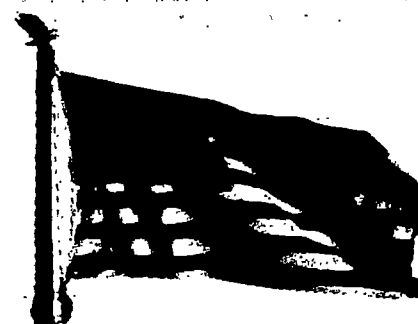


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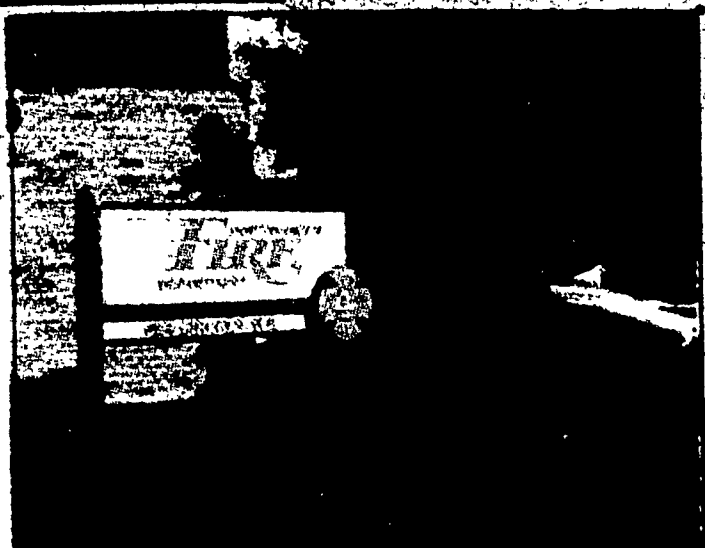
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This year the Morton Grove Fire Department will be honoring its 100th anniversary with a tribute to the original Volunteer Company. For the story, turn to page 17.



Wolves Prevail

Niles West shortstop Audrey Kolodziej scoops up a ground ball in the fourth inning of their game against St. Viator Thursday afternoon May 20. Niles West won 1-0. For the story, turn to page 15.

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Park View students take 13th in nation

Park View Science Olympiad team members returned home this week having placed 13th in the nation among 54 schools and receiving a medal for placing fifth in the bottle rocket event.

"It was a very successful outing," said the team's Head Coach Matt Cole. "Aside from our success overall all the other schools got to know us as the most spirited competitors at nationals."

Park View students painted their bus prior to their departure last week. Cole said they were the only school with a painted bus. "We had the most colorful bus at nationals," he said.

The team finished in the top ten in eight events: bottle rocket, can't judge a powder, forestry, metric estimation, naked egg drop, roads scholar, wheeled vehicle, and Wright stuff.

"The kids had a great time," said Cole. "Our team even placed higher than the national champions from 2002."

The experience was an
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Park View student Maureen Gullen adds her own touch to the bus as members of the Science Olympiad team paint the bus Wednesday evening May 19 in anticipation of the team's fourth national competition in a row. The team left for Pennsylvania last week to compete.

Photo by Allen Kaleita/Bugle

Former EDC chair may own prospective police station

Hayes allegedly closed on 515 W. Busse Apr. 1

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A limited liability company (LLC) formed earlier this year by Owen Hayes II, the

former chair and long-time member of the City's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), is believed to have recently purchased the building at 515 W. Busse Hwy. that is under consideration by the Park Ridge City Council for a new police station.

515 Busse LLC was formed on Jan. 23, 2004, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's LLC database. It reportedly purchased

the property that was formerly owned by the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, which purchased it in 1994 for \$700,000 according to County records.

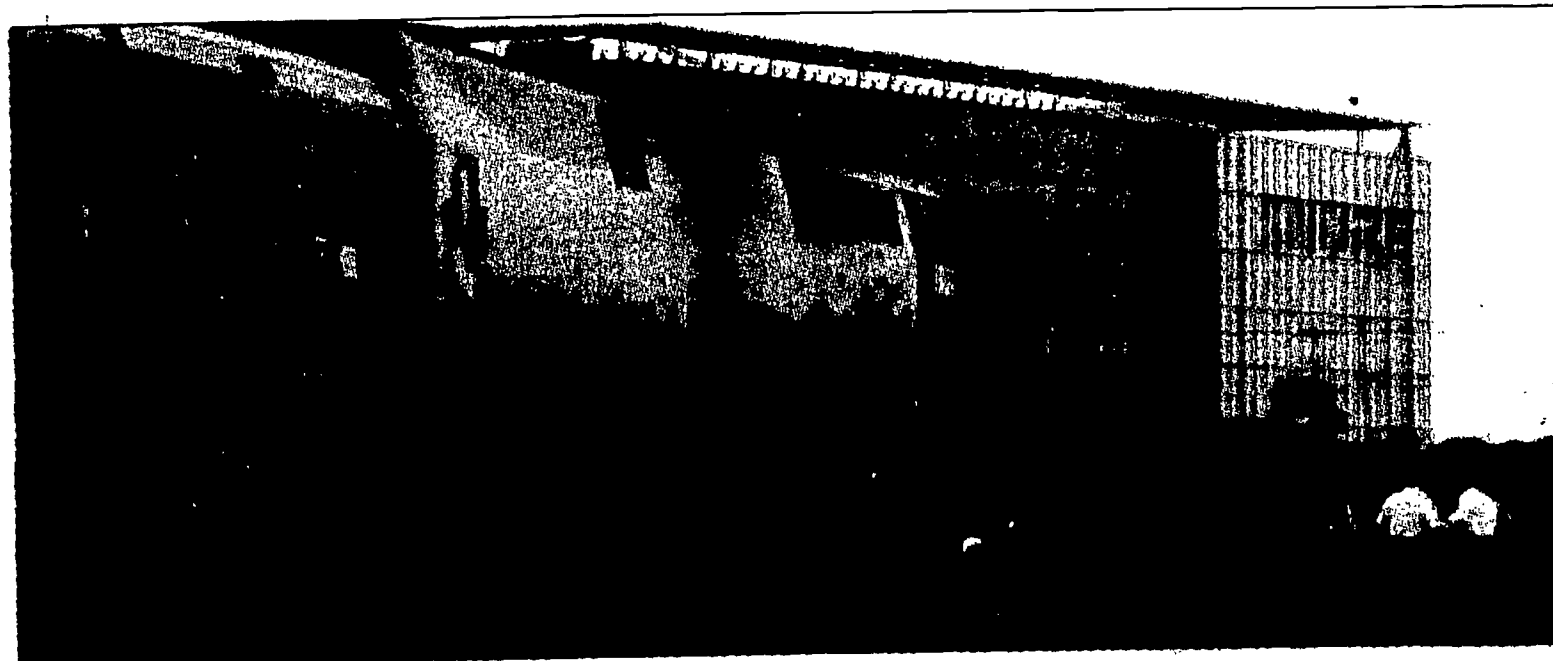
Chris Mahaffey, also a former EDC member and executive director of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, maintains that Hayes purchased the property that closed just one day after City of Park Ridge officials toured the

structure to determine whether it was suitable for a new police station. Four days later, City Manager Tim Schuenke presented that building to the City Council in executive session as a possible police station site, according to Ald. Mark Anderson (5th).

"We were told in closed session

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Accident slows traffic on Touhy, Lehigh

An Amtrak train collided with an empty Ford Explorer. They came to rest near the intersection of Touhy and Lehigh Avenues Tuesday, May 18. For the story, turn to page 4.

Bugle website back online

The Bugle's new and improved website was launched last week. It is available at www.buglenewspapers.com

Bugle staff worked on the site for the last two weeks in an effort to make it more like the newspaper. When an individual logs on to the site now, it looks much like the newspaper's page one.

Currently, only the stories and other content that ran in the regular newspaper is available on the site. Webmaster Gregg Taylor hopes to incorporate a variety of new features such as feedback forms, searchable archives and a weekly e-mail update.

Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle

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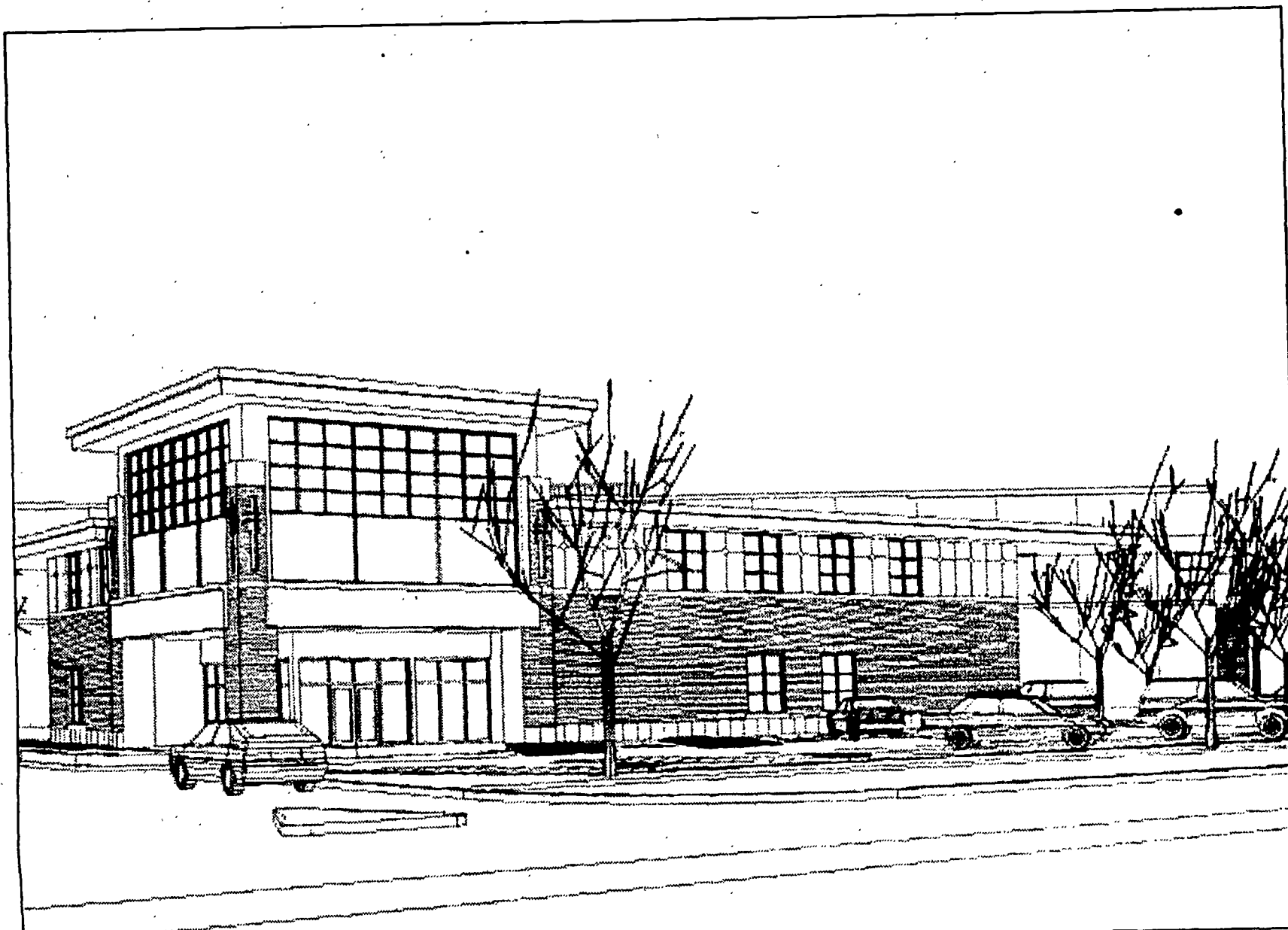
New gym slated for completion fall 2005

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Plans for the new multi-purpose gymnasium to be constructed on the former Moscow Nights property near Caldwell and Howard were presented at the last Niles Park Board meeting, Tuesday, May 18. The board tentatively approved the design by consensus, clearing the way for work on the building to move forward. "We've made great progress on the building in the last few months," said architect Wight & Co. Project Manager Mike Lopez. "We're on track and hope to get construction underway as soon as possible."

Design-work on the 36,000 square-foot building is currently nearing completion. Wight representatives estimate that it will wrap up in the next few weeks. The permitting process is also underway with groundbreaking anticipated in the fall of this year.

"It'll take us about 12 months to finish construction," said Lopez. "So we're looking at a completion date of fall 2005." The building will provide a



variety of exercise facilities on two levels. The first floor will feature two full-sized regulation basketball courts with spectator seating, 16,000 square-feet of

space for community events. It will also have a lounge and concession area with a view onto the basketball courts. The second floor will have a running track

that will be open onto the basketball courts. Large windows on the second level will allow views onto the neighboring Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. There

will also be a fitness room, ancillary space for meetings and other events, and locker facilities with showers.

"In designing the building we looked at what services the Park District provides currently," said Lopez. "Then we look at what the District still needs to provide for the community."

Park District Director Joseph LoVerde said that the entire facility will be handicapped accessible with automatic doors and an elevator leading to the second level facilities.

The building will cost a total of approximately \$5.5 million.

"That will include all construction costs as well as the 'soft' costs," said LoVerde. Those "soft" costs include computers, furnishings and permitting fees.

Park Board members were pleased with the building and looked forward with anticipation to its completion.

"We've accomplished all we've set out to do," LoVerde said. "We can only hope that the building will be accepted by the community, but I think that it will be a great addition that everyone will enjoy for years to come."

NILES NEWS

Free Car Seat Safety Inspections

Niles Police Department is offering free car seat safety inspections at Niles Park District Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, on June 12 and August 14. A certified technician will be available to inspect all child safety devices. State Law states that all children under the age of 8 years old must be in a child car seat or booster seat. Registration required and spaces are limited. Call (847) 967-6633 for more information.

Vendors sought for OLR Fun-Fest

Our Lady of Ransom Parish of Niles is seeking vendors for its 13th Annual Fun-Fest. The Fun-Fest will be held on parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal Avenues beginning June 23 through June 27.

For more information, call the parish Ministry Center at (847) 823-2550.

Parks pursue lightning warning system

Thor' system could cost up to \$75,000

The Niles Park District plans to install a new lightning warning system to alert park patrons when lightning approaches. At their last meeting, the Park Board reached a consensus that staff should pursue grants and other funding sources to install the system.

The "Thor Guard" system is employed by many neighboring park

districts. The system sends out an advance warning when lightning is detected. It allows park users to evacuate well ahead of any possible strike.

Concerns about the vulnerability of park patrons have made the installation of the system a priority for the District. "I was at an all-star game at Pioneer Park," said Commissioner Ray Czarnik. "We could see lightning in Park Ridge and the kids wanted to keep playing. I don't want that decision to be in the hands of a 16-year-old umpire."

If the "Thor Guard" system sounded an alarm, baseball games would be called and other park users would be alerted to the presence of lightning. Price estimates for the system, which is only produced by the "Thor Guard" company range from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

"The last time we priced the system a few years ago it would cost \$58,000 to implement at our parks," said Executive Director Joseph LoVerde. "But that was a couple of years ago and we don't know how the

prices may have changed."

In order to fund the system, the Park District staff is pursuing grants and any other funds for which the lightning warning system would qualify.

"This is a very important issue," said LoVerde. "The system would address concerns about heat lightning that can strike with no warning."

"And it won't just protect the parks," said Commissioner William Terpinas. "The alarms will be heard throughout the entire village."

EDC chair

on Apr. 5," he said. "The city manager was telling us that we had an opportunity to purchase the property and he wanted direction."

And at an EDC meeting nine days later, the current EDC chair and former 4th Ward Alderman John Kerin announced Hayes' resignation from the EDC board, according to the minutes of that meeting. EDC Director Sharon Curcio said his term would have ended in June.

At the same meeting an announcement was made that current EDC members would be required to submit statements of economic interest to the city as part of the city's redevelopment of Uptown's Target Area 2. Remaining members submitted their disclosures in advance of the developer workshops

that began at the end of April. Curcio said that none of the members owned commercial property in Park Ridge.

The current police station is located in the basement of the Park Ridge City Hall. Schuenke said that the city is always on the look out for useful properties and that the 515 W. Busse site seemed to have promise. It is located across the street from the city's Public Works Service Center.

"It has nearly 15,000 square feet under its roof," he said. "That's almost twice as much as the police station. It also has considerable parking and room to expand."

Mahaffey however, questioned the use of the building as a police station. "It's a very odd building," he said. "I think they'd have to invest a substantial

amount of money for it to be habitable," Mahaffey continued, adding that the building had been duly appraised and that Hayes paid the asking price.

Mahaffey stated that the property had been for sale since last Fall, when the medical group decided to move its headquarters to the O'Hare Plaza in Chicago. Mahaffey said that he initially inquired about the city's interest in the building through EDC director Sharon Curcio, who he claims spoke to the city administration. Schuenke, however, said he has no recollection of any conversation of the building's availability at that time.

As of this edition's press time, Hayes had not returned telephone calls placed to him for comment on these matters, and no title or transfer information was available through the Cook County Recorder's Office. Officials in that office indicated that the entry of such documentation in the Recorder's database might have been delayed because of slow turnaround by the title insurance company and heavy backlog.

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Police Chief Jeffrey Caudill is scheduled to make a presentation of the Department's case for a new station to the council at their Monday, June 7 meeting. Schuenke indicated that the process of evaluating the 515 W. Busse building was at a standstill at least until that presentation.

"No offer has been made on the building," said Schuenke. "Whether we pursue this property or another we'll have to wait for the presentation."

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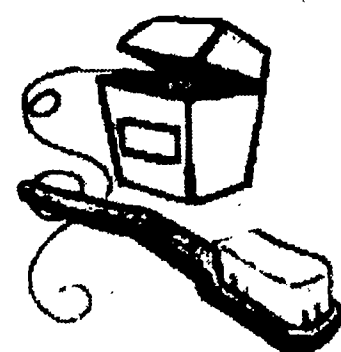
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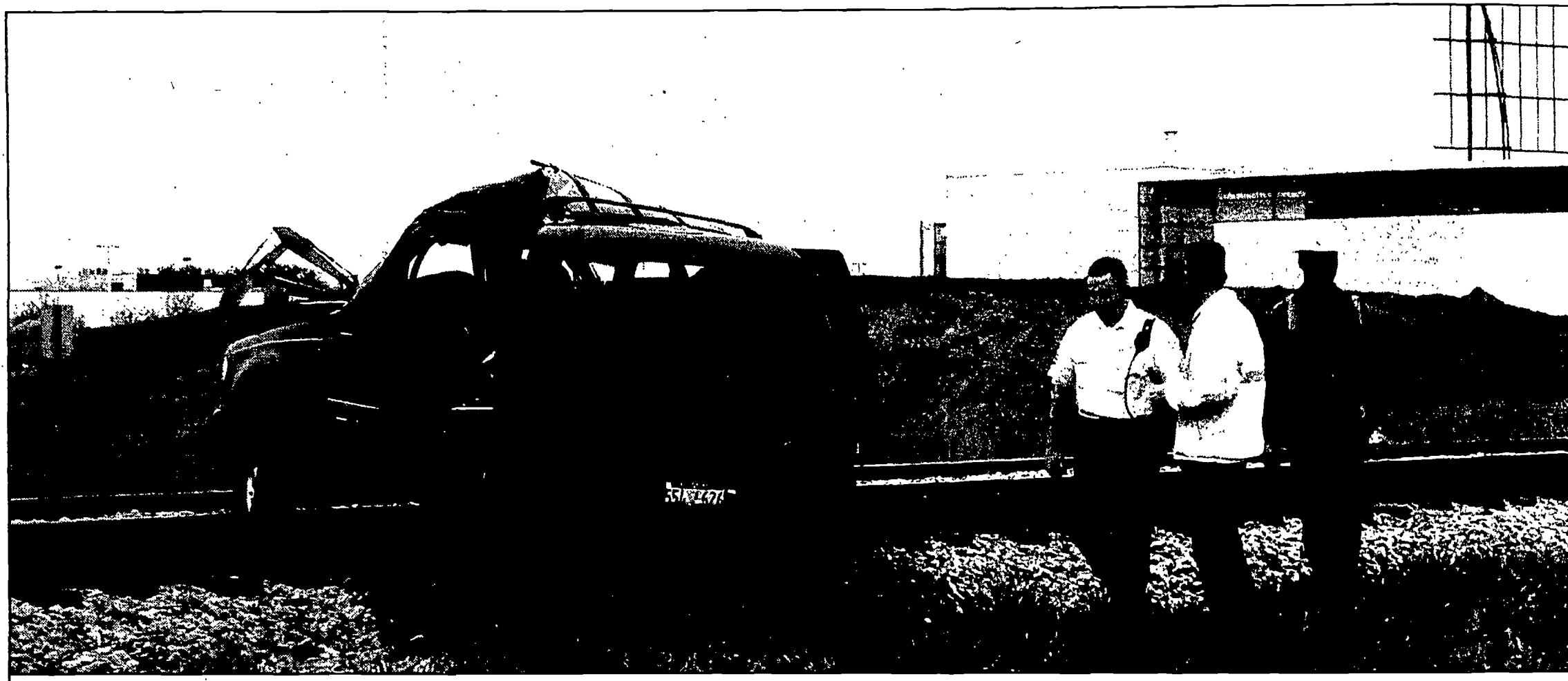
A collision between a southbound Amtrak passenger train and a Ford Explorer slowed traffic on Touhy and Lehigh Avenues last Tuesday, May 18, on Metra's Milwaukee-North line.

No one was injured in the collision that totaled the Explorer. Metra spokespersons indicated that two women were sighted driving the vehicle on railroad property near the tracks and ended up straddling the southbound tracks.

Eyewitnesses at the scene indicated that the two occupants exited the vehicle and fled east across the northbound tracks, barely escaping a northbound train.

"They dodged two bullets," said Terry Garrison who witnessed the incident.

Niles and Metra Police handled the recovery of the vehicle from the tracks. Amtrak Spokesman Mac Magliari indicated that their train, a Southbound 338 was not significantly damaged and was able to complete its schedule run about two hours behind schedule.



Metra workers and police examine a Ford Explorer that was wrecked by a collision with an Amtrak train Tuesday, May 18.

Three Amtrak trains were delayed: another southbound train was delayed as well as a northbound one.

Railroad personnel on the scene indicated that the collision

could have been considerably worse had the Amtrak engineer not seen the vehicle in advance and slowed the train. The accident occurred about approximately 5 p.m. and the train did

not depart until about 6 p.m. By that time the tracks were cleared and the train had been inspected for damage.

The unoccupied vehicle was struck by the decelerating train

just south of the Howard St. crossing, and was pushed about 1,500 feet, railroad personnel estimated. No passengers on the train were reported to have been injured.

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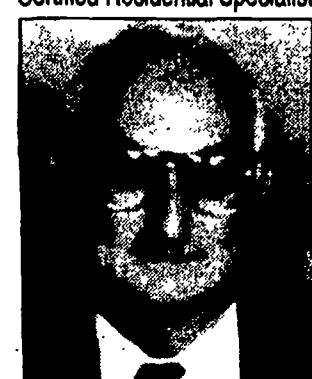
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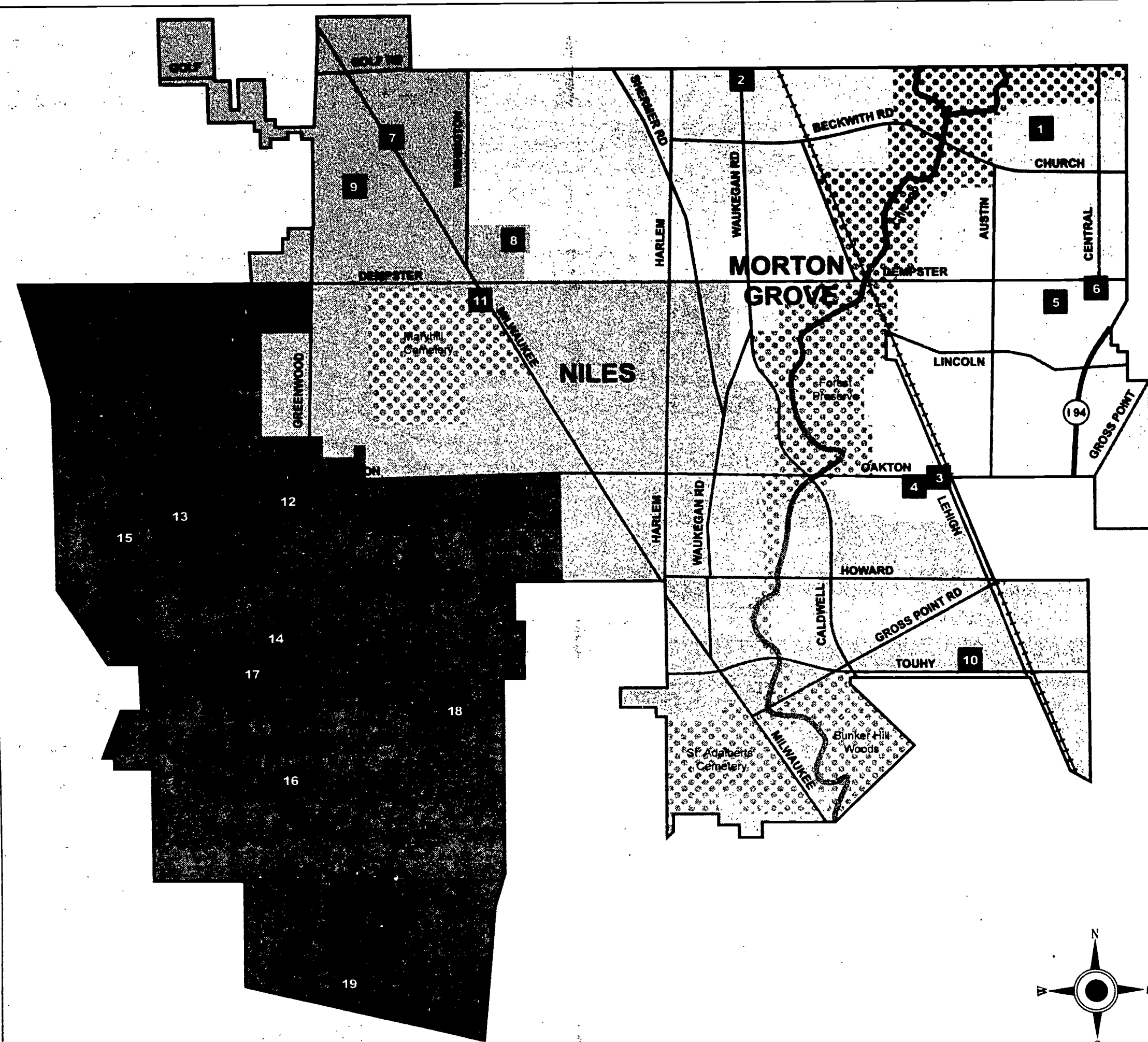
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending May 24, 2004.

1 Possession of marijuana (Emerson and Menard)

An 18-year-old Skokie man is facing charges of resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia after a Morton Grove police officer pulled the man's car over for tinted windows Thursday night May 20 in the 9400 block of Menard and smelled marijuana coming from the car as he spoke to the driver. Police said the driver and his two passengers, one 20 years old and the other 18 denied owning the glass pipe and small bag of marijuana that was found in the car. Police said the driver resisted arrest when they tried to handcuff him. Court is set for July 7 in Skokie.

2 Avon Powder Room erupts in fight (6900

Golf Rd.)

A fight between two male employees working on a production line in the "Powder Room" at Avon in the 6900 block of Golf Rd. resulted in one of the employees being held on battery charges Monday afternoon May 17. Police said witnesses said one employee became verbally abusive to another resulting in a challenge to fight. The witnesses said when one of the men turned away; the other "sucker punched" him and started jumping on him. The injured man was treated in the nurse's office at Avon.

3 Thief steals fixtures and instructions (6301 Oakton)

Making sure he gets it right, a 36-year-old Wood Dale man was arrested Thursday morning May 13 for shoplifting not only two faucets and connections but also a bathroom design manual. Security guards told police the man removed the two faucets and adapters from their packages and placed them in his

pockets. The man then selected a sink and went to the building materials section where he selected a book titled Creating Beautiful Bathrooms and slipped it inside a brochure. The man paid for the sink and was stopped by security outside for the other items.

4 Retail theft (6301 Oakton)

A 46-year-old Chicago man was arrested for shoplifting Thursday afternoon May 13 after security guards at Menards at 6301 Oakton watched the man come into the store and go to the power tool department and select a saw and drill and then get into the return line. Security said the man stood in the return line for a few minutes and then walked out the store where he was stopped.

5 Marijuana cigarette found in homework folder (8700 Menard)

A juvenile who claims to have been arrested before was in trouble again Friday morning

May 14 after an instructor found the remains of a marijuana cigarette in the student's homework folder. School officials also found a lighter and cigarette papers in the student's socks and shoes.

6 Theft by deception (5601 Dempster)

A 41-year-old former employee of a catering company was arrested Monday afternoon May 17 for continuing to use the catering company's credit card to purchase gas for his own van at the BP Amoco station at 5601 Dempster. Police said the owner of the company told them there were charges on the card that he gave employees to purchase gas under crediting agreement with BP Amoco. Employees were only required to sign for the purchase and enter a unit number. The employee, however, continued to come into the station to fill up his own van telling the attendant he was using an unmarked van but still wore the catering company's tee shirt. The

employee left the company in January of 2004. He was charged with theft.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending May 17, 2004.

7 Entertainment system stolen from Mustang (9400 Milwaukee)

A TV screen, stereo system, DVD player, amplifier, and sub woofer were stolen from a 2002 Mustang sometime between May 18 and 22 after the car was moved from a prep area at a dealership in the 9400 block of Milwaukee. The manager for the dealership told police the car was driven from the prep area about 3 p.m. and was left unlocked. The items removed from the car were estimated at \$4,000. The manager told police it was the sixth time an auto had been burglarized.

8 Car windows smashed (7800 Park)

The window of a 2003 Nissan Sentra were smashed out Friday night May 21 while the car was parked in the driveway in the 7800 block of Park.

9 Thief bites guard (Golf Mill)

A 41-year-old Chicago man bit a security guard at Sears Saturday night May 22 after the guard stopped the man who ran out of the store with two Craftsman drills. The security guard told police the man bit him on the hand and punched him in the chest in an attempt to escape. The man was charged with two counts of battery.

10 Deception denied (6100 Touhy)

A 19-year-old Chicago man was arrested for theft Friday May 21 after he tried to collect the cash value of an MP3 player he had just removed from a display in the Target store at 6150 Touhy and use a fabricated receipt to try to return the player and get the cash value.

11 Man calls police and he gets arrested (8700 Milwaukee)

A 21-year-old Bartlett man, who called police with a false report of underage drinking, wound up arrested early Monday May 24 after he resisted arrest for disorderly conduct. According to police, the man admitted to them that he called about underage drinking occurring at a nightclub in the 8700 block of Milwaukee. The doorman at the club told police the man was denied entry because he was intoxicated. The guard said he would sign complaints against the man and when police attempted to take the man into custody he resisted. Police checked the identifi-

cation of everyone in the club and found no evidence of minors with alcohol.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending May 14-20, 2004.

12 Burglary (1400 Laverne)

A home in the 1400 block Laverne was burglarized Sunday night May 17. Police would only say the thief entered by prying open a sliding door.

13 Burglary to motor vehicles 900 Busse Hwy.

A 1997 Toyota Camry was broken into Tuesday May 18 while the car was parked in the train station lot. Police said the thief broke the drivers side window to steal a Pioneer stereo.

14 200 N. Lincoln

An unlocked 1998 Ford Explorer was entered while the car was parked in the 200 block of Lincoln Thursday night May 13. Police do not know if anything was missing at the time.

15 700 Parkwood

An unlocked Chevy parked in the 700 block of Parkwood was entered Tuesday May 18. Police said a Palm

Pilot valued at \$200 and unknown amount of currency were taken from the car.

16 400 N. Lincoln

A 1997 Infiniti Q45 was burglarized Wednesday night May 19 after someone smashed the front passenger window and stole a purse with \$250 in cash and credit cards.

17 100 N. Lincoln

Police do not know how someone got into a 1994 Ford Probe parked in the alley in the 100 block of N. Lincoln Wednesday night and took a \$50 jacket, a leather binder, \$20 in currency, and a lighter worth one dollar.

18 200 S. Northwest Hwy.

A 2004 Chevy Silverado was burglarized Thursday May 19 while parked in a lot in the 200 block of S. Northwest Hwy. According to police someone forced open the rear door. A toolbox was stolen.

19 Wallet stolen (1900 Cumberland)

A woman told police her wallet was stolen Thursday night May 20 after she was approached by a woman who said she had mistakenly took the woman's shopping cart and was returning it to her. The woman's purse was in the cart but her wallet was missing.



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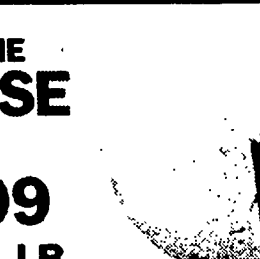


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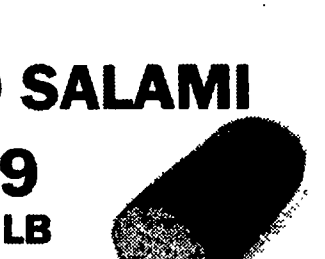
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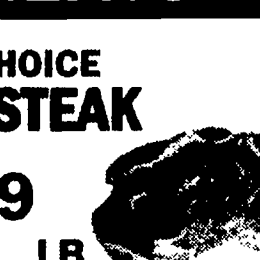


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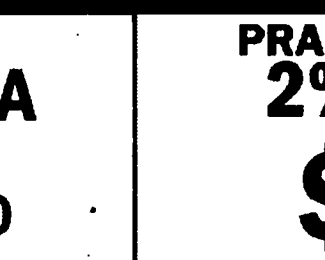


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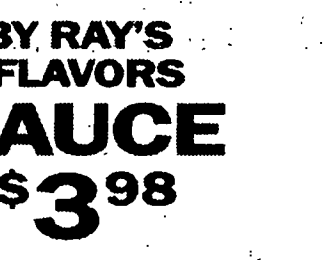


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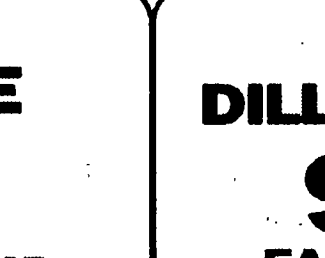
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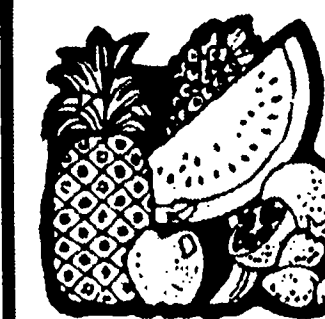
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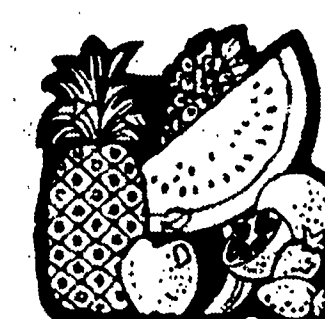


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Medical malpractice issue continues to divide

A Guest Editorial
BY DAVE SULLIVAN
State Senator 33rd District

The cost of medical malpractice insurance is something most of us never have had to think about. After all, we don't ever see anything about medical malpractice insurance on our doctor's bills. For most of us, the only number that really matters when it comes to our medical bills is the difference between what our insurance will cover and the total amount of the bill.

But the medical malpractice issue is no longer something that only doctors, insurance companies and lawyers have to worry about. Because the cost of this insurance is so high - doctors all across the state are packing their bags and moving to other states and no one is moving here to take their place. What was once a squabble between doctors and lawyers has now become a health care crisis.

It seems like every day, there is news of yet another doctor leaving Illinois or simply retiring. Many Illinois residents are being forced to

cross state lines just to get the medical care they need. In some cases, Illinois patients have to travel long distances even for routine procedures. This is becoming a bigger problem here in the Northwest suburbs.

As these doctors leave or close their practices - not only are Illinois residents losing healthcare options - they are losing access to experienced physicians. Doctors that under normal circumstances would keep practicing medicine are now seeking early retirement. One doctor highlighted in a newspaper article last month had been delivering babies for 24 years, but she is calling it quits because of the high cost of medical malpractice insurance. During her career, it was estimated that she delivered 10,000 babies. But now her expertise will be lost because of the high cost of medical malpractice insurance.

According to the Illinois State Medical Society, obstetricians shelled out almost \$140,000 annually for medical malpractice insurance. This is the average cost each doctor paid. Neurosurgeons paid an average of about \$228,000 annually. By comparison, the

average that Wisconsin obstetricians pay is \$39,500.

There are major disagreements about the cause of the high cost of medical malpractice insurance, but there is no denying that whatever the cause - a big problem exists. The doctors point to excessive lawsuits as the cause, while lawyers pin the blame on doctors and insurance companies. Trying to bring these groups together is the ominous task of the Legislature.

But there is a sincere desire from both Democrats and Republicans to get something accomplished before the end of the spring session. A bipartisan group of lawmakers from both the House and the Senate are currently working on a solution.

Everyone involved, doctors, lawyers and insurance companies must make some concessions on this important issue before we can have a meaningful solution. It is unfair to point the finger at one group and assign all of the blame to that one group. Specifically, lawyers are not the sole cause of the medical malpractice crisis, but they should not be exempt from the final solution either.

Clearly excessive lawsuits have played a role in the problems we are facing. In Cook County alone, the average jury verdict in medical cases was \$4.45 million. This was a 23 percent increase from the previous year. Physicians in Cook County pay about 300 percent more for their insurance than Iowa physicians.

These costs have to be paid and there is no denying that these costs have contributed to the cost of medical malpractice insurance and the high cost of health care in general. If we are going to find a real solution to the medical malpractice insurance crisis - then we have to address all of the factors contributing to this problem. Doctors and lawyers must make concessions, but so must trial lawyers as well.

Hopefully, a solution can be reached before we adjourn. The longer we wait - the worse this problem will become and the more difficult it will be for Illinois residents to get the healthcare they deserve. The people hurt the most by all of this are patients and we should always keep that in mind as we work out a solution to this crisis.

Opinion

Congrats to Science Olympiad

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the Park View Science Olympiad Team for another fantastic year. Our village is so proud to be represented by such bright, hard-working children. It is inspiring to see the team work together to achieve what they have.

Even more inspiring are the efforts of the parents and coaches. After a full day of work, what better way to unwind then to build a bridge with your child. We wish the graduating Olympiads the best of luck in their new endeavors and look forward to welcoming the new group next year.

Thanks for a great year!

Carol Meyer, Morton Grove

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Opinion

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Council should rethink Pickwick

Dear Editor,

The Park Ridge City Council needs to step back and rethink its approach to working with the Pickwick Theater. The Council seems to be coming dangerously close to being viewed as heavy-handed with the owners of this privately held local business.

The Council approved \$10,000 of taxpayer money as a contribution to a group which does not have a working relationship with the theater owners. So, how is this group supposed to spend the money to preserve the theater? Are they going to storm down Prospect Street and take the place over?

All concerned must remember that this is America, land of free enterprise. The owners of the theater are good, solid businessmen. They have their own plan on how to keep the theater a viable, profitable enterprise. So far, they have done a good job and don't appear to welcome any interference from the city council or other civic groups.

Even though the motivation behind the Council's action may be well-intended since most residents love and use the Pickwick Theater, I for one do not believe our tax dollars should be spent in any venture which smacks of heavy-handed government forcing its will on independent businesses. I repeat - this is America.

If the Pickwick owners want assistance from the city or other groups, that should be their decision not the Council's or other outside groups.

D. B., Park Ridge

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By Chuck Baldacchino

Citizenship

Here's a question for you: Is it your right not to vote?

We have over 30,000 adults in Park Ridge. Of these, over 29,000 are registered to vote. Great percentage. So, why is it that in local elections, so few actually vote?

Local elections - the ones most important to us since, as "Tip" O'Neill has opined, "All politics is local." - have consistently drawn fewer than 6,000 Park Ridge eligible voters to polling places. (Even national elections, or local referenda on national ballots, can't draw even half of us out to vote.) The result is that, in recent memory, no elected Park Ridge official has garnered votes from more than 20% of his or her registered constituency. (That "high" percentage came only in uncontested races). And in the most recent Park Ridge aldermanic elections, no winner amassed more than a

15% "approval" rating. Why not? Because the vast (as in Great Silent?) majority of you citizens have exercised your right not to vote.

Perverse, isn't it? But I have a remedy, something that can save democracy from itself. (Remember: Pogo was right. "We have seen the enemy ... and he is us.")

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pay a fine. (Curious word, "fine"; isn't it?)

I can hear the howls already. Can't do that! It's a poll tax, and it must be illegal as well as wrong! Wrong. It's revenue neutral to an eligible voter/taxpayer who votes, so it can't be called a tax. It not only doesn't prevent you from voting; it does quite the opposite. And wrong? What could be more wrong in a democracy than not voting?

Would that I wouldn't have to be suggesting such a perversity to counteract another perversity. Would that we wouldn't have to resort to such low tactics to get people to exercise the franchise we're currently fighting to give to Iraqis as a gift, and as an example to the citizens of those other non-democratic Middle Eastern states.

But the crude power of the pocketbook should not be overlooked as a tool to reinvigorate the elegance and importance of participating in our democracy.

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extremely rewarding one for the students, Cole continued. "They are able to meet the best science students in the entire nation. The ride was wonderful, and when we went in to the opening ceremonies our entire team was wearing chef's hats and carrying Chicago-style pizzas."

Five students will be departing this team this year as they graduate to high school. This will leave ten "starters" and three "alternates." Cole said that the entire sixth grade would probably be interested in trying out.

"They'll be working over the sum-

mer on two assignments that we give them," he said, "bridge building and learning the metric system. That's the first hurdle they'll have to clear."

Selections for the team will be made in the fall by the new head coaches, Keetra Schee and Michael Novak. Cole himself will be retiring this year, but plans to remain active at Park View and the Science Olympiad competition in general.

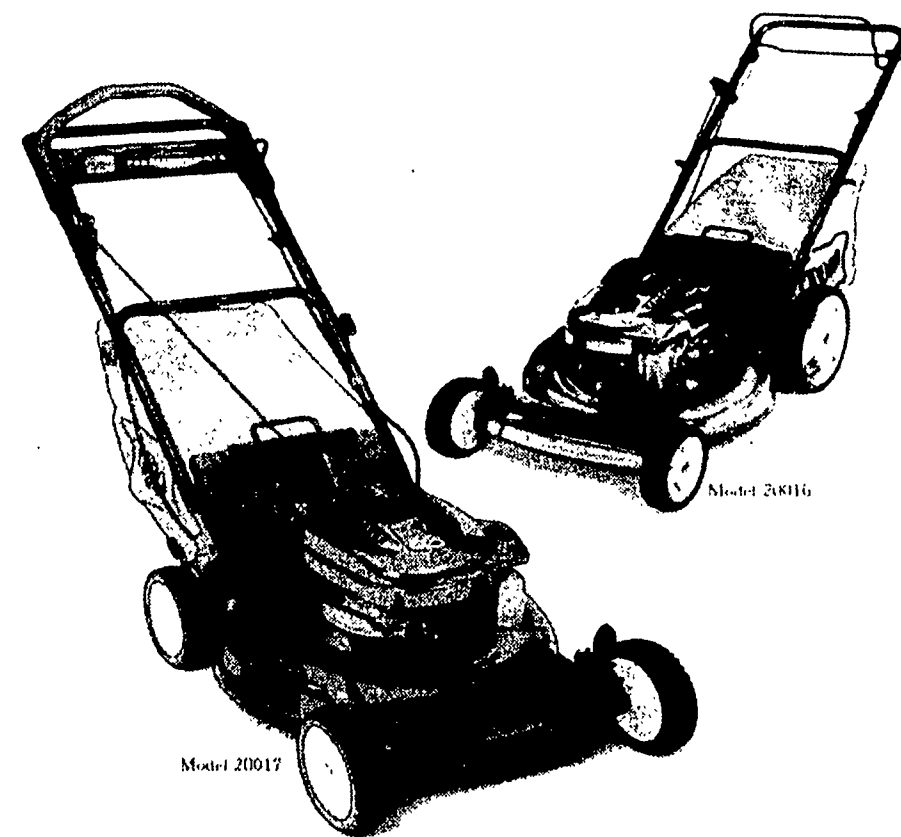
"It breaks my heart to leave," said Cole. "But I'll see them at Regionals and I'll still be actively involved here at Park View."



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Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Reporting E-Mail Fraud

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I assume you're referring to the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC). This is a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). Although your colleague did right by contacting the FBI, as shown by the fact that he/she got an appointment with an agent, the complaint could also have been filed with the IFCC. It would have alerted the authorities to a suspected criminal or civil violation

of the law, which would then be investigated. (Note: Another function of the IFCC is to maintain a repository of complaints, which helps law enforcement and regulatory agencies study a possible pattern of violations.)

For anyone who would like to contact the NW3C directly, you can do so by going online at www.nw3c.org. Or you can write to it at National White Collar Crime Center, Suite 300, 7401 Beaufont Springs Drive, Richmond, VA 23225-5504. Its telephone number is 1-804-323-3563.

The important thing is not to delay reporting a case of possible fraud. The sooner you do, the sooner the complaint can be checked out, and if found to be valid, the sooner the problem can be dealt with. Any restitution of lost funds will also depend on how quickly the fraud can be investigated. However, keep in mind that full or even partial restitution is not always possible.

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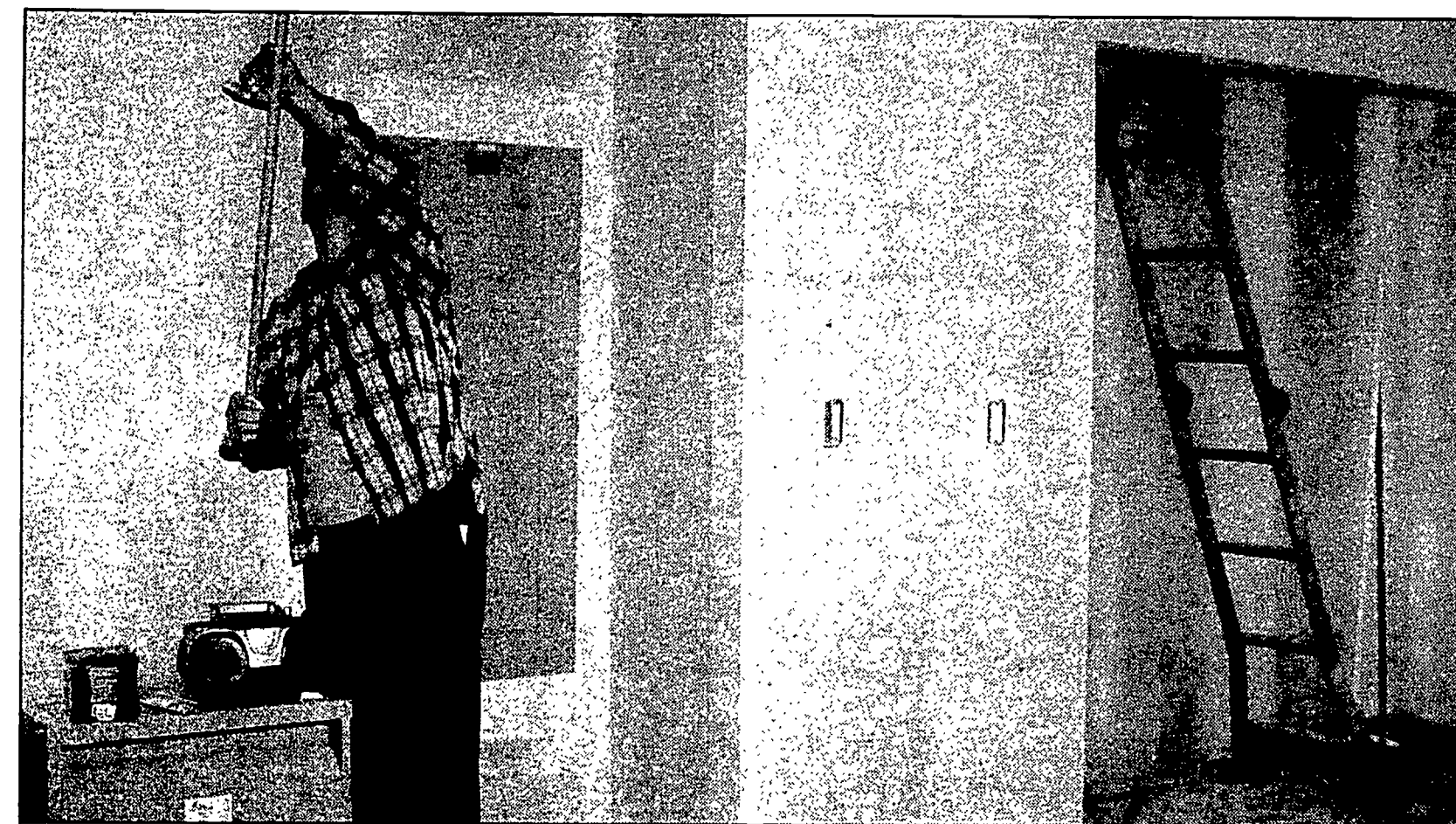
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Volunteers work on painting the walls of the new Niles Chamber office in the Northside Community Bank building last weekend.

New Niles Chamber office nears completion

The Niles Chamber will be moving next week to 8060 Oakton Street in the North Side Community Bank building. The project began at the end of last year, the Niles Chamber has grown so consistently over the last several years that it outgrew its soon to be former office in Oak Mill Mall. Director Katie DiMaria said that it was time to move to a larger facility that would be more conducive to the Chamber's operational needs.

"Building the office began in March 2004," said DiMaria. "Like any construction project there have been unforeseeable problems, but all in all things have run smoothly."

All of the businesses and individuals collaborating on the project have worked consistently over the past two months. This week was the final stage. The Chamber will be operating from the new office effective June 1, 2004.

"Fortunately, many of our Chamber members have donated

their time and services," said DiMaria. "Volunteers from our Board and committees worked last weekend to paint the office and clean. Chamber members have graciously donated their times and services on electrical, HVAC, carpeting and cleaning, while other individuals donated their time to hang dry wall, tape and lay the ceiling."

Some businesses have donated furniture, display sets, pictures, and computers to furnish the office.

"We are an organization dedicated to helping the businesses in Niles and surrounding areas," DiMaria said. "We are very fortunate to have many of our members show us that same dedication and helping us on this project. Over 40 Chamber members made cash donations to help fund our build out project."

The following businesses donated products or services to the move: Shure, Inc., Gartner Heating and Cooling, Ridgid Electric, Erwin Fleischmann,

Dan Ryan, Dann Dee Displays, Abt Electronics, AYA Kitchens, Belmont Carpet, Niles Color Center, Nimlok and Got It Maid. The Chamber will be moving on Thursday May 27 and Friday May 28, and anticipates to be completely up and running by the middle of June, though there are still last minute issues and finishing touches to be dealt with.

"The new office will have more space to better accommodate our growing staff and needs of the organization," said DiMaria. "The office is easily accessible to our members and the community. The office is a beautiful new facility that we are so proud and excited about."

The main phone number to contact the Chamber will be the same: (847) 966-7606.

"Our Chamber members have really donated a lot of their time and services to build and furnish the new office," said DiMaria. "We are so grateful to all of them."

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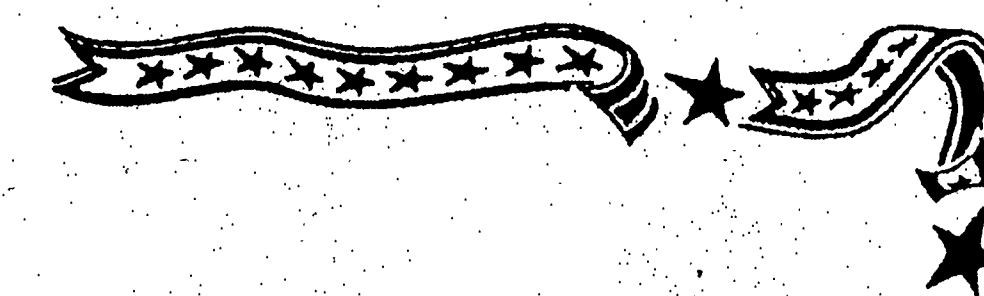
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Students present mock crash

Niles West High School students demonstrated a mock prom car crash for Juniors and Seniors to remind them of the dangers of drinking and driving. It was presented by the Niles West SADD club. (Students Against Destructive Decisions.)

Notre Dame graduation ceremonies set for May 27-29

Notre Dame invites parents and friends of its community to attend the high school's graduation ceremonies, set for May 27-29. The three days of pomp and circumstance will commence on Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 PM with the Baccalaureate Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Chicago. The graduates will return to school at 9:30 AM on Friday, May 28 for the annual Awards Assembly. The following day, Saturday, May 29, Commencement Exercises will begin at 10:30 AM in the football stadium. For further information regarding graduation ceremonies, please contact Joe Villinski, Director of Public Relations, at 847.779.8618.



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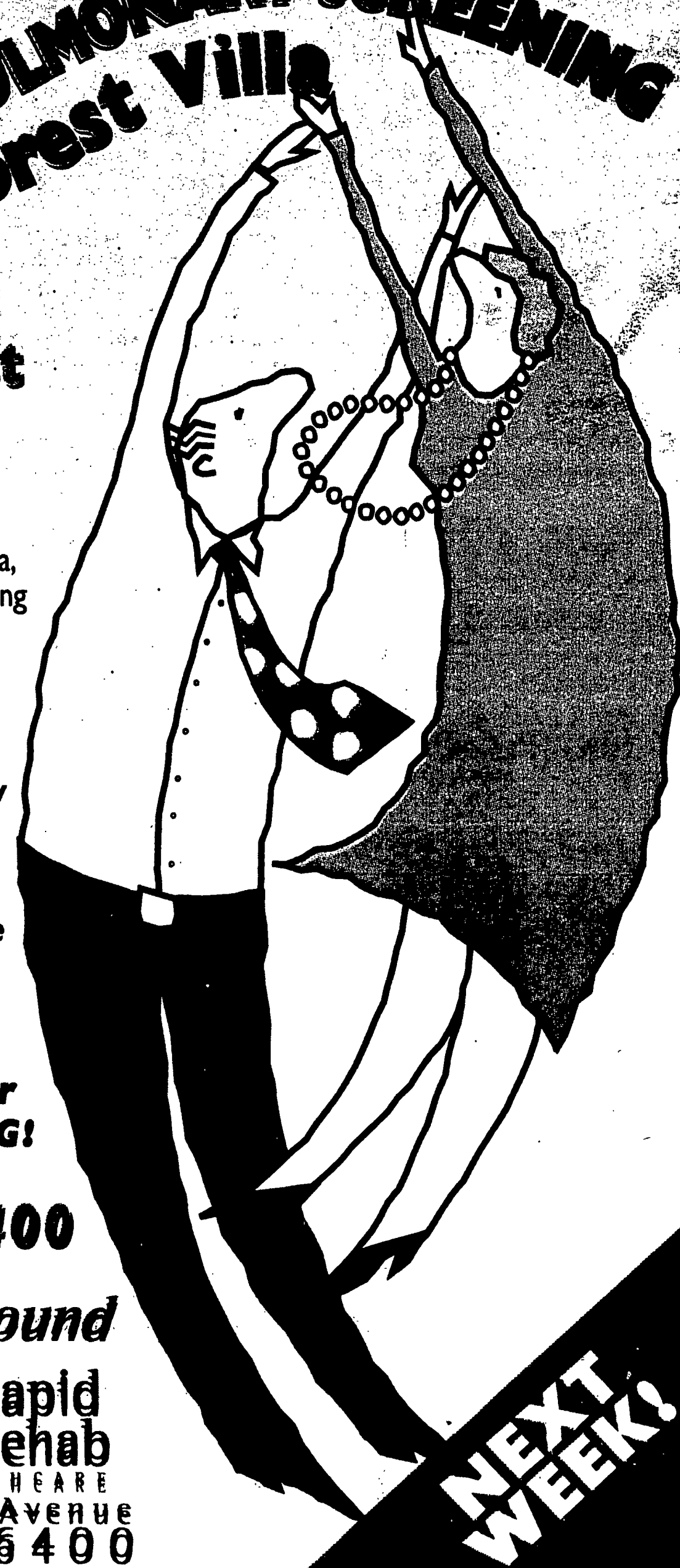
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NEXT WEEK!

Wolves softball team ekes out a win

BY RYAN BISHOP
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Senior day for the Niles West softball team Thursday ended on a winning note as the Wolves eked out a 1-0 game determined by fielding and baserunning. The 2004 conference champions had freshman Shayna Duffy on the mound and senior Kim Edwardson behind the plate. Duffy took the spotlight away from the seniors as she dominated the St. Viator hitters on the day, allowing only two hits on the day and striking out eight batters. Duffy had a lively fastball that the Viator hitters could not catch up with and located her pitches well on the inside corner.

"We were solid defensively today, but I was disappointed in our baserunning. We have been in a slump lately, only scoring three runs in our last three games. We did just enough today to get the job done, made the big plays to back up Duffy," said coach Stephen Ramseyer.

The Wolves scored the only run of the game in the bottom of the second inning when Duffy scored from second base on a throwing error from St. Viator's shortstop, one of three on the day at that position. Duffy led off the inning with a walk on five pitches. Outfielder Cora Gibbs then struck out on a high fastball. Senior Kari Chaiken did her job by sacrificing Duffy over to second before. That set the table for third baseman Colleen Kearns' hard grounder to that forced an overthrow and the eventual game winner. Except for a triple in the right-center field gap that rolled to

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the fence in the top of the fifth inning, Duffy and the defense were in control the whole game.

Before the triple, she had struck the first two batters, the second on three pitches in the inning.



Niles West's Shayna Duffy gets tagged out at home by St. Viator's pitcher Casey Fitzpatrick as she tries to steal home in the bottom of the fourth inning Thursday afternoon May 20. The Wolves hung on to win 1-0. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

WEEKEND WARFARE

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Class AA Boy's State Track Meet

When: Friday and Saturday, May 28 & 29
Where: O'Brien Stadium, Charleston, IL
Outlook: Niles West hopes its star athlete, Jorge Perez, will come home from the state meet with at least one medal. The Senior will participate in four events this weekend with a chance to medal in all of them. Perez will participate in Long Jump, 110 High Hurdles, 100 meter dash, and the 300 Intermediate hurdles. His best chance will come in the High Hurdles or Long jump where his time of 14.24 or jump of 22' 9 1/2" places him in the top three spots.

Joining Perez at the meet will be teammates Nathan Diaz in the High Jump, Robert Martellas in the Triple Jump, and the 4x800 relay team. With these competitors out there, Niles West hopes to bring some awards back to town.

Class AA Boy's Tennis State Championship

When: Saturday May 29
Where: John Hersey High School, 1900 E. Thomas St., Arlington Heights, IL
Outlook: The Maine South Boy's Tennis team had hoped for more people to advance downstate, but they will have to be happy with one very talented doubles team of Seniors Ken Dollaske and Matt Bochenek. The doubles team easily moved through the competition where they lost to eventual second place winners Steve Chong and Jason Butz from Conant. They continued to struggle losing the first set of the final game, but were able to take the next two and win the game to secure third place and a trip to the State finals. They've earned their way to the finals, but this team of Seniors will need to elevate their game if they hope to bring home a medal from

Notre Dame Baseball Regional Playoffs

When: 12 PM, Saturday May 29
Where: Notre Dame High School, 7655 W. Dempster St., Niles, IL
Outlook: The Dons have put together a fantastic season this year posting a record of 24-7. With that record the Dons have earned a 2 seed. Besides the advantage a 2 seed brings them the Dons are also the host school of their regional, giving them the added advantage of playing at home. This weekend they will play the winner of Steinmetz and Taft game held earlier in the week. The winner of that game will have no easy task when they will be forced to face a hot Notre Dame team on its own turf.

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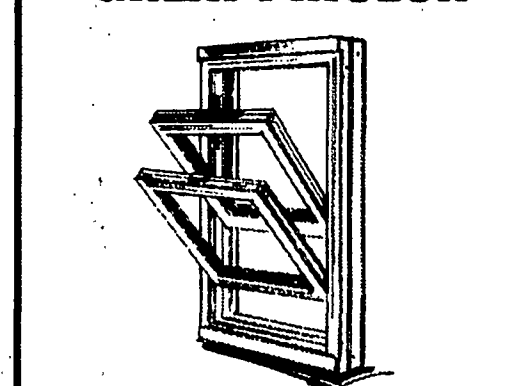
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St. Viator would get a runner on base in the seventh, but the freshman was just too much on the day. She caught a line drive for the first out, and was in danger of walking the next batter, falling behind 3-1. She relied on her fastball for a foul ball and got a called third struck on an inside fastball. Viator stayed alive, hitting an infield field single to third base but the threat ended when

Duffy threw out the last batter to end game. This season has been a dramatic turnaround for a Wolves team that only has five seniors on the squad. Starting out the year at 1-8 and losing six games in a row, the team experienced some growing pains. Since the slow start, the Wolves stormed back to go 16-6 the rest of the way. "Our strength all season has

been good defense and pitching. Our hitting has been inconsistent this year, but it was great accomplishment for us to win conference. It has just been a great team effort for us. Key players have been Casey McDonald at pitcher, Chrissy Rosin at short, Edwardson has been a great hitting catcher for us this year," said Ramseyer. "I'm going to give the girls a

day off tomorrow to get ready for Warren and Praire to finish the season, before our first round playoff game against Northridge Prep. It is going to depend on our hitting if we are to advance in the playoffs. We had 12 hits against Maine South and then only one against Loyola. I'm confident we can pull it all together in time for the playoffs," said Ramseyer.



Niles West pitcher Shayna Duffy deals home in the top of the fifth inning.

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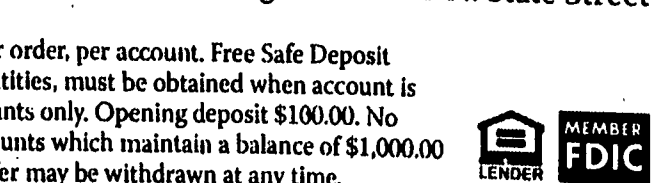
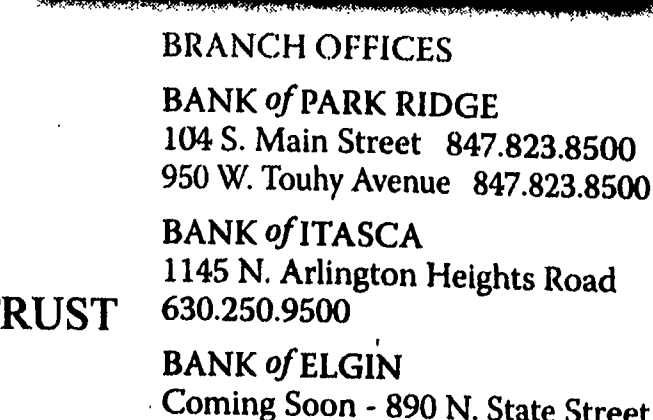
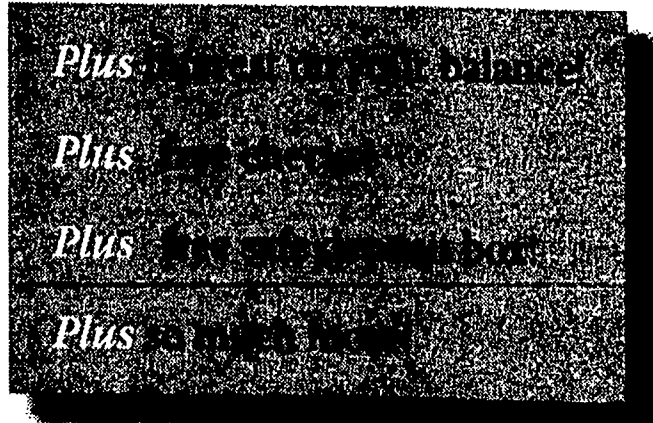
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Monday, June 7

- 7:30 p.m. Village of Niles Plan/Zoning Commission meeting
- 8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

Thursday, June 10

- 7:45 p.m. The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove public Library will be meeting on June 10th in the Library BD Room, 2nd floor.

COMMUNITY

Tuesday, June 1

- Kevin Stein, poet laureate of Illinois, will spend a day visitings with residents of Norwood Park Home (NPH), 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago on Tuesday, June 1. He will conduct a workshop for residents, read some of his poetry and deliver a lecture that is open to the community.

Thursday, June 3

- The Morton Grove Community Blood Drive will be held Thursday, June 3 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. Donors must bring identification showing their name, date of birth and either a social security, driver's license, or state ID number. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (847) 803-7943.

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Morton Grove Firefighters celebrate 100 years

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The Morton Grove Volunteer Fire Company members from 1904 might not recognize today's Fire Department, but the existence of that modern organization owes a great deal to those volunteers who borrowed \$500 from the village treasury to start their company. At their Centenary, the Morton Grove Fire Dept. is taking the time to look back and thank them.

"We've come a long way from when the original 16 guys who saw the need and borrowed \$500 from the village to buy the first pumper," said Morton Grove Fire Chief Tom Friel. "It was delivered in 1905 and that's what started everything."

What was then called the Morton Grove Volunteer Fire Company (MGVFC) would be called up in an emergency by a loud siren.

"There was a big siren on top of the police station," said Friel. "In case of an emergency it would sound and the volunteers would come running."

Some very familiar names have made up the ranks of the volunteers, including Richard Hohns, George Harter, Howard Hoffman and George and Henry Theobald.

The memorial will be situated in front of Fire Dept. Station #4 at Lincoln and Callie. A memorial plaque will be mounted on a large boulder.

"The Public Works Department is generously donating its time to prepare the site and build the base," said Friel.

The plaque on the boulder will read: "This monument is dedicated to the founding members of the Morton Grove Volunteer Fire Company 1904-1965. The history of the Volunteers' com-

mitment and devotion to the safety and wellbeing of the community inspires current members of the Morton Grove Fire Department to serve with honor, dignity and courage. Their lega-

volunteers continues to inspire the firefighters. The last volunteers were still on the force when Friel joined up and the surviving 12 have been designated as grand marshalls of the village's



cy will not be forgotten."

"It's amazing to think how much the job of a firefighter has changed since those days," said Friel who has been on the force nearly 20 years. "Back then a firefighter was just a guy who could help out. He was the guy you turned to when you needed help."

When Friel started on the force, firefighters were still handy, but in different ways.

"If you didn't know how to do a break job, you wouldn't be a good firefighter," he said. Now, looking forward to the 21st century, the job description has changed yet again.

"We have concerns about Homeland Security," Friel said. "We have to respond to hazardous materials and bio-contamination."

But the tradition of those first

Fourth of July Parade.

"When those guys were on the force they had to pay for their own uniforms," he said. "Some of the last volunteers still live in Morton Grove."

The volunteers used to raise funds in annual dinners and picnics. One of the first picnics, for instance, was held in Linne Woods to make extra money for that first fire apparatus. In that tradition, money for the new memorial to the volunteers will be raised by the Fire Dept., which is selling 100-year anniversary t-shirts. The shirts feature a combined MGVFC and current Department logo on the front with a photograph of old volunteer company on the back. They will be available for purchase at the Fourth of July Parade, when the new memorial is dedicated.

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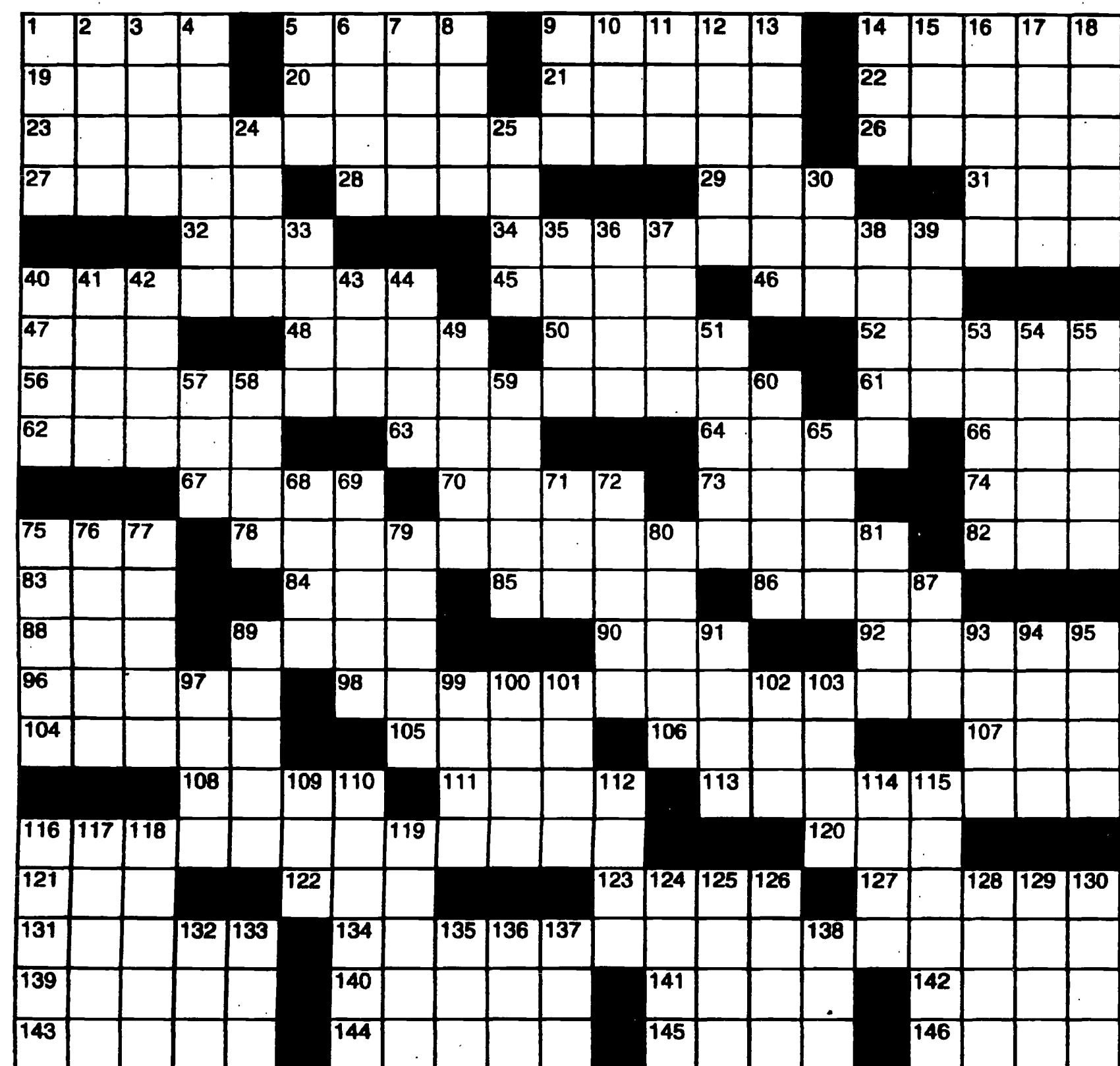
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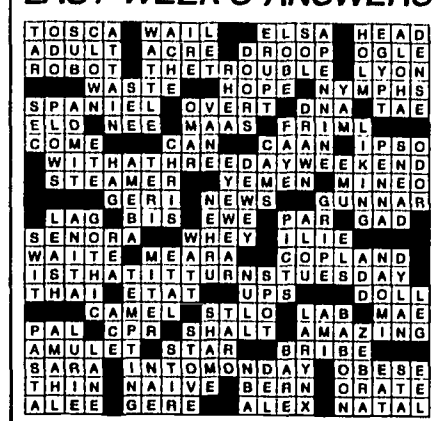
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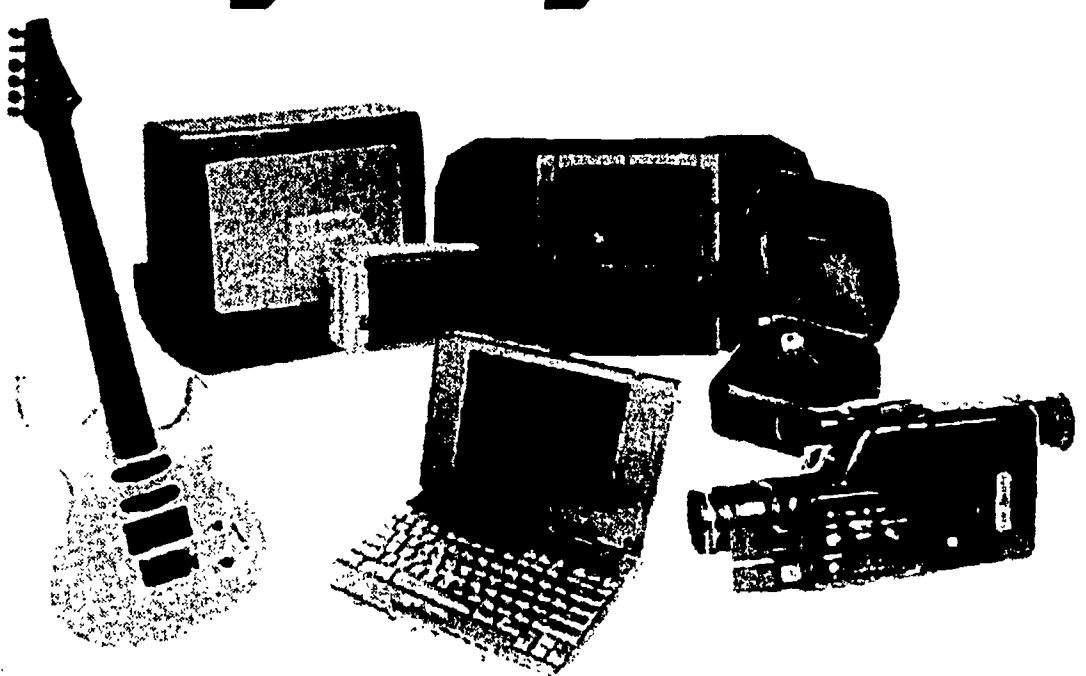


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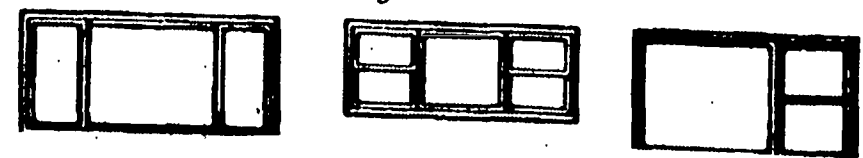
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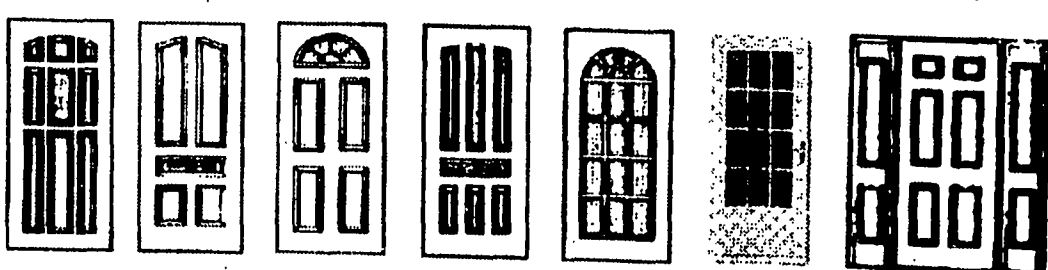
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West opened with one spade,
and, after two passes, Drury bid
one notrump. This was perfectly
proper in the balancing posi-
tion, where a notrump overcall
shows less strength than the 16
to 18 points normally associated
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North raised to three, and West
led the seven of spades. Drury
won with the nine and played a
club. West took the king and
made the excellent return of the
queen of hearts. He was hoping
to find partner with four or five

hearts to the jack, and in that
way stop the contract.

Declarer could have assured
himself a heart trick by cover-
ing the queen with the king —
certainly the normal thing to do
in the expectation that West had
led the queen from the Q-J. But
Drury's ESP was firing on all
cylinders, and he confidently
played the deuce from dummy.
Not only that, but when West
continued with the three of
hearts, Drury rose with the
king, rejecting West's effort to
convince him that he held the

jack of hearts. Drury then led
another club to West's ace, and
West wisely cashed the ace of
hearts to hold declarer to nine
tricks.

West's defense was superb but
unsuccessful. Had Drury cov-
ered the queen of hearts with
the king or not played the king
on the second heart lead, he
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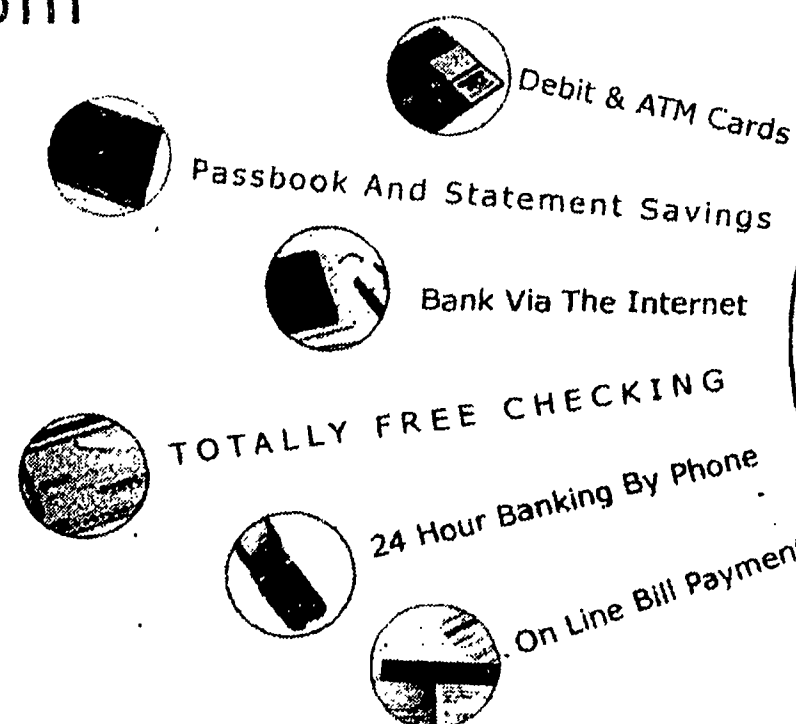
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It lasts a really, really long time

BY DORIS A. BLACK

Slate is a hard, dense stone whose structural integrity stands the test of time. A naturally durable material, slate resists rain, snow and wind. Slate roofs are beautiful, functional, and with just a little care, can last a lifetime. It is not uncommon to see cathedrals with 140-year-old slate roofs, or homes with slate roofs approaching the 100-year mark. The oldest slate roofs in Europe are 400 years old. The main reason they have lasted so long is because they were installed using traditional methods and high-quality materials by expert hands. If you own a structure with a slate roof or are con-

sidering a slate roof, the best thing you can do to prolong the life of the slate is to be knowledgeable about its construction, installation and care.

A slate roof requires a bit of maintenance every 50 to 60 years. Before the slate itself comes to the end of its life, the flashings, metal joints along valleys, chimneys and dormers, will need to be replaced. Existing flashings may be made of copper, sheet-lead or tin. Tin flashings need to be painted regularly to prevent corrosion. Copper flashing will last about 60 years if left unpainted or longer if painted. A slate roof renovator can easily replace old flashings, no matter what their construction, with newer stainless steel ones that should last just as long, if not longer.

Slate is a hard, dense stone, but it is not infallible. Over time, say a hundred years, a few slates may break or fall and require replacement. One of the most unique characteristics of slate roofing is

that any portion of the roof can be removed and replaced when necessary. Individual slate tiles that have been damaged can be replaced without having to replace the whole roof. Since just one missing slate can cause a roof to leak, replace it as soon as possible with one the same size, shape and color. A reputable slate contractor will use one of the two acceptable methods of installation: the slate-hook method and the nail-and-bib method.

Working on a slate roof is tricky business. It requires the use of hook ladders, which keep the worker from walking on the slate itself. Walking on slate roofs will break the slate. A competent slate contractor will be able to replace broken or missing slate without walking on the roof.

Slate roof renovators attribute faulty repairs made by amateurs as the number one cause of flashing failures, leaks and broken slate. Tradition roofing contractors have very little knowledge or experience with slate and can

poorly advise a homeowner to replace the whole slate roof prematurely. Remember, a slate roof will last for decades upon decades and very rarely needs to be totally replaced.

Knowing some basic slate construction techniques will allow you to make informed decisions. Here are some of the main differences between slate and asphalt roofing.

- Residential slate roofs are often built with an underlayment of felt to prevent rain from entering the home during the installation phase. This practice is still used today, but it is important to note that once the installation is complete, the felt serves no other purpose and will deteriorate to a fine dust over time. The felt is not an essential component of the function of a slate roof.
- Another difference between slate roof construction and traditional asphalt roof construction is

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installation for walls, floors and countertops. It includes helpful hints, tricks of the trade, information on materials and tools, and special techniques.

With all the home improvement books on the market today, it is

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hard to narrow down your list of choices. The books mentioned above are just a few. Keep in mind that there may be books better suited to your needs, so it is a good idea to visit your local bookstore and browse the aisles.

It's Out Back

BY DORIS A. BLACK

The addition of a backyard structure can heighten your enjoyment of the outdoors. It can also increase your storage space, create a shady oasis and provide a romantic enclosure. All it takes is one idea, some imagination and the willingness to follow through to transform your dreams to reality.

Expand upon your initial idea by creating a wish list. Start by writing down your ideas, then implementing them into a formal plan with measurements and dimensions. This process works well even for small projects like an entrance arbor. Building codes and zoning ordinances will need to be consulted in most communities before construction may begin.

An entrance arbor adds the type of detail to a home that most homeowners overlook. It is a stylish and welcoming invitation for guests to enter. Positioned at the end of the front walkway, side yard or used as a transition between two areas of the yard, an arbor is a simple structure to construct with 4x4 posts, 2x4 beams and some lattice. With materials in hand, the project can be completed in a day. Decorative details, such as spindles or tile, are optional. If selecting to build your arbor of redwood, cedar or pressure-treated wood rated for direct ground contact, setting the posts in cement is unnecessary. These woods weath-

er naturally to a beautiful finish and don't need to be painted. However, longevity can be increased by the application of a clear, protective finish.

A more complicated and functional project may be the construction of a shade shelter over a new or existing deck or patio. Since it will be exposed to the elements year-round, the shelter needs to be durable enough to withstand high winds and heavy rain or snowfall. A solid-roofed structure will protect a patio or deck during inclement weather, while a ventilated structure made of beams or lattice will allow air and elements to enter during every season of the year. Determining which type to build will depend on its ultimate use.

At the turn of the last century before the advent of air conditioning, the backyard gazebo offered shelter from the rain and sun while allowing cool summer breezes to circulate. This made it a very desirable addition to the Victorian homeowner. One hundred years later, gazebos are a recreational and romantic retreat. Traditional gazebos are eight sided with an eight-paneled roof and are still built today. Today's manufacturers also offer five- and six-sided models. Decorative ornamentation can range from the brick-a-brac of the Victorian yesteryear to a simple design built with lattice panels and a finial on top. To make the space even more intimate, train climbing vines to reach to the sky using the posts and roof for support. Constructing a gazebo requires footings and foundations and care-

ful planning should be observed to make the structure as stable and durable as possible.

Of all the landscape structures, the garden or storage shed is the most functional. The storage shed, once nothing more than a lean-to, is now a highly stylish and useful addition to the yard. Styles and sizes are available in an infinite variety, offering the homeowner endless possibilities. Some sheds are simple and plain, providing just enough space to contain the multitude of miscellaneous lawn and garden tools most homeowners accumulate. Others are elaborate configurations designed to look more like a miniature house. These models may be used as a workshop in addition to being a large closet. But no matter what style the shed takes, its principal purpose remains the same. If you can't get your car into your garage, perhaps you need a storage shed.

Designing the structure takes thoughtful and exact planning. Visit neighbors with similar structures to formulate ideas, then put your mental images on paper. The easiest way to do this is to photograph the area where the structure will be built. Enlarge the photo and make copies, so you can draw your design directly onto the photograph. This will serve not only as a working drawing but as a visual reference for a contractor.

Whether you build an arbor, shelter, gazebo or storage shed, your backyard structure will add lasting beauty and value to your home. Remember, it all begins with a single thought.

The Garden Bug

Putting in a pond

You can find plastic pond forms at home/gardening centers. Select a semi-shady spot in your yard, away from slopes. Dig a hole as deep and a little wider than the pond form. Use a carpenter's level to make sure the pond is installed properly. Then add water.

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You probably don't think twice about the need for life insurance. After all, if something were to happen to you, you'd certainly want your family to have adequate financial resources. But like many people, you may be overlooking disability insurance — and that could be a costly mistake.

Of course, if you're healthy and your career isn't physically risky, you might initially scoff at the thought of disability insurance. But consider these statistics:

• If you are age 20, you have a 3-in-10 chance of becoming disabled before you reach retirement age, according to the Social Security Administration.

• If you are 35, you are six times more likely to become disabled than you are to die before you reach 65, according to the American Council of Life Insurers. Furthermore, a 35-year-old person who is disabled for at least 90 days is likely to become disabled for an average of three years.

These numbers suggest a strong need to help protect yourself and your family. And even a brief disability, with its consequent disruption of your income, could seriously harm your financial stability and your progress toward your long-term goals.

Types of Disability Coverage
You can find two basic types of disability coverage: short-term and long-term. Short-term disability provides you with income for the early part of a disability — anywhere from two weeks to two years, depending on the policy. Long-term disability can replace income for a set time period — such as five years — or until you turn 65.

Both short- and long-term disability policies usually will pay you anywhere from 50 percent to 65 percent of your salary. If you pay your own premiums, your disability benefits are typically tax-free. But if your employer pays for your policy — generally with "pretax" dollars — your disability payments will probably be taxable.

Buying Individual Policies
Employers generally provide short-term disability coverage as a standard benefit, but long-term disability may be optional, if offered at all. You should become familiar with the dis-

ability coverage offered by your employer. If your employer offers you short-term disability coverage as part of a group plan, take it.

To supplement your group coverage, you may want to consider buying an individual long-term disability policy. Here are some of the key questions to ask about individual long-term disability policies:

• How is disability defined? Some policies will pay benefits only if you can't do your normal job; other policies pay if you can't work at all. Also, some policies require that you be totally disabled before you receive payments, while other policies pay for partial disabilities. A top-of-the-line policy will feature income replacement for your occupation. These types of policies may not be canceled and are guaranteed to be renewed — which means the company cannot change definitions or benefits or revoke the coverage once it's in place, assuming all premiums are paid on time.

• When do payments begin? Typically, you can choose to start receiving disability payments from 31 days to six months after you become disabled. The longer you wait to start receiving payments, the lower your premiums will be.

• How long does the coverage last? Long-term disability policies generally pay for two years or five years, or until you turn 65. The longer you receive payments, the higher your premiums.

• Is the policy inflation-adjusted? You can add a cost-of-living adjustment — which typically increases payouts by 4 percent to 10 percent each year — to your policy.

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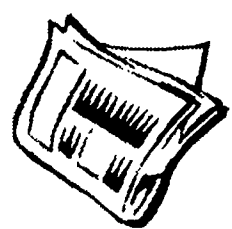
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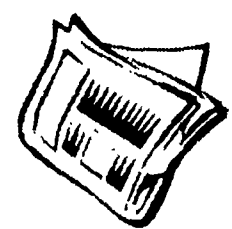
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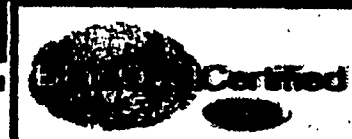
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