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## Morton Grove: MCC not a legal not-for-profit

If Village allegation is correct, MCC has no right to sue

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The Village of Morton Grove is questioning whether the Muslim Community Center (MCC) is a not-for-profit corporation with a right to sue in the State of Illinois. In the village's response to a federal lawsuit filed against it by the MCC, attorneys for the village claim a search of the Illinois Secretary of State's website "does not reveal an active Illinois corporation named, or using the assumed name of, Muslim Community Center." If the MCC is not a legal not-for-profit organization in Illinois, the lawsuit it filed against the Village may not be valid.

Mohammed Kaiserrudin, president of the MCC, says they have always been a not-for-profit religious organization, but there may have been a mix-up in paperwork. The MCC filed suit against the village after Morton Grove trustees turned down their request to build a mosque on property next to the Muslim Education Center,

a Muslim elementary school at 8601 Menard. The lawsuit claims the village violated the MCC's civil rights by requiring them to have a permit to hold religious services, and by having a zoning ordinance that places undue burden on a religious organization trying to exercise its freedom to worship.

Attorney Ted Hadley, representing the village, said in his response to the suit that the MCC has been holding religious services for years at its elementary school without any interference from the village. The response admits parking regulations around the school during these services have been relaxed to accommodate the 200 to 300 cars of worshippers. Parking is allowed on the lawn area of the property, contrary to village code, in an effort to alleviate on-street parking in a residential neighborhood. The parking problem is the source of another lawsuit filed against the village by a group of homeowners in the surrounding area, who claim the village has failed to enforce the code to the detriment of their neighborhood.

The Village is also challenging the constitutionality of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of Illinois (RFRA), two laws designed to protect religious organizations from government control.

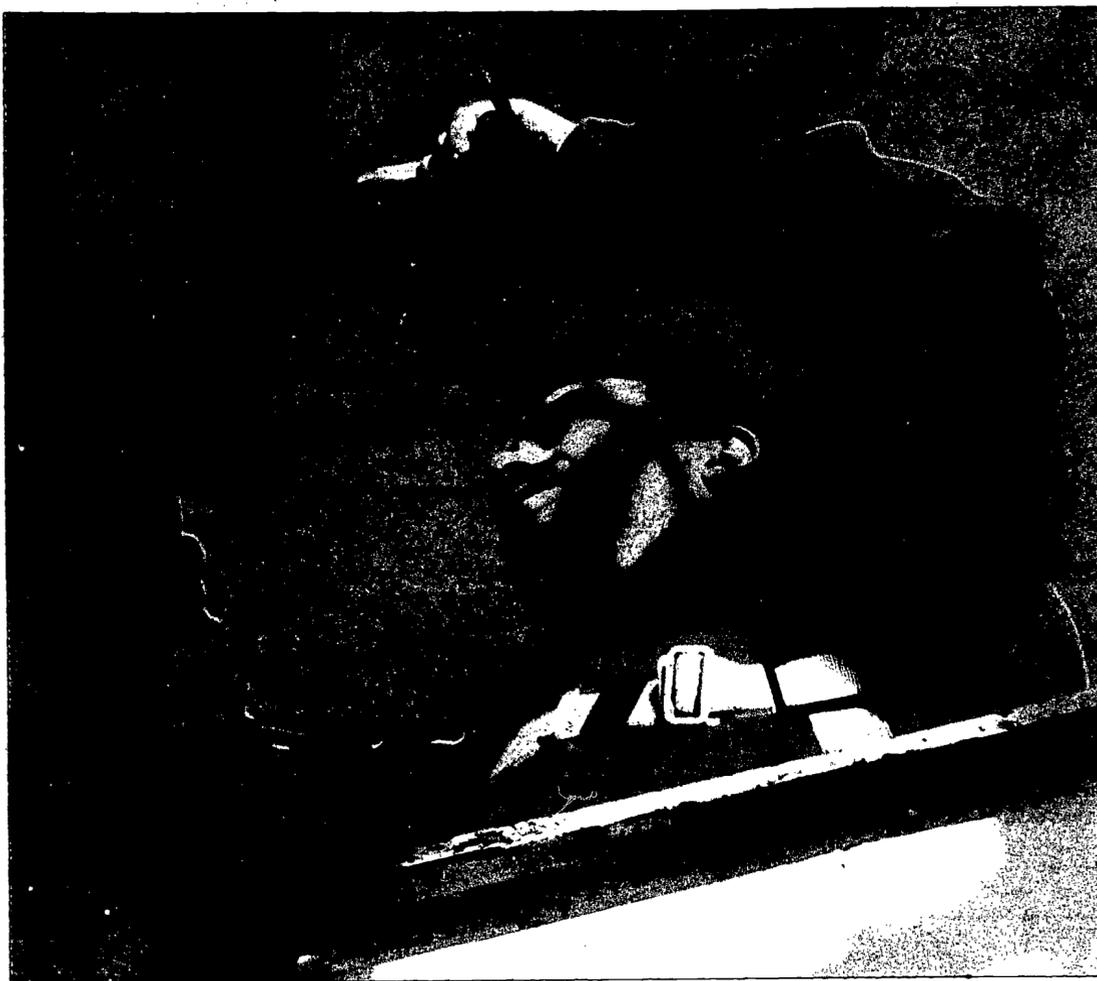


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### Preparing for the holidays

Nile Public Works Employee Al Livingston puts up lights on a tree near the intersection of Harlem and Milwaukee Thursday, Nov. 20. Public Works employees installed nearly 3000 lights at the intersection.

## Dist. 64 teachers approve new three-year contract

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Elementary and middle school teachers in Park Ridge headed into the Thanksgiving holiday with a new contract. Teachers gave their approval to the new agreement on Monday by an overwhelming margin. With 98 percent of the eligible teachers casting ballots, 270 said yes, only 77 voted against the pact. The contract was then presented to the

Dist.64 School Board Monday night for its approval.

The new three year contract calls for an increase of 1.85 percent over step the first year, a 2 percent increase over step the second year and a 2.5 percent increase over step the third year. Step increases in the district's 20 year pay scale currently run around 2 percent.

The Park Ridge Education Association and the school district also came to an agreement on health insurance payments, which was a

major sticking point in contract talks. Under the new agreement, individual teachers will pay none of their personal premiums the first year, around 2 percent of their premium the second year, and 5 percent of their individual premium the third year of the contract. In addition, coverage for a teacher's family will cost about \$1800 less the first year, than it did last year, with the district picking up 45 percent of the family premium. The second year of the contract guarantees that premiums for family coverage would

not rise more than 11 percent, and the third year no more than 12 percent.

In addition, teachers who have been in the system for 20 years, would get an \$800 bonus at the completion of their twenty first year of teaching, with percentage bonuses in each of the following years until retirement.

The contract ends a bitter negotiating season that culminated in a week long strike by teachers. The new contract will be retroactive to Aug. 21, the start of this school year.

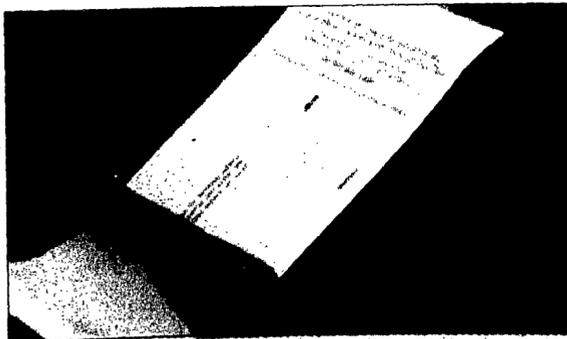
### Bugle offices closed for Thanksgiving

The Bugle offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 so that employees may spend the Thanksgiving holiday with their families. The offices will reopen on Monday, Dec. 1. The Bugle would also like to wish all a happy Thanksgiving.



### Hop on the Polar Express

Morton Grove children pictured here on a previous trip of the "Polar Express," a special Metra Train sponsored by the Morton Grove Park District. For more on the story, turn to pg. 9.



### Hawks win-fans lose

A parking ticket sits on the windshield of an SUV parked along Talcott Rd. next to Maine South after Park Ridge police ticketed at least 100 cars belonging to spectators of the Maine South football game. For the story, see pg. 17.



### Maine South heads to Champaign

Maine South linebacker Mike Cabaj screams "We're going to the show", as the Maine South Hawks break a team huddle following their victory over Lake Park Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22. For the story, see pg. 17.

News

# Niles Youth Council receives \$1500 grant

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The Niles Youth Council recently received a \$1,500 grant. It was awarded through a northwest neighborhood youth advisory council and the United States Department of Human Services.

Christine Eischen, the Niles youth coordinator, said the majority of the money will be used to facilitate the programs of the youth center, most notably the arts and culture, and recreational programs. The grant can be used to improve one or multiple programs.

Another way the grant will be used is to cover the cost of services and projects sponsored by the Youth Council. For example, the community is organizing a food drive for the soldiers and armed forces in Iraq. Part of the money will be dispersed for shipping, printing, packaging of goods and services overseas. Donations are being accepted at the Niles Park District for any items that can be sent.

After three years, the Youth Council will be relocating to Caldwell and Howard, where the old teen drop in center used to be. According to Eischen, the moving process began after Halloween, gathering equipment and furniture. This will be a designated location where the Youth Council will hold their meetings, activities. Also in the mix are movie nights and additional teen drop-in nights and tutoring classes.

The Youth Council is looking for donations such as couches, televisions, chairs, or microwaves to help in the rebuilding process. Eischen said the goal is to have the new Youth Council up and running in early January.

For those interested in joining the Youth Council, meetings are held every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. A program currently under way will make youths available to shovel snow for the elderly; just one way to get involved in a community service project for the holiday season



## St. John Brebuf Hosts Turkey Shoot

(Above) Bob Marino, a 47 year member of the St. John Brebuf Mens Club tosses a dart to win a turkey at the St. John Brebuf Turkey Shoot, Friday night, Nov. 14. Members of the club gathered in the church basement to try their hands at various games that allow them to certificates for turkeys and wine from Minellis.

(Right) Charlie Jacobs, a 40 year member of the St. John Brebuf Mens Club rolls the dice, hoping to win.



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# Oakton students possibly exposed to tuberculosis

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Free Tuberculosis skin tests will be given to any Oakton Community College student who wants it, following a possible TB exposure at the school during the fall semester. Letters have been sent to a number of Oakton Community College Students informing them that they may have been exposed to an active case of Tuberculosis while in classes at the Des Plaines campus this fall. The college reviewed class schedules to see who might have been in classes with the ill person, before notifying students. The college was informed of the possible exposure by the Suburban Cook County

Tuberculosis District in mid November.

The skin tests will be offered to students on Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the college health office. Although the letter says the tests will be offered from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Bob Gallai, Field Director for the Suburban Cook County Health Department, says his nursing staff will be on hand all day to test any students who feel they need it. No appointments are necessary, although everyone tested must return on Friday, Dec. 5, to have their test results examined.

The Mantoux skin test is the injection of a small amount of test material under the skin. The area is then checked for a lump and measured three days later to determine if someone has contracted the lung disease. Students who cannot make the open clinic test times can make an

appointment for the test, or may see their personal physician, but the health department and the college are strongly recommending everyone that may have been exposed be tested.

Someone who is infected with Tuberculosis does not necessarily have an active form of the disease and may have no symptoms, although like the Herpes Virus, it can suddenly activate many years after exposure. People with active TB disease suffer from a cough that won't go away, fever, weight loss and loss of appetite, feeling tired all the time, night sweats and coughing up blood. Because those symptoms are similar to those of other diseases, doctors encourage testing. Tuberculosis disease can be highly contagious, but is also treatable with modern drug therapy.

# Nearly 500 sign up for 'Holiday Spectacular'

The annual Niles Senior Men's Club Holiday Spectacular has topped all attendance records this year, with close to 500 people signed up for the gala event. The party will be held at the White Eagle Banquet Hall on Friday, Dec. 5, from 11:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check-in begins at 10:30.

Entertaining the crowd this year will be comedian Bob Marcy, whose comedy is surrounded by his talents as a

musician, vocalist and impersonator. Marcy will be doing his "Spirit of Christmas" performance for the gathering. Also entertaining the crowd and providing the dance music for the afternoon will be Frank Martello and his Orchestra. Martello is a Senior Men's Club member whose three to four piece ensemble has been performing in the area for many years. Local businesses have provided gift certificates and baskets for the annual table

raffles and door prizes. Maryann Borucki, Men's Club Coordinator for the Niles Senior Center, says the Men's Club has a very active membership of around 350 this year with an average age of 80. Members have to be 62 to join the club, which also gets together for golf, volleyball, bowling and fitness throughout the year. The club meets monthly at the Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive.

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# Maine Township, Officials win awards

Maine Township won three statewide awards at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference held Monday night Nov. 10 at a special banquet held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Trustee Carol Teschky won "Elected Official of the Year." She was honored by the Senior division of TOI for ongoing support and involvement with seniors. "Maine Township is an award winning body of government that is known for setting standards and being leaders among its peers," said Supervisor Bob Dudycz. "Carol Teschky is but one example of a dedicated public servant who should be lauded for her contributions to our Township. She exemplifies extraordinary township board members who, as far as I'm concerned, never get enough acknowledgment for their commitment to excellence." Dudycz won "Supervisor of the Year" for his ongoing work

with township youth at the Drop-in Center, annual Holiday Party, and other initiatives. Maine Township's new video presentation "This is Maine Township" won the "Mighty Message" award. The video profiling the services the Township provides. Dudycz was pleased with the awards, giving much of the credit to the Township's employees and elected officials. "It is always a treat when I can publicly thank my administrator Margie Bialczak and her staff for being such wonderful and caring people," he said. "Although these awards were presented to separate individuals, it is always those who are seldom in the public eye that truly deserve praise. Maine Township has a staff of personnel that works hard for our community and it is very gratifying that they can be recognized for their outstanding efforts."



Maine Township officials, Supervisor Bob Dudycz, left, Trustee Carol Teschky, and Township Officials of Illinois Associate Director James Donelan show off three awards given to Maine Township at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference.



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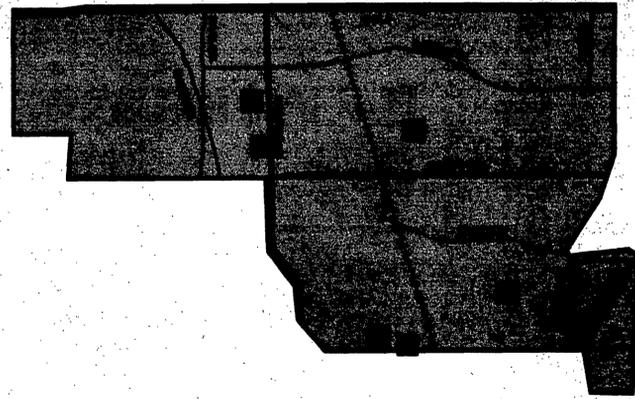
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## POLICE BLOTTER



MORTON GROVE

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**1 Drug Sale Turns Sour (7800 Linder)**

Two men were arrested on weapons charges and third on possession charges after an alleged drug sale gone sour turned into a fight with one of the men being stabbed and a gun being recovered Saturday night Nov. 15 in the 7800 block of Linder.

According to police, a 21-year-old Skokie man and a 19-year-old Evanston man arranged to buy drugs from a 19-year-old Morton Grove man who was allegedly selling the drugs from his grandmother's home.

The men arranged the deal on cell phones and met outside the Morton Grove man's home. Once an amount of marijuana to be purchased was agreed on the Morton Grove man asked the two other men to follow him to his home. Once at the home, the Morton Grove man asked the two men to wait outside while he went upstairs to get the marijuana. According to the report, the Morton Grove man said the Skokie man pulled out a gun and ordered him into the house and upstairs. Once in the man's room, the Skokie man with the gun told the Morton Grove man that they were taking everything.

The Morton Grove man said that he then jumped onto the man with the gun and a fight ensued on the bed. The Morton Grove man said he had to stop fighting because he was having an anxiety attack and that the Skokie man used a pillow to try to suffocate him.

The Skokie man found a black box in the bedroom and started filling it with marijuana, and drug para-

phernalia including a scale, the Morton Grove man said.

The Morton Grove man said he grabbed a butcher knife a started after the men as they left down the stairs. He told the man he was not leaving with the box. A struggle ensued in front of the door. The Morton Grove man said that the Skokie man pointed the gun six inches from his head and that he cut the hand of the Skokie man with the butcher knife.

The Morton Grove man said the Evanston man started kicking at the front door to get out and eventually both men fled the home. The Morton Grove man said he locked the door after they left.

Witnesses near the home saw the two men walking around the home and called police.

According to police, a gun with four rounds of ammunition was found in the bushes in the front yard. The butcher knife was found in the Morton Grove man's bedroom along with a selection of bongs, marijuana, and a scale.

The Skokie man and the Evanston man were later apprehended and charged with armed robbery. The Skokie man was also charged with possession of a gun without a Firearm Owner's Identification card.

The Morton Grove man was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

**2 Records stolen (9000 Meade)**

A seven foot cabinet containing medical records, tax records, and school certificates was taken from a garage in the 9000 block of Meade, Saturday morning Nov. 15.

The 60-year-old owner of the home said the burglars entered through an unlocked side door and opened the overhead door to remove the cabinet. The owner did not report anything else missing but told police that he only used the garage for storage and that he did not go there frequently. The cabinet was valued at \$50.

**3 Motel Room Trashed (9400 Waukegan Rd.)**

The owner of motel in the 9400 block of Waukegan called police Saturday night Nov. 15 after a 23-year-old woman and her male companion left a hotel room in a shambles after a night of drinking and partying. Police were able to trace the name of the person who rented the room from the information provided when she checked in. As yet no charges have been filed.

**4 Theft from auto (9100 Waukegan)**

Airbags from two Acura automobiles were removed while the cars were parked on the dealer's lot in the 9100 block of Waukegan, Monday Nov. 10. Police said the thieves put something into the locks to open the doors.

**5 Shoplifter nailed with nailer (6301 Oakton)**

A 47-year-old Chicago man was arrested for shoplifting Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 12 after security guards watched the man put an air nailer under his shirt and leave the store. The air nailer was valued at \$249.

**6 Thief leaves something while taking something (6300 Oakton)**

Security guards and police detained a juvenile Monday Nov.

17 after security guards watched the juvenile, who they described as suspicious, enter the mens' room and urinated on the floor. The security guards took the juvenile into a security office and three utility knives were found in his pocket. The juvenile admitted to opening the packages and putting the knives in his pockets.

Security guards and management said they would not press charges if the juvenile cleaned the bathroom and paid \$100 in restitution to the store.

## NILES

**1 Retail Theft (Golf Mill)**

A 15-year-old Niles girl was arrested for shoplifting a pair of jeans from a department store at Golf Mill Wednesday night Nov. 19. According to police, security guards watched the girl take the jeans into the fitting room, but she came out without them. Security stopped the girl and a further investigation revealed she had the jeans on under the pair she was wearing. Store manager recovers stolen drugs

**2 Store manager recovers stolen drugs (9600 Milwaukee)**

The store manager of a pharmacy in the 9600 block of Milwaukee Ave. thwarted a shoplifter when he followed a woman out of the store after her bag set off security alarms at the door. As the manager approached the woman outside of the store, she dropped the bag containing eight boxes of Monostat and jumped into a blue Kia Sportage driven by a man and fled.

**3 Rice theft (Golf Mill)**

A 40-year-old Des Plaines

man was arrested Friday night Nov. 14 after store security watched the man stuff four boxes of rice into the oversized pockets of his pants and leave the store. The rice was valued at \$7.78. It cost the man \$50 on a petite theft charge before he was released.

**4 Caught with gun (7600 Dempster)**

A Niles police officer on patrol stopped a 1982 Buick Wednesday night Nov. 19 with two men inside after he saw that the car had a defective windshield and a loud muffler. According to the report the driver told the officer the car belonged to the passenger. The officer ran a background check on the men and found out the car was registered to the passenger, but that the passenger also had been arrested for drug violations in the past. The report said the men agreed to a search of the vehicle and during a routine pat down by officer he found a holstered handgun in the pocket of the passenger. Both men were taken into custody. At the station the passenger was given a more detailed search and four small plastic bags of marijuana were discovered in his socks.

**5 Burglary to auto (6300 Touhy)**

A 54-year-old Des Plaines woman reported her purse stolen from her car parked in a lot in the 6300 block of Touhy, Monday night Nov. 17. The woman told police the thief smashed the passenger side window of her car and took the purse. She also said someone used her credit card to purchase a camcorder at Circuit City after the theft.



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**CIVICS**

Monday, December 1  
 - 7:30 p.m. Village of Niles Plan/Zoning Commission  
 - 8 p.m. Park Ridge City Council Meeting  
 Wednesday, December 3  
 - 7 p.m. The Village of Morton Grove will hold its third town hall meeting.  
 Thursday, December 4  
 - 7:30 p.m. City of Park Ridge Sister Cities Meeting

**COMMUNITY**

Thursday, December 4  
 -Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster, Park Ridge, will sponsor a Next Steps Workshop for parents of children with disabilities. The workshops are designed to assist parents in planning and advocating for the needs of their son or daughter. The workshop will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 847-692-8489.  
 -The Morton Grove Community Blood Drive will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (847) 803-7943. Donors must bring identification showing name, date of birth, and either social security or driver's license number.  
 Saturday, December 6  
 -The Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 134 will hold its annual Christmas Cheer Luncheon today, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, St. A \$10.00 donation is required for admittance and must be made in advance as no tickets will be available at the door. A catered lunch will be served at noon followed by an afternoon of cards or bunco. There will be a table prize for each group along with a raffle. The Christmas Cheer Luncheon is the group's only fund-raiser. For tickets, contact Anne Marrazzo, Aux. second vice-president is the chair of the event and may be reached at (847) 965-3155 or Dee Dolan, presidents, at (847) 965-6491.  
 Sunday, December 7  
 -Our Lady of Ransom Parish will sponsor a Santa's Boutique on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Paluch Hall. For more information, call the Ministry Center at (847) 823-2550.

**PARKS**

Thursday, December 4  
 -7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Recreation and Facility Program Meeting followed by Parks and Facility Maintenance meeting.  
 -7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District Committee-of-the-whole Meeting  
 Thursday, December 11  
 - 7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Administration and Finance Committee meeting  
 - 7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District Board Meeting (Public Hearing)

Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:  
 Niles  
 Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center, 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles, IL  
 Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, IL  
 Park Ridge  
 City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL  
 Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center, 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL  
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 Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina, Morton Grove, IL  
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**Bernice Huels, Morton Grove** - "I try to go to someone else's house so I don't have to cook. This year I'm going to Algonquin to be with family members."



**Catherine Peters Morton Grove** - "Every Thanksgiving we go over to my sister-in-law's house and my husband brings her a different type of turkey artwork."



**Hinton Dillard, Chicago** - "We just have family dinner at mom's. We have turkey gumbo."



**Carlos Rivera, Park Ridge** - "Our family gets together and they come to my house."

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**NEWS**

**Shifting garbage costs to residents the topic of Village Town Hall meeting**

**BY WENDY ELLIS**  
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Garbage may be the hot topic at Morton Grove's third town hall meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 3. The meetings, which will be held indefinitely on the first Wednesday evening of every month, have become a forum for village residents to get answers to their questions about issues going on in the community. Assistant Village Administrator Bridget Wachtel says most of the questions raised at the first two town hall gatherings had to do with redevelopment going on around town.

"At the first two meetings it was mostly commercial development, private development and village codes," said Wachtel. "I hear this next meeting people will be asking about garbage." Morton Grove is currently considering an ordinance that would shift the burden of

**Parents, children crowd 'Polar Express'**

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Will you be able to hear the sound of hundreds of tiny silver bells as "The Polar Express" passes through Morton Grove on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 13? That's a question only those who've read the magical, mysterious book by Chris Van Allsburg will be able to answer. Fifteen years after it was first published, this story of a small boy's midnight ride on a mysterious steam train to the North Pole has continued to be a holiday favorite. It has become the basis for many a holiday event, like the one being sponsored by the Morton Grove Park District this Christmas season.

In fact, park district employees are prepared to do their elvish duty and decorate two cars of a regularly scheduled Amtrak Train before it gets to the Morton Grove Station at 6:05 that evening. The train will pick up 250 children and their parents for a trip to the "North Pole", where Santa Claus will board the train and visit with passengers. The ride home again will include the singing of Christmas Carols, and cookies and milk will keep tummies from rumbling along the way.

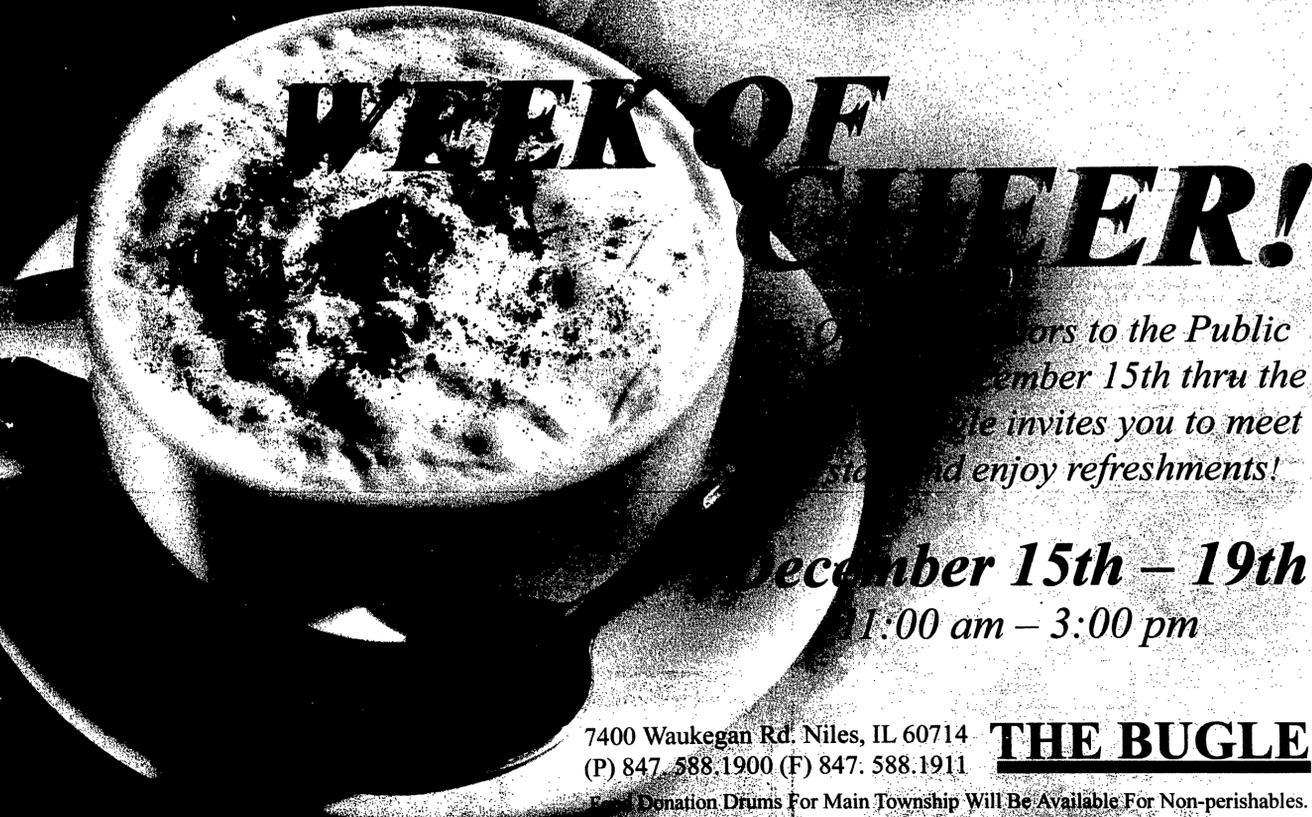
Morton Grove mother Kim Weiss and her young children had such a good time last year they signed up again. "I missed it the first year because it sells out so fast," said Weiss. "It was just a fun time for the kids. Santa gets on board and talks to the kids. My kids really got a kick out of it." Mike Baiardo, park district recreation supervisor, says this is the third year the Polar Express has come through town, and it's always a sell out crowd.

**Morton Grove Firefighters sponsor food drive**

The Holiday Food Drive, sponsored by the Firefighter's Association of Morton Grove and the Morton Grove Fire Department will be held from Friday, Nov. 28 through Thursday, Dec. 18. Donations may be made at the Morton Grove Fire Dept. #4, 6250 Lincoln Ave., The Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster St., Dominick's Foods, 6931 Dempster St., the Morton Grove Village Hall, 6101 Capulina Ave., and the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St.

All food must be non-perishable and have a current expiration date. Cash donations, in the form of checks, may be made payable to the Firefighter's Association of Morton Grove. These donations will be used to purchase holiday turkeys, desserts, other food items, and Christmas gifts.

Due to limited storage space, toys and clothing are not being accepted. For more information, contact Lieutenant Rodney Steffens at the fire station, (847) 470-5226.



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## SCHOOLS

## Niles West performs 'Comedy of Errors'



Maine East Demon Squad members are (bottom row l to r) co-captain Christine Richardson (Niles), head captain Melissa Klosowiak (Des Plaines), co-captain Lari Andel (Morton Grove); (middle row l to r) Danielle McDonald (Des Plaines), Megan Stanojevic (Niles), Kate Saura (Morton Grove), Tamar Boyrazian (Morton Grove), Saras Gil (Des Plaines), Tiphany Stanojevic (Niles); (top row from l to r) Sonia Stepien (Des Plaines), Michelle Ficarella (Des Plaines), Brooke Mazur (Glenview), Karolina Wiech (Des Plaines), Victoria Arnold (Des Plaines), and Paulina Makarska (Des Plaines). Missing are Dipesh Patel (Des Plaines) and Anna Wojno (Des Plaines).

The Niles West Drama Department will present "Comedy of Errors," Shakespeare's knockabout comedy of mistaken identity. Parted at birth, identical twins Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus and their identical twin servants, Dromio of Syracuse

and Dromio of Ephesus are all in the same town on the same day, without knowing it. Throw in a demanding spouse and a case full of money and the stage is set for comic mayhem. "Comedy of Errors" will be performed Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13 at 4:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for senior citizens and children. A free community performance will be held Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. All performances are in the Black Box Theater. For more information please call the Niles West Box Office at (847) 626-2633.

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## Grand Championship

Maine East's Demon Squad reclaimed the Grand Championship title at the Chitown Dance and Cheer Challenge held at St. Xavier University on Sunday, November 16, 2003. The team coached by head coach Sue Ann Kawecki and assistant coaches Kelly Clifton and Amanda Loerzel also placed first in both the pom and jazz divisions. In the Varsity solo division, Saras Gil took first place for the second year in a row. Kate Saura placed second, Victoria Arnold third, and Lori Andel fourth. In the non-varsity category,

Danielle McDonald placed first, Dipesh Patel second, and Brooke Mazur third.

Demon Squad will perform for charity at the second annual "Spirit Spectacular" on Sunday, December 7, 2003 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the field house at Maine East. Other students will also showcase their talents by performing singing, music and dance routines. Admission is \$5 or \$3 with a donation of an item of clothing for the clothing drive. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, please contact Sue Ann Kawecki at (773) 777-7293.

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## BUSINESS



## A family business: Skaja Terrace Funeral Home

BY WENDY ELLIS  
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It was a time of speakeasies, Chicago mobs, and prohibition, but the roar of the 1920's didn't stop one-time tailor Bernard Skaja from branching out on his own. Skaja opened the doors of his first funeral home in a storefront brick building on West Belmont Street in 1924, and for 25 years he and his wife Helen made a success of it. Bernard Skaja's untimely death in 1949, at the age of 49, might have put an end to it, were it not for the dedication and drive of his wife Helen, and their nine children. Helen and her oldest daughter Dorothy, who became a licensed funeral director, carried on, while oldest son Bud served in Korea. Bud came home and joined the family

business, as did most of Helen's 7 sons over the next few years.

It was Helen's idea and smart business sense that brought the Skaja family to Niles in 1978, when they built a brand new Funeral Home at 7812 Milwaukee Avenue. Even after Helen Skaja's retirement, her children ran the business, and paid her rent.

"Our family was always close," said Jim Skaja. "She was not only a boss, she was a mother." If any place can be described as a family owned business, it's this one. Seven of the nine children became licensed funeral directors. Bud Skaja only recently retired after 50 years in the business. His brothers Jim and Jack and their two sons now run the trio of Skaja Funeral Homes, one in Chicago, one in Niles, and one that opened two years ago in Crystal Lake.

"It's a hard business with long hours," said Skaja. "But if you serve the people, your reward is seeing them come back and say thank you." He admits there have been changes to this industry over the past several years.

"Big corporations are in the business now. The family owned homes are still around, and they are the backbone of the business. Still, we compete with big business on a different level. We care. That's not to say big business doesn't care. But when we do something wrong, we are responsible for it."

There is always someone there to answer the phones, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is not a business that keeps bankers hours. "It's a tough business if you don't have a family involved," said Skaja, and the bigger the family the better.

## Business Briefs

## MidAmerica Bank to give away prizes

With the holidays approaching, MidAmerica Bank's newest branches in Niles and Skokie are planning to give away prizes to customers starting Friday, Nov. 28. The give-away, called "Shopping Sweepstakes" will run for about three weeks, ending on Dec. 20.

"We care deeply about our customers," said Janice Blake, manager of the Skokie branch. "This is our way of saying thanks for being with MidAmerica."

Customers over the age of 21 will receive scratch cards in the mail the week of Thanksgiving. To enter, they should bring the cards by the bank.

One grand prize winner will receive a \$300 Honey Baked Ham gift certificate. Additional prizes at each branch include eight \$25 AMC Theatres gift certificates, eight \$25 Best Buy gift cards, and one \$40 Honey Baked Ham gift certificate.

For more information on the sweepstakes, call (847) 294-6050 or (847) 568-5060.

## Lutheran General Hospital offers new treatment

A new procedure to treat the symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is available at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge.

The Enteryx procedure is a minimally invasive treatment option, performed on an outpatient basis. The procedure reduces the symptoms of GERD by helping the lower esophageal sphincter (LES) keep stomach fluids and acids from backing up into the esophagus. These acids can irritate and damage the lining of the esophagus, leading to the inflammation or ulcers.

Enteryx is a liquid polymeric material that is injected into the muscle of the LES through an endoscope (a tube used to look at the esophagus and stomach). Enteryx forms a soft spongy permanent implant in the sphincter muscle. According to physicians at Lutheran, the implant helps firm up the sides of the sphincter muscle to form a more effective gastroesophageal reflux barrier.

For more information on the procedure, contact Lutheran General Hospital.



## Publisher addresses board

The Bugle's publisher, Rich Masterson, spoke to members of an advisory board of the Bank of Park Ridge at Walter's Restaurant last Thursday. Masterson emphasized the importance of personal relationships with the media when promoting business, noting that, "simply

flooding the fax machines and e-mail inboxes of newspapers and journalists is not an effective public relations campaign."



The Bugle runs business profiles to highlight those businesses that support the publication.

## Business Calendar

## Monday, December 1

There will be a special ceremony today at 6 p.m. in Lutheran General Hospital's Parkside Center, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge when a "Tree of Lights" to support pediatric patients will be lit for the first time, followed by seasonal music and refreshments. The Tree of Lights, a 12-foot evergreen tree that will stand in the Parkside Lobby through the holidays, is in its second year at Lutheran. Every time a donation is made, a light will be lit on the tree. For more information on the project, contact the Service League at (847) 723-6105.

## Wednesday, December 3

The Niles Chamber will hold their annual Holiday Party at the Chateau Ritz from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Party is held for Chamber members. According to the Chamber, attendance is generally strong. The Chamber is in the process of sending out invitations to the event this week. This year's party will feature a silent auction, the yearly Chamber raffle, and a "Sparkling Diamond Champaign Raffle." For more information, contact the Niles Chamber at (847) 966-7606.

## Thursday, December 4

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a "Business After Hours Holiday Party" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Champs Sports Bar & Grill, 9001 Waukegan Rd., Morton Grove. A free drink up will be given for each canned good donation up to a total of three. Chamber members interested in attending should RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 4.

## Property Transfers

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The Bugle THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2003

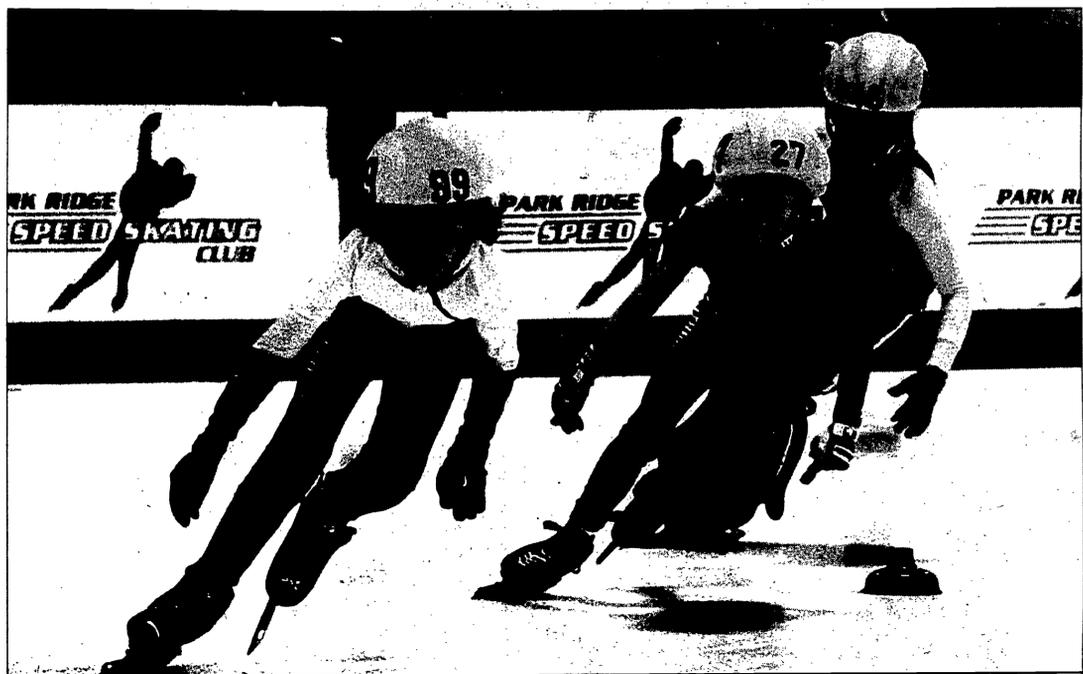
## Annual Holiday Open House held Friday

The annual Park Ridge Holiday Open House will be held this Friday, Nov. 28 in both the Uptown and South Park business districts.

Families and business owners anticipate the event each year, which includes performances by the Maine South Marching Band, the Lakeside Singers, and an appearance by Santa, who will arrive at the Public Library by fire truck at 6:30 p.m.

“This is the most uniquely Park Ridge event that the Chamber puts on,” said Rich Brayer, executive director of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. “It really captures the small town feel of Park Ridge. People get a chance to go out and meet their neighbors, while getting some early shopping done.”

Double-decker busses will run from Hodges Park in Uptown to South Park from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business in both districts will be open in the evening and many will serve refreshments.



In step Melissa Dzidz, Lucy Mann, and Jihan Mannou compete in the Pony A competition at the Oakton Ice Arena speed skating competition Saturday morning, Nov. 15.

## Park Board approves Community Center fee increase

A proposal to change the Park Ridge Community Center pricing structure for members and users was at the forefront of the Park Ridge Board Meeting last Thursday, Nov. 20. The price structure was raised, but improvements to the center will not be discussed at length until the Dec. 4 board meeting.

The board passed four motions on the night, the first being that the Board approve to accept for payment Vouchers in the total amount of \$376,889.57.

Resolution No.03-02 was

passed 4-0. It was a “resolution determining the amounts of money exclusive of debt service and election costs estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation pursuant to the proposed levy of the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District for the Levy Year 2003.” This dates back to the law that was passed in 1881, addressing the special education tax law. It took the education tax out of the levy, therefore it is not subject to the tax cap.

In a significant step, the Board unanimously approved the

new SBC Complete Link agreement offering Complete Link Select II Promotion by SBC that would be in effect for three years. After meeting with SBC, it was recommended to enter into the Promotion because it will allow a greater savings to the district, according to Superintendent of Finance Lynn M. Jarog. The savings could be as much as \$12,000 over the three-year term of the plan, or \$3,900 over a 12-month period.

Under the current plan, it amounts for a total discount of

approximately 25% on “open” per-minute rates. The proposed plan, which offers flat rates, would provide for a total discount of approximately 42% on “open” per-minute rates. The plan is expected take effect in early 2004.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee spoke on the condition of the parks and buildings. Fred Angelini was impressed with the employees work to mulch the trees and playground area, and the installation of bricks for “Friendship Square” has been completed.

Gayle Mountcastle, the superintendent of Recreation, reported a decrease in the amount of summer camp kids to 48. However, she was pleased to announce that middle school teen night at the Community Center saw an increase of 135 over the last year. Similarly, the Oakton Ice Arena increased the number of its patrons at the rink from 875 in October 2002 to 1,131 in October 2003. The ice rink added an extra public skate from 2:00-3:00 p.m. that had an average of 12.5 skaters in three days.

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# OUTSIDE IN INSIDE OUT

By Chuck Baldacchino

### Bugle Welcomes New Columnist Chuck Baldacchino

Great. Just what the world needs: yet another newspaper columnist spouting his or her version of how messed up the world (or Park Ridge) is and what should be done about it. But I hope this column is different and, more importantly, I hope it makes a difference.

I'm Chuck Baldacchino. I'm a 25-year Park Ridge resident, and I've been around Park Ridge "politics" (all flavors) for just under (the last) half of those years. I would claim, in that time, I've attended more Park Ridge City Council, school district, Park Board, and Library meetings than any other person in town. (And, if not, I'm very close.)

Why? Because I think it's interesting to see government in action and because, as Tip O'Neill

was fond of saying, all politics is local; because, as neat as Park Ridge is, it can be better; and because we - you and I - owe it to one another to be good citizens, interested and participating in governance.

I want to be an advocate for making Park Ridge better. That may mean praising when good things are done, and chiding when they're not. But in all cases I hope to be critical in the neutral sense: presenting facts for you to absorb and posing questions you might want to ask of yourself and the public officials who represent you.

I'll be coming to you once per week. I have a lot to say and a lot of questions to ask you. But, more than that, I invite you to participate.

I invite you to attend some of these meetings or, at least, become informed about what's going on in town.

I invite you to inform me, both as to any misstatements that might

creep into my column and about issues that disturb you or that you know about that I don't.

As well versed as I am in the governance of this community, I'm only one person. I have only two eyes and two ears. I invite you to add sense and senses to my weekly presentations so that we all can make Park Ridge a better place to live and raise a family.

My column's topics will, in the beginning, address issues that have piqued my interest and thinking across all governmental bodies. Of course, I have my own ideas about solutions to some of these and to some that have not even surfaced yet; you can be sure of that.

But to reach you I need to hear from you with issues you'd like to see addressed or questioned.

I only have about 500 words per week to address them, and that's perilous by itself. Maybe some columns will need to become serials, if the issue is large enough. But there are certainly enough words per week to at least raise questions and stimulate discussion.

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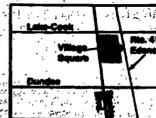


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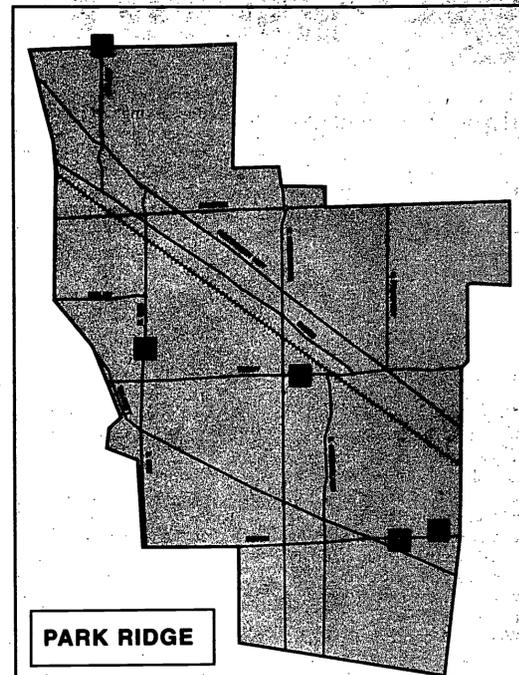
### PARK RIDGE

## POLICE BLOTTER

#### PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the weekend ending Monday, Nov. 24.

- Burglary (200 Talcott)**  
Thieves forced open the rear door of home in the 200 block of Talcott Rd. Friday Nov. 14. Jewelry was taken.
- Burglary (100 Devon)**  
Thieves smashed the front door of a business in the 100 block of Devon early Sunday morning Nov. 16. Nothing was reported missing.
- Burglary (300 Higgins)**  
Thieves broke the glass front door of business in the 300 block of Higgins.
- Theft (2600 Dempster)**  
A laptop computer was stolen from an office building in the 2600 block of Dempster Monday night, Nov. 17.
- Load of Lumber Lifted (200 block N. Dee Rd.)**  
Thieves made off \$20,000 worth of construction lumber and plywood from the site of a home being in built in the 200 block of Dee Rd. sometime between November 13 and 14.



PARK RIDGE

### Pickwick celebrates 75th with free movie, concert

The Pickwick Theatre will be celebrating its 75-year anniversary this Friday, Nov. 28.

The festivities will begin with a demonstration of Greek-style dancing by the Olympic Dance Troupe at 8:00 p.m. out in front of the theatre. Then, inside, at 8:45 p.m., Jay Warren will be playing tunes on the Wurlitzer Organ. Finally, the Pickwick's most popular film in recent years, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," will be shown at 9:15

p.m. To convey their appreciation for their customers, there will be no admission charge. No reservations are necessary.

The original Pickwick Theatre, with its entrance at 5 South Prospect Ave. in Park Ridge, in the Chicago area's largest and oldest suburban movie theatre. It is operated by two families: Elaine and David Loomis, and Sofia and Dino Vlahakis. Over 250,000 people a year attend movies and special events at the theatre.

### Park Ridge's Paul Johnson participates in research program

Paul Johnson of Park Ridge recently participated in a Valparaiso University undergraduate research in Europe from June to August 2003.

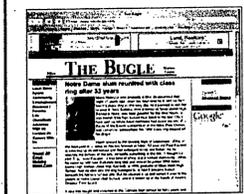
The Swiss Solar Undergraduate Research Experience was offered through the College of Engineering's mechanical engineering department. Johnson

joined Dr. Robert Palumbo, professor of mechanical engineering, and his colleagues at Switzerland's Paul Scherrer Institute's High Temperature Solar Technology Laboratory.

Johnson is a 2003 graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering. Valparaiso University is located in Indiana and enrolls 3,800 students.

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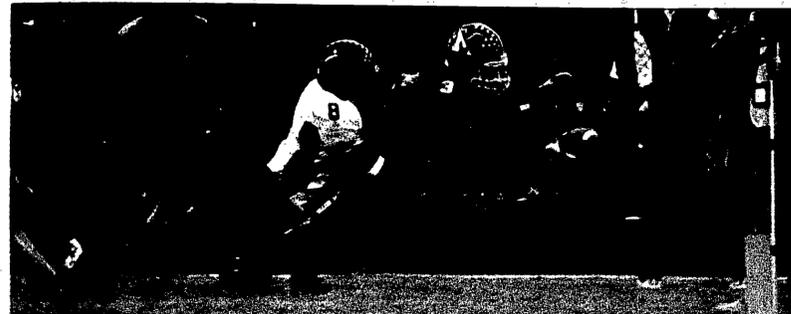
# Cookie Walk

(Left) Phyllis Juiris of Park Ridge selects cookies at the annual St. Lukes Lutheran Church Cookie Walk, Saturday morning, Nov. 15. Money collected at the event goes to a variety of charities.

(Below) Visitors stroll along the tables at the Cookie Walk. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)



# SPORTS



Maine South's #3 Alberto DeCicco gets airborne with Lake Park's #8 on his back as he scores his second touchdown in Maine South's victory over Lake Park in the Class 8 A semi-final game at Maine South, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 22. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

## WEEKEND WARFARE THE MATCHES YOU CAN'T MISS!

Please note that these two teams are the only two in the circulation area of *The Bugle* that are still in the playoffs. As the winter sports season begins we will feature the teams of other schools as well.

### Maine South 8A State Championship

When: 7 PM Saturday, November 29  
Where: Memorial Stadium, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

**Telling Quote:** "I really don't know what is going to stop this team." Head Coach Dave Inserra

**Outlook:** The Lockport Township Porters return to Champaign in attempt to repeat as 8A State Champions, but with the Maine South Hawks heading south as well that may be difficult. In the playoffs Maine South is averaging just under 50 points a game. Both teams will continue to rely on strong passing games that have led their way through the playoffs. Expect a high scoring game in which the difference will be how much the team's defense will be able to step up. For both teams much of the offensive success is due to the defense forcing turnovers and quick punts. With such explosive offenses it may be a difficult to stop either team. Look for a high scoring game where neither team will be able to rest comfortably knowing each team has the potential to come back from any deficit.

### Maine South Girl's Basketball

When: 11:30 AM Friday, November 28  
Where: Buffalo Grove High School, 1100 W. Dundee Road Buffalo Grove, IL

**Key Fact:** Maine South beat its last opponent, Rolling Meadows, 75-37

**Outlook:** After defeating Rolling Meadows by thirty-eight points the Hawks are looking forward to a strong season. This weekend at the Buffalo Grove Thanksgiving they will have an opportunity to compete against some tough teams in the area. After undergoing a rebuilding year Coach Mike Deines says he looks forward to profiting from returning experience as well as the enthusiasm that first year Varsity players will bring.

## Hawks Headed to State Championship

MAINE SOUTH 56  
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BY MIKE SANTORO  
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The David and Goliath story did not end well for David when, despite digging deep into their bag of tricks, the underdog Lake Park Lancers ran out of giant killing magic and fell to the Maine South Hawks 56-30. Throughout the first three rounds of the playoffs, the Lancers defeated higher seeded teams, all three victories coming dramatically on fourth quarter comebacks. Despite a close first quarter, the Lancers were not able to repeat the magic they had performed in their first three rounds. By defeating Lake Park, Maine South secures the right to play for the 8A state championship this Saturday in Champaign.

In the first round of the playoffs, the Lancers came back from an 18-42 score in the fourth quarter to overcome higher seeded Fremd 46-

42. The next two weeks they performed a similar feat, coming back in both games in the fourth, to beat higher seeded Glenbrook North and Barrington. But trailing 43-14 going into the fourth, there was little hope they would be able to perform a similar achievement in Park Ridge.

Despite a huge lead by the fourth quarter, it was by no means an easy or apparent Maine South win at the start. The Hawks received the first possession and on their first play fumbled the ball, giving the Lancers a great opportunity to put some points on the board. The Hawk defense stepped up big and, due to good penetration by the defensive line, the Lancer's turned the ball over on downs.

The Maine South offense continued to have troubles, however, punting after three plays. The defense again rose to the challenge, ending Lake Park's second possession after Lancer Quarterback Brad Wilk was sacked twice, once by Senior Don Durbin and again by Senior Kevin Collins. The offense found its footing and took it to the Lancer's scoring on a 33-yard pass from Junior Quarterback Sean Price to Senior

Wide Receiver Alberto DeCicco. Tyler Knight's extra point put the Hawks up 7-0.

"We had that rough start," Head Coach David Inserra said. "We needed the defense to step up and fortunately for us the defense jumped right out and took over."

Having trouble with the Hawk defense, the Lancer's decided to reach into their magic bag of tricks and call for a hook and ladder. Wilk dropped back and hit Franco Shenault on the left side. The Hawks quickly took him down, but as he was surrounded, he pitched to Ryan Cibulka streaking down the field. Cibulka took the ball the rest of the field for a 75-yard touchdown run.

The Hawks didn't miss a beat and on their next possession Price completed all of his passes for a 76-yard drive capped by a Price to Labus 28-yard touchdown. Lake Park fired back with a 74-yard drive that ended with Cibulka making a huge leap over a Hawk defender for a 38-yard touchdown pass. A 2-point conversion tied the score at 14-14.

The first quarter ended with a sack of Price for a loss of 7 and with the (see *HAWKS* on page 20)

## Hawk fans ticketed by police during game

Park Ridge police wiped the smiles off the faces of hundreds of Maine South supporters Saturday afternoon by ticketing hundreds of cars that were parked on the grass along Talcott Rd. and various other No Parking areas around Wilson Stadium.

As the Hawks played in one of their biggest games in five years and won a trip to the state championship game, at least three Park Ridge squad cars lined up along Talcott Rd. and ticketed illegally parked cars.

"I feel terrible about it," said Pat Corrigan a Maine South parent. "They want us to support the school and they ticket us."

Corrigan said when she came to the game there was no place to park and when she saw other cars parked on the grass along Talcott Rd. she thought it was all right.

"If they had a police car at the entrance of the lot telling people not to pull into the lot why didn't have a car along Talcott telling people not to park there," she said.

Park Ridge Deputy Chief Thomas Swoboda said it was the decision of Sergeant Robert Hanson, the watch commander on duty at the time, to ticket the cars.

Swoboda said it was not a revenue issue.

"This is definitely something we don't like to see," said Swoboda. "but if they wouldn't

have parked there they would have parked somewhere else illegal."

Swoboda said residential parking was available on the streets near the field and that two Park Ridge police officers and a supervisor were assigned to the game and the school hired an additional five officers to security.

Park Ridge police closed off the main lot next to Wilson Field nearly an hour before the game on Saturday and all remaining lots south of the field were also filled.

"I feel the city saw dollars signs when they saw all these cars," said Mary Scatena, a twelve-year resident of Park Ridge.

Corrigan hinted she might go to the city council meeting to complain.

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**SPORTS**

**Girls Basketball looking to turn around**

BY RYAN BISHOP  
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The Niles West girls basketball team is looking to turn things around after the 2002-03 season that the Lady Wolves would like to forget. The team finished the schedule at 8-21 overall and 2-8, 5th place in the conference. Coach Metallo, in his second year as coach of the program has inherited a young, inexperienced group of players that are expected to get a lot of playing time. The Wolves will have to overcome the loss of seniors Jodi Henriksen, Corrine O'Reilly, Heather Hohn, Eileen Ouska, Colleen Corrigan, and Kristin Guiang. Carrying the load for the lady Wolves this season will be 6'0 post player Barbara Williams. Williams came on strong near the end of the season as she averaged a double, for the year she averaged about seven points a game and eight rebounds. Assisting her will be 5'3 junior point guard Brandy Harrison, who played

sparingly on the varsity last year, and junior shooting guard Hailee Sullivan. Sullivan will be counted on to deliver behind the three-point line this year. "We should be able to score more than last year," said Metallo. "We have very good athletes, they are learning to play together more and more each practice. I'm hopeful we can get off to a good start. With our legitimate post presence and outside shooting, we should be able to put the ball in the basket." The team's biggest attribute is their athleticism. Metallo says the best girl athletes in the school are on the team. They will have a well-balanced attack. Despite the athleticism, the team lacks size. Williams is their tallest player at 6'0; everyone else is 5-8 or less. "Our inexperience could result in some early mistakes, but I anticipate us improving as the season progresses. The girls are really picking up the offense fast in practice," said Metallo. It will not be easy for Wolves

having to face three top 20 teams in New Trier, Evanston, and Glenbrook South. Also on the schedule is the Niles North Holiday Tournament, non-conference opponent Lake Forest and the Fenton Holiday Tournament, in which the Wolves are currently playing in. "I don't have a set goal as far as a number of wins. I think an improved mark in conference play is reachable as long as we stay healthy and can stay out of foul trouble. We should be able to compete in games for all four quarters rather than a half or three quarters," said Metallo. The team lost their first game 61-51 to a bigger, more physical Lane Tech team. The Lady Wolves held a one-point lead at the half but could not hold it, mainly because of foul trouble. Top scorers were Williams with 17 points and 9 rebounds, Sullivan (18 points) and Jesse Plaia (9 points, 8 rebounds). Niles West begins conference play against Maine East, Dec. 2.

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During your early working years, you may be able to get by with relatively inexpensive term insurance. As you move into your middle years, though, you might want to explore some type of "permanent" life insurance. Once you approach retirement age, you'll also want to consider long-term care insurance. A year's stay in a nursing home can cost \$50,000 — and in some major metropolitan areas, it can cost twice that much, according to the Health Insurance Association of America. Medicare may only pay a fraction of these costs, so if you want to maintain your financial independence and avoid burdening your family, you might want to purchase a long-term care insurance policy.

Finally, during your retirement years, you could use life insurance as an estate-planning tool. An attorney experienced in estate planning can advise you on the potential uses of life insurance in trusts or other arrangements.

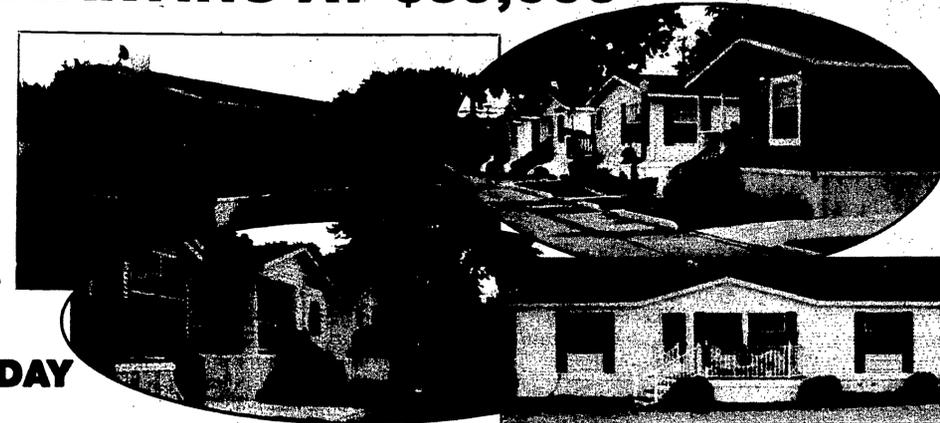
As you can see, meeting your insurance needs is a dynamic process. That's why you may want to periodically review your insurance situation with an investment professional who has the tools and experience to recommend the right moves to make — at the right time in your life.

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## Hawks (Continued from page 17)

score tied, Lake Park looked to have an advantage. Chants of "overrated" came from the Lake Park fans as the second quarter opened with Maine South facing second and 17.

Something must have fired up the Hawks as they entered the second, because by the time they left it, they had taken the lead 34-14. The defense contributed three interceptions - two from Senior Mike Bello and one from Senior Mike Labus. Labus also scored two touchdowns in the quarter. The first came on the 21-yard pass in which he spun past a defender and the second on 2-yard pass.

By far the most exciting moment of the second was perhaps the reason the Hawks were so fired up. After a long drive, the Hawks were forced into a fourth down on the eight-yard line. Rather than take the three points, the Hawks faked and Price pitched out to Kicker Tyler Knight, where he outran the defense to the left side of the field, diving into the end zone.

"We saw it on film, and I told Sean to look at me, and we'd make the call," Inserra said. "I told the kids that sometimes you have to have big ones, you know, big hearts, and our kids did."

In the back of everyone's minds was the nagging fact that Lake Park

had a history of coming back. And when they scored two plays into the fourth, it seemed they might just have some magic left. Maine South didn't give them a chance to use that magic.

"We knew they were capable of that," Inserra said. "But there was no reason to change what we were doing. Our game was working and we just continued what we were doing."

With 8:54 left, Running Back Andy Cupp broke through the initial line and from there it was a foot race. Lake Park Senior Kwame Agyman fought hard and made a dive at Cupp around the 20 yard line, but his hands slipped and Cupp outran the rest of the defense. That was how the Lancers desperately tried to catch them. Hard as they tried, the Lancers couldn't hold on to the Hawks as they ran away with a victory.

Price completed 46 of 37 passes for 462 yards and 6 touchdowns. DeCicco finished the day with 181 yards and 3 touchdowns while Labus had 2 touchdowns and 99 yards. The Hawks will travel to Champaign this weekend for the Class 8A championship game, where they will face the Lockport Township Porters.

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Book Discussion - Friday, January 2nd, 10:00am - 11:00am. Cost: \$1.00  
If you like to read, join us as we discuss The Number One Ladies Detective Agency by R. A. McCall Smith. Refreshments included.

Lite Lunch & Movie - Friday, January 9th, 12:00noon - 3:00pm. Cost: \$5.00  
Enjoy the The In-Laws (2003, PG-13) starring Michael Douglas and Alber Brooks. Prior to the movie, lunch featuring Lasagna and Garlic Bread will be served at 12:00pm.

\*Pinochle Tournament - Friday, January 12:00noon - 4:00pm. \$4.00  
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Pre-Intro to Computers Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 6th-15th, 11:00-12:30. \$15

This class is for people who have never used a computer. Learn how to operate the mouse and keyboard. Upon completion of this course, you can then take the next level class: Intro to Computers.

Internet - Fridays, Jan. 9th - Feb. 6th, 9:00am - 10:30am. Cost: \$25

Learn how to use web browser to visit sites of interest and use e-mail. A 5-week course.

Quicken - Mondays, Jan. 19th - Feb. 23rd (No class Feb. 16th.), 11:00-12:30. \$30

Learn how to manage your finances on the computer. This program is a reference tool. You will need to purchase your own book. Book information will be mailed to you upon acceptance to the class. This is a 6-week course.

Microsoft Word II - Tuesdays & Thursdays, Jan. 20th - Feb. 26th, 11:00-12:30. \$30

This is a continuation of Microsoft Word. You will learn more about the program and what it can do. This is a 6-week course.

EVENINGS & SATURDAYS AT THE CENTER

## CONTRACT BRIDGE BY STEVE BECKER

### BASIC CARD-READING

West dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

West dealer  
North-South vulnerable:

NORTH  
♦A 9 7 4 2  
♥Q J 9  
♦Q 8  
♣J 6 2

EAST  
♦K 6  
♥K 5 3  
♦J 9 6 5 4 2  
♣9 4

SOUTH  
♦Q J 10 8 3  
♥A 7 4 2  
♦A K  
♣7 5

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3♣ Pass 4♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead - king of clubs.

The aim of an elimination play is to compel a defender - when he is given the lead later in the play - to make a return that costs his side a trick. Take this case where South is in four spades and West leads the K-Q-A of clubs, declarer ruffing the third club.

South leads the trump queen, on which West plays the five. It would be wrong to finesse, considering West's three-club bid, because West would have opened one club, not

three, had he held the guarded king of spades and A-K-Q-10-8-3 of clubs.

So South goes up with the ace, hoping either to catch the singleton king or to develop an endplay against East later on. After East follows low to the ace, South cashes the A-K of diamonds, eliminating that suit, and then puts East on lead with a trump. East is now endplayed. If he returns a diamond, South ruffs in his hand, discarding the heart nine from dummy. A subsequent heart finesse brings home the contract. If East instead returns a heart at trick eight South follows low, winning West's ten with dummy's jack, and takes a second heart finesse to make the contract.

Note that if South takes the trump finesse at trick four, he goes down one. East wins with the king and returns a trump, and East-West score a heart trick eventually, assuming they defend correctly.

Oddly enough, the contract can be defeated if East makes the extraordinary play of ruffing his partner's ace of clubs with the king of spades at trick three and returns a trump or a diamond. Declarer is helpless against this defense.

It just goes to show that it sometimes pays to trump partner's ace. The trick is to know when to do it.

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## Morton Grove Senior News

### HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING CLASS

Dena Anastos will be leading a wreath making session at the Morton Grove Senior Center with any senior who wishes to make a decorative wreath for the Christmas holiday. The cost of this session will be \$ 7.50 per person and will held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 4. Dena will be providing and collecting the materials and teaching seniors how to

make these wreaths. Register in person at the Senior Center.  
**OH, MY ACHING FEET!!**  
There is no charge for this lecture starting at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8 in the Morton Grove Senior Center presented by Mark Neamand, Doctor of Podiatric Medicine with Alexian Brothers Medical Center. Dr. Neamand will discuss:  
new treatments for the  
arthritis foot  
and  
ankle, common diabetic foot  
problems and solutions, how  
to avoid common exercise  
injuries, and treatment of  
heel pain.  
Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

## "SECOND TIME AROUND," CRAFT, & BAKE SALE

Morton Grove's Community Nutrition Network "Lunch Bunch" is hosting this sale to benefit the Morton Grove Senior Center's new piano fund from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. Individuals who would like to participate by selling their goods, crafts, or baked items may should contact "Lunch Bunch" Manager, Bob Kolinski at 847/967-6876. Individuals who would like to find that extra gift for the holidays are encouraged to stop by the sale and also enjoy a nutritious "Lunch Bunch" meal (see MORTON continued 21)

SENIORS

(MORTON continued from 21)  
of Stuffed Shells with Meat Sauce served at 11:45 a.m. For a "Lunch Bunch" reservation call 847/967-6876.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS**

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with

low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistive devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

**MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING**

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

**"EXERCISES FOR THE BRAIN"**

Arden Courts and the Morton Grove Senior Center present "Exercises for the Brain" by Fran Hankin of the Alzheimer's Association from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. This program will focus on how the brain works, normal

age-related changes in memory, and memory enhancement exercise to help keep thought processes sharp. Register for this free program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223, before Dec. 3.

**CROCHET WORKSHOP**

Join this fun Crochet Workshop from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Because its fun and because its great for relieving arthritis pain, this should be a fantastic class. The fee is only \$2 and the instructor is Diane Brunger. The deadline for registration is Dec. 5, so register in-person today at the Morton Grove Senior Center Reception Desk.

**MALL SHOPPING**

Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, Dec. 16 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pickups begin at 10 a.m. with arrival at Golf Mill at 11 a.m. Trips are free for Senior Center members and \$1 for all others.

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LIFE

**Cinemascope**  
by Mike Konczal

**For family fun, 'Elf' works wonders, 'Cat in the Hat' stuck with nothing to do**

Not being a parent myself, I can only assume that finding movies to entertain your children is easy, while finding a movie that also entertains yourself at the same time is hard. This problem must seem even more urgent during the holiday season, where Hollywood is eager to occupy children during their long school breaks with wave after wave of movies filled to the edge of the screen with holiday cheer.

So let it be a warning to all the parents out there that I found sitting through the Dr. Seuss revamp "The Cat in the Hat" quite difficult. This isn't the fault of the original story, which all of America loves. It also isn't the fault of the cat himself, Mike Meyers shows a good amount of fun investing the titular cat with the mannerisms and voice of the Cowardly Lion and the laugh of Dr. Evil. The problem, which should be obvious to people who have read the book, is that the source material is about 20 minutes long. It would fit nicely into a half-hour of television programming. Forced to occupy your attention in a movie theater, it flounders.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the original, The Cat in the Hat is about two children left home for a day, who are tempted towards outlandish fun by a talking cat that shows up in their house. You wouldn't get that this was the core story by watching this revamp though - as in the Jim Carey version of "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" (which suffers some of the same flaws) the filmmakers are forced to bloat the movie out to feature film length by tacking on more and more joke sequences. One gets the feeling that the screenwriters left the duty of filling this extra time to Meyers himself, as he spends long periods of the movie doing sketches that feel like they were on the cutting floor of one of his other movies.

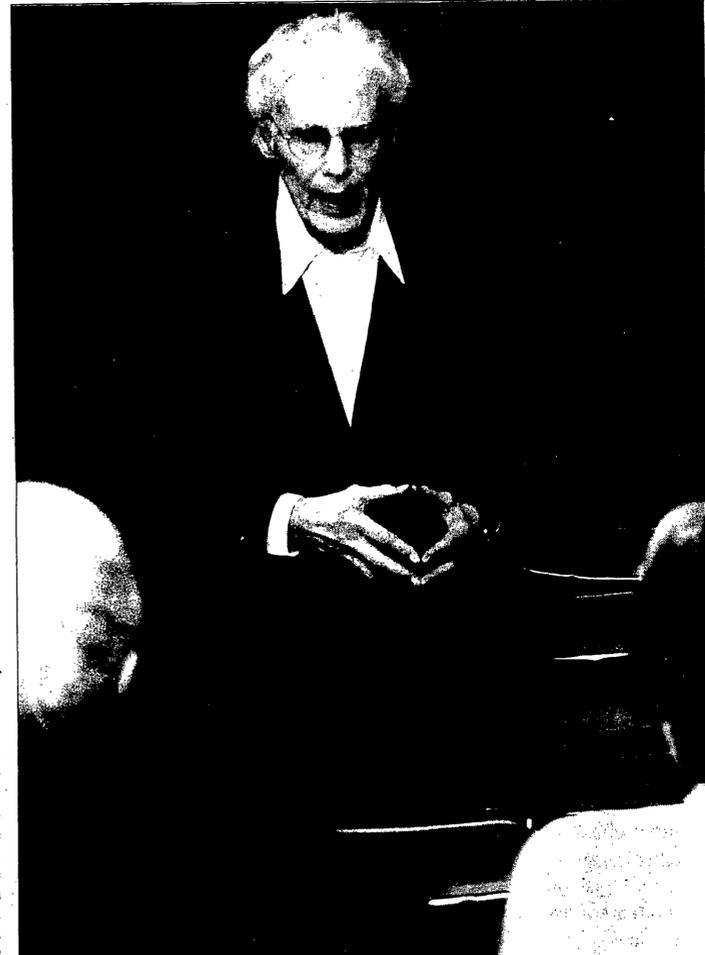
These comedy sketches, ranging from dance numbers to a take on kitchen appliance infomercials to a 30-second trip through a rave party featuring, of all people, Paris Hilton, so domi-

nate the movie that you'll miss the original story you love if you blink long enough. And even the most easily entertained children will have a hard time getting through some of the subplots ranging from a potential step-dad trying to ship the children off to military school and a dimensional portal. The less easily entertained may find the 84 minutes to be an eternity.

Entertaining the audience is not a problem, however, for the Will Farrell holiday vehicle "Elf." The only problem the directors seem to face is when to curb the humor of Farrell in order to give some of the excellent supporting cast room to breath. And what a problem it is, as Farrell lights up every scene and every line of dialogue given to him.

"Elf" tells the story of a human child accidentally brought to the North Pole by Santa Claus, who is then raised as an elf until he is an adult. These scenes are done with some of the most inventive set designs I've seen in years, as Will Farrell lives and works in a town designed for people half his size. It recalls a lot of the funnier moments of the first Lord of the Rings, where Gandalf must duck his way through hobbit-sized living quarters. Farrell sits in an elf classroom chair, sleeps in an elf bed, and uses an elf shower - things all half his size. After it becomes painfully clear that the gigantic Farrell isn't like everyone else does he realize who he really is, and decides to meet his father, all the while spreading holiday cheer among dreary New Yorkers.

Most holiday movies have traditionally had the role of the uptight adult who needs to learn the real meaning of Christmas given to an adult, and the role of the precocious child who is more than willing to teach said spirit given to, well, a child. This isn't the case here, where Farrell takes the role of that child, and does it so well you wish Farrell would appear in every movie about Christmas. He is always wearing a giant green elf suit, which sets up his role as the man-child that the jokes just follow naturally. The way his eyes light up when he says, "I like smiling. Smiling is my favorite" or when he eats spaghetti covered with syrup can make even the most uptight businessman (or movie reviewer) laugh out loud with Christmas spirit.



**The Wright Stuff**

Lyman Shepard as architect Frank Lloyd Wright answers questions after his presentation of the life and loves of the Master Architect whose unique Prairie Style can be seen throughout the country, with Oak Park and River Forest the sites of many of his designs. Lyman's slide presentation was presented at the Morton Grove Public Library, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 9.

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SUPER CROSSWORD

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Grid of crossword puzzle answers from last week, including words like LAPS, SECT, ACTS, PAVES, IRAQ, HALO, SLAP, VERONA, etc.

Grid for today's crossword puzzle with numbers 1-128 indicating starting positions for clues.

Be the first to drop off or fax in your answers to The Bugle and have your name printed here. 847-588-1911 Attention: Mr. Schneider

EMOTIONAL STATES ACROSS

- 1 Zhivago's love
5 Touch up the text
9 It should be square
13 "Don't - it!"
18 Act like Etna
20 Birdbrain
21 Garfield's pal
22 Fragrance
23 Tennessee cry of denial?
25 "- Shuffle" ('77 song)
26 Long walks
27 Pleasant
28 Jeroboam contents
29 Way up
30 Vend
31 Get - (be successful)
32 Mikita and Musial
33 Find the sum
36 Spring holiday
39 TV's "- Sharkey"
40 Mature
44 North Carolina cry of encouragement?
47 Seizes suddenly
51 Join the leisure class?
52 Item for 37 Down
53 Live on lettuce
55 Coasted
57 Texas cry of sympathy?
58 Feel wretched
59 Writer Rand
60 Second Triumvirate member
62 EMT's skill
64 Everything
65 Dickens character
66 Yak
69 Pennsylvania cry of disgust?
73 - Moines, IA
74 He'll bend over backward for you
76 Grazing ground
77 Permit
78 Witch doctor
79 Hoopsters' org.
80 Exec's deg.
82 Utah cry of revulsion?
88 Chihuahua dough
89 Chihuahua snack
91 Italian port
92 Dwell
93 "Scat!"
95 Illinois cry of surprise?
97 Sampras and Rafter

DOWN

- 1 Home or Olin
2 "He's - Picker", ('14 song)
3 German valley
4 Church areas
5 Fit to feast on
6 Barbie or Ken
7 Unemployed
8 Sock part
9 "Le Misanthrope" playwright
10 Minneapolis suburb
11 Helped
12 Composer Delibes
13 Massachusetts cry of contempt?
14 Author Jong
15 Symbol
16 Forebodings
17 "Boss" Tweed's nemesis
19 What you used to be
24 Actor Kilmer
28 Baby basset
29 Egyptian viper
31 Playwright Fugard
33 Taj town
34 Sleuth Nancy
35 Kids connect them
37 Jockey giant
38 Darjeeling dress
39 Revolutionary Guevara
41 Drollery
42 Psychic Geller
43 Inclination
45 Tennyson tale
46 - rummy
48 About
49 Bank deposit?
50 Burn a bit
54 Quiet
56 Colors
59 Maugham's "Cakes and -"
61 Pro-gun grp.
63 Saucepan
64 Drillers' org.
65 TV's "Murder, - Wrote"
66 Huff and puff
67 Feels sore
68 Impertinent
69 Cops' org.
70 - grease
71 Indeed
72 Grievance
75 "Typee" sequel
79 Sgt. or cpl.
80 - Carta
81 Improve oneself, in a way
83 Turn right
84 DDE's predecessor
85 Tiny coin
86 Genesis setting
87 Hawaii's state bird.
90 Veneration
91 Freeway sounds
94 Idaho cry of excitement?
96 Jack of "The Odd Couple"
99 Poetic proposition
101 "Hiroshima" author
103 Good time
104 Dreadlocked one
105 Set in motion
106 Kevin of "In & Out"
107 Range rope
109 Actress Meyers
110 Seafood selection
111 Accent feature
112 Mus. directive
114 - contendere
115 Summit
116 "The NeverEnding Story" author
117 WWII gun
118 "The - Is High" ('80 hit)
120 Crestfallen
121 LummoX

HOME



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Black Mold a Growing Problem

Q: My 14-year-old bowed cape house has black patches streaking down the roof on the north side. I also noticed moss developing around the skylights. What do you recommend for this? — Wendy, via e-mail

A: Yee-ouch. Call your insurance agent right away and get a roofing contractor up on the roof as soon as possible.

Chances are, the black streaks on the roof are a type of mold called Stachybotrys. This little spore has been invading the roofs and walls of homes across the country for several years now, and, like several other types of mold, it has been linked by some researchers to health problems in people exposed to it.

So, stopping the current growth atop your roof, and preventing future outbreaks, is absolutely critical.

The moss around the skylights is another problem. If you live in the Southeast (I'm not sure, as your e-mail didn't indicate a region), long trails of sphagnum moss could have dropped from the tree branches and may be caught on the edges of the skylights. If not, another type of moss is growing along the edges. If moss is actually growing around the skylights, a moisture problem exists. Most likely, the seals have been compromised and the moss has found a niche to thrive in.

The damaged skylight seals, black streaks and moss on the roof indicate a significant repair job may be on the horizon. The skylights will have to be lifted out and their seals replaced. The black mold will have to be scrubbed away. The entire roof, the eaves and attic, the walls, and the airflow system (the vents under the eaves that keep air flowing through the attic space) will have to be inspected for mold infestation.

But the news isn't completely terrible. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, mold infestation may not be a problem if you can't detect it (by seeing it or smelling a musty odor in the house). Most mold infestation occurs where a water leak has happened and is limited to that area, reducing the size of the cleanup. So, you may only be looking at a spraydown of the rooftop by a contractor and replacement of the skylight seals.

In any case, contact your insurer in case extensive damage has occurred. And hire a roofing specialist or a skylight-repair contractor with experience in mold abatement. There is no government certification for mold "experts," so it's better to hire professionals who can check for and repair other damage like broken shingles, attic leaks and leaky skylights.

Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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### Youth Services:

**Web Read on Fridays** at 11:00am: Infants from birth to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to drop-in for a special time of stories, music, and activities especially designed for wee ones. (except for December 5 when the library is closed).

### Holiday Craft Sessions for Children

Friday, November 28: Join us in Youth Services, to make winter holiday crafts. Each child will have the opportunity to choose one of several holiday craft projects. Beginning

November 1, please register at the Youth Services Desk or call 847-965-4220.

1:00 pm Pre-school age children and their caregivers  
4:00 pm: Children in kindergarten through grade 6

### Concerts for All Ages

**Holiday Romance: a Concert** by Roberta Miles, Sunday, November 30, at 2:00 pm

Vocalist Roberta Miles accompanied by Bob Moreen on piano and Nick Tountas on bass will get you into the holiday spirit with their renditions of such holiday and romantic favorites as Our Love Is Here to Stay, Isn't It Romantic?, White Christmas and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Holiday Music around the World; Ana and Ernie



Niles Public Library District

# The upcoming events at Niles Public Library...

### Holiday Open House Sunday, December 7, 2:00-4:00 pm

The Board and staff of the Niles Public Library District merrily invite all patrons to share a festive afternoon of good cheer, homemade cookies, holiday punch and the twinkling strings of harpist Robin Galanté. Children 3 and up are invited to a special winter storytime from 2:00-3:00 pm.

### Gingerbread House Workshop Wednesday, December 17, 6:30-8:30 pm

Decorate your table for the holidays with a gingerbread house you made yourself. We provide the hands-on instruction, the materials (base, gingerbread sheets, frosting, candies) and a box to take it home. You provide the elfin touch. Work alone or with a friend or relative. Fee: \$25 per house with 1-2 builders. \$2 extra per each add'l builder. Payment and registration required by December 8.

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December 10 - January 10 People all around the world celebrate festivals of light during the month of December. Facts about these festivals from Japan to Sweden will be on display throughout the Children's Department. Children are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt to discover the facts and win prizes.

### Children's Ongoing Programs Babytime

Babies ages 2 and under and their caregivers are invited for a morning of songs, action rhymes, one or two books, and social play with developmentally appropriate toys. No registration required. Free.

### Preschool Story Club

November 10 - January 11. Preschoolers earn a piece of a laminated puzzle each week by listening to five books at home. The completed puzzle is a colorful children's book illustration. Register in the Children's Department. Free.

### Reading Patch Club

Labor Day - Memorial Day Kindergarten and 1st graders who listen to 50 books, 1st to 2nd graders who read 20 books, and 2nd to 6th graders who read 20 books and complete the required activities earn a cloth patch that looks terrific on a backpack. Register and get further details in the Children's Department. Free.

### Adult Ongoing Programs

Fourth Tuesday Film Series Enjoy a film on the large screen in the large meeting room the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. No registration required. Call 847-663-6640 for further details. Free.

### Book Discussions

Afternoon Discussion Group - third Wednesday of the month, 1:00 pm  
December 17 selection: Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand.  
Evening Discussion Group - fourth Monday of the month, 7:00 pm  
December 15 selection: Dreaming Water by Gail Tsukiyama.  
To join a book discussion group, please contact Greta Ulrich at 847-663-6618 or gulrich@nileslibrary.org.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Beginning November 2003, the regular meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. Regular meetings of the Finance Committee shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

Joseph V. LoVerde  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners  
Niles Park District, Cook County, Illinois

### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy for Niles Park District

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for the Niles Park District for 2003 will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 6:45 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Tom Elenz, Finance Director, 6676 W. Howard Street, 847-967-6633 Ext. 122.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2002 were \$2,237,696.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2003 are \$2,379,118. This represents a 6.32% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission fees for 2002 were \$1,734,127.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission fees for 2003 are \$1,551,751. This represents a 10.29% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2002 were \$3,971,823.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2003 are \$3,930,869. This represents a 1.00% decrease over the previous year. Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district must explain the reasons for the proposed levy and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as the authority determines.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in State," as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County.

File No. D03088823 on November 13, 2003, under the assumed name of Oak Mill Family Dental Center, with the business located at 7900 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Dr. Barbara Laskowski, 21 N. Summit Drive, Schaumburg, IL 60194.

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File No. D03088647 on November 12, 2003, under the Assumed Name of RAB Enterprises with the business located at 8844 N. Wisner St., Apt. GW, Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Robert A. Banks, 8844 N. Wisner St., Apt. GW, Niles, IL 60714.

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File No. D03088577 on November 7, 2003, under the Assumed Name of Kougan & Associates, with the business located at 7434 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60631. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: George D. Kougan, 7434 N. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

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File No. D03088574 on November 7, 2003, under the Assumed Name of Fil-Am Comprehensive Health Care Services with the business located at 7519 W. Keeney, Niles, IL 60714. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Alexander Arañas, 7519 W. Keeney, Niles, IL 60714.

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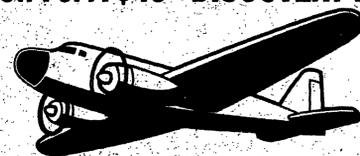
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