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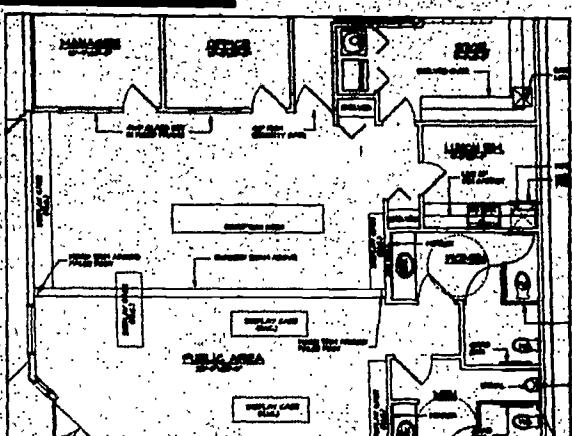
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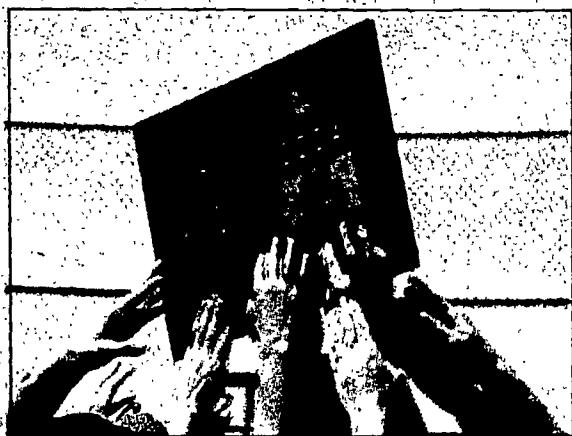
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Architectural Advisor

Local Architect Barbara Nakanishi volunteered to help teach Niles' Culver School students about architecture. For the story, turn to page 17.



Dons advance to State

Notre Dame raises the IHSA 2004 Class AA Sectional trophy after its 12-2 victory over Evanston Saturday June 5. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

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District 63 tries again

Voters asked for 40-cent increase in November

East Maine School District 63's Board unanimously approved a resolution that will put a referendum for a tax increase on November's ballot at their last meeting Thursday, June 3.

The referendum will ask voters for a 40-cent tax increase for every \$100 of Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). According to numbers generated for the failed March referendum, that will amount to about a \$130 per year increase for homes valued at \$150,000 and a \$278 per year increase for homes valued at \$300,000.

"There was some discussion as to the amount," said District 63 Director of Business Services Stacey Mallek. "But we're going with the 40-cent increase."

The same tax referendum was proposed on a ballot last March that failed to pass by a slim margin. Resulting cuts have, according to District 63 staff, significantly impacted students by increasing class size to 30 students, eliminating the band program, bi-lingual programs, and all extra-curricular activities including athletics, student council and battle of the books.

If the referendum is approved, the District will see an increase of \$3.9 million in their revenue. This will allow them to reinstate some of the program, Mallek said, but will not raise them to the level of services offered before cuts were made.

"Even if the referendum had passed we needed to make \$800,000 in cuts," Mallek said. "When considering what programs to reinstate the board will have to look at those programs that most directly affect the students."

The first to be considered, Mallek thinks, would be a decrease in class size.

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The village of Morton Grove announced Tuesday that the Muslim Education Center, pictured above, would be expanded to include a mosque for 525 worshipers following procedural approval. Final village board approval of the project, that will include paving the Capulina right-of-way is tentatively slated for Sept. 27.

Village, MCC reach settlement for mosque, 201 parking spaces

Right-of-way to be paved, equal land banked on Menard

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The Village of Morton Grove and the Muslim Community Center (MCC) announced a settlement Tuesday that will allow the MCC to expand its school located at the corner of Theobald and Menard in Morton Grove to include a mosque that will accommodate approximately 525 worshipers. Under the settlement, the number of worshipers has been reduced from the originally proposed 598 and the size of the footprint has been decreased.

"With the increased parking and the reduced size we think it's a good match," said Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski.

The new mosque/school called for in the settlement would have 201 parking spaces, 20 of which would be tandem. The tandem parking, Czerwinski said, has been moved away from the residential areas and will be used, primarily, by MCC staff.

"The original site planned for the tandem parking to be placed adjacent to residences," said Czerwinski. "We think the new location is better."

Land will be banked for an additional 23 parking spaces should they be necessary at a later date. The parking plan projects that about 30 cars will be parked on the neighboring residential streets.

"That's an acceptable number," Czerwinski said. "Experience has shown us that the streets can handle it."

The land banked parking will be paved if the number of cars parked on residential streets exceeds 50 for four consecutive Fridays.

"We're all interested in

having more green space," said Czerwinski. "But we want to have a good parking plan as well."

In order to accommodate the parking, the village will allow the MCC to pave over the disputed Capulina right-of-way that some neighbors have been suggesting should be kept as green space. Under the settlement, land located off Menard equal to the square footage of the right-of-way will be set aside until the right-of-way's ownership is determined.

"If the courts decide that the right-of-way belongs to the village, then we'll do a land swap," said Czerwinski. "If they decide it belongs to the MCC, then the land on Menard will be theirs."

Czerwinski added that the MCC will allow the use of the green space by their neighbors.

While opponents have been calling the settlement a "done deal" for the last

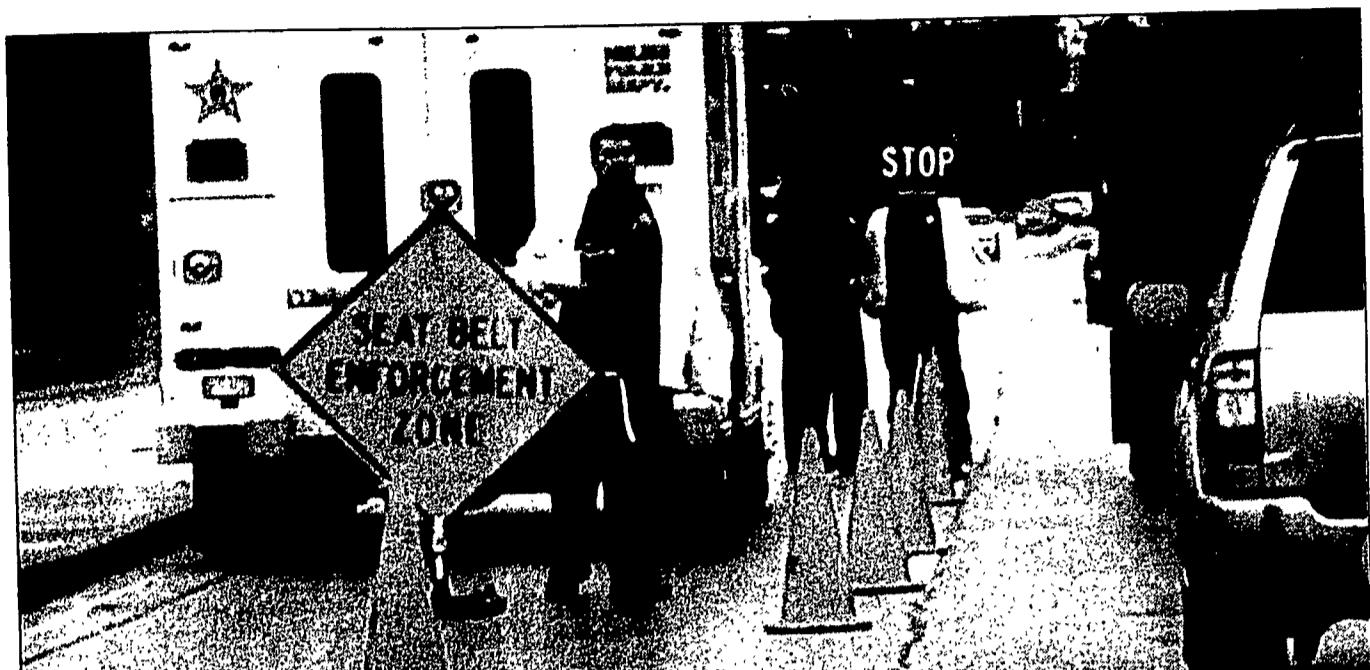
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NILES NEWS



Buckle Up

Niles police conduct a seatbelt check along Oakton near Civic Center Drive Saturday morning May 29. Cities throughout the United States conducted seatbelt spot checks on drivers during the Memorial Day weekend. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Summer reading clubs kick off at Library

Summer Reading Clubs begin this month for adults, teens and children of all ages at the Niles Public Library. Adults (ages 18 and older) can log their progress on a reading trail to become eligible for prizes including luggage, jackets, sleeping bags, and other travel necessities. Teens (ages 13-17) can enter a drawing for a Novarra Metro

Bicycle and other prizes. Last year, over 1200 children participated in the Summer Reading Club. This year, children can earn turns on the game board by reading over the summer, winning small prizes along the way. Every child who reaches their reading goal can select a new paperback book to keep, as well as earning a certificate and having their name posted along the Reading Trail in the Children's Department. The game board will be unveiled bit by bit over the summer until it is completely revealed on the last day, Aug. 7.

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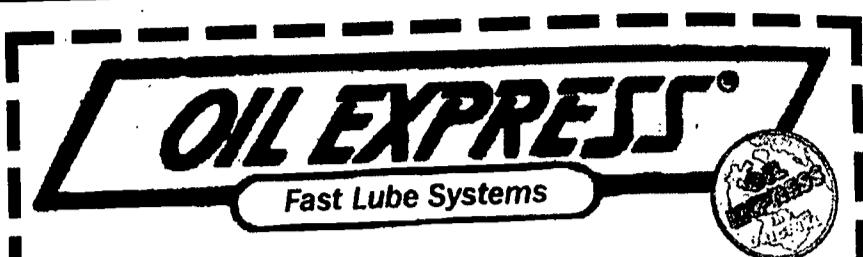
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Park District hosts June Summer Fests

MCC

Every Friday in June, the Niles Park District offers free entertainment at Oak Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Questions, call (847) 967-6633. The schedule of events is:

-Friday, June 18 Penny Carnival Night
The always crowd pleasing Juke Box Band will play to keep you moving and singing to the beat. Niles Park District summer camp kids will create penny carnival games for everyone to

swing tunes. Face painting and a balloon artist will be around to delight children of all ages.

-Friday, June 25 Vehicle Adventure As the Sting Rays are playing a variety of 50's, 60's and 70's music, the whole family can explore the Niles Park District and Village of Niles large vehicles.

Parks deploy AEDs

The Niles Park District has deployed life-saving Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at three different sites. AEDs, which are currently being deployed throughout the country, deliver an electric shock to the heart, hopefully resuscitating victims of heart failure.

Each unit costs \$1,250. They are being deployed by the District at the Tam Golf Course, Oasis Water Park and Iceland Pool.

"The Board of Commissioners has approved the immediate purchase of AED Heart Defibrillators for Tam Golf Course, Oasis Water Park & Iceland Pool," said Park District Executive Director Joe LoVerde. "We have taken the first step to provide additional protection for our users at our heavily used locations. We will add several units each year, at a cost of \$1,250 each until we have a Defibrillator in every facility."

The AEDs have saved lives at other Park Districts in the United States.

play and win prizes. So bring your pennies and be ready for some old fashioned fun.

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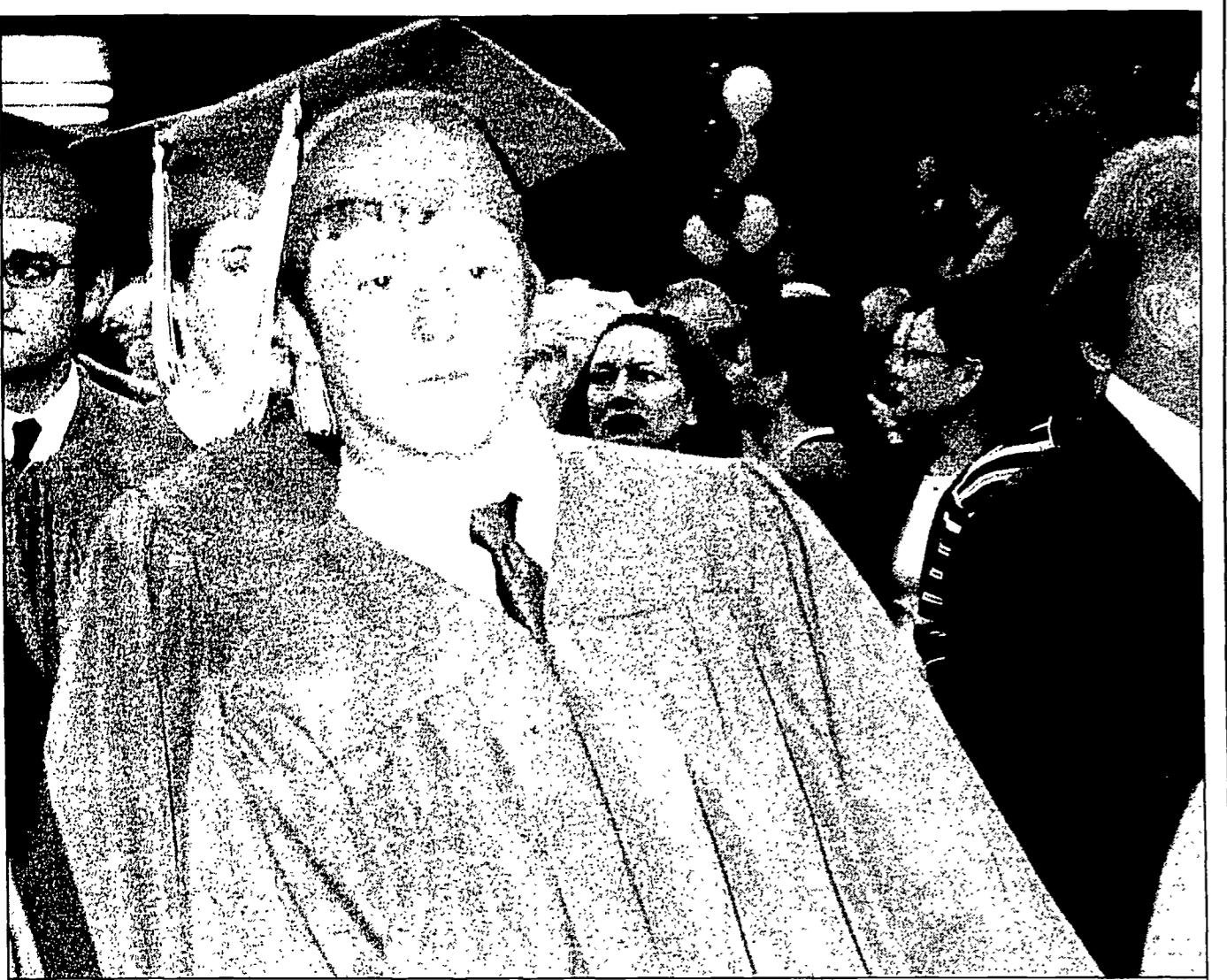
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Dons Graduate

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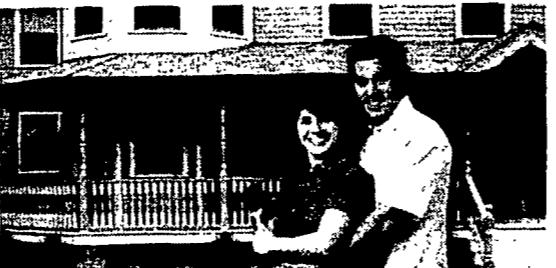
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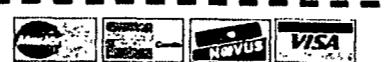
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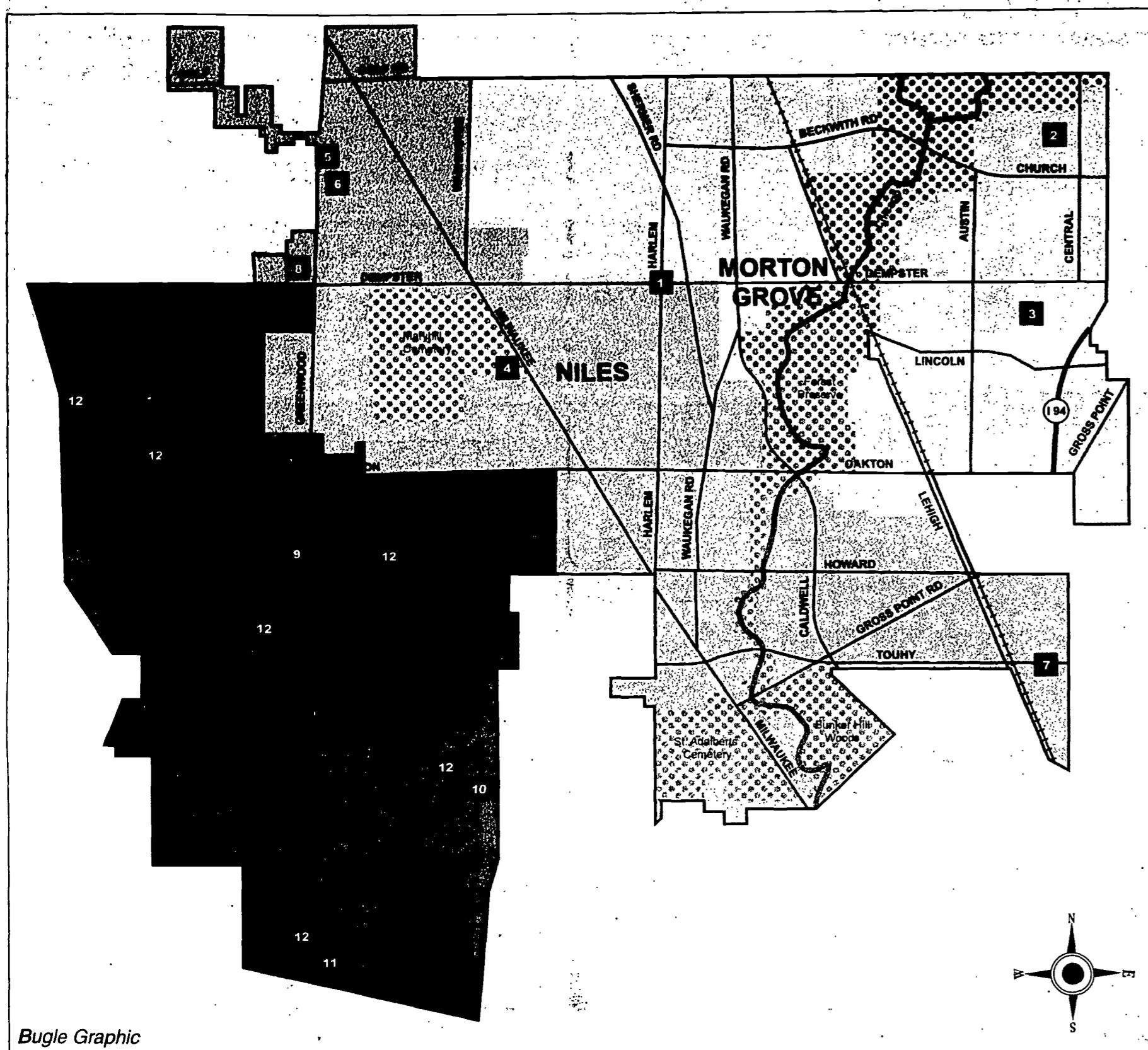
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POLICE BLOTTER

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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending June 4, 2004.

1 Theft of Wallet

A 67-year-old Niles woman told police she had her wallet removed from her purse while she was shopping at a clothing store in the 7200 block of Dempster Sunday afternoon May 30. The woman told police she was walking through the aisle when she felt someone brush against her. She said her wallet contained a credit card along with various other forms of identification.

2 Hit and run leads to shoving match.

(5600 Emerson) A 39-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested Friday morning May 28 after he allegedly got into a shoving

match with police who were questioning the man regarding a hit and run accident at Dempster and Menard moments earlier. Police said they went to the home in the 5600 block of Emerson to speak to the owners of the car and one of the brothers got into a shoving match with a Morton Grove police officer.

The man was arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer.

3 Debit card number theft (5900 Crain) A 49-year-old Morton Grove woman reported someone had used her debit card number to run up \$4,000 in charges. The woman was unsure how anyone could obtain her number. She told police she called the bank to close her account.

4 Car stolen (8600 Milwaukee) A 2001 silver Mitsubishi Galant was stolen from the parking lot at the rear of 8600 Milwaukee Ave. Friday night May 28.

5 Retail theft

(500 Golf Mill) A 59-year-old Schiller Park man was arrested for shoplifting Saturday night May 29 when store security at the Kohl's store in Golf Mill watched the man open a package containing two steak knives and slip them into his pocket. The knives were valued at \$76.98.

6 Retail theft

(400 Golf Mill) A 36-year-old Chicago woman was arrested Sunday morning May 30 after security guards at the Sears store in Golf Mill watched the woman remove a ring from a display, discard the packing, and walk out of the store. The ring was valued at \$50.

7 DVD thief caught

(5600 Touhy) The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending June 8, 2004.

into custody. While searching the man, police found another fraudulent check.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending May 28-June 3, 2004.

9 Thousands stolen from video store (600 Northwest Hwy) Thieves shoplifted 83 video game CDs worth an estimated \$3,000 over the Memorial Day weekend from the Blockbuster store in the 600 block of Northwest Highway. Police said the offenders removed the games from their boxes and left the empty box on the shelf.

10 Oxygen tanks stolen (100 S. Washington) Two oxygen tanks worth \$4,000 along with masks and tubing worth \$500 were stolen from an office building that contains medical offices in the 100 block of S. Washington sometime between May 31 and June 3 police said.

11 Vandalism (1000 Peterson) Someone threw bricks through the front window of a home in the 1000 block of Peterson Sunday night May 30 and then continued their destruction by smashing out the windshield of the victim's 1995 Taurus that was parked in the driveway.

12 Vandalism

•1100 block of Helen-Someone broke the drivers side mirror and taillight of 1992 Chevy Camero Sunday night May 30.

•1300 block of Hoffman - Vandals broke drivers side window of 2003 Chevy Cavalier while it was parked in the street in the 1300 block of Hoffman Friday night May 28.

•600 Sibley - Vandals broke the drivers side window of a 1993 Ford Escort while it was parked in the street Tuesday night June 1.

•400 block N. Knight - Vandals jumped on the hood of 2004 Jeep Liberty while it was parked in the street Monday night May 31.

•400 S. Lake- Vandals broke the passenger side mirrors of a 1996 VW Jetta and a 1998 Honda CRV while the cars were parked in the street in the 400 block of Lake.

•1300 Glenlake- Vandals spray painted the doors of a 1998 Ford Explorer that was parked in the street Sunday night May 30.

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NEWS

Sheriff's Police charge two in home invasions

Bond has been set at \$750,000 each for two men charged by Cook County Sheriff's Police in a week-long crime spree in Maine Township that included a burglary and shootings during two home invasions, Sheriff Michael Sheahan announced today.

Juan-Carlos Vargas, 18, of 9612 Greenwood, Maine Township was charged June 2 with three counts of home

invasion, two counts of aggravated battery with a firearm and one count of residential burglary. Felipe Cantu-Solano, 34, of 8801 N. Dee, Maine Township was charged June 4 with three counts of home invasion and two counts of aggravated battery with a firearm.

The charges against the two men stem from three separate incidents in Maine Township, the most recent occurring,

midnight, tied up the elderly couple living there and put them in a bedroom closet. One of the offenders shot at the floor near the couple and the woman's arm was grazed when the bullet ricocheted off the floor at her. The offenders stole jewelry and a small amount of money during the incident, police said.

On May 17 the men entered an apartment in the 8900 block of Parkside shortly after breaking into an apartment in

the 8600 block of Golf and stealing a handgun, knife and stereo equipment. In this case, however, no one was home when the break-in occurred.

As of last Friday afternoon, a third person was in Sheriff's Police custody, pending charges in these same three incidents. Vargas and Cantu-Solano are scheduled to appear again in Court at the Skokie Court House on Friday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m.

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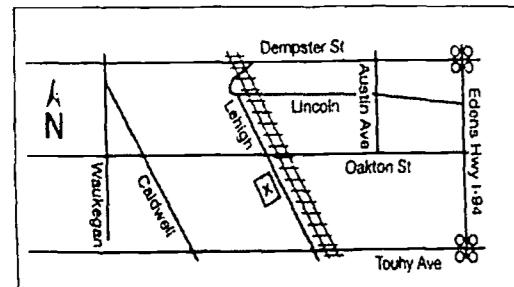
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BUSINESS**Dollars
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by David Uffington

**Record-Keeping
Advice**

One of the most prevalent questions found in the mailboxes of most financial columnists involves how long one should keep records of financial transactions. Here is what the experts recommend for the following four transactional areas:

1. Your Tax Records: The overall rule here is to keep them for as long as they may be needed in the event of an audit. Generally, the IRS has three years after your return has been filed or is due to examine it and assess whatever additional tax may be required. This is known as the three-year statute of limitations.

The statute expands to six years to cover a major error, such as not filing a return or omitting more than 25 percent of one's gross income. There is no statute of limitations for deliberately fraudulent

filings or failure to file at all. Uncle Sam can get you on this at any time.

Keep copies of all your tax returns permanently. Other documentation such as checks, income statements, deductions, etc., should be retained at least seven years after filing. Longer is better.

2. Investment Records: Keep them until the investment is completely liquidated — PLUS seven more years. Again, longer is fine.

3. Real Estate Investment Records: Keep them: PERIOD. That would include everything that involves property transactions, including purchases, sales, appraisals, tax depreciation schedules and substantiation for improvements to the property.

4. Individual Retirement Accounts: Keep all copies of Forms 5498, 8606, 1099R until money has been withdrawn from each of your accounts, plus three years — a length of time I call the "just in case" period. Remember: It's important that you have backup documents to avoid being taxed on nontaxable withdrawals.

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The meeting is set for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 17, 2004 at the Edward A. Warman Administration Center, 5255 Main St., Skokie. For information call Scott Bagnall's office at 847-673-9300.

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**Recognition given to Cancer Program
at Holy Family Medical Center**

the cancer program at Holy Family Medical Center (HFMC) has received a three-year approval rating after a recent survey by the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer.

"Receiving approval is recognition that Holy Family meets national standards that ensure cancer patients receive the best possible care at the local level," said Connie Yuska, Vice President of Patient and Oncology Services at HFMC. "Achieving this approval reflects our dedication to providing advanced and comprehensive services to the communities we serve."

Approval by the Commission on Cancer is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to undergo a rigorous evaluation process and performance review. In order to maintain approval, facilities undergo an on-site review every three years. It is estimated that of the over 1.3 million cancer patients diagnosed last year, more than 80 percent were treated in approved facilities.

The Commission on Cancer is composed of Fellows of the American College of Surgeons and other members representing 36 national cancer-related organizations.

**BUSINESS
PEOPLE****Curran joins
Century 21**

Park Ridge resident Curran joined Century 21 McMillan in Glenview. Curran has extensive experience in the real estate industry and resides in the northwest suburbs where she sells single-family homes, condominiums, and investment buildings. Curran handles considerable repeat business and is committed toward work.

Curran lives in Park Ridge, is married and has five grown children. She volunteers driving elderly neighbors to doctor and hospital appointments, singing in her church. She also enjoys gardening and cooking.

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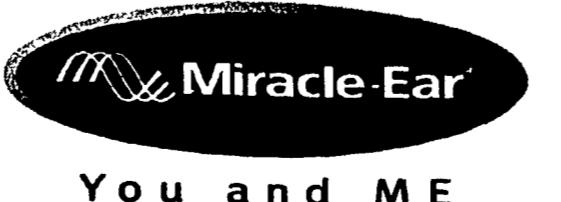
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SCHOOLS

Steven Zeier named new Notre Dame principal

Notre Dame proudly announces that Steven Zeier has been appointed to lead the academic division as Principal beginning July 1, 2004. Zeier, currently the school's Assistant Principal, was introduced to the Notre Dame community as Principal on May 28 at the school's Awards Assembly. A veteran Mathematics teacher and administrator, Zeier becomes the school's 14th Principal.

Notre Dame President Rev. Michael DeLaney, CSC noted that Zeier's varied experience, faithful service to Notre Dame for 23 years and commitment to the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross will benefit the school immensely as he works to advance Notre Dame on its path to a new standard of excellence and leadership in Catholic education. In addition to serving as assistant principal and teaching Mathematics, Zeier has also worked as registrar, summer school director and in Campus Ministry.

"Chuck brings many gifts and talents to the position," Fr. DeLaney said. "In two short years he has led a counseling department to excellence as it has served students and their families in the most professional and pastoral of ways. His commitment is to the well-being of our students, and his academic research has been focused on many of the primary issues we face at Notre Dame in delivering a quality education to our students. His expertise will help us focus on the total education that we provide. As Vice-Principal, he will share the leadership closely with Steve. He will especially focus on the areas of Notre Dame that serve the students and their families outside the classroom. His professional research and interests will help Notre Dame reach

Pistorio holds a doctorate in counseling psychology from Northwestern University, where he also served as the Director of Counseling, and is an associate professor in counselor education at Northeastern Illinois University.

"Steve and Chuck have already worked closely together and have the utmost respect for one another. They will be collaborative in all areas as they lead the academic division to continued excellence in educating the minds and hearts of each of our students."

Zeier becomes Principal as Rev. Patrick Hannon, CSC will move from that office, where he has served the past two years, into the Campus Ministry and Development departments, where he will work to effectively communicate the mission of the Congregation of Holy Cross and Notre Dame High School to various constituencies.

The final addition to the academic leadership team next year will be Dan Tully, a 1994 alumnus of Notre Dame High School. Tully, who has served as Director of Student Activities for the past three years and taught in the History Department since 2000, will become Assistant Principal.

Congrats to Culver Grads

Congratulations to the 2004 Clarence E. Culver Graduating Class.

Graduation will take place at Niles West High School on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 7:30 PM. Members of the class include:

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, Florian Damsa, Katie Dessert, Francesca Diuso, Elbron Eramia,

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"We're already operating at a significantly decreased level," she said. "We're still strong in academics, but class size impacts that. I think that'll be something the board looks at if the referendum passes."

But the extra-curriculars are also important, Mallek said, as those programs attract residents to the area.

"Parents look at the academics and the extra-curriculars when they're selecting a place to live," she said. "They expect some of these

programs for their children and they could be a determining factor in whether a parent chooses to move in this area or the area next-door."

If the referendum passes in November, the District will have to wait until April to see the increased funds. That will allow them to reinstate some services for next year, but not for this year. Mallek predicts that an approved referendum would keep the District in sound financial condition through 2010.

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SPORTS

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Dons forge on to State Finals

BY RYAN BISHOP
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It is the second week in June and the Notre Dame Dons are still playing baseball for the first time in their school's history. The Dons knocked off traditional baseball power Oak Park 4-3 Monday at the UIC supersectional to advance to the state quarterfinals for the first time. An improbable playoff run, that included victories in the last five days against Loyola, Evanston and Oak Park has an ecstatic Coach Bob Kostuch and staff preparing for a Friday morning quarterfinal game against Normal.

Behind a spectacular pitching performance by junior Matt Kudlik, the Dons held off an Oak Park team that had threatened in the sixth inning, scoring three runs to make it a 4-3 game. Like he has done all year, Kudlik(9-2) didn't panic and threw strikes, striking out the last two hitters as he got stronger later in the game. A 12 strikeout, six hit, no walk performance by Kudlik was one of the best playoff performances by a Notre Dame pitcher.

"Kudlik was great on the mound again for us today. He had a no-hitter going for us up until the fourth inning and pitched another complete game. We scouted Oak Park's hitters after our sectional win and came in knowing we had to work their hitters away. Matt kept his curveball down and caught the corner with his fastball, striking out half of the players looking. Keenan Long had a great game behind the plate, those two really work well together. It was a well played game by both teams," said Kostuch.

The Dons got on the board first in the second inning as Joe Pauley hit a leadoff double and scored on Long's infield single. They scored their last three runs in the fourth on a John Kolakowski single that drove in Jason Infusino. Infusino led off the inning with a double.

The Dons advanced to Monday's supersectional game by virtue of a 12-2 five-inning victory against an Evanston team that had knocked off previous No.1 New Trier. Cademartori(9-1) picked up the complete game victory, allowing



Notre Dame's Jeff Wisniewski rips a lead off double to left center in the fifth inning.

Photo by Alan Kadar/Bugle

Centerfielder Dean Cademartori followed that up with a two-run double to that staked Kudlik and Co. to a four run lead.

The key play defensively took place in the fifth inning as Kudlik turned a 1-6-3 double play to end another Huskie scoring threat, said Kostuch. "Matt's pitch count was getting high but we felt confident leaving him in there and our defense had played solid all game," he said.

"Their pitcher Rivera threw a great game, but we adjusted the second time around the order and hit the ball the opposite way. One through nine our hitters came up big today. We had a lot of fans that came out and supported us today and got behind Matt. The sophomore and varsity football teams cheered us on. It is just a wonderful feeling to be the first Notre Dame team to go to state," said Kostuch.

The Dons are three wins away from their first baseball state championship this weekend at Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva. First pitch is at 11 a.m. Friday against Normal. If they win, they could face a rematch with Carmel in the state semifinals.

WEEKEND WARFARE THE MATCHES YOU CAN'T MISS!

Class AA Boy's Baseball State Championship

When: Friday-Saturday, June 11-12
Where: Elfstrom Stadium, Geneva, IL
Outlook: While other teams have had more excitement surrounding them, Notre Dame has very quietly advanced to the state playoffs in Geneva this weekend. After defeating very highly ranked Loyola Academy 5-2, the Dons absolutely destroyed Evanston 12-2. The win over Evanston gave them a chance to face Oak Park River Forest in the Super Sectional championship. Notre Dame started off strong with Matt Kudlik on the mound. Kudlik retired the first 10 Oak Park batters, 7 on strike outs before allowing a hit. The Dons built up a 4-0 lead before Oak Park was allowed to score 3 runs in the sixth. They weren't able to score anymore, and Notre Dame won 4-3 to advance to championship play. Notre Dame will face Normal Community at 11:30 AM on Friday to advance to the next round of play.

Class AA Girl's Softball State Championship

When: Friday-Saturday, June 11-12
Where: East Side Centre, East Peoria, IL
Outlook: 2003 State Champion Belleville East High School has struggled through the playoffs, but has put itself in position to try

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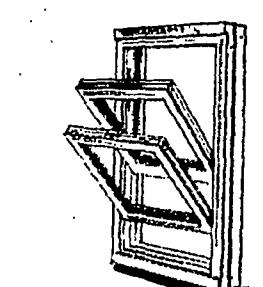
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and repeat this year. Discounted earlier in the tournament, Belleville has fought through the rounds to qualify for the state tournament. In order to win it all though, they'll have to face some of the toughest competition in the state. With six of the top seven teams in the state still alive in tournament play, everyone will have to pull out all the stops this weekend. Only Glenbard North has been eliminated from an elite group that includes, Lake Park, Lockport, Sandburg, Barrington, Oak Park, and Marian Catholic. This weekend will be a great time to see the best team in the state fight for the coveted State Championship Title.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Thursday, June 10

- 7:45 p.m. The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove public Library will be meeting on June 10th in the Library BD Room, 2nd floor.

Monday, June 14

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

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

-7 pm. Joint City Council/Boards and Commissions Workshop on Uptown Redevelopment. Held at the City's Public Works Service Center.

Wednesday, June 16

-6 p.m. Park Ridge EDC Board meeting.

-7 p.m. City of Park Ridge Uptown Redevelopment Workshop for Public Participation, to be held in the Council's Chambers at City Hall.

-7 p.m. Village of Niles Adjudication Hearing

COMMUNITY

Tuesday, June 15

-The Niles Human Services Department will hold two orientation sessions for their smoking cessation classes on Tuesday, June 15 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The classes will run for eight sessions. The cost of the classes is \$25. They will be offered at the Niles Family Fitness Center. For more information, call (847) 588-8460.

Friday, June 18

-The Morton Grove Lions will hold a Fish Fry Friday, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove. Attendees can choose from either fish or chicken. The donation for dinner is \$8 to support the Lions.

PARKS

Thursday, June 10

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

Thursday, June 17

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

SCHOOLS

Tuesday, June 15

-The School Board of Niles Elementary School District 71 will have its regular board meeting Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at Clarence E. Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton, Niles.



Local Architect volunteers at Culver

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Feldman. "I have some books on the subject, but having her here gave me more support to keep it going."

Nakanishi gave the students some

special graph paper and asked them to draw the floor plan of their own home from memory. She acquainted them with the plans for the typical Niles bungalow that many of them know well, and she started them off working on plans for a log cabin.

"She showed them all the tools of

architecture like the drawing board,

special pencils and erasers, and the T-square," said Feldman. More than half the class created their own floor

plans during the five day experience.

It wasn't just her profession

that Nakanishi shared. The 27

year veteran of airport architecture

urged all the 8th graders to begin

thinking about what they want to be

when they grow up. As a child she

had no formal architectural training, but she told the class that when she played with her dollhouse she always wanted to put in a staircase. It bothered her that there was no way to go from floor to floor. That was her first clue that architectural drawing was in her future.

"Some of these kids have dads in

construction or contracting or civil engineering," said Feldman. "So they could relate to the idea of building, but it was unusual for them to see a woman in this role." Nakanishi urged them to brainstorm career ideas and open up the possibilities as they move in to high school.

"It was wonderful the way she was willing to give her time like that," said Feldman. "It's hard to find good lessons in architecture. It's an area really neglected in art education."

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MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. All residents and property owners are invited to apply for membership. Membership includes a free sub-

scription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming month. Members pay individually for whichever activities they want to participate in.

Free senior health fair at Hartwell House Assisted Living

United Methodist Homes and Services' 1415 Senior Club will host a free Senior Health Fair at Hartwell House Assisted Living, 5520 N. Paulina,

Chicago on Wednesday, June 16 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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who must meet in secret to explore forbidden fiction of the West. Expect lively discussion.

Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday, July 9th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. \$3.50

Kurt Russell stars in *Miracle* (PG, 2004), the true story of Herb Brooks, coach of the U.S. Olympic Hockey Team in the magical 1980 Winter Games. Pizza served at 1:00pm.

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

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

Poker Tournament - Friday, July 30th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. \$4.00

Play 7-Card Stud & 5-Card Draw. Lunch, refreshments, and prizes are included.

TRIP

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

Cruise the Milwaukee River aboard The Brew City Queen. Bring the Grandkids! Share the hilarious comedy, *Cheaper by the Dozen* (PG, 2003).

Hot Dog, Chips, and Dessert will be served.

Senior Center Festival - Sunday, July 18th, 12:00pm - 4:00pm. \$8.00

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(NUI) - Fences are built for many reasons. Fences keep children or animals in the yard and define property lines. Fences also provide security and privacy, and complement other backyard amenities, like pools, spas and decks.

Redwood is often the material of choice for fences because it is durable, looks good, and resists warping, splitting and checking.

Many homeowners save money by building their own redwood fence. Fence building isn't difficult. Here are some tips for successful fence building from the California Redwood Association:

1. Designing the fence: Most redwood fences are variations of a simple post, rail and board design. The post and rail support structure is made of standard dimension lumber, while fence boards of different shapes and sizes give a fence its individual style.

2. Choosing quality materials: Most redwood fences are built with knot-textured "garden grades" of redwood. These rugged grades are economical and provide the best combination of performance and value. It is important to use noncorrosive nails and hardware to avoid

unsightly stains.

3. Setting redwood posts: Setting posts is the most critical part of the job. They must be straight and evenly spaced, which requires patience and lots of measuring. Construction Heart grade redwood is the right choice for fence posts because it resists decay and insects.

4. Attaching redwood railings: Two or three horizontal rails run between the posts, depending on the fence height. Upper rails should rest on the tops of the posts for support. Bottom rails can be toenailed in place, but the preferred method is to place a block underneath the joint for extra support. Use metal hardware, such as "L" brackets, to secure rails to posts.

5. Nailing redwood fence boards: Nailing the fence boards in place is the easiest and most satisfying part of building a fence. Near the ends of the board, predrill holes before nailing to avoid splitting. For fence boards four inches wide or less, use one nail per bearing. For wider fence boards, use two nails.

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We recently built a room over our garage, and a bat started living in the air vent window on the screen. An exterminator suggested during a casual conversation that I squirt the bat with water — they will fly away because they don't like to get wet. But after a couple of days I noticed that the bat was back. One day, I had my vacuum cleaner in the area. I pulled out the hose attachment and put it up to the bat. He's never been back since. Between the sound and the unusual vacuum feeling, I don't think the bat will return — at least not to that window vent. I thought you might use this tip in your column. — Darlene W., via e-mail

A: That's a heck of a tip, Darlene! I've been fortunate not to have to deal with bats, although I've evicted quite a few mice, bugs, raccoons and snakes from houses in my lifetime.

Bats, like other wildlife, can be difficult to chase away once

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satisfying part of building a fence. Near the ends of the board, predrill holes before nailing to avoid splitting. For fence boards four inches wide or less, use one nail per bearing. For wider fence boards, use two nails.

For more help, send \$2.50 for "Fences for All Reasons," a 16-page color booklet that includes construction drawings for dozens of fence designs and step-by-step building instructions, to California Redwood Association, Dept. FNU-04, 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949.

For other project plans and redwood information, log on to www.calredwood.org. Copyright © 2003 NewsUSA - www.newsusa.com

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Eliminate the Woes of Surprise Home Repairs

(NUI) - Few things are more disruptive and frustrating than unexpected home repairs. And when they occur, they can be budget-busters.

From water heaters to air conditioners to dishwashers, homeowners spend hundreds of dollars annually to maintain and repair their home's systems and appliances. When major systems fail, expenses are even greater, averaging more than \$1,000 in repairs, according to experts.

The good news is, there's a practical and affordable solution to the surprise

costs and hassles when home systems and appliances break: a home warranty. Home warranties cover these major breakdowns, and often for less than \$50 per year.

More and more homeowners are discovering home warranties. According to recent findings, nearly 72 percent of real estate professionals nationally recommend home warranties to their clients and 90 percent of California real estate transactions close with one.

But cost isn't the only factor driving

their popularity; questionable contractors are playing a role, too. When heating systems go haywire or the refrigerator loses its cool, most homeowners prefer to have someone else do the work. Trouble is, finding qualified technicians quickly is no easy task, compounding many homeowners' frustrations.

Poor quality of work, disreputable contractors and work not complying with local codes are growing concerns among homeowners searching for contractors.

Fortunately, home warranties can ensure help from a qualified technician in a timely manner. In fact, American Home Shield works with a network of 11,000 authorized contractors who promise to visit homeowners within two business days.

To ensure that homeowners receive the best possible service, American Home Shield continually evaluates its contractors on quality, cost and professionalism by surveying homeowners. Contractors with the highest survey rankings receive more work, while

those with poor performances are removed from its network.

In the past year, American Home Shield covered more than 1.2 million homes' systems and appliances with its warranties and performed more than 2.3 million service calls nationwide.

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Building Long-term Energy Savings Into Your Home

(NUI) - While new homes are 100 percent more energy efficient today than those built three decades ago, most people are not familiar with how to actually design energy savings into the infrastructure of their home.

Here are a few ways to save energy in your home:

* Windows and doors: Today's architecture takes advantage of increased window space and elaborate entry systems. This style enhancement certainly adds to the appeal of a home, but it increases the importance of having energy-efficient windows and doors.

* Construction materials: Wood or vinyl (for windows) and

steel (for doors) offer high energy efficiency. For windows, dual-pane insulating glass units and low-emissivity glass also increase the products' energy efficiency. For steel doors, look for a polystyrene core, which helps the door retain its energy-saving properties longer than steel doors with a polyurethane core.

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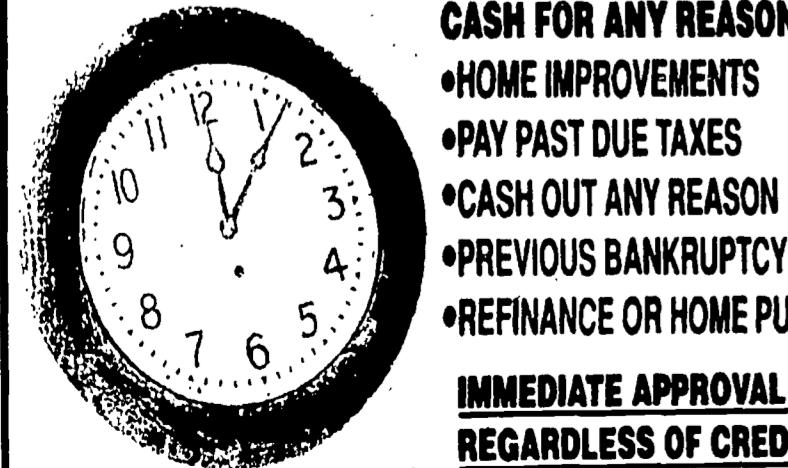
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they've settled in. For these little guys, professionals will typically use either a chemical repellent to make the environment an undesirable one to live in, or an ultrasonic device that just annoys the heck out of the bats until they leave. A vacuum cleaner, while not ultrasonic, may produce sound vibrations that bats don't like.

Of course, prodding them with the hose attachment might speed things along, too. However, I wouldn't recommend touching wildlife, except as a last resort. Small creatures like raccoons, squirrels and bats are just as likely to bite in self-defense as run away, and rabies is a danger, among other things. If common deterrents (like locking down garbage can lids and spraying ammonia on surfaces commonly visited) don't

work, then removal is the next option.

Contact a wildlife removal specialist to handle unwelcome visitors. The professional will come out and set traps (usually "live traps," which capture the animal unharmed) and take away the offending varmint.

Some homeowners are determined to trap wildlife themselves — which is just fine as

long as one is willing and able to handle a cage containing a snarling raccoon or a hissing snake — and find a safe (and distant) place to release the creature. However, the fee charged by a licensed wildlife specialist is probably small in comparison to the time it takes to do this yourself, not to mention the risks.

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A licensed wildlife removal

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specialist can safely rid a home of unwanted pests like raccoons, squirrels, bats and snakes.

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

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can save up to 30 percent on heating and cooling costs. Pay attention to the R-values used to rate the energy efficiency of insulation - a higher R-value indicates a better ability to resist heat flow, meaning that it is more energy efficient.

* Heating and cooling engines: Installing oversized heating or cooling equipment is a common practice to provide customers with immediate results. However, oversized equipment

is not necessary if your home is designed to conserve energy; it will only add to the growth of your energy bill.

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Make The Minutes Count When Managing A Household Move

(NAPSI)-To keep your relocation experience moving right along, the key is first creating a well-thought out plan that covers both major tasks and minor details, from selling and buying a house to disconnecting and reconnecting utilities and services. That's the advice of Donna Kozik and Tara Maras, authors of the household moving book "29 Days To A Smooth Move." They offer these tips on taking advantage of ways to save time.

Save Moving Minutes
Get organized now and save time later. First, review the general categories of the things that need to be done prior to a move. Among other things, you'll have to:

- Ready the house for new occupants
- Condense goods
- Pack possessions
- Prepare the children
- Gather paperwork, estimates, change of address forms, etc.
- Say goodbye to friends and family

"The most important thing is to make a plan and stick with it," said Maras. "The second most important thing is to have faith in yourself and your abilities-you're going to get through this."

Do a Little Every Day
After you have your lists ready, prioritize. What takes time and needs to be done first? What can wait until closer to the move? What has to be done during business hours? What can be done on weekends? Use the time you do have to your best advantage.

"You'd be amazed at what you can do if you focus for 60 minutes-the time of one talk show-a day," said Kozik. "Concentrate on one project at a time and watch things progress smoothly."

Other ways to make the best use of your time and avoid hassles:

- Use an electronic calendar to schedule reminders of what has



to be done and when, such as taking your pets to the vet for vaccination updates. Remember to collect copies of their health records while you're there.

• House hunt in the morning after rush hour and before lunch hour. Since you never know when you'll spot the perfect house-or how fast it'll go off the market-carry a mobile phone with picture capabilities and use a service like PCS Picture Mail from Sprint to snap photos of houses you like and share them instantly with a realtor or spouse.

• Instead of sending handwritten "we've moved" cards, save stamps and your wrist by sending e-cards to friends and family.

Don't Let the Details Get You Down

Don't make things more complicated than they need to be. "Sometimes you can find yourself wasting precious minutes or even hours over something small," Maras said. "Watch out

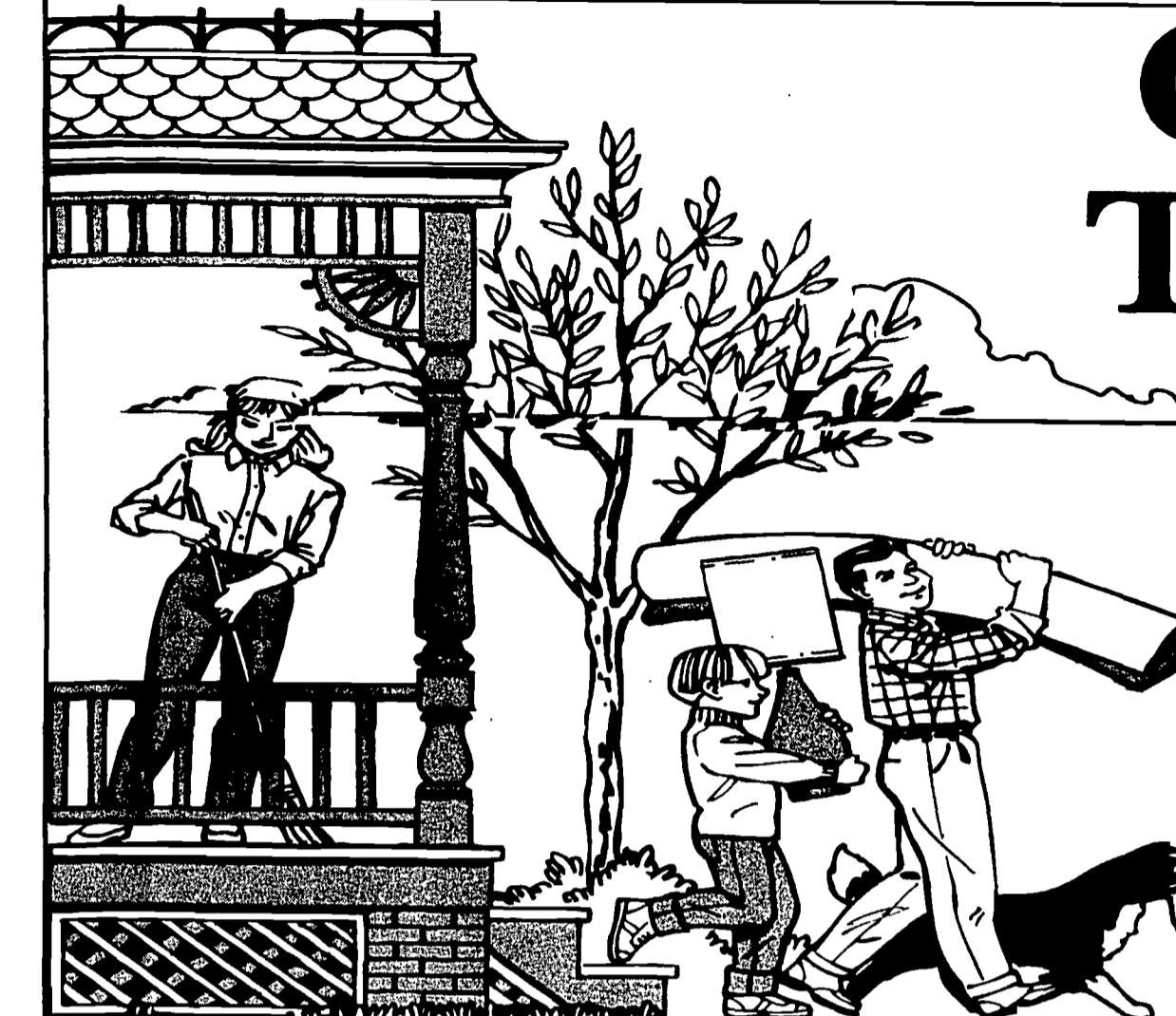
for these 'time mines' working against you. If you can keep something simple, do it."

• If moving yourself, choose a truck with a loading ramp similar to those used by the pros. You'll cut loading time in half and save your spine in the process.

• When it's time to get connected at your new locale, combine as many services as possible to eliminate multiple calls and wait times when setting up utilities. For example, Sprint. Complete Sense allows you one contact for all of your local, nationwide long distance and wireless calling needs.

• "Moving brings momentum to your life and can lead you to all kinds of invigorating changes," said Maras. "Create your strategy, work your plan and soon you'll be celebrating a successful move."

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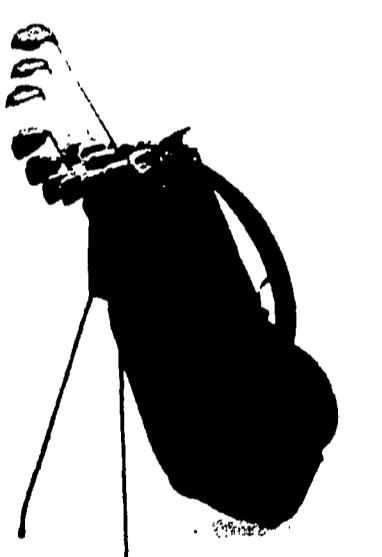
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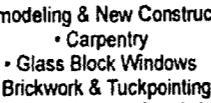
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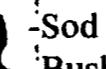
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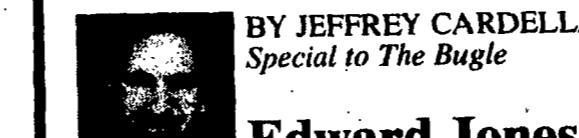
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What Do Falling Bond Prices Mean to You?

If you invest in bonds, you've probably gotten a rude jolt when you looked at your brokerage statements during the past month or so. That's because bond prices have fallen — fast and far. Should you be concerned? Maybe not as much as you'd think. In fact, if you're investing in bonds for the right reasons, you may have little to fear from falling prices.

A little background

Two factors are largely responsible for the sudden drop in the bond market. First, big gains in employment have been reported in the past couple of months. The financial markets saw this hiring surge as the last major piece of an economic recovery that already included growth in retail sales, manufacturing, housing starts and consumer confidence. Historically, stronger economic growth has typically led to higher inflation — and higher inflation erodes the value of fixed-income investments, such as bonds. Consequently, bond prices have fallen in anticipation of rising inflation.

The second factor behind the slide in bond prices is the market's perception that the Federal Reserve will seek to combat inflation by raising interest rates, perhaps as soon as this summer. And when interest rates rise, bond prices fall. That's because existing bonds, with their lower interest rates, are less attractive to investors than newly issued bonds paying higher rates.

Reasons to hold bonds

Clearly, bond prices have fallen due to economic forces — not necessarily because there's anything "wrong" with your bonds. But that may not make you feel much better over the recent price decline. Should you sell your bonds to avoid further losses? Actually, you've got some good reasons to hold your bonds. Here are a few to consider:

Return of principal

— When you purchase high qual-

ity bonds, you can expect to receive the principal amount (called "face value") back when the bonds mature.

* Regular interest payments — If you bought your bonds for the income, you have little reason to sell. Your interest payments will stay the same throughout the life of the bond, no matter if prices fall or rise as long as the bond issuer does not default.

* Portfolio diversification — If you're over-concentrated in one type of financial asset, your portfolio is vulnerable to big downturns if that one asset class takes a big hit. So, if your holdings are getting too stock-heavy, you'll want some bonds to lower your risk level.

Build a bond "ladder"

As we've seen, you can achieve significant benefits by keeping your bonds. At the same time, you don't have to be victimized by ever-changing market interest rates. Instead, you can work toward building an "all weather" portfolio by creating a "ladder" of bonds with varying maturities.

When you construct a ladder, you can take advantage of all interest-rate environments. If market rates are low, you'll still have higher-yielding, longer-term bonds working for you (be aware of possible call features, though). And when market rates rise, you can reinvest the money coming due from your short-term bonds at the higher rates. Ultimately, a well-constructed ladder can help you smooth out your bond portfolio's yield.

Look beyond your statement

You don't like to see the value of any of your investments decline. But by realizing that the reasons you bought your bonds are still valid, and by diversifying your bond portfolio through a ladder, you can look beyond the seemingly bad news of your monthly statement — and stay on track toward your important financial goals.

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