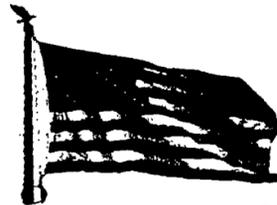


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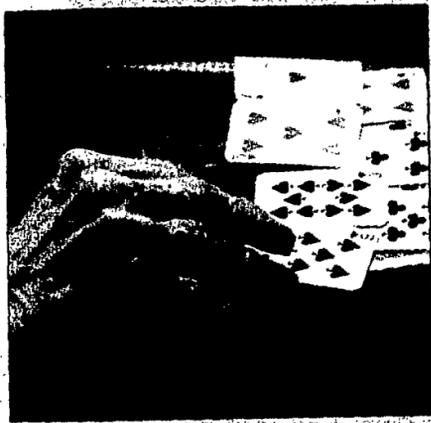
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Developer rep tries to lure Uptown retailers to 'The Glen'

Mid-America, Uptown Redeveloper, is leasing agent for 'Glen' development

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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At least one representative of Mid-America Company visited businesses in Uptown Park Ridge last week, attempting to entice them to move to Glenview's new development "The Glen." Mid-America is both the leasing agent for The Glen and the leading partner of PRC Partners, the company formed to develop Uptown Target Area 2 (TA2).

The TA2 development will be a mixed-use retail residential development on several different parcels of land bounded by Touhy, Northwest Hwy. and Hinkley Park. PRC Partners was chosen as the "preferred" developer from among three finalists last Spring.

Park Ridge Chamber President Marc Dennison sent an e-mail to members Friday, let-

ting them know what had happened, and expressing extreme displeasure at Mid-America's move.

"It could be that, in this case, the left hand doesn't know what the right is doing," Dennison said. "I'm willing to give them the benefit of the doubt."

Retailers on Prospect Ave. were given a card that had an individual's name on it with "The Glen." A map and brochure about the development was also distributed. Dennison said that he was disappointed that the solicitations had occurred.

"I hope they don't try to fill their development in TA2 with businesses from our Uptown and South Park business districts," he said.

Michael George, president of Mid-America and point-man for PRC Partners said that he would not be surprised to learn that some retailers in Park Ridge had received phone solicitations about The Glen, but did not think anyone would have made personal calls.

"We've thrown a pretty wide

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Nicholas Zaris, 8, of Park Ridge maneuvers the final tunnel in the Cuckoo Haus at the Park Ridge South Park Festival Saturday afternoon September 11.

Bugle moves to subscription-based circulation in Morton Grove

Last paper distributed free to homes will be Sept. 30

The Bugle, which has distributed free copies of its papers to every single-family home in Morton Grove for over a year, will move to subscription-based circulation for Morton Grove starting the first week of October.

Rich Masterson, The Bugle's publisher, apologized for the move, saying that the lack of support from the village of Morton

Grove necessitated the move.

"We tried to bring the paper to our readers free," said Masterson. "But our expenses have outpaced our revenue in this tough economy. We've also received no support from the village, so we have to ask the readers to contribute to the paper."

The Bugle has made a commitment to cover the village fairly over the past year, with a repre-

sentative at nearly every village board meeting since January. That won't change said Andrew Schneider, The Bugle's editor.

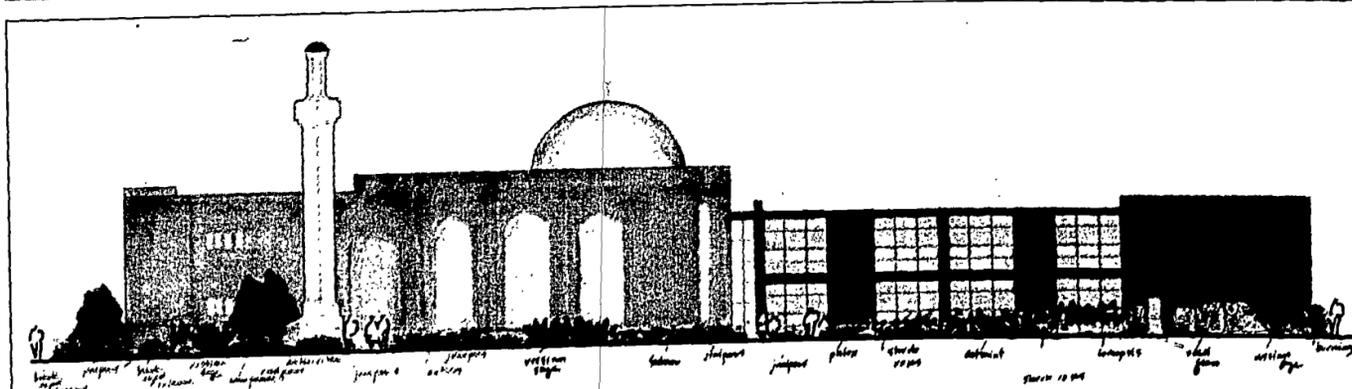
"Over the last year I've grown to love Morton Grove," Schneider said. "I feel a personal responsibility to attend the meetings and cover the village fairly. I've also enjoyed getting to know various individuals throughout the community."

Schneider added that Morton Grove has a great many civic-minded individuals and that as long as they continue their efforts, the village has a bright future.

"Of all the towns I've covered, the people of Morton Grove have been the most active and respectful in their community,"

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The Mosque's Appearance

This eastern landscape elevation for the proposed mosque at the site of the Muslim Education Center was presented to the Morton Grove Appearance Commission at their meeting last Thursday. For full coverage of the new plans, turn to page 11.

NEWS

Saturday is 'Public Lands Day'

A major work day is scheduled for this Saturday in Morton Grove's Harms Woods to coincide with the national Public Lands Day. Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin is sponsoring the

work day with the help of local organizations such as the Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve. Volunteers can park their cars in the lot just south of Old Orchard Rd. and a shuttle bus will take

them to the work site just south of Glenview Rd. Teams of volunteers will be removing brush, collecting seeds and burning brush piles. The teams will work from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MB Bank drops drive-thru request

MB Financial Bank located at 6201 Dempster in Morton Grove has dropped out of the process to move their drive-through facility to the south side of the street, combining it with their existing two-story building.

The move was requested several years ago by the village of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Park

District. Those two governmental bodies wanted to add the current drive-through on the north side of Dempster to the Harner Park/American Legion Civic Center area and create a civic plaza. The Park District had even proposed a fountain.

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that MB representatives contacted them last week

with a verbal confirmation that they were no longer interested in proceeding with the Plan Commission process for relocating the drive-through.

"They said that once their attorney came back they would give us written notification," Czerwinski said. "I think they're interested in leaving the drive-through where it is."

Subscriptions

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Schneider said. "I have been particularly impressed with the efforts of John and Marian Thill who lead the Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserves. They are an example to the community."

The Bugle's coverage of Morton Grove will continue after the door to door delivery ceases in October.

Papers can still be picked up free at the Morton Grove store pick-ups, but Masterson has urged readers to subscribe and support the paper's efforts at independent news coverage.

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NEWS

Niles Park District reconstructs history with Bugle's help

The Niles Park District is reconstructing its history with the help of The Bugle and the Niles Historical Society in order to prepare for its 50th Anniversary celebration to be held on Friday and Saturday Nov. 19 and 20.

The Park District was incorporated in 1954 and The Bugle has been a close friend, covering such news stories as the acquisition of the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course since 1957. The Park District is planning a two-day 50s-style "sock hop" event at the Tam Tennis and Fitness Club to memorialize the important birthday.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Julie Luif, the Park District's director of Marketing.

Luif and other Park District staff members have been going through The Bugle's archives. It takes about an hour to go through each book, Luif said and even Park District Director Joe LoVerde has pitched in.

"We're going through The Bugle's books and our own in order to make copies of important headlines and photos," said Luif. "We'll use them to decorate the Tam Tennis and Fitness Center for the sock hop. We're trying to get a broad sense of the District's history."

Aside from 50s music, entertain-



(Left-Right) Director of Development Cathy Collins, Commissioner Ray Czarnik, Commissioner Charles Barbaglia, Commissioner William Terpinas, Sr., Executive Director Joe LoVerde, Athletic Director Dan Kosiba, Director of Marketing Julie Luif examine back issues of The Bugle at the Howard Leisure Center.

ment, games and dancing, soda and food will be provided at 50s prices. There will also be a cash bar. On Friday, there will even be a video presentation of the District's history.

"We've found some funny photos of past commissioners," Luif

said. "Some photos were of them even before they were commissioners."

Some of the headlines that are destined for display boards include stories of referenda, new District buildings and parks.

"We can't thank The Bugle and the Historical Society enough for providing access to their archives," said Luif. "We also had a great deal of help from past commissioners."

The District is hoping to have between 250 and 300 people attend

the November celebration. Information on the party will be in the soon-to-be released Fall Brochure. Registrations are currently being accepted and can be made by calling the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633.

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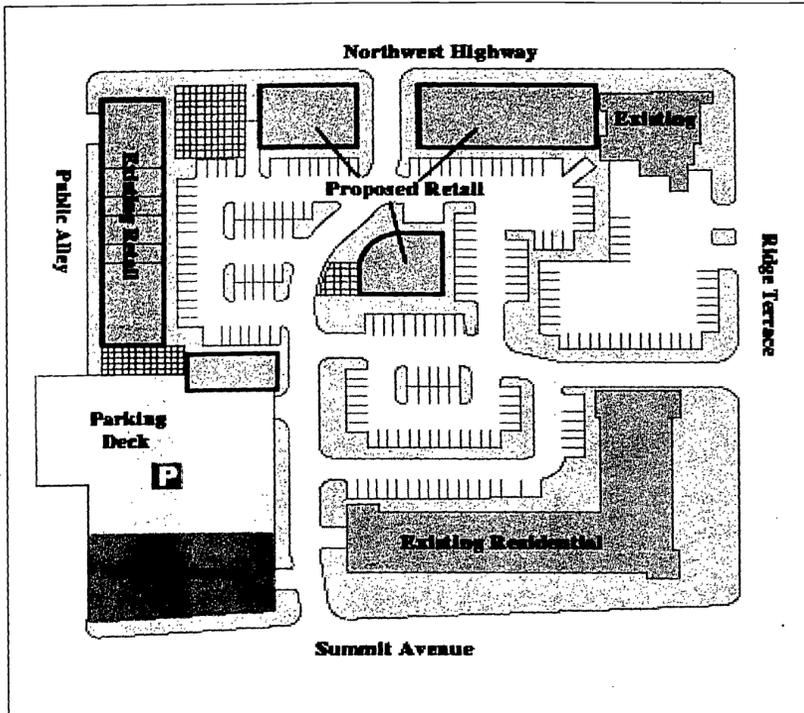


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Summit Mall plans in the works

Freed's website advertises new 'Summit Plaza' with parking deck, residential

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the city had received some preliminary plans from Freed about the redevelopment of Summit Mall but said they were far from complete.

"They aren't finalized," Schuenke said. "In fact, they're anything but finalized."

Freed is anxious to redevelop the mall because it currently has a myriad of vacant storefronts, according to Schuenke.

"They're anxious to move it along," he said, "because they have vacancies and they want to fill them before they can tell the new business what is planned for the mall."

As to the nature of the plan, Schuenke was not at liberty to reveal any details, since it was still in a preliminary state from the city's standpoint.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss the plans because Freed doesn't want the existing tenants to get the wrong idea," Schuenke said. "But they have floated some plans to us. We're still in the early talking stages."

Freed representatives did not return calls for comment this week or last week, but according to their website, the proposed plan calls for the residential units and parking deck to replace southern storefronts that current-

ly house Hay Caramba, J Guitar, Charter One Bank and the offices of Kevin Barrett D.D.S.

Over 18,000 square feet of additional retail space would be added under the plan though, most of it located directly off of Northwest Hwy. Some of that space would occupy the current location of Starbucks, the medical offices of Resurrection and the Pancake House.

Dale Eisenberg, owner of the Original Pancake House, said that Freed representatives had approached him to inquire whether he was interested in selling his property. The business has been there for 26 years.

"We're not really interested at this time," Eisenberg said. "But they didn't make any offers. They just dropped off their card."

If Eisenberg refused to sell it would prevent the largest proposed retail space from being constructed. He said that, while Freed had made him any offers, he wasn't really interested.

"We've been here 26 years," he said. "We're established."

For an opinion by our Park Ridge Columnist Chuck Baldacchino, turn to his article, "Here a TIF, there a TIF, Everywhere a TIF, TIF..." on page 9.

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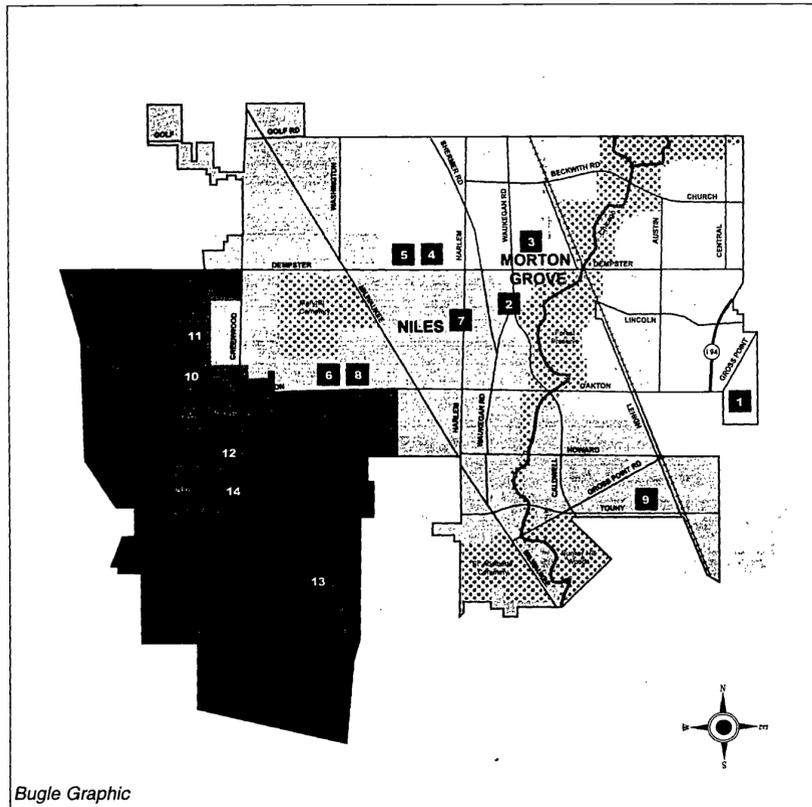
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending September 10, 2004.

- 1 VIN questioned (7900 Luna)**
Morton Grove police assisted the Kane-Cook Auto Theft Task Force Friday night September 3 to recover a stolen 2001 Mercedes Benz SUV. According to Morton Grove police they were contacted by the task force because of information that the stolen car was at a home in the 7900 block of Luna. Police said the man the 45-year-old man they spoke with acknowl-

edged owning the SUV, but a check on the SUV's concealed vehicle identification numbers (VIN) showed the SUV was stolen. Police told the man his brother was in the custody of federal authorities for cloning VIN numbers and placing them on identical vehicles that were stolen. The cloned VIN tags on the car were intended to fool police and potential buyers if they checked the VIN numbers over a national database. Police impounded the SUV, but did not file any charges against the alleged owner.

- 2 Just Friends (6900 Waukegan)**
Morton Grove police responded to a "man with a gun" call early Wednesday morning September 8 only to find a

pellet gun in the bushes near a gas station in the 6900 block of Waukegan. According to police the driver of a taxi cab told them he offered to drive his friend to the store to buy more beer just after midnight. The driver of the taxi, a 37-year-old Skokie man, told police as they were driving to the store his passenger pulled out a gun and pointed it at the driver. The driver told police he was able to wrest the gun away from the passenger after he pulled into the gas station. The driver called police. When police arrived, the passenger exited the cab with the pellet gun and tossed it into the bushes. Police recovered the gun and during their investigation and interrogation of both men discovered the passenger was drunk and

apologetic for his actions. The driver did not wish to press charges. Police confiscated the pellet gun.

- 3 Necktie theft foiled by employees (6800 Dempster)**
A 31-year-old female employee of a discount clothing store in the 6800 block of Dempster foiled a shoplifting attempt Monday evening September 6 when she chased after a male shoplifter who walked out of the store with a bag full of men's ties. The woman told police she watched as the thief went over to the tie display and started to fill a plastic bag with ties. She said the man then came over to the customer service counter to return the ties for a refund, but when the clerk refused the man ran out of the door. The woman followed the man and wrested the bag of stolen ties from him in the parking lot. The man and an alleged accomplice fled in a gold Buick Rendezvous with temporary registration. The ties were valued at \$91.

- 4 Purse snatched in clothing store (7200 Dempster)**
A 56-year-old Chicago woman told Morton Grove police someone stole her purse while she was shopping at T.J. Maxx in the 7200 block of Dempster Friday night September 3. The woman told police she had put the purse down in the shoe or purse aisle and it was gone. Police asked the woman to check the fitting room where she eventually found the purse. The woman said her identification and credit cards along with \$15 in cash were missing from the purse.

- 5 DUI (7200 Dempster)**
A 28-year-old Evanston man was arrested for DUI, speeding, and improper lane changes early Saturday morning September 5 after police stopped the man for speeding who smelled alcohol on the man's breath and asked him to take a field sobriety test. The man failed the test but admitted earlier to police he had three beers. The man was placed under arrest at 3:06 a.m. and 32 minutes later a breathalyzer test at the station revealed the man had a blood alcohol of .213 nearly triple the legal limit. The man has a court date of October 19 in Skokie.

NILES

The following items were taken from

official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending September 13, 2004.

- 6 Six year old will have court date (8000 Elmore)**
A 6-year-old Niles boy has a date in court after a Niles police officer claimed the boy stepped into wet concrete in the alley in the 8000 block of Elmore. According to the report the police officer said the boy intentionally walked and dragged his feet through a freshly laid section of concrete in the alley. The 3 foot tall 78 pound offender was issued a citation for damage to village property and his sandals were confiscated as evidence. The boy has a court date of October 20, 2004.

- 7 Burglary (7200 Lill)**
A \$200 BMX bicycle was stolen from a shed next to a garage in the 7200 block of Lill Sunday night September 12. The owner of the home told police the shed was not locked at the time.

- 8 Driving too slow leads to pot arrest (8000 Oakton)**
A 20-year-old Mount Prospect who was driving too slow and had something hanging from his rear view mirror led Niles police to stop the car in the 8000 block of Oakton just after midnight September 13. The police said that while writing the man a ticket he asked him if he had any drugs on him. The driver responded that he had some "weed" in his sock. The police officer recovered the marijuana from the man's sock and called for a canine unit to search the car. The dog found marijuana in the glove compartment and in the door seams. Another bag was found in the seam of the rear seat. The passenger in the rear seat, a 19-year-old Des Plaines man, told police the bag of marijuana found in the seam of the seat belonged to him. Police issued both men tickets for possession of marijuana. The driver was also issued a ticket for not having valid insurance.

- 9 Construction trailer burglarized (6100 Touhy)**
A paint sprayer and its accessories valued at \$6,000 were stolen from a construction trailer in the 6100 block of Touhy Thursday night September 9. The owner told police someone broke into the trailer.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending September 3 - September 9, 2004.

- 10 Burglary (1500 W. Marguerite)**
A 1996 Ford Taurus was burglarized Saturday night September 4 after thieves broke the rear driver's side window to remove a \$100 radar detector.

- 11 Burglary to vehicle (1900 Manor)**
Unlocked doors led to the burglary of a 2002 Chevy Suburban parked in the driveway of a home in the 1900 block of Manor Sunday night September 5. An unknown amount of money was stolen.

- 12 Vandalism (700 Lincoln)**
Vandals cut the top of 1995 Ford Mustang convertible overnight Monday September 6 while the car was parked in the 700 block of Lincoln.

- 13 Vandalism (500 Courtland)**
Vandals broke the rear window of a 1992 Toyota Corolla parked in the street in the 500 block of Courtland Saturday night September 4. Damage was estimated at \$250.

- 14 Theft (400 Busse)**
The owner of a wallet that was accidentally left behind at a business in the 400 block of Busse Hwy. Monday August 30 told police someone used the credit cards in the wallet to make fraudulent purchases at the same business. The owner of the wallet said that

even though the wallet was recovered several days later someone used the credit cards to make purchases.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

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 - Niles
- Niles
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What's your favorite season?



"Spring, because I love the beauty of the flowers."
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"Winter, because I like to play with my son in the snow."
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"Winter, because I get snowed in and don't have to go to work."
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From the Publisher's Pen

Morton Grove readers: we need your support

Dear Morton Grove Readers,

We've made an investment in your community over the past year. We've sent representatives to Morton Grove Chamber functions, photographers to special events and reporters to important village meetings. Unfortunately, our expenses have risen in past year: distribution and the cost of paper have risen dramatically while we have worked to bring you a better newspaper. So, we have to ask that you, the readers, help us bring you the only independently owned and managed newspaper that covers Morton Grove.

Since we began covering your community, our advertising revenues have gone up, but not enough to cover the costs of distributing the newspaper free to every home. The poor economy might have contributed and we don't blame local businesses for economic conditions beyond their control, but what we here at the paper are troubled by is the lack of support from your government: the village of Morton Grove.

Since we began door-to-door free distribution of The Bugle, the village has not placed a single legal advertisement in your community newspaper. Instead they have opted to place those legal notices in newspapers that circulate far less on a week by week basis. We believe that we provided the best way for the village to communicate the vital information it is legally obligated to publicize to its constituents. These ads include important information, like fiscal reports, advertisements for bids, notices of zoning hearings and other items of general interest to you.

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COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

The Maine Course



Bob Dudyecz
Maine Township

Cut through the red tape

The federal government has a program where a family can apply for energy assistance and get about \$100 toward the family's heating bill. This sounds easy but the thought of filling out government forms scares some people. Our Federal bureaucracy has forms more complicated than the Gordian Knot so that a resident would need the sword of Alexander to cut through the red tape. Most people need help with this process.

The good news is that Maine Township can help with your energy needs! Our Township has people with the experience to fill out such paperwork correctly and quickly so that our residents can go to the head of the line for this benefit. The available money is limited so you must hurry and apply now.

In Maine Township, we always look ahead and plan for the next season (the story of the grasshopper and the ant comes to mind here). One source of constant monitoring is the rising cost of energy. It's a wonder how those on fixed incomes or lower incomes manage to heat their home in the dead of winter. This is one more way we gladly provide assistance to our residents.

As a young boy, I was all ears when it came to stories my mother would tell me about my relatives and the old days. One particular story I remember was how my Uncle Vanya would chop wood all summer. At one time he was

a strong young man who chopped wood with little effort but as he aged, the work was harder and the woodpile became smaller. Eventually there was a need for another person to help him if he wanted to see the spring thaw. Even then, when he was a little short on firewood, the forest was nearby to replenish his woodpile.

Today, chopped wood comes delivered by the cord or purchased by the bundle for a fireplace that is lit to give a room atmosphere. The use of the hearth as a heat source has gone the way of the horse and buggy. Nowadays if you want heat, you buy it from a big provider and those who cannot pay, may find their heat cut off.

While a woodcutter might chop down trees locally, he would be arrested for destruction of property or breaking some environmental law. Also, unlike Uncle Vanya, if we are a little short of energy there is no nearby forest available to help us through the winter.

Our Senior and Disabled advocates have helped hundreds of residents over the years and they know the federal system. If you qualify, you can get some funds to help you through those cold months. The sooner you call for this help, the quicker the response, and don't forget—the fund is not limitless.

John, Diane and other trained volunteers are advocates who are taking appointments now! Just call the Township at 847-297-2510 and say that you need help with energy assistance. Our special receptionist, Trixie, will direct your call to the correct office where you will get the answers and instructions you need.

Every sultry August or during the Dog Days of September I hear the complaints people have about the hot weather. I jokingly say "If you want it cooler, try thinking about January in the Midwest". But then I start to think about those unfortunates who need help during winter months and I get that warm glow because it's a great feeling knowing that we help our neighbors.

As my Uncle Vanya used to say, "It is easier to chop wood at 70 degrees than at 70 degrees below zero". Why wait? If you need help just call and let us help you through the winter.

Any comments email me at mainecourse@comcast.net



By Chuck Baldacchino

Here a TIF, There a TIF, Everywhere a TIF, TIF ...

Uptown Park Ridge is being redeveloped using a TIF, Tax Incentive Financing, that allows a municipality to exercise rights not otherwise available in our keep-government-out-of-our-lives American world. A TIF is a complicated redevelopment tool; but its major points are pretty simple.

ATIF allows a municipality to make a case that an area is so "blighted" that, "but for" a TIF, it would go undeveloped and continue in a downward property tax, valuation, esthetic spiral. Yep. That's our Uptown; and that's why we have a TIF.

A TIF allows a municipality to freeze property taxes (for all taxing bodies, not just for itself) in a TIF area for 23 years at current levels and borrow against any future tax

increases in that time to pay for that redevelopment.

A TIF allows a municipality to seize private property at fair market value and re-sell it to a private party/developer. (A municipality can exercise eminent domain at any time if the property it takes stays public.)

So, if the Uptown TIF is working so well, why not do it again? And again? And again?

Another "blighted" area near Uptown is the Summit Mall property between NW Hwy and Summit, on what was Euclid Street. Remember? It's where all the booting took place last year; and it's where there are so many storefront vacancies.

The booting and vacancy "blight" may be enough to allow the new owner of the Summit Mall, Jos. Freed and Company, to ask the City to make the Summit Mall area the next (in our series of?) TIF(s).

Making Summit Mall a TIF would do two great things for Joe

Freed: 1) It would allow him to get the City to condemn the currently-reluctant-to-sell Pancake House and Starbucks so that they could be included in Freed's grand Summit Plaza plan. (See http://www.joseph-freed.com/property_siteplan.html?id=30&state=Illinois&t=1.) And 2), it would allow him to ask for concessions from the City in the redevelopment; a concession like the City (taxpayers) buy and construct a parking deck on the Summit Plaza property (so there'd be no more embarrassing booting, I guess). All the other TIF provisions would prevail. (Frozen property taxes for 23 years, etc.)

And who could fault his reasoning? After all, if this kind of stuff is good enough for PRC Partners in Uptown proper, why wouldn't it be just as good—and maybe better—for Joe Freed on the Summit property? Park Ridge City Council, take note.

See what one instance of lousy thinking gets you? It legitimizes what should never have seen the light of day, so that others can then say "But everybody else is doing it."

Here a TIF, there a TIF, everywhere a TIF, TIF. After all, if some is good, more must be better.

Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com



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NEWS

Mosque spruced up for second review by Appearance Commission
 Minaret, building heights lowered, extensive landscaping added to plan

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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A two-foot decrease in the height of the minaret and a three-foot reduction in the height of the dome were among the concessions that the Muslim Community Center (MCC) announced at their second review by the Morton Grove Appearance Commission last Thursday.

MCC representatives went before the Appearance Commission with a different mindset last week, said their general counsel Yasir Aleemuddin. They hoped that their detailed plans would put to rest any confusion that still surrounded the project.

"While we believe we're being asked for a level of detail not being asked of most applicants at this stage of the process, we came here with a different mindset," he said at the meeting. "We hope today that we will progress forward and everyone's questions will be answered."

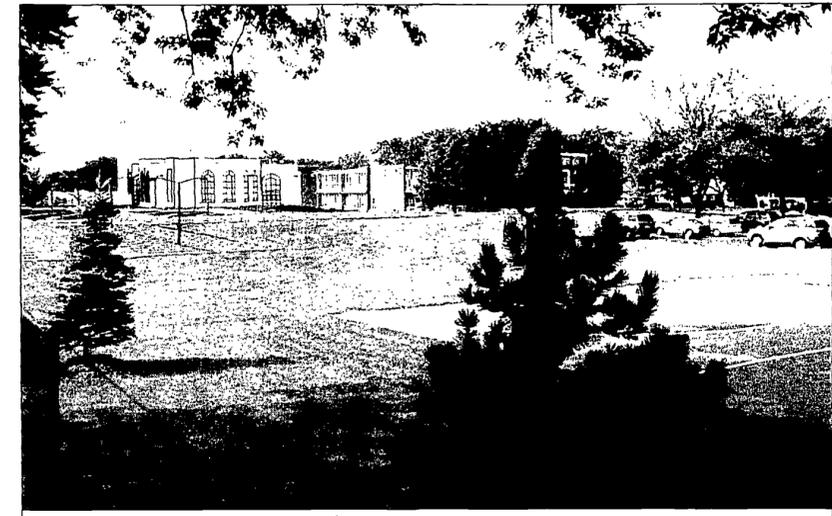
During the meeting, professionals hired by the MCC made detailed presentations of expanded architectural and landscape plans for the proposed mosque to be located adjacent to the site of their existing Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard.

Architecture
 The MCC's architect, Walter Matusik presented samples of brick and glass that will be used in the proposed expansion. These samples were requested by the Commission during their July review of the plan.

The brick that will be used if the mosque is approved is several shades lighter than that used in the MEC building, slightly darker than dry sand. Matusik said it would contrast well with the dark brown of the existing school.

Additionally, two large windows were added to the northern elevation that will let additional light into the prayer hall. The windows will be tinted to contrast with the light brick.

In response to criticism at the last meeting, an enclosure for



A 3-D rendering of a proposed mosque expansion to the Muslim Elementary School at 8601 Menard was among those presented to the Morton Grove Appearance Commission last Thursday. Above, the mosque is viewed from the neighboring Molloy Education Center.

trash receptacles was raised to eight feet. It will be screened by plantings and constructed of brick.

Members of the commission were primarily concerned with the building's southern elevation that will face Theobald. David Hirsch called the planned facade "industrial."

"Everything is so ornate of the eastern elevation," Hirsch said. "The southern elevation looks like the back of a building. It faces a major street and it looks like the stepchild of the eastern elevation. It has a very industrial look."

MEC neighbor Patrick Kansoer who is also managing member of the Morton Grove Organization, LCC (MGO) said that the building was beautiful, but that it wasn't designed to conform to the neighborhood. The MGO has opposed the construction of a mosque on the site since it was proposed.

"What we've seen is beautiful," he said. "And it was beautiful the first time it was presented. But the southern exposure has a bulkiness to it. It's almost

as if the building is turning its back on the neighborhood."

Members of the commission said that extra masonry high-

"Ask [the MCC] to compromise and I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised with the result."

-Gil Peters, resident, mediation participant

lights and larger windows might enhance the elevation. Matusik and MCC President Mohammad Kaiseruddin said that they were willing to incorporate both into their designs.

Commission Chair Dee Gotta commended the MCC for its willingness to lower the height of the building, dome and minaret. The building may be lowered by 2'9" if the existing school structure will allow it, but the dome was lowered from 45' at the last meeting to 42'. The minaret was lowered from 58' to

55'.

"The reduction helps and we appreciate your effort," said Gotta. She continued, however, saying that further reductions might make the mosque fit more readily into the neighborhood.

Kaiseruddin argued, however, that a tall minaret, like a church steeple, is a source of pride for the community.

But Hirsch said the height of both the dome and minaret should be lower.

"We've done our homework," he said. "We saw beautiful mosques around the world with high domes and minarets. But they're on seven acres of land and stand out. You have to take that into consideration."

Resident Gil Peters said that the concessions the MCC had already made were proof enough that they were responsive to the concerns of the community and willing to compromise. Peters was a member of the federal mediation process that resulted in last June's settlement between the MCC and the village that paved the way for a mosque.

"I hope that members of the

commission are able to see that the MCC is willing to work with the village," Peters said. "Ask them to compromise and I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised with the result."

Landscaping
 Commission Member John Rossman called the MCC's landscaping plan for the site much improved from the plans presented at the last meeting and praised the MCC and their new landscape architect Douglas Hills.

The new plans call for extensive planting of shrubs, ornamental grasses, flowering plants and even new trees.

Along the eastern edge of the property, a seven-foot wooden fence and at least 21 lilac bushes will shield neighbors from the proposed parking area. Rossman thought that even that large number might be too few.

"For 45 parking spaces," Rossman said, "21 bushes seems like too few."

Hills responded that, while the lilacs would grow to fill the spaces between them, more bushes could be added.

"We could definitely add more bushes," Hills responded to the comment. "We could even double the intensity if necessary."

In order to replace three linden trees that are currently located on the disputed Capulina Right-of-Way, new trees will be planted just to the north.

"They're beautiful trees," Hills said. "It's a shame we have to lose them."

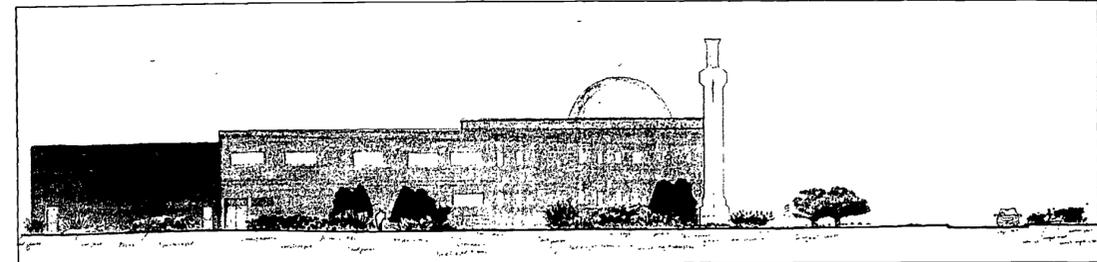
Peters argued that perhaps the community would be willing to compromise in order to save the trees.

"If it's a matter of eight or ten parking spaces," Peters said, "I think that's a compromise the community would be willing to make."

"This is a great plan," Rossman said. "There are just a couple of problem areas."

Hills said that the commission's comments were good and that they would definitely be considered.

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This southern landscape elevation of the proposed mosque expansion to the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard was presented to the Morton Grove Appearance Commission last Thursday. Commission members were critical of this side of the building, arguing that it looked industrial. MEC representatives agreed to modify the architectural plans to make this side of the building more pleasing to the eye.

NEWS

Two glitches put 'Thor' on hold

System set for operation Wednesday

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Glitches at two of the Niles Park District facilities equipped with the new "Thor Guard" lightning protection system, have delayed the system's operation for about a week.

Interference prevented the Park District from picking up signals from the Thor units located at Pioneer and Greenwood Parks. Joe LoVerde, director of the Park District, said that it was

probably radio interference.

"We're going to go out there and turn the antennas in a couple of different directions," he said. "If that doesn't work and we still can't pick them up, the manufacturer is going to send us two new 15-foot antennas."

As a result, despite an otherwise successful test Monday, the system will have to remain offline until the two sites are fixed.

"I don't want to bring the system online until all the sites are in full operation," LoVerde said.

Niles residents were prepared for the tests, LoVerde said, thanks to the help of local media outlets such as The Bugle.

"We didn't receive a single call asking us about the noise," LoVerde said. "The residents were well-informed about the operation of the system."

That's good news, because when the system is in full operation, it won't just protect the parks, but residents of Niles will be able to tell from their backyards when lightning is approaching and head inside.

Mosque

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"They're good comments," he said. "We can definitely incorporate them into the plan."

Commission members also noted that an underground sprinkler system was not planned to maintain the plantings. Gotta said that such a system was required by ordinance for a parcel of this size and argued that the landscaping was such a large investment, that the MCC should not balk at the cost of a sprinkler system.

"We required Osco Drug [on Dempster] to install a sprinkler system," she said. "It's what we require of all parcels this size."

But MCC members who were present said that a sprinkler system was an unnecessary expense for their community, as opposed to Osco which is a profit-making enterprise.

"The MCC isn't a profit-making institution," said resident Samina Hussein. "Perhaps the commission could advise us on some plants that would be more hardy."

Lighting

The only concern commission members had about the MCC's plan for lighting its parking lot was the large number of lights along the property's eastern bor-

der near residences.

However, Matusik said that the lighting was not the same as that employed in the center of the lot.

"It's only single-head light," he said. "The bulbs are 100-watt and the lights are 60-degree inclined toward the parking lot. That, combined with the fence and plantings should screen the residences."

Commission members also expressed concern about the hours that the lights would be on. But Kaiseruddin responded, saying that the eastern lights would only be on during certain nights in the month of Ramadan. Besides, he said, the existing wall-mounted lights at the MEC were more than adequate; it was village code that required the extensive lighting laid out in the new plan.

"We don't really need to keep them on," he said. "The wall-mounted lights are sufficient."

Residents showed up both in support of and opposition to the proposal. Several, such as Peters, and Jill Alali, argued that the new building would be a boon to the neighborhood.

"I think the MCC has done a great job in taking this commission's comments into their plan,"

Alali said.

Some, like Pamela Lundsberg, argued that a house of worship like St. Martha's Catholic Church on Georgiana, could not even be built if it were proposed today.

"The neighborhoods grew up around the houses of worship," she said. "They weren't just put in the neighborhood."

But Akter Sadiq, MCC vice-president, believed that Morton Grove would be proud of the proposed mosque one day.

"I strongly believe," he said. "That the MCC mosque and expansion will one day be a jewel of Morton Grove."

The next meeting scheduled on the proposed mosque is the Plan Commission Public Hearing set for Monday, Sept. 20. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster.

The Plan Commission will be a public hearing in which interested parties who have filed an appearance may cross examine witnesses and present testimony and evidence for more information on the proceedings, contact the village's Department of Building and Inspectional Services at (847) 470-5214.

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Uptown

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The Glen," George said. "There are about 100 people working here, so it wouldn't surprise me to learn that someone had picked up the phone and called a Park Ridge business. But it would surprise me a lot to learn someone had actually stopped by. We have a very good relationship with Park Ridge," he said. "We wouldn't do anything to jeopardize it."

As to Dennison's fears that Mid-America might try to fill TA2 with existing Park Ridge stores, George

said that the marketing effort is already well underway. They are trying to attract a variety of merchants to the planned development, mostly professional retailers.

"We have a wish-list for potential tenants," George said. "An anchor tenant for the '6 Corners' location, like a major bookstore, our second category is for a business like a specialty grocer and our third is for niche merchants that sell home furnishings, apparel or other soft goods. Like a linens shop, a shoe store or a

kitchen store." Park Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke sent an e-mail to Chamber members Tuesday, stating that Mid-America had suspended its marketing of The Glen in Park Ridge.

"They have decided, because of Mr. Dennison's criticism, to stop asking businesses in Park Ridge for the next 60-90 days," Schuenke wrote. "Thus, those store owners who would like to expand are not going to be contacted. Too bad, because it may have helped some retailers."



Senior Living

Emily Karp: The Life of the Century

BY WENDY ELLIS
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She remembers when it was Kiki Cuyler in right field and not Sammy Sosa. She saw Babe Ruth step to the plate and she never missed a Lady's Day at Wrigley Field without good reason. "I went every Friday," said Emily Karp of Morton Grove. "When I was young my aunt used to take me and we'd go sit behind third base. It was nothing like it is today." Emily Karp, a lifelong Cubs fan, will turn 100 years old on Oct. 24 and she has the memories to prove it. "My husband took me to see the Cubs and the Cardinals once and I sat next to a 90 year old man. It was his first game. The cubs lost, but I was happy for him because the Cards won." Moises Alou is her favorite Cub today and she still listens to the games faithfully. "I never had no use for the White Sox."



Born on the northwest side of Chicago in 1904, Emily Mulhearn was the ninth of ten children. Her father was a mail carrier and later a telegraph operator for the railroad, and she has never lived anywhere but Illinois, moving from Chicago to Niles in 1960 and 6 years later to Morton Grove. There were no cars when she was a child and she remembers getting just about everywhere by elevated train or on roller skates.

"On Holy Thursday we went to nine different churches on roller skates because it was too far to walk." That was back in the days when women were required to wear hats in church and there were real candles on Christmas trees. "One Christmas there weren't enough trees, so they were giving away branches," said Emily.

And she remembers July 24, 1915, when she was only 9 years old. It was barely 7 in the morning that Saturday when the excursion steamship Eastland slowly rolled over on the Chicago River. Over 2500 employees of Western Electric and their families had boarded the ship that was to take them to the annual company picnic. The top heavy steamship rolled over still tied to the dock. 844 people were drowned. "They were trapped between the ship and the dock. I went down to the river to see where it happened," said Emily, who

would become a Western Electric employee herself a few years later. "I worked for a woman who lost people in the Eastland Disaster."

When she was 14 World War I came to an end, and she remembers being sent home from school early. "But it was a day early," said Emily. "It didn't end until the next day, so we got sent home early again." That day, Nov. 11, 1918, her aunt took her to downtown Chicago on the El to join the celebration. "There was a big parade and people were throwing confetti. That was a big day."

Emily worked as a comptometer operator at Western Electric for 49 years, until she was forced to retire at the age of 65. It was while she worked there that she met her husband Elmer Karp. Elmer later opened Dewey Hardware on West Madison, and they had three sons before Elmer died unexpectedly in 1945 of appendicitis. "Everybody called us L & M!" Although married only 18 years, Emily remembers dancing at the Aragon Ballroom and Dreamland. Her husband's uncle was a manager at

Riverview and they often got free passes for the amusement park. "The Shoots was my favorite," recalled Emily. "But I was scared of the Bobs."

Her pinocle and euchre playing days are behind her, but she is an avid solitaire player, and the more variations of the game she can find the better. She still listens to the Cubs games and isn't above saying a prayer or two when they're behind. "They went to the 11th inning a couple weeks ago and still lost," said Emily. "I prayed to everybody, even the Pope I'm praying to." Like any good baseball fan, she likes beer. "They used to call me Schlitz!"

Jack and Dolores Karp, Emily's son and daughter-in-law, threw her a birthday party in August while the weather was still good enough to have it outside. Over 125 people turned out for the party, even though Emily says most of her friends are gone now. So what will she do on Oct. 24, when she officially starts a new Century? The World Series begins Oct. 23.

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SENIORS

Three keys to help ease joint pain

(NUI) Back in the late 1990s, more than 40 million Americans suffered from arthritis - the painful, often debilitating disease that can affect every joint in the body. As baby boomers age and the elderly are living longer, the number of people who have arthritis is rising. Today, a recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes an alarming increase. In just over five years, the study states that 70 million Americans (or one in three people) wake up with joint pain radiating from their back, knees, knuckles

or elbows. Although arthritis knows no gender or age group, older individuals seem to be prime candidates for the disease for reasons ranging from loss of bone density or bone mass to lack of flexibility. In addition, there is a misperception among the older generation that exercising will aggravate already aching joints. On the contrary, remaining active, especially for seniors, is one of the most important things that can be done to prevent or, at the very least, manage the pain associated with arthritis.

So whether you are interested in minimizing the effects of the disease or simply reducing your risk, use these tips as a basic guideline:
 * Maintain an appropriate weight. Extra pounds add unnecessary strain to the joints, so it is important to find out what weight is right for you.
 * Exercise to maintain fitness and flexibility. Remaining active - whether that means keeping your Sunday golf date or simply rooting around in your garden - is key to limiting the impact that arthritis can have over your life. Should you have a particularly grueling workout.

Legion hosts 'Brown bag' medicine review

You will have an individual session with a pharmacist. Bring your prescription and non-prescription medicines and the pharmacist will answer your medication questions. The review will be held at the

American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove, on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 from 1pm - 3pm. Appointment is required. Call 847-470-5223 to register.

This Brown Bag Medicine Review is presented by Arti Desai, Pharmacy Manager, Osco Drug and the Village of Morton Grove Department of Adult and Senior Services. 'Anti-aging Techniques' Sept. 20

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Our new Masseur, Violetta with this enlightening program: "Anti-aging Techniques" Monday September 20 at 2 p.m. Come learn how optimum health reflects all areas of well-being mind, body and spirit.

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Be one of the first to sign up for a regular massage starting on Wednesday, September 22, 9 to 3. All events held at the center at 220 N. First Street - Wheeling, IL, 1st Floor Activity Rm 847.459-8700.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

Pets Help Improve Our Quality of Life

Pets are good for your health. So good, as a matter of fact, that I've always felt we should allow pets to be part of everyone's life, especially the young and the elderly. For the young, researchers found that children who grow up with dogs and cats tend to have fewer allergy-based conditions, perhaps because early exposure to allergens that may be found in furred animals strengthened their immune systems. Seniors can also benefit from having pets. Studies have shown, for example, that petting a cat can reduce blood-pressure levels. Also, for many older people, one of the more difficult adjustments to make after they retire or no longer have children to raise is having a responsibility to discharge every day. Caring for a pet gives them that. Pets also help lower anxiety levels. Dogs, especially, provide a sense of security for older folks who may be living alone. The sound of a cat's purr also has anxiety-lowering properties and has been shown to be helpful in dealing with depression. No one is sure why. Perhaps it has to do with the tonal qualities of the purr, or maybe it's because we believe it's the sound of a happy creature, and we react in kind. Joy, after all, is contagious. It's why people who watch comedies in theaters laugh more than if they see them on television. And by the same token, it's why sitcoms added laugh tracks. As I said earlier, we need to push for health care policy changes that will allow older folks to have pets in their homes and even in care facilities. And in that, we might find a strong ally among a growing number of insurance carriers who are beginning to favor applicants who have pets at home. Write to Matilda Charles in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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Morton Grove Seniors

LIGHTS, CAMERA... "ACTING WORKSHOP"
 Join Helen Zachary from the fabulous North Shore Players as she guides seniors through a delightful and free acting demonstration from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 27. Let loose and discover the inner thespian in this presentation at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

MAH JONGG CLUB
 Play Mah Jongg on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. A 2004 Mah Jongg card must be purchased before the first class (available at most Hallmark Stores). The cost is \$6.50 for Senior Center members and \$8 for non-members. The next 12-week session begins on Sept. 28. Please register at the Reception Desk of the Morton Grove Senior Center or call 847/470-5223 for more information.

BRIDGE CLUB
 Intermediate to advanced bridge games are held on Tuesday afternoons from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.50 for Senior Center members and \$8 for non-members. The next 12-week sessions begins on Sept. 28. Please register at the Reception Desk of the Morton Grove Senior Center or call

847/470-5223 for more information.

MALL SHOPPING
 Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Sept. 28 should call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups begin at 10 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 11 a.m. Trips are free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others.

DIABETES SCREENING
 Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Screening is free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

BROWN BAG MEDICINE REVIEW
 Seniors can pack up all their prescription and non-prescription medicines in a brown paper bag and bring them to the Morton Grove Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Arti Desai, the Morton Grove Osco Drug

Pharmacy Manager will answer medication questions during a confidential and individual session with the Pharmacist. Appointments between 1 and 3 p.m. on Sept. 29 are required by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

FALL FEST
 Head up to Beloit, Wisconsin with Morton Grove seniors on Thursday, Sept. 30 to celebrate the Autumn season. Highlights will be: Arrowhead Apple Orchard. Learn about apple varieties, see how cider is made and shop. Logan Museum. View Native American artifacts, burial mounds and learn about customs. Lunch at the Museum will be a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Seniors will depart from the Senior Center at 8:15 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$54 for Senior Center Members and \$63.50 for non-members. Please register in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

MAH JONGG LESSONS
 Learn how to play this fun game by joining this 8-week class on Monday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Morton Grove Senior Center, beginning Oct. 4. A 2004 Mah Jongg card must be purchased before the first class (available at most Hallmark Stores or online at www.mahjonggmaven.com). Also bring paper and a pencil to the first

class. The fee is \$22 Senior Center Members and \$26 for non-members. Please sign up in person at the Senior Center.

AARP MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM
 AARP's "Mature Driving Program" is an eight-hour, two-day course for older motorists, focusing on the physical changes of aging and on ways drivers can compensate for changes to improve driving skills. Drivers may qualify for a discount on their auto insurance by completing the course. The next course will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Friday, Oct. 8. The cost is \$10. Call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

MEN'S POKER
 The Morton Grove Senior Center is looking for "a few more good men" who would like to play men's-only weekly poker games on Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. The next 12-week session begins Oct. 8. The fee for this club is \$6.50 for Senior Center members and \$8 for non-members. If interested, please register in person at the Center Registration Desk or call Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathryn Williams at 847/663-6127.

"HOME COMPUTER MAINTENANCE" SEMINAR
 "Housekeep" your home computer to keep it purring like a well-oiled machine at this seminar from

1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9 in the Senior Center presented by the Center's computer instructor, R.J. Bruno. The fee is \$8. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

BEGINNING ACTING CLASS
 This class will let participants learn how to let the inner "twinkle" shine through! This class will explore different techniques of acting from poetry reading to dramatic action, from improvisation to Shakespeare. This class is for all levels - beginners are encouraged to come and explore their theatrical side in a warm, safe, and inviting atmosphere. The eight-week course, taught by Helen Zachary of The North Shore Players, will be held on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. starting Oct. 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost is \$32 for Senior Center members and \$37 for non-members. Please sign up in person at the Senior Center.

WORD PROCESSING
 Learn to create new word documents, saving, editing, formatting, changing fonts and inserting graphics. A prerequisite is the "Getting Started With Computers" Class or equivalent. This four-week course in the Morton Grove Senior Center is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center members and \$37 for non-members. Register at the Senior Center.

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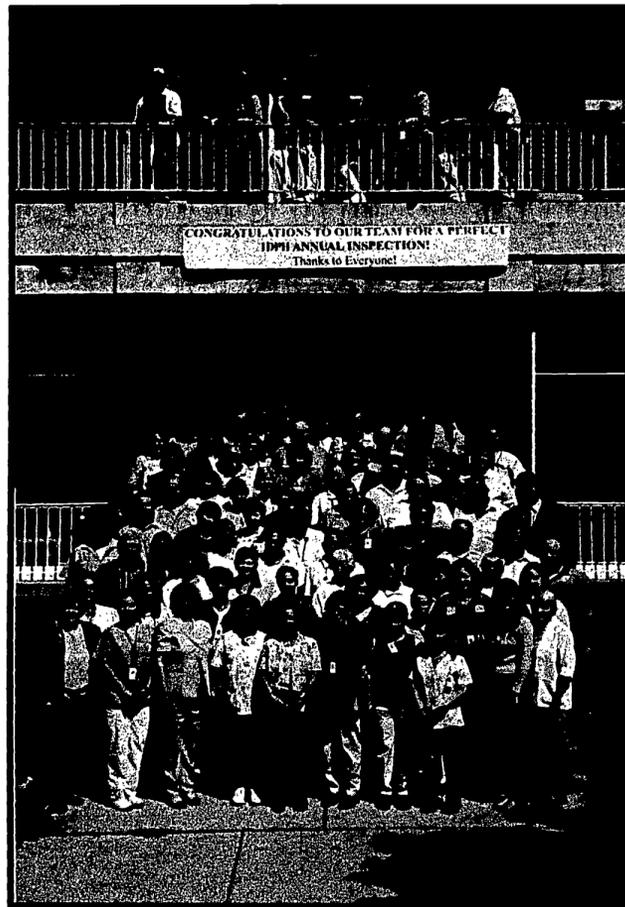
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Niles Senior Center

THE MOONLIGHTERS

We are excited to announce our new group, The Moonlighters. We will offer one event each month. This event will be open to all Club 55/62 members and Senior Center Members. First come, first registered!

Defending the Caveman - Thursday, October 14th, 5:00pm - approx. 10:00pm. \$35 This will be the first event we are offering. Join us for an evening of Laughter & Fun as we travel to the Metropolitan Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights to see Rob Becker's Hilarious, one-man comedy. This is the longest running solo show in Broadway history! Becker provides humorous insights on contemporary feminism and masculine sensitivity.

Before the performance, we will dine at Lou Malnati's. Dinner includes a Dinner Salad, Lou Malnati's Famous Deep Dish Pizza, Mostaccioli, and Dessert.

Check-in time at the Senior Center: 4:30pm on Thurs., Oct. 14th. Departure: 5:00PM.

Grief Workshop to Offer Support and Coping Tools Three Session Series to Begin September 15

Beginning Wednesday, September 15th, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can come to an individual workshop, or join us for the entire series. The workshops will meet on three consecutive Wednesdays, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm:

Workshop #1, September 15th - "What has happened to me?"

"Why me?" A forum for participants to share their diverse feelings about grief.

Workshop #2, Sept. 22nd - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others."

Knowing what to expect every day can be stressful after a loss. We will explore concerns, and encourage participants to examine their goals and priorities.

Workshop #3, September 29th - "On my own."

The shift from being part of a couple to living alone changes many things. At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust.

Please call one of us (Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW), at 847/588-8420 for more information on meeting dates and to let us know which workshops you will be attending so we can reserve a place for you.

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION

Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Niles residents, age 62 and over and their spouses. To register for classes, trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. To become a member, visit the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Dr., or call 847/588-8420 and we will mail you an application. Visit the Village of Niles online at www.vniles.com. Learn more about the Village and its services, 24 hours/day, 7 days/wk.

SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS

In-person registration began Wednesday, September 8th. Please call for ticket availability. (Mail-in/Drop-off Registration ended Friday, September 3rd.) Fill out the registration form in the September Program Guide - or pick up form at the Senior Center. (You may pay using cash, check or credit card.) Special accommodations needed? Let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more information.

HEALTH & WELLNESS - SEPTEMBER

Don't forget to reserve your flu shot appointment today! Check the center of the Naturally Active Program Guide for the form, or come in and pick one up.

The Flu: All U Need 2 Know - September 16th, 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Free

Dr. Joseph will answer questions about the flu & flu vaccine. Free, sign up required.

Diabetic Screening - Wednesday, September 22nd, 9:00am - 10:00am. \$2

Please sign up at Front Desk for instructions.

Eating Right with Diabetes - Wednesday, September 22nd, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Free

Open to All Seniors! Free, sign-up required. Celia Pappas, RD, CDE, LDN, dietitian with Lutheran General Hospital, speaks on the diabetic diet and how to monitor carbohydrates.

TAX COUNSELORS NEEDED!

Volunteer Tax Counselors (with or without previous experience) are greatly needed to help seniors with their Tax and Circuit Breaker preparations. Volunteers will receive free training at the Niles Senior Center in January. Tax appointments will run Feb., 2005 - April 14, 2005. For more info, please call MaryAnn 847 588-8420.

EXTENDED TRIP

Nashville Country Christmas - Tuesday, November 30th - Friday, December 3rd.

Highlights of The Nashville Country Christmas Extended Trip with New Beginnings includes a Cruise on the General Jackson, The Magical Musical Christmas Show, a Classic Family Christmas Dinner Show and we stay at the Opryland Hotel! If interested, please call Jaymi at 588-8420 for more details.

EVENINGS AT THE CENTER

Dinners & Movies at the Center - Wed., Sept. 22nd & Wed. Oct. 20th, 5:00 - 8:00pm. \$2

Where else can you get a Hot Dog Dinner followed by a New Movie for \$2?

Wed., Sept. 22nd - Paycheck (PG-13, 2003) starring Ben Affleck & Uma Thurman.

Wed., Oct. 20th - Raising Helen (PG-13, 2004) starring Kate Hudson & John Corbett.

CLASSES

Creative Classes

Intro. to Rubber Stamping & More!! - Thursday, Sept. 30th, 9:30am - 11:30am. Free!

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Holiday Card Making - Thursdays, Oct. 14th, 21st, 28th, & Nov. 4th, 9:00 - 11:30am. \$20

Make a set of 12 Holiday Greeting Cards. Create cards for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas & New Years. Your Choice! Learn new techniques to use at home. Color sample sheets for these projects available at the Front Desk. This is a 4-week course.

Gift Bags, Boxes, & Tags - Friday, November 12th, 9:30am - 11:30am. \$10

Take Gift-Giving to a New Dimension! Create beautiful and elegant Gift Bags & Boxes with Tags. It's easy & fun! Most of all it's Handmade from the Heart! Learn new techniques you can use at home or in our workroom. This is a 1-day workshop.

Personalized 2005 Calendar - Thursdays, Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd & 9th, 9:30-11:30am. \$25

Give it as a Gift! Keep it for yourself! Create a 12" x 12" 2005 Calendar using photographs you have taken, Rubber Stamps, and Embellishments. You will need 12 photographs or more. Learn how to preserve your photographs. Learn which glues are removable & photo-safe. Learn how to journal so you can make these memories last for generations. These techniques can be used at home or in our workroom. This is a 3-week course. Cooking Class

Meals in 30 Minutes or Less - Wednesdays, Oct. 6th - Nov. 3rd, 10:00 - 11:30am. \$15

Tony Franchi teaches you to prepare delicious meals in 30 min. or less. A 4-week course.

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Moron Grove Seniors

MaineStreamers Announce Fall Senior Activities and Classes
Listed below are a few of the fall programs for all Maine Township seniors. For further information on these and all senior programs and activities call 1-847-297-2510 or visit www.mainetownship.com.

"MUSIC FOR KIDS"

Tuesday, September 21
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd, Park Ridge
No Charge- Registration Required
Refreshments will be served
Are you a grandparent caring for

children full time, part time or once in a while? Come and learn some ways you can enjoy music together with your grandchildren and share your ideas with other grandparents. This group offers friendship, support and information as you care for children a second time. This gathering is sponsored by Children's Home and Aid Society.

WOMEN'S TEA

Thursday, September 23
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Cost: \$2.00 Refreshments included
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Day Trips

The following Day Trips are current-

ly on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.
"A SUNDAY THEATRE" TRIP
Munster, Indiana
Sunday, November 21
11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
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Take the story that inspired the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan film 'You've Got Mail', mix in with songs by the

creators of Fiddler on the Roof and add a dash of holiday spirit and what do you get? The romantic musical comedy She Loves Me.

Prior to enjoying this great production you will enjoy a Sunday Brunch offering Fresh Carved Meats, a Salad and Vegetables, Breakfast and Fruit Bar, along with the very popular Dessert Bar.

So, treat yourself out to a relaxing Sunday before the holiday season begins!

Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for this trip.

Park Ridge Seniors

The fall season is getting started at the Park Ridge Senior Center with the return to the schedule of a number of activities that were on hiatus for the summer. Returning to the schedule on Monday, September 20 at 10am is Money Matters. Bill Nesbit, moderator, has brought many topics of interest with more to come. Newcomers will be warmly welcomed.

Returning also on Monday, September 20 at 11am is The Writers Workshop. You're invited to hone your skills. Meetings will be held in

the library.

Explorer and naturalist, Bill Capet, will start off this season's Camera Club on September 28 at 10am. He will present a video about his 15 day trip to Guiana (the former British Guiana) and to Surinam (former Dutch Guiana). During that nature study trip led by the Oceanic Society Expeditions, Bill explored remote rainforest areas. He flew in 11 flights and rode in motorized canoes and Land Rovers. The expedition brought its own cooks and guides, and even carried much of its own food. Many interesting animals were seen during their rugged hiking treks. Everyone is welcome to attend this and all Camera Club Programs.

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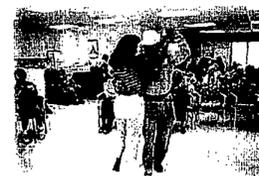
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♠	Q 10 9	
♥	7 6 4	
♦	A J 7 5 3 2	
♣	K	
SOUTH		
♠	7 5 4	
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♣	A Q 5 4 3 2	

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

The trouble with many players — even those who take the game very seriously — is that they think they think, when in fact they only half-think!

Take this case where West leads the jack of clubs against one notrump. Declarer takes East's king with the ace and returns the queen of hearts. West wins with the ace, and the

question is what he should play at trick three.

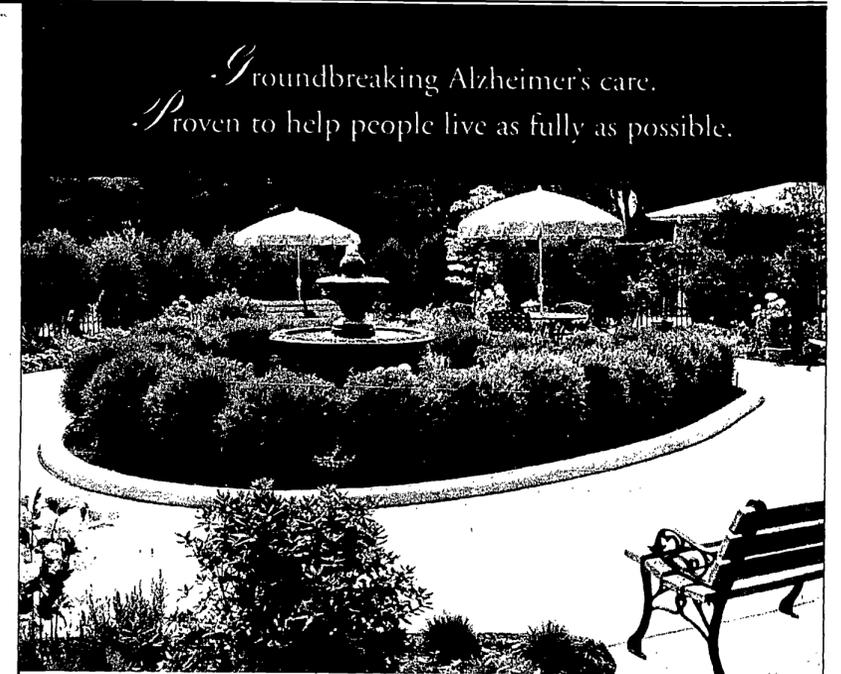
If West is a run-of-the mill player, he has no problem about what to do next. He reasons that by leading the ten of clubs to force out South's ace, he can establish his 9-7 of clubs, which he can later cash when he regains the lead with the king of diamonds.

West's reasoning is sound as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. What West fails to realize is that by establishing his clubs, he is at the same time conceding the contract to South. West can plainly see that declarer has eight sure tricks — two clubs, four hearts and two spades — so that a club continuation at trick three is in effect a give-up play.

But if West is the type of player who does not concede without a fight, he plays the king and another diamond after taking his ace of hearts at trick two! This extraordinary shift has much more in its favor than meets the naked eye. Since South has shown up with the A-Q of clubs and queen of hearts on the first two tricks, West reasons that East is sure to have the ace of diamonds and might also have the jack along with it.

A diamond shift therefore offers the only possible chance to defeat the contract. In the actual case, West reaps a well-earned reward for thinking things through.

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Niles West victory over Deerfield a sign of things to come

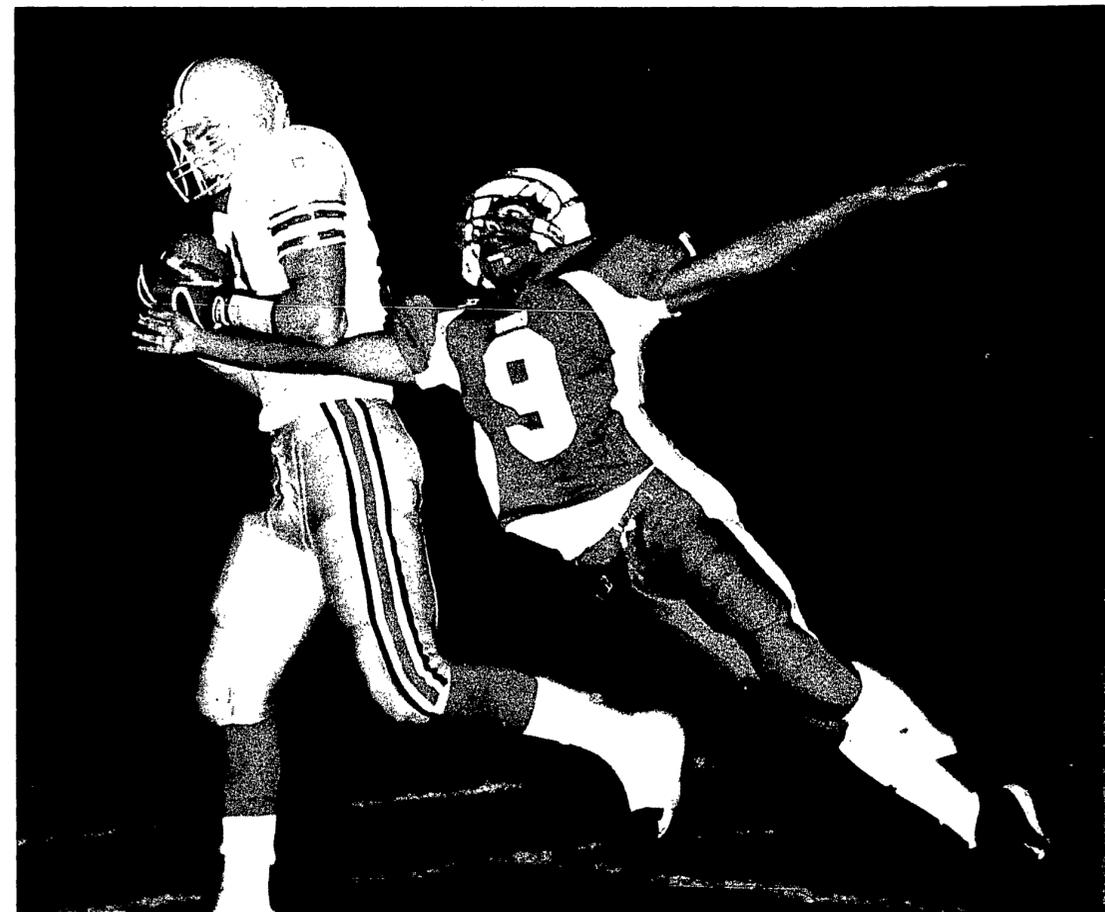
BY RYAN BISHOP rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

If Week two's game against Deerfield is any indication of Rashard Mendenhall and the Niles West football team's intensity and killer instinct, this team has a lot to look forward to. Start with Mendenhall's second highest rushing game total of 326 yards on 30 carries and two touchdowns (his previous high was 395 last year against Glenbrook South), as he lead his team to a 42-26 victory over the visiting Warriors (2-1).

This was the Mendenhall that fans, players and coaches were used to watching last year with his brother Walter. Running from one side of the field to the other, Deerfield defenders were looking at the back of #5 all night trying to track down the speedy ballcarrier. The rushing was unstoppable, rushing for a school record 494 yards and six touchdowns.

"I was just in a great rhythm tonight. The line did an outstanding job of blocking for me and I was hitting the holes hard, said Mendenhall. Our line is doing a better job this season of getting off their blocks. I was disappointed in the way I played last week, so it felt good to have a strong showing tonight," he said.

The defense faced a huge task in attempting to contain the Warriors vaunted aerial attack. Led by junior quarterback Alex Loukas and 6-3 receiver Martin Ceisel, the pro-style offense used a no-huddle shotgun offense for the duration of the game. The Wolves defense countered with a three-man front and blitzed from all angles, effectively mixing up their defensive formations. Despite the fact that Loukas passed for four touchdowns, two



Niles West's 5 foot 9 inch Ali Bhanpuri #9 just can't stretch far enough to stop Deerfield's 6 foot 3 inch TD pass to receiver Nick Glass that was set up by a 60-yard kickoff return by Ceisel. The Wolves answered

to Ceisel, he only completed 15-of-34 passes for over 200 yards, and was sacked three times. The secondary came up big in the second half as corners Jimmy

Kane and Parker Ansberry shut out the duo of Ceisel and Sean Brown. Ceisel caught nine passes for 145 yards on the night. Deerfield scored the first points

of the night with 10:25 in the first on a 13-yard TD pass to receiver Nick Glass that was set up by a 60-yard kickoff return by Ceisel. The Wolves answered the call on an 11-play, 4 minute drive capped off by quarterback

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NW Victory

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Mike Anderson's 1-yard plunge into the end zone. The Wolves fell behind 20-19 at the half after Loukas hit Ryan Wallace with a 20-yard scoring pass with 32.2 seconds left in the first half. It was all Niles West after that as the offensive line wore down the undersized line of the Warriors. Sophomore full-back Mike Galambos gained a hard earned 97 yards on 14 carries, and George Howe continued his success on the ground, running for 69 yards.

"This was the most complete game we have played since I've been the coach here. Everything was clicking for us. The offensive line was outstanding for our three running backs tonight, and we were very physical in the trenches. I've been disappointed in Rashard's play but he was special tonight," said ecstatic coach Mark Egofske.

"I really thought we took control of the game in the second half and wore them down on both sides of the ball. A big key was starting Chris Johnson our starting quarterback last week, at the inside linebacker spot. With the offense Deerfield runs I thought that switch would apply more



Niles West's Rashard Mendenhall #5 looks for running room but is stopped short on a first down attempt in the second quarter of their game against Deerfield at Niles West Friday night September 10.

pressure. He really stepped up to the plate and played a solid game for us," said Egofske. The Wolves head to Park Ridge next Friday night to face the 2-1 Demons, who are coming off a

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cushioning cartilage frays and flakes, and cells within the cartilage produce enzymes that can fill the joint with fluid. Medicines are not the only focus of treatment. Exercise is most important. It keeps involved joints limber, and it strengthens adjacent muscles. Strong muscles stabilize joints and protect them from further damage. An exercise program for osteoarthritis is one that is best learned from a professional — a physical therapist. Occupational therapists can teach arthritis patients what devices are available to facilitate joint motion and how patients can use those devices. Medicines abound. A simple pain reliever such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) might be the only drug needed. If stronger medicine is called for, anti-inflammatory, painkilling drugs like Aleve, Indocin, Voltaren and Motrin can often bring relief. These drugs have the potential to irritate the stomach. If they do, anti-inflammatory drugs without such stomach irritation can come to the rescue. Celebrex, Vioxx and Bextra are the names of those medicines. Joint injections with cortisone can be given every three months. Such injections are valuable when drugs are not dulling the pain and when the joints are filled with fluid. The many forms of and treatments for arthritis are discussed in the pamphlet on that subject. Readers can order a

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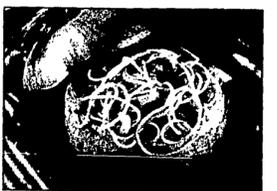


Onions are a cooking essential

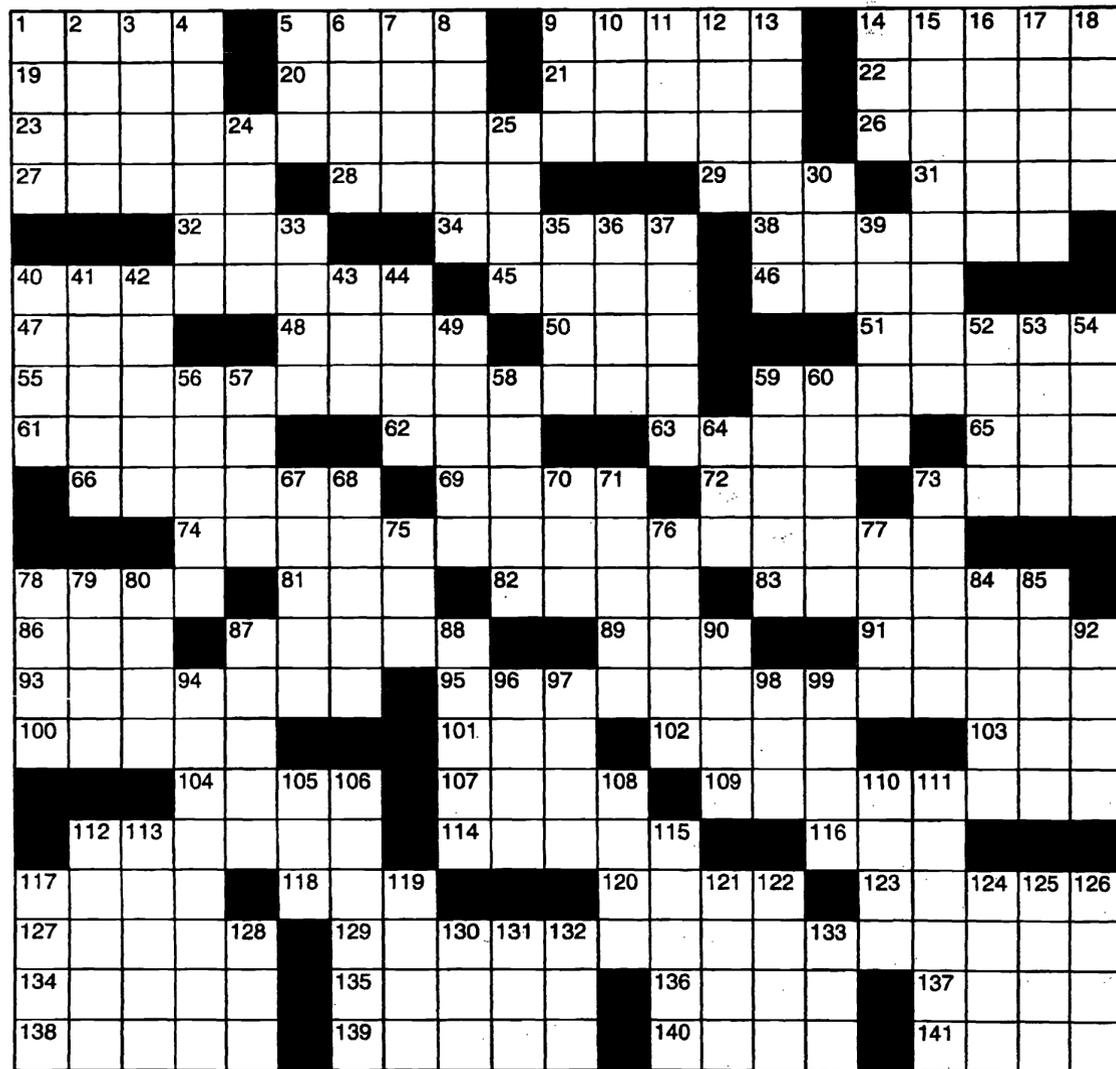
Maggie Waldron, food expert, author and editor, said, "It's probably illegal to make soups, stews and casseroles without plenty of onions." I agree. It's one of the foods I always make sure I have on hand. It's as essential as salt in much of my cooking, and I think the harvest gods that they're available all year. Cooked or raw, onions are a flavoring agent, but they also stand on their own as a side dish, particularly with red meats. Medium-to-large onions make a delicious entree when partially hollowed out and filled. And they look good too. Featured here is a large yellow onion filled with very thin pasta flavored with herbs. (White sweets such as the Spanish, Vidalia, Walla Walla or Texas sweet varieties do well too.) Second is a side dish to accompany poultry, meats or fish, or to solo in a hero chunk of French or Italian bread. Oh, yes, onions are low in calories and contain a generous amount of a nutrient called quercetin, which may protect against cataracts, cancer and cardiovas-

cular disease. They also contain certain natural chemicals that are believed to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Pasta Stuffed Onions 4 large yellow onions 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided 8 ounces dry capellini pasta 4 ounces thin sliced pancetta or bacon, diced 2 tablespoons unsalted butter 1/4 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon black pepper 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh thyme 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar 1 cup chicken stock 2 tablespoons minced fresh Italian parsley Wash onions, leaving outer skins on. Cut off about 1/4 of top at blossom end. Place onions and tops cut side down on baking sheet. Drizzle with 1 teaspoon olive oil. Bake in 350 F oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour until soft inside. Remove from oven, set aside to cool. Cook capellini pasta until al dente, 4 to 5 minutes. Rinse in cool running water. Drain well; toss with remaining 1 teaspoon olive oil. Set aside. Cook bacon or pancetta in sauté pan until crisp. Drain and set aside. When onions have cooled, scoop out centers leaving 2 layers of onion and skins intact. Reserve shells. Julienne insides of cooked onion. Place in heavy saucepan with butter, salt, pepper and thyme. Cover and cook over low heat, stirring often until caramelized. When ready to serve, re-heat onion

shells and tops in 350 F oven for about 10 minutes. Heat caramelized onions with balsamic vinegar, chicken stock and pancetta. Test for seasonings. Add pasta and heat through in sauce. Add parsley; toss well. Place pasta inside onion shells. Serve with tops slightly askew. Makes 4 servings.



Mediterranean Onion Saute 4 yellow or white onions, sliced in rings Pinch saffron powder (optional) 1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon black pepper 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley 2 teaspoons chopped fresh chives 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme 2 teaspoons olive oil Break apart onion slices into individual rings and place in large mixing bowl. Mix saffron, salt and pepper. Mix in fresh herbs. Sprinkle seasoning mixture over onion rings, tossing to combine evenly. Heat oil over medium heat in nonstick pan. Add onions and sauté about 8 minutes, or until onions are tender. Makes 4 servings. (c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.



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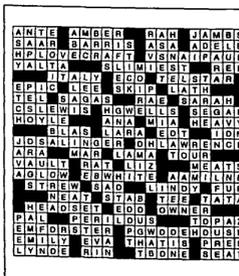
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The High Price of "Free" Offers

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There are other "free" deals that could cost you money. One, cited in the July issue of Consumer Reports' Money Adviser, involves a credit-card company's ad for a "free" laptop if you take its card, which car-

ries a 9.99 variable APR and no annual fee. Great deal? Well, actually, no. The devil is, once again, in the details, which, by the way, you don't find in the ad. It's when you decide to sign up that you're told you're not eligible for the gift unless you transfer \$5,000 in credit-card balances to the new card. If you have less debt you can request a cash advance up to \$2,500 to match the necessary minimum. And then, you must maintain a balance and pay interest on at least \$3,500 for the first 18 months. If you don't, you'll be hit with a one-time \$600 penalty. There are other charges that could be imposed according to the rules set by the company. In the end, your "free" laptop could cost more than \$3,400 in interest payments. Also, because the annual interest rate is variable, it can rise at any time. If you've had a positive or negative experience with "free" offers, let's hear from you.

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Golf Mill Cafe Opens

Chef Francisco Aguirre serves his wife Mary one of the Golf Mill Cafe's specials at the cafe's grand opening in the Golf Mill Shopping Center Saturday September 11. The cafe sits just inside Entrance 6 of the mall. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Park Ridge Chamber begins next phase of director search

The search for a new Executive Director for the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce is entering the next phase. The deadline for submitting applications and resumes passed Friday (Sept. 10). "We have received 31 resumes from qualified candidates and are very pleased with the response," says Marc Dennison, Chamber President. "We now have the diffi-

cult task of reviewing the submissions to select a small group of candidates for in-depth interviews and background checks." The search committee is composed of Dennison (Summit Square Retirement), Mary Schurder (Center of Concern), Cara Lindell (Fully Fit Lifestyles), John Bulgarelli (High Society Jewelers), Sandy Svizzero (Parkway Bank), and David Iglow (Pines Men's

Wear) are hard at work reviewing the resumes. "The Chamber committee plans to have an interview list of six finalists within the next week or two," Dennison says. "It is our hope to have the new Director in place as soon as possible. He or she will be needed to plan for 2005 events starting with the annual recognition dinner and installation of new officers in January."

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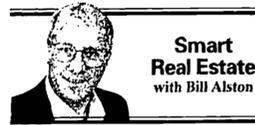
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Getting the most from the sale of your home - Part 2

We all live in our homes in the manner most comfortable to us. When it comes time to sell your home however, you should put aside personal feelings and look at it as an invest-

ment that you want to get the highest price for.

A buyer determines how much they will pay for your home, in part, by their opinion of its condition and appearance. Here are a few more tips to help you sell your home at the highest price.

Take care of repairs before placing the home for sale. You really can't ignore defects in your home when selling. First, in Illinois it is mandatory for the seller to fill out a "Residential Real Property Disclosure Report." This form asks 21 questions regarding the condition of your home, such as "I am aware of flooding or recurring leakage problems in the crawl space or basement?" The report becomes part of the real estate contract and you are liable for misrepresenta-

tions.

Next, when a buyer sees defects in the home, they get the impression of poor maintenance. Buyers tend to make a lower offer than they would if everything was in good repair. Buyers usually over estimate repair cost and could easily deduct \$2,000 from their bid because of a defect that could be repaired for \$500.

Lastly, almost all buyers have a professional home inspection done. The inspector spends two to three hours inspecting everything in your home, and they usually find anything that needs repair. If there are major defects discovered, the buyer will usually demand a repair credit (lowering your price), ask that the problem be fixed at your expense, or could even cancel the

contract.

The end result? A home in good repair sells for more money than a home that needs work. If that results in only a 2% increase in the offer on a \$350,000 home, you will get \$7,000 more in your pocket at the closing of the sale.

Call our office at 847-967-6800, even if you are not planning on selling your home for a couple of years. We will be happy to have one of our agents stop by and give you ideas on increasing the value of your home. Then, when you are ready to sell your home will be ready, too.

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THIS IS A HAMMER Raccoon Wars

It must be fall. After a long summer without them, the raccoons are back, prowling around the house, searching for any entrance they can find. For many months I thought they were gone from the neighborhood for good, but last week on a cool, misty morning I saw their telltale paw prints along the roof deck.

Two nights later I saw them: four young raccoons, obviously part of the litter I saw the adult raccoons carrying one by one through the snowy back yard last year. They were cute rascals, crowded together on the top step of the fire escape and gazing at me with wide brown eyes, their paws outstretched as if waiting for treats. And that's the trouble: Those wide, innocent faces mask their surprisingly clever and opportunistic personalities.

Raccoons and suburbanites are finding themselves ever more at odds these days, as open lands are replaced by new houses and some displaced wildlife discovers that convenience foods taste great.

Last year's battle, against these youngsters' parents, was a pitched and bitter affair as I tried to find ways to deter them from the garbage cans, the flowers, and the inside of the house.

I awoke early one morning to a loud crash and rushed into the kitchen to find an adult raccoon hanging halfway in the window, gamely dragging a box of Cheerios toward him. He had pried his claws into a small rip in the screen and torn a large hole in the mesh, wriggled under the half-opened sash — no small feat as he was roughly the size of a cocker spaniel — and dragged two boxes of cereal onto the windowsill.

A few loud bangs on the pots and pans sent him running away, but it was time to call a professional. Live traps were set up around all the prowling areas I could identify, with no luck. Even the one near the kitchen window stayed empty, although the bait placed inside disappeared regularly. Eventually

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Note to renters: Waiting to buy a home can cost you

(NAPSI)-

For nearly two years, 45-year-low interest rates have fueled home sales to record proportions. Now, with financial experts in agreement that those rates will continue to rise, the window of opportunity may be closing for the estimated 38 million renters across the U.S. most of whom hope to become homeowners in the near future. In fact, waiting to buy a home could cost you more in the long run.

Buy or Wait?
Rising home prices and interest rates are only part of the equation. By purchasing a home now, renters can begin building home equity and personal net worth sooner. In a market where home prices are consistently edging upward, a home purchased for \$200,000 two years ago could easily be worth \$20,000 more today. That extra money is equity in the homeowner's pocket. Nationwide,

home values increased by 23 percent on average since 2000. In some parts of the country, homes have increased by as much as 65 percent or more in the same span of time.

Renter Misconceptions
Many renters or first-time buyers don't realize that purchasing a home is easier today than ever before. It's one reason the national home ownership rate was 62.9 percent for the second quarter of 2004, representing 73.4 million homeowners in the country—an all-time record. To that end, a number of perceived barriers are sidelining or stalling renters from jumping into the market. Top "fear factors" according to a Bank of America-commissioned survey are:

Fear of making a costly mistake—Consumers need to be diligent about consulting only with established, reputable lenders. Seek out a lender

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Renters

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who is more concerned with your personal financial situation than earning a commission. Also, do your own homework to ensure that you know what competitive mortgage rates are. Mortgage rates are published weekly in the business or real estate section of most major newspapers or visit www.bankrate.com. Use those rates to help guide you, but be mindful that customer service and attention to your specific needs are also key criteria to consider.

Intimidation of the paperwork and the process—40 percent of renters believe they either don't have enough money saved or they may not qualify for a mortgage, yet more programs exist today than ever before to limit the amount of down payment needed to become a homeowner—and limit the necessary paperwork. Bank of America, for example, offers an 80 percent less paperwork process that benefits

many homebuyers.

Not knowing where to start—Approximately 75 percent of homebuyers begin by doing online research. Also, first-time homebuyers may find it helpful to start the process with a visit to a bank or a realtor recommended by a friend or relative. They can help you determine how much house you can afford and what your payments would be.

Despite the misconceptions above, the survey also found that 57 percent of renters intending to purchase a home by year-end are in fact accelerating their plans in light of the rise in interest rates—and they are smart to do so. For every one percent rise in interest rates, one million renters or first-time homebuyers no longer qualify for a mortgage. Why? Because interest rates factor into affordability. For example, a 1/2-percent increase in interest adds

nearly \$50 to the monthly payment on a 30-year mortgage.

"Home ownership is a goal for most renters, and this is a pivotal time to get into the market," says financial expert Gene Morris. "If your goal is to purchase a home one, two or three years from today, you should visit your banking institution to discuss the benefits of buying a home sooner."

In a rising interest rate environment, millions of renters can still take advantage of an opportunistic market, a positive economic outlook and programs that make buying a home an attractive proposition. If you are one of the millions of renters intent on becoming a homeowner, you owe it to yourself to explore homeownership sooner rather than later. Talk to your banker to get a clear understanding of the options available to you right now.



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though, the raccoons stopped showing up; the trapper called to say he had caught two adults at a neighbor's house, and that was that. But a few months later, in the first snowstorm of the year, I glimpsed one of the adults carrying a kit across the street, and realized we'd be seeing more of them this year. Sure enough, they're out there. We're taking the usual precautions: not allowing the cat out at night,

bringing my favorite plants in, and keeping the garbage cans inside the garage, the lids on tight, until trash day. The windowsills are spritzed daily with ammonia. And the live traps will be back in place next week. Then we'll see how smart this generation of suburban commandos really is. HOME TIP: Raccoons can be difficult to outwit once they've located

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a source of food. Don't leave garbage outside for them to get into, and by all means don't feed them.

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

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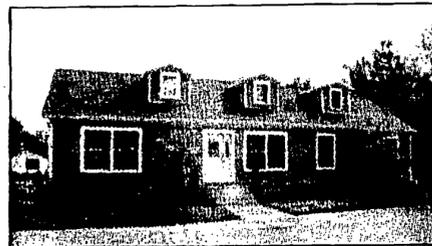
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The contract document for said work may be obtained and will be available after Thursday, September 16, 2004 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street, Niles, Illinois, 847/967-6633.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2004. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. All bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

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Niles Park District will require the successful Bidder to furnish a satisfactory performance and labor and material payment bond for the total contract amount of this project.

All wages paid by the Contractor and Sub-Contractors shall be in compliance with the Illinois prevailing wage rate act. Bidders will also be required to comply with the applicable equal employment opportunity and sexual harassment provisions.

The Niles Park District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality or technicalities in any bid and to accept the bid which it deems to be in the best interest of the Niles Park District. Joseph V. LoVerde, Jr. Secretary of the Board Niles Park District

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The Niles Park District will receive sealed bids for exterior steel frame-work painting at Grennan Heights Gymnasium, 8255 Oketo, Niles, Illinois. The work required under this specification shall include all labor, material, equipment and services necessary for re-painting of all exterior steel frame work.

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HOUSE FOR SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Cook County, Illinois County Department - Chancery Division. Bank of America, N.A. as assignee of GN Mortgage Corporation Recorded as Document No. 03163797, Plaintiff, vs. Sarakoon Sharaf, et al., Defendant. No. 04CH-2479. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 15, 2004 Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, IL, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as: 8501 W. Clara Dr., Niles, IL 60714. The mortgagee and the purchaser is improved with a single family residence. This information is considered reliable but is not warranted.

The judgment amount was \$183,659.01. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds, within 24 hours. This sale is subject to unpaid real estate taxes, assessments, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions of record. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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04-ZP-25 - Ken Kantorowicz, 2540 Benton, Palatine. Requesting a variation to Section VII (9) (A) to reduce the required side yard from 6' to 5' and requesting a variation to Section VII (9) (A) to reduce required side yard of 10' to 4' to construct a two story addition at 6660 Albion. 04-ZP-26 - Carol Provost, 7029 Keeney, Niles. Requesting a variation to Section VII (C) (8) to reduce the current nonconforming 20.37' front yard to 15.37' to construct an open porch at 7029 Keeney. The Village of Niles will comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. If you or someone you know with a disability require accommodation for a Village service or have any questions about the Village's compliance, please contact Mary Kay Morrissey, Village Manager, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, 847/588-8000.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Any bid received after the time and date stated above will be returned unopened to the Bidder.

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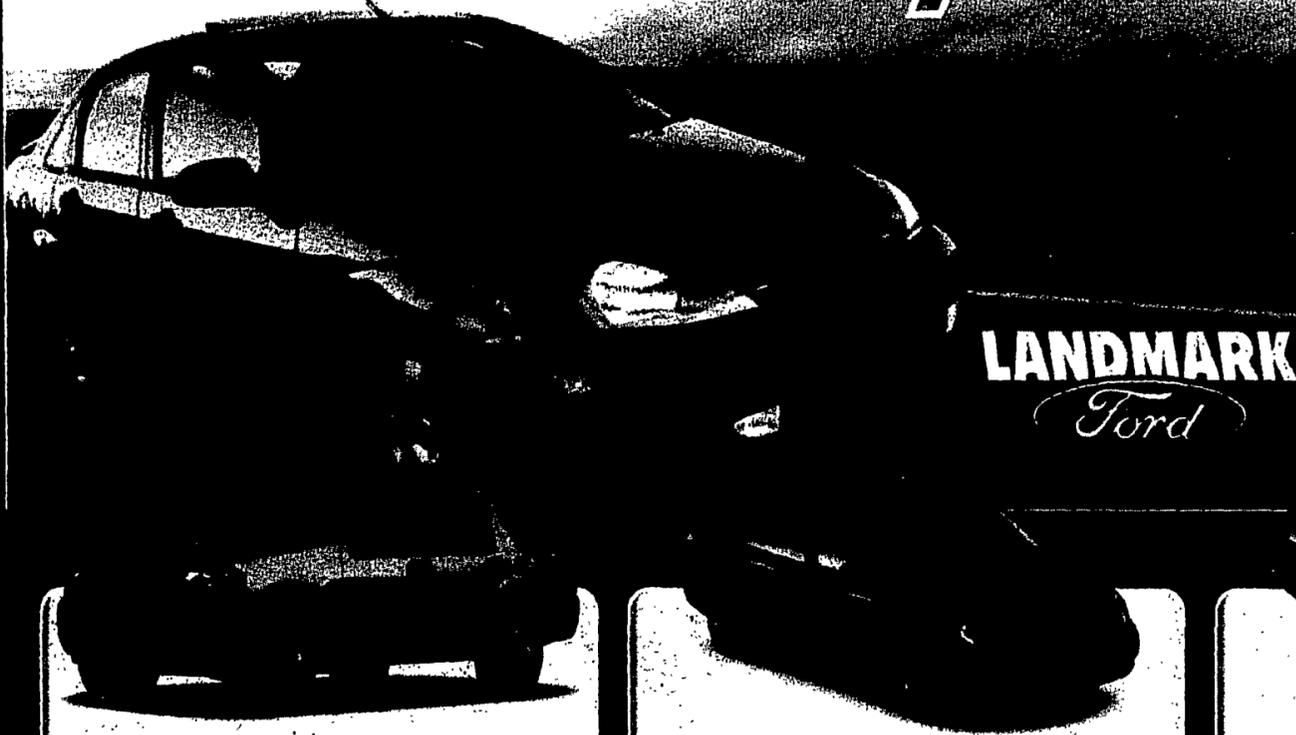
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