

City creates temporary lot for Uptown workers

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So far, 61 workers in Uptown Park Ridge have received permits for a new lot of the former site of the Bredemann Buick dealership. The lot is about a block from the intersection of Northwest Highway, Touhy Avenue, and Prospect Avenue, near the intersection of Northwest and Summit Avenue. The lot has



50 spaces. "We opened the lot last Monday," said City Manager Tim Schuenke. "12 to 15 spots have been used daily ever since."

Initially, the City only issued 50 permits for the lot. After observing that so few of the spots were in daily use, they issued another 11 permits. The lot may help resolve the parking complaints of employees and business owners in the Uptown area who are unable to move their cars often enough. Many have accumulated a substantial number of parking tickets.

Iliana Gonos owner of Fashionique boutique at 9 S. Prospect received 8 parking tickets over the last few

weeks for parking more than 2 hours in front of her store. "I have to close my store four times a day just to move my car," said Gonos. "Many times I just can't walk away from a customer to move my car."

Schuenke said that, while the lot may relieve some of those issues, it was primarily designed to provide more

parking space for customers in the Uptown area. "Business owners wanted a place for employees to park that

would take up space near the business," said Schuenke.

Scheuke also said that he expects the lot will only operate for six to eight months at which time, the redevelopment of the parcel will begin. He was confident that any redevelopment, however, would take into account the parking needs of the business owners and employees as well as the customers.

"The driving force behind the lot however, is the customers," said Schuenke.

Of the 61 permits that have been issued for the lot, 28 were from neighboring businesses Napleton Cadillac dealership the Happy House restaurant.



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A Royal Halloween

Pharaoh John J. Bulgarelli and his queen and wife of 15 years Marie greet visitors to their store High Society Jewelers in Uptown Park Ridge, Friday Night, Oct. 31 as part of the South of the Tracks celebration for Halloween.

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Parking Proposal Pushed Back to Public Works Department

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After nearly 45 minutes of questions and debate both opposing and supporting the plan, the Park Ridge City Council decided to send the proposed parking changes regulation back to the Public Works Department to hash out the details of the proposal. The plan put forth by Fire Chief Edward Dubowski proposed numerous initiatives that were quite controversial on whether the inconvenience outweighed the benefit.

For many the elimination of parking spots caused a huge problem. Alderman Rex Parker (6th) was against the plan saying, "My very first encounter with Park Ridge government was a snow tickle. I'm for more parking, not less."

The plan called for all Park Ridge city streets less than 19 feet in width to eliminate one side of available parking. Those streets exceeding 20 feet would either have restricted parking or be closed with parking on alternating sides of the street.

The primary concern was for

safety vehicles such as ambulances and police cars. Recently there have been problems with getting to residents in trouble because these larger vehicles could not make it through crowded streets. Alderman Larry Friel (7th) recalled a recent incident in which a resident had a heart attack and an ambulance could not get to him quickly saying, "It's a safety issue from my perspective. We had an ambulance inching through these cars trying to get to the victim. When we as a community cannot respond to our citizens, that's a problem."

Friel's support extended so far that he proposed trying it out on his ward to see the success of the project. From the results in the seventh ward they could decide whether or not to enact it across the entire city. "Yes, there will be some inconveniences," Friel admitted, "but the benefits greatly outweigh these inconveniences."

Concern was raised about the feasibility of the plan in special circumstances. Many asked how commercial districts would be handled. Others wondered what would happen to those on vacation or other-

wise unable to move their vehicle across the street.

Dubowski took a high level approach toward the problem saying, "It's a pretty big community at 7.1 square miles and when we start getting into individual areas it gets a little overwhelming. We tried to look at the community as a whole and then from there we could make special circumstances."

This "special circumstances" concept ultimately caused the council to push the proposal back to the Public Works Committee. Dubowski said that the proposal would be an ideal situation but ultimately the Council would have to decide the feasibility of the plan.

The proposal was based primarily upon Oak Park, which had recently enacted a similar parking plan in their community that had limited much of the residential parking to one side of the street. Dubowski said that this had been successful in the community for the past two years. Parking on alternating sides of the streets he said was a more innovative process put forth as a solution to a difficult problem.

Police Receive Funds for Eight New Interceptors

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There was little debate for the Park Ridge City Council Monday when they authorized the Police Department to purchase eight new 2004 Crown Victoria Interceptors and trade in eight of their old squad cars.

The time was right for the purchase of the new vehicles for a number of reasons, the most important being that the vehicles were beginning to age, according to Alderman Mike Tinaglia (1st), Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. "These vehicles, now two years old, are used 24-7. They are always on the road and are operating in the driving or idle capacity virtually 100 percent of the time."

Tinaglia noted that while they have 50-60,000 driving miles on them, they also have picked up 100,000 idling miles.

The motion was unanimously passed by all Council members present. Tinaglia was also quick to

point out that the 2-year old vehicles were at a prime time to sell to maximize their resale value. Right now their estimated value is at \$8500-10,000. After two years the resale price of a cruiser will drastically drop. By trading in now rather than later the cost of the new vehicles, the estimated total of \$172,000 will be offset by the trade in dropping the total cost to the City to \$104,000.

The vehicles will be purchased from Landmark Ford in Springfield, IL later this year. The dealership was chosen for its ability to provide drastically reduced prices because they sell to a statewide pool.

"While we might like to go a seller in our town or near our town," Chief of Police Jeff Caudill said, "we just wouldn't be able to afford them. Generally in purchasing from this pool the prices are much lower."

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Nineteen developers express interest in Uptown redevelopment

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Nineteen different developers, including some of those involved in the redevelopment of downtown Des Plaines, expressed interest in redeveloping Uptown Park Ridge as of the deadline, 5 p.m. Monday evening.

"We're very pleased with the proposals," said City Manager Tim Scheunke. "We're scheduling a meeting of the executive com-

mittee in order to develop a short list."

The executive committee is comprised of the four chairs of the standing city council committees, the mayor, city clerk, and city treasurer.

With the short list in hand, the City Council will ask for specific proposals for the development of the three vacant parcels of land in Uptown: the reservoir block, and the two parcels that were formerly the Bredemann dealership.

"Once we have the short list, we

will ask for specific proposals by the first or second week in December," said Scheunke. "Time is of the essence and we need to keep moving forward."

Alderman Rex Parker (6th) voiced concerns about the proposals the developers would submit to the council.

"The developers need to know that at least some members of the council are looking for something more than a bookstore and a health club that would affect our Park District," said Parker.

City approves parking changes

In order to ease parking problems in the Uptown area, the City Council approved a variety of changes to metered and free parking in the commercial district at their Monday night meeting.

Among the changes were:

- 1) All ninety-minute parking was converted to two-hour parking.
- 2) Some of the five-hour meters in the Uptown parking court were converted to 12-hour meters.
- 3) Remaining five-hour meters in the Uptown parking court were converted to free parking.
- 4) Five-hour meters in the Central Parking lot were converted to free parking.
- 5) Five-hour metered parking

along Summit Avenue (both east and west sides) from Touhy Avenue to Northwest Highway was converted to free parking.

Changes are expected to take affect as soon as the Public Works employees can change the signage. This could happen as soon as tomorrow (Friday).

Library repairs continue with heating system

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After finishing the asbestos removal project within the allotted six weeks, officials of the Park Ridge Public Library are preparing for the next wave of interior repairs to be conducted over the next six months.

Library Board Member Bill McVey was pleased to announce the asbestos removal had come in well under its \$400,000 budget, topping out at about \$250,000. McVey cautioned, however, that they still had to replace the Library ceilings, part of the asbestos removal budget and that they wouldn't have those figures until they finished other scheduled repairs.

"We were also able to conduct some of the electrical repairs to the building while we were removing the asbestos," said McVey. "That will make that portion of the interior repairs

easier and might save us as much as 10 percent."

The Heating, Ventilation, and Air-conditioning (HVAC) system is currently under-going repairs. It began on Wednesday, Oct. 29 and is scheduled to continue through Monday, Dec. 15. During repairs, patrons may experience some minor disruptions in service as the Library may only have partial heat. McVey predicted that the Library would only be entirely without heat one or two days during this period.

"Mostly, only half of the building will be affected," said McVey.

In late November, bids will go out for the necessary electrical repairs, with work anticipated to be complete by late February. Tomorrow (Friday) is the last day for bids on a new sprinkler system.

"It's our intent to complete major interior projects during this fiscal year," said McVey. "Next year, we'll work on the exterior repairs."

Final draft of reservoir agreement sent to Park District

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Construction on a new seven million gallon reservoir at Hinkley Park could begin as early as next spring if a final draft of the intergovernmental agreement between the City of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Park District is approved.

"There shouldn't be any

surprise for [the Park District]," said City Manager Tim Schuenke. "Hopefully we can get this wrapped up."

Schuenke told the City Council at Monday night's meeting that the plans for the Hinkley reservoir have been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Design work on the reservoir was scheduled to begin yesterday (Wednesday).

The construction of the new reservoir will free up valuable property in Park Ridge's Uptown for redevelopment in accordance with the City's plans.

The Hinkley site, originally proposed by the Park District, will enable the City to begin construction earlier than their other proposed site at the former Public Works garage at 1200 Elm St. That site is currently leased by Nicor.

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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

¥ Make sure that you load your dishwasher properly. A lot of the plastic storage containers (e.g., Gladware) say they are dishwasher-safe, but make sure you put them on the top shelf, not the bottom, where they could be too close to the dishwasher's heating element. It could warp or melt them.

¥ "I use bar soap, and I always wondered what to do with the little bits when the bar gets worn down. I tried attaching them to a new bar, but eventually they fall off. They can really clog a drain, but I don't like to waste them, so I figured out a great use for them. I cut a knee-high stocking in half and used the toe end to hold the bits. I keep it by the sink for hand-washing. The soap still lathers, but the pieces are kept safe in the little bag. As a bonus, the hosiery acts as a scrubber for grime, and it is easily rinsed." — James T. in Douglas, Ga.

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¥ "I have found that baking soda and warm water is the best thing to use to clean inside the refrigerator. The baking soda helps to scrub off stuck-on foods, and it leaves the refrigerator smelling clean." — Malinda R. in Hays, Kan.

¥ "My mom taught me this trick: When making hamburger patties or meatballs, wet your hands before you handle the ground beef. The fats don't cling to your hands as readily, and it makes shaping the patties easier for sure!" — Jenny D. in Jacksonville, Fla.

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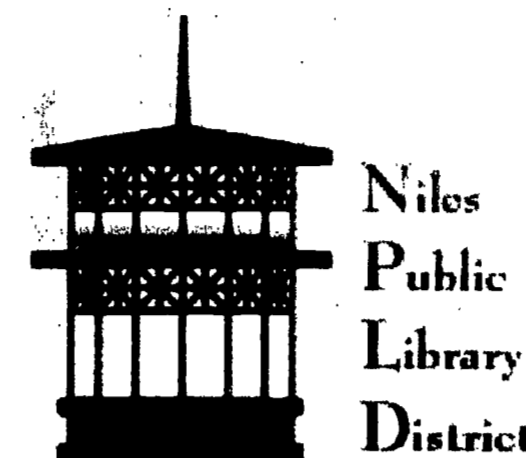
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The Vanishing Urban Corner
Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm
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Fourth Tuesday Film Series
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Afternoon Discussion Group - third Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm
November 19 selection: Dreaming Water by Gail Tsukiyama.
Evening Discussion Group - fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm
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Thursday Afternoon Fights (2nd Thursday of the month)
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Second Sunday Specials
Free Monthly Programs for the Whole Family
Sunday, November 9, 2:00 pm
Award-winning children's composer Susan Salidor performs songs from Shiny New Shoes, her newest recording for children and their families and winner of the Parents' Choice Silver Award. Tickets are available in the Children's Department on the first of the month. Free.

Kids' Flicks
Tuesday, November 11, 2:30 pm
This fun-filled adventure film tells the tale of a boy, plagued with bad luck from an old family curse, who is sent to a weird summer camp and forced to dig holes. Based on an award-winning best-seller. Rated PG. No registration required. Free.

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Dates have been changed for Quicken: a class in two parts: Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 am and Saturday, November 15, at 10:00 am
Jennifer Didier, General Manager of Directions Training, will introduce you to Quicken, a powerful computer program you can use to balance your checkbook, reconcile your statements, pay bills, and much more. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required and applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk at the Library.

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Learn how to open a free e-mail account using Yahoo! and how to send and receive messages. Sign up now for one of four hands-on sessions using the Library's Internet stations.
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Wednesday, December 10, 9:00 - 10:30 am
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Understanding Medicare and Medicaid
Monday, November 10, 7:00pm
Learn Medicare and Medicaid basics, such as: How to apply and who qualifies? What is a spend-down? Find out where to get assistance with Medicare and Medicaid questions and problems. Discover other health care options and how to get the most out of both programs. Learn how to help protect your health care benefits by knowing how to spot and report health care fraud. This program is co-sponsored by the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, the Morton Grove Department of Health and Family Services, and the Morton Grove Public Library.

All about Acupuncture
Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 pm
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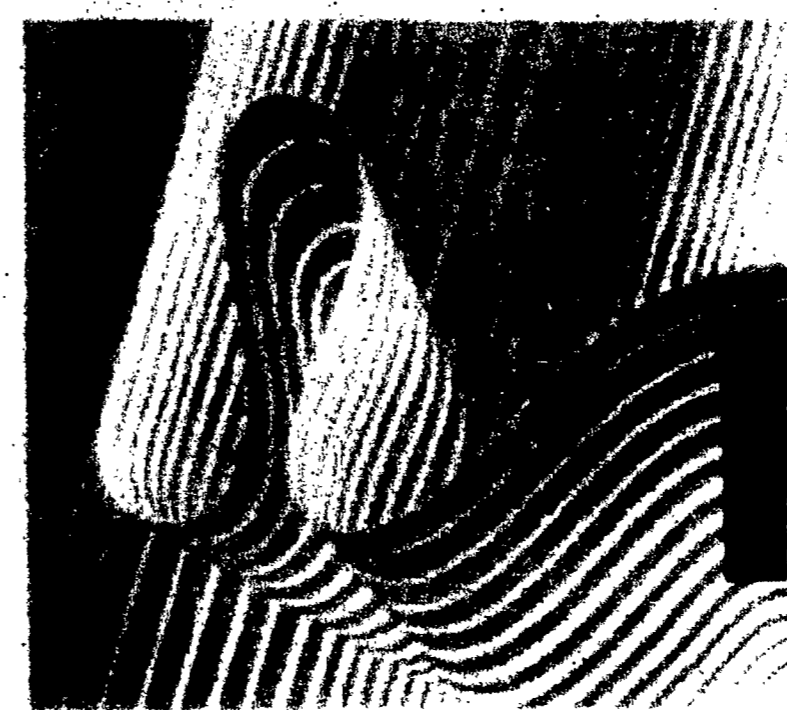
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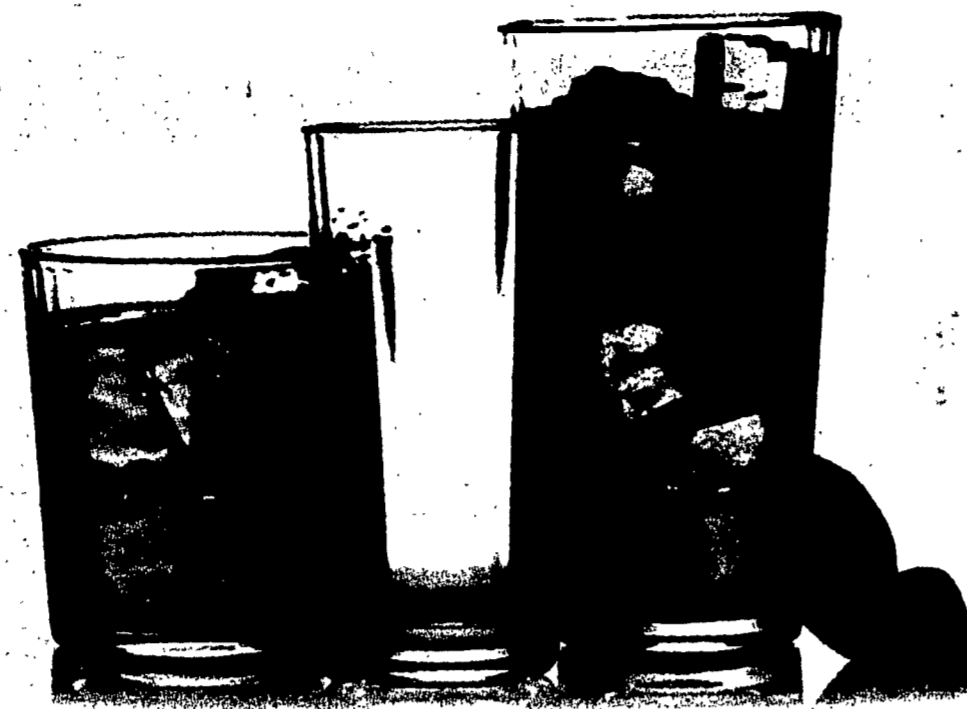
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Decision postponed on merging MCC lawsuits

BY WENDY ELLIS
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A federal judge in Chicago will take a wait and see attitude toward the Village of Morton Grove's petition to consolidate the two lawsuits pending against it because of activities at the Muslim Education Center.

Ted Hadley, the attorney representing the village for the Chicago law firm of Chilton, Yambert, Porter and Young, said the village filed the "Motion to Find Relatedness" because they believe the two suits are seeking opposite resolutions and the village does not want to find itself having to satisfy rulings from different judges that pull in two different directions.

Hadley said the court chose not to rule on the issue at a hearing last week, because the Muslim Community Center (MCC), which is named as a defendant in one of the suits, has filed a motion to have itself removed from that suit.

The first lawsuit was filed by a group of homeowners living around the Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard. The MEC is a Muslim Elementary School and has been the scene of religious prayer services on Friday afternoons for several years. The parking situation around the MEC has "overwhelmed" the neighborhood, according to the homeowners group, which filed suit against the village for failure to enforce city code. The group, the Morton Grove Organization, also named the MCC, the school's parent organization, as a defendant, and accused the city of allowing the Friday prayer services at the school without the proper permits.

The second suit was filed against the village a few weeks later by the MCC, claiming the organization's civil rights had been violated by the village board of trustee's refusal to grant them permission to build a mosque on the property they own around the school. Both suits were filed in federal court in Chicago.



Polly Wants Some Candy

Julia Wezio, 4, of Niles goes through the candy line at Niles Village/Police Department -sponsored Halloween Party at St. John Brebeuf, Friday night, Oct. 31. For more photos, visit our website.

District 64 Teachers authorize strike if on-going negotiations stall

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Negotiation session tonight (Thursday) may be last chance to avert first strike in 24 years

A negotiating session Thursday, Nov. 6, may be all that stands

between Park Ridge/Niles School District 64, and its first teacher's strike in 24 years. In a membership meeting last week, the teachers voted to give their negotiating team the right to call a strike if no new contract is reached within 10 days. That means a strike could begin as early as Monday, Nov. 10, if the negotiating team feels no significant progress is being made.

"The PREA is quite willing to negotiate the seventh, the eighth, the ninth, whatever it takes to get a contract," said Park Ridge Education Association President Fred Klonsky. "But as of last session there has not been any movement."

The two sides are divided primarily on salary and health care costs. The district raised its offer of a salary increase to 9% over a three

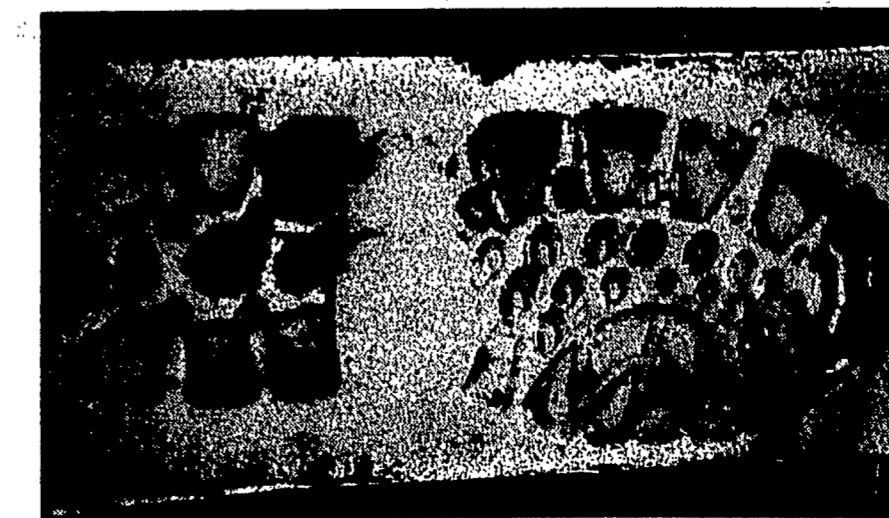
year period at the most recent negotiating session Oct. 29, but the teacher's union says that figure of around 3 percent annually represents only a .975 percent increase over a 2 percent step increase that's already in the contract.

"In teaching we don't have promotions," said Klonsky. "So you create a salary schedule that has steps and every time you get to one you get an increase." The Park

Ridge salary schedule has 20 steps, each offering a 2% raise. Klonsky says the step increases offered by the district only apply to the last half of the schedule. Teachers with 10 or less years in would receive no increase under the district proposal. What the teachers want is an annual adjustment to that salary schedule. "Otherwise, (Continued on page 7.)



Helping the needy
Holding a can of soup for the Maine Township Food Pantry, Tatiana Cabrales, 4, of Stevenson School waits in line with classmates for a tour through the Township building, Friday afternoon, Oct. 31. See story, page 27.



Need a Clue?
A plaster cast of shoe print sits on display at the Niles Police Department for the the Niles Citizens Police Academy class on evidence. For more photos of the popular program, turn to page 30.



Niles West Suffers Déjà Vu
With only 3 seconds left in their season and down 23-21 to New Trier, Niles West players Tim Payne, Mike Archam, Jason Barnaung, and Bart Williams join in prayer on the sidelines. For the story, see page 15.

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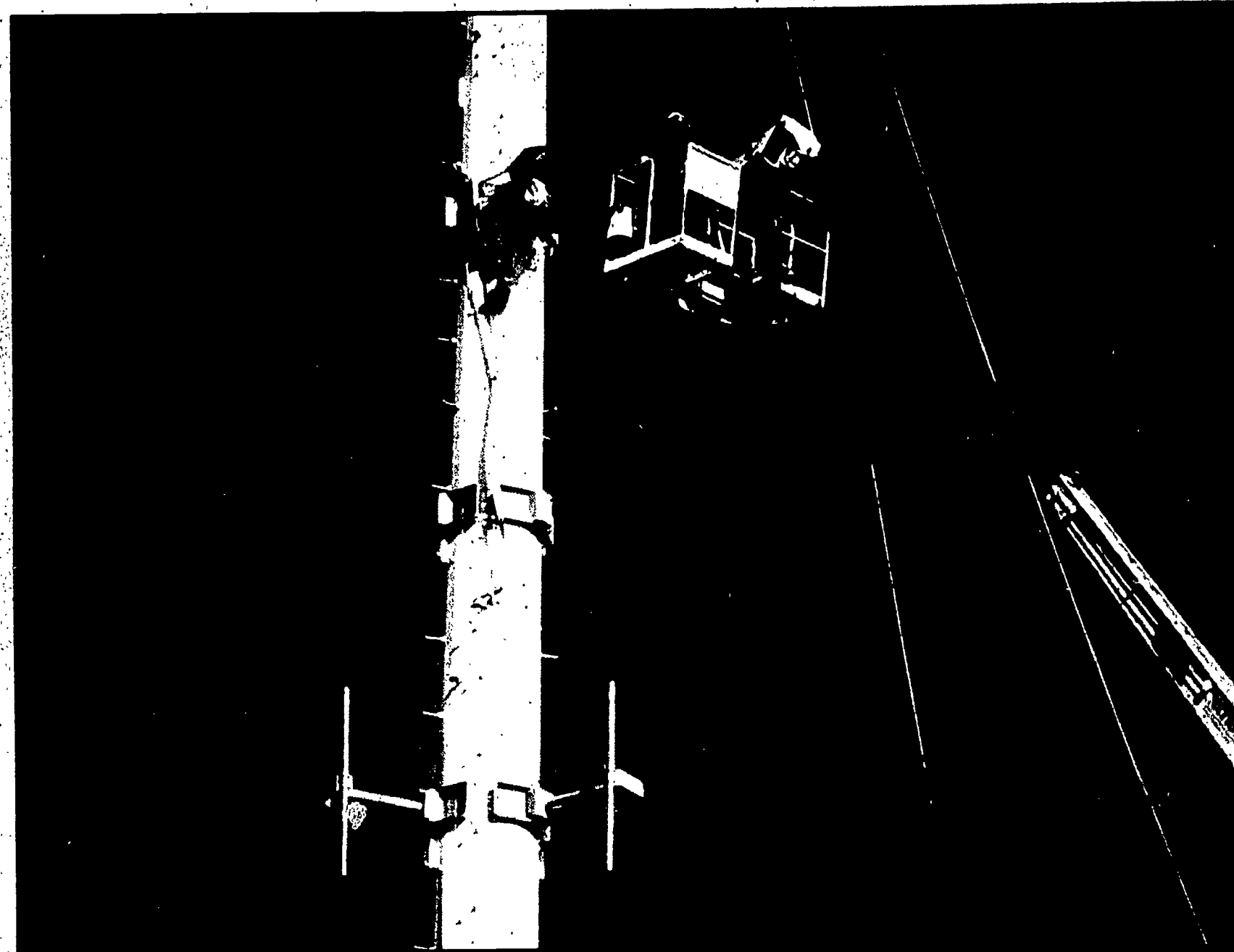
Village of Niles works to address cultural diversity

BY TRACY YOSHIDA tyoshida@buglenewspapers.com

Census data shows 30 percent of Village come from another country

The Village of Niles continues to make an effort to reach out to foreign born residents, since a 2000 census showed that 30 % of Niles residents are from another country. The census also showed that 42% of the population speaks another language at home and of that percentage 20% of those people have difficulty with English. "We've had a goal to try to improve communication with the residents who speak other languages," said Asst. Village Manager Steve Vinezeano.

Vinezeano said they have a number of bilingual employees who have been identified in case they were needed to speak to foreign born residents. The village staff has also received diversity training from the Korean and Polish communities as well as others, in order for them to learn how to effectively communicate with those groups. In Niles, the Polish make up the largest group, then the Asian population, then Irish, Italian, Hispanic followed finally by Russian. The Niles Healthy Community Partnership is also looking into ways to involve more foreign born and foreign speaking residents in their group. Additionally, Niles' Sister Cities program helps to promote diversity by holding an International Fest every year.



Very High Tech

Strapped to a communications tower 103 feet in the air a worker connects communications for the new Niles Police Department building at Touhy and Milwaukee Ave. Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 22.

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Niles officials develop marketing plan

BY WENDY ELLIS wellis@buglenewspapers.com

Village is 11th highest retail generating municipality in the state with nearly \$2 billion in sales

Nestled snugly in the northern suburbs of Chicago, surrounded by similar communities like Morton Grove and Park Ridge, the Village of Niles has never really felt the need to market itself as a great place to do business. In recent years, the community has experienced double digit growth in its retail figures, and everyone seemed content with the way things were. Until now. "We always figured people would find us because we were so great," said Niles Finance

Director George Van Geem. "But the economy is not so great anymore, and businesses are looking for the best place before they set down their roots." Van Geem and his staff have taken the first steps toward a marketing campaign for the village, with the construction of an impressive booth that was put up for display at last week's mayor's breakfast. The booth was used to tout the village's strong points in early October at a shopping center convention in Chicago. "We were by far the best looking booth," said Van Geem. "It shows well and we attracted a lot of attention." Two PowerPoint presentations run while the booth is up, and the staff hands out brochures and other information about the community to visitors. Van Geem said he came away with about 150 business cards from movers and shakers in the shopping center industry. "It's not like we have 10 free acres to build a sprawling shop-

ping mall, but there is a lot of rehabilitation." Van Geem says Niles has the perfect location, convenient to every type of transportation, and the people who live in and around the community have a lot of money to spend. Homeowners in Chicago just across the border have little retail business in which to shop, so they come to Niles. "And we welcome them with open arms," says Van Geem. In fact, Niles has the distinction of being the 11th highest retail generator among all communities in the State of Illinois. Only larger cities like Chicago, Rockford, Springfield, Schaumburg and Naperville come before Niles on the list. "In the last calendar year, which ended in December, 2002, Niles generated retail sales of \$1,198,000,000," said Van Geem, who says the diversity of the community's businesses is also a major factor in its success. "If you had a shopping list with 50 items on it, you could find everything right here in Niles."

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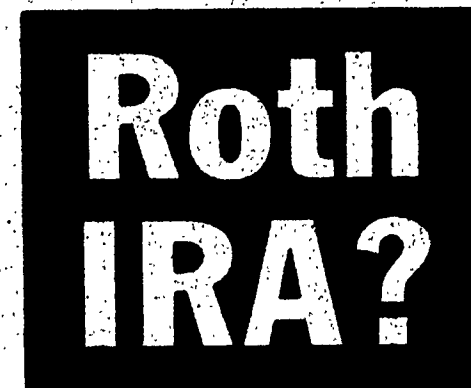
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Mark Twain Principal Maldonado turns blue and gold

BY WENDY ELLIS
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He's been taped to a wall with duct tape, taken a bath in jello and even become an ice cream sundae, all in an effort to get children to read. Mark Twain Elementary School principal Nick Maldonado's latest "outrageous" act is to die his hair blue and gold as a reward to his students for reaching their latest reading goal.

"We've decided to do a series of these crazy events, little mini stunts," said Maldonado. "I want to give them a flavor for things we've done in the past." This is Maldonado's first year at the Kindergarten through sixth grade school. His previous stunts were at Apollo school, where the reading effort by students was a year long event. Here at Mark Twain, the 445 youngsters were challenged to read 3,000 books in 4 weeks, and they actually topped out at over 4800 books in that amount of time.



(Above): Mark Twain principal with blue and gold hair and beard.
(Left): Parent volunteer and stylist Cladia Calderon adds gold to the left side of Principal Maldonado's hair. To see the principal in color, visit our website.

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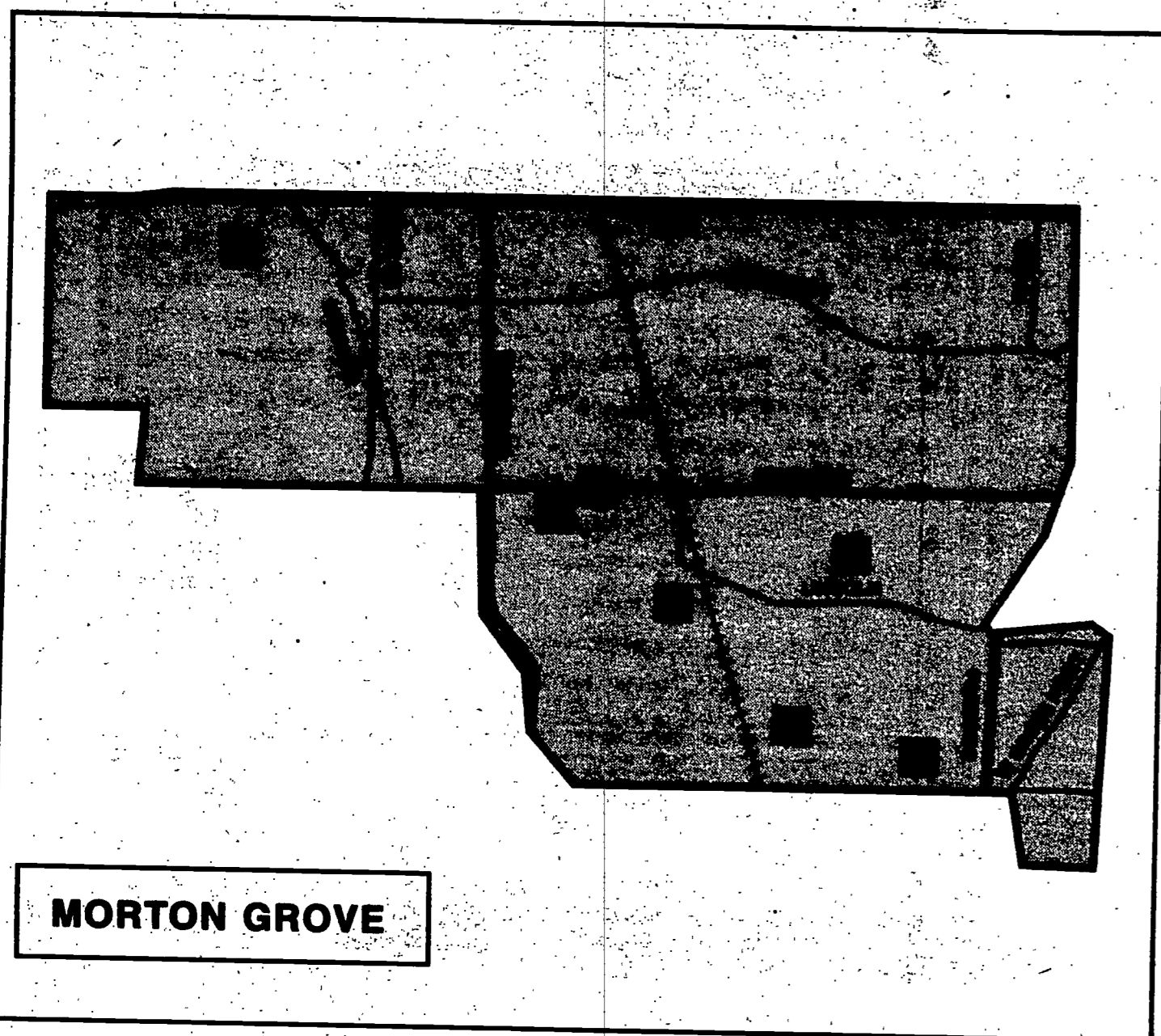
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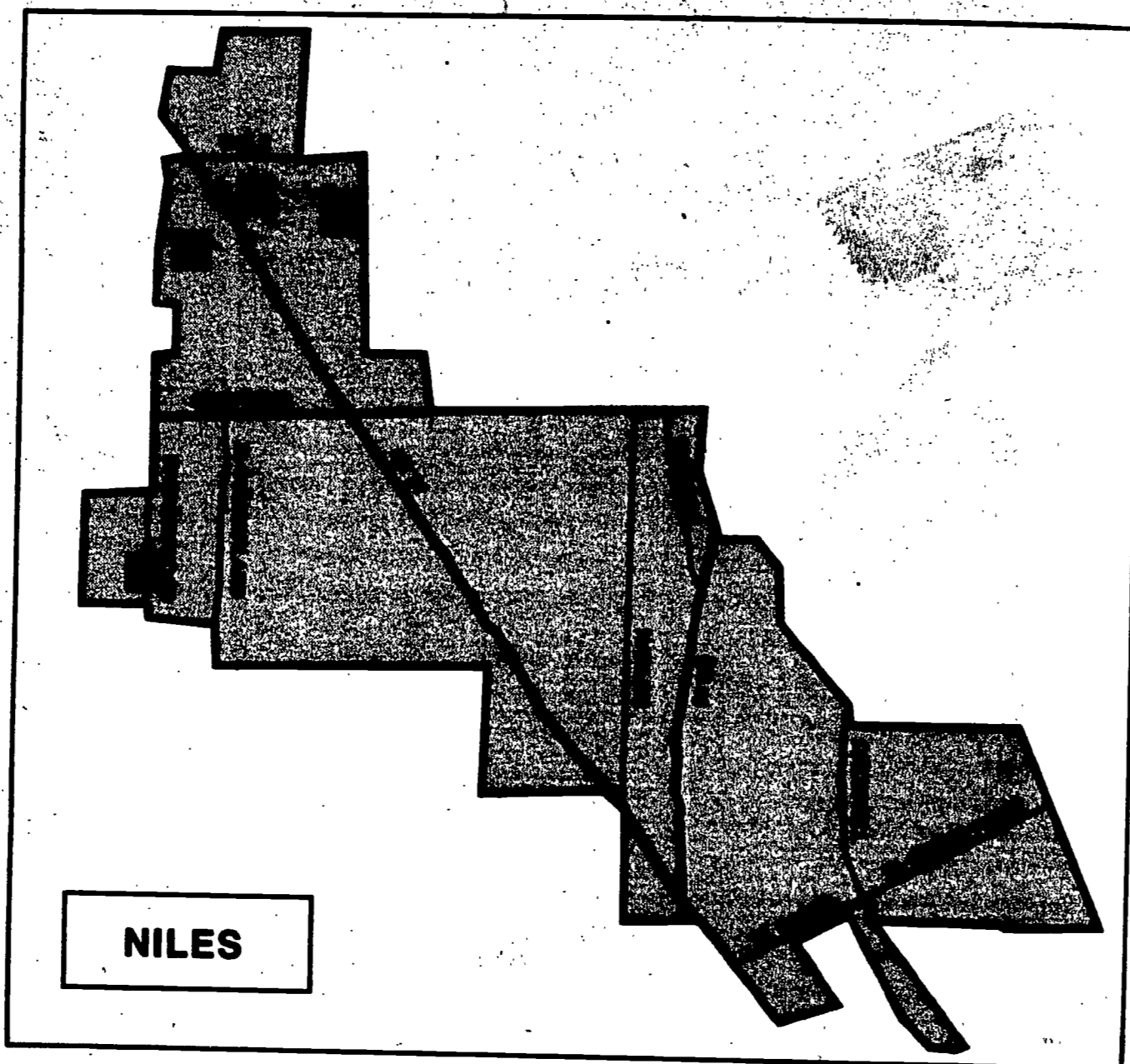



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DVD player stolen (9400 Oleander)
A portable DVD player was stolen from an unlocked car parked in the owner's driveway in the 9400 block of Oleander, Wednesday Oct. 29. The DVD player was valued at \$300.

Smoking gets teen in trouble (Major and Warren)
A 16-year-old high school girl was charged with possession of tobacco by a minor Thursday, Oct. 23 when a Morton Grove police officer observed the girl and a 14-year-old boy smoking near Major and Warren. Upon investigation, the officer found out the girl had 15 different identification cards in her purse from Niles West, Maine East, Niles North, and St. Benedict's high schools. None of the identifications, however, contained the name the girl gave the police officer. The police officer later found out the girl went to Niles West High School and she was

issued tickets for obstruction, and possession of tobacco by a minor.

Car Stolen (6000 Grove)
An 88-year-old woman had her car stolen from in front of her home in the 6000 block of Grove Tuesday Oct. 28. The woman told police her 1990 Plymouth Acclaim was parked in front of her house about 8:30 a.m. but when she went to look at the car three hours later it was gone.

Burglary to car (8500 Lehigh)
A purse was stolen from a car in the 8500 block of Lehigh, Friday Oct. 24. The girl told police someone smashed the passenger side window and took the purse from under the seat.

Laptop stolen (8100 Lehigh)
A \$2,500 laptop computer was stolen from an office in the 8100 block of Lehigh, Oct. 23.

Liquor stolen (6900 Dempster)
A 21-year-old Chicago man was arrested for shoplifting after he Oct. 26 after he was

seen placing 4 bottles of vodka in his pants and jacket at a supermarket in the 6900 block of Dempster. The liquor was valued at \$67.96.

Theft of stomach aids upset by police (6900 Dempster)
A 31-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman were arrested by Morton Grove police after they were observed by store security placing packages of Pepcid and Xantac, both antacids, in the woman's purse and leaving the store. The security officer told police the man would walk through the pharmaceutical aisle, take the drugs, and place them on a shelf in the rice aisle. The woman would meet up with the man and they would slip the drugs into the woman's purse. The couple would get into a checkout line and just purchase a package of chips. Police stopped the couple after they passed the last checkout point. The report said the couple told the security officers they sold the drugs in the city.

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Crystal Lake man charged with Battery Theft (8000 Greenwood)
A 53-year-old Crystal Lake man was arrested Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29 after he walked out of supermarket in the 8000 block of Greenwood with 7 packages of batteries. The batteries were valued at \$46.13.

Jewelry Theft (Golf Mill Shopping -None- Center)
A Niles woman was arrested Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30 after she left the J.C. Penny store in Golf Mill with \$210 worth of jewelry.

Cell phone swap (9500 block of Milwaukee)
A man in his 30's swapped a used cell phone for a display model at an electronics store in the 9500 block of Milwaukee Ave. Wednesday night, Oct. 29. The clerk told police the man and woman along with four or five children

entered the store and that the man asked to see the Sprint phone in the display case. The man rubbed the phone against his stomach and then returned it to the clerk. The clerk said the man then left the store. When the clerk looked at the phone to return it to the display he noticed it was used and worn, but was the same model as the one on display. Ironically the electronic store has no working camera/video security system.

Sweaters stolen (200 Golf Mill)
A 25-year-old Des Plaines woman was arrested Wednesday afternoon Oct. 29 when she was observed putting two sweaters under her coat and leaving the J.C. Penny store in Golf Mill. Security stopped the woman after she passed the final checkout. The sweaters were valued at \$72.00.

Friends of Niles Library host pre-holiday book sale

The Friends of the Niles Public Library are sponsoring a Pre-Holiday Book Sale Thursday, November 20, and Saturday, November 22 at Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton. The entry fee is two dollars (free for members of the Friends). The sale will be held on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bargain hunters can browse and shop with no admittance on Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and serious bargain hunters can fill a shopping bag from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for only \$3.00. Donations may be dropped off at the library circulation desk until Saturday, November 16th.

District 64 Teachers

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the step increase would be exactly the same as it was for a teacher ten years ago," said Klonsky. The high cost of health care has also become a major sticking point. District 64 is self-insured, meaning all district employees are part of a common pool. Currently the district pays 100 percent of the teacher's premium, but those that elect family coverage must pay an additional \$7,000 in out of pocket premiums. The district says it is offering to pay 55 percent of the cost for family coverage, and 60 percent of the cost for single plus one coverage, but Klonsky says the district also wants the teachers to start paying 5 percent of their own premiums as well. The district says other employee groups are already paying the first 5 percent of their coverage. According to Klonsky the two sides remain far apart on these major issues despite the presence of a federal mediator. The teachers have been without a contract since Aug. 1. Negotiations started last April, but were suspended during the summer months. If the two sides cannot draw more closely together, 4,300 students in Park Ridge and parts of Niles may find themselves out of classes on Monday.

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3359 N Clifton St #3, Morton Grove, \$344,000.00 8/1/2003	Vahl Joseph, Vahl Marian E Jones Christopher D, Odonnell Cathleen. 800 W Cornelia Ave 208, Morton Grove, \$309,000.00 8/5/2003	Seamons Brett L, Seamons Gretchen G Gregory Jeffrey A, Gregory Allison H. 800 W Cornelia Ave #202, Morton Grove, \$329,000.00, 8/13/2003 Gargiulo Christopher A, Smith Brian T Gvp Cornelia. 3308 N Greenview #C, Morton Grove, \$272,000.00, 8/14/2003	Costianis Ted J Twyman Andrew. 848 W Roscoe 4, Morton Grove, \$435,000.00, 8/4/2003	Erkkila Kathryn, Younger Benjamin Kapczynski Thomas. 2929 N Honore, Morton Grove, \$360,000.00, 8/7/2003, Courtney Carol A Tsokolos John T, Tsokolos Antonia.
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MORTON GROVE SENIOR NEWS

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VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS
The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistive devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING
The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All inter-

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There will be no charge for residents who have Medicare Part B and who bring in their Medicare card. For those who do not have Medicare Part B, the charge for the flu shot is \$15 and the charge for the pneumonia shot is \$25. Anyone allergic to chicken eggs, those who have had a severe reaction to a flu shot, or anyone who has previously developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome in the six weeks after getting the flu shot should not get a flu shot. Any person with an active infection or fever should postpone their shot until their symptoms subside.

Resurrection Medical Center will be administering the immunizations this year. Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Shots will be given on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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If you would like more information about the Terrace Suites, you may visit or contact Mimi Sullivan, Director of Admissions & Community Relations at: 8425 N. Waukegan Road, Morton Grove, IL 60053 (847) 965-8100.

Who Takes Care of the Caregiver?

It is estimated that there are over twenty-five million family caregivers in America. Over three fourths of these caregivers are women between the ages of thirty-five and seventy. Most juggle careers, children and family demands; some, personal health concerns. Almost half have been caregiving for ten or more years. Many develop depression and physical symptoms such as headaches, stomach disorders and loss of sleep. Businesses suffer, losing millions of dollars each year due to employee time off for caregiving.

Caregivers need to be in top physical and emotional health in order to provide quality and consistent care to a loved one. Taking time to

indulge in an enjoyable activity, albeit even for a brief time, can provide the caregiver with the respite necessary for renewal. Be it a warm bath, lunch out, reading the paper or just a healthy cry, it is time well spent.

Remembering that you as a caregiver still have a life outside the caregiving arena is vital to your wellbeing. Even those who just help on weekends and are 'on-call' feel stressed when they are unable to give more. Family caregivers need to be assertive and ask for help.

Programs, such as United Methodist Community Support Services, offer supportive services to help caregivers cope. Respite care is one option that allows family

caregivers to take a vacation, all-the-while knowing that their loved one is being cared for. Respite care gives the family caregiver the much needed time for rejuvenation, which is ultimately beneficial to both the caregiver and their loved one.

Trying to keep a sense of humor and a sense of self will help create a balanced world for caregivers. Knowing we are making a positive difference in the daily life of a loved one makes a significant impact in the family caregiver's life as well. Many caregivers reflect that they indeed receive much more than they give.

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Niles West Suffers Devastating Déjàvu



Niles West Matt Hohn #10 heads for the end zone to give the Wolves the lead in the fourth quarter. For additional photos, check out our website.

BY MIKE SANTORO msantoro@buglenewspapers.com

Two weeks ago the New Trier Trevians devastated the Niles West Wolves with 65 seconds left on the clock. This time it took a little longer, but in the same devastating fashion the Trevians drove the ball to the

Niles West one-yard line and with 5 seconds remaining kicked a field goal that put New Trier up 23-21.

The devastation could be seen on the faces of the players and in the body language of the fans. As a tear rolled down the cheek of a Niles West senior, a fan kicked a fence repeatedly in frustration. The heartbreak for many was

too much to bear a second time.

Head Coach Mark Egofski remained positive after the game, saying that winning was not the entire story of life. "The whole story's not always the win and the loss. It's a battle of life. It's all about not giving up," he said. "These kids never gave up and they'll (Continued on page 17.)

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Please note that these teams are the only two remaining in The Bugle's coverage area that are still playing. As the winter sports season picks we look forward to again featuring other schools in our coverage area.

Maine South Hawk Football Second Round Playoffs

When: 7 PM Saturday, November 8 Where: Stevenson High School, One Stevenson Drive Lincolnshire, IL

Telling Quote: "They are a hard nose running team with a full backfield. It'll be a great second round game, what the playoffs are all about..." -Maine South Head Coach Dave Inerra

Outlook: While the undefeated Hawks (10-0) walk into this game after a relatively easy win over Warren, Stevenson (7-3) is coming off of a game against Lane Tech in which they barely won 28-25. While it may seem like the Hawks hold all the cards in this match, you can never be too sure against a Stevenson team that will continually pound you with the run. Expect a game in which the Hawk defense will have to outshine the highflying offense in its ability to shut down the Patriots.

Maine South Girl's Volleyball Sectionals

When: 7 PM Thursday, November 7 Where: Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 W. Dundee Rd. Buffalo Grove, IL

Telling Quote: "The girls were pretty excited with the win today, it seemed like they had some extra energy. We saw Resurrection play on Wednesday, so scouting helped us out tonight. Our serving was real tough and we scored a lot of points off their inability to pass the ball. I also thought that we came up with some great blocking," said Coach Patty Iverson about the Hawk's game last week.

Outlook: So far it has been a relatively easy playoff tournament for the Maine South Girl's Volleyball team. They have defeated Fenton and Resurrection, neither team scoring more than 11 points against the Hawks. As Maine South progresses through the playoffs, and team's talents increase, will they be able to hold on? The Hawks will face the winner of the Hersey, Prospect match for the right to face the Lake Zurich sectional winner and a chance to

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Maine South

BOYS SOCCER Nov. 8 State Tournament V Second round 8A / Maine South(10-0) @ Stevenson (7-3) Sat. 7 pm

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Niles West Heart-Breaker

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Niles West linebacker Tom Maddex breaks into tears as he listens to head coach Mark Egofske address the team after their second loss to New Trier, Friday night, Oct. 31. The loss eliminated the Wolves from the playoffs.

take that with them. These kids have 50, 70 years left in their lives. I think they'll move on and be very productive in the rest of their lives."

The momentum was decidedly in favor of the Trevians as the game began. They had the home field advantage and the knowledge that they could beat the Wolves with little time remaining. They took this confidence and on their first possession took the ball 60 yards for a score. Running back Matt Kelly scored on a short pass from Quarterback Dusty Napoleon that he turned into a huge 36-yard gain after dodging half the Wolves' defense.

Kelly continued to punish the Wolves causing Egofske to remark, "All I know is that I saw 33 (Kelly) all over the place out there. He was amazing."

The Wolves couldn't get anything going and on their next possession, Trevian defender Ryan O'Rourke intercepted an errant Mike Pantazis pass. The Trevians would convert this turnover for 3 more points on a field 31-yard field goal by Kevin Berg. This score put the Trevians up 10-0.

The next possession for the Wolves became a must score if they wanted to stay in the game. On a

crucial fourth and two, Egofske elected to go for the first down and after Running back Rashard Mendenhall punched out of the initial Trevian stand, he was free to run away from the rest of the defense for a 40-yard touchdown. This fired up the Wolves so much so that on their next possession, they took the ball to the Trevian 32. Facing either a tough first down or being forced to punt the Wolves showed their heart. From the sidelines came cries of "We can do it coach! Give us a chance!" Egofske put his trust in the players and allowed the field goal team to try an exceptionally long field goal. Though the field goal fell just short, the Wolves had proved their heart and their coach had shown his faith in them.

As the second half opened the Wolves came out fired up, showing a heightened aggression from the first half.

"It seemed that these guys came out fired up after that first half. The first game we dominated the first half, but this game, the second half seemed to be more ours. We just came out more aggressive."

Though New Trier scored first in the half on an 8-yard run by Kelly, the Wolves looked markedly more

aggressive than the first half. On their next possession, the first play resulted in a touchdown when Mendenhall grabbed a pass for a 62-yard touchdown. Pantazis tossed the ball up and after Mendenhall hauled it in it was just a matter of outrunning the defense. Later in the game Pantazis would throw another crucial touchdown to Junior Matt Hohs, putting the Wolves up 21-20.

"Mike (Pantazis) did a great job. He stepped up big tonight and made two crucial reads. On that last play (to Hohs) they doubled the Mendenhalls and Mike made the read to see Hohs wide open in the slot."

There was hope that the Wolves would be able to exact revenge on the Trevians for their one point loss two weeks earlier, but as New Trier took over and began driving, that hope quickly faded. With five seconds left, the Trevians had driven the ball to the one and the last second field goal by Kevin Berg gave them the win by two points.

"Great game. Great game," was the first comment Egofske made after the game. It was unfortunate that the Wolves had to be on the losing side of such an outstanding game.



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Maine South wide receiver Brian Schlitter gets behind Warren's Robby Tomei for a 35 yard touchdown with 28 seconds left in the first half to give Maine South a 34-7 lead. For more photos, see our website.

BY MIKE SANTORO
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After being crushed 42-14 in the second week of the season, the Warren Bears knew that they needed to come in and make a statement quickly or they would risk being blown out of contention early. Despite taking an early seven-point lead, the Bears found that the task at hand was far more difficult than expected and were handed a 55-13 defeat.

The Hawks have shown in previous games that it takes them a series or two to warm up. This game Warren punished them for that. On the very first play defensive back Marvin Bemby of Warren read the play and stepped directly into the passing lane of Maine South Quarterback Sean Price. Bemby intercepted the pass and took it all the way to the Hawk 22 yard line. Three plays later Warren running back Mitchell Moore would push himself into the end zone on a 5-yard run and with the extra point the Bears went up 7-0.

"That kid (Bemby) made a great play on Sean (Price)," Maine South Head Coach David Inserra said. "We knew what

look they were going to give us and he stepped up and made a great play on the ball."

Though the Maine South fans looked shocked and confused the players never lost their poise. Rather than disheartening the Hawks the score only served to fire them up. The Hawks took the ball back and on their next possession and drove the 74 yards into the end zone. An 11-yard pass from Price to Senior Mike Labus tied the score 7-7.

Inserra noticed the anger gained from that first score against them saying, "I don't think we were asleep but, (after that score) the proverbial sleep- ing giant awoke. It ticked them off and they came out strong right after that."

Before the second quarter finished Price would again connect with Labus for a touchdown. After catching a short pass from Price, Labus went to work cutting back two defenders and finishing the scoring run by diving into the end zone.

The second quarter continued in similar fashion as the Hawks faced second and 24 after two penalties. Seemingly unfazed by the distance needed for the first down, Price hit Senior Alberto DiCicco for 24-yards and then

Labus for a 17-yard gain. The position allowed Senior Nick Rice to take a 6-yard stroll into the end zone on the next play.

Price continued to dominate the half throwing for two more touchdowns, one to Junior Derek Walsh for 16 yards and the other to Senior Brian Schlitter for 35 yards. He even showed his ability to run, at one point taking the ball for a 21-yard gain.

"You got to see a little bit of the running game today," Inserra jokingly said, "That's going to be there when we need it."

The second half was more a formality than anything, and while the Maine South defense held their ground, the offense continued to rack up points finishing the game 55-13 in favor of Maine South.

Inserra again credited the mental toughness of his team saying, "These guys have been great with their mental approach. They approach every game the same. They're going to go out and play each game their absolute hardest."

Maine South (10-0) will travel to Lincolnshire to face Stevenson (7-3) this Saturday at 7pm for the second round of the playoffs.



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Maine South Girls volleyball team defeats Fenton, Resurrection

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Maine South girls volleyball team picked the right time to be playing their best volleyball. The team put on a clinic over the week in notching playoff wins over Fenton and most recently the Resurrection Bandits on Saturday night.

The Hawks (33-3) advanced to play Fremd Tuesday night at the Buffalo Grove sectional.

In the game against Fenton, Meghan Polston was the assist leader with nine, followed by Siobhan Mischke with 7. Danielle Janero recorded one in the game. Kills leader for the Hawks, Adrianna Stasiuk, did not reach double digits this time but still managed eight to go along with four service aces. Ellie Marquis and Gina Heiderman each had two kills. Heiderman also had four service aces in the game.

What made Saturday's win so impressive was the fact that the Hawks had to play at Resurrection's home court, defeating them handily, 25-10, and 25-10. The Hawks made

quick work of the Bandits, finishing them off in only 24 minutes, with the second match lasting a mere 10 minutes. It was a well-played game in every facet as the Hawks moved the ball around to get everybody involved, keeping the Bandits on their heels all night and ending their season.

"The girls were pretty excited with the win today, it seemed like they had some extra energy. We saw Resurrection play on Wednesday, so scouting helped us out tonight. Our serving was real tough and we scored a lot of points off their inability to pass the ball. I also thought that we came up with some great blocking," said Coach Patty Iverson.

Iverson also said that Lapinski has played incredible defense in the playoffs, Stasiuk has continued to excel and Ellie Marquis has stepped up her play.

The team was supported by a huge crowd at the small but loud Resurrection gymnasium. After every point the Hawk faithful cheered the conference champs to victory.

The Hawks started the heat- ed contest with an 8-2 lead as Stasiuk scored two kills for the first points of the game. Brittany Zwolfer dinked the ball over the net and Katie Lapinski had a block for the Hawks in the early going. Stasiuk's stifling return shots were to much for the Bandits to handle. Her 13 kills were a game high. Megan Polston set up Stasiuk with several kill shots and had 18 assists.

Rounding out the scoring, it was Lapinski with two kills and two service aces and Heiderman with three kills and two blocks.

Resurrection hurt themselves with unforced errors off serves and a weak long game. They let hard shots by Stasiuk go by, hoping they would go out of bounds or over the line.

The Hawks built leads of 10-3, 14-6 and 22-7 in the second game, gaining confidence as the game progressed. Resurrection had three digs in a valiant effort but Stasiuk wrapped up the win emphatically with a kill assisted by Polston. The competition only gets tougher from here for the highly ranked Hawks.

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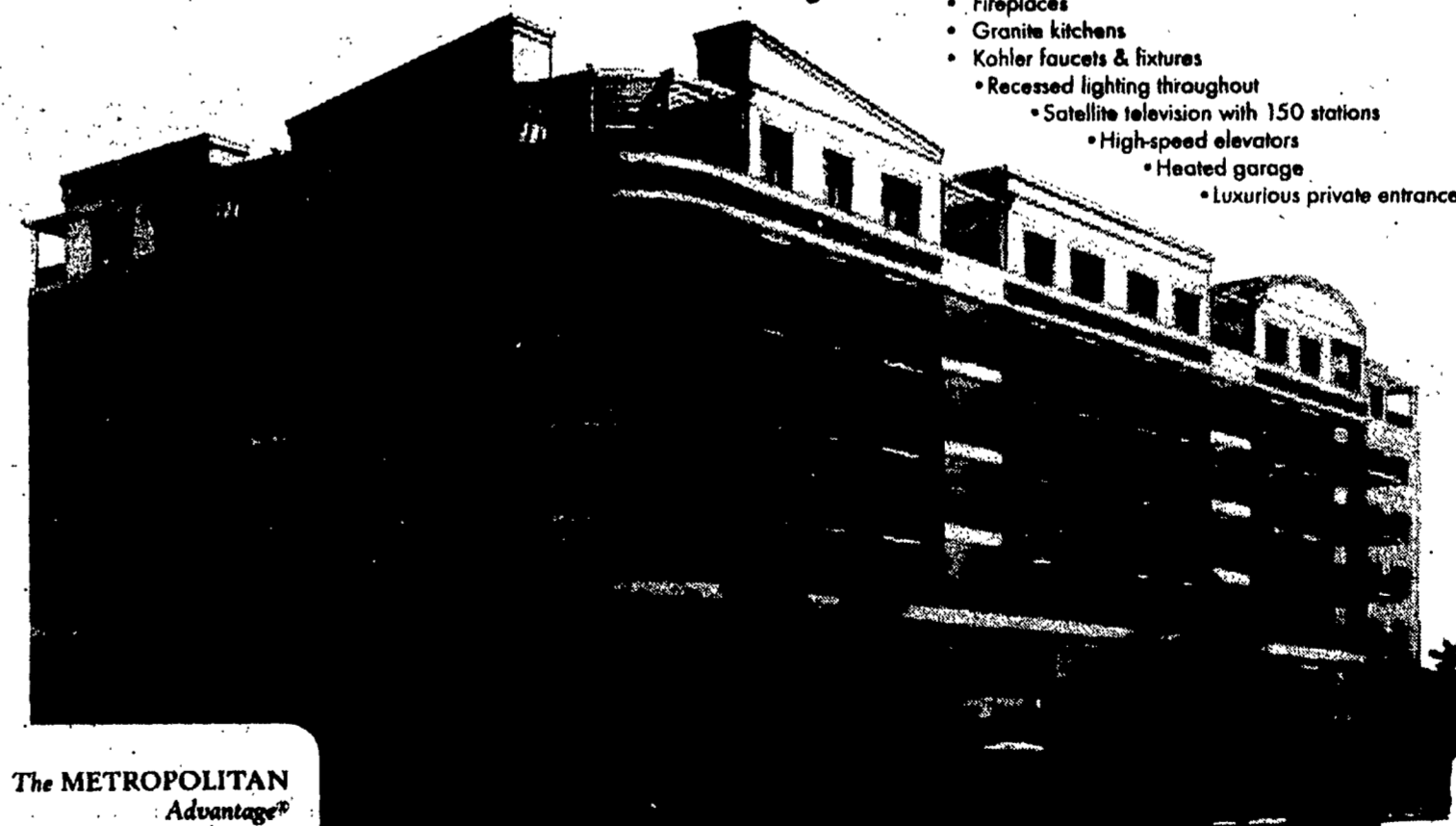
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Notre Dame wraps '03 season with loss to Carmel

After an exciting season the Notre Dame Dons played their final game of 2003, losing to Carmel 42-18 in the first round of the Class 6A State Playoffs on Friday night.

Getting off to a good start against Carmel was critical for Notre Dame, and they did it. The Defense, led by senior defensive linemen Scan Lucas, Tom Lyons, and Rich Alcala held the vaunted Carmel offense in check for three straight three and out series. The Dons offense had a golden opportunity in the middle of the first quarter. They marched downfield on a seven-play/46-yard drive only to fall short on a fourth and one-yard play at the Carmel 25-yard line.

The Carmel offense marched 65 yards late in the first quarter as Quarterback Mark Venegoni scored on a 5-yard run. Venegoni connected with wide receiver Matt Simmons in the second quarter on the 35-yard touchdown pass that enabled Carmel to build a 14-0 halftime lead.

The Dons put together an impressive third quarter first possession, striking paydirt on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Corliss to Tom Cirone. A missed point after touchdown left Notre Dame down

14-6.

A tough five-minute segment saw the fortunes of the game sway to the Carmel side. In a quick three-play drive, Carmel scored on a 49-yard pass from Venegoni to Chris Miller. A Carmel interception on the Dons next series led to another quick score as Venegoni raced 17 yards for a touchdown, giving Carmel a 28-6 lead.

The Dons didn't give up though. Running back John Cullotta exploded on a 51-yard run that set up a one-yard touchdown run by Ryan Corliss at the end of the third quarter. A fourth quarter 12-play drive engineered by Notre Dame Quarterback Kevin Mitchell and Running Back Kevin Coleman gave Notre Dame their final score.

Senior linebacker Dean Cademartori, senior defensive backs Joe Pauley and Keith Lesniak and the rest of the Notre Dame defense made Carmel earn their way throughout the fourth quarter. Carmel scored two touchdowns in the fourth, capping their 42-18 victory.

Notre Dame ended its season with a 5-5 record for the third place finish in the conference.



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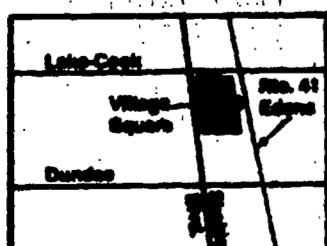


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If you are interested in prearranging a funeral or if you experience the loss of a loved one, please feel free to call us about cost information or any of our services.

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