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Niles Eagle Scout Galassi saves friend's life

BY WENDY ELLIS
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When Josh Costes saw the blade cutting into his wrist, he didn't feel any pain. He just had a weird feeling. "Then I saw the blood," said Josh, an 18 year old Eagle Scout who was helping out with another scout's eagle project at St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles. He and longtime friend and fellow Eagle Scout Bob Galassi, were cutting 2x4 pieces of plywood for the project's walls. Josh was operating the circular saw while Bob held the plywood.

"I was pushing the wood toward Josh as he used the saw," said Bob. "I let go of the wood because it was getting towards the end." At that point something happened that no one is really clear about. The saw grabbed a hold of the cuff of Josh's work gloves and pulled his left wrist into the blade. For a split second, neither boy realized what had happened, but when Josh pulled his wrist free, it became obvious he had severed a major artery.

"He turned toward me and I looked down and blood just started pouring out of his glove," said Bob. "I'm thinking, 'Oh, that's not good.'" As he ran around the work table to get to Josh, Bob yelled for someone to call an ambulance. Josh's dad was working with other scouts in another room,

and was quick to react. "I've never seen him run that fast," said Bob, who by then, had grabbed Josh's bleeding wrist in a tight grip to stem the flow of blood. Bob raised Josh's wrist above his head and got him to sit on the ground.

Bob's father, who was also nearby, began handing Bob rags to help keep direct pressure on the wound as they waited for the ambulance.

"I knew it was tons of tendons and arteries,"

said Josh. "Then I went into shock. I was feeling really cold, but I knew I was with the boy scouts." First Aid is

an oft repeated lesson in boy scouts,

shock," said Bob. "And when you apply direct pressure

you're not supposed to take the bandage off." Josh was covered with jackets, and kept warm until paramedics arrived to take over.

"The first thing they said was 'Where's all the blood?'" said Bob. While there was some blood, there was not nearly as much as paramedics expected when they uncovered Josh's wrist and saw the wound had cut to the bone. Josh was taken to

Lutheran General Hospital where he was in surgery at midnight to reconnect his severed tendons and artery.

Four days later he was back in the operating room so a specialist could reattach his nerves.

Josh believes Bob may very well have saved his life. "It was amazing how fast Bobby reacted," said Josh. "Everyone was scared, but you can't really think about it. If I'd hit an artery and no one was there I would have lost a lot more blood."

"The only time I was scared was at the beginning, but then I calmed down," said Bob of the experience of helping Josh. "Then at the end I was scared because I didn't realize until then how bad he'd hurt himself." Oddly enough, two of the paramedics who came to help Josh were Eagle Scouts. Efforts are now underway to obtain a Lifesaving Award for Bob from the Boy Scouts of America, and a Citizenship award from the fire departments of Niles and Morton Grove. It was Morton Grove paramedics who responded to the call that November evening, even though St. John Brebeuf is in Niles. Both fire departments help in first aid training for the boy scouts and believe this is a testament to the work they do and the value of the lessons they teach. Josh has just started therapy on his wrist and it is healing nicely. Bob now knows that he won't be the one standing in the background wishing he could help when things get tough.



Niles Eagle Scout Josh Costes (left), who was injured while working on another scout's eagle project is pictured here receiving congratulations

Niles Police, Bugle urge party-goers to act responsibly

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Another New Year is almost here. *The Bugle* and the Niles Police would like to remind partygoers on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 31 to act responsibly and make wise decisions.

"If you don't have to be out on

the roads that night, don't," warned crime prevention officer Ron Brandt. "Even if you are not on the way to a party, beware of other drivers around you. There really is no reason not to take public transportation on New Year's Eve, and if you are going to drive, I recommend that you spend the extra money on a hotel instead of taking a chance on the

roads." Brandt stressed the importance of no drinking and driving as deaths have increased in the last year due to intoxicated drivers.

"Why not spend the extra 10 or 20 bucks for a cab ride, and not risk getting caught for a DUI ticket that could run two to three thousand dollars. It's very cost effective," said Brandt.

Tips to keep yourself safe for the New Year are, you should call the police if you see any suspicious activity, anything out of the ordinary. For basic home security, make sure your house is locked and dead bolted. Leaving the television on in the house indicates activity in the house. Get to know your neighbors and residents on the block when the

house is empty. "It is important for to keep exterior lights in addition to interior light on in the house as well as a timing device," said Brandt. "While you are on vacation, have a neighbor pick up your newspaper so that it is not piling up. Bringing in the garbage cans will make it appear that someone in home in the house," he said.



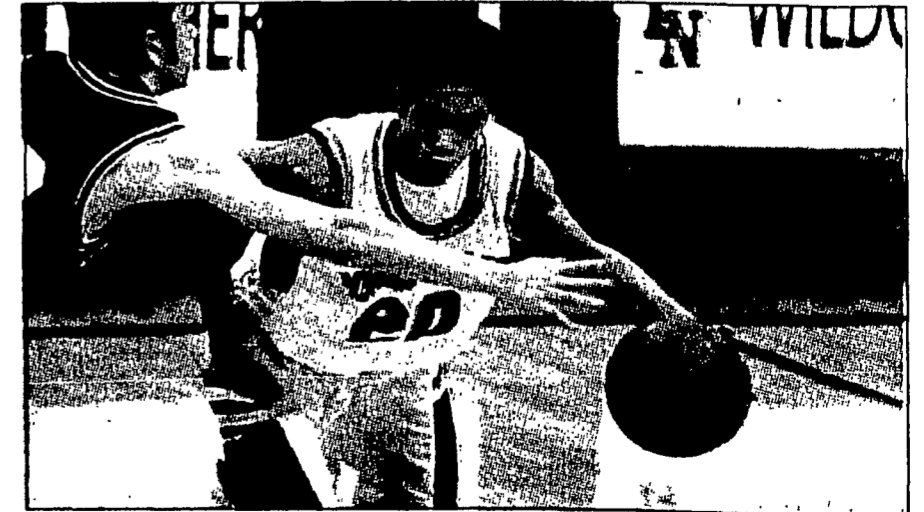
Firefighters' collect food

The Morton Grove Fire Department's annual food drive was a success this year. Above, food that is destined for the need is stacked on a table at the conclusion of the drive. Turn to page four for the story.



2003: A Year in Review

2003 was an eventful year in our communities. We recap some of those interesting events in the first of our two-part "Year in Review" feature, page 14.



Maine East drives

Maine East guard Mike Medina drives for the lane against St. Benedicts at the Luther North Holiday Classic, Friday night December 26. See page 15 for more pictures.

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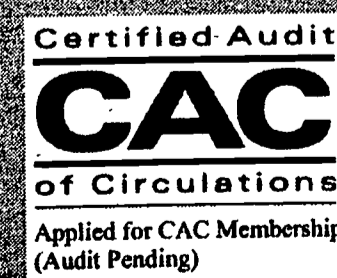
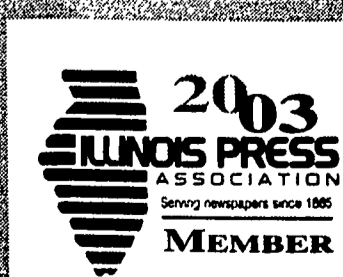
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The Bugle's offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1 in celebration. The staff would like to wish all the readers a safe and happy New Year.



News

Groot sends letters to Morton Grove residents

BY WENDY ELLIS
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Homeowners in Morton Grove should have received a letter from Groot Recycling last week, regarding the upcoming changes in their garbage collection service. Morton Grove homeowners and condo dwellers will soon be paying directly for their garbage service. The waste hauler will be providing every single family res-

idence with two wheeled garbage containers that will be delivered to every homeowner by Groot, sometime in late January. The recent flyer asks any homeowner who wants two 32 gallon garbage containers, rather than the standard 65 gallon containers, to send back the questionnaire by Wednesday, Dec. 31, the day this issue was delivered. Anyone who does not respond will automatically receive the larger cans. Because condominium owners

have one collective pickup they do not need to respond to the letter, although they will receive one. Condominium owners will be paying about \$135 per year on the new service, while single family homeowners will pay roughly \$185 annually, once the new service begins, probably in February. Until now, garbage service has been paid through the resident's property taxes, but budget constraints have forced the village to look at ways to cut costs.

Robert Provenzano Receives Highway Commissioner Certification

Robert Provenzano, Maine Township Highway Commissioner, achieved his voluntary certification recently at the Kane County Extension Center in St. Charles. This voluntary certification program was sponsored by the Township Highway Commissioners Association of Illinois.

Twenty-five Township Highway Commissioners from Kane, McHenry, Whiteside, Kankakee, Will, DuPage, Lake and Cook Counties attended the session. The certification program covered duties and responsibilities of the



position and how the requirements of the office are determined. Areas of interest included budgeting, tax levies, personnel issues, equipment

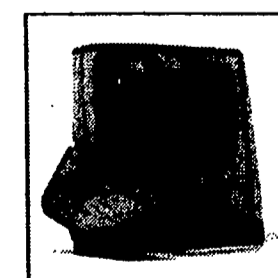
purchases and maintenance, relationships with other elected officials and legal issues affecting the office.

Greg Carter from Bloomington, IL was the instructor for the program. In addition to attending the seminar, each commissioner was required to complete written tests on each area of the Commissioner's responsibility. This session was the first of a statewide project sponsored by the Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois organization to better equip the Highway Commissioners to serve their elective office.

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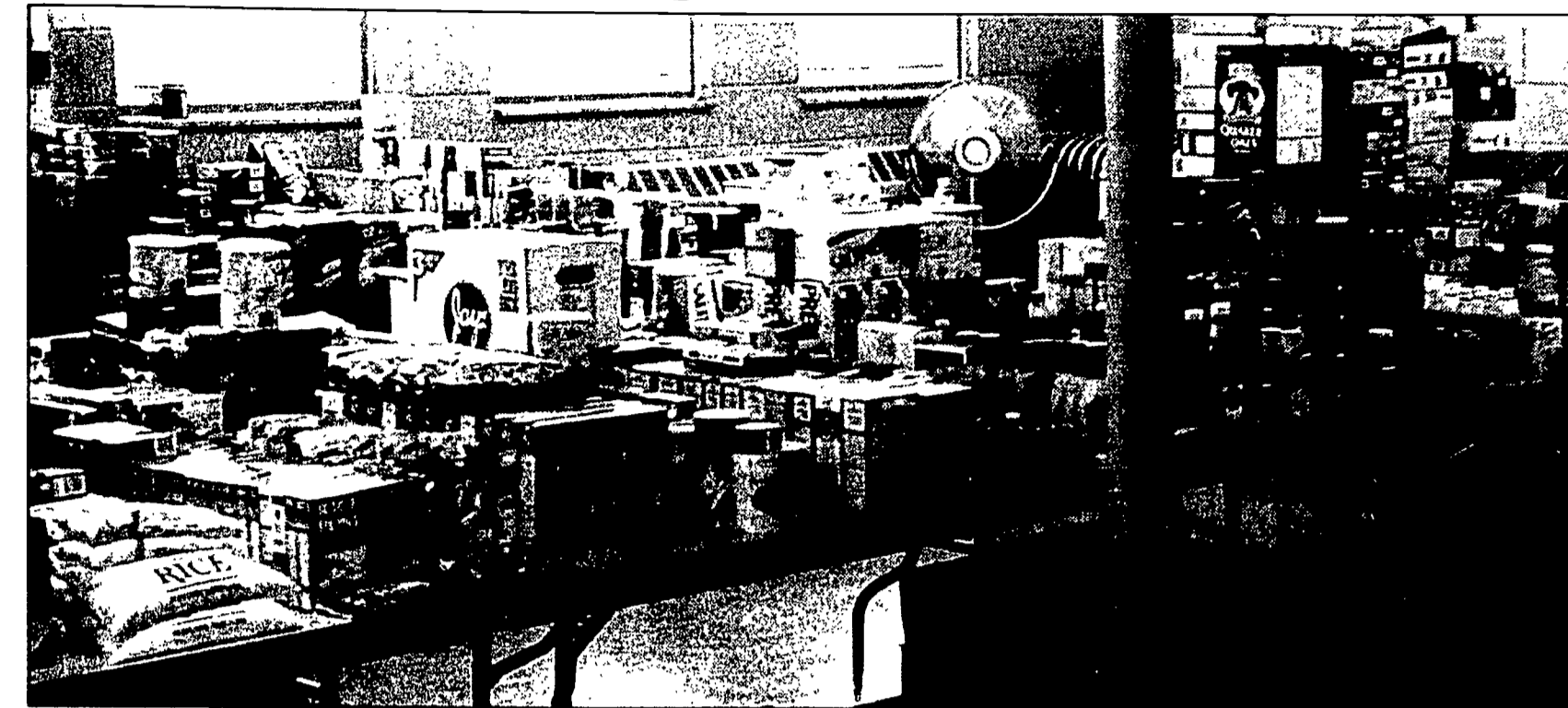


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News

Morton Grove firefighters' food drive a success



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The basement of St. Martha's Church in Morton Grove looked like a grocery store last week, as members of the Morton Grove Firefighter's Association sorted out and lined up all the non-perishable food donations taken in during their annual Holiday Food Drive.

Lt. Rodney Steffens said

they didn't really have a gauge on just how much food they took in this year, although monetary donations seemed to be down from last year.

39 needy families and half a dozen single people received food baskets from the drive through local schools, churches and the Morton Grove Women's Club.

Steffens said the firefighters were running about \$2500 short of the amount of money needed to provide every child under 12 a toy for Christmas,

and every young person between 12 and 18 a gift certificate for the holidays. This year the association was providing for 89 children, 51 of them under 12. In previous years when the money has come up short, firefighters have made up the difference out of their own pockets.

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Morton Grove honors employees



(Above) Morton Grove Employee of the Year Darlene Wrzala shows off the engraved pen she received as Employee of the Year, Friday afternoon, Dec. 19

(At left) Mayor Scanlon, left, gives an award for 10 years of service to crossing guard Alvin Abuja (center) with the help of emcee Ron Czerwinski at the annual Morton Grove village employee recognition party at the American Legion Hall.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Monday, January 5
8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 7
7 p.m. Morton Grove Village "Town Hall" Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 12
3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting
7 p.m. Morton Grove Village Board of Trustees meeting
7:45 p.m. High School District 219 will hold its regular board meeting at 7700 Gross Point Rd., Skokie

COMMUNITY

Sunday, January 10
The Niles Historical Society will host the Rev. Dick Anderson who will entertain audience members with song and commentary. Anderson has held programs at the Historical Society in the past and has been a hit. The program will be held at 2 p.m. at the Historical Society, 8970 Milwaukee Ave. It is open to the public, admissions is free. Hot cider and dessert will be served immediately following the program. For more information, call (847) 390-0160 or for reservations if there are more than four people in your party.

PARKS

Thursday, January 8
7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Recreation and Facility Program Committee meeting followed by a Parks and Facility Maintenance Committee Meeting followed by an Administration and Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting.
Thursday, January 15
7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Board Meeting

Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:
Niles
Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center, 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles IL.
Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, IL.
Park Ridge
City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL.
Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL.
Morton Grove
Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, IL.
Morton Grove Park District: Prairie View Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL.
Submit events to : Calendar@buglenewspapers.com

Opinion

Congrats to Culver girls basketball

Dear Editor:
Congratulations and recognition should be given to the Culver seventh grade girl's basketball team and their coach. With a roster of only eight girls, they put in many hours of hard practice. With great effort they played only eight games this season. Their record was a very impressive eight wins and no losses. I would like to thank the team and their coach for a great and exciting season. I am a very proud grandparent.

Robert J. Wilczewski, Niles

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Elio Sadim - Skokie
"I will not be making any, I never keep them."



Pat Smith - Niles
"Yes, to work less hours. I put in quite a few hours at work."



Selma Richman - Morton Grove
"Never. They are made to be broken. We are creatures of habit. But when I was younger I made a lot of them."



Phillip Hoffman - Niles
"Yeah, to lose weight. I've done it before and stuck to it."

Letters Policy

The Bugle encourages readers to submit letters to the editor. To be considered for publication, all letters must be signed with the writer's full name. An address and telephone number (which will not be printed) must be provided for verification purposes. Letters exceeding 250 words may be edited for length or punctuation. No potentially libelous letters or letters containing personal attacks will be printed. Writers are limited to one letter per month. Deadline is 5 p.m. Fridays.

Send letters to: Letters to the Editor, 7400 N. Waukegan, Niles, IL 60714 or fax to (847) 588-1911.

SCHOOLS

Maine East Announces November Students of the Month

Maine East's November Students of the Month in Applied Arts and Technology were: Mayva Guzman, Marjon Javadi, Robert Lazzara, Eun-Hee Lee, Krystal Luce, Jacob Miskiewicz, Ketan Patel, Rina Patel, Asif Rajabali, and Mo Salaudeen. In Art were: Felicia Buibas, Angela Behrendt, Alexandra Broda, Susan Song, Kaitlin Patke, and Olha Pavilishynets. Driver's Education honorees were: Noel Flores, Rima Shah and Jessica Stephens. Students of the Month in English were Dana Coldea, Katherine Foley, Everisto Herrera, Parish Hubbard, Erika Magana, Nicole McConnell, Stacey Mendez, and Pooja Patel. English as a Second Language/Bilingual students were: Christopher Calalang, Madalena Giza, Diane Maningding, Abilash Mathew, Iliana Nikova, Gringo Pabalan, Kateryna Paviyuk, Silvia Rojas, and Tanyo Stoyanov. In Foreign Language were: Charise-Mae Angderon, Jeff Chan, Stephanie Joseph, Eugene Lee, Chrysanthemum Mattison, Sylvia Prokopowicz, and Daniel Rechitsky. Mathematics students were: Sydney Baloue, James Capadocia, Sameen Ghani, and Hantao Wang. Music honorees were: Kevin Chang, Amanda Lela, and Susan Song. Physical Education and Health students were: David Budzinski, Anfiny Eshoo, Michael Fergus, Sonia Hernandez, Donna Herrera, Katherine Hoglund, Wesam Eric Lee, Dominick Lazzara, Jairo Morales, Dijana Nedeljkovic, Kevin Park, Teodora Petkova, and Vicky Shah. In Science were: Paulina Bartyzel, Mamlook Jendo, Jason Mallon, Ivy Saqui, Vrunda Shah, and Krupa Tailor. Social Science students were: Neha Agnihotri, Farah Chau, Andrew Howard, Magdalena Kietlinska, Mykhaylo Kulyk, Tasneem Master, Yana Yakhnes, and Aleksandr Zhukhovtysky. Speech and Drama honorees were: Samantha Allababidi, Brad Brandel, and Dom Burdi.

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At the end of Our Lady of Ransom's 5th grade Christmas Play, Santa thanks Willy the elf for helping him regain his memory. Pictured from left and, Michael Spiff as 'Holly,' Sumeet Singh as 'Santa,' and Douglas Hansel as 'Willy the elf.'

OLR students present 'The Year Santa Forgot'

The fifth graders at Our Lady of Ransom School presented "The Year Santa Forgot Christmas." The play was about Santa losing his memory due to a bump on the head and the elves rallying to his rescue with reminders, from around the world, about why the season is so special. In the end, Santa regained his memory and was able to deliver all his presents to girls and boys in time for Christmas. Parents, students and faculty were all treated to the delightful performance by Mrs. Herrmann's class. Also presenting performances during the week were the kindergarten classes with a holiday concert for their parents and the school band.

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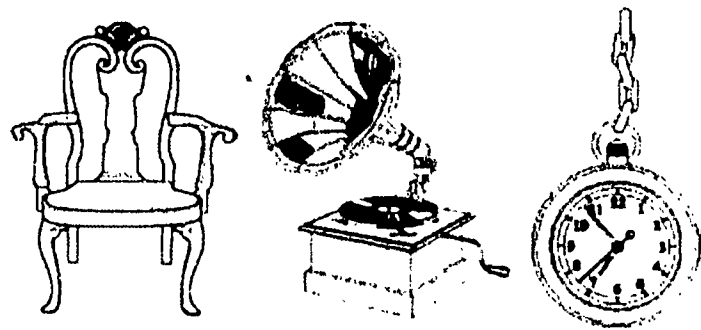
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PARK RIDGE

Summit Mall sold

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
editor@buglenewspapers.com

The sale of the Summit of Park Ridge Mall, located at 51 Summit was finalized last Wednesday, Dec. 24. The sale price was not available at the time of publication.

According to Anna Bartucci, who managed the property for Inland Properties, the Summit was not for sale. "We received an offer," she said, "contemplated it, and accepted. It was a good offer."

Bartucci has managed the property for the last year and a half. She said that the physical limitations were a hindrance for shoppers and tenants. "It was a difficult property to work with," she said. "The view from the main road [Northwest Highway] was not optimal and there were all sorts of parking troubles. But it was a beautiful property, well-maintained and well managed."

While there have been several long-term tenants, the mall has been plagued by intermittent occupancy in several of its storefronts. Inland owned the properties for between six and seven years. It was sold to Joseph Freed and Associates of Arlington Heights. Freed currently owns the property along the north side of Northwest Highway, facing the Summit.

Rumors have been circulating regarding the future of the Summit, whether it will be torn down, reconfigured, or simply left as it is.

Bartucci said it was unfortunate the community was not more supportive of the Summit's tenants.

"There are a number of good tenants in that property," she said. "They deserve community patronage but they are, unfortunately, not supported by the community."

Current tenants of the Summit include Kevin F. Barrett, DDS, Siam Thai Restaurant, Le Peep Restaurant, Hay Caramba, Fashion Media Hair Center, H & R Block, Charter One Bank, J Guitar, and Sav-A-Lot.



Give a little

Laura Ours of LifeSource prepares to draw blood from Park Ridge resident John Walton at the Park Ridge Community Blood Drive at South Park Church, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Park District enjoying successful winter

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Park Ridge Park Recreation and Park District has enjoyed a successful winter season thus far. The Oakton Ice Arena held their annual Holiday Figure Skating Extravaganza on December 14.

The two-hour show featured skaters from the Chicago area performing each skating one minute numbers. 68 skaters, including Oakton's own athletes and top

skaters displayed their talents in front of an estimated 500 people. Duets, trios, four synchronized teams and soloists skated 61 numbers in short and long skating routines, according to instructor Cydell Fadeeva. Skaters that won medals in the Midwest Championships also took part in the acclaimed event.

"The Holiday Show is an ongoing tradition at Oakton, and the kids put on a great show. The audience really loved it. It was fun to have been a part of it," said Fadeeva.

The Holiday songs that were mon-

itored so that no song was repeated and so that they run the same length, according to Fadeeva. Coaches and instructors volunteered in choreographing the numbers of the show and announcing the numbers.

Jessica Santee at age three was the youngest to strut her stuff on the rink, while the oldest was 18.

Oakton was host to the always popular Skate with Santa event earlier in the day. Santa passed out candy canes to all participants as he skated around the rink to his favorite holiday songs

"This was our biggest year ever, it was just awesome. I could tell that Santa was just exhausted at the end of the day after performing tricks on his hockey skates. All the kids said they were coming back next year and they were convinced that Santa could land his sleigh on the roof of Oakton Ice Arena," she said.

Kids and adults looking for another hobby or to conquer another skill can join the Learn to Skate class for the winter session, beginning Jan. 5 and running through March 11.

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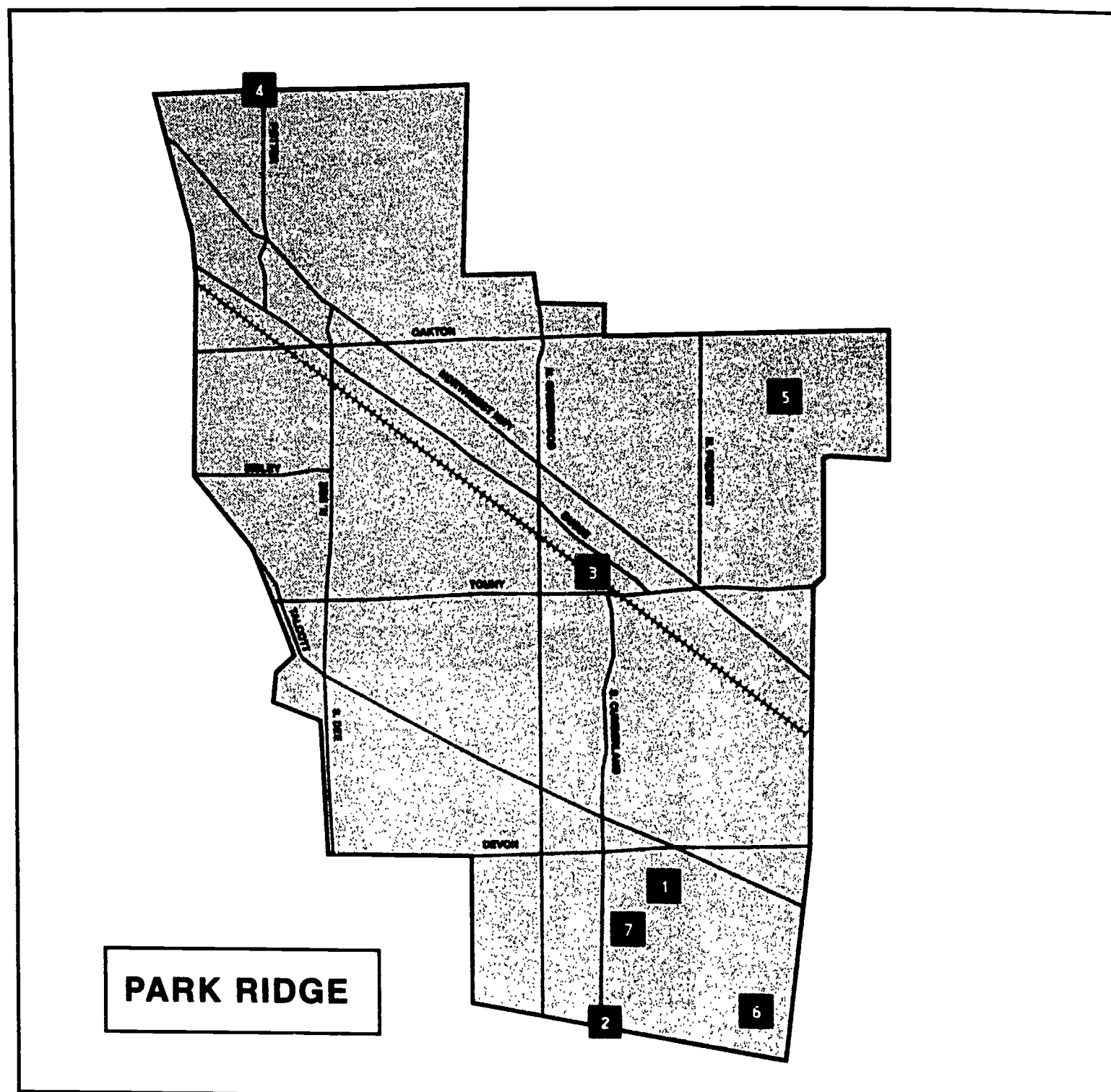
POLICE BLOTTER

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week of Dec. 9-25, 2003.

- 1 Burglary (1300 Courtland)
2 Glenlake Park sign damaged (800 block Glenlake)
3 Park Equipment damaged (200 block Busse)
4 Purse stolen (2600 Dempster)
5 Fur Coat worth \$12,000 stolen (700 N. Washington)
6 Santa stolen (1800 block Newton)
7 Theft of car (1600 Crescent)

business in the 2600 block of Dempster Thursday night December 18. The purse was recovered but cash and a cell phone were missing. Two snow blowers were taken from the garage of a home in the 1300 block of Courtland Thursday night December 25. The snow blowers were valued at \$800. Vandals damaged the sign at Glenlake Park, Thursday night December 18. The estimate of the damage was set at \$2,000. Vandals spray painted playground equipment at a park in the 200 block of Busse, Thursday night December 18. Damage was estimated at \$250. Someone stole a purse from a



Short bits that make me go "Hmmm"

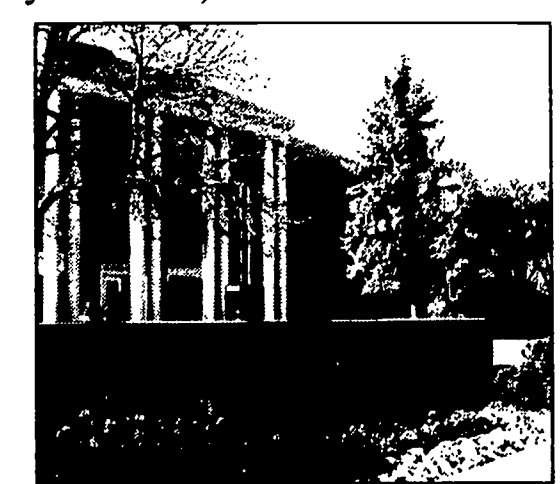
Happy New Year, everyone. I thought I'd start the new year out with some questions for you to ponder.

Everybody says that there's a parking problem in Uptown Park Ridge. Then why is it that the five most recent, expensive, parking studies commissioned by the City of Park Ridge, and paid for by our tax dollars, say that there's ample parking in Uptown? Hmmm.

How many vacant stores are there on Northwest Highway in Uptown Park Ridge? On Touhy in Uptown Park Ridge? In Summit Mall in Uptown Park Ridge? Then, how many vacant stores are there on Main Street in Uptown Park Ridge? On E. Summit in Uptown Park Ridge? And how many vacant stores are there in the rest of Park Ridge? (The answers are, respectively: 7, 2, 3, 0, 0, and almost 0.) Hmmm. Who owns the property that has all the vacant stores? And who stands to gain the most from Uptown

Redevelopment? Hmmm. What's one of the nicest looking buildings in Park Ridge? Answer: the American Farm Bureau (AFB) building at Touhy and Wisner. When the AFB leaves Park Ridge (and it threatens to do so shortly) and if it can't get tenants to fill the offices being vacated (and it hasn't been able to so far), the AFB will tear that building down rather than hold it for sale. (Tax advantage, you know?) Hmmm.

We just sent a City paramedic vehicle off for \$24,000 in taxpayer dollar repairs because some idiot plowed into it at a (dangerous) local intersection it was trying to negotiate safely that isn't protected by an emergency vehicle traffic preemption device. That \$24,000 alone could have supplied preemption devices at that - and as many as two other - intersections in Park Ridge. Hmmm.



The Library The AFB Building Q: Library:AFB::Saved: A:Saved? Hmmm.

About six months ago, the City was telling us that we had a dire water storage and safety problem because of our failing main reser-

voir in Park Ridge, and that's why we had to rebuild (and move) that reservoir pronto. Are we thirsty yet? (Think: Chicken Little?) Hmmm.

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The Library recently spent \$5,000 on a consultant's study of what it means to be a library. Hmmm.

The Library just re-opened after being closed for some six weeks for asbestos abatement and such. The City parking lot adjacent to the Library, in dire need of repaving since well before the first of two failed new-Library referenda, may be closed in the near future for that re-paving. Customer service? Good planning? Hmmm.

We pay for all public buildings in Park Ridge 24x7. So why is it that we have to beg a (one) youth-teen center from a local church so that our young kids have someplace safe to go a few nights per week? Hmmm.

Hmmm, indeed.

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BUSINESS



Maintenance Counts: Skokie Valley Air Control

BY WENDY ELLIS wellis@buglenewspapers.com

This is the season to have your furnace checked. 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it' might have been a good philosophy with old furnaces, but today's newer, more efficient models demand a lot more tender loving care.

The most important thing a homeowner can do is change the filter," says Bryon. "It's like having the oil and filter changed on your car. The engine isn't going to last long if you don't do it." Bryon got his first job in the HVAC business when he was just 13 years old working for one of his uncles.

house for her," said Byron. "The house had two furnaces and someone had wired them to the same circuit." The circuit blew, the furnaces went out. The temperature dropped below freezing, then it warmed up again. The pipes burst, sprayed water, probably for days, all over everything. Then the temperature dropped again. "It looked like an ice castle," said Byron. "It looked like Walt Disney had been there. The mirrors fell off the walls. Every wood floor buckled, the basement had 3 feet of ice. Her insurance adjuster told her a fire wouldn't have been this bad."

the old refrigerant will be sold for a while, it will eventually be phased out. Cost is also a factor. A lot of Skokie Valley's customers are on a fixed income, and the cost of maintenance and repair has climbed. "I used to be a service man and I would see an average ticket of about \$50 to \$100," said Byron. "Now it can cost \$300 to \$500 for service."

Business Briefs

Glenview Terrace hosts educational series

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers," beginning on Feb. 4 at Glenview Terrace, 1511 Greenwood Road, Glenview, is a six-week educational series designed to provide tools needed for the caregiver to take care of themselves while taking care of a loved one with a chronic illness. The program is designed to help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate feelings, increase the ability to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

Skokie Valley Business and Professional Women's Club hosts meeting

The Skokie Valley Business and Professional Women's Club will meet on Monday, Jan. 19 at Don's Fishmarket, in the Howard Johnson Hotel, 9333 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Networking and social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served promptly at 6:30 p.m. The dinner fee is \$21 for members and guests. For reservations, call Dr. Yemimma Lipschultz at (847) 679-2650 by noon Friday, Jan. 16.

The speaker for the evening will be Rev. Frank W. Anderson, pastor of St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Skokie and Aids Pastoral Network of Chicago. His topic will include the importance of participation in dealing with HIV locally and globally. For twenty years, he has been involved in education, caregiving, advocacy, and service to the HIV/AIDS community.

Grand opening of a new Indian Restaurant

The Grand Opening ceremony of the Himalayan Restaurant in the Village of Niles was held on Sunday, December 28th with a lot of fanfare. The grand marshal of the ceremony Mr. Marty Friedman, Director of Family Services for the Village of Niles who was present with his family, inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the diya at noon. A grand lunch buffet was served for 250 of the invited guests. Himalayan Restaurant is the first Indian restaurant in the North suburb of the Village of Niles and is located at Four Flags Shopping Center, near Golf Mill mall. "At Himalayan Restaurant, we will provide you with a glimpse of the inherited culture and tradition of the sub-continent and will serve you the exotic flavors and authentic tastes of the finest cuisines from north and south India" said Mr. Sudhir KC, the manager of the restaurant. "We are also trying to introduce some Nepali cuisine to our customer".

Business Calendar

Wednesday, January 7

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce will house its monthly Business Networking Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave. For information on this event, contact Marta Hoover at (847) 825-3121.

Wednesday, January 14

The Niles Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After-Hours at Unforgettable Edibles/Blackthorn Manor, 7280 W. Devon in Chicago. The networking event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. RSVP to the Chamber a couple of days in advance if you wish to attend. (847) 966-7606.

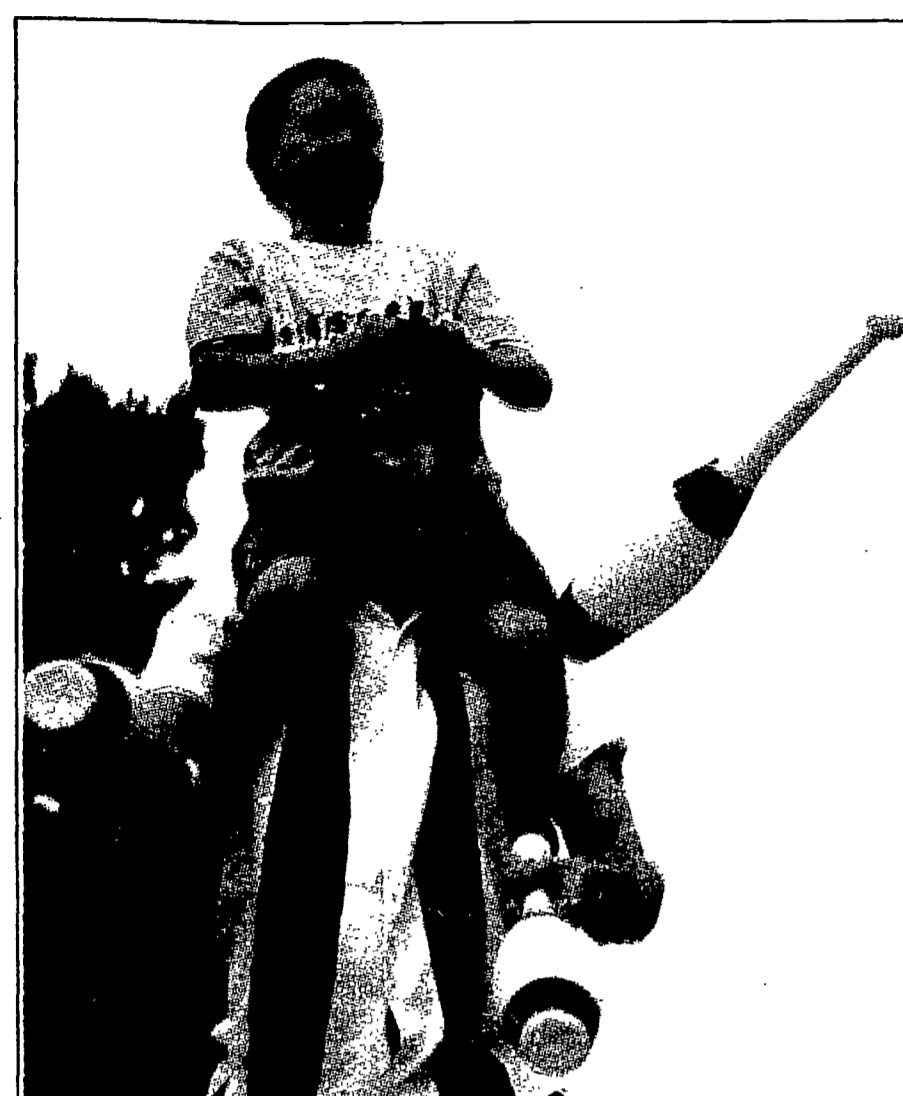
Does your business have an event coming up that you'd like to see featured on our business calendar?

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Events listed in the "Business Calendar" are compiled from submissions to The Bugle. The editor reserves the right to edit any submissions.

SPORTS

2003 in Review



The Bugle isn't able to print many of the great photographs that occur in our communities. In the first issue of 2004 we'd like to take the time to reflect on some major news and charming features of the past year. Next week, we plan to print more photos in the second installment of our Year in Review.

At left, Michael Byrne, 6, of Niles hangs on as he rides the shoulders of juggler Andy Head at the Oak Park Summer Concert, Aug. 8. The Niles Park District hosts the concerts which are a popular activity during the summer months.

Below, nearly 400 worshippers bow in prayer at a makeshift mosque in the gymnasium of the Muslim Education Center (MEC) in Morton Grove. The MEC has been a contentious issue. Two lawsuits are still pending against the village regarding parking and ordinance enforcement.



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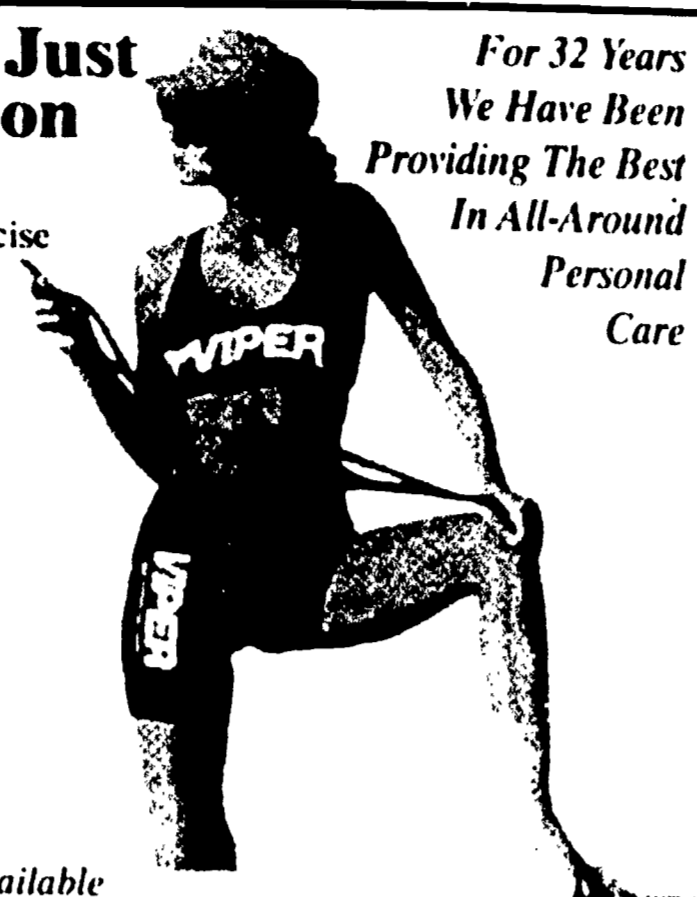
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Lady Wolves win hard-fought battle

BY RYAN BISHOP
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Friday's Niles North tournament game wasn't the prettiest of wins for the Niles West Lady Wolves but they got the job done, winning 47-45 against Rolling Meadows. The victory improved their record to 8-8, already securing one more victory than all of last year.

This was the Lady Wolves third win of the tournament-beating Marian Central and Highland Park, and losing to Oak Park.

Hailee Sullivan was the star of the game for the Lady Wolves as she poured in 23 points in the hard-fought battle of Mid Suburban vs. Central Suburban. Sullivan led her team to victory with a floater in the lane that gave the Wolves a 45-41 lead with 48 seconds left in the game. The win moved West into a third-place matchup Mundelein. Mundelein was a 61-43 loser to the host Niles North Vikings.

Sullivan, the 5'7" junior guard may have had a bigger contribution defensively- accounting for 9 steals, and pressuring her counterpart Lisa Chiefari into throwing errant passes. She scored the first

four points of the game, and four of her seven field goals were from three-point range.

"Hailee played great on both sides of the ball. She is pretty much our leading scorer and has the ball in her hands about 70 percent of the time. She did a nice job with those running floaters tonight," said assistant coach Leah Carter.

The coaching staff felt they had to contain junior forward Brooke Peterson if they had a chance of winning. Although she finished with a team high 19 points, including 7-8 from the free-throw line, her points came in spurts.

"Peterson is one of their better players, I thought we did a better job of containing her in the second half, but the first half she really hurt us," she said.

Both teams got off to a slow start amid miscues and several turnovers. Rolling Meadows led 11-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Wolves started the second quarter strong after Chiefari was called for a five-second violation to begin the second half. However, the Mustangs would score the next four points on two uncontested shots, prompting Lou Metallo to call a timeout at 5:17 and the team

down 15-9.

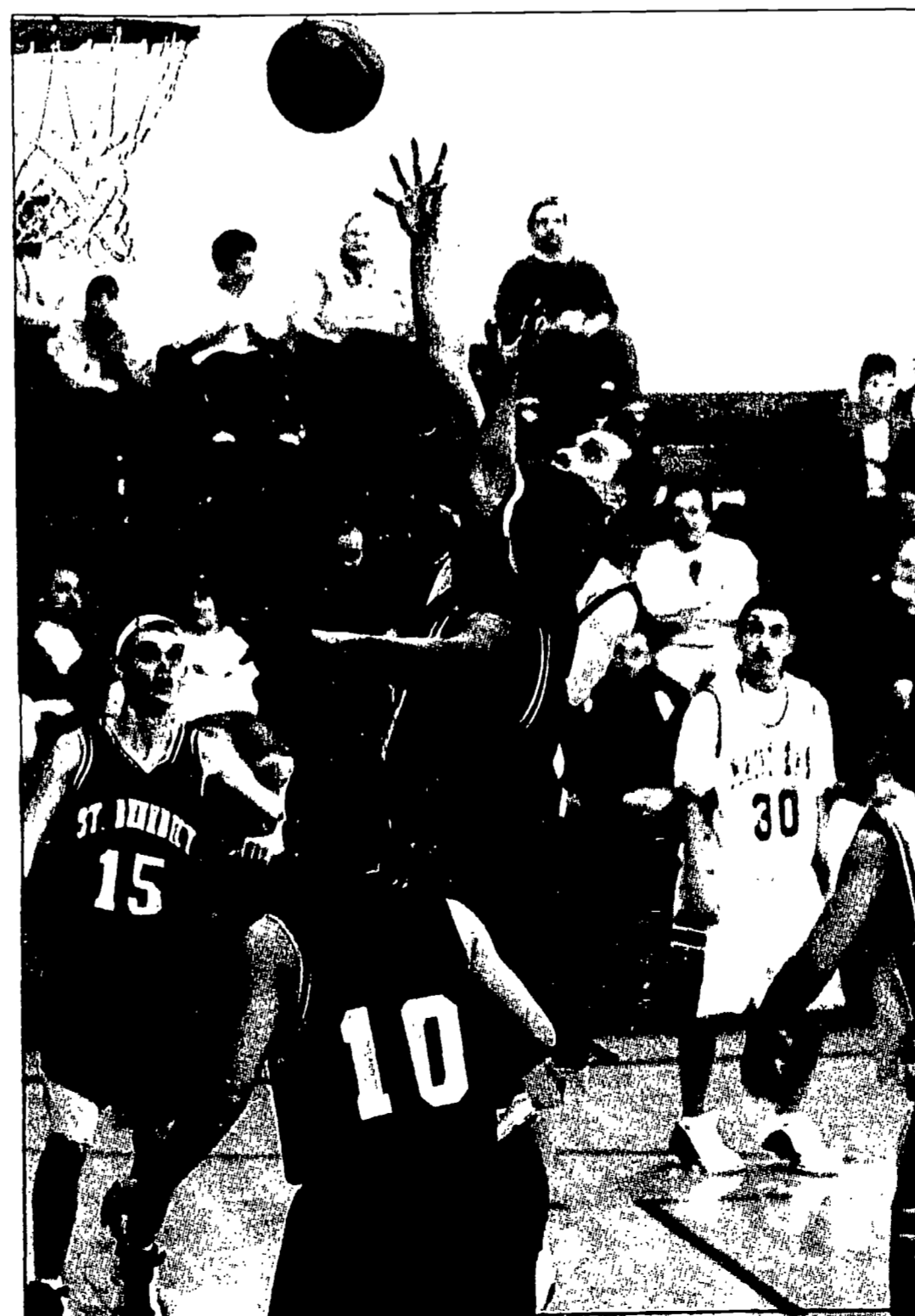
The Wolves used a spread offense in passing the ball around as they hit Barbara Williams down low to draw fouls. Williams consistently went to the foul line, connecting on 6-8 free throws and 16 points for the game.

The team regrouped and Sullivan hit an open 10-foot jumper to bring the team closer. The Lady Wolves missed three shots in the paint, but were able to snatch key offensive rebounds by Jessica Plaia and Williams. Plaia kicked the ball out to Sullivan for a three, giving the Wolves an 18-17 lead with 2:35 in the half.

Rolling Meadows asserted its presence in the low post in the second half. "We went to a man to man defense and got out of the full court press, helping to force more turnovers. We finally started catching passes in the post, this enabled us to kick it out to Hailee for threes," said Carter.

The Lady Wolves sealed the win in the frantic fourth quarter when Williams hit a free throw to go ahead by three with 20 seconds left. The Mustangs had one more shot to tie but Tammy Rosenquest's three-pointer hit the rim and bounced away.

Maine East has strong showing



(Above) Maine East guard Mike Medina drives for the lane against St. Benedicts at the Luther North Holiday Classic, Friday night December 26. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

(Left) Maine East forward Luke Majewski #22 scores against St. Benedicts at the Luther North Holiday Classic, Friday night December 26. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

WEEKEND WARFARE THE MATCHES YOU CAN'T MISS!

Maine East Wrestling at Notre Dame

When: 5 PM, January 2
Where: Notre Dame High School, 7655 W Dempster St., Niles, IL.
Outlook: After a rough beginning to their season, Maine East turned the season around and strung together some quality wins. They continue to do so, proving it was the losses that were out of character for this team. Notre Dame continues to have a strong season with a 6-1 record and placing 5th out of 12 in their last tournament challenge. Both teams will be hungry for a win on Friday when they meet at Notre Dame

Notre Dame Boys Basketball at Maine South

When: 7:30 PM, January 3
Where: Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge, IL.
Outlook: It will be 10 days since their last meeting when these two teams meet on Saturday. 10 days ago the Maine South Hawks eliminated the Notre Dame Dons in the Wheeling Tournament by only two points. After taking an early lead Notre Dame was able to charge back, making a close game of it with minutes remaining. Maine South was able to hold them off. These teams are very evenly matched and the winner will more than likely be determined in the last minutes of the game.

Maine South Wrestling at Barrington

When: 11 AM, January 3
Where: Barrington High School, 616 W Main St., Barrington, IL.
Outlook: The Maine South Hawk wrestling team is coming off a banner weekend in which they placed first in a massive 18-team tournament. They had six 1st place finishes and one outstanding wrestler of the meet. The Hawks want to continue this throughout the rest of the season. Saturday they will meet Barrington and Gordon Tech for a tri meet. After defeating seventeen other teams last week it should seem a small task to take these two, but Barrington and Gordon Tech will both look to find an advantage against this dominant Hawk team.

Does your team whether high school, grade school, or park district, have an exciting game coming up? We want to know about it! Email msantor@buglenewspapers.com with details and contact information and your team could be featured in next week's Weekend Warfare!

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ers, view the facilities and examine the curriculum. We offer Preschool for the adventurous 2-year old, the thriving 3-year old and the effervescent 4-year old. The open house will be held at the various fieldhouse locations in Morton Grove. For more information, please call Liz Goodwin at 847-965-1200

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studio. This offer is valid for brand new members only. Offer expires January 31, 2004. For more information, call 847-965-1200.

Morton Grove AYSO Spring Sign-up. The American Youth Soccer Organization of Morton Grove is now taking registration for the Spring 2004 season. The next sign up date is Monday, January 19th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

at Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St. The cost for the 8 week spring session is \$45 for returning Fall 2003 players and \$55 for new players. Games are played on Saturdays and the season is scheduled to begin on April 17 and end on June 5th. For more information on AYSO you can check out their web site at www.eteamz.com/mgayso/

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the week in sports



Niles West

- Boys Basketball** Jan 9 @ Waukegan S/V 6/ 7:30pm
- Boys Swimming** Jan 2 New Trier Diving Invitational V 9:30 am
- Boys Wrestling** Jan 9 @ Evanston all 5 pm
- Girls Basketball** Jan. 3 Buffalo Grove Triple Dual JV/V 9 am
- Girls Gymnastics** Jan 9 vs. Evanston all 6pm
- Jan 6 @ Glenbrook North FA/B/S/V 4: 30/ 6/7:30 pm
- Jan 9 vs. Waukegan FA/B/S/V 6/7pm
- Jan 8 @Niles North F/J/V 5:30 pm

Maine East

- Boys Basketball** Jan. 6 @ Holy Cross FA/B 5/ 6:30pm
- Jan 6 vs. Holy Cross Soph 5:30pm
- Jan 6 vs. Holy Cross V 7:30pm
- Jan 9 @ Glenbrook North Soph 6pm
- Jan 9 @ Glenbrook North V 7:30 pm
- Girls Basketball** Jan. 6 @ Woodlands Academy S/V 5 pm
- Jan. 9 @ Glenbrook North all 6/7:30pm
- Boys Swimming** Jan 8 @ Glenbrook North JV/V 5pm
- Girls Gymnastics** Jan.2 Maine East meet V 6pm
- Jan. 3 @ Larkin V 5pm
- Jan 8 vs. Highland Park F/J/V 5:30pm
- Jan 2 @ Notre Dame V 5 pm
- Jan 3 Maine East Quad JV/V 9 am
- Jan 9 vs. Highland Park F/A/J/V 5pm

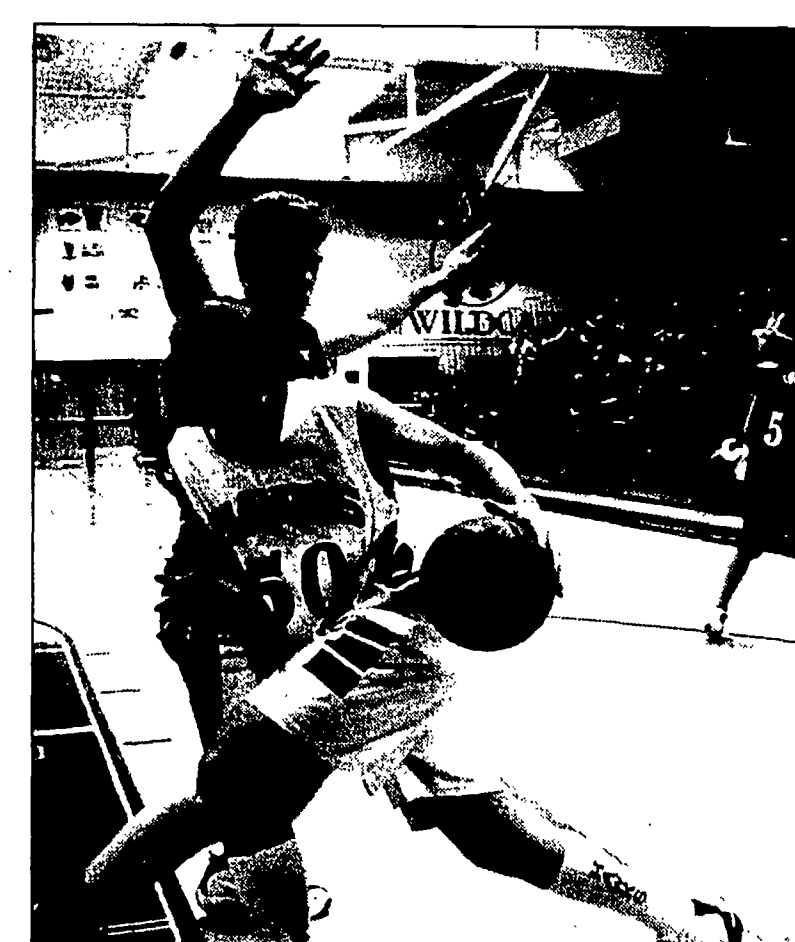
Maine South

- Boys Basketball** Jan 3 @ Notre Dame S/V 6/ 7:30 pm
- Jan 6 @ Lake Zurich All 5:30/7 pm
- Jan. 9 vs. New Trier S/V 5:30/7:30pm
- Boys Swimming** Jan 2 @ New Trier Diving Invite 9:30 am
- Jan 6 vs. St. Viator JV/V 5pm
- Girls Basketball** Jan 9 @New Trier All 4:30/6/7:30pm
- Girls Gymnastics** Jan. 2 @ Maine East meet V 6 pm
- Jan. 8 @ Niles North gym All 5:30 pm
- Wrestling** Jan 3 @ Barrington Tri JV/V 11 am
- Jan 9 @ Waukegan AI 6pm

Notre Dame

- Boys Basketball** Jan. 3 vs. Maine South S/V 6pm/7:30 pm
- Jan. 3 vs. Marian Catholic F A/B 10/ 11:30 am
- Jan. 9 Vs St. Viator S/V 6/7:30 pm
- Bowling** Jan 7 Vs vs. St. Ignatius in Niles 4 :30 pm
- Swimming & Diving** Jan 6 @ Maine West F/S/V 5 pm
- Jan 6 @ Maine EastWest F/S/V 5 pm
- Jan 8 @ Loyola F/S/V 5 -V5pm
- Boys Hockey** Jan. 10 vs vs.Maine South at All State Arena 3
- Wrestling** Jan. 2 Notre Dame Tourn. V 9 am
- Jan. 3 @Buffalo Grove Triple Dual JV/ V 9 am
- Jan 9 @ St. Joseph Tri F/S/V 5pm

Maine South defeats Streamwood



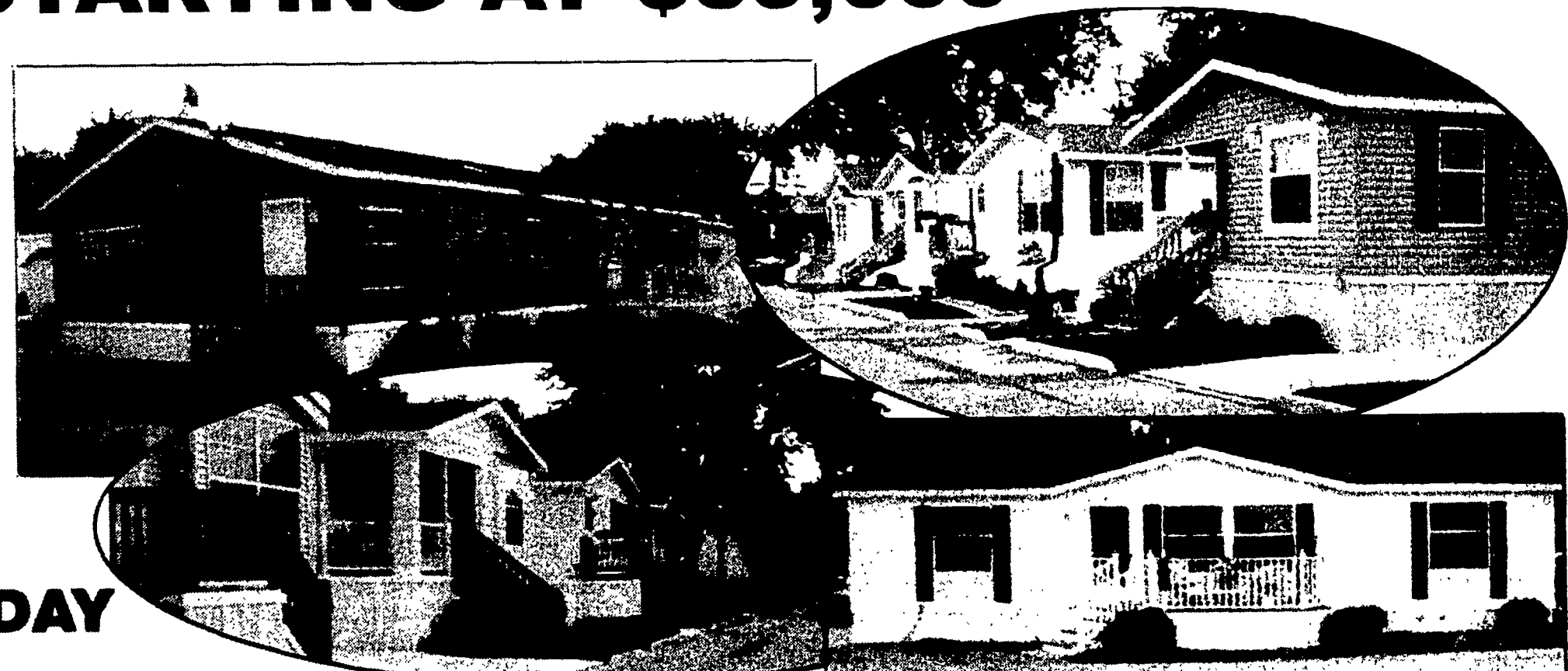
(Above) Maine South forward Roberto Paz #50 drives for the basket against Streamwood's Chris Oates #34 in the Hawks 43-41 victory over the Sabres at the Wildcat Hardwood Classic at Wheeling High School, Saturday afternoon December 27. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

(Left) Maine South guard Colin O'Malley gets up for shot against Streamwood in the Hawks 43-41 victory over the Sabres in their consolation game at the Wildcat Hardwood Classic in Wheeling, Saturday afternoon, December 27. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

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Wrestling Dons defeat Carmel

The Notre Dame varsity wrestling team gave fans an early Christmas present Friday December 19 when they defeated Carmel (52-18) and St. Viator (71-4) in the opening of their East Suburban Catholic Conference schedule at Carmel.

Sophomore Ryan Nallon 103 pounds took his overall victory record to (13-1) for the season. And wrestlers Bob Serafini 112 pounds (10-2), sophomore 119 pound Nick Prieto (8-0), junior Pat Hain 125 pounds (9-3), and freshman Joe Graves 135 pounds (10-1) are having impressive seasons.

"We are very fortunate this year not only to have a strong starting line-up, but our entire varsity team is contributing in big ways with strong matches," said head wrestling coach Augie Genovesi.

Notre Dame feels the heart of its team are its seasoned varsity wrestlers where seniors John Serafini, Matt McAleer, Tim Maines, and Keith Lesniak scored big victories in the Carmel and St. Viator matches on Friday.

The Dons will break for Christmas holidays and resumes January 2 at home with varsity matches with Maine East, Willowbrook, Mather, and Northside Prep.

Dons go into Christmas Break 3-3

BY ALLEN KALETA
akaleta@buglenewspapers.com

The ending of the football season may have come just in time for Notre Dame varsity basketball this year as football standouts Rich Alcalá and Jovaughn Mixon gave up their cleats for gym shoes in giving the Dons a 59-50 victory over East Suburban Catholic conference rival Marian Catholic on Friday December 19.

"This was a total team victory," said head basketball coach Dennis Zelasko. "Winning on the road in the conference is always tough, and the win is even better when we get every-

one to contribute to the success."

The first quarter against Marian Catholic saw Notre Dame edging out a 14-10 lead as senior Rich Alcalá (10 points) took control with two tough inside baskets and aggressive rebounding. Junior Jovaughn Mixon (12 points) got half of them in the first half to help the Dons to a commanding 31-18 lead at the half. And senior Frank Pucher polished the glass with eight rebounds which led to fast break baskets by the Dons.


Ryan Finneke (18 points) turned the screws on Marian Catholic when he hit two three-point shots at the beginning of the 4th quarter giving the Dons a cushion they would need as Marin Catholic fought back.

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Bears trainer paces Niles

You may know Fred Caito as the former trainer of the Chicago Bears during the Mike Ditka era. He cared for the likes of Dan Hampton, Jim McMahon, Jay Hilgenberg and Walter Payton. He was an integral part of keeping a winning product on the field and he was fortunate to have worked with the 1985-86 Super Bowl Champions team.

What you may not know is that Caito has brought his wealth of experience to Niles as Fitness Coordinator at the Niles Family Fitness Center. After taking a year off, Caito and Niles village officials discussed the possibility of working as the fitness coordinator at the time it was being built. Caito, a Park Ridge resident has helped mold the Fitness Center into what it is today.

Caito is relied on to give membership assessment, provide an education to training techniques, bring forth his expertise and knowledgeable background to visitors of the Fitness Center.

"The atmosphere here is meant to be non-intimidating no matter your sex or age. It is a no-nonsense approach based on responsibility, no gimmicks. There is no substitute for hard work. What we stress is that if you can allow yourself a minimum of three hours a week, or even 45-50 minutes of regular exercise that you will benefit," said Caito.

"What I strive for in working with everyone is if you workout for 26-29 minutes for one session, maintain that consistency or increase your everyday activity. I have relayed this to my past experiences in that the superstars don't just work during the season, but all year round to stay in shape," he said.

Caito emphasized that if you exercise consistently, not once a week or three or four times a month, that the benefits and results will be there. "I try to mass this on to membership, especially that they not get intimidated. I tell them to get a workout routine setup, and no one will bother you," he said.

The transition was not a difficult one for Caito. The stress level is less and he doesn't work nearly as many hours as he did with the Bears. "There would be times where I have had to work 15-16 hour days in the NFL and that can wear you down. Now I don't work many as many hours in my shift. I dealt with a lot more injuries and rehabilitation of the players," he said.

"I worked with people that were in good physical shape, your recovery period is much less at that point. I try to take that message to the people at the fitness center, that they will be able to fight off their testimoniaes," he said.

The most gratifying part of Caito's job is when he is told that someone had reduced their cholesterol level and/or reached their goal of dropping a certain number of pounds as a result of the regular workouts. "I try to lead people in the right direction in their exercise routine as far as putting in the consistent amount of work. I have to be honest with them-if they come here once a week that it is not going to be enough to get it done," he said.



A Visit from Santa
Ruth Chern spends a moment telling Santa her Christmas wishes at the Morton Grove Senior Center annual Christmas party with the students of Molloy School, Thursday afternoon, December 18. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

'The Cooler' slides under the radar

cinemascope
by Mike Konczal

During the blitz of holiday family movies that arrive at the holiday season, a few independent movies also are released under the cultural radar. One of them, "The Cooler", has some of the best and worst acting, writing and story I've seen in a movie. This is, of course, consistent with movies this year. Some of the best and worst movies Hollywood has put out has been this year, often back to back. It's been a year where Hollywood has brought back the major epic - "Lord of the Rings", "Master and Commander", and "Pirates of the Caribbean" were all examples of what Hollywood does best; while "Charlie's Angel's 2" and "Legally Blonde 2" reminds us how much it can turn out the same stuff over and over again.

But this is off the point. "The Cooler" is the story of a loser gambler (played simultaneously with a sense of charm and pathetic despair by William H. Macy) who, in order to pay back his debt to a casino, plays at tables where people are winning so his bad luck can end the streak. There's a wonderful opening scene of Macy going table to table, causing roulette tables to end up as double stars and card dealers to give themselves blackjack. Macy's time is almost up when the rough casino owner (Alec Baldwin) approaches him with an offer to get him to stay.

While Macy and Baldwin shine showing the ups and downs of being winners and losers in Las Vegas, Maria Bello, playing Macy's love interest, has some faults. They aren't her fault - the screenwriters seem to want to portray every woman as being either a villain or a fountain of love cliches. The always entertaining Ron Livingston also appears as a up-and-coming developer who wants to replace the old, gangstery image of Baldwin with a new family friendly corporate facade. Regardless of how good all the individual elements are, almost any movie set among gamblers in Las Vegas will boils down to the formula of redemption through finding love, having to facing gambling one more time, and betrayals among friends. "The Cooler" has all these in spades, so if you enjoy seeing people trying to escape the darker side of Vegas you will enjoy it.

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COOK COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR 2004 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR PROGRAM

North/Northwest Region Hearing

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2004
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Third District Courthouse
2121 Euclid Avenue
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Courtroom #110

West Region Hearing

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2004
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Fourth District Courthouse
1500 South Maybrook Drive
Maywood, IL 60153
Courtroom #102

South/Southwest Region Hearing

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2004
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Sixth District Courthouse
16501 South Kedzie Parkway
Markham, IL 60426
Courtroom #101

Purpose:

Cook County will hold regional hearings to solicit needs and priorities and to provide information on the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the 2004 Federal Fiscal Year, which begins October 1, 2004.

Cook County receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for programs administered by the Cook County Department of Planning and Development.

HUD has not made the 2004 allocations for CDBG, HOME, and ESG. Approximate amounts are as follows: CDBG - \$13,700,000, ESG - \$425,000, and HOME \$6,500,000. If available, unobligated program income and deobligated funds from prior program years will be added to these 2004 funding amounts.

CDBG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

- Housing and Residential Rehabilitation Related Activities
- Economic Development Activities
- Capital Improvement Activities
- Commercial Rehabilitation
- Real Property Acquisition
- Demolition and Clearance
- Public Service Activities
- Fair Housing Activities

ESG Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

- Rehabilitation renovation or conversion of building for uses as emergency shelters. Maintenance or operation expenses directly related to emergency shelters. New or expanded essential services provided by the shelters. Development and implementation of homeless prevention activities.

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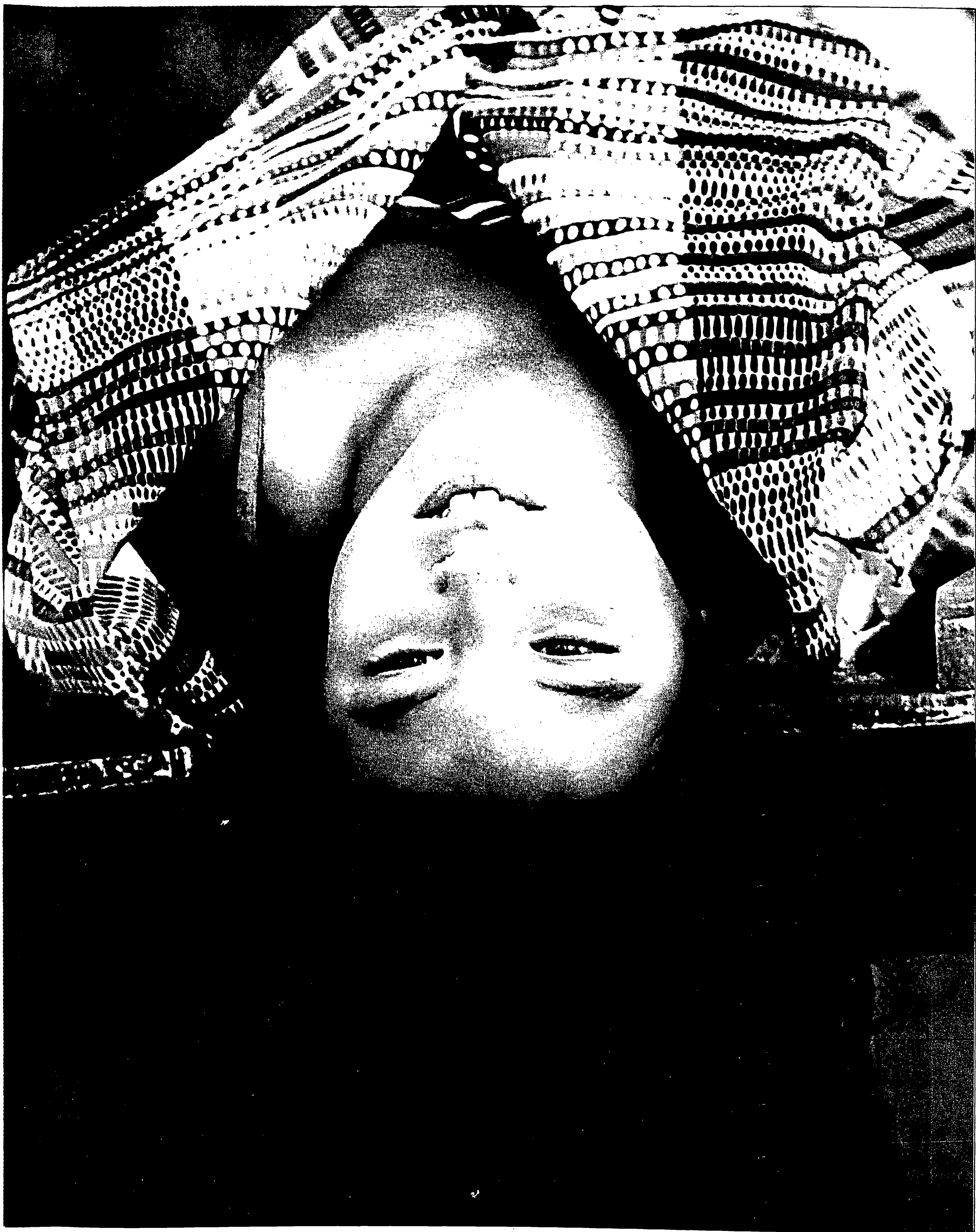
- Construction or rehabilitation projects involving single and/or multi-family low and very low-income residential housing. Special needs housing projects.

Information will be provided related to these programs, and solicitation of community development needs and priorities will be discussed toward the development of Cook County's Annual Action Plan/Consolidated Community Development Plan.

All interested people, groups, not-for-profit agencies and municipalities are invited to attend. Any comments may also be submitted in writing to:

Cook County Bureau of Administration
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The Cook County Annual Action Plan applies only to those suburban municipalities of less than 50,000 in population, plus the Town of Cicero and the City of Berwyn.



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