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Niles Eagle Scout Galassi saves friend's life

BY WENDY ELLIS wellis@buglenewspapers.com

Then 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 an oft repeated lesson in boy scouts, shock," said Bob. "And when you

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apply direct pressure you're not supposed to take the bandage off." Josh was covered with jackets, and kept until warm 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 taken

Lutheran General Hospital where he was in surgery at midnight to reconFour 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

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

ambulance.

said Josh."Then I went into shock. I was feeling really cold, but I knew I was with the boy scouts." First Aid is and both Bob and Josh reacted instinctively to their training. "Part of the whole first aid thing is to treat for

nect his severed tendons and artery.

Niles Police, Bugle urge party-goers to act responsibly

BY RYAN BISHOP

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nother 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 deci-

"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."

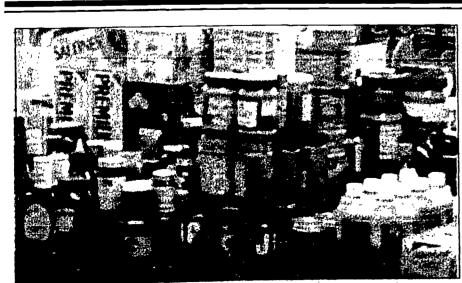
Brandt stressed the importance of no drinking and driving as deaths have increased in the last year due to intoxicated drivers.

"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.

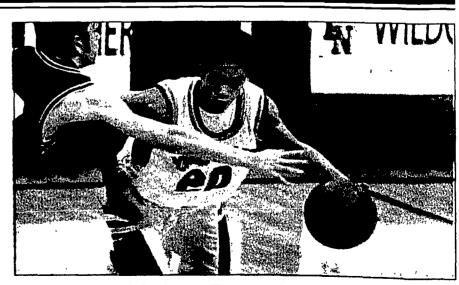
"It is important for to keep exterior lights in addition to interior light on in the house as well as a timing device," said Brandt. "While you are on vacation, have a neighbor pick up your newspaper so that it is not piling up. Bringing in the garbage cans will make it appear that someone in home in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

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Groot Recycling last week, containers, rather than the stanregarding the upcoming changes dard 65 gallon containers, to send in their garbage collection serv- back the questionaire by ice. Morton Grove homeowners Wednesday, Dec. 31, the day this and condo dwellers will soon be issue was delivered. Anyone who paying directly for their garbage does not respond will automatiservice. The waste hauler will be cally receive the larger cans. providing every single family res-

to every homeowner by Groot, sometime in late January. The recent flyer asks any homeowner

Because condominium owners

idence with two wheeled garbage have one collective pickup they containers that will be delivered do not need to respond to the letter, although they will receive one. Condominium owners will be paying about \$135 per year on the who wants two 32 gallon garbage 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

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

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



position and how the requirements of the office are determined. Areas duties and responsibilities of the levies, personnel issues, equipment tive office.

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 elec-

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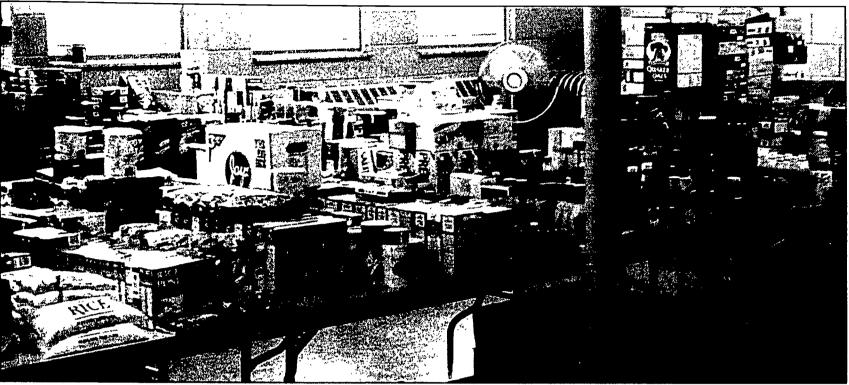
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Morton Grove firefighters' food drive a success



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he basement of St. be down from last year. A Morton Grove looked dozen single people received years when the money has like a grocery store last week, Association sorted out and lined up all the non-perishable food donations taken in during were running about \$2500 has to stop. Steffen said anytheir annual Holiday Food short of the amount of money one who would still like to

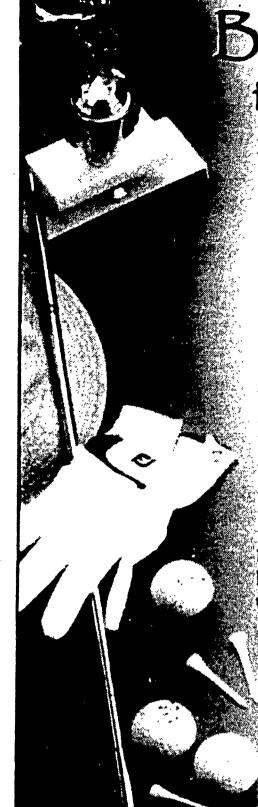
they didn't really have a gauge and every young person on just how much food they took in this year, although tificate for the holidays. This monetary donations seemed to year the association was pro-

through local schools, church-Firefighter's es and the Morton Grove out of their own pockets. Women's Club

Steffen said the firefighters over doesn't mean the giving needed to provide every child donate can do so by calling Lt. Rodney Steffens said under 12 a toy for Christmas, him at 847-470-5226.

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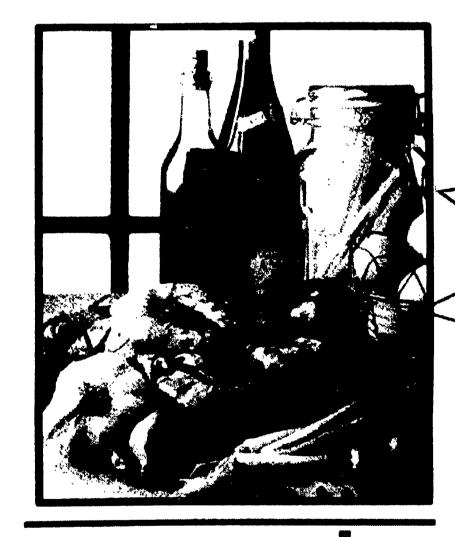
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(At left) Mayor Scanlon, left, gives an award for 10 years of service to crossing guard Alvin Abuja (center) with the help of emcee Ron Czerwinski a the annual Morton Gorve village employee recognition party at the American Legion Hall.



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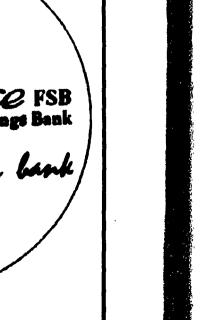
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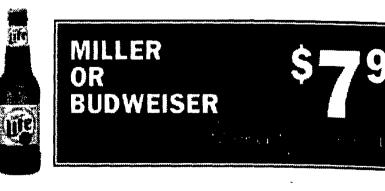


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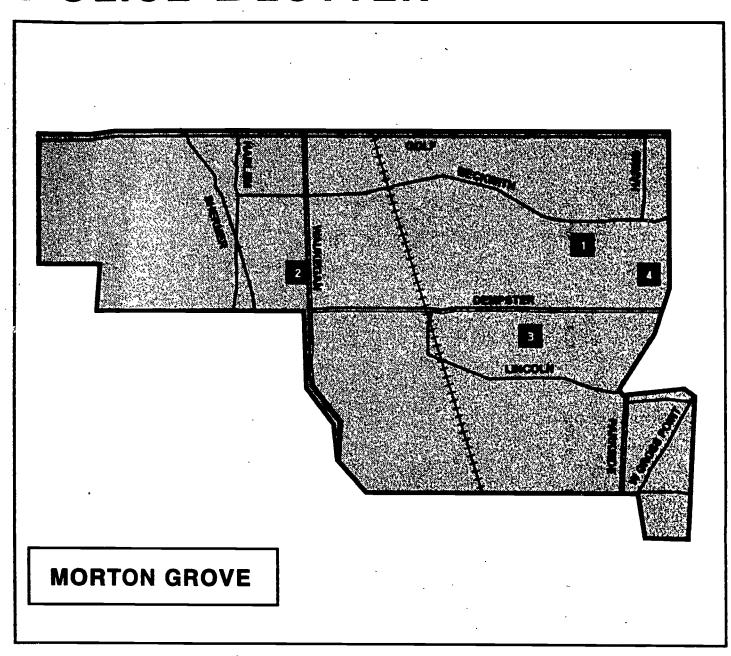
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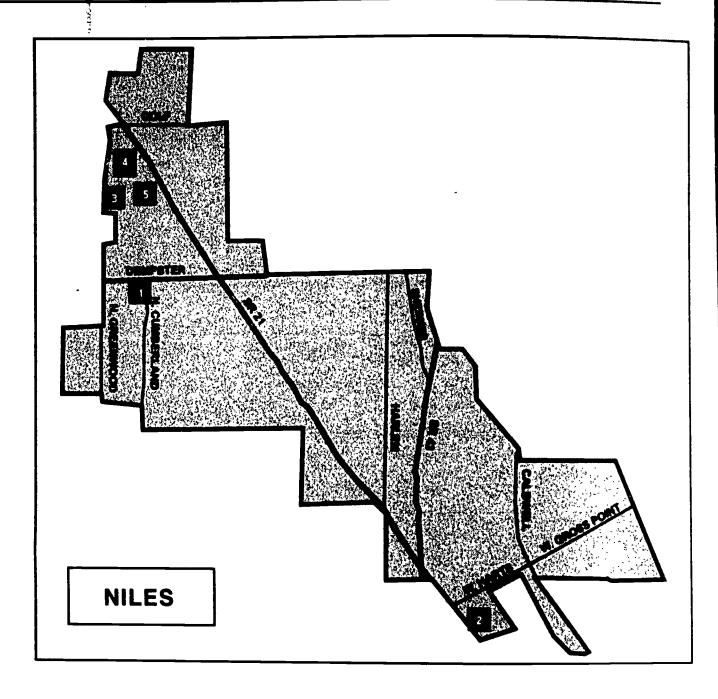
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The following items were taken from official reports of the Cumball machine theft leads to drug possession Department for the week ending A 25-year-old Berwyn man was Morton Grove police assisted for the week ending Dec. 28. Dec. 26, 2003.

Juveniles stopped for decoration damage (9200 Marmora)

A Morton Grove police officer Rusty's Tavern in the 9000 said the home-owner a 46- the 8400 block of Dempster, date in Room 104 on patrol stopped two juveniles block of Waukegan with gum- year-old man is being investi- Sunday morning December 28. Retail Theft Saturday night December 20 in ball machine. Police said a wit- gated regarding various finan- The owner of the car told police the area of Austin and Lake ness from the tavern allegedly cial crimes. Police said eleven she went to start the car to warm it A 76-year-old DesPlaines after he saw the two juveniles run through a yard in the 9100 block of Mason and damage an inflatable Santa and mechanical reindeer. Police said the two car in the 7700 block of juveniles admitted to damaging Dempster and found the gumblock Luna)

Burglary (9000 block Luna) the Christmas decorations of at least nine homes along Mason

The coin how woman told police her purse

Dempster and found the gumble block Luna)

A burglar used a glass cut
Woman told police her purse

Security stopped the man after he least nine homes along Mason, Menard, Marmora, Mansfield, and Emerson. Police said the and Disorderly Conduct.. The juveniles were released into the custody of their parents

charge (9000 Waukegan Rd.)

marijuana, possession of drug Service in executing a search paraphernalia Friday night warrant at a home in the 5900 **Vehicle Theft (8400 block Dempster)** saw the men walk out with the other properties owned by the up and she left the keys in it. She man was arrested Sunday night red Camero along with two searched as part of the investi- was gone. other people. Police stopped the gation.

Morton Grove Police assist U.S. Customs (5900 Crain)

arrested for theft, possession of the United State Customs

The coin box was missing. ter to cut a half-moon hole was stolen from her dinner table went past the last check-out point. While searching the car for the out of the dining room win- while she was dancing at a banquet The items were valued at \$26.69. coin box, police came across a dow of a home in the 9000 hall in the 6800 block of N. Coat theft (220 Golf Mill) homeowners they were able to contact, agreed not sign compossibly containing marijuana, night December 20 and took morning. The woman told police was arrested Sunday was arrested Sunday and seven pipes used for smok- items varying from a she immediately went outside and December 28 after store security at a restitution. The two juveniles ing marijuana. Police said the \$2,000 gold watch to 2 bot- saw two women sitting in her car. store in Golf Mill watched the man were written a citation for 25-year-old admitted the mari- tles of perfume valued at The woman said as she take a coat off the rack, put it on, Criminal Damage to Property, juana was his and also gave \$200. The 61-year-old approached her car the two women and walk out of the store. Police said police the name of the man who owner of the home told escaped in another vehicle. The the man was stopped after he passed may be the dealer. The man has police large items like com- woman was told to cancel all credit the checkout point. The coat was a court date of January 28,2004. puters were left behind.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department

December 19 after he and three block of Crain Wednesday A 1995 Toyota Corolla was taken other people walked out of afternoon December 17. Police from a residential parking lot in woman a February 4, 2004 court gumball machine and get into a man are scheduled to be said when she came back the car December 28 after department store

Purse stolen at popular banquet man remove a plastic bag from his hall (6800 block N. Milwaukee)

Glenview woman will sing for judge (9000 Golf)

A 20-year-old Glenview Woman was arrested Saturday evening December 20 after she walked out of Value City in the 9000 block of Golf Road with a Karaoke Machine. Police gave the

security at Golf Mill watched the pocket and begin to fill it with per-

valued at \$44.99

Morton Grove Police snag local businesses serving minors

most well established restaurants. Working along the 6000 block of tion.

orton Grove police charged seven local businesses with liquor license would witness the minor walk into block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a well-known bar and police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers would man served the 20-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers with a 20-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers would witness the minor walk into police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers when a 19-year-old a police officers with a 20-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers would witness the minor walk into police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officers and block of Dempster when a 19-year-old a police officer violations Wednesday night the licensed business, order an old man served the 20-year-old a Police said that in one case at a stores for the sale of six packs of December 17 in a sting operation alcoholic drink, and be served bottle of beer without checking his restaurant in the 6100 block of beer to the underage agent. owner ever asking for identifica-

Snagged in the sting was a well that included a sushi bar, a Chinese blocked their way out of the restau-

Dempster the employees became

The businesses will have a court Police said the sting was also belligerent and started cursing at date of January 29,2004 in room successful in three other restaurants the police and momentarily 102 at 1:30 pm.



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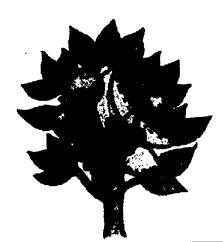
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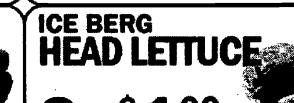
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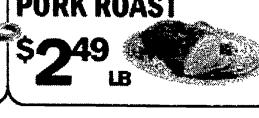
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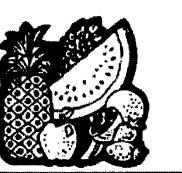
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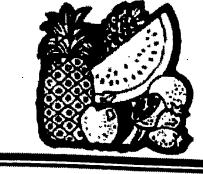
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Monday, January 5

8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 7 7 p.m. Morton Grove Village "Town Hall" Meeting of the Board of

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 entertian 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 imediately 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

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.

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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

Letters Policy

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

Maine East Announces November Students of the Month

Students of the Month in Applied Arts and and Jessica Stephens.

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Students of the Month in Applied Arts and Susan State Iliana Nikova, Gringo Pabalan, Music honorees were: Kevin Kateryna Pavlyuk, Silvia Rojas, Chang, Amanda Lela, and Susan S Patel, Rina Patel, Asif Rajabali, and Mo Salaudeen.

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In Art were: Felicia Buibas, Angela Behrendt, Alexandra Broda, Susan Song, Kaitlin Patke, were: Christopher Calalang, Sydney and Olha Pavilishynets.

Taine East's November Driver's Education honorees Maningding, Abilash Mathew, Hantao Wang.

Mayva Students of the Month in English and Tanyo Stoyanov. Guzman, Marjon Javadi, Robert were Dana Coldea, Katherine In Foreign Language were: Lazzara, Eun-Hee Lee, Krystal Foley, Everisto Herrera, Parish Charise-Mae Angderson, Jeff Luce, Jacob Miskiewicz, Ketan Hubbard, Erika Magana, Nicole Chan, Stephanie Joseph, Eugene McConnell, Stacey Mendez, and Lee, Chrysanthemum Mattison, Pooja Patel.

> English as a Language/Bilingual Madalena Giza

SCHOOLS

Sylvia Prokopowicz, and Daniel Rechitsky.

Mathematics students were: Jairo Baloue, Diane Capadocia, Sameen Ghani, and Petkova, and Vicky Shah.

Physical Education and Health

students were: David Budzinski, Anfiny Eshoo, Michael Fergus, Sonia Hernandez, Donna Herrera, Katherine Hoglund, Wesam Jaber, Dominick Lazzara, Eric Lee, Morales, James Nedeljkovic, Kevin Park, Teodora

Andrew Howard, Magdalena Kietlinska, Mykhaylo Kulyk, Tasneem Master, Yana Yakhnes, and Aleksandr Zhukhovytskyy. Speech and Drama honorees were: Samantha Allababidi, Brad

Brandel, and Dom Burdi.

In Science were: Paulina

Bartyzel, Mamlook Jendo, Jason

Mallon, Ivy Saqui, Vrunda Shah,

Social Science students were

Neha Agnihotri, Farah Chaus,

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PARK RIDGE

Summit Mall sold

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

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he 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

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, wellmaintained and well managed.'

While there have 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 it 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 tom 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 communi-

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.

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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 rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

he Park Ridge Park Recreation and long skating routines, according and Park District has enjoyed a to instructor Cydell Fadeeva. successful winter season thus far. The Oakton Ice Arena held their annual Holiday Figure Skating part in the acclaimed event. Extravaganza on December 14.

The two-hour show featured skaters from the chicagoland area performing each skating one minute ly loved it. It was fun to have been a numbers. 68 skaters, including Oakton's own athletes and top

The Holiday songs that were mon-

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part of it," said Fadeeva.

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skaters displayed their talents in front itored so that no song was repeated of an estimated 500 people. Duets, and so that they run the same length, trios, four synchronized teams and according to Fadeeva. Coaches soloists skated 61 numbers in short and instructors volunteered in choreographing the numbers of the show and announcing the numbers. Skaters that won medals in the

Midwest Championships also took youngest to strut her stuff on the rink, while the oldest was 18. "The Holiday Show is an ongoing tradition at Oakton, and the kids put on a great show. The audience real-

skated around the rink to his favorite and running through March 11. 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 Jessica Santee at age three was the

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

they were coming back next year and they were convinced that Santa could land his sleigh on the roof of Oaktion 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

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POLICE BLOTTER

FARK RIDGE

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

Burglary (1300 Courtland)

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

Glenlake Park sign damaged(800 block Glenlake) Vandals damaged the sign at Glenlake Park, Thursday night December 18. The estimate of

the damage was set at \$2,000. Park Equipment damaged (200 block Busse) Vandals spray painted play-

ground equipment at a park in the 200 block of Busse, Thursday night December 18. Damage was estimated at \$250.

Purse stolen (2600 Dempster) Someone stole a purse from a

business in the 2600 block of Dempster Thursday night December 18. The purse was recovered but cash and a cell phone were missing.

Fur Coat worth \$12,000 (700 Washington)

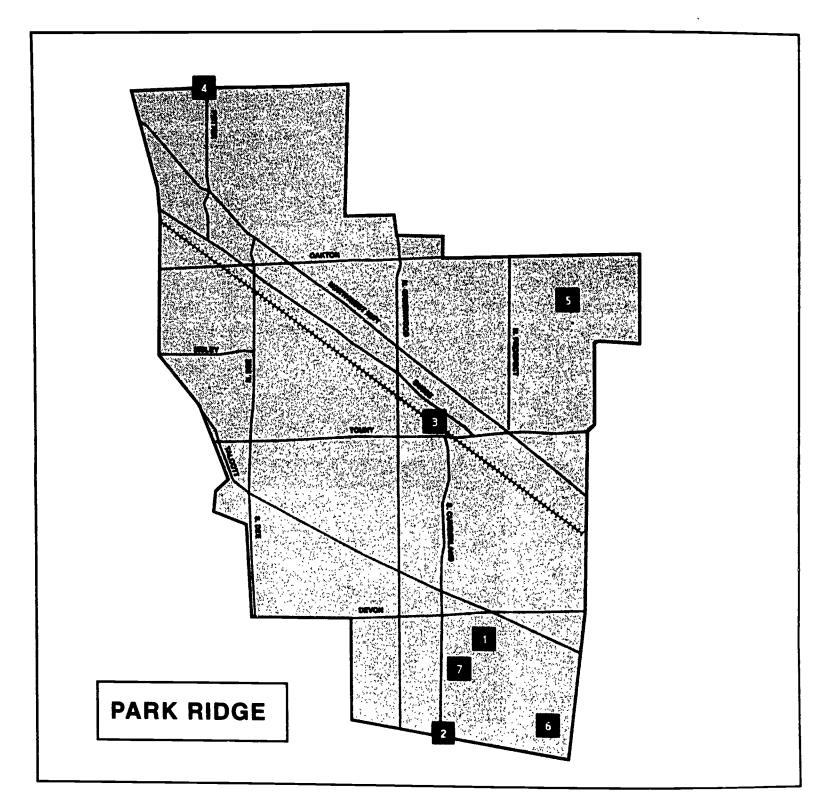
Two mink coats valued at \$16,000 were taken from home in the 700 block of Washington sometime between October 31 and December 5. Police did not list any more information in the

Santa stolen (1800 block Newton)

Thieves stole a Santa Claus decoration and damaged a mail box at a home in the 1800 block of Newton, Saturday night December 20. The damage and the stolen Santa amounted to

Theft of car (1600 Crescent)

A 2000 Buick LeSabre was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 1600 block of Crescent Thursday night December 18.





Short bits that make me go "Hmmm"

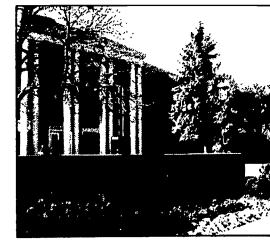
Tappy New Year, everyone. I thought I'd start the new Lyear out with some questions for you to ponder. Everybody says that there's a

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 most from Uptown

Redevelopment?

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 be able to so far), the AFB will tear that building down rather than hold it for sale. (Tax advantage, you know?)



The Library The AFB Building

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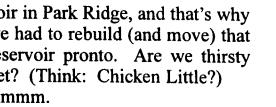
About six months ago, the City was telling us that we had a dire water storage and safety problem because of our failing main reser-

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

We just sent a City paramedic vehicle off for \$24,000 in taxpaytions in Park Ridge.

what it means to be a library.

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-paying, Customer service? Good plan-



er 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 - intersec-

The Library recently spent \$5,000 on a consultant's study of

The Library just re-opened after

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

Hmmm, indeed.



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BUSINESS



Maintenance Counts: Skokie Valley Air Control

BY WENDY ELLIS wellis@buglenewspapers.com

The Bugle

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. After 50 years in the heating and air conditioning business, Jeff Byron, co-owner of Skokie Valley Air Control in Morton Grove, is a strong believer in preventive maintenance.

"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." Byron got his first job in the HVAC business when he was just 13 years old working for one only take so much off." of his uncles. Now, he and two of his cousins, William and Tony Garippo, own the company that was started by their father over 30 years ago.

"It's very important if someone goes out of town and the temperature drops, for people to have their homes checked," said Byron, who has vivid memories of one emergency call from a woman in Chicago who had convinced her mother to go on vacation for the first time in 30 years. "Her mother had a lot of antiques and she promised her she'd watch the R22 systems in 2010, and although son will be."

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."

Oddly enough, Byron says people get more upset if their air conditioner goes out than if their furnace quits. "I guess because you can always put more clothes on, and pull on another blanket. But when it's hot you can The past 30 years have brought a ger changes.

lot of changes to the industry. Federal regulations now control the efficiency of furnaces and air conditioners, and the Environmental Protection Agency requires HVAC companies to recover and recycle refrigerant

house for her," said Byron. "The the old refrigerant will be sold for a while, it will eventually be phased 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." "But the biggest burden is to find trained personnel," said Byron. "The equipment today is much more sophisticated, much more complicated, much more difficult to repair. You need to know much more." Byron says many local community colleges now offer HVAC curriculums and certification, but there are still plenty of jobs out there to go around. But the lack of service technicians may eventually lead to big-

"I see units coming out that have two or three backup systems," said Byron. "You'll be pulling a drawer out and sending it in. I see repair being done without a repairman ever coming to your home." Byron says which used to be vented into the computerized technology will evenatmosphere. "It was destroying the tually revolutionize even the service ozone layer," said Byron. "Now end of the business, in the quest for there's a new refrigerant out that is more comfort and efficiency. "I ozone friendly." Byron says the probably won't be in the business industry will stop making the old when that happens, but maybe my

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.

Classes consist of six, two and a half hour sessions held once a week starting on Feb. 4 through Mar. 1-, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Molly Henry at (847) 679-9141. To register, call (888) 600-2560.

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' 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 Flaggs Shopping Center, near Golf Mill mall. "At Himalayan Restaurant, we will provide you with a glimpse of the inherited culture and tradition of the subcontinent 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 Unforgettablee 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-

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

E-mail your events to: news@buglenewspapers.com or fax to (847) 588-1911

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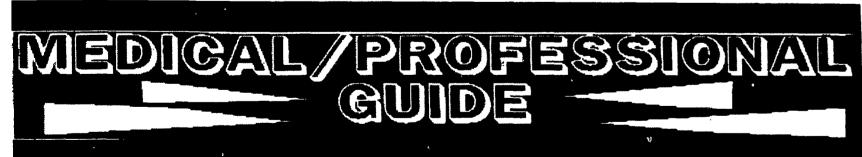
2003 in Review

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.

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.

nearly 400 worshipers 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





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Lady Wolves win hard-fought battle

BY RYAN BISHOP rbishop@buglenewspapers.com

riday's Niles North tournament game wasn't the pretti-**L** est 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 Carter. 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 call a timeout at 5:17 and the team rim and bounced away.

four points of the game, and four down 15-9. of her seven field goals were from

three-point range. 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

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

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 scored the next four points on two uncontested shots, prompting Lou Metallo to

Maine East has strong showing

The Wolves used a spread offense in passing the ball around as "Hailee played great on both 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.

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The team regrouped and Sullivan hit an open 10-foot jumper to bring the team closer. The Lady The coaching staff felt that they Wolves missed three shots in the paint, but were able to snatch kev 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

(Above) Maine East guard Mike

Medina drives for the lane

against St. Benedicts at the Luther North Holiday Classic, Friday night December 26.

(Left) Maine East forward Luke

Majewski #22 scores against St.

Benedicts at the Luther North

Holiday Classic, Friday night

December 26. (Photo by Allen

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Thursday January 1, 2004

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 Boys Basketball at Maine South

When: 7:30 PM, January 3

Where: Maine South High School, 1111 S. Dee Road, Park Ridge,

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.

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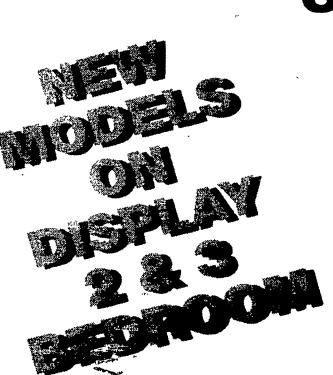
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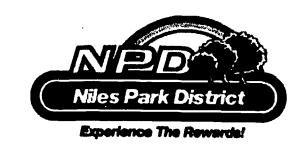


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(Above) Maine South forward Roberto Paz #50

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.

(Left) Maine South guard Colin O'Malley gets up for

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Jan 9 vs. Evanston all 6pm Jan 6 @ Glenbrook North FA/B/S/V 4: 30/6/7:30 pm

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Boys Basketball

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Jan 9 @ St. Joseph Tri F/S/V 5pm

L 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 Lesniak scored big victories in the to (13-1) for the season. And Carmel and St. Viator matches on wrestlers Bob Serafini 112 pounds. Friday. (10-2), sophomore 119 pound Nick Prieto (8-0), junior Pat Hain 125 pounds (9-3), and freshman Joe home Graves 135 pounds (10-1) are having impressive seasons.

"We are very fortunate this year Northside Prep.

he Notre Dame varsity not only to have a strong starting linewrestling team gave fans an up, but our entire varsity team is contributing in big ways with strong matches," said head wrestling coach Augie Genovesi.

> team are its seasoned varsity wrestlers McAleer, Tim Maines, and Keith

> The Dons will break for Christmas holidays and resumes January 2 at

with varsity matches with Maine East, Willowbrook, Mather, and

Dons go into Christmas Break 3-3

BY ALLEN KALETA akaleta@buglenewspapers.com

a 14-10 lead as senior Rich Alcala (10 points) took control with two tough he ending of the football season inside baskets and aggressive may have come just in time for rebounding. Junior Jovaughn Mixon Notre Dame varsity basketball (12 points) got half of them in the first this year as football standouts Rich half to help the Dons to a command-Alcala and Jovaughn Mixon gave up ing 31-18 lead at the half. And senior their cleats for gym shoes in giving the Frank Pucher polished the glass with Dons a 59-50 victory over East eight rebounds which led to fast break Suburban Catholic conference rival baskets by the Dons. Marian Catholic on Friday December Ryan Finneke(18 points) turned the

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"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- Marin Catholic fought back.

Notre Dame feels the heart of its where seniors John Serafini, Mattt

screws on Marian Catholic when he

hit two three-point shots at the begin-

ning of the 4th quarter giving the

Dons a cushion they would need as

one to contribute to the success." The first quarter against Marian Catholic saw Notre Dame edging out



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Bears trainer paces Niles

Tou may know Fred Caito my past experiences in that the ing the Mike Ditka era. He round to stay in shape," he said. cared for the likes of Dan Caito emphasized that if you Hilgenberg and Walter Payton. a week or three or four times a He was an intergral part of month, that the benefits and the field and he was fortunate to mass this on to membership, Super Bowl Champions team.

that Caito has brought his one will bother you," he said. wealth of experience to Niles as Fitness Coordinator at the Niles cult one for Caito. The stress Family Fitness Center. After level is less and he doesn't taking a year off, Caito and work nearly as many hours as Niles village officials dis- he did with the Bears. "There cussed the possibility of work- would be times where I have ing as the fitness coordinator at had to work 15-16 hour days in the time it was being built. the NFL and that can wear you Caito, a Park Ridge resident has down. Now I don't work many helped mold the Fitness Center as many hours in my shift. I into what it is today.

Caito is relied on to give and rehabilitation of the playmembership assessment, pro- ers," he said. vide an education to training techniques, bring forth his were in good physical shape, expertise and knowledgeable your recovery period is much background to visitors of the less at that point. I try to take Fitness Center.

matter your sex or age. It is a monies," he said. no-nonsense approach based on The most gratifying part of responsibility, no gimmicks. Caito's job is when he is told even 45-50 minutes of regular the regular workouts. "I try to exercise-that you will benefit," lead people in the right direcsaid Caito.

or increase your everyday going to be enough to get it activity. I have relayed this to done," he said.

as the former trainer of superstars don't just work durthe Chicago Bears during the season, but all year

Hampton, Jim McMahon, Jay exercise consistently, not once keeping a winning product on results will be there. "I try to have worked with the 1985-86 especially that they not get intimidated. I tell them to get a What you may not know is workout routine setup, and no

> The transition was not a diffidealt with a lot more injuries

"I worked with people that that message to the people at "The atmosphere here is the fitness center, that they will meant to be non-intimidating no be able to fight off their testi-

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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

uring the blitz of holiday the holiday season, a few independent movies also are some of the best and worst acting, 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", best; while "Charlie's Angel's 2" him with an offer to get him to stay. will enjoy it.

and "Legally Blonde 2" reminds us family movies that arrive at how much it can turn out the same

stuff over and over again. to pay back his debt to a casino,

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 villian or a fountain of love cliches. The always entertaining Ron Livingston also appears as a up-and-coming sense of charm and pathetic despair with a new family friendly corpowriting and story I've seen in a by William H. Macy) who, in order rate facade. Regardless of how good all the indiviual elements are, plays at tables where people are almost any movie set among gamwinning so his bad luck can end the blers in Las Vegas will boils down streak. There's a wonderful opening to the formula of redemption scene of Macy going table to table, through finding love, having to faccausing roulette tables to end up as ing gambling one more time, and double stars and card dealers to give betrayals among friends. "The "Master and Commander", and themselves blackjack. Macy's time Cooler" has all these in spades, so if "Pirates of the Caribbean" were all is almost up when the rough casino you enjoy seeing people trying to examples of what Hollywood does owner (Alec Baldwin) approaches escape the darker side of Vegas you

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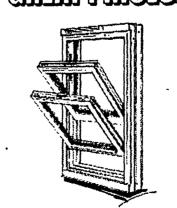


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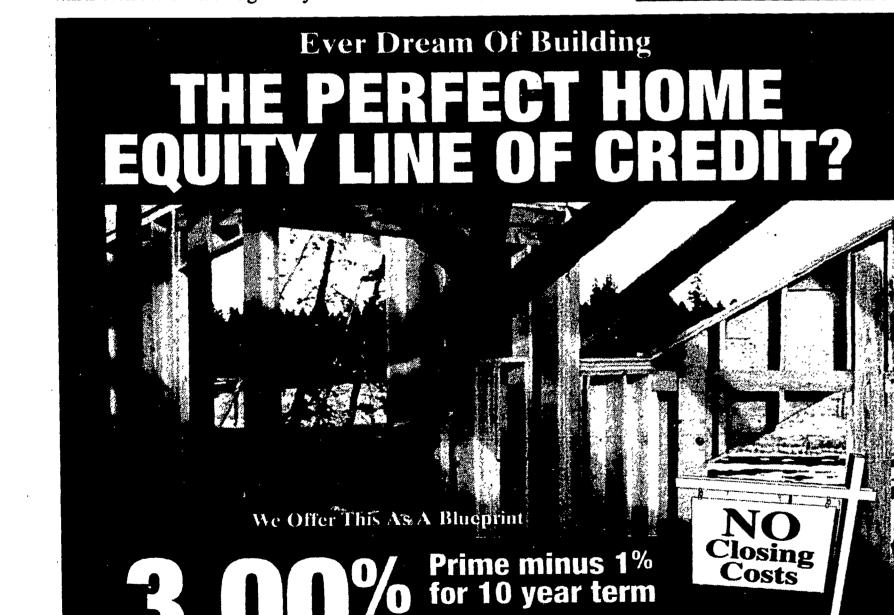
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East was void in either hearts or

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after cashing the A-K of trumps,

South should have played

would next cash the jack of dia-

monds, cross to dummy's king of

hearts and draw East's last trump

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WEST **♠** J 8 3 **♦** K 10 5 2

♥A Q J 9 2 **♦** A J 7 4 **♣**K95 1 🕈 Pass 4 NT Pass 5 NT Pass Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs. The bidding: South West

[H]Pass Pass 4 NT Pass 5 NT Pass 6 [D] Pass Opening lead — queen of clubs. A blind spot might occur at any

February 6th, 10:00am

Dreaming Water by Gail

Wednesday, February 11th.

time and to anyone during the play of a hand. The victim is often unaware of his transgression until it is later pointed out by someone (usually a spluttering partner), and he is then at a loss to explain why he did what he did. That is what happened to South on dummy's ace of spades and ruffed

this deal, where a blind spot cost a spade with the seven. South him a cold grand slam. West led the queen of clubs, taken by dummy's ace. With 12 sure tricks in sight, South planned to score a 13th by ruffing a club in dummy after trumps were drawn.

Accordingly, he cashed the A-K of hand. trumps, but when West showed out at trick three, South was forced to put his plan to draw trumps on hold. Instead, he led a club to the king and ruffed his third club with dummy's eight. East overruffed, and the slam was

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Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-December 29, 2003

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This class, with instructor John Krelle, is designed to be an introduction to the game of Bridge. The next 12-week session will be conducted on Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee is \$47 for Senior Center Members and \$51 for nonmembers. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

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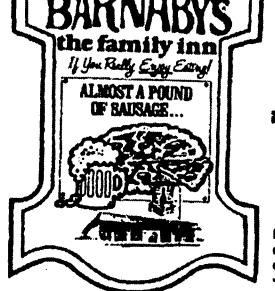
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1 teaspoon vanilla extract

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1 cup packed light brown sugar 1 cup heavy or whipping cream 2 tablespoons light corn syrup 2 cups pecans (8 ounces), toasted and coarsely chopped

2. In heavy 3-quart saucepan, candy temperature reaches 244 F months. combine butter, granulated and to 248 F (firm-ball stage).

have dissolved and syrup is bub- about 3 minutes.

6. Working quickly, drop mixture 3. Set candy thermometer in by tablespoons, at least 1 inch place and continue cooking, apart, on prepared cookie sheets. You can now find Good without stirring, until tempera- (stir briefly over low heat if mixture reaches 230 F to 234 F ture gets too thick). Cool pra-(thread stage), about 8 minutes. lines completely. Layer between Shopping Network (hsn.com) 4. Add pecans and vanilla; stir waxed paper in airtight contain-1. Grease two or three cookie until bubbling subsides. Heat to er. Store at room temperature up boiling. Continue cooking until to 1 week, or freeze up to 3

brown sugars, cream and corn 5. Remove saucepan from heat • Each praline: About 144 calosyrup; cook over medium heat, and stir vigorously until syrup ries, 1 g protein, 17 g carbohystirring occasionally, until sugars has thickened and turns opaque, drate, 9 g total fat (3 g saturated), 14 mg cholesterol, 29 mg sodi-

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By Sam Mazzotta

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the doorbell's wiring, but find-

tems wherein the electric current switch and press the button to box. Reconnect loose wires and before disconnecting them and, (c) 2003 King Features Synd., Inc.

THIS IS A HAMMER flows from a transformer (which test. If the chime doesn't sound, replace frayed ones; then restore after threading them out of the reduces the current from the remove the switch again and standard household rate of 120 carefully detach the wires, tap- If there's still no sound, switch A. Yes and no. The problem you times, the switch itself breaks.

power and test.

volts to a manageable 20 volts) ing them to the wall to keep the power off again and go to the HOME TIP to the doorbell button or switch. them from slipping inside the chime box. Remove the cover- A multi-tester, continuity tester, When the button is pressed, cur- wall cavity. Use a continuity plate and inspect the wire con- and a neon circuit tester are good rent flows to a chime unit hous- tester (available at hardware nections, reattaching them if tools to have around the house; Q. Our front doorbell doesn't ing a magnetic coil that causes a stores) to test the switch. If no necessary. Clean the inside of they can ensure that wiring is small plunger to strike a musical current is indicated, replace the unit, especially the chime safe to handle before starting a plungers (which can get repair job. lems occur when wire connec- What if the switch works? gummed up), using swabs Send questions or home repair ly.) Check the wire connections be very careful around it) to the doesn't work, replace the entire 6475. Doorbells are low-voltage sys- and tighten them; replace the doorbell switch, to the chime unit. Be sure to label the wires

detached unit, tape them to the

tions loosen or detach; some- Reattach it to the wall, then turn dipped in rubbing alcohol. tips to homeguru2000@hotoff power to the doorbell system Restore power and carefully test mail.com, or write This Is a describe is most likely a fault in To see if the switch is broken, at the circuit box. Check the unit for power using a multi Hammer, c/o King Features unscrew it from the wall. (Leave wire connections from the trans- tester. Test the chime by pressing Weekly Service, P.O. Box ing the fault may take a bit of the current on, but work careful- former (near the circuit box — the doorbell. If the chime still 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-









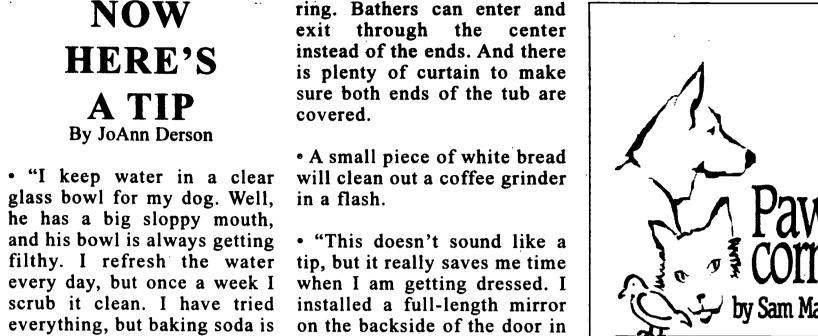
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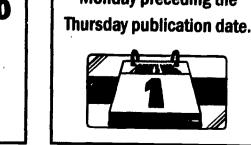
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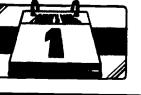
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Cook County will hold regional hearings to solicit needs and priorities and to provide information on the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESG), and the HOME Investment 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 Panning 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

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

Rehabilitation renovation or conversation 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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HOME Program categories that are eligible for funding are:

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 Department of Planning and Development 69 West Washington, Suite 2900 Chicago, IL 60602 Attn: Mr. Timothy W. Kleist

The Cook County Annual Action Plan apples 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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Third District Courthouse 2121 Euclid Avenue

Courtroom #110

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

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Fourth District Courthouse 1500 South Maybrook Drive

Sixth District Courthouse

Markham, IL 60426

Courtroom #101

16501 South Kedzie Parkway

Maywood, IL 60153

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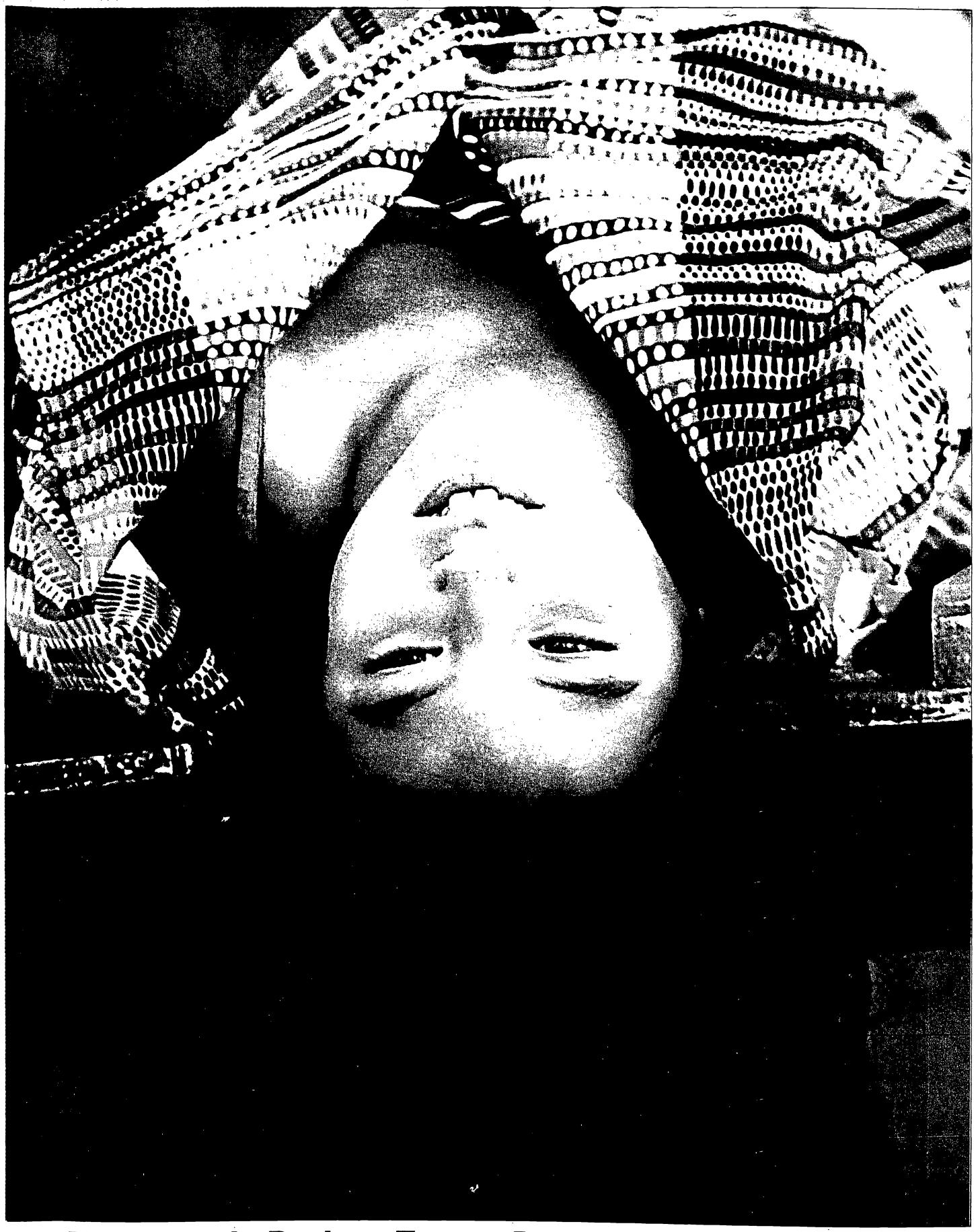
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