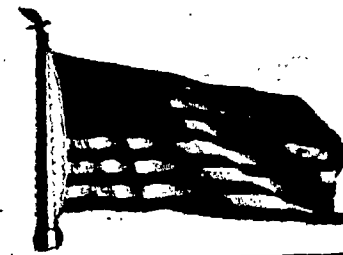


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Niles means Business

The Niles Chamber's annual Mayoral Address to the Business Community was held last Wednesday. For more on the story, turn to page 19.



Hawks take flight

Maine South running back Andy Cupp #22 takes off on an 18 yard touchdown run on the Hawk's first possession against Niles West Saturday afternoon October 30, 2004 at Maine South.

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MG Board tables \$10 million bond

Administrator calls bonds 'big step' for community

The Morton Grove village board tabled a \$10-million bond issue at their last meeting that would have covered infrastructure improvements and property acquisition in the Lehigh/Ferris Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

A municipality sponsors a TIF to redevelop economically blighted areas. Property tax revenues within the TIF are frozen for all other taxing bodies until 23 years have passed or the money that the municipality invests in the TIF is paid off, whichever comes first.

Of the \$10 million, four million

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Photo by Allen Kalara/Bugle

Safe & Spooky

Jericho Fernandez, 2, of Des Plaines waits with his parents for a chance to get his picture taken while sitting on the bales of hay provided by the Niles Police department at the annual Halloween candy give-away at St. John Brebeuf Sunday night October 31, 2004

Summit Square, Chamber Retail committee concerned about redevelopment

New plan for Uptown presented to Planning committee

Some retailers in Uptown Park Ridge are concerned that a redevelopment

plan being peddled by PRC Partners for the area bordered by Touhy, Northwest Hwy. and Morris will drain business away from the rest of Uptown rather than encouraging it.

PRC made a new presentation to the city's Planning and Zoning Committee last week

showcasing some of the revised design elements and offering consultant testimony to elucidate their position that the redevelopment project will only improve Park Ridge.

"Over the past 90 days we've been working with the city staff on the redevelopment agreement," said Mike

George, leading partner of PRC. He expected the final agreement to be ready within a week.

Architects, landscape designers and traffic consultants said that their plans would create a new look for Uptown

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Four Years Later

The bases of many of the lamp post on Waukegan Road that were installed about four years ago have corroded from extensive salt exposure. For the story, turn to page 10.

Village: Police Station ramp in compliance

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Bugle to sponsor independent analysis

Village officials met with the contractor that built the Niles Police Station last Wednesday after last week's Bugle went to press and found the ramp that leads to the station's front door in compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Concern about accessibil-

ity has motivated The Bugle to hire an independent architect to independently verify the results of the contractor's survey.

"I'm not an expert in ramp construction or accessibility," said Rich Masterson, The Bugle's publisher. "We just feel that it's The Bugle's responsibility to act as an advocate for all the residents of Niles, so we wanted to sponsor an independent analysis."

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dollars would be dedicated to infrastructure improvements and roadway construction. According to Tim Angel, the village's Business and Community Development director, those improvements will include the lengthening of Ferris south to a new crossing of the Metra tracks, an extension and realignment of Henning west and a reconstruction of Main from Lehigh west to Morton Grove Pharmaceutical.

That four million will also include preliminary architectural and engineering work for the planned new Metra station that will be located about 100 feet south of the current site near the new Ferris crossing. The current Lincoln crossing that is under reconstruction will be removed. All these improvements are planned for 2005.

Another three million dollars of the bond are earmarked for property acquisition within the TIF. The village intends to be ready when parcels are available that could be successfully redeveloped. The Lehigh/Ferris TIF is designated as a mixed-used residential/retail transit redevelopment.

"We want to be ready if we find ourselves in the right place at the right time to make the right decisions," said Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski.

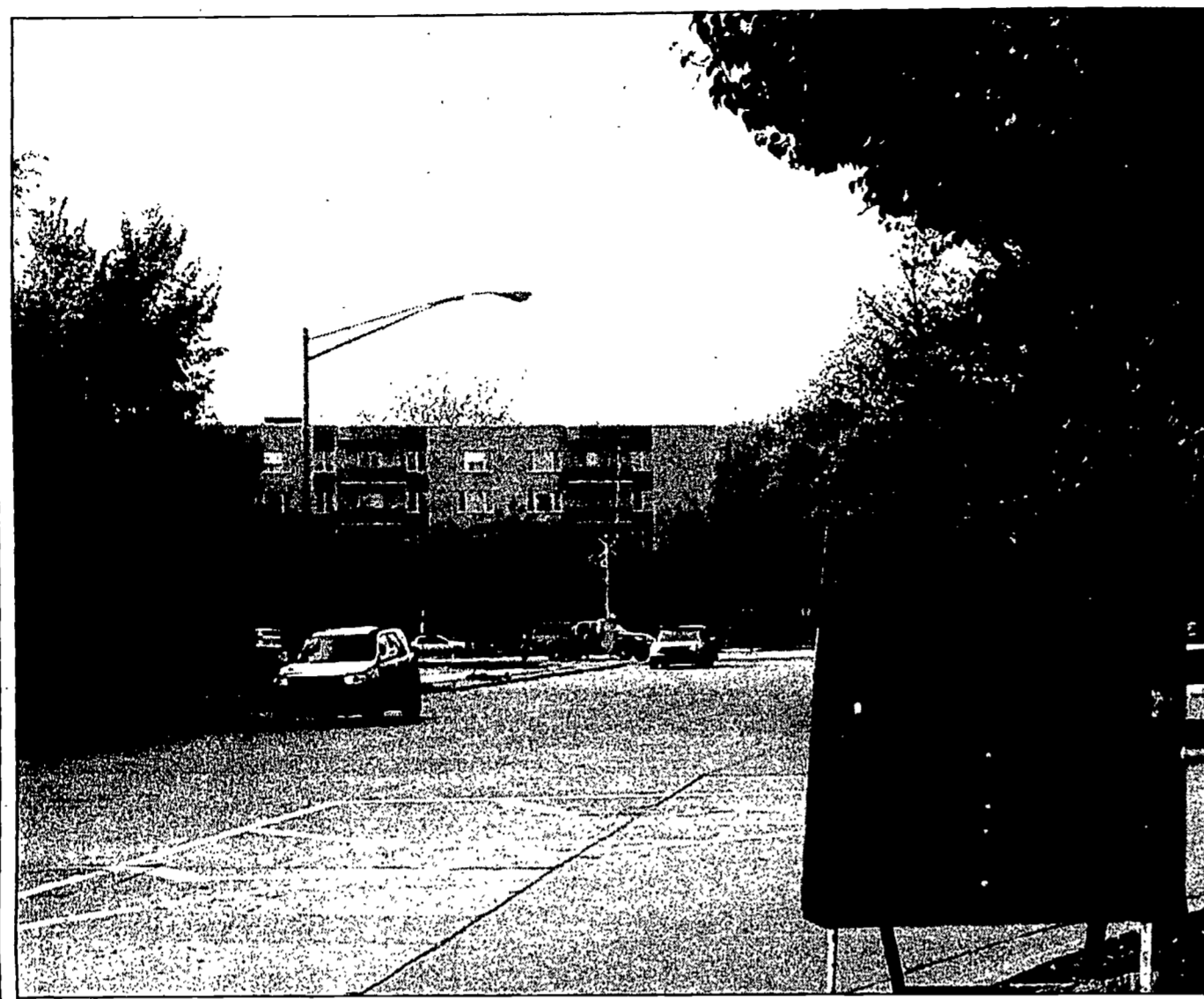
The remaining three million dollars will be held in reserve, should additional expenses related to either the infrastructure projects or possible property acquisitions crop up. It could also be used for future enhancements to the area. The balance will be held in the Lehigh/Ferris TIF fund.

Czerwinski also speculated that part of the money could be used to acquire property for a senior affordable housing development within the TIF. Such a development would make the village compliant with the state's affordable housing laws but would also be a boon to the village's seniors, Czerwinski said.

"It's been identified as a need for our community," said Czerwinski. "It's key to have the money ready. We're doing this not just because it will make us compliant with state law, but also because it's needed for our residents."

The bond issuance was tabled at the last meeting because the board and the community needed more time to analyze some changes to the language, Czerwinski said.

"This is a big step for our community," he said. "We wanted to make sure that some changes we made had time to be aired. These are pivotal development issues for the village of Morton Grove."



Smoothing the way

Metra posted signs last week to inform residents that the Lincoln/Lehigh rail crossing will be closed beginning today, Nov. 4 through Nov. 11 for repairs. Metra officials estimate that the repairs will keep the crossing in good condition for as long as 15 years. They said that the heavy traffic from the neighboring industrial properties put extra wear on the crossing.

NEWS

400K budget deficit looms in MG

Budget increases by \$10 million from 2004

A preliminary budget announced at the last Morton Grove village board meeting showed a deficit of around \$407,000.

For next year's budget the village cut funds for street reconstruction, interior decorating for the Police Department and the purchase of equipment to record the village's meetings.

The village board will be reviewing several revenue "enhancements" as a way to make up the deficit, since any further cuts would impact services, Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said.

Among the possible enhancements are an increased gasoline

tax, an increased food and beverage tax and an increased property tax levy.

While the staff is not currently advocating any of these measures, Czerwinski believes the staff should provide the board with as many options as possible.

This year's total budget is approximately \$44.5 million, with an increase of over \$10 million over the previous year. That increase is due to the currently proposed bonds for infrastructure improvements and property enhancements in the Lehigh/Ferris Tax Increment Financing District.

Other increases in the budget include a pay raise for employees

and a 10 percent increase in health insurance costs. A new ambulance and some police vehicles are also a part of this year's budget, since administrators have delayed vehicle purchases in previous years.

Budget workshops were also held over the last week in order to discuss the possibility of expanding the budget to restore funding for the meeting recording equipment and the installation of emergency vehicle preemption devices that allow police and fire vehicles to change traffic signals while en route to the scene of an emergency.

The budget will not be finalized until a Nov. 22 public hearing.



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Lisa Lauren's imaginative and artfully blended mix of pop, jazz, and folk-influenced music is sure to delight you. Come to the MG Library and hear Lisa's warm and earthy, neo-jazzy renditions of 60s and 70s "classics" by the Beatles, Carole King and others. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-seated basis. Doors open at 1:00 pm. The MG Library is located at 6140 Lincoln Ave. For more information, call 847-965-4220. Sunday, November 14, 2:00pm Morton Grove Public Library

Czarnik tries for Niles Board

Niles Park Commissioner Ray Czarnik has thrown his hat in the ring for a seat on the Niles Village Board, joining Park District Director Joe LoVerde in an attempt to unseat incumbent trustees.

Czarnik announced his candida-

cy last week. He is president and general manager of Napleton Dodge and serves as a reserve officer in the Niles Police Department. He is a 14-year resident of Niles.

12-term Mayor Nick Blase is leading a slate with four trustees, Andrew Przybylo, Kim Biederman,

Bob Callero and Louella Preston, all of whom were initially appointed to the board. They are running under the name, "Present Leaders for Financial Security."

Village trustees will be elected in the April 2005 consolidated election.

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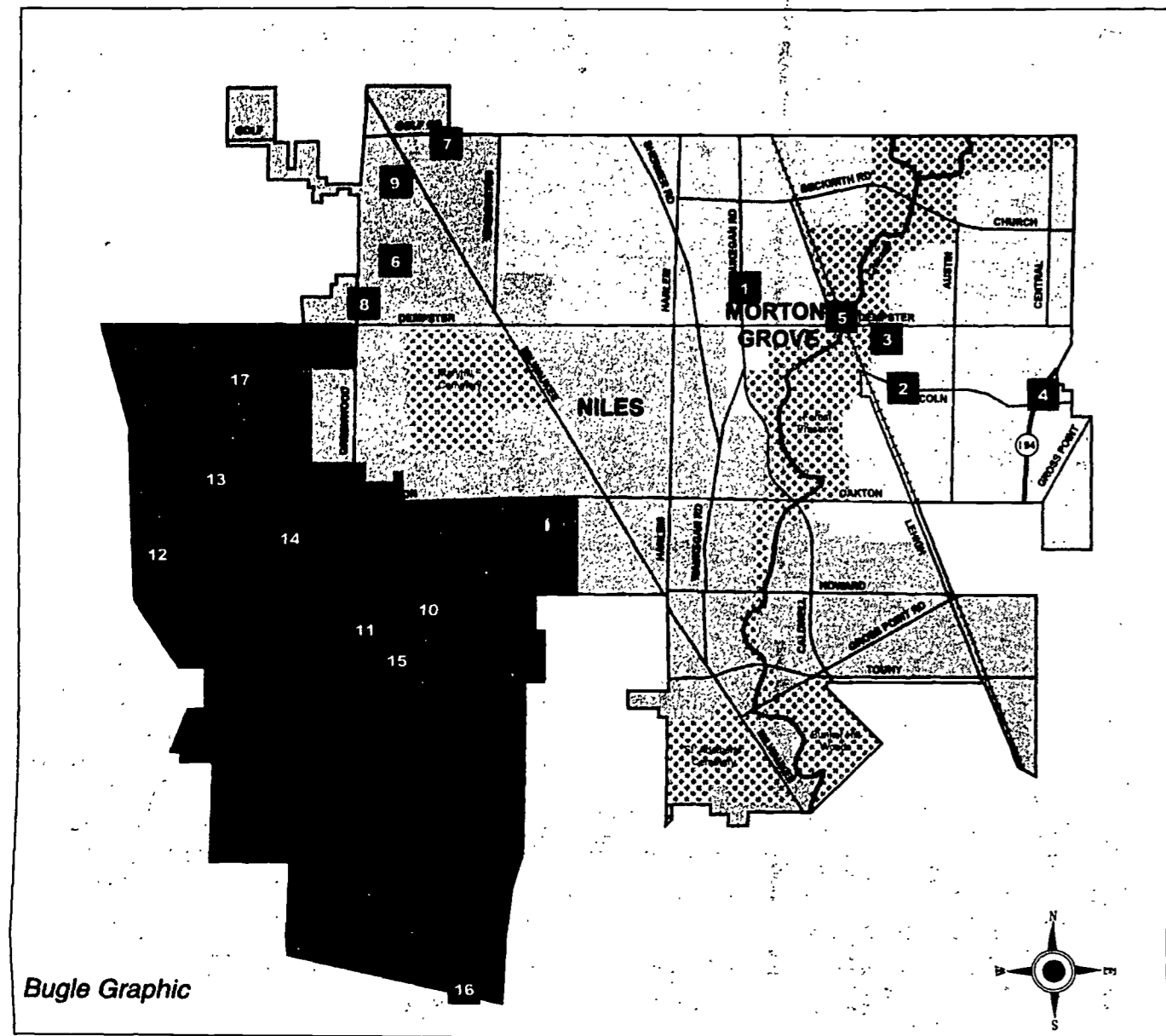
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POLICE BLOTTER



MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending October 29, 2004.

- 1 Hello Dolly (9000 Waukegan)**
Five moving dollies valued at nearly \$1,500 each were reported missing from the U-Haul rental office in the 9000 block of Waukegan Rd. Thursday afternoon October 21. The manager of store told police employees conducted an inventory on October 19 and the five orange and silver dollies could not be located. The loss of the five dollies totaled \$7,683.73.
- 2 Underage drinking party busted**

(Lincoln and Fernald)
Morton Grove police detained one 17-year-old Park Ridge youth and nine other juveniles for underage drinking near Lincoln and Fernald late Saturday night October 23. Police said they originally responded to a call of a loud party with underage drinking in the 6200 block of Lincoln. But when they arrived they found the house locked with no lights on. Police decided to tour the area and less than an hour later they were called to the 8500 block of Fernald where neighbors pointed out the juveniles to police. All 10 were taken to the Morton Grove police station and turned over to their parents.

3 Vehicle damaged (8600 Ferris)
The rear window of a 1996 Lincoln

Town Car parked near the owners home was smashed Tuesday night October 21. The window was valued at \$500.

4 Car stolen (5600 South Park)
A white 1999 Chevy Cavalier was reported stolen from in front of a home in the 5600 block of South Park Saturday night October 23.

5 Road Rage (6600 Dempster)
A 43-year-old Northbrook man told police he was a victim of road rage after a man kicked his driver's side door just outside of the Prairie View shopping center Sunday evening October 24. The man said he pulled out of the shopping center and then a Mercedes SUV stopped in front of him and the driver jumped out and kicked in the man's door. The man

gave police the license number of the SUV.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending November 1, 2004.

- 6 Assault at Golf Mill (Golf Mill)**
A 17-year-old Niles youth was arrested Wednesday afternoon October 27 for striking a Niles Community Service officer who was on duty at the Golf Mill shopping center the day before.
According to police, a security guard at the mall had seen a group of youths collecting outside of the arcade and asked them to return to the arcade or leave the mall. A short time later a community service officer arrived and the Niles youth started yelling at the officer complaining of harassment. According to the report the Niles youth struck the officer with his fist into the officer's open hand. The 25-year-old community service officer said the youth started running out of the mall and escaped. A Niles detective identified the youth by a description given by the community service officer. The next day an officer on patrol spotted the youth in the rear of 8200 Dempster and placed him under arrest. According to the report the community service officer could not identify the youth from a photo line-up. The youth, however, was charged with simple assault and has a December 9, 2004 court date in Skokie.
- 7 Cab driver arrested with drugs after accident (8600 Golf)**
A three-car accident in the 8600 block of Golf Rd. Thursday afternoon October 28 led to the arrest of a 33-year-old Wheeling cab driver for possession of heroin, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and driving under the influence.
According to police, a Niles officer responding to the call noticed how disinterested the cab driver

was. The officer also noticed the man's eyes were glassy and blood-shot. Niles fire department paramedics transferred the man to an ambulance. The police officer while inspecting the inside of the cab noticed two syringes on the passenger seat. He also found two small bags of a white powder that later tested positive for heroin on the floor. The officer also found a folded piece of paper containing marijuana under the headrest of the passenger seat.

At the hospital the cab driver consented to blood and urine tests and admitted to smoking marijuana a few hours earlier, police said.
The cab was towed to Skokie Auto. The man has a November 5, 2004 court date in Skokie in Room 106 at 1:30 p.m.

- 8 DUI (8800 Dempster)**
A 27-year-old Niles man tested for nearly three times the allowable limit for alcohol after a Niles police officer responding to a property damage call found the man parking his car in the 8800 block of Dempster early Tuesday morning October 26. According to the report the officer smelled alcohol on the man's breath and the man failed numerous test. After being transferred to the Niles Police Department the man was given a breathalyzer test that produced a blood alcohol level of 0.227 nearly three times the .08 allowed by law. Wallet missing at Golf Mill (Golf Mill)
- 9 A 35-year-old Rolling Meadows woman told police someone removed her wallet from her purse in the food court area at the Golf Mill shopping center Tuesday afternoon October 26. The woman told police she left her purse on the table when she went to throw away her trash. She discovered her wallet missing when she returned to her car.**

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending October 21-28, 2004.

- 10 Burglary (500 N. Meacham)**
A Nikon Coolpix camera valued at \$500 was stolen from a 1997 White Jeep Wrangler parked in the alley in the 500 block of Meacham Thursday night October 21.
- 11 Briefcase stolen (300 N. Northwest Hwy.)**
A 2004 Chevy pickup was burglarized Monday night October 25 after someone smashed the passenger window and removed a briefcase valued at \$150.
- 12 Radar detector stolen (800 Goodwin)**
A radar detector valued at \$150 and an adapter were stolen from a 2003 Mitsubishi in the 800 block of Goodwin Wednesday night October 27. The owner told police someone smashed the driver's side window.
- 13 Damage to property (1100 N. Northwest Highway)**
A BB gun was used to damage a window at a home in the 1100 block of N. Northwest Hwy. Monday night October 25.
- 14 Theft (900 Busse Hwy.)**
Mechanical equipment of an undetermined value was stolen from business in the 900 block of Busse Highway sometime between September 28 and October 4.
- 15 Theft (1300 W. Touhy)**
Someone removed two

leather suitcases valued at \$50 from the owners home in the 1300 block of Touhy sometime between October 11 and October 14. The cases contained documents and photos.

- 16 Bike stolen (1900 Vine)**
A \$200 Raleigh bicycle was stolen from the yard of a home in the 1900 block of Vine Wednesday night October 27.
- 17 Drug bust (Touhy and Delphia)**
A 40-year-old Chicago man was arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia at Touhy and Delphia early Sunday morning October 24

SUMMARY OF CRIME: Morton Grove

- Theft-4
Damage to property-3
Stolen auto-1
Niles
- Theft-3
Damage to property-3
DUI-6
Possession of drugs-1
Park Ridge
- Burglary-4
Vandalism-7
Theft-3
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Car theft-1
Arrests-14

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Do you believe negative campaign adds influence people?

Next week, we'll be at Kappy's on Monday, asking what you did for Halloween.



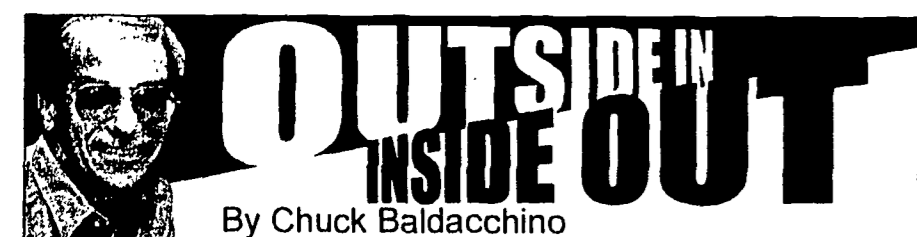
"I think they do have an influence on people."
Marie Anderson - Park Ridge



"I think they do. But I sure hope not."
Jean Post-Skokkie



"Yes. They are incriminating. I sometimes believe them."
Milly Kolumbus - Chicago



By Chuck Baldacchino

High, Center-Mounted Stop Lights

As promised in an earlier column, another piece of driving esoterica: my crusade for more informative high, center-mounted, stop lights.

Every non-commercial vehicle has them. They're the red lights in the upper rear of the vehicle in front of you that are tied directly to the brake lights and the brake pedal. They were legislated to put a brake light well within view of trailing vehicles regardless of bumper or taillight height.

But, you see, the problem is that it only displays when the driver in front of you is braking or not.

Why is that a problem, you ask? It seems to be working fine, you say. Well, I claim it's a problem because the current high, center-

mounted light doesn't give you enough information about what the driver(s) in front of you are doing. (Remember, this is the kind of thinking that usually gets me into trouble.)

You may not (want to) know this, but brake lights are usually double filament bulbs. That is, when the brakes are hit, both filaments glow, producing a single light - as opposed to the single filament light you see in the rear when only the headlights are lighted.

You recognize that brighter glow as a signal that the driver in front of you has hit the brakes. High, center-mounted stop lights, however, are not illuminated when only the headlights are lighted without applying the brakes.

Now, suppose, instead of just the two-state (no-filament-on, two-filament-on) display of the current high, center-mounted light, we took advantage of the one-filament possibility as well. That additional use could give us a great deal more insight into

what the driver ahead of us is doing, and therefore give us more warning of what might happen next ahead of us.

Suppose we tied the one-filament glow to the gas pedal in such a way as to produce a three-state high, center-mounted signal.

Then, we could make the high, center-mounted light "dark" (no-filament-glow) when the driver in front of us was accelerating, "normal" (one-filament-glow) when the driver was coasting (no accelerator, no brake), and "bright" when - as now - the driver applied the brakes in front of us. Wouldn't that give you a better idea of what to do next?

I thought so, so I sent the idea to Washington, to the National Highway Safety Transportation Authority. (Whew! NHSTA.)

Know what they said? That such an idea would produce "too much information" for trailing drivers to absorb, and so they wouldn't consider it.

Imagine that! There may be such a thing as too much information for drivers. Not! Your tax dollars hard at work in Washington, employing none but the greatest minds.

What am I missing here?

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com

Letters

After election, America can come together

Dear Editor,

Regardless of who wins elected office at any level and whether a particular referendum quest is successful or not, the biggest challenges facing new office holders and every one of us who cared about this election, are the mending of fences and becoming stronger for the process we all just went through.

The furor of the election this year has crept into families, personal relationships, churches, and other

places where coming together is a traditional theme. Many of us have exercised our freedom to speak our mind and, at times, openly disagree with one another. This is actually healthy and part of our country's colorful fabric.

As the 2004 elections start to fade and the reality of what happened sinks in, I hope that the campaign zeal is replaced by a healing and coming together as Americans bound by a common cause of freedom for all.

Regardless of who wins, I for one believe we will be stronger and more aware citizens in what is still the greatest country on earth. Let's start our own effort today.

Dick Barton, Park Ridge

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Village's responsiveness demonstrates deep concern for residents

From the Editor's Pen

We at The Bugle were extremely impressed with the responsive of village of Niles officials when we raised questions last week about the status of a possibly illegal ramp. While we feel it is important to independently verify the ramp's compliance, we cannot find fault with the way in which Niles officials in several different departments responded to our inquiries.

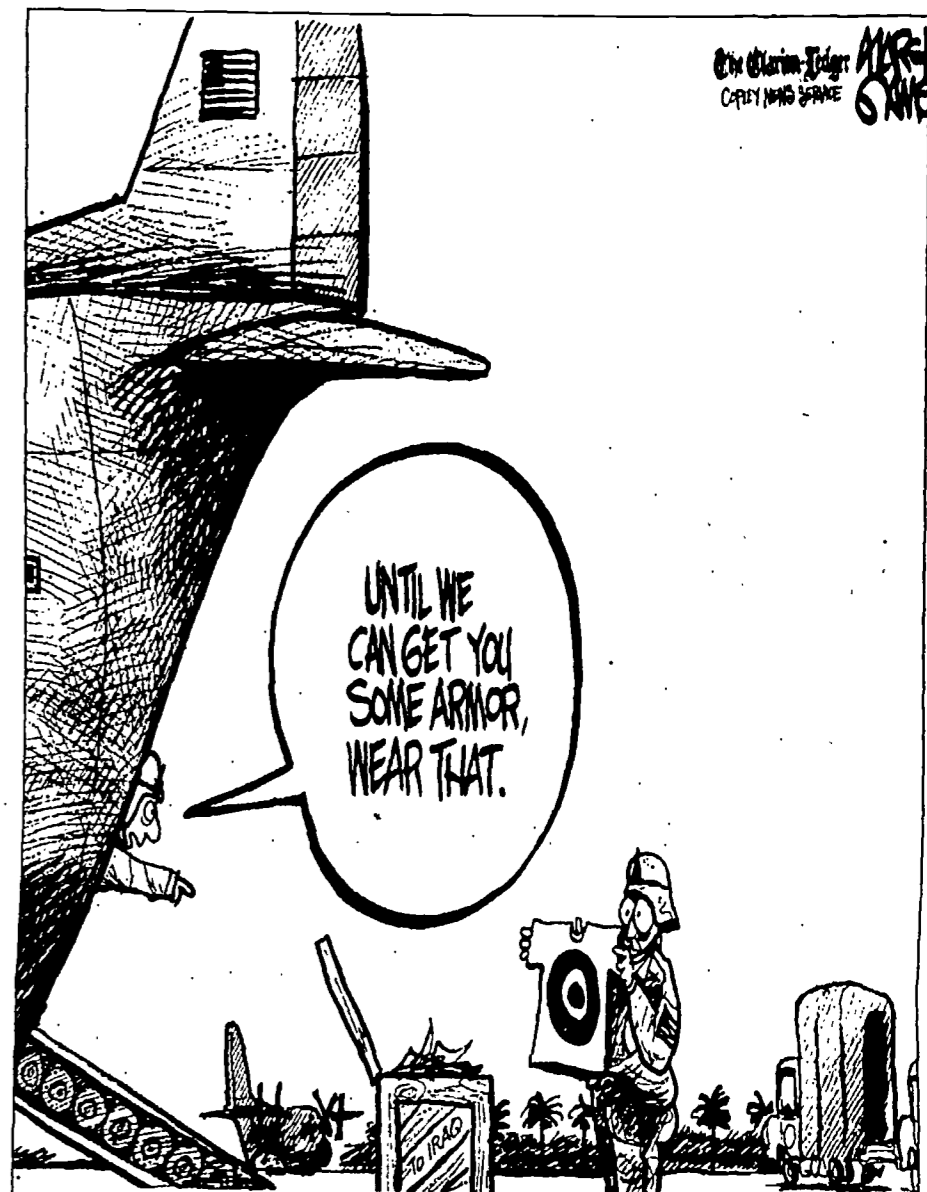
After raising questions to Police Chief Dean Strzelecki and Building Department Head Chuck Ostman on Tuesday, it was less than 24 hours before a team from contracting company Ragner Benson was on site verifying the elevations of the ramp. We at The Bugle applaud the speed with which these officials addressed our concerns and believe that it speaks volumes about their commitment to the public good.

In fact, when I attended the Niles Board meeting on Tuesday night last week, Chief Strzelecki already knew that the ramp was going to be verified the next morning. He wanted me to have all the facts, he said, and I thank him for his diligence.

The responsibility of The Bugle is to seek out those things that might pose problems for residents in Niles who are unable to climb the stairs to a public building that was built with their tax dollars. It remains our position that, if the ramp is in compliance, it must be daunting to someone to view a span of over 100-feet that must be climbed in order to reach the front door of the building. The ramp also doubles as a dividing wall from public parking at the station and parking for police personnel. We feel that with any new municipal construction, every effort should be made to ensure that buildings not only comply with the law, but make buildings truly accessible so that those with disabilities are not merely able to climb a ramp, but feel not more intimidated by it than those who will climb to the building by its stairs.

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NEWS

Four years later

Light posts along Waukegan road need facelift

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Morton Grove will need to buy at least 12 new bases for their lamp post along Waukegan Road in order to replace those that have been cracked and begin repair work on the heavily corroded fixtures.

The bases of the posts have deteriorated quickly as a result of the heavy salt use along Waukegan Road in the years since they were installed.

"We use a lot of salt on Waukegan," said Public Works Director Andy DeMote. "It must be as if they were next to an ocean."

DeMote wasn't in charge of Public Works when the fixtures were installed, so he's not sure how much research went into the selection, but he has a plan to fix the damage.

The village will purchase four of the bases and remove four corroded ones. In the shop, the old bases will be sanded down

and repainted with automotive paint that DeMote hopes will last 15 years.

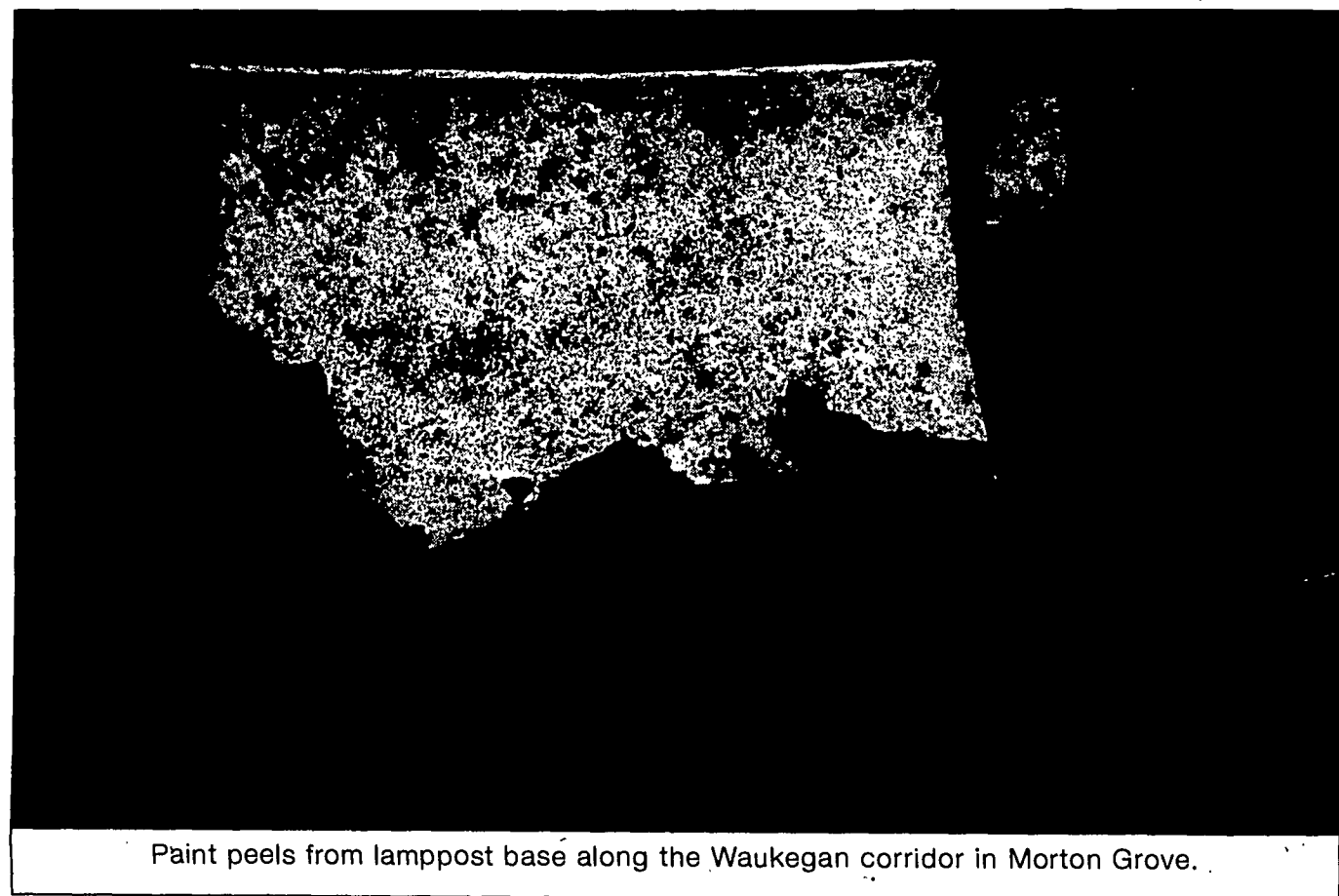
"Luckily the poles are OK," he said. "It looks like it was just the base plates."

Once Public Works has finished repairing the four base plates, they're going to switch them with four more corroded ones until they work through all the light fixtures on Waukegan. They hope to be finished by next summer.

Once all the posts have been repaired, DeMote expects that they maintain them just like fire hydrants, where they brush them with a wire brush and repaint them with part-time help in the summer.

The posts have become so brittle that eight of them have to be replaced because they've cracked.

"They're brittle," DeMote said. "They've cracked when vehicles have backed up into them."



Paint peels from lamppost base along the Waukegan corridor in Morton Grove.

DeMote agrees with them.

"The residents have a right to complain," he said, "they look terrible."

The village will put the lessons learned on Waukegan Road to work when they reconstruct the Dempster Corridor.

"Especially with Dempster coming up," DeMote said, "we want to make sure that we get some quality."

Photo by Allen KalarBugle

SCHOOLS

African-American club organizes computer drive

Niles West's African American Club along with ATTEN, an organization sponsored by the state of Illinois and the National Cerebral Palsy Association, will be hosting a computer drive on Saturday, November 13. All obsolete or broken computer parts including keyboards, monitors, hard drives, speakers, etc. can be recycled into up-to-date functioning computers. The recycled computers will then be donated to any student in the state of Illinois enrolled in a Special Education Program for use at home or school. Niles Township High School students, as well as students across the state, will receive these donations.

ATTEN will be collecting the computers in the south parking lot of Niles West (5701 W. Oakton, Skokie) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13. Tax donation letters will be available at the time of drop off. For more information, contact Teresa Hatch of the Niles West Special Education Department at (847) 626-2912.

Workshop for parents of children with disabilities

The Maine Township Next Steps Team will offer three free workshops for parents of children with disabilities during the 2004-05 school year. The workshops will focus on person-centered planning, transition planning, and promoting student self-determination. Members of Next Steps teams are volunteers and consist of professionals working in the field of special education and parents of children with special needs. Members of the Maine Township Next Steps Team are: Marcia Adelberg—Supported Employment Specialist, Irene Balogh—Parent, Elaine Bilowich—Retired Special Education Teacher (LD), Tim Cook—Pre-Vocational Coordinator, Jeff Gallichio—Pre-Vocational Coordinator, Johanne Kenol—Rehabilitation Counselor, Arlington Heights, Angela Kale—Division of Rehabilitation Services Transition Coordinator, Gloria Laurix—Division of Rehabilitation Services Employment Specialist, and Camille Mayhall—Division of Rehabilitation Services

Transition Specialist. On Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at Maine East High School, the Next Steps Team will present "Person-Centered Planning," a way for students and families to explore their dreams for the future and take a leadership role in designing a transition plan that will make those dreams become a reality. The workshop will also include a video presentation, "My Future, My Plan: A transition planning resource for life after high school." The film explores the experiences of 4 students and their families as they consider life after high school. The agenda includes refreshments at 6:45-7:00 p.m., the presentation at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., and questions and discussion at 8:30-9:00 p.m. Maine East High School is located 2601 Dempster Street in Park Ridge, at the corner of Dempster and Potter. Parking is available at the rear of the school. Participants should enter through the field house entrance and follow the signs to the faculty lounge. For more information, please contact Marcia Adelberg at (847) 692-8489.

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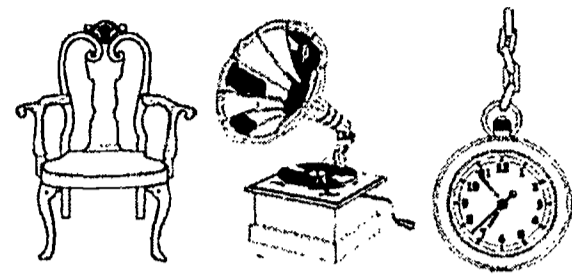
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Coffee, tea, chocolate? Depends on the pot

Q: I read your column every week and hope you can give me some information on my porcelain dishes. Each piece is marked with a crown, a crest and the words "M. Z. - Austria." The set is in perfect condition. I would like to know if this is a coffee or a tea set, the function of the large covered bowl and the value of my set.
A: The saying "form follows function" illustrates quite appropriately the answer to your question. A pot's shape and spout are clues to its purpose. Teapots are "short and stout," all the better to allow tea leaves to brew properly. On the other hand, coffee pots are taller, not as squat, and have spouts that are near the base. Chocolate pots are tall and more slender than coffee pots or teapots. Also, their spouts are very short and placed very high, not unlike a pitcher. Hot chocolate cups, as well, are more slender and higher than coffee or

teacups. Based on that, you have a hot chocolate set. Cream pitchers and sugar bowls were often included in hot chocolate sets. The larger covered dish was used for biscuits or cookies. Moritz Zdekauer made your chocolate set around 1900. They were located in Altrohlau, Bohemia, part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire; it is present-day Stara Rose, Czech Republic. The value of your set would probably be \$350 to \$425.
Q: My aunt gave me a miniature pattern glass punch bowl and cups set that she had as a child. She was born in 1904, so it must have been given to her around 1910. The bowl is 4 inches in diameter, and each cup is about 1 1/2 inches. Although I would never sell the set, I am curious about its current value.
A: Your pattern glass child's set is sure to serve a one-two punch with collectors of both pattern glass and children's dishes. Your

Antique or Junque Oklahoma giveaway glasses still OK

Q: I hope you can provide some information on the frosted glass beverage set and wood tray seen in this photo. The eight glasses and pitcher are all decorated with images of Native Americans designed by artist, Acee Blue Eagle. They have never been used and are in perfect condition. Each is marked "Knox Fine China." In the 1950s, Knox Gasoline Co. in Oklahoma gave them away free with a purchase.
A: It is rare to find a complete "Famous Oklahoma Indian" set in mint condition. Alexander C. McIntosh was of Creek, Blue Eagle tribe and Scottish descent. The name, Acee, represents his initials, A. C. He was an accomplished artist and lecturer and his paintings have been exhibited worldwide. In the 1950s Knox Gasoline Co. commissioned Acee to create the original paintings to be reproduced on the 15-ounce glasses and pitchers. Each week, a new piece in the series was available with a purchase of 10 or more gallons of gas. It was a successful promotion that motivated consumers to return to collect the latest glass and buy gas. At the time of Acee's death at the age of 49 he was artist in residence at Oklahoma State University Technical Institute. Your set would probably be worth \$175 to \$275.
Q: This mark is on each piece of a porcelain punch bowl set that I

have. The punch bowl sets on a matching pedestal and the 12 cups are footed. They are all decorated with purple grapes, yellow grapes, green leaves and gold trim all against a burgundy background. Each piece is signed by the artist, "Kammermayer."
A: Tressemannes and Vogt Porcelain Factory made your punch bowl set around 1900. They have made porcelain in Limoges, France, since 1883. Your set would probably be worth \$1,000 to \$1,500.
Q: During World War II, when my grandfather was in the Navy, he acquired a watercolor painting by Robert Benney. My grandfather passed away in 1968 and I do not have much information on the painting or the artist. The painting measures 12 inches by 19 inches. It is a war scene of a ship and men in rough waters. Anything you can tell me will be appreciated.
A: Well-known combat artist and native New Yorker Robert Benney was born in 1904 and died in 2001. He went to battle and painted images of war as he witnessed them. Many of his battle scene paintings are in museums and also in the Abbott Naval Collection in the Naval Historical Center in Washington D.C. You painting would probably be worth at least \$1,500.
BOOK REVIEW
"The Official Price Guide to Vintage Fashion and Fabric" was written by Pamela Smith. Fashion illustrator, dealer and museum professional Smith gets back to basics and explains the principles of pricing, buying and trends. From glam to casual, from original to retro, from labels to platform shoes, this indispensable guide spans the popular fashions of the entire 20th century. She outlines how to identify styles, how to judge value, how to buy, where to find vintage clothing and how to care for them. This resource section is bursting at the seams with invaluable information. She lists state-by-state dealers and stores that specialize in vintage fashion as well as museum collections. Smith sews everything up with a glossary from A-line to yoke and an informative bibliography. "The Official Price Guide to Vintage Fashion and Fabrics" is published by House of Collectibles - Crown Publishing Group. It is soft cover, 400 pages, and costs \$17 and can be purchased from bookstores. Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).
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Slot machine and jukebox show

Looking for a vintage pinball machine for your game room? Or, perhaps a jukebox for your family room? Then you need to visit the semi-annual Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine and Jukebox Show being held on November 13th and 14th at Pheasant Run Resort Expo Center and Ballroom in St. Charles, IL. The show will feature forties and fifties jukeboxes, vintage slot machines, coke machines and signs, circus and carnival items, saloon and barber shop items, and much more, in over 300 booths. The show is open to the public on Saturday, November 13th from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday, November 14th from 11am to 4pm. The admission is \$6.00 per adult per day (children 12 and under are free). Don't miss the Chicagoland Antique Advertising, Slot Machine and Jukebox Show in November! For more information about the show, please call 815-353-1593 or visit www.chicagolandshow.com.

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Happy Halloween!

(Above) The Park View Halloween Marching Band performs after the school's Halloween parade.
(Below) Sixth-grader Jimmy Hayes squeezes the nose of fellow classmate Fablan Aviles as they walk in the Park View Halloween Parade.




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Session #2 "Exploring Scrapbooking Themes"
Thursday, November 11th, 4:00 to 6:00pm
RSVP by November 9th

Session #3 "Holiday Photo Memories" Choose Now
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Saturday, December 4th - Part 2, 9:30 to 11:00pm
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Maine Township Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce Fall/Winter Senior Activities and Classes

The following are some of the new classes, events, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township. For further information on free membership or any of these events, call 1-847-297-2510.

55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Mon., Nov. 15 & Wed., Nov. 17
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP
Cost: \$10* check made payable on the day to AARP

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

WOMEN'S TEA
Thursday, November 18
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Cost: \$2 Continental Breakfast
Susan Schultz, Executive Chef and Founder of Schultie's Fabulous Foods

and Catering, will be on hand to share some holiday recipes using less sugar, low fat and low carb. Maybe she'll have some free samples, too.

"MOVIE OF THE MONTH"
"Raising Helen"
Monday, November 22
Movie Begins: 1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$1 or Movie Coupon
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Kate Hudson's Manhattan lifestyle comes to a swift end when her sister dies and leaves her three children in Helen's care. This comedy drama also stars John Corbett and Joan Cusack. Rated PG13.

Morton Grove Senior News

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure. (hypertension). Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

"HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER" SEMINAR

Learn the right questions to ask when looking to buy a computer from the Morton Grove Senior Center's computer instructor, R.J. Bruno. This seminar starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 in the Senior Center will also give people the tools needed to get what they want and not simply work into the hands of the sales person. Please register for this seminar in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee for the seminar is \$5.00.

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Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights
For more details on the programs listed below and/or to find out about our other programs and activities - events, trips, or classes - please check the November Naturally Active Program Guide or call the Niles Senior Center at 847/588-8420
NILES SENIOR CENTER NOVEMBER CLOSINGS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3RD - STAFF INSERVICE TRAINING

Park Ridge Senior News

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEONS
Because the Thanksgiving luncheon has always been a popular event, there will be two luncheons, Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18. Everyone looks forward to this meal because it is catered by Inglenook. Their feast is like those remembered from childhood. Everything is included: turkey, ham, and pork tenderloin are the main courses, accompanied by mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cranberry sauce, jello, relishes and pumpkin pie.
'New Beginnings' This is an all

THURSDAY, NOV. 11TH - VETERANS' DAY THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOV. 25TH & 26TH - THANKSGIVING
THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
Family far away? Has cooking become too much trouble? If so, please join us for our 3rd annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon Celebration on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25th, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. A traditional Thanksgiving meal featuring turkey and all the fixings will be served at 12:00 noon. Reservations are required by Friday, Nov. 19th. Cost: FREE but canned goods or mone-

women choral group who perform with great versatility. Reservations are required. Cost is \$14.00.
TIMELESS DESIGNS.
On Tuesday, November 30 the Center has planned a visit to the Jacqueline Kennedy exhibit at the Field Museum. Leaving the Center at 8:45am for the newly opened exhibit featuring "Jacqueline Kennedy: White House Years." More than 70 garments worn by one of history's great fashion icons will be presented. Combined with photos, documents, and film clips, these fashions reveal how the former first lady carefully shaped her image to reflect the vigor, internationalism and ideals of her husband's administration.

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tary donations to the Niles Family Services Food Pantry are requested.
CHRISTMAS EVE DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
Alone at Christmas time? Family far away? Cooking too much trouble? If so, please join us for our 2nd annual Christmas Luncheon Celebration. This year our holiday meal is planned for Christmas Eve Day, Friday, December 24th, at noon. Doors will open at 11:30am and we'll celebrate until 2:00pm. This holiday celebration is FREE but we are requesting food or monetary donations to the Niles Family Services' Food Pantry. Reservations are required by Friday, December 17th.

MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY SPECTACULAR,
Friday, December 3rd, \$22.
Join us at the White Eagle, 6845 Milwaukee Ave, Niles, for this annual holiday event. Check-in begins at 10:30am, with programming starting at 11:00am. Lunch features a family style feast with beef, chicken, and fish, plus delicious side dishes. Entertainment will feature the Frank Martello Orchestra. There is limited space so don't wait until the last minute to purchase your ticket. You must register in advance; seating reservation requests must be submitted no later than Wednesday, Nov. 24th. If space is available, non-residents may purchase a ticket beginning Monday, Nov. 22nd. The cost is \$22 and includes lunch, table raffle, door prizes, and entertainment. CASH bar available.
HEALTH & WELLNESS - NOVEMBER WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, Thurs, Nov. 4th, 1:00-2:30pm
REVIEWING THE BASICS OF DIABETES, Wednesdays, November 10th & 17th, 10:00am - 12:00pm Cost \$10.
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SPORTS

Maine South defeats Niles West
Win makes Hawks 10-0

BY RYAN BISHOP
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"Yeah. We're number 1 in the state," yelled senior running back Andy Cupp after the Maine South Hawks finished shaking hands with conference foe Niles West. The Hawks may very well be after an impressive 42-7 shellacking of the Wolves. With defending state champion Lockport stumbling in the first round and losing to Lincoln-Way East, this leaves Maine South (10-0) holding the top spot in 8A. Rashard Mendenhall and the Wolves offense were on the ropes the whole game as the running game never got on track and they had to revert to the passing game. On a windy, blustery day at Wilson Field, the direction of the wind played a huge factor in the strategies of both teams.

The Wolves lost control of the game early as quarterback Chris Anderson fumbled the snap from center at their own 18 on their second play of the game. The Hawks were in business, thanks

to an Adam Fee recovery. Cupp scored on a draw up the middle on the next play and the home team took a quick 7-0 lead with 11:13 remaining in the first quarter.
The Hawks and their fans welcomed back All-State quarterback Sean Price to the lineup, as he entered on the second series. Price had not played since breaking his collarbone in week 4 against Deerfield. Throwing short of receiver Jake Bachmeier on his first pass, Price completed four of his next five passes of the game, the last being a five-yard touchdown to Lewis Borsellino, putting the Hawks up 14-0 with 2:27 in the first quarter. A pass interference on West resulted in a first down for the Hawks at the five-yard line.
"I was a little nervous on the first series going in. It felt great to get back on the field in the playoffs getting some game experience for next week. There was pressure in school, everybody



Maine South running back Andy Cupp #22 waits for his blocking to set up before he takes off on an 18 yard touchdown run on the Hawks first possession against Niles West Saturday afternoon October 30, 2004.

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Maine South

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was asking when I was coming back, but I didn't want to rush it. I felt more comfortable in the second series. We're just going to take it one game at a time and as long as we keep winning, I'm not going to worry as much about the playing time," said Price.

The tenacious Hawk defense led by nose tackle Tef Zecevic, lineman Tony Colleti and Chris Catino stifled the Wolves running attack, holding Mendenhall to a robust 54 yards rushing on 19 carries, the fewest yards for him in a game this year. Mendenhall's longest run of the day came in the third quarter for 12 yards. The offensive line struggled staying with their blocks and the holes closed quickly.

"The biggest part of this was that we knew Niles West was going to do with the ball playing them this year, we made the necessary adjustments this time. The kids came to play for all four quarters. We held Mendenhall in check, opened up some pockets. Catino is a diamond in the rough. He has a nose for the football at the linebacker spot and was all over the field today. We have to build on what we did today and

contain an awfully good tailback Matt Kelly next weekend," said defensive coordinator Rick Magsamen.

Quarterback Tyler Knight threw for 237 yards on 9-15 passing and three touchdowns, including a 50-yard strike to a wide open Derek Walsh in the second quarter. Walsh hauled in 6 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns on the day as the Hawks rolled up over 400 yards of offense.

"It was a phenomenal effort by our guys today," said coach Dave Inserra. They shut down a very talented back in Mendenhall. It was a total team effort today. Our defensive players were in the right place and the tackling was outstanding. I also thought Sean looked good in his two series. We plan on playing him more next week against New Trier," said Inserra.

For Niles West(6-4), it was a disappointing ending to a fine season. The team will lose Rashard Mendenhall to the University of Illinois next year but returns some key offensive players in running back Mike Galambos, George Howe, lineman Kevin Delma, Luke Cusack.



Niles West running back Rashard Mendenhall #5 looks for running room against Maine South in the first quarter of their playoff game at Maine South Saturday afternoon October 30,2004.

Photo by Alan Kalina/Bugle

Bowling Scores table with columns for Team Standing, W, L, and individual player scores.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE table with columns for Points Won, Points Lost, and team names.

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LIFE

EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Thursday, November 4 -Park Ridge Park Board, 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 8 -Morton Grove Village Board, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Saturday, November 6 -The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Park Ridge Post #3579 is having a safety program on Saturday, Nov. 6 that will start at 9 a.m. at the post, 10 W. Higgins Rd., Park Ridge. Subjects to be discussed include drug, home, safety, pedestrian and recognition safety. Following the safety program, there will be a flag disposal ceremony at 11 a.m. -The Niles Historical Society will hold a Patriotic High Tea Party on Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. Seating is limited to 40 each day. Each year, members of the Society bring out their best china, linens and make, bake or buy gourmet desserts for the event. For more information call (847) 390-0160. -St. Martha's Parish in Morton Grove will hold a Pre-Christmas Spiritual Book Sale on Friday, Nov. 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Church, 8523 Georgiana, Morton Grove. Wednesday, November 10 -The Student Council of Culver Elementary School in Niles will be sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair on Nov. 10. Proceeds from the fair are used to fund the cost of the Leadership Camp for the council's officers each summer as well as many in school and civic-minded programs throughout the year. Gift certificates are now available for use at the fair. For more information contact Karen Johnson at (847) 647-9398. Thursday, November 11 -The Greek American Rehabilitation and Nursing Centre will join with the Marine Corps League to initiate a Toys for Tots drive on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the front entrance of the center at 220 N. First St. in Wheeling from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until Dec. 11. Friday, November 12 -Norwood Park Home will host a special Veterans Day Commemorative Program to salute former and current members of the Armed Forces on Friday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m. It will take place at Norwood Park Home, 6020 N. Nina in Chicago. -St. John Brebeuf will hold its annual "Turkey Shoot," sponsored by the Holy Name Men's Club on Friday, Nov. 12 at the new Parish Ministry Center, 8305 N. Harlem in Niles. For more information, call (847) 966-6961. Wednesday, November 17 -United Methodist Homes and Services will host a seminar on Diabetic Foot Care that will be presented by Phoenix Medical Outreach Program on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Hartwell House Assisted Living, 5520 N. Paulina Ave., Chicago. RSVP to (773) 275-2400. -The Abington of Glenview will host an education program on Medicare and Medicaid on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Abington, 3901 Glenview Rd., Glenview. For more information, call (847) 729-0000.

Chef Harry presents Cool autumn air calls for warm soup

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ Copley News Service

For some, autumn is all about the changing leaves. For others, it's the chill air and frost on the lawn. But for me, autumn means the beginning of hot soup season.

This is the time we say goodbye to chilled summer soups and look forward to the thick, rich, full-bodied brews of winter. Just like autumn is the transitional season from hot to cold, it is the same for autumn soup season. Fall soups are hot but a bit lighter in body than winter soups. Heat it up, but keep it light. As leaves fall and cold rains pound the windows, nourish yourself with some of these recipes.

This soup can be spiced up with hot pepper oil for those who like it hot.

MUSHROOM-MISO SOUP

- 1 bunch scallions, trimmed and chopped 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced 3 cloves garlic, minced 1 teaspoon dried lemon grass, shredded 1 pound shiitake mushrooms, or mushrooms of choice, trimmed and brushed clean 1/2 cup dry sherry 1/4 cup miso, or enough for 6 cups water 6 cups water Toasted sesame seeds Yields 4 to 6 servings. In 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, saute scallions in oil over medium-high heat, about 3 minutes. Add ginger, garlic, lemon grass and mushrooms and saute, 2 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and add sherry. Dilute miso in cup with some water and add mixture to saute pan. Slowly stir in remaining water and bring mixture to a simmer. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and serve hot.

LEEK MERLOT SOUP

- 4 leeks 4 tablespoons butter 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend 1 teaspoon soy sauce 2 cups merlot wine 4 cups beef, chicken or vegetable broth Salt and pepper, to taste 6 rosemary croutons (see below) 1/2 to 1 cup grated parmesan cheese Yields 6 servings. Trim roots from white ends and any brown from green ends of

leeks. Split leeks, starting from root end, down center. Wash thoroughly, running water from white end down toward greens to remove all sand and dirt through-out layers. Slice leeks into thin strips across layers. In saucepan or Dutch oven, saute leeks in butter until tender and beginning to turn golden, about 7 minutes. Add garlic and saute 1 minute. Add herb blend, soy

Place puree in 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat; stir in bread crumbs. Bring to a simmer. Slowly add cream and whisk until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Do not boil. Serve hot. BACON-CORN-CHEDDAR SOUP 8 slices bacon, chopped 1 onion, minced 2 bell peppers, cored and minced



3 cups fresh or frozen thawed corn kernels 2 tablespoons unbleached all-purpose flour 6 cups milk 3 cups cheddar cheese, shredded Salt and pepper, to taste Yields 6 servings. In 3- or 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, cook bacon over medium-high heat until brown. Drain off all but about 2 tablespoons of fat from pan. Saute onion in pan with bacon and bacon fat for about 2 minutes. Stir in peppers and saute 2 to 3 minutes. Add corn to pan and sprinkle flour on top; saute 5 minutes. Slowly add milk, stirring constantly while bringing mixture to a simmer; cook until thickened. Add cheese, still stirring, 1 handful at a time. Continue stirring and adding cheese until all cheese is melted and soup is thick and creamy. Serve hot.

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How to make money on micro-cap stocks

(NUI) - Over the last year or so there has been a swirl of controversy over small cap stocks, fueled in part by the media and almost in whole by scam artists looking to make a quick buck, albeit fraudulently.
The truth of the matter is that micro-cap stocks can be a good way to invest.
Micro-cap stocks differ from the typical blue chip or "Big Board" stocks because they are speculative investments that carry high risk, unlike their counterparts which have already grown up.
However, in today's bear market, small can be beautiful.
To find out more about investing in small cap stocks, here are a few steps to follow:
* Find a diamond in the rough. This may take a little digging, but when you discover a stock with a huge upside potential and accumulate shares while the price is still low, the hours you spent on research will be worthwhile.
* Profit by a press release. Small cap stocks tend to react when there is news about the company. After the announcement, however, the stock price will typically fall off. If investing in a small cap company, watch for the stock price to rise on a news release, and then pick up the stock when it settles back down. In these volatile times, the market tends to overreact to news. You need to factor in what is truly being said when the news does come out about a small cap company. Don't simply rely on the media to do your research for you.
* Avoid chasing stocks. If you've found a stock that you're interested in buying but the stock jumps above your entry price, it's best to find another stock to trade. There will always be another investment opportunity.
* Know when to get out. As an investor, let's say you were able to get in on the ground floor and the stock price has increased considerably. But when to sell? Ask yourself this: Are you happy with your profit? Then take the money and run and don't get upset if the stock price goes higher. Did you make money? Then you are ahead of the game. Period.
For more information about micro-cap companies, log on to www.windowstowallstreet.com.
Charlotte Given is the host of the nationally acclaimed "Windows to Wall Street" radio program heard daily during market hours on some of the largest business talk radio stations in the country. She has hosted more than 10,000 live shows during the past nine years.



Forecasting Business

Niles Mayor Nick Blase gave his annual speech to the Niles business community at the White Eagle Restaurant last week. Blase said that the village of Niles was committed to its businesses, since they were the backbone of the community. Blase said that, as the economy improves, Niles is well-positioned to become even more prosperous.

Three tips for investing in eco-friendly companies

(NUI) - Environmentalists are cheering on a company that is cutting timber from the Amazon Rainforest using robotic technology and selling the hardware to make flooring, decking and musical instruments. Why? Because the trees being cut are under water.
The timber is still rooted in soil and perfectly preserved - but no longer living.
Aquatic Cellulose (OTCBB: AQCI), the Earth-friendly forest

products company behind this innovative technique of underwater forest recovery, is one of many companies that are now combining what used to be diametrically opposed concepts - business and the environment.
Additionally, the Reno, Nev.-incorporated company aims to appeal to today's environmentally and socially conscious investor.
"At Aquatic Cellulose, our business not only makes dollars, it makes environmental sense," said

Chief Operating Officer William Stephaniuk. "We're especially proud of the social legacy we're forging in the heart of the Amazon."
As portfolios become more self-managed, it is important that investors see where their hard-earned dollars are going and who they are supporting. To this end, here is a guideline of things to look for when considering investing in an eco-friendly company:
* What does the company sell? The product and service of the company,

not just its mission, must be socially responsible. Ask yourself this: Does the product or service advance the health of those that it affects not undermine it?
* How does the company run its business from the inside? Principles of social responsibility (everything from compensation to work hours to benefits) must apply within a company as well as outside of its business. That is, does the company promote or even better pay employees to volunteer their time some-

where? Does the company offer stock options? These are all good indicators that the company is acting in a socially responsible manner.
* Is the company honest? Today's media scrutiny guarantees that prominent individuals and companies will be viewed under a microscope and held to whatever standard is set by the company itself. So the current mantras for today's CEOs are: Do what you say you are going to do and follow through.

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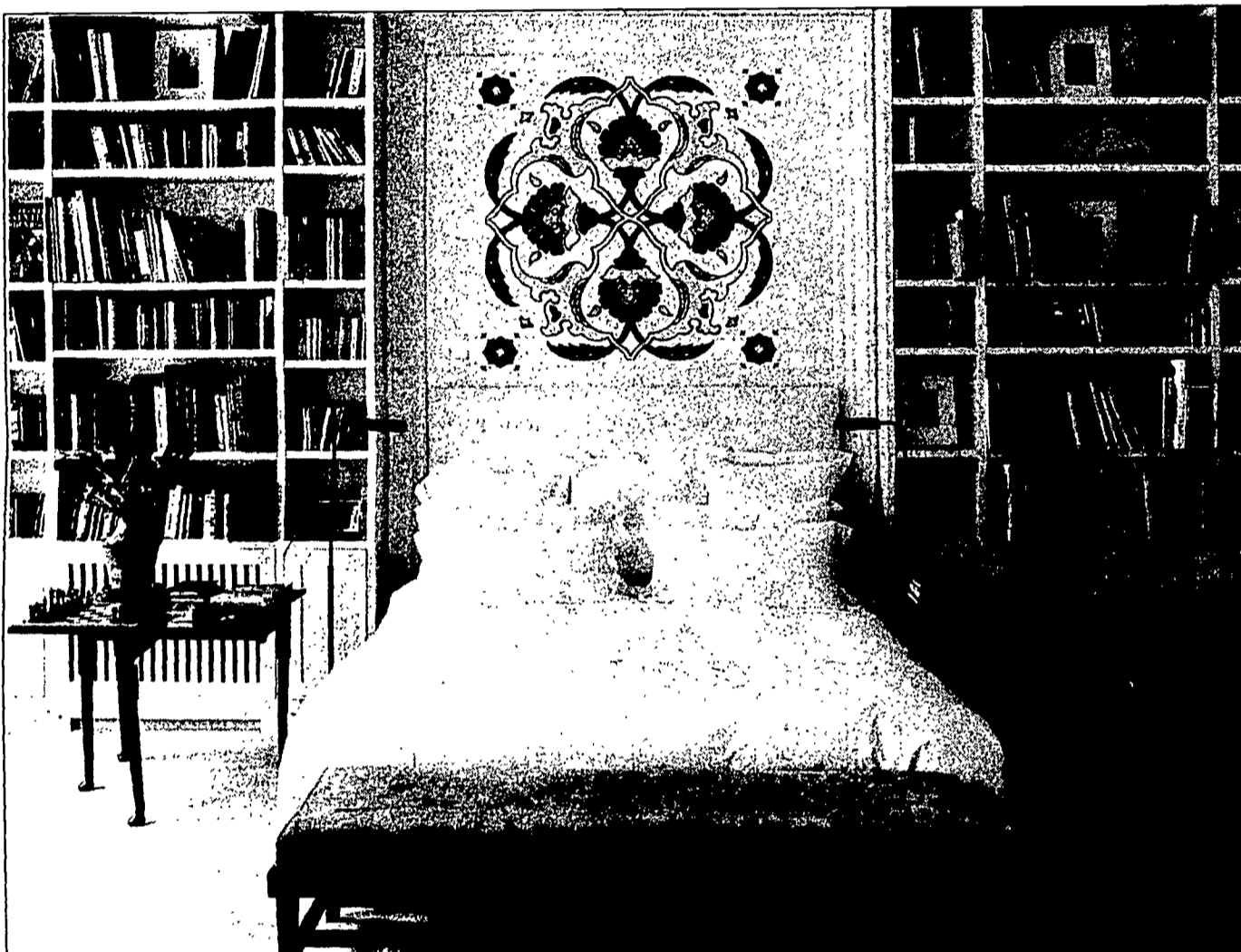
Keep changing the view 'til it suits you

Q: We've lived in this house for three years and I still haven't brought myself to choose anything to hang over the living room sofa. I think I'm intimidated because it's the most important wall in the house.

But after three years, I'm embarrassed by that blank wall. Do you think I should hold out for the exactly right artwork, or should I just put up something that's "OK" and keep looking?

A: I'm a great fan of blank spaces, especially over the sofa. As you so rightly observe, this is the most important wall in the house ... or is it, really? Anyone sitting on the sofa can't see what's behind them anyway. Doesn't it make better sense to focus your "best" art on the walls facing the sofa?

A viable alternative: Keep changing the pictures until you find something that feels exactly right. There are several ways to do that - with hammer and nails in hand - by hanging a narrow shelf on which to prop a succession of different artworks; or exploring an entirely new way of viewing art. The abstract over the bed in the photo we show here is part of a new collection called transForms Fine Art Transfers. As the name implies, it involves a simple rub-on transfer process: You peel off a protective backing sheet from the artwork, position and rub onto any smooth surface, including walls, cabinets, ceilings and windows. There are thousands of artworks to choose from, from Egyptian motifs and cartoons to



art decor, wall murals and trompe l'oeil, like this intriguing abstract design.

Maja Palej, vice president of design for transForms, says the designs blend in to become flush with whatever surface you put them on, and last brilliantly until you're ready to peel them off and try something new. Available at home centers, department and

specialty stores, the artworks cost from \$20 to \$1,200. Have a look at www.transforms.net.

FAB FABRICS
Fabrics stole the show at the recent International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C.

Technologically advanced fabrics originally designed to live happily outside on the patio have

sneaked into living and dining rooms. Strictly indoor fabrics have been crushed, tasseled and mixed into a dazzling patchwork of different patterns on the same sofa or chair.

Traditional French Provincial prints are encased in clear plastic on totally untraditional folding cafe chairs and used on settees in tandem with clear Plexiglas spin-

dles. Long, shaggy chenilles bring new life to the old beanbag idea (in fact, beanbags also showed up as outdoor furniture, and in buttery leather for really "in" sophisticates).

"Easy care" are the operative words for many of the new fabrics. At Norwalk Furniture, designer and HGTV star Joe Ruggiero wrapped sofas and chairs in bright country-style fabrics from Glen Raven, manufacturer of the Sunbrella fabrics you're used to seeing on outdoor umbrellas and awnings, boats and backyard furniture.

Far from the hard, stiff outdoor fabrics of yore, Ruggiero's fabrics are soft, even silky, to the touch. Most surprising are his posh new chenilles and a repertoire of trims, fringes and tassels that give the pieces their finishing touch. For a closer look, go to www.joeruggiero.com; www.ruggieroideas.com; www.norwalk-furniture.com; or www.sunbrella.com.

Ruggiero says the new fabrics will shrug off stains and spills as effectively indoors as out. They also refuse to fade - bleach is a recommended cleaning agent.

More news soon from High Point, the largest home furnishings market in the world.

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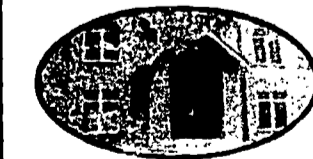
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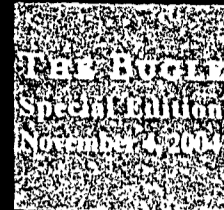
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Gymnasium Groundbreaking

(Top) Niles Park District commissioners Elaine Heinen, Ray Czarnik, Chuck Barbaglia, Jim Hynes, Bill Terpinas, and Park District President Joe LoVerde break ground for a new 35,000 square foot multi-purpose gymnasium at 7800 Caldwell Ave. Wednesday morning October 6, 2004. (Middle) Ground breaking shovels wait to be used. (Bottom) Site of the new multi-purpose gym at 7800 Caldwell.

A vision for the future

The new gym building will allow the Park District to provide greater services to their patrons



A new building for Niles

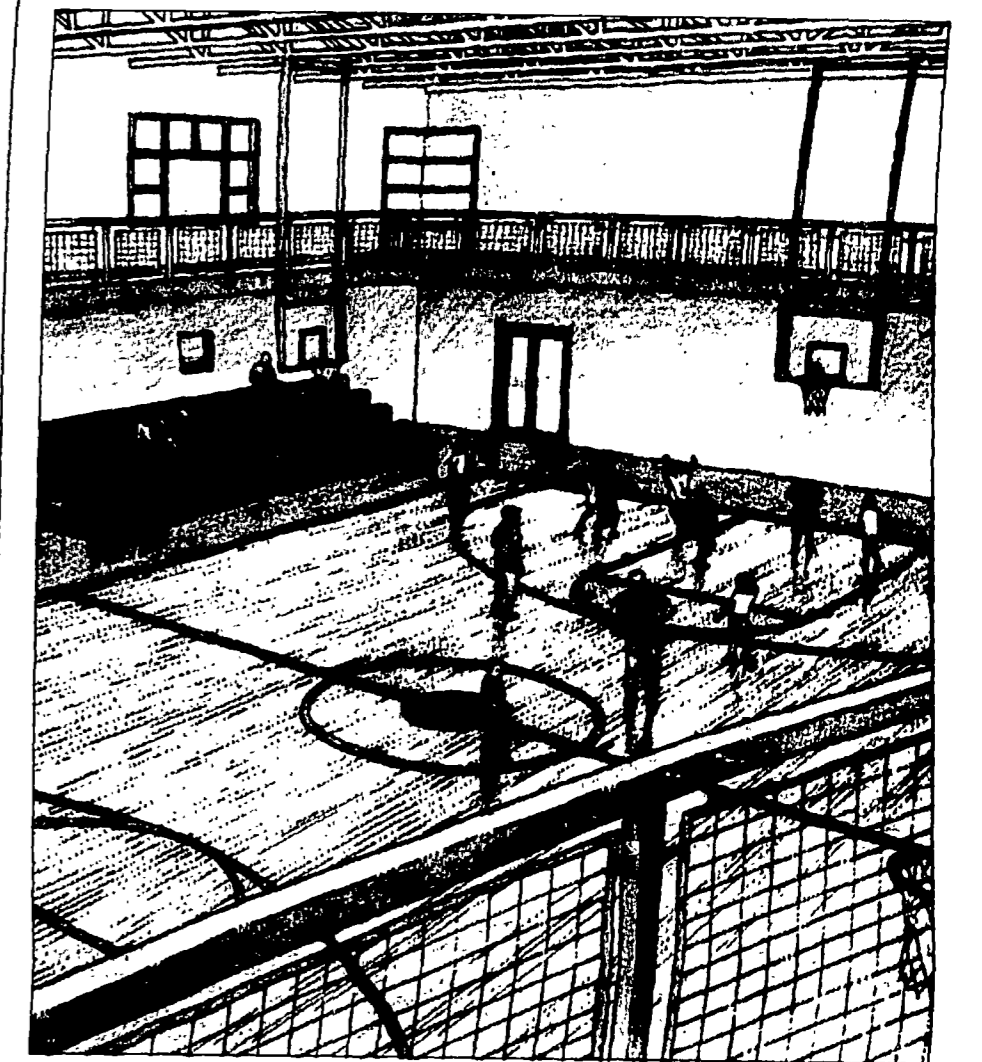
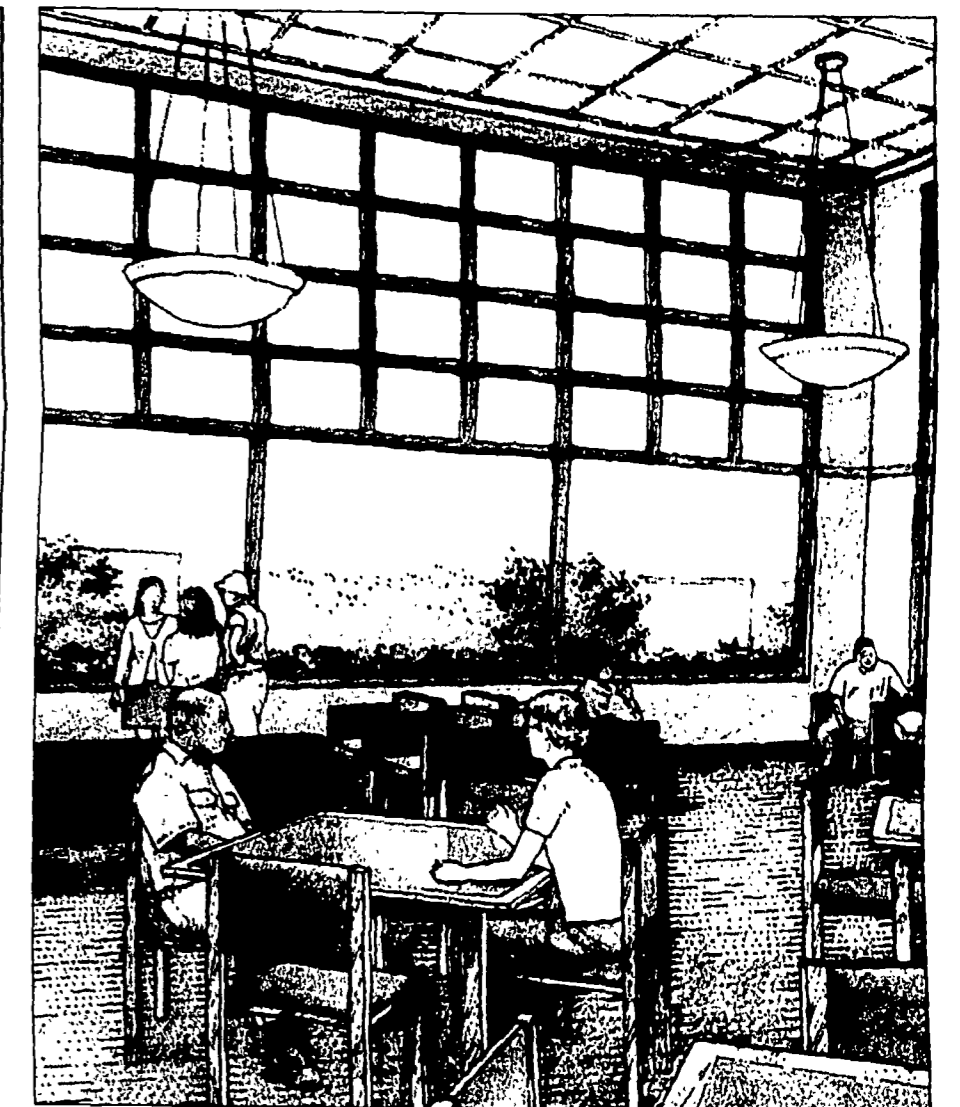
Caption: An artist's rendering shows the new Niles Park District multi-purpose gymnasium as it will appear to someone standing to the South on Caldwell. The building is currently under construction and will include basketball courts, exercise rooms, and a concessions area.

The Niles Park District has been working for over a year to construct a new multi-purpose gymnasium on the site of the former Moscow Nights club just north of the intersection of Caldwell and Howard. The current Park Board has helped this visionary process along that will allow some relief on existing sites like the Grennan Heights Field House and also provide fitness and recreational opportunities to Park District Patrons. The Park Board also wants the community to be involved in the naming process for the gym. Board and staff members have complained light-heartedly that the building needs a name because they're sick of referring to it in meetings as the "multi-purpose gymnasium." Suggestions for the building's name can be submitted through tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 5) to the District's administrative office in the

Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Entry forms are available in all the District's facilities. The winning name will be announced on Friday, November 19th at the District's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The new building is scheduled for completion in October of 2005. When completed it will feature two multi-purpose courts, an indoor fitness track, fitness and locker rooms and a concessions area. After almost a year spent on planning the project, the District broke ground for the new facility in early October. They opted to go with a design/build option through their architect Wight and Company, guaranteeing a maximum price of \$5.75 million for the new facility, well below the \$6.3 million originally budgeted for construction. "We're hoping to put the key in the door at that price," LoVerde said.

The difference between the budgeted amount and the guaranteed price would be used to fund several capital projects in the District, including updating the neighboring Tam Tennis Complex so that it would be accessible to persons with disabilities. "We're hoping we'll be able to realize some savings," said LoVerde. "As long as they're putting an elevator in the new building, they can put one in the Tam Complex as well." The contract with Wight was one of several options the Park District was considering for the construction of their newest facility. Director Joe LoVerde said that the design/build option, which awards the building phase of the project to the same firm that designed it, would allow construction of the first phase to begin by mid-October, allowing the Park Board more time to decide on the final details of the interior, rather than waiting for those details to be

ironed out. "By going with the design/build option we have the ability to bid out the project," said LoVerde, "and we can still discuss the small details of the interior while the building is rising from the ground." By bidding out the project this fall, LoVerde said the District would also have a timing advantage, since most contractors look to secure spring construction work in the fall. The new building is scheduled for completion in October of 2005. When completed it will feature multiple basketball courts, a running track, a variety of other fitness spaces as well as other amenities. "We're hoping to hold our next basketball season in this building," said LoVerde. "We have 3,000 kids in the program and only one gym."



(Top) An artist's rendering of the concessions area in the new Niles Park District multi-purpose gym building that is currently under construction on Caldwell north of Howard. The concessions area will have windows to the outside and the basketball courts so that parents of children in the District's basketball leagues can watch their children play.

(Bottom) An artist's rendering of the basketball courts and the running/walking track that will run around the court on the second level. There will be four basketball courts in the building that will take some of the pressure off of Grennan Heights field house, where the Park District currently holds its youth basketball program. There are about 3,000 participants in the program. The running track will have views on to the neighboring Tam O'Shanter Golf Course.

Happy 50th Anniversary Niles Park District



The Bugle congratulates the Niles Park District for 50 years of excellent service to the residents of Niles.

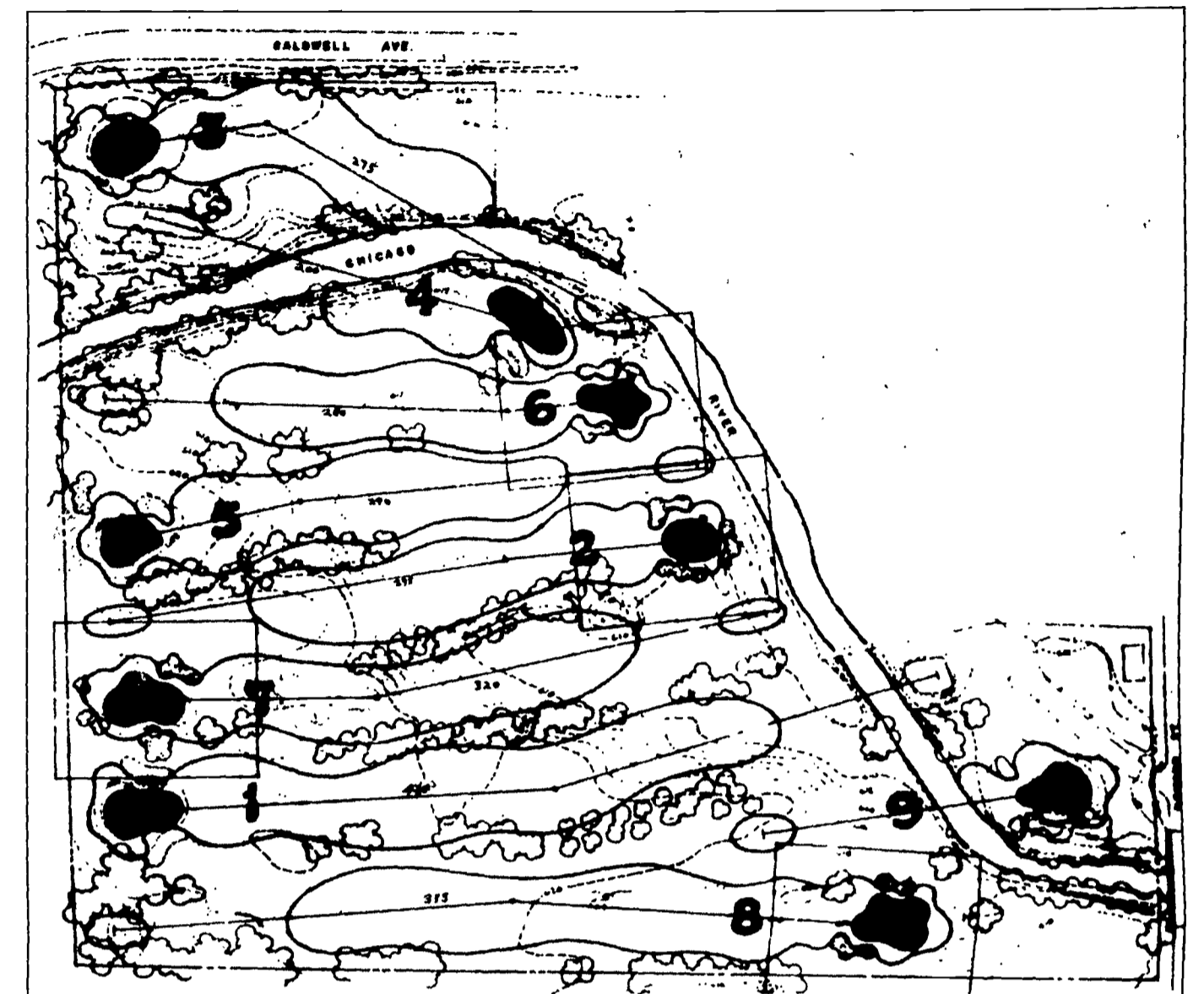
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Complete little Tam golf plans

Niles Park District unveiled plans for Little Tam Golf course Tuesday night, which park president Jerry Sullivan expects to be ready for tee-offs June 1, 1971. St. Charles golf course architects William James Spear and Associates laid out a 2,605 yard Par 34 golf course. The unofficial yardage calls for holes of 420, 295, 275, 200, 290, 260, 320, 385 and 150 yards, in sequence of holes 1 thru 9. Sullivan said it would be a "creditable and playable" course and weather permitting would be open by June 1. In other actions Director Webb's Norman announced the pool operated at a deficit of \$164,06 the past summer compared with a \$6,445 deficit last summer. Norman, who was hired initially to improve the swimming pool operation, and then became embroiled in a battle with pool personnel over his cutting down of personnel, said the pool took in \$27,587 and expended \$27,751. Last year the pool received \$24,309 and spent \$30,754. In a breakdown of pool action Norman reported 629 family season tickets were sold this year against 591 last year.

In a breakdown of pool attendance Norman reported 53,480 persons used the pool this summer; 39,732 in the afternoon and 13,748 in the evening. Twenty-eight sessions were closed and the daily average attendance was 796 persons, 567 in the afternoon and 229 in the evening. Twenty-four days the temperature exceeded 90 degrees, and 9 days attendance topped 1,000, with a record 1,185 one day and a low of 15 one evening when the temperature dropped. One hundred-thirty persons participated in the swimming instruction sessions. In still other actions Commissioners authorized the expenditure of not more than \$2,000 for the Kirk Lane Park for a sled hill at the Waukegan Road park. Recreation director Webb's Norman said 800 to 900 yards of fill can be obtained free and 300 to 400 yards of top fill will be purchased. Seed and machinery use costs will utilize the expenditure. Letters from Niles aqua-teens thanked the Board for its telegram and breakfast given the group prior to a recent meet.



SHOWN ABOVE IS LAYOUT FOR 'LITTLE TAM' GOLF COURSE

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Oak Park dedication ceremonies



On Sunday, Oct. 1, the Niles Park District dedicated Oak Park, the former site of Oak School. Park Board President Elaine Heinen led the ceremonies of unveiling the plaque and cutting the ribbon on the playground equipment.

"Today is a day that we can all be proud of. The Niles Park District worked hard with the residents and the Village to make this park beautiful. Superintendent of Park Services Mike Rea and his staff should feel great joy whenever they look at the park," stated Heinen.

Listed from left to right in the picture is Commissioner Val Engelman, Vice President Myrna Breitzman, Commissioner Rick Sheridan, Park Board President Elaine Heinen, Mayor Nicholas Blase, and Trustee Louella Preston.

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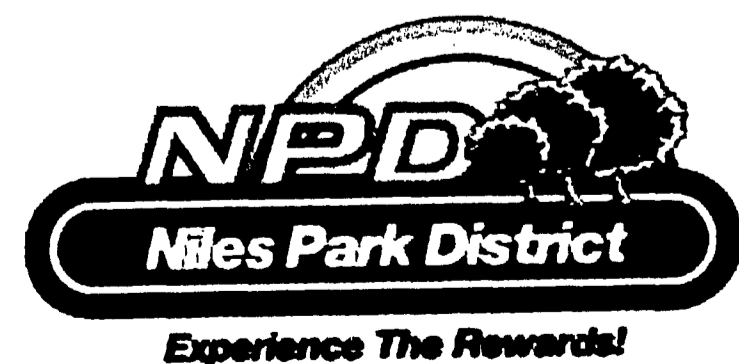
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- * Improve your furnace efficiency. Step up to a high efficiency

furnace to improve your home's comfort and lower your heating costs. For example, the Heil QuietComfort VS 90 offers the quiet operation of a variable speed blower motor, which can save you up to 50 percent in electricity costs compared to furnaces using conventional blower motors.

- * Examine your ductwork. Leaky ductwork can cause the loss of conditioned air, which wastes your home's energy. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that up to 40 percent of heated air is lost through leaky ducts. Duct leakage can also minimize home comfort and shorten the life of a home's heating and cooling system. Have a qualified heating and cooling technician examine your ductwork to find out if some repairs could improve home comfort and save money.

- * Clean your system. Keep your system clean to help it run more efficiently and provide better indoor air quality. Clear debris away from the outdoor unit and replace filters regularly. To further improve indoor air quality, look into purchasing a Heil electronic air cleaner that filters indoor air to trap many airborne particles.

- * Maintain the right humidity levels. During the dry winter months, moisture levels in the home can affect your heating costs, comfort and the health of your wood furniture and flooring. Humidifiers add moisture to dry air in your home, which helps your body stay hydrated and comfortable. They can also help protect wood furniture and floors by maintaining the right levels of indoor humidity to prevent damage caused by dry indoor air.

Make your energy bills look as good as your home

Even the nicest homes can be uncomfortable if you're trying to keep energy costs low during the cold winter months.

With these improvements, however, you can increase your home's efficiency.

- * Add padding. Make sure your home is properly insulated to help trap heat indoors; it's one of the most convenient and cost-efficient ways to reduce energy usage. You will need a contractor to add insulation to exterior walls, but you can easily add attic insulation yourself.
- * Save with your thermostat. Lower your winter heating bill by setting your thermostat as low as comfortably possible.

Consider purchasing a programmable thermostat. The Tempstar line of programmable thermostats, for example, work at a more cost-efficient temperature while you're asleep or away from home and raise the temperature to warm your home just before you wake up or return.

- * Consider an upgrade to your heating system. In the long run, a new and more energy-efficient

heating system can pay for itself with energy savings.

The Tempstar SmartComfort VS 90 operates at a 90 percent Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency, which means it uses 90 cents of every dollar you spend to heat your home. Less efficient furnaces might only use 60 cents to 80 cents of every dollar to heat your home. It also has a variable-speed blower motor, which uses up to 50 percent less electricity than furnaces equipped with conventional blower motors.

- * Stop the leaks. Warm air escaping through leaks in your home results in a significant amount of wasted money and energy. Caulk, seal and weather-strip all seams and cracks.
- * If you have a fireplace, keep the damper closed to keep your heated air from flying up the chimney.
- * Cut water heating costs. Use less hot water, insulate the water heater and lower its temperature setting. Also keep in mind that a leaking faucet can waste gallons of water in a short time, so be sure to repair leaks promptly.

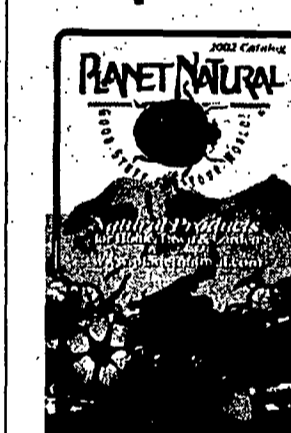
- * Let the sun warm the home. Open curtains and blinds on the south side of the house during the day.

A greener view: No safe pesticides

Q : Please stop advising readers to use some sort of pesticide, herbicide or fungicide on their plants and trees. There is too much pollution of our air and water now. If you did a little homework (as in studying organic gardening), you would find out there are a lot of organic products out there to use on bugs and fungi. Someone that is widely read by the consumer needs to try to educate the common person about weaning their yards and gardens off of toxic chemicals. Please help our world get better. A: OK, let me try to help the world get better today. I agree that many people should stop using most of the pesticides that are sold to consumers. In fact, I would be in favor of requiring most pesticides that are applied to lawns, trees, shrubs and farm crops be applied by properly trained and licensed applicators. I have had that level of training and state certification in the past and I have been the homeowner applying my own pesticides, so I have been on both sides of the issue. I know that most, maybe even the vast majority, of people who apply pesticides don't know enough about the side effects to themselves, their family and pets, and to the environment that the rest of us live in, to be able to apply them in a safe and effective manner. I think homeowners should receive training before they are allowed to use outdoor pesticides. Organic gardeners would tend to believe that continued dependence on man-made fertilizers and pesticides requires more and more crop care rather than less. Organic treatments will build up the soil and require less crop care in the future. Soil is the most important ingredient to good garden-

GARDEN TIP

No pesticides are safest



Botanical insecticides are derived from plants that have toxic properties. They have fewer harmful side effects and break down more quickly in the environment than synthetic chemicals do. However, they are still poisons

and should only be used after other less-toxic options have been explored. Moreover, some pyrethrin products contain piperonyl butoxide (PBO), a sesame extract that is added to improve their effectiveness.

Planet Natural is one of several catalogs dedicated to natural, organic gardening*

* www.planetnatural.com/botanicalinsecticides.html

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ing of all kinds. Generally, no matter where you live, the addition of organic matter is necessary to make the soil better. But, great soil does not prevent the plants from getting insect and disease problems. Organic gardening merely means that the plants are being grown with the addition of products that come from plants or animals, not factories. When most people hear the words organic gardening, they think of safety. However, organic pesticide products can be just as deadly and toxic to people and pets as any synthetic chemical. Just because it is of organic origin does not make it safe. You should always follow the label directions of any product you use. If you make the product yourself from household ingredients, you should not think it is safer than

store-bought products. Pesticides kill things we don't want in our lives and virtually all pesticides are chemicals. An athlete's foot powder is a pesticide because it kills fungi. Antibiotic medicines are pesticides that kill bacteria in our bodies. Synthetic chemicals are man-made and can be identical or very similar to naturally occurring chemicals. Most natural chemicals need refining, purifying or concentrating before they can be useful. All substances, including water, are poisonous at some level of dosage. Toxicity refers to a substance's ability to produce injury or death. Toxicity can be acute or chronic. Acute toxicity is poisoning resulting from a single dose. Chronic toxicity is poisoning that occurs over a long period of time. **Continues...**

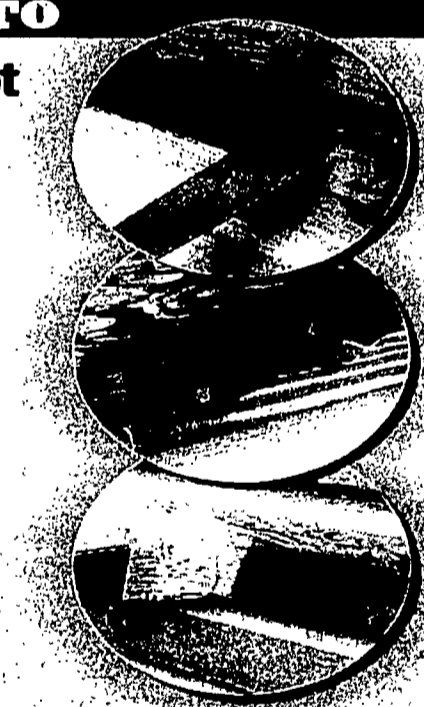
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exposure to a large dose of a chemical. Chronic toxicity is poisoning from repeated low doses over a prolonged period of time. Most chemicals have the ability to produce both acute and chronic toxicity. The human body has the ability to filter out, or metabolize, many chemicals before they can build up to a poisonous level through repeated exposure. There is a lethal dose of caffeine in 200 cups of coffee, a lethal dose of ethanol in a fifth of bourbon and a lethal dose from aspirin in 100 pills. We are not killed by low level doses because the body can destroy the chemicals before they

reach the toxic level. Toxicity alone does not measure the danger of a chemical. Exposure and toxicity together form a chemical's ability to be a hazard. A highly toxic chemical may present little hazard when the formula is in a very diluted concentration, or it is formulated to not be inhaled or absorbed through the skin, or it is applied under conditions that prevent contact. The opposite is also true. A normally non-toxic chemical can be hazardous if it is used in a form that concentrates it, or it is used in a way that allows contact with the skin, or inhalation. Repeated doses of chem-

icals that break down slowly in the body or that are stored in the body may cause a hazard. Chemicals should be avoided whenever possible, used as safely as possible and disposed of properly. To do this, consider which chemical is least toxic and least persistent while still being effective. It is more important to know the safety level of the chemical than whether it is of a natural, organic or synthetic origin. The natural insecticide pyrethrum is a little less toxic than the synthetic insecticide Sevin and they are both much less toxic than the natural insecticide rotenone.

Sometimes synthetic versions of natural compounds are necessary to make them strong enough to work. Sometimes refining removes some toxicity. Crude citrus oils kill fleas, but they also kill cats. Two refined citrus oil compounds, linalool and D-limonene still kill fleas, but have a low toxicity to cats. Toxic chemicals are not necessarily dangerous in their use, but rather in their misuse. A wide range of items fit this category, from antifreeze to vitamins and from mothballs to air deodorizers. Many hazardous chemicals are not stored or disposed of in an

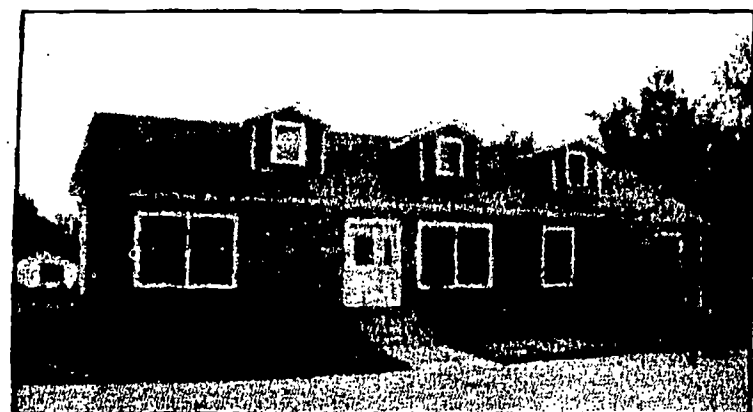
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environmentally safe manner. Buying only as much as you need will help you not have to store it at home. Never pour any of these items down the storm drain. Some storm sewer systems empty into detention areas that are used as playgrounds. Misuse of chemicals, especially pesticides, is why I think it would be wise to require all purchasers and users of pesticides to have some level of training. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenerview.com. © Copley News Service Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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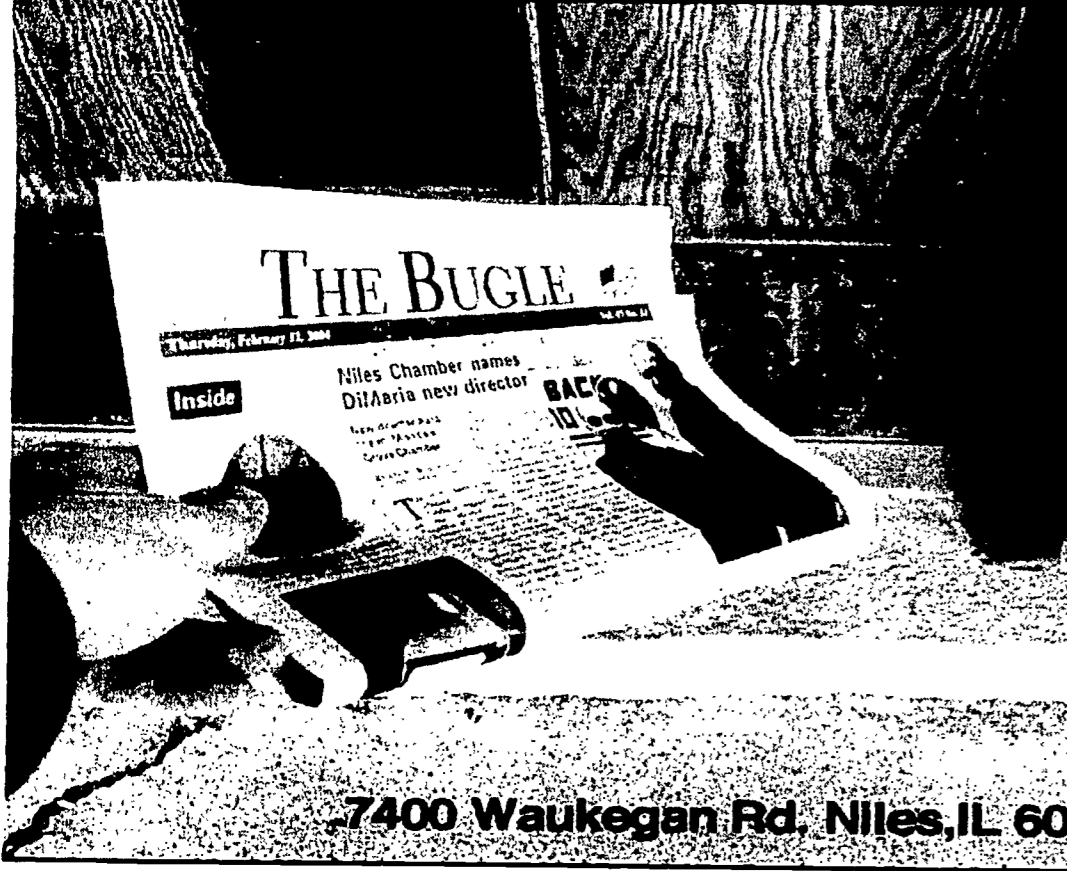
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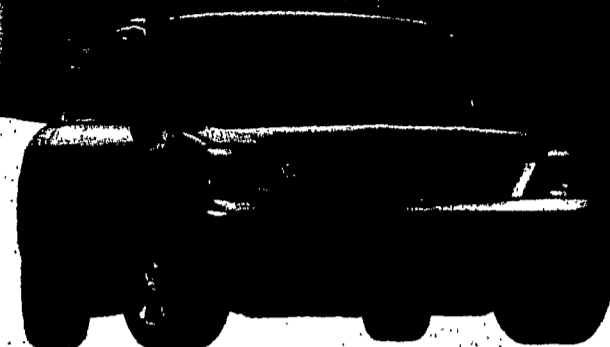
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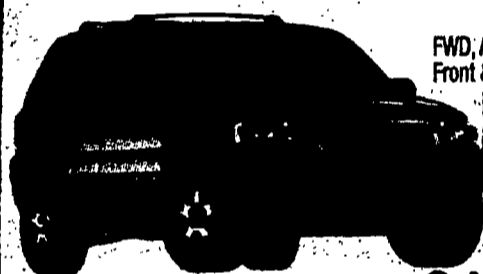


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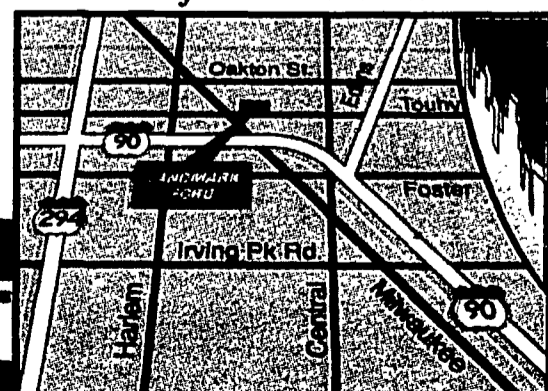
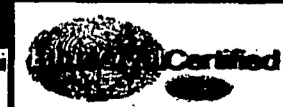
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