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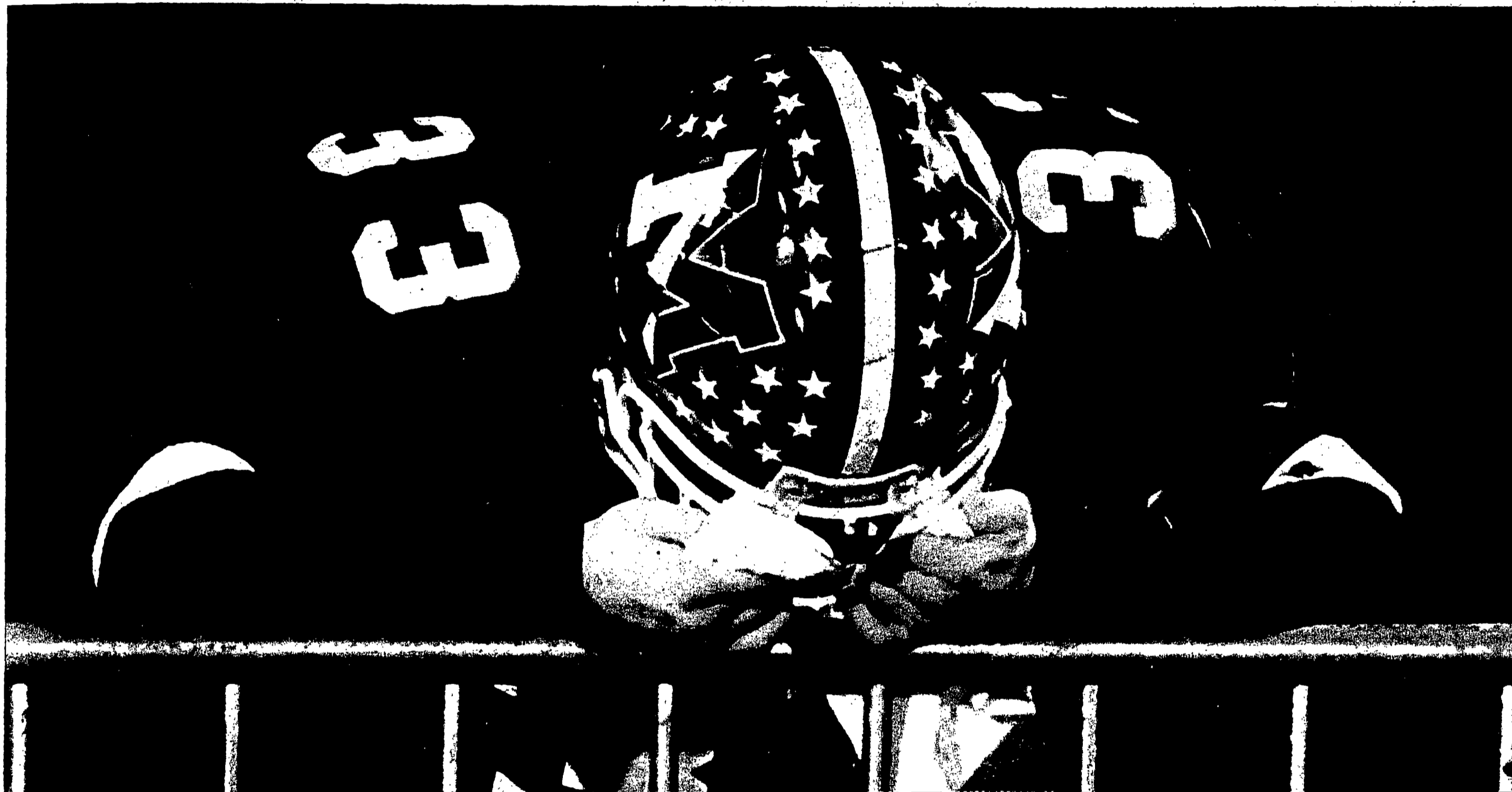


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Maine South dream season ends



Maine South running back Nick Rice cries after the Hawks loss to Lockport in the Class 8A championship game in Champaign, IL., Saturday night Nov. 29. The final score of the game was 48-27. For the story, see page 25.

Morton Grove Village Attorney Resigns post Jan. 1

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Morton Grove's long time village attorney is resigning his post effective Jan. 1, 2004. Gabriel Berrafato has served as corporation counsel for the village

under three different mayors, having accepted his first appointment to the post in the late 1970's from then Mayor Richard Flickinger. In his letter of resignation, Berrafato asks that he not be reappointed to the village position when his term is up at the end of this year.

"The village is becoming very busy and doing a lot of things," said

Berrafato. "I'm a one man office. It became more work in recent years and not less." Berrafato was recently named a Senior Counselor by the Bar Association and the Illinois Supreme Court because of his 50 years of continuous practice.

"I'd like to spend more time on real estate, estate and probate work," said Berrafato. "It allows you to

spend more time with old clients, not only as their attorney, but as friend and family. I represent their children and their children's children." Berrafato says he moved his young practice to Morton Grove from Chicago in the early 1970s to open a partnership with fellow attorney, James Orphan, who also served as village attorney. Berrafato and his

wife raised seven children in Morton Grove. After serving as village attorney under Flickinger and former Mayor Jules Bode, Berrafato took a hiatus from the position until 1991, when he was reappointed to the post by then Mayor Richard Hohs. He stayed on when current Mayor Dan Scanlon took over the mayor's office.



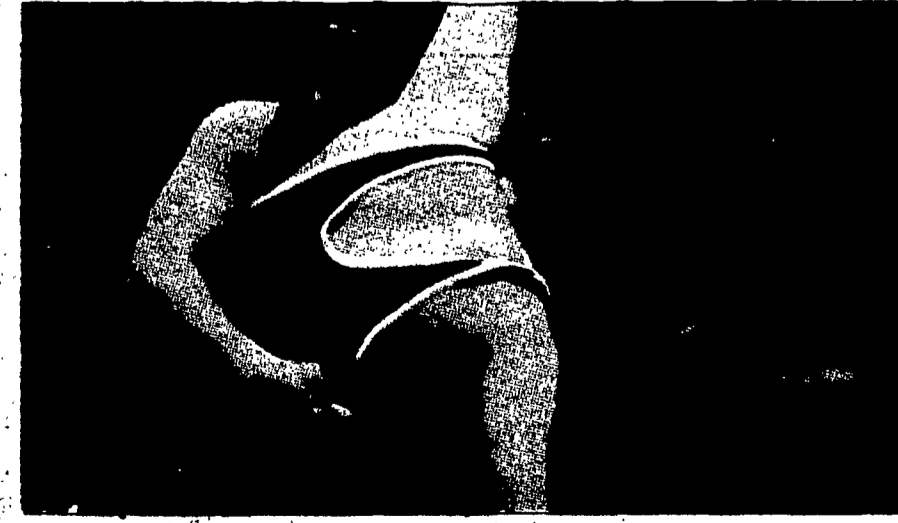
Does that road jog?

"Athletic Avenue" was selected by the Morton Grove Park District as the new name of the road that leads to their Prairie View Community Center. For the story, see page 30.



Santa comes to town

Dan Clancy of Park Ridge holds his daughter McClain, 2, as she meets with Santa outside of the Park Ridge Library during the annual Holiday Open House, Friday night, Nov. 28. For more photos of the festivities, see page 13.



Maine East wrestlers pinned

Maine East's Patrick Hoszkewicz takes down Hersey's George Karkowski in their freshman heavyweight match at Hersey High School, Wednesday night Nov. 26. Hoszkewicz went on to pin Karkowski for his first win of the season. For the story, turn to page 23.

News

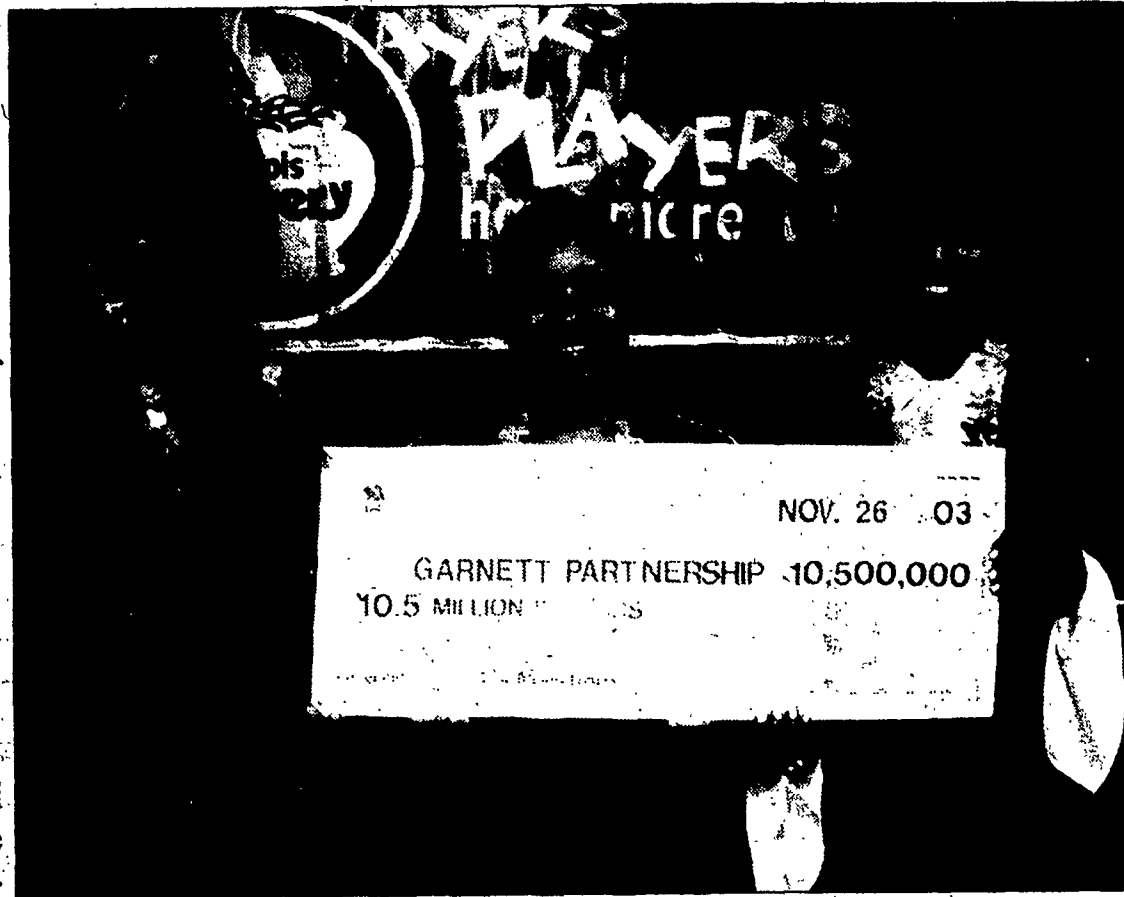
\$10.5 million lotto ticket sold at Golf Mill

Sometimes garbage picking does pay off. Thanks to the recent garbage strike, and a very alert mother, a Chicago brother and sister are \$10.5 million richer today, and Golf Mill Shopping Center is getting a share of the winnings. Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles just happens to be on Ezekiel "Zeek" Garnett's way home and that's where he and his sister Karen bought their weekly Lotto ticket for the Oct. 4 drawing. But as most of us know, losing gets to be a habit, so without even thinking about it, the duo threw out their ticket without checking the numbers. When their mother heard

for days because of the recent nine day garbage strike. Deep inside one of those bags, a little worse for wear but still intact, was the lottery ticket worth \$10.5 million. Illinois Lottery Superintendent Carolyn Adams made it official

Wednesday, Nov. 26, when she presented the brother and sister with an oversized lottery check in Chicago. "This will definitely help me live more comfortably," said Zeek. "But I'm still keeping my job at UPS." Karen, a baggage screener at Midway Airport, will fulfill her dream of a Hawaiian vacation with her share of the winnings. The Garbage men don't get a cut of the cash, but they did get a new contract.

As for Golf Mill, it gets a check for one percent of the prize money, \$105,000, since it was the location where the winning ticket was sold. No one is saying what the money will be used for. Some shopping malls have all the luck.



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A letter left in the mailbox of a Morton Grove resident has been described as non-threatening by the FBI and the Morton Grove Police Department. The single sheet of paper was written in Arabic, and the homeowner who received it was unable to translate its contents. Two unsigned threatening letters were sent to Morton Grove Village Hall in recent months by someone upset over the village's refusal to allow the construction of a mosque. In light of that fact, the homeowner turned the letter over to the Morton Grove police department. Deputy Chief Lou Rossi said that the letter was sent to the FBI, which is investigating the first two letters, but once translated, this letter proved to be informational in nature, not threatening.

End may be near in search for Morton Grove Finance Director, Engineer

Director and a Village Engineer. Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski says that as many as 30 candidates applied for the two positions that became vacant last July when Village Engineer Noel Basquin moved to Batavia, and Finance Director Dave Erb went to Mount Prospect. A special meeting of the Village Board will be held Wed., Dec. 2, so that trustees may meet with the finalist for City Finance Director. If that meeting is successful and the candidate accepts, the trustees could approve his appointment at their Dec. 8 board meeting. Czerwinski says the finalists for both positions live and work in the area but are not from Morton Grove. Public Works Director Andy Demonte will have final say on the new village engineer.

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SCHOOLS

Spring Semester Starts Jan. 20 at Oakton Niles Youth Council holds "Holiday Military Drive"

Des Plaines, IL (Nov. 25, 2003) Registration for spring 2004 classes continues at Oakton Community College. In-person registration is Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - noon at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, and Ray Hartstein Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie. Students who have an application on file or have attended Oakton within the last three years may use the Touch-Tone registration system Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. To register by phone, dial 847-635-1616 and refer to the course reference number in the Credit and Noncredit Class Schedule Spring 2004. Oakton will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2003. In-person registration for spring courses will not be available to students during the winter break. Normal hours of operation for in-person registration resume at 8:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5. Anyone wishing to register for classes during semester break may do so by Touch-Tone or on-line at http://webreg.oakton.edu. Hours of operation for online registration are Monday through Friday from 6:45 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The first day of class is Tuesday, Jan. 20. Many courses start later, and students should consult the Credit and Noncredit Class Schedule Spring 2004 for specific meeting times. For more information about and assistance in choosing spring classes, contact the Advising and Counseling Center at 847-635-1741 (Des Plaines) or 847-635-1417 (Skokie).

The Niles Youth Council is hosting a "Holiday Military Drive." In connection with the 933rd Family Readiness group, the Niles Youth Council will be collecting items to send to the 933rd Military Police Company that is stationed in Iraq. The soldiers are based out of Chicago. They have been in Iraq since April and will not return home until June. Items will be collected until December 12. Items being collected are canned, pull-tab snacks such as "Pringles," microwavable soups, blank note cards with envelopes, ballpoint pens, bandanas, new t-shirts, phone cards, disposable cameras and any holiday goods. Any donated items can be dropped off at the following locations: Howard Leisure Center, Village of Niles Administrative Building, Niles Senior Center, the Niles Library and local schools. For more information, please call Christine at (847) 967-6633.

Dist. 207 begins extended school day for English skills

In October, Maine Township District 207 began a new extended school day offering an enrichment program for English as a Second Language students at Maine East and Maine West. The free, optional classes meet twice a week for one and one-half hours each session. Maine West provides supplemental mathematics with a focus on math concepts and applications. Students study logic and do small math projects as well as challenging problems. Maine East offers ESL (English as a Second Language), including speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students also learn computer skills, geography, and American culture, especially the history and traditions of American holidays. Research indicates that extended school programs result in higher student achievement.

Golf Middle School, Hynes Elementary present Winter concert

Students from Golf Middle School and Hynes Elementary School will present the Winter Concert December 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Hynes Band and Chorus, Golf Cadet Band, as well as the Golf Band and Chorus will provide entertainment to the entire audience. Admission is free.

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The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Thursday, Nov. 27.

1 Attempted Arson (900 Florence)

Arsonists attempted to burn down a house scheduled for demolition in the 900 block of Florence sometime between Nov. 21-24. According to police, the arsonist tried to start a calendar, a flag and a section of wallboard on fire.

2 Attempted Burglary (600 Busse)

Someone tried to gain entrance to an apartment in a multi-dwelling unit in the 600 block of Busse Hwy., Saturday night, Nov. 22. According to police the thief gained entrance to the building and pulled the doorjamb away from the frame and cracked the door. The thief never gained entry to the dwelling.

3 Burglary to motor vehicle (1300 Devon)

Thieves stole cash, cassettes, and CDs from a car parked in the driveway in the 1300 block of Devon, Thursday night, Nov. 20.

4 Burglary to motor vehicle (1100 Lincoln)

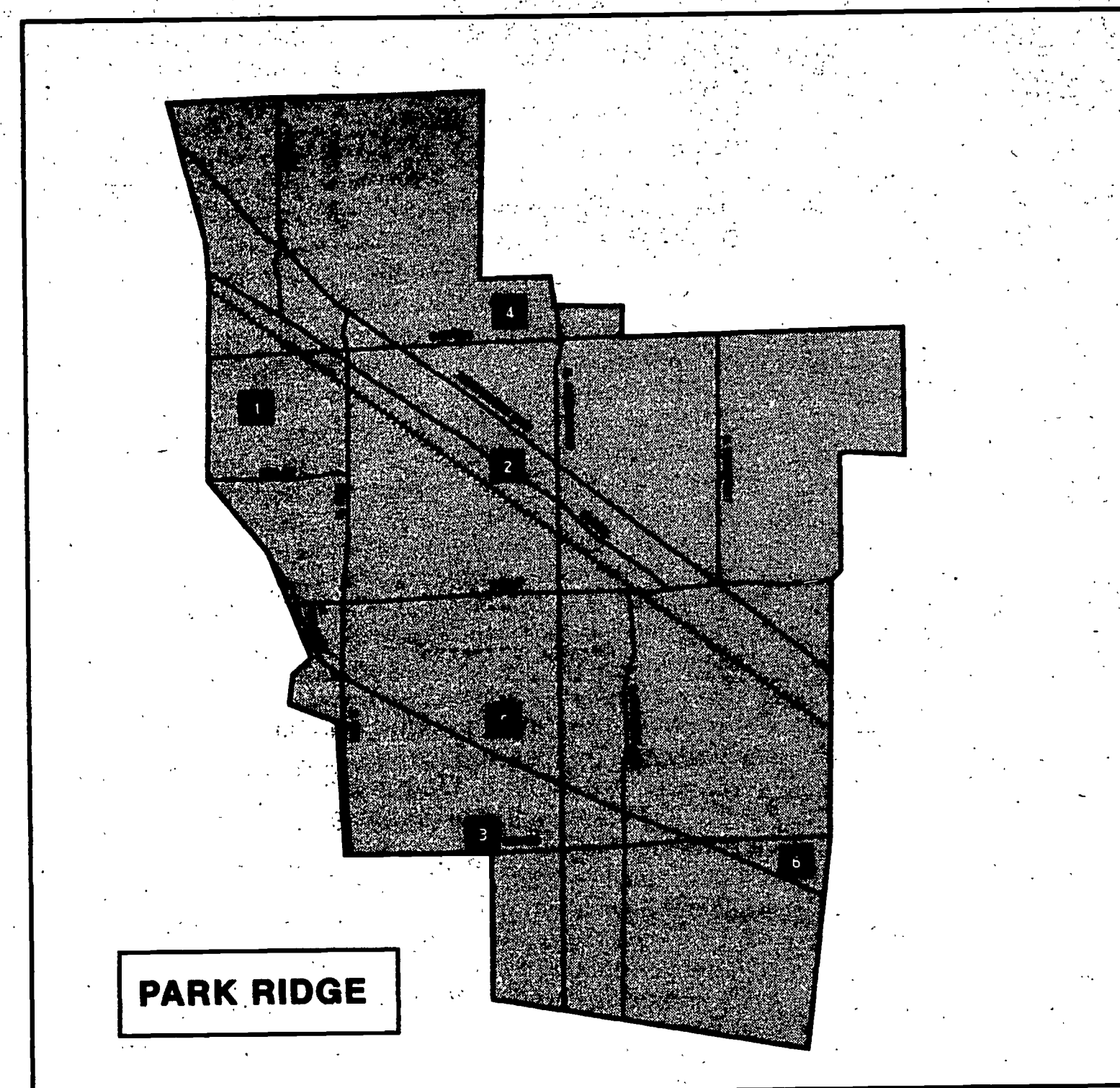
A wallet was taken from a 1993 Ford Taurus parked in the 1100 block of Lincoln, Thursday night, Nov. 20. The wallet was found on the front lawn with the contents missing.

5 Theft (1500 Stewart)

An unsecured bicycle was taken from a bicycle rack outside of a business in the 1500 block of Stewart, Friday night, Nov. 21.

6 Theft (300 Talcott)

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Doerner Jewelers Open new gift shop

Emily Reego, granddaughter of Michael Doerner, owner of the jewelry store, poses with several gifts that are available in the new gift shop during an open house on Sunday, Nov. 30. The open house was held to promote the new gift shop.

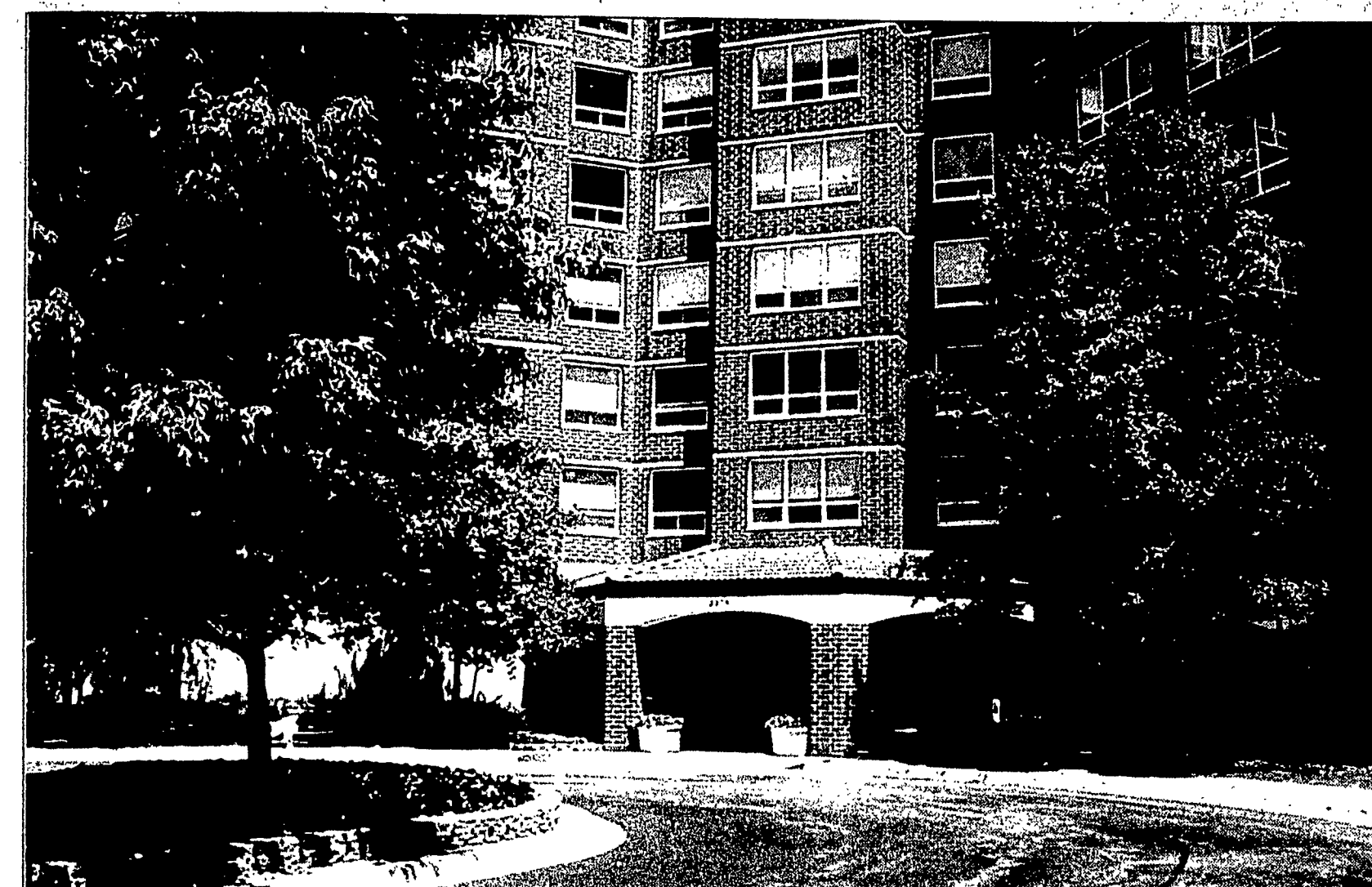
Strong October puts RE/MAX in position to register strong sales

RE/MAX Northern Illinois enjoyed another month of outstanding sales activity in October, and the 144-office network is now positioned to surpass its record for annual sales, which was set just last year.

Closed sales volume of more than \$1.4 billion in October brought the network's annual sales for 2003 to \$13.3 billion, just \$900,000 below the total of \$14.2 billion for all of 2002. October marked the first time the regional RE/MAX network achieved five consecutive months with sales of \$1.4 billion or more. Closed sales for the month were 17.7 percent higher than in Oct. 2002.

Through the first 10 months of 2003, RE/MAX Northern Illinois reports that its sales volume rose 8.7 percent from the comparable period last year.

"It looks as if we are in a great position to close the year with total sales approaching or exceeding \$16 billion," said Jim Merrion, regional director of RE/MAX Northern Illinois. "That will be a remarkable achievement primarily attributable to our outstanding agents and their support teams, as well as to momentum provided by a year of historically low mortgage interest rates."



In the Business of the Human Spirit: The Park

BY WENDY ELLIS
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The cold winds of winter will soon be here and the icy sidewalks and snow covered roofs that come with it can be a major headache to senior homeowners. That's why more and more of them have begun to look at Independent Senior Housing complexes like The Park at Golf Mill as a happy, hassle free alternative to the headaches of home ownership.

"Many people move in and wonder why they waited so long," said Park Executive Director Kevin O'Donnell. The Park at Golf Mill is one of three senior communities in Illinois owned and operated by Horizon Bay, which is headquartered in Tampa, Florida, and owns similar communities in 7 other

states. A \$4 million renovation recently modernized the look and feel of the ten story building at The Park, 8975 W. Golf, in Niles. The community includes an indoor pool, fine dining room, two craft and activity areas, a fitness area, a dance floor, and a ten story tall sunlit atrium at the center of the tower. A newly opened country store is run by residents of the building, there is a video room for the showing of movies, a ceramic shop complete with kiln and even a greenhouse. "Before I got into the senior business I was in the hotel business," said O'Donnell. "It's amazing how much there is for seniors to do here."

The Park has room for 290 residents and offers one and two bedroom apartments and studio apartments with full kitchen and bath facilities. "They're totally

independent with an added sense of security," said O'Donnell. The apartment doorways have a "watch latch" which flips up each morning when the residents leave. If the latch is not up, staff members check to see that all is ok. There's also a "pull cord system" inside the apartments in case of emergency. Although this is an independent living environment, the average age of the residents here is just shy of 83.

With major renovations done for now, O'Donnell says the next change will be upgrading the building's three elevators from 1989 technology to 2004 technology. Physical improvements aside, the major goal of The Park at Golf Mill is to provide a safe and active lifestyle for seniors. As Horizon Bay's philosophy says, they are in the "business of the human spirit".

BP

The Bugle runs business profiles to highlight those businesses that support the publication.

Business Calendar

Tuesday, December 9

The Bugle will host a "Business After Hours" sponsored by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. It will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in our offices at 7400 Waukegan Rd., Niles. For more information, contact Marta Hoover at 847-825-3121.

Thursday December 11

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a "Business After Hours Holiday Party" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Champs Sports Bar & Grill, 9001 Waukegan Rd., Morton Grove. A free drink up will be given for each canned good donation up to a total of three. Chamber members interested in attending should RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 4.

Does your business have an event coming up that you'd like to see featured on our business calendar?

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MORTON GROVE SENIOR NEWS

OH, MY ACHING FEET!!
There is no charge for this lecture starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center presented by Mark Neamand, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine with Alexian Brothers Medical Center. Dr. Neamand will discuss: new treatments for the arthritic foot and ankle, common diabetic foot problems and solutions, how to avoid common exercise injuries, and treatment of heel pain. Please register by calling the Morton Grove

Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

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, Dec. 9 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 interested residents are welcome to attend.

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, Dec. 9 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.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE
The Morton Grove Senior Center will hold a Christmas Wreath sale to benefit the acquisition of a new piano fund for the Center. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. Individuals who would like to find that extra gift for the holidays are encouraged to stop by.

"EXERCISES FOR THE BRAIN"
Arden Courts and the Morton Grove Senior Center present "Exercises for the Brain" by Fran Hankin of the Alzheimer's Association from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. This

program will focus on how the brain works, normal age-related changes in memory, and memory enhancement exercise to help keep thought processes sharp. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223, before Dec. 3.

CROCHET WORKSHOP
Join this fun Crochet Workshop from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Because its fun and because its great for relieving arthritis pain, this should be a fantastic class. The fee is only \$2 and the instructor is Diane Brunger. The deadline for registration is Dec. 5, so register in-person today at the Morton Grove Senior Center Reception Desk.

NILES SENIOR NEWS

DECEMBER REGISTRATION
Mail-in/Drop-off registration with check or credit card must be received no later than 5:00pm, Fri., Dec. 5th. In-person registration begins 8:30am, Wed., Dec. 10th. To mail in use registration form in December Program Guide-or pick up form at the Center. (Cash only accepted during in-person registration.) Special accommodations needed? Call 588-8420 for more info

including questions on ticket availability & class registration.

ACTIVITIES
Book Discussion - Friday, January 2nd, 10:00am - 11:00am. Cost: \$1.00
If you like to read, join us as we discuss The Number One Ladies Detective Agency by R. A. McCall Smith. Refreshments included.
Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday, January 9th, 12:00noon - 3:00pm. Cost: \$5.00
Enjoy the The In-Laws (2003, PG-13) starring Michael Douglas and Albert Brooks. Prior to the movie, lunch featuring Lasagna and Garlic Bread will be served at 12:00pm.
Pinochle Tournament - Friday, January 16th, 12:00 noon - 4:00pm. Cost: \$4.00
Participate in a 3-Handed

Tournament. Lunch, refreshments, and prizes are included.
Hawaii Travelogue - Wednesday, January 28th, 12:00 noon - 3:00pm. Cost: \$5.00
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Poker Tournament - Friday, January 30th, 12:00 noon - 3:00pm. \$4.00
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COMPUTER CLASSES
Intro to Computers-Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 5th-Feb. 11th, 9:00-10:30am. \$20
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Microsoft Word - Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 6th-Feb. 12th, 9:00am-10:30am. \$30
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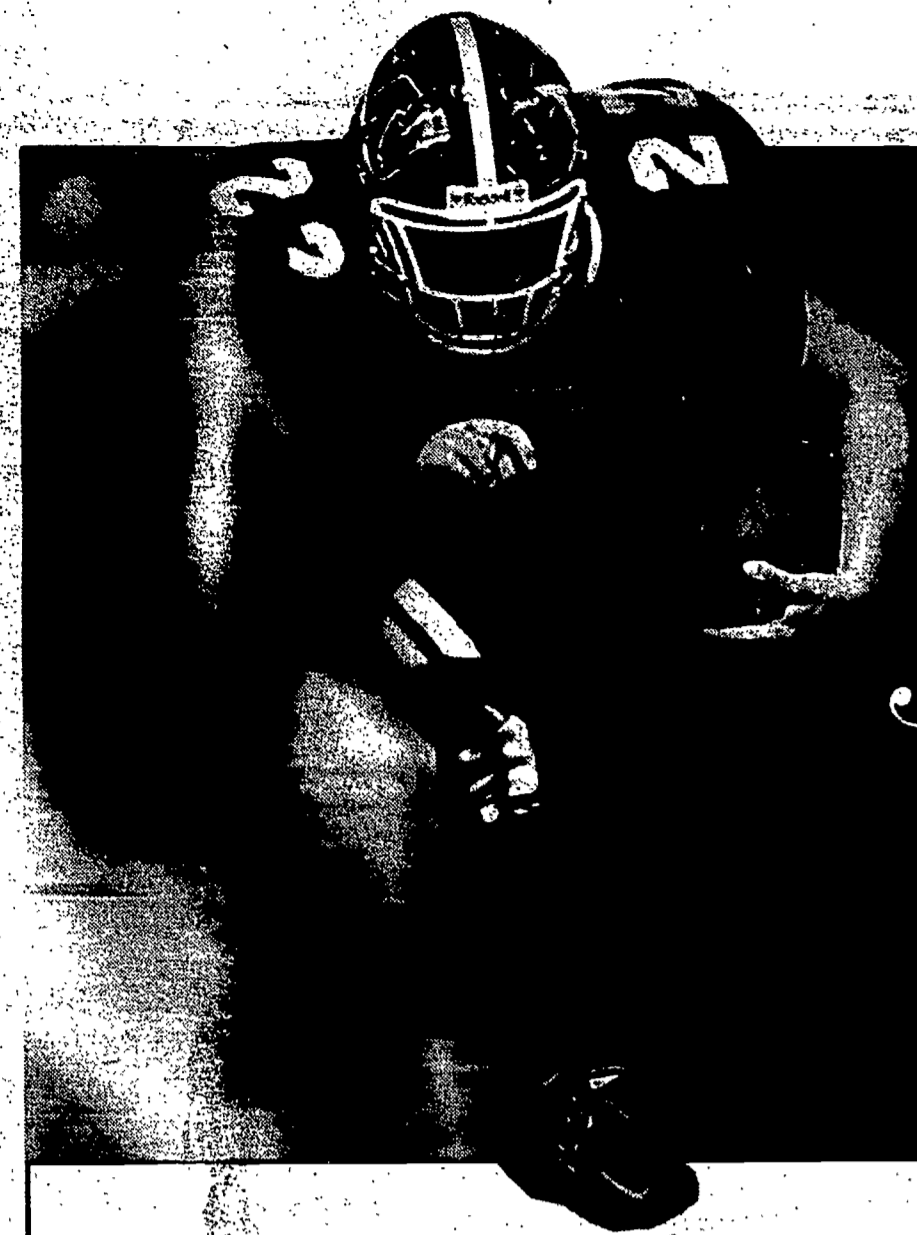
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'Bad Santa' definitely not for children



As every review, commercial and trailer for the movie "Bad Santa" has been very specific in saying that this is a movie for grownups and in no way intended for children, I wish to say the same thing: This is most definitely a movie that is in no way intended for children. It is intended for adults however, and whether or not adults like it depends on their sense of humor. If they like the idea of Santa behaving in a way that would shock almost any human being, then they will definitely enjoy this movie.

"Bad Santa" is the story of an alcoholic, misanthropic monster of a human being played by Billy Bob Thornton who, along with his little person partner in crime Tony Cox, set up at a different department store each holiday in order to rob it blind on the night of Christmas Eve. This Christmas season, Santa ends up interacting and taking care of a meek kid played by Brett Kelly who may or may not warn Santa up to the true meaning of Christmas. "Bad Santa" is directed by Terry Zwigoff (Crumb, Ghost World), and written in part by the Coen Brothers, who are well known for their black comedy. The comedy is extra black in this case - Billy Bob Thornton yells, screams and drinks his way across the entire movie. Yelling at children in line, passing out on his Santa chair, or drinking in the mall eatery, each scene is made extra perverse by Billy wearing a soiled Santa costume. The humor does work - there are many jokes that are extremely funny, some images of Santa that are so absurd and push the envelope in just the perfect way, and Thornton has a good sense of what works with his character and what doesn't, but the more squeamish adults may feel the need to go with something a little lighter this holiday season.



Preparing for the holidays Employees of Park Ridge's Public Works Department began putting up wreaths the week before Thanksgiving in preparation for the holidays.

Holiday tree decked with hand-made ornaments

If your holiday spirit is still in the acorn stage, the Morton Grove Historical Museum has an idea that might make it grow. Each year, the museum looks for groups to create Victorian style paper ornaments for the museum's holiday tree. Over the years, several school classrooms and Brownie troops have signed up to make the ornaments. Some will be coming to the museum to decorate the tree themselves, others will be sending the finished ornaments over for museum staff to hang. Museum Director Mary Walsh says that in previous years she's always handed out a template, but that it is not a hard and fast rule this year.

"We're looking for ornaments a little bit reminiscent of the turn of the century, or the early part of the Twentieth Century," said Walsh. "For instance, at St. Peter's they're making acorns. We just want something home-made."

The ornament making is free to anyone interested, and the names of those who decorate will be acknowledged by the tree throughout the holiday season. Anyone interested can call the museum at 847-965-0203. The Historical Museum is located at 6240 West Dempster, near Harrer Park.



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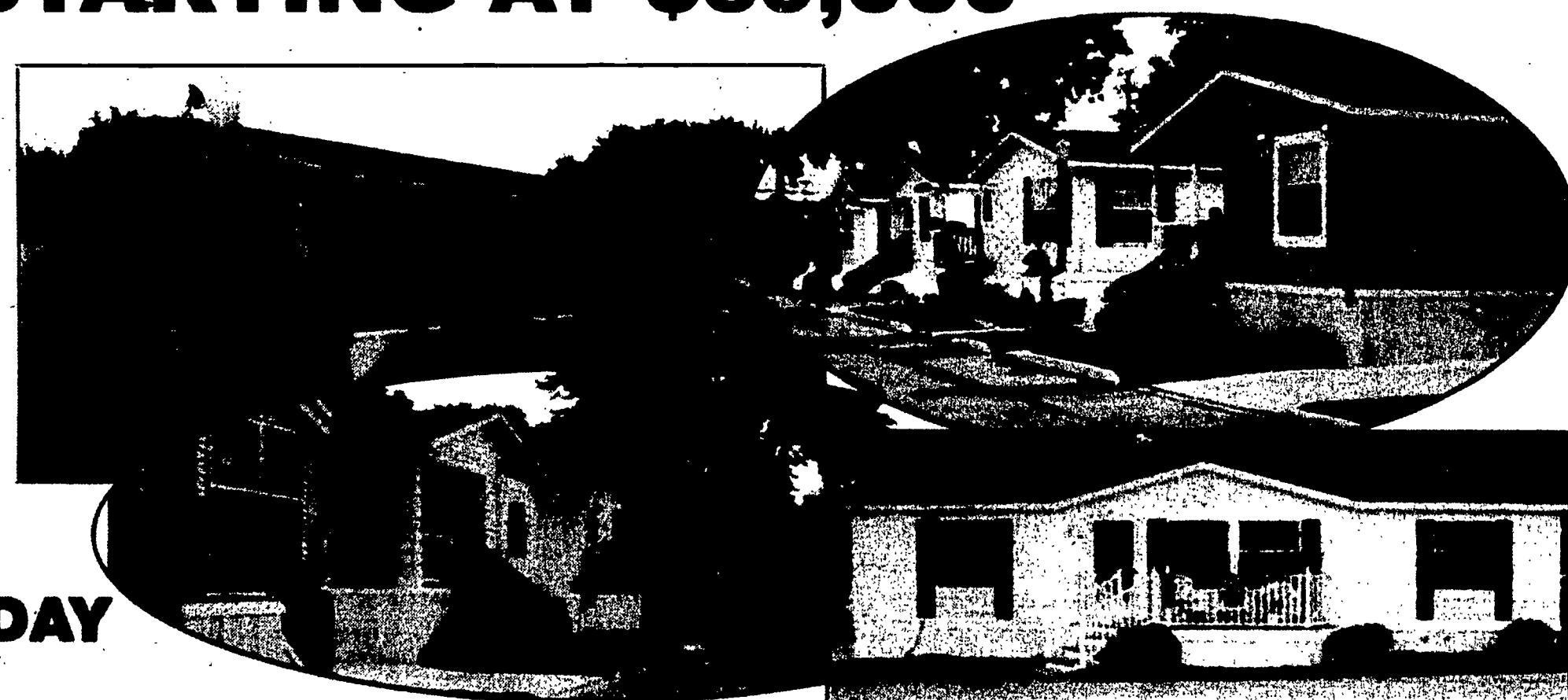
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Morton Grove Park Board President Jerry Coursey presents Julia Choi with a replica of the street sign she helped create by winning the contest to name the street next to the Park District's Prairie View Community Center.

Julia Choi wins street-naming contest

Julia Choi was presented with a replica of the street sign for "Athletic Avenue" at a recent Morton Grove Park District Board meeting. The fifth-grader from Grove Middle School was selected from 18 different entries received in the Park District's "Name the Street" contest held in October. Youngsters from kindergarten to eighth grade were asked to send their entries via e-mail to the park district. "Athletic Avenue" is the street that leads into the Park District's Prairie View Community Center off of Dempster St.

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Becoming a Breeder

Q: I've owned a cocker spaniel since she was a pup, and I am considering breeding her, with the intention of becoming a professional breeder. How do I get started in this business? — Joanie H., Indianapolis

A: Before jumping into the business of breeding, I recommend that you study, study before committing to it. Many people get into breeding for profit, only to find that becoming a reputable breeder takes much more work and commitment than they prepared for. This sometimes leads to difficult situations where aspiring breeders can't care properly for a new litter, can't find good homes for the pups, and end up dealing with irate customers who feel they didn't get what they bargained for. Dedicated breeders don't just do it for profit. They care for their dogs and the litters they produce, and work constantly to make sure each puppy finds the right family. If an adoption doesn't work out, they'll usually take the puppy back rather than risk it being abandoned or placed in a shelter. The first place to visit for basic information on breeding is the American Kennel Club (www.akc.org), which maintains a Web page specifically for owners, like you, who are considering becoming breeders. You'll find tips on preparing yourself for the task, registering litters and finding new homes for the puppies. Visit other breeders in the area — for example, the breeder from whom you purchased your cocker spaniel. Or, attend local dog shows — you'll find both dog enthusiasts and breeders there who will be happy to answer your questions. And of course, pick up a few books for reference — not just on the business of breeding, but on keeping the mother and her litter healthy throughout the process.

Send your tips, questions and comments to Paws Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or e-mail them to pawscorner@hotmail.com.

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1/2 cup packed brown sugar
4 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 large eggs

350 F.
4. Coarsely chop 1 cup pecans.
5. In large bowl, with wire whisk, mix corn syrup, brown sugar, melted butter, vanilla and eggs until blended. Stir in chopped pecans and remaining pecan halves.
6. Pour pecan filling into cooled pie shell. Bake until filling is set around edges but center jiggles slightly, 45 to 50 minutes. Cook on wire rack at least 1 hour for easier slicing.

• Each serving: About 353 calories, 4 g protein, 38 g carbohydrate, 22 g total fat (7 g saturated), 74 mg cholesterol, 177 mg sodium.

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Gifts for the Do-It-Yourselfer Q: My dad likes to work around the house. He's got plenty of tools, especially his table saw (which he loves), but I'd like to get him something really useful that I can afford. Any recommendations? — Tracy J., Huntsville, Ala.

A: I've got a few! But, they're mostly the tools I'm wishing for this year, so I did a little research and found items from other wish lists that your dad might like. All of them are under \$50, and are things that can improve any do-it-yourselfer's toolkit.

Dewalt Heavy-Duty Palm-Grip Sander Kit: \$49.95 at Home Depot. This 2-amp sander packs a lot of punch and is perfect to break out for quick sanding jobs. Irwin Laser Line Generator: \$39.97 at Home Depot. Laser levels are a hot item this year,

allowing do-it-yourselfers to "get it straight" whether laying tile or hanging pictures. The Generator casts a line on any surface without leaving a mark, and leaves one hand free for other tasks.

Safety set: Want to create a unique gift that says you really care? Purchase safety goggles (\$4-\$10), protective gloves (solvent-resistant, around \$5) and a set of masks, including latex and chemical facemasks or a respirator with a variety of filters for different chemicals. Having these basic safety items on hand could preserve your dad's health.

Ryobi 7.2-Volt Cordless Drill: \$31 at Home Depot. Nothing's better during a DIY project than to reach for the tool you need and find it right at hand. Having a cordless drill that allows you to grab it and go is really convenient. That the Ryobi also includes a 28-piece drill-bit set is just icing on the cake.

Yellow Jacket 25-foot Worklight: \$18.74 at Lowe's. For the DIYer who works into the night, this powerful light is perfect. The 25-foot cord allows the light to stretch outside the garage, and

the hexagonal cage with two hooks allows the user to direct the light where needed and attach it securely.

Quick-Grip Mini Bar Clamp: \$18.99 at Ace. A convenient "helping hand" at the workbench, the Quick-Grip can hold objects in place with just a few squeezes of the custom handle, eliminating the time it takes to screw down a traditional clamp. And while you're at it, why not combine this gift with a set of standard metal clamps? Prices for most three-piece sets range from \$8 to \$20.

HOME TIP Choosing gifts for the do-it-yourselfer? If you haven't heard him or her grumbling during a project, get a few ideas by thinking about the aspects of DIY that concern or interest you. Or heck, just ask! 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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NOW HERE'S A TIP

By JoAnn Derson

• If you microwave a lemon for about 15 seconds before squeezing, you'll get more juice.

• Get the most out of your breakfast cereal by drinking the milk. Some of the vitamins in grains are transferred to the milk while the cereal soaks, and don't forget that the milk itself is full of vitamin D and calcium.

• "If you burn your tongue, gargle with warm salt water. The salt numbs nerve endings temporarily. My mother, a pharmacist, taught me that." — Nat H. in Polson, Mont.

• Keep your coffee tasting fresh by cleaning out your automatic coffee maker once every couple of months. Fill the water reservoir with plain household vinegar, and turn it on. Let it run through half a cycle, then shut it off for about a half-hour, so it can work on all those mineral deposits. Turn it back on and rinse it by running plain water through at least three cycles.

• According to the Carpet and Rug Institute in Dalton, Ga., you should never rub a spot on the carpet. Just blot. That way, you won't grind in dirt and grime.

• Blood pressure can be affected by many things: Seeing the doctor is one of them; request that your blood pressure be taken by a nurse or physician's assistant. Having a full bladder can also make your pressure reading higher, as can positioning your arm below heart level.

• "For on-the-go grease stains, carry a small bottle of baby powder. Sprinkle it on, pat it, wipe it off and repeat. The talc soaks up the oil, and you can just brush it away." — Pauline in Marietta, Ga.

• It is incredibly easy to blow a holiday gift budget when you are pressed for time. Smart shoppers cruise clearance aisles and buy all year long.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or e-mail JoAnn letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS FOR 2003

This publication constitutes official notice of the changes in assessment to all owners of real property in Niles Township. The 2003 assessment changes as published herein are those determined by the Assessor of Cook County.

It is the duty of the Assessor to appraise all taxable real property in Cook County at its fair cash value as of January 1, 2003. Fair cash value is described as what the property would bring at a voluntary sale in the normal course of business or trade. The Assessor is required by law to assess said property in a fair and just manner.

The Assessor does not determine property taxes. Property taxes are determined by the spending needs and requests of municipalities, school boards, park districts and other local government agencies which provide public services to property owners. The Assessor's sole responsibility is to estimate the value of real estate property.

In Cook County, real property is classified according to its use. The classification system is used to determine the percentage of the fair cash value at which the real property is assessed for purposes of taxation. Accordingly, real property is assessed at only a fraction of its fair cash value, depending on its use and classification.

Changes in assessment for land and improvements are listed separately. The dimensions of the land are also listed:

- A - Acres
B - Back Lot
N - Irregular Lot
S - Square Feet

Cook County uses a Permanent Index Number (P.I.N.) system as a means to identify individual real estate parcels. The PIN consists of a 14-digit number. The first two digits identify the area or survey township; the second two digits identify the sub-area or section; the next three digits identify blocks.

Note: Blocks are defined as follows:

Blocks 100 to 199 are located in the N.W. Quarter
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Blocks 300 to 399 are located in the S.W. Quarter
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The next three digits in the series identify the specific parcel or lot. The last four digits, (where applicable), identify individual condominium units, non-operating railroad parcels or leasehold's of exempt parcels.

Whenever possible, the assessment list will be listed by the street name and the street or house number of the parcel. However, the Cook County Assessor's Office official records rely on permanent Property Index Numbers (P.I.N.) only. No assessment of real property shall be considered invalid due to an incorrect listing.

If you have any questions regarding the assessment of real property you should visit the Office of the Assessor of Cook County, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 301, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or call (312) 443-7550.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

File No.D03088823 on November 13, 2003, under the assumed name of Oak Mill Family Dental Center, with the business located at 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Dr. Barbara Laskowski, 21 N. Summit Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

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File No. D03088647 on November 12, 2003, under the assumed name of RAB Enterprises with the business located at 8844 N. Wisner St., Apt. GW, Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Robert A. Banks, 8844 N. Wisner St., Apt. GW, Niles, IL 60714.

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