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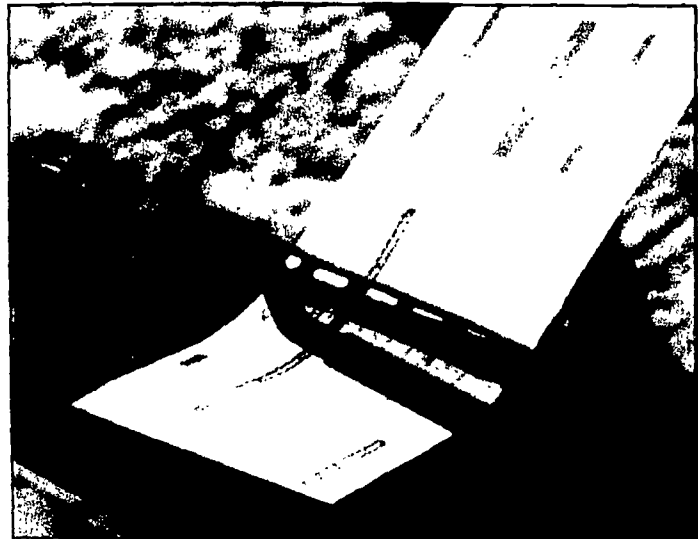
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'A Scary Ride'

Niles Firefighter Dennis Obrisch was behind the wheel of a North Maine fire truck that was involved in an accident last February. For his account, see page 21.



Parking at the MCC

Three cars were ticketed under the Morton Grove's Progressive Emergency Parking Plan Friday at the Muslim Community Center. To learn more about the plan, see page 14.

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The end of an era

Demolition begins on former Niles Police Station

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The former Niles Police Station will be completely demolished in three weeks time, ending a forty-year period in the history of the Niles Police Department.

After the building is demolished, the rubble will be separated and hauled off for recycling. The soil will then be compacted to a density high enough to support a paved parking lot for the new building. The employee entrance and handicapped access ramps to the building will then be completed.

"We cannot finish the new building until the old one is demolished," said Niles Deputy Police Chief Dean Strzlecki. "We plan to have the parking lot and the new building totally complete by the end of June."

Niles Police watched the old

building's demolition begin this week with a mixture of nostalgia and hope for the future.

"My entire career was in that building," said Strzlecki, who has been with the department for over 28 years. "So was the chief's and many of our officers. So there's some nostalgia."

The police are getting acclimated to the new building, which is different from the old in more subtle ways than just size.

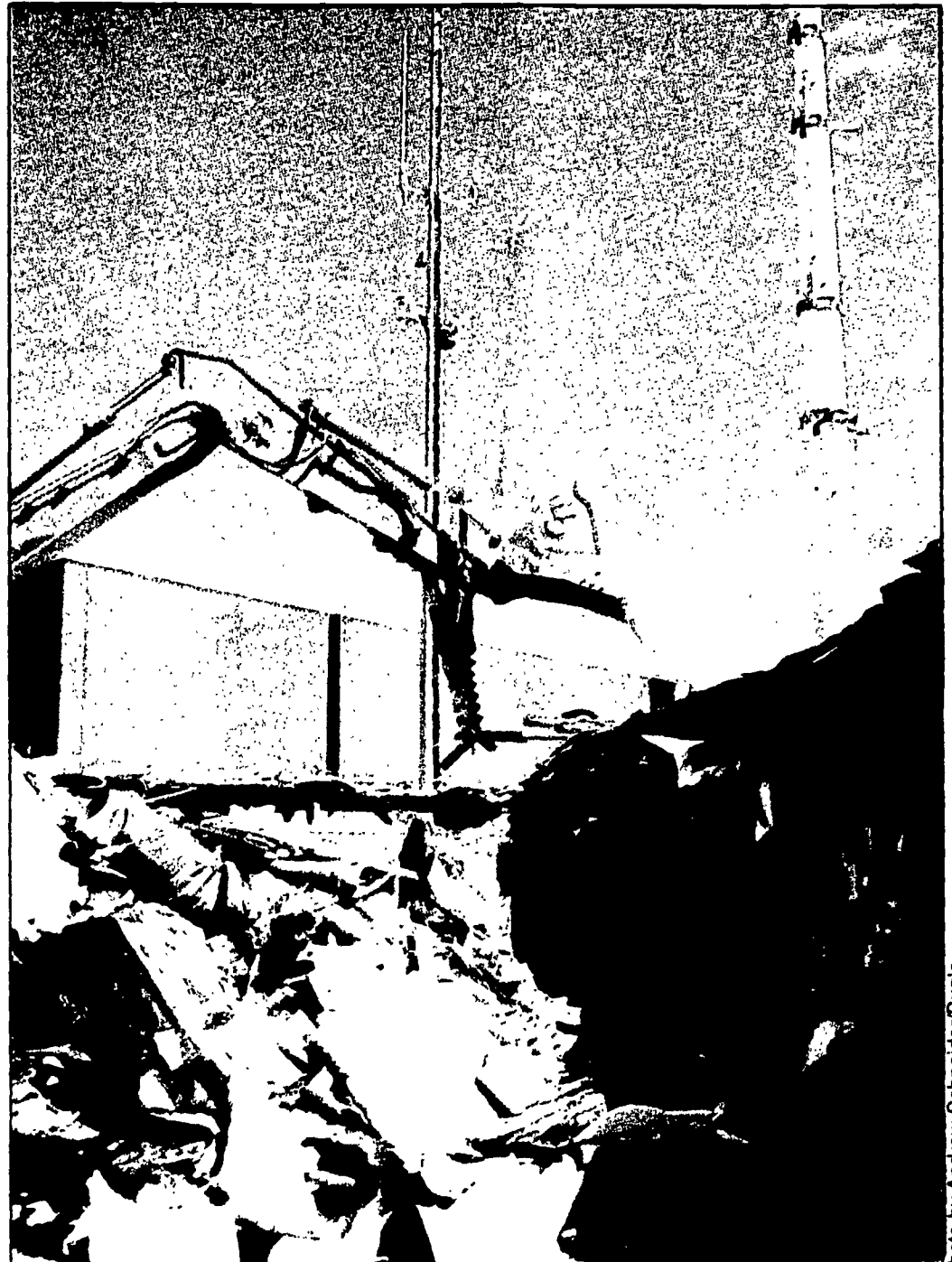
"We have much more security in the new building," said Strzlecki. "In the old one we just used one card key to enter and then you could go anywhere. Now there are many more secure areas and officers need card keys to move around."

But the size of the new building is a dramatic change for the officers as well.

"The old building you could pretty much walk around in three minutes," said Strzlecki. "If, for instance, you wanted to find out if someone was at their

Story Continues...

AN ERA ENDS page 4.



A backhoe prepares to take a chunk out of the former Niles Police Station last Tuesday, Apr. 26. Demolition of the building began last week and is expected to be completed in three weeks.

Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle

Village approves landscaped parking at MEC

Parking on the landscaped area around the Muslim Education Center (MEC) in Morton Grove will continue to be allowed through January 2005.

At their last meeting on Monday, Apr. 25, the Village Board decided that the parking that has been allowed on the grassy areas surrounding the MEC has been acceptable. The policy has been unpopular with some neighbors of the MEC who regard the grassy area as green

space for the community.

Parking will only be allowed on the landscaped area during Friday prayer services between 12:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

"We've talked with the staff at the MEC and they've proven that they've instituted policies as to when it's appropriate to park," said Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski. "They have people who monitor the landscaped area and they assess conditions before they allow parking."

Czerwinski said that, while the village has said it will allow parking on the landscaped area until January, that policy is open to review if it proves to be a problem. "If, for instance, they park on the landscaped area when it's wet and we start getting mud on our roads," he said, "then we may have to review the policy."

But he was confident that the MEC would act responsibly regarding the green space. "They don't want a rutted, muddy area

either," said Czerwinski.

While parking is allowed for the prescribed hours, that doesn't mean those residents who are frustrated by the policy have to tolerate cars that are parked in violation of it.

"If residents see a car parked on the landscaped area and it's not during the prescribed times, then they should call the police," Czerwinski said. "They will write a report. The MEC would then be cited for a zoning violation."



Walking for the Whisper

Over 400 people participated in the 2004 Ovarian Cancer Walk for the Whisper at Bunker Hill Woods in Niles Saturday despite pook weather. Survivors hold the banner above.

Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle

NEWS

Niles increases water rates

Residents of Niles will see an approximate \$10 a year increase in their water bills starting this June.

The Niles Village Board voted to increase water rates from \$3.33 per 1000 gallons to \$3.43 per 1000 gallons effective June 1. The money will cover increased cost of providing the water.

"The rate increase is necessary because the City of Chicago has increased the price," said Niles Trustee Bart Murphy. "Even at the increased cost we still have one of the lowest water rates of the surrounding communities."

The village's water fund is a break even fund which means that the rates are only as high as necessary to cover the cost of purchase and delivery.

"What we charge for the water covers the price of the water coming in and the delivery to the individual homes," said Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano. "Some towns use their water services as a money-maker but when we pass a rate increase we do it to make sure that the system pays for itself. Our policy is to provide residents with the lowest priced water that we can."

Public Activity Bond option extended

The Niles Village Board passed an ordinance at their meeting Tuesday, April 27 extending their right to issue Private Activity Bonds (PAB) until the first of the year.

When the village grants an PAB it essentially allows industry to borrow money at their low interest rate. The village does not have to guarantee any such loans nor does it lend any money itself.

PABs are basically tools that municipalities employ in order to aid industries that might otherwise decide to leave either for other towns, states, or even

countries.

"They basically help us lower the cost of financing for industry," said Village Finance Director George Van Geem.

Each year, municipalities can either sell their PAB option, issue it to a business, or grant their rights to another municipality.

The village's ability to issue PABs would have expired without the ordinance. The village has never had to pass an ordinance before because, by this time of year, the PAB option had already been exercised by them, another municipality, or an industry.

New cell tenant adds rent to Niles' coffers

A new tenant for a Nextel cellular phone tower behind the Niles Public Works Building on Touhy could bring as much as \$21,000 per year to the village.

The current tower was built in 2001 by Nextel. Nextel rents the land for the footprint of the tower. Under a proposed plan, cellular phone provider T Mobile would lease space on the tower from Nextel. Land for a footprint would be leased from the village.

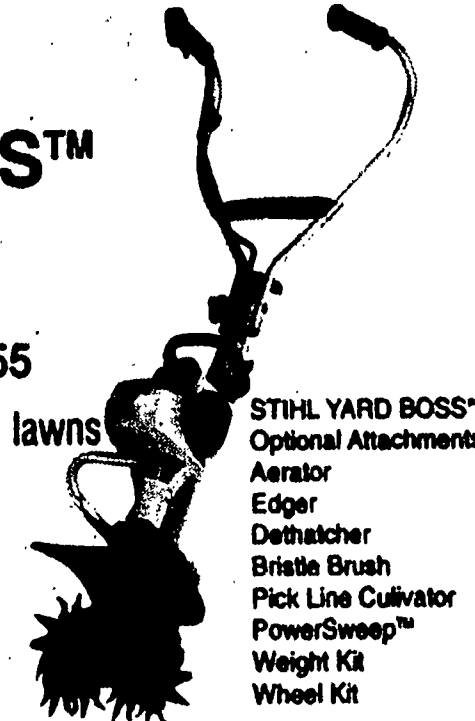
No final rate has been agreed upon for the rent and because of the difference in the current Nextel and the proposed T Mobile agreement they won't be exactly the same, but Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano said that they would receive a "very fair price" for the lease.

He added that it could be roughly comparable to the Nextel lease which nets \$19,331 per year.

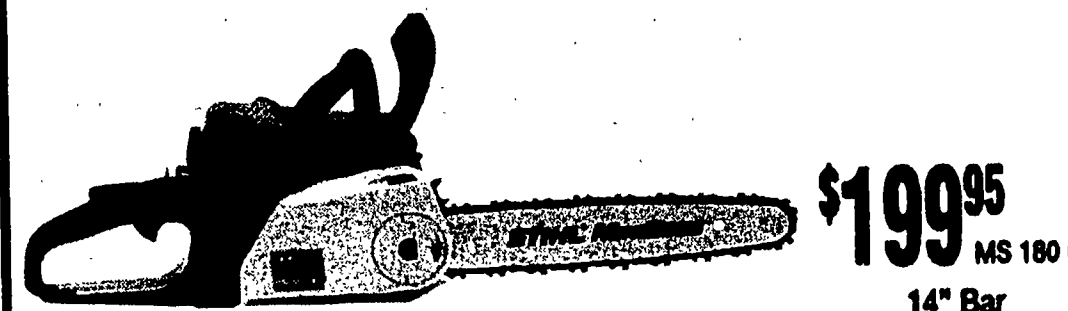
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Consultant hired for Lehigh/Ferris TIF

A consultant was hired by the Village Board at their last meeting in order to develop a framework plan for the development of the Lehigh/Ferris tax increment financing (TIF) district.

The new consultants will look more closely at specific areas within the 72-acre TIF district and develop plans for redevelopment. The framework will provide the foundation for future Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) that the village will send out to redevelop specific parcels within the TIF.

Business Development Director Tim Angell said that the area would be redeveloped as a transit-oriented

neighborhood with some business, mixed-used, and residential. He stressed that it would not be redeveloped as Morton Grove's "downtown."

\$860,000 was budgeted this year for the all projects relating to the Lehigh/Ferris TIF. Angell said that he hoped to conclude this study by the end of 2004. Once completed, he expected that the response by potential redevelopers to be immediate.

"There's been a flurry of activity already," he said. "I expect that the interest from both large and small redevelopers will continue to grow."

As a part of the redevelopment, the

rail crossing at Lincoln Ave. will be reconfigured and the train station will be relocated about 100 to 150 feet south of its current position.

Currently, the Metra station in Morton Grove is among the top quarter of stations for its traffic. The new train station could include as much as 1000 sq. ft. of retail space and Angell said that the volume of commuters makes the station attractive to national chains as well as local merchants.

"But after seeing what's happening with the national chains in Arlington Heights I'd be much more comfortable with a local entrepreneur going into the station," said Angell.

Five teens plead not guilty in Maine stabbing death

The five teens charged with the recent stabbing death of a Palatine-teen in unincorporated Maine Township near Maine East High School have pleaded not guilty.

Fermin Barron, 18, Heriberto Ruiz, 17, Jaime Arreguil, 17, and Edgar Campos, 16, all of Rosemont; and Pedro Mercado, 18, of unincorporated Elk Grove Township are accused of stabbing 16-year-old Angel Fernandez of Palatine, a student at Niles' Joseph

Academy as well as the beating of a 17-year-old Niles youth on March 12. The teens' arraignment was held April 21.

Cook County Sheriff's Police have said the attacks were gang-related.

Niles Park District unveils new building plans

The public will have a chance to view the plans for the Niles Park District's planned 35,000 square-foot Community Multi-Purpose Building to be built on the former site of the Moscow Nights, near the intersection of Caldwell and Howard.

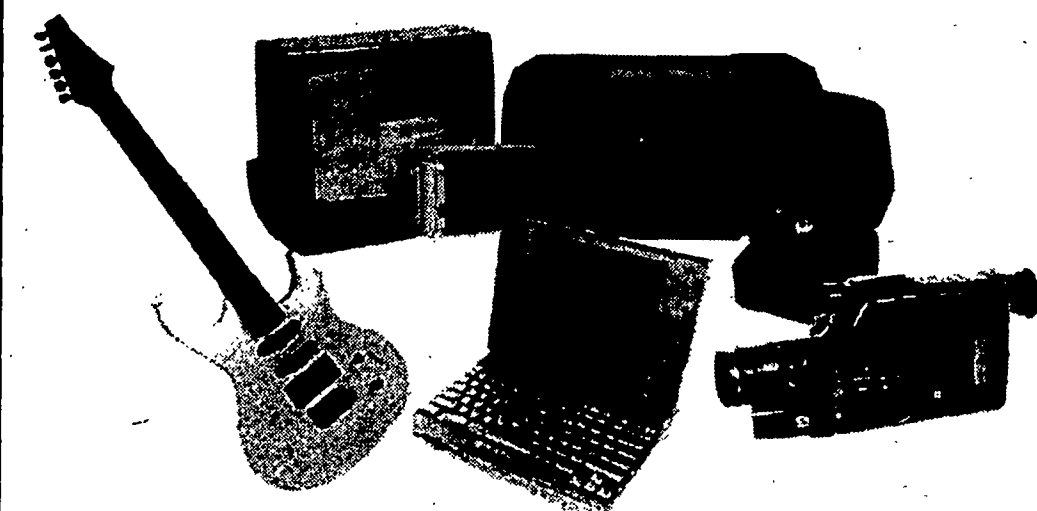
The architectural firm of Wight & Company will be hosting a presentation where they will unveil plans and a 3-D video of the new building on Caldwell Avenue on the May 18 Board meeting, held at 7:00 p.m. presentation at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. The Regular

Board Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. The firm and staff of Wight & Co. will be available for community questions and input.

"We look forward to your participation as we continue with this community building," said Park District Executive Director, Joe LoVerde.

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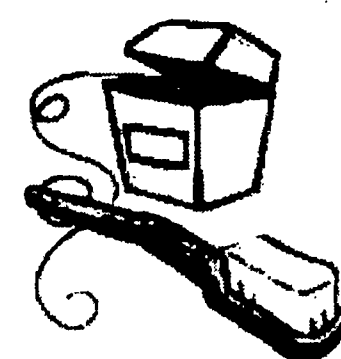
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Blase reflects on new, old police stations

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A time capsule placed in the former Niles Police Station when it was built in 1964 was removed Friday Mar. 26 by Mayor Nick Blase, retired Chief of Police Clarence "Whitey" Emrikson, and Fire Commissioner Sam Bruno. In the capsule were village and police department photographs, letters from residents and local politicians and a uniform badge.

Among the photographs removed from the capsule was one of Blase, Emrikson, and the building's architect Mr. Browner placing the capsule in the building after its construction forty years ago.

Blase said that opening the capsule that he himself had placed in the building was an interesting experience.

"Not many people have been mayor that long," he said. "The thing that I reflect upon most was the growth of Niles. We're a mature community now."

According to Blase, many of the letters from residents in the capsule painted a vivid picture of a young Niles that was just beginning



Then Niles Police Chief Clarence Emrikson places a time capsule in the former Niles Police Station with the help of Mayor Nick Blase and architect Mr. Browner forty years ago.

to undergo significant development.

"When that old station was built every neighborhood had a homeowners association to represent them," said Blase. "A home construction boom was just beginning and now, forty years later, there are no associations."

The transition from the old station to the new one reflects the growth and changes in Niles, Blase continued. "Here's a new

building that will last for one hundred years. It's very like our community: the police department has grown and requires more space for new techniques and procedures. Our community is mature now."

Blase said that, looking forward, Niles will maintain its commitment to serve its residents. "We'll be taking it a day at a time. We must maintain the lifestyle and sustain the services that we provide to our residents."

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desk. We can't do that anymore."

The police are pleased with the new building, Strzlecki said and are in the process of arranging it in a way that is efficient.

"The range officers, for example, are setting up the storage cabinets the way they want them," he said.

The command staff is giving the younger officers a free hand to set up the building as they want to, according to Strzlecki.

"This is their building," he said. "This is where they're going to be working so it's important they have a say in setting it up."



A pile of rubble is all that remains of the rear portion of the former Niles Police Station. Demolition of the building began last week and is expected to be completed in the next two weeks.

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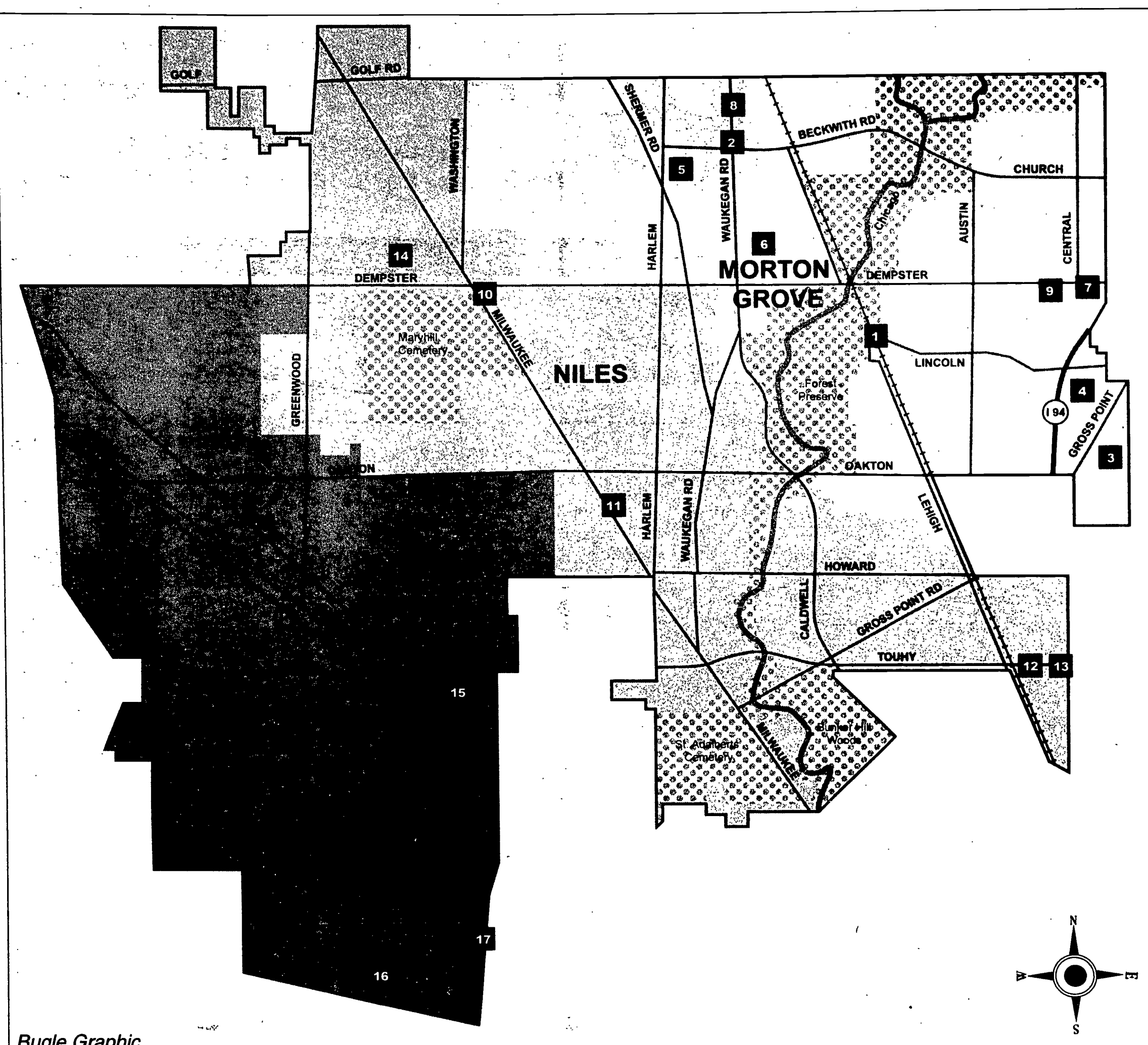
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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending April 30, 2004.

1 Indecent exposure (St. Paul Woods Forest Preserve)

A 35-year-old woman called police after she claims a man exposed himself to her while she was at the St. Paul Woods Forest Preserve. The woman told police the man was in his early 30s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, about 175 pounds, wearing a red, white, and blue warm up suit. Morton Grove police assisted Cook County Forest Preserve police in the investigation.

2 Retail theft (9300 Waukegan)

A hair removal kit was shoplifted from the Walgreens store in the 9300 block of Waukegan Monday afternoon April 26. The employee of the store described the shoplifter as being 12-13 years-

old, with long straight hair, and metal frame glasses.

3 Vandalism (5400 Cleveland)

The garage windows and storm door of a home in the 5400 block of Cleveland were damaged by a BB gun Thursday April 22. The 62-year-old owner of the home told police he has no problems with his neighbors.

4 Car windows smashed (5500 Main St.)

The rear window of 1995 Plymouth Voyager was smashed out Wednesday night April 28 while the car was parked in front of the owners home in the 5500 block of Main St.

5 Window of home smashed (9100 Belleforte)

A window in a home in the 9100 block of Belleforte was smashed with a brick late Thursday night April 22. The owner of the home estimated the replacement cost at \$1,000.

6 Every penny counts (6900 Dempster)

An employee at the Shell station at 6941 Dempster called police

after a man drove away without paying for 59 cents worth of gas Thursday afternoon April 22. The employee told police the driver pumped \$4.29 worth of gas into his car but then only left \$3.70 with the cashier.

7 Theft of gas (5600 Dempster)

A thief drove away from the BP Amoco station at 5601 Dempster Thursday afternoon after putting \$21.20 worth of gas into his tank.

8 Theft of gas (9500 Waukegan)

A thief drove away from the Mobil station at 9544 Waukegan Thursday afternoon after filling his tank with \$33.34 worth of gas.

9 Gas station scammer (5600 Dempster)

An employee of the Shell station in the 5600 block of Dempster called police to report a possible short-change scam Friday afternoon April 23. The employee told police a man in 40s walked into the station and purchased a package of cigarettes with a \$50 bill. The employee said he gave the man the correct change and that

the man turned away like he was counting his change and turned back to tell the clerk he was shorted \$20. Although the customer did not pursue the matter, police believe it is the same man who was attempting the scam at other gas stations in the area. The man is described as a male white about 6 feet tall, about 40 years-old, with long blonde hair and a moustache. He was seen driving an older model Red Chevy Blazer.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending May 3, 2004.

10 Sphinx Cafe cited for serving minors (8700 N. Milwaukee)

The owner of the Sphinx Cafe was cited for allowing minors into the club early Saturday morning May 1 after a uniformed police officer, during a random

check, discovered two 20-year-olds in the club.

According to Niles police, the officer on patrol decided to do a random check at the nightclub at 8743 N. Milwaukee about 1:30 a.m. The officer said he noticed a number of people who looked young in the club and started checking IDs. During his check he found two people, a 20-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman.

Both minors were issued citations and the owner of the club was issued a citation for allowing minors into the club.

11 Retail theft (7900 Milwaukee)

A 48-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested Saturday afternoon May 1 after a store employee watched the man conceal \$35.49 worth of food under his coat.

12 Food theft (5600 Touhy)

A 42-year-old Chicago man was arrested Friday evening April 30 after store security at the Jewel store at 5667 W. Touhy watched the man place food items into two plastic bags and leave the store.

13 Retail theft (5700 Touhy)

A 46-year-old Chicago man was arrested Friday night April 30 after store security watched the man remove razor blades and shoe inserts from the shelf and place them inside his coat. The man, however, had enough money to pay for a 12 pack of beer. The stolen items were valued at \$26.98.

14 Motorcycle stolen (8280 Elizabeth)

A 2003 Silver Yamaha motorcycle was stolen from a parking spot in the alley in the 8200 block of Elizabeth Sunday morning May 2.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending April 23-29, 2004.

15 Burglary (300 S. Northwest Hwy.)

A computer valued at \$1,210 was stolen from a business in the 300 block of S. Northwest Highway Friday night April 23.

16 Burglary (1900 Courtland)

A home under construction in the 1900 block of Courtland was burglarized Thursday night April 22. Police said the offenders entered through the front door. Fixtures and tools were stolen.

17 Vandalism (1900 Canfield)

Someone threw a landscape stone through the windshield and rear window of a 1999 Buick Ultra early Tuesday morning April 27.

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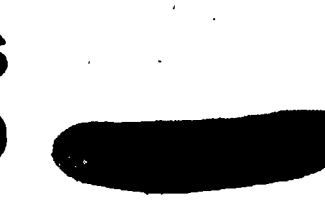


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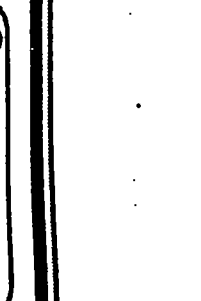
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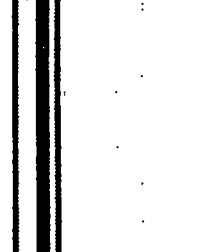
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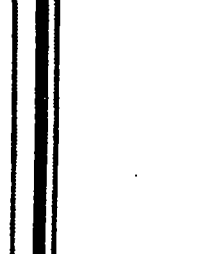


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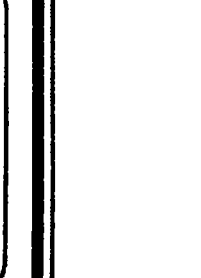


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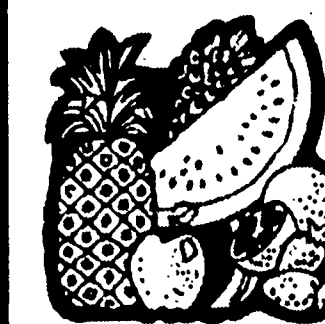
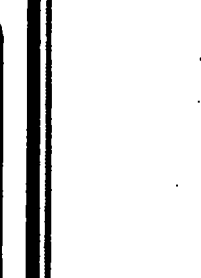
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EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Monday, May 10
 - 7 p.m. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting.
 - 3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 11
 - 7 p.m. City Council workshop on Uptown
Thursday, May 13
 - 6:30 p.m. Dee Rd. Station Remodeling Community Meeting, Public Works Service Center, 2nd Floor

COMMUNITY

Thursday, May 6
 - St. John Lutheran of Niles will be holding a special time of prayer on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. The gathering is in recognition of the "National Day of Prayer." The gathering will be held on the grassy area under the flag pole.
 - The Chicago Archdiocese will host a forum on postpartum depression from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6 at St. Martha Catholic Parish, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove. Attendance is free. For more information, contact Kim Hagerty at (312) 751-8351.
Tuesday, May 11
 - The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its annual Spring Luncheon at Bristol Court, 828 E. Rand Rd., Mount Prospect, on Tuesday, May 11. A program entitled "Spring Floral Delight" will be presented by Noreen Rasmussen. Noreen is a noted floral designer. A raffle will follow the program beginning at 11 a.m. For ticket information call (847) 966-4264.
Friday, May 14
 - Niles West High School will present a free community performance of "Korczak's Children," at 10 a.m. in the auditorium, 5701 W. Oakton, Skokie. Two other performances will be held tonight at 4 p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$8.

PARKS

Thursday, May 6
 - 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District Board meeting

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Opinion

Flying flags upside down 'a disgrace'

Dear Editor,

Flying the flags upside down, besides being a disgrace and yet another new low for Morton Grove, is another attempt to portray some residents around MEC, many of whom are members of the MGO, as victims when in fact they are the real aggressors.

They have filed suit to shut down prayer services at MEC, yet Patrick Kanser strangely claims that they are not against a mosque at the MEC site. Mr. Kanser again strangely claims mediation meetings should be held in public while seemingly forgetting the MGO, of which he is an executive member, walked out of the mediation after just two meetings and blasted the whole process.

I would like to reassure anybody if they are driving in the MEC neighborhood and are distressed at the sight of a US flag flying upside down, please drive in front of the MEC building on Menard. There you will see Old Glory flying higher and prouder than any disgraceful display some residents may selfishly put upon what is indeed a great symbol of our nation.

A.K., Morton Grove

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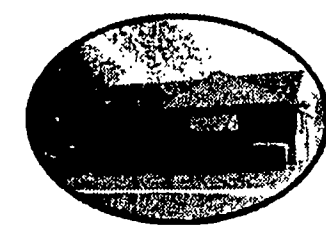
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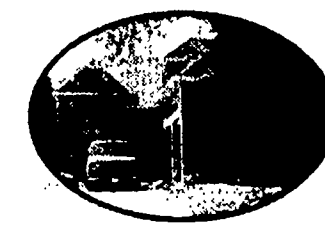
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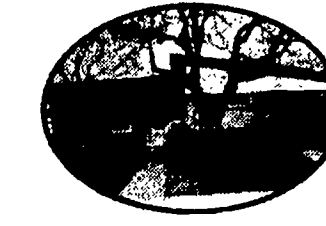
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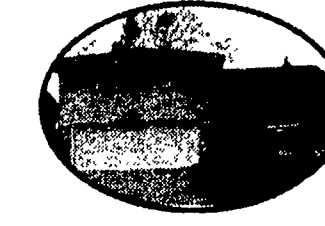
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PARK RIDGE NEWS



By Chuck Baldacchino

Your Referendum?

Back in 2002, the Park Ridge City Council was four-square behind tearing down and rebuilding the Park Ridge Public Library. They wanted to free up the Library block for retail/commercial/residential development—the kind they now want to put on the Reservoir/Bredemann blocks. Oh, they were willing to make a new Library bigger, but only somewhere else in Uptown, and at least thought about a referendum on those expenditures and the impact of redevelopment on Park Ridge for the next 50- to 100-years.

No such luck. The Council persists in its belief that they "were elected to make these decisions." But were they? In the last local election, April 2003, did any candidate tell you what they were thinking on UR, or ask you what you wanted to see in Uptown? Did they explain to you what UR might cost in additional annual property taxes?

How about the election before that, in April 2000, where the other seven aldermanic seats were filled? Did any candidate even say a word about UR? Do you know what THEY think, and will vote on in your name (and with

your money) for UR?

Do you believe they were elected (by you) to make these life-changing decisions without asking you, explicitly, what you think about what you want in Uptown and how much you're willing to pay to get it?

If not, there are two ways to get your opinions to your elected representatives. Either attend one of the upcoming Council sessions on UR to tell them what you want and ask them what it'll cost, or be prepared to sign, or help distribute, referendum petitions to put some UR questions on the November 2004 election ballot.

Shortly, these referendum petitions, like the ones for the 2002 Library questions, will be showing up at the train stations, on the sidewalks in town, or door-to-door.

Remember, these are petitions ONLY to get the questions on the ballot; they don't obligate you to vote in any particular way in November should a sufficient number of signatures be collected.

Here's your chance to get these questions out in the clear light of public day. The votes you cast in November are non-binding; the Council can still vote any way they like if they think they know better than you on UR.

Or, they can get your message. Finally.

Yo, UR. Referendum?

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com



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Can we take him home?

Alaina and Garrett Pluhar cuddle with Cleo the beagle at last Saturday's second annual Beaglefest in Hinkley Park. Cleo was one of several "adoptable" dogs at the event. Over 100 people came in spite of the weather. Organizer and Park Board Commissioner Gail Wilkening was thrilled with the turnout.

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News

Free bus ready to stop at Teen Center May 15

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
editor@buglenewspapers.com

The Niles Free Bus will be ready to stop at the new Niles Teen Center when the facility, located at the intersection of Howard and Caldwell, opens next weekend.

According to Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, the details are still being fleshed out, but the new

stop should be in place by the Grand Opening of the Teen Center, Saturday, May 15.

The stop will be added to the 411 Reverse Free Bus. Vinezeano said that the 411 was the bus that stopped most closely to schools and that it also drives right in front of the Teen Center.

"It's just a matter of getting it to pull in," he said. The Free Bus is a great service that was well-suited to teens and extremely safe, Vinezeano

continued.

"The Free Bus has great communication with the Niles Police and Public Works," he said. "Now it's just a matter of educating parents and youths on what it will take to ride the bus to the Teen Center."

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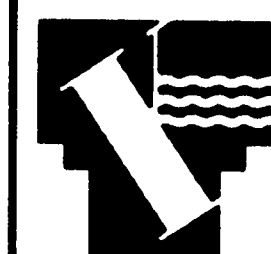
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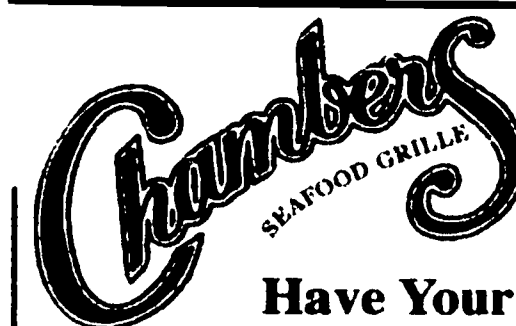
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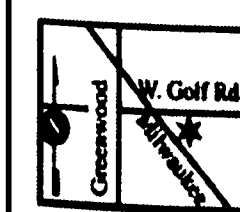
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A Few Thoughts on Mother's Day

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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For many years in our family "Mother's Day" has been an honored but, in my opinion, overlooked holiday. Much like "Father's Day" it's a chance to celebrate our parents in a more specific way than we do in our day to day lives (if we do it at all).

In our family, I've always felt that we expended enough effort in the day to day part of our lives that our mother knew she was loved and respected. However, the death of my grandmother last year, and my mother's response to it, made me realize that, above and beyond the year-round effort, Mother's Day offers us a chance to take the time and say "I love you mom," and to demonstrate those feelings through our actions; we won't be able to let our mothers know how we feel forever.

Today, this Sunday, and every day we should take the time to let all our mothers know that we appreciate their efforts. Don't just say, "I love you mom," let her see it through your actions.

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by David Uffington

How to Deal With a Tax Notice

In the 1941 film "The Wolf Man," a nice guy named Lawrence Talbot (Lon Chaney Jr.) heard the chilling words that even a good man who says his prayers can become a werewolf! Well, even honest taxpayers who file their returns on time may get the dreaded "Tax Notice" from the Internal Revenue Service telling them that they slipped up somewhere. Last week, I cited some reasons why those tax notices go out. This week, I'll tell you how to handle them:

1. Check a copy of your return to see if you agree with the changes indicated on the tax notice. If so, usually no reply is needed. (For example, you may have made a mistake in your arithmetic or put an entry on the wrong line, all of which the IRS corrected.) If you owe money, the notice will instruct you where to

send your payment. And do so ASAP.

2. If you disagree with the tax notice findings, call the IRS immediately. The phone number is on the form. It's a good idea to follow up with a letter, sent to the address that is also on the form. Include photocopies of supporting material, e.g., canceled checks and receipts, as well a photocopy of the tax return in question.

3. You may get a second notice responding to your questions or asking for more information. Provide the requested additional data, or follow the guide on how to proceed further.

4. If you and the IRS still disagree, you might contact the Tax Advocate Service. The toll-free number is 1-877-777-4778 (for TTY/TTD 1-800-829-4059). Be prepared to send copies of all notices, correspondence, tax returns and supporting documents connected to the disputed return.

Good luck.

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BUSINESS

Thursday May 6, 2004

Bugle, Maine Township thank Food Drive Participants

The Bugle/Maine Township Food Drive was a tremendous success. The Township was extremely pleased with the support of the businesses involved in the drive. They volunteered their premises in order for bins designed by The Bugle and supplied by the Township.

The businesses involved in the drive included: Merlin's Muffler, 6108 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, Dominic's Kitchen Store, 8 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge AAA Vacuum, 8050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Callero & Catino, 7609 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Plaza Bank, 7201 N. Harlem, Niles, and Brunswick Bowl, 7333 N. Milwaukee, Niles.

"We'd like to thank all the businesses involved and our readers for

their donations," said Rich Masterson, publisher of The Bugle. "Your support was incredible and your commitment to the community is commendable."

Maine Township Supervisor Bob Dudydz added that the Food Pantry was better stocked thanks to the generous efforts of the members of the community.

"Hunger is a problem that never goes away," said Dudydz. "I'd like to thank the businesses and all the members of the community who supported the Pantry."

Donations can still be made at the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry, located in the Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered their time, energy, or business to the success of the drive.

BUSINESS PEOPLE



Curves holds health seminars

A series of seminars related to women's health will continue Monday evening, May 10th at the Niles Curves, with a presentation on abdominal strength. The seminar will be given by Christina M. Christie, a physical therapist, childbirth educator and woman's health special-

ist at the Sportsmedicine Clinic of Lutheran General Hospital. Ms. Christie will be emphasizing proper training techniques and how to achieve great abdominal strength through a core program. For further information on the seminar contact the Niles Curves, 8746 Shermer Rd, at 847-470-2000.

Scholarship winners announced

The Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars committee is pleased to announce the 2004 scholarship recipients. The Scholarship program will award Jeena Chorath and Keith Banaszak, two graduating eighth graders each \$500 and Alex Tseger and Alejandra Rosas, two graduating high school seniors each \$1000. These students were chosen based on awards and honors, transcripts of credits, letters of recommendation, service to the community and school and an essay. With the cooperation of

Landmark Ford of Niles, the Chamber held a grand raffle with first prize a 2004 Ford Escape. Northwest Community Credit Union and National City Bank also made donations to the Dollars for Scholars program to help fund these scholarships.

A ceremony to award these recipients will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 10:30am at Landmark Ford of Niles, 6200 Touhy Ave. For more information on the event or the scholarship program please contact the Chamber office (847) 966-7606.

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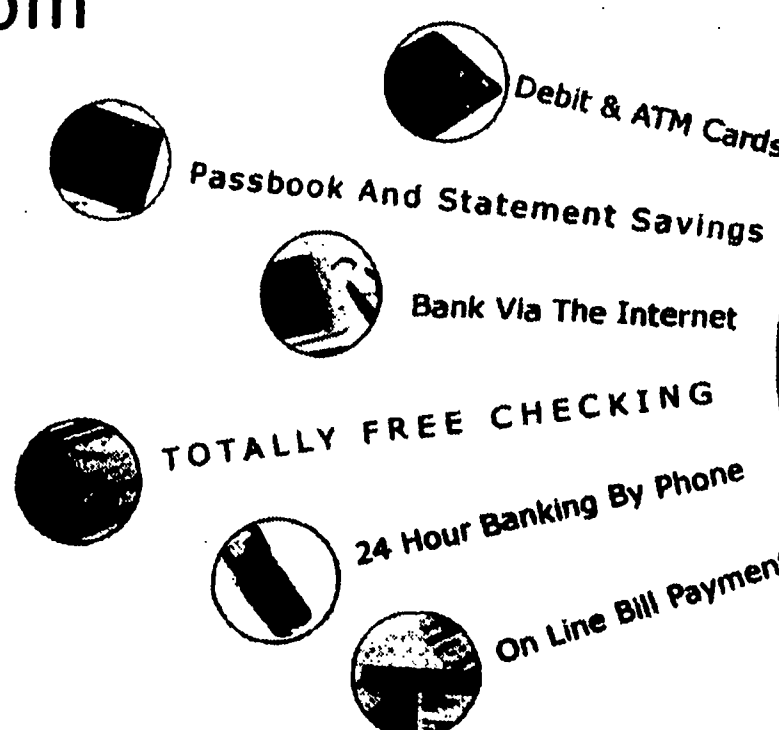
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Police ticket three cars at MCC



Morton Grove Community Service officers ticket cars parked on the street in the 5700 of Theobald Friday afternoon April 30.

Report on parking plan's effectiveness in the works

Three tickets were issued to cars owned by individuals attending last Friday's prayer services at the Muslim Community Center (MCC) in Morton Grove. The tickets were issued as a part of the village's Progressive Emergency Parking Plan, which is employed in areas of congestion where roads are less than 38-feet wide.

Signage that has been up on local streets for about a two-block radius around the MCC informs drivers that only cars displaying a valid Morton Grove vehicle sticker are permitted to park. The policy, according to Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski, is designed to give residents of the area surrounding the MCC some relief from the cars of worshippers

that attend the regular Friday services and to provide access for emergency vehicles.

"The policy has been in place for about the last six months," said Police Cmdr. Mark Erickson. "But we were over there before that when we received complaints from the residents."

Czerwinski said that he the police department is currently preparing a report that will examine the parking enforcement before the new regulations were put into place and after. Those in force around the MCC were implemented Oct. 25, 2003 and they are not unique in the village: similar enforcement was implemented at the Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation on Sept. 26, 2003 and at St. Martha's Church on Nov. 5, 2003. The regulations provide for resident-only parking on the a specified side of the street. Other areas in the village may also be considered for the program.



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Dive for it

Niles West catcher Gary Roberts can't find the handle on an infield pop-up in the top of the third inning of their second game against Niles North Saturday afternoon May 1. Niles West won the game 10-3.

Niles Baseball League holds opening ceremonies May 8

The Niles Baseball League will hold its annual opening day parade on Saturday, May 8. The parade will kick off the league's 46th season. It will start on the site of the Notre Dame High School parking lot at Ozark and

Dempster. Aside from about 400 participants in the League, approximately 200 tee-ball players and 250 girls softball players from the Niles Park District will march. The parade participants will assemble between

9:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The parade will depart onto Ozark marching south toward Main St. and then head west towards Oketo and south towards Grennan Heights Park where the opening day ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m.

Bowling Leagues

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Kay Pecoraro/Jan Repel	162	Howard Rimm	578
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		Lyle Nemzin	562
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WEEKEND WARFARE

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Niles West Boy's Volleyball at Maine South

When: 5 PM, Thursday May 6

Where: Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge

Outlook: Maine South is tearing up the courts this season. This past weekend they won the 12 team Libertyville Invitational and improved their overall record to 12-3. This Thursday they look to do some damage in conference competition when they take on the Niles West Wolves. The Wolves have not played as well as the Hawks, but are still showing they are a solid team. With solid play they will provide the Hawks a good challenge and try and score a key conference win.

Notre Dame Boy's Volleyball at St. Patrick's

When: 5 PM, Thursday May 6

Where: St. Patrick High School, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

Outlook: With an overall record of 5-11, the Notre Dame Boy's volleyball team will have to pull off some big upsets if they hope to cause damage in post season. Fortunately for them a conference record of 3-2 still gives them a shot at a conference championship. They'll need to continue to accumulate more wins in conference if they hope to attain that goal. Their next chance comes this Thursday when they face St. Patrick's. St. Patrick, Notre Dame competitions always have an extra element of drama from a long rivalry. When these two teams desperately trying to gather wins, this match should prove to be very exciting.

Maine South Softball at Glenbrook South

When: 5 PM, Tuesday May 11

Where: Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview

Outlook: After beginning the season on a sour note with a record of 1-6, the Maine South Hawks have turned things around, topping the .500 mark and improving their record to 8-7. They are on a hot streak right now but should have their hands full when they take on state ranked Glenbrook South. Glenbrook South faced a rough previous week when they faced two of the top ten teams in the state. They split games with Minooka and handed Kaneland their second loss of the season. After a week like that it's a good possibility that a hot Maine South could upset the exhausted Glenbrook South girls.

Does your team whether high school, grade school, or park district, have an exciting game coming up? We want to know about it! Email msantor@buglenewspapers.com with details and contact information and your team could be featured in next week's Weekend Warfare!

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SPORTS

Notre Dame chosen as second seed

BY RYAN BISHOP
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It has not been often this year that a Notre Dame baseball player has been up to the plate in the seventh inning down to their last out. In fact it has happened only five times this year as the Don baseball team has enjoyed tremendous success on the diamond. They are only one win away from yet another 20 win season, sporting a record of 19-5 on the season. Playing in the very competitive East Suburban Catholic Conference, the Dons were chosen as the #2 seed in the regional Monday night at the seedings meeting.

"We have had some great senior leadership this year, led by pitcher and outfielder Dean Cademartori and pitcher/outfielder Jason Infusino. Seven of our nine starters are seniors and they have carried this team all year. Our top three hitters are seniors and Matt Kudlik, although only a junior, has taken on a leadership role with his play," said coach Bob Kostuch.

The Dons scheduled doubleheader Saturday against first place Joliet Catholic was postponed due to wet grounds, and will be rescheduled May 22, a game that could decide the conference championship. A recent 10-

game winning streak was snapped Monday as St. Joseph defeated the Dons 8-4. Junior Kevin Mitchell took the mound in his third start of the year. The Dons could not overcome a six run first inning by the Chargers, but came back to make a game of it. Cademartori entered the game in relief and held St. Joseph to two runs. Leadoff hitter Joe Giorango had two hits in the game, two runs batted in, including a double. Cademartori went 2-3 on the night with a home run and a single.

"We have to get back on track after that tough loss. It might have brought us down to earth, and this is the kind of game we needed to get us ready for regionals. We will just take this one in stride and keep working and practicing hard," said Kostuch.

The Dons have been explosive all year with their bats. The team boasts a .355 team batting average, led by Infusino's .467 average. Kudlik is the team leader in runs batted in with 33 and home runs(3). Senior shortstop Joe Pauley(23 RBI) is tied for the team lead with Cademartori in hits with 25 and has a .352 average going into the game with St. Joseph. Their pitchers have enjoyed a run support of over seven runs a game and have amassed 225 hits on the year. In addition,

they have scored in double digits eight times this year, four times during their winning streak.

"We have been making good contact and driving the ball to the opposite field. The key has been getting ahead by six, seven runs and letting our defense control the game," said Kostuch.

The pitching staff has dominated hitters on the season, holding opponents to a .232 batting average and a 3.29 team ERA. The 1-2 combination of Cademartori(6-0, 0.82 ERA, four complete games) and Kudlik(4-2, 2.51 ERA) has been solid all year. Senior Jeff Wisniewski(4-0, 17 strikeouts) has made five starts as the third starter. The Dons have many options to choose from as 14 pitchers have made contributions.

"Our goal is to go deeper than last year's team(regional champs). This is like our preseason for the playoff run. We want to be peaking the last 12 games of our season, go out as conference champions. We end the year with the teams battling us for conference, Carmel, Marist, and Joliet Catholic," said Kostuch.

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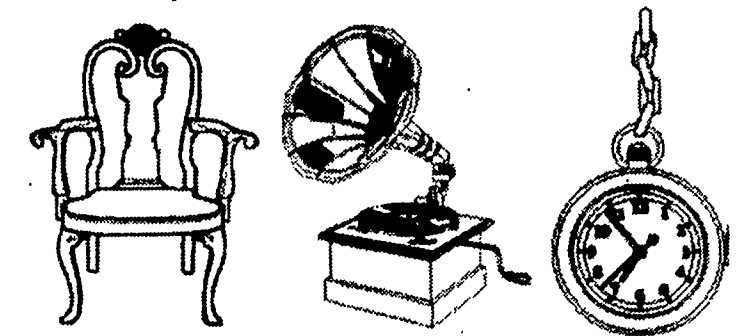
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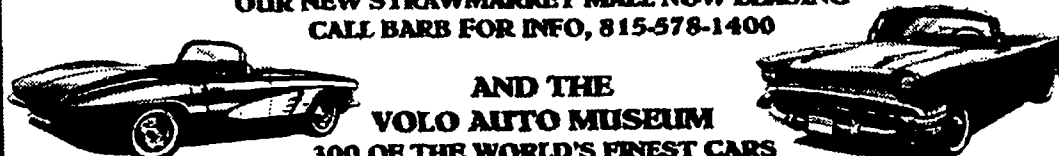
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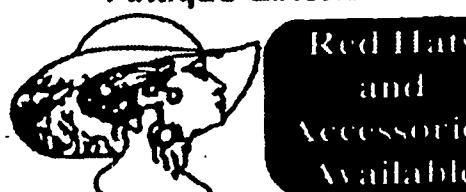
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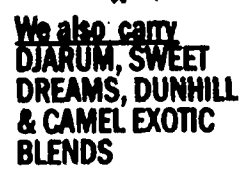
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Niles Senior News

Senior Center Week - Senior Centers on the move
May 10th - May 14th

Across the country, senior centers are celebrating Senior Center Week May 10th through May 14th. This year the Senior Center week theme is Senior Centers on the Move! And we certainly fit the picture! Almost every day our rooms are filled with events, classes, arts and crafts, health lectures or screen-

ings, support groups, and many other activities. For Senior Center Week we are planning specific events with daily raffles and snacks:

Monday, May 10th, 1:00pm - Intergenerational Songfest. Free Songfest features Culver students & our Niles Senior Choral Group: The Golden Notes and Niles Senior Center's very own Kitchen Band: The Kitchenaires

Tuesday, May 11th, Wednesday, May 12th, & Thursday, May 13th, 2:00pm-4:00pm Play Mini-Golf throughout the Center. Free

career will be presented audibly along with Mr. Diamond's unique depiction at this free program co-sponsored by the Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre.

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

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MUSIC BIOGRAPHY OF FRANK SINATRA

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Seniors will be able to play mini-golf throughout the Senior Center on Tuesday,

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Thursday, May 13th, 9:00am-11:00am - Pancake Breakfast & You Be the Judge. \$5

Join us for Pancakes, Waffles, Eggs, & Sausages prepared by the Senior Center staff.

After Breakfast play "You Be the Judge" and win prizes.

Friday, May 14th, 2:00pm-4:00pm - Mini-golf Tournament throughout the Center - Free

An exciting end of the week ~ Mini-Golf Tournament throughout the Senior Center.

Top scores from the week's mini-golf games compete in the tournament! Don't forget to sign up during May Registration.

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
Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00am - 1:00pm

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"DIABETES UPDATE" LECTURE

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Maine Township
Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce Senior Activities and Classes
Listed below are a few of the new May and June programs for all Maine Township seniors. All activities and programs are held at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge unless otherwise indicated. For further information on these and all senior programs and activities call 847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com.

COMPUTER WORKSHOP

"How to buy a Computer?"
Tuesday, May 18
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Presenter: Lee Huber

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"CRAFT WORKSHOP"

Tuesday, May 25
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Instructor: Sue Domzalski
Cost: \$7.00 includes Supplies
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Mon., May 24 & Wed., May 26
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Last February's fire truck accident a 'scary ride'

Niles Firefighter
Olbrisch recounts
harrowing tale

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Niles Firefighter Dennis Olbrisch was recognized by the Village of Niles last March for his valiant efforts to control a run-away fire truck that plowed through a stoplight, a bank plaza and destroyed an SUV and hit an unoccupied school bus before coming to rest on the west side of Milwaukee Ave. near Howard St., midday on Thursday, Feb. 26.

"I'm not a roller coaster fan," Olbrisch said, "but Great America has nothing on us."

Olbrisch was driving a ladder truck, on loan from the North Maine Fire Department, back from drills when a van traveling northbound on Harlem ran a red light, striking the truck that was traveling westbound on Howard.

"I remember [Niles Firefighter/Paramedic] Jon Raz

calling out from the back of the truck, 'he's not stopping,'" Olbrisch said. "I tried to steer away from the van to lessen the impact."

When the van collided with the fire truck, Olbrisch said that it sheered away the brake pedal and locked the accelerator.

"We were basically a run-away vehicle," he said. "We actually picked up speed. I don't remember hitting the stoplight, I remember hitting the SUV, but I don't remember it exploding in front of us."

Olbrisch said that as they were passing through the Parkway Bank Plaza, he realized they were heading straight at a building of stores and offices on the east side of Milwaukee. "I tried to steer away from the building," he continued. "We were heading straight for the center of it and managed to hit the SUV but we didn't stop."

As they were passing through the Bank Plaza, Olbrisch managed to tell Lieutenant Jack Henriksen, who was in the passenger seat, that he did not have control over the brake or the acceleration.

"He said that I was going to have to hit something," Olbrisch said.

The collision with the SUV further damaged the steering, leaving

Olbrisch with even less control as the truck barreled across Milwaukee toward a parked school bus.

the school bus. "That school bus was our savior," he said. "It slowed us down enough for me to take my hands off

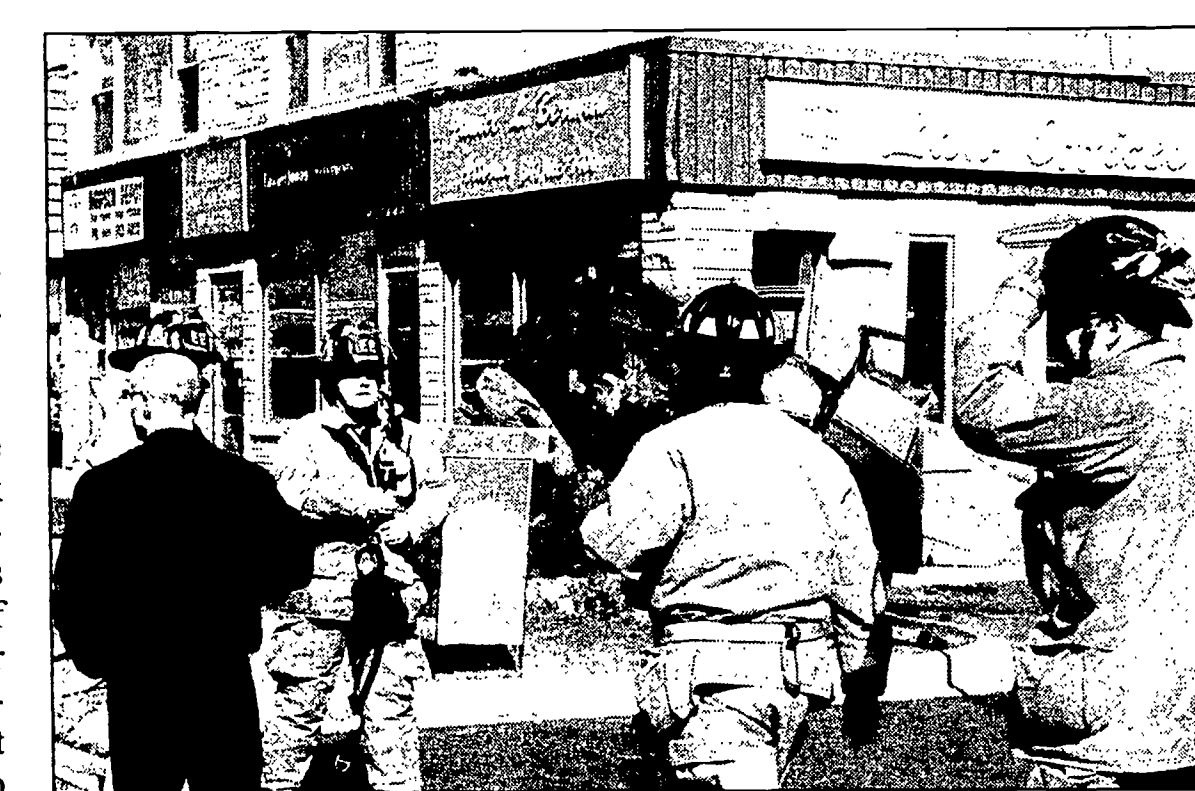
the van that originally collided with the truck, were taken to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge by the Niles Fire Department.

In his wrestling to control the run-away truck's path, Olbrisch bent the steering wheel. "I'm proud of what I did and my driving abilities," he said. "I've already thanked [Niles Fire Chief Harry Kinowski] for those defensive driving classes, but it was a very scary ride."

Olbrisch was recognized for his driving and the firefighters on the truck that day were recognized with a unit award. The truck they were driving belonged to the North Maine Fire Protection District. "It wasn't even our own truck that we smashed," Olbrisch said.

The entire accident probably only took twenty seconds, he continued, but it felt like it took twenty minutes.

"Between the motor accelerating, things falling around in the truck, and the vehicles crunching around us it felt like it took forever," he said. "I was more emotionally stressed than physically hurt, but I hope nobody else has to go through something like that."



Firefighters swarmed the scene of an accident last February that involved a North Maine fire truck and Niles personnel.

"I asked Henriksen if he saw any movement on the bus," Olbrisch went on. "Because I believed at the time that I could move the bus again if anyone was on it."

Seeing no movement, Olbrisch allowed the truck to collide with

the wheel and hit the motor's kill switch."

The fire truck came to rest without seriously injuring either pedestrians or motorists. Olbrisch radioed for help and the three firefighters, along with the driver of



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

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This Mother's Day, Give a Gift That Lasts

It's almost Mother's Day. This year, in addition to presenting Mom with a bouquet or some candy, why not give her a gift that can benefit her for years to come? Specifically, consider helping her out with her financial planning.

Of course, it's possible that your mother has already got a pretty good handle on her financial future. But a lot of mothers don't. In fact, with regard to their finances, women in general face plenty of challenges. Here are a few statistics to consider:

- Women, on average, earn only 76 percent of what men earn, according to the U.S. Dept. of Labor.
- Women's Social Security benefits are about half of men's, according to the Women's Institute for Financial Education.

An estimated 90 percent of women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives, as reported by Aetna Retirement Services.

Clearly, these numbers point to a need for all women, including your mother, to take an active role in managing their finances - no matter what their marital status. So, what can you do to help out Mom? For starters, think about giving her a financial gift, such as shares of stock. You may want to give stocks of companies whose products she uses - but make sure these companies are of high quality, with good prospects.

As an alternative to giving stocks, you may want to contribute to your mother's IRA. And if she doesn't have an IRA, volunteer to help her open one - and make the first contribution.

Next, offer your services as a "document detective." Help your mother find and organize all important

financial papers: brokerage, bank, insurance and retirement account statements, along with all legal papers: will, power-of-attorney, living trust, etc. Again, it doesn't matter if your mother is married, divorced or widowed - she must know where everything is. And by knowing where things are, she'll have a clearer picture of what she has.

Furthermore, by helping your mother locate her financial documents, you may learn a great deal about her situation. For example, if your mother has a 401(k) where she works, is she contributing as much as she can afford? And, just as importantly, is she investing in a mix of 401(k) accounts that can provide her with the growth opportunities she needs for retirement? Many people invest too conservatively in their 401(k) plans - and end up shortchanging themselves at retirement. So, as your next Mother's Day "gift," advocate for a sensible, growth-oriented investment strategy.

Finally, encourage Mom to visit a financial professional - someone who can make appropriate recommendations, based on your mother's risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term investment objectives. A qualified professional can help your mother tie together all the key aspects of her financial picture - investments, insurance and estate plans. If you work with a financial professional whom you trust, you may want to give his or her name to your mother. If not, ask for referrals from your friends or relatives.

By helping Mom gain a solid footing in her finances, you'll be giving her a long-lasting Mother's Day gift - but, to make sure you stay in her good graces, don't forget the flowers.

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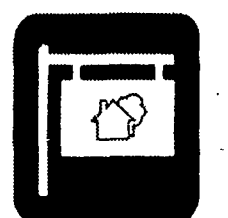
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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

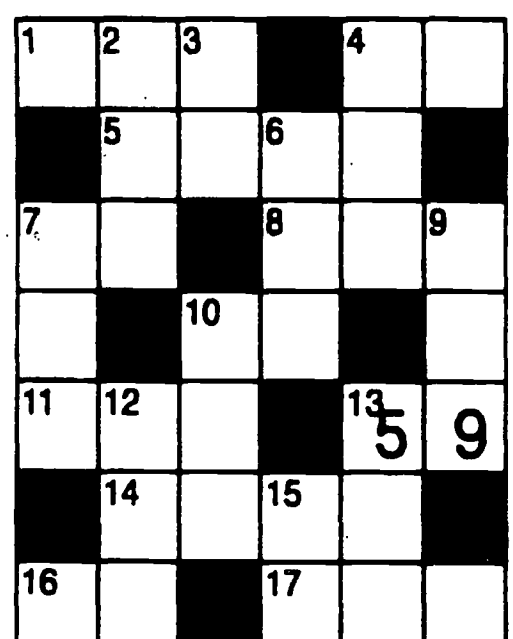
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- 8-Across plus 11-Across
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Three times 7-Down
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Nine less than 13-Down
- Six less than 15-Down
- One-half of 2-Down
- One more than 10-Across
- Two times 1-Across
- Three more than 7-Across
- Eighty more than 4-Down

DOWN

- 1-Across minus 6-Down



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Rational Numbers answers

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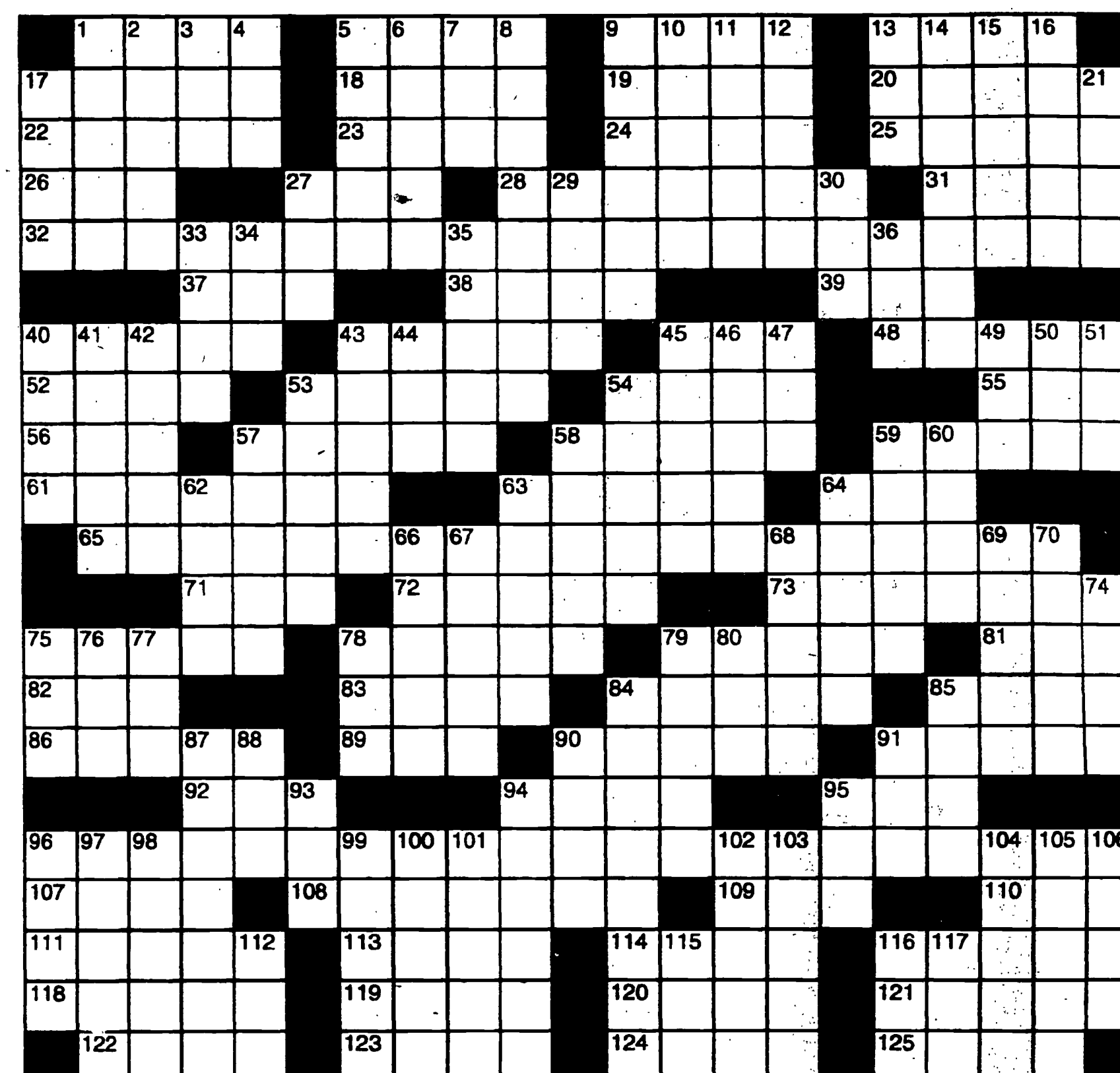
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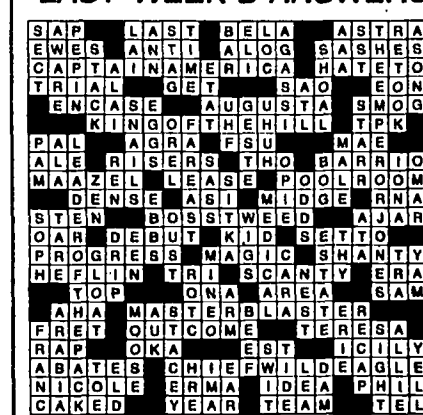
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- Madonna role
- Moral man?
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- Unwelcome visit?
- Plot
- Narc's org.
- Roberts or Robertson
- Look in
- Dress size
- Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitley May
- Malamute medic
- Eaves dropper?
- "Whiz!"
- Assumption
- "Tosca" tenor
- "Veronica's Closet" item
- Haggard
- Surrounded by
- Cool's cry
- Wilbur Post's confidant
- Curly poker?
- Crony
- Eisenhower, for one
- African capital
- Mansfield or Meadows
- Author France
- It comes from the heart
- Weep
- Middle of remark
- "Make - double!"
- Crack up
- "Evil Ways" group
- salad
- Pennsylvania sect

- Rock's Tears for -
- Squash shot
- Garage supply
- in (yield)
- Beetle Bailey's boss
- 1,760 yards
- Put on hold
- Vane letters
- Composer Gabriel
- Actor Cariou
- Downs a donut
- Antlered animal
- End of remark
- Aphrodite's son
- Jeeves' master
- Say please too often?
- Buddy
- "The Full -" ('96 film)
- Guitar kin
- Author Dinesen
- "What - Bob?" ('91 film)
- Poet Sanchez
- Level
- Mall event
- Pop Art pioneer
- Blind as -
- Relief initials?
- Tickle
- Gawk
- Violinist Mischa
- Inexperienced
- Inedible fruit
- Sound

DOWN

- Chess piece
- Retract
- Skater Midori
- Use a phaser
- Scarecrow stuffing
- Ire
- Pitch in
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Two Great Books for Homeowners

This spring's book releases hold much information for homeowners and those shopping for a house. Two in particular are worth a look. Plumbing, insulation, heating and structural elements are just a few of the subjects addressed in "Inspecting a House" (Dearborn Trade Publishing). Alan Carson and Robert Dunlop have been home inspectors for 25 years, and this new release reveals their depth of knowledge. This book is invaluable for several reasons: For the first-time homebuyer, a little knowledge can help avoid costly mis-

takes; and for current owners, a do-it-yourself inspection can uncover potential maintenance and repair issues before they really become a problem. Inspections prior to home renovations are also important in order to learn the amount of work that will actually be required. The authors recommend hiring a professional inspector when purchasing or renovating a home. "Spending a few hundred dollars for a home inspection is well worth the expense when faced with having to replace an inadequate electrical system or a worn-out roof that could have been detected before the home was purchased," says Carson. Clean illustrations and clear instructions make this an essential reference, and at \$17.95, it's worth the small expense. For homeowners looking to give their yards a facelift, or just improve a troublesome garden, give "The Weather-Resilient Garden" (Storey Publishing, \$19.95) a try. Author Charles W.G. Smith offers a defensive approach to planning, planting and growing a hardy garden, from soil improvement to protecting

fully grown plants from the hazards of wind, rain, drought, floods or ice. Region-specific guidelines are given, as well as a profile of 100 weather-tough plants, many of which both protect other plants and prevent soil erosion. Weather is always doing its best to hinder one's best gardening efforts; fortunately, there's a section on healing the garden after bad weather strikes, providing advice on solving damage from 11 different weather conditions for many types of plants and trees. Henry Mitchell once wrote, "By the time one is 80, it is said, there is no longer a tug of war in the garden. ... All at last is in balance and serene. The gardener is usually dead, of course." With this book in hand, gardeners may win the tug-of-war a little earlier.

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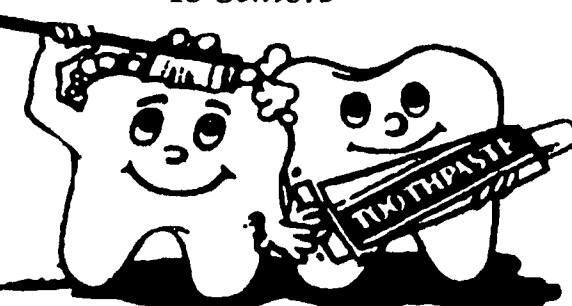
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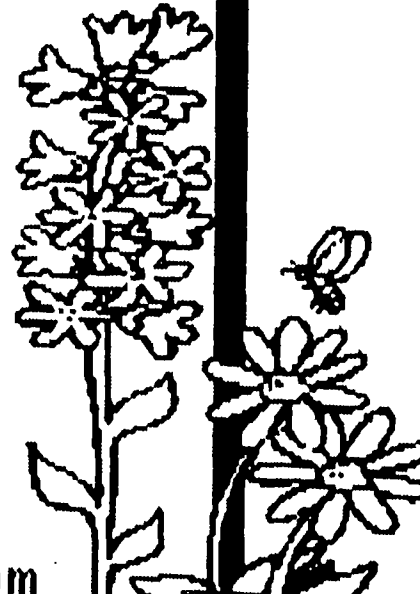
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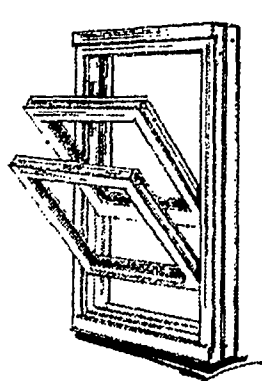
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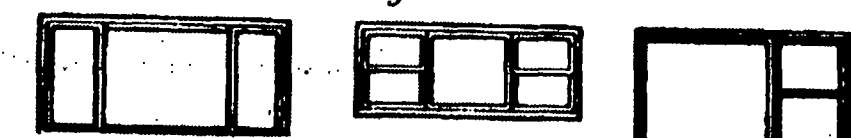


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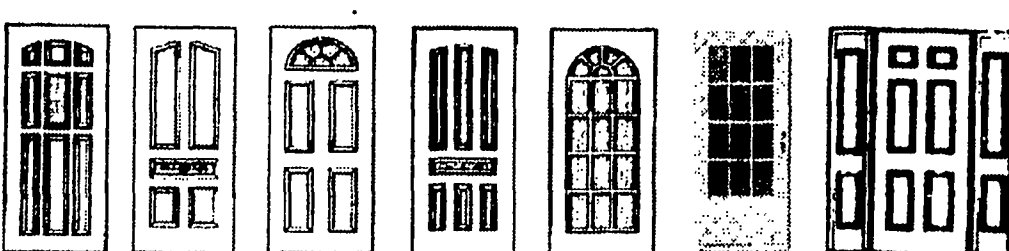
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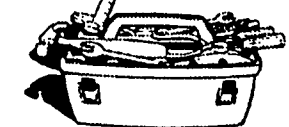
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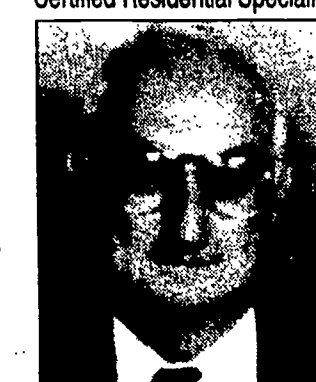
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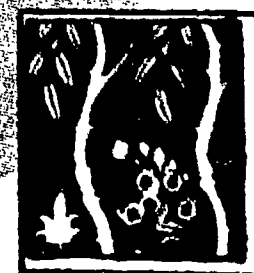
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