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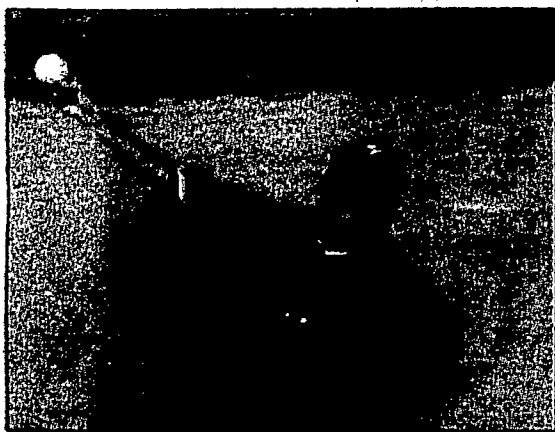
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Working Together

District 63's Federally-funded Total Learning Center is planning a variety of programs in order to continue operating after its grant runs out. For the story, turn to page 17.



Here's the pitch

Park Ridge utility player Connor Mathisen works in the third inning of the qualifying game against River Grove in the Summer Sizzler tournament at Hinckley Park Sunday afternoon July 24. Mathisen went on to play first base, catch, and shortstop before the game ended. For the story, turn to page 13.

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Morton Grove cited for FOIA excellence

The Morton Grove Village website has been singled out by a watchdog group for the amount of information on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that it provides to residents.

Most municipalities in Cook and DuPage Counties provide little or no information about FOIA on their websites the Elmhurst-based Citizen Advocacy Center found, and, as a result, were failing to alert their citizens to an act designed to increase government transparency and accountability.

The Morton Grove website, not only provides information of FOIA but also has a downloadable form on their website that residents can print out at their homes and then fax or drop off at village hall. The website also has village meeting agendas and minutes posted on the web, a step further than any of its neighboring municipalities.

Village Trustee Dan DiMaria mentioned the report at Monday night's board meeting when, ironically, some residents chastised the village government for not responding adequately to their FOIA requests.

Pat Kansoer, who recently sent in a request by e-mail, said that Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski wrote back via e-mail and informed him that all future requests would have to be mailed, delivered by hand or faxed.

"It's not that I mind that, I have a fax machine," said Kansoer. "I just think that not all residents have a fax machine or time to drop off the requests in person."

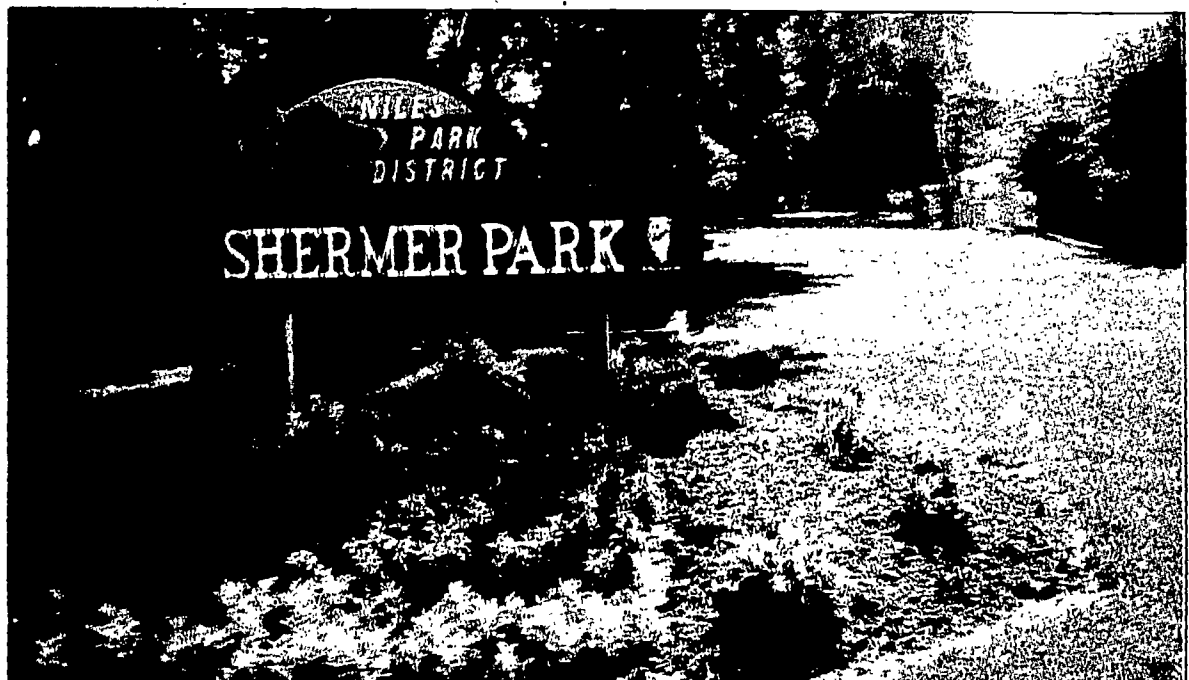
Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that requiring that the requests not be made by e-mail was necessary for a prompt response.

"We've had some problems with our e-mail recently," said Czerwinski. "And what if I'm out of town when a request comes in? Then Mr. Kansoer wouldn't be answered properly and the village would be in violation of the act."

Czerwinski said that residents who wanted to file FOIA requests should use the form available on the website or at vil-

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FOIA page 10.



The Niles Park District has begun the proceedings necessary to sell Shermer Park, a parcel located on Shermer Rd. just north of Hamilton Dr. Park District administrators want to sell the park and use the proceeds to fund improvements elsewhere.

Shermer Park up for sale

Proceeds to fund improvements in other parks

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The long, narrow Shermer Park is up for sale, after the Park Board voted Tuesday night, July 20 to sell the parcel in order to fund improvements to other facilities.

Those driving too fast on Shermer Rd. would probably miss the 58' by about 300' foot park. Other than a sign in front, some flowers, a bench and a horseshoe pit, there's not much in the facility. It runs from Shermer to a Jewish cemetery that marks Niles' border with Morton Grove.

The park is sandwiched between one row of north facing and another of south fac-

ing homes. Park District Director Joe LoVerde said because of the proximity of those homes makes it unsuitable for any programming.

"It would be a very nice lot for a home. It would make a very nice back yard."

- Park Commissioner William Terpinas.

"We can't run any programs there because of the homes," he said. "But we do have to maintain it annually so, from a business standpoint, if it can't be used by the public then maybe we should sell it and take the proceeds to fund other parks."

The lot could be extremely

valuable if it could be rezoned and sold to a developer for a new single family home.

"It would be a very nice lot for a home," said Park Commissioner William Terpinas. "It would make a very nice back yard."

But the Park District can't just put up a "for sale" sign. There's an exhaustive procedure that must be followed before public land can be sold. The park board began the process at Tuesday's meeting by passing an ordinance to sell the park. That sale must be approved by a circuit court judge. A notice must be published in a local newspaper prior to the court hearing so that interested individuals will be able to testify. After the District receives a court order approving the sale, then they can put the property on the

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SHERMER PARK page 12.



Rolling Along

A little boy and his father try out his training wheels along the bicycle path through Linne Woods in Morton Grove Saturday morning July 24.

Photo by Allen Kalata/Bugle

NILES NEWS

National Night Out Aug. 3

The streets of Niles will be all aglow come sunset Tuesday, Aug. 3, when residents turn on their porch lights and take to the streets, flashlights in hand, for the second annual Night Out Against Crime.

The event will feature activities for all ages to join with members of the Niles Police and Fire Departments, the Citizens Police Academy, the Youth Police Academy, the Park District, Comcast, Village Employees, and many local businesses to symbolically "take back the streets from the criminals" and "put the light on crime."

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. on the grounds of Notre Dame High School for Boys, 7655 W. Dempster. Admission and parking are free, as are food and beverages, entertainment, crime prevention activities, games, raffles, police demonstrations and numerous other activities.

Niles Teen Center Movie Night

Got the summer blues? Don't know what to do? The Niles Teen Center will turn your summer bore into entertainment galore! On Friday, July 30th the Niles Teen Center will be hosting another great teen movie night featuring the film Scary Movie 3! The cost will be \$2 for Teen Center members

Lin-Mar Automotive will etch vehicle ID numbers on car windows for a nominal fee to prevent the glass from being stolen for parts and reduce insurance premiums for those participating in the program. Bicyclists are also invited to participate in the bike safety course and registration.

At 8:30 p.m. participants in the Flashlight Walk will make their way through the neighborhoods of the Village with lighted flashlights. Residents and guests are asked to bring a flashlight for the walk, and homeowners are asked to turn on their outside lights in support of the National Night Out activities.

Everyone is invited to join in the National Night Out Against Crime 2004. To volunteer to help, make a donation to the event or for any additional information, please contact Officer Ron Brandt of the Niles Police Department at 847-588-6500.

and \$3 for non-members. Feel free to bring a comfy blanket or pillow to lie on in the Teen Center's multipurpose room where the film will be featured. The activity will last from 7:00pm-9:00pm and is open to teens in sixth through twelfth grade. For more information please call 847-663-9185. Hope to see you there!

After brief dispute, Oasis cell tower on track

A brief dispute that arose from poor placement of a utility easement for a planned cellular tower at Oasis Water Park was resolved Friday after meetings between Niles Park District Director Joe LoVerde and representatives from tower builder U.S. Cellular.

An easement that is needed to run fiber-optic communication lines to the tower was originally placed directly through the Oasis parking lot, LoVerde said, which was unacceptable: "we didn't want any disruption to our operations at Oasis."

Additionally, U.S. Cellular agreed not to start work on the tower until after the pool closed following Labor Day.

"We were concerned about disruption for our users," LoVerde said. "[U.S. Cellular] said they were comfortable waiting until after we closed the pool for the season."

The tower should take about five months to complete. It will occupy

what is currently a plaza at the southeast end of the park, near the entrance to the pool. When completed the plaza will be enhanced and the Park District could realize up to \$125,000 in annual revenue, \$2,500 per month, for up to four different carriers.

"We have one lease signed with U.S. Cellular," LoVerde said. "We also have a tentative lease with Sprint. So we're looking at getting off the ground with two companies."



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NILES NEWS

Multi-Purpose Gym enters final design phases

Architect Wight considered for construction of building

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The design phase of the new Niles Park District's multi-purpose gymnasium is nearly complete and the District is considering a variety of construction options for the building according to Park District Director Joe LoVerde.

With the completion of the design phase predicted for mid-August, Park District officials are considering a variety of different

options for the construction of the facility on the site of the former Moscow Nights club near the intersection of Caldwell and Howard. Those include a contractor with an overseeing construction manager, a contractor overseen by the Park District or construction by the building's architect, Wight & Company.

"We went out and visited a Bolingbrook facility that they designed and built," LoVerde told the Park Board last Tuesday. "It gave us a lot of good ideas about what the interior could look like and what it would be like to work with Wight's construction division."

LoVerde said that working with Wight would be preferable to

working with only a contractor, because the Park District would have to supervise the work. However, it's harder to make a distinction between the construction manager/contractor arrangement and Wight.

"We're weighing our options," LoVerde said. "But we're very close to bringing a recommendation to the board."

Wight is planning to bring the District a guaranteed cost on the project, LoVerde told the board. A guaranteed cost takes all possible expenses into account and sets a ceiling on what the project would cost the District.

The gym is scheduled for completion in the late summer or early fall of next year.

Handicapped improvements slated for Tam Tennis

If Architect Wight & Company receive the construction contract for the Niles Park District's new multi-purpose gymnasium planned for the former Moscow Nights site, they could also be selected to make handicapped accessibility improvements to the neighboring Tam Tennis Complex.

Wight designed the new multi-purpose gym and are currently

under consideration by the District to construct it. If that contract goes through, the timing seems natural to make improvements to Tam Tennis, Park District Director Joe LoVerde said.

"Now that we're about to begin construction on a new gym, it seemed like a good time," LoVerde said. "[Tam Tennis] is the last building we have that

isn't handicapped accessible."

Among the necessary improvements are providing access to bathroom and shower facilities with a new elevator and reconstructing a rear overhead door.

Wight will conduct a study for which that District has budgeted \$3,500 out of the handicapped fund. Their results are due back in about three weeks.

Playground equipment to be relocated at Cortland

Playground equipment that is located under Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd) power lines at the Niles Park District's Cortland Park is slated for removal following Park Board approval last Tuesday, July 20.

Park District Director Joe LoVerde said that the move is advisable because of concerns parents may have about the potentially cancer-causing high-tension lines.

"While I think the jury is still out on whether or not those lines cause cancer, I think it's a good idea to get the playground equipment out from under the lines."

The equipment will be moved to a 130' by 60' site roughly 500' north of its current location at

Cortland Park in the northeast corner of Niles along Washington. The equipment is currently situated on ComEd land that the Park District had leased. The new site for the equipment will abut existing tennis courts.

The move is budgeted into next year for equipment and could cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. There was concern among board members that neighbors might not appreciate the new location, but LoVerde said that the importance of moving the equipment was paramount.

"I think the neighbors will accept the relocation once they understand the importance of moving the equipment out from under the lines," he said.

Niles Ladies Auxiliary names new officers

The Ladies Auxiliary to Niles Memorial Post #7712, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), recently installed the following officers:

President Pauline Bolton, Sr., Vice President Loretta Witkowski, Jr. Vice President Lorraine Beusse, Chaplain Geraldine Bugarin/Geraldine Mugnolo, Treasurer LaVerne Kozak, Secretary Anna Krueger.

Conductress Lorraine Beusse, Guard Isabel Peterson, Trustee Valerie Orlovski.

The Installing Officer was Past Auxiliary President Mary Symer. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Geraldine Bugarin.

Anyone interested in more information on the Ladies Auxiliary may call (847) 647-9890. The Post is located at 7419 Milwaukee Ave., Niles.



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NEWS

Sullivan mourns slain nephew

The Illinois Senate observed a moment of silence July 24 after learning that the nephew of State Sen. Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge) had been killed in action some time July 23 while on a second tour of duty with the Marines in Iraq.

Sullivan was notified of the death of 22-year-old Vincent Sullivan while on the Senate floor listening to lawmakers discuss death benefits for Illinois service personnel serving overseas. The Senate approved the legislation then stood silently for a moment.

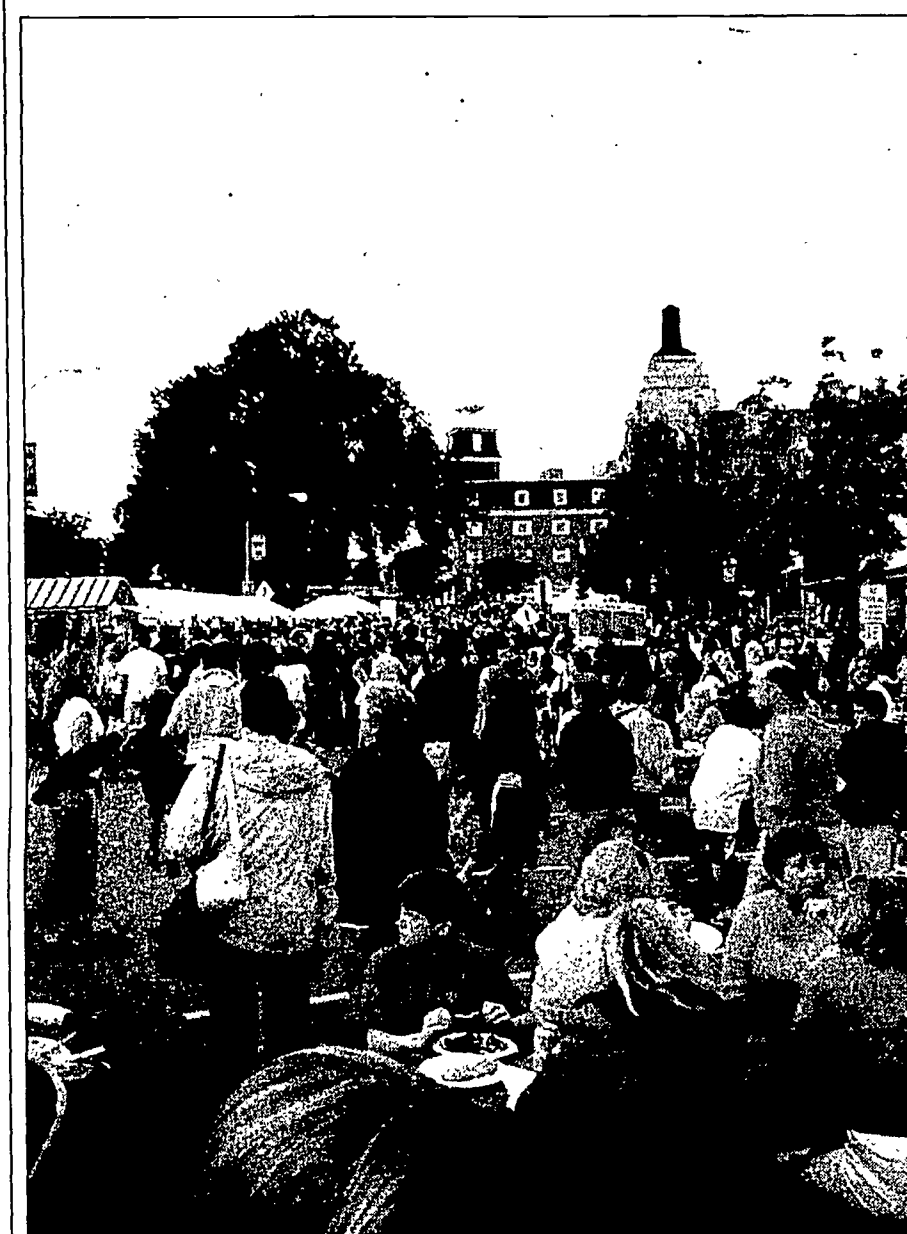
Senate Republican Leader Frank Watson expressed deep sympathy to Sullivan and his family on behalf of Senate members.

"What a terrible loss. Suddenly and tragically, the legislation we were discussing about military benefits became starkly personal for one of our colleagues. Dave Sullivan and his family are in our prayers," Watson said. "We also hold close in our thoughts the families and friends of all the men and women serving our country."

Vincent Sullivan was a Lance Corporal in the 24th Stay Platoon Weapons Company. The son of Sullivan's brother Michael of Western Springs, Vincent was married just six months ago.

Arrangements are pending in New Jersey.

Locals take a 'Taste' of Uptown Park Ridge



(Left) Large crowds lined up at food tents along Prospect Ave. both Friday and Saturday during the Uptown Taste of Park Ridge.

(Above) From left Maine Township Supervisor Bob Dudycz, Highway Commissioner Bob Provenzano and Park Ridge Mayor Mike MaRous share a laugh at the Uptown Taste of Park Ridge.

(Below) The Park Ridge band "Escape from Earth" played at the Uptown Taste of Park Ridge last Friday. The band played the Chicago House of Blues on Saturday.



Summer Concerts, 'Last Blast' planned

Niles Park District

Niles Park District will be offering free family concerts at Oak Park, Lee & Ottawa, on Friday evenings in August. Children's entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. with the main stage performances at 7:30 p.m. Food will be available for a nominal fee at all concerts. Pack up the lawn chairs or blankets and bring the whole family out to enjoy summer sounds in the park.

August 6- Jim Gill, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Jim Gill's performance is filled with imaginative songs and energetic rhythms on his banjo.

August 6- Big Guitars From Memphis, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

They perform a wide variety of American music from rockability to surf and Chuck Berry to Elvis.

August 13- Cold Blooded Creatures, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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August 13- 215 West, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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August 20- Sandi Sylver, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Sandi Sylver is a charismatic

storyteller, ventriloquist and songstress. Her sidekick "Toodles", a soft puppet will be sure to keep the entire family entertained.

August 20- The New Invaders, 7:30-9:00 p.m. They will take you on a musical journey back in time when life was simple and British rock was invading. They will capture the very essence of the sixties with vintage instruments, costumes and sounds.

August 27- Pete Kovocovich, 6:30-7:15 p.m. He delights audiences of all ages with his magic, illusion skills and juggling feats.

August 27- Mr. Myers, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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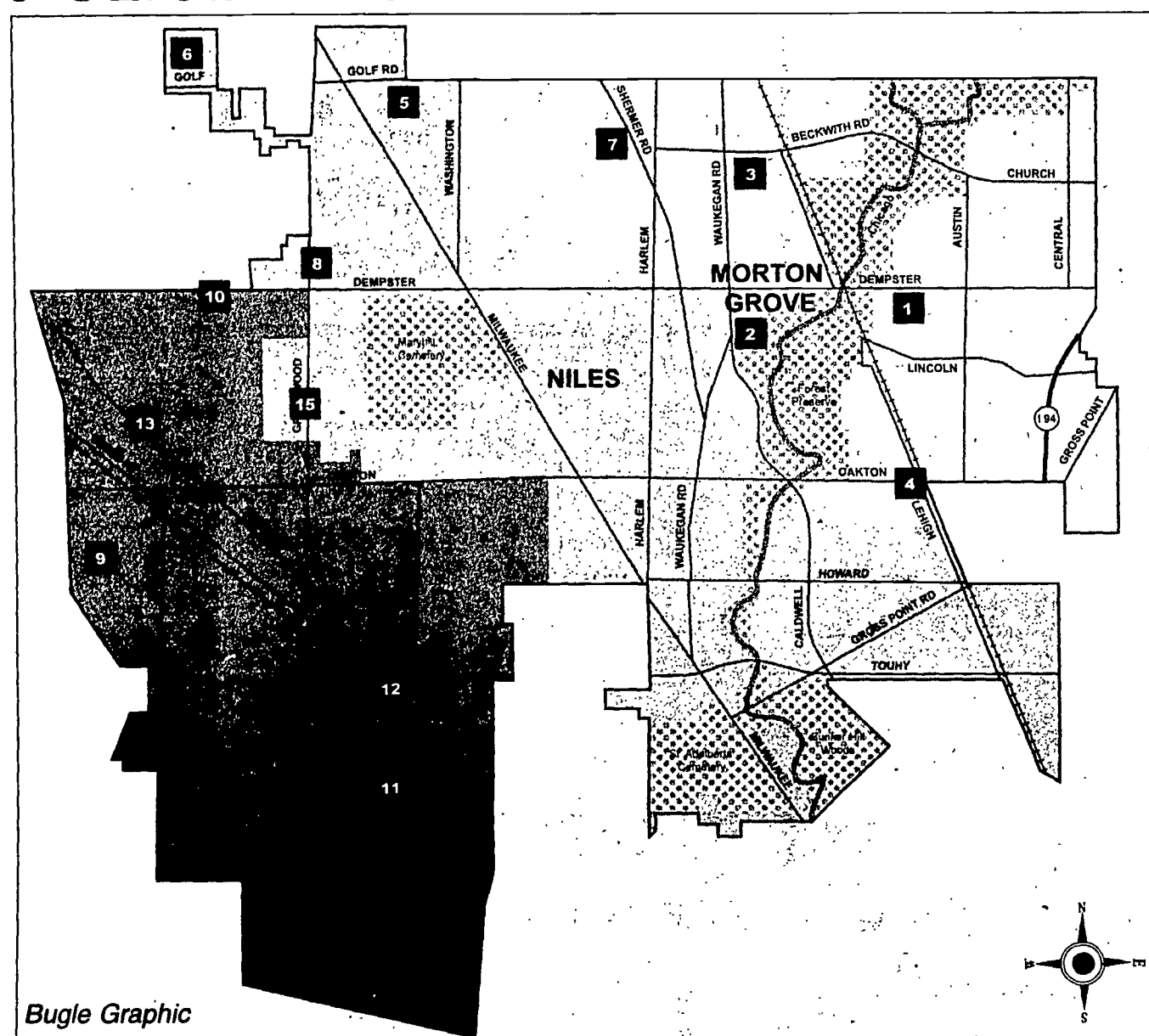
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POLICE BLOTTER



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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 23, 2004.

1 \$12,500 Missing from Bank (6201 Dempster)

A temporary employee of MB Financial Bank at 6201 Dempster was charged with a Class 2 felony for theft Wednesday night July 14, 2004 for allegedly stealing \$12,500 in cash over several months from customer accounts.

According to police, Tameka N. Stevens of 314 E. 83rd. St. in Chicago told them she started taking cash in \$500 amounts starting on January 22, 2004 knowing that her supervisors never counted the amount of cash in the drawer but believed the drawer rec-

onciliation report provided by the teller.

The theft was discovered after a 55-year-old Morton Grove man discovered a \$15,000 discrepancy in his savings account in May of 2004.

Bank manager Barbara Nowdomski took the man's complaint and forwarded it to bank auditors who discovered the man's transactions were handled by Stevens. Further investigation by the auditors showed Stevens allegedly moved money from the man's account to cover future shortages and have her drawer in balance at the end of the day.

Nowdomski told police Stevens was released on April 30 because her position was being filled by a full time employee. Nowdomski also told police that after the discrepancy in funds was discovered auditors many numerous attempts to meet with

Stevens, but Stevens never appeared for the agreed meetings.

Police said Stevens did respond to a request to come the Morton Grove police department on June 19 and was given a Miranda warning. At that time police said Stevens admitted taking money from her cash drawer and used the Morton Grove man's \$15,000 transaction to cover the shortages in her drawer.

On July 14 Morton Grove police picked up Stevens at her southside residence and brought her to the Morton Grove police department where she was shown bank drawer reports that showed her drawer had been in balance on the days she admitted taking cash.

Police said Stevens was given a second Miranda warning before she explained the alleged scheme to them. Stevens has a court date of August

4, 2004 in Room 106 at 1:30 p.m. in Skokie.

2 Locker broken in (6800 Dempster)

A wallet containing \$180 in cash and several credit cards was taken from a locker at Bally's Health Club at 6821 Dempster Sunday July 18.

3 Complaint of inches (6900 Church)

A 53-year-old Morton Grove man called police Tuesday night July 20 claiming his neighbor had cut one-half inch of the man's grass while mowing his lawn. The 53-year-old man told police he believed the man was trying to annoy him and wants his neighbor to stay off his property.

4 Trespass arrest (6300 Oakton)

A 31-year-old Milwaukee, WI man was arrested for criminal trespass Friday evening July 16 after he entered the Menard's store in the 6300 block of Oakton even though he had signed an agreement in the past not to enter any Menard's stores after he was arrested for retail theft in the past.

The man told police he had just come to the loading dock to pick up a door and that security had instructed him where to go. The store manager, however, wanted the man arrested for trespass according to the terms of the agreement.

During their investigation police discovered the man had indeed entered the store through the front door violating the agreement and arrested him.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending July 26, 2004.

5 Theft of CDs leads to car being towed (8500 Golf)

A 49-year-old Niles man was arrested by police Monday night July 19 after fleeing the manager at the Office Depot store in the 8500 block of Golf Rd. while he was being questioned for allegedly stealing CDs and print cartridge.

According to police the man walked into the store without merchandise and then went over to the computer supplies where he selected a spindle of 50 blank CDs. Police said the man went

over to the customer service counter and attempted to return the CDs for a package of 100 CDs and a print cartridge and was willing to pay the \$9.97 difference.

After the transaction was completed the manager approached the man and took him into an office to question him. The manager told Niles police the man admitted to stealing the CDs and then left in a 2004 Mitsubishi Mirage.

6 Police tow car. (8800 block of Golf Rd.)

A little after 9:15 p.m. the man came to the Niles police department and was questioned by a Niles police officer. The man told the police he did not steal the CDs. He also said the receipt was in the console of the car that was towed.

The police officer went to the Skokie auto pound to look for the receipt but did not find it.

The man was charged with retail theft and released on bond.

His court date is September 1, 2004 at 9 a.m. in Room 104 in Skokie.

7 Speeding stop leads to arrest (8900 Shermer)

A traffic stop in the 8900 block of Shermer early Tuesday morning July 20 led to the arrest of one man on an outstanding warrant and the ticketing of the driver for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and speeding.

Police said they stopped the car for speeding 10 miles over the limit in the 8900 block of Shermer. Police said both men had red glassy eyes. The driver allowed police to search the car, and a canine unit discovered a small plastic bag with marijuana in the ash tray.

A check on the passenger, a 22-year-old man from Des Plaines, revealed he was wanted on an outstanding warrant and was taken into custody.

8 Two men walk out of store with liquor (8900 Greenwood)

Two Park Ridge men were charged with petty theft Tuesday night July 20 after the store manager of the Dominick's store in the 8900 block of Greenwood watched the men walk out of the store without paying for a bottle of vodka and a case of beer.

According to the report the manager ran out of the store after one of the men placed the items in his trunk. The

men refused to return the liquor. The manager copied down the license number of the car and called Niles Police.

Park Ridge police stopped the car that was registered to Joseph Kirsch of the 1400 block of Cynthia in Park Ridge. Both men were transported back to the Dominick's store and both were identified by the manager. The bottle of vodka was returned unopened and the case of beer was paid for.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending July 16-July 22, 2004.

9 Park District office hit again (500 Forestview)

For the second time in two weeks thieves burglarized Park Ridge Park District property at 500 Forestview Friday night July 16. In both cases police still do not know what is missing.

10 Purse snatching (1900 Dempster)

Two juveniles on bicycles got away with \$1 in cash and an assortment of identification Friday morning July 16 when they snatched a woman's purse while she walking in the 1900 block of Dempster.

11 Burglary (400 S. Fairview)

A mountain bike valued at \$100

was stolen from an unlocked garage in the 400 block of S. Fairview Monday night July 12.

12 Burglary to vehicle (100 N. Busse Hwy.)

A purse containing \$50 and several forms of identification was stolen from a 2004 Toyota parked in the 100 block of Busse Hwy. Tuesday morning July 20.

13 Three arrested for public indecency

In a little over an hour Park Ridge police arrested three men for Public Indecency in the 1100 block of Dee Thursday night July 15.

All three Chicago men have an August 25, 2004 court date in Skokie.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:**Morton Grove**

Theft-6
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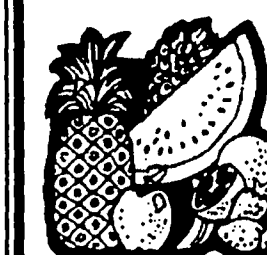
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Letters

Two Cheers for "McCarthyism"? Taking it back — a little

McCarthyism has come to mean anything the Action Party (read Dan Staackmann) considers to be unfair, unjust, un-nice. It's simply another example of the general phenomenon described by George Orwell when he wrote in "Politics and the English Language" that "The word Fascism has now no meaning except in so far as it signifies 'something not desirable.'"

Well, I would dearly love to reclaim the word McCarthyism, if only a little bit. Senator Joe McCarthy was a lout, generally speaking. But he was on the right side of history and, in a broad sense, of morality as well. If, in some sort of parallel-universe exercise, the same number of (now proven) Soviet-Communist spies, collaborators, sympathizers, and the like were somehow switched to Nazis, and McCarthy went after them with the same vehemence as he went after Reds, Joe McCarthy might well have universities and foundations named after him today.

Regardless, wherever you come down on McCarthyism, Communism, and the rest is a matter of opinion. What is a matter of fact — unmitigated, irrefutable, undeniable fact — is that there were hundreds of Communists working

for Moscow, directly or indirectly, in the United States during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. The Rosenbergs were guilty and got what they deserved. Alger Hiss too. Victor Perlo, Judith Coplon, Morton Sobell, William Perl, Alfred Sarant, Joel Barr, and Harry Gold were all either pawns or lackeys of a foreign and evil foe. We know the Hollywood Ten were all Communists, but what else they were we can't know for sure, because they believed taking the Fifth was more important than protecting the country. In other words, you are free to describe McCarthyism as a witchhunt if and only if you are willing to concede that actual witches existed in our midst. The evidence — from declassified Venona transcripts, Soviet archives, memoirs, etc. — is still mounting. The reality was that "in a global sense McCarthy was on to something. McCarthy may have exaggerated the scope of the problem but not by much."

The Age of McCarthyism, it turns out, was not the simple witch hunt of the innocent by the malevolent as two generations of high school and college students have been taught. More than forty years have passed since Senator McCarthy lay in state

in the U.S. Capitol. Time has confirmed the enormity of the crimes of Lenin, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, and their dozens of impersonators throughout the world. Here in America, time has vindicated the anti-Communist cause by revealing the unquestionable guilt of scores of Americans that had previously thought to be "smeared" by "McCarthyism."

Now, I don't bring this up because I'm one of those conservatives who can't get over the fact that the Left got away with decades of dishonesty and deceit on the subject of America's struggle to save Western civilization. (Though, for the record, I am one of those conservatives.) Rather, this history has new meaning and relevance now because the Action Party (read Dan Staackmann) is again invoking "McCarthyism" in an assault on those who would dare to criticize the current administration. Maybe we "Mayhem-makers and malcontents" are on to something. We may have exaggerated the scope of the problem but not by much.

Which raises the question: Is there any similarity between "Mayhem-makers and malcontents" and McCarthyism? To answer this question requires a look

at what McCarthyism was, and at what "New Dawners" is (to borrow a phrase "New Dawn"), not New Day Mr. Staackmann). One must then compare the two to see if there are any points in common. "New Dawners" vs. McCarthyism

The differences between New Dawners and McCarthyism are numerous and obvious.

"New Dawners" is not a government activity or associated with any government organization. "New Dawners" has no legislative authority.

"New Dawners" lacks any coercive powers.

"New Dawners" have no intention that any resident be deprived of freedom of speech. Rather, it seeks to spur discussion of what it perceives as a faulty, extremist, intolerant, apologetic, and an abusive record in Morton Grove politics. There is, in short, not a single element in common between McCarthyism and "New Dawners".

"The charge of McCarthyism is the last refuge of politicians who are losing an argument." Those who have enforced their own orthodoxies on numerous entities and agencies are quick to label anyone such as those listed in the July 22, 2004 editorial and who dares to criticize them as McCarthyites. Instead of

slandering critics they should try to answer their arguments."

Ironically, the very tactic of guilt by association and smears reportedly used by Senator McCarthy has now been adopted by the Morton Grove Action Party (read Dan Staackmann), who seek to stifle debate and free discussion by resorting to unfounded smears of their critics.

"The words spoken to Sen. McCarthy 50 years ago seem equally appropriate today 'Have you no shame, sir? Have you no shame?'"

Dan Staackmann and members of the Action Party don't understand the meaning of a free press and the right of citizens to criticize their government."

We have also refused to sit back and just allow the city government to do anything it wants. There was another figure from the McCarthy era, Richard Nixon, who probably summed up my position best on this subject when he said, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

If Morton Grove officials don't want to be criticized, they shouldn't have run for office.

Roy Kogstad
Morton Grove
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MGO Information is correct

Dear Editor,

Here is my response to Abdullah Khan's letter referencing me in the July 8 Bugle. My information is not incorrect. But as I have found out in the last two years, all the MEC has to do is spin misinformation and see what the public is willing to believe for the sake of being tolerant neighbors.

Kenith Bergeron, the Department of Justice mediator, told me at one of the DOJ meetings that the MEC had called the DOJ to get them involved in a supposed hate crime. The DOJ investigated and said it was being handled by the village and left. The MEC's call to the DOJ, as intended, brought attention to their issue and after a short time they got involved. So, who really called the DOJ first?

I was present for two of the DOJ meetings. I attended in good faith. But, during the second meeting when a 14-page document was described as the basis of the agreement between the Village and MEC, I was disturbed. Residents weren't allowed to read the document. It was a secret, even though it was the basis for the meetings we were having. We were directed to discuss items like how high should the minaret be and should there be call to prayers five times a day. We weren't allowed to discuss the project as a whole or the overuse of the land. But, somehow this isn't a done deal?

Regrettably, Abdullah, we do have to discuss this in the papers because of lack of meaningful discussion. Again, just call me ill-informed, fearful, unbending and antagonistic. Try to sway public opinion against opposing views with negative adjectives. This kind of emotional attack often works.

Khan states he hopes the village isn't disputing the right-of-way on Capulina because of residents like me. Well, I hope he's right. I hope the real reason the Village is disputing the MEC claim on Capulina is because it has been shown in numerous documents that the village did not give up the right-of-way when the property was sold.

Khan says they aren't asking for special parking or traffic consideration from the Village. Why would they? The MEC wants free and total access to all our streets and services no matter what the residential cost. I do have to wonder why the Village stated that resident only parking was implemented because of the MEC parking problems, when the MEC says there aren't any parking problems. Also, at the meetings that I attended, it was stated that all mosque traffic was to enter on Menard and cars could only exit on Theobald. But facts do seem to keep changing at that property.

Khan says it was okay for Jim Verhunce of the Traffic Commission to have prejudged the case. It's only common sense, he says, that what the MEC is asking for is okay. Then why are we bothering to have meetings? But, as we have been assured, this is not a done deal.

Khan keeps referring to me as the MGO. Although I support the MGO, just as Khan supports the MEC, I am a Morton Grove resident, first and foremost. All the words I have written are mine and at no other person's direction. Can Khan say the same thing? And talking about neighbors, how many residents around the proposed mosque signed the mediation agreement? Two?

Contrary to what the MEC keeps stating, the opponents to the mosque are not anti-Muslim. We feel that developing the school in the present location is absolutely appropriate. What we oppose is the enormous expansion and addition of a mosque that will cause overuse of this small piece of property and our residential streets.

We just want to protect our quality of life. We struggled to buy our home, make our life and raise our children in this neighborhood to get away from the large crowds and busy streets of Chicago. It would be very disappointing after all these years, if that is what the southeast part of Morton Grove becomes. I urge all Morton Grove residents to become aware of the facts of this case and not just the politically correct rhetoric. Even though we are only a small portion of the village, this decision will affect all of Morton Grove.

Pamela Lundsberg
Morton Grove

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Up URs, II

Okay, okay; stop the clamoring. I'll elaborate on my previous column asking you to consider building TA2 vertically instead of horizontally. (This is my column, after all.)

In the recent episode, I asked you to consider a 20-storey, single, one-time-only building on TA2 instead of the high-density, ground-covering plan offered by PRC Partners. I proposed that we "make no little plans" by breaking a sacred constraint we've placed on past Park Ridge development: building height. I proposed that we make a "signature" development unlike anything in any other Chicago suburb. I proposed that we complement (and compliment) our existing Uptown "look" by adding something we've never seen in Park Ridge (as the Pickwick did when it was first built).

What might such a behemoth look like?

If you have an Internet connection, peek at <http://www.accorhotels.com/accorhotels/gif/2993v0>.

0.gif. What you'll see there is the radical, triangular building that is the Sofitel Hotel in Chicago.

Why triangular? Because that's the basic shape of TA2, that's why. Why modern? Because, as when the Pickwick was built, the "clash" of styles has become not just acceptable, but appealing; even endearing.

Heaven knows, I'm not an architect. But heaven should also know that it doesn't take an architect to see that the current PRC plans are just "more of the same", a ginger-bread-y collection of shapes and colors that are NOT distinctive, and certainly not distinctive enough for Park Ridge.

Why a hotel as a model? Because we NEED a hotel in Park Ridge. (We have one in the Summit Square Retirement Residence, SSR. But, obviously, that's not a draw for O'Hare stopovers, and the SSR could be integrated into the building, freeing up yet more land space on TA2.)

Why a central banquet facility? Because we don't have one in Park Ridge at all (unless you count the one up on Dempster,

that no one from Park Ridge uses; where will your child have her wedding reception?).

Why a rooftop restaurant? Because there'd be nothing like it in Chicagoland. People would come from all over to use it; to eat, and view.

Why vertical? Because it's the ONLY way we'll get the residential and retail elements we need to generate tax revenue and STILL have the ambience, elegance, and open space we demand in Park Ridge.

Toss out all the existing plans that we've waited so long for and worked so hard on? Yep. We deserve better. We should demand better.

And, as I said, it's the only way to minimize the risk Park Ridge taxpayers will incur under the existing plan. Right now, YOU are underwriting Uptown Redevelopment. YOU, by your property tax value and dollars. Under this vertical plan, we can get not only the revenue that's now iffy, but we can get the "look" in Uptown that will take everyone's breath away AND will pave the way for the other development in Uptown on TA3 and TA4; setting the tone, so to speak.

I am NOT high. But TA2 should be.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com



NEWS

Engagement
Michaels-Walk

Jerry and Linda Michaels of Niles have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Suzanne Michaels of Niles, to Darwin Arthur Walk II of Naperville.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Resurrection High School, received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-

Champaign. She is a Human Resources Administrator at Maurice Sporting Goods in Northbrook.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Rockford East High School, received his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Benedictine University. He is a Senior Executive with the Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America in Mt. Prospect. They are planning an October wedding.

FOIA

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lage hall because it made the requests easier to fulfill.

"What the village staff needs is consistency," said Czerwinski. "If we have a single form then we have all the information we need to find the appropriate information. We want to serve the residents."

The village staff is also available to assist anyone who needs help filling out the form. While the staff has done to work

of putting the agendas and minutes of the web as well as answering FOIA requests, Czerwinski said that they wouldn't have moved as quickly to do those things without the interest of the residents. "We wanted to put the agendas on the web," he said. "Would we have done it as quickly without the input of the residents? Probably not. The interest of the residents has played a part in how quickly we've moved along this road."

BUSINESS

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

New E-Mail Scam Targets Homeowners

With more people becoming e-mail scam and spam savvy — meaning they're less likely to open e-mails from unfamiliar sources that might add to their spam listings or ones that contain "offerings" of a dubious nature — the scammers and spammers may be trying a new way to get information from you via pitch letters such as the one sent to a colleague, which I've reprinted below.

Keep in mind that the property alluded to in this letter is a rental apartment, and if they were an actual broker in the area, they would have known that. They would also have been more forthcoming about who they are and what their "3 new special programs" actually cover.

Here's the message, with just a few deletions mostly involving addresses. Please note that it starts with a message of "urgency"

designed to pique your immediate curiosity. Also, it uses the first initial of the recipient's name, obviously taken from a mailing list and not a real estate listing:

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Golf outing a 'huge success'



Golfers take off at the 11:30 a.m. shotgun start of the Niles Chamber's Golf Outing at Midlane Country Club in Wadsworth.

The Niles Chamber's annual Golf Outing was held last Wednesday, July 21 and 113 golfers set their mettle against Midlane Country Club's bunkers and water traps.

While Midlane's hazards may have snagged the odd golf ball, both golfers and diners enjoyed the event, according to Niles Chamber Executive Director Katie DiMaria.

"It was a huge success," DiMaria said. "It went very well. We were very happy with it."

This year there were only a few more golfers than last year, but sponsorship was way up. There were 140 diners. Additionally, all the raffle tickets were sold and two televisions were given away. A \$5,000 cash prize was split between four individuals.

The only dark cloud on the otherwise sunny event was the weather: around 3 p.m. thunderstorms rolled in and soaked unwary golfers. The majority of the round was already completed for most golfers though, and the rain let up after about 15 minutes, prompting most to return to their clubs.

"We only had about 15 minutes of thunderstorms," said DiMaria.

"So most golfers were able to go back out and enjoy the rest of their rounds."

Midlane Country Club, located in Wadsworth is about a 45-minute to an hour drive for many of the outing participants. As a result, DiMaria said the Chamber would

"[Midlane Club] is a long way away for our members so we're going to look around for something closer."

-Katie DiMaria,
Niles Chamber Director

shop around for next year's locale, hoping to find a closer course.

"We really liked working with Midlane," DiMaria said. "The entire outing went extremely smoothly because they cater to outings. It's a long way for our Chamber members though, so we're going to look around for something closer."

The golf outing could end up at Midlane next year however, DiMaria said, if no other suitable course could be found.

BUSINESS
PEOPLE

Barton appointed to EDC committee

Dick Barton, President of Barton & Barton, Ltd., a marketing and public relations firm headquartered in Park Ridge, has replaced departed Executive Director Rick Brayer on the Economic Development Corporation Special Task Force Committee. Acting Mayor Michael Marous made Barton's appointment on Wednesday at the request of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

"It is important that the Chamber and its 483 members continue to be represented in this effort to revamp the community's economic development through a properly funded and administered effort," says Chamber President Marc Demmon.

"Dick comes with a long, time and successful business career in Park Ridge, knowledge of the inner workings of the Chamber, knowledge of the community, and proven leadership abilities," he adds. "The Chamber's voice needs to be heard more than ever before."

Demmon explains that the EDC function and the Chamber need to work together to benefit all of Park Ridge. "No matter how well funded, neither will be able to accomplish all their goals without the other," he says.

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LoVerde said that he wasn't sure how much the property could net the District, but that it would be most valuable for a new home.

"If a new single family home could be built on that property, then the value would undoubtedly go up," he said. "Not only would the sale price increase, but the home would bring in some additional tax money."

Any money that comes from the sale of the park, LoVerde continued, would be earmarked for improvements to other District facilities.

"It wouldn't go into the general

fund," he said. "It would go into the capital fund and be reinvested into the community."

In addition to selling the bulk of the park to a developer or individual who wanted to build a home, some members of the park board ventured that parts of the property could be vacated and given to the north and south facing homes that neighbor it.

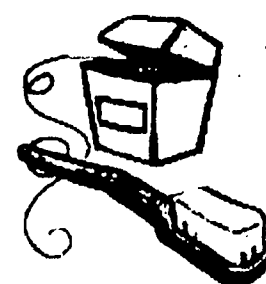
"Could we abandon part of the park to the neighbors?" asked Commissioner Barbaglia.

Park Board Attorney Dan Shapiro said that, abandoning all or part of the property to the neighbors in

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order to increase their lots would probably not work, but that the District could set any price for the property and perhaps sell it to the neighbors for a dollar. LoVerde also said that there's a chance that, because of the park's extreme length, it could be subdivided into one parcel for the single family lot and the rest could be subdivided and offered for sale to the neighbors.

"There's a possibility we could split [the remaining length] down the middle and subdivide it," LoVerde said. "Then we could offer it for sale to the home owners."



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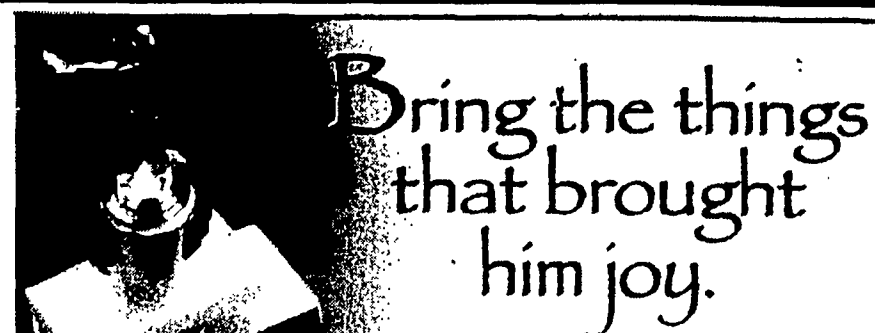
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Thursday July 29, 2004

Park Ridge All-Stars earn extra playing time

BYMIKE SANTORO
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Imagine a situation in which your team held the twelve best ball players in the league. You'd be in pretty good shape. But what if all those players played the same position? What if they weren't completely familiar with all the rules? Throw in the fact that your team only has two days of practice before beginning a whirlwind eight straight days of baseball and you face similar area teams with the top players from their leagues. The situation suddenly became a lot more challenging.

This was the situation Coach Jack Mathison found himself in when he agreed to coach the 10 year old Park Ridge Traveling All Star Team.

The biggest challenge was finding spots for all of the kids. Each player had been chosen as the best player on their team and so naturally each of the kids had played the most athletic positions. Now as they joined equally talented players on the all star team, they had to be moved around to positions they weren't

completely familiar with.

"For the most part we had 12 pitchers and 12 shortstops," Mathison said. "It was hard to find spots for them that they were comfortable with. The kids were forced play outfield and infield positions that they weren't really familiar with. It was tough."

The kids tried their best in facing some very tough competition, but were hindered by a lack of complete understanding of the rules. In this league stealing was allowed and hadn't been in the 10 year old Park Ridge league. Many of the teams had already been using the stealing rules, but this was the first time for many of the Park Ridge players.

"A lot of these teams had been using these rules all year," Mathison said. "The stealing definitely hurt us. Our kids weren't ready for it."

With only two days practice, one just to get to know each other, the Park Ridge team struggled through the season. Each time they would keep the games close, but late in the game the opposing team would

pull ahead and never look back.

The second to last game of the season for the Park Ridge team was a perfect example. Trailing by only one run heading into the fourth inning, River Grove went on a tear to score five runs. They followed that up in the sixth with three more runs to cap the victory by a score of 13-6.

"We played some good games but that one inning would kill us," Mathison commented. "These were some really good teams we faced. We could keep it close, but just couldn't finish."

With the lack of time together Mathison said it was hard for the players on his team to really find their place. That lack of unity hurt them.

"We had some great kids on this team but unfortunately the team never had the time to come together," Mathison said.

The Park Ridge team played with all they had but were unable to qualify for the playoffs. Though they didn't win, at least they had the opportunity to play an extra week of baseball. For many of these kids, that alone was worth it.



Park Ridge catcher Connor Mathison looks toward the umpire for the call after tagging River Groves Ricky Krajewski out at home in the sixth inning of their qualifying in the Park Ridge Summer Sizzlere at Hinckly Park Sunday afternoon July 25.

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Niles All-Stars host New York team

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Earlier in the day, the Angels will attend the Cubs-Phillies game at Wrigley Field. Then on

Saturday, July 31 they will again play against the Niles team at 3 p.m. at Pioneer Park.

The day will conclude with the teams attendance at the annual Little/Bronco League Pool Party at Oasis Pool on Milwaukee Ave. beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

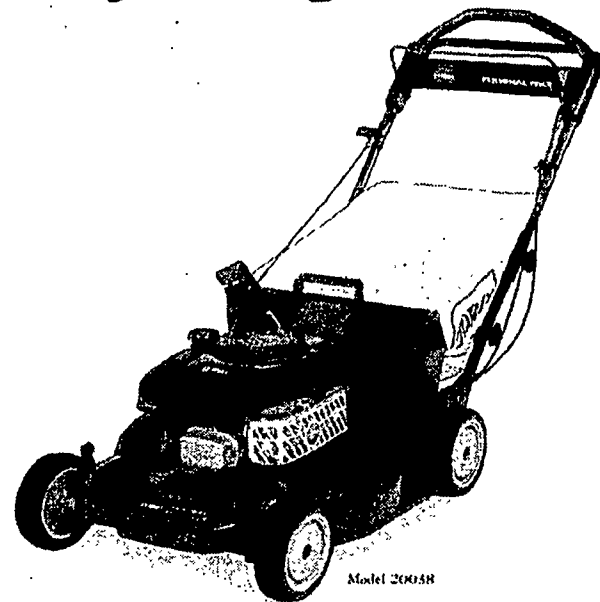
Mike Breidenbach, manager of the Angels, will present the league with a proclamation issued by their village manage-

ment acknowledging the games.

The following are the names of the players of the New York team: Michael Breidenbach, Keith O'Connor, Thomas Shea, David Nelson, Terence Meaney, C.J. Brady, Jessie Whipperman, Michael Theiss, Michael Eckerle, David Osorio, Vinny Trotta, Christopher Breidenbach, Thomas Meaney and Coaches Eugene O'Connor, Michael Breidenbach and Dave Nelson.

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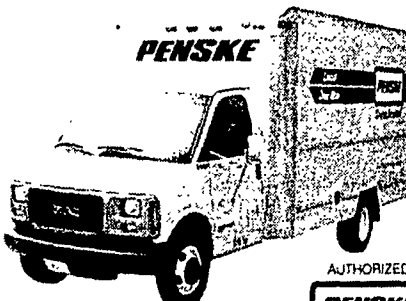
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or call us at 847/588-8420 and we will mail you an application.

AUGUST REGISTRATION
FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS

Mail-in/Drop-off Registration with check or credit card number is due at the Senior Center no later than 5:00pm, Friday, August 6th. Fill out & sign the registration form in the August Program Guide - or pick up form at the Center. (Do not send cash by mail.) In-person registration begins 8:30am,

Wednesday, August 11th. (Cash is accepted during in-person registration as well as check or credit card.) If special accommodations are needed, please let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more information. During August Registration, tickets are on sale - according to the schedule listed above this paragraph - for the following programs, events, and classes.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE:
THE RENAISSANCE BALL

Friday, October 1st, 5:00pm - 9:00pm Join us for a very special evening as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Niles Senior Center at the Renaissance Ball. Dinner featuring Spinach Strawberry Salad, London Broil, Roasted Potatoes and Dessert will be served at 5:30pm. Following the meal, the Larry Bemben Band will take the stage for your listening and dancing pleasure. Cost: \$21.50.

TALK WITH THE DIRECTOR
August 5th, September 2nd, and October 14th - 10:00am - 11:00am

Park Ridge Senior News

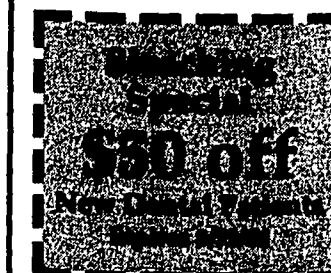
Park Ridge Senior Center is informing its members that it's time to renew their memberships in order to continue receiving their copy of the SPECTATOR. Renewal fees are: resident single, \$25.00; couple, \$44; non-resident, single, \$40; couple, \$68. All Park Ridge seniors 55 years of age and older as well as non-residents are invited to become new members. New member fees are: resident single, \$25; couple \$44; non-resident single, \$40; couple, \$68. An additional one time \$25 administrative cost is added. The Center presents the Cranberry Autumn Harvest in Wisconsin October 3-5, 2004. The trip will feature cranberry marshes in Warrens, the Cranberry Expo, Ocean Spray Plant, Amish areas of Cashton, The International Crane Foundation, La Crosse Queen Cruise on the Mississippi River, Leiden's apple orchard and more. The cost is

\$429 double occupancy per person: \$495 single occupancy. A \$50 deposit is required with reservation. Reservations are being accepted on first come, first served basis. Final payment is due August 20. For more information contact Teresa Grodsky at the Center 847-692-3597. Make checks payable to American Classic Tours, Inc. Mail reservation and deposit to the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western, Park Ridge, attention Teresa Grodsky. Final payment to be mailed to: American Classic Tours, Inc., 1580 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 525, Libertyville, IL 60048. On Monday, August 2 at 1pm is another in the Health Awareness Programs given by Dr. Richard Hunn of Norridge Chiropractic Clinic. This program discusses "peak performance." Learn how to increase energy, increase productivity and increase safety at work or at home. Also, Dr. Hunn will go over stretches, proper lifting and exercises to improve your overall health.

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Health & Wellness
August - Special Presentation
Dr. Janet Horton, Board Certified
Chiropractic Physician, will speak on Osteoarthritis & related

Musculoskeletal Disorders, Aug. 19th, Thurs., 1:00 - 2:30pm. Free, sign up/10 min.

Coming in September
New Vision: Help for Adults with Vision Loss-Wednesdays, Sept. 8th-29th, 1-4pm. Free

The Guild for the Blind will be presenting New Visions, a program designed to help adults with new vision loss learn practical ways to make their lives easier and safer. A family member or friend is strongly encouraged to attend to gain a better understanding of what a person with low vision experiences on a daily basis and how to best support them. Each session will provide participants with skill-building products to take home, useful low vision tips and techniques, and resource materials in large print. To register, please contact Kerry Obrist at 312/236-8569. (Registration is not at the Center.)

THE RED HAT SOCIETY
The Red Hat Society is a national organization of women who meet regularly for

luncheons/ trips. Red hat and purple attire are required for each outing. 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.

NEW - Lunch with The Red Hatters at Market Square, 600 W. Dundee, Wheeling - Thurs., Sept. 23rd, 12:00noon. Contact Kelly for carpooling and/or directions.

\$13Lunch will feature your choice of Broiled Top Sirloin Butt Steak, Grecian Chicken, or Norwegian Red Salmon.

savoring at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16 in the air-conditioned Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is \$50. Popcorn and pretzels will be served. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

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Senior Activities and Classes

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soda, and water. There will be some walking on this outing, so wear comfy shoes. "Heels" are not recommended.

Depart from the Senior Center at 8:45 a.m. and return at approximately 2:45 p.m. The cost is \$50 for Senior Center Members and \$59 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX VS. OAKLAND A's

Enjoy a game between our Chicago White Sox and the Oakland A's on Thursday, Sept.

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2nd. See what Ozzie Guillen can bring to the table when Morton Grove seniors step up for some great baseball action!! The seats will be in the Lower Reserve Section so bring a glove to catch those homers!! Lunch is "on-your-own" at US Cellular Field.

Depart from the Senior Center at 11:15 a.m. and return at approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$36.50 for Senior Center Members and \$42.50 for non-members. The registration deadline is Aug. 2nd, in person at the Senior Center.

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Wednesday, August 4

- 7 p.m. Morton Grove Board of Trustees Town Hall meeting. At the meeting, Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, Niles Township Assessor Scott Bagnall and Cook County Assessor James Houlihan will present a program on property taxes.

Monday, August 9

- 3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 12

- 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

Friday, July 30

- There will be a concert in the park in Park Ridge's Hodges Park today, July 30 starting at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 31

- "Windy City Jammers" will be performing at the Park Ridge Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to noon today, July 31. Greg Bartoshuk will be selling hybrid daylilies and the Farmers Market Committee will be selling canvas bags to offset the cost of the market. The market will run from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Learner Center' faces funding challenges

BY WENDY ELLIS
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The Total Learning Community (TLC) isn't about to call it quits just because its federal funding ran out.

TLC has been providing after school and summer programs for kids in East Maine Elementary Dist. 63, their parents and the community, for the past three years. With the end of this summer's five week session, the three year grant officially comes to an end, although director Pam Surber says they will continue the program through next year with "carryover" money, and community wide efforts are now underway to keep the program going through fundraisers.

113 area young people from kindergarten through 8th grade took part in this week's summer session, which offered kids a chance to try their hands at things like Mad Science, creative writing, arts and

crafts, sports, lego competitions and board game tournaments. Every participant rotated through the various classes during the five week session, including a class on digital cameras.

"The kids love computers and they like taking pictures," said program coordinator Eva Perelgut. "They took pictures of other kids, and they learned to compare when you should set up a picture, and when you should take it naturally," Perelgut said some of the younger kids were just happy to take pictures, while the older students gave more thought to how and what they were doing. The class was taught by Gemini Jr. High School teacher Harold Bloom and Zachary Hermann, who showed the kids how to focus, shoot, load the pictures onto a computer, and how to build videos and put captions with their photos. Surber said the kids love the variety of programs offered, even the math and reading strategies they threw in to the morn-

ing sessions, disguised as a good time. Dist. 63 has reactivated its Educational Foundation, in hopes of raising enough money to keep the TLC programs going for several years to come. The group's first fundraiser at Flapjack's Pancake House was a huge success, and they are working now on putting together a 3 on 3 basketball tournament in September. Xpress Fitness is one of a dozen or so local businesses that partner with TLC to provide the quality programs to the community. Several members of the Dist. 63 Foundation board of directors include executives of businesses like Home Depot, Abt Electronics, the Chamber of Commerce, Sara Lee, several banks and Congresswoman's Schakowsky's office. Through their efforts and those of local families, Surber said TLC hopes to raise up to \$300,000, which is what it will take to keep the program fully funded through 2006.

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(NUI) - Mold: You can't always see it, but it's there, thriving in the dark, moist corners of your basement or creeping under your family room carpet.

It can hide and go undetected until some unsuspecting person smells it, notices a damp spot or stain, or begins to feel its presence with the onset of asthma attacks, allergic reactions and other respiratory issues.

Mold can attack wood, paper and even carpet - almost anything that holds moisture. But you can help prevent mold from growing in your home by controlling indoor moisture and water leaks.

The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency offers these facts about mold and tips on what to do about it:

* There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

* Reduce indoor humidity (below 60 percent) to decrease mold growth by venting clothes dryers, kerosene heaters and other moisture-generating appliances to the outside.

* You can reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces - such as windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors - by adding insulation.

* In the bathroom, run the fan or open the window when showering or bathing.

* When needed, use air conditioners and de-humidifiers and use exhaust fans whenever cooking, dishwashing or cleaning.

* Clean and repair roof gutters regularly to prevent water leaks.

* Make sure the ground slopes away from the building foundation so that water does not enter or collect around the foundation.

* Keep refrigerator and air conditioning drip pans clean and the drain lines unobstructed and flowing properly.

* Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings

within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth.

* Clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent, and dry completely. Absorbent materials such as ceiling tiles or carpet may need to be replaced.

* Fix the source of the water problem or leak, or mold growth will recur.

Remember, mold can be found almost anywhere; it can grow on virtually any substance, as long as moisture is present.

For more information on protecting your home from mold, log on to www.epa.gov/mold.

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THIS IS A HAMMER Leaky Pipes

Q: I was looking for the source of a moldy smell in the basement, and found water dripping slowly from a joint in the cold-water delivery pipe. Aside from the mold (which I treated with a bleach-water spray solution), the surrounding wood doesn't look badly damaged. However, even though I tightened the joint, it is still dripping. How can I repair this? — Clark L., Indianapolis

A: Wow, you're lucky to have caught that leak before the damage became serious. However, as you know, the dripping water will continue to be a problem and could cause hidden damage in time. So, that leaky joint must be fixed — for now, a temporary fix.

Later, a professional plumber should come in and replace the joint (or the entire pipe section if necessary). This should be done within six weeks of any temporary repair. Turn off the water supply to the pipe and place a bucket under the joint to catch draining water. Then, attempt to seal the joint according to its type: If it is an old hub-and-spigot joint, look for a thin line of soft lead between the pipe joint, and carefully tamp down the lead (be careful with older, galvanized pipes, which may crack). If the joint uses a no-hub clamping system, try loosening the clamp, drying the area around it and retightening.

If tightening the joint doesn't work or is not an option, the next-best method is to seal the joint with epoxy plumber's putty, which sets fast and creates a watertight patch. Make sure the pipe surface is completely dry, then apply putty one layer at a time over and around the leaky area. Let each layer dry before applying the next one. This putty will

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Marc Shuman is president of GarageTek, a company that has installed thousands of garage organization and storage systems.

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Top Tips For Buying A First Home

(NAPSI)-The door remains wide open for young homebuyers. According to a recent survey, more than one in three (34 percent) Americans aged 18-24 say they will buy a home within the next two years. The number of homeowners under 25 doubled between 1993 and 2002, up to 1.5 million, U.S. census data shows.

To make the home-buying process less intimidating and confusing for first-timers, Alan Kopit, attorney and legal editor of lawyers.com, a Web site from LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, offers these tips:

1. Review your credit report and credit score first thing. Dispute any inaccuracies in your credit report immediately, so you can be sure you are offered the best possible mortgage rate. Knowing your credit score (a snapshot of your present credit worthiness) can ensure you don't get misled into taking a higher-rate loan than you may qualify



for elsewhere.

2. Prequalify for a mortgage. This will give you a clear picture of the size and type of loan you'll be able to secure, and ultimately the home you can afford. A prequalification will also make you more attractive to sellers. Most mortgage providers

have simple online forms for the prequalification process.

3. Work with a reputable attorney. Although not all states require you to hire an attorney for a home purchase, it's always a good idea to work with one from the get-go. A lawyer will negotiate the contract between you and the seller, to make sure appropriate contingencies are in place for inspection and financing, among other things. A lawyer will also review a title report on the property to make sure there are no liens or other restrictions that could limit its use.

You can learn more online and find a lawyer to help with real estate issues at www.lawyers.com, a free online database of 440,000 attorneys worldwide, from LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell.

Getting prequalified for a mortgage will give you a clear picture of the size and type of home you can afford.

Moving Soon? Make the Move a Smooth One

(NUI) - From moving across town to moving across the country, moving season is here. Spring and summer are the most popular times of the year to make a move.

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* Pack valuables like jewelry,

important documents, irreplaceable photos and videos, and medicine separately and take them with you. Use boxes that are sturdy and not too large.

* Guard framed pictures and artwork using a protective glass tape and bubble wrap. Instead of newspaper, use bubble or foam wrap.

* Never pack flammable items and risk overheating and explosion.

* Have awkward, fragile or priceless items - such as antiques, collectibles, heirlooms, computers and oversized furniture - packed by a trained professional through a packaging and shipping center. This will give you peace of mind that they will arrive safely.

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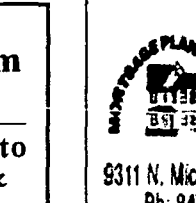
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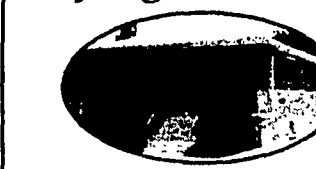
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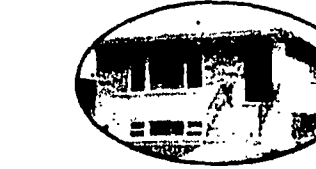
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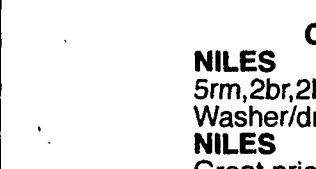
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seal the joint for several weeks until a professional can do a permanent repair.

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wrap about 4 inches on either side. For larger pipes, wrap a rubber sleeve or sheet cork around the leaky area and hold it in place with a sleeve clamp (an auto hose clamp works very well, too).

HOME TIP

Leaky pipes should be patched temporarily to prevent water damage to the surrounding area, but they will need to be

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replaced within a few weeks by a professional plumber.

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

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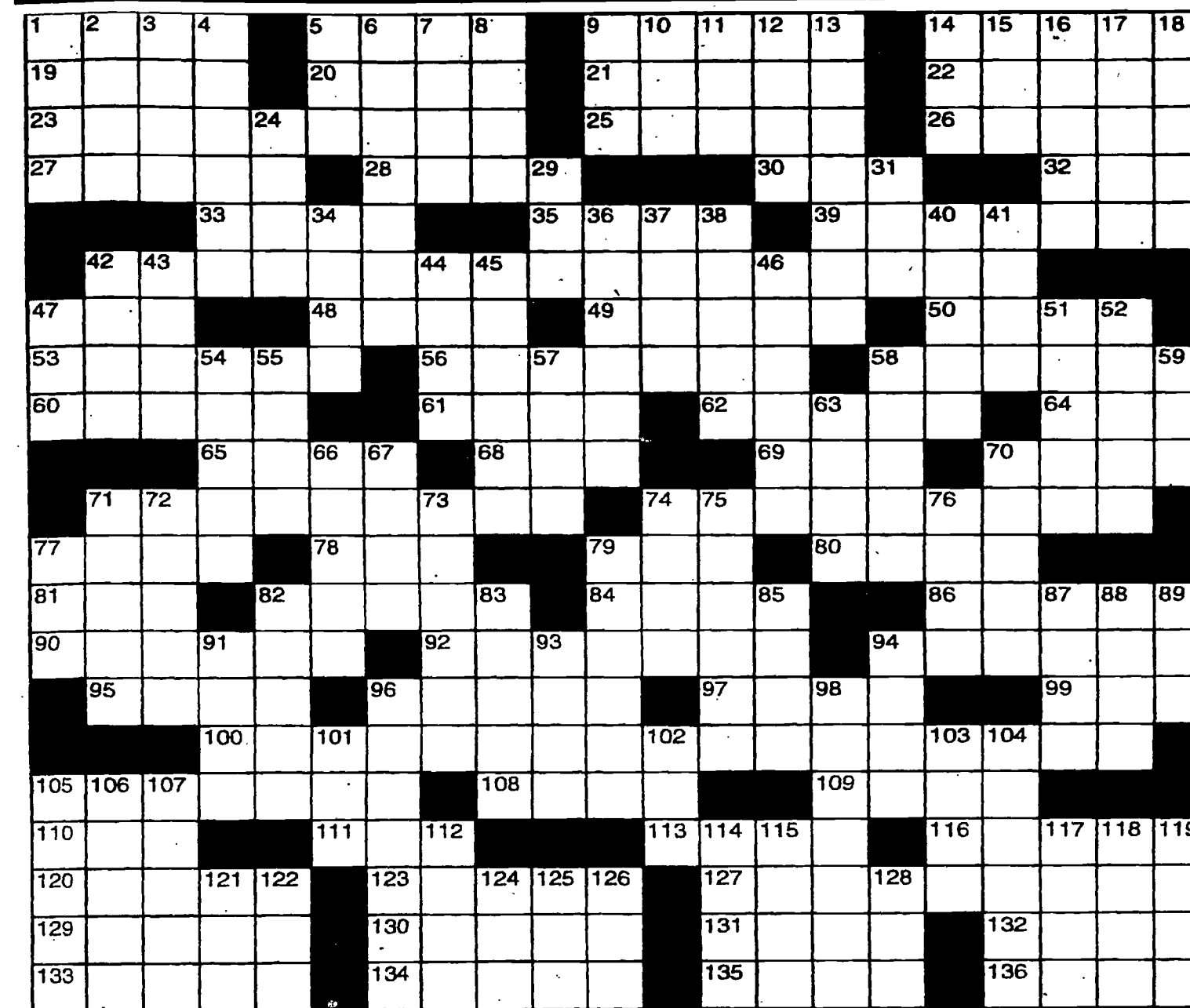
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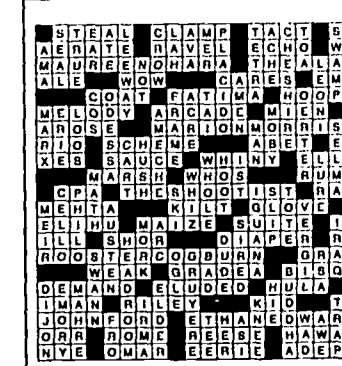
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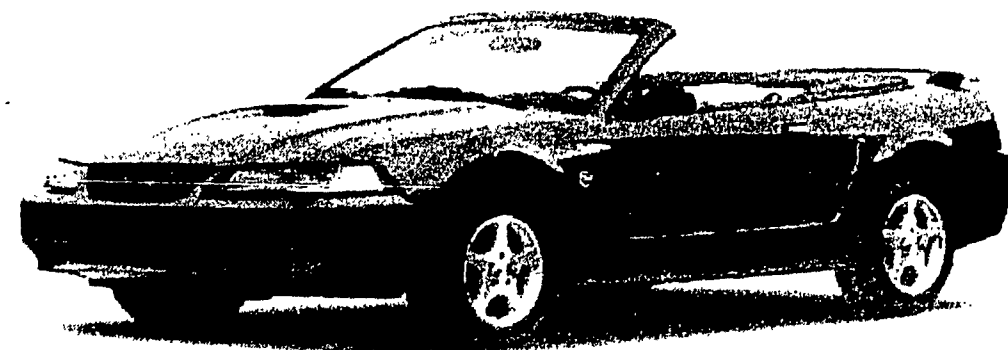
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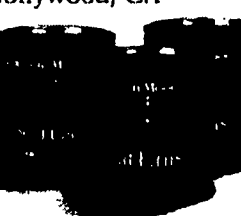
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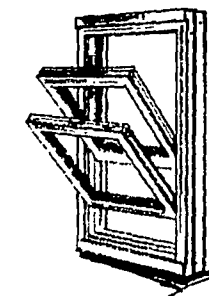
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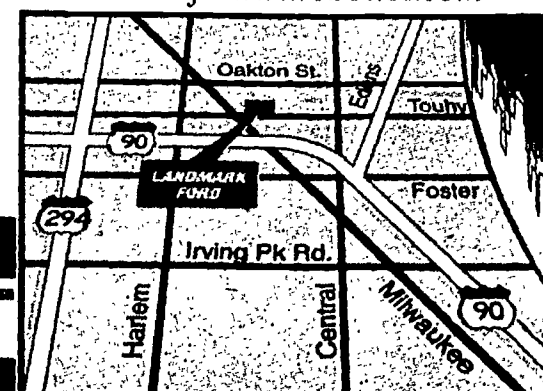
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