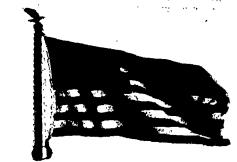
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Rescuing the River

Liz Goodwin and her daughter Casey hold a volunteer t-shirt at last Saturday's Chicago River Rescue Day in Linne Woods. For the story see page 21.



Smash it

Notre Dame's Dan Kamin smashes the ball at last Thursday's meet. The Dons have made great strides in tennis. For the story, see page 15.

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Check it out for useful home tips, news and ads from your local realtors (page 21).

MG Board dismisses rumors of MCC settlement

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

Board dismissed rumors that a settlement had been reached with the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at the Town Hall meeting, Wednesday, Apr. 5.

Addressing persistent rumors that the village would announce progress on the mediation process between the village and the MEC at the Town Hall meeting, Mayor Dan Scanlon read a statement informing attendees that no settlement had been reached and that the village would make an announcement when there was something definite to announce.

"We cannot discuss the future of the MEC's proposed expansion or the litigation at tonight's meeting," said Scanlon. "As many of you know, at the urging of the court and the Department of Justice, the Village has been participating in discussions with the MEC regarding their facility plans."

In his statement, Scanlon argued that the MEC expansion was not, as rumors have hinted, a "done deal."

"No 'done deal' would have taken this long," he said.

The mediation continues, Scanlon said, and any result would be shared "when appropriate."

"The Federal Government has requested that parties involved in the mediation refrain from public comment," Scanlon said.

He also reminded attendees that the approval of any plan that results from mediation would have to be approved in an open meeting and that there would be public input.

"The village will continue to work with the press to provide our community with additional information as it is warranted," Scanlon concluded.



Play Ball Members of the Cardinals all search for family members at the same time as they reach the end of the parade marking opening day of Niles baseball at Grennan Heights Park Saturday moming May 8.

Niles, Morton Grove Firefighters drill at Y



Niles Firefighters from Engine Company #2 return their equipment after drilling on the eighth floor of Niles' Leaning Tower YMCA Thursday, May 6.

Morton Grove participated in drills last week at Niles' Leaning Tower YMCA. The drills were designed to help the nine different companies in the two communities prepare for what Niles Fire Lieutenant Rich Teper termed the building's "unique challenges."

Those unique challenges are caused because the building is a high rise and a hotel, with an exercise facility.

"There is a high life hazard is this building," said Teper. The building is of particular interest to the Niles Fire Dept. because of the high density of people who could possibly be using the facility if a fire ever broke out.

Six drills were held at the Y, last week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Fire personnel drilled in two different parts of the building: the eighth floor and the basement

"We decided rather than doing a Continues...

FIRE DRILL page 3.



Parkview Takes Aim at Nationals

Pat Conrad, 12, adjusts the Parkview School Science Olympiad's trebuchet, a projectile launching device, during the school's open house Thursday, May 6. The Science Olympiad will be going to the national competition in Pennsylvania May 19. The story is on page 2.

NEWS

Parkview Science Olympiad soars to national competition

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

he Parkview Science The five-day trip, beginning on retiring. Olympiad is bound for its **1** fourth national competiheading to Juniata College in in the country.

The Science Olympiad is a "They generally bring in a him. national competition designed to stimulate interest in the sciences among primary-level students. The competition has 23 different events, covering a wide range of Following the speech, an oath is ents. scientific fields.

of their projects at the Parkview Open House last Thursday, May 13: a two-liter bottle simulated a and return to Morton Grove on but also the community. bottle rocket, the projectilelaunching trebuchet hurled a rubber ball with precision to hit teachers and Parkview Supt. Gary Zabilka and, to top them all, 8th-grader Ryan Moy's rubberband-powered airplane circled the gymnasium at a stately pace while silent attendees nomenal for a school our size." watched.

"It's amazing that one coach could build a team like this,"

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Staff Finite

President Tony Hofeld who has departments.' had a student on the Science Olympiad Team for the last four years. "We're very proud."

the 19th and ending on the 24th will pit Parkview against 53 tion in a row. This year, they're other teams from around the Tournament Director for 2005 country. But first, an opening Huntingdon, Pennsylvania to ceremony is held before the it.' compete against the best teams competition begins on the 21st that Hofeld described as moving.

> prominent person to speak," he said. "When they speak everyone

administered to one official, For each of the last four years, Team members featured some coach, and team member. On the the Parkview team has gone to 22nd, the competition is held, on nationals with the blessing and the 23rd students take a day off support of not only their parents,

> which is no small feat for a team we've met the challenge." from the underdog.

non-laboratory school there," said Cole. "What we do is phe-"I coach chemistry," said Hofeld.

"We compete against schools Park View School that have chemistry coaches who 6200 Lake Street said Parkview School Board are heads of university chemistry Morton Grove, Illinois

This year is bittersweet, Hofeld felt, because after leading the program for 10 years, Cole is

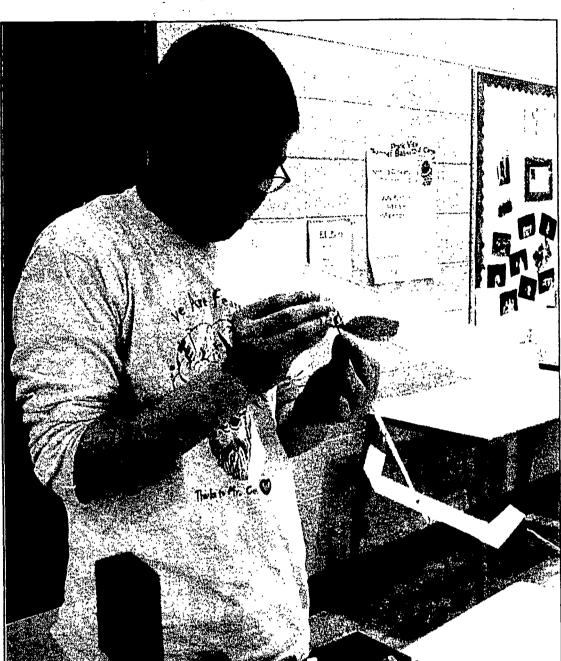
"It's bittersweet for us," he said. "He'll become the Regional though and he'll be excellent at

Cole said that his team was prepared to continue without

"It's ok," he said. "We've really set up the program so that it realizes the honor of being can continue. The heart of the program is, after all, the par-

"We have to raise \$15,000 by Cole estimated that his team May 19," said Hofeld. "It's a would finish in the top ten, daunting task but each year

So far, \$3,000 has been raised "We are probably the smallest towards the trip. Donations can Science Olympiad Team C/o Matt Cole, Head Coach



8th-grader Ryan Moy adjusts the propeller on his rubberband powered plane before displaying it to an awestruck audience at Parkview's Open House Thursday, May 6.

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normal drill. like in the case of a house fire, it would be good to practice some new techniques," said Teper. "We asked the people at the Y and they thought it was a good idea."

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Fire drill

The drill also gives Niles and Morton Grove a chance to drill together.

"Because of the Mutual Aid system we will respond to each other's incidents," said Teper. "This allows us to practice our coordination and become more familiar, faster, and effective which will enable us to save more lives in an emergency. Working with Mutual Aid makes us all better at our

The objectives for the drills were to learn different things about the Y building specifically, such as what keys open what locks, which ways are the best to lay hoses and how best to deploy equipment. Data gained during the drills will also allow the Niles Fire Department to refine its Pre-Emergency Plan for the Y building.

After the second set of drills on Thursday, Teper thought that personnel from both departments functioned

"The guys did great," he said. "These drills give us the chance to work to work out the details. Sometimes little nuances don't go like you expect but the guys can learn and



A Morton Grove Firefighter picks up equipment on the eighth floor of the Leaning Tower YMCA after drills Thursday, May 6

Street resurfacing set in MG

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

he Morton Grove Public Works Department has designated most I of the streets that will be completely or partially resurfaced this year under the 2004 Street Improvement

In the village's budget \$664,812 was budgeted to resurface streets this year and the initial proposal, which called for work on seven different streets throughout the village. The bids that were returned for the project were substantially lower than the budgeted amount: \$494.319. This leaves enough money for another street to be resurfaced, approximately \$140,000.

"I think that some of these companies actually wanted work for a change," said Andy DeMonte, director

of Public Works.

The streets that will be resurfaced

are: Greenwood Ave. from Olcott Ave. to Oriole Ave. and Emerson St. from Harlem Ave. to Waukegan Rd.

Five other streets are slated for micro surfacing. They are: Churchill Ave. from Washington St. to Oriole Ave. Ozark Ave. from Beckwith Rd. to Palma Ln., Michael Ct. from Beckwith Rd. to Wilson Tr., Lake St. from Austin Ave. to Central Ave., and Monroe St. from Central Ave. to Long Ave.

The micro surfacing process puts a thin layer on top of the existing surface. DeMonte said that it could add from five to six years of life to the roads. As far as the extra road that will be resurfaced, DeMonte said that the Public Works Dept. was compiling a list. One possibility under consideration is the remaining portion of

Niles Teen Center Grand Opening set for May 15

he Niles Youth Council will host addition to the Village of Niles said ■ the new Niles Teen Center from 10:00am-1:00pm on May 15, 2004. The public is invited to attend the official opening and welcome the Teen Center to the Niles community.

"We hope everyone in the community will join us to celebrate this great Caldwell and Howard.

a dedication and open house of Christine Eischen, Youth Coordinator for the Niles Teen Center. "A lot of time and hard work have gone in to the

> The Niles Teen Center offers a variety of activities for teens. It is located at 7680 N. Caldwell, at the corner of





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Niles Police time capsule opened ahead of schedule



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Time Capsule

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The Bugle's front page on Mar. 5, 1964 featured an article on the recently demolished Niles Police Station and its time capsule. Speakers on hand predicted it would be opened in 2064.

issue of The Bugle out at me." appeared once before, on Mar. 5, The text of the 1964 article is Cornerstone at new Police-Court Building" concluded with an Police-Court Bldg., Time Capsule Msgr. John Flanagan, pastor of St. invitation to the time capsule's Placed In Building opening ceremonies Friday, Feb. 29 2064, 100-years from the dedication date.

graph on page one.

photo that appeared on Schneider. "I was turning the page four of last week's pages and it just sort of popped

Lay Cornerstone at new

A brief ceremony in commem- Police Chief Emrikson then oration of the new Police station and Municipal building being After last week's issue had built at Touhy and Waukegan gone to press, Editor Andrew took place on Saturday, Feb. 29. Schneider was paging through the The ceremony was climaxed with invitation from Herb Adler to all archives and found the photo- the placing of a time capsule, a those present to attend the opencopper box 16" by 5" by 4". The ing cermonies on Friday, Feb. 29, "It was really funny," said box contained predictions of 17 2064.

civic and homeowners' associa-

The 17 of the 36 civic homeowners' groups that responded were: Niles Chamber of Commerce, Grennan Heights Garden Club, Jonquil Terrace Civic Association, Niles Public Library, Chesterfield Gardens Improvement Ass'n, Niles Lions Club, Niles Citizens Committee, Oakton Manor Homeowners Ass'n, Kirk Lane Community Organization, Rotary Club, Safety Council, Village Board of Trustees, Woman's Club of Niles, School District 71, Park Lane Community Association, Women's Auxiliary of Niles Police Department and the Niles Police Department.

The opening address of the ceremony was made by Herb Adler. who introduced Ed Berkowsky as organizational representative. Mr. Adler then held the time capsule. already sealed, up for everyone to view. A brief address was given by Niles Police Chief Clarence Emrikson who said "there is 10 times as much room here (the new station) which will make our work a little easier." In attendance were Judge Anton A. Smigiel, Judge James McCullen, and Judge Herbert Stoffels. The final speaker was Mayor Blase, who extended his appreciation to the people of Niles for their contributions (tax wise). The invocational blessing was given by the R. Rev.

John Brebeuf Catholic Church. placed the capsule within the cornerstone and the Mayor completed the ceremony. The historic event was closed with a personal

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graders Jeena Chorath (St. John Brebeuf School) and Keith

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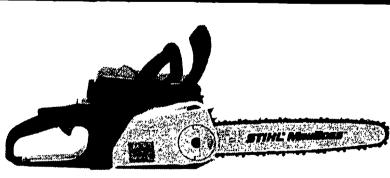
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Niles Chamber awards scholarships

he Niles Chamber of cult one to make" says Bob Commerce Dollars for Raminiak, Chairman of Niles committee Chamber Dollars for Scholars. awarded their 2004 scholarships All applicants were judged on at a ceremony on May 8, 2004 their academic achievement, hosted by Landmark Ford in community involvement, written Niles. Two graduating eighth recommendations and short Banaszak (St. John Brebeuf mittee could not have awarded

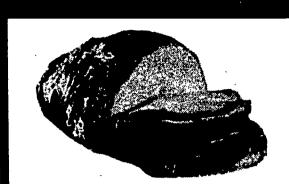
High School) and Alex Tseger chased raffle tickets in the Ford (Niles North High School) were Escape Grand Raffle and without each awarded a \$1000 College the generous contributions of Scholarship. "We were over- Landmark Ford, Northwest whelmed by the caliber of appli- Community Credit Union and

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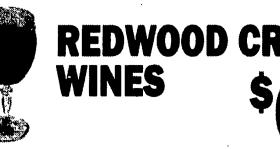
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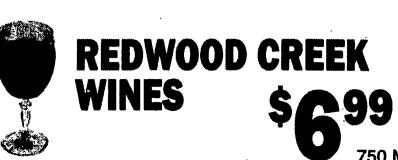




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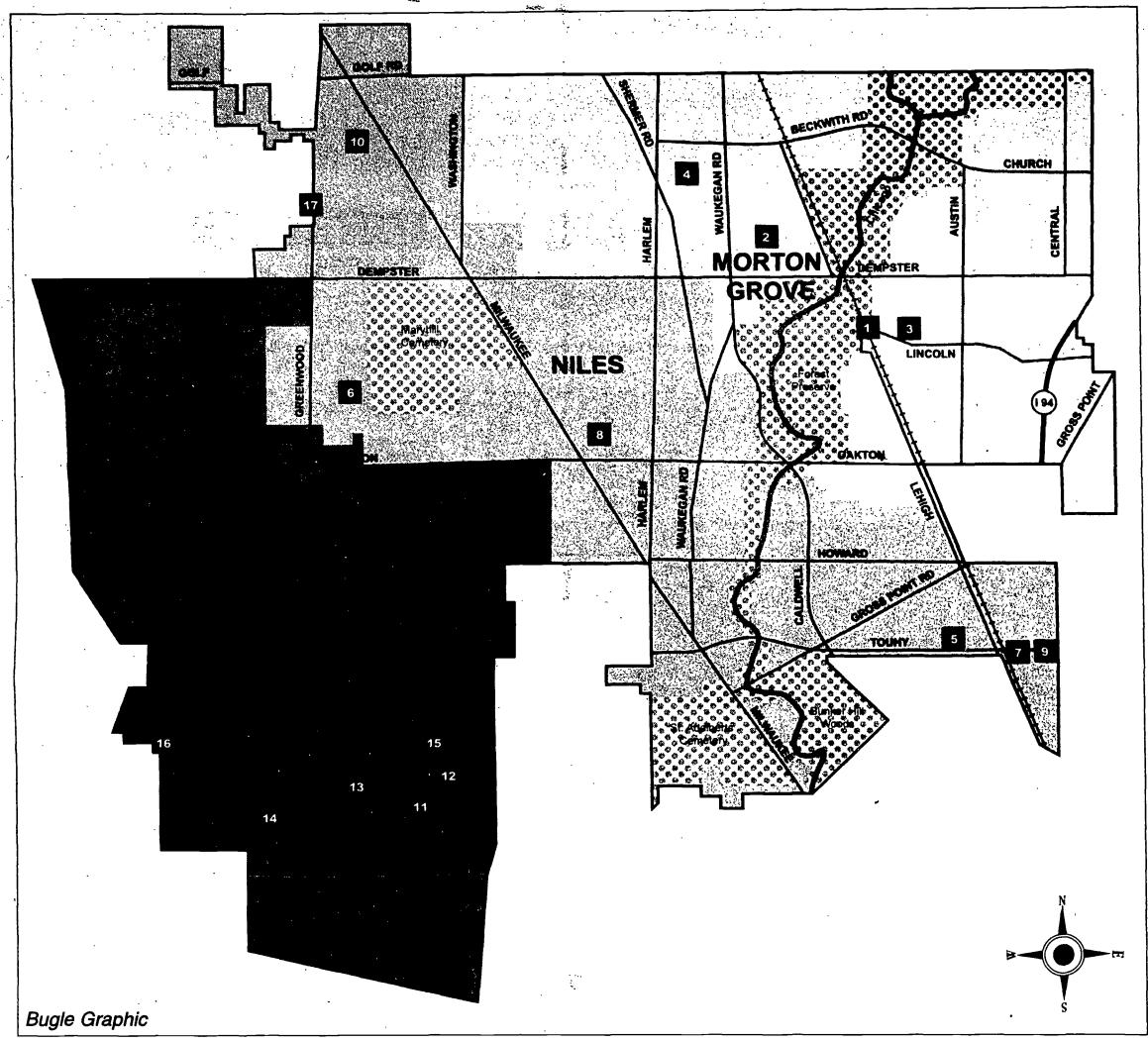
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POLICE BLOTTER



MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken A 51-year-old Chicago man told from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending May 7, 2004.

dope (Lincoln and Lehigh) in the 6800 block of Dempster. The A 37-year-old Evanston man was dressing room and when he realarrested and charged with posses- ized he had forgotten the phones sion of a controlled substances he returned to the locker room but with intent to deliver Friday night the phones were gone. The phones April 30 after a Morton Grove were valued at \$430. police officer stopped the man for Bathtub stolen allegedly disobeying the train (8400 Callie) crossing at Lincoln and Lehigh. A contractor reported a 5foot fiber-Police said after they stopped the glass bathtub was stolen from a man a check on his license construction site Tuesday afterrevealed it was suspended. While noon May 4. The contractor told searching the man's car police police the tub was stored in a new found a pull out compartment to garage for a townhome in the the left of the steering wheel and 8400 block of Callie. The garage in it were three plastic bags. Two did not have a door. The tub was finding an open door and a cuswith a total of 10 rocks of crack valued at \$350. cocaine and one bag with marijuana. Police also found a car opening

Cars at the following uum cleaner. device and channel locks in the addresses were vandalized back of the man's car and charged overnight May 2 when someone him with possession of burglar used a sharp object to scratch the A 1981 Ford Thunderbird was

Two cell phones stolen (**6800 Demoster**)

police his two cell phones were stolen Monday night May 3 after he left them on the bench in the men's locker room of a health club Church and 7115 Church. **Evanston man busted with** in the 6800 block of Dempster. The

Cars vandalized

the drivers side. In all cases but one the cars were parked in the street. The addresses were: 9233 Marion. 9221 Marion. 9216 6908 Church, 6948 Church, 7105 Church, 7050

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending May 10, 2004.

Vacuum cleaner stolen outside of the store. (6100 Touhy)

A \$500 vacuum cleaner was stolen from the Target store in the 6100 block of Touhy Thursday night May 6. According to police an activated fire alarm led security to tomer telling police someone walked out of the door with a vac-

6 Stolen vehcicle (8500 Normal)

cars from bumper to bumper along stolen from a home in the 8500

his home with his wife and himself. And when they awakened on gone, the car gone, their house keys missing, and their cell phone. Retail Theft (5600 Touhy) A 20-year-old Chicago man was arrested May 8 after a security Someone shot up a basketball backman remove four music CDs from a display and remove the packaging and hide the CDs under his

block of Normal Saturday morning

May 8. The owner of the car told

police a friend had been living at

clothing. The man was stopped Car windows smashed 8 (8000 Oketo)

The front and rear windows of a 1995 Dodge van parked in the driveway of the owners home in the 8000 block of Oketo early Friday morning May 7.

Retail Theft (5600 Touhy) Three women ranging in age from 18-31 years of age were May 5 with enough marijuana to arrested for shoplifting May 6 when store security at Walmart Police said the arrest happened near watched the women conceal mer- Ballard and Greenwood. Cipczysnki chandise in their purses and under is scheduled to appear in court June 3.

an infant that was in a shopping cart. Police later found out one of the women was wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Skokie.

Thousands of dollars of 10 clothing stolen from auto (Golf Mill mall)

A 42-year-old Northbrook woman told police someone removed more than \$10,000 worth of clothing and furs from her SUV while she was parked outside of the Target store at the Golf Mill shopping center Thursday afternoon May 6. The woman told police she was unsure if she left the car unlocked and according to police no forced entry was made. The woman told police two fur coats valued at more than \$10,000 along with a bag of blouses and other clothing items were taken from her 2000 Mercedes ML320

PARK RIDGE

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

(700 block of S. Courtland) The driver's side mirror of a 1993 Cadillac was broken while the car sat in the owner's driveway in the 700 block of S. Courtland Friday night

The driver's side mirror of a 1998 Buick Park Avenue was broken Friday night April 30 while the car was parked in the street in the 700 block of Courtland.

Vandalism (400 Stewart) The driver's side mirror of a

2004 Chevy Corsica was broken Saturday night May 1 while the car was parked in the street in the 400 block of Stewart.

Vandalism

13 (900 S. Cumberland) The side mirror of a 1998 Infinity was broken Saturday night May 1 while the car was parked in the 900 block of S. Cumberland.

Vandalism (1000 block Knight)

May 8 they found the house guest Someone threw a rock through the front window of a home in the 1000 block of Knight Saturday night May 1. BB gun vandalism

15 (700 Vine)

officer at Walmart watched the board in the yard of a home in the 700 block of Vine Monday night May 3. Juvenile arrested for locker

theft (1100 S. Dee Rd)

Police said a juvenile was arrested for opening an unlocked locker and stealing \$40 at Maine South High School. The alleged theft occurred sometime between February 20 and May 3.

Park Ridge man arrested with marijuana

(Ballard and Greenwood) Park Ridge police arrested Thomas Cipczysnki,21, of the 1900 block of Washington Wednesday afternoon charge him possession and delivery.

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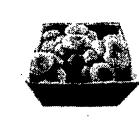
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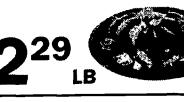


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nembers in the wrong places.

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Gene Paprocki- Morton Grove

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he Secretary of Defense."

Dolores Borst- Morton Grove

think Rice is highly qualified."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Thursday, May 13

-6:30 p.m. Dee Rd. Station Remodeling Community Meeting, Public Works Service Center, 2nd Floor

Monday May 17

-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council Meeting Wednesday, May 19

-7 p.m. Village of Niles Adjudication Hearing

COMMUNITY

.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. Monday, May 17

-A seminar on Diabetes will be held at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove on Monday, May 17 at 1:30 p.m.. Get general information, learn about the signs, symptoms, complications, prevention, current treatments and stay for a question and answer session. No charge but please register be calling the Senior Hotline at 847-470-5223.

Wednesday, May 19

-The Park Ridge Catholic Woman's Club will attend a Mass of Thanksgiving, at Our Lady of Hope Church, located at 9711. W. Devon Ave., in Rosemont. After Mass they will proceed to the Cafe La Cave, Located at 2777 Mannheim Rd. in Des Plaines for their Annual Spring Luncheon. Cocktails at noon, luncheon at 1 p.m. Bill and Susan Goodman will entertain. Reservations at \$35.00 are being takes be Anne Scheller at 847-825-4520, or at our regular meetings. Deadline May 10.

-Morton Grove Hadassah will have their culminating Installation Luncheon at the Cotillion, 360 Creekside, Palatine, IL. RSVP by May 9th, 2004. Please call 847-967-9859.

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Opinion -

Members bid farewell to Woman's Club Founder

Dear Editor,

It is with great sadness that the Morton Grove Woman's Club had to bid farewell to their founder and first president Elizabeth (Betty) Orphan. In 1953 she and eighteen other ladies of Morton Grove started the Morton Grove Woman's Club. The club and Betty have been an intricate part of the community. She was a lover of arts, so even today the club has two literature groups that meet monthly, attend plays in the Chicago area and have book reviews.

Betty loved to ski, play bridge and music, especially Ravinia during the summer. The club grew with the village along with the monies raised to help the children of Morton Grove attend nursing school, first at Lutheran General and later at Oakton Community College. Money was raised to give scholarships to the universities in Illinois and also the Fire Dept., the library, park district, and Orchard School, where Betty was a member of the board.

Betty was an example of the many young women who stayed home with the children and helped to make the community a great place for the children to play, learn and grow up as strong young people. Thanks Betty. We will miss your lead-

Morton Grove Woman's Club

Parkview Science Olympiad needs your support

Dear Editor,

We have some really exciting and positive news. Park View School's Science Olympiad Team has once again been named Illinois State Science Olympiad Champion. This time it occurred on April 24, 2004 at the Illinois State Tournament sponsored by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It was a day of great adversity and success, of lows and highs, with final results that astounded even experienced coaches and officials.

That's the good news, so what's the bad news? There is no bad news. By winning this competition, Park View has also won a spot at the National Tournament, to be held this year on May 21st and 22nd, hosted by Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The Olympians will be traveling there by bus on May 20th, staying until May 24th, and then traveling home.

T his all sounds really good, so what do you want me do? First and foremost, please send the Olympians a short note or letter of congratulations. Whether you know an Olympian, many Olympians, or are just excited that the team has achieved this success, please send congratulatory and encouraging postcards or notes to: Park View School Science Olympiad Team

C/o Matt Cole, Head Coach Park View School 6200 Lake Street Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

Second, this team needs money, and they need it now. The estimated costs for the team to attend this National Tournament are: Bus Transportation at approximately \$6,000., Hotel accommodations for 18 Olympians and 3 coaches at approximately \$4,500., Meals and snacks approximately \$1,500., Entrance Fees and Tournament Costs will run approximately \$1,000., Equipment still to be purchased and Contingency Funds are estimated at \$2,000. This totals \$15,000. Because of this year's very late State Tournament we've only got 3 weeks to raise these funds. Impossible? NO. We can do it with your immediate help.

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PARK RIDGE NEWS

Plans for Oakton Sports conplex unveiled

he Park Ridge Recreation and rearranged and new team lockers would arena and locker rooms would be con-L als to discuss the future of the Oakton Sports Complex at 2800 W. Oakton Street, Park Ridge. At its Thursday, May 6 meeting, the Park Board reviewed several options including the addition of batting cages, miniature golf, a family aquatic center, expansion of the existing Ice Rink, and dog park.

developed five concepts for consideration:

Option A - This design features the northwest corner of the Oakton Sports on the south side of a control booth built to serve both activities.

This option would call for an addition—the property. to the west side of the ice rink. It would contain locker rooms, an expanded proentrance. The pools and the dog park 44,000 square foot miniature golf. Discussions are not being limiting to would remain right where they are now.

family aquatic center where the current diving well and pool are located. A separate bathhouse would be built to enhance the pool experience. A minia-

Tort Reform

Ttry to stay out of anything except

(very) local public issues; but

sometimes there are topics at

"higher" levels of government that

either bear on a local issue or illumi-

nate thinking that needs to be exam-

Tort reform is the effort to put mon-

etary caps on jury settlements in civil

me, is tort reform.

Park District is seeking individube added along with a concession area. structed on the west side. On the west side of the building, space for a larger pro shop would be created.

The dog park would be enlarged and moved to the northwest corner of the property. It would increase to 25,500 square feet from its current size of about 18,000 square feet.

enlargement and/or relocation of the miniature golf course in the grove of Oak trees that contributes to the beauty Burnridge Cassell and Associates has of the existing complex. The removal of some of the driving range stalls to build batting cages is a part of this design.

The second floor of the ice rink addition of a miniature golf course at the would be removed. An extension of the building would be built to house Complex. The batting cages would be team locker rooms. In this particular option, the dog park would be expanded by a move to the northwest corner of remain.

foot family aquatic center to replace the course would be built near the existing these four or five concepts. They are to Option B calls for a 43,500 square foot driving range. The golf course/driving serve as a starting point to generate range/batting cage area has an expanded control booth and a concession area you - are general public that is why the

ture golf course would be added to the left much the same as it is now. A small fun. One booth would serve both golf concession area would be added. A at 847.692.3346 or by fax one-story addition used as a separate 847.692.6949 At the ice rink, the entrance would be drop-off area and entrance to the ice prpdrenie@aol.com

Option E calls for elimination of the

driving range so that a second sheet of ice could be built west of the ice rink. A family aquatic center would replace the range on the southwest side of the property. Locker rooms would be added for use at both rinks. The dog park would Option C is a concept that calls for a be relocated to the northwest corner of the site. A miniature golf course and batting cages would surround a concession area and a control booth.

> At its recent meeting, the Park Board agreed that Option E should be eliminated Additional parking is a major component of most of the options.

Since these concepts were presented several people have written praising the Driving Range and asking that it

The idea of an indoor water park to Option D includes a 41,000-square replace existing pools has surfaced. The elimination of the pool at Oakton is a ideas, thoughts, desires and needs from Park Board is asking for volunteers. For tion. The main building itself would be more information, contact Renie Schreiber, manager of public relations

By Chuck Baldacchino

Defendants say: wildly excessive verdicts will put manufacturers, ...; you fill in the blank with a number) out of business, depriving consumers of (healthcare, durable goods, ...; fill in this blank, too).

You've heard both sides of the

ined at every level. One of those, for Plaintiffs say: malpractice needs to be punished to deter future hacks; greedy corporations making money

decisions instead of human ones need

fundamental question of governance at every level: Who do you trust?

obligations.

to be reminded financially of their

Try this experiment. Ask the next 10 people you meet to name the top 10 reasons why our form of government is so good. If they can give you 10 reasons, surely one of them will be "trial by jury"; that if they're in a bad legal spot, they take some small comfort from knowing that they can be judged by a jury of 12 of their peers.

But what does "tort reform" do? It takes that decision out of the hands of That's what tort reform would do.

It says to me that proponents of tort reform just don't trust you, or vour

And

A Park Ridge Police Officer hold up the gates at the Prospect Ave. train crossing in Uptown Park Ridge Saturday afternoon. The signals went out, requiring officers to direct traffic until they were repaired.

police station shop and a rearranged lobby and pool pools. Seven batting stations and a consideration. In fact, everything is. The pool at Oakton is a consideration of the pool at Oakton is a consideration. In fact, everything is.

the Park Ridge City Council __ met last week to discuss property acquisition for a new police sta-

The Committee went into closed session to discuss property acquisition. According to City Manager Tim Schuenke, the discussion centered week's edition went to press.

the Public Safety Committee of around property for a new police sta-

"I wasn't at the meeting," Schuenke said. "But I believe the discussion was held for property acquisition for a new police station.'

A call to Ald. Mike Tinaglia (1st) was not returned by the time this

peers, to be able to accept testimony, practice premiums) just because that analyze the situation, and arrive at a might risk their "fleeing" out of state? So, why do I bring this up? judgment that they would want for Isn't THAT a license to commit Because, for me, it bears on the more themselves were they in your posi- harm?

> It says to me that, once again, arrogant politicians (and other professionals) think they know better than you

what's good for you. If you have a court case and you make a case to your peers that you or a loved one has indeed suffered an egregious harm, should the State "cap" the compensation to some arbitrary amount, take the prerogative of the jury out of the jury's hands?

Should professionals who commit provable harm, as judged by a jury, be allowed to "get off" (pay lower mal-

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Niles West Science Olympiad earns fourth place at state

state competition held recently at the Design" University of Illinois. In the fierce and well-fought contest, the Niles West team was just 20 points shy of the state championship and a scant eleven Possible"; Robert Wand and Steve points from a trip to Nationals. The Gullen for "Bottle Rocket"; Michelle team should be proud of their outstanding season: accomplishments include a silver medal at the Regional Competition, a gold medal at the Prospect Invitational and a bronze medal at the Northmont Invitational.

Gold medals were awarded to: Lisa Wickert and Michelle Stein for "Science of Fitness"; Tage Klint and Will Dluger for "Remote Sensing"; Eric Kato for "Wright Stuff"; and Nik Emerson and Ben Grover for "Sound of Music".

Maine East News

•The Maine East Rocket Team has qualified to participate in the Team America Rocketry Challenge, the world's largest model rocket contest in Great Meadow, The Plaines, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C., on May 22, 2004. The Aerospace Surawska, both of Des Plaines; Industries Association (AIA) and DIGITAL IMAGE: Agnes Gora the National Association of of Niles, Meghan MacDuff and Rocketry (NAR) sponsor the Paul Millares, both of Glenview, national model rocket competi- Dorothy Mlynarczyk of Niles, tion for U.S. high school and Vicool Patel of Des Plaines, and middle school teams. More than Jess Sanchez of Niles; 7,000 students in 600 teams DRAWING: Amy Behrendt of attempted to meet the contest's Morton Grove, Julie Beierwaltes rigorous requirements, but only and Karen Kowalyshen, both of the top scoring 100 high school Niles, Sylvia Prokopowicz of teams qualified to compete in the Des Plaines, and Arthur finals. The contest requires that Swidzinski and students design, build, and test a Wojtowicz, both of Niles; model rocket that can fly as close PAINTING: Kathy Banek and to 1,250 feet as possible with a Marta Dobrzycki, both of Des payload of two raw eggs, and Plaines, Puja Metha of Morton successfully parachute the eggs Grove, Malgorzata Pakulska of back to the ground unbroken. Des Plaines, Natalia Pajak of The top ten teams will share a Niles, and Natalya Sturlis of prize pool of \$60,000 in savings Glenview; PHOTOGRAPHY: bonds. The Maine East Rocket Allison Beck of Glenview, April Team has been competing all Harrington and Liz Hickey, both year against teams from all 50 of Morton Grove, Kristi Horwitz states. Team members include of Niles, Christine Koh of Ismet Saric and Maulik Choksi Morton Grove, Jennifer Romero of Niles, Pavan Trivedi of and Susan Song, both of Des Glenview, and Jie Chou, Vincar Plaines, and Yvonne Szumski of Patel, Shubhi Sharma, Wai Tong, Niles. Student photographer for Shrikant Shah, and Cyriac the event is Rachelle Mann of Tharappel, all of Des Plaines. Des Plaines. The faculty sponsor is science teacher Patrick Voitik.

•The Great Frame Up at 7919 Mastrolonardo – lead teacher, Golf Road in Morton Grove will Rick Cammarata, Maria be exhibiting artwork from 32 Galluzzi, Felicia Lahart, Jen Maine East students in its store Lynch, Laura Matzen, and from May 6-18. The store mats Roberta Meier. For more inforand frames all the work to be dis- mation, please contact Michael played. It is providing a recep- Mastrolonardo at (847) 692tion that is open to the public on 8500.

ongratulations to the Niles Silver medals were earned by: West Science Olympiad Team Dmitry Vorobiev, Pat Wheeler and that earned fourth place at the Michelle Stein for "Experimental

> Bronze medals were awarded to: Steve Gullen, Pat Wheeler and Dmitry Vorobiev for "Mission and Steve Gullen for "Forestry"; and Calvin Lee and Ben Hofeld for "Polymer Detective".

Calvin Lee and Pat Wheeler earned a fourth place medal for "Chemistry Lab". *Team members Jorie Glassner, Amy Ostrowski, Chucky Klint and Khadeer Ahmed also gave strong performances.

The Science Olympiad coaches are Elizabeth Ramseyer, Howard Swider, Chris Barnett and Elizabeth

May 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at which time it will present a cash prize of \$50 to the winner in each category. Refreshments will be

The students who will have artwork displayed are: DESIGN: Kerri Aitken of Des Plaines, Angela Behrendt of Morton Grove, Alex Broda of Arlington Heights, Sherry Choi of Niles, and Anna Konovalova and Maria

The Maine East art faculty members are:

SCHOOLS

District 219 Superintendent Testifies in Springfield

testified to the Elementary and Appropriations Committee at the State Capital Complex Springfield. Elizabeth Coulson (R), Representative of the 17th District, invited Codell to speak on the topic of school funding and to explain how it affects suburban districts in Illinois.

education fund referendum in to escape massive cuts to educa-March, is now making school tional programs. He said that District 219 did."

funding reform a priority. "Even although the District will be on betwe still need to fight for improved funding for public schools," said Codell. "Speaking to the appropriations committee was the first step in a long journey. We will endlessly pursue impacting the legislation through various efforts," Codell

In Codell's testimony he explained that through the gracious support of the Niles Township District 219, which passed an community, District 219 was able

though we passed a referendum, ter financial ground, it is not a permanent solution to a poorly funded public education system. Codell sympathized with the financial burden placed on taxpayers and challenged the state government to play its part in supporting the schools.

"Communities across the stateaffluent or poor, upstate or downstate, city or suburbs- are facing daunting financial circumstances,' said Codell. "We need the state government to step up to the challenge, just as our community in

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by David Uffington

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omeone once said the definition of freedom is having the right to say no. Sadly, too many people forget how to say no when they find themselves wined and dined at a seminar run by groups such as real estate developers, investment companies, time-share sales outfits, or more and more often these days, "wealth management" organizations.

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So, can you enjoy a free lunch without being reeled in by one of these spiels? The experts say it's more difficult than you think, and suggest when you get these invitations you tear them up. Better yet, go out and buy your own expensive lunch because it could be cheaper than what you might ultimately have to pay for your freebies.

Next Week: There are seminars that have something to offer besides an impressive buffet table, and we'll look at how you can find those that best suit

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Farrell has been an agent

with Callero & Catino since 1990. She is a graduate of the Illinois Realtors Institute, and holds the professional designations of Accredited Representative and Senior Real Estate Specialist. Farrell has consistently been one of the top sales agents at the company. In addition to her real estate sales, she teaches home buying and selling courses at local community col-

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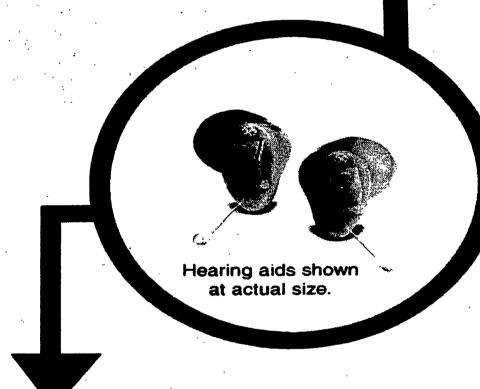
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NEWS

walk-a-thon at Harrer Park

omebody's Hero," Leukemia Research Foundation will hold a Laps for Leukemia walk-a-athon to raise money for leukemia research.

tional family member. All pledges tion call (847) 4224-0600.

support the "Somebody's Hero' chapter of the Leukemia Research Grabemann Chapter of the Foundation. The registration fee includes walk, breakfast, and prize drawing.

After registration, tthere will be a speech by a Leukemia survivor. The event will be held this The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and Sunday, May 16. Registration end at 1 pm. It will be held at begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost to Harrer Park, 6250 Dempster, enter is \$25 and \$10 for each addi- Morton Grove. For more informa-



Quite a crowd About 120 seniors packed the American Legion Civic Center in Morton Grove for a Mother's Day program that included a performance by a ukelele band and hula dancers. The program was facilitated by the Community Nutrition Network of Morton Grove, an organization which provides low-cost, nutritious meals to seniors.



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'Laps for Leukemia' holds Niles Street resurfacing underway

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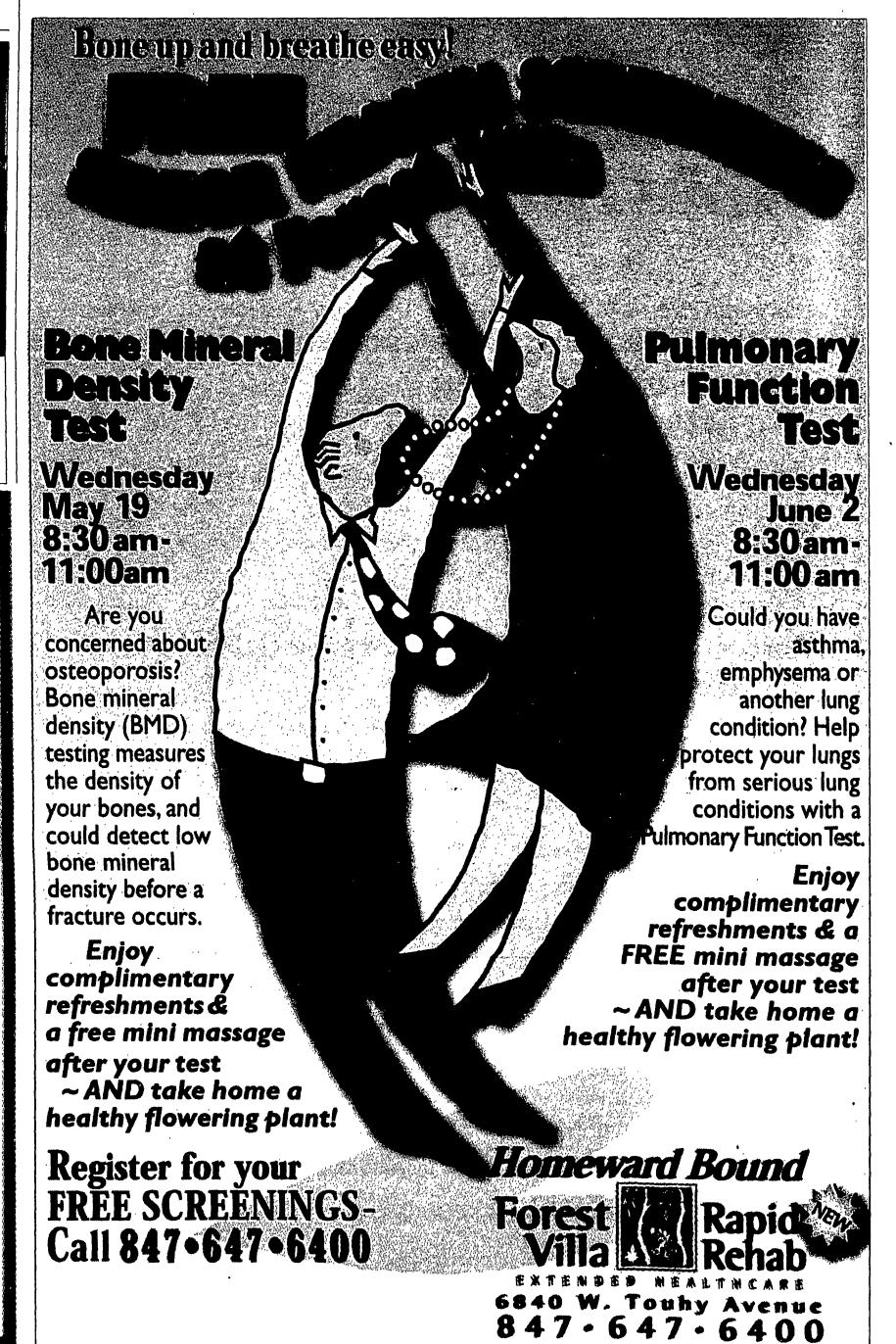
Noriega completion no later than summer's end

ix streets will be resurfaced under Niles Street Resurfacing Program this year. The program came in under budget at about \$491,000.

"When it went out for bid it Church, Church St. from came back under what the Cumberland to Milwaukee, engineers had estimated," said and Joey Dr. north of Ballard. Niles Public Works Director "It started last week with

curbing, gutter and sidewalk The streets to be resurfaced work," said Noriega. "Then this year are: Davis St. from they'll begin milling the Greenwood to Cumberland, asphalt."

Grace Ave. from Ballard to Noriega said that he expect-Davis, Delphia Ave. from ed the work would be complet-Ballard to the village limits, ed on all streets before the Maryland St. from Ballard to summer ends.





Notre Dame's Dan Kamin returns a shot from Carmel's Nick Andres during their East Suburban Catholic Conference match at Northeast Park in Park Ridge Thursday after-

Don Tennis Team has made great strides

BY RYAN BISHOP rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

over the past three years and has enjoyed their best conference record since varsity coach Steve said Jankowski. Jankowski took over as coach. A

in its third year.

junior, and #2 singles player, sophomore Song-Jae Lim(7-1 conference record) have been instrumental in the team's success this year. Although both players lost their matches in their final home match of the season, they took their opponent to three sets against the always tough Carmel Caravan.

well against a team we always sets this year," said Mueller-Sim. struggle against. I was happy for "We really started to turn things The Notre Dame boy's tennis our number one doubles team, around after the Marian Catholic team has made great strides going out and beating Carmel as match, where we put everything seniors. It gives them confidence together. We lost a few matches going into the conference match," that we know we could have won.

former tennis player at the school Sim and Mark Fita won their and a graduate in 1994, Jankowski match against Carmel's #1 doubles has coached the team to a 4-5 conteam 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, improving to 4- against Marian Catholic, St. ference record. The program's 3 on the year. The duo was effec- Joseph, St. Patrick, and Nazareth, first year produced no wins, three tive in their long game and sideline wins the second year and five wins shots. The two celebrated their last home victory together and it was #1 singles player Dan Kamin, a especially gratifying since they have never beaten Carmel in their

fours years on the varsity team. "We started out shaky in our first set, not getting our shots over, but set and played as a team. I think once we do that we are unstoppable. This is the first year we won a game off Carmel. Last year we

"Our guys finished up extremely lost 5-0 and we took them to three This victory gives us a lot of confi-#1 doubles team of Tim Mueller- dence going into conference tournament," said Fita.

The Dons have had key wins while also posting wins against Maine East, Lane Tech and Mather. The #3 doubles team of Anthony Angelini and Danny Kusek have the top doubles record on the team at 5-2(conference). In addition, the team won the Gordon Tech tournament for the first time in school hiswe pulled it together in the second tory. Angelini and Kusek dropped their last home match 6-4, 6-4

> Continues... **TENNIS** page 16.

Niles West /Maine South Baseball and Softball

When: 5 PM, Thursday May 13

Where: Softball @ Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Rd., Park Ridge Baseball @ Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie, IL

Outlook: After beginning the season on a hot streak the boy's baseball team has found the season to be a little bumpier. In the last week the Hawks have had to face top ranked New Trier team that has devastated them on both occasions. Before they face Niles West this Thursday they will hopefully regain their composure and return to the form they opened the season with. The Maine South girl's on the other hand have turned a sour opening into a sweet middle. After opening the season 1-6 the girls have completely turned things around with a record of 12-9. This Thursday they also face the Niles West Wolves, but at home. Either way both games will give you a chance to enjoy a local ball game that should be a lot of fun.

Boy's Track-CSL & ESCC Conference Championships

CSL Championship: Friday, May 16, 4:30PM Evanston High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL ESCC Championship: Saturday, May 15, 9AM

Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, IL Outlook: The Hawks are poised to have a good shot at the conference championships this Friday. Last Thursday they took second at the Glenbrook North Relays, losing by 73 points to New Trier. New Trier will be the Hawks biggest competition this Friday. The CSL conference championships always have a mix of extremely talented athletes, making for a very exciting meet.

In the ESCC Championship the Notre Dame Dons look poised to grab the title. The Dons took first on April 29th in a meet that was a semi preview of the conference match up. In the meet, the Dons beat St. Joseph, St. Viator, and Nazareth. They'll have to do it again this Saturday if they hope to take the championship.

Maine South and Maine East Girls Track, IHSA Sectionals

When: 5 PM, Friday May 14

Where: Elk Grove High School, 500 W. Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL

Outlook: Both teams have fared well this season, but in the last month the Maine South girls have shown that they are ready to head downstate. The girls finished 3rd out of 12 teams at the Elk Grove Invitational. They'll be at the same track Friday when they look to send some runners downstate. Despite the wet and cold conditions the Hawks performed extremely well. The forecast calls for rain again this Friday. With these conditions, look for the Hawks to send more than a few to the next meet.

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

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match came last year against St. Viator. "We lost our first match 7-5 and came back to win the second 7-5. The rain started coming down pretty hard and we were the last to our match if we were to beat St. Viator. We were tied up at two and we had to break an 8-7 tiebreaker. said. Angelini's most memorable Angelini and Kusek expect no less Chris Chan.

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than a first place finish in the conference tournament and see Benet as their toughest opponent.

To bring inspiration to his game Angelini likes to think that Andy Roddick is sitting in a tree watching him play. Kusek wouldn't mind if it was Anna Kournikova.

The #2 doubles of team of Steve Bilski and P.J. McGonagle lost their match 6-4, 6-4. Two other seniors playing in their last home matches were Mike Bogdan and

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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 847-297-2510 www.mainetownship.com.

Niles

Senior News

Senior Center Week - Senior

Across the country, senior cen-

ters are celebrating this week

(May 10th – May 14th) as Senior

Centers on the move

May 10th - May 14th

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT Wednesday, May 19 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy fun competition at this

Thursday, May 27 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

'Three Handed Pinochle" Continental Breakfast Tournament. Partners are seleted

Center Week. This year the in the remaining special events,

Senior Center week theme is including daily raffles and

at random. Refreshments are Competition begins at 1:00 p.m. "CRAFT WORKSHOP"

Tuesday, May 25 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Sue Domzalski Cost: \$7.00 includes Supplies

Let's welcome Spring with an ing! adorable "Dancing Flower Fairy." She is made from an inverted silk carnation and a wood bead makes up her sweet face. She'll add whimsy to any décor, use as a package decoration or save as a Christmas ornament. Remember to bring your hot glue gun and scissors.

WOMEN'S TEA Cost: \$2.00 includes

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Day Trips

Tuesday, May 11th, Wednesday,

May 12th, &Thursday, May 13th,

mini-golf throughout the Senior

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2:00pm-4:00pm

the Center. Free

Center on Tuesday,

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

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sign up for a playing time at the

the Senior Center staff.

Wednesday, or Thursday. Top

ical people that chose this area to vacation from the big cities!

Thursday May 13, 2004

Then we are off to the quaint Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan to enjoy Brunch/Lunch followed by the Eddie Cash Show. Eddie is known as America's Musical

*Sunday's Champagne Brunch consists of everything from Belgian Waffles to Omelets to Roasted Meats, Fruits and Desserts!

**Tuesday Lunch consists of Salad. Broasted Chicken. Mashed Potatoes with Country Vegetable, Strawberry Shortcake for Dessert!

Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for this trip.

After Breakfast play "You Be The Judge" and win prizes. Friday, May 14th, 2:00pm-4:00pm - Mini-golf Tournament

throughout the Center – Free Thursday, May 13th, 9:00am-An exciting end of the week ~ 11:00am – Pancake Breakfast & Mini-Golf Tournament through-

You Be the Judge. \$5 out the Senior Center. Join us for Pancakes, Waffles, Top scores from the week's Eggs, & Sausages prepared by

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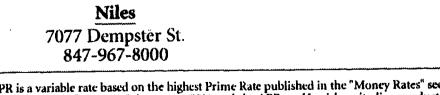
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FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 22nd. 9:00am -

Everyone is invited to our 2nd Annual Flea Market. All fifty tables are filled with "treasures" treasure hunt. A Hot Dog Lunch 11:00am until the food runs out.

Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE **Contact: Bud Swanson, Family** & Senior Services, 847/663-6110 May 10, 2004

> "DIABETES UPDATE" LECTURE

There are 18 million American with diabetes, but an estimated 5 million people are unaware that they have it. The "Diabetes Update" Lecture starting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17 in the Morton

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8420 if you have any questions **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF**

SENIORS

Thursday, June 10th, 11:00am -2:30pm

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> Certified Diabetic Educator from Lutheran General Hospital's Diabetes Care Center will be the guest speaker. There is no charge for this program but please register by Line at 847/470-5223.

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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 con-

tact Mary Ann. SIX-WEEK GRIEF GROUP **BEGINS IN JUNE**

Grief is a complex emotional reaction to loss that can involve a range of different feelings, such who have experienced loss may we can better assess their needs.

computer search for their name to see if it appears on a database of unclaimed property. Unclaimed property can come in the form of savings and checking accounts, safe deposit boxes, money orders, gift calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot certificates, unclaimed wages, stocks, utility deposits and more. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

DIABETES SCREENING

Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed, because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight and \$1 for all others.

(Continued from page 17) find it helpful to meet with others experiencing a similar transition.

Beginning this June, the Niles Senior Center will hold a weekly Grief Group for six weeks. The group is an opportunity to support Niles residents who have experienced the loss of a loved one during the past year. Please call Melanie Amin or Bev Wessels at 847/588-8420 for more information on meeting dates. Note: We have left off the start date of the group to encour-

Grove Senior Center will provide the participants how they can conduct a loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25. Screening is free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

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Rehabilitation Centre will Series every Sunday through

tinctive white flowers. "We've had the kids from Parkview come out before," said Marian Thill. "In about an hour those kids can clear out about 50

THE BUGLE

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER

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even do a little restoration work.

hard at work in the morning: one

cleaning the river under Beckwith

Bridge, another under Dempster

Bridge, and a third was working in

the forest itself, clearing out an inva-

"It's a non-native plant," said

Organizer Marian Thill. "It's a very

invasive European plant. It's crowd-

distinguishable because of its dis-

Volunteers cleared out numerous

sive plant called Garlic Mustard.

ing out our native species."

The removal of Garlic Mustard this year is different from last year, idents to address what they see as where only rescue work and not the deterioration of the local Forest restoration was permitted. However, Preserves due to abuse and misuse.

Rescuing the Chicago River even the rescue work, clearing trash

LIFE

made startling progress in the last few years. "A few years ago you couldn't see Morton Grove's Linne the bottom of the river," said Woods last Saturday in Morton Grove Trustee Jim Karp looking at the Chicago River from order to clean up the Forest Preserve, the Chicago River, and Beckwith Bridge. Now it's clear enough that ill-fated golf balls from Three groups of volunteers were Chick Evans Golf Course can be

from the forest and the river has

Karp worked with Organizer John Thill and resident Chuck Showalter to move concrete from an older bridge out of the river. They used the concrete this year to reconstruct a canoe portage that was destroyed when Cook County built a bridge of the Chicago River for golfers.

"The last time we pulled concrete out of the river we removed 20 tons," said John Thill.

bags of the plant, which is easily According to Karp and John Thill, last year a kitchen floor was pulled from the river by volunteers.

"It was a 16 by 16 ktichen floor." said Karp. "The linoleum tiles were still attached."

The clean-up and restoration work are among efforts by local res-

wild onions. The problem is that to One misuse the Thills have seen several times are individuals who get at those plants they had to tramharvest edible plants from the forple others, many of which could have been endangered."

From left, John Thill, Jim Karp and Chuck Showalter work to

reconstruct a canoe portage on the Chicago River a

Beckwith Bridge destroyed when Cook County built the

bridge for golfers at Chick Evans Golf Course pictured in the

"There are edible plants in the The Thills urged Forest Preserv patrons to look out for the forest and forest," said John Thill. "My wife and I stopped someone who had stop people from harvesting them or removed three 15-pound bags of

Thursday May 13, 2004

Engagement Smereczynski-Kramer

lizabeth and Krys Smereczynski of Park Ridge **I**announce the engagement of their daughter, Dominika to

Raymond Kramer Jr, son of Raymond Michele Kramer of Long Valley, NJ.

elect graduated Maine from

South High School in 1997. She received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from Southern Illinois University in 2000 and received a Juris Doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2004.

Her fiancé, a 2002 graduate of the University of Chicago, is currently pursuing an MBA degree at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. He is an analyst nt First Analysis Securities in

The marriage will take place at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles, IL. followed by a reception at River Forest Country Club in Elmhurst, IL. The couple plan to reside in Niles.

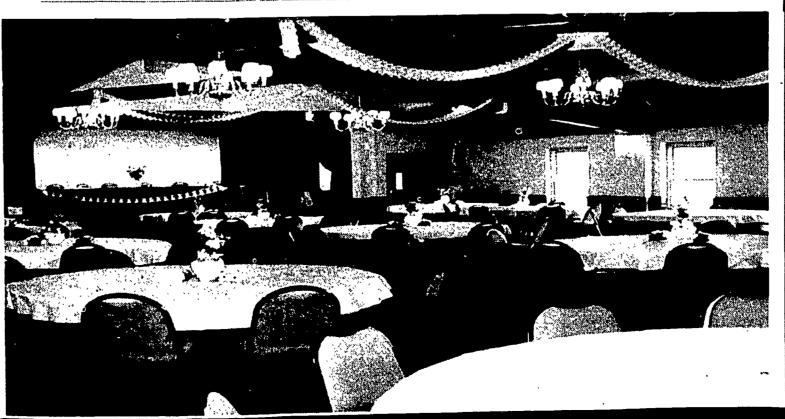
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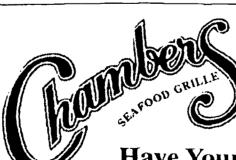
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Good contractors are always busy. Don't be surprised if you find them booked months in advance. If by chance you come across a contractor who happens to be "in-between jobs" and can start your project right away, make sure you have a clear understanding that they will work on the job steadily until it is finished, not just one or two days a week. You might even have a deadline written into the contract based on the estimate the contractor gives you.

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Take pictures of the project for future reference before hiring another contractor to finish the work. Inventory and document it's a good place to start. Reasons not even to replace a broken win- what materials are on hand, so you'll be able to relay that infortor might not work out are: they • Lack of references. A reputable mation to the next contractor. process from scratch again, interviewing contractors, getting references and asking for another contract in writing. Some contractors may be reluctant to step up to the plate not knowing what transpired before them, so a brief explanation of the situation may

also be in order.

Good contractors are busy and will want to be able to reach your you may have to wait a while before they can start your project. If a misunderstanding or other Hiring a contractor that you feel comfortable with, however, is very important to any remodeling ished, take steps to minimize job. You don't want to go around second-guessing every move they make. Remodeling projects can be an inconvenience, but by working with a good contractor, they can go smoothly.



Q: We're getting ready to paint the exterior of the house, and I'm purchasing supplies. We only have a

stepladder and need a taller ladder. What size and type of ladder do you recommend? — Tammy G., St. Petersburg. A: The right type of ladder is

important for the area you'll be painting, since you want to be able to work as comfortably and safely as possible. In this case you're painting the exterior, so I'd recommend more than one ladder — three, if your budget will allow it. A small stepladder (less than 4 feet) is versatile and can be used both indoors and out, whether to reach higher shelves safely or to paint cer-

(such as window frames). A hinged ladder, reaching 5 to feet, will be your mainstay for first-floor painting. Choose a ladder made of fiberglass rather than metal, as it's sturdier and does not conduct electricity as easily (if you should contact a power line for some reason). A shelf

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side from taxes and loan payments, homeowners insurance **A** may be the biggest expense on the minds of potential new homebuyers in today's booming real estate market. As part of every real estate transaction, home sellers must disclose everything about the land and property to a potential buyer that can be considered material, states have mandated. This can range from natural and environmental hazards to insurance losses filed on the property over the last five years. One of the best ways to make sure a property will qualify to be underwritten for homeowner's insurance is to know the history of losses on the property.

Many previous insurance losses on a property are not disclosed at the time of

There are many reasons for non-disclosure. For instance, it can be as simple as a seller unaware of the history of the property or a homeowner who forgets

to disclose a series of seemingly inno- expected insurance premiums. cent "accidents" on the property. Problems like leaking hot water heaters, burst pipes or dozens of other incidents that lead to insurance losses might not seem important but they are. Any of these are enough to potentially place the property in a high-risk insurance pool. Without homeowner's insurance, banks will not lend or could cancel a loan.

Insurance companies track property losses for their policyholders, recognizing that past losses on a property can be a strong indicator of future problems. fixed, can serve as a warning of more to come-like dry rot or termites. Even everyday repairs like plumbing, gas and roof leaks signify potential financial risk. If a buyer has no knowledge of the history of a new residence, that dream house could potentially cost thousands of dollars in future repairs.

Insurance companies review a property's loss history before issuing a policy and for new properties, this usually occurs after the sale closes and the bank has granted the loan. The results of improper loss disclosure have been disastrous for those unlucky enough to find themselves in the financial predicament

Today, one of the most insidious of all problems is mold. Occurring mainly after water damage and leaks yet silent and dangerous, mold causes chronic health problems and property damage if left unchecked. In some cases it is incredibly hard to detect unless an inspector is specifically looking for it and, even then, mold could be impossible to remove.

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who's willing to pay the price you want. Here are four tips to help you sell your home for top dollar:

Create competition for the property. Create an environment where multiple buyers are competing to buy. Stack appointments to show the house in a narrow window so that several buyers are at the property at the same time. This strategy taps into a buyer's fear of loss, the single greatest spark to get a house. Make sure it's a good buyer to buy now.

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> * Set the right scene in your house. Make sure the house is bright, clean and open. Get the temperature right, and make sure the house smells nice. The three most important views of the house are the view from the front curb at the front of the house, the view at the front door, and the view at the front entranceway when someone first walks into the house. The combination of these three views gives the prospective buyer his or her first impression of the

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home featuring traditional door will set the tone before anyone tive pieces are available in the wood your home creates a truly harmowood crafts, folk art and even takes a step into your home. A species and style of your choice. nious, classic feel. Or, use a blend of

plifies a unique style of beauty. Whether you proudly display family heirlooms or collectibles gathered throughout the years, the addition of out your home will set the stage for these historic treasures and enhance your home's sense of warmth and

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Here are some tips for adding wood light a home's architectural details. decor to your home.

* Start with the entrance. An impres-

stately carved wood door informs personal style. An elaborate wood entry system,

like those available in the Jeld-Wen wood as a classic backdrop through- IWP Collection, features extraordinary details that emphasize the wood's character. These doors are the lumber themselves to bring out created by artisans who carefully craft each masterpiece to match and high-

* Include interior decorative wood pieces. From windows, doors and fursively detailed, hand-carved wood niture to clocks and artwork, decora-

Many of these pieces are still being species by coordinating two or three those entering the home of your own created by hand. Artisans utilize their different types of wood to create a skills to replicate the exquisite works of old-world craftsmen, as well as mahogany and rosewood, these create new, original designs. woods complement each other and Craftsmen construct each piece individually, often choosing and planing

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varied, somewhat eclectic look. From maple, pine and oak to

promise an exotic design that will add interest and character to each room. * Mix and match old with new. When * Create your own style. Continue decorating, match hand-carved wood

clocks and candlesticks. Mixing in your antique treasures will add that final touch, giving your home the individuality you desire and a proud display of your prized possessions.

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essential to hold paint cans be addressed in ladder use. the ladder. The "spotter" you'll be working. Once pounds). Choose a ladder that and tools for the job.

To reach second-floor wall enough to support the weight climber is done working in tom of the ladder out farther surfaces, eaves and gutters, an extension ladder is necessary. Choose an aluminum ladder with flat rungs; a commercial or Type 2 ladder is also desirable because of its sturdiness. If you foresee using this very tall ladder only for one job, one for the project.

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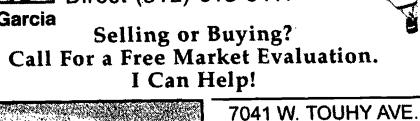
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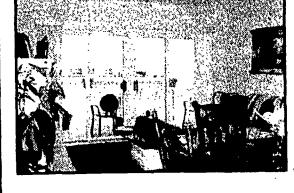


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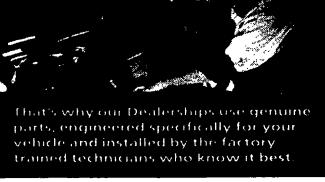
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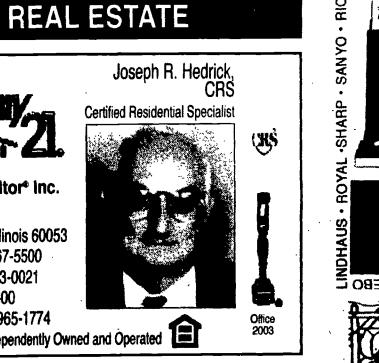
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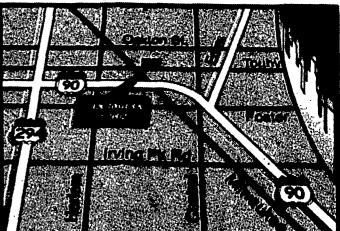
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