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Dons bring home first state title

It was the hitting of All-State centerfielder Dean Cademartori and the pitching of Matt Kudlik that fueled the Dons to their state championship run. In the end, it was unsung hero-senior Greg Reda that came in to relieve Kudlik in the third inning close out a 6-4 victory over Joliet Catholic in the IHSA Class AA championship game. Reda struck out Nick Testin looking to end the game that set off a wild celebration at the mound as they captured the first state championship for Notre Dame in any sport. Reda, who had not pitched in the tournament, came into the game with the bases loaded, two outs and his team down by a run. He was behind in the count 2-0 before going to a full count to strike out Brad Bourg to keep it a one run game. The right-hander did not allow a hit in his 4.1 innings of scoreless relief.

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

"The guys are amazing. I'm so



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

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

Kostuch.

Notre Dame finished the season 34-9, beating conference schools Carmel in the semifinal and regular season champion Joliet Catholic in the final. It is the first time ever three any conference has finished 1-

2-3 in the 65 years of the tournament.

The Niles village board honored the team with four signs posted at entryways to the town that identified it as the home of the State Champion Notre Dame Dons.

06/17/2004

Morton Grove forms EDC

A nine-member Economic Development Commission (EDC) was formed by the Village of Morton Grove at the June 14 village board meeting. The new EDC is comprised of residents and local business owners and will help review economic development goals for the village.

Maria Toth, Bharti Patel, John Pietron, Daniel Metz, Margaret Rumpsa, Daryl Moir, Susan Shaw, Carol Meyer and Karen Johnson were named to the Commission, which will advise the village of matters of economic development.

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

06/17/2004

Park Ridge Chamber Director resigns

Rich Brayer, who was named as the new director of the Park Ridge

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Concord plan approved

Concord Homes' plan to construct 44 townhouses and 48 mid-rise condos on property currently occupied by Schwarz Paper was approved by the Morton Grove Village Board at their meeting Tuesday, July 13. The parcel neighbors the new Woodlands development.

The board's action approved a Plan Commission report from early July that passed on the plan that could net the developer about \$33 million based on initial estimates of the asking prices of \$374,000 for each condo and \$333,000 for each townhouse.

Residents neighboring the Schwarz Paper property have expressed concern about a variety of changes to the property including the future of a stand of trees that borders a residential area. Village Community and Economic Development Director Tim Angell said that, while he couldn't speak to the future of a specific tree, Concord plans to preserve what trees they can.

"I don't know about any particular stand of trees," said Angell, "but Concord representatives have stated that they're looking very seriously at maintaining any existing trees on the property."

07/22/2004

Shermer Park up for sale

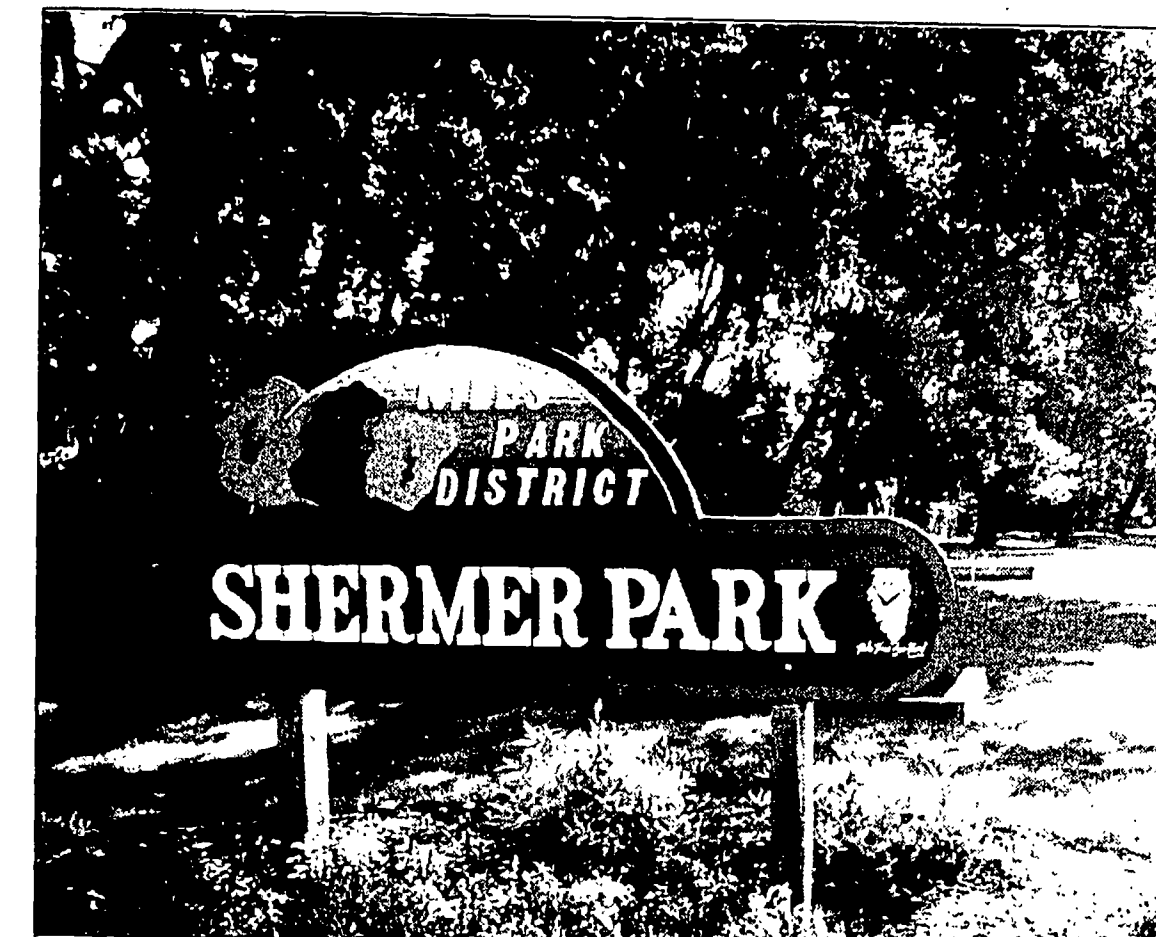
The long, narrow Shermer Park is up for sale, after the Park Board voted Tuesday night, July 20 to sell the parcel in order to fund improvements to other facilities.

Those driving too fast on Shermer Rd. 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-homes and another of south facing homes. Park District Director Joe LoVerde said because of the proximity of those homes makes it unsuitable for any programming.

"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



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.

single family home.

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

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 market.

The Park District is still working on procedural issues in order to sell the park.

07/29/2004

Park Ridge Chamber
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Chamber in early 2003 after the departure of former Director Harry O'Brien, announced his resignation from the post Monday, June 21.

Brayer said that he chose to resign because he and the new Chamber Board had different ideas of where the Chamber needed to go.

"The Board and I have discussed this," said Brayer, "and we feel the Chamber should be going in two different directions. We're not sure that we're a good match for each other at this point."

Brayer said that his resignation was like a "friendly break-up" and that his departure date would be open-ended.

Chamber Board Treasurer Paul Hoefert said that Brayer was a great guy and agreed that the terms of the "break-up" had been amicable.

"In the six to eight months I've been on the board I've found Rich to be very capable," said Hoefert. "He's done a lot of good things for the Chamber. There is no animosity in the situation. The separation was amicable."

Brayer's post was filled in the fall by Chelle O'Connell, a resident of Elmhurst.

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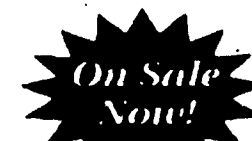
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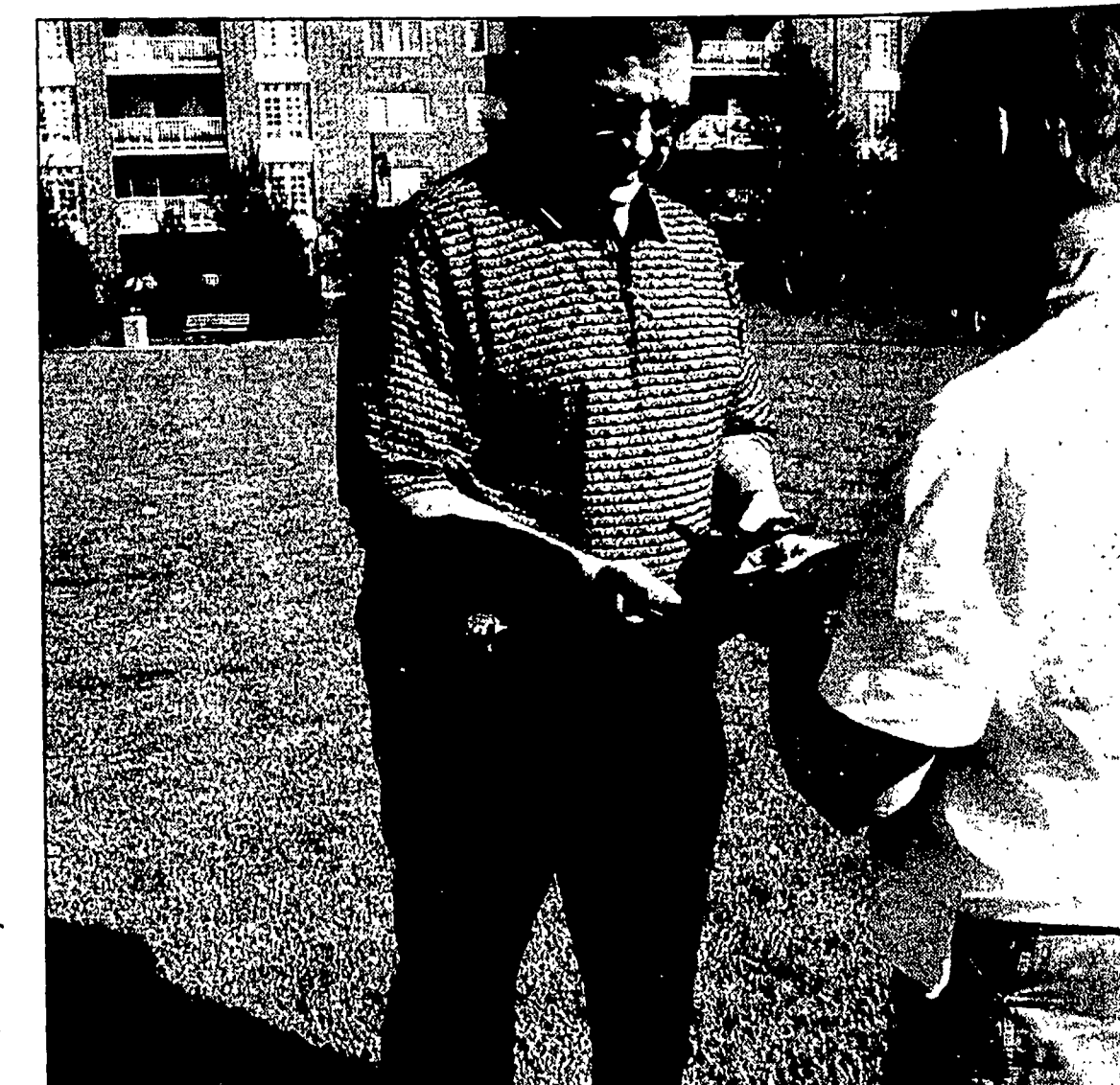
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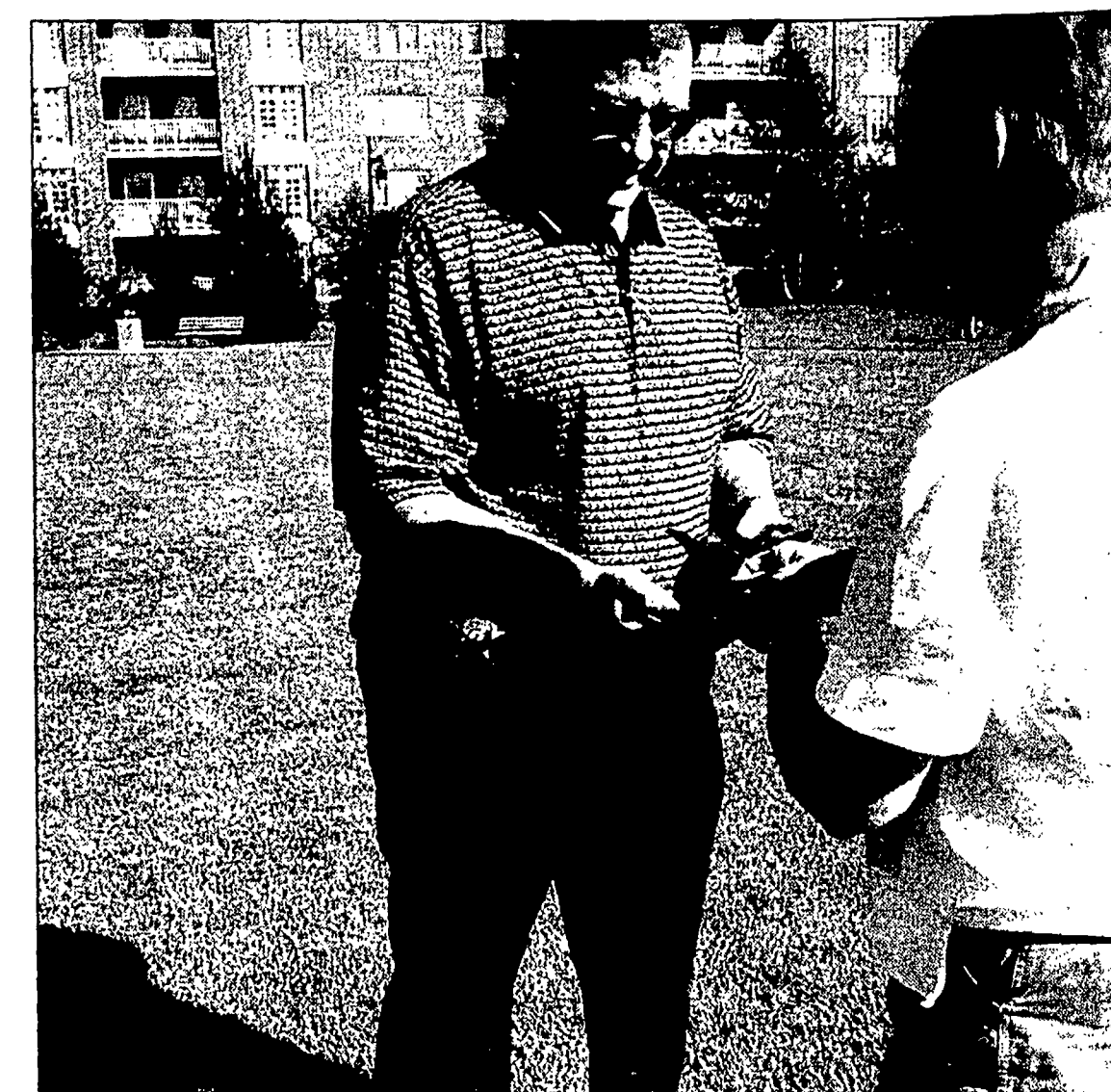
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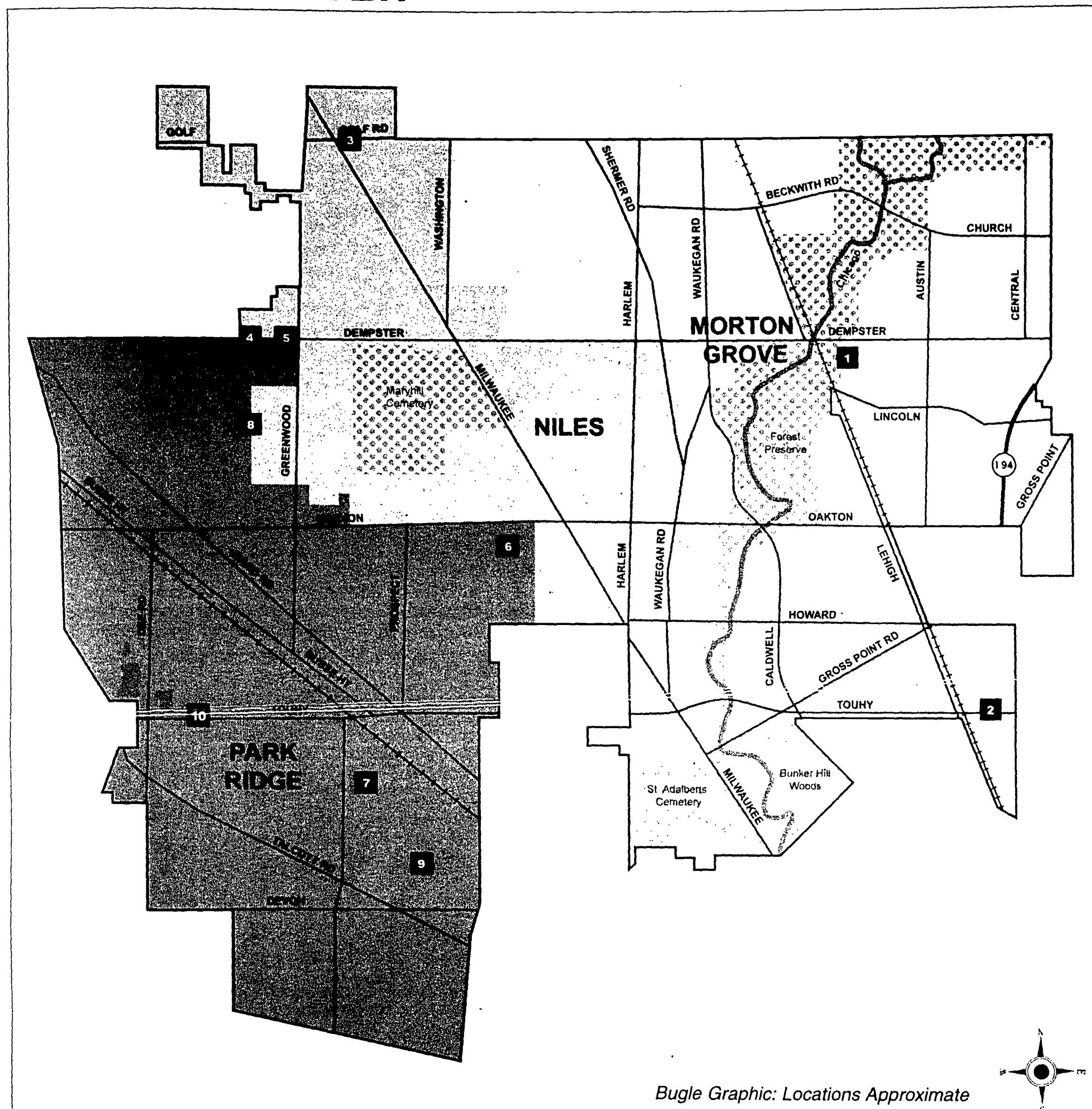
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending December 27, 2004.

1 Appliance theft

A timely visit to the construction site of his second home helped a 30-year-old man interrupt the burglary of his refrigerator, air conditioner, and hot water heater Thursday afternoon Dec. 23.

According to police the man pulled up to the home and had seen a pickup truck in the driveway and his air conditioner, and hot water heater in the back of the truck. The owner of the home told police he also had seen the owner of the truck in the walkway next to the building with the man's refrigerator.

tor. The owner of the home asked the men what they were doing and they gave him the name of someone, who they claimed sent them.

The owner of the home immediately called the builder who told him to call the police. The owner meanwhile told the men to return his appliances which they did except they left the items in the backyard.

Surprisingly while the owner of the home was being interviewed by police the burglars returned for their ladder. The owner decided not to press charges.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending January 3, 2005.

2 Retail Theft (5600 Touhy)

A 47-year-old Niles woman was arrested New Year's Eve after a security guard at the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy watched the woman remove four bras from a display and place them under her coat. The bras were valued at \$23.84.

A 46-year-old New York man may want to consider a New Year's resolution after Niles police arrested the man with 15 grams of crack cocaine in the 6800 block of Harts Sunday Jan. 2.

Police said that a patrol officer noticed the man turning the lights of on his off while it was traveling northbound on Milwaukee Ave. in the 7000 block. The officer said he approached the car after stopping it asked the man if he needed medical assistance. The officer asked the man not to continue placing his hands under the seat

and finally asked the man to step out of the car. Once out of the car the officer found two crack pipes in the car and while patting down the man found a cigarette box with crack cocaine in the man's right front pocket.

The man was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 12, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 106.

3 Sticky arrest (8300 Golf) A 58-year-old Glenview woman was charged with retail theft Sunday Jan. 2 after she was observed placing four rolls of adhesive tape and variety of stickers in her purse at a scrapbook store in the 8300 block of Golf. Store personnel said the woman placed the items in her purse and then attempted to leave the store without paying. The

items were valued at \$39.80.

4 Police escort man back to store (8700 Dempster)

A 43-year-old Des Plaines man was escorted back to the Jewel store at 8730 Dempster Sunday morning Jan. 2 after an employee of the store noticed the man placing un-bagged items into the trunk of his car. The employee told police he asked the man for a receipt and the man just drove. Later police were able to locate the man through his license plates. Police said the man admitted to being in the store and taking the items. Police took the man back to the Jewel store and he paid for the items.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending December 22-29 2004.

5 Burglary (1800 N. Parkside)

An apartment in the 1800 block of N. Parkside was burglarized Wednesday night Dec. 22 after someone entered the home through an unlocked door.

6 Burglary (500 Merrill)

A 1991 Chevy Monte Carlo was burglarized after someone smashed a passenger side window while the car was parked in the 500 block of Merrill Wednesday night Dec. 29.

7 Burglary (600 S. Crescent) Someone removed a cellular phone worth \$150 from a 2002 Mitsubishi that was left unlocked at 600 S. Crescent Wednesday night Dec. 29.

8 Damage to property (1400 N. Parkside)

Sections of fence were damaged at a home in the 1400 block of Parkside sometime between Dec. 19 and Dec. 22. Damage was estimated at \$400.

9 UPS package stolen (1000 S. Courtland)

UPS packages and U.S. Postal packages valued at \$170 was stolen from the porch of a home in the 1000 block of Courtland Friday night Dec. 17.

10 Wallets stolen from office (200 W. Touhy) Wallets from two purses were stolen from office drawers at a business in the 200 block of W. Touhy Monday Dec. 27.

SUMMARY OF CRIME: Morton Grove

Theft-1
Niles
Theft-6
DUI-2
Drug possession-1
Park Ridge

Arrests
Non-resident-15
Resident-2
Burglary-3
Theft-3

Year in Review

Judge dismisses MGO suit

Federal Judge James F. Holderman dismissed the Morton Grove Organization, LCC's (MGO) suit against the village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Community Center (MCC) last week.

Holderman ruled that the MGO didn't have standing to bring a suit against the village in federal court, but said that he would not rule on several issues in the complaint that were under the jurisdiction of state

courts.

Pat Kansoer, managing member of the MGO said that the group plans to file its case again in state court by the end of business on Friday.

"The membership of the MGO was disappointed that we didn't have our day in court," he said. "But it's not over."

MGO Leaders subsequently decided not to continue their fight against the mosque project in court.

10/14/2004

Park Ridge EDC to disband

With a recommendation from the Park Ridge City Council's Economic Development Task Force due in only a few weeks, Park Ridge's quasi-governmental Economic Development Corporation (EDC) announced Monday that they would voluntarily dissolve when their city funding ran out at the end of May 2005. It was chartered in 1992.

The EDC has come under

increasing scrutiny after the election shake-up in April 2003. \$84,000 to fund their operating expenses was fiercely debated this year and, when it was approved, a task force was appointed to study the city's economic development function and whether some other method of accomplishing the same task could either be conducted with greater city oversight or relegated completely to the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

10/21/2004

Niles Police Station ramp illegal

An independent architect said the ramp at the Niles Police Station violates state and federal accessibility codes in five instances, contradicting village officials who, two weeks ago, said that the ramp was in full compliance.

Improper slope, missing and improperly situated handrails and a lack of grading were among the specific problems identified by Doug Mohnke, a principal with LCM Architects. The firm specializes in accessibility.

"Is the ramp usable?" Mohnke asked. "I'd have to say yes. But is it technically in compliance with the law? No."

Both the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Illinois Environmental Barriers Act have requirements for new construction that vary from the requirements for the rehabilitation of existing buildings. Mohnke said that the Police Station's ramp would probably be acceptable under the latter requirements, but not the former.

"It would be acceptable as a rehab," he said. "But for new construction, there's no reason why it shouldn't conform to the new standards."

Village officials subsequently decided to construct an elevator at



Wheelchair bound visitors to the Niles Police Department are in for the ride of their lives if they try to maneuver the nearly 100 foot ramp which has virtually no landings.

the Police Station which will settle all the accessibility problems. No final plans have been settled on and

there is no word whether any repairs will be made to the ramp itself.

11/11/2004



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Plan Your Investment Moves for the New Year

Each New Year, most of us vow to improve one aspect or another of our lives. However, we don't always rush to carry out our resolutions. But if you've promised yourself that "this is the year" that you're really going to stay on top of your financial and investment situations, you'll want to get started now.

Start by reviewing your family and career circumstances. Will there be any significant changes in your life in 2005? If so, they almost certainly will have an impact on how you save and invest. Consider these factors:

• **New child** — If you've recently added a child to your family, or you plan to add one in 2005, you have a lot to be happy about. And you also have a lot to protect. Make sure you have enough life insurance to help raise and educate your child, should something happen to you. Also, it's never too soon to set up a college fund for a child, so you might want to open a Section 529 plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account.

• **Child heading to college** — If your child is heading off to college in the fall, it's time to put your college-funding strategies in high gear. Now that it's past Jan. 1, you can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Also, you may want to shift some assets from your child's name to yours; colleges typically expect students to contribute 35 percent of their money toward college expenses — but you are required to kick in only around 5.6

percent. And you'll want to contribute as much as you can to whatever investments you've designated for college.

• **Salary increase** — Are you getting a raise this year? If so, try to invest at least part of it. For example, you may want to increase your contributions to your IRA or 401(k). Both these retirement-savings vehicles offer tax advantages and a range of investment options. Furthermore, both have higher contribution limits in 2005, so even if you "maxed out" last year, you can put in more this year.

• **Retirement** — If you're planning to retire in 2005, you have many issues to consider. You may need to take distributions from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or IRA. You also might have to decide whether you should begin accepting Social Security. And you'll want to ensure that your investment portfolio is properly balanced for your retirement years. Keep in mind that you may enjoy a healthy, active retirement for two or three decades, so your investments must provide you with growth opportunities as well as current income. Your investment and tax advisers can help you determine the best moves to make as you enter retirement.

Start the Year Off Right

Get 2005 off to a good start by making sure your financial plans fit your life. It may be the most important New Year's resolution you make — and it's one you'll want to keep.

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Letter to the editor "You are Not Alone"

Last week a call came in to the home of an advocate for the Morton Grove forest preserves. The caller was informing him that it appeared employees of a business operating at a point along the forest preserve bike path had constructed a trench under the path. This trench was then acting as a conduit for raw animal waste to drain directly into the river. That phone call set off a storm of activity

through Morton Grove and the Cook County offices. By now several visits have probably been made to the business in question, to clarify a procedure or to rectify a wrongdoing. If the law was broken, it is my sincere hope that the punishment is swift and severe.

With our forest preserves under attack from the environment, official neglect, and thoughtless vandals, we can ill

afford to allow illegal activities to continue. That includes taking plants—ANY PLANTS, bike riding and horseback riding in restricted areas, all of which destroy sensitive ecosystems. It also includes letting dogs run free to kill small mammals that provide the only food source for predators that live there. It even includes tossing litter along the paths. Keep in mind that someone may be watching you break

the law and will report you to the authorities. That person will follow you to your car and take down your license plate number. And he or she will happily testify against you in court. And these people are growing in numbers—why not join them.

Call the Cook County Forest Preserve District to report illegal activities at 708-771-1001.

Donna Clesen, Morton Grove



Reservoir

If you like the justification for undertaking the war in Iraq, you'll love the justification for a new, expanded reservoir in Park Ridge. Think the connection with Iraq is far out? Think again.

The war in Iraq was launched on what has now been shown to be skimpy, even wrong, information on what Saddam Hussein had, when he had it, and what he might have intended to do with it. Was the Iraq war instead about oil, US relations with oil-exporting states, and protecting Israel?

The war in Iraq was preemptively launched because Saddam was demonstrably a bad guy. If so, where are we on Omar al-Bashir in Sudan, who will wind up killing more of his countrymen than Saddam ever dreamed about, and more brutally? (No oil in Sudan, though.)

Whether you support it or not, the war in Iraq has cost us the lives of almost 900 of our heroes and as much as \$150-billion tax dollars of our treasure.

Could we have found a better use for those lives and money?

Surely. Could we have found a better way to neutralize Saddam and preserved our standing as a compassionate, world-leading nation (not to mention our supply of oil)? Probably. Was/Is the Iraq war worth it? Your call.

Our local issue is what we have and what we need for the protection of our drinking water supply.

Can there be anything more important to us as Park Ridge residents than having a reliable, safe supply of drinking water? Not much. (Moreso even than gasoline, from oil.) But was our water supply, in content and volume, so unsafe and inadequate that we needed to commit so much of our treasure to a new reservoir?

The City's primary justifications for spending over \$20-million tax dollars on moving and expanding our 6-million gallon main reservoirs (there are three tanks) from Six Corners to the corner of Busse and Elm is that our current main reservoir system is too small and is leaking, creating a health potential hazard.

The City's secondary objective in relocating the reservoir is to

allow development on the reservoir site.

Are those justifications correct from what we know now? Not as I see it.

I'll need a second column to make that case in detail, but I'll leave you with a few teasers here.

When the now 50-year-old main reservoir complex was built, it was meant to support—and easily did—the over 43,000 Park Ridge population peak in 1970. Since then, the population has declined by 15%. So why do we now need access to 40% MORE water? (Do people flush or bathe more now?)

The current main reservoir complex has three tanks, only one of which WAS leaking. (It has since been adequately repaired, and it NEVER was a "health" threat.) Are we throwing the baby out with the bath water?

Is the REAL reason were moving the reservoir(s)—and expanding it/them, while we're at it—so that we can put stores and condos where the evergreens are now, at Six Corners? Like oil dollars?

\$20-million+, of your tax dollars. Was this the correct decision, knowing what you know now, or will know after my next column?

Your call. Oops, sorry. It's probably too late. We've already invaded Hinkley Park.

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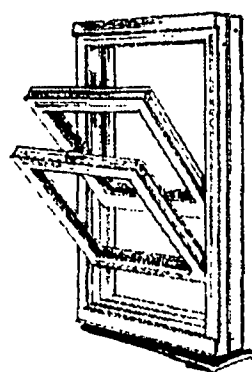
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His concern includes your retirement

Following the holiday season of good cheer, family gatherings and lost gift receipts, I'm assuming that readers aren't in the mood to hear about how poorly they are investing. Or how somebody may be trying to rip them off.

So I'm devoting this column to a story

that is so heartwarming that it could melt icicles.

The story begins 15 years ago, when Henry Hebel, a bright guy with a philanthropic heart, walked away from a top job at the Boeing Co. Hebel, who was the vice president of planning, reported to Boeing's chairman for the corporation's long-range forecasts.

Hebel decided to retire early after discovering what he considered to be the dreadful state of the nation's retirement planning. Upon reaching his mid-50s, the engineer had become interested in projecting what his own financial retirement would look like, so he started investigating what was out there to help. He was stunned at what he found. The retirement calculators and software that he tried were simplistic, misleading and the math was often wrong. You could plug the same figures into different programs and you'd get totally different conclusions.

Surely, Hebel thought to himself, retirees and those careening toward that milestone deserved better. And, he thought, why couldn't he be part of the solution? Hebel decided to ditch the weapon systems business to pursue his quixotic dream of helping others plan their retirement finances more wisely. Using his background in forecasting, planning and math, he had hoped to write a book that would instruct readers how to develop their own sound retirement plans, but publishers were hardly enthused. When he tried to meet with

editors during a trip to New York City, he couldn't even get face time with the secretaries.

For all his preoccupation with helping people with financial plans using e-mail and his Web site, he and his wife also assist several immigrants and a number of poor elderly widows. Under his desk is a box stuffed with thank-you notes, primarily from people who have used his software.

And his good works have attracted volunteers who want to help. Someone in Utah runs the Web site. A retired Oxford finance professor reviews his math. Others mail software and books. An attorney answers estate-planning questions. When your Web site gets several thousands hits a day, the work piles up.

At age 71, Hebel, who spends about 12 hours a day on his mission, remains incredibly busy. An issue he's been analyzing lately is President Bush's determination to reform or gut (pick your own verb) Social Security. Hebel's a Republican, but he's troubled at the preliminary numbers he's crunched so far. But I'm going to resist wandering down that dark alley. At least this time.

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Edward Jones ranks No. 1 in National Survey of Brokers

For the 12th consecutive year, Edward Jones ranked No. 1 in Registered Representative magazine's annual survey of the nation's seven largest financial-services firms. The magazine randomly selects brokers nationwide and asks them to rank their firms in various categories.

"The firm received verbal praise for its ethics, for its unwavering business focus and for its attention to the needs of its reps, including its longstanding policy of providing a full-time assistant paid for by the firm," according to the magazine's December 2004 issue. The firm's ranking on "support" topped all other firms, the magazine reported.

Edward Jones investment representatives gave the firm its highest scores in 14 of the 20 categories in which it was rated. Some of those categories include: ongoing training, client account statements, quality of the products offered, management and the firm's strategic focus.

"The firm's steady, conservative approach was consistently lauded by reps," the magazine reported.

While it's always an honor to be recognized by a national publication, this particular ranking is significant for a variety of reasons.

"This ranking is formed by the opin-

ions of our investment representatives - the people who meet with clients every day," said Douglas E. Hill, Edward Jones managing partner. "That makes it a good measure of how well we are serving our clients, which gives this ranking even greater significance."

The two Niles Edward Jones investment representatives also say that they are particularly proud of the No. 1 ranking because of the number of years Edward Jones has achieved this honor.

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Scanlon to retire, Staakmann will lead 'Action' slate

Over 100 people attended an Action Party event Monday night, Nov. 15 at Champ's Restaurant to honor Morton Grove's two-term mayor, Dan Scanlon, who announced he would not seek a third term. During the event, the Party's new slate for the April 2005 elections was officially released. Dan Staakmann, still serving his first term as village trustee, was selected as his party's best candidate for the mayoral post. Peggy Flickinger Frierer will run for village clerk and incumbents Larry Gomberg and Steve Blonz will run for trustee with newcomer Maria Toth.

In the speech officially announcing that he will not seek a third term as mayor, Scanlon vowed that his service to the village was not at an end.

"I'm looking forward to spending some more time with my grandkids, but I'm not going anywhere," Scanlon pledged. "It is with a good deal of sadness that I say goodbye. I wouldn't want to step aside without the feeling that the village was in good hands."



Mayor Scanlon announces he will not run.

11/18/2004

Krier to lead 'Caucus' slate

Sitting Morton Grove Trustee Rick Krier will lead the Caucus Party's slate as their mayoral candidate for the April 2005 elections, party leaders announced Nov. 20.

Krier was the only Caucus Party candidate to be elected to the village board in the last election. The slate will also feature Georgianne Brunner, Rita Minx and Roy Kogstad as trustee candidates and Carol Fritzshall as a candidate for the village clerk.

Saying that they expected an uphill fight, Caucus Party officials said that their platform is to restore trust in Morton Grove government through open and unbiased discussion of all issues, reestablish fiscal integrity and undertake "compassionate" repair of village problems.

Last week Morton Grove's Action Party announced that its slate would be led by Dan Staakmann and that three of the Party's incumbents, Mayor Dan Scanlon, Trustee Jim Karp and Clerk Marilyn Sneider would not run again. But they believed that their slate was the best to lead Morton Grove in the future.

"We look forward to the campaign," said Krier. "We think that the Action Party has put together a formidable slate and we're going to give it our best shot. If elected we will make some changes in the villages."

Krier also said he was proud to be running with the other candidates who, he believed, would make a great addition to the village.

11/25/2004

Mosque project approved 4-1 by MG Board with 32 conditions

A special use permit that will allow a new mosque and school addition to be built at the Muslim Education Center (MEC) located at 8601 Menard in Morton Grove was approved by the village board Monday night. 32 conditions were attached to the permit. The

final vote was four to one with Trustee Rick Krier opposed.

Representatives of the Muslim Community Center (MCC), which owns the MEC, said that several of the conditions were unnecessarily burdensome on the

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Year in Review

Mosque

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MCC and that their board might not approve the project with the village's conditions attached. If the MCC board rejects the special use permit and, thus, the federally mediated agreement, it could land the village back in court.

"If the MCC board rejects the special use permit that means we're back in court," said Yasir Aleemuddin, the MCC's general counsel.

MCC Board members later accepted the Special Use Permit and will, according to the mediated agreement, be required to drop their \$5-million lawsuit. Representatives have said, however, that several of the village's conditions are unnecessarily cumbersome and that the MCC may have to exercise a court option in the future if the village tries to enforce them.

11/25/2004

No. 2 MG staffer resigns

In a surprise announcement, Morton Grove's Assistant Village Manager Bridget Wachtel announced that she would not be returning to the job following her 60-day maternity leave. Wachtel will serve as the next village manager of Flossmoor, located in an area of the south suburbs where she grew up.

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that Wachtel's primary areas of responsibility included human resources and public relations as well as serving

as the liaison to various commissions and editing the village's newsletter.

"She fulfilled a myriad of duties," he said, congratulating her on the new position. "It's a great move for her."

Wachtel did not come back to work after her 60-day leave. Czerwinski said that she had two weeks of vacation time coming and that, since the village personnel had adjusted to working without her, it would be better for them to continue as they were.

"We had already made the transition," he said. "We thought it would be better to not have her come back then to have her leave, come back and then leave again."

Czerwinski also said that the village was going to hire someone to do the jobs she was doing, but that they might not hire an assistant village manager.

"She wore a lot of hats," he said. "We're going to spend the first quarter of 2005 looking to see if we can distribute those responsibilities more efficiently."

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BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service

Decor Score

Decorate from the floor up

Q: My husband loves old Oriental rugs ... which would be OK if we had inherited one. Yet at the price tags I'm seeing on antiques, I'd rather buy a new rug that's not trying to look like an Oriental. We have fairly traditional furniture - we need the rug in our great room, which has a leather sofa and chairs, in a dark red. What else, that we could afford, would work on the floor?

A: Actually, you have a wealth of choices ... or a bewilderment of riches, depending on how you look at shopping for a rug. The process can be intimidating, especially when you're adding a rug after the rest of the room is furnished and the color scheme set. The floor is the room's largest wall, remember, and has a lot to say about its attitude. In a perfect world, the rug would come first as the literal foundation upon which you subsequently build the rest of the room's decor.

Still, in the real world, there ARE ways to introduce new color and pattern that will work with furnishings already in place.

One way would be to choose that Oriental or traditional Oriental-style rug your husband has a crush on. He has a point: as long as there's a cross-color reference between the rug and your other furnishings, an Oriental almost always works in any context, including country and contemporary. That's because so many authentic Orientals feature all-over patterns in softened, earth-related colors that the mind's eye easily integrates into



the gestalt of a room.

It is possible to work the same chameleon magic underfoot with other carpeting, as long as the patterns are blended and the colors are gentle.

Convincing proof is the carpeting in the traditional setting we

show here. "Jakarta Decor," from Karastan, is inspired by jacquard textiles reminiscent of Tibet. This is broadloom carpeting - not an area rug - but it is woven to create some of the surface effects natural to area-rug-size handmade Orientals. The colors flow

softly, forming a patchwork of patterns that makes itself very much at-home in this fairly formal sitting room ... and would go equally well with more casual furnishings, say, the red leather furniture in your own great room.

Q: What's the coming color key

for kitchen countertops?

A: Think dark thoughts, says the design maven for Wilsonart Laminate, one of the most-used countertop coverings in the country. After decades of lightening up in the kitchen, darker tones are hovering on the design horizon for 2005, reports Wilsonart's Gwenn Petter.

She credits the downturn of the color wheel to the popularity of darker hued natural stone countertops, such as granite, marble and soapstone. Manmade like concrete and engineered stone are also being dyed dark to create countertops "which are more dramatic than their lighter counterparts," she says.

Laminates offer the look at budget-loving price levels, but you have a wealth of other countertop materials to choose among. That even includes metals, which can be left to oxidize and darken naturally.

Solid hardwood butcher block countertops, usually made of thick, sturdy maple or oak, take readily to darker shades than we've been seeing. You can also order more exotic, naturally dark woods, such as American cherry, teak and wenge. One source to check out is Craft-Art Wood Countertops at www.craft-art.com or call at (404) 352-5625.

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A greener view: White pine can be a problem

BY JEFF RUGG
Copley News Service

Q: I have a line of white pine that acts as a natural border across the back of my yard and continues through several other yards in my neighborhood. They are 5 to 10 years old and stand about 15 to 20 feet tall. They are planted about 20 feet apart and have filled in the space between. Recently, a few have begun dying. First, their growth appears to thin with loss of green color.

Then, the new growth will die and the entire tree turns rust brown. Is this a natural decline or a disease? There is no obvious source of the problem. Should I replant white pine where the previous plants stood? I am thinking of replacing them as they die with some other evergreen like arborvitae. Suggestions?

A: Depending on where you live in the country, white pines can be easy to grow, or a continuous problem. The most serious disease across the country is white pine blister rust. The most seri-

ous insect problem is the white pine weevil. In many new landscape plantings, the most serious problem is environmental.

Your tree's symptoms are closest to an environmental problem. White pines are native to northern areas or mountainous areas that have cool summers and they don't tolerate heat all that well. As small, young trees, they grow best under the canopy of larger trees. They prefer, maybe even require, moist but well-drained loose soil. The soil should be acidic and filled with organic matter because their

roots don't grow well in compacted soil.

It sounds like your trees are growing in exposed conditions where summer sun and winter winds can harm them. The roots are most likely in clay subdivision soil that is not acidic and has little organic matter. They may have been planted in large holes with lots of organic matter, but the trees have grown to the point that they need the roots to move out of the hole and into a wider area. Unfortunately, the surrounding soil is probably not suitable.

Also, the typical subdivision grading would have the drainage going through the same spot where the trees are growing, so the roots may have been waterlogged in soil that is low in oxygen each spring. During the dry summers, the soil dried out and white pines are not tolerant of dry soil.

Even though white pines are more tolerant of wet soil than some other pines, those planted in clay soils do tend to get root-rotting diseases that can kill

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GARDEN TIP

White pine: perfect or problem?

Depending on where you live, the white pines can be a good easy-to-grow tree or a continuous problem. The most serious disease is white pine blister rust. The most serious insect problem is the white pine weevil.

White pine blister rust

■ Exotic fungal disease that was first recorded in North America about 100 years ago.

■ Infects a few needles but then moves into the branch. If it is a short branch on a small tree, the disease can get into the trunk and kill the tree.

■ Causes a canker that opens up like a blister that releases spores.

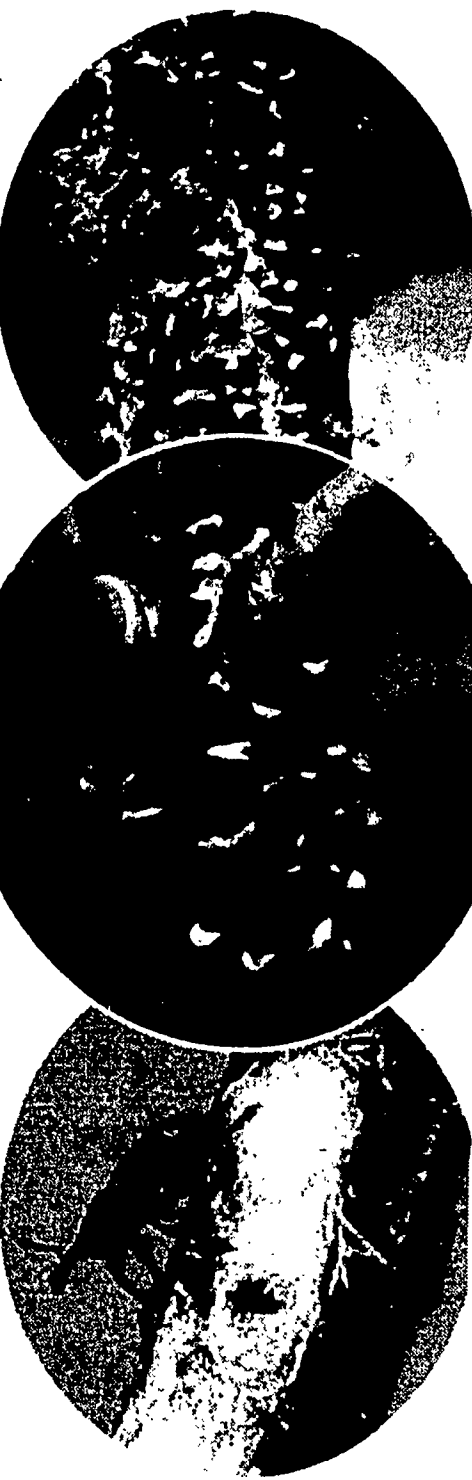
■ There is no cure or treatment except for pruning dead and sick branches from the pines. There is some evidence that the spores can travel for many miles on the wind, so eradication programs are limited.

White pine weevils

■ Kill the leading tip of new growth at the top of the trunk because the larva is a borer that eats the insides of the stem.

■ Bore down far enough in the trunk to kill two years' worth of growth.

■ Typically do the damage in June and July and leave the top looking like dead sticks.



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infects a few needles, but then moves into the branch. If it is a short branch on a small tree, the disease can get into the trunk and kill the tree. In trees older than about 20 years, the old, long branches may get infected, but they are so large and far from the crown that they stay alive. The top may die in an old tree, because the trunk is infect-

ed, but the lower branches can continue to live. The fungus causes a canker that opens up like a blister that releases spores that go back to infect the current. There is no cure or treatment except for trying to eliminate all the currants and pruning

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and leave the top looking like it was trying to grow dead sticks. The tree doesn't die and tries to regrow a new leader, but that often comes from a branch that was growing to the side, so the central leader becomes crooked. If the tree is again attacked in a different year, it can become bushy instead of tree shaped. Prompt pruning of the leader while it has the larvae can nip the problem in the bud. A new leader can be created by cutting

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off all the side branches in a whorl except one. Then, straighten the one that is left to make the new central leader. White pines growing under the shade of other trees or in cool locations tend to have fewer weevil problems.

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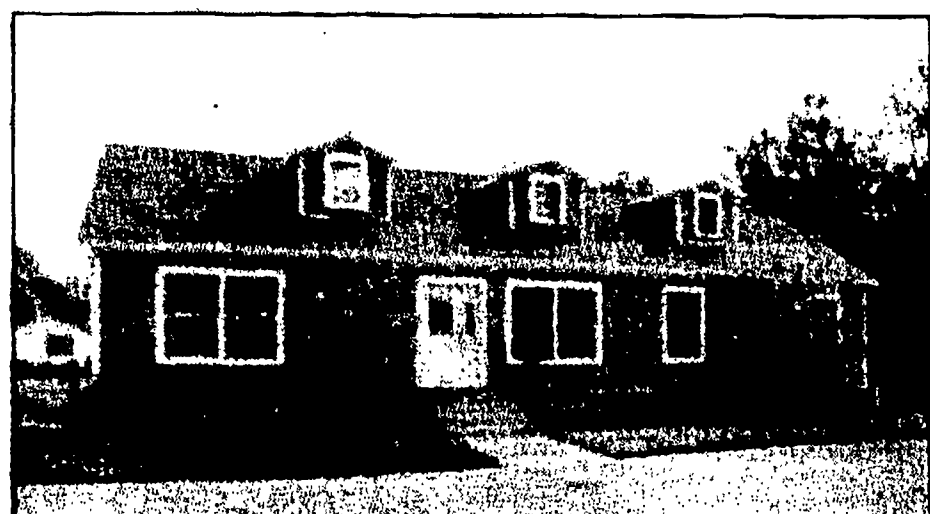
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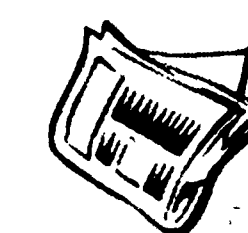
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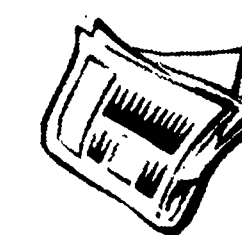
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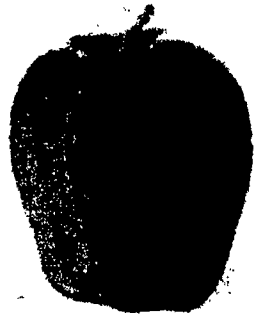
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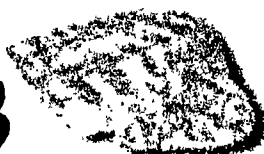
BLOCK & BARREL
SMOKED TURKEY
\$2.99 LB

HAVARTI
CHEESE
WITH JALAPENO
\$2.59 LB

MEATS

GRADE "A" FRESH BONELESS
CHICKEN BREAST
\$1.89 LB
FAMILY PACK ONLY

GRADE "A" FRESH
PORK BACK RIB
\$3.99 LB



U.S.D.A. CHOICE
LEG OF LAMB
\$2.99 LB



DAIRY

PRAIRIE FARMS
SKIM MILK
\$2.09/ GAL NO LIMIT

EXTRA LARGE
EGGS
59¢ EACH DOZEN

LAND O' LAKES
BUTTER SALT OR UNSALTED
\$3.50 EACH 1 LB

GROCERY/FROZEN

AEDEAN KALAMATA
EXTRA VIRGIN
OLIVE OIL
\$16.99 EACH 9 LTR

EVIA-STAR BAKED
GIANT BEANS
\$1.39 EA 10 OZ

COLUMBIA CREST GRAND ESTATES
CHARDONNAY
\$4.99 EACH 750 ML

FRESH FROZEN
SMELTS
\$1.29 EACH 1 LB

NOVA
SARDINES IN TOMATO SAUCE
99¢ EACH 15 OZ

PALAOE
STUFFED VINE LEAVES
\$1.39 EACH 14 OZ

OLYMPIA POLISH STYLE
DILL PICKLES
\$1.39 EACH 91 OZ

BABY
OCTOPUS
\$3.99 EACH 2 LB BAG

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