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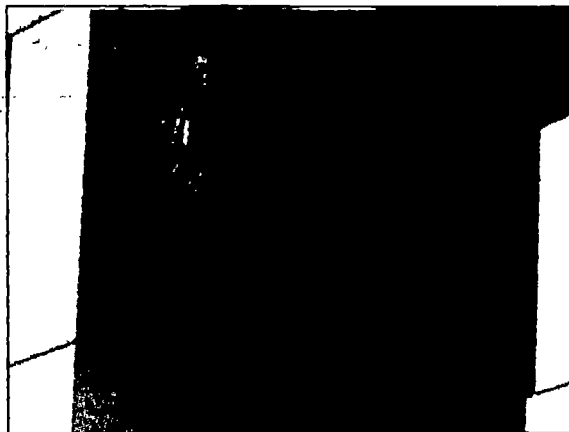
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Living in History

Debra and Tim Schluetter hold their cat Odysseus on the front porch of their historic Morton Grove home on Lincoln Ave. near the intersection with Lehigh. For a story on the home's history, turn to page 17.



Niles Couple Visits DC

One Niles couple visited the new World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. during the recent dedication ceremonies. For the story, see our Senior Section.

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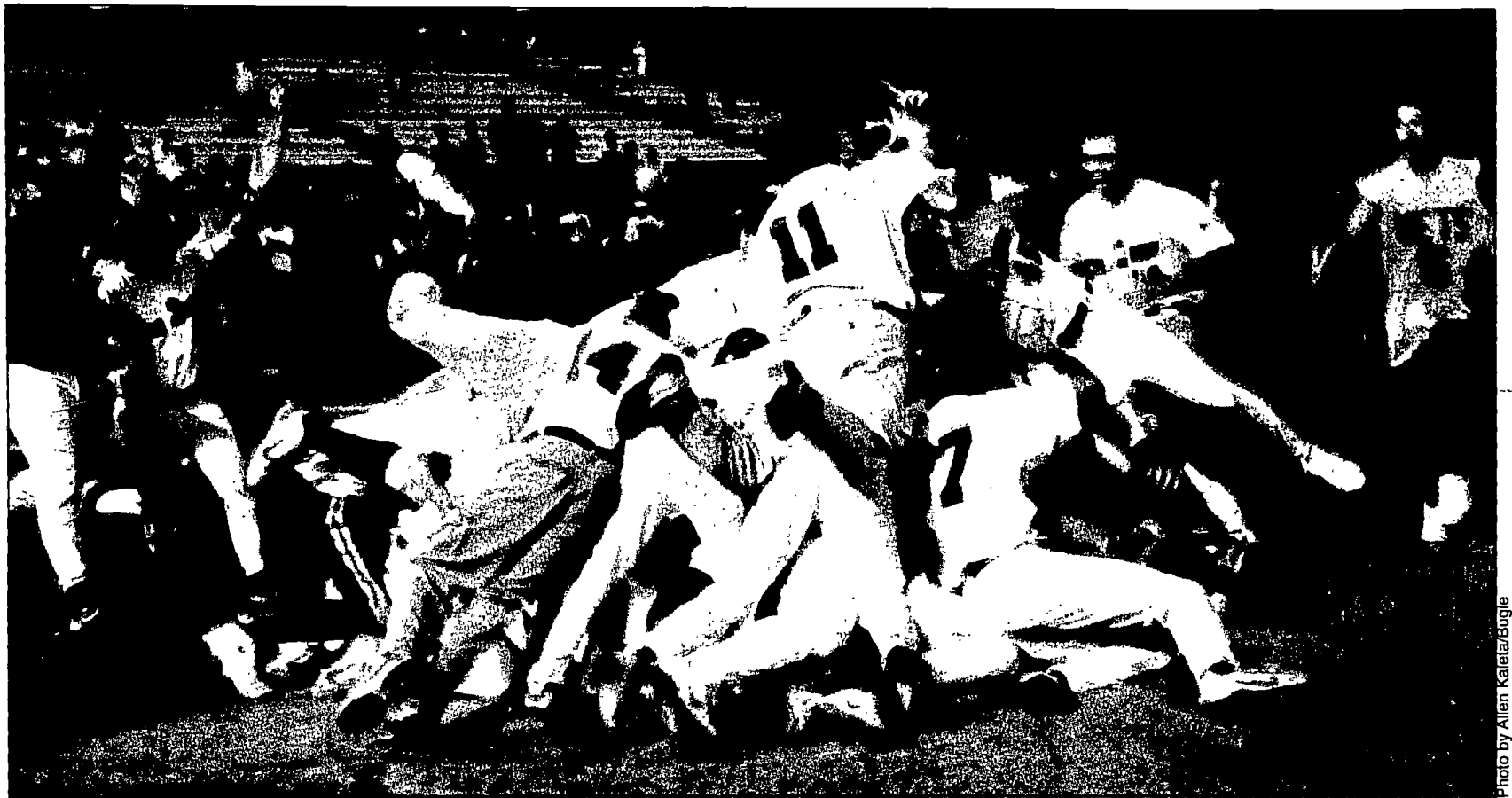


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Dons Do It!

Notre Dame players rush the mound to congratulate pitcher Greg Reda after he struck out the last batter to win the Class AA Championship over Joliet Catholic 6-4 Saturday night June 12 at Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva. For the story, turn to page 15.

Mosque agreement clears first hurdle

Community's mediation rep calls agreement fair

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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When Muslim Community Center (MCC) President Mohammed Kaiseruddin, left the Morton Grove Village board meeting Monday night the organization's proposed mosque was one step closer. Over the sole dissent of Trustee Rick Krier, the board authorized

the mayor to sign a mediation agreement that Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski believes resolves the most problematic issues of the MCC's original plan to expand their school at Theobald and Menard. It was first presented to the board in April of 2003.

Czerwinski said that while the agreement permitted the construction of a mosque on the site, there were still a variety of planning, design and appearance details that would be left to the village's various commissions.

"What's important is that the

procedural control process has not been compromised," Czerwinski told the board and a full house of Morton Grove residents who had turned out for the discussion at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center.

The agreement will allow a mosque serving approximately 525 worshipers, down from the originally proposed 598. The size of the footprint has also been decreased. The new mosque/school called for in the settlement would have 201 parking spaces, 20 of which would be tandem. The tandem park-

ing, Czerwinski said, has been moved away from the residential areas and will be used, primarily, by MCC staff. The disputed Capulina right-of-way will be paved. An additional 23 parking spaces will be "land banked" should they be necessary at a later date. The parking plan projects that about 30 cars will be parked on the neighboring residential streets.

Residents in attendance voiced both support for and opposition to the agreement.

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Photo by Andrew Schneiderbugle

Footloose and Fancy Free

Nicholas Spacone explores Oak Park during the Niles Park District's concert on Friday evening, June 11 while his sister and parents look on.

Morton Grove forms EDC

A nine-member Economic Development Commission (EDC) was formed by the Village of Morton Grove at Monday's village board meeting. The new EDC is comprised of residents and local business owners and will help review economic development goals for the village.

Maria Toth, Bharti Patel, John Pietron, Daniel Metz, Margaret Rumpsa, Daryl Moir, Susan Shaw, Carol Meyer and Karen Johnson were named to the

Commission, which will advise the village of matters of economic development.

Community and Economic Development Director Tim Angell said that he hopes to have a meeting later in June to establish the committee. It will advise the village staff and board on economic development.

"We're going to run ideas past them on ways to enhance the village," said Morton Grove Administrator Ralph Czerwinski. "We're hopeful that they'll be able to assist us."

NILES NEWS

County responds to West Nile with new phone line

In an effort to respond to the hundreds of phone calls that will be received during the West Nile virus season, the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) has established a phone line for reporting dead birds on homeowners' property.

The 24-hour line, 708-492-2650,

will make it easier for suburban residents to report dead birds that may have been infected with West Nile.

"We are encouraging the public to call," said CCDPH Chief Operating Officer Stephen Martin. "Especially if they find a dead blue jay or crow. Based on the description of the bird, we will make a

decision if it should be picked up for testing."

Whether West Nile is a serious threat this summer remains to be seen. Mosquito activity is closely tied to rainfall and temperatures. A rainy spring and a hot dry summer can be the catalyst for heavy mosquito breeding.

Our Lady of Ransom announces annual Fun Fest

Parishioners from the Our Lady of Ransom Parish were present at the May Village Board meeting to promote their annual "Family Fun Fest" scheduled for June 23 through June 27.

The Fun Fest will provide entertainment, rides, food, fun and games for all ages.

Pictured from left to right are: Village Attorney Joseph J. Annunzio, Trustee Robert Callero, Joe Bialko, Mayor Nick Blase, John Imber and Trustee Andrew Przybylo.



St. John Brebeuf students receive graduation ribbons

Recently, the eighth graders at St. John Brebeuf School received their graduation ribbons. The ribbons are a symbol of the years of education they have received at SJB.

As Mass began, Sarah Beth Murphy, 5th graders, welcomed everyone and asked all in attendance to celebrate the eighth grade.

It was the feast of Saint Matthias, the disciple who was chosen to take Judas' place with the apostles. Like Saint Matthias, the eighth graders are followers of Jesus no matter where they are or where they go. Katy Casey and Lina Daoud did the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, telling of how Matthias

was chosen.

At the end of Mass, Father Thomas May and Principal Mrs. Margaret Whitman were present as each student was presented by the eight grade teachers, Mrs. Christine Uliassi and Mrs. Penny Guerrieri. The parents of the students pinned the ribbons on their eighth grade students. After Mass, the parents and eighth graders were treated to a delicious luncheon prepared and served by the seventh grade students and parents. During the luncheon the eighth graders were entertained by pictures and recollections of their grammar school years. Ribbon Day was the beginning of the final days for the eighth graders of SJB.

NILES NEWS

Niles continues sewer upgrades

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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A sewer lining program that will eliminate infiltration of the village's storm sewers will continue this year.

11,000 feet of pipe will be lined this year, according to Niles Public Works Director Jun Noreiga. That will include 1000 feet of 8" pipe, 5000 of 12" pipe, 2000 of 15" pipe and 1300 of 18" pipe as well some 24" and 27" pipe.

Noreiga called the program proactive.

"It's preventative maintenance," he said. "It's a proactive approach to maintaining the system."

When the sewers were originally installed, the pipes were laid in two-foot segments. In the intervening years, the joints have worn away and tree roots have begun to infiltrate the lines.

"They sense the water," Noreiga said. "If they get in, the roots of the trees can cause blockages and clog up the sewers."

If the village can reduce the infiltration, it will help with flooding during rainy weather.

"If we eliminate the infiltration it can help with flooding," Noreiga said. "It creates additional capacity without installing bigger pipes."

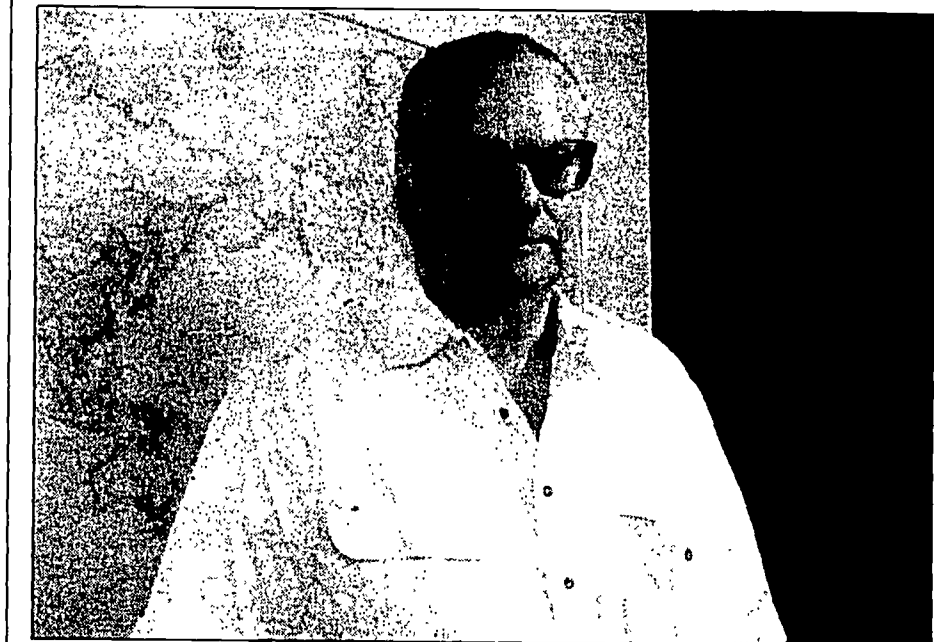
The program, which is expected to take about two months, is budgeted up to \$500,000. The project will soon go out to bid. Work can continue into the fall because there no excavation required.

"The work is done through the manholes," Noreiga said.

The on-going project has even caught some problems just in time.

"A few years ago we found some pipes that were broken and were able to replace them before they became a problem," Noreiga said.

Lions re-elect Johnson



Niles-resident Norbert Johnson was recently re-elected as president of the Niles Lions Club. He will officially take office on July 1.

The Lions Club was formed in

1917 and today there are more than 46,000 club with almost 1.4 million members. It is the world's largest service organization. They provide service to the blind and visually impaired.

Park District hosts June Summer Fests

Every Friday in June, the Niles Park District offers free entertainment at Oak Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Questions, call (847) 967-6633. The schedule of events is:

-Friday, June 18

Penny Carnival Night

The always crowd pleasing Juke Box Band will play to keep you moving and singing to the beat. Niles Park District summer camp kids will create penny carnival games for everyone to play and win prizes. So bring your pennies and be ready for some old fashioned fun.

-Friday, June 25

Vehicle Adventure

As the Sting Rays are playing a variety of 50's, 60's and 70's music, the whole family can explore the Niles Park District and Village of Niles large vehicles.

Niles Park District

Summer Art Classes and Camps

The Niles Park District offers several creative arts and crafts classes for the summer.

Programs are offered for ages 3 and older. Art classes and camps are held at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Programs offered include Preschool and Youth Drawing Classes, Youth and Adult Ceramics Classes and 3-day Summer Art Camps. Summer

Camps have fun themes like Space, Under the Sea, Pastel Drawing and Zoo Animals. Registration is being accepted at Howard Leisure Center. For more information about arts and crafts programs, please call (847) 967-6633.

4th of July Post-Parade

Celebration

The Niles Park District will hold its annual 4th of July Post-Parade Celebration at Grennan Heights Park, 8255 Oketo, following the Village of Niles Parade.

The event will take place on Sunday, July 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a raffle,

water feature, pony rides and face painting. The main stage will feature "The Associates" musical band from 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Call or stop in the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633 for more information.

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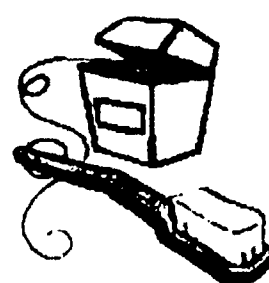
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NEWS

Morton Grove scores a 'B' with Cultural Fest

If they were grading themselves, Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that the municipality earned a "B" with the organization and traffic management behind Sunday's Greater Chicago Jewish Folk Arts Festival, a semi-annual event and one of the first large events to be held at St. Paul Woods following its designation as a "Super-site" by the county.

Traffic was "extremely heavy" between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., especially along Dempster St. and Lincoln Ave. Cars had to be diverted away from those roads.

Parking plans developed by the Festival organizers worked well, Czerwinski said. Signage that was placed throughout the village directing Festival-goers to parking was also effective.

"The police are developing a critique of the organization of the event," said Czerwinski. "Assuming the county continues to use St. Paul Woods as a super-site it will help us prepare for other events in the future."

Attendees parked along Ferris, Lehigh and in the Metra lot, as well as in Linne, Wayside and Miami Woods.

"Overall, for the size and congested-



tion I would say the village earned a 'B,' said Czerwinski. "We're going to work towards an 'A' for future events."

Buy Niles North for \$1?

Niles North went up for auction last Friday, June 4 on internet auction site eBay. The starting bid was \$1. Bids ranged up to \$14,000 before the auction was pulled from the site on Monday, June 7. The school was, evidently, victim of a senior prank.

"We're not pursuing anyone for disciplinary action on this," said District 219 Public Relations Officer Karen Bednarz. "Our posi-

tion was that it was a harmless prank."

Bednarz said that most of the bids for the school were actually the work of students and teachers playing along with the prank.

"We will never know for sure of course," she said.

The prank, Bednarz said, was pretty funny.

"We all had a good laugh over it," she said.



Cancer Awareness

Pictured above Morton Grove Chamber President Teresa Liston (left) and Lisa Williams (right) participated in the Avon Breast Cancer walk in early June. \$3,600 was raised for research.

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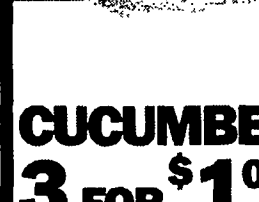
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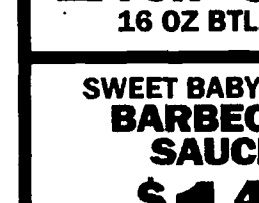


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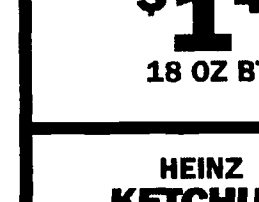
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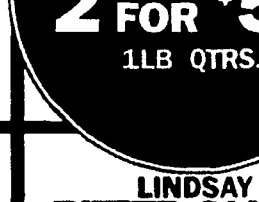
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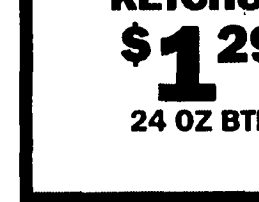
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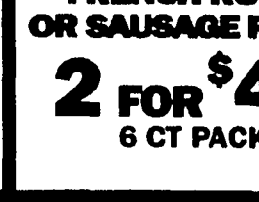
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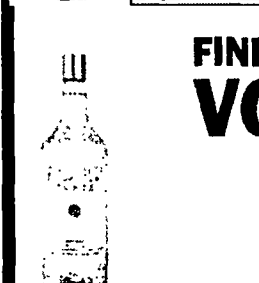


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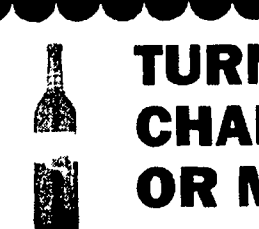
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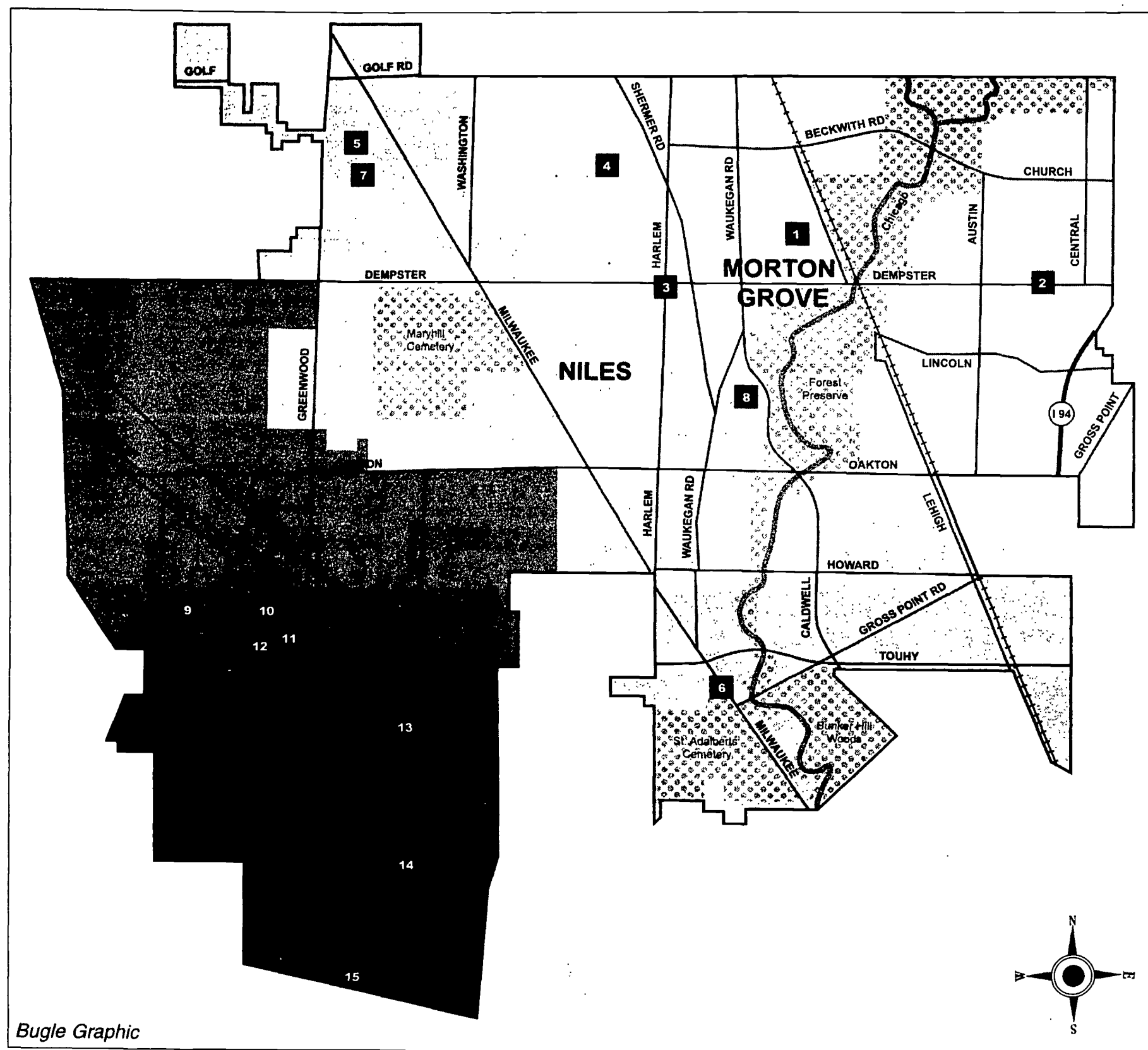
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POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic

MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending June 11, 2004.

1 Woman surprises auto thief (8900 Birch)

A 47-year-old Iowa woman attending a party in Morton Grove Saturday night June 5 surprised a man who was about to steal her car while it was parked in the 8900 block of Birch. The woman told police she was headed toward her car that was parked at Birch and Hazel when she noticed the interior light on and heard the car door shut. She said she saw a tall man standing next to the car and she called out for her husband. The tall man escaped, but the woman's door lock was damaged and her ignition had been damaged. Nothing was taken from the car.

2 Diversion scheme results in purse theft (5700 Dempster)

A 38-year-old employee of a floral shop in the 5700 block of Dempster told police her purse was stolen Friday afternoon June 4 while she

was showing a group of women floral arrangement. The woman told police she placed her purse on top of a filing cabinet in the office of the floral shop. She said about 3 p.m. two women entered the shop to ask about a floral arch. She said a few moments later two more women entered and went to the counter. She also said they acted as if they were friends of the other two women.

The woman said one of the original two women asked her to come over to the window about a floral arrangement, but the employee was hesitant to leave the two women near the counter. Finally she went over to the window and the woman asked her to hold up the arrangement. The employee said the women standing at the counter were fidgeting while she returned. The employee said while she called her boss for a price quote three of the women left the store. One woman stayed behind talking on a cell phone and then suddenly left.

The employee said two hours later when she was leaving work she noticed her purse gone.

3 Possible car jacking (7230 Dempster)

A 53-year-old woman called police after she was nearly car jacked in the parking lot in the 7200 block of Dempster Friday afternoon June 4. The woman told police she was returning to her car carrying some packages when she noticed two men about 20-25 years-old trying the door handles on cars parked in the lot. The woman said she got into her car and locked the doors just before the two men started to try her door handles and cursed at her to open the doors. The woman activated the panic alarm on her car and the two men ran away.

4 Identity theft (7500 Lake)

A 60-year-old Morton Grove man told police someone had used his wife's social security number to open a checking account in Centralia, IL. The man said he was receiving statements that the account was overdrawn.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending June 14, 2004.

7100 block of Milwaukee Ave. for not wearing a seat belt. A subsequent check of his license showed the man was wanted on a prostitution warrant in Chicago. Niles police turned him over to Chicago police.

7 DVD shoplifter (Golf Mill)

A 21-year-old Des Plaines woman brought her own box cutter into the Target store at Golf Mill Friday afternoon June 4 and started removing the cellophane wrapping and security tags off of nine DVDs and one VHS tape. Security said the woman placed the items in her bag and walked out the store where she was stopped.

8 Blacktop scammers (6900 Madison)

An 80-year-old Niles woman was the victim of a burglary Friday June 11 by a man posing as a contractor. The woman told police she was approached by the man while she was in her driveway. She said the man offered to blacktop her driveway and followed her into the kitchen of the home to talk about it. The woman told the man she would have to talk to her daughter about it, but the man continued the conversation. The man left but said he would return when the woman's daughter was home. The woman said she went shopping about 1:30 pm and when she returned she discovered her home safe with \$500 in currency and personal documents was missing. She also said \$200 in currency in a bedroom drawer was also missing. A neighbor told police she seen a large silhouette of a man closing the drapes in the woman's home about 10:30 a.m.

The woman told police the man was heavy set about 6 feet tall with brown hair and an olive complexion. She said he may have been driving a dark colored SUV or truck.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending June 4-June 10, 2004.

9 Car Burglary (400 Rose)

A 1999 Mercedes ML 430 was burglarized Friday night June 4 after thieves opened the unlocked car while it was parked in the driveway in the 400 block of Rose. A Palm Pilot, an Apple powerbook, a cell phone, a briefcase, a checkbook were stolen. The theft was estimated at over \$2,000.

10 Car Burglary (400 Fairview)

A cellular phone worth \$150 and an assortment of tools valued at \$200 were stolen from an unlocked 1999 Dodge Intrepid parked in the street in the 400 block of Fairview Tuesday night June 30.

11 Croquet ball used to damage SUV (100 Delphia)

A croquet ball was used to smash the back window of a 1994 Ford Explorer parked in the street in the 100 block of Delphia Thursday morning June 10.

11 Vandalism (100 N. Western)

The front door window of a home in the 100 block of Western was broken Saturday night June 5.

12 Vandalism (100 S. Prospect)

The front window of a business in the 100 block of S. Prospect was broken Saturday night June 5.

13 Vandalism (600 Devon)

Vandals threw paint on the sidewalk in front of a business in the 600 block of Devon Monday night June 7.

14 Dope deal (1900 S. Cumberland)

A 50-year-old woman from 6600 S. Marshfield in Chicago was arrested for possession, manufacture, and delivery of marijuana Thursday night June 3 in the Dominick's parking lot in the 1900 block of S. Cumberland. Police would only say the woman was charged with a Class 3 felony which involves anywhere from 30-500 grams of marijuana.

About five hours later, a 19-year-old man from Mt. Prospect, a 23-year-old man from Chicago, and 20-year-old man from Arlington Heights were arrested for possession of marijuana in the same parking lot.

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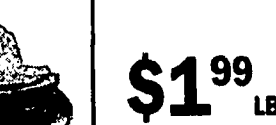
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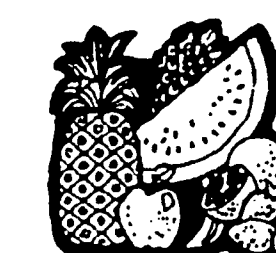
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Violet Piazzi-Niles

Opinion

Mosque now A Semi-Official 'Done Deal'

Dear Editor,

June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter.

It is aphasia awareness month. Aphasia is defined as: Partial or total loss of the ability to articulate ideas or comprehend spoken or written language, resulting from damage to the brain.

Holidays & Observances in June include: National Yo-Yo Day; Rat Catcher's Day which is the observance of the Pied Piper getting rid of all the rats Hamelin, Germany on June 26, 1284; June 12 is Machine Day (possibly in observance of our political situation in Morton Grove, June is TURKEY LOVERS' MONTH and the anniversary of the

massacre of George A. Custer and his troops at the Little Big Horn.

June will now also be known in Morton Grove as the month that the Mosque "done-deal" became a semi-official "done deal". If that seems a little bit confusing allow me to explain.

The Village and the MCC began meeting together under the guidance of Federal mediator Kenith Bergeron in December 2003. The Village position from the beginning was one of weakness. The "team" for the Village conceded from the beginning that even though the special use permit was legally defeated that there would be some type of accommodation reached with the MCC. The only comprehensible reason that the Village could have taken this negotiation position would be a mass attack of aphasia which obviously made it impossible for our Village negotiators to articulate ideas or comprehend spoken or written language (such as our

Village ordinances which were conveniently not enforced).

In the preamble to the "agreement" it states that many parties were invited to participate in the process and that the MGO left the process after attending two such sessions without giving any reason. Perhaps the yo-yo who wrote that wasn't paying attention when the MGO called a press conference to announce that since the negotiations were not being conducted in good faith, that since the basic deal had been agreed upon by the Village and MCC any further participation in these sessions would be a farce.

The "almost done deal" which allows for a mosque to accommodate 525 worshippers; 201 parking spaces (20 of which will be tandem which will require a variance from the zoning code) an agreement to disagree on who actually owns the Capulina Right of Way but issues a license to the MCC to pave it over

for parking and has a provision to "land bank" a section equivalent to 23 parking spaces in the north-east corner of the MCC property as green space must still go through the process of public hearings before it is a "done done deal". The question remains what are the chances that traffic commissioners (all of whom were appointed by the Mayor); Appearance committee commissioners (all of whom were appointed by the Mayor) and the Village Board (all but one of whom are members of the same political machine as the Mayor) would vote against a plan that was approved by a negotiation team lead by the Mayor? This administration must believe that the residents are truly turkeys if they think this back-room, slick and clandestine substitute for due process will be swallowed without choking.

At the Little Big Horn the 7th. Cavalry troops were massacred because of the poor leadership and arrogance of George Armstrong Custer. It was a disgraceful low-point in the history of the U.S. Army. In Morton Grove in June of 2004 the rights of the general citizenry have been massacred by the poor leadership and arrogance of Mayor Daniel Scanlon and his band of Merry Miscreants. Hopefully, since the MGO's Federal lawsuit is not in any way affected by this travesty of governmental action the citizens of Morton Grove will still have a chance at due process.

On June 26, 1284 the Pied Piper rid the town of Hamelin Germany of rats. Morton Grovers will have to wait until April of 2005 to accomplish that task.

Patrick C. Kansoer Sr.
Managing Member
The Morton Grove Organization

and in general, spreads negative stories about Muslims and mosques. MGO does not want to be partners in building unity, and simply does not want MCC to remain in the neighborhood. After all the things MCC has done to address MGO's and neighbors' concerns and ideas restricted parking on neighboring streets, having worshippers park on the grass on

Fridays to alleviate congestion, and multiple services. MGO is never satisfied. After one complaint, they magically come up with another one once it's addressed. They continuously foster conflict in the neighborhood, and frankly, I am getting tired of it.

Y.I., Morton Grove

MCC settlement encouraging

Dear Editor,

It is encouraging that the MCC has worked out a suitable plan with the Village of Morton Grove, community leaders, and neighbors who chose to participate in media-

tion for its mosque and private school. The purpose was to address concerns the interested parties may have; and because of their input and the value MCC places on its relationship with its neighbors, MCC made many concessions from its original plan.

What some of us don't understand is why certain individuals, namely MGO, feel that their voices

aren't being heard when they leave mediation of their own choosing and what they had wanted, in short, was no mosque on the MEC premises. Later Mr. Kansoer, managing member of MGO, is quoted to have said MGO would be fine with either a mosque or a school but not both. MGO has tried to link MCC/MEC to threat letters sent to the Village,

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The Maine Course

Bob Dudyecz
Maine Township

Marge was unhappy! It seemed that Dave promised her a lift home but as usual, he was distracted by rumors that there were leftover Twinkies in the employee lounge. "I've been waiting for a long time and can't understand why that man gets distracted by food!" she declared.

I told Marge to relax. Dave was probably tired from all of the work we did preparing for the potential flooding in our Township. After all, we used about 47,000 sandbags and over 400 tons of sand. "Wait a minute", she said. "He can't even touch his toes, and you're telling me Dave did that much work in a week?"

I smiled and told Marge that Dave was not alone. Many people worked with us to avert a disaster. I was amazed at the teamwork we experienced. Cook County was very involved. We worked with the Sheriff's office, the Highway Department, the Health Department, the county's Emergency Management Agency, and the Forest Preserve people. We also had the Illinois EMA, the City of Des Plaines, Wheeling Township, the North Maine Fire Department and the Salvation Army help as members

of our task force.

Wide eyed, Marge said, "No wonder this place was busier than normal this week!" I continued with more: "Several times each day, we received phone calls of support and offers of assistance from our legislators and Cook County Commissioner Liz Gorman who worked with us to expedite difficulties."

I told Marge I was proud of the employees and volunteers of Maine Township can't talk enough about their dedication. Our Maine Township staff, the EMA volunteers, the CERT volunteers and the Maine Township Highway department all pitched in when the danger of flooding was at its greatest. Everyone worked very hard.

Fortunately, the river receded and left only minor property damage in Maine Township. All that was left was to clean up the sandbags and try to get back to normalcy. It was really great to be a part of this community that really came together to its protect our residents and their property.

Dave walked in with a grumble and said that someone fooled him about surplus Twinkies. "I looked all over and all I found was one HoHo". I laughed at Dave's quandary and asked him if there was something he had forgotten?

Marge stepped up and sternly reminded Dave that he promised to give her a lift home then she gripped his hand and pulled him toward the exit. As they walked across the parking lot and around piles of sandbags I could hear Marge lecturing Dave: "You should pay more attention to all the talk about low-carb diets", she said. "To tide you over, I think I have some raisins in my purse."

I sighed contentedly and saw that normalcy was coming sooner than I expected. It's going to be a great summer in Maine Township after all.



By Chuck Baldacchino

Gimme a Break!

Well, it turns out that the City of Park Ridge won't be purchasing the College of Foot & Ankle Surgeon's (CFAS) building on Busse for use as a new Police Station. (That doesn't mean to say that the estimated \$4-million on that project won't be spent or that another piece of private property won't be taken off the tax rolls. It just means THAT property has been taken off the new-Police-Station table.)

If you remember, that CFAS property was scarfed up by a former Chairman of the Board of the Park Ridge Economic Development Corporation (the EDC) - a private, not-for-profit company funded primarily by Park Ridge tax dollars - who resigned from the EDC (after the I'll-buy-it-and-sell-it-to-the-City deal was offered?) so as not to run afoul of the letter of recent disclosure requirements.

Hmmm. The CFAS Executive Director is ALSO a past Chairman of the EDC Board. Imagine that!

There's a strong stink of impropriety, most of it coming from EDC-related activities; but I guess you can't go to jail for that.

So here we have this poor guy, trying to make a buck by a fast turnover of property at a profit. What's wrong with that, you ask. That's what America's all about, isn't it? The middleman finding the common element and joining two parties who might not have come together for a good outcome without his effort? My heart swells at the American-ness of it all. And, after all, the deal didn't happen. He's left holding the bag.

But no true (insider) entrepreneur ever gets left holding the bag. So what does this guy do? Well, if it isn't City public money, maybe there are other public entities that might be interested. Voila! He finds one. (It's so-o-o much easier to do "business" with units of government or publicly-funded organizations than with other members of the private sector. The latter want due diligence and price negotiations and have all these lawyers. Ugly. And time-consuming. And they shine lights into all those dark

corners.) So who steps up to "rescue" this pillar of the community? A community service organization with, obviously, plenty of - you guessed it - public dollars, your dollars.

Avenues to Independence, a local not-for-profit organization with admirable and high-minded goals and outcomes, decides it needs a new building. And this CFAS building is just the ticket.

Sure there's plausible deniability. Avenues MIGHT need a new building. And they will get one using public dollars. And here's this unwanted one, in the hands of a local property owner (speculator?). "Come together, right now, over me." (Apologies to the Beatles.) And the winner is ... Avenues!

Actually, the winner is the ex-EDC Chairman. He pockets your tax dollars for a deal he wouldn't have had an inclination to pursue except for his connections (avenues?) and the gullibility of organizations playing with OPM, Other People's Money - YOUR money. Oh, by the way, the profit is rumored to be a tidy one.

And, waiting in the wings, is the Police Station.

Welcome to America. Gimme a break.

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by David Uffington

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The new imperative for getting ahead in business appears to be sourced in your friendly plastic surgeon's office. According to a growing body of magazine, newspaper and electronic business-news outlets, you not only have to bring years of expertise to qualify for one of those super jobs, you also have to look as if you're fresh out of school.

Of course, not everyone is buying into this. Most companies are still more interested in their bottom lines than in the lines of their employees' bottoms. But for those who are persuaded that the road to success in business is lined with plastic surgery facilities, the American Society of Plastic

Surgery provides the following chart of what the most popular surgical options cost on average. (Note: These costs do not include other expenses related to follow-up care, etc.)

1. Eyelid surgery	\$2,525
2. Face lift	\$5,283
3. Nose reshaping	\$3,168
4. Breast reduction	\$2,939
5. Liposuction	\$2,224
6. Tummy tuck	\$4,641
7. Buttock lift	\$3,554
8. Thigh lift	\$3,283

Once the province mostly of women, these procedures are increasingly being requested by men, as well. That includes tummy and tush tucks, as well as breast reductions. Apparently, if they can't get washboard abs through exercise, they hope they can do it on the surgeon's table. P.S. How many of you would have plastic surgery if you believed your career potential depended on it?

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Eileen McCarthy, regional manager for Ford Motor Company presents Landmark President Emir Abinon with a President's Award Monday, June 14.

Landmark Ford wins president's award

Landmark Ford was recognized by Ford Motor Company this week with the auto-maker's President's Award. The award recognizes Ford and Lincoln Mercury Dealerships that have made a commitment to excellence in sales and service.

Only 450 out of nearly 5,000 dealerships receive this award. Every year, the award is given to

dealers who provide their customers with exceptional experiences. This is the second consecutive year in which Landmark has received the award.

"We're very proud to receive this kind of recognition and it's especially gratifying that it comes from our customers," said Emir Abinon, president of Landmark. "I couldn't be more proud of the

entire staff. They're the reason we were able to achieve this award." Eileen McCarthy, the regional manager of the Ford Motor division said that receiving the award two years in a row was quite an accomplishment.

"And it looks like you're on track to receive it three years in a row," she said. "That's something to be proud of."

Win a Car at the Morton Grove Chamber Golf Outing Fundraiser

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry will hold its 26th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser and Dinner at the Highland Park Country Club, located at 1201 Park Avenue West in Highland Park on Monday, June 28. This year, golfers will have a chance at winning a new car, a 3-year car lease or \$5000.00. A special thanks goes out to McGrath Acura of Morton Grove, Saab Exchange-Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Park District's Club

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Golfers at all levels of experience are welcomed. Golf packages, golf only or dinner only tickets are available until 4:30pm on Friday, June 18. Golf packages include golf, cart, lunch, dinner, 2 drink tickets and one grand raffle ticket. All single golfers will be paired with a foursome. Call the Chamber office at 847-965-0330 for pricing. Tickets for the grand raffle are on sale for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Each

ticket gives you a shot at winning \$1000.00 CASH, a Nike/Titleist Golf Package or patio furniture. Winners do not need to be present to win. Winners will be announced at the golf outing dinner. All interested golfers should contact the Chamber office at 847-965-0330 to register. The deadline for registration is 4:30pm on Friday, June 18. All proceeds will be used to expand the services offered to the members of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

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Mosque

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Those in opposition to the agreement cited a variety of reasons, from the need for green space and the health of the trees in the right-of-way to alleged partiality on the part of the village board.

"We have a backward expansion of trees in that neighborhood," said Resident David Conrad. "It would be easy to save [the trees in the right-of-way] by giving up eight to ten parking spaces."

Other residents felt the right-of-way should be converted into a park. Under the agreement, the village will license the right-of-way to

sow's ear said MGO Managing Member Pat Kansoer. The pigs were no longer on the lawns of the MGO members the following day.

"The responsibility for this decision," said Kansoer at Monday's meeting, "lays with the board. If you vote 'yes' all you'll be doing is saying that if you want something, all you have to do is sue the village and we'll play let's make a deal."

Some of those in attendance cautioned the board that the world was watching and that Morton Grove, like the United States itself, was founded on principals of tolerance.

"The world is watching," said Trustee Dan DiMaria. "And I've never been more proud to be an American. This village has risen to the occasion every time."

"This has become a national story," added Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, spiritual leader of the Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation. "And it has been a compromise. You can tell because no one is happy."

Resident Gil Peters served as one of the community representatives to the mediation sessions. He spoke out against the MCC expansion when it was originally proposed last year, but said that the new agreement was fair.

"If you say 'no' to a mosque today," Peters told the board, "then you can say 'no' to a Catholic church tomorrow, a synagogue the next day and a Baptist church the day after that."

The common opinion of the agreement's supporters seemed to be that it would provide for the needs of Morton Grove's growing Muslim constituency, provide some relief to the MCC's neighbors for existing parking problems and allow the village begin healing after one of the most divisive chapters in its history.

Trustee Dan Staakmann said that he was embarrassed by the rift the MCC expansion had caused and hoped that with the agreement signed, the village would move forward, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "with charity for all and malice towards none."

The sole dissenter on the board, Krier said that the village was making the decision because it was backed into a corner.

"Religion was first brought into the mix in July 2003," Krier said. "This isn't about religion and you can tell it isn't because it operated as a school without a problem for 13 years. The village is afraid of being sued."

The board approved the agreement after approximately two hours of resident comment. Assuming the MCC files its application by tomorrow, (Friday) the plan could go before the village's Traffic Safety Commission as early as July 1.

NEWS



The Morton Grove Village Board faced a full-house Monday night for discussion of a then-proposed agreement with the Muslim Community Center for a mosque. Many who arrived later spent the meeting standing until the board approved the agreement around 10:15 p.m.

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Homes on Mango display plastic pigs in protest of the proposed MCC agreement.

the MCC and will in turn be licensed equivalent green space on Menard adjacent to the Molloy Education Center. The village will retain rights to that property until ownership of the right-of-way is determined.

Other residents argued that the issues surrounding the MCC expansion had become confused with religion when in fact it was a simple case of land-use.

"There isn't enough land to expand that school, let alone build a mosque," said Resident Marilyn Scheinpfl. "When those children come out of the school they occupy every bit of green space. You shouldn't expand that facility one inch."

Scheinpfl also argued that the right-of-way provided some relief from flooding that would only be exacerbated after it was paved.

Representatives of the Morton Grove Organization (MGO) were also in attendance at the meeting. The organization filed suit against the village in the fall of 2003 and has been working against the MCC's expansion. Members staged a protest Monday afternoon by placing pigs on the front lawns of approximately 15 homes, in order to signify that the agreement is like trying to make a silk purse out of a

Maine East places at accounting contest

Maine East students participated in the Second Annual Oakton Community College Accounting Contest on Friday, May 7, 2004 at the Des Plaines campus. All schools in the Central Suburban League participated by completing a computerized accounting test, similar to the format of the CPA exam.

Maine East brought two different teams, Accounting I and Accounting II. Each team was able to achieve great success by finishing in 3rd place.

Accounting II team members were: Tasneem Master and Vicky Shah, both of Des Plaines, and Pratik Shah of Niles. Accounting I team members included: Mike Alcozer of Park Ridge, Sarah Memon of Des Plaines, Pranay Patel, Asif Rajabali and Yasmin Zec, all of Niles and Laura Younan of Morton Grove. The faculty sponsor is Dale Lasky from the Business Education Department.



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Senior Living

Niles couple visits new WWII Memorial

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When he hit the beaches at Normandy on June 6, 1944, Walter Tymczuk was 23 years old, a private shipped overseas directly into one of the bloodiest moments of World War II. "It was raining, a downpour," said the 83 year old veteran from his Niles home recently. "We'd take three steps up and slide down two. By the time we got to the top we were exhausted." Tymczuk says he's not even sure which beach he landed on that day so long ago, because they were all just trying to stay alive and get on shore. "I wish I knew, but we were split up," said Tymczuk. "Some went this way, some went that." And that was only the beginning. From Normandy he and his fellow infantrymen marched across France to Luxembourg, dodging sniper's bullets and mortar shells, passing through burned out villages. At one point their path was only four or five feet wide because a misstep would have had them on top of

a land mine. "There was a tremendous storm and the road was very muddy. There was constant shelling and when you'd hear a shell you'd hit the ground and bounce in the mud." France wasn't the end for Tymczuk, but the beginning. From there he was sent to Northern Italy and then the Battle of the Bulge. After six months he was finally shipped home. Like many of his fellow World War II vets the memories were painful, and he didn't talk much about his Normandy days with his wife Celine for 40 years. When the 50th anniversary of D-Day arrived in 1994, Tymczuk didn't want to go to France for the ceremonies, although he and Celine had done a lot of traveling over the years. Instead he and 3 other local vets rode in the July 4th Parade in Niles, and slowly over the years, memories and stories began to emerge. Talking to this couple, now in their 80s, it almost seems that Celine is more proud of Walter's accomplishments than he is. It was Celine who came up with the idea of the two of them, along with Walter's younger brother Richard, heading to Washington D.C. on Memorial Day weekend for the dedication of the National WWII page 4b.

Niles' Walter Tymczuk fought at Normandy at the age of 23.



Walter Tymczuk of Niles poses with his rother, right, and an Abraham Lincoln impersonator, center.

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Book Discussion - Friday, July 9th, 10:00am - 11:00am. \$1.00
Reading "Lolita" in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi, reveals vivid lives of 8 women who must meet in secret to explore forbidden fiction of the West. Expect lively discussion.

Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday, July 9th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. \$3.50
Kurt Russell stars in Miracle (PG, 2004), the true story of Herb Brooks, coach of the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team in the magical 1980 Winter Games. Pizza served at 1:00pm.

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Seniors news line

Beware of Bogus Drug Discount Cards

By Matilda Charles

That new prescription-drug discount card you hope will help you meet the rising cost of medications could lead to identity theft, and all the complications that can follow. The sale of these cards started June 1. But authorities were concerned even

before the legal on-sale date that a number of them would be bogus, and seniors looking to find a card that works best for them might be buying into a scam operation that not only takes their money for the cost of the phony card, but also could open the door to Medicare fraud.

Many authorities blame the confusion surrounding the discount-card program for making it easier for scammers to do what they do: First, there are some 70 sources for these cards. Finding the best one for you is all but impossible for most people, even if they can deal with the intricacies of the Internet to learn which card offers

what. And wherever confusion exists, con artists thrive.

In one example, conmen (and women, too) called seniors and said they needed their personal banking information in order to place the \$600 prescription-drug credit into their accounts. And as you know, once a crook has that kind of data, he or she can empty one's account before anyone suspects anything. In another case, an unapproved discount-card seller used official-looking logos to make it appear his firm was part of the Medicare card program. And in still another instance, authorities pointed out how one can become the target of a

Medicare fraud investigation because some bogus card seller found your medical history and used it to file false Medicare claims under your name.

The real solution to all this is, in my opinion, to scrap the whole program and provide low-cost drugs under one program, as they do in most Western countries. Short of that, it's important to be careful which card you choose, and who offers it to you.

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Morton Grove Senior News

"ANNA & THE KING"

Jodie Foster stars in this feature film to be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21 in the air-conditioned Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is \$.50. Popcorn and pretzels will be served. Please register 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 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, June 22. Screening is free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

MALL SHOPPING

Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, June 22 should call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 10 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 11 a.m. Trips are free for Senior

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"LET'S GET ORGANIZED" LECTURE

Join presenters Nancy Braughbach and Mary Jane Keller from Covenant Village of Northbrook for an informative lecture on how to get organized and stay that way, starting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 7 in the Morton

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SENIORS WWII

monument.

"I registered all four of them in the World War II Registry of Remembrance," said Celine, referring to Walter, Richard and their two other brothers, Casimir and Joseph. All four had been soldiers in different theaters of war. "Cas was a paratrooper and medic in the Alps," said Celine. "Joe was a radio man in communications in Germany and was one of those that shook hands with the Russians at the Elbe River. Richard was in the Navy, and was in Tokyo Bay waiting to invade when we dropped the bomb on Hiroshima and they called off the invasion." Casimir and Joseph both died several years ago, but they were there in spirit when their brothers and Celine made the trip to the nation's capital to see the new and long overdue memorial.

"You can tell anyone being critical of this memorial to go jump in the lake," said Celine, who bears photographs and mementoes from every step of their 10-day trip. The trio sat with other vets and watched much of the ceremony on large video screens. They spent hours visiting all of the memorials in that city, including three separate visits to the WWII memorial.

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"There's so much, you keep finding things you didn't see the first time," said Celine. There are 400 gold stars on the walls, each representing 1000 of those who died during the war. Each state has a pillar; each wall bears a bronze plaque depicting life in those years, including everything from jitterbugging teens to families crowded around radios, to helmeted gravesites on distant battlefields. But the most wonderful part of it all for Walter was the people, complete strangers of all ages, who would come up to them on the street and shake his hand and say thank you all these years later. He was handed a letter from a 14 year old Ohio girl expressing gratitude for his sacrifice, and he holds that letter close to his heart. "Some of these kids don't know. How would you feel if a kid came up to you and said 'What's a veteran?'" asked Walter. 16 million Americans served the cause of freedom in World War II. At least 400,000 of them didn't come home. But for those that did, and who still live today, this nation's newest memorial serves to remind those too young to know, that freedom isn't free.



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CHOLESTEROL SCREENING
The Morton Grove Senior Center's monthly Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a full lipid profile including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides. Results will be available within seven working days. Reservations are required by the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 hours is also required but water and medications are allowed. The cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ and \$12 for non-residents and residents under age 65.

JEWISH CHICAGO TOUR
The Morton Grove Senior Center's "Jewish Chicago Tour" scheduled for Thursday, July 8 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations.

MEN'S POKER
The Morton Grove Senior Center is

looking for "a few good men" who would like to play men's-only weekly poker games on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. If interested, please register in person at the Center Registration Desk. The next session will begin on Friday, July 9.

CROCHET CLUB
The next 10-week session of this Club begins on Friday, July 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center. All levels of skill are welcome. The fee for this class is \$6.50 for Senior Center members and \$8 for non-members. Register in person at the Senior Center Registration Desk. Please note that Diane Brunger's Crochet Class will resume later in September.

"GAPS IN MEDICARE" LECTURE
Learn about the "holes" not covered by the new Medicare laws and how seniors can "jump" over them at this lecture starting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The presenter for this program will be Sean McCarthy of Bankers Life Insurance who will also provide free bottled water. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

OPERA IN FOCUS
The Ol' Kungholm puppets are back (just in a new place)! Join the

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Morton Grove Senior Center as they experience a mixture of popular and operatic selections performed by puppets starting at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 22 in Rolling Meadows. The performance will include selections from Andrew Lloyd Webber's, "The Phantom of the Opera," Verdi's "La Forza del Destino," and "Aida." Please note that there is no lunch offered with this outing. The cost of this trip is \$30 for Senior Center Members and \$35.50 for non-members. Register in person at the Senior Center.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Steve Becker

BREAD-AND-

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♦ A J 7
♣ J 5 4 2
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♦ 2
♥ J 10 4 2
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ K Q 10 9
EAST
♦ Q J 6 5
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 8 2
♣ A 7 6 3
SOUTH
♦ A K 10 9 8 3
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The bidding:
East South West North
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Opening lead — king of clubs.

BUTTER HANDS

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Opening lead — king of clubs.
Over the long haul, the successful bridge player accumulates most of his victories from the so-called bread-and-butter hands. He does nothing extraordinary or brilliant in these hands; he just does things the way they ought to be done. To illustrate, examine this deal where South went down in four

spades. West led the king of clubs and continued with the ten, ruffed by declarer. South played the A-K of trumps, and, after East showed up with the Q-J-6-5, he lost two trump tricks and a heart, going down one.

One could argue that South had bad luck, but the fact is that he himself was responsible for the outcome. He did not play the hand as it should have been played. After ruffing the club at trick two and playing the ace of trumps, South should have led a low diamond to the jack and returned a trump from dummy. In the actual case, this line of play would have brought home the contract.

If East follows low on the second trump lead, South makes the safety play of the eight, guaranteeing only one trump loser whether West follows suit or not.

If East plays the jack or queen on the trump lead from dummy, declarer wins the trick with the king, returns the ten to East's remaining honor and likewise ensures only one trump loser. All told, the defenders get no more than a spade, a heart and a club.

It is true that the suggested method of play would not succeed if West held the Q-J-x-x of trumps. But in that case, no other line of play would succeed either, and the effort to guard against a 4-1 trump break would prove to be a futile exercise in good technique.

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Maine Township Senior News

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

"OUTDOOR IDEAS/ SUMMER ART FOR CHILDREN"

Tuesday, June 22
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COMPUTER WORKSHOP
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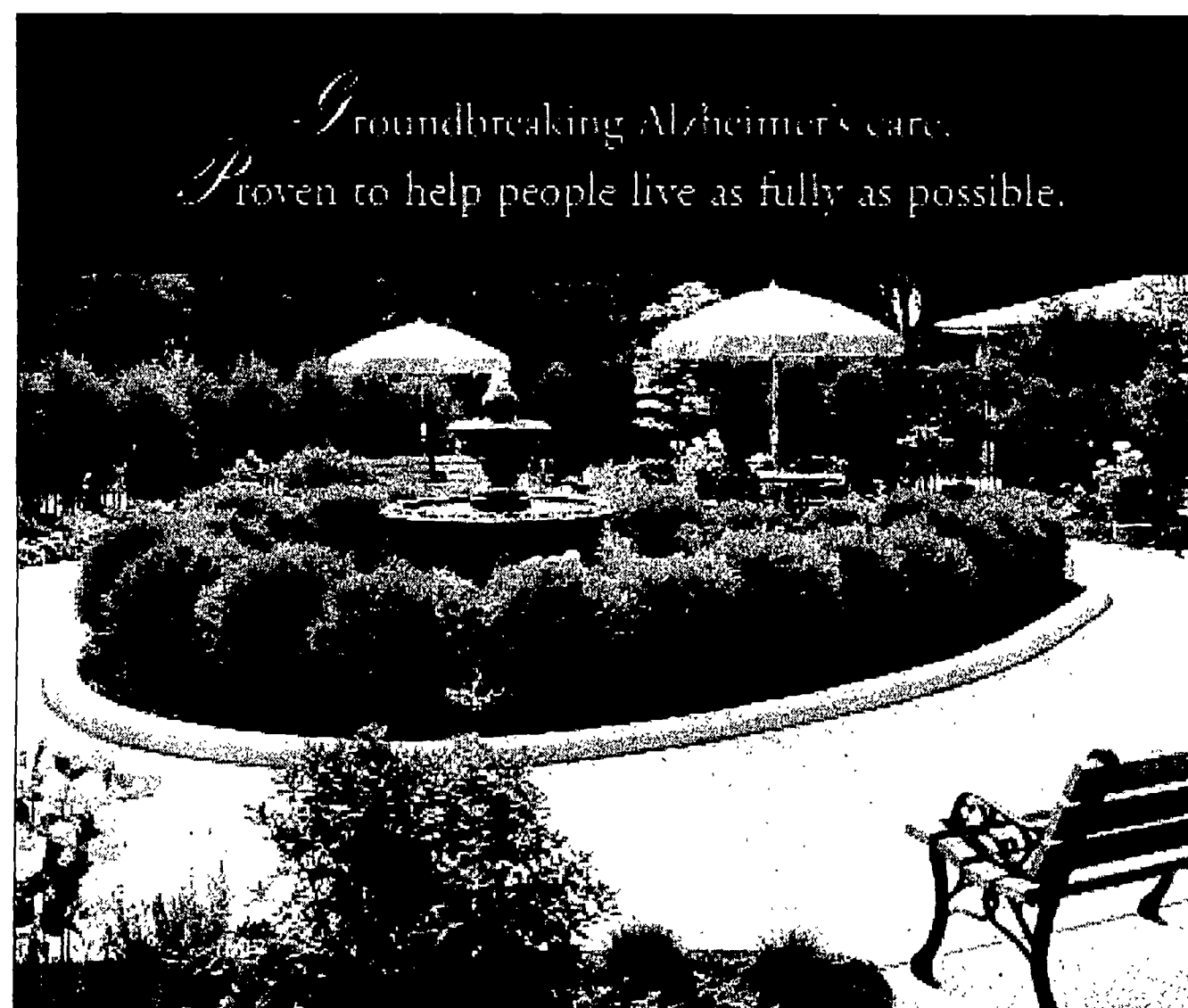
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THE BUGLE

Thursday June 17, 2004

BY RYAN BISHOP

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Dons bring home first state title

It was the hitting of All-State centerfielder Dean Cademartori and the pitching of Matt Kudlik that fueled the Dons to their state championship run. In the end, it was unsung hero -senior Greg Reda that came in to relieve Kudlik in the third inning close out a 6-4 victory over Joliet Catholic in the IHSA Class AA championship game. Reda struck out Nick Testin looking to end the game that set off a wild celebration at the mound as they capturing the first state championship for Notre Dame in any sport.

Reda, who had not pitched in the tournament, came into the game with the bases loaded, two outs and his team down by a run. He was behind in the count 2-0 before going to a full count to strike out Brad Bourg to keep it a one run game. The right-hander did not allow a hit in his 4.1 innings of scoreless relief.

"I didn't have a good outing last time I pitched against Carmel, so to end the game like this is unbelievable. I hit my spots with my slider and fastball and felt good on the mound. All I was thinking about in that seventh inning was I wanted that trophy," said the ecstatic Reda, who finished the season 3-0.

"The guys are amazing. I'm so proud of what they accomplished and are very deserving. At times the guys didn't want to come in a 7:30 for running drills and pre-season practices but I told them that is what got them and it has all paid off," said victorious coach Bob Kostuch.

"Greg did an unbelievable job in relief of Matt. Those infield groundouts were huge and kept the ball away from their big hitters. What a performance. We decided on Wednesday that we would go with him if our starters struggled," he said.



(Top Center) Notre Dame's Dean Cademartori hoists the Class AA Championship trophy to the cheers of parents and students.

(Left) Notre Dame players take a moment to pray after receiving their first place medals.

(Above) Notre Dame's first place medals lie on a table at home plate. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)

The Dons jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the first inning on RBI doubles by Kudlik and Jeff Wisniewski. Joe Giorango led off the attack with a single up the middle. Kudlik's looper down the line drove in Wisniewski and Cademartori for the second and third runs.

The Hilltoppers mounted a rally in the third off starter Kudlik. A leadoff single, followed by three walks brought in two runs. Two slow infield singles to the shortstop brought in another run and Tom Gruben laid down a bunt single down the third base line, and suddenly the Dons fell behind 4-3.

Kudlik had pitched a solid game up until that point, getting ahead of his hitters, striking out four, allowing four hits and inducing four fly-outs. Kudlik had two outs with two on in the third inning, but three consecutive hits chased him out of the game. He received a standing ovation for his efforts this year from the large Notre Dame crowd.

"This is the greatest feeling knowing that we are the first team at Notre Dame to win a state championship. To beat a team like Joliet Catholic is just awesome, I can't believe we are state champs," said the jubilant pitcher.

"I felt good and wasn't nervous on the mound in the beginning. Going out there in the second inning with a 3-0 lead against a powerhouse Joliet Catholic team gave me a lot of momentum, I could go after the hitters. I went out there throwing my hardest and pitched the best I could. I told coach I wanted the ball for the championship game and there was no stopping us," he said.

The Dons picked up some much needed insurance runs in the fifth inning facing a new pitcher in senior Matt Krok. Wisniewski came up big once again, lining a long double down the left field line. An intentional walk to Cademartori set the stage for the tiebreaker. Kudlik drove in the

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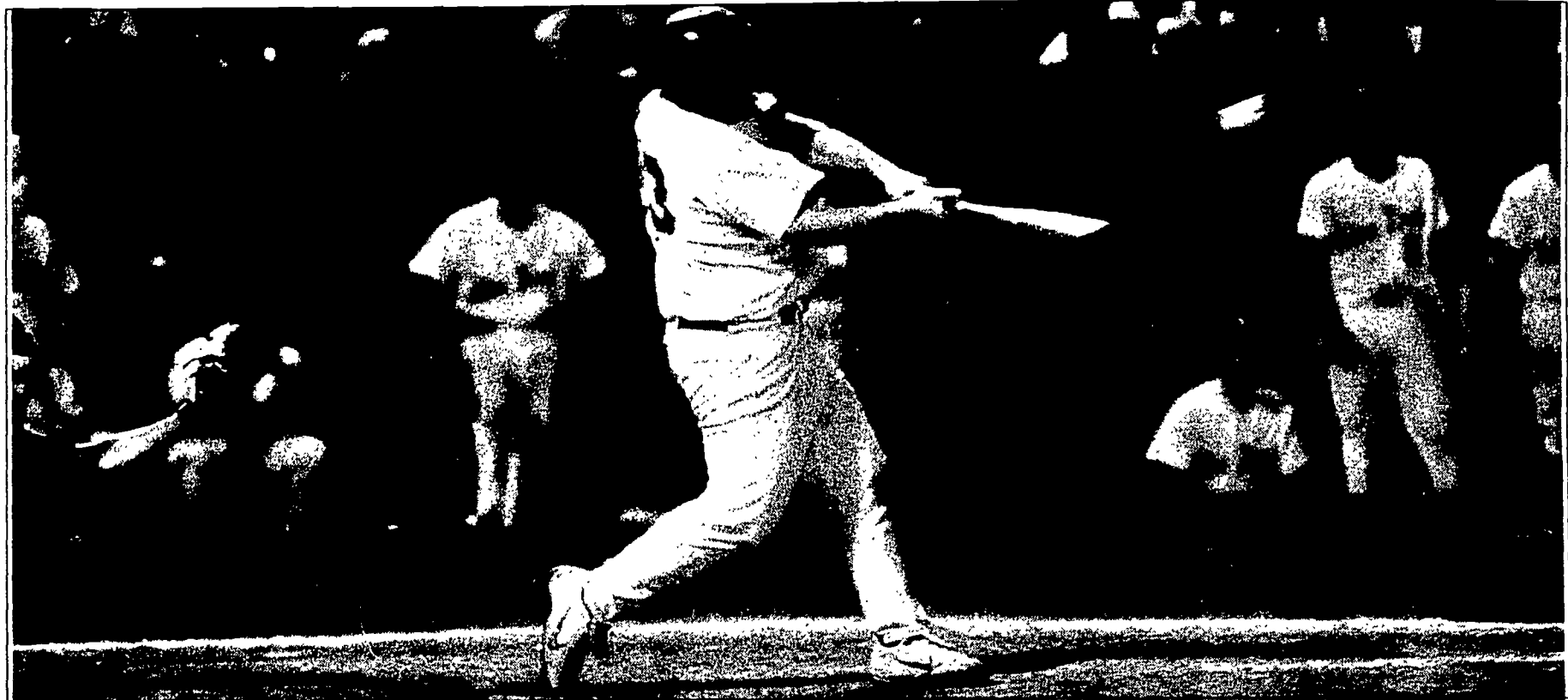
Dons win

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game winning single over the head of second baseman Nick Barello, sending the Notre Dame crowd into a frenzy. Cademartori scored the last Notre Dame run on a deep Joe Layley sacrifice fly to center.

"Words can't describe how I feel right now. It's magical. What a thrill for the school. I never thought we could win a state championship but here we are. We never gave up. Knowing this was my last game here, we left it all on the field, it's just an unbelievable feeling. Everyone contributed, I think we have the best line-up in the state," said tournament MVP Dean Cademartori.

Notre Dame finished the season 34-9, beating conference schools Carmel in the semifinal and regular season champion Joliet Catholic in the final. It is the first time ever three all conference has finished 1-2-3 in the 65 years of the tournament.



Notre Dame's Matt Kudlik singles to left scoring Jeff Wisniewski in the fifth inning to give the Dons a 5-4 lead and they never looked back. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

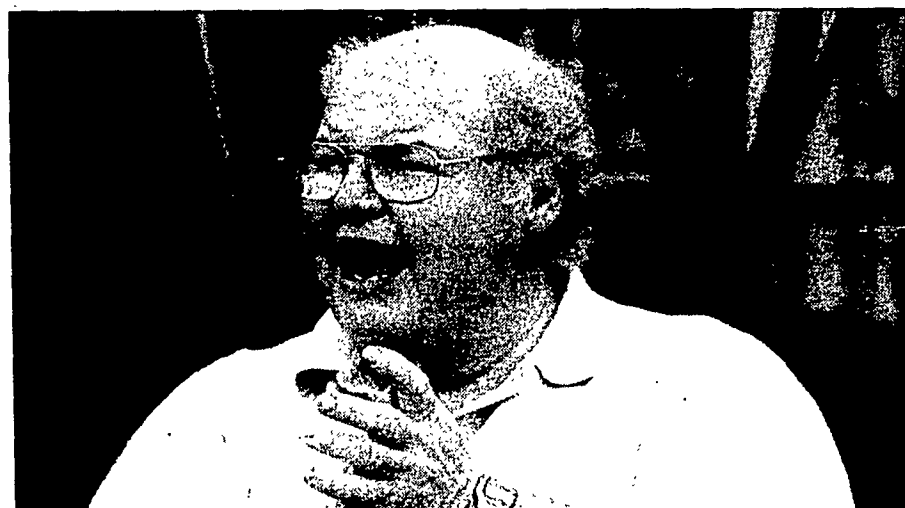
Notre Dame Dons fought hard on the Road to its first state title

BY RYAN BISHOP
rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

In the preseason, the Notre Dame Dons were unranked just as they were all season. Playing in what proved to be the toughest conference in the state, the Dons were ready to take on anyone in the playoffs. In playing top teams in the state such as Maine South, Loyola, New Trier, Barrington, and St. Rita, Coach Kostuch knew his team could play with the best of them. After losing to St. Viator 3-0 on May 20, Kostuch said that was his toughest loss of the season, but he knew his team would bounce back come playoff time. That was their last loss

of the season. In their last regular season home game, the Dons pummeled conference champion Joliet Catholic 15-9. Little did they know they would see them later on. The Dons steamrolled through the first two games in the playoffs, beating Taft 10-0 and St. Patrick 10-1. After a tough battle with Loyola, they faced a hungry Evanston team that had just knocked off previous No.1 New Trier.

It was on to the supersectional after a 12-2 defeat in five innings, marking the farthest the baseball team has ever made it in the playoffs. A hard fought victory against Oak Park advanced the Dons downstate and gaining respect along the way. The Dons



(Left) Randolph Kudlik, father of Notre Dame pitcher and first baseman Matt Kudlik screams "Go Dons" as the team boards the bus for Geneva Thursday afternoon June 10. (Right) Long time Dons fan "Freckles" was on hand Thursday afternoon June 10 to urge the team on as they board the bus for Geneva and the Class AA baseball championship. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)



defeated Normal West 13-7 in the first quarterfinal before facing off against rival Carmel. With their backs against the wall against, the Dons set a state tournament record by coming back from a seven run deficit to defeat the Corsairs 11-10, where they would meet up with Joliet Catholic for a third time this year.

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Monday, June 21
- 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting
Tuesday, June 22
- 8 p.m. Niles Village Board Meeting

COMMUNITY

Friday, June 18
- The Morton Grove Lions will hold a Fish Fry Friday, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove. Attendees can choose from either fish or chicken. The donation for dinner is \$8 to support the Lions.
Wednesday, June 23
- Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Niles will hold it's 13th annual Fun-Fest 2004, on the parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal Avenues, beginning June 23-27, 2004. This year we will once again feature indoor air-conditioned bingo, a beer garden, carnival rides, nightly entertainment, our grand cash raffle, food and ware vendors. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. For info. call: 847-823-2550.
Friday, June 25
- St. Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark, Niles will be conducting monthly blood pressure screenings for the community. The screenings will be held on Friday, June 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Life Center. For more information call (847) 647-8332. Hypertension or high blood pressure is known as the Silent Killer because very often it causes no signs or symptoms to warn the individual of its presence.
Sunday, June 27
- The Muslim Community Center in Chicago will hold free health screenings and lectures on a variety of health topics of interest to the general public at the MCC School in Morton Grove. These free screenings and lectures are held on Sundays from 2pm-4pm in the school cafeteria.

PARKS

Thursday, June 17
- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District regular board meeting.
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Lincoln Ave. building a home to history



Tim and Debra Schlueter stand with their cat Odysseus on the porch of their house. The portion immediately behind them is part of the original 19th Century construction.

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Most drivers would probably motor down Lincoln Ave. in Morton Grove without noticing the house at #6406, but to Tim and Debra Schlueter, the renovated cottage is home.

The house, sandwiched between warehouses and the train tracks where Lehigh runs into Lincoln, has been in Tim's family since the 1840s when it stood at the center of a 40-acre farm. That farm included land that was eventually used for the train tracks and incorporated as St. Paul Woods.

"This house was the center of my family's homestead when they came from Germany in the 1840s," Tim said. "They bought it from the

Simpsons and the original owners were a family called the Kohlers." The farm, according to Tim, grew vegetables and harvested some lumber from St. Paul Woods.

"We'd send a lot of the produce to a place called Dutchman's Point," Tim said. "We also used to grow cucumbers and send them to a pickle factory that was built on land just across the train tracks."

The last farm outbuildings were eliminated quite recently, Tim said. "The plat of survey drawn in 1948 still showed a silo neighboring the house," he said. "A lot of the industrial buildings were built in the 50s."

The existing house has been renovated several times, though the core of the building is still the original log cabin. The basement still shows traces of rough-hewn logs and even a rainwater cistern that the

Schlueters of the 19th Century used for washing vegetables. "I'm a direct descendant of those original homesteaders," Tim said. "The town began here. There was a mill right down the road."

Tim and Debra were sad, saying that many of the historic buildings in the area are gone.

"The village is doing a lot of work here," said Tim. "They want all of the frame houses gone. We don't know how long we're going to be here. They want more condos, especially because they think of these old buildings as decrepit. They certainly want us out."

While the amiable Schlueters are hardly fighting village hall, both agreed that they would stay in the home until the powers that be made them leave.

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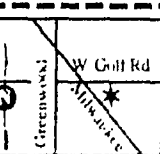
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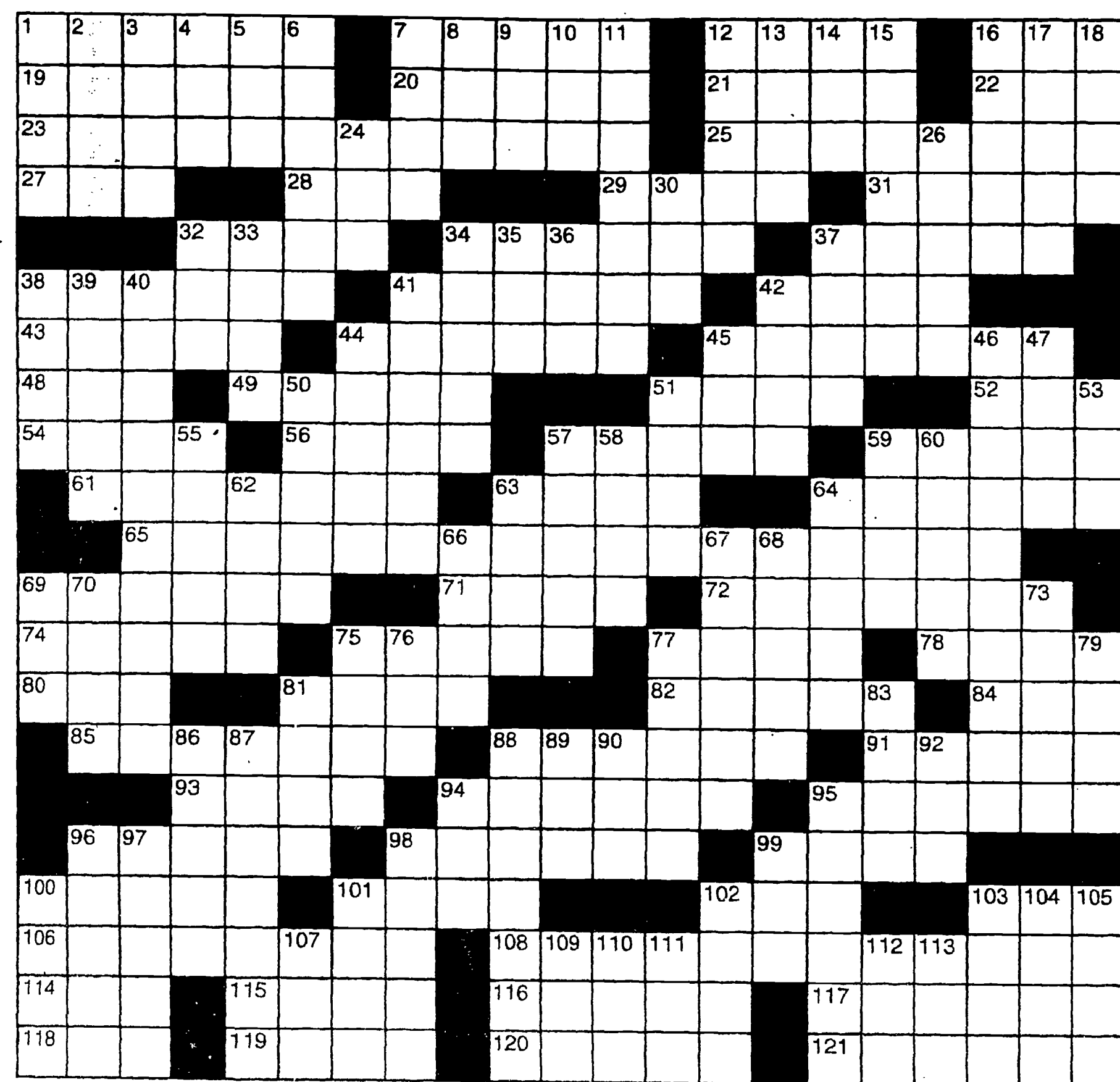
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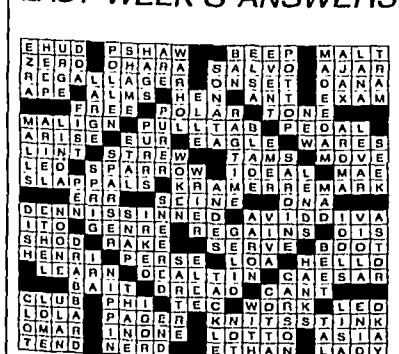
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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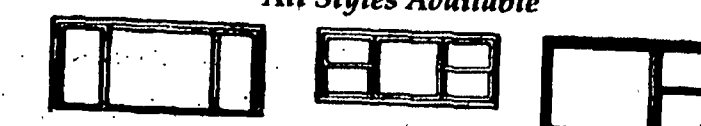
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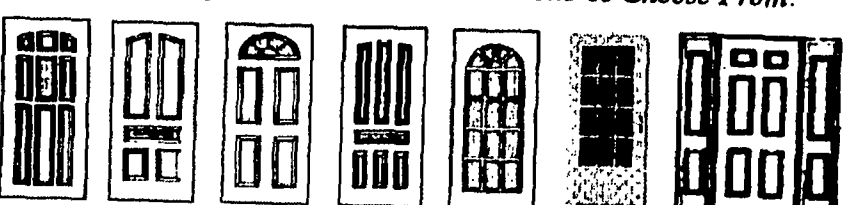
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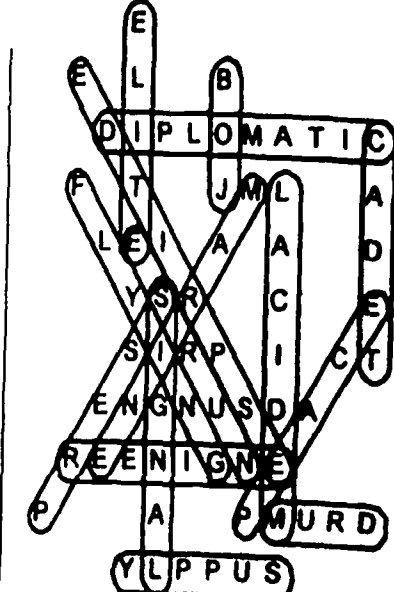
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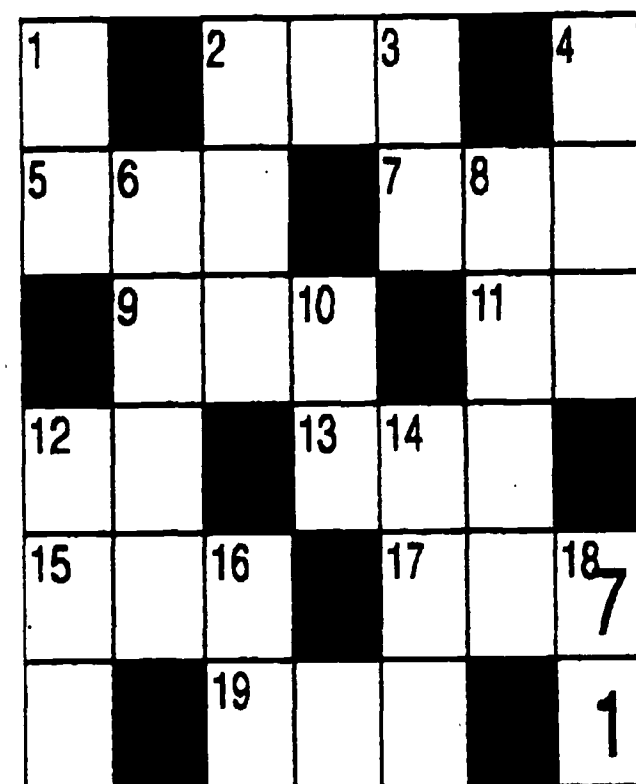
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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

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



ACROSS

2. Digits of 12-Down reversed
5. 12-Down plus 16-Down
7. Three times 18-Down
9. Three hundred more than 2-Across
11. Forty less than 16-Down
12. Four more than 3-Down
13. One more than 9-Across
15. Three times 1-Down
17. Consecutive digits in ascending order
19. Digits of 4-Down reversed

DOWN

1. Consecutive digits in

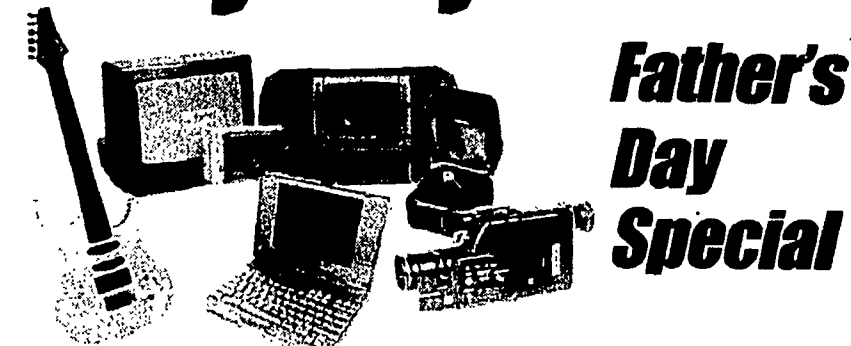
2. 17-Across minus 12-Across
3. Same digit repeated
4. Ten more than 15-Across
6. Two times 19-Across
8. Three times 2-Across
10. The last digit is four times the first digit
12. Two more than 7-Across
14. 15-Across plus 3-Down
16. Same digit repeated
18. 1-Down plus 10-Down

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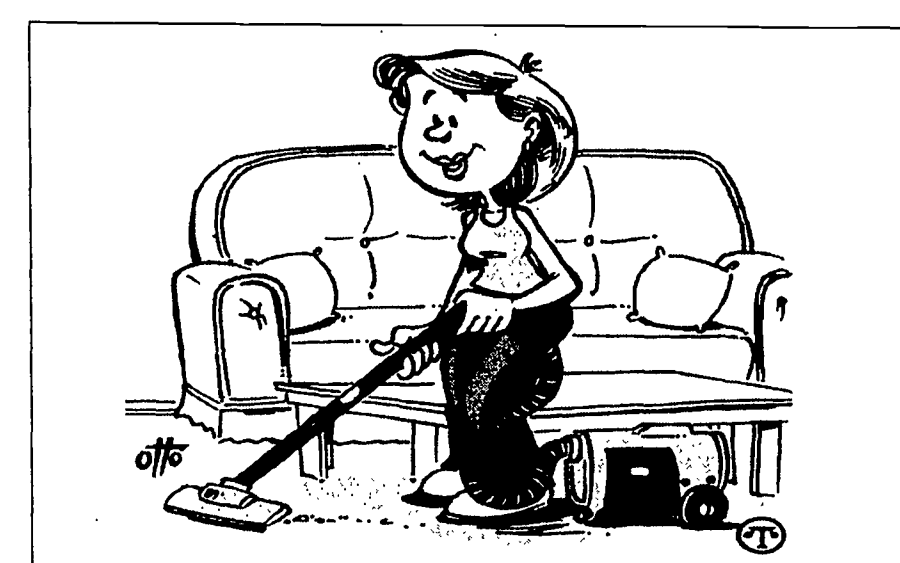
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According to a recent survey, 95 percent of people in this country believe the air in their homes is "clean and healthy." On the other hand, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has consistently ranked indoor air pollution as one of the top five environmental risks to public health. In fact, it's estimated indoor pollutants may be two to five times and occasionally 100 times, higher than outdoor levels.

Fortunately, you can help clear the air on this issue simply by starting up your vacuum cleaner. It can capture most dust, allergens and irritants from carpet, furniture and other surfaces and filter particles as small as 1/300th the diameter of a human hair, according to Michael Debes, of the CleanStream Filter division of W.L. Gore.



He advises the following steps toward improved indoor air:

- Decrease the amount of surfaces on which dust can collect. Eliminate clutter, store collectibles inside curio cabinets. When you do dust, use a damp cloth.
- Vacuum carpets and drapes regularly in long, straight lines.

a diluted bleach solution regularly to combat mold and bacteria build up.

- Don't let dust get you down. In fact, it's best if you dust or vacuum the highest thing in the room first and work your way to the bottom.
- Stuffed animals are a major source of allergens for children. Wash them in the clothes washer or

• Be sure your air conditioners have clean filters.
• Vacuum almost everywhere, behind the washer/dryer and the stove and furniture on top of ceiling fans, baseboards, window sills, crown moldings, picture frames and books and under beds, couches and dressers.

• Let technology work for you. Conventional depth filters-the design of which dates back to the invention of the vacuum cleaner-trap particles inside the filter which can become clogged over time restricting airflow. The newest filters stop fine particles at the surface and let the air pass through, for maximum air flow and optimal power. New filter materials are more durable and feature a nonstick surface that's easy to clean. For more information, visit www.cleanstreamfilters.com. The more efficient the filter, the longer the vacuum is likely to last and the better it can help protect your family from indoor pollution.

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If the hot weather hasn't arrived yet in your part of the country, it soon will. The Southern states have been sweltering for at least a month. But no matter where you are, a few simple steps can make summer life much more comfortable.

• Change air conditioner filters monthly. The owner's manual may specify changing the filters every two to three months, but if the unit sees daily use, a lot more dust, debris and other particles will build up. Swapping the filters regularly will increase the air conditioner's efficiency — and reduce the amount of potential allergens circulating through the house. If your air conditioner is a window unit, clean the filter more often: every two weeks.

• Improve air circulation throughout the house. To maximize an air conditioner's effectiveness and reduce hot and cold spots around the house, make sure a good airflow exists. Proper attic ventilation is a key factor in temperature control; vents installed in the house soffits allow air in and out of the attic (or crawl space), keeping the upper area of the house from getting too hot. Make sure these vents aren't blocked. In the house's living space, consider installing ceiling fans in rooms where air remains stagnant.

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Fast Fix Ups To Speed Your Home Sale

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(NAPSI)-You don't have to spend a fortune renovating your house to get a quick sale at the best price. Some of the most effective fix-ups may also be among the least expensive.

Just a few hundred dollars of landscaping, for example, can boost your home's value by \$1,800, according to a survey of real estate agents. Cleaning and de-cluttering your home, the survey found, could add thousands more to the price.

Tour your property as if you were a prospective buyer. Drive or walk up to your house. Ask a friend to help you spot problems you've stopped noticing. Write everything down.

For the exterior:

- Whack back overgrown bushes and trees so your house is visible from the street. Plant colorful flowers. Keep the lawn green and trimmed.
- Paint exterior doors and window trim to freshen your home's look without the expense of repainting. Replace or remove torn screens or damaged storm windows. Make

sure exterior lights are working.

- Get rid of anything blocking pathways or cluttering up yards and patios.
- Clean your windows so your home looks as light and bright as possible.



Inside, inspect floors, walls, kitchen, bathrooms and closets.

- A deep cleaning is essential for a good first impression. Bathrooms and the kitchen should be spotless.
- Banish bad smells. Air out your home daily. Don't cook smelly foods. Clean the litter box. Bake cookies before buyers visit to give your place a "homey" smell.
- Remove inside clutter. Stow away knickknacks and family pictures so buyers can picture themselves living in the house. Consider renting temporary storage space. Tidy closets look bigger and more

appealing.

- Fix your floors. Real estate agents say buyers really notice the condition of floors. Hardwood should be polished, carpets shampooed or replaced. Repair broken tile or linoleum.
- If you've painted or wallpapered in recent years, you may be able to get away with just washing your walls. Otherwise, consider repainting in neutral colors.

Remember, remodeling is for buyers, not sellers. Major renovations usually don't pay but buyers expect your home to be in decent shape. Talk with a real estate agent about which projects to tackle before listing your home.

Consider hiring your own inspector to alert you to problems you may not realize, so you can fix them before they cost you a sale.

If you're thinking about using a loan for these home improvements, check out Microsoft Money's cost-of-purchase calculator to quickly determine how much the loan will actually cost based on interest percentage.

For more tips, visit MSN Money www.money.msn.com.

Small expenditures of money and time can greatly improve your chances of selling your home.

Selecting A Down Payment Assistance Program

NAPSI)-If you're looking to buy or sell a house, you may want to consider using a nonprofit down payment assistance program. These are programs that provide



down payment gifts to homebuyers. Since the down payment is a gift, it does not have to be repaid.

The experts at what's been described as the nation's largest nonprofit down payment gift provider-AmeriDream, Inc.-offer the following tips on choosing a down payment gift provider and applying for a gift.

- Be sure you choose a program that has been around for a few years, has a strong reputation, and has developed the technology and

infrastructure to create a solid organization that will be there for you at the settlement table and beyond.

- Make sure your lender or real estate agent does not get any direct benefit or kickback based on the down payment gift provider that is selected.

Section 8 of The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA) prohibits anyone from giving or accepting a fee, kickback or anything of value-such as a trip-in exchange for referrals of settlement service business involving a federally related mortgage loan.

- Look for a program that provides English and Spanish versions of its homebuyer course, and makes this course accessible online. The most reputable down payment gift providers create their own homebuyer education courses that they own and can update constantly.

- Look for a program that provides home retention or loss mitigation programs designed to help people stay in the home they buy.
- The program should be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, not a for-profit entity.

- People who sell their homes using down payment gift programs typically pay a processing fee to

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or place a portable fan a couple feet off the floor to get things moving.

- Be prepared for pleasant evenings. Repair those damaged window or porch screens so that you can open up the house when the sun has gone down and the outdoor air is enjoyable. You'll be able to circulate fresh air throughout the house without having to deal with unwanted guests like mosquitoes and flies. Screen repair kits can be picked up at the local home-improvement store for less than \$20, and repairs

are relatively easy to make.

- Hydrate! Drink plenty of water on hot days, even when you're inside. Proper hydration helps regulate your body temperature, winter or summer. If you'll be spending the day outside, wear sunscreen, shirt-sleeves and a hat. Take frequent breaks to drink water and allow your body get used to the heat. Don't push yourself when working outside. After all, they're not called the lazy days of summer for nothing!

HOME TIP

To keep your air conditioner working at peak efficiency, cut back vegetation at least 12 inches from an outdoor unit to ensure the airflow around it is not restricted.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

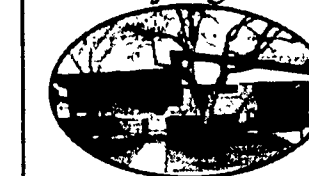
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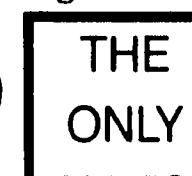
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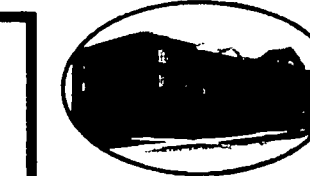
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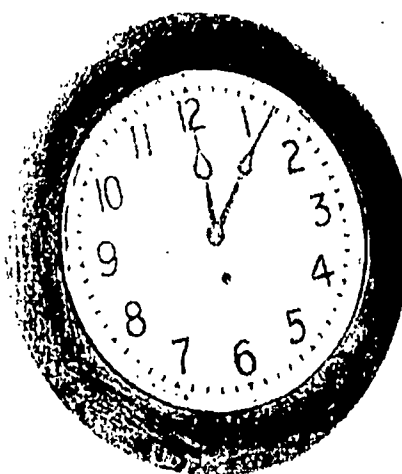
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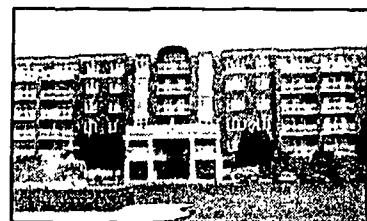
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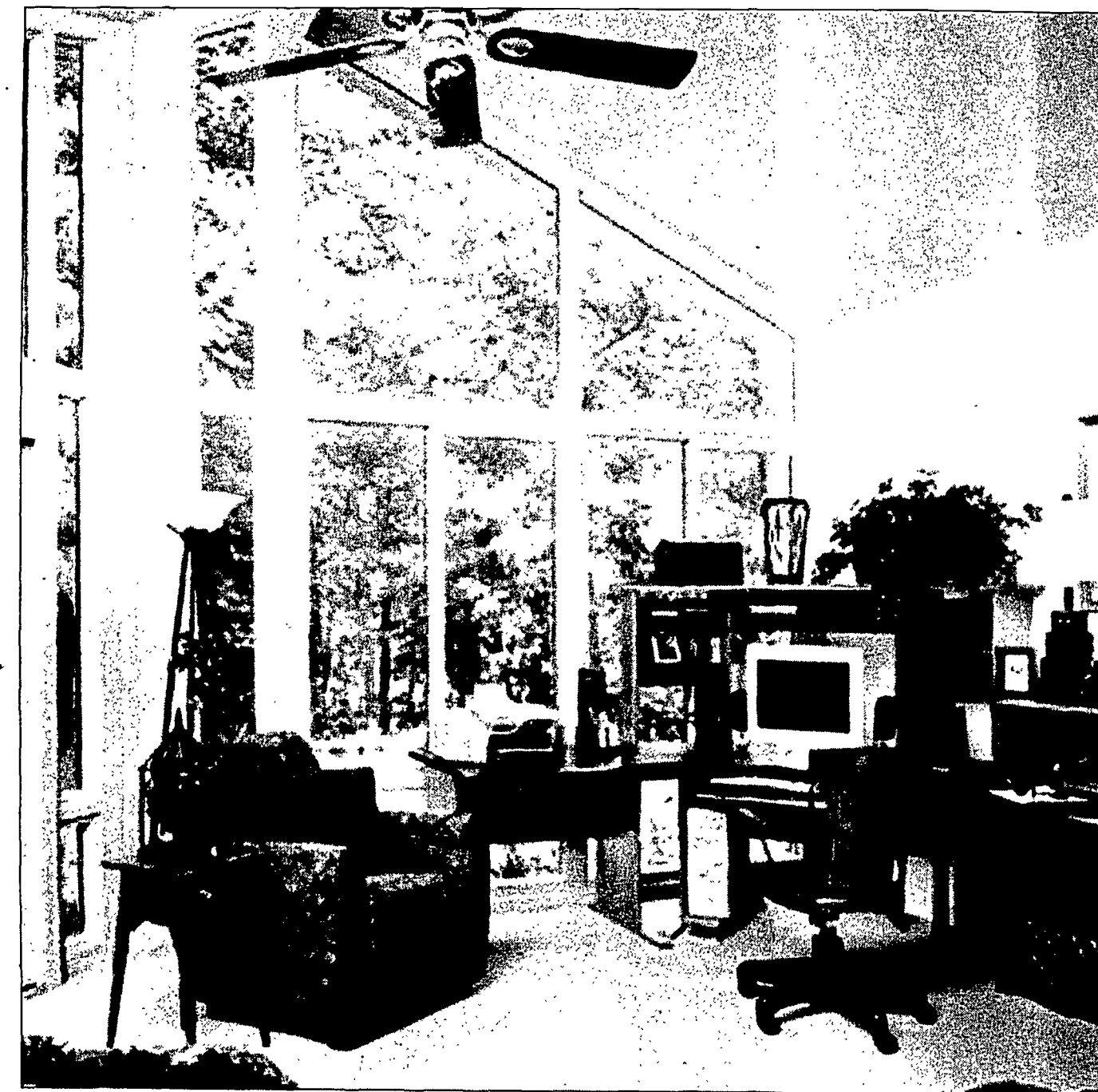
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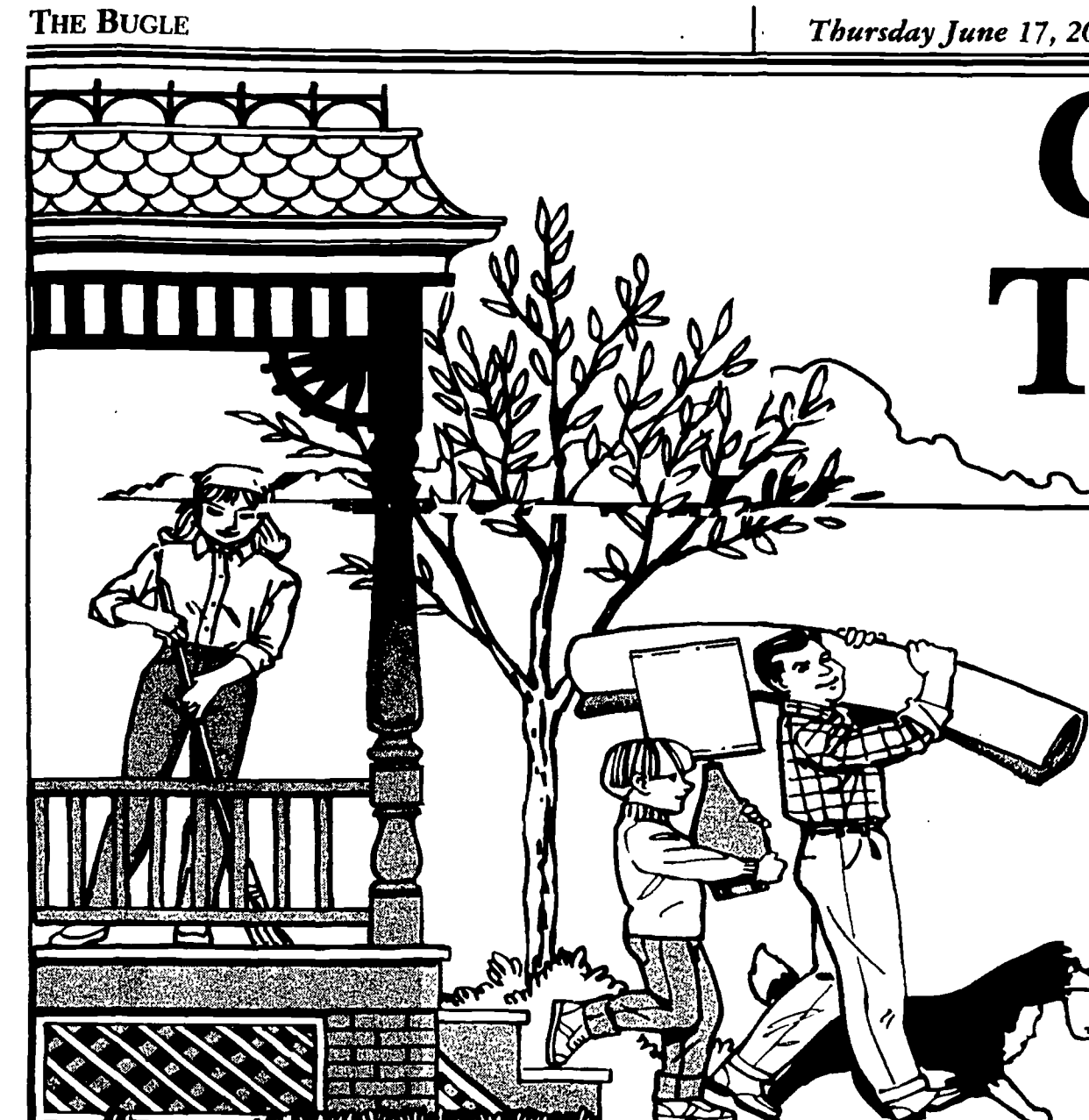
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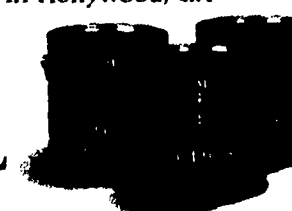
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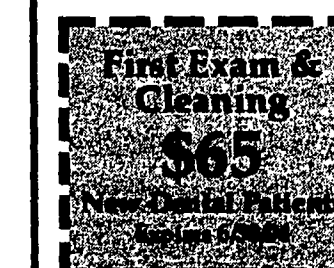
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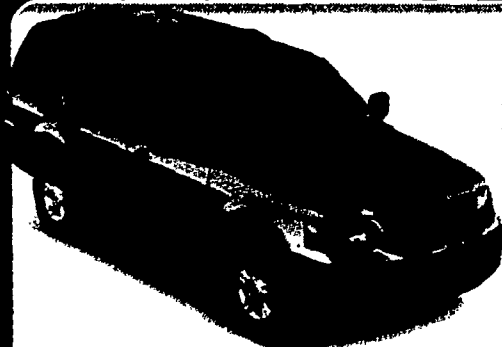
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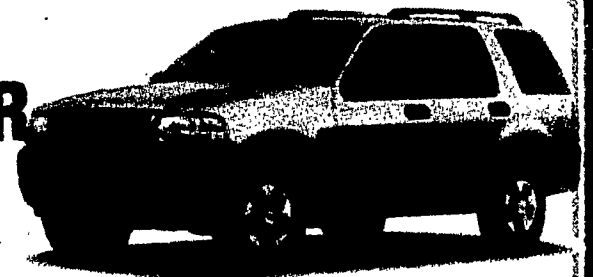
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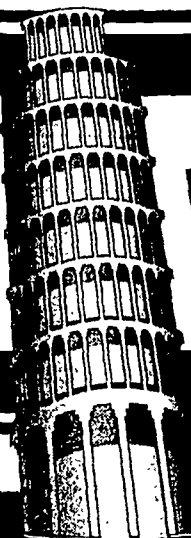
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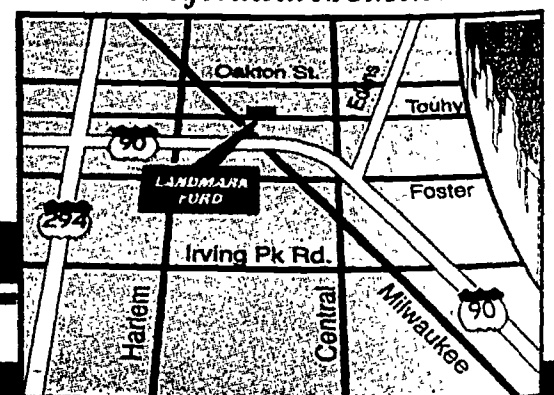


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