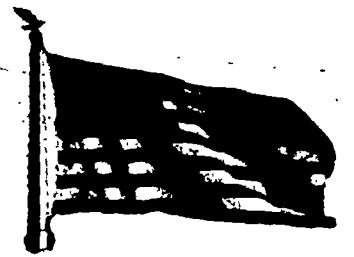




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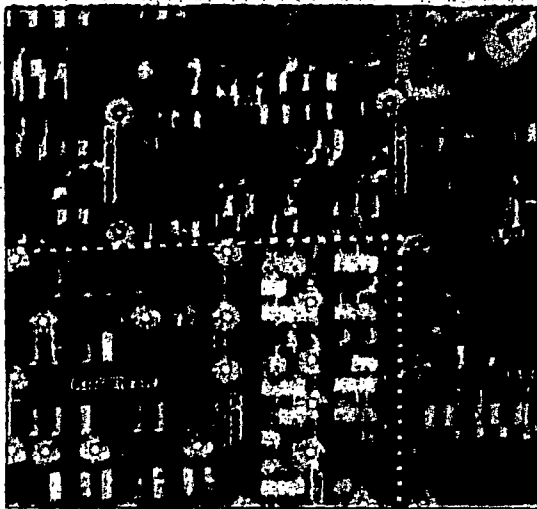


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New lights planned

Lighting improvements are on the way for the Niles neighborhood north of Dempster and east of Cumberland, page 7.



Wolves win

Maine South's John Wolf (22) looks to pass in the second half against the Niles West Wolves last Friday. The Wolves won the game. For the story, turn to page 13.

Uptown redevelopment agreement approved by PR Council

The Park Ridge City Council approved the final draft of the redevelopment agreement for the Uptown Target Area 2 at their meeting Monday, Dec. 20. The agreement clears the way for a mixed use residential/retail development to be built on the parcel bounded by Touhy, Northwest Hwy. and Morris.

The Council's 14 members approved the agreement unanimously and with few major questions. All of them praised the project's overall design, the work of PRC Partners, the development company and the city's staff and elected officials though they admitted the agreement isn't perfect.

"We now have a very long agreement," said Ald. Mark Anderson (5th), "which is done. But if we wait for perfection I'll tell you when this project will get done: never."

City consultants said that the agreement was very competitive with others that have been negotiated with other municipalities, citing a 7 percent profit margin on the project's residential component rather than what they claimed is the customary 10 percent.

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A Warm Farewell

Patti Lochner, co-owner of Lochner's Greenhouse on Dempster prepares some greenery for a customer last Wednesday. The Lochner's intend to close their business at the end of this year because of economic constraints. For the story, turn to page 4.

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Notice

The Bugle will close Thursday, December 23rd at 1 p.m. and re-open Monday, December 27th for normal business hours. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Niles Board approves personnel policy changes

The Niles village board approved changes to their personnel policy at their Tuesday, Nov. 25 meeting.

The new policy will apply only to non-unionized workers of the village

it lays out new disciplinary procedures. The village currently has one union contract.

"We're just redefining the disciplinary policy," Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey said.

The new policy sets up a specific framework for grievances and to administer more extreme discipline if it should prove necessary.

Board members expressed concern that the policy change might

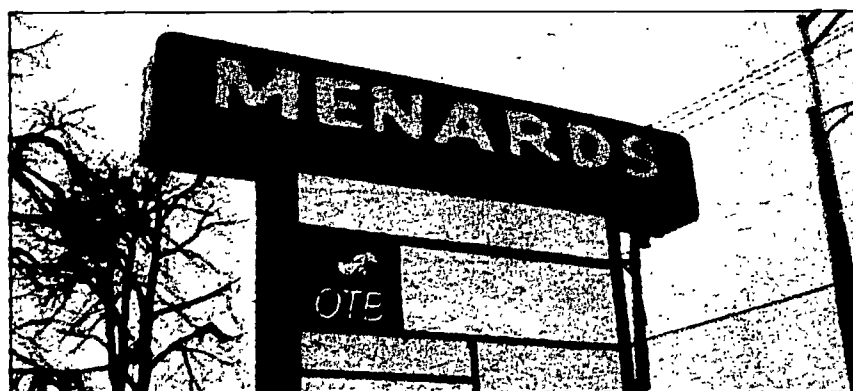
affect contracts, but Morrissey reassured them that disciplinary measures with any personnel in the single union were dealt within the specific contract. The new policy would apply to all other village employees.

D219's Codell says OTB is fine for Menards outlot

MGO starts petition drive to put question on ballot

In spite of objections from residents who believe the western Menards outlot on Oakton and Lehigh is too close to Niles West High School for an off-track betting (OTB) facility, Neil Codell, superintendent of District 219 says that he trusts the village.

Village staff have projected revenue of up to \$400,000 a year for the proposed facility. Inter-Track Partners, a company operating 14 OTBs in Illinois would run the facility and Menards would be the land-



A sign advertising both the Menards and the OTB in Joliet.

lord. Inter-Track President Bob Bilocerkowycz has said he would like to arrange a design/build option for the Morton Grove facility which would be almost identical to an arrangement that they have with Menards in Joliet.

Meanwhile, resident group the Morton Grove Organization (MGO), which spent the last year fighting expansion of the Muslim Education Center, announced a peti-

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NEWS



A helping hand

Yong Kim is helped from his vehicle by Morton Grove Public Works employee Al Lehew. The Kims wanted to thank the village who went to great lengths to secure access to their homes while they were reconstructing their driveway apron. Both Yong Kim and his wife Debbie use wheelchairs.

Uptown

Most concerns among both council members and assembled residents concerned traffic circulation in the Uptown area. Resident George Kirkland said that 30 intersections would be affected by two planned stoplights at Summit and Touhy and Summit and Northwest Hwy.

Roger Mandel, attorney for the Summit Square Retirement Hotel argued again that the project was

constructed without reference to the business. He cited the fact that additional fire lanes have been added to the project, addressing their earlier complaints.

"But we weren't contacted about this until tonight," he said.

Aldermen agreed that Summit representatives should be involved as the project moves forward from this point, beginning with groundbreaking on the property of the for-

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mer Bredemann Toyota dealership. PRC will construct townhouses and rowhouses on the site.

Though the agreement in principal ends the formal approval phase of the project, construction isn't scheduled to be completed until late in 2006. Ald. Rex Parker (6th) acknowledged the long road ahead, quoting the poet Robert Frost saying that the city, "has promises to keep, and miles to go before [we] sleep."

Iberl to run for Park Ridge council
1st Ward resident says he is a true independent



John Iberl

Long-time Park Ridge resident John Iberl announced last week that he would seek the post of 1st Ward alderman in the upcoming April 2005 consolidated election. He will face Kirke Machon, another 1st Ward resident running as an independent, but also the longest serving member of the city's Zoning Board.

Iberl said he's running for alderman because of the challenges ahead of the city and because a "true" independent voice was needed in local politics.

"I am running as an Independent

candidate because I am just that — a true Independent," he said. My business interests are outside of Park Ridge and I am not beholden to any person or to any businesses conducting business within the City of Park Ridge."

He also believes that the city can be more responsive to the needs of the residents, especially if its elected officials demand it.

"I provide a fresh perspective in my views of city government and I am independent of city government, city staff and any political parties," he said. "I will represent the 1st Ward with an open mind on issues and solicit the citizens' views."

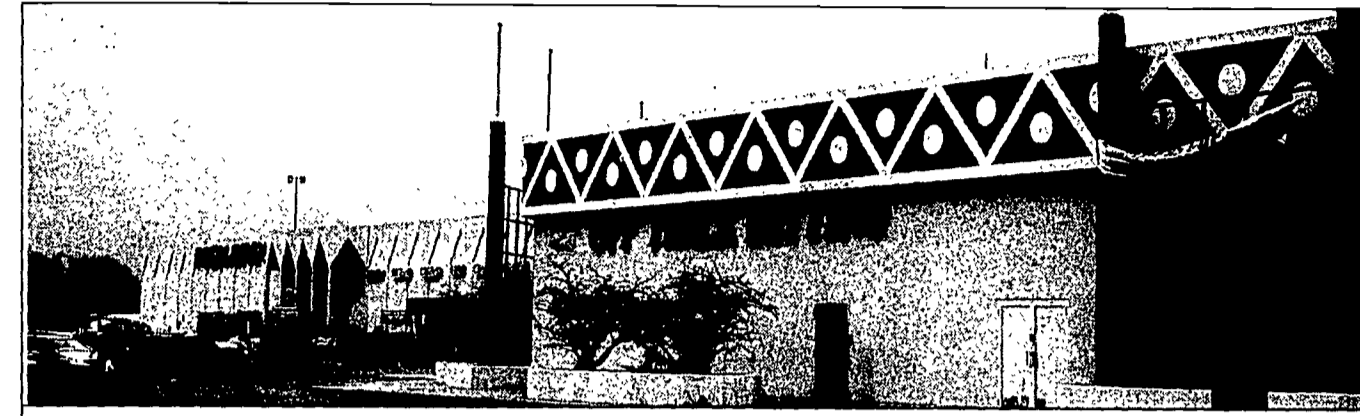
Iberl graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. He has been a financial services small business owner for over 22 years. He is also in my third term as President of a statewide trade association. He is also proud of his community involvement such as: fundraising for the Field School PTO for 8 years with the Variety Show.

Iberl has been married to his wife Nancy for over 26 years. They have four children, Jason, Michael, Lindsey and Joseph, all attended Park Ridge schools.

NEWS

OTB

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The OTB facility that Menards built for Inter-Track Partners in Joliet, IL. Officials of Inter-Track say that they would like a similar design/build relationship with Menards if and when an OTB is approved in Morton Grove.

tion drive to put the question of an OTB to the voters in a referendum on the April 2005 local election. MGO members said that local religious organizations were contributing to the drive, including the Muslim Community Center (MCC), their former opponents. MCC officials stated that they were coordinating their efforts with other religious institutions in Morton Grove.

The primary reason Codell said he will not oppose the OTB was that the village may restrict those under the age of 21 from gambling at the facility. According to state law, individuals as young as 18 could gamble at the OTB, but other municipalities have restricted access as needed.

"Our kids aren't 21," Codell said. "We trust them. If they say that they are going to enforce age limits and do nothing

to glorify gambling then our kids are not going to be there."

Village staff are currently investigating how other municipalities have dealt with age limits on OTBs and a final decision on a potential age limit will be left to the village board. However, Bilocerkowycz said that they have agreed to an age limit of 21.

"Villages, like school are experiences challenges of maintaining adequate funding," said Codell. "We are not going to stand in the village's way of investigating a new source of revenue."

The OTB underwent its staff applicant review process last week. Both Bilocerkowycz and Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that the process went well.

"We reviewed the building plans," said Czerwinski. "Basically, we looked

at how different amenities should be attached to the building. No significant changes were made to the design."

The Plan Commission hearing on the OTB project is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 17 and the village board could hear the proposal as early as Monday, February 14. Bilocerkowycz said that he is still hopeful that Inter-Track will be able to break ground on the facility in the spring.

"If all goes according to plan that would be a nice thing to accomplish," he said.

He also believes that the facility will be a success whether or not Rosemont or another neighboring suburb is able to attract a casino.

"We are going to be successful in Morton Grove whether or not a casino comes to Rosemont," he said.

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NEWS

A Part of History

Village bids farewell to Lochner's Greenhouse, closing for good Dec. 31

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

One of Morton Grove oldest businesses will be shuttered at the end of 2004. Lochner's Greenhouse, which has been operating for over 80 years has announced that, following a sale from Dec. 27 to 31, they will close for good.

"It's going to be hard on us," said Jack Lochner, 62, co-owner of the business which he father built. "We love doing it, but economics are the bottom line."

The rising value of their 2-plus acres off of Dempster near the intersection of Waukegan has been one of the factors hurting the Lochner's bottom line. When the greenhouse closes, the rear of the property will be developed as residences while the fate of the Dempster frontage, still zoned for commercial uses, has not been decided. The Lochner's historic farmhouse, one of the oldest in the village, is on the commercial property. Its fate has not been decided.

The Lochner family immigrated from Bavaria, a region of Germany, arriving in Morton Grove in 1842, more than 50 years before the village was officially incorporated. Jack's ancestor, Michael, bought 80 acres of land for \$7.50 an acre in 1845, cleared it and began farming. He was also the area's first postmaster. Richard Lochner, Michael's grandson began the greenhouse with his sister Gertrude in 1925, building it on the farm's property. It began as a produce stand selling fresh vegetables, flowers and plants. Then it included a roadhouse, known as the Rest-a-Bit.

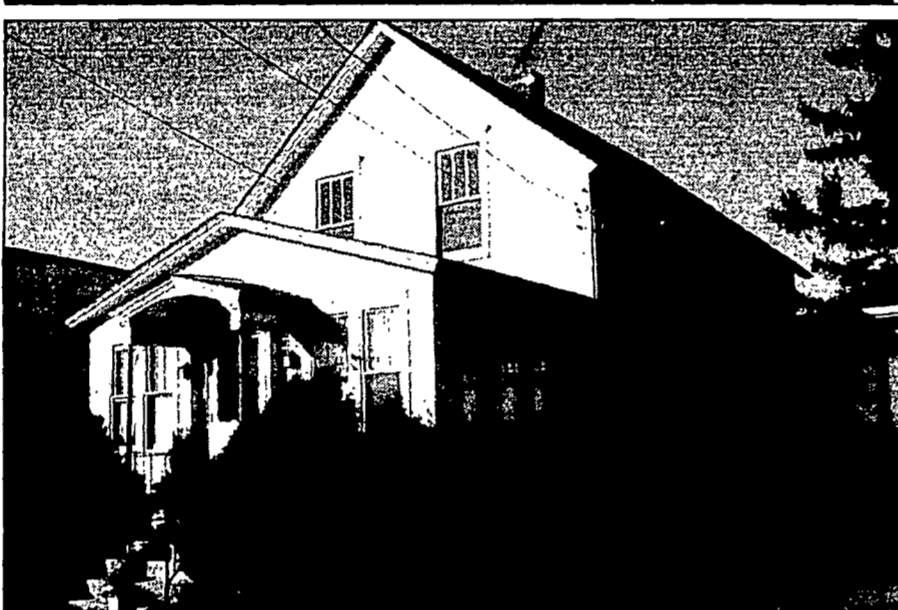
"My grandfather built it himself," said Jack. "We're part of history here."

The village board honored the Lochner's at their last meaning, adding the honorary name, "Lochner Lane," to Birch Street, which neighbors the greenhouse on the west.

"We're sorry to lose you," said Mayor Dan Scanlon. "Any time you bought something from the Lochners you were accused of having a green thumb."



(Top Left) Jack Lochner admires a glazing hammer his grandfather used to build their greenhouse on Dempster. It is one of several keepsakes the Lochners will be taking with them when the business closes at the end of the year.



(Bottom Left) Mike, Patti and Jack Lochner stand in front of their greenhouse on Dempster last week. The Lochners will be closing the business after this year.

(Top Right) Plants for sale in the Lochner's greenhouse on Dempster. (Above) The Lochner's historic farm house stands next to their greenhouse on Dempster. The fate of the home, one of the oldest in the village, is still uncertain. The lot is zoned for commercial use.

(Bottom Left) Mike, Patti and Jack Lochner stand in front of their greenhouse on Dempster last week. The Lochners will be closing the business after this year.

At one time or another every Lochner child worked in the greenhouse.

"The kids helped us," Jack laughed. "Growing up they knew they had to help."

While Jack and his family don't want to say goodbye to their business and will still live in Morton Grove, he said there would be some perks to closing down.

Business has been steady for the greenhouse during this their last holiday season. During their sale everything will be for sale, including fixtures like the shelves. The Lochners themselves will take their old family photographs off of the walls and several light fixtures. Jack will be taking a glazing hammer that his grandfather built and then used to construct the building. "It touched every nail," he said, "every brad."

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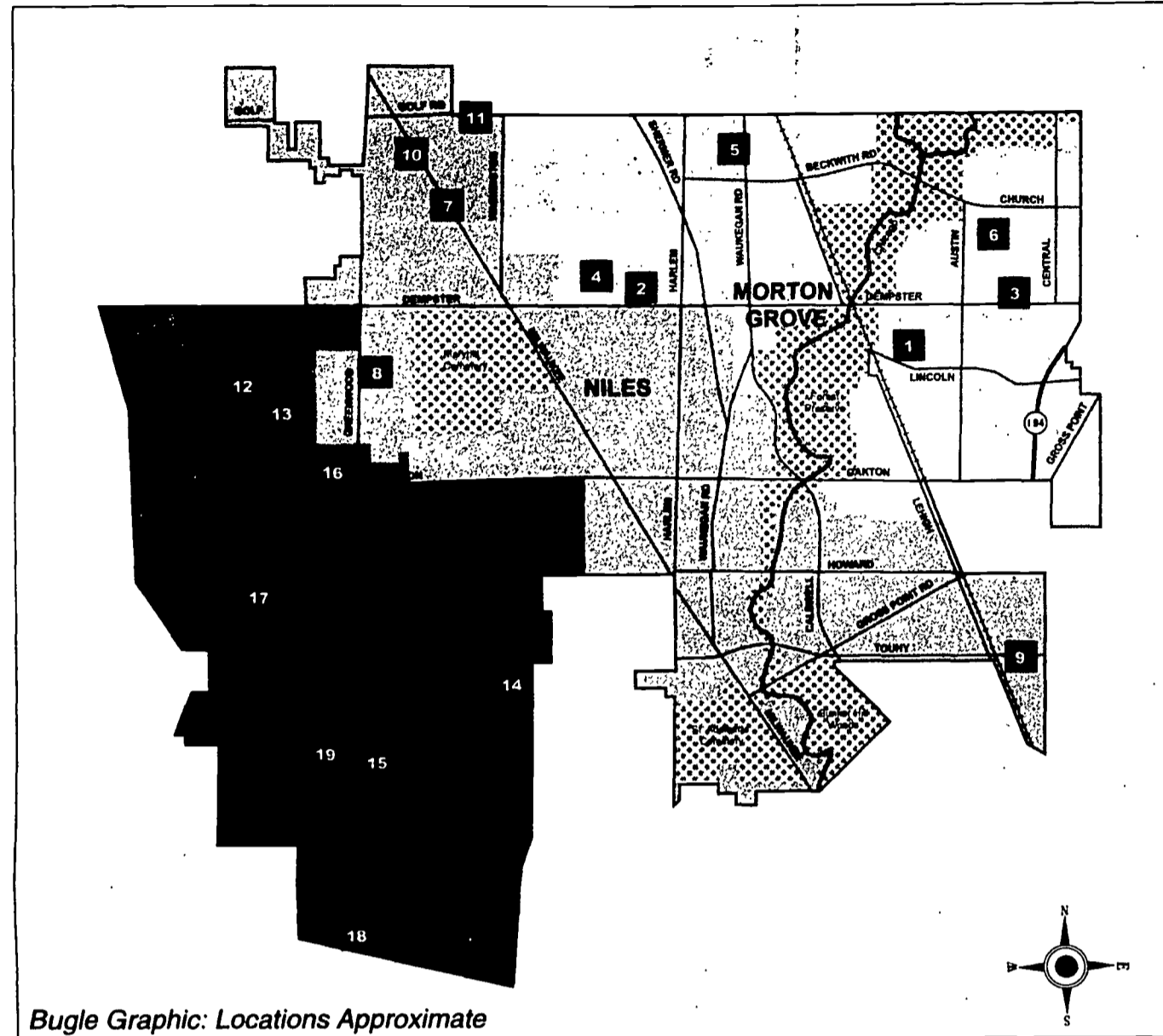
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The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending December 17, 2004.

- 1 Storage lockers burglarized (8400 Callie)
2 Theft (7200 Dempster)
3 Burglary (5800 Dempster)
4 Shoplifting (7300 Dempster)
5 Videotape shows proof (9400 Waukegan)

woman had a duffel bag containing her purse stolen from her car Thursday evening Dec. 9 when she went into beauty salon in the 5800 block of Dempster to get a manicure. The woman told police the duffel bag contained a small black purse with \$100 in cash and a variety of credit cards.

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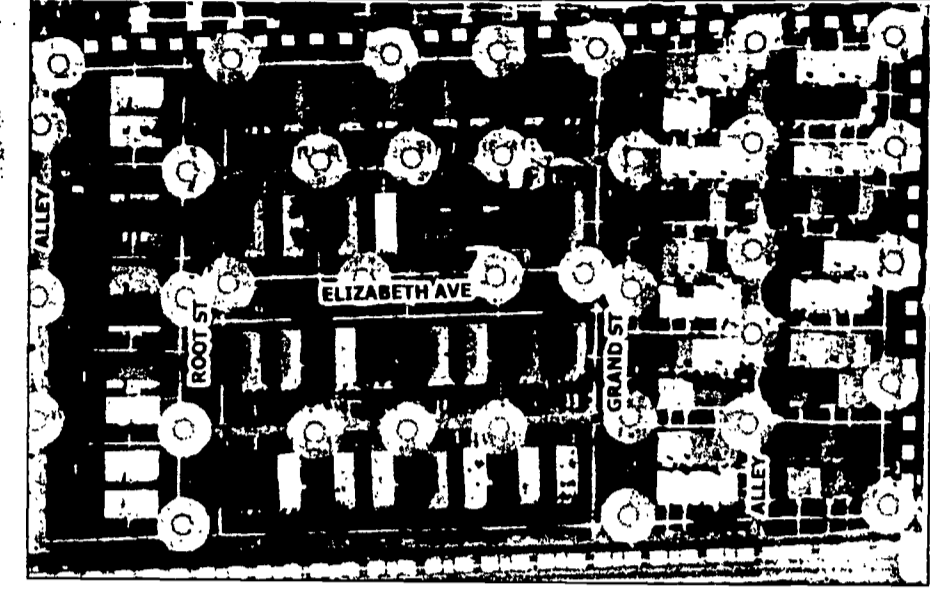
The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending December 20, 2004.
6 Tools stolen (9100 Menard)
7 Armed Robbery (9300 Milwaukee)
8 Fireplace ashes cause fire (8600 Stolting)
9 Retail Theft (5700 Touhy)
10 Starbucks mystery (9400 Milwaukee)
11 Check Fraud (8200 Golf)
12 Burglary (1800 W. Habberton)

into a dumpster in case the man came looking for her. Police said it was the third Hancock Fabric store to be robbed within the last two weeks.
13 Burglary (1700 Greendale)
14 Burglary (200 S. Berry)
15 Stereo stolen (1100 W. Talcott)
16 Damage to property (1000 N. Knight)
17 Roof tile damage (2000 Sibley)
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19 Explorer stolen (500 S. Delphia)
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Niles approves new lighting project for Root/Elizabeth area



The village of Niles has approved a new grant-funded plan to increase lighting in the Root/Elizabeth neighborhood north of Dempster and east of Cumberland. In the last few years village personnel have been focusing on fixing problems that exist in the neighborhood that has both resulted in and been caused by a high rate of turnover in the apartment buildings. Crime has been a problem and has spilled out into the single-family residential area that surrounds it.

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Holiday Gift Guide



Clever gift ideas, tips for easy holiday shopping

(NUI) -
Tis that time of the year and the desire to be creative in your gift giving remains at an all-time high.

You convince yourself this is the year you will handcraft every single present and nothing will be store bought. This wish, however, declines drastically as Dec. 24 looms ever closer and your house is littered with glue bottles, construction paper and ribbon, but not one gift.

However, a little organization now can save you oodles of time later and may just free you up to make some of those gifts.

Follow these tips to avoid holiday stress:

* Call for help. While the thought of doing everything yourself is admirable, it may not be possible. So why not let others be creative for you? Specialty companies, such as Ridgewood, N.J.-based BeautifulCookies.com make gift giving easy by providing imaginative ideas for even the hardest-to-buy-for person.

At BeautifulCookies.com, mouth-watering, decorated cookies (of all shapes, sizes and flavors) are arranged in a gift tray or tin that can be used long after the treats are gone and are perfect for neighbors, clients or even your boss. This gift can be personalized with a holiday or corporate logo or even photos. To learn

more, visit www.beautifulcookies.com or call, toll free, 1-866-FUN-GIFT.

* Look for unique places to shop. Holidays and birthdays provide the perfect excuse to explore those quaint boutiques that you've always wanted to visit but just haven't had the time. Often, stores like these have unique, one-of-a-kind items that are sure to be treasured for years.

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BUSINESS



Hedge funds may be hot, but the costs aren't cool

Would you ever put money into an investment managed by financial professionals who charged ridiculously high fees and skimmed off 20 percent of

your profit? And what if these guys told you little about what they were investing in?

In fact, let's assume that there's more disclosure on a box of Kellogg's Corn Flakes than what these managers are willing to divulge. Oh, and what if these clever fellows could skirt the rules that mutual funds must follow? Does this sound like something you'd want to get entangled with? Actually, don't be so quick to shake your head no, because then you'd be revealing your naivete.

What I've just described are hedge funds, which are currently hotter than deep fat fryers at KFC. In 1990, roughly \$50 billion was sitting in hedge funds, but today that figure has soared to roughly \$1 trillion. It's estimated that hedge funds often account for more than half the shares traded each day on the New York Stock Exchange.

Despite cardiac-inducing fees, black-box investments and their ability to frolic in a regulatory no man's land, hedge funds are thriving and multiplying like amoebas in a petri dish. Sophisticated investors became far more fascinated with hedge funds when the stock market

began imploding in 2000. The beauty of hedge funds, you see, is partially revealed in their very name. These funds can hedge against moves in any market direction, up, down and sideways. When stocks experience their periodic meltdowns, for instance, a hedge-fund manager can short them. By essentially betting that a stock is overvalued and will drop in price, the manager can make money.

These funds can also hedge bonds and derivative securities, play around with options and use borrowed money to leverage their bets. Some hedge funds also hunt for arbitrage opportunities, which means they exploit price differences between identical securities by buying one at a lower price and selling the other at a higher one.

Part of the allure for wealthy investors is the belief that the best and the brightest managers are fleeing their jobs at mutual funds to start hedge funds. The motivation is often cold cash. Hedge funds typically charge investors a stiff 2 percent of their assets a year. So if someone sinks \$2 million into the hedge fund, he or she would pay \$40,000 just to park their money for the year.

What's more, the house usually keeps 20 percent of each investor's profit. In comparison, the average mutual fund charges roughly 1.5 percent, and there are index funds that charge as little as .08 percent. Park \$2 million in the cheapest mutual fund, and you'd pay \$1,600.

Willing to ignore the high price, investors are genuflecting before the hedge-fund altar because of their high priests' heavenly results. The statistics suggest that hedge funds have trounced mutual funds with higher returns, while exposing their clients to less risk.

From 1988 through 2003, for instance, the Van Global Hedge Fund Index, a popular benchmark, returned 15.9 percent annually versus 9.2 percent for the average stock mutual fund and 12.3 percent for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Looking at those statistics, you might feel like a chump if you don't put a hedge fund on your holiday wish list.

But thankfully, there are skeptics who warn that the emperor, at best, is only half-clothed. A new study, co-authored by Burton G. Malkiel, a Princeton professor and a giant among academic economists, argues that

hedge fund performance isn't nearly as good as it appears.

Read the report, and you could easily come to the conclusion that hedge-fund returns are as inflated as the Bullwinkle at Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. To get a copy of the report, type its title, Hedge Funds: Risk and Return, into Google.

The reasons for the bloated returns are easy to appreciate. A hedge fund manager who generates dreadful stats doesn't have to report them. The most spectacular example of this high-stakes version of hiding the report card comes from Long Term Capital Management, a darling of Wall Street, which lost 92 percent of its capital one year in the late 1990s. Because the firm didn't report this flameout, hedge-fund indexes weren't affected.

As always, buyers need to be aware. All that glitters is not gold.

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CHOLESTEROL SCREENING

The Morton Grove Senior Center's next Cholesterol Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Maine Township Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce New Winter Senior Activities and Classes

The following are some of the new classes, events, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township.

Cash Dash/Identity Theft Program Monday, January 10 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

No Charge - Registration Required A representative from the State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's office will identify ways to prevent Identity Theft.

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights For more details on the programs listed below and/or to find out about membership requirements, or our other programs and activities, such as 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

Help us fill the Niles food pantry Times are tough, the need is great, and supplies are low.

Introduction to Computers - Mondays & Wednesdays, Jan. 10th to Feb. 16th, 9:00am - 10:30am, \$25.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Wednesdays, January 12 to March 2 8 sessions - 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Gemini Jr. High School Library 8955 N. Greenwood, Niles Instructors: George Ballas Cost: \$25

If you are feeling overwhelmed by holiday stress, our Social Work Department is available to help you explore ways to reclaim the holidays for yourself.

NEW CLASSES AND PROGRAMS BEGIN IN JANUARY - JOIN IN THE FUN!

Most of the programs listed in the December, 2004 Naturally Active Program Guide begin in January, 2005.

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SPORTS

Wolves defeat Hawks in 47-46 squeaker

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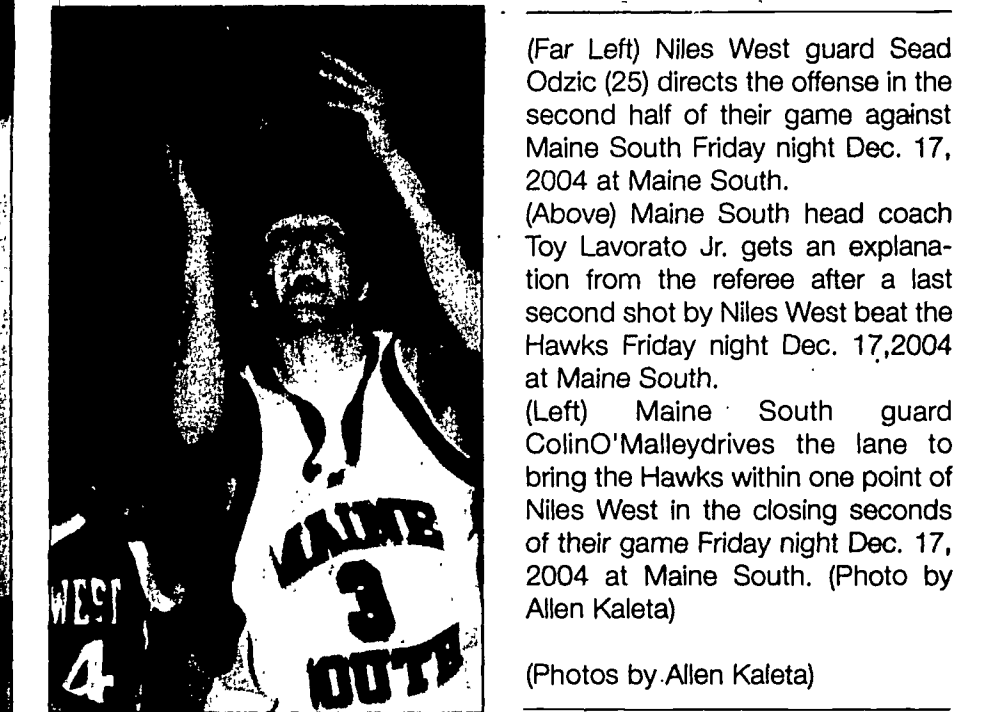
The Niles West Wolves basketball team found themselves in an improbable position Friday night with the game on the line. The Maine South Hawks thought they had the game won after Mark Duric's tip in off a Colin O'Malley miss with three seconds left.

The Wolves bench and student body rushed the floor as soon as the shot went in. Maine South coach Tony Lavorato Jr. ran onto the court to argue the call but it stood, much to his dismay and that of the Hawk players.

With the Hawks holding a sizable lead until late in the third quarter, the game came down to the last 31 seconds. Point guard O'Malley held the ball before putting up a running jumper with seven seconds that fell short. Duric followed with his lay in to put the Hawks up one.

"What a heartbreaker of a game for our kids to lose," said the dejected coach Lavorato. "They are extremely disappointed with the outcome, but they have faced this before and I know they will bounce back. This is the second game in a row we have lost on a last shot. The last was a 40-footer that beat us. The explanation I got from the refs was that the ball left his hand before the clock hit zero but the ref should have been looking at the clock."

The Hawks (2-6, 0-2) proved they will be a force to be reckoned with in the Central Suburban League this year. Jumping out to a 6-2 lead with 3:36 in the first, the offense found open shots as O'Malley and junior guard Jon Wolf broke loose. Their aggressive man-to-man defense limited the Wolves (5-2, 2-0) to 3-9 shooting in the first quarter, igniting the Hawks to



a 15-6 lead after one. Wolf scored seven on the team's points.

Three foul shots by 6-4 forward Alex Tone extended the lead to 18-6 before the Wolves mounted their comeback. Colon's struggles continued after a badly missed three-pointer, but Odzic exploded for 11 points in the final four minutes of the fourth quarter that single-handedly brought his team back.

Whether cutting inside for tough basket or launching three-pointers, Odzic was on his game on a night when his teammates struggled to find open shots.

"Sead was bound and determined to win this game for us tonight," said a relieved coach Dave Genis. "He showed why he is the best player in our conference. It was just a phenomenal performance. He certainly carried

the team and Vic turned his game around in the second half."

"I told the kids it was going to be a war going into the game," he continued. "There are no easy games in this conference and this is a tough place to play. Give credit to the Maine South kids. They pressured us and played hard, also changed up their defense nicely. I thought we made good adjustments in the second half by isolating

Victor in the post and Sead kept us in the game with his great athleticism."

Odzic's three with 2:00 left in the third gave the Wolves their first lead of the game at 31-29. Colon's three-point play gave them a 39-32 lead before the Hawks charged back. Junior Forward Anthony Cruz scored 14 points for the Hawks, the first time he hasn't led his team in scoring in four games.

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BOWLING SCORES table with columns for bowler name and score.

Niles Senior Men Bowling League TEAM STANDING table with columns for team name, W, L, Points, Log1, Log2.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE table with columns for team name, Points, Log1, Log2.

Christmas Services



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CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 and 11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Worship
11:00 p.m. - Holy Communion Celebrated

CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30 a.m. - Festival Worship
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NEW YEAR'S EVE
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Christmas Eve— Friday, December 24
2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
12 Midnight *(Carol Service Begins at 11:30 p.m.)*

Christmas Day— Saturday, December 25
7:30-9:00—10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Feast of the Holy family — Sunday, December 26
7:30-9:00—10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
(There will NOT be an anticipated 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 25)

New Year's Eve— Friday, December 31
5:00 p.m.

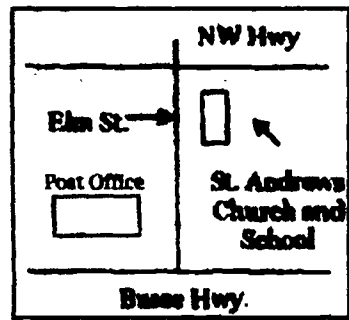
New Year's Day— Saturday, January 1
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.



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December 24 — Friday, CHRISTMAS EVE
11:30 p.m. Congregational Caroling, 12:00 midnight, Blessing of the Creche and Mass of the Shepherds (Pasterka)

December 25 — Saturday, CHRISTMAS — BOZE NARODZENIE 10:00 a.m. Mass of the Nativity of our Lord.

December 26 — Sunday, Feast of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr Holy Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 am

December 27 — Monday, Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m.

December 28 — Tuesday, Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs. Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m.

December 29 — Wednesday, Mass within the Octave of Nativity at 8:30 a.m.

December 30 — Thursday, Mass within the Octave of Nativity at 8:30 a.m.

December 31 — Friday, NEW YEAR'S EVE
7:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings.

January 1 — Saturday NEW YEAR'S DAY
10:00 a.m. Holy Mass followed by Open House Dinner in the Fellowship Hall and caroling to the shut-ins.

January 2 — Sunday, Solemnity of HUMBLE SHEPHERDS Holy Masses: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

January 6 — Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Solemnity of Epiphany of our Lord or Three Kings (Trzech Krolu)

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Friday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. (Carols at 3:30 p.m.)
10:30 p.m. (Carols at 10:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25th
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

Liturgies: Mary, Mother of God New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2005
9:00 a.m.

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CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24th
The Vigil—4:40 p.m. Christmas Carols | 5:00 p.m. Family Mass
Choral Group Contemporary, Folk, and Traditional Music
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11:30 p.m. The Carol Service Music Includes excerpts from The Messiah by George F. Handel and Traditional Carols of the Season | 12:00 Solemn Mass at Midnight
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CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25th
Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 a.m. Mass | 10:00 a.m. Choral Mass | 12:00 noon Mass
Holy Family Sunday, December 26th
8:00 a.m. Mass | 10:00 a.m. Mass | 12:00 noon Mass
New Year - The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 31st | 5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass
Saturday January 1st | 8:00 a.m. Mass | 10:00 a.m. Mass
Epiphany - Sunday January 2nd
8:00 a.m. Mass | 10:00 a.m. Choral Mass | 12:00 noon Mass
Multicultural Mass — "Procession of the Nations"
Parish Reception following the Mass in Trinitar Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday Confessions in Advent — 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Please Note: No Anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday December 25th and January 1st.

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CHRISTMAS 2003 SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve, December 24 - Family Masses
at 4:30 pm in the Auditorium Church & 7pm in the Chapel. The 4:30 pm Mass will be focused towards the smallest of our parishioners, the 7pm Mass towards families with older children.

Christmas Eve
in the Auditorium Church. Caroling with the Choir begins at 11:00 pm.

Masses on Christmas Day
10:00 am in the Auditorium Church
There will be no 7am Mass on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve, December 31
Mass at 4pm in the Auditorium Church

New Year's Day, January 1
Mass at 9am in the Chapel.

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CHRISTMAS DAY
9:00, 10:45 A.M. & 12:30 P.M. (Polish)
(No 5:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. Anticipatory Mass for December 26)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
December 26, 2004
7:30, 9:00, 10:45 A.M. & 12:30 P.M. (Polish)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY
January 1, 2005
New Year's Eve
5:00 P.M., 6:30 P.M. (Polish)
New Year's Day
9:00, 10:45 A.M. & 12:30 P.M. (Polish)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 2, 2005
7:30, 9:00, 10:45 A.M. & 12:30 P.M. (Polish)

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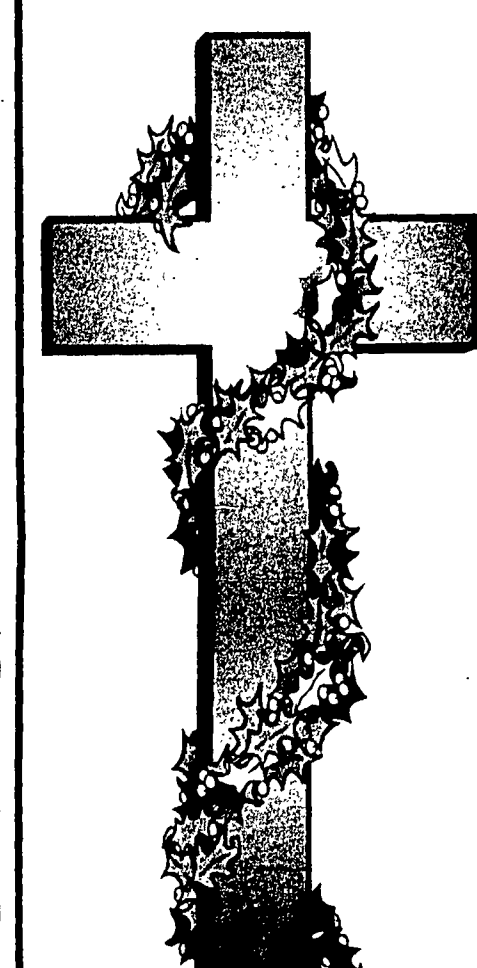
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Give yourself the gift of health for the holidays

(NUI) - Celebrating holidays with family and friends usually includes sharing favorite foods, stories and smiles. This season, partake in lots of smiles and stories, but try to go easy on the food you eat. This may help you watch your weight and improve your health as well. Managing your weight calls for more than just choosing a healthful variety of foods like vegetables, fruits, grains (especially whole grains), beans, and low-fat meat, poultry and dairy products. It also calls for looking at how much and how often you eat. Overeating at this time of the year is easy when you encounter tasty buffets loaded with everything from apple pie to potato salad. But you can enjoy wonderful foods and keep your weight in check at the same time. The experts at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) suggest these tips for controlling your portions and your

- weight:
- * Eat slowly so your brain can get the message that your stomach is full.
- * Avoid eating while busy doing other activities.
- * Try to eat three sensible meals, including breakfast, at regular times - even during this busy time of year. Skipping meals may lead you to eat larger portions of high-calorie, high-fat foods at your next meal or snack. Keep snacking to a minimum.
- * Keep special treats like cookies, chips or chocolates out of sight so you won't be tempted to snack when you are not really hungry.
- * When you do have a treat like cake, ice cream or cookies, keep your portion size small, eat it slowly, and enjoy it.
- Another way to keep track of your portions is to use a food diary. Writing down what, where, when, why, and how much you eat can help you be aware of the amount of food you are consuming and the times you tend to overeat.

Controlled-carb eating for the holidays

(NUI) - The holidays are a time to celebrate with family and friends, and for some, a time to put their healthy eating habits on hold. For followers of a controlled-carbohydrate lifestyle, holiday temptations of candy, cookies and other sweets can be overwhelming. The key to maintaining good eating habits is not denial, but rather, adaptation. Preparing ahead and making sound dietary choices are essential to staying on track. "You already know temptations are going to be there," says Atkins Nutritionals Inc. Food Editor Allison Fishman. "So, plan ahead. If you're going to a holiday party, bring your own snacks or make a quick inventory of the food your host is serving. Instead of picking up the first thing you see, look for foods that support your controlled-carb program and indulge in those." For instance, Fishman suggests shrimp or sliced meats instead of breaded appetizers, and nuts or fruit instead of carb-loaded cookies. The following recipe and more can be found in "Atkins Best Holiday Recipes," released in early October 2004. Pick up a copy at your local grocery store. **WILD MUSHROOM STUFFING (Makes 10 servings)**
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 3 small shallots, sliced (1/3 cup)
 9 garlic cloves, minced (1 1/2 tablespoons)
 2 pounds assorted wild mushrooms, coarsely chopped
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 cup Madeira wine
 9 slices Atkins Bakery Ready-to-Eat Sliced White Bread, torn into 1 1/2-inch pieces
 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
 1 cup lower sodium chicken broth
 1/2 cup heavy cream
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 Heat oven to 350 F. Butter a 7 by 11-inch baking dish. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add shallots and garlic; sauté 2 minutes. Add mushrooms, salt and pepper; cook until moisture released by the mushrooms evaporates, about 8 minutes. Add wine; cook until liquid evaporates, about 6 minutes. Remove from heat. Place mushroom mixture in a large bowl. Add bread, parsley and thyme; toss gently. Whisk broth, cream and egg in a small bowl. Pour over mushroom mixture and toss to coat. Transfer mixture to baking dish. Bake until golden and set, about 45 minutes. Prep time: 40 minutes. Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes. Nutritional information per serving: 8.5 grams net carbs; 14.5 grams carbohydrates; 6 grams fiber; 14 grams protein; 13 grams fat; 220 calories.

A short history of delicious holiday gifts

(NUI) - Chocolate. It comes in dark or white; with nuts, raisins, caramel or crisps; in Santa shapes and bunny silhouettes. The world's favorite treat is enjoyed in many forms, consistencies and flavors. In a consumer survey sponsored by the Chocolate Manufacturers Association, Americans chose chocolate as their favorite flavor. But although Americans gobble up about 12 pounds of chocolate a year, many don't know the story of how this delightful sweet became one of the most popular holiday treats and gifts. The custom began more than 4,000 years ago when the early Romans exchanged sweet gifts during the solstice ceremonies. They believed sweet-tasting gifts like fruits, honey and cakes would ensure a good harvest. By the Middle Ages, the story of the Magi bearing gifts for the infant Jesus became a central part of the Christmas holiday tradition in the church. In the early 1900s, sweet-tasting home-made treats were popular holiday gifts, primarily for children. Our modern-day Santa Claus is based upon Saint Nicholas, the third century bishop of Myra, who dressed in red and white robes and secretly bestowed gifts to children at night. As the years progressed, print advertisements began to appear, encouraging the giving of candies and other sweets among adults. During World War II, servicemen far from home often requested gifts containing candies and cookies. Because it was necessary to mail Christmas gifts very early to U.S. troops stationed around the world, merchants began reminding the public to shop far in advance. From this practice, the extended holiday shopping season was born. Whitman's Candies and the company's signature Whitman's Sampler have played a major role in this holiday tradition for more than 100 years. Today, Whitman's remains one of the most recognized and loved boxed chocolate brands, with decorated boxes that take the guesswork out of gift-giving. Most will agree that hardly anyone will refuse a chocolate offering. Whether it's dark, white, sugar-free or low-carb, chocolate reigns supreme as an ideal holiday treat for family members, friends, teachers, co-workers and people of all ages. For more information on chocolate holiday gifts, call 1-888-311-3723.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 in various positions.

- 1 Sham, e.g. 2 In a minute. 3 Challenging. 4 "That Girl" girl. 5 Abominable. 6 Coming up. 7 One-million link. 8 Light-sensitive cells. 9 Starlike. 10 Hardtack. 11 Likewise. 12 Flush. 13 Trial balloon. 18 Miss Scarlett, e.g. 23 Goaded, with on. 24 Chili go-with. 25 "... Summer": Beach Boys album. 27 Bible and Borscht. 28 Lake Geneva resort. 29 Greeting from Pooh. 31 Holy mackerel! 32 "Johnny B. ...". 33 Violinist Mischa. 34 Chicago expressway, with the. 36 Prince Edward's title. 39 Kind of campaign. 43 Viewpoint. 45 Prepares to propose. 46 Held dear. 49 Make up for. 50 Massachusetts peninsula, with 61 Down. 51 Norway's patron saint. 52 Telephonic WXY. 53 Royal Russian. 55 Call to the phone. 56 Stew pod. 57 Compost deposit. 60 Weed killer. 61 See 50 Down.

SOUND OFF! SPRIG LAPP GRAB PLATO ANTI RELY RITES MOAT HAVE VISA SIGN THIRIAS HAILUS GENT SCAMPI FORCEED ALTO PRIMP ALE VATS PIETA CLAP ERA ISLET GATE DISTED TELER BRYN BIERIA PHOBIC PURA LIP LOKI LAIR ADAGE EARN OWLS NYLON DRAG PELT BEARS. Last weeks answers: Be The First to Fax In Your Completed Crossword and Get Your Name In The Paper! Fax in your answers to: Attention Mr. Schneider Fax #: 847-588-1911 This Week's Winner! Lorraine Truskolaski

- ACROSS 1 Federal factory inspectors, for short. 5 Barbershop leftover. 9 Selling point. 14 A horse of different colors. 15 Horrors! 16 Barbershop request. 17 Southern specialty. 19 Calculator button. 20 Secondly. 21 Timeline division. 22 Slitherer. 24 Vacation souvenir. 26 Chew the fat. 27 What ecce means. 30 Dressing gown. 35 Escape by trickery. 36 Leg up. 37 Auctioned off. 38 Wallace, of Reader's Digest. 39 Tuna or potato. 40 Johnny-...lately. 41 Nursery need. 42 Sitcom equine. 43 Largest country in Africa. 44 Skin diving devices. 46 UFO crew. 47 LPN's group. 48 Anwar, of Egypt. 50 Hollywood Bowl performance. 54 Coal unit. 55 Rita Kristine crumel. 58 Matching. 59 Strawberry. 62 Discussion group. 63 Stellar. 64 Fearsome fellow. 65 Last name in civil rights. 66 Saxophone, e.g. 67 Wheel's companion.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- GOVERNMENT Monday, January 3 -7pm High School District 207 board meeting. -7:30pm Park Ridge City Council meeting. Thursday, January 6 -7:30pm Park Ridge Park Board meeting. Monday, January 10 -7pm Morton Grove village board meeting. -7pm High School District 219 board meeting. -7:30pm Park Ridge-Niles Elementary School District 64 board meeting.

- COMMUNITY Friday, December 24 -St. John Lutheran Church in Niles will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5pm and 11pm on Friday, Dec. 24. The 5pm service will include a special children's sermon. Other services will feature many Christmas hymns and carols and especially, the singing of Silent Night by candlelight. For more information, contact the church office at (847) 647-9867. Tuesday, January 25 -Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster, Skokie, announces Hebrew reading classes starting Jan. 25. The classes will run for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings. Beginning Hebrew reading will be 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and intermediate reading will be 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Non-synagogue members are welcome to attend. The fee for the course, including materials, is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members. The instructor is Charles Kreisberg, a synagogue member. For more information, call (847) 675-4141.

Dear Santa... From the students at St. John Brebeuf School

Dear Santa Claus, Do you know that we had a concert in our new building? How is Rudolph doing? From, Gabriela Uchoreczak Dear SC, Thank you for the GameCube last Christmas. I want a PlayStation 2 and an X-Box with games. From, Eric Ponzetti Dear Santa Claus, How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Thank you for all the toys you gave me in the past. You are very nice. I have been very nice this year. Merry Christmas, from Cara Caputo Dear Santa Claus, I really want a Polly Pocket. Love, Jessica Klug Dear Santa, Thank you for stuff you gave me in the past. This is the stuff I want for Christmas. GameBoy SP and GameBoy games, Star Wars DVD and Incredible toys. Love, Tyler VonderHeide Dear Santa Claus, Christmas is my favorite time of year. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? This year I want a Nintendo DS and a GameCube. Thank you for the stuff you brought me last year. Love, your friend, Gregory Weeks Dear Santa, Thank you for what you brought me in the past. My sister wants a new pair of pants and my brother wants Yu-Gi-Oh cards. My other brother wants an airplane and a truck. By the way, how is Mrs. Claus and the elves? I bet they're making toys for all the little children. Oh, Santa, it is worth seeing the little children smiling. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And, eat your cookies. Love, Kelsie Murphy Dear Santa, How is it going? Christmas is the best holiday. I am wishing for a GameBoy Advance SP. How are your reindeer? You better get ready! By, Tommy Mathai Dear Santa Claus, I want peace on earth. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like an American Girl Doll, a Shrek 2 GameBoy, and a Polly Pocket. Thank you for the stuff you gave me in the past. We had a Christmas concert and we sang Joy to the World, Silent Night, and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. From, Heather Mall Dear Santa Claus, How are all the elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Are your elves working hard all year? I really want anything for Christmas. Which elf are you bringing with you? I think my brother wants a jersey. I am not sure what my brother wants. I'll ask him. Bye. By, Jex Philip Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for coming to my house every year. What is Rudolph doing? I want the Princess Diaries 2 for Christmas. How is Mrs. Claus doing? My favorite holiday is Christmas. From, Hannah Farley Dear Santa Claus, At the Christmas concert we sang on the stage. We sang Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Joy to the World, and Silent Night. From, Klarie Ojenus Dear Santa Claus, How are Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves doing in the North Pole? And how are you? Is it Christmas in the North Pole? Santa, I really want Yu-Gi-Oh cards and I really want make-up, toys and clothes. From, Eva Hagman Dear Santa Claus, How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? I loved the toys from last year. Thank you. Tell the elves that Maegan Guzman said hi please. I made a Santa picture for you. I don't know if my mom accidentally threw it away, but if she did not, I'll put it next to the cookies and milk. I want a GameBoy SP and some Yu-Gi-Oh cards please. I think you already know what else I want. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. I love you. From, Maegan Guzman Dear Santa, How are the elves? Is Rudolph ready for Christmas? Are the elves hard at work? Thank you for what you gave me in the past. Can the elves make a blue-eyed shining dragon, any Yu-Gi-Oh card, a sport center and a Jack-Jack toy? I hope the elves can make all of these. Thank you. Love, Marty Breslin Dear Santa, My brother wants this GameBoy game, so can you get it for him? By the way, how is Mrs. Claus and the elves? I bet they're working hard making all the toys to make all the children happy. Santa, make sure to eat the cookies and I will put a carrot out for the reindeer. Love, Mike Wheeler Dear Santa, My sister wants a drum set. How is Rudolph doing? I would like a happy family on Christmas day. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus. I would like a good school year. Love, Mandy Aragon Dear Santa, I want a Millennium Falcon of Lego, a Darth Vader and Yu-Gi-Oh. From, Saxon Kotowski Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? My brother wants a GameCube. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Could you get me a Nintendo DS and an X-Box? From, Dylan Haig Dear Santa Claus, How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? Is it hard bringing all the presents to everybody? Thank you for all the presents that you gave me in the past. Love, Katherine Gittings

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to a new location the second spring. Indoor propagation is even easier. Do all the same cutting work and instead of storing them in the refrigerator, you can plant them in a pot. Find a pot that will allow the cutting to be 2 inches off the bottom and stick up over the top by 2 inches. Add 2 inches of potting soil to the pot. Lean the cuttings around the outside of the pot on top of the soil. Keep them about 2

inches apart. Fill the pot so the top of the cutting is sticking up 2 inches above the soil. Dampen the soil and let it drain for a few minutes. Place a plastic bag over the pot and saucer and seal it up. Place it in a bright light area where it will not get any direct sunshine. Don't let the soil dry out. When the top stem has grown at least five leaves, it can be removed from the pot and moved to its own pot or planted outside

if the weather is warm. If moved to its own pot, it may have a 5-foot-long stem by the middle of summer. This method allows you about a one year head start on the other method. In either case, when the plant is moved into the final planting location, cut off any flowers that are produced the first season in the ground. The plant will become better established in the ground before producing fruit and it will be stronger in the

future. Many trees and shrubs can also be grown from dormant hardwood cuttings by using these methods. Most deciduous trees will do better following the cold storage method. Rooting hormones do increase the chances of rooting on many of these species. This method of cloning works because the two sets of lower buds that are placed in the dark, damp growing conditions of the soil, will often produce roots

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instead of stems. The scar tissue that forms over the cut end will also often produce roots. The long section of stem between buds usually does not produce roots, so it is cut off and thrown out. Some soft stemmed plants like tomatoes do produce roots from along the sides of the stems. E-mail questions to Jeff Rugg at info@greenview.com. © Copley News Service Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.


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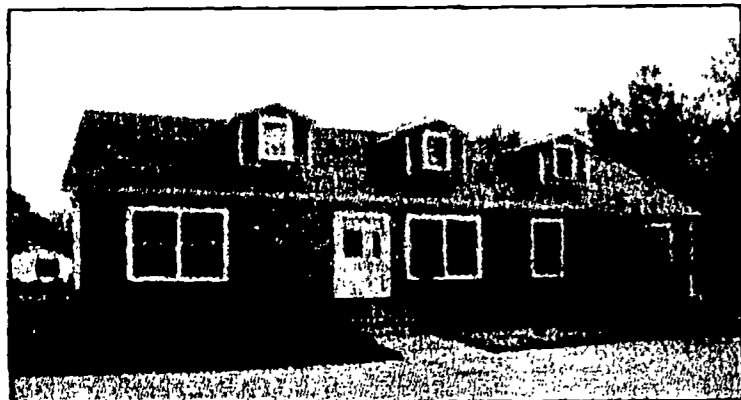
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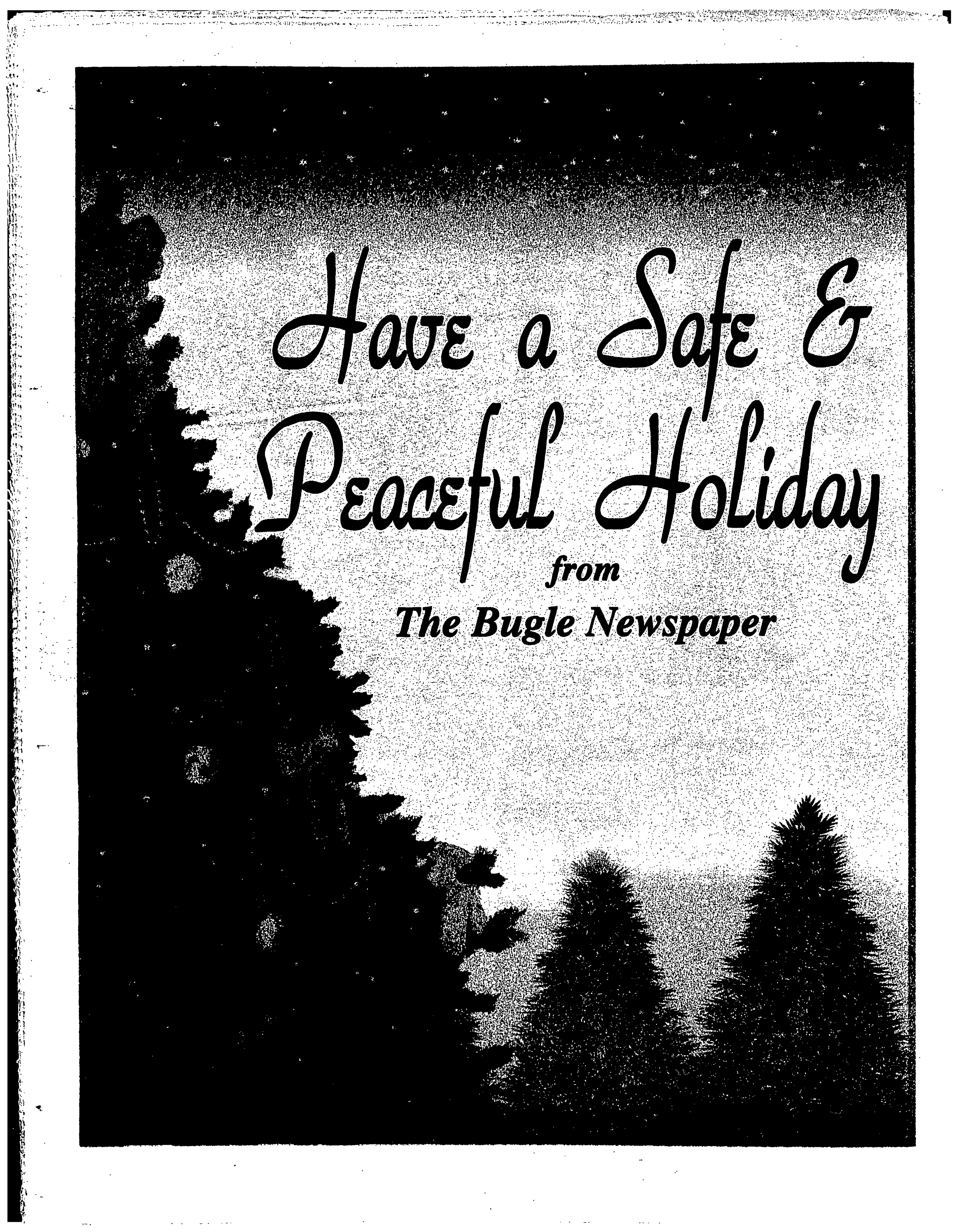
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