

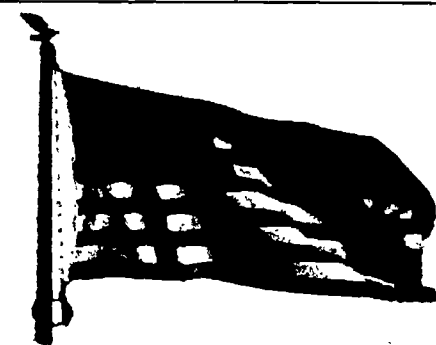


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D71 officials praise Niles for successful Target/Costco TIF

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Culver District looking to re-evaluate program, staff cuts

Officials from Niles Elementary School District 71 praised the village of Niles at the last board meeting, Tuesday, May 24 after the retirement of the Touhy/Melvina Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

The TIF District, also known as

the Target/Costco TIF, was officially dissolved at the meeting and returned to the tax rolls after about 13 years. TIF Districts are created by municipalities that want to redevelop areas that are "blighted." Tax revenue is frozen for all governmental bodies except the sponsoring municipality and any increase

in the increment is used to pay off that municipality's investment.

Approximately \$4 million was spent by the village of Niles in the Target/Costco TIF and was paid off after about 12 years, 11 years ahead of the TIF's potential lifespan of 23 years. School Districts have always maintained that TIFs

hurt their bottom line and D71 Board President Karen Johnson held the same position while praising the Niles Board.

"Everyone knows that TIFs cause strain in school districts," Johnson said. "We would like to thank the village of Niles for returning this property to the tax

rolls."

Johnson did praise the board, however, for what she believed was its responsible use of the TIF statutes. Many municipalities do not retire TIF districts early. The Target/Costco TIF is the second one that Niles has dissolved in 2005.

"While TIFs can be a strain the
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Krier sees no need for tree-cutting moratorium

Tree ordinance could call for Tree Commission

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier said that a new ordinance would be ready for approval at the next meeting of the village board, arguing that, consequently, there was no need for a special meeting or tree-cutting moratorium.

"I don't see people with chain saws going willy-nilly," said Krier. "If I did I might support a special meeting or a moratorium."

Krier said that he was working with residents and village officials to complete an ordinance to regulate tree removal by the Monday, June 13 board meeting.

"If we're able to get it finished

we won't need a moratorium," Krier said.

Residents called for an ordinance at the last village board meeting May 23 after allegations that builders conducting work on Schwarz Paper property removed several old-growth trees. After the ordinance was proposed, some residents, including Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Member John Thill, called for a moratorium because they believed that residents would start removing trees rapidly in fear of new village regulations.

"I wonder how many trees will be cut down [before the next meeting]?" Thill asked at that meeting.

Krier said that efforts at creating an ordinance were highly

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Newest council member approved and inducted

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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New fourth ward alderman Jim Allegretti was treated to a prolonged hazing before entering the fraternity of the Park Ridge City Council.

Allegretti was grilled by the

council for almost 90 minutes before being unanimously approved for the aldermanic seat vacated when Frimark assumed the post of mayor.

He was questioned by aldermen for a May 3 statement to the council where he sided with the mayor

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Summer Kicks Off at Oak Park



Shefali Venkatramani, 6, of Niles shows off her balloon sculpture at the first summer Oak Park Concert in Niles. The concerts are sponsored by the Niles Park District. For more photos see page 14.

(Photo by Allen Kaleta)

NEWS

Niles adds 13 streets to resurfacing program

Additions will complete resurfacing in 'Golden Forties' neighborhood

The Niles village board approved the addition of 13 streets to its annual resurfacing program at their last meeting, Tuesday, May 24. The resurfacing will complete what was originally scheduled for a two-year period in the "Golden Forties" neighborhood north of Golf Rd. and east of Greenwood Ave. in Niles.

Acting Public Works Director Scott Jochim said that bids for resurfacing came in lower this year, so the budgeted amount allowed Niles to pave up to 13 additional streets.

"Since we had a two-year plan to resurface streets in that neighborhood we thought we'd finish them all in one year instead of dis-

turbing the residents two years in a row," he said.

Streets selected for this year's resurfacing program will have the surface, gutters and curbs replaced. Some sewer work will also be conducted. The project will be started next week and is slated for completion throughout the village by the fall. The Golden Forties area should be completed by the end of July, according to Jochim.

The additional streets to be resurfaced this year are: Maynard Rd. from Greenwood Ave. to Huber Ln., Glendale Ln. from Warren Rd. to Maynard Rd., Huber Ln. from Maynard Rd. to East Village Limit, Maynard Dr. from Huber Ln. to East Village Limit, Norma Ct. from Huber Ln. to East Village Limit, Warren Oval from Huber Ln. to East Village Limit, Cumberland Ave. from 9045 Cumberland Ave. to Church St.

Grace Ave. from Maynard Rd. to North End, Glendale Rd. from Maynard Rd. to North Village Limit, Maynard Ter. from Maynard Rd. to Maynard Rd., Maynard Oval from Maynard Rd. to South End, Huber Oval from Huber Ln. to East End, Maynard Dr. from Huber Ln. to East Village Limit, Norma Ct. from Huber Ln. to East Village Limit, Warren Oval from Huber Ln. to East End and Cumberland Ave. from 9045 Cumberland Ave. to Church St.

These streets join Kay St., Wendy Wy., Robin Rd. and Lauren Ln. as the streets due for resurfacing in the Golden Forties neighborhood this year.

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Morton Grove to convene Waukegan TIF board meeting

A Public Notice from the village

The village of Morton Grove will convene a meeting of the Waukegan Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Joint Review Board on Thursday, June 23 at 10 a.m. in the village

board chambers at the Richard T. Flicking Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Ave. Morton Grove. The purpose of the meeting is to review the effectiveness and status of the

Waukegan Redevelopment project area to date.

To ensure full accessibility and equal participation for interested citizens, individuals

with disabilities who plan to attend and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the acces-

sibility of these facilities are requested to contact Susan or Marlene at (847) 470-5220 promptly to allow the village to make reasonable accommodations.

NEWS

Niles Park Board Sworn In



At the May 17 Niles Park District Board Meeting, Bill Terpinas was sworn in as Park President, Chuck Barbaglia as Vice President and Jim Hynes as Commissioner. At the same meeting Elaine Heinen became Treasurer and Ray will continue as Commissioner. Joe LoVerde also renewed his contract for an additional three years as Executive Director of the park district. Congratulations to all.

'Incredibles' tops the line-up of Park Ridge 'Movies in the Park'

The Disney movie "The Incredibles" will be the first of three free movies to be shown this summer at Centennial Park at Western and Garden, Park Ridge as part of a joint venture between the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District and Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Park Ridge Office. The "Incredibles" will start at dusk, Wednesday, June 15 at Centennial

Park. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Ice cream, coffee and popcorn will be available for purchase. The two other movies to be shown at Centennial Park this summer are: "Finding Neverland" on Wednesday, July 20 and "Shark Tale" on Thursday, August 11. All shows start at dusk.

ALLEGRETTI: Nominee grill by council

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St. John Brebeuf says goodbye to Fr. Adam

St. John Brebeuf Parish will say goodbye to Father Adam Galek, long-time resident of the Niles community on Sunday, June 12.

Galek will preside over his Farewell Celebration at St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem

in Niles at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Galek, also a member of the Knights of Columbus, will be leaving St. John's for another assignment in the Chicago Archdiocese.

Many members of the Parish have special honors planned for him, along with the special

Knights of Columbus Honor Guard that has been requested in his honor.

The Farewell Celebration will continue with a reception in the St. John Parish Ministry Center immediately following the 12:30 Celebratory Mass.

against a council majority that appointed and structured committees — a domain previously reserved for the mayor.

Second ward alderman Jeannie

Markech had a list of 30 questions for Allegretti. She said later that many of the questions were the same posed to her when she ran for her seat.

Frimark selected Allegretti with the aid of a committee of fourth ward residents and the other fourth ward alderman James Radermacher.

After the vote, Allegretti was sworn in and took his seat on the council.

He is a Park Ridge attorney who has resided in town since 1986.

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NEWS

'Boring' Report Wins Award

Niles Finance Department wins audit award for 28th year

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Writing a government audit may not seem exciting.

"It can be boring and routine," admits the Niles finance director. "I don't think anyone has written more than two sentences about this in years."

Boring or not, the Niles finance department knocks out an award winning audit every year.

Now for the 28th straight year, Niles has officially won an award for excellence in their financial audit.

On May 24, the Government Finance Officers Association awarded its certificate of achievement to finance director George Van Geem.

Van Geem has been poring over the books at Niles Village Hall for a dozen years.

He says the audit has never uncovered any big problems or sparked controversy.

"No, nothing like that. It's a summary of finances for the year," he said.

Nevertheless, the annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report serves an important purpose.

"The CAFR is written to give a picture of the financial condition of the village," Van Geem said. "It's written so that any business-minded person can pick it up and understand

the finances of the village." The audit is written in compliance with a 300-page book of standards and guidelines.

These rules have changed over the years and now require the report to be "more like that of a Fortune 500 Company

"It can be pretty boring. I don't think anyone has written more than a few sentences about this in years."

George Van Geem
Niles Finance Director

including a report on village assets, such as roads."

Auditors Wolf & Co. of Oak Brook verify the figures and include a letter validating the report.

They are set to spend about two weeks examining the Niles books in early July for next year's report - which will be released in September or October.

The more than 130-page document can be downloaded at vniles.com and the audit includes an executive summary amounting to about 20 pages.

The audit showed an increase in sales tax receipts. "A good indicator of local

economic health is the trend in these retail taxes," the CAFR reads. "Total sales tax receipts in the fiscal year ended April 30, 2004 were \$19,990,000, a three percent increase from the prior year. These receipts represent retail sales of over \$1.2 billion dollars. Niles ranks eleventh among all Illinois communities in retail sales volume."

The CAFR also reported on Niles unemployment and general economic activity: "The Niles unemployment rate at April 30, 2004 stood at 5.4%, which was 0.4% lower than the state average...The median family income in Niles is approximately \$58,215, 8.2 percent higher than the county average and 4.8 percent higher than the state average. This statistic has shown a similar relationship in each of the last five years."

Finally, the level of building activity in Niles since 1990 is in excess of \$97 million, 75% being commercial development."

The village has a 'total bonded debt' of \$52.6 million.

"The total per capita general obligation debt for the community stands at \$1,747," the CAFR reports. "The villages total debt increased by \$6.2 million (13.4 percent) during the current fiscal year." The village had a \$42 million operating budget.

The Top Cop



Chief of Police Dean Strzelecki and his command staff took turns on the roof of Dunkin Donuts until citizen donations to the Special Olympics brought them down. In all the Niles event raised \$1,410 while police departments throughout the State of Illinois raised more than \$70,000 for the Special Olympics.

This fund raiser was conducted in concert with Dunkin Donuts/Togos at 7039 W. Dempster St. in Niles as another program sponsored by the Illinois Special Olympics Committee. The event was held throughout the State of Illinois.

(Photo Courtesy Niles Police Department)

Niles Teen Center to host Open House

The Niles Youth Council will host an open house of the Niles Teen Center from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM on June 18, 2005. The public is invited to attend the Open House to see the Teen Center and get more information on teen programs, trips and activities for the summer.

"We hope everyone in the community will join us to celebrate the outstanding first year of the Teen

Center" said Christine Eischen, Youth Coordinator for the Niles Teen Center. "A lot of time and hard work have gone in to the center and we are excited to see our membership grow."

The Niles Teen Center is located at 7680 N. Caldwell, at the corner of Caldwell and Howard (next to Tam Tennis and Fitness Complex). For more information, please call 847-663-9185.

NEWS

Council Questions Mayor on Taste of Park Ridge

Frimark grilled for two hours on funding for event

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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The Park Ridge City Council questioned mayor Howard Frimark's Taste of Park Ridge plan for nearly two hours June 6 and then narrowly approved a funding request.

Frimark has slated the annual Taste of Park Ridge for July 15, 16 and 17.

He established an ad hoc committee of volunteers to run the event.

Last year, the city council dished out \$50,000 to the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce to run the taste.

Of that, \$20,000 remains for this year's event. That money will be given to Frimark's committee for this year's event.

Frimark disembarked from his mayors throne in the council room and stood at a podium before the city council for the taste discussion.

The council voted 8-6 to approve an additional \$3,000 for the event as opponents chafed at the extra cost.

"When I voted to approve

funds last year, it was with the understanding no more funds would be requested the next year," said seventh ward alderman Jeff Cox.

Sixth ward alderman Rex Parker, who has experience in event planning, said the Frimark taste committee would be hard pressed to plan such a large event in so quick a time frame.

"You have only 40 days. I'm not saying its impossible, but its going to require a Herculean effort," Parker said.

Parker urged the council to appropriate more money to hire a professional event planner but Frimark said the planner would cost an extra \$7,500.

Alderman also chafed at the role of the chamber of commerce.

Cox and others questioned if the chamber should be allowed to profit on beer sales since they will not be sponsoring the event as they have in the past.

"I know," Frimark said. "I share your concerns. All I can say is that given the financial condition and staffing resources of the chamber, they are not comfortable taking on this event."

The council also questioned the mayor on liability, costs, resources, the organization and possible effectiveness of the volunteer committee, the beer concession details, rides and other elements of the taste plan.

TREES:

New commission would monitor tree removals

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productive because many communities, such as Park Ridge and Glenview, had already blazed a trail for Morton Grove. "We don't have to re-invent the wheel here," Krier said. "Many communities already have tree ordinances on the books."

In addition to regulating the removal of trees, a tree ordinance may create an independent "Tree Commission" at the village, Krier said.

"I think that we might create a tree preservation or natural resources commission," said Krier. "There's a big interest in that in the village."

Krier was reluctant to say who would sit on the commission even though he said several members had already informally accepted Krier's request for

their participation. "When [these individuals] accepted, the commission was going to be temporary and would draft a tree ordinance," Krier said. "Now we're looking at a permanent commission." He said he still believed the individuals in question would be willing to sit on the commission, but wanted to give them the courtesy of accepting before he named them.

"I don't see people with chain saws going willy-nilly."

Rick Krier
Mayor, Morton Grove

"I think they would all serve," he said.

Krier also said that some have criticized his efforts to create a permanent commission, arguing that it added an extra layer of government. But he said that he believed an advisory commission would be a good thing for the village and would not be an encumbrance on the residents.

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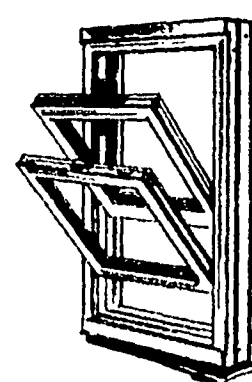


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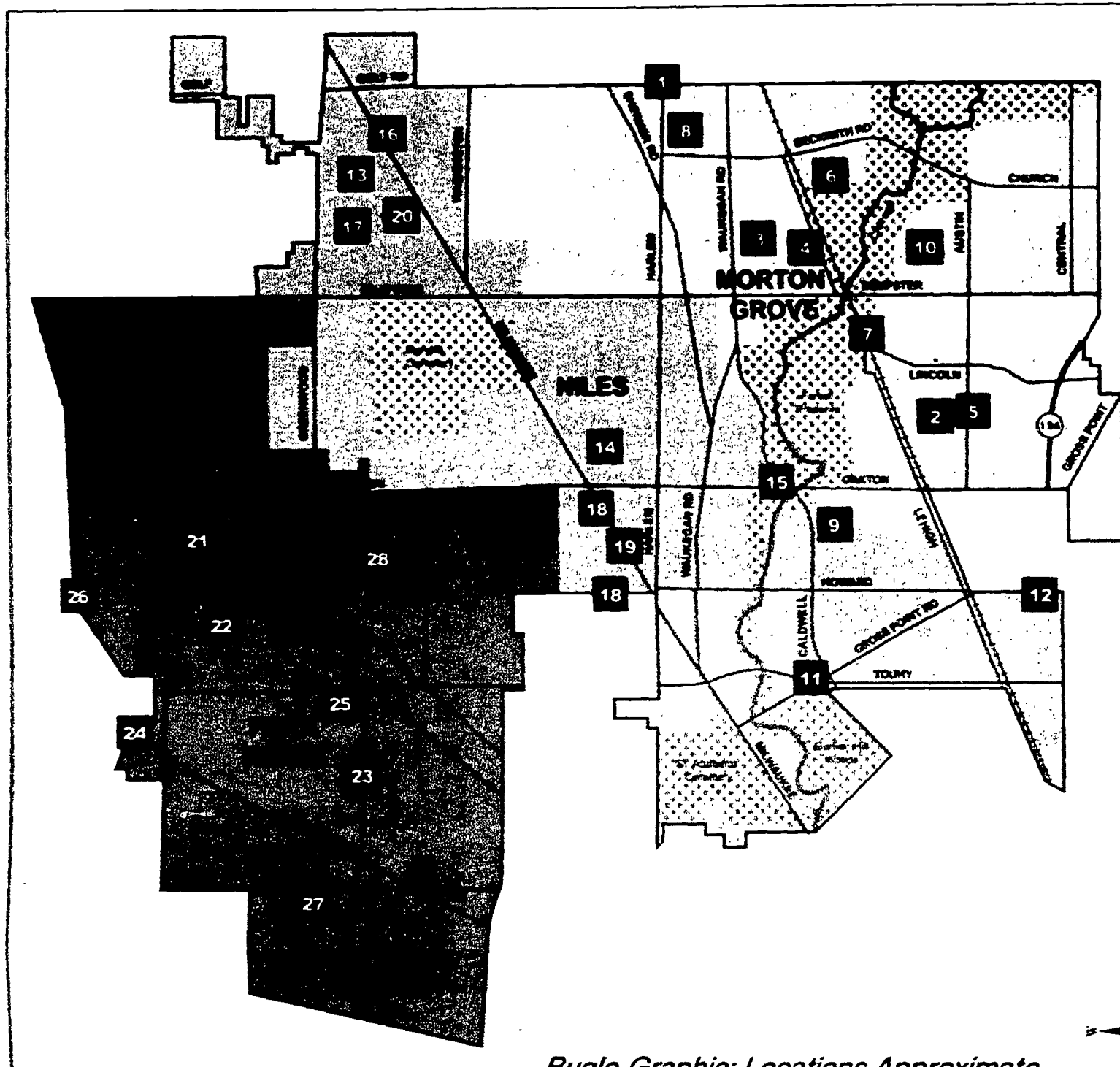


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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending June 3.

- 1 Car Wash Malfunction (7100 Golf)**
A car jumped off the tracks inside a Morton Grove car wash June 2 at 10:50 a.m. The vehicle and the car wash were damaged. The owner of the vehicle is 73-year-old woman from Niles. Car wash workers were unable to discover the cause of the incident and reported the wash had been functioning fine.
- 2 Church Damage (St. Martha's Church)**
Someone wielding cement cedar blocks taken from the alley damaged St. Martha Church windows, drainage pipes and a lime stone ledge between May 28 and May 29 on the 8500 block of Georgiana.
- 3 \$3 (8800 Waukegan)**
A motorist driving a U-Haul pumped \$3 in gas at an Amoco gas station May 30 at 3 p.m. and drove away.
- 4 Locker (6800 Dempster)**
A 76-year old Hispanic man forgot his locker combination after working out at Bally's health Club May 31 at 8:20 a.m. Health club workers cut open the lock so the man could access his belongings. Then, he took a "quick" shower. When

he returned, his wallet was gone. Before he canceled his credit cards, the thief had managed to fill up a tank of gasoline with the stolen card.

- 5 Bomb Threat (8100 Austin)**
A customer who ordered materials from Fans Edge Company claimed never to have received the order and became infuriated. The Oakland, California customer threatened to bomb the company building in Morton Grove June 1.
- 6 Wife Discovers Secret Home Loan (9200 Nagle)**
In June, 2003 a man, 68, took out a \$200,000 home equity loan without the knowledge of his wife. The woman, 59, discovered the loan last June. The couple has filed for divorce. Whenever the woman mentions the loan to her divorce lawyer, he ignores her. She wants \$100,000 from the loan. Police advised her the loan is an issue for the courts to decide.
- 7 Couch Abandoned (8600 Lincoln)**
Someone put a sofa in front of a business between May 28 and May 30.
- 8 Tree Limbs Damage Vehicle (5900 Sayre)**
A vehicle was parked underneath a tree May 27 and tree limbs fell on top of it. The vehicle windshield, roof and spoiler were noticeably damaged.

- 9 Fired Man Issues Threats (7800 Merrimac)**
A temporary worker laid off for not showing up at work issued threats to his employment agency and former employer last week. The fired Hispanic employee, 26, of Des Plaines was warned by police not break all contact with the former employers.

- 10 I'm a L (Harrer Park)**
Someone used a brown marker and scrawled "Vanasa I'm a L" on a park pole May 28.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending June 6.

- 11 Suspicious Stranger Approaches Boy, 14 (6600 Harts Rd.)**
A 14-year old student was standing in a residential driveway May 26 waiting for relatives to pick him up when a strange man in his 30's or 40's drove up. The man waved at the child who did not respond. The man then drove by three more times. On the fourth go-round, the man stopped, rolled down the window and told the boy to get into the vehicle. The child refused and walked away. The driver slowly followed the boy as he walked down the sidewalk. The boy then walked towards the door of the home and the man drove away.

- 12 Shots Fired (6100 Gross Point Rd.)**
Five shots were fired into the air June 3 at 10:20 a.m. Witnesses reported two men were driving a minivan when a Hispanic man fired rounds into the air with a handgun. Police recovered five spent Luger 9 mm shell casings. The minivan was said to be red or maroon in color.

- 13 Syringes Discovered (Golf Mill Mall)**
A man found a zip-lock bag containing 16 individually wrapped syringes in the parking lot of the Golf Mill mall May 31 at 4:45 p.m.

- 14 Stolen Auto (8200 Olcott)**
The vehicle of a Niles carpenter, 20, was stolen June 2 at 11 p.m. The man heard his car alarm beep twice and looked outside to discover his vehicle missing.

- 15 Fight (7800 Nordica)**
A 21-year-old Niles man was arrested for punching a former friend in the face several times. The offender was standing in an alley when the victim drove up in a car.

The driver stopped the vehicle and rolled down the window to talk to the 21-year-old Niles man. When he did, the man allegedly punched the driver in the face and neck several times.

- 16 Knock, Knock (8900 Prospect)**
A man, 40, of Niles wearing only a t-shirt and underwear was arrested for disorderly conduct after repeatedly ringing a doorbell and yelling for a woman to come outside a home last week.

- 17 Child, 2, Lost and Found (Golf Mill)**
A mother of five was cited for abdicating parental responsibility after her two-year-old was found wandering the Golf Mill Parking lot alone. The mother, 27, said she has five children and lost track of the youngster "for a second." When the Des Plaines woman noticed the child was gone, she looked in a nearby park and was found searching for the toddler inside the mall.

- 18 Hole in Fruit Market (7900 Milwaukee)**
A prowler cut two holes in the roof of Jerry's Fruit Market in an attempt to gain access. The holes were discovered June 4.

- 19 Dog Walker Caught Stealing Vodka (7900 Milwaukee)**
A Chicago woman, 31, was caught walking out of Jewel-Osco with two bottles of unpaid vodka. The woman, who listed her occupation as a dog walker, allegedly did not pay for the booze.

- 20 Cash Grab (Golf Mill Mall)**
A Kohl's cashier was making change June 3 at 4 p.m. when someone walked up next to the cash register, reached inside and grabbed \$415 cash and \$428 in checks. Store security taped over the video of the incident.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending June 6.

- 21 Car Breaks Down, Driver Robbed on Roadside (900 Busse)**

A woman's car broke down May 27 at 4:30 p.m. She pulled to the side of the road.

Then, a van approached. A man got out of the vehicle, displayed a switchblade and demanded the woman's purse and jewelry. He got a watch, \$35; ring, \$150; and necklace, \$50.

- 22 Flower Pot Dumped on Car (200 W. Walnut)**
A flower pot was dumped on the hood of a vehicle May 29 at 10 p.m. A tree branch was also placed inside the unlocked vehicle.

- 23 Harassment (200 S. Vine)**
A man, 20, of Des Plaines was arrested May 29 for telephone harassment.

- 24 Fake ID (Touhy and Talcott)**
A man, 20, of Schaumburg was arrested May 29 at 11:20 p.m. for possession of a fake ID.

- 25 Battery (200 S. Vine)**
A Park Ridge man, 18, was arrested for battery June 1.

- 26 Criminal Trespass (Maywood)**
A man, 47, of the 9600 block of Golf Terrace in Des Plaines was arrested in Maywood on a Park Ridge warrant for criminal trespassing last week.

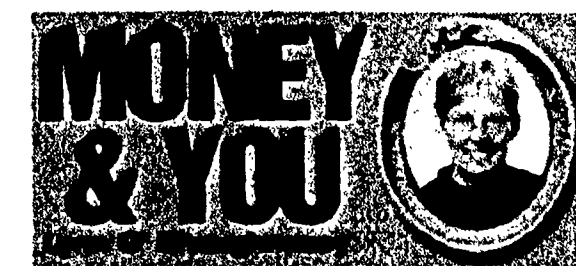
- 27 Satellite Swiped (800 W. Devon)**
Someone stole a Dish Satellite stationed outside of a residence May 28 at 11 p.m.

- 28 Park Painting Stolen (2700 W. Sibley)**
A \$110 oil painting was stolen off the wall of a park district building last month.

All information printed in the 'Police Blotters' is obtained from written reports of the respective police departments.

BUSINESS

You won't get it right if you dwell on your mistakes



One of the things I've learned during my inaugural year as a financial columnist is that investors truly want to do a better job of managing their money.

But it can be discouraging when readers plod through my column each week and think to themselves, "Damn, that's something else I never knew." Or they mutter, "If I had known that a few years ago, I wouldn't be stuck with this bloodsucking variable annuity, lousy mutual fund, or ..."

You can fill in your own blank. The reaction is understandable. Money can touch a nerve that's far more sensitive than the sciatic variety. What's important, however, is not dwelling on mistakes, but focusing on what you can do to fix them.

In honor of my column's first anniversary and to inspire your own fiscal transformation, I'm sharing some of the dumber financial decisions I've made over the years.

I started saving late. When I got my first newspaper job in Memphis, Tenn., it didn't cross my mind to save even a sliver of my tiny paycheck. I had never heard of an Individual Retirement Account, and I didn't own a savings account. I lived so close to the edge financially that I once inadvertently bounced a check for a bottle of wine. I still wince over that embarrassment.

When I inched up the journalism ladder and landed a job at The Kansas City Star, I had my first chance to contribute to a workplace savings plan, but I declined. I told my parents that if I started saving for retirement, I'd

have nothing left after paying for food, gas, rent and clothes.

During my savings rebellion, I remember attending an antique show and falling in love with an antique cherry dresser, which was probably built in Pennsylvania in the 1850s. The thing cost \$650, which pretty much equaled my net worth. I emptied my checking account and bought it. I did that sort of thing a lot back then.

Luckily, my future husband was more levelheaded. He contributed to the same savings plan that I rejected and we ultimately used the money toward the down payment on a house when we moved to Los Angeles. Without his diligence, it would have been harder to break into the Southern California real estate market.

In my own defense, I realized how foolish I was behaving before reaching my 30th birthday. In fact, my husband now wonders sometimes if we're now overdoing it and saving too much.

I bought individual stocks. In the early 1990s, I concluded for some misguided reason that if I wanted to be a smart investor, I'd have to learn how to analyze stocks. With that in mind, I started an investment club with a dear friend.

The meetings were often great fun because of the eclectic members, including a university administrator, a dentist, a real estate appraiser, journalists and a PTA president.

I think our greatest mistake, however, was confusing sheer luck with brilliance. We selected some good stocks, but we also bought plenty of bowwows. Our zaniest pick was a company that bottled pheromones into perfume. Weighing heavily in our deliberations were the observations of a perfume clerk at Macy's. What were we thinking?

Calendar

Tuesday, July 19th
• Niles Chamber Golf Outing
11:30am - 8:30pm
Oak Meadows Golf Course
Addison, IL

Wednesday, August 10th
• Niles Chamber After-Hours
Radisson Hotel Northbrook
2875 N. Milwaukee, Northbrook

Thursday, August 25th
• Multi-Chamber Progressive
Networking Breakfast Place TBA

Wednesday, September 14th
• Niles Chamber After-Hours
Maryhaven Nursing & Rehabilitation
1700 E. Lake Street, Glenview

For more about these events
contact the appropriate
chamber:

Niles Chamber:
(847) 268-8180
Morton Grove Chamber:
(847) 965-0330
Park Ridge Chamber:
(847) 825-3121

Cook County Treasurer proposes credit card use for property taxes

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas has asked the Cook County Board to conduct a public hearing on giving property owners the option of paying tax bills by credit card, particularly for taxpayers with accounts that have mileage and other bonus programs.

"The concept is consistent with our other new payment options," Pappas said, "increased taxpayer convenience. Plus there is the possibility of taxpayers being able to access bonuses through mileage, rebates and other credit-card incentive programs."

Pappas also said that the proposal was a response to inquiries from taxpayers.

"This is in response to taxpayers' requests," she said. "Outside of mortgages and college tuition, taxpayers point out that property tax payments are some of the biggest checks they write each year."

Generally the Treasurer's Office can make rules for payment pro-

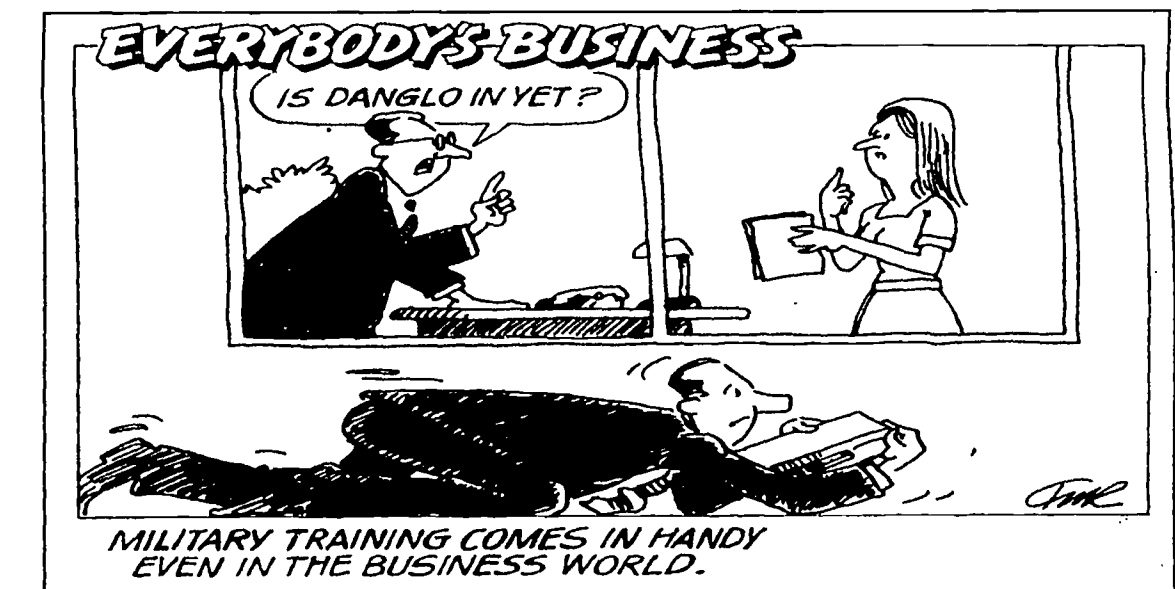
cessing, but state law explicitly requires the County Board to conduct a hearing and approve any credit card payment system. The County Board will consider the request for a public hearing at its Tuesday meeting.

In recent years, the Treasurer's Office added several enhancements to tax-collection systems, including payments at branch banks and over the internet.

Pappas said she would like to develop a credit card system with

the following:

- A third party provider to provide the service with a fee for the user to prevent costs being incurred by the County.
- Added convenience for taxpayers who may not want to pay at a bank, by mail or over the internet.
- Efficiency through an electronic collection system, like the internet system, that is designed to collect only the correct amount due to prevent overpayment.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones

Is it Time to Consolidate Your Assets?

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If you're like many people, you keep investment vehicles in different places. You might have started traditional IRAs with two or three financial-services providers while buying some stocks from still another. And you may also have purchased a fixed annuity from an insurance company. As long as you keep track of all these accounts, you might think it doesn't matter where they are "housed." However, if you scatter your investments here, there and everywhere, you could end up in uncharted territory when it's time to pull everything together.

What are some of the potential problems of keeping your investments at a variety of different institutions? For one thing, despite your best intentions, you could actually forget about one or more of your holdings. State treasurers' offices regularly advertise "unclaimed" property, including investments. People move, change jobs, divorce and undergo all sorts of changes in their lives - and sometimes, they leave their investment dollars behind. But if you consolidate all your holdings with one financial services provider, you can keep tabs on your investments without much trouble.

Of course, you could be a highly organized person - someone who would never "misplace" financial assets, no matter how dispersed. But, even so, your far-flung investments could slow your progress toward your important financial goals. If you maintain several different accounts, without a central focus or unifying philosophy, you could end up with redundant or inappropriate investments - a costly mistake.

On the other hand, consider keeping your investments with one firm and work with one financial professional - someone who knows your family situation, risk tolerance and investment preferences. - Doing this may help you

make steady progress toward your long-term objectives. A qualified professional can look at how all your investments work together, and make recommendations, as needed, to help improve your portfolio's performance within your stated level of risk.

Required Minimum Distributions Issues

Consolidating your various investment accounts can also help you in the area of required minimum distributions (RMDs). As you may know, you need to begin taking RMDs - from traditional IRAs and 401(k)s or other employer-sponsored retirement plans - in the year in which you turn 70-1/2. You can withdraw more than the RMD, but, as the word "required" suggests, you can't withdraw less - and you could face tax penalties for taking less than the minimum or failing to take the RMD on time. Consequently, if you have multiple IRAs and employer-backed plans, you'll have to "reel them in" at the right times to make sure you're making the proper RMD moves.

If you do have several IRAs, from various providers, you'll need to determine the RMD for each IRA separately. You may, however, choose to aggregate your RMDs for any given year from a single account. Again, though, you will find it much easier to track your RMD options if all your IRAs are "under the same roof." Plus, your financial professional can help you decide if the aggregate RMD route is the one to take. (Your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan cannot be aggregated with your IRAs to determine your RMD.)

So, there you have it - some reasons to consolidate your investment accounts. Consider taking this step soon to simplify your life.

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COMMENTARY

Letters to the Editor

Nilesites can make up own minds on village candidates

Dear Editor:

In her diatribe (Letters to the Editor, May 26) Julene Valle failed to mention that Joe LoVerde is her boss -- she works for him and needs to "support" him or...

We're not all stupid here in Niles - maybe we just didn't want LoVerde?

We too have lived here since 1975 and plan to stay and vote how we feel is good for us.

Mrs. Kuhn

Niles

Park Ridge Park Board vacancy needs candidates

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to inform you that the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District is looking for individuals interested in filling a vacancy on the Park Board.

Interested candidates are asked to write a letter of interest and submit it to:

Park Board President
Marty Maloney
c/o Park Ridge Recreation and Park District
2701 Sibley Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Interested parties must be legal voters who have been residents of the Park Ridge Park District for at least one year. The

term the appointed candidate will serve expires in April of 2007.

Individuals should plan to attend a Park Board meeting to be held Thursday, July 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Avenue. At that meeting members of the public and current Commissioners will have a chance to ask questions of the candidates.

For more information, please contact me at maloney2003@yahoo.com.

Marty Maloney
Park Board President

To submit a Letter to the Editor, write to:
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Another Perspective



Morgan Columbus

Us & Them

Memorial Day exists to remind us of the ultimate sacrifice made on our behalf to protect our freedoms. Some seem to have forgotten whose side they are on. Some seem to have forgotten who the good guys are.

At 9:30 September 11, 2001 on United Airlines Flight 93 three men with red bandanas suddenly rushed towards the cockpit killing as they went. America's part in the War on Terror started when Todd Beamer said, "Let's Roll". Flight recordings show that from approximately 9:57 AM he and others fought to retake the airplane, fully knowing that the terrorists intended to use it as a missile. This was our first counter-attack.

Here is a story you never heard out of Mosul, Iraq. Major Mark Bieger found a little girl after a car bomb blew up while kids were crowding around our soldiers. The terrorists could just as easily have waited a block or two and attacked the patrol away from the kids. Instead, the suicide bomber drove his car and hit the Stryker when about twenty children were jumping up and down and waving at the soldiers. Major Bieger rushed this little girl to our hospital. The photo shows her little calf and foot. The blanket he carried her in is crimson with her blood. She didn't make it.

Memorial Day should be a day of national unity, remembrance and rededication to the ideals upon which the nation was founded. The War on Terror has opened some old wounds. There are those who are intent on hating, their local supporters are intent on hating America. What is the difference between us and them?

We did not choose this war. It was viciously thrust upon us. The front lines are everywhere and anywhere. They are a band of religious fanatics whose followers actually believe that the 7th century was the last best time on earth. They want to reestablish this time for everyone by force. Their methods are terror, fear, torture and horror. The one country they ever completely controlled, Afghanistan, they enslaved it's people and put dynamite to it's national treasures.

Gitmo and Abu Ghraib may come to your mind. It is true, America is not perfect. But, while we humiliate with panty hats, they remove the entire head. We prosecute our evildoers. They celebrate them as heroes. When they use civilians as sandbags, it makes the evening news, but only to disparage America. Al

Qaeda gets hearts and minds of folks by violently separating them from the body. Yet the standard for our side is set so high that we cannot ever win.

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Gitmo and Abu Garib are nothing more than attempts to weaken us by the enemy. These madmen were hating us long before either detention facility was open. They have no decency. There is no front line, no division between the war zone and civilian areas, no distinction between terrorists and law-abiding citizens. A hundred or so Jihadis are said to have died in US custody. The US military is prosecuting our soldiers. Will the terrorist seek justice on behalf of that little girl?

Friends, America is good. The position of our enemy - slavery, fear, control and terror - is evil. It is indefensible. Take the time to remember that and as you lay down to sleep tonight, give deep sincere thanks to those that protect us and keep us safe from harm.

NEWS

News from the Police Reports

Exotic Food sparks Anthrax Scare

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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The worries of U.S. Postal authorities and law enforcement officials over a suspicious package leaking a white powder were allayed when they learned the fluid emanated from exotic ethnic food May 31.

Morton Grove police were informed of a suspicious package leaking an unidentified fluid at the post office May 31 at 8:45 a.m. and told the package had been in the postal facility since the previous day.

Postmaster Hal Hermes described the substance coming from the package as a white, pow-

dery fluid. The package was sent from Harish Samaya of New York to Natwar Goyal of Morton Grove.

When the package was discovered, the area was vacated and ventilation was shut down. Employees were instructed to wash their hands and authorities investigated to determine who came into contact with the package.

"We followed our standard operating procedure," Hermes said.

Officials phoned the recipient and Goyal's wife told them they were in fact expecting a package. Since a package was expected, fears were eased.

The Goyal daughter, 22, arrived

at the postal facility on the 9100 block of Waukegan to collect the package.

She explained the family uncle had recently been traveling the Indian subcontinent.

She did not know the contents of the package. However, the fluid was a powder used for Indian cooking containing baking soda, flour and exotic spices.

Hermes said the delivery package relates to Indian holiday celebrations.

The number of Morton Grove's 53 postal employees in the office at the time of the anthrax scare was not available. Postal investigators were notified of the incident per standard procedure, Hermes said.

Maine Township to Offer Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents are reminded that the first-ever Maine Township hazardous waste program will be this Saturday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Township will offer household hazardous waste collection and disposal. The new service is free to residents of unincorporated Maine Township. Collection will be at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge.

For those living in the township but in a municipality, there will be a flat fee of \$20 per car with possible adjustments for special circumstances.

"There is no limit on the amount of items collected," says Supervisor Bob Dudycz who spearheaded this new service. "However, no regular recycling materials will be

accepted."

The items that can be collected include electronic equipment such as TVs, VCRs, computers, radios, stereos and most household hazardous wastes including: Batteries, Cleaners/Paints, Solvents/Thinners, fertilizers, Pesticides/Herbicides, Insecticides, Aerosols, Batteries, Propane cylinders, Anti-freeze, Oils/Grease, Muriatic acid, Poisons, Tile grout/Sealers/Adhesives, tires and more.

Items that cannot be accepted include appliances, medical waste, explosives, commercial waste, asbestos, ammunition, or any container larger than 30-gallon size.

For further information, contact the Township's Code Enforcement Officer at 847/297-2510.

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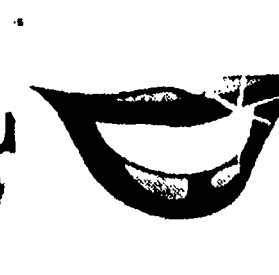
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TARGET TIF: D71 calls Niles TIFs responsible

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village's efforts have helped the school district in this instance," said Johnson. "We want to thank you for your diligent efforts."

D71 Supt. Dr. Eugene Zalewski also praised the village, saying that they helped make Niles a great place to live and work.

"It's great to live and work in Niles," he said. "Whenever we've needed help the village has been great."

Zalewski also said that the village's use of TIFs was extremely responsible, citing his doctoral dissertation on TIFs.

Zalewski also asked the village to forward any surplus funds in the TIF account back to Cook County. Under TIF law, when a municipality has redeemed all funds invested in a given TIF District, any surplus funds must be released out of the fund back to the County for disbursement to the other taxing districts, such as District 71. In the case of the Target/Costco TIF, \$743,810 is left over.

"Show us the money," Zalewski said.

It was formed in 1993 in order to

redevelop a then-vacant ABDick warehouse facility. According to Village Finance Director George Van Geem one of the reasons the property had become difficult to market at the time was environmental contamination. The village formed a TIF to encompass the property and subsequently made an agreement with Target Corporation to build a store on the Touhy Ave.

"Show us the money."

Dr. Eugene Zalewski
Superintendent, D71

frontage. The property that was encompassed by the TIF was reducing in value before the village intervened. Over the TIF's lifespan that property value grew from \$3.37 million in 1993 to \$16.69 million today, an increase of over 500 percent.

Niles Trustee Bart Murphy asked if D71 would be reducing its taxes in light of the windfall they will receive from the Target/Costco TIF. However, Zalewski said that was not the plan, citing recent reductions at the District.

"We have made several budget reductions," Zalewski said. "We're looking forward to re-evaluating those cuts."

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NEWS

Fighting City Hall

Park Ridge Resident Charles Baldacchino has asked the circuit court for an injunction to stop construction in Uptown and he's succeeded in delaying the project, at least for now



Residents and other notables including various aldermen were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies in the Uptown Target Area 2 last Wednesday. (Photos by Allen Kaleta).

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Two days after a ceremonial groundbreaking last Wednesday in Uptown Park Ridge's Target Area 2, officials from the city and the developer were again brought together, but this time it was in court.

Park Ridge Resident Charles Baldacchino has asked a circuit court judge to grant a temporary restraining order to prevent construction in the Uptown area until a permit is issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a proposed traffic light at the intersection of Touhy and Summit Avenues.

The traffic signal is the lynchpin of a redesigned Uptown Target Area 2 with a cul-de-sac at Meacham Ave., which currently intersects with Touhy and Busse Hwy. Just west of the proposed light. The Summit signal is one of

the ways that Developer PRC Partners has helped "unify" the Uptown area and is also designed to ease the flow of traffic into and out of a major retail development planned for the corner of Touhy, Northwest Hwy. and Prospect Ave. In his complaint, Baldacchino also accused the city violating due process by failure to allow equal time to opponents of the Uptown project at Planning and Zoning meetings and of violating local ordinances by creating what he termed a "dangerous" environment for the residents.

"My gripe is not with the developer," Baldacchino said. "My gripe is with the city. If I win on any one of those counts we go back to square one."

The judge dismissed Baldacchino's motion without prejudice on Friday, allowing him to bring an amended motion within 14 days. Baldacchino said that he intends to file again in that time and will use the two weeks to

refine his motion.

"I will take the time to further refine my motion to focus in on questions of public policy," said Baldacchino. "I may lose, but if I do, I will lose on form."

The motion addresses concerns voiced consistently by Baldacchino and Park Ridge Resident George Kirkland, leader of CORRECTS (Citizens Organized for Reasonable Routes Enhancing Community Traffic and Safety). Kirkland has been quoted on several occasions saying that he would sue the city of Park Ridge to prevent construction in the Uptown Area if a final traffic permit was not issued for the Summit/Touhy traffic signal. An agreement authorized by the city council required IDOT approval of the signal within 60 days of said agreement's approval, a time period long since elapsed. City officials contend, however, that that clause in the agreement referred to conditional approval, something



Former Park Ridge Mayor Mike MaRous, background, watches as Howard Frimark speaks at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Uptown Redevelopment in Target Area 2 last Wednesday.

that the PRC planners had received even before the agreement was drafted.

While Baldacchino refines his motion for another try, the fate of the PRC development is in limbo. A spokesperson for PRC Partners stated on Monday that the developer would not move forward with the Uptown project until the court had made a final determination on Baldacchino's motion. According to city officials, PRC didn't close on the city-owned property in Target Area 2 on Friday as planned because of the uncertainty surrounding the motion.

"We want to get the shovel in the ground and get the development moving along," said Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frimark.

Rumors have even begun to circulate that the Citizens for Responsible Government (CRG) organization that sponsored a library referendum in 2002 is behind the suit to stop construction in Uptown, something one of the group's founders, Robert Trizna, categorically denied.

"Somebody's just making this stuff up," said Trizna. "CRG has not been involved in the lawsuit nor does it endorse or support it."

SENIORS

Men's Club Spring BBQ around the corner at Niles Senior Center

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights

For a detailed description of programs & activities or to ask about membership requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420. Visit us online at www.vniles.com.

JUNE REGISTRATION

Drop-Off Registrations for programs and classes advertised in the June Naturally Active were due at the Center on Friday, June 3rd. Walk-in registrations begin Wednesday, June 8th. For more information, call 847 588-8420.

MONTHLY GET ACQUAINTED MEETING 10AM - 11:00AM

Meet with the staff, learn what the Center offers in the way of classes, programs, and outings. You'll have

a chance to tour the building, and ask questions. Meets the third Thursday of every month. The summer schedule of remaining meetings is as follows: June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th. Please register in advance by calling (847) 588-8420.

THE SUMMER WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND MOVIE SCHEDULE RESUMES. Join us Wednesday evenings from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a Hot Dog Dinner followed by a new release movie. All for only \$2.00. The June and July Schedule is as follows:

June 8 ~ 1, ROBOT with Will Smith (PG13 2004)

June 15 ~ VANITY FAIR with Reese Witherspoon (PG13 2004)

June 22 ~ THE AVIATOR with Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Blanchett (PG13 2004)

July 6 ~ MILLION DOLLAR BABY with Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank (PG 13 2005)

July 13 ~ SIDEWAYS with Paul Giamatti and Thomas Hayden Church (R 2005)

July 20 ~ SPANGLISH with Adam Sandler and Tea Leoni (PG 13 2004)

July 27 ~ OCEAN'S TWELVE with George Clooney and Brad Pitt (PG 13 2004)

MEN'S CLUB SPRING BBQ, Friday, June 17th, 11:00AM - 2:00PM

It's BBQ time at the Center and tickets are going fast! Get your ticket before they're all sold out! Lunch, served at 11:30AM, features burgers and brats fresh off the grill. Baked beans, German potato salad and ice cream for dessert. Then we'll go "Down Memory Lane" with Young at Heart. \$10. Reserved Seating. Cost includes lunch, entertainment and raffle.

MOONLIGHTERS AT THE METROPOLIS FOR FOREVER PLAID, Sunday, June 26th

Join us for this entertaining Sunday afternoon. First we'll enjoy a fabulous lunch at the Wellington in Arlington Heights. Entrée choice of Broiled Pork Chops, London Broil, or Shrimp

Alfredo. Then it's off to the Metropolis Theater to see Forever Plaid, a musical comedy about a 50's singing group that suffers a tragic accident on their way to their first gig and their miraculous return to earth 25 years later for a chance to fulfill their dreams of success. Open to both residents and non-residents. Check-in at the Senior Center is at 12:00 (noon); we should return by 5:30PM. Cost: \$50.

CELEBRATE BASTILLE DAY AT THE CENTER, Thursday, July 14, 12 Noon - 2:00PM

Celebrate with a Cabaret featuring Claudia Hommel, best known for her cabaret concerts featuring French and American Songs about Paris. OPEN to both residents and non-residents of Niles. Lunch will be served prior to the performance. Cost \$10

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For more information about the Red Hatters, how to become a member, and/or information about outings, contact Kelly (847 588-8420)

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Celebrate Summer's Last Hurrah with MaineStreamers

Maine Township Senior News

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is free and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter that details all activities for the upcoming month. Here are some examples. MEN'S GROUP Tuesday, June 21 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost \$3 includes lunch

Karen Kruse will present "Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78" - hear about some of Chicago's most fiery tragedies and the brave men who battled them. Lunch will be served.

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Eleanor Roosevelt portrayed by dramatist at Park Ridge Center

Maine Township Senior News

JULY EVENTS

The Center's Red, White and Blue Celebration will be held on Friday, July 1 beginning with a cookout lunch at 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Cooking on the grill will be quarter pound hot dogs. Also included will be potato salad, relishes and dessert.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

The late first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt, will be portrayed by dramatist, Roberta Randall, at a special program on Wednesday, July 6. Preceding the presentation will be a luncheon which will

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SENIORS

Engineer will discuss flood control at Morton Grove Senior Center

Maine Township Senior News

"LET'S DO LUNCH"

Come visit the "Lunch Bunch" any Monday through Friday at the Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster Street. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the "Lunch Bunch" at 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. The following list of special events appear on the "Lunch Bunch" calendar:

Fathers Day "Watermelon Festival" on Thursday, June 16 on the Patio. Lunch will be Beef Pot Roast with Potatoes.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled at the "Barbecue and Ice Cream Social" on the Patio on Wednesday, June 22.

The cost is a \$2.75 to \$3 donation and the menu includes a hot entree, potatoes or rice, and vegetable; or a sandwich, soup and salad at the deli bar. For more information about the menu or

transportation call the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch."

METROPOLITAN WATER COUNCIL OF GREATER CHICAGO

An engineer from the Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20 to discuss flood control, flooding affects on private property, quality of drinking water and the general workings of the Metropolitan Water Council. This is a free program, and those interested in attending should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to register.

ODYSSEY LUXURY CRUISE On Lake Michigan

The Morton Grove Senior Center's Odyssey Luxury Cruise on Lake Michigan on Wednesday, June 22 has been cancelled due to insufficient pre-registrations. Please call the Morton Grove Senior Center at 847/663-6127 for more information.

"SOCIAL SECURITY SUBSIDY PROGRAM" APPLICATION SEMINAR

A representative from the Social

Security Administration will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center to explain how seniors can purchase a new 2006 Medicare Drug Prescription Discount Card. This new Social Security subsidy will help pay for medications, save time, and save money.

Due to the importance of this topic, there will be TWO sessions about the new "Subsidy Program," although seniors do not have to attend them both. The time will be 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 27 and Wednesday, July 20. Please register for either of these sessions at the Senior Center Reception Desk or by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Due to the activities surrounding the Morton Grove Days 2005 July 4th Festival, the Morton Grove Senior Center will be closed to all activities and services, except Senior Center transportation, between and including Wednesday, June 29 through Monday, July 4. All regularly scheduled events will resume starting Tuesday, July 5.

BRIDGE CLUB

Challenging Intermediate and Advanced Bridge matches are enjoyed by Bridge Club players in the Morton Grove Senior every Tuesday from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. with the next six-month (July through December) session starting July 5. The fee is \$13 for Senior Center Members and \$16 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center before July 1.

NILES SENIORS:

Big Band Era is alive and well

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outings! If you don't have equipment, we've got some you can use. Maps and directions to all outings are available at the Senior Center Office. Newcomers are always welcome! With the exception of the Bangs Lake Tournament, all outings meet at the outing site at 8:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM; cost

MAH JONGG CLUB

Enjoy the fun and exhilarating game of Mah Jongg with a group of new friends! The Mah Jongg Club meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday and will continue for another six-month series (July through December) starting July 5 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee is \$13 for Senior Center Members and \$16 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center before July 1.

"WWII MEMORIAL" SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION

Historian, Donna Horwitz will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center to lead a wonderful and thought-provoking slide presentation of the new WWII Memorial in Washington DC at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6. The fee for this program is 50 cents per person. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 million individuals who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the Memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice, and commitment of the American people. The Second World War is the only 20th Century event commemorated on the National Mall's central axis. Please register for this program at the Reception Desk of the Senior Center or call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for more information.

for outings \$12 each includes morning snack and beverage, lunch, bait and prizes. Call MaryAnn for more information 847 588-8420. Big Bear/Little Bear, Friday, June 24th - lunch TBA. Hollows in Cary, IL - Friday, July 22nd - lunch brought in from Culvers. Bangs Lake Tour, Saturday, August 6th, \$15, check-in 7:30AM. NO BAIT - Italian Beef lunch. Big Bear/Little Bear, Friday, September 16th - Lunch Sub Sandwich.

IT'S THE BIG BAND ERA at the

ISSUES IN THE NEWS

Come and discuss the hot topics going on in the world today! The "Issues in the News" class meets every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center with the next six-month series (July through December) commencing on July 7. The fee is \$13 for Senior Center Members and \$16 for non-members and is moderated by the Center's sagacious facilitator, Edith Lovinger. Please register in person at the Senior Center before July 1.

COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER

Learn the basics about computers including Windows navigation and simple computer concepts at this three-week "Getting Started With Computers" course from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Fridays starting July 8. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members and is taught by the Center's instructor, R.J. Bruno. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

An "Internet" class will help students develop the tools needed to overcome frustrations about the INTERNET!! This three-week series meets from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Fridays starting July 8. The cost is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

For more information about senior services and activities, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

NILES SENIOR CENTER with THE ARLINGTON JAZZ Tuesday Evening, July 12 from 5:00PM - 8:30 PM. \$8.00 Open to residents and non-residents. Enjoy a delicious dinner of salad mostaccioli with Italian Sausage, and dessert. Then be prepared as the Arlington Jazz brings you the sounds of the big band era with music of Stan Kenton, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and many more of your favorites. Tap your feet or dance til you drop. Either way, you're sure to enjoy this evening of musical memories.

WICKED

The final payment for "Wicked" should be made now. Those who have signed up gave a \$50. The balance of \$45.00 is due now making the total \$95.00.

This includes motor coach transportation and main floor seats for the Wednesday, August 24 matinee. Call the Center, 847.692-3597 to see if there are still spaces available.

JUNE INFORMATION

June is the month for renewing Center memberships. It is also the month to vote for officers and senators of the Senior Senate. Information about each of the candidates is the June Spectator are available in the June newsletter and must be returned to the Center no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 16. Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting on Monday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m.

SENIORS

Aging Lifestyles
Reuniting with parents in a retirement community

Joe Volz
Copley News Service

Decades ago, when I returned from Army duty in Germany at the age of 25, I took a \$75-a-week job as a reporter - and moved back in with mom and dad.

I didn't think anything of it. After all, many of my single buddies were doing the same thing. We were cutting costs and getting some good home-cooked meals by mothers who treated us like princes and, I suspect, hoped we would never marry. We often lived at home until we got married.

Now, I learn from The New York Times that I must have been a pioneer. Returning home is a big deal these days but with a twist.

Retirement communities are springing up all over the country - Sun City, outside of Phoenix, was the first big one and it opened in the 1960s.

So guess what?

Twentysomethings are following their parents right into retirement villages - ones that allow residents under 55 to live there. Places like Sun City adopted stringent age restrictions - no one under 55 was accepted although some places have dropped the age to 45.

The idea was that the seniors would not be harassed by wild teenagers and could concentrate on their golf games or on driving their carts around town in peace. Some retirement communities even were exempted from paying any school tax since they weren't sending kids to school.

The Times reports, "Some sons and daughters are now sampling the leisurely lifestyles of their aging parents. Driven by skyrocketing house prices, uncertain job prospects and extended stays in higher education, some young adults figure they can save money while

enjoying golf lessons, fancy clubhouses and clay tennis courts."

Well, my parents, who lived into their 90s, never did move into a retirement community. They could not afford it and, besides, all of the grandchildren were nearby. In the '60s and '70s, the retirement communities were built mainly in Florida and Arizona, far from the Northeast, where many of the retirees had previously lived. So not too many college grads could have commuted to their jobs from a retirement community. But now, because there is such an explosion of well-heeled older Americans who don't want to leave their grandchildren behind, builders are putting up retirement communities near major East Coast cities, an easy commute for struggling young professionals.

So, what are we parents to do?

Our kids are hooked up to the hilt paying back college loans. They have maxed out their credit cards. They NEED new cars and fancy clothes. And they have to be able to jet off to Cancun once in a while.

Any self-respecting young college grad should not be reduced to living in a hovel because that is all he can afford. At least that seems to be the argument of a lot of Generation Xers. And is there a mother who won't take her kid back - until he gets on his feet?

I realize now that I probably put a lot of strain on my parents when I moved back in. I stayed for three years until I got married.

For one thing, we seemed to operate in different time zones. I was just getting off work from my newspaper job at midnight and by the time I arrived home, I wanted to wind down with a

little TV in the family room of our tiny house. What I remember most is dear old dad bellowing from the second floor bedroom, "Turn it down, for Pete's sake."

On the other hand, even though my parents were retired, they were up early and my slumber was disturbed by rug vacuuming.

I also must confess, if you don't tell anybody, that I didn't do very many chores around the house. They didn't ask and I didn't volunteer.

What an irresponsible son. Hope your kids don't act the way I did when you let them come home again.

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Take a 'Wicked' theatre trip

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include a turkey breast wrap, pasta salad and dessert. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.50 for the lunch and program and reservations are required.



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Above, The Stingrays rock out to classic tunes at the Oak Park Concert Friday night June 3 in Niles.
Bottom left, Madeline Callaghan, 9, twists away the night at the opening evening of the Oak Park outdoor concerts.



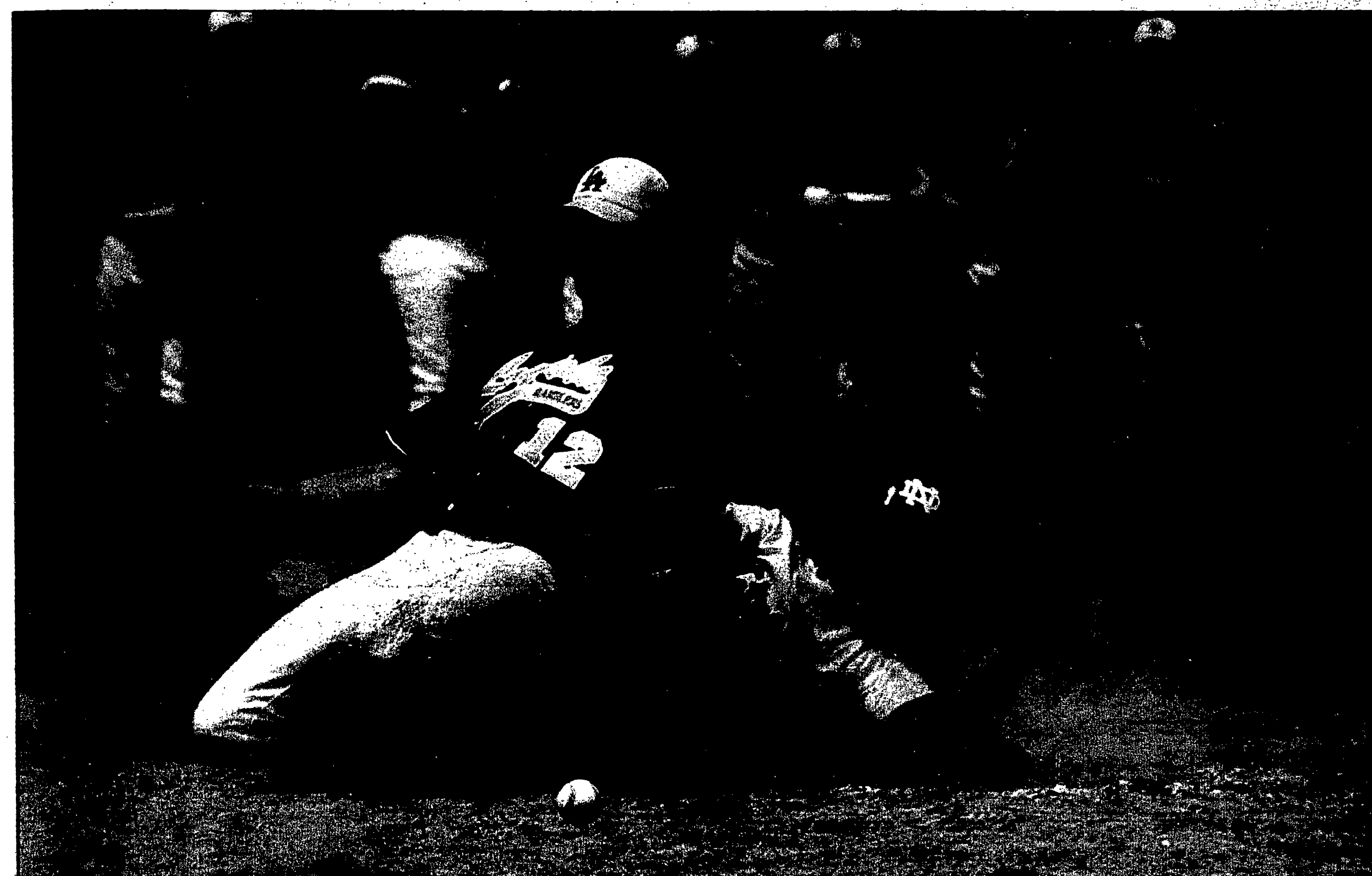
Bottom right, Carol and Bobby Sapienza, 7, of Park Ridge dance to the oldies.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)

SPORTS

Dons Fall Short

But the team should be proud of a season worthy of a champion



Above, Loyola Pitcher Chris Friedrich (12) gets hit from behind as he tries to block the plate from a sliding Clint Simkins of Notre Dame in the fifth inning of their Class AA playoff game at Niles West Saturday morning, June 4. The run gave the Dons a 4-2 lead.

Below, Notre Dame's Matt Wietispach (17) and Brian Flynn (22) collide as they chase a pop fly into short right field in the Class AA playoff game against Loyola Saturday, June 4. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)



Dons lose to Oak Park River-Forest Tuesday

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Dons baseball team was unable to defend their state championship this year, falling one game short in a 5-1 tough luck loss to Oak Park River-Forest, a team they had defeated on their way to state in 2004. The Dons were done in by senior right-hander Ian Berger, who allowed only five hits and struck out six. Berger limited the Dons to four hits over the last six innings, and retired allowed only two

baserunners over the last 15 hitters. The Dons ended their season with a record of 29-10.

Starter Mike Kloss kept his team in the game, coasting through the first two innings, but struggled through the next two. Oak Park stretched their lead to a 4-1 advantage in the fourth inning on a two-out single by Huskies catcher David Studer. Kloss had escaped further damage before hitting the first two batters in the inning.

In reaching the supersectional for the second straight year, the Dons baseball team relied on

their timely hitting and flawless pitching in defeating No. 1 seed Loyola Ramblers 6-3. Despite a rough first inning by starter Mike Pagano in which the 6'3 right-hander allowed five walks and two runs to score, the Dons regained their composure and scored three runs in the first. He was starting in place of No. 2 starter Matt Kudlik who injured his ankle against Niles North.

Pagano fought threw his wildness (seven walks) to pitch a complete game two hitter as the

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(Photos by Allen Kaleta)

SPORTS



Notre Dame's Clint Simkins (12) takes second base on a ground ball in the fifth inning of their Class AA playoff game against Loyola Saturday, June 4.

DONS LOSE:

Season was a bright one

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Dons advanced to play Oak Park at Alexian Field Monday.

Pagano was helped out by senior centerfielder Kevin Mitchell's two run double in the sixth inning and a two-run single in the first to give the conference champions a 6-2 cushion. Mitchell went 2-for-3 with RBI in the game. Losing pitcher Chris Friedrich allowed seven hits in 5 1/3 innings, dropping his record to 8-3 on the year, and

the Ramblers ended their season with a 29-9 record.

In the sectional semifinal against North, the Dons jumped out to an 11-0 in the fourth and won by the same score. Brian Flynn led the charge, going 2-for-2 with two RBI, and two runs scored. In addition, Keenan Long and Will Harford went 2-for-3.



SPORTS UNLIMITED

Baseball's last rival struck out in 1915, but its effects were long-lasting

BY ANTHONY TARANTINO
Copley News Service

The NBA had the ABA. The NFL had the AFL, USFL and XFL. The NHL had the WHA. But what about Major League Baseball?

Its rival was the Federal League. And though it's been 90 years since its brief, two-year run came to an end, it had a lasting impact, creating new ballparks (including one still being used), the first player-bidding war and baseball's antitrust exemption.

The Federal League began as a minor league in 1913. But in 1914 the Feds, backed by owners such as oil magnate Harry Sinclair in Indianapolis, emerged declaring war on the American and National leagues. The Federal League hoped to lure major league talent by doing without a reserve clause, giving players freedom of movement between teams.

And when the Feds dangled big contracts at star players, several took the bait. Eddie Plank, Edd Roush, Joe Tinker, Chief Bender and Mordecai "Three Finger" Brown were just a few stars to jump to the new league.

"(Major league) clubs were very afraid of what the Federal League could do if it raided its roster and took away players," said David Jones, Deadball Era Committee chairman for the Society of American Baseball Research. "When the league was becoming a force within the market in 1914, Major League clubs responded by offering higher salaries to players, often as three-year contracts."

"They never got to Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Joe Jackson," added baseball historian and author Marc Okkonen. "They never budged. ... Most of (those who jumped) were over the hill."

But what the league did have was established ballplayers playing major league-quality ball in new stadiums.

"They built ballparks all over," said Okkonen. "Almost every Federal League town had a brand-new ballpark built to major league standards. They were state-of-the-art stadiums."

On April 13, 1914, nearly 30,000 fans came out to Terrapin Park to see the new Baltimore franchise face the Buffalo Blues in the first regular-season game of the inaugural season.

Baltimore was happy to have another taste of major league ball

since the American League Orioles moved to New York in 1903. But it wasn't like Baltimore was without a team.

Across the street, the International League Orioles were facing the world champion New York Giants in an exhibition game. On the mound for the Orioles was a young left-hander named Babe Ruth.

Only 1,500 would come out to see the future Sultan of Swat. It seems all Baltimore cared about was the Terrapins.

The Baltimore and Buffalo

“They never got to Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker and Joe Jackson.”

squads were two of eight to join the new Federal League for the 1914 season.

A BIDDING WAR

In June of 1914, the Brooklyn Tip-Tops were reported to have offered Washington's Walter Johnson a \$100,000 contract (Alex Rodriguez-type money). Johnson would earn \$25,000 a season for three years with a \$25,000 signing bonus. But the deal fell through.

In December, Johnson was reported to have accepted a contract with Chicago. The Whales were willing to pay Johnson \$20,000 a year for two seasons to join their club. Charles Weeghman, owner of the Whales, gave Johnson a \$6,000 signing bonus. But the Washington Senators retained Johnson after convincing the American League to pay for a salary increase.

Johnson was reported to have paid back his signing bonus by selling off a herd of cattle.

SPORTS AND COURTS

The Feds' first season ended with Benny Kauff batting .370 to lead the Indianapolis Hoosiers to the league title. The Hoosiers' seven-game winning streak to end the season put them on top of Chicago by 1 1/2 games. In 1915, the Hoosiers relocated to Newark, N.J., to become the Peps.

The 1915 season would be the last for the Feds. In January, the Federal League filed an antitrust lawsuit against the American and National leagues, claiming they

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SPORTS

UNLIMITED:

Third league caused money trouble

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constituted a monopoly. The league was also having a hard time competing for ballplayers and hoped to break baseball's reserve clause.

But as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis (who would later become baseball's first commissioner) considered the lawsuit, Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburgh were battling for the league title. Chicago would win by percentage points over St. Louis.

ANTITRUST EXEMPTION

When the league's final season

ended, a peace accord was announced. The American and National leagues agreed to help Fed owners who were in debt and the Feds agreed to disband the league and withdraw their lawsuit.

"While the Federal League existed, all three leagues struggled financially," said Gabriel Schechter, a researcher at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library. "There were only a few clubs that were able to make money."

"You have to remember that the Federal League was located in several cities where they were in direct competition with major league teams," said Blaise M. Lamphier, a baseball historian and manager of labor relations for the city of Rochester N.Y. "All the teams (that were in direct competition) were hurting financially."

Chicago owner Weeghman was allowed to purchase the National League Cubs and moved them

into his new ballpark (built for the Whales) located on the North Side of Chicago on Addison and Clark streets. Today it's known as Wrigley Field.

St. Louis Terriers owner Phil Ball was allowed to take over the American League Browns.

Sinclair was able to sell his players' contracts and made a fortune.

But Baltimore was left out of the deal.

The Terrapins were denied their own major league club and declined a \$50,000 settlement. They decided to file their own antitrust lawsuit instead.

The suit was dismissed in 1922 when Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes declared that baseball was a sport and not a business. He said baseball did not fall under the interstate commerce umbrella covered by the Sherman Act, giving baseball its antitrust exemption.

Without the threat of players

jumping, major league clubs reciprocated by lowering salaries across the board.

Said Jones: "There was a real sense of bitterness among players about how they were treated by ownership."

Sound familiar?

SIDEBAR

Weeghman Park?

Wrigley Field is the only surviving relic of the Federal League.

Built in 1914 by Charles H. Weeghman for his Whales franchise, the park hosted its first major league game on April 23, 1914. Chicago beat the Kansas City Packers 9-1.

When built, the ballpark had a seating capacity of 14,000 and cost nearly \$250,000.

When the league folded after the 1915 season for financial reasons, Weeghman was allowed to purchase the National League's Cubs.

SIDEBAR

FEDERAL FRANCHISES

Baltimore

Nickname Terrapins

Records 1914: 84-70 (3rd);

1915: 47-107 (8th)

The success of the 1914 Terrapins was devastating to the International League's Orioles, forcing owners to sell stars such as Babe Ruth.

Brooklyn

Nickname Tip-Tops

Records 1914: 77-77 (5th);

1915: 70-82 (7th)

The team was owned by millionaire Robert B. Ward, maker of Tip-Top bread.

Buffalo

Nickname Blues

Records 1914: 80-71 (4th);

1915: 74-78 (6th)

The Blues' road jersey was the first in the majors to don a city's name in script lettering. They even used a swoosh under the name (a la the Dodgers) to add flair. Buffalo played Baltimore in the league's first game in 1914.

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LIFE

Chef Harry Presents For the Love of Watermelon

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ
Copley News Service

I have loved watermelon since I was a child. Back then, you could only get it in the summertime and it was usually full of seeds. Well, I have grown up and so has watermelon.

Now it is mostly seedless, always available and always healthy. This lycopene leader among fresh produce is naturally sweet and delicious, full of fiber and mostly water. It is one of the rare superdelicious things you can place on the table and eat all you want.

Slice it into spears and serve it with flavored yogurt for dipping. Run it through a juicer and drink it up. Carve the rind into a basket and serve the melon right in it.

The possibilities are endless. Choose watermelon that feels heavy for its size. Make sure there is no risk that it has ever been frozen. The skin should be even in color and bright.

Growers have done such a great job in developing them that it is hard to pick one that isn't incredibly sweet. Store whole watermelons in a cool dry place.

Cover and refrigerate watermelons after cutting into them. There is more information at www.watermelon.org.

While every day is now watermelon season, it is hard to bite a juicy wedge of watermelon in the summer sun. In fact, this summer

I'll be traveling around the country on a watermelon road trip coming up with more great ideas to enjoy one of my favorite things.

I hope to share a taste with you soon.

This recipe is an incredible presentation and easy to create. You can make an elegant brunch tray of slightly smaller versions of these.

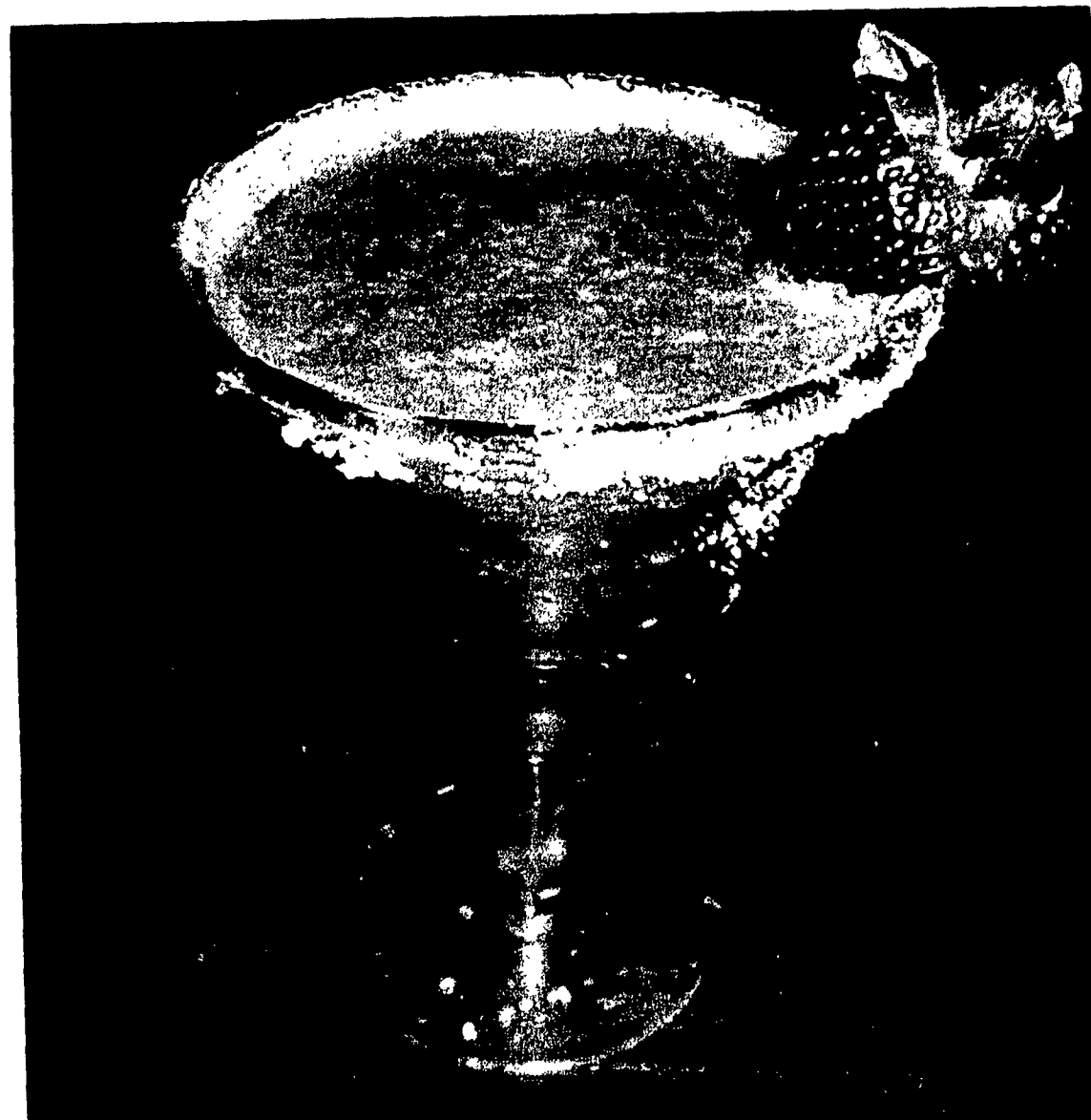
They make a low-fat and very healthy way to start or end the day. WATERMELON BENEDICT

1 1/2 cups low-fat granola of choice
1/4 cup honey, room temperature

4 to 6 (3-inch) circles seedless watermelon, 3/4-inch thick
4 to 6 (1/2-inch) thick slices of peeled kiwi

1 cup low- or non-fat creamy lemon yogurt
2 or 3 purple grapes, sliced into halves, seeded, for garnish

Yields 4 to 6 servings.
In mixing bowl, mix granola with honey by stirring as you drizzle honey to distribute evenly through granola.



On serving plates, make 3-inch circles of granola in even thickness dividing the granola/honey mixture evenly among servings. Top each granola circle with watermelon slice and place slice of kiwi on each watermelon circle. Spoon yogurt over kiwi and watermelon as though it were hollandaise sauce on eggs Benedict. Top each Watermelon Benedict with a grape 1/2, skin side up, as a garnish reminiscent of olive slice on eggs Benedict.

My daughter and her friends wanted to see the Manhattan club scene. Dad was the escort and mocktails were the libation. This is my version of the young clubbers' favorite. (Naturally, adults can add a shot of chilled premium vodka to the shaker and make this mocktail a cocktail!)

WATERMELON MOCKTAIL
1 cup watermelon puree
1 teaspoon grenadine
Juice from 1/2 fresh lime
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
2 cups ice cubes
Yields 1 beverage.
Place ingredients in martini shaker and shake for 20 seconds. Strain chilled liquid into a sugar-rimmed martini glass.

The first recipe I created for a salsa with watermelon was such a favorite, I thought I'd make another because, as we all know, variety is the spice of life. And salsa is life on the table.
ROASTED PEPPER-WATERMELON SALSA
1 onion, peeled and sliced

2 cloves garlic, chopped
3 Anaheim peppers, split, seeded and chopped
2 tablespoon vegetable, olive or canola oil
1 cup tomato sauce
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon Ancho chili powder, or to taste
Juice from 2 fresh limes
2 cups seedless watermelon, minced
Salt and pepper, to taste
Yields 4 to 5 cups.
Saute onion, garlic and peppers in vegetable oil in a heavy saute pan over medium-high heat until onions and garlic begin to toast and pepper skin blisters.

Reduce heat and stir in tomato sauce, cumin and chili powder. Bring to a simmer and remove from heat.

Cool until just warm and place in a blender with lime juice. Pulse tomato-pepper mixture briefly, just chopping contents finely. Pour contents of blender into ovenproof bowl and chill.

When ready to serve, stir watermelon and any watermelon juice into tomato-pepper mixture. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
Serve with chips or over just about anything off the grill.

In Mexico, fresh watermelon juice - or jugo de sandia, as it is called there - is a common refreshment.

I think it is a south-of-the-border tradition that needs to come north.

Story Continues...
see CHEF HARRY page 19.

Events Calendar

GOVERNMENT

Monday, June 13

-7 p.m. Morton Grove village board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge/Niles School District 64 board meeting

Tuesday, June 14

-7 p.m. Niles Elementary School District board meeting

Thursday, June 16

-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Golf-Maine School District 67 board meeting

Monday, June 20

-7 p.m. Morton Grove village board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge/Niles School District 64 board meeting

COMMUNITY

Wednesday, June 15

-Seniors citizens are invited to the historic Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge, for a free screening of "Pay it Forward" on June 15 at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 1 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry that feeds hundreds of hungry individuals and families each month. Collection bins will be located in the theatre lobby. Cash donations to the Pantry will also be accepted.

Saturday, June 18

-Six private gardens will be on display during the Park Ridge Community Church's "Midsummer's Night Garden Walk" on Saturday, June 18. Tickets for the event at \$10 (children 10 and under are free). They may be purchased at the Church office, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge, Lurvey's Garden Center, 2550 Dempster, Des Plaines or Burkes Books, 116 Main St. Park Ridge. Proceeds will benefit the church "renewing God's house" building fund. For more information, call (847) 823-3164.

Tuesday, June 21

-The American Legion Gladstone Post #777 will meet at the Edgebrook Community House, 6100 N. Central on Tuesday, June 21 from noon to 4 p.m. All veterans are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, June 26

-Special Agent David I. Young, from the Civil Rights Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Regional Office in Chicago will address the cause and effects of hate crimes in a multi-cultural society. The program is free. For more information call (847) 675-4141. The event is sponsored by the Ezra Hahonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation.

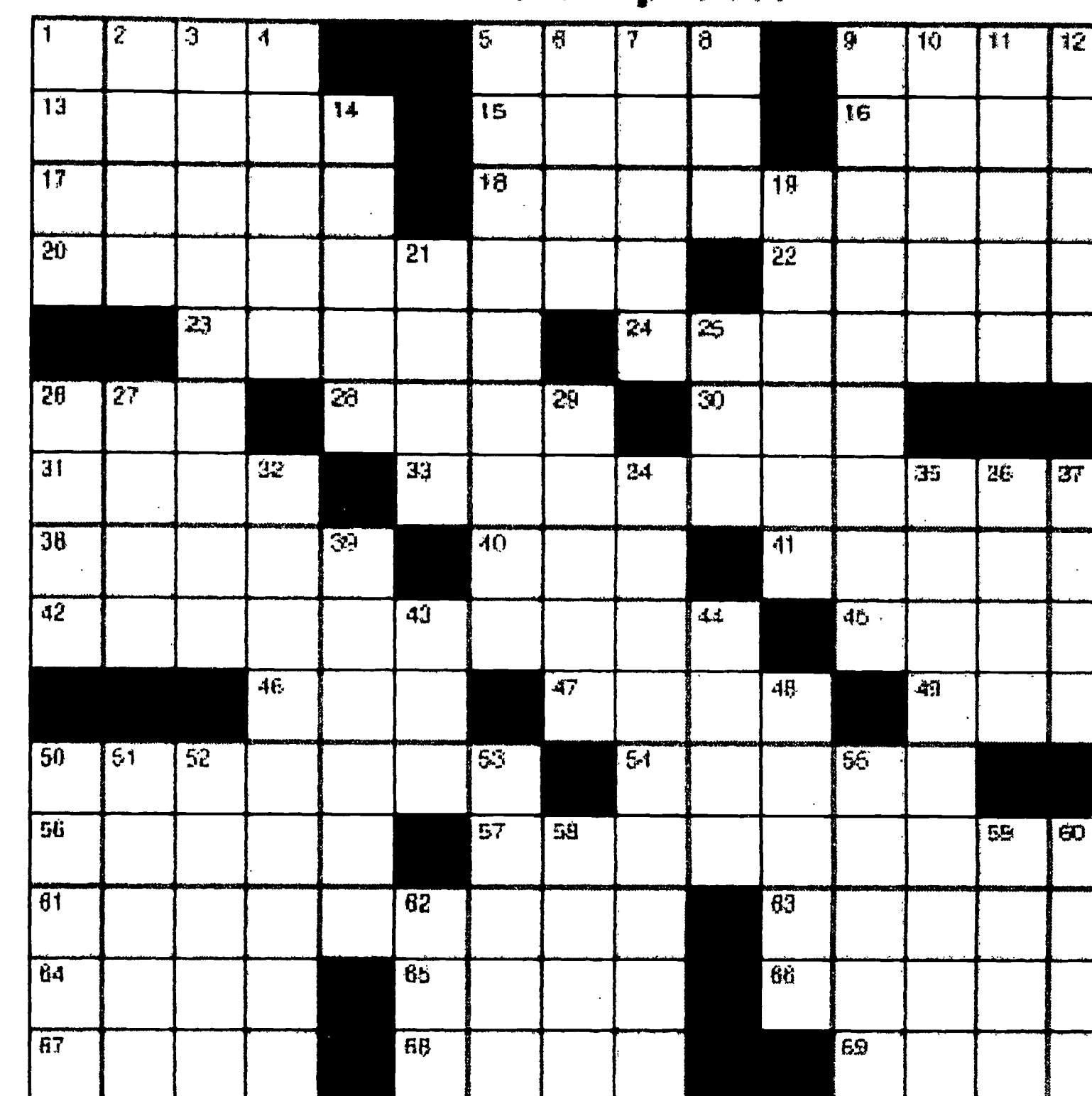
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CHEF HARRY: Much ado about watermelons

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The watermelon juice by itself is great. The coconut is my twist.

SANDIA CON COCONUT

4 fresh coconuts

1 seedless watermelon

Yields 8 beverages.

Split coconuts into halves creating

8 coconut "cups," reserving

coconut milk. Shave a little

coconut meat into center of each

cup. Strain coconut milk through a

cheesecloth or fine sieve and

divide milk among cups.

Using juicer or blender, process

enough watermelon for about 6

cups of juice. Divide watermelon

juice among coconut cups and

serve with straws.

Adults may want to add a bit of

coconut- or vanilla-flavored rum to

this for a delicious tropical cock-

tail.

This is not only a deliciously

smooth breakfast but a refreshing

afternoon snack.

WATERMELON-KIWI

SMOOTHIE

2 cups seedless watermelon, cut in

chunks

2 kiwis, peeled and chopped
2 cups vanilla yogurt
1 cup ice
Sprigs of fresh mint, for garnish
Yields 2 servings.
Place ingredients in blender and
puree until smooth. Pours into 2
glasses and garnish with a sprig of
fresh mint.

This is the best margarita ever.

Smooth, cold and full of flavor.

Just add sun and a sparkling pool

of water.

WATERMELON-MANGO MAR-

GARITA

2 cups seedless watermelon,

chopped

1 ripe mango

Juice from 2 fresh limes

1 tablespoon sugar

1 tablespoon triple sec

2 jiggers tequila

2 cups iced

Yields 2 to 3 servings.

Place all ingredients in blender and

puree until smooth. Serve chilled.

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SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF

Brief book reviews

"Scanning the Bookshelf" is a Copley News Service Feature.

"Swimming With Scapulars: True Confessions of a Young Catholic," by Matthew Lickona; Loyola Press; 278 pages; \$19.95.

Is "Swimming With Scapulars" (a) a sweetly executed spiritual memoir; (b) a nicely written religious tract; or © both of the above?

By the time I turned the final page of Southern California writer Matthew Lickona's debut book, I chose ©.

For devoutly orthodox Roman Catholics who feel as if they've gone through a desert of despair since the sexual abuse scandal, this book will offer a cool drink of water. This defense of the faith, from a married father of four who has clung unapologetically to it, will be food for many Catholic souls.

For Roman Catholics and others who dare to question some of the church's stands, "Swimming With Scapulars" may come across more rigid than inspiring. (Before I go any further, I should explain that a scapular is a kind of necklace worn by some Catholics as a sign of devotion; it hangs down both in the front and back with a small pendant at each end and may also contain a patch of brown cloth.) Lickona is a fundamentalist when it comes to Mass. He finds guitar-strumming praise songs silly and doesn't like to sing after receiving Communion, "choosing instead to pray to the God I had just consumed." And he doesn't take well to priests who tinker with the language: "Most often, tinkering creates a distraction, and it hits me like a spiritual sucker-punch."

Whether you agree or disagree, Lickona's book is an easy read. A La Mesa, Calif. resident, he is a staff writer for the San Diego Reader, and his style is conversational and relaxed.

The most startling revelation

comes when he tells of how, as a teenager, he was kissed on the lips by a priest. Lickona went home and told his father, who hand-delivered a letter about it to the bishop. The bishop moved the priest to be a chaplain for the elderly. Later, the diocese was sued because the same priest had molested two other boys.

Lickona doesn't let the hierarchy off the hook for a pattern of quietly transferring abusive priests that finally erupted three years ago into a national scandal. "It looks to me like men abandoning their posts as shepherds of souls and turning into politicians," he writes.

But his outrage did not shake his faith: "Thanks to the persistence of sin, the edifice has been crumbling since it was first built, and again and again, God has brought good out of evil."

He spends a great deal of time discussing why he remained a virgin until after he was married, as

well as the church's teachings against contraceptives. He also explains why he makes his children go to Mass and why they don't go to public school: "I don't want to see my eight-year-old daughter at a school talent show some day, thrusting her hips and lip-syncing to Shania Twain about what keeps her warm in the middle of the night."

I wince at that kind of reactionary thinking. Besides, I know a lot of Shania Twain fans who have turned out just fine (and they wouldn't dare thrust their hips in public).

"Swimming With Scapulars" probably will be most appealing to like-minded Catholics. It doesn't have the crossover power of Rabbi Harold Kushner's works, which are both comforting and illuminating, or Protestant in-your-face writer Anne Lamott, who makes you laugh and learn. Lickona, however, does have something to

say - and he says it with admirable conviction.
- Sandi Dolbee

"Out of Eden: An Odyssey of Ecological Invasion," by Alan Burdick; Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 324 pages; \$25.

On Guam, a 217-square-mile speck of land in the middle of the western Pacific Ocean, the Australian brown tree snake has consumed nine of the island's 13 native bird species in just 50 years.

By almost any measure, that makes the snake the villainous epitome of an alien species, having surreptitiously arrived in Guam inside the wheel wells of World War II military aircraft to wreak its ecological devastation.

The snake, of course, is only doing what it's evolved to do. It probably wouldn't be on Guam now without human aid. And, truth be told, it's not really an "alien invader" - at least in the broad scheme of things.

Aliens are from Mars, writes Burdick, a senior editor at Discover magazine. Australian brown tree snakes, zebra mussels, fire ants, kudzu - all problematic and vilified alien species - are all Earthly organisms.

They are no more alien to this planet than we are. Indeed, if alien species threaten or harm native species or environments, it's generally because humans have caused or promoted their spread, wittingly or not, and, even more to the point, determined that their impact has been negative.

Here's a remarkable fact: In more than 50 years of scientific study of biological invasions, Burdick says, not a single example of an introduced species of plant or animal causing an ecosystem to collapse has been confirmed.

Rather, nature tends to adapt. Take South Florida, where at least 300 introduced plant species have taken root - almost one-fifth of the total flora diversity. Or San Francisco Bay, where researchers

have found more than 250 non-indigenous life forms. In both places, Burdick wryly observes, it could be argued that there's a lot more nature now than in the past. Most introduced species cause no harm. They simply fill uninhabited ecological niches. The obvious exceptions are small ecosystems, like Guam or Hawaii, with comparatively fewer species and individuals and limited refuge.

But the real issue isn't the end of nature, Burdick argues, but our definition and perception of it. We place certain values upon environments and ecosystems.

"Alien species do pose a threat," writes Burdick. "But their real crime isn't against nature; it's against us and our self-serving ideas of what nature is supposed to be."

The fact is, we generally like aliens and encourage their expansion. It took multiple, overt attempts in the 1800s to introduce the English house sparrow to the United States, now considered a ubiquitous pest. Cattle, goats, pigs and cats are all bigger threats to native birds and plants than alien species like the brown tree snake. Few bemoan their verdant lawns and gardens, even though most are comprised almost entirely of exotic, hybridized species.

Aliens don't weaken ecosystems, they simply transform them into different ecosystems with different organisms that humans value more or less.

If we want to preserve the natural order - at least to the extent that we can, in the places where we can - then all things begin with us. We have to be better, more intelligent stewards of the Earth. No other species has so successfully invaded every ecosystem on the planet. No other species controls the future of so many other organisms. In this sense, creatures like the Australian brown tree snake have no real hand in their fate; we do.

- Scott LaFee

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Doughty-Ashcroft

Lenore and Steve Doughty of Niles announce the engagement of their daughter, Ticia Ann to Kevin Glenn Ashcroft, son of Donald and Anita Ashcroft of Franklin, Illinois (Formerly of Niles).

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Niles West High School. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Special Education, both from National-Louis University. Ticia is a 6th Grade

Special Education teacher at Nelson School in Niles.

The future groom is a 1984 graduate of Niles West High School. Kevin is attending Oakton Community College and will be transferring to the Illinois Institute of Art in Schaumburg to major in 3D animation. Kevin works for Costco Wholesale Club in Niles.

The couple will be married in June at St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church in Niles.

HAVE YOU HEARD

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father's Day Brunch at Summit Square

Traditional cuisine and contemporary flavors highlight Summit Square Retirement Residence's Father's Day Buffet Brunch on Sunday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Summit Square is in the heart of Uptown Park Ridge at 10 N. Summit Avenue.

Summit Square's chef, who has created last month's sensational Mother's Day Buffet Brunch, has planned a menu that includes complimentary French sparkling wine, Montreal Crusted Strip Steaks, Stuffed Pork Wellington, Chef's Fried Chicken and much more. Sweet treats from Summit's Bake Shop will include mini pastries, mousses, tarts, and a special Father's Day dessert platter.

The cost for the brunch is \$18

for adults (including tax and tip). The Kids Buffet for those under \$7 is just \$5. Reservations accepted until Friday, June 17 at 847-825-1161.

Summit Square's dining and meeting rooms are also available for a variety of occasions—bridal and baby showers, family reunions, business breakfasts and lunches, retirement, graduation and communion parties. The residence's outstanding chef, whose background includes experience in some of Chicago's finest hotels, creates gourmet breakfasts, brunches and lunches for 10 to 75 guests.

Summit Square provides seniors with rental apartments and complete retirement and assisted living services.

A View of the Course



The Niles Park District Multi-Purpose Gymnasium was officially named the Golf View Community Center at the Park Board's May meeting. The building is scheduled for completion in the fall.

(Photo Courtesy Niles Park District)

Edward Jones presents 'A Conversation with Steve Forbes'

Marc F. Grote, the Edward Jones investment representative in Niles, will host a free one-hour satellite broadcast titled "Hope, Growth and Opportunity: A Conversation with Steve Forbes" at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14 at 7627 N. Milwaukee Avenue.

The broadcast features Steve Forbes, president and chief executive officer of Forbes and edi-

tor-in-chief of Forbes magazine. Forbes and Edward Jones Managing Partner Douglas E. Hill will share their thoughts on the key issues facing investors today during this midyear review broadcast.

Forbes and Hill also will discuss:

- Forbes, the man: publishing magnate and business icon
- The latest business trends and

how they may impact investors

- Investing for the rest of 2005

This interactive event is presented at select Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private video network.

To reserve a seat or for more information about the Tuesday, June 14 program, call Grote at 847-663-1650. If you are unable to attend, additional viewing opportunities are available.

Eddie Payton to visit Belmont Village

Brother of Walter Payton will visit Glenview facility for 'putting' lessons

The public is invited to "putt with a pro" when Eddie Payton visits the Belmont Village in Glenview Monday.

Payton, a golf coach at Jackson State University and nine-year veteran of the NFL is the brother of Walter Payton. He will conduct a golf clinic and

will be available to sign autographs.

He will visit the Belmont Village, 2000 Golf Rd. in Glenview on Monday, June 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (847) 657-7100.

New From Norwood Park Home

NORWOOD PARK HOME TO HOST DINNER DANCE ON JUNE 16. COMMUNITY INVITED TO ATTEND

Kick off the start of summer by attending the "June Dinner Dance" in the colorfully decorated dining room of Norwood Park Home. 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. The event will take place on Thurs. June 16, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will start at 5:30 p.m.

Diners will enjoy a sumptuous dinner of roast pork tenderloin with bacon and herbs,

twice-baked potatoes, sautéed green beans with red onion, mixed berry shortcake, and coffee, tea and punch. Aside from a great dinner, there will be party gifts for ladies and gentlemen.

Afterwards, take a spin on the dance floor or relax and enjoy the lively music and rich baritone voice of vocalist and keyboard player Don Reitsma, a veteran of radio and television. If you didn't know Don was using a digitalized synthesizer, you might imagine yourself amid a strolling accordion or listening to a four-piece band at a fine hotel, restaurant or country club. The cost for an evening

of dinner and dancing is \$10 per person, and space is limited.

Call Serena Worthington, director of activities, at (773) 577-5326 to reserve your space now and dance your way into the months of summer.

NORWOOD LIFE CARE NEP INVITES COMMUNITY TO VIEW PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR RENOVATION AND REPOSITIONING OF NORWOOD PARK HOME CAMPUS

Residents of the Norwood Park community are invited to view preliminary drawings for

the renovation and repositioning of the Norwood Park Home (NPH) campus. 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, at a special community meeting on Tues. June 14, at 7 p.m. in the NPH dining room.

For the past year, the Norwood Life Care Board of Directors has been working on formulating a plan for the Norwood Park Home campus. The intent is to create a design that fits comfortably and aesthetically within the Norwood Park community, is compatible with surrounding residential properties and meets the needs of current and future adults. The meet-

ing will be conducted to encourage additional input beyond that which was offered in earlier gatherings with neighbors who live adjacent to the Norwood Park Home campus. This will be the first presentation to the community at large.

On hand to explain the proposed project will be the architect, zoning attorney, several members of the Norwood Life Care NEP Board of Directors, the CEO of Norwood Life Care, and the administrator of Norwood Park Home. A questions and answer session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

FAMILY

Maine East graduating seniors are honored at awards night

Members of the Maine East Class of 2005 were honored with scholarships and awards at the annual Senior Honors Night on June 1, 2005. Community Awards included the General Assembly State Scholarship John D'Amico to Michael Fergus, Good Citizenship Award, Daughters of the American Revolution to Victoria Chan, Ron Heiser Memorial Scholarships to Amanda Mistretta and Jacob Miskiewicz, SJB Scholarships to Sume Joseph and Mithil Pandhi, Park Ridge Juniors Foundation to Kristiyana Kaneva and Paula Kim, Lavern Flentie Orwall COACH Scholarship to Joanna Szeszko, 1983 Scholarship to Sarah Robinson, Park Ridge Pan Hellenic Scholarship to Supriya Gupta, Sempere Fidelis Award to Talia Gazlay, Army National Guard Scholarships to Michelle Melendez and Michael Medina, Jane Farwell Smith Scholarship to Daniel Rechitsky, NuMark Credit Union Scholarship to Daniel Rechitsky, Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Awards to Maria Espinosa and Matthew Bacoulis and Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Awards to Chrysanthemum Mattison and Daniel Sheinson.

Scholarship Awards included Maine East Awards to Upper Five Percent of the Class of 2005 to Reena Aggarwal, Asima Ali, Victoria Chan, Sonja Dabizljjevic, Sejal Danawala, Michael Fergus, Supriya Gupta, Lindsay Hayden, Stephanie Joseph, Sume Joseph, Kristiyana Kaneva, Daniel Kim, Paula Kim, Chrysanthemum Mattison, Nicole McConnell, Mithil Pandhi, Ujjval Patel, Ahmed Qureshi, Adam Reisberg, Daniel Sheinson, Jessica Stephens, Charles Varilla, Julia Wiatt, Robert Wydra and Yana Yakhnes. The Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship in Art was awarded to Susan Song, in Music to Charles Williams, and in Speech Arts to Victoria Chan. Other awards were the Helen Dobbins MTA Scholarship to Lori Andel and Yana Yakhnes, National Honor Society Scholarships to Fatima Chishti, Ewa Dziersgas, Lindsay Hayden, Sume Joseph, and Agnieszka Pondo, and Senior Service Scholarships to Fatima Chishti, Grace Choi, Sejal Danawala, Supriya Gupta, Matthew Kozioł and Cindy Lau. Thirty-four seniors received College and Organization Scholarships including the Loyola University Trustee Scholarship to Reena Aggarwal, the B'nai Brith Sports Lodge Scholarship to Lori Andel, the Hope College Alumni Honors Scholarship/First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines

Hedberg Scholarship to Melissa Clutters, The BP Foundation Inc. Scholarship to Sejal Danawala, the Carrol College Voorhees Scholarship to Nichole Didier, the North Park University Leadership Award to Sarah Dornfeld, the Suffolk University Dean's Scholarship and Archer Fellow Scholarship to Alice Fallon, the DePaul University Centennial Scholarship to Magdalena Gawel, the Eckerd College Honors Scholarship and Artistic Achievement Award to Talia Gazlay, the Tulane University Distinguished Scholar Award to Lindsay Hayden, the University of Southern California Trojan Scholarship to Stephanie Joseph, the Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship to Alwin Joy, the University of Chicago Merit Scholarship to Daniel Kim, the Dominican University Honor Scholarship to Diana Kobylarczyk, the Loyola University Rambler Leadership and Service Award/ Sons of the American Revolution to Matthew Kozioł, the Northern Michigan University National Academic Award and Merit Award to Jacquelyn Lange, the Hope College Alumni Honors Scholarship/Augustana College Scholarship to Cindy Lau, the Park Ridge Art League-Charles Vickery Memorial Scholarship to Adrienne Lewis, the Allegheny College Trustee Scholarship to Chrysanthemum Mattison, the University of St. Frances Award to Amanda Mistretta, the Kraft Foods Scholarship to Adam Mueller, the DeVry Community Scholarship Award to Mitali Patel, the Loyola University Trustee Scholarship to Ankit Patel, the DePaul University Music Performance Award to Adrien Phipps, the Golden Apple Scholarship to Dana Ready, the GLSEN Chicago Al Wardell Scholarship to Daniel Rechitsky, the Butler University Irvington Scholarship to David Rog, the DePaul University Centennial Scholar Award to Fatima Samiwal, the Maine East Cheer in College Scholarship/Lewis University Scholarship to Leanne Serevo, the North Park University Dean's Scholarship to Venestina Suriano, the Indian Women Scholarship to Amie Tailor, the Amigas Latinas Aixa Diaz Scholarship to Liliana Vazquez, the Joseph Blazek Foundation Scholarship to Robert Wydra, and the Pacific University Trustee Scholarship to Clair Zakharia.

Seniors also received Maine East Achievement, Merit, Good Will and Departmental Awards. Achievement Awards for athletics recognition included Boys' Athlete

of the Year to Jeffrey Alkhovsky, Girls' Athlete of the Year to Ursula Orozco, Sam C. Marzulo Achievement Award to Jeremy Ceja, and Sam C. and Ruth E. Marzulo Achievement Award to Sonja Dabizljjevic. Merit Awards in Applied Arts and Technology, Applied Technology Division were awarded to Chrysanthemum Mattison, Tomasz Surma and Grzegorz Janik, Business Division to Jakub Puchalski, Tina Garatziotis and Tasneem Master, Family and Consumer Sciences Division to Lori Andel, Travis Edwards, and Rochelle Roman, in English to Fatima Chishti, Julia Wiatt, and Robert Wydra; in Fine Arts, Art to Kathryn Banek, Susan Song, and Yana Yakhnes, in Music to Abigail Cross, Talia Gazlay, and Charles Williams, and Speech Arts to Victoria Chan, Eric Ranz, and Mithun Sheth; in Foreign Language to Sejal Danawala, Stephen Wiatt, and Yana Yakhnes; in Mathematics to Ujjval Patel, Daniel Sheinson and Robert Wydra; in Physical Education to Stephanie Joseph, Victoria Chan, and Francesca Yaniz; in Science to Asima Ali, Sejal Danawala, and Daniel Sheinson; in Social Science to Ridha Khalid, Ewa Dziersgas and Sejal Danawala. Seniors receiving Good Will Awards were: Victoria Chan, Sonja Dabizljjevic, Ewa Dziersgas, Stephanie Joseph, Ursula Orozco, Matthew Bacoulis, Jeremy Ceja, Matthew Kozioł, Daniel Sheinson and Mithun Sheth. Departmental Awards given to the graduating senior who has excelled the most in a particular department included: Michael Gevargis Bahi in the Applied Arts and Technology, Applied Technology Division, Venestina Suriano in the Applied Arts and Technology Business Division, Rachel Boblett in the Applied Arts and Technology Family and Consumer Sciences Division, Yana Yakhnes in English, Kerri Aitken in the Art Division of Fine Arts, Mark Paik in the Music Division of Fine Arts, Stephanie Joseph in the Speech Arts Division of Fine Arts, Daniel Rechitsky in Foreign Language, Kazuyuki Hirunuma in Mathematics, Matthew Kozioł in Physical Education, Robert Wydra in Science, and Daniel Sheinson in Social Science.

The Senior Honors Program concluded with the announcement of the Maine Scholars, seniors who received the highest academic honor at Maine East High School. Ranking in the ninety-ninth percentile of their graduating class were: Sejal Danawala, Robert Wydra, Daniel Sheinson, Reena Aggarwal, and Daniel Kim.

New Chess Club



Drop in on Wednesdays in June and July for a game of chess at the Morton Grove Public Library. Pictured above is the Beginner's Class, learning about kings and pawns. The Beginner Class, for ages 4 - 7, meets from 3:30 - 4:15, and the Chess Club, for ages 8 - 12, meets from 4:15 - 5 pm. For more information, call the Library's Youth Services Department at 847-929-5102.

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Tam Tennis Adds NEW Youth Rally Ball Program

This summer, Niles Park District Tam Tennis & Fitness Complex is offering a NEW Rally Ball program for ages 5-12. The Park District was awarded a USA Team Tennis Grant by the United States

Tennis Association to help start up this junior program. Rally Ball is designed especially for the new tennis player. Points are scored for each ball that crosses the net. Tam Tennis professionals will provide (1) hour of instruction and then (1) hour of team match play. The class takes place on Wednesdays beginning June 27th, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Highlights include the Team Concept, Free T-Shirts & Awards, Great Beginner Program, and lots of fun! Niles Park District's goal is to promote fun, health and social benefits of tennis to our youth. Tam Tennis Complex also offers summer tennis lessons for all ages & levels, tennis camps, adult teams, club memberships with discounted court & lesson fees, and (8) indoor air-conditioned courts. The Complex is located at 7686 N. Caldwell Ave. For Rally Ball and Junior Tennis information, please contact Junior Coordinator Skip Trapp @ (847) 967-1400.

REAL ESTATE

Decor Score

Tiny Room Needs Good Bedside Manner

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service

Q: How can we fit our king-sized bed into a bedroom where all four walls are totally not king-sized? I mean, between the window (on the north wall), the closet and bathroom and hall doors (on the other three walls), we may have to take off our headboard (and footboard?) and just stand the bed in the middle of the room. Help, please!

A: That's not such a bad idea, you know. A "floating" bed can solve many room-arrangement problems when there's too little wall space. And you may not have to lose your bed head in the process.

I've seen a tall four-poster fit easily into the center of an under-the-eaves bedroom where the slanted walls were too short to accommodate it.

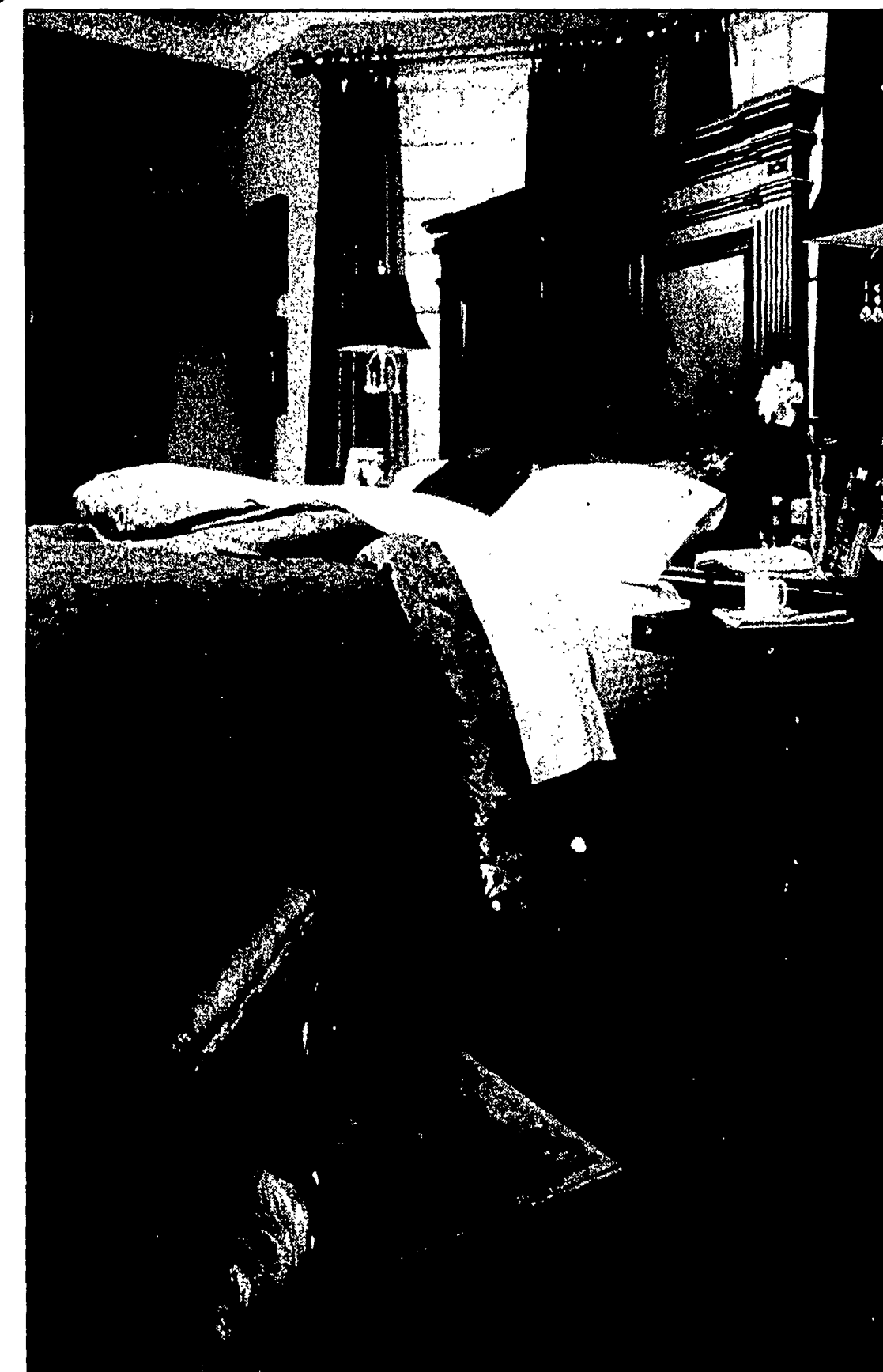
I've also seen headless contemporary beds look perfectly at-home in a sea of loft space, anchored only by a reading lamp arched overhead.

In the traditional bedroom we show here, the bay window does the anchoring.

Headboard and all. This imposing bedstead (from Broyhill Furniture's "King's Crossing" Collection) angles into the window niche as if it were planned all along. Feng Shui practitioners might argue against the placement, better, they say, to position the bed where you can look out of the window - but there are compensations, such as the morning's fresh breezes blowing over your pillow.

Just remember to provide for the two most important amenities: a nightstand or table within easy reach of each side of the bed, and good light for reading.

This can come from the usual bedside lamp (a swing-arm can even be attached to the headboard), from a floor lamp positioned behind the bed head or from ceiling-hung fixtures that shed a gentle glow over each



side of the bed (a translucent foot-3-inches square and has a shade is essential).

Q: How do you suggest we redo a very small guest room and bathroom to make them less claustrophobic?

The bedroom measures 9-

There is a double set of windows on the east wall, another on the south wall.

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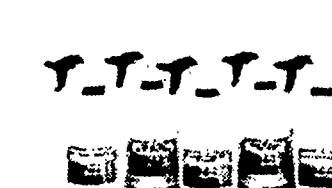
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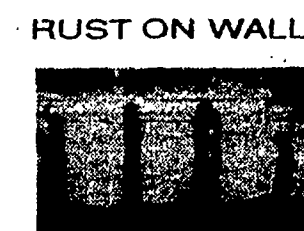
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A Greener View

Sharp Mower Cut Blade Makes For Clean Cut Yard

Jeff Rugg
Copley News Service

Q: I noticed that my lawn has a brownish tinge to it. When I pulled some of the blades and looked at them, I noticed that the top edges were all frayed and brown while the rest of the leaf was nice and green. I have rabbits in my yard, could they be doing this?

A: Your problem is much simpler than rabbits. Your lawn mower blade is dull. Instead of making a quick slice as it spins past the grass blade, it is trying to beat it apart.

Flip your mower over and you will see that a bolt attaches the blade. Take off the bolt or nut and the blade will come off. The last few inches, the leading edge, are supposed to be sharp. You can sharpen the blade yourself with a file or grindstone.

After you sharpen it, you should hang it on a nail or peg-board hook. It should balance side to side. If one end dips down, then the other end had more metal taken off. An unbalanced blade can damage the mower. Use the file again to make it balance.

You can also take the whole mower into a shop and they can replace or sharpen the blade for you.

Some people own two blades so that when one becomes dull it can be replaced with the sharp one. The dull one can then be sharpened at your leisure. Professional mowing companies may sharpen their mower blades more than once per week, but a typical homeowner may get by for a whole summer without sharpening the mower blade.

Q: My husband heard that lightning bugs were predatory. He wants to make sure we don't have any this year. Is this a good idea and, if so, how should we go about doing it?

A: The lightning bug is a beneficial predatory insect. It is also known as the firefly. It is neither a fly nor a bug, it is a beetle. They are among the most special animals on the planet. They can produce light at will. Some other ani-

mals glow, but lightning bugs can turn their light on and off in a pattern.

In fact, the pattern is very important to a lightning bug. Typically, the female stays on a leaf and watches for a specific pattern from a flying male. She signals back, and he comes to her. In a cruel turn of events, some species are predatory on other lightning bugs and use the prey's pattern to lure them in to become dinner.

Each species of firefly has a specific light pattern. The difference can be in the duration of the glow, the number of flashes or the color of the flashes. Some species start signaling before sunset and others don't start until afterward. Most only signal for a certain length of time each day. It is entertaining to watch kids try to catch lightning bugs, but it is also fun to try to identify the species by counting the flashes.

The female lays eggs in summer and fall that hatch to larvae that are also predatory. They overwinter as larvae and pupate in the spring.

Q: My water lily and lotus plants are not blooming even though I fertilize them. What do I do now?

A: Water garden plants do not enjoy good sleeping weather. They prefer warm water to bloom. Lotus plants love water in

the 80s. Even if the air temperatures get that high, water warms up more slowly, so be patient.

Fertilizer tablets used for water plants are slow release. Otherwise, they would pollute the water and promote algae. Water lily and lotus plants are heavy feeders and require the addition of tablets several times during the summer. For the lotus, use two tablets per gallon of soil in the pot and fertilize at least monthly. The lilies can go with about half the lotus amount. Stop fertilizing three weeks before the first frost date in the fall so they will begin slowing down at that time.

Lotus plants often need to grow to a larger size before blooming. Water lilies should bloom at least a few times in a summer even while young and small. Lotuses bloom better when they are crowded in the pot so do not replant them for several years at a time. Water lilies tend to stop flowering as they become overcrowded.

Q: Some of our vegetables are beginning to rot while they are still on the plant. How can we prevent this?

A: Extremes in moisture, especially in the spring can cause a number of problems in vegetables, but your problem is probably an environmental one. It is called blossom-end rot and is the result of the plant's inability to have a continuous supply of cal-

GARDEN TIP

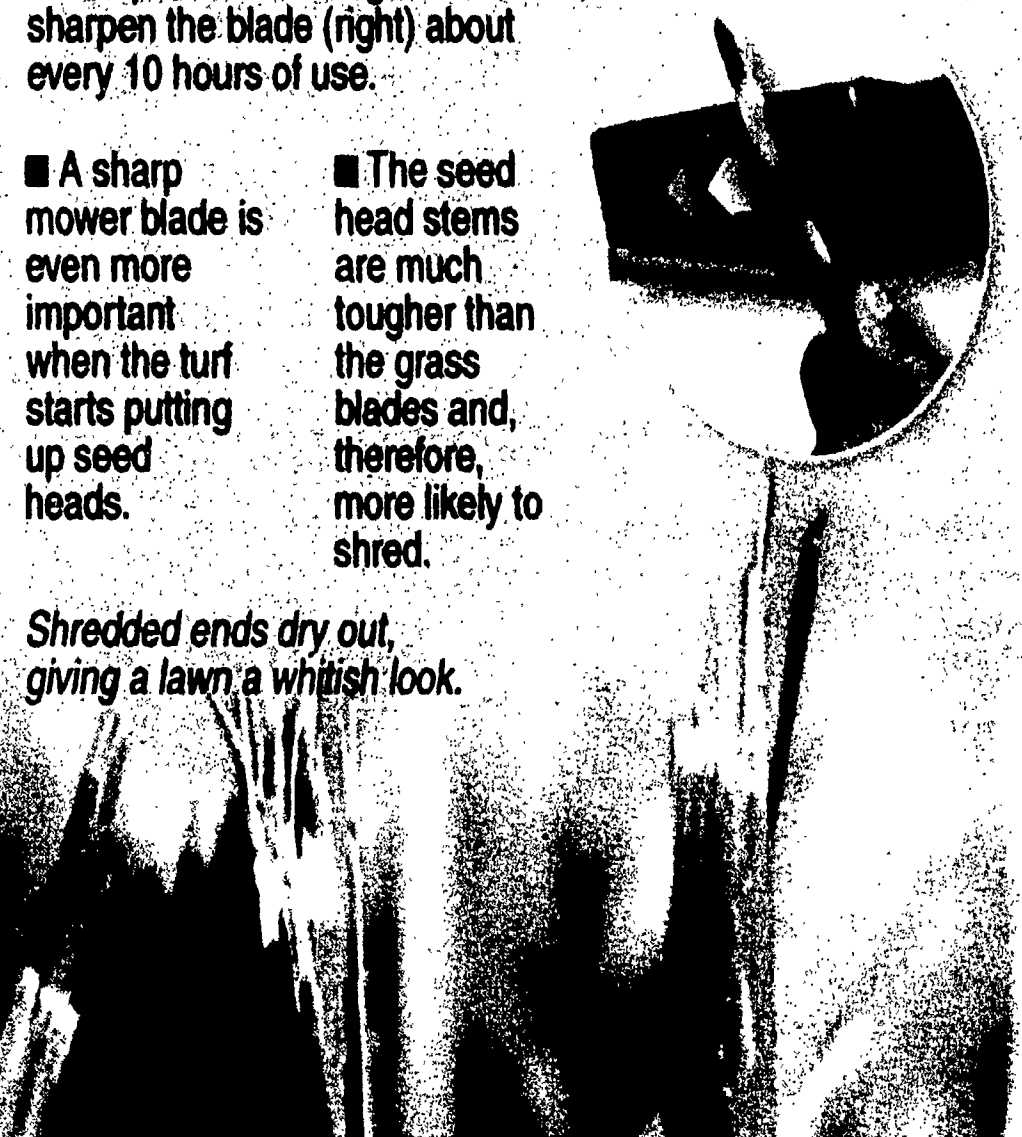
Be a blade runner

A dull lawn mower blade will give a whitish cast to a lawn and not cut cleanly since it shreds the end of the leaf blade. To keep a lawn looking a cut above, sharpen the blade (right) about every 10 hours of use.

■ A sharp mower blade is even more important when the turf starts putting up seed heads.

■ The seed head stems are much tougher than the grass blades and, therefore, more likely to shred.

Shredded ends dry out, giving a lawn a whitish look.



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cium. Calcium intake by the plant is regulated by the amount of moisture in the soil. Going from way too much to way too little causes the problem. The end of the fruit opposite the stem develops a water-soaked area that becomes sunken, brown to black, and leathery.

Usually, only the first crop of

fruit is ruined. Remove the fruit and keep the garden watered evenly so that the soil does not go through the wet-dry extremes. It can be a problem on tomatoes, pepper, squash and watermelon. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenview.com. © Copley News Service Visit [Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com](http://www.copleynews.com).

REAL ESTATE

DECOR SCORE: Small rooms pack big charm

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With a double bed (without headboard) and two tables with lamps, there is just enough room to walk around the bed to the closet and bath.

I would like to change the

wallpaper and perhaps change the sliding doors on the closet to mirrored doors to make the room appear larger.

Any suggestions as to paint, wallpaper, anything? A: Good move, the mirrored doors, because they do create the illusion of more space.

You might also consider a good-sized mirror on the opposite wall (hang it over a narrow shelf to make a mini-dressing

table for your guests).

Another illusion-maker is an allover pattern. Look for wallpaper that has coordinating fabric and match your bed dress to the walls.

The bed won't actually shrink, but it will look as if it has. Carry the same pattern - for the same effect - into your bath for walls and shower curtain.

Keep the bedroom floor dark - dark colors recede in the mind's

eye - and use gloss paint in a light color on your ceiling.

The play of light off the shiny surface will make the ceiling look higher.

I'd also lose one of your bed tables. Symmetrical balance takes more visual room than a free-form arrangement.

Instead, station a small bench or ceramic garden seat at bedside, under a sconce mounted on the wall to free-up floor space.

Translucent lamp shades only, please.

They help flood the room with light, making it feel more spacious and gracious.

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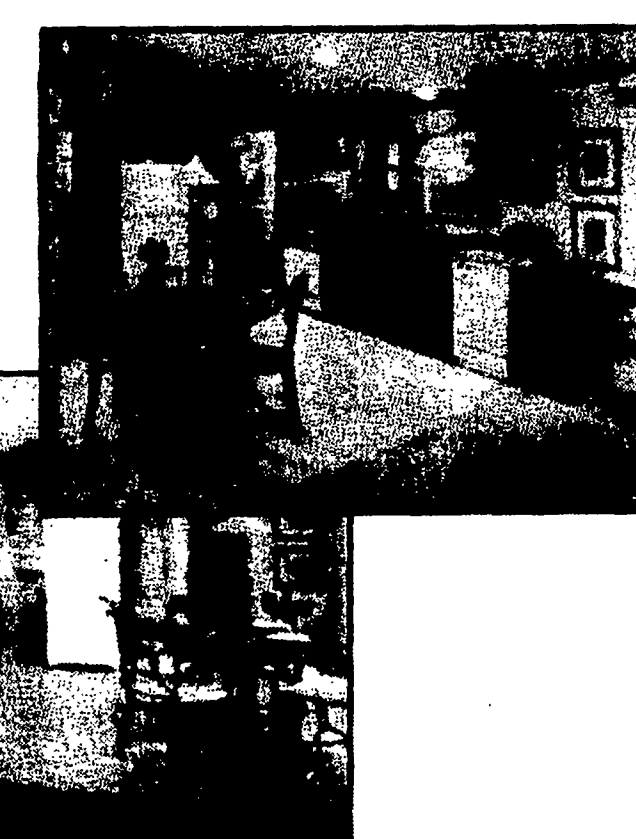
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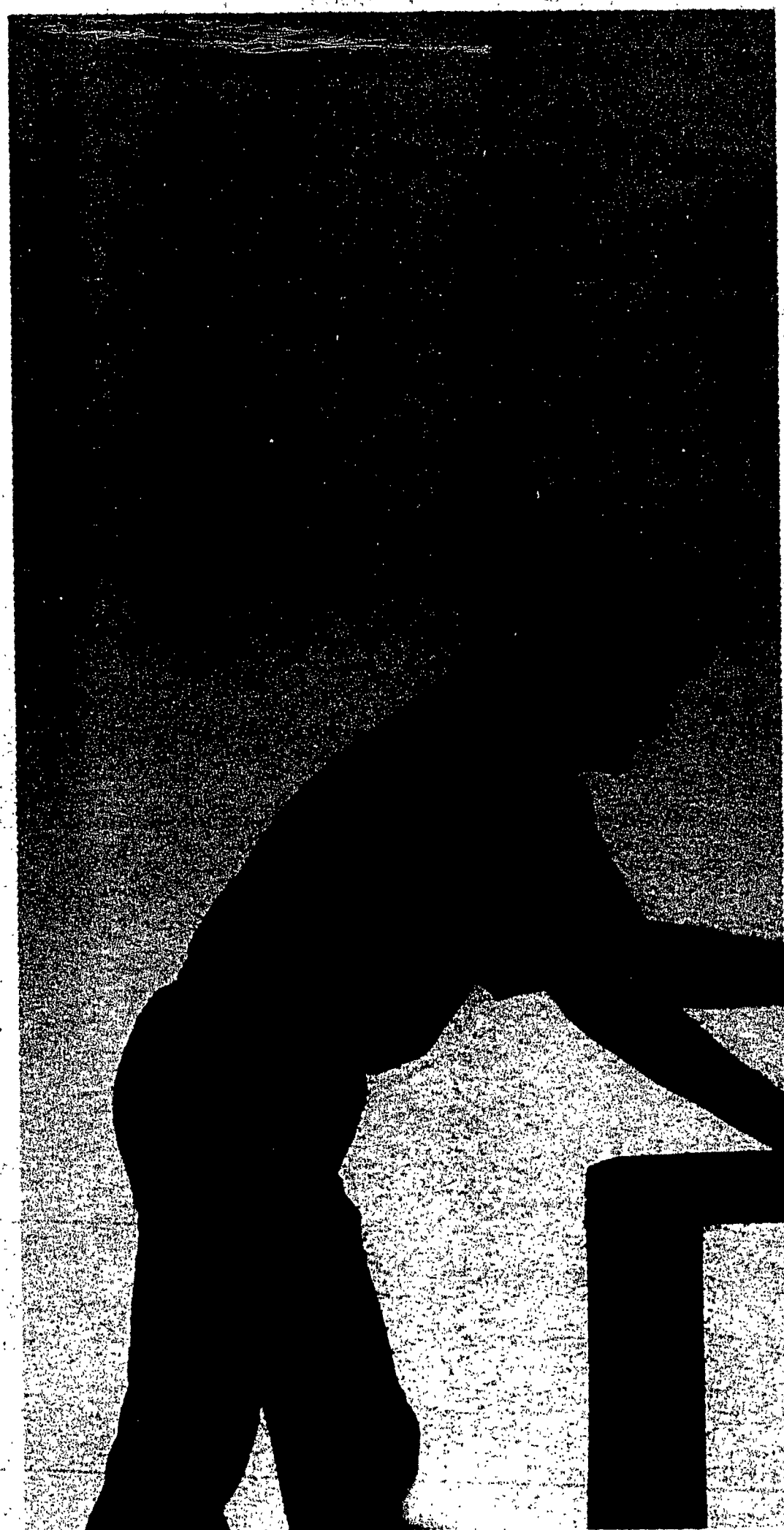
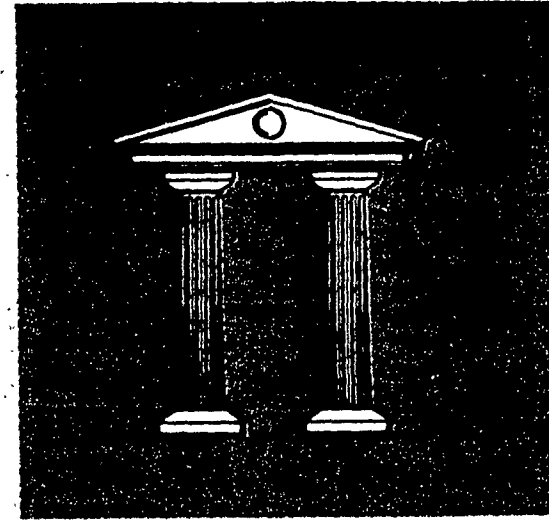
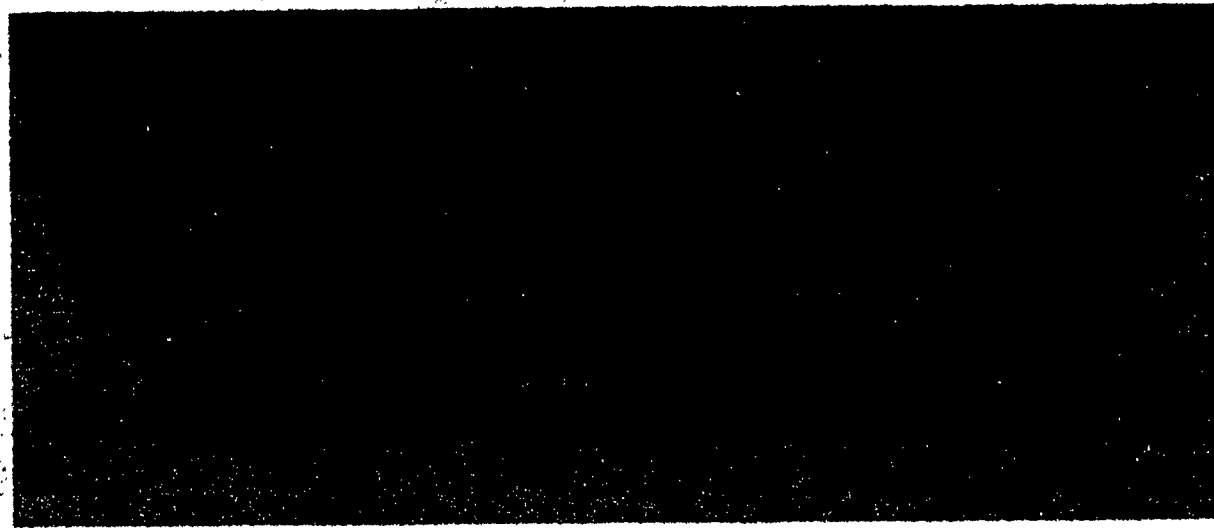
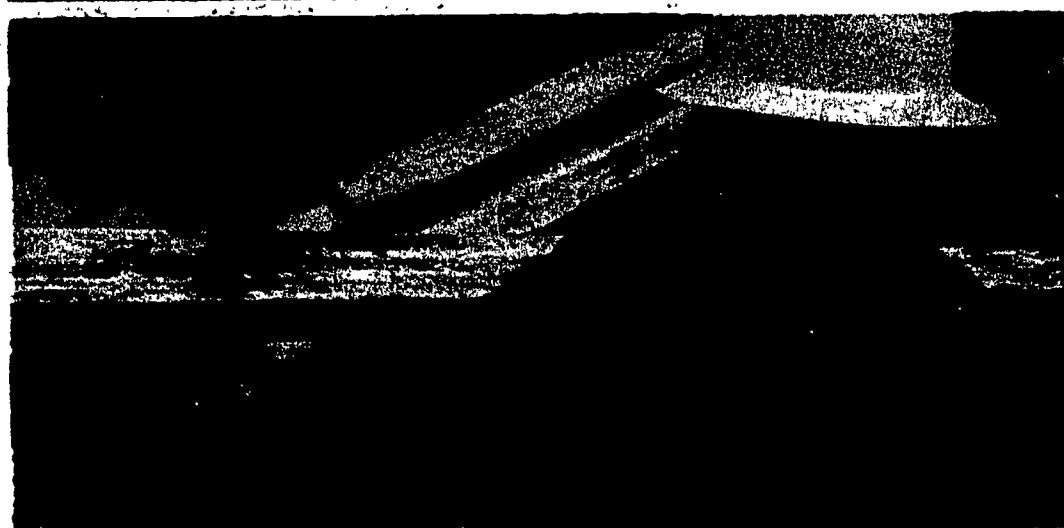
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