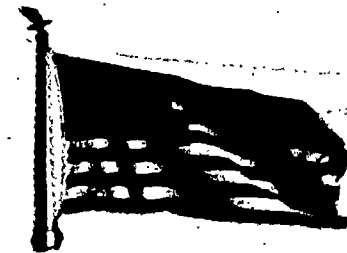


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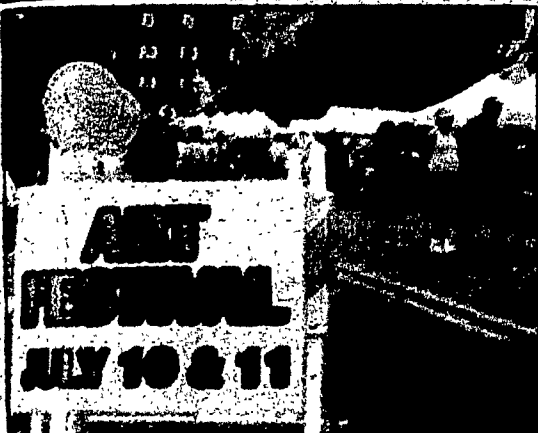
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Sunday at the Fest

Visitors throng booths at the Chamber-sponsored Park Ridge Art Festival on Sunday. The event began Saturday. For the story, turn to page 13.



A Solid Hit

Royals pitcher Don Deda connects in the third inning of their game against the Red Sox Saturday afternoon at Northwest Park. For the story, turn to page 11.

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Assessments capped in Cook County

Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich signed legislation today that will limit increases in the taxable value of property to seven per cent annually for most homes in Cook County. The legislation what many view as runaway increases in property value. The bill also expands the eligibility requirements for the senior citizen property tax assessment freeze.

"Everywhere I go, people tell me how important this legislation is to them," said State Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge). "Clearly, there is a need for property tax relief in our area. We have tax caps, which do help keep property tax rates down and now we have this legislation, which should help keep property tax assessments at reasonable levels."

The legislation (SB 2112) limits assessment increases by 7 percent through an alternate homestead exemption. If a homeowner had a \$100,000 assessment — under this bill, the assessment could only go up to \$107,000. But if the homeowner was assessed at \$110,000 — then the homeowner would receive an exemption for the \$3,000 of assessment that is above the 7 percent threshold. The exemption sunsets in 3 years. The exemption also is limited to assessment increases of up to \$20,000. The exemption could not be applied to assessment increases exceeding \$20,000 above the 7 percent threshold.

SB2112 also increases the household income limit from \$40,000 to \$45,000 for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze. In addition, the legislation increases the homestead improvement exemption from \$45,000 to \$75,000.

Sullivan said property tax reassessments could begin as soon as this year in Cook County. Cook County President John Stroger also praised the bill.

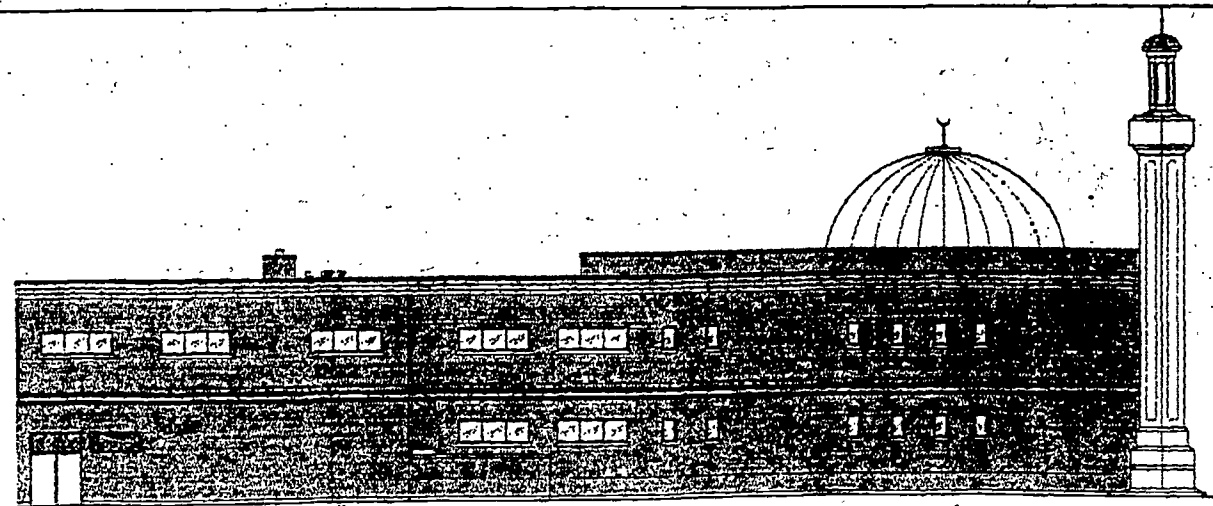
"I would like to commend Cook County Assessor James Houlihan for his commitment to this issue," he said, "and Governor Blagojevich for recognizing its importance."

The passage of the bill will not impact the issuance of property tax bills, Stroger continued, because of new programs that the County has already begun installing on its computers.



Everybody Join In

A surprised Bette Jarrow of Morton Grove gets invited to sing along with entertainer Enzo Incandela at the opening of the Niles Learning Tower Concert Series Thursday night July 8. For more photos and the remaining concert line-up see page 4.



The southern elevation of the proposed mosque expansion to the Muslim Education Center. This is a view of the building from Theobald Ave.

Mosque proposal revisited by Traffic, Appearance

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The architect and leaders of the Muslim Community Center (MCC) made presentations of their plan for a mosque expansion to the Muslim Education Center (MEC) over the last week to Morton Grove Traffic Safety and

Appearance Commissions. Members of those commissions offered comments on the plans and some criticized the plans because they were unfinished.

"It was only in June that we were told by the village that our plans could go forward," MCC President Mohammad Kaiseruddin told the Appearance Commission

Tuesday night. "We've had only four weeks in which to prepare our plans."

There wasn't much new information for the Appearance Commission to offer comments on because the MCC hadn't yet chosen the exact color or the materials out of which they propose

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Mosque

to build the expansion. Indeed, commission members criticized the MCC for not altering the designs in accordance with comments from the commission at its first meeting on the plan in 2000. As a result they had little to add to their original comments and most of the discussion revolved around the height of the proposed dome and minaret.

The proposed expansion would be 32' high and the dome would reach to 45' not counting a finial that will rise above it. The minaret would rise to a height of 60'. Commission members felt that, since the mosque had been reduced in size, the height of the dome and minaret could be reduced proportionally. However, MCC General Counsel Yasir Allemuddin said that the height of those structures was in accordance with village code and had already been established in the mediation agreement signed by the village and the MCC last month.

"These are subjective issues that have been discussed in the mediation agreement," said Allemuddin. "Everyone looks at a building like the Ba'hai Temple from far away and says what a beautiful building. Our mosque is

significantly smaller. There are higher houses of worship in Morton Grove, the question here is whether people like the building."

In response, Village Attorney Teresa Liston said that the mediation agreement did not give the MCC a pass on discussion of any design elements with the Appearance Commission.

"The mediation agreement set parameters," said Liston. "In no way did it usurp the power of this commission and I do not believe it set the appearance of the building."

In response to criticism regarding landscaping which Commissioner Jay Rossmann called "totally unacceptable" and from neighbors who said there was too much pavement, MCC Architect Walter Matusik said that the drawings were not final and did not include plans for landscaping.

"They are primarily schematic," Matusik said of the drawings. "It is our intention to landscape the site."

Residents in attendance at the meeting were also frustrated with what many called the "institutional" nature of the building and its

height in a residential neighborhood.

"Many of the most beautiful buildings I've seen have been mosques," said Resident Pat Kansoer. "This one is no exception; the drawings I've seen are beautiful, the minaret is stately, but it's the height of a six-story building."

At least one resident, however, said that the general feeling she had from her neighborhood was that the mosque expansion was a welcome addition.

"My general feeling," said Jill Alali, "is that as long as it fits into the neighborhood, it should be a good addition."

Allemuddin indicated that, while plans were not finalized, the MCC would be willing to compromise with neighbors, even on height.

"If the code says we need to have the dome 42', it will be 42'," he said.

The Appearance and Traffic Safety Commissions will make reports to the Plan Commission for its public hearing on the proposal that is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16. It will be held in the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster.

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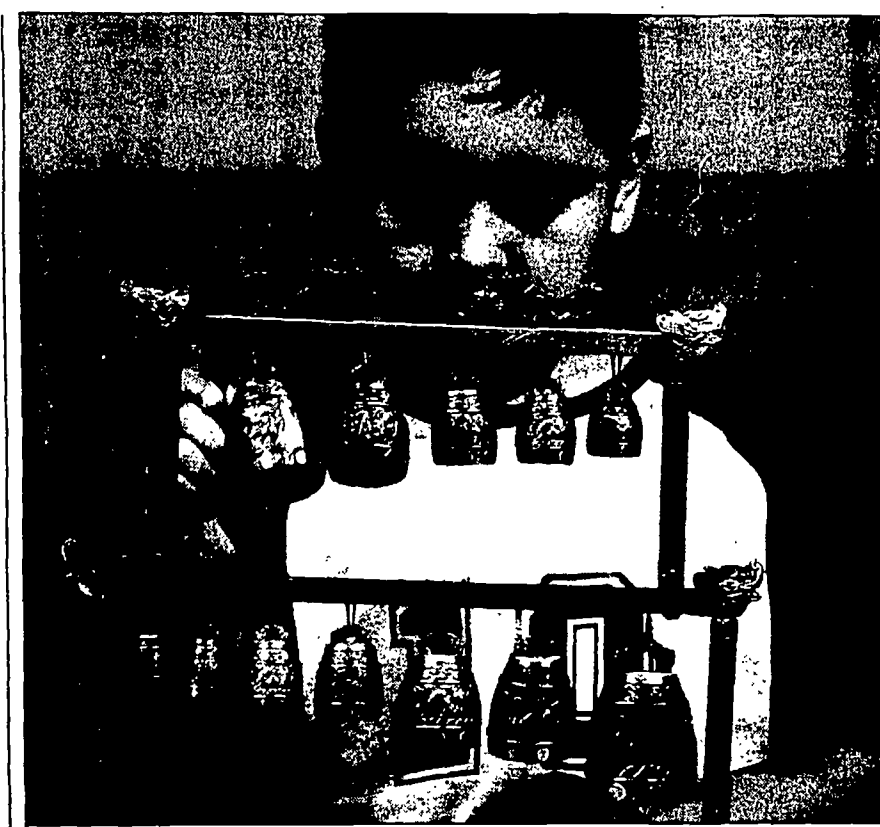
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The theme for this year's food fest is "Celebrating the Spirit of the Olympics." It will feature a variety of Greek favorites such as souvlaki, Athenian chicken, moussaka, pastitsio, dolmathes, roast lamb, gyros and saganaki.

The event will open on Friday evening at 5 p.m. and will continue until midnight, on Saturday from 4 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 1 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$1 on Friday, \$2 on Saturday and Sunday for adults, \$1 for seniors and children are free.



Ding-Dong

Freddie Soto, 6, of Niles tries out Chinese Dragon Bells at the Niles Public Library Saturday afternoon July 10. Visitors to the library were treated to an exhibition of various forms of instruments.

"Clown Around" Pioneer Park

Everyone is invited to Niles Park District's annual "Clown Nite" at Pioneer Park, 7135 Harlem Avenue. This well-known and most popular event takes place on Tuesday, July 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Rain date is Thursday, July 22th.

Those who come "dressed up" for the occasion, wearing a costume, adult or child, will receive a prize! So come and play a round of mini-golf, or hit a few balls in the batting cages. It's all free. This one-hour event is filled with laughter, fun and

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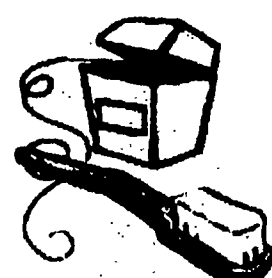
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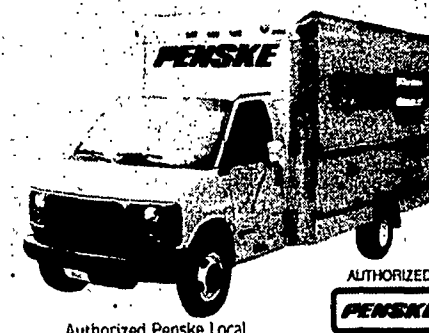
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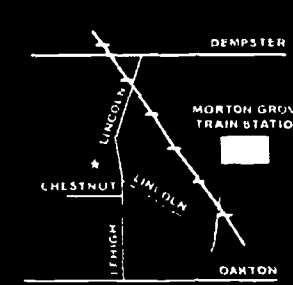
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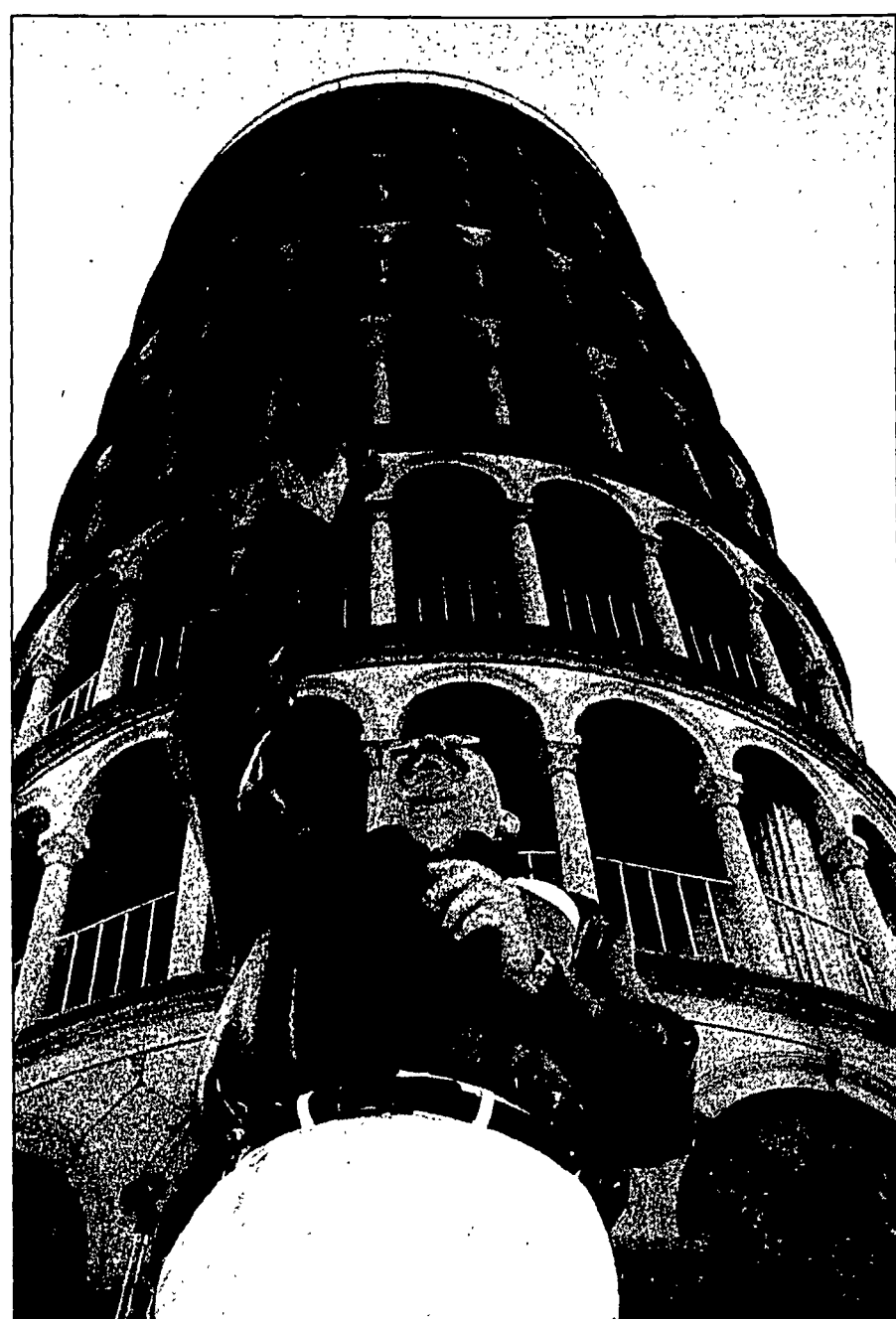
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The year's remaining concerts include:
 -July 15: To be announced
 -July 22: The Casey Homel Polka Band
 -July 29: The Larry Bemben Orchestra
 -Aug. 5: Diamondback
 -Aug. 12: Blooze Brothers
 -Aug. 19: Meisner Magic
 -Aug. 26: Lesley Byers & The Jazz Cats

The Leaning Tower Summer Concerts began in 1997 after village renovations to the Tower were completed.

(Left) Enzo Incandela kicks off the Niles Leaning Tower Concert Series Thursday night July 8.

(Above) Visitors to the opening night of the Niles Leaning Tower Concert Series applaud entertainer Enzo Incandela Thursday night July 8.

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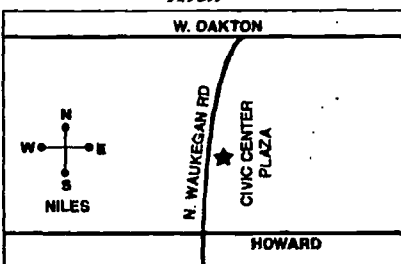
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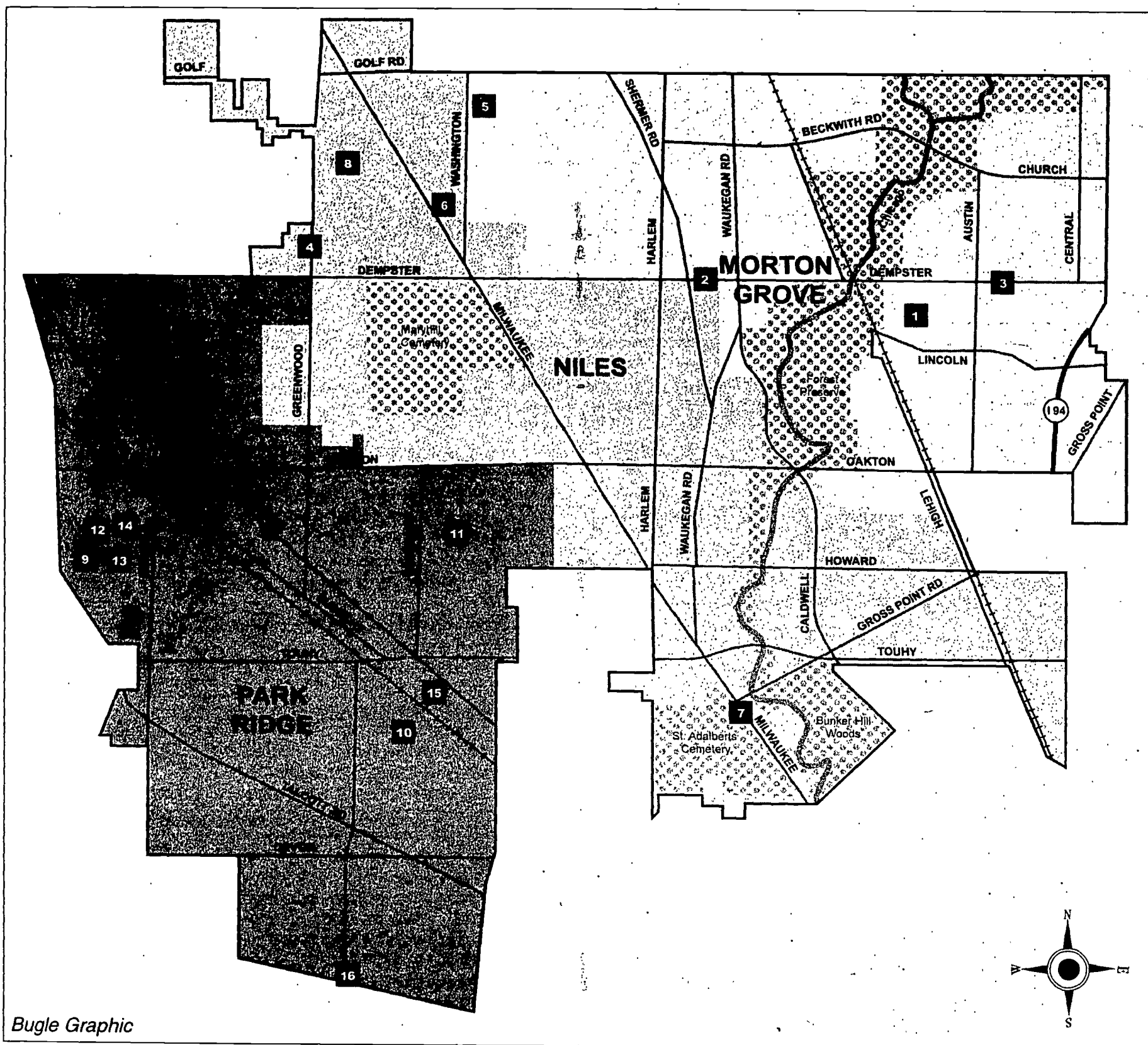
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending July 9, 2004.

1 Construction material stolen (8600 Fernald)

Thieves stole nearly \$2,000 in construction materials Friday morning July 2 while removing construction debris from a home under construction in the 8600 block of Fernald. Police said a couple approached the owners of the home about 6:30 p.m. the night before. The owner of the home said they could remove debris from the dumpster but to leave the construction material.

The owner said the next morning they discovered their green awnings, aluminum siding, and storm windows missing. The materials were valued at \$1,900.

2 Big shoplifter (6900 Dempster)

The manager of the Domick's store in the 6900 block of Dempster told police a 7 foot 300 pound man was observed placing whitening strips into a briefcase Wednesday afternoon July 7. The man-

ager told police the man walked out of the store and left in a black Grand Prix driven by another man.

3 Marijuana in trunk (5900 Dempster)

A 19-year-old Skokie man was arrested Friday morning July 2 for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a Morton Grove police officer pulled the man over because of a damaged headlight and smelled marijuana coming from the inside of the car. The officer said the driver admitted to smoking marijuana with his friends earlier. The officer also said the driver agreed to a search of the trunk of the car where a baggie with 3.7 grams of marijuana was found along with a digital scale, a glass pipe, and 1.7 grams of hashish.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending July 11, 2004.

4 Steak lovers caught (8900 Greenwood)

A 36-year-old Des Plaines man was

arrested Monday night July 5 after store security at the Dominick's store in the 8900 block of Greenwood watched the man jam four porterhouse steaks and six rib eye steaks in his pants and walk out of the store. The man told police he placed the steaks in his friend's car. The meat was valued at \$112. The man has a July 23 court date in room 106 in Skokie.

5 Possible dog abuse (8000 Foster)

Niles police are investigating a possible question of dog abuse in the 8000 block of Foster Tuesday afternoon July 6. According to police they were called by a concerned neighbor three days earlier complaining that the owner left the two dogs for long hours and on more than one occasion saw the dogs being hit. Police spoke with other neighbors who also said they saw the owner striking the dogs. Police could not make contact with the owner at the time but are following up.

6 Peeping Tom escapes (9200 Courtland)

A 20-year-old Niles woman called police Monday night July 5 after she saw a man peering into her bathroom window while she combed her hair.

The woman said she could not identify the man but she said he wore a white tee shirt. During their investigation police found plants under the woman's bathroom window had been trampled.

7 Storage lockers looted (6800 Milwaukee)

Two storage lockers in a building in the 6800 block of Milwaukee Ave. were burglarized sometime during the Fourth of July weekend police said. In one instance the thief stole a mountain bike valued at \$250 and in the second instance a number of construction tools were stolen.

8 Shoplifting (Golf Mill)

An 18-year-old Des Plaines woman was arrested Tuesday afternoon July 6 after store security at the J.C. Penny store in Golf Mill watched the woman force two pairs of pants and a Cubs jersey down the front of her pants and leave the store. The woman got into a 1989 Ford Festival and was stopped by security at Golf and Greenwood.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police

for the week ending July 2- July 8, 2004.

9 Burglary (600 N. Sylviwood)
A tool box containing a cordless drill valued at \$200 was taken from a 1990 Plymouth Voyager while it was parked in the owner's driveway in the 600 block of Sylviwood sometime over the Fourth of July weekend. The owner said someone pried the rear window open.

10 Burglary to motor vehicle (400 S. Crescent)

A Swiss Army knife and a class ring were taken from an unlocked 2003 Honda Civic parked in the owner's driveway in the 400 block of South Crescent Thursday night July 1.

11 Vandalism (700 N. Elmore)
The rear window of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee was smashed and the door was dented when someone threw a rock through the window Saturday night July 3 while the car was parked in the street in the 700 block of Elmore.

12 Vandalism (800 Sylviwood)

Vandals smashed the rear window of a 1998 Dodge Caravan while it was parked in the street in the 800 block of Sylviwood Monday night July 5.

13 Vandalism (2500 Irwin)

Vandals broke the passenger side window of 1986 Chevy while it was parked in the street in the 2500 block of Irwin Wednesday night July 7.

14 Vandalism (800 Parkwood)
Vandals smashed the rear window of 1999 Mercedes ML320 while it was parked in the owner's driveway in the 800 block of Parkwood Wednesday night July 7.

15 Theft (100 Summit)

Two mountain bikes were stolen from a storage area of multi-unit building in the 100 block of Summit Sunday night July 4.

16 Theft (1900 S. Cumberland)

A woman in her 30s had her purse stolen while she was placing items in her car at the Dominick's store in the 1900 block of South Cumberland at about 7 p.m. Tuesday night July 6. The woman told police the man approached and distracted her. The woman said the man grabbed the purse and ran.

SUMMARY OF CRIME: Morton Grove

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Niles

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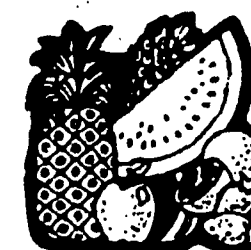
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Will you pay closer attention to this year's election?



"I don't. I don't think it will make a difference. I wish I had somebody else to vote for."
John Petalla-Morton Grove



"I will watch it more closely."
Effie Mantas-Morton Grove



"We have always paid close attention, but now we will keep closer attention."
Lisa Alexakos-Morton Grove

Letters

MG Board too concerned with revenue

Dear Editor,

On June 30, 2004 there was a public hearing re: the 2005 proposed budget. There were a number of MG residents in attendance. The staff and board began its discussion of next years spending.

The board / staff seem to be concerned only with the "revenue" side of the equation, not the expense side. The board needs to review all the services provided and the costs associated with them including staff salary increases, benefits, frequency of services provided, outside consultants (including legal fees), TIF expenses (paid from the general fund), pension plan contributions (the assumptions for calculating them).

In addition, for the current year (2004), the board needs to monitor those line items that are trending to an overspent situation. (such as legal fees, police overtime, public works overtime, IT costs, additional pension costs and professional services)

We have found that the Waukegan TIF owes the general fund \$801,000. Let's institute a mechanism to recover that money. In addition, there is \$127,000 in the bank (as of 5/31/03). The Lehigh/Ferris TIF is also using general revenue funds to pay for its expenses. Let's make sure the general revenue funds are replaced so as not to put a burden on program services.

There was also an accounting prior period adjustment (per our auditors) of \$1,228,000 (L/F TIF land reclass) - which increased the fund balance (at 12/31/03) by this same amount. If we had known last November/December of this error, the Village could have avoided instituting a garbage tax increase (\$1,100,000). Let's use the cash balances in the various funds as well as aggressive collections and expense reduction as the solution, instead of burdening our residents with more tax increases.

There are many in this village on fixed incomes as well as many who have suf-

fered with the recession these past few years. Last year the Village trustees instituted almost \$400 per household per year in new taxes. This year there will be a reassessment of our property values, which will increase our real estate taxes next year. Also we have had hidden TIF tax increases via school referendum such as Dist. 219, 70 and 63 (coming this fall). These additional actions will increase the average tax for each district by approx. \$200 - \$300 per household.

The residences of Morton Grove were quite clear re: tax increases such as the garbage tax, sales tax, motor fuel, prepared food, water and sewer. No more tax increases.

I hope the Village trustees will adopt a budget that address these concerns and balances the budget in a responsible and equitable manner without increasing taxes and fees.

Roy Kogstad
Morton Grove

Don't rush search for new director

Dear Editor

The Park Ridge Chamber has lost an Executive Director at a critical time in its overall develop-

ment and, in particular, during a busy time with major events taking place this summer. As an active Chamber member, I hope that the volunteer leadership does not rush to just fill the position but takes its time to solicit, interview, and evaluate as many good candidates as possible.

The Chamber and this commu-

nity need a strong Executive Director with vision, solid business background, and top-notch communications skills to help advance the Chamber's good works and grow the organization. Good hunting!

Dick Barton
Park Ridge

Thanks for great articles

Dear Editor,

A great big thank you for the beautiful feature story and accompanying photos of Walt and Celine Tymczuk's Memorial Day weekend at the monument dedication in Washington, D.C. ("Niles Couple visits new WWII Memorial," June 17, 2004). It was truly a special addition to the newspaper.

The couple display true Americanism and their pride in the country certainly shows through. Wally is a true patriot.

As a former resident of Morton Grove who still subscribes to the Bugle and tries to keep up to date on events and goings-on in the neighboring communities there, I salute you for this magnificent presentation of a pair who display their patriotism in many commendable ways.

Let's have more feature articles such as this in future editions.

Lorry Nehart
Huntley, IL

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Thursday July 15, 2004

The Maine Course



Bob Dudycz
Maine Township

I was Saturday morning and our July 4th parade was over. We packed up our marching gear and everyone retreated to their homes for parties, cookouts and family stuff. I was exiting Town Hall when I noticed Rob reading his latest copy of this week's Bugle newspaper and although he appeared busy I could see him peeping over the top of the newspaper. He was puppy-eyed and appeared to be distressed so I asked about his health.

"I'm ok", he said. "It's this security guard job. I'm not complaining but I need to do something else so that I can be someone important."

"What's the hurry? You're young, smart and you live in a great country where opportunities are all around you. Listen Rob, each year we enjoy Independence Day as a celebration of liberty for our country and the gift of self-determination for each of us. You are not alone with your ambitions. There are millions of stories about people who started with little and ultimately achieved their goals."

I explained that Rob only needed some planning, hard work and dedication. I could tell he was distracted by something and I was beginning to feel like Andy Taylor of Mayberry explaining something to his son, Opie.

Damon, our second guard walked up and said, "Hey, this is America and you can be anything your heart desires. Even if you have a problem, there is always someone who can help you." I listened as he used our Township as an example of American generosity. "Anyone can fall on hard times and, Lord knows, it can be a frightening experience. Maine Township is a great resource to give folks a hand to get out of their troubles."

I agreed with Damon and pointed out the services we provide to our residents. Our General Assistance department, Emergency Food Pantry, Senior and Youth programs and MaineStay have trained professionals to help residents achieve a higher quality of life.

"But I still don't get it. You appear depressed and unhappy but say that you're feeling well." I realized that Rob was not looking at me so I followed his stare and found the object of his distraction.

A young janitor was vacuuming the hallway while listening to music on a Walkman. She was intent on doing her work and gave Rob as much attention as she would give waiting room furniture. I realized that cupid was in the neighborhood and Rob was the target. Damon perked up because he saw an opportunity to annoy Rob and started his ribbing with "Why don't you ask her for a date?"

Rob ignored Damon and his gaze never left the bustling activity of the cleaning lady. As I tactfully exited the building, Rob's sighs were masked by the hum of the vacuum cleaner that competed with Damon's laughter.

I loved the irony of it all. While I was discussing Americans and their struggle for independence, Rob was looking to lose his. I love Maine Township, it's not Mayberry but still a great place to live.



Up URs

Everyone keeps saying that Uptown Redevelopment (UR) is a done deal; that the ship has sailed. No way.

Until the fat lady sings, until ground is actually broken for Target Area 2 (TA2), the site bounded by Six Corners, Busse/Touhy, and Morris/NW Hwy, there's still a chance to make TA2 and Uptown into a thing of beauty, a thing that not only can make Park Ridge proud, but that can actually bring in the inflated revenues that the current rosy, best case, figures propound.

How can we do it? By relaxing but one constraint, albeit the one that will bring the most (initial) outrage - build UR up.

Okay, okay; relax. This isn't as bad as it sounds. Unconventional thinking, to be sure. But that's what I'm known for.

Consider that the biggest potential failure points for TA2 are both aesthetic and financial.

The current TA2 plans shoe-horn residential and retail into the 5+ acre

site, with no green space and little open, pedestrian or public seating space. The developers, PRC Partners, responding to City Staff guidelines about what TA2 should like, have drawn residential and retail buildings with too much density, covering too much ground - at least according to existing City zoning rules and the recommendations of the citizen-populated Uptown Advisory Task Force. It was necessary for them to do so in order that they make their profit numbers; but the plan flat does not conform to what citizens here have said they want.

If it's made to conform, by agreements with or flats by the City Council, the developers won't make money. (Don't be surprised if they just up and leave.) If it's left unconforming, they make money, but we're left with the bulk and density we say we don't want.

And, none of this argument even touches on the risk of an economic downturn sometime in the next 50 years that might make recent Uptown retail vacancies seem like full occupancy.

So, what's a/the solution? Up

URs. That is, build vertically on TA2, not horizontally.

Suppose we agreed to a single, one-time-only building that was wa-a-y taller than we've ever considered; say, 20-stories.

Suppose in that single tower, which might occupy only half the land coverage of the existing plan, we put a spacious, safe, well-lighted and patrolled 3-storey, elevated underground parking, under a 3- or 4-storey enclosed atrium shopping mall, under a 3- or 4-storey hotel with elegant restaurants and meeting rooms and a central banquet facility, under a 3- or 4-storey luxury condominium complex, topped off by a rooftop restaurant/viewing area from which could be seen, clockwise starting East: Lake Michigan, downtown Chicago, O'Hare, and all of the Northwest and North suburbs.

The ground level could be open and green, with fountains and benches and play areas (a park?).

Is this too far out? I don't think so. Is it inconceivable to Park Ridge residents to have a "signature" landmark right in the center of our town? I don't think so. (Think Pickwick, only modern.)

Make no little plans ..., said Daniel Burnham, "... for they have not the power to move men's souls." I'm not high. But maybe TA2 should be.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com



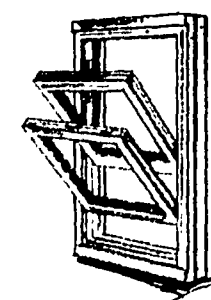
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Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

Good News on Auto Insurance

While auto insurance rates will go up again this year, they're expected to rise no more than 3.5 percent, which is the lowest increase since the year 2000.

According to a study by the Insurance Information Institute, there are two reasons for the lower rates: 1) fewer car accidents, and 2) an increasingly successful crackdown on fraud and insurance abuse.

You might assume that the drivers most likely to benefit from this downward move would be those with the best driving records. However, that fact alone may not be enough to qualify for a lower premium. Getting a break would also depend on where you live, and your car's sticker price, repair costs, safety record and theft risk.

All these factors aside, you might

still be able to cut your premiums by taking driver-safety courses. Insurance companies love this: It tells them you're really determined to stay out of trouble that might cost them money later on.

Another way to cut premiums is to insure both your car and your home with the same carrier. Package deals tend to cost less. And, of course, you might want to consider raising your deductible.

Finally, ask about a lower premium. You may be surprised to learn that you qualify — it's just that the company somehow didn't get around to informing you of that fact.

Surgery for Success: A few weeks ago I ran prices of some of the most asked for plastic surgery procedures by people who believe that improving their appearance will improve their chances for professional success. I asked if you would have plastic surgery for that reason, and I thank you for your response. I'll have some of what you said in an upcoming column.

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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Holy Family Sleep Center reaccredited

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) has granted the Sleep Disorders Center at Holy Family Medical Center a five-year reaccreditation based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

In a written statement announcing the reaccreditation, AASM President Conrad Iber said "I would like to again welcome your facility into the ranks of the

AASM-accredited centers, which provide the highest quality of patient care. The AASM is committed to ensuring that those in the field of sleep medicine provide excellent healthcare and enhance the awareness of sleep as an important element for health, public safety and the quality of life.

By successfully completing the accreditation process and uphold-

ing the standards of accreditation you have shown that you also are dedicated to the advancement of sleep medicine."

The Sleep Disorders Center offers comprehensive services for the evaluation and treatment of obstructive sleep apnea and other disorders interfering with sleep, such as snoring, narcolepsy, insomnia and periodic limb movement disorder.

PR Chamber hosts Biz Expo

The Park Ridge Chamber's annual Business Expo will be held on Saturday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the North Lawn of the Public Library. 39 businesses will be participating in this year's event including:

A-Abiding Care, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Amcore Bank, American Express Financial Services, Bank of Park Ridge, Bank One, Bartlett Tree Experts, The Bugle Newspaper, Coldwell Bank Residential Brokerage, Cole Taylor Bank, Embers Elementary, First Midwest Bank, Go Figure, Harris Bank, Higgins Sports and Spinal Rehab, Home Enhancements, Journal Topics Newspapers, LaSalle Bank, Maine Center, MB Financial Bank, National City Bank, Oakton Community College, Park Ridge Center for Plastic Surgery, Park Ridge Chiropractic Center, Park Ridge Citizen's Patrol, Park Ridge Herald-Advocate, Parkway Bank and Trust, Protection One, Rainbow Hospice, Resurrection Senior Services, St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School St. Matthew Center for Health, Ann Witke/State Farm, Summit Square, Care of Trees and Lock-Up Self-Storage.

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North Shore Players find new home

BY WENDY ELLIS
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It's hell week at the new home of the North Shore Players. The 15 member theatrical troupe has moved its base of operations to the auditorium stage at the American Legion Hall and Senior Center in Morton Grove, and they are less than two weeks away from their first performance there.

"She's directing again, not blocking," comments one watchful player, as troupe leader and founder Helen Zachary points, emotes and moves for those on stage. Zachary started this theater troupe of mainly senior citizens about four years ago as a way to renew her lifelong interest and participation in the theater.

"I'm an actress, singing and directing small productions," says Zachary. "I've been doing this all my life." Zachary writes the group's productions, wrapping them around well known Broadway music, and adapting each script for the people who turn out to auditions.

"I can't assume that people who answer a call can sing or dance or clown or act," said Zachary. "So when I write a show, I write with the people in mind." The troupe's newest offering is "Class Act 2", the story of a fiftieth high school reunion and all the things that can go wrong. All but one cast member is a senior citizen. "People who can rehearse during the day are people who are past the working experience," says Zachary, although some players do rearrange their schedules for the intensified schedule of rehearsals as curtain time approaches.

"It gets us off the streets," says Jack Rasoff of Wilmette, who has been with the group about a year. "I saw a production they did at Wilmette library and wanted to get involved." Rasoff has seen his own 50th high school reunion come and go, and is part of the North Shore Theater of Wilmette, where he's appeared in Fiddler on the Roof, Funny Girl and Brigadoon. Back in the 1950s he was involved in theater at Northwestern University in Evanston and the Chicago State Guild, but he took a 40 year hiatus to raise a family. He's also a writer/director and actor in the Winnetka Village Follies.

Norm Goldsher, 84, of Lincolnwood,



Setting the Stage

(Top) Norm Goldsher, (l) oldest member of the North Shore Players at 84, goes over some lines with fellow actors Jack Rasoff and Ron Weiner. (Bottom Left) Ron Weiner listens to suggestions from Helen Zachary at a rehearsal of the North Shore players who have made the Morton Grove Senior Center their new home. (Bottom Right) Helen Zachary give direction to a stageful of players rehearsing "Class Act 2", which the troupe will perform at the Morton Grove Senior Center the weekend of July 23, 24 and

spent his life in the machine tool industry, but he always loved to sing. "I loved music all my life and now I'm at the age where I don't care if I make a dam fool of myself." His beautiful voice, however, is far from embarrassing.

As for Ron Weiner of Highland Park, he spent 40 years behind the scenes as a producer and director of such offerings as the Phil Donoghue show. "I decided I wanted to try something on the other side," said Weiner. "I'm satisfying an old fantasy, a chance to perform. My performance has always been unseen. This is a chance to get some applause."

Pam Bagby is the "baby" of the bunch at 51. She has experience as a movie extra in films like "The Fugitive" and

"Natural Born Killers", but this is her first foray into live theater. "They call me the baby, but their energy level is so high," Bagby says of her fellow artists. "They are so sweet and lively."

The troupe does take its performances on the road, treating local retirement and nursing home residents to 20 or 30 minute performances throughout the year.

Right now, the troupe has no box office. Helen Zachary has been going to retirement homes, singing samples and selling tickets for the performances on Friday, July 23, Saturday, July 24, and Sunday July 25. Anyone wanting tickets can call her at 847-965-8916 and she'll be happy to fill your order.

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Niles Senior Center News

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

New members always welcome. **GOLF OUTINGS** (May - October) - Please check for availability. Because of partner choices, registration for our Tam outings must be done at the Front Desk. You must register at least one week prior to the outing. For more information about our Men's & Women's Golf programs, please call 847/588-8420.

JULY REGISTRATION

In-person registration began Wednesday, July 7th. Please fill out & sign the Registration Form in the July Program Guide - or pick up form at the Center. To register, bring the signed Registration Form with check, credit card, or cash to the Front Desk. If special accommodations are needed, you must let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more info.

ACTIVITIES

Book Discussion: Jewel by Brett Lott - Friday, August 6th, 10:00am - 11:00am. \$1.00
 Lite Lunch & Movie: Calendar Girls (PG-13, 2003) - Fri., Aug.

6th, Noon - 3:30pm. \$4.
 Pinochle Tournament - Friday, August 13th, Noon - 4:00pm. \$4.00

Poker Tournament - Friday, August 27th, Noon - 4:00pm. \$4.00

THE RED HAT SOCIETY

The Red Hat Society is a national organization of women who meet regularly for luncheons/trips wearing red hats and purple attire. The Niles Senior Center chapter is called The Red Hatters. If you are a Niles Senior Center member and would like to become a Red Hatter, please contact Kelly Mickle for membership information.

Lunch with The Red Hatters at Dover Straits, Mundelein - Tues., Aug. 17th, noon. \$16

The Red Hatters are off to Dover Straits, Route 45, Mundelein, on Tuesday, August 17th at 12:00noon. Lunch will feature your choice of Broiled Filet Mignon, Atlantic Salmon Filet, or Jumbo French Fried Shrimp. Please contact Kelly for carpooling and/or directions. Red hat and purple outfit are required.

TRIP

A Day at Arlington - Wednesday, August 25th, 11:00am - 4:30pm. \$50.00

Check-in Time: 10:30am at the Senior Center. Lunch will be in the fabulous International Room, over-

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SUNDAY OUT OF THE CENTER

His Way: A Tribute to The Man and His Music with Ron Hawking - Sun., Sept. 19th, 1:45pm - 5:45pm. Check-in Time at the Senior Center: 1:15pm. \$50.00

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Pinochle Tournament - Friday, July 16th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. \$4.00

Participate in a 3-handed tournament. Lunch, refreshments, and prizes are included.

Poker Tournament - Friday, July 30th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. \$4.00
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Annual Fishing Derby, Bangs Lake in Wauconda - Saturday, August 21st. \$10

Meal: Italian Beef or Hot Dog. Bait not included on this outing. By Boat only - No Shore Fishing at Bangs Lake.

Lake Arlington in Arlington Heights - Friday, September 17th. \$10

Meal: TBA.
 End of Season Fishing Banquet - Friday, October 22nd, 5:00pm - 7:30pm. Cost: TBA

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Brew City Queen - Sunday, August 8th, 9:30am - 5:30pm. \$38.00

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 Diabetic Screening - Wednesday, July 28th, 9:00am - 10:00am. \$2.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals on Wheels Drivers are needed to deliver meals to Niles Homebound, weekdays between 11:00am - 12:30pm. Please contact Kelly at 847/588-8420
 Tax Counselors are needed to help seniors with their tax and Circuit Breaker preparations. All volunteers will receive free training at the Niles Senior Center in January. Tax appointments will run February 2005- April 14, 2005. For more information, please contact MaryAnn at 847/588-8420.

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The Senior Center accepts left over yarn that is made into Lap Robes for veterans at Hines Hospital. We also accept left over fabric and yarn for senior crafters. Volunteer knitters and crocheters are also needed. Please call us.

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Maine Township Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce More Fun Activities and Trips for Seniors

Maine Township's MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Here are just a few of the summer activities planned.

"STORYTELLER ELYNE HANDLER"

PROGRAM
 Saturday, July 17
 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Gemini Junior High
 8955 N. Greenwood in Niles
 No Charge - Registration Required

Bring yourself and your grandchildren to this Intergenerational Event. Elyne will tell stories from around the world, for young and old. Stories of courageous and kind boys and girls, stories of wise and brave elders. This performance is sponsored by the Creative Aging Network.

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT
 Wednesday, July 21
 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$5.00

Enjoy fun competition at this "Three Handed Pinochle"

Tournament. Refreshments are served at 12:00 noon. Competition begins at 1:00 p.m. Newcomers are welcome to join in the fun.

"FRIENDLY FIRE FIGHTER" PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 27
 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 No Charge - Registration Required

The North Maine Fire Department will be here in full gear to speak to you about fire prevention and their experiences.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

"PEACH PICKING A DAY IN THE COUNTRY" TRIP

Eau Claire, Michigan
 Wednesday, August 18
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Cost: \$60.00 members/\$65.00 guests

Limited seats available.
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We will top off our visit with a delicious country style lunch including Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Assorted Relishes, Fresh Baked Rolls, Heavenly Fruit Dessert and Coffee.

We will then continue down the road to the Tabor Hill Winery for a tour and wine sampling. So take a deep breath as we relax and enjoy a day in the country.

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

All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Members pay individually for whichever activities.

Morton Grove Senior News

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

"A CLASS ACT - PART II"

Vaudeville is not dead; it's alive at the Morton Grove Senior Center with three fabulous shows by the North Shore Players on Friday, July 23 (7:30 p.m.); Saturday, July 24 (7:30 p.m.); and Sunday, July 25 (2 p.m.). Tickets are \$12, \$10 for seniors and students, and \$8 for groups of ten or more. Refreshments will be served following each performance. For ticket information call 847/965-8916.

"HOME COMPUTER MAINTENANCE" SEMINAR
 "Housekeep" the home computer to keep it purring like a well-oiled machine. Learn about printing, de-fragging the hard drive, cookies, creating sub-folders, registries and much more at this seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 in the Morton Grove Senior Center presented by the Center's computer instructor, R.J. Bruno. R.J. has over 20 years of experience in working in the computer industry as a teacher and analyst and has been teaching introductory and advanced classes at the Center for two years. The fee for this very worthwhile seminar is \$7. Please register in person at the Senior Center Registration Desk.

MAYFLOWER TOURS PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

Join Peggy Strimple from Mayflower Tours as the Morton Grove Senior Center celebrates "Christmas in July" starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 26. Munch on Christmas goodies and hear about upcoming Mayflower trips to Door County, Wisconsin; Branson, Missouri; and Savannah, Georgia. There will be a raffle of

Christmas "presents" too, so come and join the excitement. Mayflower will provide refreshments. This presentation is free but registration is required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

MALL SHOPPING
 Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, July 27 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 Center members and \$1 for all others.

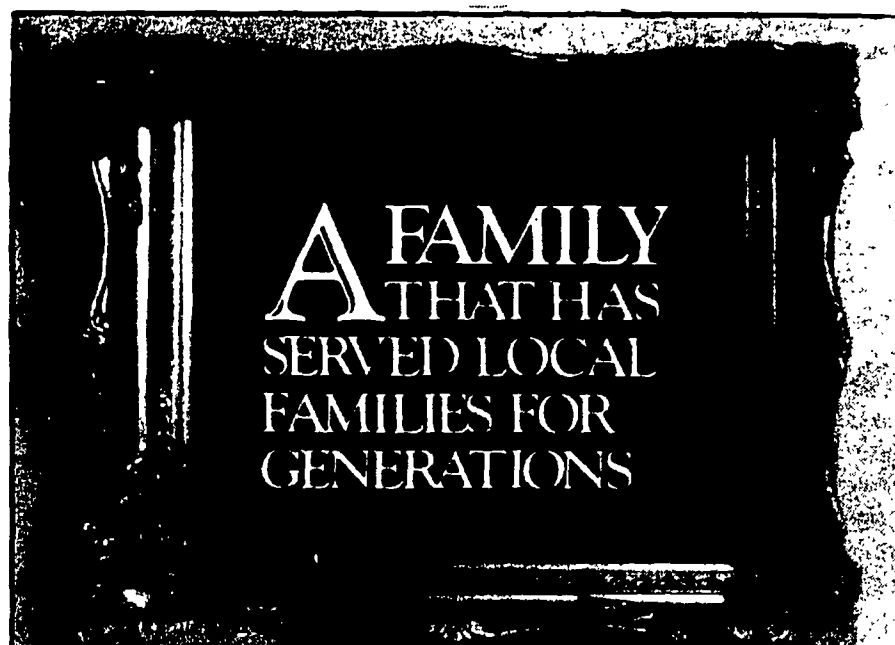
DIABETES SCREENING
 The Morton Grove Senior Center's regularly scheduled Diabetes Screening Clinic on Tuesday, July 27 has been cancelled. The next screening date will be Tuesday, Aug. 24. For more information contact Marianne Long, R.N. by calling 847/663-6109.

TEMPLE LIPIZZANS & COUNTRY SQUIRE SHOW
 The Morton Grove Senior Center's "Temple Lipizzans & Country Squire Show" scheduled for Wednesday, July 28 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations.

"DON'T GET RUSED!" LECTURE
 Join Officer Dan Stueber of the Morton Grove Police Department as he teaches seniors about a new con being played on seniors in the area starting at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 29 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. "Don't Get Rused!" is a program that can help seniors stay alert and notice the warnings of fraud. Please register for this program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

COMPUTER CLASS - Internet
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NILES SENIOR CENTER

REGISTRATION

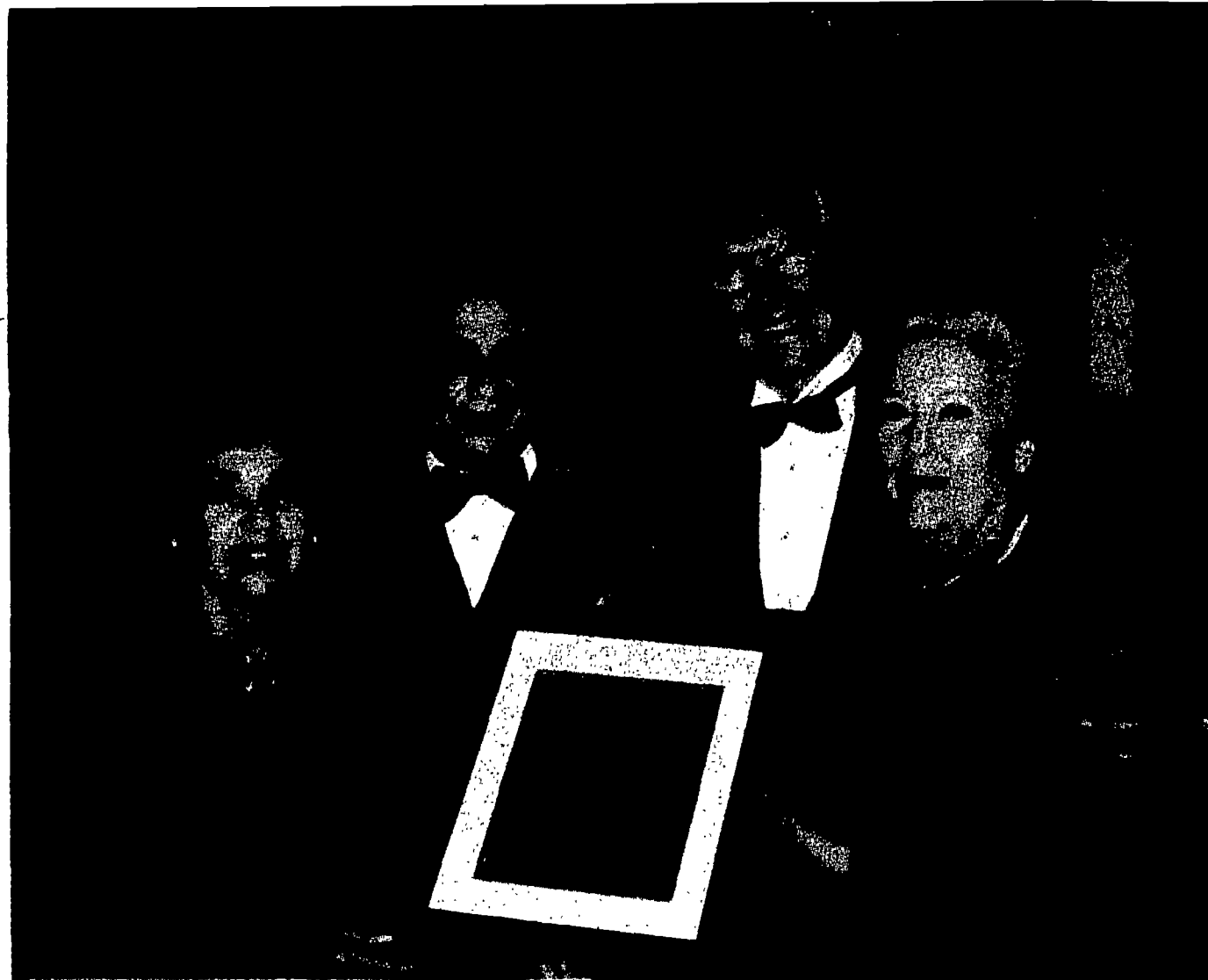
The Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Niles residents, age 62 and over and their spouses. To register for classes,

trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. To become a member, drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Dr., or call us at 847/588-8420 and we will mail you an application.

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Fifth Annual Bob Lindstrom Fishing Derby To Be Held

Maine and Wauconda Townships along with the Niles Senior Center will host the Fifth Annual Bob Lindstrom Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Lindy's Landing on Bangs Lake, Wauconda. The event is for fishing enthusiasts 55 years of age or older who reside in the north suburban area.

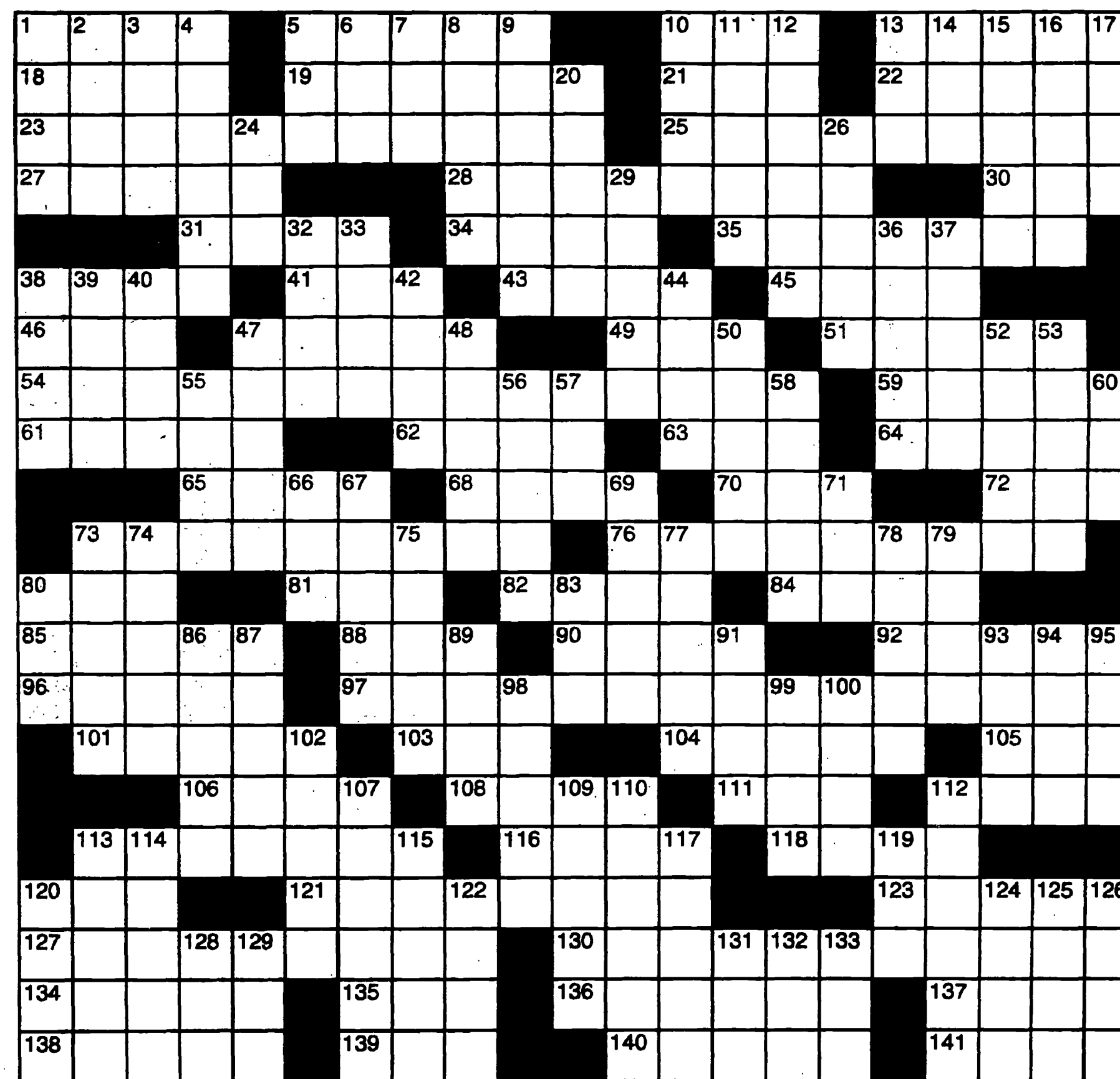
The cost for the fishing derby is \$10 per person and includes lunch and prizes.

All fishing will be done from boats belonging to local captains. Boat rentals are also available. No shore fishing will be allowed.

Boats and captains are also being sought to meet the demand. The event is a memorial that recognizes the dedication and love of fishing shown by the late Bob Lindstrom, owner of Lindy's Landing for many years. The business has continued to be family operated since his passing.

Portions of the proceeds benefit local service organizations and help fund the restocking of Bangs Lake.

To participate or volunteer, please contact Mary Swanson at Maine Township's Seniors Department at 847/297-2510 or visit www.maine-town.com.



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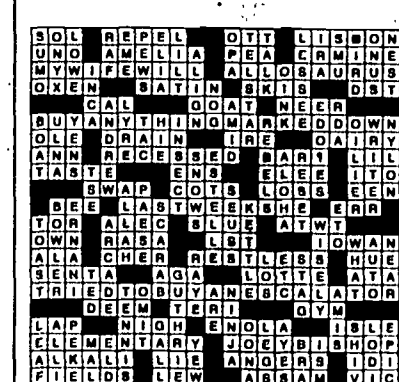
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More than 1,000 job seekers are expected this year. Employers are encouraged to contact the town halls of any of the participating townships this sum-

mer for a booth application or further information. The participating townships include Maine, Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling.

"For those employers who are looking for dependable, enthusiastic employees with a great work ethic and valuable life and work experience that will benefit their companies, this senior job fair is the place to be," says Mary Swanson, Maine Township's Director of Senior Services.

Swanson adds, participating

employers will receive excellent exposure for their companies and the jobs they are seeking to fill via the website www.5townshipsemploymentfair.com and with advertising done by the hosts. In addition, a 24-hour hotline will provide job seekers with up-to-date information on employers who will be attending the job fair. The hotline begins operation on Sept. 1. For more information, visit the event website or call Swanson at 847-297-2510 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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files and where to find them, search engines and browsers, and overall Internet understanding. A prerequisite is the "Getting Started With Computers" Class or equivalent. This four-week course will be held in the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays from July 31 through Aug. 21. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center members and \$37 for non-members. Register in person at the Senior Center.

COMPUTER CLASS - Getting Started With Computers

This four-week course is designed for those with little or no experience using computers and will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Saturdays, July 31 through Aug. 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Topics include computer terminology, hardware vs. software, mouse operation, Windows navigation, keyboard introduction, computer concepts and more. This course is a great place to start. Lots of hands-on and loads of fun! The fee for this class is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Register at the Senior Center.

AARP MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" formerly known as "55 Alive" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. The next course offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 and Saturday, Aug. 21. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

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"MEDICAID PLANNING" LECTURE

Join attorney John Belconis, JD as he explains how individuals can keep and protect their assets, as well as qualify for Medicaid, starting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Attorney Belconis will discuss, how to get the most out of Medicaid coverage. Please register for this free lecture by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"REVERSE MORTGAGE" SEMINAR

What are they? How do they work? Who qualifies? Learn the answers to these and other questions about reverse mortgages in this informative and educational seminar presented by Rich Hughes of Financial Freedoms at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Huge Fifth Inning Leads to 10-year-old Victory

Park Ridge Royals defeat Red Sox 7-2

BY MIKE SANTORO
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During the first round of Park Ridge 10 year-old AA division playoffs the Royals and Red Sox battled their mirror images. Both teams were finally coming together after a season of ups and downs. Both had a group of kids who worked hard all season. Both desperately wanted to advance to the next round.

Even after the fourth inning it was tough to tell the difference. A little league pitcher's duel was occurring. Finally in the fifth the Royals separated with five hits and five runs to topple the Red Sox 7-2.

The Royals and the Sox had started their separate seasons equally frustrated. Now, in the last few games, both teams had really come together to play solid baseball.

Royals Coach Tim Disparte spoke for both teams saying, "I would call us underachievers up

until the last few games. We've gone 4-3 in the last seven and our team is finally starting to gel."

Red Sox starting pitcher Connor Mathisen and Royals starting pitcher Don Deda held the teams to two scoreless innings. It wasn't until the third inning that Deda would break the tie.

With runners on second and third Deda got a good pitch down the middle and hit a single to center. The hit brought runners Joe Santoro and Dan Klamers in to put the Royals up 2-0.

"Don's an all-star and he's played great all year," Disparte said. "He's been a clutch guy for us all year."

Not to be outdone, Mathisen led off the bottom of the third with a single. When Ryan Dohr blasted a double to center, he and teammate Alex Zaig came in for two runs to tie the game 2-2.

The game would remain tied until the fifth inning when a cascade of hits from the Royals allowed them to take control of the game.

With bases loaded Pat Maloney singled to left to bring in a runner.

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Alex Zaig of the Red Sox slides home with the tying run in the third inning in their game against the Royals Saturday afternoon at Northwest Park.

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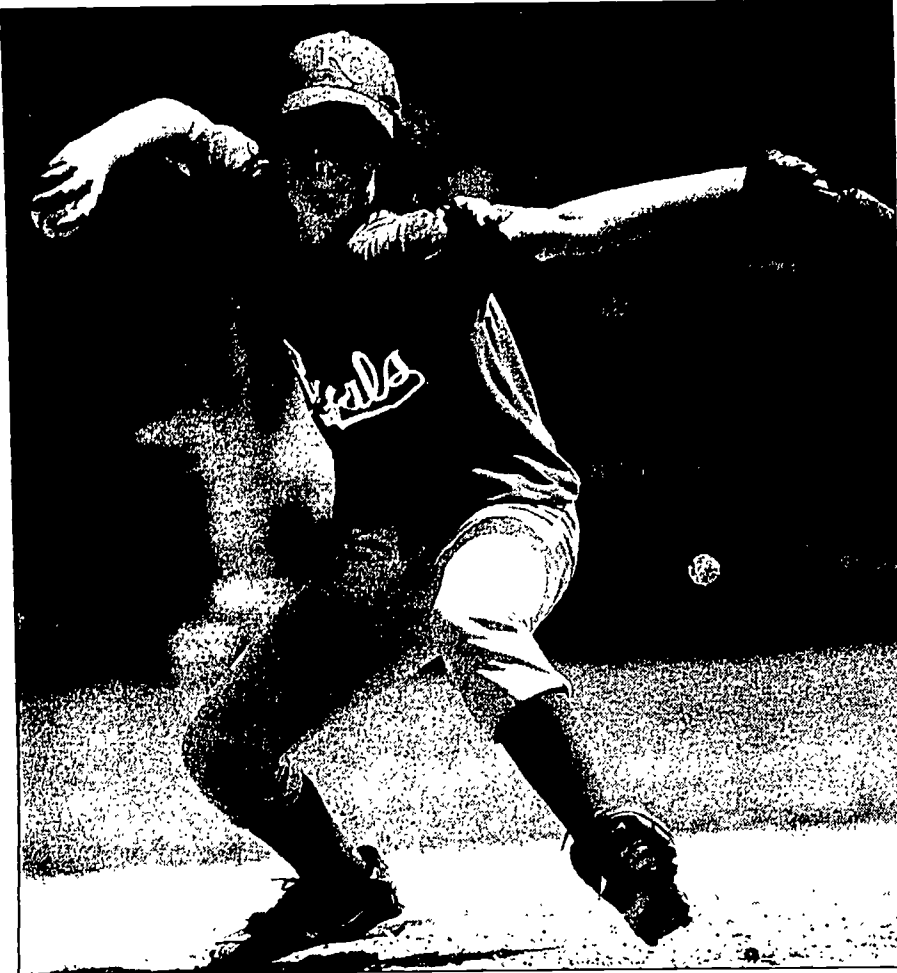
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PR Royals

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Royals pitcher Don Deda closes the third inning with a strike out in their game against the Red Sox at Northwest Park Saturday afternoon July 10. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Deda followed with another single to bring two more in. Doug Aniel then had a triple with some bold base running and before the Red Sox knew it they were behind 7-2.

"It was a team effort today," Disparte said. "We started with the bottom of the order getting on. Then we got to the top and scored the five runs. You've got to have that key hitting with runners on and the kids really did it."

Though the Red Sox showed signs of a rally, the flicker of hope was quickly doused by continued tough defense.

Chris Roombos led off the inning with a blistering bouncing ball that looked like it would hop through the gap. It might have started a rally and led to a comeback by the Sox. Determined not to let that happen,

second baseman Dan Klamers moved with astounding speed to backhand the ball for the play of the game and the first out of the sixth inning. After that the Sox were sunk and though they put two men on base, they were unable to truly threaten the Royals.

"It's a game of ups and downs," Sox Coach Jack Mathisen said. "A couple of plays here and there and it might have been a different game. I'm really proud of the way they played."

Coach Mathisen had three rules for his team and everyone knew them. Play hard. Be aggressive. Have fun. Both teams seemed to be playing with those three in mind.

In a game determined by one inning, these equal teams shared that last rule most of all.

A Sporting view

By Chris Richcreek

The Unspoken Worry

You really don't want to think about it, especially if you are a fan of any of three NBA teams. You certainly don't feel right saying much about it, because it's one of those things sports fans don't talk about much.

Yet you know that the Olympics will take place in a month. And if you root for the Cleveland Cavaliers, Miami Heat or Phoenix Suns, you are uneasy about its pending arrival.

Why? Because the core of your team is going to Athens, Greece, for the Summer Olympics. You don't know what the future holds for the players, but it might not be a good one.

Cleveland's LeBron James and Carlos Boozer, Miami's Lamar Odom and Dwyane Wade and Phoenix's Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire are six of the U.S. squad's members heading to Greece.

Even more impressive is the list of those who are not going: Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen, Jason Kidd and Karl Malone, among others. Various reasons have been given for their non-Olympic stance, but Jermaine O'Neal, who is staying home, cited a common theme when he said, "Players are definitely concerned about Athens."

They aren't worried about their ability to bring home a gold medal. Their concern is about the security at the games. America is a prime target of terrorists, and terrorists have had an unfortunate role in Olympic history. Greece, of course, is putting up an official face that security will be solid, yet so many things have already proven to be shaky as relates to the country's efforts for hosting this Olympics.

And if you are a fan of one of the aforementioned teams, you see not one but two building blocks of your future taking a big risk. Miami reached the second round of the playoffs this past season. The Cavs were revitalized by the arrival of James and continued growth of Boozer. The Suns' frontcourt basically IS Marion and Stoudemire.

You know the rich history of the Olympics, but you don't think the Games are all that important anymore, and haven't been since the Cold War ended and the first Dream Team ruled the court in 1992. In fact, as international play has improved, the truth is that you don't even know if this team, despite head coach Larry Brown and superstar Tim Duncan, will be strong enough to win it all.

And it just doesn't seem worth it. You don't want to sound unpatriotic, so you hope the guys come back with the gold. Most of all, though, you hope they come back.

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SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2003 that the National League batting champion came from a team in a division other than the N.L. West?

2. Name the pitcher who led the American League in walks allowed, wild pitches and hit batsmen in 2003.

3. When was the last time before the 2002-03 seasons that Oklahoma State made consecutive bowl-game appearances?

4. Who was the last player before Jermaine O'Neal in 2002-03 to average 20 points and 10 rebounds a game for a season for the Indiana Pacers?

5. Tampa Bay and Calgary met in the NHL's Stanley Cup Final this year. Did both teams make the playoffs in 2003?

6. Name three players who have won European Player of the Year in men's soccer three times each.

Answers

1. Willie McGee of St. Louis in 1990.

2. Tampa Bay's Victor Zambrano.

3. It was the 1987-88 seasons.

4. Clark Kellogg averaged 20.1 points and 10.6 rebounds for the Pacers in 1982-83.

5. Only Tampa Bay did, and the Lightning were eliminated in the Eastern Conference semifinals by New Jersey.

6. Johan Cruyff, Michel Platini and Marco Van Basten.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Monday, July 19

- 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

Wednesday, July 21

- 7 p.m. Village of Niles Adjudication Hearing

Monday, July 26

- 7 p.m. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting.

Tuesday, July 27

- 8 p.m. Niles Village Board Meeting

COMMUNITY

Friday, July 16

- There will be a concert in the park in Park Ridge's Hodges Park today, July 16 starting at 8 p.m.

Friday, July 23

- St. Haralambos Church in Niles will host its annual "Big Fat Greek Food Fest" this weekend. The theme for this year's food fest is "Celebrating the Spirit of the Olympics." It will feature a variety of Greek favorites such as souvlaki, Athenian chicken, moussaka, pastitsio, dolmades, roast lamb, gyros and saganaki. The event will open on Friday evening at 5 p.m. and will continue until midnight, on Saturday from 4 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 1 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$1 on Friday, \$2 on Saturday and Sunday for adults, \$1 for seniors and children are free.

PARKS

Thursday, July 15

- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District regular board meeting.
- 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District board meeting

SCHOOLS

Tuesday, July 20

- The School Board of Niles Elementary School District 71 will have it's regular board meeting Tuesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at Clarence E. Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton, Niles.

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

Morton Grove

Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina
Morton Grove, IL
Morton Grove Park District: Prairie View Center
6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL

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Art Festival fills Park Ridge with different strokes

Uptown Park Ridge made a fine canvas for the first-ever Park Ridge Art Festival under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, said event organizers Debbie Netter and Wendy Lederman.

"Park Ridge is a fabulous venue," said Netter, whose business D&W Events recently conducted a similar event in Deerfield. "It really lends itself to this kind of event. People who have been coming out are very enthusiastic."

The event was held last Saturday and Sunday. Turn-out was good, Netter said, though exact numbers are impossible to determine.

"At a free event it's very hard to make an exact count on attendance," she said. "Attendance was very good though on Saturday afternoon and, though slow on Sunday morning, it picked up again in the afternoon."

Business was good for the 45 fine arts and six food vendors who worked the Festival, Netter said. Exhibitors ranged from sculpture to painting and from photography to fabrics.

"This is a great event," said Bruce Montrose of Park Ridge who attended the fair on Sunday. "I've



Bruce Montrose of Park Ridge, left, and Robin Becker of Des Plaines, center, admire a shawl woven by Karl Lanier for the Park Ridge Chamber's Art Festival Saturday July 10 and Sunday July 11.

seen a lot of things I like, though not much I can afford."

Weather cooperated to make the event something special.

"Many of the vendors can't wait to come back next year," said Netter. "We had delightful weather, great feedback and a fantastic crowd."

Concerns had been voiced that the recent resignation of Chamber Director Rich Brayer might have caused problems at the event. However, Netter said that everything went smoothly.

"Things were almost 100 percent complete," she said. "So [Brayer's resignation] didn't affect us at all."

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Remodeling? Here's How To Find The Money

BY LIZ PULLIAM WESTON,
MSN Money Expert

(NAPSI)-Houses can be costly beasts, and not everyone has a pile of cash sitting in a checking account to pay for repairs and improvements. But if you need to borrow money to pay for major home fix-ups, you should know that there are smart ways and stupid ways to get money:

- The smart ways ensure you pay as little interest as possible, get a tax deduction for what you do pay and don't end up compromising your financial health.
- The stupid ways can leave you house poor or even homeless.

To figure out the right financing, you'll need to take a look at your budget, the equity you have in your home, the nature of your project and how long it will take you to pay the money back. Among the questions you should ask:

1. How much will this project cost? Use contractor bids as your basic estimate, then add 10 to 20 percent for potential overruns.
2. Can I afford this? If you can barely afford the minimum payments on the loan, you're getting yourself in over your head. If the project itself isn't an emergency, you may want to put it off until your finances are in better shape.
3. What are my other financial obligations? Before you schedule any non-essential home project, make sure your other financial bases are covered.
4. Will this project add value? Repairs don't add value—they simply preserve what you've got. Many home improvements add some value, although you generally won't recoup more than 50 to 75 percent of what you spend.
5. Can I pay back the loan quickly or will I need several years? The bigger the project, the more likely you'll need years, if not decades,

to repay the loan.
6. What's the worst that could happen? If you're taking out an adjustable mortgage or a home



equity line of credit with a variable rate, make sure you can afford the payments if rates rise to the maximum level allowed under the loan.

Generally, borrowing against the equity in your home is the best way to go if you don't have sufficient cash to pay for your project. Your interest rate will be lower than with most other options, and your interest payments will be tax deductible if you itemize. The downside: if you fall behind on your payments, you could lose your home.

Since not everyone has sufficient equity in their homes to borrow against them, there are some other options, including (in decreasing order of desirability): Title I loans, construction loans, credit cards, 401(k) loans, margin loans, personal loans and contractor financing.

For more information on securing funding for home improvement projects, check out Microsoft Money's Budget Planner at www.money.msn.com.

Before you start on home repairs, make sure your finances don't need fixing.



By Samantha Mazzotta

Finding Termites

Q: Do I have to call a professional termite inspector just to check for the possibility of these pests around my house? Or can I inspect the house myself? — Chuck M., Dothan, Ala.

A: While it's advisable to call in a professional once a year to fully inspect your home for termites and related damage, you can do a cursory inspection on your own to check for ongoing damage in between inspections.

Summer, especially in the Southeast, is the party season for termites, as the hot and humid weather expands and softens wood and invites these creatures to feast nonstop. Normally, they'll swarm into the neighborhood in the spring, and settle in for the hottest months. A termite infestation can devastate all wooden materials in your home and even cause extensive structural damage if left unchecked. Follow the steps below to visually inspect your home for termites. If any evidence of an infestation is found, contact a professional immediately: Don't try to knock these bugs out yourself.

- Start at the bottom: the foundation. Check the masonry outside and inside and look along the pipes

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Making Your Payments Count

(NAPSI)-A home may be one of the most expensive purchases you will ever make. That's why it's important to know who is handling your payments and that your mortgage account is properly credited.

In today's market, mortgage loans and the rights to service them often are bought and sold.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, wants you to know what a mortgage servicer does and what your rights are.

A mortgage servicer is responsible for collecting your monthly loan payments and crediting your account. A servicer also handles your escrow account, if you have one. An escrow account is a fund held by your servicer. You pay

money into this fund to cover charges like property taxes and homeowners insurance. The escrow payments typically are included as part of your monthly mortgage payments.

The servicer pays your taxes and insurance as they become due during the year. If you do not have an escrow account, you are responsible for paying your taxes and insurance, and budgeting accordingly.

Within 45 days of establishing an escrow account, the servicer must give you a statement that clearly itemizes the estimated taxes, insurance, and other anticipated charges to be paid over the next 12 months, and the expected dates and totals of those payments.

The mortgage servicer also is required to give you a free annual statement that details the activity of your escrow account.

If your loan has been sold, the new servicer must notify you with-

in 15 days after the transfer has occurred. The notice must include the name and address of the new servicer, and the date the new servicer will begin accepting your mortgage payments.

To help protect your investment, the FTC offers these tips:

- Keep records of what you've paid; include billing statements, canceled checks, and bank account statements.
- Review your billing statements. If you have a dispute, continue to make your mortgage payments, and challenge the servicing in writing.
- Read all notices from your mortgage servicer carefully. If the servicer asks for proof of homeowner's insurance, send it in promptly, and keep a record that you sent it.

To learn more, visit www.ftc.gov, or call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP.

In today's market, loans and the rights to service them can be bought and sold.

Interest Always Stirring In Kitchen Gifts

(NAPSI)-A gift for the kitchen is always in good taste; whatever the major "life event"—a new home purchase, a wedding or going off to college.

"Whether it's for a semi-professional chef or a college student that depends on the microwave and delivery service, everyone with access to a kitchen needs a few 'basic' cooking accessories," said Kristy Schultz, product manager, Rubbermaid. Here are some quick ideas:

Off to School-The Essentials
College students aren't expected to do much cooking in the dorm. But even macaroni and cheese or pizza needs assistance. Some useful gadgets for college students include a pizza wheel, tongs, spatulas, spoons and turners.

Look for kitchen accessories with angled, nonslip handles for easy grip or ones that can be collapsed for easy storage.

First Apartment/Weddings

The next years feature young adults moving into their first apartment, graduating college and even attending wedding showers. In this stage, many people have already accumulated the essential kitchen accessories, but may need a few new items, such as:

- Ice cream scoop
- Pasta scoop
- Slotted turners/spoons
- Ladle

Look for accessories that are functional and efficient. Some of the newer measuring cups feature corner-step measurements, making them easier to read and use than traditional side-of-cup printing.

"Rubbermaid designed an innovative feature called CleanRest, which elevates the end of its ice cream scoop, spoons, turners and other accessories above the counter, making less of a mess on the countertop and providing a better cooking experience," Schultz said.

Housewarming- The Experienced Cook

New homes provide a perfect opportunity to give more advanced kitchen accessories, including peelers, graters or pastry brushes.

These accessories are notoriously some of the hardest items to clean. Look for utensils with easy-to-clean features, such as an opening above the blades of the peeler to allow water to run through, graters that fold flat for dishwasher use and brushes with caps to protect the bristles when being stored in a drawer.

If you're not sure what someone already has or needs, the easiest gift could be a kitchen accessory set, which provides a great selection of utensils. Rubbermaid offers an 11-piece kitchen set that includes a nylon spoon, nylon turner, extendable tongs, whisk, peeler, ice cream scoop, pizza wheel, measuring cups and spoons, spatula and top-view measuring cups.

"All these products are not only functional, but easy to use, clean and store," Schultz said. "These attributes appeal to anyone, no matter what their age or cooking experience level."

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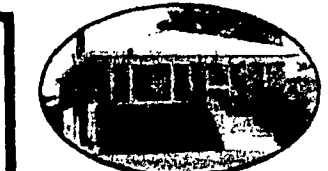
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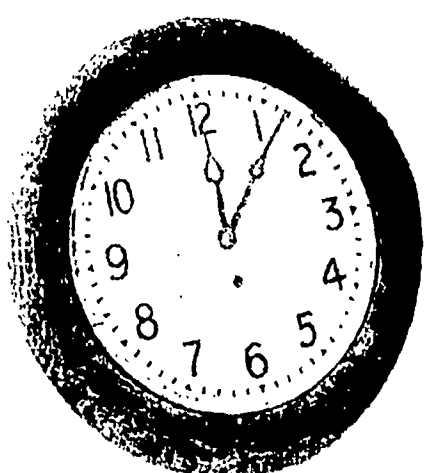
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HOME TIP: Make sure any profes-

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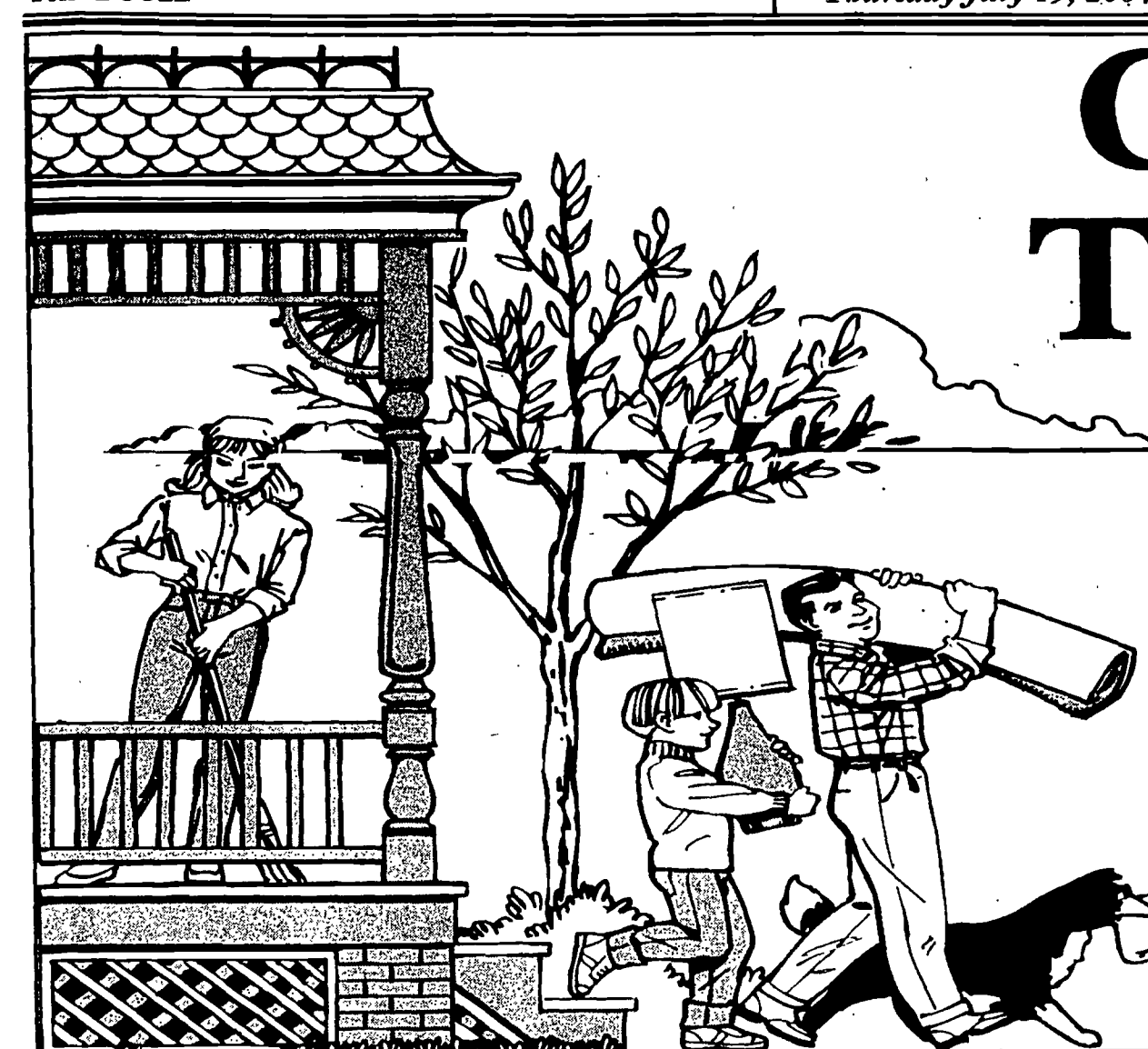
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04-ZP-19 Vaishali Patel, 351 Westgate Terrace, Streamwood, IL, requesting a change in zoning from B-2 to B-2 Special Use and parking vari

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department — Chancery Division, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, 2002-BC6, Plaintiff, vs. Steven M. Colon a/k/a Steven Colon, et al. Defendants, Case No. 03CH-4888

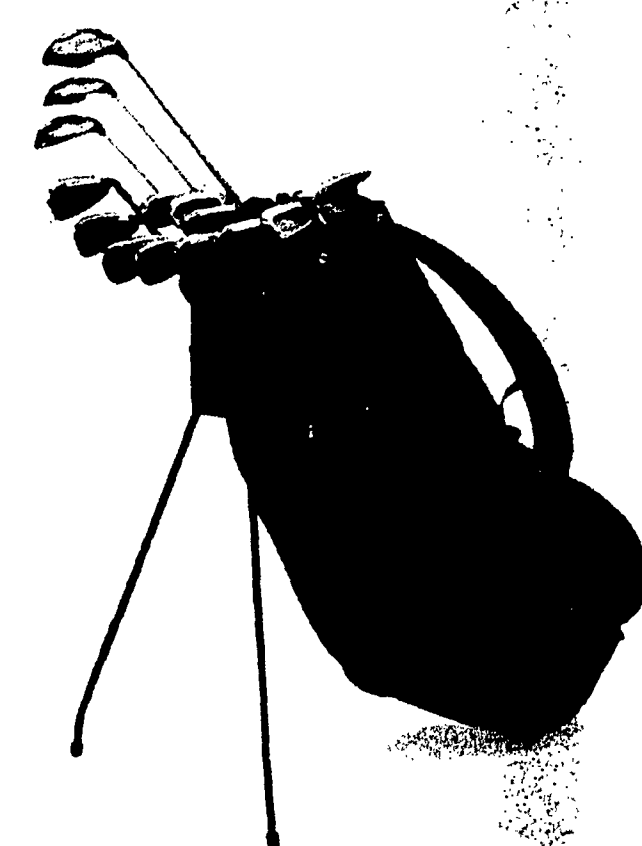
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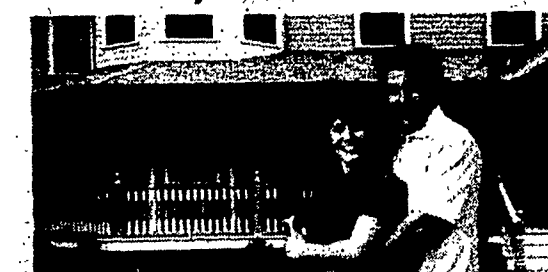
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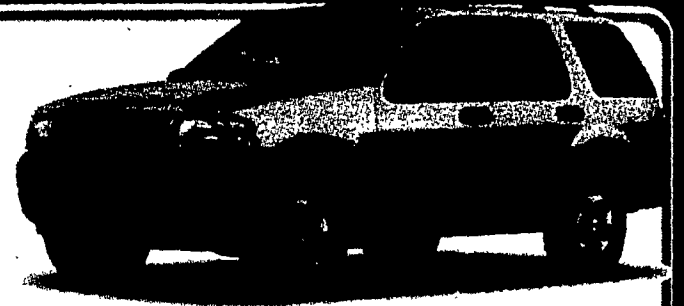


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