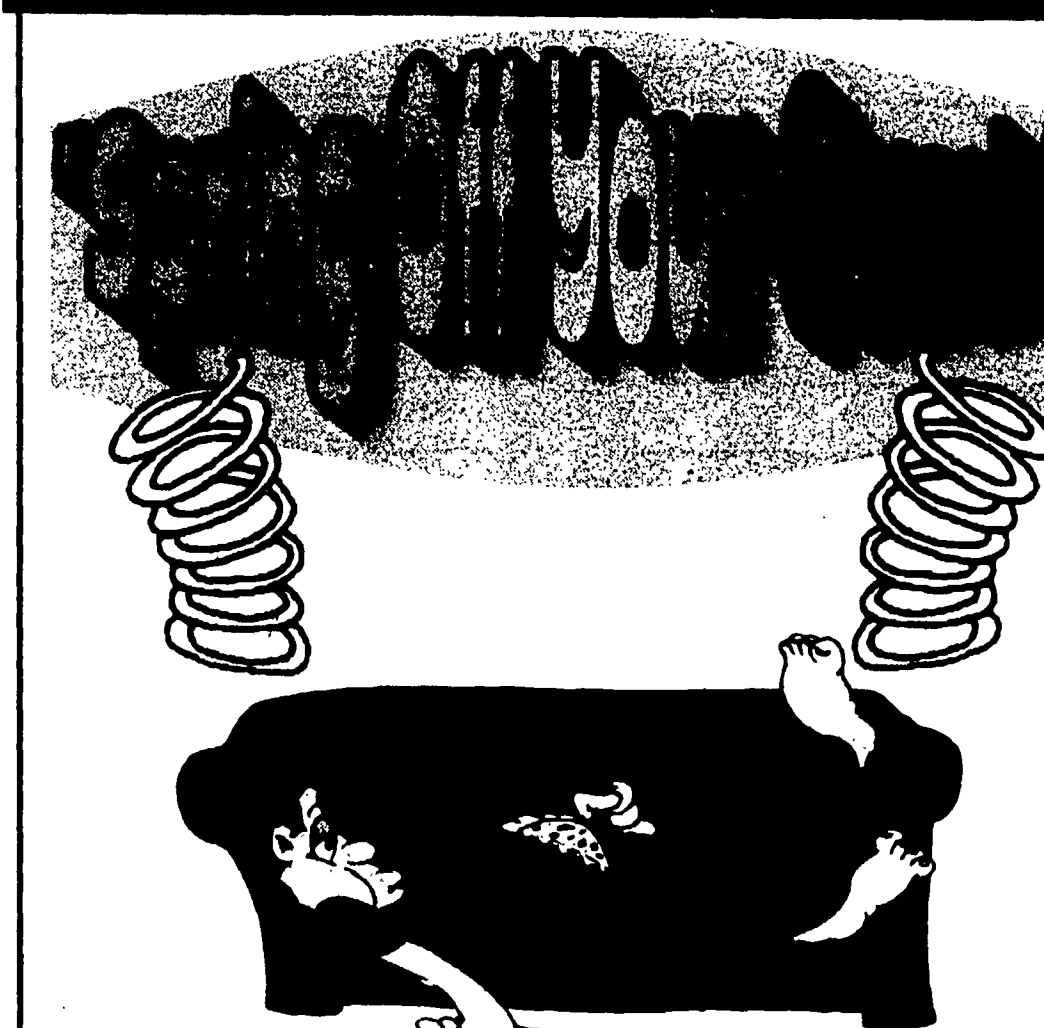


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SPORTS

From start
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By Andrea Renee Wyatt,
M.S.S., C.S.C.S.

Lower Back Pain
and Abdominal
Exercises

Q: I experience lower back pain while doing abdominal exercises on the floor. Can I fix this problem, or should I discontinue abdominal exercises on the floor? — T.D., Atlanta

A: There may be several causes for your lower back pain, but without performing an evaluation it's impossible to pinpoint the exact cause. However, we can explore several options that may help.

First, rule out the worst-case scenario of lower back injuries or problems by meeting with your physician. Past or current back injuries can make it difficult to complete abdominal exercises, and ignoring back injuries can cause additional harm.

Next, be sure to practice proper abdominal exercise techniques. The effectiveness of an exercise lies in your technique. The wrong technique can cause injury and not allow you to work the muscles intended. Before beginning abdominal exercises on the floor, you must place yourself in the right position. Begin by lying on the floor with your knees bent and arms to your side. Practice controlling your abdominal and lower back muscles by arching your back — creating a space between the floor and your lower back. Once you have reached that position, tuck your pelvis under, tighten your abdominals and push your belly button toward the floor. The arch in your back should disappear. This is the starting position for your abdominal exercises. Try to maintain this position while you do

your exercises. The strength and control of your muscles, your flexibility and your fitness level are also factors to consider when performing abdominal exercises on the floor. As you become stronger, control of your muscles will become easier. Limited flexibility in your lower back, gluteus, hips and legs can also inhibit proper positioning. It is extremely important not to advance too quickly with your exercises. Begin with your feet on the floor, and then progress to more difficult exercises such as with your feet off the ground. Since a strong core is necessary, consult a fitness professional to discuss proper exercise techniques and exercise progressions. Always consult a physician before beginning an exercise program. If you have a fitness or training question, e-mail Andrea at letters.kfws@hearsstc.com or write her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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A SPORTING
VIEW

By Chris Richcreek

The Message System

The NBA regular season has dwindled to a handful of games, and the battle for playoff seeding is about over.

Around this time of year, the phrase most likely heard sounds like this: "No one wants to play (Team X) in the playoffs, because they are dangerous."

Yet in the Western Conference, no one really wants to play anyone, because danger is everywhere.

That's what helps make these last few regular-season games more interesting, beyond determining the final seeds for the playoffs. Many of the games are also about messages sent and messages that go undelivered.

For example, take Memphis. Among the Grizzlies' final few games are matchups against the Lakers in Los Angeles and the Mavericks in Dallas, plus a home game versus Minnesota. You think Hubie Brown's players don't want to send a few messages? They are new to this playoff dance, so they will want to establish that they belong in the postseason, especially since one of the above teams could be their first-round foe.

Then there are the Lakers, who are trying to get focused following a season of upheaval that included legal woes for Kobe Bryant, injuries for Bryant and Karl Malone and general unhappiness for Gary Payton.

However, star center Shaquille O'Neal is still there, which means the road to the NBA Finals probably still runs through the Staples Center (sorry, San Antonio). The Lakers have a key game April 11 at Sacramento, a team they have tor-

tured before in the playoffs. Ah, but no one knows torture in the postseason quite like Minnesota. The Timberwolves have never made it out of the first round of the NBA playoffs, but they are primed to do so this year, as potential MVP candidate Kevin Garnett has successfully bonded with offseason acquisitions Sam Cassell and Latrell Sprewell. They have key games at Sacramento and Memphis before the season ends, and the goal is to secure the No. 2 seed throughout the Western Conference playoffs. There are, of course, the other contenders — the Texas trio of San Antonio, Dallas and Houston, plus Sacramento. All have things to work on in the next week or so. But soon the regular season will be done and the seedings set. Then who is truly dangerous will no longer be a prediction — it will become a reality.

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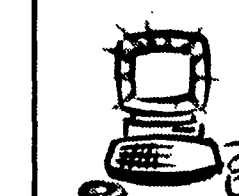


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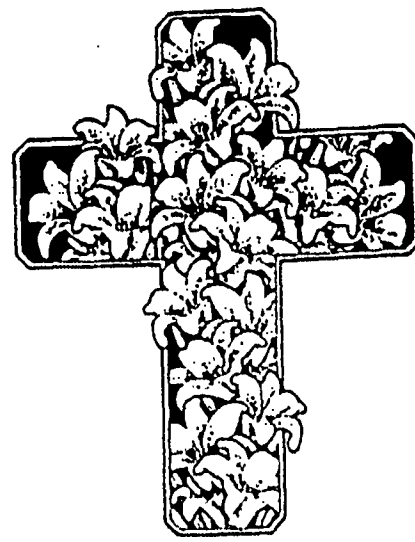
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Solemn Adoration until Midnight
Night Prayer
11:30 p.m. - **GOOD FRIDAY, April 9th**
9:00 a.m. - Divine Mercy Novena
3:00 p.m. - "Seven Last Words"
7:30 p.m. - The Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord
HOLY SATURDAY, April 10th
9:00 a.m. - Divine Mercy Novena
1:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Blessing of Easter Food)
7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass
Night Watch of the Resurrection
EASTER SUNDAY, April 11th
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11:55 p.m. - Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY (April 9)

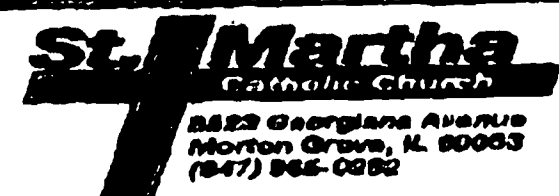
8:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

HOLY SATURDAY (April 10)

8:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer
11:00 a.m. - Easter Food Blessing
7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES (April 11)

Sunrise Eucharist 6:00 a.m.
And at 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.



HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 8th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
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GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 9th

Service of the Lord's Passion & Cross 3 & 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 10th

Blessing of the Easter Foods and Baskets
Small Church 1:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

7:00, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Small Church
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 8 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 P.M. - Service with Holy Communion

April 9 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:30 P.M. - Service of the 7 Last Words

April 11 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

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Holy Saturday, April 10th

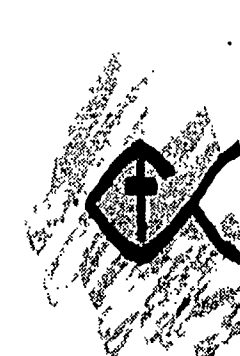
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8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper
9:00 p.m. - Pilgrimage to nearby parishes
9:00 p.m. to Midnight - Keeping Watch with the Lord
Good Friday, April 9
7:30 a.m. - Church open for prayer until 10:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours
3:00 & 7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
(Holy Communion will be given at both).

Holy Saturday, April 10
7:30 a.m. - Church open for prayer until Vigil
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours
1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Food Baskets
7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil followed by Agape
(No Reconciliation nor 5:00 p.m. liturgy this day)

Easter Sunday, April 11
Church - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.
Holy Family Room - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

Community involvement reigns at Bank of Lincolnwood

BY PATRICK FERREL
CORRESPONDENT

As a founding member of the Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce, The Bank of Lincolnwood considers its strong ties to the community for the past 50 years as its biggest asset.

"To this day, we still play a very active role in the community," Linda Hoppe, auditor and 35-year employee at the bank, said.

In addition to serving a leadership role in several area chambers of commerce, the bank also boasts about its sponsorship of such programs at the

Lincolnwood and Skokie DARE programs, the Make a Wish Foundation and Lou Malnati Cancer Research program. The strong community ties are also what still attracts customers to the independent bank.

"We have a great community feel to our customers," Pelz said. "You walk in or call on the phone and you speak to a person. It's a very personal feeling."

Bank of Lincolnwood was chartered by the state Feb. 26, 1954. It now operates in three locations: the main branch at 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood; and two satellite branches at 4320 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood, and 8043 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie.

From 1954 to 1976 The Bank of

Lincolnwood was publicly owned. In 1976 it turned to private ownership. It is now owned by Clyde Engle of Lake Forest, Hoppe said.

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the bank held an open house for its customers in February. Until October, customers can receive such freebies as pens, ice scrapers and stress relief balls with the bank's logo on them. There will also be a \$100 cash giveaway on the 26th of each month, Pelz said.

"We've been supported by the community for 50 years, and we wanted to show our appreciation," Pelz said.

Many of the bank's original customers, who have since traded in their houses for smaller retirement quarters,

continue to patronize the bank, Hoppe said.

"They've developed a relationship with the area, and as they move out of the big houses, they are going to nearby condos," Hoppe said. "They are staying in the area, and thus are still customers at the bank."

The bank employs some 75 people and offers personal bankers who speak a variety of languages, including Assyrian and Spanish, Hoppe said. The emphasis, however, will always remain on serving people.

"The automated sense is important to people, but when there are problems people want to come in and talk face-to-face with a person," Pelz said.

BP The Bugle runs business profiles to highlight those businesses that support the publication.

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Deflating the Inflation Myth

A reader, Allen R., asks that in view of the possibility that inflation may come back because of higher energy costs, wouldn't it be sensible to pay the minimum amount each

month on one's credit-card balances so as to stretch out the payment period for as long as possible on the assumption that you'd be repaying the debt with cheaper dollars over time?

The answer is no. The fact is, debt feeds debt. For example, if you have a credit-card balance of \$5,000, and assuming you make no more purchases on that card and pay in minimum amounts (depending on the balance and the card company's interest rate), it could take you some 40 years to see that "Paid In Full" stamp on your statement. And it could cost you some \$14,000 in interest

charges. If, instead, you decided to pay \$100 every single month (which is higher than the minimum most companies allow) that same debt would be paid off in eight years, and interest charges would drop to a little more than \$4,000.

Bottom line: Pay off your balance when you receive your statement. Or, at least, pay as much you can every month to reduce your debt as soon as possible.

NOTE: Thanks to those of you who think I'm smart enough to answer your questions about whether it's a good time to buy stocks or bonds or commodities.

My intelligence quotient aside, this column does not answer questions about investing.

Finally, as we approach the Ides of April, make sure you file your returns on time. As I've mentioned before, the Internal Revenue Service seems to be looking for any excuse to find some hapless soul who can shell out a fine for even the smallest infraction of the tax laws, and that would include late filing.

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Business Calendar

Monday, April 19

The next meeting of the Skokie Valley Business and Professional Women's Club will be held on Monday, Apr. 19 at Don's Fish Market in Skokie, IL. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Call Dr. Yemimma Lipschultz by noon on Friday, Apr. 16 for reservations; (847) 679-2650.

Annual Tax Sale begins May 10 for 2002 delinquent taxes

The Cook County Annual Tax Sale, at which delinquent property taxes from tax year 2002 will go to auction, will be held from May 10 through June 7.

Delinquent taxes on some 54,000 parcels of property will be offered to tax buyers, and property owners will have two years to redeem the taxes with interest and penalties or face possible loss of their property.

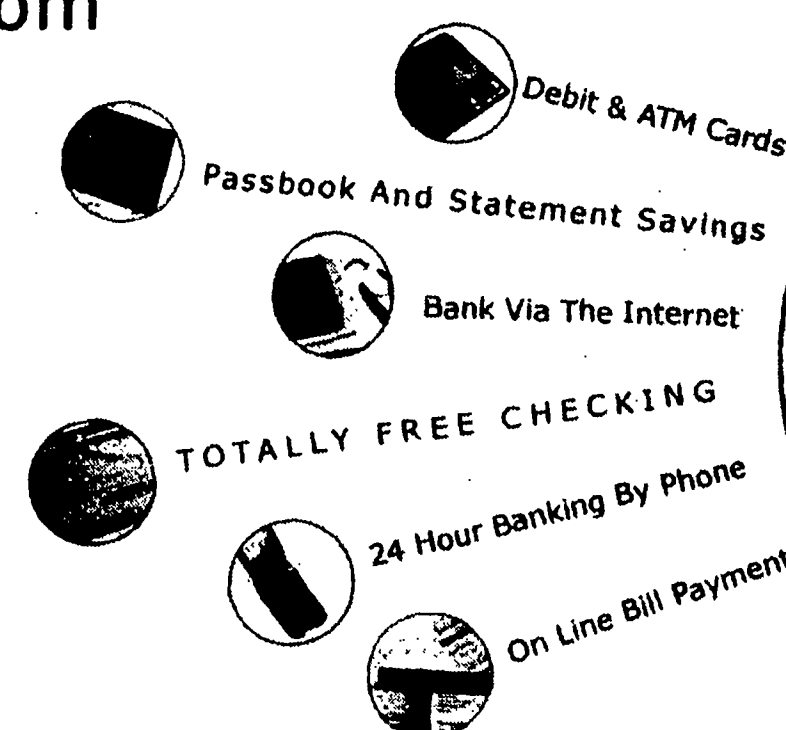
Registration for the tax sale begins Apr. 5 in the Treasurer's Legal Office, Room 222 of the Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Lists of the Property Index Numbers of the properties on which taxes are owed for tax year 2002 will be available for inspection in the Treasurer's Legal Office.

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Maine Township Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce Senior Activities and Classes

Listed below are a few of the new April programs for all Maine Township seniors. All activities and programs are held at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge unless otherwise indicated.

CREATIVE ART ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS PROGRAM
Tuesday, April 20
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Niles Senior News

CELEBRATION OF SENIORS
Over 90's Birthday Celebration – Tuesday, April 27th, 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

The Niles Senior Center is planning a very special birthday celebration for Niles seniors age 90 and over. Invitations will be sent in early April. If you, or someone you know, is 90 years of age or older – or if you have any questions – please contact the Senior Center at 588-8420. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly. Golden Anniversary Celebration – Thursday, June 10th, 11:00am – 2:30pm.

Niles couples, celebrating 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 years of age or more in 2004 are invited to the Niles Senior Center's Annual Golden Anniversary Celebration. Niles couples married in 1954, 1949, 1944, 1939, 1934, or earlier are invited to be our guests at this wonderful event. Couples will be professionally photographed, honored with a catered luncheon, and entertained by our Golden Notes Choral Group. Please contact the Niles Senior Center for more information. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Ann.

HELP PLAN THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE
Introductory Meeting – Thursday, May 6th, 1:00pm
Calling all volunteers. It's time to begin planning for our Annual Dinner Dance. The 2004 Dinner Dance (Friday, October 1st) will be an extra special affair as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Volunteers are needed to help in planning all facets of the event. If you are interested, please join us for an introductory meeting on Thursday, May 6th, at 1:00pm.

Flea Market coming in May!
Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00am – 1:00pm
Everyone is invited to our 2nd Annual Flea Market. All forty-five tables are filled with "treasures" so please join us for your own treasure hunt. A Hot Dog Lunch including Potato Chips, & Juice is available

Presenter: Linda Waycie

No Charge - Registration Required

Are you a grandparent caring for grandchildren? You are invited to join us at this new program. This is an opportunity to meet others, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help you care for the children you love. The April topic is Creative Art Activities for Children. Come learn about simple activities that you can do with your grandchildren that will help them learn to express themselves, be creative and have fun. There will be free books, and free gift certificates. This event is a collaboration between Maine Township and the Children's Home and Aid society.

for \$2.00 from 11:00am until the food runs out.
Please contact Jaymi at 847/588-8420 if you have any questions.

LOCAL SPELLING BEE
Thursday, June 17th, 10:30am
Attention all Niles Senior Center spellers! Seniors: Challenge yourselves in this year's Niles Senior Center Local Spelling Bee. Join us for some fun filled competition at our Annual Spelling Bee at 10:30am, Thursday, June 17th. The top two winners will represent Niles at the Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Maine Township, 10:00am, Wednesday, July 7th. The Regional Spelling Bee has been attracting many Northwest Suburban Senior Centers and Park Districts. All seniors are invited to participate and compete for prizes (or just come to sit in the audience and cheer our seniors.) To register, please call Jaymi at 588-8420.

HEALTH & WELLNESS – April/May
Cholesterol & Diabetic Screening – Wednesday, April 14th, 7:00am – 9:00am. \$10.00
Test includes lipid panel and glucose. Advanced registration required. Sign up at the Front Desk and pick up instructions
Blood Pressure Screening – Wednesday, April 14th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. FREE
Blood Pressure Screenings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Osteoporosis: What do you need to know – Thurs., April 15th, 1:00 – 2:30pm. FREE
Diabetic Expo at Navy Pier – Saturday, April 24th, 9:00am – 4:00pm. \$10.00
Health Fair & Senior Fitness Day – Wed., May 26th, 8:00am – 11:00am. All Niles and non-Niles adults welcome to visit tables of 40 local health care providers and facilities that will offer educational information and health screenings. Swedish Covenant Hospital will offer for \$25 a CBC, CMP, Lipid Profile and PSA-men only. Chicago School of Massage Therapy will offer free 10 minutes fully clothed massages. Sign up for lab and massage at the Senior Center as soon as possible. The Fitness Center will offer fitness testing for seniors & provide information on how you stand compared to National Standards.

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Thursday April 8, 2004

COMPUTER WORKSHOP

"All about Printers and Scanners"
Thursday, April 29
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Cost: \$10.00 - Registration Required
Presenter: Lee Huber

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HANDY MAN GUIDES AVAILABLE

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Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

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Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110
April 5, 2004

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward

strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

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, April 13 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.

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, April 13 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 assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Enghund at 847/965-8517.

"COULD I HAVE SKIN CANCER?" LECTURE

"Who is at risk for skin cancer? What are the different types of skin cancer? What are ways to avoid skin cancer? What are options for cures?" Dr. Clarence Brown, Dermatologist from Rush North Shore Medical Center, will answer these questions and more at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. There is no charge for this lecture, but please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Legion assembles care packages

BY WENDY ELLIS
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They don't do it for money. They don't do it for publicity, and they certainly don't do it to impress anyone. They do it because they've all been there, and they know how it feels. They are the members of the Seventh District of the American Legion and every few months they gather at one of their posts to put together care packages for the service men and women serving overseas.

That gathering took place last week at the Morton Grove Post #134, and volunteers filled 25 boxes to the brim with food and toiletries and papers and pencils and disposable cameras and just about anything else they knew those far from home would appreciate. "We started out doing this year. 'I don't think they realized the Legion did this kind of stuff,'" said Hedrick. "Then people said

just because you're serving somewhere else, like Bosnia, doesn't mean you don't need one." Morton Grove Post #134 also gathers every couple of months to put together care packages for 18 or 20 of its own members and members' relatives who are overseas. "The list just kind of grew," said Hedrick. "Someone will say, 'I have a nephew in Okinawa, or I have a grandson in Germany', and they get added to the list." The women's auxiliary goes out and shops for those personal items that service women would especially like to see in their care packages like trouser socks and moisturizer. Eight of the boxes mailed out last week went to service women.

Hedrick says the post has received wonderful thank you letters from the recipients of their packages over the past year. "I don't think they realized the Legion did this kind of stuff," said Hedrick. "The

units are really amazed their getting this kind of stuff from us. We're not just a bunch of old guys sitting at the bar." Two Post #134 members just returned from Iraq and Kuwait a couple of months ago and had shared the contents of their gift boxes with other members of their units. "If we have 3 or 4 guys in one unit we'll send one package to all of them," said Hedrick.

The seventh district includes posts from Morton Grove, Niles, Des Plaines, Chicago, Skokie, Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka, Glenview and Northbrook. The care packages go to service men and women from all over the district who are currently serving in Iraq, Vietnam, Germany, Korea and other overseas destinations. "The people doing it feel good, and the people getting it feel good." Said Hedrick. "It's reinvigorated us and makes the post more cohesive. We feel more of a purpose."

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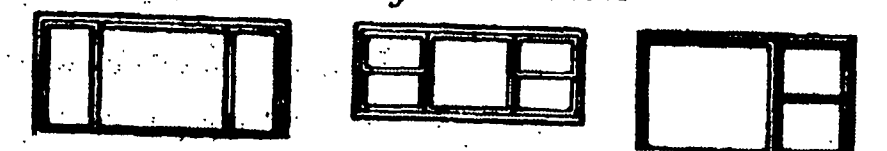
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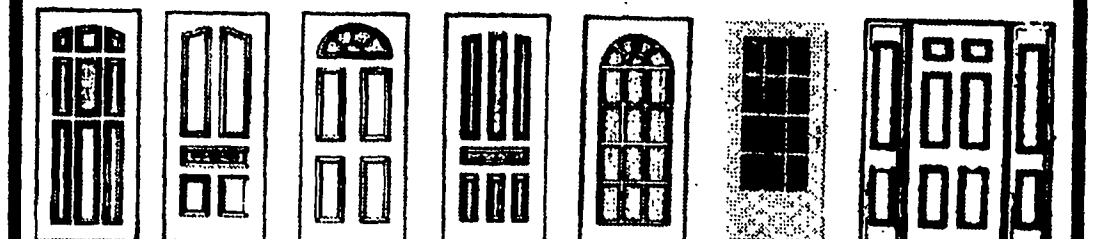
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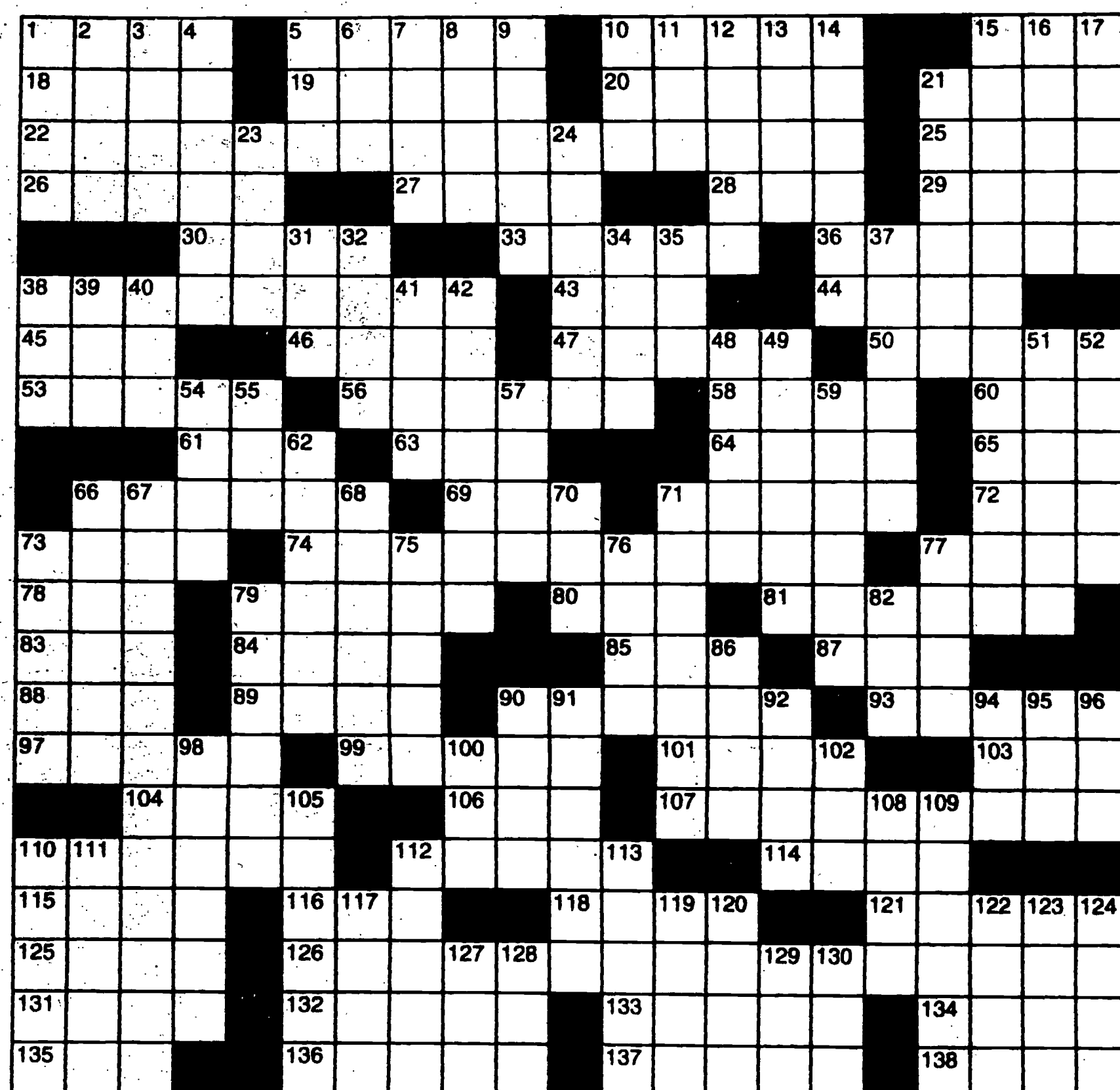
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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.

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- Forty less than 17-Across
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By Samantha Mazzotta

To Amp or Not to Amp

Q: Your Home Tip in a recent column gave standard wiring in new homes as having 100-amp service. I think most new homes now have 200 amps as standard, considering all our electrical needs. Enjoy your column. Thanks — C.T., Spokane, Wash.

A: Thanks for the heads-up, C.T. With today's increased demand for electric service in the home, there certainly is a case for installing a much larger-capacity circuit panel in some houses. The question for those who are unfamiliar with the technical aspects of electric service is, how much power is

enough for their home? And is 200-amp service really the standard?

A check of the 2002 National Electric Code — the code that electrical inspectors use to make sure installation and maintenance procedures are being done safely and correctly — reveals that the minimum required service through the circuit box is now 100 amps. Prior to 2002 the minimum standard was just 60 amps — which was fine before the technology age really took off. Now, with the bulk of appliances in the home powered by electricity, those old 60-amp panels can't cut it. Is 100 amps enough? For the "average" home — single-story, two bedroom, one bath — it is. But not everyone lives in the average home. Many homes are built with significantly more space: more bedrooms, a den and study area, and large kitchens with all-electric appliances. Add central air conditioning, an electric furnace and a standard washer and dryer, along with the family computer and video systems, and the draw on that service panel is pretty big.

That's why many electrical contractors are now recommending

larger service, either 150 or 200 amps, in new construction. It's not required, but they're leaving a bit of breathing room for future electric requirements. So, what if you're staring at your circuit box right now, wondering if 100 amps (or less, if you're in an older home) will cut it once your new surround-sound system arrives? Find out from your local electrician. It is possible for him or her to calculate the number of amps needed based on the square footage of your home and the appliances you're running. The circuit box can be upgraded if necessary; get estimates for the job plus any required permitting process.

HOME TIP

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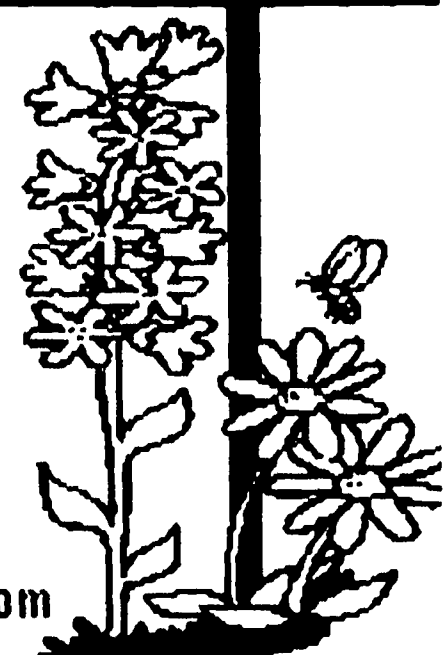
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