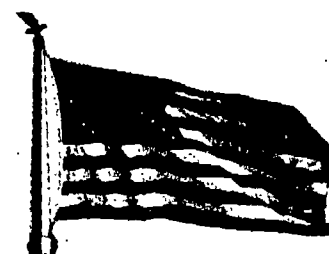


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The number 1 bridge at the Tam O'Shanter golf course in Niles will be replaced this year along with the number 9 bridge. For the story, turn to page 3.



All Aboard!

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Permit for mosque at MCC Board Sunday

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The Muslim Community Center's (MCC) board of directors will meet this Sunday to discuss a special use permit that was issued by the Morton Grove village board last week that would allow the construction of a mosque and school addition to the Muslim Education Center (MEC) located at 8601 Menard.

The special use permit was issued after an unprecedented number of hearings on the mosque project that was initially proposed in 2003. The final permit included 32 different conditions. Some of these conditions, which include clauses requiring the MCC to end all non-religious activity at the expanded facility by 10 p.m., forbidding dual-occupancy of the prayer hall and the community room in the basement by more than 675 individuals and restricting the MEC School to only kindergarten through eighth grade classes have been called unconstitutional by MCC Attorney Yasir Aleemuddin.

"I think if we were just to look at the dual-occupancy clause a court would not uphold it," Aleemuddin said on the night the agreement was approved.

Both Aleemuddin and MCC

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Photo by Allen Kalesa Bugle

Hawks heartbreak

Maine South senior linebacker Mike Anderson consoles Assistant Coach Phil Kardasz after the Hawks 33-13 loss to Downers Grove North in the Class 8A championship game at Memorial Stadium in Champaign Saturday night November 27, 2004. The win was the first state title for a Downers Grove North boys team. It was the second consecutive loss for the Hawks in the title game. For the story, turn to page 13.

Jones announces candidacy in Park Ridge No. 2 MG

Park Ridge resident Kim Jones announced her candidacy for 3rd Ward Park Ridge Alderman early last week. Jones is a Park Ridge native who was educated in District 64 schools.

She said that her genuine fondness for Park Ridge was motivating her to run for office.

"I want to give something back to the community," Jones said.

She believes that the decisions being made now on the



Kim Jones

city council pertaining to Uptown Redevelopment will

have an impact on future generations of Park Ridge residents and wants to contribute to the process.

"I want to help ensure that the redevelopment project will not diminish the luster and charm that has been a Park Ridge hallmark," Jones said.

Jones has over 15 years of experiences in State government and said she is looking forward to open public debate on all issues with other "independent minded city council members."

No. 2 MG staffer resigns

Wachtel will become manager of south suburban Flossmoor

In a surprise announcement, Morton Grove's Assistant Village Manager Bridget Wachtel announced that she would not be returning to the job following her 60-day maternity leave. Wachtel

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NEWS



'Citizens' graduate police academy

The annual Niles Police Department Citizens Police Academy graduation was held on Tuesday Nov. 23. 17 new "rookies" graduated from the program. The next 12 week program will meet in September 2005. Pictured left to right are front row, Robert Thomas, Bernadine Semmerling, Judy Schneider, Malina Yaneva, Brian Wielgus, Ebona Herfo, Auxiliary Officer-CPA Coordinator Charles Laws, Joe Warde, Don Dornseif, Don Tyre, Christine Nowacki, Richard Wells, Gerald Babicz, Maria Szatan, Raymond Brznye, Carol Craig, Mike Brown, Rosale Simioni, Division Commander John Fryksdale, and Auxiliary Officer-CPA Coordinator Karin Horwitz.

'Polar Express' programs all the rage

The popularity of the recent film, "The Polar Express" might have contributed, but over 650 participants in three Park Districts will climb aboard Metra trains in the coming weeks in hopes of feeling some of the magic that inspired the film.

The new film is based on a book by award-winning children's book writer and artist Chris Van Allsburg. Local Park Districts are planning programs that take participants to the "North Pole" on board the train. Santa then visits participants and there are treats for everyone.

The Morton Grove Park District has been running a Polar Express program for the last three years and has filled theirs to capacity again this year.

In Niles, the Optimist Club has been working hard with the help

of the Niles Park District to produce a new program for this year. It has proven so popular that the Park District had to work to procure another train car from Metra for it. 260 participants were registered as of Tuesday.

"The Niles Park District in cooperation with John Jekot from The Optimist Club, spearheaded this special event," said Julene Valle, Pioneer Park supervisor and coordinator for the event. "The response has been overwhelming. Before it was even advertised we had one Metra train almost filled and had to acquire an additional Metra train car. We are quite sure parents will enjoy the ride as much as their children."

The Niles program will depart from the Edison Park Train Station at Oliphant and Olmsted in Chicago on Sunday, Dec. 12.

The cost ranges from \$6 to \$15. For more information on their program, contact the Park District at (847) 967-6633.

The Park Ridge Park District is also holding its first Polar Express program this year. There will be two trains that transport participants to downtown Chicago on Saturday, Dec. 18. The maximum number of participants for each train is 125 and the evening train is filled, but there were only 90 registered for the afternoon train as of Tuesday this week.

"We think it's wonderful that so many people have the opportunity to enjoy these holiday programs," said Renie Schreiber, Park District Public Relations Coordinator. "We hope this is the first of many Polar Express experiences for the patrons of the Park District."

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Santa welcomes children at Uptown Carnival

Santa Jim Rademacher of Park Ridge) waves from the new Chamber of Commerce Santa House. The House opened Friday night in Hodges Park for the first time during the annual winter carnival in Uptown. The House will be open Fridays from 6-8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 18. For more information, contact the Chamber at 847-825-3121.

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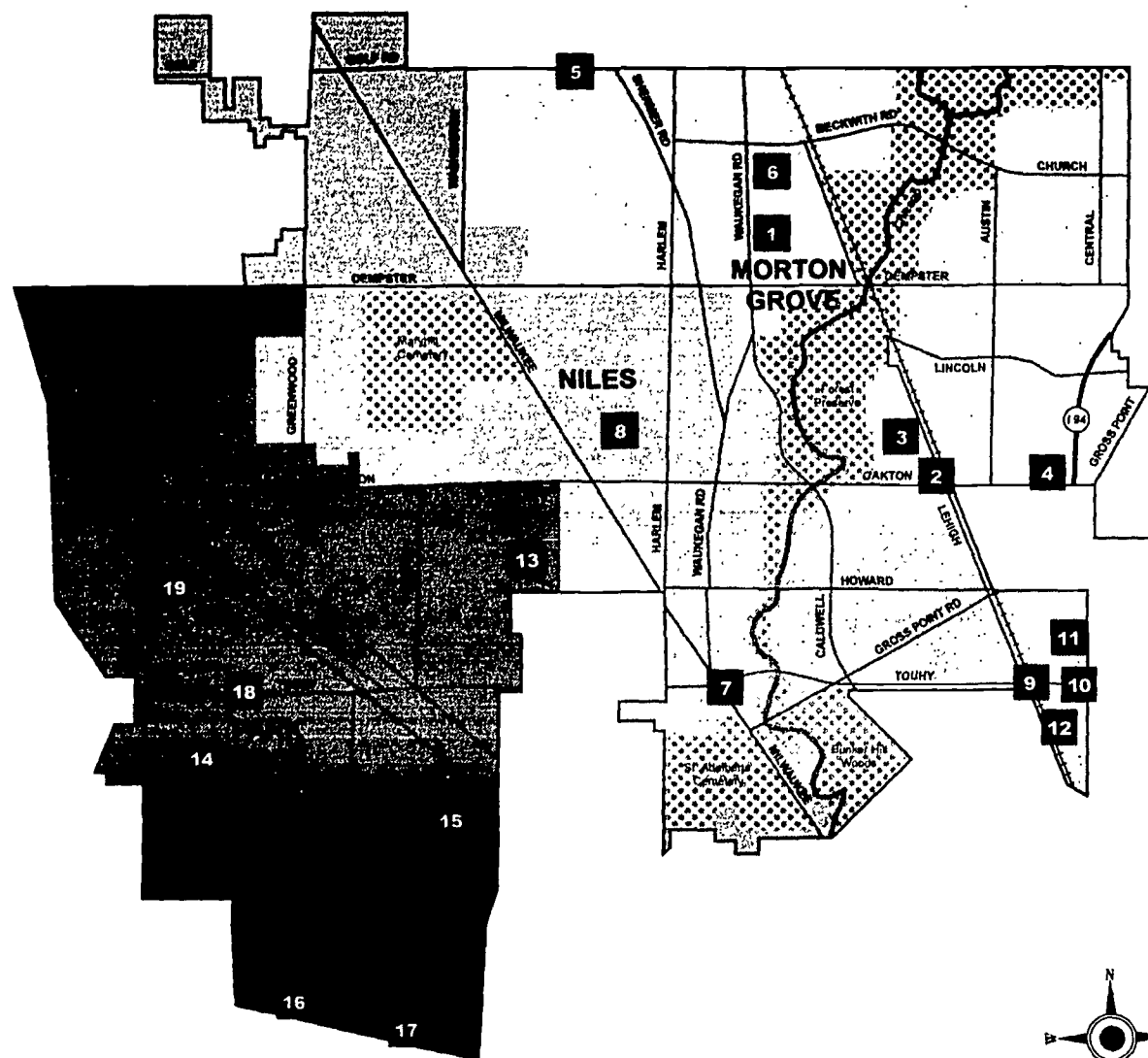
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POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending November 29, 2004.

1 DVD Theft (6900 Dempster)

A 33-year-old newspaper delivery truck helper was arrested for shoplifting Tuesday morning November 23 after a store clerk watched the man deliver a stack of papers to the newspaper stand and then slip a DVD under his clothing. He was stopped at the receiving area of the store, police said. The DVD was valued at \$19.97.

2 Blowing Gas (6300 Oakton)

A business owner in the 6300 block of Oakton called police Thursday morning November 18 after a woman came into his business asking him to change his energy provider to U.S. Energy Savings Corporation instead of Nicor. The business owner told police the woman said she would not leave until he signed a contract with her. Although he asked her to leave the woman continued to persuade the man to sign the contract. Finally the business owner asked the woman for a solicitor permit. The business owner told police the woman said she did not need identification and left.

3 Tailgate stolen (6300 Oakton)

An employee at the Menard's store in the 6300 block of Oakton told police someone stole the tailgate of

his 1996 Ford F350 truck while it was parked in the store's lot Friday night November 19. The man told police he parked the van in the northern most section of the lot when he got to work about 4 p.m. and when he returned to his truck he found the tailgate missing.

4 Van stolen (5700 Warren)
A 1993 green Dodge caravan was reported stolen from outside of a home in the 5700 block of Warren Thursday morning November 18.

5 Car stolen (7800 Golf)
A 1995 Ford Probe was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 7800 block of Golf after the owner of the car left the car running with the keys in the ignition while he went into the house.

6 BB gun damage (9200 Waukegan)
A BB gun was used to shatter the window of a 1999 Chevrolet truck parked in the lot of a restaurant in the 9200 block of Waukegan sometime between November 16 and November 23. The owner of the truck told police an employee of the restaurant discovered the damage.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending November 29, 2004.

7 DUI (Touhy and Milwaukee)
A 44-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for driving under the influence after a Niles police officer clocked the man driving 50 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone near

Touhy and Milwaukee Avenues early Sunday morning November 28. According to police the man was stopped at 6767 N. Milwaukee Ave. Police said the man agreed to a field sobriety test and was found to have a blood alcohol of 0.174. Police said after they transported the man to the station a second blood alcohol test produced a reading of 0.185.

The man has a court date of December 27, 2004 in Skokie.

8 Wallet stolen from car (8100 Octavia)

A 71-year-old Niles man reported that someone smashed the drivers' side window of the man's car and reached in and stole the man's wallet which was on the front seat Thursday night November 25. The man told police the wallet contained his driver's license, credit cards, and \$100 in cash.

9 Under ring (5600 Touhy)
Niles police are investigating the theft of \$1,086.76 worth of merchandise in an under ring scam at the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy Friday night November 26. A security guard from the store called police after a surveillance tape showed the 31-year-old clerk under ring two separate transactions for two different women. In the first case the transaction was rung up as \$298.98 and in the second case the transaction was rung up at \$98.63. Police said both transactions only showed 30 items when in fact 75 items were passed through at a value of \$1,086.76. The security officer told police the clerk did not report for work the

next day.

10 Make Up theft (5600 Touhy)

A 29-year-old Chicago woman was arrested Sunday night November 28 after a security guard at the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy watched the woman place make up and under garments into a box and leave the store. The items were valued at \$97.09.

11 Jewelry theft (5600 Touhy)
A 19-year-old Morton Grove woman was arrested for shoplifting Friday afternoon November 26 after a security guard at the Wal-Mart store in 5600 block of Touhy watched her remove 28 pieces of jewelry from a display and hide them under her clothing. The jewelry was valued at \$128.01. Police said a 20-year-old Skokie man who was with the girl acted as a lookout. Police said he also issued a \$50 petite theft citation.

12 Credit card fraud (5600 Touhy)

A 32-year-old Morton Grove woman told police someone used her credit card to purchase nearly \$500 worth of merchandise from the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy. The woman told police she went to the store on November 10 and used the key chain attached Discover card to make a few purchases. She said she discovered one of the items damaged and took it to the service counter and then left the store. She told police she noticed the key tag credit card missing a few days later and when she checked with the credit card company she found out someone had used her card to purchase \$498.04 of merchandise in six different transactions on November 10.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending November 19-23 2004.

13 Burglary (700 East Ave.)

The rear door of a home in the 700 block of East Avenue was forced open Saturday night November 20. Police do not know if anything was taken.

Burglary to car (100 S. Hamlin)
An unlocked 1997 Toyota parked in the owner's driveway in the 100 block of S. Hamlin was burglarized Saturday night November 20 in the span of five minutes. The owner of the car said a wallet with \$500 in cash and a cellular phone were stolen. 1-Pass Transmitter stolen (200 N. Western)

An 1-Pass transmitter valued at \$50 was stolen from an unlocked 2002 Cadillac parked in the street in the 200 block of N. Western Saturday night November 20.

Burglary to car (1600 Talcott)
A cell phone and a wallet were stolen from an unlocked car

parked in the driveway of a home in the 1600 block of Talcott Tuesday November 23. Police said the wallet was recovered intact, but the phone was missing.

14 Burglary to car (500 S. Home)

A wallet containing \$70 in cash and credit cards and a cellular phone were taken from an unlocked 1999 Dodge Durango parked in the street in the 500 block of S. Home Tuesday night November 23.

15 Burglary to car (800 S. Vine)

Someone entered an unlocked 2004 Toyota Sienna Tuesday night November 23 while the van was parked in the owner's driveway in the 800 block of S. Vine. The owner said \$60 in cash and a cell phone were taken.

16 Burglary to car (1400 Higgins)

Someone broke the driver's side window of a 1999 Dodge van parked in the street in the 1400 block of Higgins Saturday morning November 20. The owner told police a purse was taken.

17 Burglary to car (600 Higgins)

A citizens band radio valued at \$500 was stolen from a 1997 Ford Windstar parked in the owner's driveway in the 600 block of Higgins sometime between Monday November 15 and Sunday November 21. Police do not know how the thief entered the van.

18 Violin stolen (200 S. Lincoln)

A violin valued at \$1,000 was stolen at Lincoln School in the 200 block of S. Lincoln Thursday morning November 18.

19 Car stripped in owner's driveway (600 N. Dee Rd.)

A 2000 BMW parked in the owner's driveway in the 600 block of N. Dee Road was stripped of all four tires and rims sometime overnight November 18. The car was found sitting on jacks in the driveway. The owner told police the tires were valued at \$1,200 and the rims were valued at \$6,100.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove
Arrests-2
Theft-3
Auto theft-2

Niles
Theft-6
DUI-3
Credit card fraud-1

Park Ridge
Arrests
Non-resident-16
Resident-3
Drug possession arrests-2
Drug paraphernalia-3
Burglary-8
Vandalism-4
Theft-4

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NEWS

Morton Grove Library

NEW! Laughs @ the Library: Funny Stories for Big Kids Every Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm, through December 27, children in grades three and up are invited to come to the Library to listen to hilarious stories.

Special Events: Music & Instruments of the World Saturday, December 4, 2:00 pm Composer Anthony Ranieri along with singer/guitarist Mary Lyon present music from six continents on more than fifteen different instruments from around the world. The folklore and music associated with each instrument will be explored through song and story. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220.

Holiday Concert with Bob Duda Sunday, December 5, 2:00 pm Bob Duda and the Fred Wayne Orchestra will help get you into the spirit of the season at this festive concert of holiday music. You'll hear many old favorites performed by the very popular vocalist Bob Duda accompanied by the orchestra. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Allen Kaleta Discusses Photojournalism Tuesday, December 7, 11:30 am Professional photographer Allen

Kaleta has published many of his pictures in area newspapers. For this special program, he will present a digitized collection of his photos and will discuss some of his behind-the-scenes experiences as a photojournalist. Mr. Kaleta will also have an exhibit of print photos in the Library's Lincoln Avenue entry during December.

John Jankowski Discusses Watercolor Painting Tuesday, December 14, 11:30 am John Jankowski will discuss his exhibit of watercolor paintings displayed in the Baxter Room.

Dog Gone Mystery Thursday, December 30, 2:00 pm Vicki Gasko with Danny and the Victory Team present a brand new bilingual mystery show that will entertain and amuse you as well as exercise your brain. The audience helps ventriloquist Gasko discover the clues and solve the case! Registration is required; call 847-965-4220.

Free Films Clifford's Big Movie (G, 74 minutes) December 10, 3:30 pm Clifford the Big Red Dog and his friends Cleo and T-bone star in Larry's Amazing Animal Show and meet new friends on the road. Voiced by John Ritter, Wayne Brady, Grey Delisle, Jenna Elfman, John Goodman and Judge Reinhold. Raising Helen (PG-13, 119 minutes) Thursday, December 16, 2:00 and

7:00 Helen Harris (Kate Hudson) is the toast of the New York fashion scene and the coolest aunt in the world to her sister's three children. When her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car accident, Helen is unexpectedly named the sole guardian of the children. She must bring these kids into her crazy world and try to raise them on her own while figuring out her own priorities in this touching comedy.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG; 136 minutes) Saturday, December 18, 2:00pm Harry, Ron, and Hermione return for their third year at Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An escaped prisoner named Sirius Black seems to pose a threat to Harry but is he really a foe...or a friend? The answer provides a shocking revelation about what happened 12 years before when Harry got his scar.

Shrek 2 (PG; 105 minutes) Sunday, December 19, 2:00 pm Animated feature; voices by Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Cleese. Shrek and Fiona are back from their honeymoon and it is time to meet her parents. The only problem is that they do not know she's an ogre. Shrek and Fiona have to contend with hysterical parents, a very disappointed Prince Charming and a determined ogre-slayer named Puss-in-Boots.

Morton Grove Park District

Mark Your Calendars! Santa is coming to Morton Grove on Sunday, December 12th. Santa will be riding through the streets of Morton Grove passing out candy for all the good boys and girls on Sunday, December 12th from 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Some of these pieces of candy will have special marks on them, which indicate you win a prize. Santa will be greeting kids at the Morton Grove Moose Family Center, 6419 Chestnut (across from the Metra Train Station) until 3:30pm. A map of Santa's route will be distributed to the Morton Grove schools at the beginning of December. If you need any additional maps, you can email us at gomgpd@mortongrovetparks.com or call 847-965-1200 to have a map sent to you.

Club Fitness: Are you looking for a great place to work out and get in shape? Well then give Club Fitness a try at the Morton Grove Park District. Club Fitness features a 5,000

square foot fitness center, indoor year round walking running track, racquetball courts, a full-size gym, kids' center, saunas and whirlpool, free personal fitness programs and an aerobic dance studio. Annual memberships begin at \$178. For more information, call 847-965-1200.

Winter Camp: Come in out of the cold and join the Morton Grove Park District's Winter Camp Program. These fun days will feature games, crafts, special events and snacks. Days available are: December 20-23 and 28-30. For pricing call 847-965-1200.

Fit-4-Kids: The Morton Grove Park District is offering a new class for kids in grades K-4. Fit-4-Kids will introduce fitness as a new way for kids to stay active and fit. Classes will be on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at Prairie View Community Center. For more information, call 847-965-1200.

Teen Fit: The Morton Grove Park District is offering a fun, group fitness class designed just for teens (Grades 5-8). Classes will be on Fridays from 5:30-6:30pm at Prairie View Community Center. For more information, call 847-965-1200.

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Maine Township Senior News

The following are some of the new classes, events, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township. For further information on free membership or any of these events, call 1-847-297-2510.

A SPARKLING HOLIDAY SEASON" LUNCHEON Sunday, December 12 Doors Open: 11 a.m. Lunch Served: 12 noon Crystal Palace, 2648 Dempster, Park Ridge

Cost: \$13 members/\$15 Guests Don't miss THE event of the year...Join us as we celebrate the Holidays together. Let's start with your choice of Prime Rib or Salmon ahead of time. Each entrée will be served with Garden Salad and Dressing, Broccoli, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, and Peppermint Ice Cream for Dessert. Our entertainment will feature both Ludmyla Turkalo, Pianist and Edizon Dayao...Keyboard Musician and Singer Extraordinaire- well received at last year's November Luncheon-they will perform Holiday and Dance Music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Table prizes will be raffled off to top this event!

RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS Thursday, December 9 1:30 to 3 p.m. Instructor: Stan London No Charge - Registration Required Getting your driver's license renewed? If so, plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam. Next Class: February 17.

MEN'S GROUP HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Tuesday, December 14 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

No Charge for this month only. Registration Required

Let's spend some time together enjoying each other's company. We have planned some table games and other surprises. Lunch will be served. Bring a friend along...the more the merrier.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE AFTERNOON" at TOMMY GUN'S GARAGE Chicago Area Friday, December 31 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trip Rate 1 \$65 members/\$70 guests

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SENIORS

Thursday December 2, 2004

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights For more details on the programs listed below and/or to find out about our other programs and activities - events, trips, or classes - please check the November & December Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 847/588-8420

NILES SENIOR CENTER CLOSED Christmas Eve Day: Friday, December 24th New Year's Eve Day: Friday, December 31st

CHRISTMAS EVE DAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON Alone at Christmas time? Family far away? Cooking too much trouble? If so, please join us for our 2nd annual Christmas Luncheon Celebration. This year our holiday meal is planned for Christmas Eve Day, Friday, December 24th, at noon. Doors will open at 11:30am and we'll celebrate until 2:00pm.

This holiday celebration is FREE but we are requesting food or monetary donations to the Niles Family Services' Food Pantry. Reservation Deadline: Friday, Dec. 17th.

HEALTH & WELLNESS - December NURSE AVAILABLE FOR HEALTH QUESTIONS, Wednesday, December 8th, 12:30pm - 1:00pm. FREE. **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING,** Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Free **NURSE'S THIRD THURSDAY**

Park Ridge Seniors

Thanksgiving seems to be the start of holiday season weight gain. To help keep it in check come to the Center's fitness classes. There are exercise classes Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 9:00am and 10:30am. These sessions give you a complete muscle workout from head to toe.

Tai Chi is an ancient form of

LECTURE SERIES, Dec. 16th, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

De-Stress with the Nurse. Free, but sign-up is required. **DIABETIC SCREENING,** Wednesday, December 22nd, 9:00am - 11:00am \$2.

This screening requires an advance registration. **NEXT GET ACQUAINTED & TOUR - Thursday, Dec. 16th, 10:00am - 11:00am** The 3rd Thursday each month, 10:00am - 11:00am, we invite Newcomers to meet other Newcomers and the Staff. Learn what the Senior Center offers, tour the building, and ask questions. Members who have not done this are also welcome.

PRE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY Wed., Dec. 29th, 5:00pm - 9:00pm. \$15.

It's time for our Annual Pre-New Year's Eve party where we turn the clock ahead and pretend it's actually 9:00pm - 1:00am! Ring in the New Year! The evening begins with a meal of Italian Salad, Tortellini & Grilled Chicken Breast, Grilled Vegetables and Cheesecake followed by listening and/or dancing to the wonderful music of the Ron Smollen Orchestra. All that and the traditional New Year's eve toast!

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Niles residents, age 62 and over and their spouses. To register for classes, trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. To become a

member, visit the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Dr., or call 847/588-8420 and we will mail you an application.

DECEMBER REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR CENTER MEMBERS

Drop off registration is due at the Senior Center by 5:00pm on Friday, December 3rd. Only check or credit card number accepted. (Please don't send cash with mail-in registrations.) Payment must be sent with completed & signed Registration Form which is in the December Program Guide. If you don't have the form, you can pick it up at the Senior Center. In-person registration begins 8:30am, Wednesday, December 8th, providing space is still available. Cash as well as check or credit card accepted during In-Person Registration. For more information, please call 588-8420. Special accommodations needed? Let us know when you register.

Most of the programs listed in the December, 2004 Naturally Active Program Guide begin in January, 2005, and are listed for the first time. So now is your best chance for joining these programs. Please call us if you would like more information.

HEALTH & WELLNESS - Starting in January, 2005 WEIGHT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 2005 1st Thursday each month (starting Thurs., Jan. 6th), 1:00pm - 2:30pm, \$10/yr. Get in the best shape ever! Sign up required.

exercise which is especially good to maintain balance and muscle strength in later years. This group meets Tuesdays at 1:30pm.

There is also a group that meets Thursdays at 9:00am to discuss diets and good food choices. This is a good support group to be a part of all year long.

A really fun form of exercise is folk dancing. While having fun learning many different ethnic folk dances you also improve your

fitness level. Dancing begins at 2:30 every Monday. No dance ability is necessary.

To take advantage of these activities, plus special luncheons and outings, become a member of the Park Ridge Senior Center. Visit the Center at 100 S. Western where you can learn of the many programs that are available. Or if you have an idea for a new program, you are welcome to come in and talk about it.

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Morton Grove Seniors

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Niles North Choir and Orchestra Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Niles North Holiday Community Performance at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9 (call 847/933-8208 for a reservation).

Maine East Winter Concert and Reception at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12.

Niles North Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Niles West Choir Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16.

THE BREAKERS OF EDGEWATER BEACH LUNCH AND TOUR

Morton Grove seniors will travel to Chicago for this tour of the former Edgewater Beach Hotel on Thursday

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BLOOD

PRESSURE SCREENING

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms

so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

THE BUGLE

SPORTS

Thursday December 2, 2004

State defeat ends Hawks near-perfect season

BY RYAN BISHOP
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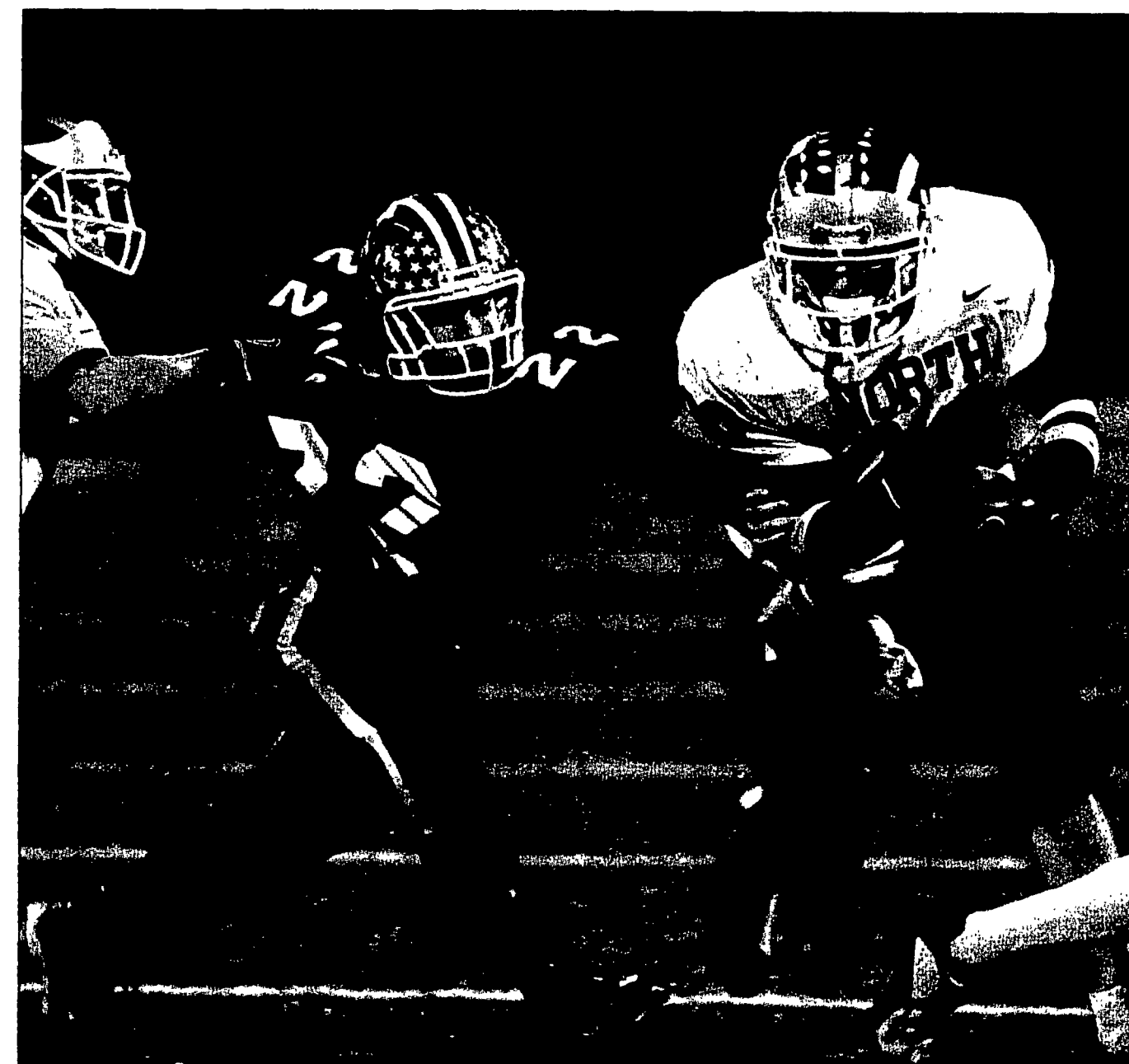
What was set up to be a perfect season capped off with a state championship title Saturday night for Maine South, was spoiled by Downers Grove North and quarterback Garrett Edwards. Edwards, a junior, converted two big plays for first down late in the game that sealed Downers Grove's first boys state championship, defeating the Hawks 33-13. The Trojans faced a fourth-and-one play at their 32, leading 20-13 late in the fourth quarter when Edwards ran for the first down by inches.

Running the clock down to two minutes, the Hawks held the offense to a third and 10 before Edwards (19 rushes, 91 yards) appeared to be stopped short of the first down. Faking out two Hawk defenders, he ran across the field for a 40 yard gain to the Hawk 5. Two plays later the elusive quarterback barreled in for the touchdown that put the game out of reach.

The game was not officially over until cornerback Mike Tokarski read Sean Price's pass and ran it back 90 yards for the touchdown. A spectacular 48-yard running catch from Lewis Borsellino (six catches, 107 yards) gave the Hawks one last chance, but the comeback attempt was foiled on the next play by Tokarski. The play was especially deflating for Borsellino, the receivers and Price, who had battled a collarbone injury to return to the state championship game.

"I thought we still had a chance there once we got the ball down to the 12, then the next play goes so fast and it was over," said an emotional Borsellino. "Their defense was fast, hard-hitting and aggressive. The wind really affected us in the first half. We didn't have the ball much because of their strong running attack. We weren't able to get off our blocks to contain their veer option that they run so well," he said.

The Trojans controlled the tempo of the game, keeping the ball for almost 31 minutes while passing the ball only three times. The duo of Justin Shelly (124 yards, two touchdowns) and Sean Conroy (105 yards on 16 carries) helped the Trojans run for 328 yards on 52 attempts. Meanwhile, the Hawk running attack was stuck in third gear against the ferocious Downers defense, as the Hawks amassed a season low 28 yards. The Trojans accomplished their goal in keeping the explosive Hawk



Maine South's Andy Cupp (22) fights off a block as he tries to bring down Downers Grove North running back Sean Conroy (20) in the first half.

offense off the field. An Edwards five-yard touchdown run gave the Trojans a 13-0 lead at the 10:14 mark of the second quarter. Price and the struggling offense answered on a well-executed 18-yard slant touchdown to Derek Walsh (six catches, 67 yards), bringing the Hawks to within six points at the half.

The Downers veer option running game was unstoppable on this night. All-Stater Cody Cielinski, a 6-2, 268 lb. offense and defensive lineman was the leader of an o-line that averaged 242 lbs. had opened up holes on the left and right side for big gains. The biggest was a 45-yard Shelly run to put the state champs up 20-7 with 6:48 remaining in the third quarter.

The Hawks weren't finished on a blustery, rainy night, not conducive for the aerial attack the Hawks possess. A Jake Bachmeier kick return to the Maine South 45 gave the offense a short field to work with. The 9-play, 55-yard drive took only two minutes off the clock, bringing the huge amount of Hawk fans to their feet. A beautiful 10-yard strike from Price (15-32 for 207 yards) to Borsellino in the back of the end zone set up a fourth quarter that would go down to the wire.

"It's obviously a disappointing

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Maine South squares off on a crucial third down play on their own 5-yard line with 2:14 in the game. Downers Grove scored to put the game out of reach.

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SPORTS

Hawks Defeated

ending to a great season. Our seniors had a record of 26-2 and the two losses just happened to be in the state championship game", said coach Dave Inserra. We've been thinking about this game ever since the bus ride back last year and have been busting our tails to get back here."

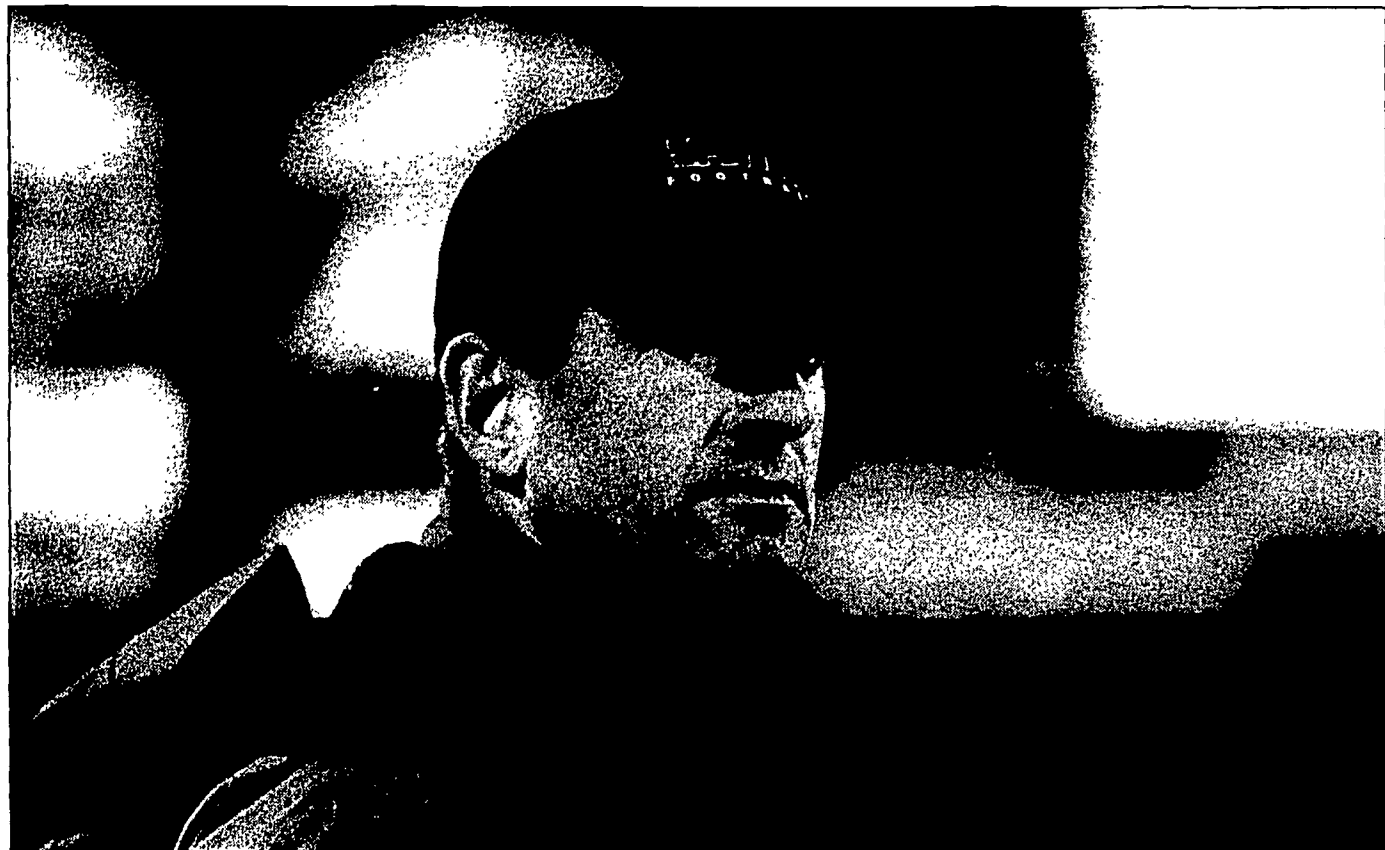
"The weather conditions certainly affected us tonight and we weren't efficient in our short passing game. It seemed like they were tailing to far right and left. Downers Grove did a great job with their time of possession in using every second of the clock and keeping the ball away from us. We just didn't execute the way we have all year. We were so close in so many instances but their third down conversions by Edwards and the offense really hurt us," said Inserra.

The game was the end of a brilliant career for record setting quarterback Sean Price. Although Price did not capture a state title, he passed for 8,267 yards and 93 touchdowns as a Hawk, two records that are sure to hold up for a long time.

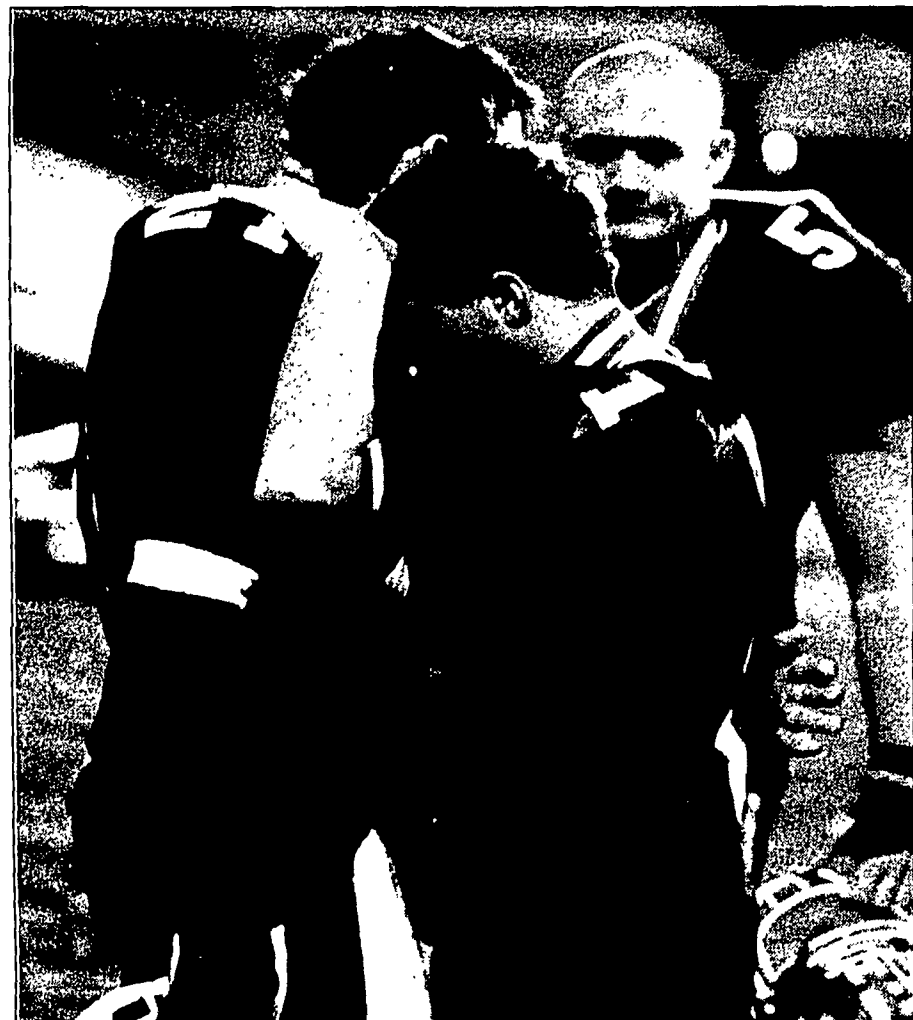
"I was fortunate to be in a great offensive system under coach Bliss and be surrounded by great players. We just did not get the job done today and execute our game plan. Lewis kept us in the game after his great catch at the end, but their cornerback stepped in and ended it for us," said the dejected Price.

"The line had another solid game today and they've been great all year. All the success we have had starts with them. We just were not able to stop the trap and option plays. You have to give Downers Grove credit. They kept our offense off the field and made some great scrambling plays on third down," said Price.

As far as his college decision, Price is undecided. Central Michigan and Eastern Illinois have offered him scholarships and Illinois is still a possibility.



(Above) Maine South head coach David Inserra watches as his team tries to mount a drive in the closing two minutes.



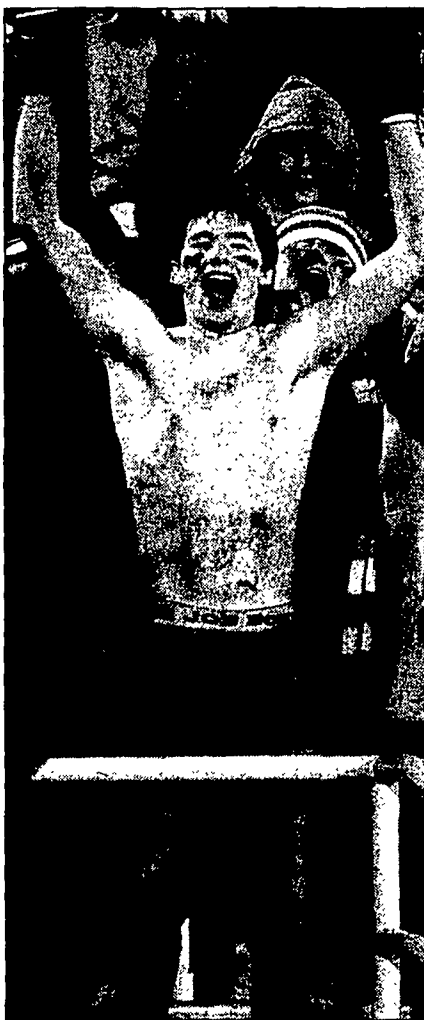
(Top Right) Maine South's Derek Walsh (21) crosses the goal line completing an 18-yard pass from Sean Price with the Hawks first touchdown in the second quarter.

(Bottom Right) A steady rain and temperatures in the 40's did not dampen the Hawk fans enthusiasm in the second quarter.

(Left) Maine South co-captain Tony Colletti (rear) looks on as teammates Derek Walsh (21) and Lewis Borsellino (1) console each other.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)

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LIFE

THE BUGLE

Thursday December 2, 2004

EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Thursday, December 2
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting
Monday, December 6
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting
Monday, December 13
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Village Board meeting

COMMUNITY

Saturday, December 4
-The Park Ridge Community Church Drama Ministry is pleased to announce auditions for their Spring 2005 season, which includes a full production of "Harvey" by Mary Chase, direct by Brett McCleneghan. All roles are open. Auditions will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 at noon. Callbacks will be scheduled if needed. Auditions will be held at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. For more information, call Sasha at (312) 560-1072.

Sunday, December 5
-St. Martha's Parish will hold a retreat "Becoming Aware" from Dec. 5 to December 8 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The retreat will be led by Fr. James Friedel, an Augustinian priest ordained in 1965. Fr. Friedel has conducted numerous retreats and days of prayer. The retreat will be given at St. Martha Parish, 8523 Georgiana Ave., Morton Grove. Anyone interested in attending the retreat should call (847) 965-0262.

Thursday, December 16
-The New Beginnings Chorus, under the direction of Mary Jane Robertson, will present their Christmas Concert, "We need a little Christmas" on Thursday, Dec. 16 and Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 330 W. Golf, Arlington Heights. Tickets are \$8. Refreshments will be served. For more information and tickets, call Jaon at (847) 259-0189.

Chef Harry Presents

Make-ahead snacks let you be a guest at your own party

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ
Copley News Service

The other night we had about 30 people over to our home for dinner, and I was in the kitchen for a total of 15 minutes during the entire evening. That's important to me. I want to be a guest at my own party. This philosophy is never more important than during holiday entertaining, when you are with friends and family whom you might not get to see as often as you like. Entertaining with ease is a matter of menu selection and preparation. Don't be afraid to blend in purchased specialty baked goods, local artisan cheeses and delicacies along with your own creations.

Invest in a couple of chafing dishes so you can set things out, mix a libation and enjoy your guests. That's what the holidays are all about. Here are some of my favorite assemble-ahead or quick-and-easy appetizers to get you started.

HOT SPINACH-ARTICHOKE-CRAB DIP
4 cups marinated artichokes hearts, drained
1 onion, minced
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 tablespoons butter
8 ounces fresh baby spinach
1/4 cup extra-dry vermouth
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon dried Italian herb blend
2 cups grated parmesan cheese
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs
Yields about 8 cups, serving 12 to 18 as an appetizer.

In food processor fitted with steel blade, chop artichokes by pulsing until medium chop is obtained. In large, heavy, nonstick saute pan or Dutch oven, saute onion and garlic in butter over medium heat for 4 minutes. Add spinach to pan and saute until spinach is wilted. Pour vermouth

over pan and reduce heat to low. Mix in remaining ingredients and stir well to combine. Serve hot or warm with sliced French bread, chips or crispy flat bread.

BAKED BRIE
1 bunch scallions, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 cups dried apricots
1 cup extra-dry vermouth
1 cup apricot preserves
1 whole 8- to 10-inch brie
1 sheet prepared puff pastry
Yields 12 to 18 appetizer-size servings.
In 3-quart saucepan over medium-

heat, saute scallions in oil for about 4 minutes. Add apricots to pan and reduce heat to medium-low. Stir in vermouth and simmer for 5 minutes. Add preserves and simmer until thick. Set aside and cool.

Place brie in baking dish that will hold it flat. Pour apricot mixture over top. Gently roll puff pastry until large enough to fit over brie and from edge to edge of dish. Trim pastry and decorate as desired. Bake in preheated 400 F oven until pastry is puffed and golden, about 30 minutes.

BARBECUED BAKED SALAMI
1 (8- to 12-inch) kosher salami or summer sausage
2 cups barbecue sauce
Toothpicks (see note)

1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large ready-to-bake pizza crust
Yields 8 to 12 servings.

In food processor fitted with steel blade, puree olives, garlic and herbs while slowly adding oil in stream, scraping bowl as needed, until thick paste is created.

On pizza pan, spread dough in even layer up to edges of pan and bake, according to package directions until crisp. Cut into wedges and serve warm.

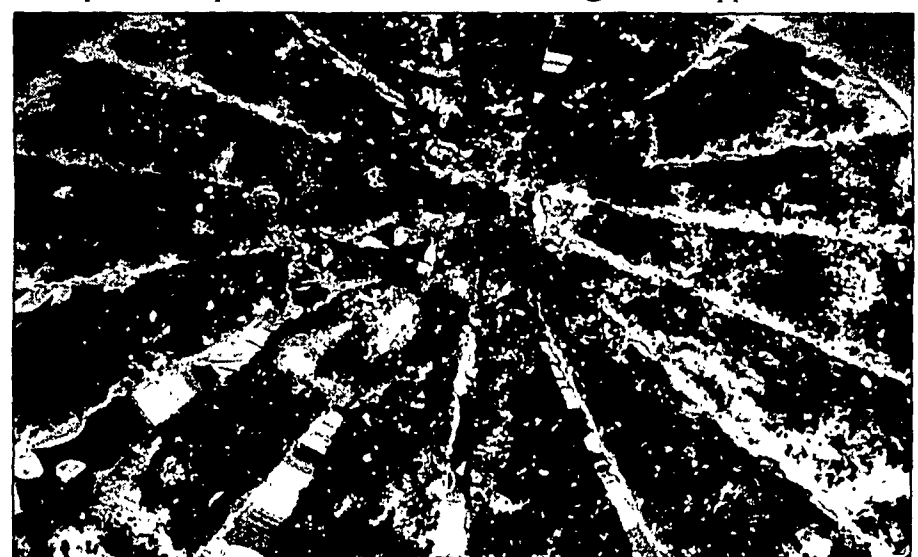
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Yields 12 to 18 appetizer-size servings.

Cut salami into 1- to 2-inch cubes and place in single layer on non-stick, heavy baking sheet in 325 F oven and roast to desired texture. For a crusty outside and soft inside, bake about 50 minutes.

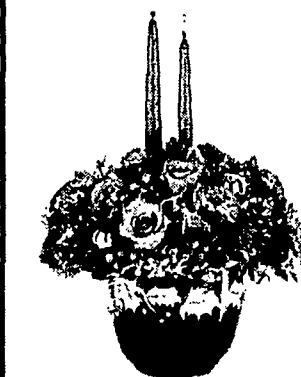
Warm barbecue sauce and serve with salami cubes and toothpicks for spearing and dipping. Note: Remember to put out a dish for used toothpicks.

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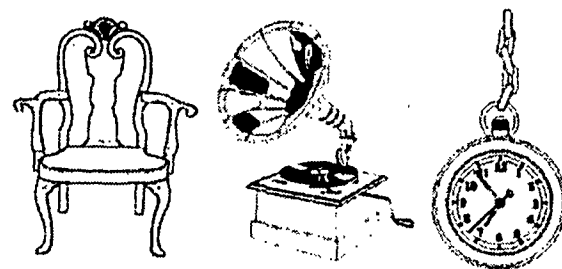
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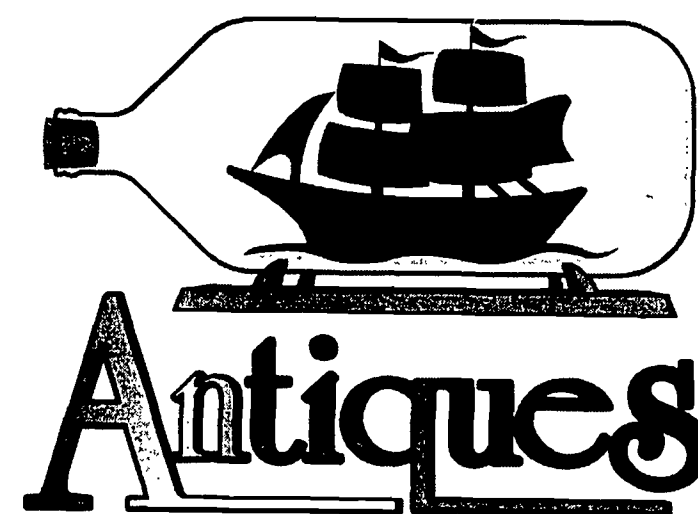
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President Mohammed Kaiseruddin expressed concern that the MCC's board might not approve the agreement, but said that if it was approved they would follow it faithfully.

"We are thankful to God that after two years of struggle we have finally achieved our major objective, namely the permission to build a mosque in Morton Grove," Kaiseruddin was quoted as saying in a press release issued by the MCC last week. "Although we are concerned with some of the very restrictive conditions attached to the Special Use Permit, we are appreciative of the innumerable hours that the Village officials and volunteer commissioners spent in patiently listening to the arguments in favor and against the proposal. We are glad that in the end they were persuaded by the merits of the proposal and agreed with our right to build a house of worship."

Alcemuddin said that Sunday's MCC board meeting has been predicted to last six hours and that they might not make a deci-

sion on the permit. In last week's release, MCC officials reiterated that their board had the final say on whether to accept or reject the special use permit and, then, drop a \$5 million federal civil rights lawsuit it filed last year against the village.

"MCC members have expressed serious concerns about some of the very restrictive conditions," officials stated in the release, "conditions which have not been applied to any other house of worship in Morton Grove."

If the MCC board rejects the permit, then they will be back in court with the village. If they approve it, they are expected to drop the case, as stated in a federally mediated agreement approved in June by the boards of the MCC and the village. The village will then issue a construction permit following approval of the detailed design for the expansion. MCC officials hope to break ground in early spring and, in that case, plan to finish the building's outer shell within one year.

Two free movies at Pickwick this year

Liberty Bank for Savings is sponsoring two free movie nights at the historic Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge this year. The public is invited to attend on December 6 to see "Miracle on 34th Street" and on December 13 to view "White Christmas". The doors open at 6 p.m. followed by musical entertain-

ment. The movies begin at 7 p.m. A special appearance by Lady Liberty and holiday treats will highlight the evening.

Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry that feeds hundreds of hungry individuals and families each month.

Collection bins will be located in the theatre lobby.

"We are excited to be joining the Park Ridge community and want to offer our customers and future neighbors the opportunity to participate in our holiday gift to Park Ridge," says Bill Smigiel, President and CEO of Liberty Bank for Savings.



MG Residents produce 'Grist' holiday program

The Grist from Millers' Mill Holiday 2004 episode will begin airing on Sunday, December 5, 2004 at 7:30 pm on Comcast channel 19 in Morton Grove, (channel 35 in Skokie).

The Holiday program will include part 3 of a 3 part interview with Elizabeth Coulson (R-17); a visit to Super Cup coffee shop (and their custom coffee roaster, Casteel Coffee); a visit to the kitchen of the "Cookie Lady" (Joann Eberwein), where she shares her family recipe for "Tarralle" cookies and a special Holiday Greeting from the Morton Grove Organization.

Upcoming episodes will include; a segment on affordable senior housing; a trip to Heavenly Massage and a fond farewell from Tim the barber at Golden Razor.

A Home for the Holidays

Residents of 8633 Calle in Morton Grove are already prepared for this year's holiday season. They have erected their traditional holiday display in front of the house that features a train, nutcrackers, candy canes and a variety of other festive highlights.

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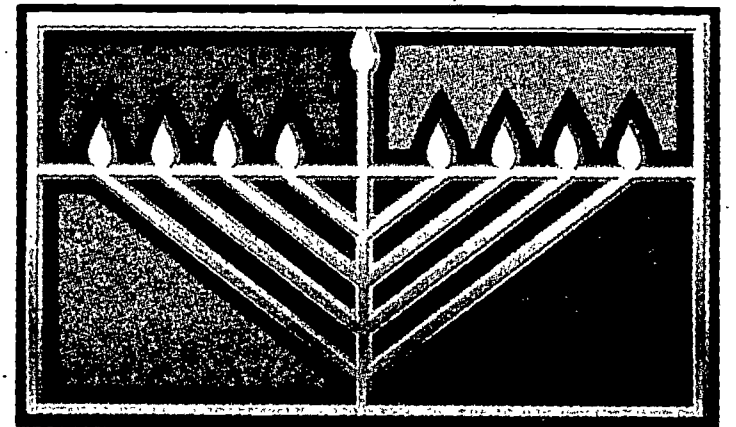
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