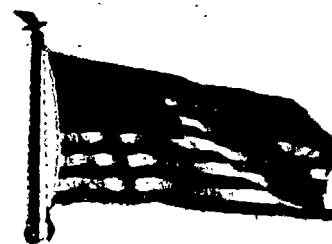


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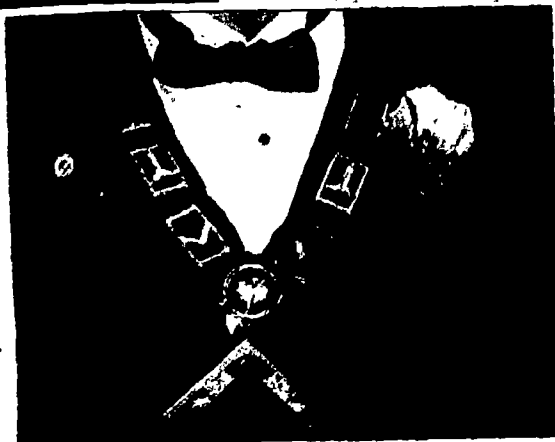
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A Master Mason

Morton Grove resident Pat Kansoer was official inducted as the Worshipful Master of the Skokie Masonic Lodge last Saturday, June 26. Pictured above is Kansoer's "jewel of office." For the story, turn to page 19.

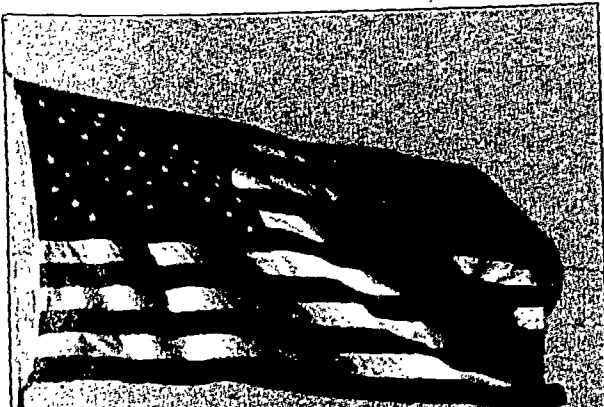


Check out Youth Leagues!

Astro batter Eric Lopez looks closely as pitch bounces into home plate in the fourth inning of their game against the Tigers Wednesday June 23. The Tigers won 9-5. Turn to page 15 for the story.

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Happy 4th of July!

The Bugle Will Be Closed July 5th in Observance of the Holiday

Parks partner with Dist. 63

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Fearing that close to 400 young people would have nothing to do but homework after school this fall, local park districts are stepping up to fill the gap. After voters turned down a tax increase in East Maine Elementary School District 63 last March, the district was forced to eliminate all after school activities and lay off 85 employees. Within weeks of that referendum's defeat, Morton Grove Park District Executive Director Jeff Fougousse met with School Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Williams to see what the park district could do to help. "The bottom line is we're trying to provide activities for these kids," said Fougousse. "It's what park districts should be doing. It's the nature of our business."

Dr. Williams followed up their meeting by approaching the other four park districts that encompass Dist. 63 and all have agreed to help out. The Glenview, Golf-Maine, Park Ridge and Niles Park Districts will join Morton Grove and District 63 in an intergovernmental agreement that will allow them to offer after school sports activities at Apollo Junior High School. Fougousse meets next week with all of the athletic coaches who will essentially become employees of the various park districts, since the school district can no longer afford to pay them their coaching salaries. Activities they hope to continue offering include cheerleading, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, soccer, softball and wrestling. "The realistic side is that the cost will be much greater than parents have been used to paying," said Fougousse. "The \$25 or \$30 cost may triple or quadruple in some cases." The park districts cannot afford to absorb the coach's salaries and such costs as equipment, transportation and uniforms. Students who want to take part would register through the park districts like they do with summer programs, and not through the schools. Fougousse said they will work through each individual sports activity when they meet with the

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Photo by Allen Kaleita/Bugle

Hang on!

Left to right Aleks Brown, Emily Lynch, and Allie Reidy ride the Super Shot at the Our Lady of Ransom Family Fun Fest Friday night June 25. For more photos of the annual event, see page 14.

Francis "Frank" DiMaria

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'Everybody knew him'

Local builder a pillar of the community

Frank DiMaria, long-time Niles resident, master plasterer and founder of Niles-based DiMaria Builders passed away last week of mesothelioma, a disease that results from long-term exposure to asbestos fibers in plaster. He was 79. DiMaria built hundreds of brick houses in Niles during its building boom in the 1950s through the 1970s.

"In the old days in Niles, everybody knew him," said his son Dan DiMaria who took over his business, DiMaria Builders in 1993 and also serves as a Morton Grove Village Trustee.

Born Francis DiMaria to Sicilian immigrants Rose and Peter DiMaria, he went to school in rural Marlboro, N.Y. He attended Taft High School in Chicago when his parents temporarily relocated.

When he returned to Marlboro with his parents to



help run the family farm he met Josephine Ferraro. They were married six months later.

DiMaria returned to Chicago at the age of 25 where his brother had a plastering business. After working for him he started his own company, Master Plastering and became a builder shortly thereafter. He also

served as Niles' building inspector in the 1960s.

He originally called his business Lark Builders because, according to Dan DiMaria, "larks build the best nests." He renamed it DiMaria Builders in the late 1960s and it continues to do work under Dan DiMaria to this day.

During the genesis of the fast food industry, DiMaria also built 72 Chicken Unlimited drive-ins in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

When he retired DiMaria liked to golf in the morning, spend the afternoon with his wife, then play baseball in the evening senior league, continuing to play fast-pitch ball until he was 77.

His survivors include sons, Frank, James, and Daniel; a brother, Matthew; two sisters, Marge Zigenhorn and Rose Mattio, and 10 grandchildren.

NILES NEWS

Seven allies slated for reconstruction

Project budgeted for \$565K

Seven Niles allies will be paved in this year's round of alley improvements according to Niles Public Works Director Jun Noreiga.

"We monitor all our allies," said Noreiga. "Once a year we send our engineers with the Streets Department to inspect the allies and we prioritize those that need reconstruction."

Five allies located north of Oakton are up for reconstruction including: Wisner/Elmore, Elmore/Merrill, Ozanam/Ozark, Ozark/Overhill and Overhill/Ottawa. Also scheduled for improvement are Ottawa/Overhill south of Monroe and Milwaukee/Octavia south of Mulford.

The project was authorized for bid by the village board at their meeting Tuesday, June 22. The project was budgeted up to \$565,575.

Noreiga said that the village would be able to pave so many allies this year because they are short.

New signs laud Dons

The village of Niles is proud of its 2004 State Championship Notre Dame Dons baseball team and they want everyone to know.

At their meeting last Tuesday, Trustee Tom Bondi informed the village board that signs would soon be erected at several main entrances to the village letting visitors and commuters know of the Dons' achievement.

According to Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano, the signs should be in place within

the month. No locations have been selected yet, but they will be placed at major thoroughfares.

"There are several major roads that go through the village," Vinezeano said. "There are several main entryways. We're still working on the exact locations."

The signs will read: "Village of Niles, Home of the 2004 IHSA State Boys Baseball Champions, Notre Dame High School Dons."

"We're going to install them as soon as we can," Vinezeano said.

Classic Car Shows At Pioneer Park

Did you ever hear an old 50's or 60's song and automatically drift back to the "Good Old Days"? Picture yourself in that "57" Chevy with your favorite guy or girl cruisin' down the street with the radio blasting. Your only care in the world is what you are going to wear and which Drive-In has the best movie playing.

Relive some of those old memories at our Annual Classic Cruisers Car Shows. The shows will take place every Thursday night weather permitting from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Ave. For more information, contact (847) 647-9092.

Leaning Tower Concert Series

The first of these concerts will be Enzo Incandela & his assistant Al Anile. He's delighted the crowd for six years and he's back! The audiences can't resist singing, laughing, and clapping to the brilliant Italian music performed by Enzo and his assistant Al Anile.

The concerts are free, open to the public and will be held at the Niles Leaning Tower Plaza, 6300 West Touhy Avenue in Niles. Food will be available by JT's Place in Niles. Please bring your own lawn chairs. For more information please call the Village at (847) 588-8000.

Lions offer free eye screening

Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of new blindness in adults in America today. Diabetic Retinopathy can have devastating consequences and can lead to blindness. Without a doubt, early detection greatly enhances the visual prognosis and outcome for all patients with Diabetic Retinopathy and other retinal diseases. The purpose of the Diabetic Eye Program is to provide communities throughout the state with a method for early detection of Diabetic Retinopathy and other retinal diseases, including Macular Degeneration.

If you notice any of the following symptoms, you should contact your eye care professional as quickly as possible: blurring vision, distorted vision, double vision, darkened or reduced vision. Any

one of these symptoms can be an indication of Diabetic Retinopathy or one of the complications from it.

The Lions of Illinois Foundation along with the Illinois Retina Associates, S.C., in conjunction with the Niles Lions Club, is providing an entirely free screening to anyone who would like to have a picture taken of their eyes to check for this problem. This screening will be taking place on July 8th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive. The Foundation will take the photographs and then they will be forwarded to the Illinois Retina Associates, S.C. where they will be reviewed by one of their specialists. The person who has had the screening done will be contacted with results.

Senior Citizen Scam Alert

I thought it appropriate to have this appear in the local papers and the Niles Focus as a seasonal reminder that scams are alive and well and that several have surfaced within the past two months.

"Niles citizens should be alert to several mail and internet scams informing you that you have won lottery prizes or inherited money/property, etc. and that all

you have to do is provide your bank account number, Social Security Number or other personal information or a cash amount to activate receiving your prize. DO NOT DO THIS!! These almost always are scams. What seems too good to be true, usually is!! If in doubt, call your police department and/or the Consumer Fraud Unit. DON'T BE A VICTIM!!!"

Parade, music mark Fourth

This year's Fourth of July Parade will kick off at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 4. It will begin at Notre Dame High School and wrap up at Grennan Heights. The parade is sponsored by the Village. There will be no fireworks as was incorrectly reported in last week's edition of The Bugle.

The parade route heads south on Ozark from Notre Dame to Main, then east on Main to Harlem, south on Harlem to Monroe and west on Monroe to Oketo and Grennan Heights.

The Niles Park District will hold a 4th of July Post-Parade Celebration at Grennan Heights Park, 8255 Oketo, following the Village of Niles Parade. The event will take from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a raffle, water feature, pony rides, face painting and so much more. The Main Stage will feature "The Associates" musical band. They will perform from 12:00-2:30 p.m.

"The hard work and dedication of both Niles Park District and the Village of Niles staff has once again prepared two terrific 4th of July events for Niles residents to enjoy," said Niles Park District Executive Director Joe LoVerde. "The Niles Park District is proud to provide the post-parade activities for all to enjoy."

Gas station eyed for Parks vacant 'Checkers' site

Proposed facility would occupy 'Checkers' neighboring site

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

A new gas station and car wash facility could replace the currently vacant Checker's restaurant on the corner of Dempster and Greenwood in Niles and the neighboring Chicago Style Hot Dogs.

The proposal was referred the Zoning Board for their approval at the last village board meeting, Tuesday June 22. The zoning board will meet on Monday, July 12. It will then come back to the

village board for final approval on Tuesday, July 27.

The Checker's property has stood vacant for several years. The site poses several obstacles alone, including traffic flow. While Checker's was operating, for example, access was limited to a few entrances so motorists would travel south on Greenwood and turn around in residential streets to approach the site going north.

Niles Business Development Director Charles Ostman said that the addition of the Chicago Style Hot Dogs property should mitigate those traffic problems.

"We're still waiting on the traffic study," said Ostman. "That's a problem we've had with the Checker's property."

Stormwater no problem for Niles

Niles Public Works Director Jun Noreiga said he was very pleased with the way that the village's storm sewers have handled recent heavy rains.

"We used to have some problems with average rainfall," said Noreiga. "But because of the proactive approach we've taken in expanding our capacity we haven't

had any problems." Noreiga said that he was expecting a call during the first heavy rains but when none came, he called Public Works.

"When I asked him about any problems with the storm sewers he said, 'what, it's raining?'" Noreiga laughed. "I was very pleased that we had no problems."

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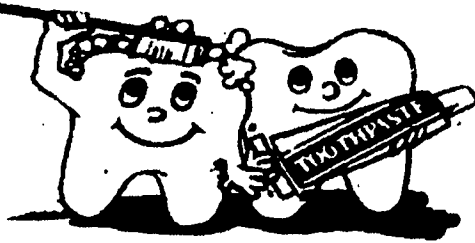
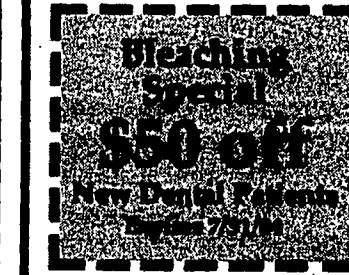
coaches and try to come up with some ways to keep costs down. The park districts have set mid-July as their deadline for an intergovernmental agreement that works out the details of the program. As for elementary after-school programs, the individual park districts will work with the principals of the school's within their boundaries. For example, the Glenview Park District will handle activities at Washington and Apollo Schools, while Mark Twain and Stevenson will be handled by the Golf Maine Park District.

"We didn't think we could be all things to all kids," said Fougere. "But we are trying to put together what we feel is the best scenario in terms of affordability." Dist. 63 will try again in November to pass the referendum that asks for an increase of 40 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. But there are no guarantees and as far as Fougere is concerned the park district's plans are open ended. "We're in it until we hear otherwise," said Fougere. "All we can really do is see that these kids have something to do after school."

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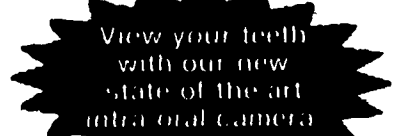
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NEWS

Oak Park draws Niles residents, neighbors

(Left) Lukas Stoklosa, 4, of Niles inspects a backhoe at the Niles Park District's Oak Park Concert Friday, June 25. A variety of construction equipment, police and fire vehicles were available for children to explore while the concert was performed. (Far Left) Local kids try out the backhoe at the Oak Park Concert Friday, June 25. (Below) Attendees listen to the music of the Sting Rays at the Oak Park Concert Friday, June 25.

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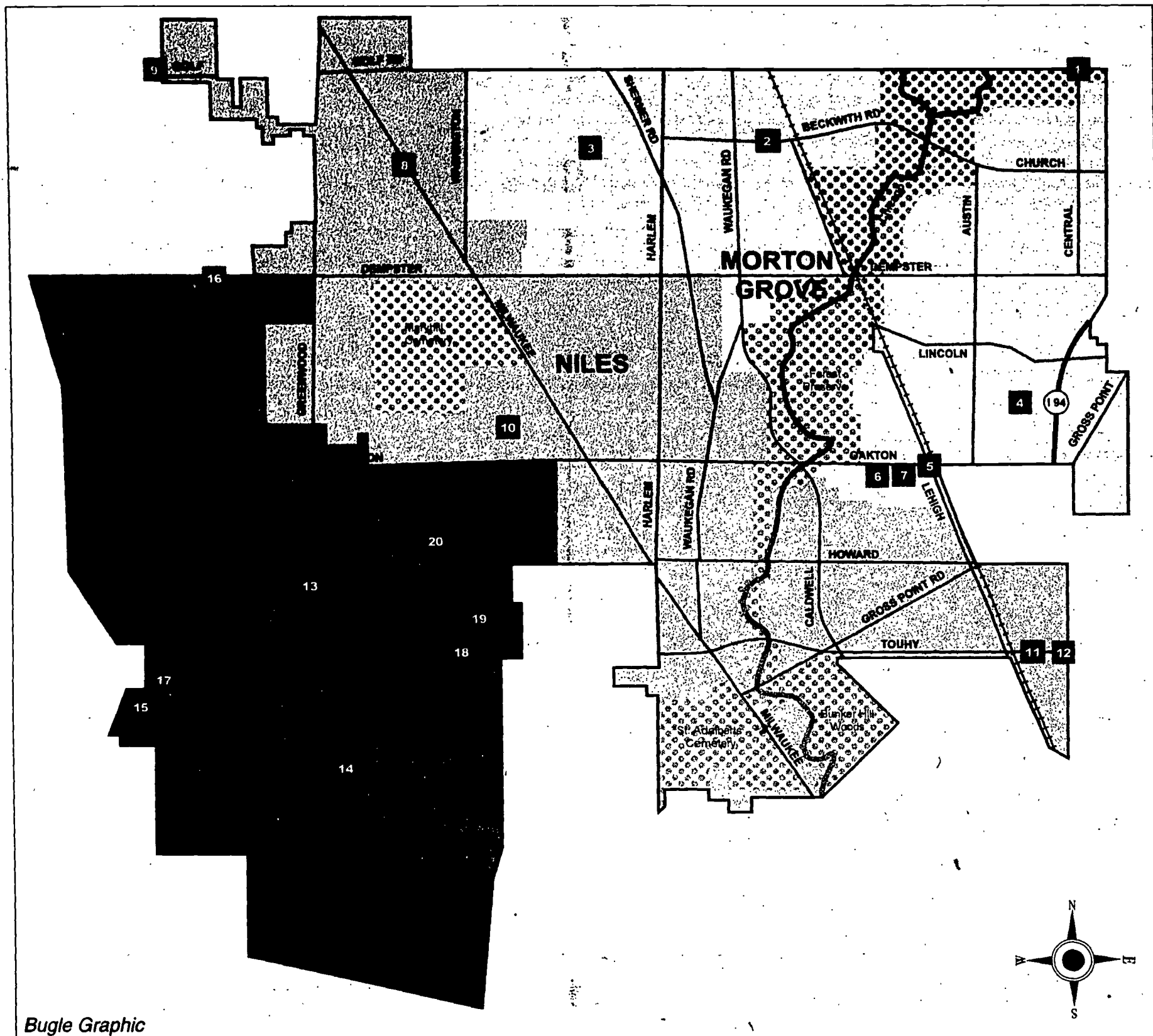
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POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic

MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending June 28, 2004.

- 1 Needles found (Harms and Golf)**
Morton Grove police stopped a 20-year-old Des Plaines man Friday June 18 and during a search of the car found a plastic bag under the drivers seat with a hypodermic needle, a small bottle of water, and a metal cap Police said. The driver, who was driving under a suspended license, consented to a search of the trunk where another plastic bag was found with a metal cap. The man was charged with possession of a hypodermic needle and driving on a suspended license.
- 2 Running Stop sign leads to marijuana bust (6800 Beckwith)**
A 25-year-old Des Plaines man was charged with possession of marijuana Friday night June 18 after Morton Grove police officer pulled over the car his friend was

driving after it went through a Stop sign in the 6800 block of Beckwith. While talking to the driver the police officer smelled a strong odor of marijuana. According to police the car was owned by the male passenger's friend. Police said the driver consented to a search of the car and during the search a brown paper bag with plastic bags inside was found. Each of the bags contained marijuana. Police said the man told them the marijuana was for personal use. He was taken into custody.

3 Laptop lifted from car (7500 Arcadia)
A \$1,500 laptop was reported stolen from a 1998 Honda Civic that was parked outside of the owner's house sometime between June 10 and June 13. The owner of the car told police the car was disabled since June 10 and was locked. The owner of the car said that when he went to retrieve his laptop from the car three days later he discovered it was missing. He said the laptop was sitting on the front passenger seat and he did not

know how anyone got into his car.

- 4 Softball stolen from van (5800 Madison)**
A 49-year-old Morton Grove man told police a 12 inch softball and a Ryobi sander where the only things stolen from his van while it was parked in the 5800 block of Madison Thursday June 17 after someone forced open a driver's side vent window to gain entry.
- 5 Cooler theft (6300 Oakton)**
A 19-year-old Monee man and a 25-year-old Chicago man were arrested Tuesday morning June 22 after store security watched the men place a hammer and a tape measure in a 15 gallon cooler and walk out of the store.
- 6 Laptops stolen from office (6400 Oakton)**
Two laptops and a computer monitor valued at \$2,100 were stolen from a manufacturing company in the 6400 block of Oakton over the weekend of June 18. Employees told police they came to work on Monday to discover their laptops missing. They also said there was no evidence of forced entry. Police are reviewing videotapes of the

weekend.

- 7 Pockets filled with tools (6300 Oakton)**
A 72-year-old Addison man was arrested for shoplifting Saturday June 19 after store security watched the man fill his pockets with drill bits, drywall anchors, saw blades, and lock. The man exited the store and was stopped by security.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending June 20, 2004.

- 8 Police cite cafe with liquor violation (9300 Milwaukee)**
Niles liquor control officers cited the DMZ Cafe in the 9300 block of Milwaukee Friday night June 25 for selling liquor to minor. Liquor commission officers working with a minor conducted a controlled buy at the cafe. The representative of the cafe was issued a citation for serving a minor.

- 9 Liquor store sale to minor (9100 Golf)**
Niles liquor control officers cited Vinny's Liquors in the 9100 block of Golf Friday night for serving a minor after a minor entered the store and purchased a six pack of beer without being asked for identification.
- 10 Noise complaint leads to marijuana bust (8100 Ozark)**
An 18-year-old Florida man was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphanelia early Monday morning June 28 after Niles police found marijuana and hashish on the man during a routine search while investigating a noise complaint in the 8100 block of Ozark.
- 11 Retail theft (5600 Touhy)**
A 22-year-old Evanston woman was arrested for shoplifting Sunday June 27 after store security at the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block Touhy watched the woman and an alleged female accomplice fill bags with clothing and place the bags in a baby stroller.
- 12 Baby food shoplifted (5700 Touhy)**
A 28-year-old Chicago woman was cited for shoplifting Saturday night June 20 when security at the Cubs Foods store in the 5700 block of Touhy watched the woman place \$8.06 worth of baby food and coffee in her purse.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending June 18-June 24, 2004.

- 13 Purse stolen (400 Busse Hwy)**
An elderly woman had her purse stolen Friday night June 18 after a man in a black Honda Accord stopped in the parking lot of the Jewel store in the 400 block of Busse Highway and distracted the woman as he asked for directions. The thief snatched the purse and drove off.
- 14 Burglary (1000 Belle Plaine)**
A \$350 Trek bicycle was stolen from a garage in the 1000 block of Belle Plaine Friday June 18. The thief entered through an opened overhead door.
- 15 Radar detector stolen (2400 Talcott)**
A radar detector valued at \$399 was stolen from a 2004 Honda Accord Monday night June 21. The owner of the car told police someone smashed the driver's side window while the car was parked in a lot in the 2400 block of Talcott.
- 16 Van stolen (1800 Dempster)**
A 1995 Chevy van was stolen from a parking lot in the 1800 block of Dempster Tuesday night June 21.
- 17 Car stolen (200 block of Dee)**
A 1999 Honda Civic was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 200 block of Dee the weekend of June 19.
- 18 Window smashed while driving (Touhy and Merrill)**
A woman told police the driver's side

window of her 1994 Lexus was smashed Monday afternoon June 21 after a van pulled up next to her and shattered her window with an unknown object.

- 19 Vandalism (100 Wisner)**
The rear window of a 2002 Buick was smashed Friday night June 18 as the car sat in the owner's driveway in the 100 block of Wisner. The damage was estimated at \$400.
- 20 Aggravated Assault (700 N. Prospect)**
An 18-year-old Park Ridge woman was arrested Wednesday night June 23 after she threatened a school employee in the 700 block of Prospect with a weapon.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove
Theft-8
Damage to vehicle-6
Burglary to vehicle-2
Arrests-10

Niles
Theft-8
Vandalism-4
Arrests-10

Park Ridge
Burglary to Motor vehicle-2
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How important is information on a candidate's personal life?



"Their morals and ethics may affect their decisions."
Barbara Whelan, Niles



"If someone is in public life their personal should be opened."
John Lenahan - Chicago



"No I don't believe it should be exposed. The newspapers were wrong in pushing it this far."
Kathleen Sass - Park Ridge

Opinion

A new dawn in Morton Grove?

Dear Editor,

Ah the old days. Used to be only one, two or on a big night three residents shaking off their self-consciously misplaced fear of the "mike." Tended to be the same battle scarred faces, often humiliated in front of the assembly by the powers that be, made to look like fools only to receive parking tickets in their own driveway or worse.

But today in Morton Grove it's a new dawn. For better or worse the genie of public outcry has exploded out of the bottle of one party self-interest. The old has been joined by a newly vibrant generation of residents demanding their voice be heard. A glorious new sun radiates unstoppable confidence on the spontaneous movement against "done deals" in our hamlet.

The latest example is the uprising over the Concorde Home Development. For a short time last April the safety of our residents prevailed over the blind lust of another condo development feeding the building trades of Morton Grove insiders.

Increasingly congested vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic on West Lincoln Avenue (particularly safety at

the blind curve on Georgiana) from another 270 condo/townhomes was a major safety issue. Dozens came out last April 19 to defeat the plan and defeated it was.

Tuesday, June 22 was the follow-up to the remand of this plan by the Board of Trustees at their May 10th meeting, there Concorde Homes was given a second chance before Trustees ever looked at the first one. Breaking their own meeting rules Trustees forbade any resident comment on the Concorde Agenda item. Despite Trustees public mantra of "openness in communication" the expedited Concorde Remand back to the plan commission was met with enforced resident silence.

Silence indeed, except for those same trustees who encouraged rounds of applause (forbidden by mayoral dictate since January at public meetings) for their own "achievements." This really is better than T.V.

Not just any remand, either. The Mayor appointed one of his long time political cronies to the traffic commission, seemingly to fix the Lincoln Avenue traffic problem. The hottest area of Concorde debate was traffic safety with that issue a problem for numerous residents and the village's own Comprehensive Plan. Our comprehensive plan called for safer intersection at the blind curve at Lincoln and Georgiana (at the Malko Electric building) five years ago. Still nothing.

Why? This appointment of the Village Electrical Inspector to the traffic safety commission was called a conflict of interest. What's the connection, if any, between this electrical inspector and Malko Electric? Local electrical businesses would seem obvious beneficiaries of the building feeding frenzy in Morton Grove. Why wouldn't a Village electrical inspector, with electrical business interests have such local contacts? I have also been told this inspector is also the ex-president of the Action party. This is a behind the scenes kind of town. Does some kind of electric connection exist? If so, it's not shocking in Morton Grove.

Onerous new cross-examination rules discouraged residents from coming June 22. This, on top of uncertainty anyone would be allowed to speak, as on May 10, add to that despair brought by May 10th well-telegraphed done deal. But show up they did. Teddy Roosevelt once said: "The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best knew the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if they fail, fail by daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

In honor of those residents who fought in Morton Grove's Battle of Concorde, Thank you: Nancy

Lanning, Janet Porcaro and their extended Elm Street "family"; Jan Meyer and the folks at the Arbors; Lorraine Meyer, Arlene and Bill Sigle, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Younan, John Reifenberg, Brian Burbach, Karl Lieberman, Mr. Howard, Mr. Mark, Lenard Laskin, Noble Lehigh, Margerate Mandau, Mr. Orman and all at the Woodlands, Madhu Thota, Jack Malloy, Raymond Coeur de Lion, Roy Kogstad, Cross Examination Workshoppers, Al Chark and the dozens who supported them. Read your history on Concorde around the 1770s, this is only the beginning.

I want to specially thank the one or two of you above who argued against the majority of the residents opposing this done deal. I do not agree with your position but will fight to the death to protect your right to express it.

To everyone else: know that we were heard. Know if only for a brief moment you stopped a village done deal. Know that you tasted both the glory of victory and the great enthusiasms of failure, but failing greatly and daring to do so.

A bold new dawn has arisen to burn the "doneness" off deals in Morton Grove. Call me. Stand up. Speak out. Join us. It's the best entertainment in town.

Chris Ams
Morton Grove

Join MCC and help make Mosque better

Dear Editor:

With reference to three letters published in the last issue of The Bugle regarding MCC, the following are the facts the readers should know.

1. MCC did not ask or request Department of Justice to get involved in the case.
2. There are no State, County, City zoning laws which define the area needed for school construction. There are many schools with out green space. The Floor Area Ratio of existing and proposed Mosque is 0.28. The allowable by the ordinance is 0.6
3. Both the consultants agreed that the traffic is not a problem.
4. The proposed Mosque will bring additional people. Same people who are praying now in the Gym since so many years will be praying in a designated and a dignified place, which is called Mosque. Gym will be used completely for athletic and sport activities. In few months the Despain Mosque will also be completed and the attendance at MEC will

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MCC

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decrease. There may be another Center in near future in Skokie.
5. The court will decide who owns the Capulina ROW, MCC or the Village. The Chicago title company insured the title of MEC, they will plead the MCC case. It would be better if Village have vacated the ROW as they have done to Crain and Carol streets and saved the attorney fee and court cost.

6. If P.L. and few others really feel that it is a done deal, and Mosque will be built. My request to them will be to join with other neighbors and give the input to make things better.

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Park Ridge full of fun events

Dear Editor,

The summer of 2004 will be very interesting in our normally quiet Park Ridge. It might live up to the name some of our teens use. They call it "Action Ridge" but usually with tongue in cheek.

We will have lots of fun yet a goodly share of frustration nearly at the same time. How can this be?

Our community will host exciting family events such as the Taste of Park Ridge and the Steve Goodman concert. There is the annual 4th of July fireworks — always well done with a dose of good music.

We even have a Business Expo at which residents can visit booths to learn about services and products they might need. Many also look forward to Saturdays when farmers from around the Midwest come to town for the Farmer's Market.

And, bring your bug spray and some refreshments to the Friday night concerts in Hodges Park.

Is this a great town or what? Yet, sadly we must get ready to practice patience and remember the love of our fellow man as this summer brings extensive construction that will tear up our streets for sewer projects and other improvements. The traffic tie-ups and detours will test everyone's sense of humor.

But, let's take the good with the bad and enjoy all the things that make life worth living in Park Ridge. Put away the snow blower and get out there often to enjoy our community.

Dick Barton
Park Ridge

Letters Policy

The Bugle encourages readers to submit letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, all letters must be signed with the writer's full name. An address and telephone number (which will not be printed) must be provided for verification purposes. Letters exceeding 250 words will be edited for length or punctuation. No potentially libelous letters or letters containing personal attacks will be printed. Writers are limited to one letter per month. Deadline is 5 p.m. Fridays.

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Bienvenido a Su Casa

I'm taking a Time Out in these long, tedious, complicated discussions of life in Park Ridge — to welcome home my life in Park Ridge.

Today, Thursday, July 1st, 2004, my daughter Jessica returns home from a semester abroad studying in Spain. Even though I speak with her almost every weekend (ain't telephones grand?), I haven't seen her since she left last January. Six months. Seems like forever.

I'm not supposed to get sentimental. Men don't. (Our loss.) I don't. (My loss.) But I'm struggling to get things down here because jumbles of years and tears keep getting in the way.

She's 20 — going on 6, in my mind's eye. Then going on 10. Then going on 13. Then going on 16. And 18. ... And now almost 21. (I tell her when she gets flippant that, as with money, we're irrational. (Who knew?) I'd gladly trade one 20 for two

10s — but I don't mean it, of course.)

6 — wide-eyed. 10 — serious. 13 — awkward. 16 — blossoming. 18 — aware. 21? Traveled, self-assured. Ready? Am I?

How can she be getting older? I'm not.

Will she remember me favorably? (We men are so-o-o insecure.) Does this shirt make me look fat?

Should I arrange a big Welcome Home (Spanish: bienvenido a su casa) party, or should this be a ho-hum, low key return, just the end of the 6th college semester, as if she were returning from nearby Madison?

How dare she be getting older! I'm not.

I want Daddy's little girl back! God help the first "boy" who tries to take her away.

We men are not just insecure; we're irrational. (Who knew?) Don't look back, Jess. Always

look back, Jess. Can we men, we fathers, do anything better than give advice?

I can't wait for a grandchild, grandchildren. Maybe I'm not old enough for that; maybe I'm not ready. Do these pants make me look old?

I have work to do. I can't be muddled by this kind of sentiment. Think of all the problems out there to be solved. What am I doing here? Where was I? Be strong. Concentrate. Be a man.

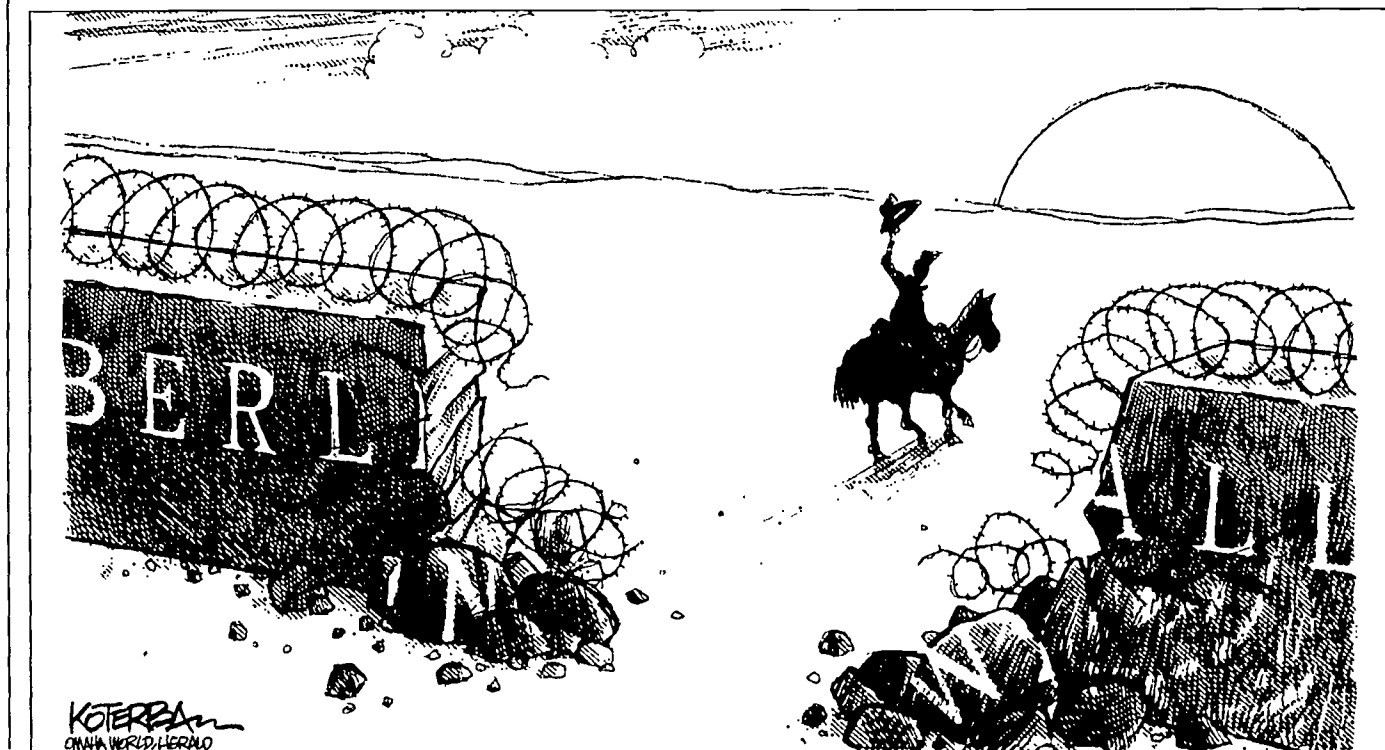
There's nothing better than being a man, a father. Giving advice. Showing the way. Preparing the way, making it easier. There's nothing harder, either, especially trying to make it look easy, cool — nothing harder except, maybe, being a mother.

Father's Day is not the third Sunday in June. Father's Day is every day he gets to think about how lucky he is to have life, and a family, a place to do good work, and memories.

Father's Day is every day. (So, too, Mother's Day.)

Welcome home, Jess.
Bienvenido a su casa, Jess.
Welcome home.
Daddy loves you.

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Hyrac-Castle Wedding

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The bride is the daughter of Helen and John Hyrc. She is a 2002 graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois. Joanne is employed as a Graphic Designer at Millennium Marking Company in

Elk Grove Village. The groom is the son of Donna and Richard Castle. He is a 2000 graduate of Bradley University and a 2003 graduate of National University in Lombard, Illinois. Paul owns Castle Chiropractic in Rolling Meadows, where he is the Chiropractic Physician. (www.castlechiro.com)

The two will honeymoon in the islands of Hawaii, and then reside in Schaumburg, Illinois."



Stephens-Fornaro Wedding

Gilbert, AZ. Fr. Doug Lorig presided at the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Beef Eater's Restaurant in Phoenix, AZ.

A close friend of the bride, Christine Knopfle of Rocky Point, NY, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Julie sisters Jean Median of Streamwood, IL, Jessica Stephens of Niles and her cousin Lauren Silker of Schaumburg.

The groom's brother Tony Fornaro of Chandler, AZ served as best man. Groomsmen were Albert's brothers Frank Fornaro fo

Mesa, AZ and friends Mark Tiedemann of Malverne, NY and Richard Deckman of O'Fallon, MO.

The bride graduated in 1991 from the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora. She received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She is currently a manager at Motorola in Chandler, AZ.

The couple returned to their home in Chandler, AZ after their honeymoon in Hawaii.



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Caputos celebrate 50 years

The Bugle's own, Gloria Caputo and her husband, Frank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month. They have been residents of Niles for quite some time, and before that were located in Northwest side of Chicago. They celebrated this special day with their children, Lou (wife Nancy), and daughter, Lisa, and their 3 grandchildren: Kelly, Frank, and Cara.



BUSINESS

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Government Waste

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W.I.C. voucher holders. However, in recent years, there have been reports that "W.I.C.-Only stores" (which deal with W.I.C. clients) charge 10 percent to 20 percent more than other stores. Citing the concern of the federal government and the states that administer the program, Donna T. Seward, director of Virginia's W.I.C. program, told The New York Times earlier this month that W.I.C. stores' prices "may be ... double (those of) ... Wal-Mart, Food Lion or Kroger," and that some W.I.C. stores buy food stocks at supermarkets to resell at a high mark-up. The added costs pass to the Treasury, which oversees the \$4.6 billion annual funding. Meanwhile, there's a report that two former officials of the Reagan and Clinton administrations will lobby in behalf of the W.I.C. stores to stop any investigation. Taxpayers have a right to know if their tax dollars are being misused. This is an election year. Do you know where your candidate stands on this issue? Write to Mr. Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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Niles Chamber of Commerce hosts Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Fundraiser

The Niles Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 35th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner Fundraiser on Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at the Midlane Country Club in Wadsworth, Illinois. Chamber members, business representatives and members from the community can enjoy a day of lunch, golf, networking, dinner and famous reverse draw raffle.

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donated to this event to make it a successful fundraiser for the organization. Money raised helps support the programs and services provided by the Niles Chamber to promote local business and economic development in the community. Anyone interested in attending the golf outing can contact the Niles Chamber at (847) 966-7606.

Edward Jones ranks high as advocate for customers

For the second consecutive year, Edward Jones is among the best advocates for its customers, according to a recently released national research study of U.S. financial-services firms.

Edward Jones, the highest-ranking brokerage named on the list, placed third in the customer advocacy ranking released June 2, 2004, by Forrester Research, an independent research company that identifies and analyzes trends in technology and their impact on business.

The "What Satisfies Financial Services Consumers" study found that "what satisfies consumers are firms that are customer advocates - those that do what's best for the customer, not just what's best for the bottom line. Firms that demonstrate the four aspects of customer advocacy - simplicity, benevolence, transparency, and trustworthiness - enjoy higher customer satisfaction rates and greater cross-sell success."

Forrester Research asked 6,000 U.S. consumers to assess the customer advocacy of their financial providers. "Doing what's right for our customer is our guiding principle," said Douglas E. Hill, managing partner of Edward Jones "We deliver one-on-one service to seri-

ous, long-term, individual investors to help them achieve their financial goals." According to the report, "doing what's best for the customer might sound like motherhood and apple pie, but it pays off."

Forrester Research said three factors distinguish the firms as successful customer advocates: evangelical leaders, private ownership and affinity bases. "At the top firms, strong visionaries at the helm have established a culture of customer advocacy," the study found. "John Bachmann, a tireless proponent of Edward Jones' core principles, was the longest-serving chief executive in the financial services industry until his retirement this year."

Many of top-rated firms, the study found, have a structural advantage: they're privately held. "Edward Jones is a partnership," the report continued. "Free from the quarterly earning pressure on public companies, all of these firms can afford to focus on customer advocacy and reap the long-term benefits of deeper customer relationships."

Private ownership yields one more benefit, the study concluded. "Without the currency of stock shares to spend on acquisitions, all the top firms have grown organi-

cally and retained their customer-centric cultures." Additionally, the study found that top firms "have cultivated a stable, predictable client base," a characteristic the report calls an "affinity base."

Edward Jones "seeks customers with a particular mentality: conservative, buy-and-hold investors," the report said. Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves more than 6 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

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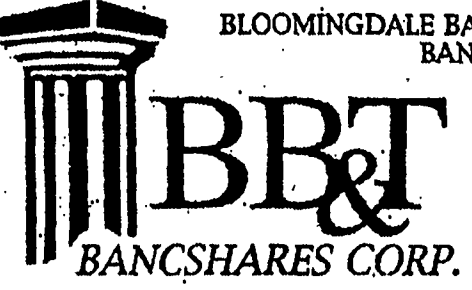
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Niles Senior News

The Blues Brothers Revival
Wednesday, July 28th, 11:00am - 5:00pm. \$47

American icons, Jake and Elwood Blues (The Blues Brothers) are coming back to Sweet Home Chicago in the world premiere musical of The Blues Brothers Revival. The musical will capture the spirit of the original Blues Brothers movie and pay homage to Chicago's rich history of blues, gospel, and traditional soul music. Prior to the performance,

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Mail-in/Drop-off Registration with check or credit card number is due at the Senior Center no later than 5:00pm, Friday, July 2nd. Fill out & sign the registration form in the July Program Guide - or pick up form at the Center. (Do not send cash by mail.) In-person registration begins 8:30am, Wed., July 7th. (Cash is accepted during in-person registration.) Special accommodations needed? Let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more info.

Maine Township Senior News

Listed below are a few of the 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.maine-township.com.

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents

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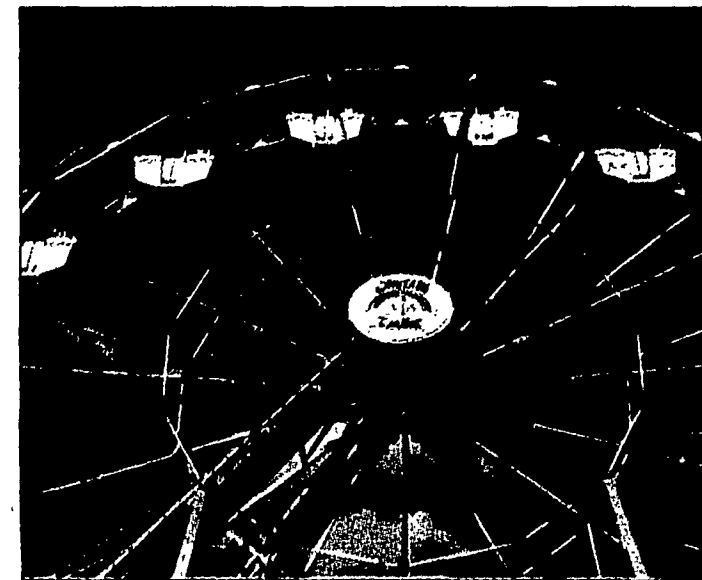
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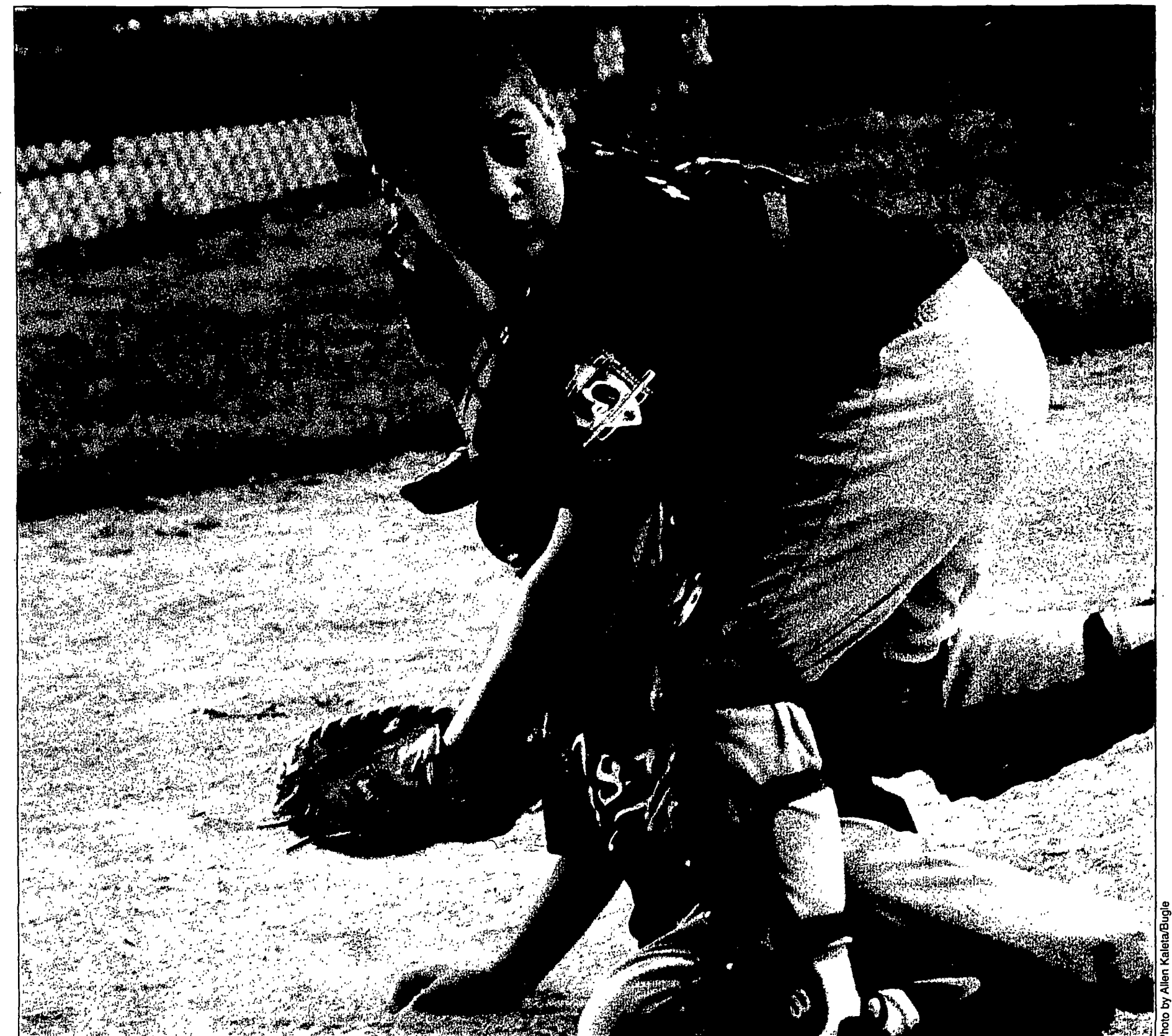
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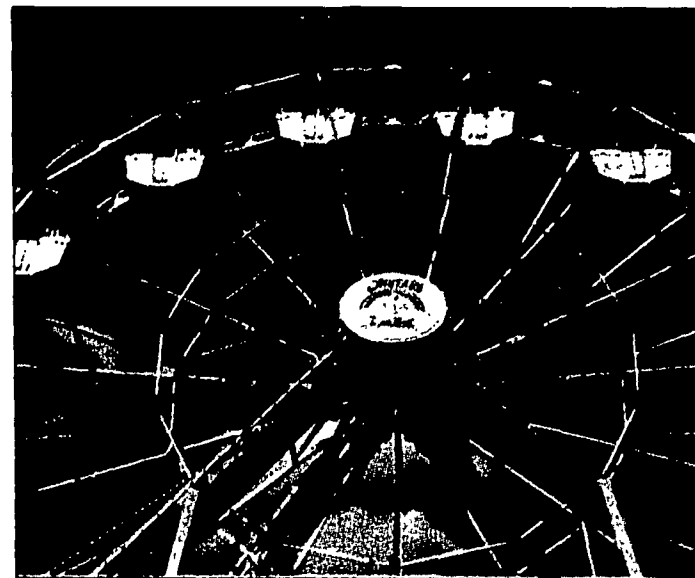
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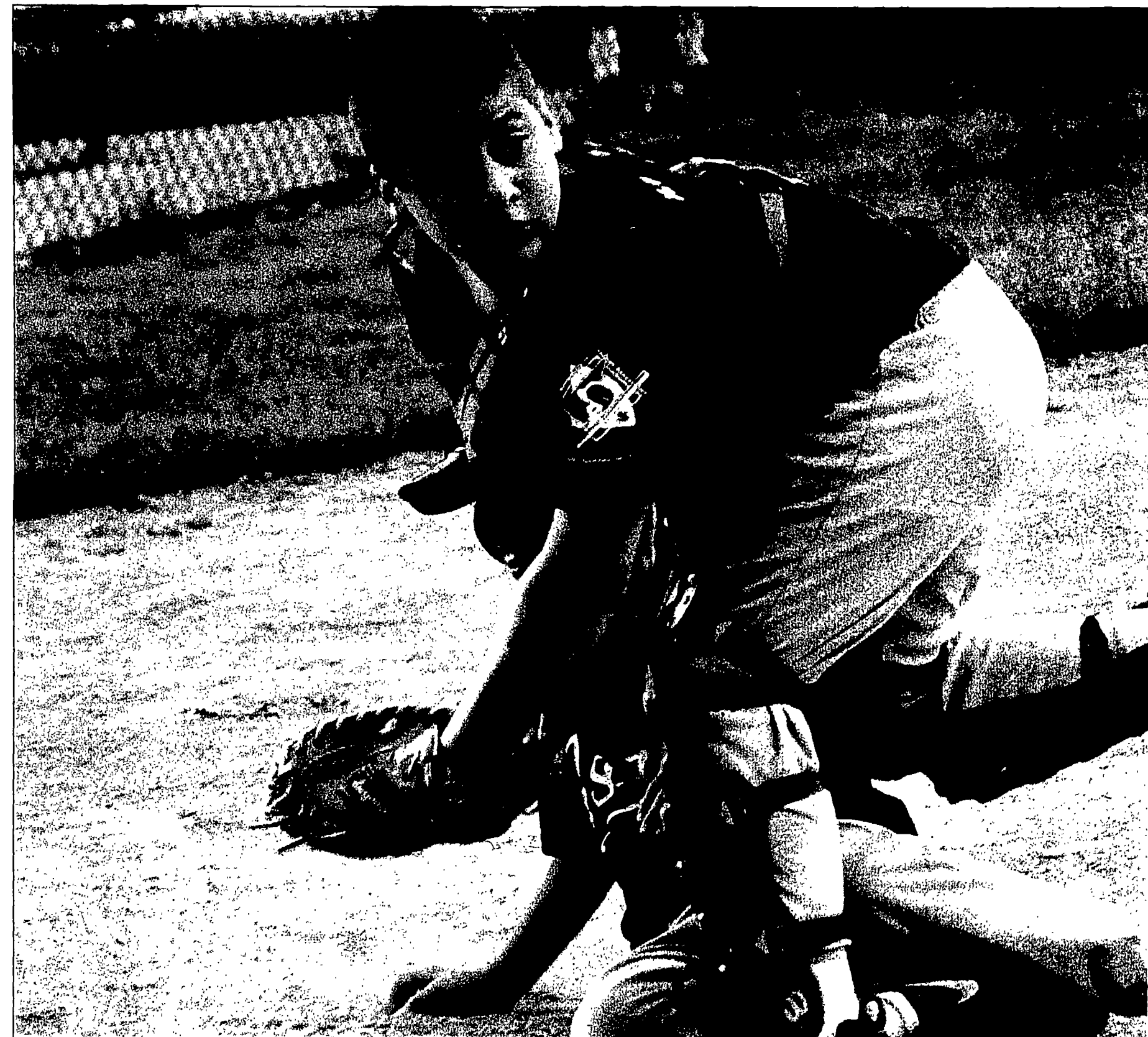
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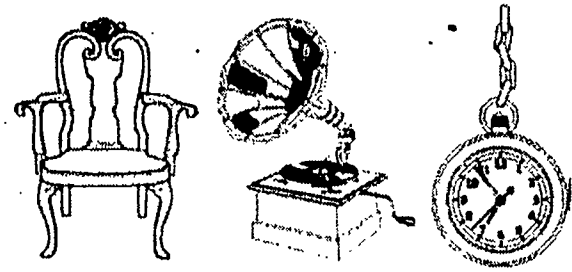
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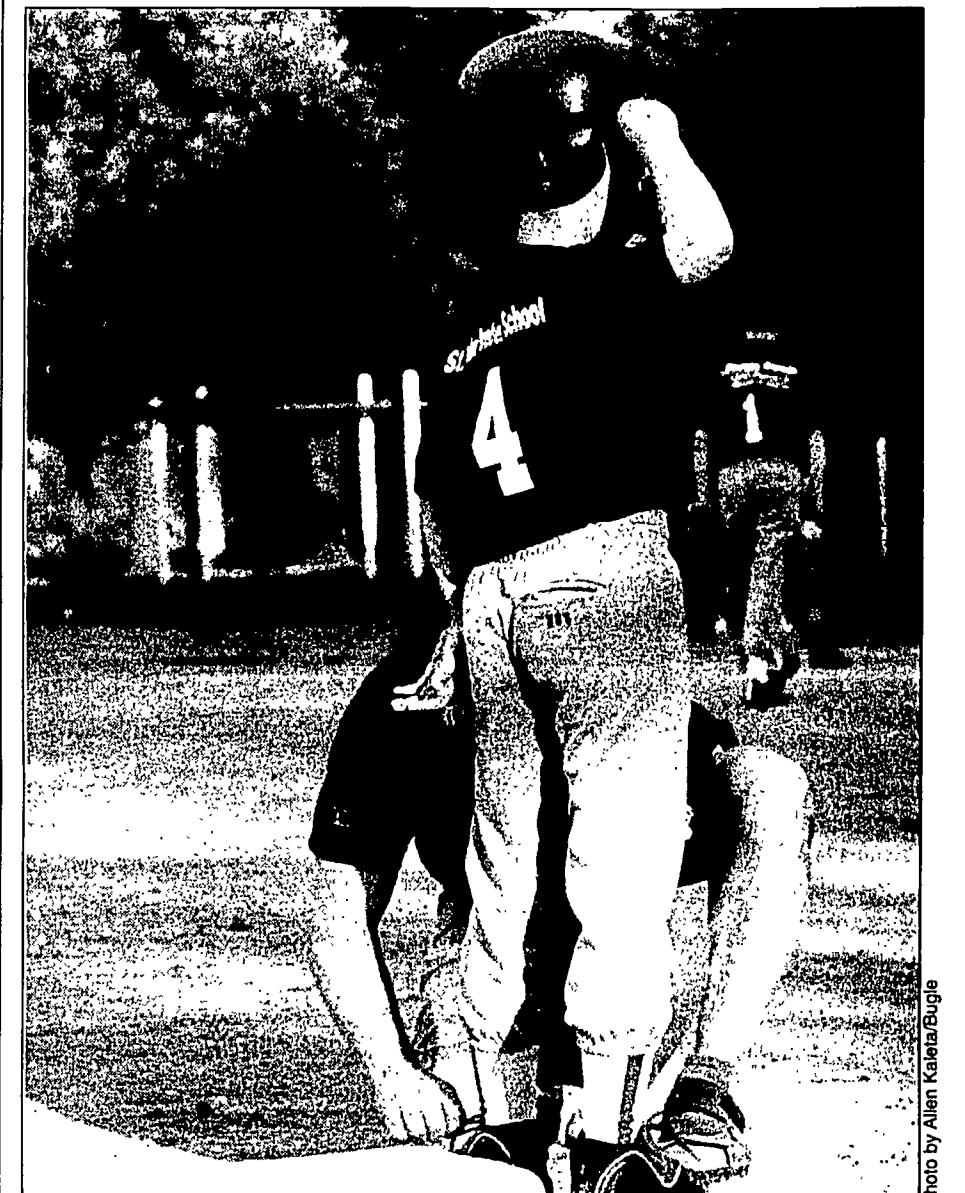
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the fifth, the Astros pounded away at the Tigers scoring three runs and tying the game at five. Jake Morrison got things started when a monster hit to center field scored two runs. The Astros then loaded up the bases, but in the situation were only able to score one more run before the Tigers were able to retire the next two batters.
The Tigers were able to storm back in the bottom of the fifth to score four runs to take the lead and the eventual game 9-5. With two outs Benjamin again started the scoring with another shot down the first base line.
"He's a monster player." Winkler said about Benjamin. "He's capable of strapping us on his back and carrying us."
Benjamin wouldn't need to carry the team as his teammates were able to more than help out. With still two outs and the bases full Marty Porada punched one out of the infield to score two more runs. The two run hit was a death blow and the Astros were not able to recover. Despite a hard played game, the Astros fell to the regular season champs 9-5.
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Morton Grove Senior News

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 13-week 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 club 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

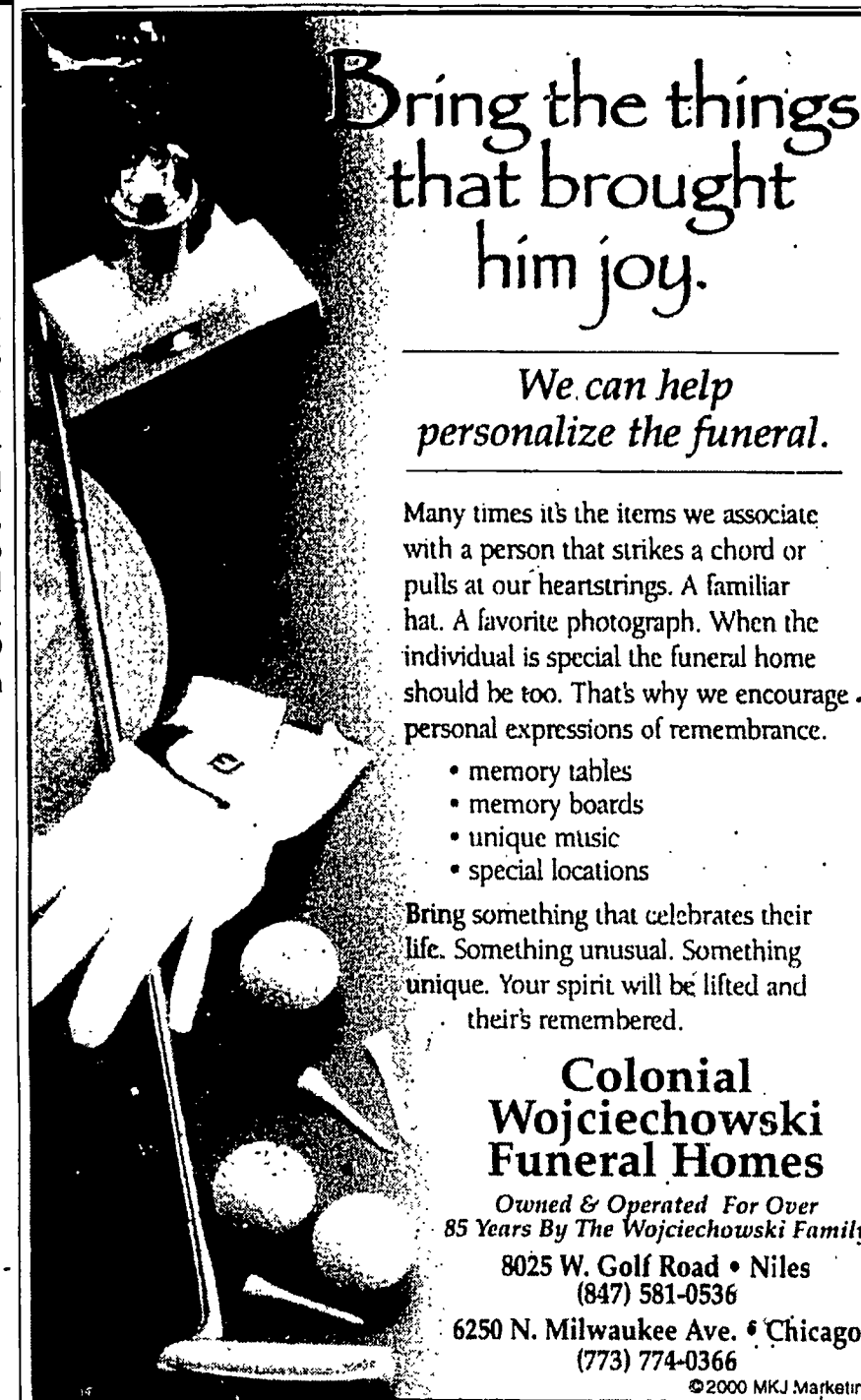
Learn about the "holes" not covered by the new Medicare laws and how seniors can "jump" over them at this lecture starting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The presenter for this program will be Sean McCarthy of Bankers Life Insurance who will also pro-

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vide free bottled water. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior. Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Wednesday, July 7

-7 p.m. Morton Grove Board of Trustees Town Hall meeting.

Monday, July 12

-7:30 p.m. City of Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission

Thursday, July 14

-4 p.m. City of Park Ridge reservoir ground-breaking ceremony

Thursday, July 8

-7:45 p.m. The Morton Grove Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting in the Library Board meeting in the second floor Library Board Room

COMMUNITY

Thursday, July 1

-The Morton Grove Fire Department will hold a ceremonial dedication of the Morton Grove Volunteer Fire Department Memorial today beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the south lawn of the Morton Grove Fire Station #4, 6250 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. There will be remarks from Chief Tom Friel, Fr. Dennis O'Neill, former Mayor Richard Hohns and Mayor Dan Scanlon.

-Morton Grove Days begins Thursday, July 1 and will conclude with a parade and fireworks on Sunday, July 4. Turn out for some great music and fun rides.

Saturday, July 3

-A fireworks display will be held Saturday, July 3 at Maine East High School in Park Ridge starting at 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 8

-The North Shore Mosquito Abatement District will make a presentation on the West Nile Virus Thursday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove. Current information on the virus will be made available and questions will be answered. To register for the program, call (847) 470-5223.

Friday, July 9

-There will be a concert in the park in Park Ridge's Hodges Park today, July 9 starting at 8 p.m.

Thursday, July 14

-Glenview Terrace will sponsor a seminar entitled "The Fine Art of Organizing your Personal and Professional Life on Wednesday, July 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. A light breakfast will be served. Martin Fogarty, attorney and CFP will provide tips on time management. To register for the program, call Allison Carroll at (847) 729-9090 by July 12.

Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:

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Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center
 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles, IL.
 Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center
 6676 Howard St., Niles, IL.

Park Ridge

City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL.
 Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center
 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL.

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Kansoer installed as Masonic Lodge 'Master'

Morton Grove Resident Patrick Kansoer was officially installed as the "Worshipful Master" of the Skokie Masonic Lodge, Loyal Lodge #1007, last Saturday, June 26. The ceremony in which Kansoer was inducted was largely unchanged since the late 1700s when George Washington and Paul Revere were named "Masters" of their lodges.

"This afternoon you have witnessed a ceremonial ritual virtually unchanged since American revolutionary times," said Kansoer after the ceremony. "Patriots such as John Hancock; Thomas Paine; Dr. Joseph Warren who fell at Bunker Hill; Benjamin Franklin and Paul Revere knelt as I knelt today and willingly took upon themselves the same obligations I have pledged."

The prerogatives and duties of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge of Masons include: to serve as presiding officer of the Lodge, to conduct the fraternal business of his Lodge in good order, maintaining proper ritual and custom while educating the Brethren in Masonic usage and history and to oversee the business affairs of the Lodge which include oversight of the assets of the Lodge making certain that obligations to an by the Lodge are properly attended to.

According to Kansoer, Masonry is believed to be the oldest fraternity in existence. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian, dedicated to improving men's characters and building community.

"It uses the symbols of stone-cutting to teach us to perfect our lives, like perfectly cut stones, and, to cement our relationships," he said at the ceremony. "It promotes honesty and integrity in private and public life, in a time in which those traits are, unfortunately becoming rare."

The ceremony, while solemn, has moments of levity, including the introduction of the officers by the immediate past master of the



Morton Grove resident Pat Kansoer receives a blessing as he kneels before a Bible during his installation as the Worshipful Master of the Skokie Masonic Lodge Saturday, June 26.

lodge, Robert Zoltke.

"We're finally going to get a master in here who knows what he's doing," Zoltke laughed.

While organ music played, Installing Officer Roger Toms intoned advice to the new officers. "To rule has been the lot of many and requires no strength of mind or intellect," he said. "To rule well is something else. You should remain, at all times, loyal to the government and obedient to its laws, a docile citizen."

The worship master should remain humble, Toms said. "As a mason, he should cling to the old landmarks, and be ever mindful that though elevated for a time over his brethren, he is elevated by

them." Kansoer himself was excited to follow in the footsteps of some of America's great patriots.

"George Washington was Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge when he was inaugurated our first President," he said. "His greatest achievement was that, almost alone among the revolutionaries of the modern era, he returned his power to the people. His character explains his achievement; he had the will and the charisma to win a war and found a state, with the moral and ideological guidance that held him to his proper role. His life is an ongoing example of the heights that humans can reach."



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(NUI) - You don't need to spend a fortune on a backyard project. You don't even need to be a master carpenter. In fact, with a small investment, you can be a do-it-yourselfer and dramatically impact the appearance of your backyard - and add to its long-term value.

To finish a project as large as adding a new backyard deck or as modest as window box planters, Lou "Mr. Fix-It" Manfredini, a professional builder and author of the new book "House Smarts," suggests concentrating on just one project at a time.

"Crossing just one item off your to-do list gives you an attractive, equity-increasing accompaniment to your home," Manfredini said.

No matter whether the budget is less than \$1,000 or more than \$10,000, wood projects add enjoyment and value to any backyard paradise.

"Wood is a building material that always looks more expensive than it costs," Manfredini said. "It is also very easy to

work with and can adapt to any project plans."

Backyard improvements using wood also are appealing to potential homebuyers. According to the National Association of Realtors, buyers of existing homes always look for special touches in the backyard.

Start with a project that is both uncomplicated and inexpensive

but will add immediate curb-side appeal. Manfredini recommends building a window box planter. You can use it to grow everything from tulips to your own personal herb garden, and it can add instant warmth to your backyard. They are so easy to build that even a beginner should be able to construct a box in one to two hours, and for around \$15.

"Window box planters are a great starter project because it let's you gain confidence in your wood working skills," Manfredini said. "You can also

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The sensible environmentalist



DEAR DR. MOORE:

Are there green building guidelines available for someone building or renovating a home?

That's a timely question. Although green building has gained popularity, there has been a lack of widely accepted guidelines for home builders. What we've seen are local efforts, created to address specific local needs or adapted from commercial construction. But that's about to change.

The U.S. National Association of Home Builders is developing green building guidelines exclusively for residential builders. One goal is to eliminate confusion. For example, some programs focus on environmental impact while others include social factors, such as whether a project provides local employment. Even more important is the fact that some programs fail to consider the impact of a building material over its entire life cycle-which I believe is crucial. Through consultation with environmentalists, industries,

builders and others, the new guideline is expected to be comprehensive but user-friendly.

In the meantime, the following principles can serve as a guide to green building:

1. Use renewable materials and energy where possible.

The fact that nine out of 10 homes in North America are framed with wood means that people are well on their way to building green, since wood is the only major building material that's renewable. With respect to energy for heating and lights, consumers in some regions can also choose "green" energy produced by wind, hydro or biomass (usually wood waste). But the most environmentally friendly technology is the geothermal heat pump, which uses renewable earth energy from beneath the home to provide heat, air conditioning and hot water.

2. Be energy efficient.

This is a factor both in terms of energy used to power the home and the choice of building materials. Consumers should install a geothermal heat pump and Energy Star appliances, seal doors and windows, and use compact fluorescent light bulbs which consume less

energy and last longer. In terms of materials, wood is a better insulator than steel or concrete-and a wood-framed house that is well insulated and sealed will stay naturally warmer in winter and cooler in summer, resulting in reduced energy consumption.

3. Minimize pollution.

This includes pollution caused during the manufacture of materials. For example, research has shown that wood products use less fossil fuels to make, produce less water and air pollution, and result in far lower emissions of greenhouse gases, than either steel or concrete.

Although the new guideline is on its way, I believe that a sensible environmentalist would consider materials and energy in terms of their overall life cycle impact, with special attention to renewable energy and materials.

Dr. Patrick Moore has been a leader of the environmental movement for more than 30 years. A co-founder and former president of Greenpeace, he holds a PhD in ecology and a BSc in forest biology. Questions can be sent to Patrick@SensibleEnvironmentalist.com.
Dr. Moore

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.

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Next, take into consideration the painting issues detailed above. If you're putting a lighter color over a darker one, you'll need two coats of paint - or one coat of primer, which creates a neutral base, and one coat of color. Painting new wallboard, wood or other bare surfaces also requires either two coats of paint or a coat of primer followed by color.

Primer, incidentally, is an excellent buffer coat for almost any paint job. It's a thin covering in a neutral color that bonds to just about any wall surface or paint type, and to which paint of either base will bond quickly. It also costs less per gallon than the color mixes you'll be purchasing for each room. So, adding a primer coat to your walls can

lower the amount of custom-mixed paint you'll need to buy. Ceiling paint is available in both latex and alkyd bases and is slightly thinner than regular wall paint. This allows it to bond more securely to old paint or primer, and reduces the amount of chipping and peeling that might occur. When you're ready to paint, tackle the ceiling first

and try to complete it in one go, as the thinner paint tends to streak noticeably. Mask off the tops of the walls and use a long-handled roller brush to lay the paint on quickly.

HOME TIP
Using primer between old and new coats of paint can save money by reducing the amount

of custom-mixed color needed to cover interior walls. 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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Taking The Guesswork Out Of Homeowner's Insurance For Buyers

BY SERGIO SIDEMAN

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

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

There are many reasons for non-disclosure. For instance, it can be as simple as a seller unaware of the history of the property or a homeowner who forgets to disclose a series of seemingly innocent "accidents" on the property. Problems like leaking hot water heaters, burst pipes or dozens of other incidents that lead to insurance losses might not seem important but

they are. Any of these are enough to potentially place the property in a high-risk insurance pool. Without homeowner's insurance, banks will not lend or could cancel a loan.

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

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

Today, one of the most insidious of all problems is mold. Occurring mainly after water

damage and leaks yet silent and dangerous, mold causes chronic health problems and property damage if left unchecked. In some cases it is incredibly hard to detect unless an inspector is specifically looking for it and, even then, mold could be impossible to remove.

Forewarned Is Forearmed
There's a simple solution to avoid the pitfalls described. A simple disclosure report is available to every seller, buyer and their agents. It's called a C.L.U.E.® Risk Only Report, currently available only from Property I.D. (www.propertyid.com). It tracks the insurance loss history of a property, not its owners, and is based on the industry-standard Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (C.L.U.E.). The report sells for \$19.50. When weighed against the potential liability of a new property costing six figures, it can be an extremely small investment that can be paid at closing.

In today's litigious society, disclosure is the best protection against this significant risk.

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Down payment

using down payment gift programs typically pay a processing fee to sell their homes. Look for down payment gift programs whose processing fees are low, but that also provide excellent customer service and variety in programs.

• Make sure the organization has a phone number you can call, where you can talk to someone who can answer your questions and verify

your transaction. The best organizations can be contacted through their Web site, phone number or nationwide representatives.

• Once you've chosen a down payment gift provider, tell your lender why you selected this organization. This is important for lenders because recently the Federal Housing Administration announced that it's the lender who is held

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accountable if the down payment gift doesn't come from a reputable organization.

For more information on The AmeriDream Downpayment Gift Program, or any of their other programs, visit www.ameridream.org. When choosing a down payment assistance program, be sure to choose one offered by a nonprofit organization.

Backyard

add decorations to the window box to make it more elegant. Additionally, the only tools you really need are a circular saw, drill, tape measure and screws."

Once you build confidence in your woodworking skills, it's time to move on to more advanced projects. There are a variety of projects that could be completed for under \$200.

One project that Manfredini

recommends is a wood garden bench. There are many different wood options that you can consider to match the floor of your backyard, including cedar, redwood or even some of the newer treated woods.

Or, by investing a little more time and money, you can frame out projects that add space and storage to your backyard. An outdoor storage shed will cost

around \$2,000 in lumber and other supplies. It makes an efficient area to store the lawnmower, garden tools and seasonal items.

If you own a deck, also consider a deck box.

"A deck box is a great storage addition to any backyard deck," Manfredini said. "From sporting equipment to pool toys to barbecue tools, a deck box is both

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functional and beautiful."

To help you embark on your next home improvement project, Manfredini has posted free plans for the window box planter, garden bench and deck box at www.beconstructive.com.

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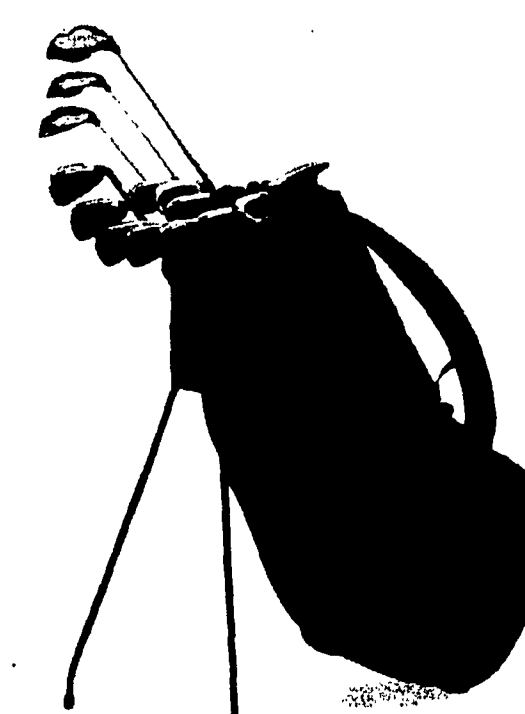
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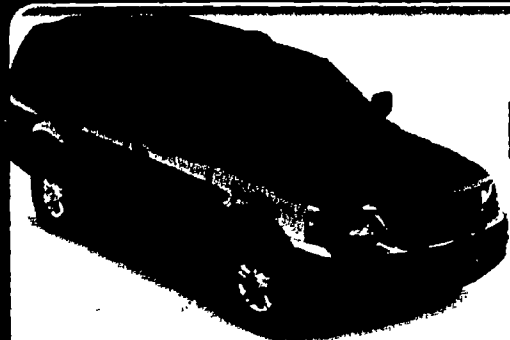
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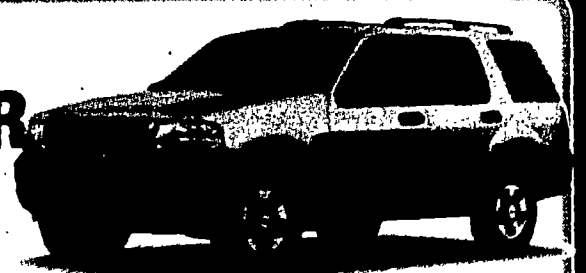
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