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An Illinois Watch-Dog group alleged in a report that MG Trustee Rick Krier's home was assessed at a lower level than comparable homes. Mr. Krier denies, saying he had it updated when he ran for office. Look for full coverage in next week's Bugle.

Park Ridge Mayor MaRous Endorses Tinaglia

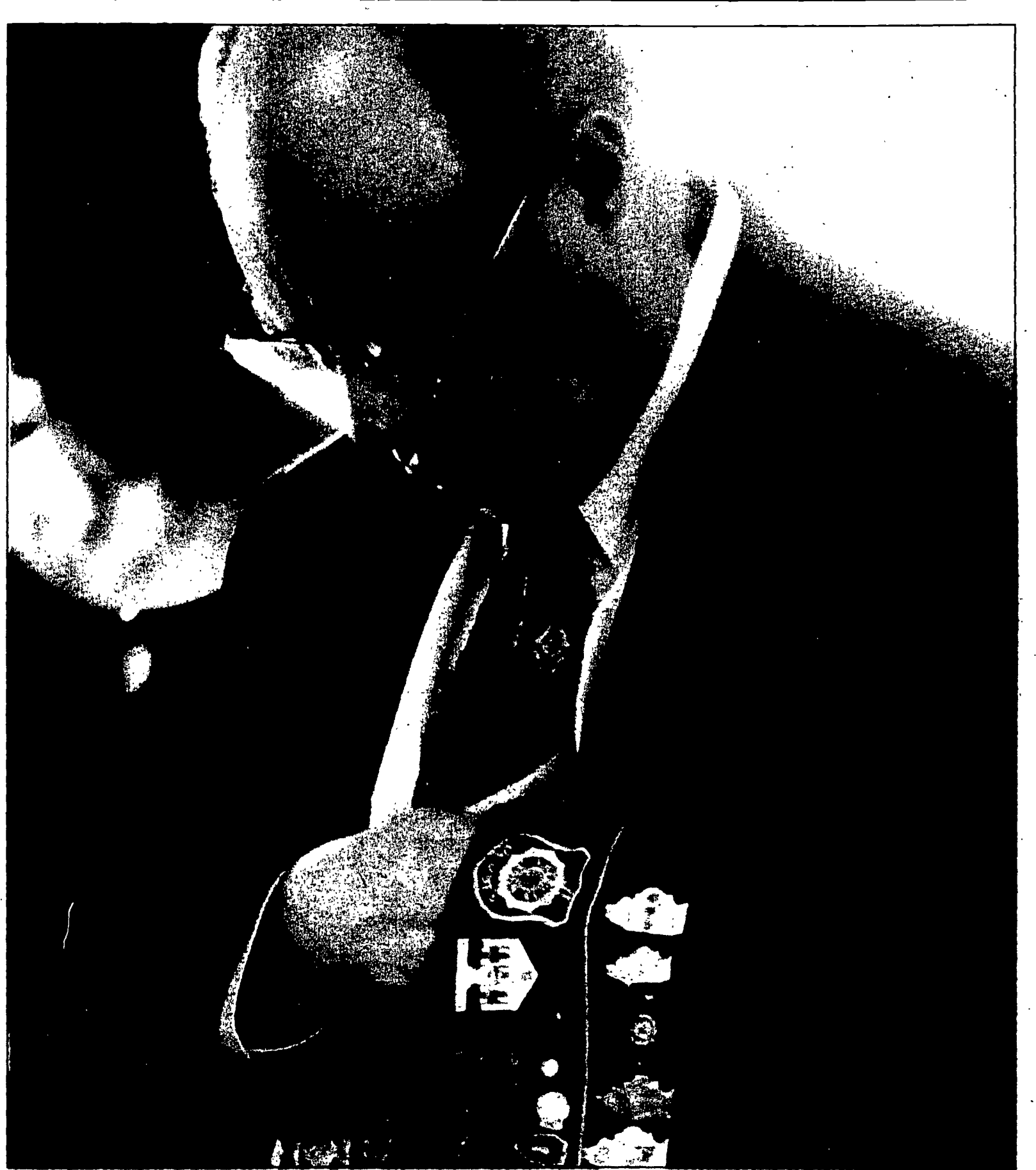
Acting Mayor Michael MaRous announced Monday that he has endorsed First Ward Ald/ Mike Tinaglia's candidacy for Mayor of Park Ridge in the April 5 election.

MaRous was elected Acting Mayor in September 2003 following the sudden resignation of long-time mayor Ron Wietecha. At that time he said he would not run for reelection. MaRous said that Tinaglia earned his endorsement because of his positive vision and qualifications.

"Michael Tinaglia is the best choice because he has demonstrated a commitment to govern which includes all the citizens of Park Ridge," MaRous said. "His background and experience as a labor and employment attorney and arbitrator give him the tools to keep Park Ridge moving in the right direction and that is why I am very happy to make this endorsement."

MaRous also touted Tinaglia's two terms as an alderman and his status as a

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Honoring a Sacrifice

American Legion Post 134 corporate board president Bill Smith bows his head in prayer during memorial services for the four chaplains who gave their lives on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester during WWII. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Neighbors remember headstones in Shermer Park

Former MG Employee also recalls gravemarkers

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Both neighbors of Shermer Park and a former Morton Grove Public Works employee who wished to remain anonymous said that they remembered headstones in the park, calling into question the Niles Park District's efforts to sell the land to a developer.

Last year, the Niles Park Board voted to sell Shermer Park because it was too small to be used for any programming. Funds raised by the sale would have been used to fund improvements in other parks.

Before the sale could move for-



A stone with writing chiseled on it, evidently part of a tombstone rests on a pile of rubble in the Kehilath Jacob Anshe Drohiczen Cemetery in Morton Grove. Those who remember the area when it was being developed in the 1950s say that headstones were once in the neighboring Shermer Park as well.

ward, however, representatives of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago approached Park District officials because they believed there might be graves in the Park, which neighbors the Kehilath Jacob Anshe Drohiczen Cemetery, itself straddling the border of Morton Grove and Niles. It originally belonged to Congregation Kehelath Jacob, formed in 1890 by Russian immigrants.

A former Morton Grove Public Works employee said that, when he used to cut grass in the Cemetery because of complaints by neighbors, he saw gravestones in the parcel, which later became Shermer Park

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NEWS

Caucus Party holds meet and greet tonight

The Morton Grove Caucus Party will host a dinner party and fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 at the El Sol Restaurant, 6000 Dempster, Morton Grove. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the party candidates for the village board, Rick Krier, candidate for mayor, Carol Fritzhall, candidate for village clerk and Georgianne Brunner, Roy Kogstand and Rita Minx, candidates for trustees. There will also be music by a 10-piece mariachi band.



Niles Mayor Nick Blase, left, congratulated long-time finance employee Roger Seinitz, center, on a well-deserved retirement. Finance Director George Van Geem, right, also thanked Seinitz for his service.

MG debates tentatively set for Mar.

Representatives of the Action and Caucus Parties in Morton Grove stated this week that debates between their slates for the village elections Apr. 5 will debate on Mar. 16.

The debates are only tentatively scheduled and may still be changed. Currently, plans are to hold them at 7 p.m. on Mar. 16 at the American Legion Civic Center. They will be moderated by Sue Kravitz of the League of Women Voters.

Dan DiMaria, president of the Action Party said that invitations went out to candidates this week.

Tinaglia

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long-time resident of the city. "Michael grew up here," he said. "He raised his family here. He was an active member of this community before his involvement in government. Michael understands the governing process because of his time on the Council, but he also understands what it means to be a dedicated citizen."

Tinaglia thanks MaRous, saying that the two men share a common vision for the city. "We share a common vision on uptown redevelopment, providing high quality and efficient services to all of our residents, property owners and businesses, and keeping the City financially sound," said Tinaglia.

Dismissal of MCC suit just waiting on the judge

It's just a matter of time before the \$5-million federal civil rights lawsuit filed by the Muslim Community Center (MCC) against Morton Grove in 2003 is dismissed, according to Village Attorney Terry Liston.

Liston said that the MCC's attorney, John Mauk, has been working with them to develop a consent order that a federal judge will sign and dismiss the case.

"We're really just waiting on the judge," Liston said. "I don't know what his schedule is like."

According to a federally mediated agreement that cleared the way for the construction of a mosque on the MCC's property at 8601 Menard, the lawsuit must be dismissed within 30 days of both parties' acceptance of a Special Use Permit for the site. However, after receiving the village's OK, the MCC's board conditionally accepted the permit, saying that they wanted assurance that a final Appearance Commission

meeting would not add conditions that required them to lower the height of the mosque's dome or minaret.

Two weeks ago, at an Appearance Commission meeting, the MCC received that assurance when the commission agreed that they would not ask that the minaret be lowered below 55-feet or the dome below 42.5-feet.

"They said that they will work with us on any other issues," said Liston. "But those two are the things they wanted assurance on."

NEWS

Maine Township announces new CERT training class

The Maine Township Emergency Management Agency (EMA) through its Citizen Corps Council is offering a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class starting March 4, 2005.

CERT is a free training program to all area residents and youth groups such as Explorers, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts that teaches individuals how to take care of themselves, their families and neighbors and the community during a disaster situation.

Experts agree that in a large-scale disaster, professional emergency responders such as police and fire could be delayed in reaching an affected area. CERT Trains individuals in preparedness, mass casualties, search and rescue and general safety, for when a disaster strikes.

This is a 20-hour course that will start March 4, 2005 at 6 pm and run for approximately 5 weeks, culminating in a mock disaster drill. Each participant that completes all 5 weeks will be issued a personal equipment bag and be included on a database for possible assistance with the Township's EMA or local, county state or federal agencies.

"The Maine Township Citizen Corps Council is the most visible council in the state," says Bob Dudycz, Township Supervisor. "Our EMA Director Bob Cohen and his staff have trained more citizens than any other community in the state. We are the only nationally recognized program in the state as well having been selected as the state's representative of Councils and EMA to last year's presidential visit."

Dudycz adds, our EMA also assisted the community of Utica, Illinois following a tornado disaster, the Village of Antioch on a flood mitigation project and were an instrumental part of a national mobilization of CERT Teams for the Florida Hurricane outbreak last year.

The CERT program involves training in Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety/Suppression, Disaster Medical Operations (triage assessment, treatment and hygiene), Light Search and Rescue, Team Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism, Debris Removal and Victim Extrication, Traffic/Crowd Control and Communications.

Classes involve 20+ hours of classroom and practical work, taught

by professionals and State of Illinois certified instructors. This program is available to anyone lives or is employed in Maine Township, age 14 and above, or a member of a boy/girl scout troop. CERT welcomes and encourages senior citizens to come through the training as well.

"Come join the excitement and the most successful program of its kind in Illinois by contacting us today for a class," says Cohen. "Don't wait too long though, classes fill very rapidly."

CERT was first established in California to help prepare citizens for the effects of wildfires and earthquakes. It is a widely accepted fact that if a major disaster should occur, normal response by emergency workers such as police, fire and medical, may be delayed for as much as 3 days, depending on the severity of the disaster. Part of the reason for this delay is because surrounding areas may also be affected and personnel that would normally respond may be either directly affected or their families may be affected.

For more information, contact Cohen at 847/297-5911 or via email at rcohen511@sbcglobal.net.

Shermer Park

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after the District purchased it in 1969. He said that he did not know if they marked any graves and could have just been deposited there.

"When I went out there they whole property was overgrown," he said. "There were tombstones all over the place. You had to have a guy walk in front of the mower so that you didn't tear up the blades on a hidden stone."

The property eventually came into the hands of the Jewish United Fund, whose TOV Volunteer Network meets off-and-on throughout the year to maintain the grounds. The youngest graves in the cemetery are from the 1930s.

"The people in Niles used to scream about the condition," the former Public Works employee said. Since the TOV network took over, the cemetery has been well-maintained, though even now there is debris and even, in one corner, a piece of a tombstone on a pile of rubble.

The former Public Works employee did say that the tombstones he saw on the Shermer Park property didn't go all the way to Shermer Road.

"I saw stones on the portion that was immediately adjacent to the cemeteries," he said.

Niles Park District Director Joe LoVerde said that some neighbors of the Park had also told him that they

remembered seeing tombstones in the Park years ago.

"All we're looking for is some truth," LoVerde said. "We purchased this property with what was supposed to be a clear title from a former builder."

Attorney Gabriel Berrafato, who represented the Park District at the time of the sale, said that the District was granted clear title to the property and that it was insured by Chicago Title and Trust.

"I remember that there were rumors about graves on the parcel," said Berrafato. "But there was never any evidence."

Berrafato also said that the Park District purchased the property in order to appease neighbors who were upset about its condition and that they never intended to build on it.

LoVerde said that the Park District would continue to speak with the Jewish Federation on the possibility of selling the Park to them or of determining with certainty whether or not anyone was buried on the site.

Representatives of the Jewish Federation have said that they have some documentation that indicates there may have been graves in the Park. The land's current use, as a public recreation area, is disrespectful if there are gravesites they said.

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NEWS

Niles Sister Cities Committee hosts 'Friendship Games'

The village of Niles Sister Cities Association is currently seeking local youths, male and female between the ages of 12 and 15 to represent the village of Niles in the "2005 Friendship Games" which will be held in Leixlip, Ireland.

The games, which will be held during the first week of July 2005, will have athletes from Niles competing against athletes from France and Ireland in a variety of events including Soccer, Basketball, Tennis and Track and Field events. Please note: the athletes will be responsible for their own airfare but all other expenses once they arrive in Ireland will be covered.

Leixlip, Ireland is the Sister City of Niles and although many business and social exchanges have been made, this inaugural event is being held to bring our countries together, strengthening our bonds through the spirit of our youths and friendly games.

For more information or an application, parents may contact Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005. Deadline for applications is Friday, Mar. 18.



Photo by John Kozlowski

Honoring the Four Chaplains

The Morton Grove American Legion Post #134 held a Memorial Service last Saturday honoring the 'Four Chaplains' of World War II.

On February 3, 1943 a German u-boat torpedoed the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, and as it sank in the freezing waters of the North Atlantic four chaplains,

Lieutenants Goode, Poling, Fox and Washington gave their lifejackets to others when they discovered there were not enough to go around.



(Above) Fred Crivare of the American Legion Post 134 rifle team waits for his orders to fire during a memorial service for four chaplains who gave up their lives on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester during WWII. Post 134 held a memorial service at the Morton Grove Community Center Saturday afternoon Feb. 19, 2005. (Left) American Legion Post 134 Senior Vice Commander Alex Gonzalez (at podium) introduces members of the post (seated left to right) Tom Williams, Don Stotz, Bill Smith, Mel Baily, and narrator Ron Daum before each of them tells the story of the chaplains that gave their lives on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester during WWII at a memorial ceremony at the Morton Grove Community Center Saturday afternoon Feb. 19, 2005.

NEWS

Niles Fire Dept. thanks Lions for 'Hazard House'

Teaching tool used at five different area schools this year

In a presentation at the White Eagle Restaurant, Niles Fire Inspector Brian Henricks thanks the Niles Lions Club purchasing an expensive teaching aid known as a "hazard house."

The house is a cutaway of a two-story home that is filled with potential fire hazards and Henricks takes it to schools to demonstrate to children and help raise their awareness of fire hazards.

"I'd say I've already used it a dozen times," Henricks said. "The kids love it."

And Henricks loves it too; whenever one of the students begins to lose interest, he can "shock" them with the tool's special affects which include electric shocks, smoke, and "fire."

"Whenever a kid starts to doze off," Henrick said, "we can wake them up by doing this," and pressing a button he caused a bright flash of electricity, sparking sounds of admiration from the assembled Lions.

"You'd be surprised how many kids want to touch it," Henricks said, referring to the electricity. "I don't know why, but they do."

The house has six rooms, a bathroom, bedroom, kitchen, living room, and in the basement a utility room and a family room. There are hazards in each room that, as Henricks works his way

through a presentation, can be corrected.

"Every hazard you see in here can be corrected, either by the press of a button or by closing a small door."

In one room, a compartment fills with smoke in order to teach students that smoke rises and help them remember to stay low in case of a fire.

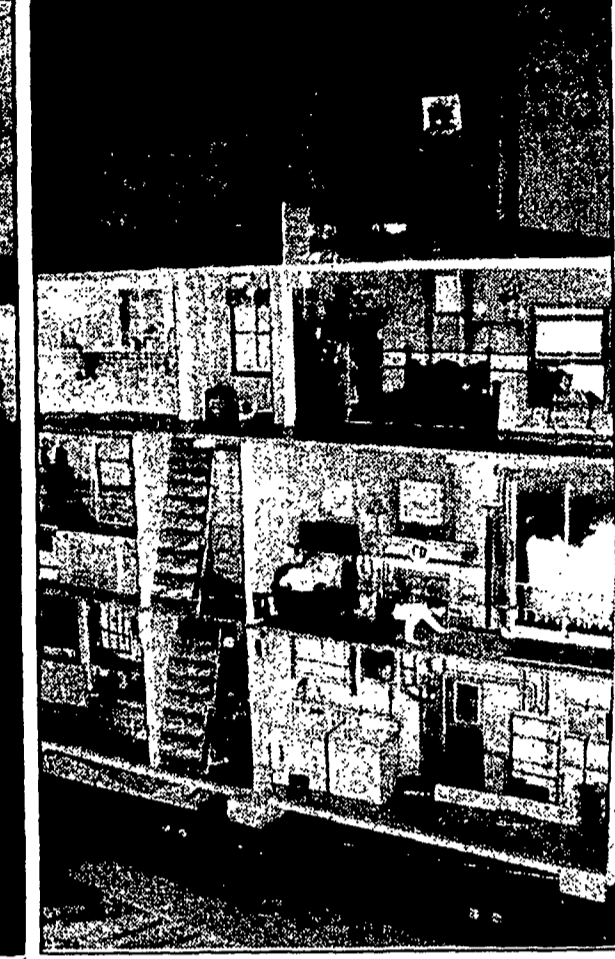
"We only have 45 minutes with the kids," Henricks said. "If we finish work with the house, then we review."

In addition to teaching students about the dangers of keeping an appliance near the bathtub or of playing with matches, the Hazard House also helps Henricks teach them about the dangers of carbon monoxide. He can use the house to identify its different potential sources in a typical home and how to prevent it.

"It's been a great tool," Henricks said. "I've used it at least 15 times already."

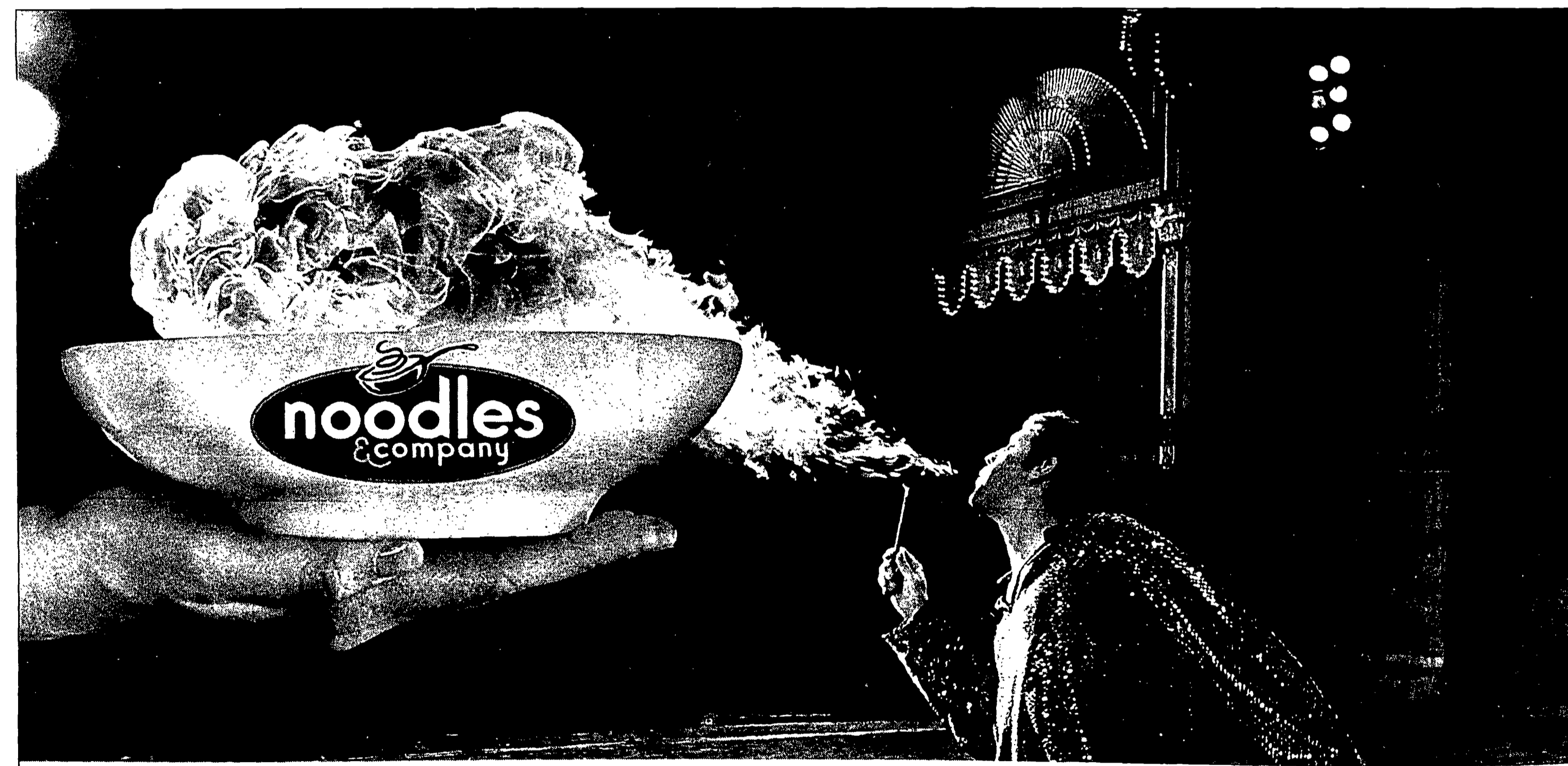
While the Lions didn't want to reveal how much they paid for the Niles Fire Department's "Hazard House," only the second in the area after Wilmette, they did say that they were glad to help kids learn about fire hazards.

"We felt it was a benefit for the children of the community," said Lion Ginger Troiani.



(Above Left) Members of the Niles Lions Club pose with Niles Fire Inspector Brian Henricks with the "Hazard House," last week at the White Eagle Restaurant. The Hazard House was paid for by a generous donation from the Niles Lions and is used to teach students about fire safety.

(Above Right) The Niles Fire Department's new "Hazard House," was paid for by a generous donation from the Niles Lions Club. It is a teaching tool for students to learn about fire safety.



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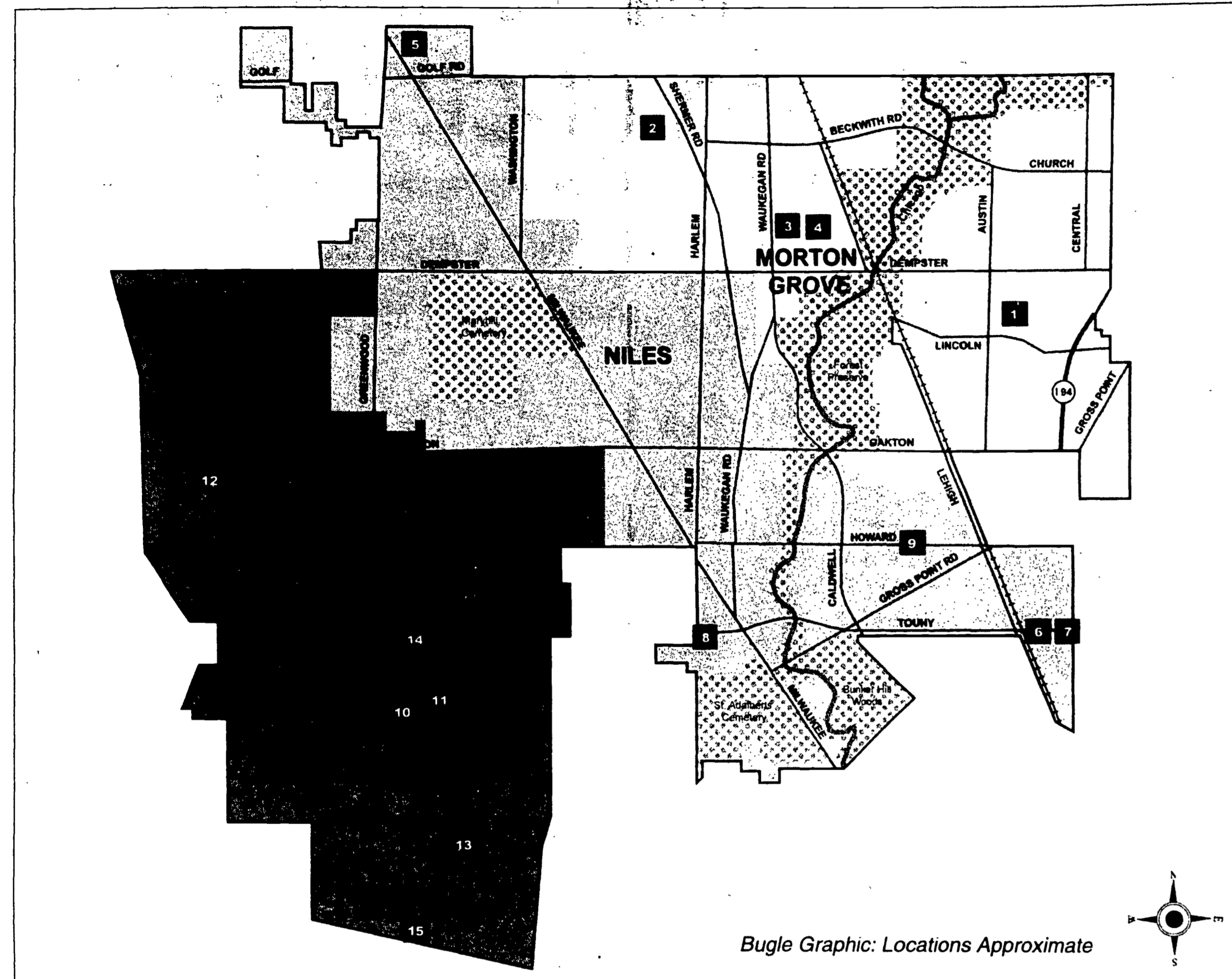
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MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending February 18, 2005.

1 Suitcase causes evacuation of MCC (8600 Menard)

A suitcase left outside of the east entrance to the Muslim Community Center at 8601 Menard forced the principal to evacuate the building and cancel classes for the rest of the day Monday Feb. 14.

According to police the assistant principal noticed the black suitcase at the entrance when he came to school. Police said the suitcase had no tags or notes attached and was locked.

As a precautionary measure the principal of the school evacuated the center and called police. Classes were cancelled for the rest of the day.

A bomb squad from the Cook County Sheriff's office determined the suitcase was harmless and filled with clothing that was probably a donation to the center.

2 Nintendo stolen (9400 Oriole)

A student from Melzer School

told police someone removed a Nintendo video game console from a backpack in his locker Thursday morning Feb. 10. The student told police he placed the console in his unlocked locker in the morning and when he went back at recess it was gone. The console was valued at \$162.36.

3 Trespass to vehicle (6839 Dempster)

A 24-year-old Evanston woman told police someone ransacked her glove compartment while her pickup truck was parked in a parking lot at 6839 W. Dempster Friday night Feb. 11. The woman told police nothing was stolen.

4 Burglary to vehicle (6821 Dempster)

A 29-year-old Chicago woman told police someone entered her car to remove the back seat in order to get to her purse which was in the trunk while her car was parked in a lot at 6821 Dempster Tuesday night Feb. 8.

The woman told police that beside her credit card, the thief also took \$22 in cash. The woman told police she noticed the rear seat in her 1998 Pontiac Sunfire was folded between the cushions, but she did not know anything was taken until her credit card company started calling her about charges that were made at stores in the south suburbs.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending February 22, 2005.

5 Panty raids continue (Golf Mill)

For the third time in 32 days shoplifters have walked off with thousands of dollars worth of women's panties from the Victoria's Secret store in Golf Mill.

According to police the latest panty pilfering took place Monday afternoon Feb. 21 after an employee noticed a display table holding 300 pairs of panties was empty.

6 Security puts end to decorating theft (5600 Touhy)

The employee told police a woman in her twenties came into the store about 3:20 p.m. and distracted her. The employee said a man, who was with the woman, walked over to the display and then walked back toward the woman and they both walked out of the store. The employee said about an hour later she noticed the table was empty. The store valued the panties at \$3,750. Since January 20, more than \$6,500 worth of panties have been reported stolen.

7 Shoplifting (5600 Touhy)

A 31-year-old Skokie woman was arrested for shoplifting at the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy Monday afternoon Feb. 21 after store security watched the woman to a CD, a VHS tape and medication and leave the store. Police also said the woman had her 1-year-old child with her. The items were valued at \$39.60.

8 Deceptive practice (7200 Harlem)

Police said a man used two checks for an account that was later discovered closed to purchase \$479.46 worth of cigarettes on two separate occasions. The Cigarette Depot in the 7200 block of Harlem told police a man came into the store on Jan. 23 and used a personal check to purchase \$190.05 worth of cigarettes. Another clerk at the store reported the same man came in on Jan. 27 and purchased \$289.41 worth of cigarettes. The checks later were returned, account closed.

9 K-9s search school for marijuana (6200 Howard)

Police were called to the New Hope Academy in the 6200 Howard St. Wednesday morning Feb. 16 after the owner of the private school called them to search for illegal drugs. Police said a canine unit was brought in to sniff the backpacks and purses of each of the students after the students were instructed to exit the room and leave their backpacks and purses behind. No drugs were found and no further action was taken.

Chicago woman being arrested for shoplifting after she removed the items from displays in the Wal-Mart store in the 5600 block of Touhy and walked out of the store. Security stopped the woman after she passed the checkout area. The items were valued at \$35.62.

PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending February 24, 2005.

10 Burglary (1000 Cleveland)

A home in the 1000 block of Cleveland was burglarized Saturday night Feb. 12. Police said the burglar gained access by forcing open a rear door.

11 Burglary (1000 Cleveland)

Thieves returned to the 1000 block of Cleveland Wednesday morning Feb. 16 to enter an unlocked garage at the home and look through the owner's 2004 Honda that was parked in the garage unlocked. The owner told police nothing appeared to be taken.

12 Sunglasses stolen (900 Goodwin)

Proving nothing is safe, a thief entered a 2002 Toyota parked in the driveway of a home in the 900 block of Goodwin Thursday night Feb. 10 and took a pair of Revo sunglasses valued at \$225. The car was unlocked.

13 Vandals flatten tires (1300 S. Crescent)

Vandals flattened the passenger side tires of a 2004 Lexus ES300 and scratched the passenger side panels while the car was parked in the driveway of a home in the 1300 block of S. Crescent Thursday night Feb. 17.

14 Navigator missing (800 W. Touhy)

A 2005 Lincoln Navigator was reported stolen from a parking lot of a business in the 800 block of W. Touhy Friday morning Feb. 11.

15 Liquor stolen from Dominicks (1900 S. Cumberland)

Two people filled two baskets with an undetermined amount of liquor and walked out of the Dominick's store in the 1900 block of S. Cumberland Friday night Feb. 11. Witnesses said the two offenders left in a burgundy vehicle driven by an accomplice.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove	
Theft-3	Niles
Theft 10	
DUI-10	Park Ridge
Arrests	
Residents-3	
Non residents-27	
Possession of marijuana-4	

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Niles West boosters host March Madness to raise funds for athletic programs

The Niles West Boosters will host "March Madness" at the Holiday Inn in Skokie on Saturday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Auction items will include a "Split the Pot" cash giveaway, Cub's tickets, and a baseball signed by Ernie Banks, Billy Williams and Fergie Jenkins of the Chicago Cubs.

Although the Booster Club has been around for years at Niles West, they have recently kicked up their efforts in response to the financial crunches of public education. Through their fundraising events they are able to provide funding for non-budgeted items such as improvements to fields, pools, tracks, etc., extra equipment; and tournament entrance fees. They also sponsor many award and scholarship programs to recognize student athletes for their abilities, sportsmanship and dedication.

The Holiday Inn is located at the intersection of Niles Center and Touhy in Skokie. The cost is \$25 per person and includes Dinner, a cash bar, and silent auction. This event is for adults 21 years and older. For more information please contact the Niles West Athletic Department at 847.626.2800.

What high school athletes and their parents should know about steroids

The Niles Township High School Athletic Programs are sponsoring a very important presentation for Niles Township athletes and their parents.

"Everything the High School Athlete and Parents Wanted to Know About Steroids But Were Afraid to Ask" will be held at 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 in the Niles North High School Main Gym at 9800 North Lawler, Skokie. This program is sponsored by the Student Athlete Recruiting Association (SARA) and features: SARA President John Baker (Niles North Class of 1985), SARA Representative Rick Barkal (Niles

North Class of 1985), Dr. Jerrold Leikin, the Director of Medical Toxicology at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare and Jeff Lindeman, a certified strength and conditioning coach. This informational presentation is free to Niles Township High School athletes and their parents. For more information call the Niles North Athletic Office at (847) 626-2301 or the Niles West Athletic Office at (847) 626-2800.

The ninety-minute program includes presentations by Dr. Leikin, Jeff Lindeman and John Baker, followed by a "Question and Answer" forum. Dr. Jerrold Leikin (MD, FACP, FACP,

FACMT, FAACT) is Director of Medical Toxicology at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare-OMEGA and is also Associate Director of the Toxicology Consortium at Cook County Hospital. He is the co-editor of the Poisoning and Toxicology Handbook and the American Medical Association Handbook of First Aid and Emergency Care. He is a nationally known writer and speaker on this topic. Jeff Lindeman is a certified strength and conditioning coach who trains high school athletes. He is the Director of Strength and Agility for the New Trier Soccer Team and previously was the Strength and Conditioning Coach for Northwestern University baseball. John Baker is the President of the Student Athlete Recruiting Association. He is a 1985 graduate of Niles North High School. He holds a degree in microbiology from the University of Maryland and previously played in the Boston Red Sox farm system.

Niles West Science Olympiad team competes

The Niles West Science Olympiad Team is gearing up for the Regional Competition to be held March 5 at Niles West in which they will compete against 27 other teams. Rather than the stereotypical image of a bunch

of science students furiously scribbling on a piece of paper, a Science Olympiad contest is in actuality a long and grueling competition composed of twenty-three separate events which include flying planes, crazy Rube Goldberg devices, rockets, chemicals, dueling robots, breaking towers and more.

The Niles West team recently competed at the Solon Invitational on February 5 and finished in the top ten among other nationally ranked teams. Gold medals were earned by: Michelle Stein and Steve Gullen for

Forestry; and Michelle Stein and Amy Ostrowski for Designer Genes.

Fourth place medals went to: Amy Ostrowski and Ben Hofeld for Forensics; and Pat Wheeler and Rushi Parikh for Chemistry Lab. Fifth place medals were awarded to Will Dluger and Chucky Klint for Remote Sensing. Sixth place medals were given to: Michelle Stein, Gina Koontz and Khadeer Ahmed for Experimental Design; and Beth Cohon and Katherine O'Connor for Dynamic Planet. Other team members who contributed: Lisa Wickert, Fatima Khan, Usman Khan and Boris Sadrkhin.

The team improved its standings with a seventh place finish at the Prospect High School Invitational held February 12. Gold medals were awarded to: Amy Ostrowski and Tara Ali for Disease Detectives; Beth Cohon and

Katherine O'Connor for Dynamic Planet; and Khadeer Ahmed, Gina Koontz and Ryan Moy for Experimental Design. Fourth place awards were earned by: Fatima Khan and Gina Koontz for Astronomy and Amy Ostrowski and Ben Hofeld for Forensics. Fifth place awards went to: Will Dluger and Chucky Klint for Fossils; Eric Kato for Tower Building; and Pat Wheeler and Khadeer Ahmed for Mission Possible. A sixth place award went to Ben Hofeld for Tower Building. Other members who contributed were: Rushi Parikh, Nashida Alam, Ellen Shin, Elliott Large, Boris Sadrkhin and Usman Khan. Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team on their strong finish.

Don't forget to cheer on the team at the Regional Competition on March 5. Elizabeth Ramseyer is the tournament's regional director and a Science Olympiad coach. Other coaches are: Chris Barnett, Howard Swider and Elizabeth Watkins.

District 219 National Merit Finalist

Seven students from Niles Township High School District 219 were named among approximately 15,000 Finalists in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are now eligible to receive one of the 8,200 Merit Scholarships available through the program. The students attained Semifinalist status in September by scoring in the top one-half of one percent of more than one million students who participated in the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Finalist status was granted based on contributions to Niles North and Niles West as well as academic achievement.

The District 219 National Merit Finalists are: Anne Borkowski from Niles West and Ari Anisfeld, Arielle Gottlieb, Aleksandra Goulioutina, Justin Mann, Nomaan Merchand and Abigail Rich from Niles North.

Niles North National Achievement Finalist

Christina Davidson of Niles North High School was named as a Finalist in the 2005 National Achievement Scholarship Program. Davidson was named as a Semifinalist in September 2004 and met all requirements to attain Finalist status. She now will continue in the competition for an Achievement Scholarship award. The National Achievement Program was initiated in 1964 to honor outstanding black youth and to increase their educational opportunities. "Since the program was founded, more than 24,500 academically talented participants have achieved Achievement Scholarship awards worth nearly \$78 million," commented a spokesperson for National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSC), which conducts the program.



Debate team heads to Harvard

Eight of Notre Dame Debate Team's best will be attending the 31st annual National Invitational Harvard Forensics Tournament, scheduled for Feb. 18-21 in Cambridge, Mass. The three-day elimination tournament will include over 100 schools hailing from more than 20 states.

The Dons who will be attending include seniors Michael Sachaj (Des Plaines), Matthew Bogusz (Des Plaines), Charles Hafil (Elmwood Park), Aki Kanakis (Chicago, 60656) and Amit Patel (Niles), junior Christopher Placek (Chicago, 60630) and sophomores Dan Marcus (Niles) and John Bussa (Wilmette). They will be accompanied by coach Brian Haseltine, a member of Notre Dame's Religious Studies faculty.

It's already been a heady year for the second-year Debate Team which, on Jan. 29, finished second in their final Catholic League Tournament of the year, ensuring Notre Dame an overall No. 2-ranking in the Archdiocese of Chicago's League. Each year the Archdiocese also commends the top-30 debaters in the League. For the year, Bogusz finished 3rd, Kanakis was 9th and

Marcus was 16th. Senior Mark Aiura (22nd, Des Plaines), Patel (23rd), Sachaj (25th) and sophomore Jared Blumenshine (26th, Park Ridge) also made the top-30. In addition, Bogusz was one of only six from the Archdiocese to qualify for the National Catholic Forensics Tournament.

These impressive results come on the heels of the team's inception only one year ago. After assembling the team from scratch in February 2004, the Dons took seventh at the Illinois Congressional Debate Association's State Invitational last May.

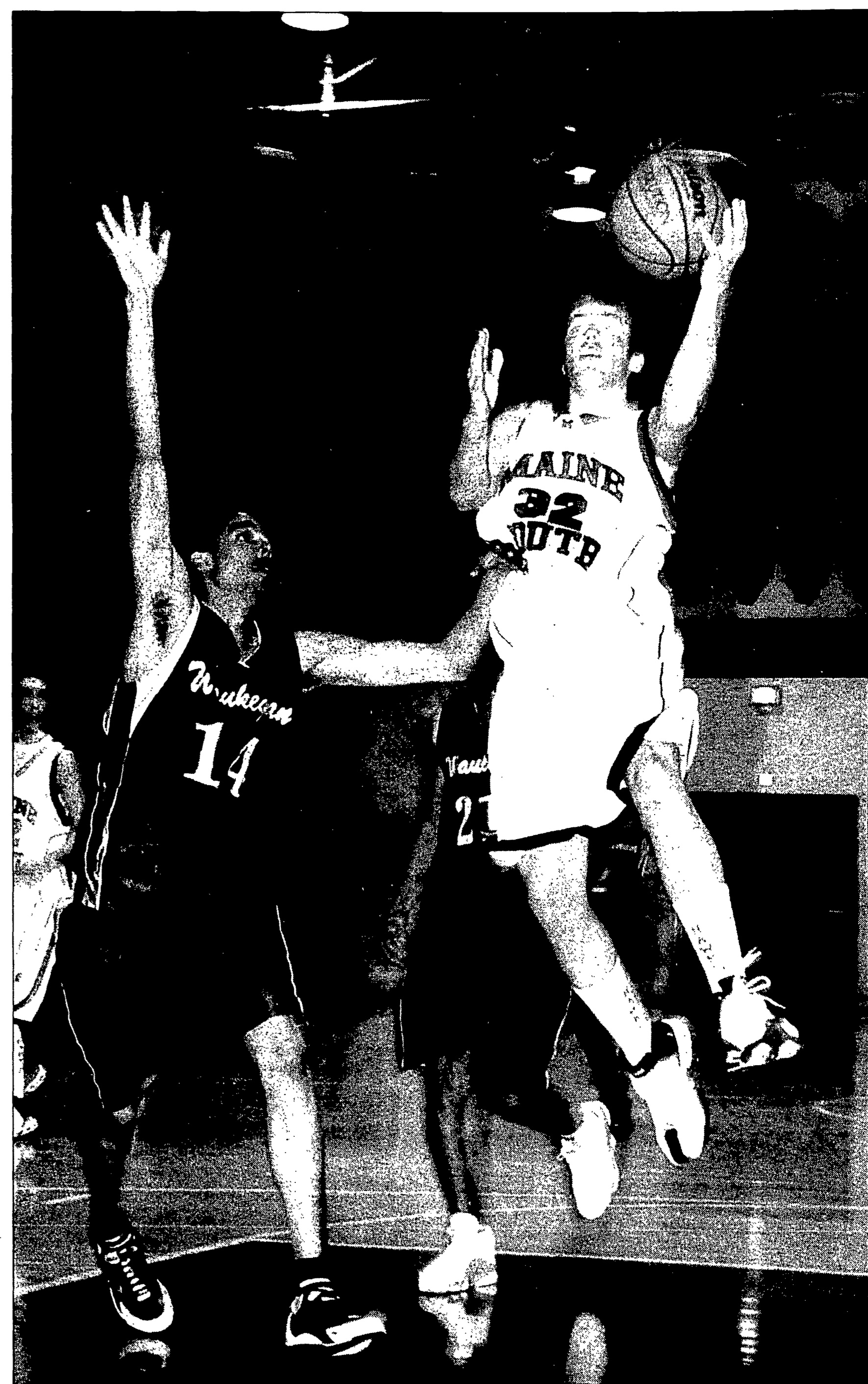
"The team has gotten this far against all odds," Sachaj says. "We have come to be known as 'the little engine that could.' I am proud that we have gotten this far, but our journey is far from over."

About Notre Dame This year Notre Dame begins celebrating a half-century of building its mission of educating minds and hearts. Notre Dame, a Catholic, college preparatory school that shapes young men in the educational tradition of the Priests of Holy Cross, opened its doors to students nearly 50 years ago. In the fall of 1954, the school's first cornerstone was laid.

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SPORTS

Bowling Scores section. Includes team standings for Niles Senior Men Bowling League and Catholic Women's Bowling League. Lists names and scores for various teams and individuals.



Maine South's Phil Mix (32) drives the lane in the second half against Waukegan Friday night Feb. 18, 2005.

Hawks fall short against Waukegan

BY RYAN BISHOP rbishop@buglenewspapers.com lead slip away in their previous contest and lost a close one. This was the same Waukegan team that was one win away from going downstate last year. The Hawks (9-16, 2-7 in conference play) put forth a valiant effort only to come up short 63-55 against the quicker, taller, Bulldogs. This was the type of team the Hawks would have to stay competitive with to make some noise in the playoffs. Forward Mike Vonesh and guard Mike Madsen got the start

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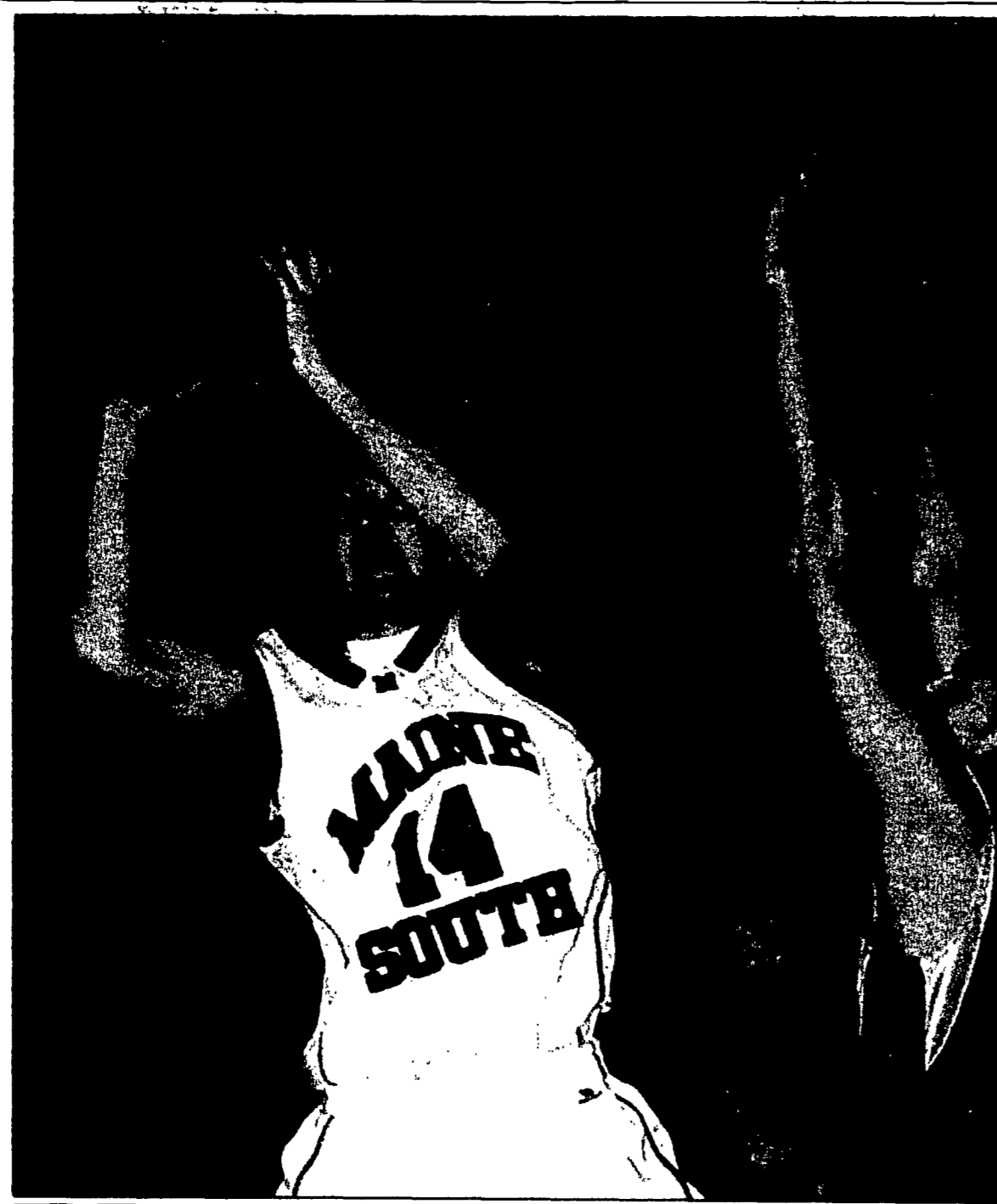
Hawks

along with Price, O'Malley and Duric. However, the Hawks started out sluggish, falling behind 8-0. The Bulldogs, one of several teams in the conference that utilizes the full court press so well, forced two quick turnovers that lead to a transition layup and open three-pointer. First-teamers Adam Fee and Jon Wolf came in to score four quick points and get the Hawks right back in it at 8-4 at the 4:35 mark of the quarter.

Price hit Alex Tone on two well designed give-and-go layups that got the offense the spark they needed to stop the run. The Hawk defense implemented a 1-2-2 look to combat the size of the Bulldogs, who started three players 6-5 or taller. The result was a 3:30 scoring drought for the second-place team that had started out 4-6 from the field. Despite the drought at the end of the quarter, the Hawks couldn't take advantage as they went 1-4 from the line in the quarter and missed their last four shots in the post area, trailing 15-7.

The Hawks would have no answer for 6-6 senior forward Emanuel Gaitor. Although he only scored 14 points, he kept the ball away from the trapping Hawk defense and found open teammates. His ability to drive the lane set up rebounding opportunities for the Bulldogs, he scored 12 of his 14 points in short range.

"Our defense helped get things established tonight, they didn't



(Above) Maine South's Craig Conrad (14) hangs through the lane in the closing minutes of Hawks game against Waukegan Friday night Feb. 18, 2005.
(Top Left) Maine South closes the home season with a 63-55 loss to Waukegan Friday night Feb. 18, 2005.
(Bottom Left) Maine South's Adam Fee pulls down an offensive rebound in closing minutes of their game against Waukegan Friday night Feb. 18, 2005.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)

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give up. Gaitor was great tonight. He is the kind of person that can carry the team on his shoulders. Now we just have to settle the score with Evanston next week and we'll be ready for the playoffs," said the Waukegan coach.

Senior guard Laron Frazier led all players with 22 points on 6-15 shooting from the field and 7-10 at the foul line. The Hawks held the Bulldogs' leading scorer in check in the first-half on 2-6 shooting, but he had four steals that led to eight points.

Adam Fee was the leading scorer for the Hawks for the third game in a row, notching 18 points and eight rebounds while shooting 7-10 at the line. Front court mate Alex Tone also had a strong game with 10 points, doing the dirty work inside. It was an off night for the Hawk guards as they were unable to get many clean shots off. Colin O'Malley put in five points and Jon Wolf was below his average with seven points.

O'Malley cut the Bulldog lead to 53-44 at the 5:00 mark, but that was the closest the Hawks could get as Frazier nailed a three to put the game out of reach. Coach Tony Lavorato reinserted his senior lineup the last 1:30 of the game. Vonesh hit a three and Madsen a tough layup to score the last five points to close out a tumultuous home season for the Hawk squad.

SENIORS



Parent care
Navigating the caregiver's path

Marsha Kay Seff
Copley News Service

Eight years after Virginia Morris wrote the book on care-giving, she has published a second edition. There's new info on housing options, advice on balancing career and care-giving, sex and dating and preparing for your own aging. The only good reason for not reading "How to Care for Aging Parents," (\$15.95; Workman Publishing) is your inability to lift 691 pages. I met Virginia during her whirlwind promotion tour. Before getting into the nitty-gritty of her tome, I asked about her 78-year-old mother, who is pictured with her daughter on the cover of the new edition. Though the author confessed she's more comfortable talking about her book than her personal life, I wouldn't let her off the hook. After all, I've laid bare my life with my mom in this column, and I believe that knowing an author has experienced some of what she writes about gives her more credibility. Though Virginia says she doesn't think of herself as a caregiver, yet, she does acknowledge in the book's intro that her mother has bad lungs and was given three years to live - three years ago. The lungs are in such bad shape now, in fact, that she could need oxygen soon.

But that hasn't slowed her down much. Virginia tells me her mom's love of life has kept her truckin', or more precisely, snorkeling, traveling and stepping out with her 83-year-old beau. According to the dutiful daughter, her mom "doesn't mind aging; she simply refuses to be old." After watching her mother, Virginia says, "I am starting to realize, to really accept, that you're not old until you stop living." Healthy aging, according to the author and mother of two young children, comes from continuing to be involved in life. After Virginia wrote her first book, "Talking About Death," she and her mother sat down to discuss end-of-life care. The subject was scary at first, Virginia admits, but it brought the two women closer. Recently, she says, they spent more time discussing the future, including whether the older woman will move in with her daughter's family or move to the continuing care community where her boyfriend lives. The issue hasn't been resolved yet. Virginia says lots of dutiful children ask her what to do if their parent would be better off moving to a facility, but refuses. "I tell them they need to sit down

and discuss the risks of continuing to live at home, and look at options." But the bottom line, Virginia has learned, as have many caregivers, is that unless parents are incompetent, they need to make their own decisions. Sure, an older woman might fall down in her house, but Virginia points out, "Just because you're 80, you don't lose your independence. We all take risks every day." If you can't convince your mother to move, despite your best efforts, Virginia says, appreciate that at least she has the spunk to hang onto her independence in spite of potential risks. Then, do what you can to make her house as safe as possible. Dutiful Children can't do it all. Virginia stresses the importance of setting limits and recognizing what you can and cannot do. "If you're totally burnt out and angry, you won't do a good job." The bottom line that most caregivers come to recognize is: "You can't make your parents young again." Marsha Kay Seff is editor of The San Diego Union-Tribune's www.sandiegoeldercare.com, a Web site for older folks and their caregivers. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

Maine Township
Senior News

MaineStreamers Announce
New Activities for Seniors

The following are some of the new classes, events, trips, 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.

BINGO
Tuesday, March 1
Oakton Arms, 1665 Oakton Pl., D.P. Thursday, March 3. Town Hall, 1700 Ballard, P.R. Doors Open: 12 noon. Games: 1 p.m. Cost: \$1 or Bingo Coupon for each
Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon playing Bingo. Prizes, delicious sweet rolls and coffee are included in the price. Books of 6 coupons for \$5 can be purchased at either Bingo

"AARP'S DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM"
Mon. March 28 & Wed. March 30
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP Cost: \$10* check made payable on the day to AARP

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

Maine Township
MaineStreamers Seek Residents
90 Years and older
A special event will be held during the month of May for any resident 90 years of age and older. If you meet these requirements

please call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and register to receive a special invitation for this wonderful event.
Income Tax Appointments are available
Any Maine Township resident 55 and older can receive free income tax assistance through the cooperative efforts of AARP Tax Aide Program and volunteers for the Township. To schedule an appointment call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510.

Volunteers Needed for Intergenerational Event
During Spring Break, the week of March 28 - April 1, elementary and junior high students from District 63 schools will gather at Apollo School in Des Plaines for a series of programs. Older adult volunteers are needed to share their skills and talents in a variety of ways: playing games, helping with craft activities, and most importantly, sharing their personal stories and treasured mementos with the youngsters. If you have an hour or two to spare that please call Mary Swanson at 1-847-297-2510 to register.

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.

Niles Senior News
NSC Highlights
For a detailed description of programs & activities, or to ask about membership requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420 ~Visit us online at www.vniles.com.

MARCH REGISTRATION Drop Off Registration advertised in the March Naturally Active were due at the Niles Senior Center Friday, March 4. Walk-in Registrations began Wednesday, March 9th.

Senior Volunteers Needed
TLIC Spring Fling at Apollo School - During spring break, the week of March 28 -

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Niles Senior Center Dinner Dance Volunteers Needed
It's time to plan our next Dinner Dance. Volunteers are needed to help in all facets of this annual Fall event. If you are interested, please join us at our introductory meeting on

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Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Stop swaying during chipping stroke

One factor that promotes consistent chipping is keeping most of your weight on your front side. For right-handed players, that would be their left side. A common tendency, however, is to sway during the stroke and that leads to inconsistency. Here is a drill you might want to consider trying during your next short-game practice session:

- Take your normal address position for a chip shot.
- Raise the heel of your back foot off the ground a few inches. (Right-handed players, that would be your right heel.)
- Take some practice strokes, paying close attention to what it feels like for your weight to remain planted on your front leg. You will not be able to sway.
- Practice hitting a number of chip shots like this. You will find that you will feel more stable when you chip and the result will be crisper, more consistent contact.



Contact Tina at: TinaMickelsonPGA@aol.com

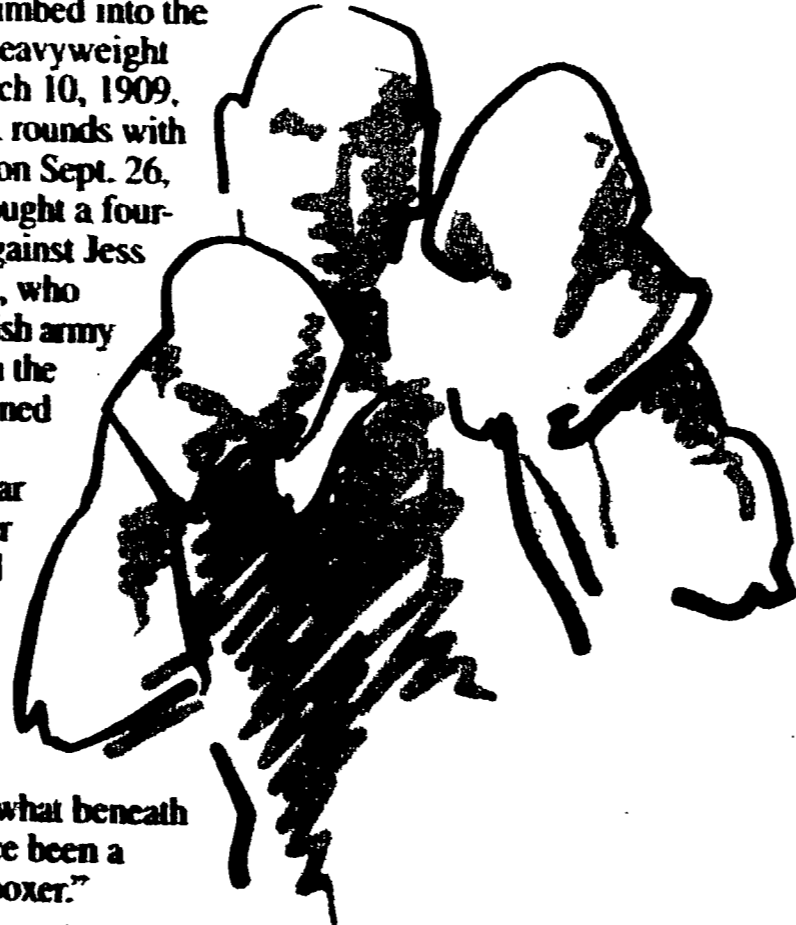
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SPORTS FACT

Victor McLaglen knew the ropes before he hit Hollywood

Academy Award-winner Victor McLaglen might best be remembered for portraying squire "Red" Will Danaher in the John Ford classic "The Quiet Man" and the epic fight scene he played opposite John Wayne. But when it came to boxing, McLaglen was no mere actor. In fact, McLaglen twice climbed into the ring with a world heavyweight champion. On March 10, 1909, McLaglen went six rounds with Jack Johnson, and on Sept. 26, 1911, McLaglen fought a four-round exhibition against Jess Willard. McLaglen, who enlisted in the English army at age 14 to fight in the Boer War and returned to active duty for Britain in World War I, said, "Acting never appealed to me, and I was dabbling in it solely as a means of making money. I rather felt that the grease paint business was somewhat beneath a man who had once been a reasonably useful boxer."



Sources: www.cyberboxing.com and www.imdb.com

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EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Thursday, February 24
 -7:30 p.m. Golf Maine School District 67 Board meeting

Monday, February 28
 -7 p.m. Morton Grove village board meeting
 -7:30 p.m. Park Ridge-Niles Elementary School District 64 board meeting

Thursday, March 3
 -7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting
 -7:30 p.m. Golf-Maine Elementary School District 67 board meeting

COMMUNITY

Saturday, February 26
 State Representation Elaine Nekritz and State Senator Susan Garrett will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, February 26 at the Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge. Residents will have an opportunity to voice opinions on relevant issues impacting the state and the community.

Sunday, February 27
 -The Niles Historical Society will host a presentation on the 1933-1934 Century of Progress Chicago Exposition on Sunday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Bill Hinchliff has been teaching adult education courses on Chicago architecture and history for over 20 years as well as leading bus, bike, boat and bike tours of the city. The program will also cover the new lakefront, the Burlington Zephyr, Sally Rand and modern architecture.

Saturday, March 5
 -The Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, will host a dinner theatre production of the comedy, "Harvey." The evening begins with a pasta dinner at 5 p.m. in Jordan Hall. There will be mingling, refreshments and bidding on silent auction items. The dinner price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Babysitting will also be available for those with young children. Following dinner, the performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at (847) 823-3164.

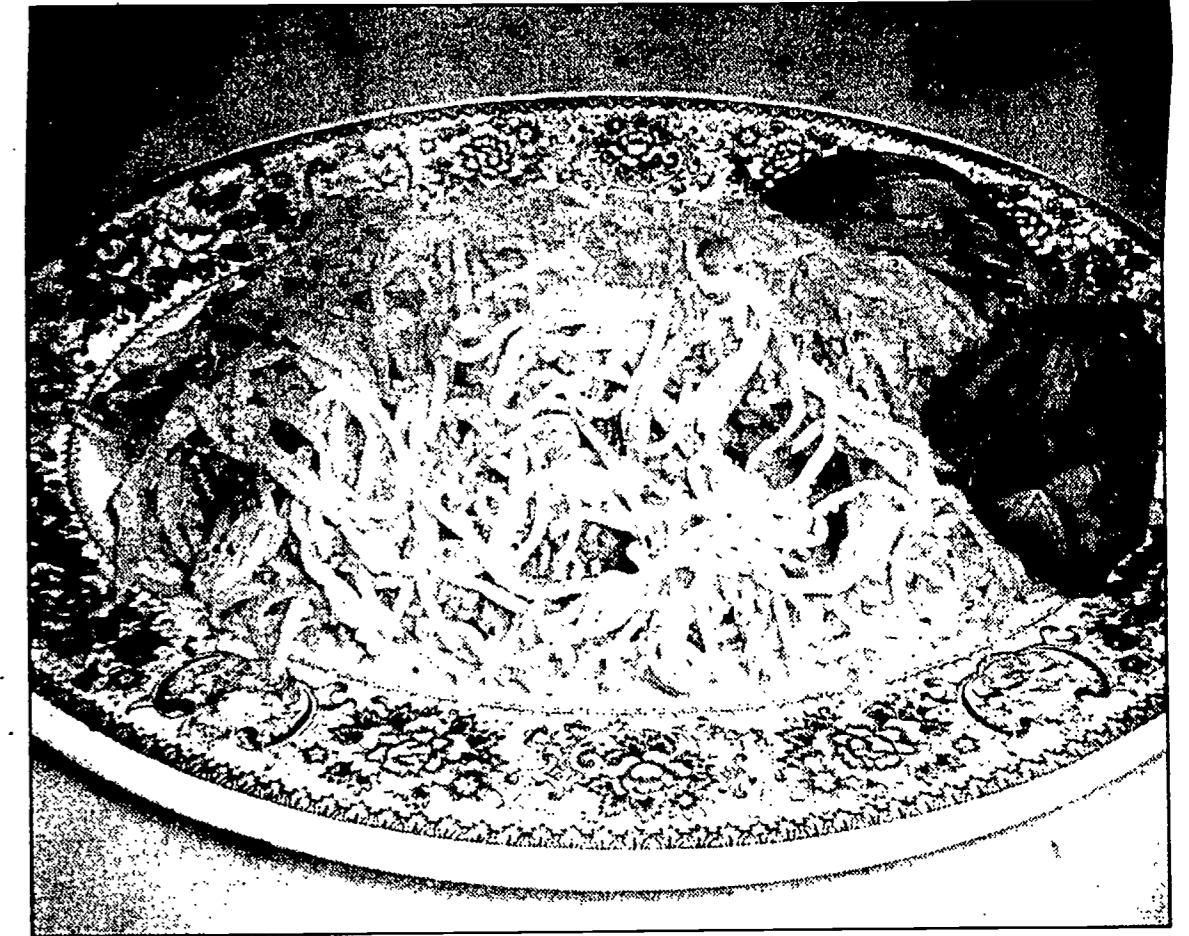
Chef Harry presents To stir-fry with love

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ
 Copley News Service

Probably the quickest and easiest way to make and serve a healthy and delicious meal is to do a fast stir-fry all in one pan. It can be done in a wok, Dutch oven or deep saute pan, and it is an easy culinary art to accomplish. Basically - cut and cook! The stir-fry is that easy. The possibilities are endless.

Here are some basics:
 - The pan, either a wok or wide, deep pan, should be nonstick and heavy so that it conducts heat evenly across the cooking surface. Utensils should include tongs, spatulas and spoons that do not damage the surface of the pan. An electric wok or skillet should have the same features and capability of high heat to sear juices into meat, chicken or fish.
 - Ingredients are best when fresh. Processed minced ginger and garlic are great to have on hand to save time, but many have preservatives. I mince a cup of fresh ginger root, cover it with dry sherry and keep it in a jar. Sealed and refrigerated it will keep for a week.
 Fresh garlic is available peeled. You can mince one-quarter cup of garlic and keep it covered in vegetable or olive oil in a sealed jar. It can be refrigerated from five to seven days.
 - Sesame seeds, unsweetened thread coconut, and many nuts are available in bulk with the health foods. These are usually less expensive and higher quality. Vegetables, of course, should be fresh versus frozen or, even worse, canned. Prepared bags of fresh vegetables, such as broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower are convenient.
 - Soy sauce is available at many prices. A naturally brewed, chemical-free soy sauce or light soy sauce is fine. I like the ones in a container you can put on the table. If you want to be really lazy, look for bottled sauces and spice blends that are all natural and without MSG. I like to prep everything as early in the day as possible. That way when it is time to eat, dinner is just minutes away!

- 5 cloves fresh garlic, thinly sliced
 1 to 2 pounds shrimp, cleaned, rinsed and drained
 1 teaspoon soy sauce
 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, minced
 Yields 3 to 6 servings.
 Heat oil in wok or pan over high heat and stir-fry scallions, red pepper and garlic, 1 minute. Add shrimp to pan and drizzle soy sauce on top. Stir-fry just until shrimp are cooked. Sprinkle parsley over top and serve shrimp over rice or pan-fried
- CURRIED CHICKEN AND PEAS**
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 3 cups chicken (white meat), cut in cubes
 2 tablespoons butter
 3 cloves fresh garlic, minced
 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced, or 1 teaspoon ginger powder
 1/4 cup sesame seeds
 1/2 cup dried thread coconut
 1 cup dry sherry
 1 teaspoon mild curry blend, or to taste
 2 tablespoons seasoned rice



STIR-FRIED LEMONGRASS RICE
 1 tablespoon dried, shredded lemongrass, or 1/4 cup chopped fresh lemongrass
 1/2 cup vegetable, miso or chicken broth
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1 onion, minced
 1 tablespoon fresh garlic, minced
 1/2 cup slivered almonds (optional)
 3 cups brown rice, cooked
 1 tablespoon soy sauce, or to taste
 1 teaspoon sesame oil
 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
 Yields 4 to 6 servings.
 Heat oil in wok or pan over high heat and in it saute onion, 2 minutes. Add garlic and almonds (if desired) and stir-fry, 2 minutes. Stir in rice and sprinkle soy sauce on top. Stir-fry until almonds are toasted.
 Remove from heat and stir in sesame oil and mint. Serve immediately.

vinegar
 2 tablespoons ketchup
 1 teaspoon soy sauce
 2 cup fresh or frozen thawed baby peas
 Yields 4 servings.
 Heat oil in wok or pan over high heat and in it saute chicken until browned. Remove chicken to oven-proof dish.
 Return pan to heat, add butter, reduce heat to medium and stir-fry garlic, ginger, sesame seeds and coconut, 1 minute. Add sherry and stir in curry, rice vinegar, ketchup and soy sauce. Bring to a simmer and raise heat to medium-high. Add chicken to pan. When chicken is cooked, stir in peas and cook just until hot. Serve immediately.
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LIFE

Today's lifestyle Author takes guesswork out of hair care

Susan Schroder
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Paula Begoun was staying at the Westin Horton Plaza during a recent visit to San Diego, and she had been having a rough day.

That night in her hotel room, she went to access the Internet and had difficulty getting a connection. A bit more frazzled, she phoned a hotel receptionist.

"Is this the Paula Begoun? The 'cosmetics cop'?" the woman asked.

A surprised Begoun (pronounced Be-gone) replied in the affirmative. And the woman gushed about how much she loved Begoun's reviews of cosmetic products, and the next day, sent her a tray of chocolates.

"I couldn't believe it, I was so flattered," Begoun said.

Begoun isn't exactly a household name, but to many people, especially women, she is like a friend you can chitchat with about what cosmetic or hair products work and what ones don't; what ones are worth the money and what ones are not.

Except in her case, Begoun's assessments are backed by tons of research that in the last 20 years have made her a best-selling author and nationally syndicated columnist (her "Cosmetics Cop" column runs periodically on this page). She also has a popular Web site, www.cosmeticscop.com.

Begoun was in California recently talking about her newest book, the third edition of her popular "Don't Go Shopping for Hair-Care Products Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$21.95). The 706-page book will pay for itself with the money you save on shampoos and conditioners and the like (expensive doesn't mean the best, she notes), with reviews of more than 4,000 products from more than 130 drug-store and salon lines. In addition, there are chapters on many hair sub-



jects, including coloring, styling, perms, relaxers and hair-care formulations. There is also a special section for women of color. The hair-care book is the companion to her best-selling "Don't Go to

the Cosmetics Counter Without Me," which contains reviews of thousands of products from moisturizers to lipsticks. If you're confused about what cosmetic products to buy, check this book first.

Her television credits include appearances on "Oprah," "The Today Show," "The View," "20/20," "Dateline NBC," "Primetime" and CNN. She comes across on television as the best friend you would like to have, and she's the same way in person, with a warmth and easy sense of humor that makes you forget she chatted it up with Angelina Jolie ("drop-dead gorgeous, even prettier in person," she says) while waiting to go on "The View."

Yet her relaxed style is matched with an apparent zeal to educate people about some of the misleading and sometimes false claims of the cosmetic and hair-care industries, topped by a desire to save consumers money. To that end, she started her own line of products called Paula's Choice that are sold on her Web site, but she prefers in interviews to focus on her consumer research (although her reasonably priced products have been very well-received by the public).

She is virtually the only consumer researcher who puts cosmetics and hair-care products to the test en masse, something that she acknowledges is "a strange job." As to hair-care products, "there are more good products than bad," she says, adding that "the expensive stuff does not have anything different (ingredient-wise) than the less expensive stuff. It's shocking."

There's so much more she knows, and so much more you want to ask before she zips off for a phone interview with a New York newspaper. But hey, I have the book to savor. Now I just need some chocolates. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

EUREKA: Daily discoveries for the scientifically bent

BRAIN SWEAT: Mr. Smith has lots of ancient coins, 10 boxes in all. Each box contains 100 pound coins, but one box contains coins that are counterfeit and are slightly lighter, 1/16 of an ounce lighter to be exact. All the coins look identical. The only way to tell them apart is to weigh them. How many weighings are required to determine which box contains the counterfeit coins? **VERBATIM**

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BRAIN SWEAT ANSWER
Just one weighing. Mr. Smith should take one coin from the first box, two from the second box and so on, then weigh the group. If the total weight is

1/16ths light, the first box contains the counterfeits. If it is 5/16ths too light, it's box No. 5.

BIG BIRD
In the "Lord of the Rings" films, hobbits Sam and Frodo are rescued from danger in the land of Mordor by giant eagles. The fictional Mordor was really New Zealand. And while there aren't any giant eagles there now, there once were, though how they got so big turns out to be something of a surprise.



Seven hundred years ago, before humans arrived in the islands,

ecosystem was dominated by 250 bird species with the now-extinct Haast's eagle nesting atop the food chain. With a 9-foot wingspan and weighing 22 to 30 pounds, Haast's eagles were about 30 percent to 40 percent heavier than the largest bird of prey living today (the harpy eagle in Central and South America). They hunted moa - giant, flightless herbivorous birds that weighed up to 440 pounds and are now also extinct. Writing in the online journal PLoS

Biology, Oxford University paleobiologists figured DNA studies would show the Haast's eagle most closely related to Australia's large wedge-tailed eagle. In fact, the New Zealand giant is related to one of the world's smallest eagles - the "Little Eagle" of Australia and New Guinea, which weighs only 2 pounds. The researchers speculate small-ish precursors of the Haast's eagle arrived in New Zealand and rapidly increased in size because moas made big, easy meals and, with no other predators around, there was plenty of time to eat. **PRIME NUMBERS**
90 - Percentage of American adults surveyed who said they routinely "multitask" or do many, sometimes incompatible, activities simultaneously



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THE BUGLE

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BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
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Decor Score Painted pieces can be chic, clean

Q: We found a lot of old furniture in my aunt's attic - two dining chairs and a table, a sideboard with a serpentine front, pieces like that. Interesting, but nothing goes together. It's also not in very good shape. I actually remember when she bought the furniture (in the 1960s), so I know they're not valuable antiques. But my daughter thinks the stuff is wonderful. The trouble is, she wants to paint it all white or beige. Would that be a mistake?

A: Not an easy decision, but you've already addressed three good reasons for saying yes, paint the pieces:

- The furniture has little intrinsic value.
 - You seem to have no emotional attachment to it.
 - A coat of paint will assure it of a better future in a caring home.
- Just to be totally sure, however, you might seek an appraisal (a local antique store may yield an expert). Once you're satisfied that there's nothing to lose, let your daughter go to work with her paintbrush. As you can see from the photo we show here, painted furniture can look rather chic and clean. In this dining room, it's a calm foil for the richly patterned wallpaper (from Village Wallpaper's Classic Ambience collection). And, as several generations of escapees to the Sun Belt have discovered, light-painted furniture is the perfect complement to warm-weather living.



Fine Art Transfers has experienced difficulty with both its Web site and its distribution, laments Senior Vice President Maja Palej. She promises

a solution by mid-spring. Meanwhile, you can reach her directly at (919) 828-9991 or at m.palej@transforms.net.

Ever hear of a dog putting on the dog? When New York architect Kate

Johns decided to tidy up her own kitchen, her attempt at clutter-control included the family's German shepherd named Buck. Seems Buck liked lying around the kitchen on a "big, filthy pillow" that offended everyone else. Johns' clever solution, pictured in the current issue of Country Home magazine: cut a closet in half, including the door, and turn the bottom section into a private den for the dog. A new shelf doubles as closet floor and the top of the alcove that Buck now calls home.

Are you too mellow for yellow? Not if you're really passionate about being cheerful, says Jane Brill, a chairholder with the international Color Marketing Group and color expert for Ace Hardware Corp.

Brill believes that yellow rooms create a sunnier disposition for you and your home, especially in kitchens, and especially when it's combined with white. She also suggests that yellow be used with primary blue or red "for the high-energy atmosphere of a kid's room." On the other hand, yellow can be a calmative, Brill maintains. In combination with beige, light green, pink or lavender, yellow will create a softer, more relaxed look in family rooms and bedrooms, she says.

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4 Money-Saving Tips for Every Homeowner

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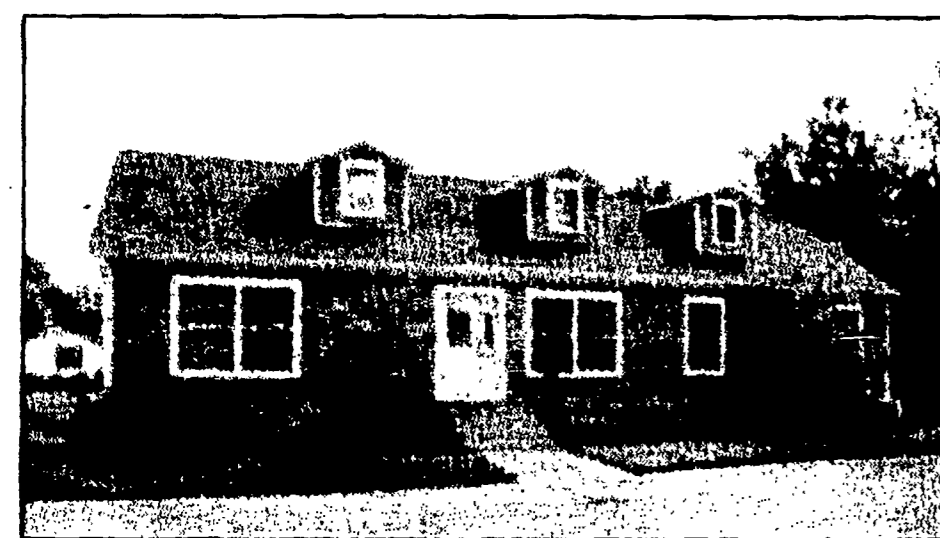
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