

in block grants to social and environmental programs and civics classes for children.

Those still standing, both inside and outside the Capitol, could face a choice of public judgment: subjection to endless hours of self-aggrandizing lectures and diatribes, self-incrimination or flagellation by those with opposing political views. If they couldn't decide among these toxic alternatives, we'd impeach them.

I would be in the corner, wondering still what any of this had to do with reverence for government and its institutions, citizens and their needs. But we would be purged at last, my fellow puzzled and anguished Americans, purged at last. — M.B. Barlow

Ball event a success

looking for volunteers, donations and monetary support from any community members or organizations interested in helping. In the past, banks, restaurants, community organizations and individuals donated time and/or funds to make this event meaningful and memorable for the high school students who participated.

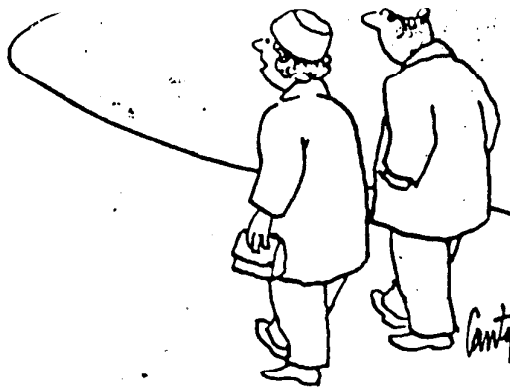
If you are interested in offering your assistance, call Sally Wilhelm at (630) 627-0091 for more information. Again, thanks to those of you who gave in the past and those who will donate to help build the future. ... David Grelecki, Willowbrook High School Operation Snowball planning committee

Remorabilia sought

collect and preserve this physical heritage for research, teaching and exhibition. If you or someone you know has letters, diaries, photographs or other mementos of the period, contact the institute at the Department of History, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2200 or call (850) 644-9033. We will be delighted to send an information packet or answer any questions concerning donation of materials to the institute and their future use. ... William Oldson, history professor

Should have closed

grade school my child attends, a snow plow was operating in the same parking lot being traversed by kids and a snow thrower was blasting away to open a main entrance! There were no crossing guards and even the walks in front of the school were closed. These are horribly unsafe conditions and they were compounded by below zero



"In accordance with the town bylaws impeachment is not an option."

Deadly crossing must be fixed right

La GRANGE ... How many people must be hurt before a crosswalk is fixed? That is the question I pose to the readership of The Doings, the county of Cook, the forest preserve district of Cook County and the village of Western Springs.

Anyone living or working in the area of Bemis Woods is very familiar with the bicycle and pedestrian crossing of Wolf Road just north of Ogden Avenue in Bemis Woods. It's a summertime ritual — dozens of kids crossing busy Wolf Road on their way to or from Brookfield Zoo. Many times there are near misses.

Unfortunately, as we all remember, one boy was killed and another hurt there in April 1997. It is undeniably a very dangerous spot.

I was glad to see construction begin in that area. "Finally, they will fix that area before more kids get hurt," I thought. But they did not fix it. The crossing has been reconstructed the same way it was before. What were

the designers thinking?

It would be so easy to fix. Sure, an overpass for the pedestrians would be nice. That would guarantee someone could cross without regard to traffic, lighting or weather. But even a stop light with a push button would work. Kids could wait until cars had a red light and then cross. It would be cheap (compared to the cost of whatever they did) and make the area much safer.

As an attorney representing personal injury victims, I see the results of dangerously designed crossings like this every day. Kids get hit by cars even when they are crossing when and where they are supposed to just because some driver wasn't paying attention. The reconstruction of the crossing in Bemis Woods without some protection for kids crossing Wolf Road virtually guarantees more of them will be hurt. The question is not if, but when? ... G. Grant Dixon III

Work of library Friends appreciated

HINSDALE ... The trustees of the Hinsdale Public Library Board deeply appreciate all the fund-raising activities of our local Friends of the Library group and encourage all community residents to support it.

Residents can support the Friends' work by joining the organization during its current membership drive, volunteering to help with the semi-annual book sales and donating saleable items.

The Friends are an important source of revenue to the library, especially in this tax cap era. The group has contributed \$56,000 to the library during the past two years.

books for youth services, CD-ROM learning games and foreign language instructional tapes. In addition, the Friends' special contributions in 1998 helped launch the library's public Internet stations and the young adult service area.

Overall, the revenue from the Friends is a significant reason why the library is able to keep its collection growing and responsive to patrons' increasing demands for timely information.

As an added incentive, joining the Friends entitles a member to attend a special Thursday preview of each May and November book sale.