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## CORRECTS could seek injunction to stop Uptown work

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George Kirkland, Park Ridge Resident and director of CORRECTS (Citizens Organized for Reasonable Routes Enhancing Traffic and Safety) said Monday that his organization could seek an injunction to stop work in the Uptown Target Area 2 (TA2) if the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) does not

approve a proposed stoplight at Summit and Touhy Avenues first. TA2 is bounded by Touhy, Northwest Hwy., Morris and encompasses Meacham and Summit Aves.

The stoplight, Kirkland believes, is ill-advised and would create, not only a hazard for Uptown pedestrians, but also shift traffic away to other areas of the city as gridlock resulted.

The injunction would rest on the pretense that the Special Use

Permit that was granted to PRC Partners has expired. The permit includes a clause stating that IDOT "must approve the traffic signals at Summit and Touhy Aves. and Summit Ave. and Northwest Highway within 60 days of the approval of this special use." That ordinance was approved on Jan. 3, 2005.

If that clause means final approval, then IDOT Employee Terry Rammacher says it could easily be months away. But Park

Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke said that the city received conditional IDOT approval on Dec. 17, 2004; before the Dec. 17, 2004 meeting when the permit was approved on first reading but after the condition was first proposed by Dec. 13, 2004 at the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

"The members of the Planning and Zoning Commission weren't comfortable approving the project unless they could have some

assurance that the light was going to be approved," Schuenke said. He added that the traffic consultants were moving along with the final IDOT requirements: "we're finishing the final intersection design studies now and should be done within a week or two."

Kirkland, however, maintains that IDOT approval for the lights may never come because it is already a hazardous intersection.

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## \$5-mil MCC suit dismissed

Federal judge signed decree Feb. 25

The Muslim Community Center's (MCC) \$5 million civil rights lawsuit against the village of Morton Grove was dismissed Friday, Feb. 25 when the federal judge handling the case signed a consent decree that was prepared by both parties.

The MCC's lawsuit was originally filed in the fall of 2003 when they

asserted that the village had trampled on their civil rights by denying them a permit to construct a mosque and school expansion to their Muslim Education Center (MEC) at 8601 Menard.

The suit's dismissal came after a special approval by the Appearance Commission, which established the height of the mosque's dome and minaret.

"This is definitely an opportunity for the Muslim community to work more closely with the village," said

MCC President Mohammad Kaiseruddin. "We look forward to serving the community that we call home."

The approval of the expansion project required over 40 hours of village hearings in 2004 and the project still requires an appearance certificate. However, MCC Attorney Yasir Aleemuddin said that the members of the MCC were pleased.

"We are able to build within the

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## Niles welcomes Giovannelli home



Niles Police Officer and Army Reservist Jerry Giovannelli poses with some Iraqi citizens during his deployment in Iraq. He returned home last week.

BY JEFF BORGARDT  
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The Niles police force welcomed home local warrior Jerry Giovannelli from Iraq last week. Giovannelli had been fighting in Iraq for one year.

Giovannelli, 27, of northwest Chicago, is a member of the Army National Guard.

He said great things happen in Iraq every day such as humanitarian missions, building hospitals and helping schools.

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Reach Out

Joey DeMiglio, 22 months, checks the dental work on the Easter bunny during the annual Lunch With The Easter Bunny at the Howard Leisure Center Saturday morning March 12, 2005. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

## NEWS

**58 names submitted for new Niles Park Gym**

**W**hat to call the new \$5.5 million multi-use Park Dist. complex under construction at 7800 Caldwell Avenue in Niles?

The Niles Park District is expected to select the top five choices from a list of 50 suggested names next week.

Some of the suggested names are the Freedom Center, the Caldwell Center and Caldwell on the Greens.

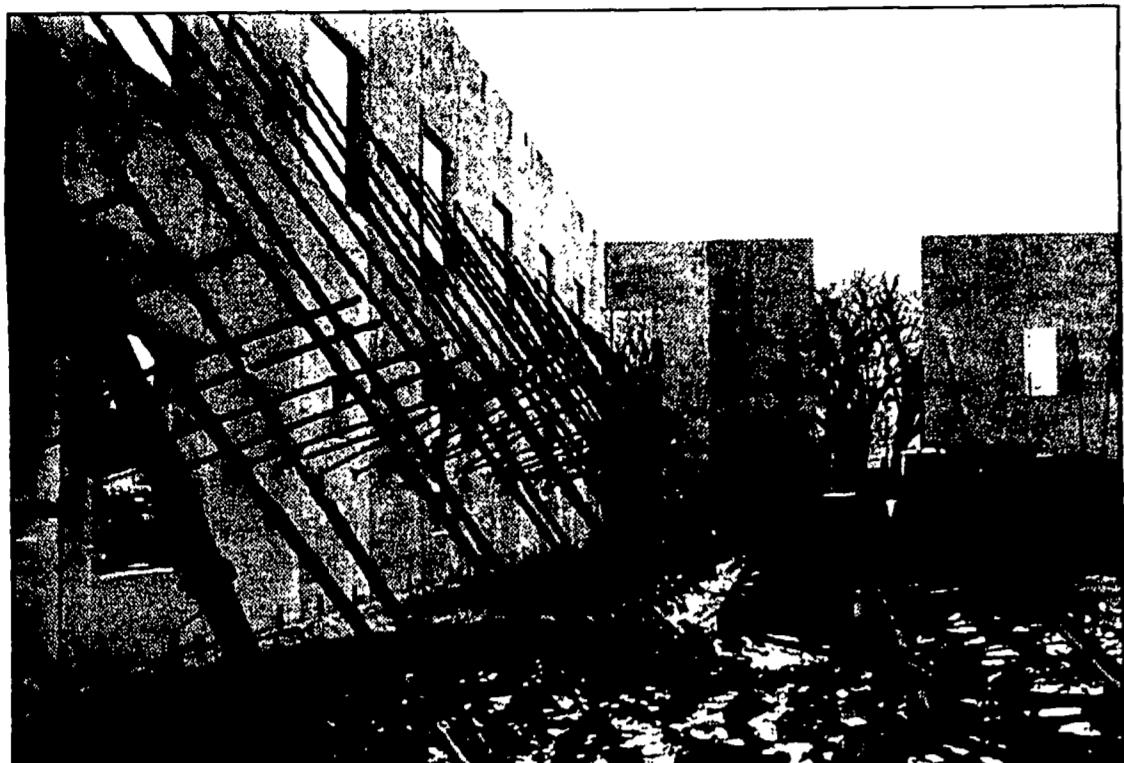
Several people have suggested naming the building in honor of mayor Nick Blasé.

Others have proffered former public works director and Park District pioneer Edward Bacher for the namesake.

Bacher built the first Niles field house. Other suggested names include elements of Howard Street, Caldwell Avenue and the neighboring Tam golf course.

The person who submitted the winning name to the Park District will receive a \$100 savings bond. Park Dist. Executive Director Joe Lo Verde said the names will be reduced to five finalists and then submitted to the Park Board for final selection. Monday was the last day for submissions.

"We wanted to give the public input in naming this new community center," Lo Verde said.



The pre-cast panels are in place this week at the site of the new Niles Multi-Purpose Gymnasium on Caldwell, north of Howard.

internet access, Lo Verde said.

The main basketball courts will be separated from the lobby by a clear structure so all the activity inside will be visible to those in the lobby. The project is slated to wrap up in October or November.

At this point, the pre-cast concrete walls are 98 percent complete and a structure steel bar joist is ready. This bar joist is the structural element that supports the walls and foundation.

**Corrects**

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He said that the traffic study for Uptown has been too narrow and that one is required for a larger area. If IDOT approval is not received before PRC begins construction, then he said he intends to seek an injunction.

"The whole process has been flawed," he said. "If the only way we can open their eyes is to file suit, then we will."

A deadline is fast approaching. PRC intends to break ground in April, according to Schuenke. And while he says that PRC's traffic consultants are about to send the final documents to IDOT, approval of the new signals is still far off.

"Even if we hear from the consultants today, we still have a lot of submittals to go through before we issue a permit," IDOT's Rammacher said, adding that the department has received a great deal of data from COR-RECTS.

Both candidates running for Park Ridge Mayor in April 2005 believe that Uptown Redevelopment is extremely important. Ald. Mike Tinaglia (1st) felt that, while Kirkland's concerns are important, the TA2 project will probably move forward.

"The traffic has to go somewhere," he said. "Will it impact Greenwood?"

"If it was someone who needed help, we'd help them. If it was someone shooting at us, well, you can guess what we did," he said.

He said his force was frequently ambushed and attacked with what the Army calls "improvised explosive devices."

Luckily, the bombs and ambushes were not successful. He said he experienced only one Iraqi civilian death and one American death in his vicinity.

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**NEWS****Welcome Back**

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"When the soldiers got care packages, they would sometimes take the items and distribute them to the poor and needy in Iraq," he said.

Giovannelli was stationed at Balad Ruz about two and a half miles east of Baghdad.

Though trained for air defense, he was assigned on a perimeter reaction force.

Armed with an M-16 rifle and 9mm Beretta handgun, Giovannelli and his security force would respond to any situation on the perimeter of the camp.

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vehicle during a convoy trip to Kuwait.

Giovannelli, 27, is a research assistant at the University of Illinois - Chicago Department of Ophthalmology. There, he helps with research into visual perception.

He said he hopes to attend medical school in a year and a half.

"Do you have any connections to help get me in med school," he joked with The Bugle during a 25-minute March 14 interview.

Giovannelli was asked if his tour in Iraq made him jumpy or affected him psychologically.

"Yes, it has affected me. It changed my life — in a good way. After going through Operation Iraqi Freedom, I appreciate life more," he said.

"And I learned that if you want something go after it."

In addition to his research job,

Giovannelli also works for the Niles police department and he lives in Chicago near the intersection of Belmont and Cumberland.

Sgt. Jim Elenz of the Niles PD said Giovannelli was hired in 2000 as an auxiliary officer. This means he worked part-time and



Park View Science Olympiad Team (kneeling left) Patrick Conrad, (kneeling right) Andrew Lee, and Paul McGivern. Students surround their project "Mission Possible" Saturday afternoon, March 5, 2005 at Niles West High School. The Park View Team won first place in the competition and will move on to the state competition. (Photo by Allen Keleta)

**MCC Suit**

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on the property, but a federally mediated agreement resulted in cross licenses for the ROW and an equal piece of land off of Menard. Aleemuddin said that Chicago Title & Trust, which insured the land is going forward with litigation to resolve the ownership dispute.

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## Village of Morton Grove

### Candidates for Mayor Choose One



Dan Staackmann -Action Party  
"We're in the service industry."

Dan Staackmann, running for mayor on the Action Party slate, says that he wants to bring to the village the same thing he helped bring to the Park District, repairing of budgetary and staff problems.

"I can't take credit for all of the things that happened at the Park," Staackmann said. "But I think that many of the problems are the same and we have the ingredients here

for a team to get it done."

Staackmann said that the budget priorities should be long-term financial stability and building up the village's reserve funds.

"I'd like to see 30 percent in the village's reserve funds," he said. "I'd like to see \$1 million in the Public Works fund. What if we had to lay down a water main?"

He also believes that the village's residents deserve the best service.

"We're here to serve the public," Staackmann said. "We're in the service industry and the residents deserve the best services we can afford."

Staackmann also believes that the time has come to stop cutting the budget.

"We've been cutting the budget for the last four years," he said.

"We need to find new sources of revenue."

Krier said that, if elected, he'd like to change the discussion at the board toward cutting costs in the annual budget rather than increasing revenue.

"The way to additional revenue, he said, was new development, not new taxes.

"We need to enhance tax revenue through new development," he said, "not new taxes."



Rick Krier -Caucus Party  
"I think I've brought openness."

said. "I don't want to just increase revenue."

Krier also said that he didn't feel welcome on the board.

"I think I've been tolerated," he said.

If he's elected as mayor, Krier said that he wants to be very involved with the community.

"If I'm going to be mayor, I want to be an involved mayor," he said. "If a business wants to come in, I want to know about it. I want them to call me."

### Candidates for Trustee Choose Three



Georgianne Brunner  
-Caucus Party  
"We can't re-invent the wheel."

Georgianne Brunner lost her election in 2003 by 12 votes and is hoping to win a trusteeship this year. She is running with the Caucus Party and has praised Rick Krier for bringing openness to the village.

"I think Rick's presence has opened it up considerably," she said. "But he can't do it alone. I'd like to be elected so that at least he has a second vote."

She said, despite a tight budget, there should be ways for the village to provide better services, such as working out an inter-governmental agreement with Skokie to provide immunizations to the village's seniors and young families.

"We're too small to re-invent the wheel," she said. "We have wonderful services for the village's seniors but I'd like to see more things to attract young families. A full-time nurse could, for instance, provide a contact for new moms."

Brunner also said that a lack of leadership has resulted in a variety of problems for the village, including rising taxes and less animal control.

"The opposition seems to be all negative," said Gomberg.

"You have to accentuate the positive. You have to stress the good things going on in the village."

"I would like to see the village move in a positive direction on affordable housing," she said. "I think we should have more than the required 10 percent. I don't want to see seniors priced out of housing."

He specifically mentioned plans for the Dempster Street Corridor.

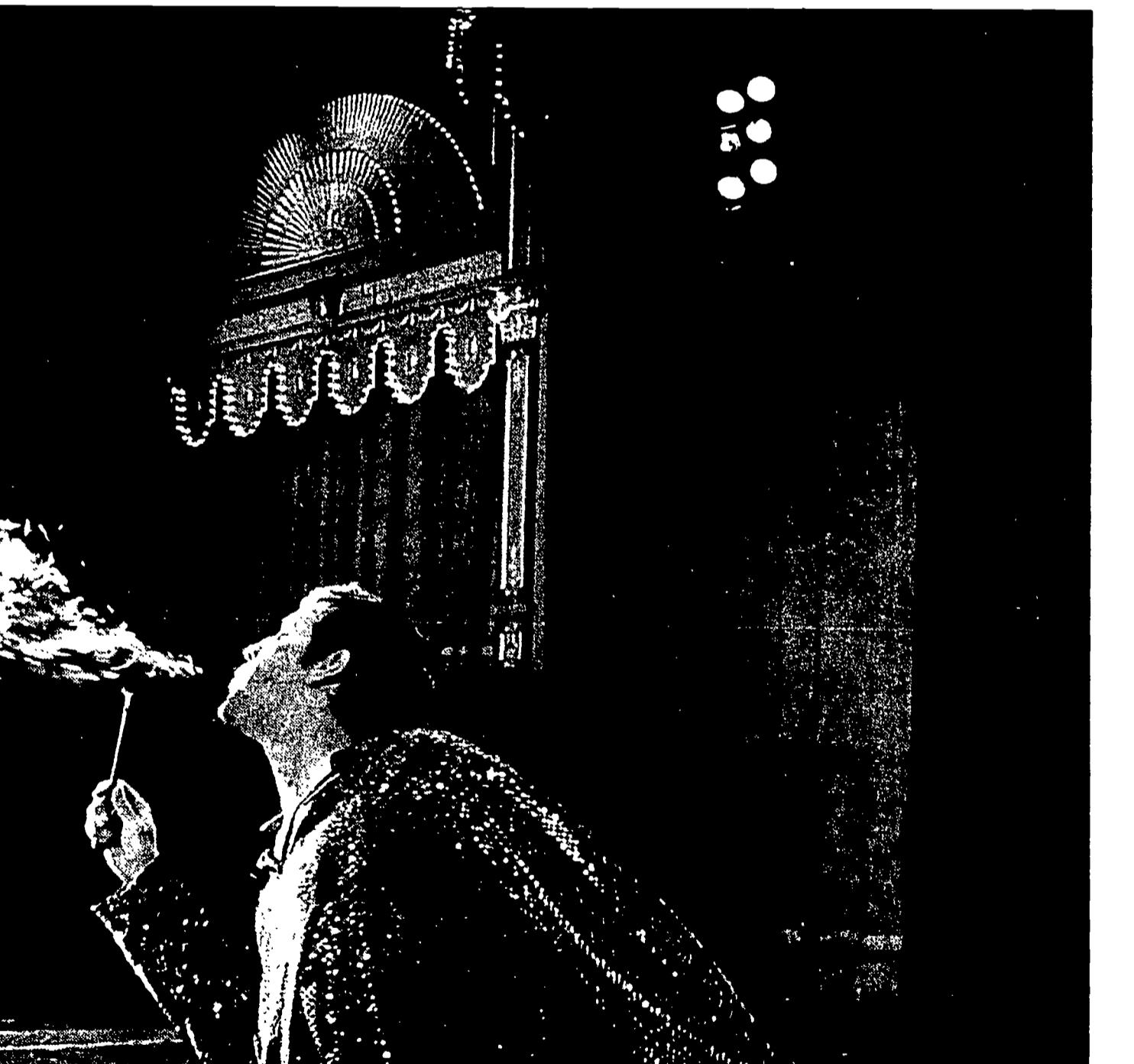
"There is a plan," he said. "We're waiting on state funds. We need better communication with Springfield, the federal government and our legislators so that we're aware of opportunities."

Gomberg also mentioned the great need for affordable senior housing in the village.

"We need a plan," he said. "Affordable senior housing is a serious issue."

Gomberg also believes that the village's budget needs to be easier for residents to understand.

"It's geared for someone versed in municipal budgets," she said. "We need to make it easier for the residents to understand."



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## Village of Morton Grove



Larry Gomberg -Action Party  
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under the Action Party slate. She said that she is running because she loves Morton Grove.

"I want to see it keep going in the direction that it's going," she said. "I'm proud of the Action Party trustees and their accomplishments."

Toth is a member of the village's Appearance Commission and its newly-formed Economic Development. She said that, if she wins election next month, her top priorities will include the revitalization of the Dempster Corridor.

"I believe that we need to push the Dempster Corridor revitalization forward," she said.

Toth also believes that the village needs to place a greater emphasis on affordable housing.

Even above and beyond the state-mandated 10 percent.

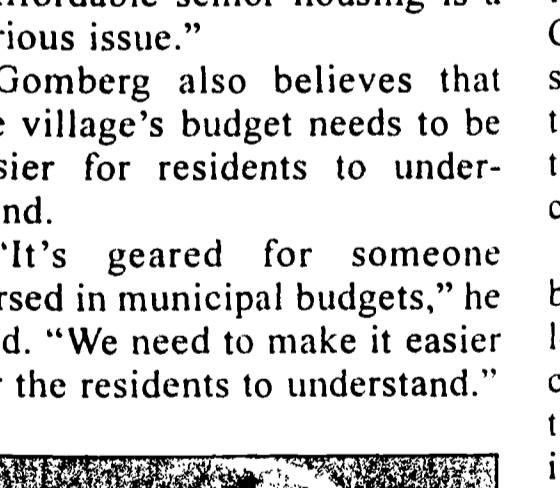
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Rita Minx -Caucus Party  
"We need to lower taxes."

Rita Minx is running for a first term on the village board as a Caucus Party candidate. She said that her status as a long-time resident and her vision of the future make her a good choice.

"I think the future is dim because of economic challenges," she said. "I think better choices could have been made in the past that would have improved the village's position."

She said that she foresees her children staying in the village and would like to work to make it a better place for them.

"We need to lower taxes by attracting more businesses," she said. "We need to get an economic development employee who can make better results than our previous one."

Minx proposed lowering the current sales tax and looking into other ways to attract businesses to the village.

"We need to look at things like a facade partnership," she

said. "We should also consider working to improve the infrastructure."

Regarding record-keeping, Fritzshall said that she wanted the village board minutes to reflect what happens at the meetings more faithfully.

"I've been very disturbed by some residents who say their comments have not been reproduced faithfully," she said. "The possibility that the minutes are sanitized is something I would look into immediately."



Roy Kogstad -Action Party

"We can run the village for less."

Roy Kogstad is running for the village board as a member of the Caucus Party. He believes that the village can and should be run cheaper.

"My parents live in town," he said. "I got involved because I knew that the Garbage Tax would be a financial burden on those with fixed income."

Kogstad, who has an MBA and a B.S. in accounting said that he helped Krier make a proposal to cut the budget for 2005 and that he hopes to make the village more financially sound if elected.

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Steve Blonz -Action Party  
"I can make things better."

Carol Fritzshall is running for village clerk on the Caucus Party slate. She thinks that, given the chance, she can make things better.

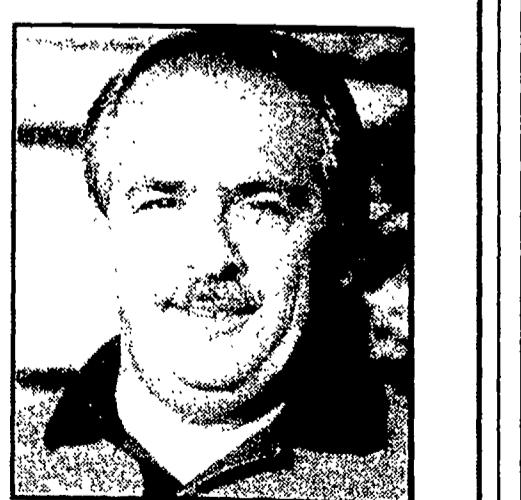
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"The turn-out in municipal elections is terrible," she said. "I think that people need to be more concerned and interested in local politics."

Friewer also said that those who say that the people of Morton Grove don't have a say in government are incorrect.

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Peggy Flickinger Friewer  
-Action Party

"We were taught to give back."

Peggy Flickinger Friewer, candidate for village clerk, said that growing up in the village, her father, the mayor, told her that she should give to the community. Her father was a Morton Grove mayor and the current municipal hall is named after him.

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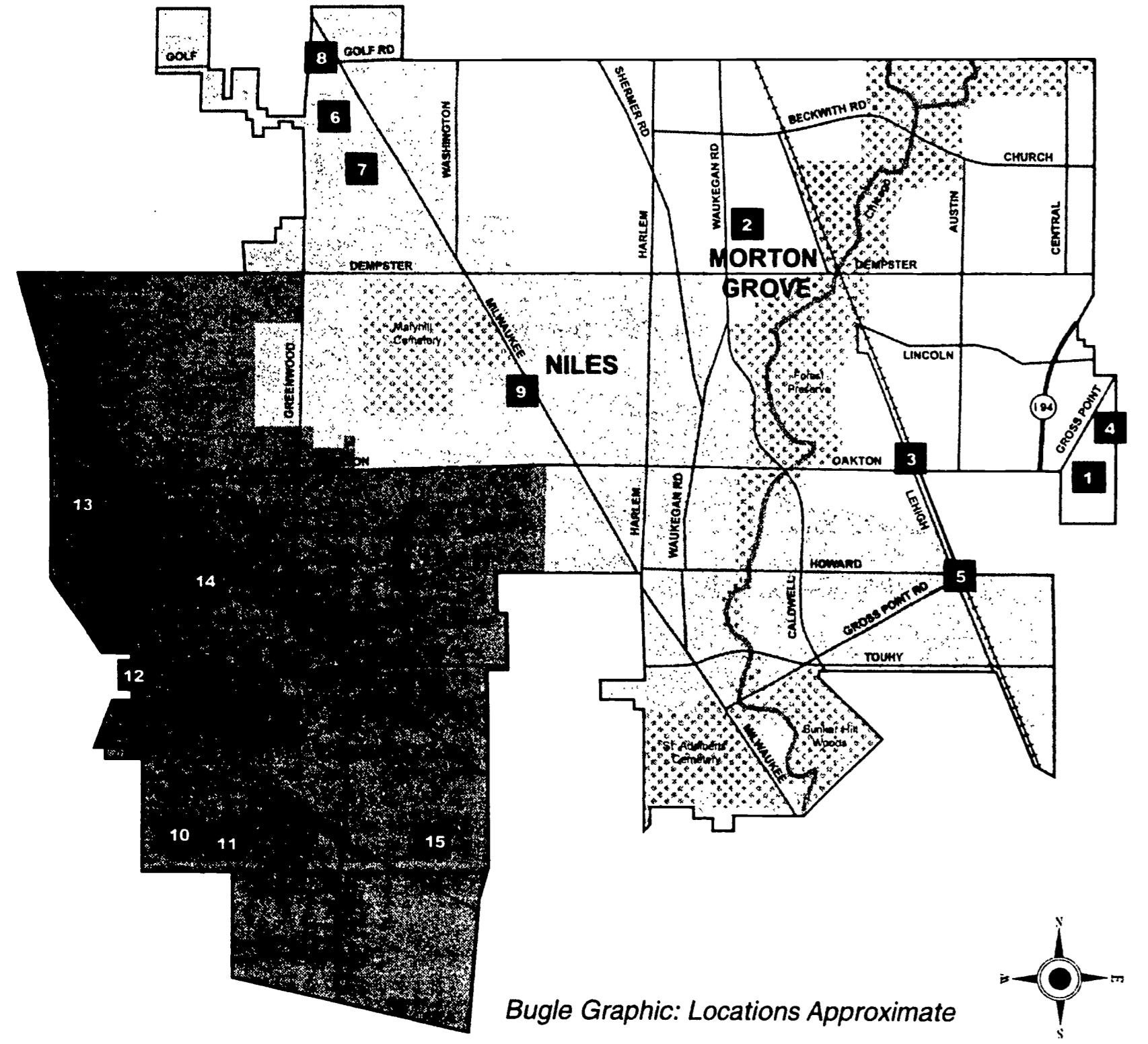
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## POLICE BLOTTER



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### MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending March 11, 2005.

#### 1 Burglary to vehicle (7800 Luna)

A thief came back for the rest of a car radio Thursday March 3 when the window of a 2001 Mitsubishi Mirage was smashed and the face plate of the car stereo was stolen from the glove compartment five months after the actual radio was stolen from the car while it was parked in Skokie. The owner of the car told police the thief must have come back for the face plate because the radio will not work without it.

#### 2 Burglary to vehicle (6800 Dempster)

A roadside emergency kit was the only thing a thief could find to steal when he entered a 1998 Pontiac Sunfire parked in the lot outside of the Bally's health club in the 6800 block of Dempster

Thursday night March 3. The victim told police it was the second time in three weeks her car was burglarized. The report does not say where the previous burglary occurred.

#### 3 Burglary to auto (6300 Oakton)

Thieves used a punch tool to remove the lock cylinder on the side door of a 2004 Chevy cargo van that was parked in Menards lot in the 6300 block of Oakton Friday morning March 4.

Police said when they opened the side door of the van they noticed the lock cylinder lying on the floor. Tools valued at \$1,480 were stolen.

#### 4 Violin stolen (8200 Gross Point Rd.)

The mother of a child enrolled at the Edison School in the 8200 block of Gross Point told police Monday March 7 that someone had stolen her daughter's violin from an unlocked locker at the school sometime after Feb. 23.

The mother told police the violin was leased from a musical supply store and had a value of \$300.

### NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police for the week ending March 14, 2005.

#### 5 Thousands stolen in check fraud (6100 Howard)

The owner of a graphic arts service in the 6100 block of Howard called police Monday March 7 after he discovered someone had cashed eight counterfeit checks valued at \$14,939.13 against the man's account. The man told police he was checking his bank statement at the time when he came across the checks.

The man told police three checks totaling \$700 were cashed at various casinos. He said five other checks totaling more than \$14,000 that were counterfeited to look like business checks were cashed over a period of three days in February.

6 Disturbances at Golf Mill

Niles police responded to three separate instances regarding disturbances at Golf Mill over the weekend.

7 Jewels stolen (8500 Milwaukee)

A 21-year-old Niles man is

missing a wristwatch, a medallion, and a gold chain after someone forced open the back door of his apartment in the 8500 block of Milwaukee Ave. Wednesday March 9. The man told police someone went to his closet and removed the jewelry from the pockets of the clothing he was hiding it in. The man also told police he had some people over the house on Friday March 4 and showed them the jewelry.

#### 8 PARK RIDGE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending March 17, 2005.

10 BB guns damage returns (900 block S. Home) Vandals shot out the drivers side window of a 2005 Chrysler 300 while it was parked in the street in the 900 block of Home Sunday night March 6. The damage was estimated at \$500.

11 BB gun damage (1000 Aldine) The drivers side window of a 2001 BMW was shot out Saturday night March 5 while the car was parked in the street in the 1000 block of Aldine. The window was valued at \$350.

12 Shady deal (Golf Mill) A 25-year-old Niles woman was arrested for shoplifting at the Kohl's store in Golf Mill Monday afternoon March 7 after a security guard watched the woman conceal seven pairs of sunglasses on herself and leave the store. The glasses were valued at \$72.60.

13 Burglary (800 Forestview) Someone entered and unlocked 2003 GMC Envoy parked in the driveway of home in the 600 block of N. Goodwin Tuesday night March 8 and stole \$4 in cash and 15 CDs valued at \$150.

14 Vandalism (600 Hamlin) Some one smashed the kitchen window of a home in the 600 block of Hamlin Friday night March 4. The window was valued at \$250.

15 Vandalism (1000 Washington) Someone smashed out the rear window of a 2004 Mercury while it was parked in the street in the 1000 block of Washington Saturday night March 5. The window was valued at \$200.

16 Pain killer thief (9000 Greenwood) A 41-year-old Mount Prospect man was charged with two counts of retail theft after the manager of the Walgreens store in the 9000 block of Greenwood watched the man place packages of pain killers in his pockets and attempt to leave. The manager told police he stopped the man and asked him to empty his pockets. The man agreed and removed a few bottles from his jacket. The manager told police that when he asked the man to come to his office the man bolted for the door. The man was tackled at the door by the manager and another employee. Police also recovered a crack pipe from the man's pockets.

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#### SUMMARY OF CRIME:

##### Morton Grove

Theft -7

Burglary to auto -3

##### Niles

Theft -6

Disturbance -3

##### Park Ridge

Arrests

Resident -1

Non resident -18

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# BUSINESS

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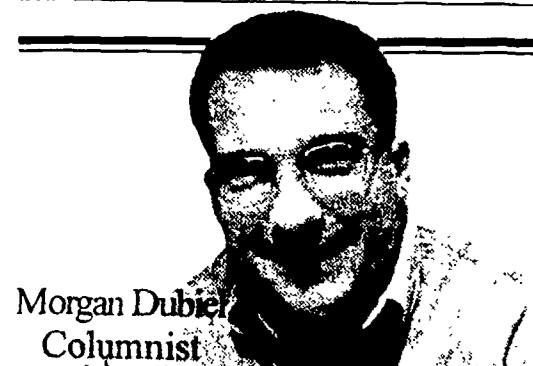
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Others saved dying strangers, by trekking them for miles on a make-shift stretcher. Most simply serve their communities and slow down, even improve the entropy affecting our country.

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persistence, and diligence turn to gold when applied to life. Scouting does so in a moral environment of high, although ancient, standards.

If you are familiar at all with the Robert Galassi, Jr. story you recognize that he learned confidence to act in highly stressful conditions as a leader and benefactor. This is all too rare in so-called modern man.

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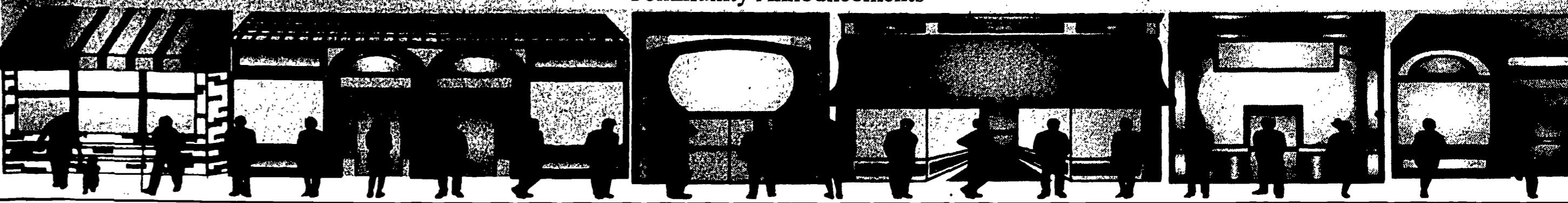
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# Have You Heard?

Community Announcements



### 'I'm going to vote for the Caucus Party'

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter written by Joseph Borst. I just wonder where you got the list of items you suggested to reduce. Perhaps you are not aware that Mr. Krier is the only non-Action Party member present on the board and has only one vote.

My husband and I have been residents of Morton Grove since 1956. In those years, the Action Party was formed and they did a good job against a party which had become a controlling group like the present Action Party has.

You mentioned in your letter what a good job the Public Works Dept. does and they do, however,

you forgot to mention that they are paid well for the job.

For all the years that we have lived in Morton Grove we never paid for Garbage Pick-up until this last year. Now we pay. Why?

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CAMP HOURS:

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### Easter Bunny Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church March 26

Once again the Easter Bunny will be present at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5106 N. LaCrosse, at the intersections of Foster, Elston and LaCrosse Avenue, when they host an ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. for \$5.00. Bring your camera for a picture with the bunny or have one taken by the church for a nominal fee.

Reservations are suggested, tickets will be available at the door. There will also be a raffle for Easter Baskets loaded with candy and goodies, tickets will be on sale during the breakfast. Following the breakfast, promptly at 11:00 a.m. on the lawns of the church grounds, will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2 through 10 at no charge, just bring a basket or sack. The hunt will be held rain or shine. For further information or reservations, contact the church office at 773-545-7301 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Early registration for  
Jerusalem Lutheran  
School in Morton Grove

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran School, 6128 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, is now accepting early enrollment for grades K-8 for the 2005-2006 school year. All children are welcome!

Please contact Principal Mike Naumann 847-965-4750 extension 10.

### Morton Grove Park District

www.mortongparks.com

Contact: Sue Braubach

Phone: 847-965-1200

Eggstravaganza - Friday, March 25 - 11:00am: Children ages 2-10 are invited to an egg hunt sponsored by LaSalle Bank and the Morton Grove Park District. Children will enjoy making their own egg basket in the Park District workshop and then hunt for eggs filled with toys and candy in Prairie View Park. The hunt will take place outdoors, so dress accordingly. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Fee is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Stop by Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster Street and pick up a registration form. Any questions, please call us at 847-965-1200.

### Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Provides quality care

Doctor Lawrence Pankau, a specialist in adult and geriatric medicine, has always lived on the northwest side of Chicago or nearby suburbs. He has visited many nursing homes as a physician, so a few years ago when his mother needed help, he could have had her admitted to any of them. But he and his family picked the one they felt provided the best care—Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (RNRC) during those 25 years.

"The nursing and rehabilitative care here is remarkable," he said. "The care is very much like the acute care provided in hospitals. And, for people who need therapy, this center uses a team approach, with nurses, therapists, social workers and other staff working under the direction of a psychiatrist, a physician specializing in rehabilitation."

Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1001 North Greenwood Avenue, Park Ridge, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its affiliation with Resurrection Health Care at a Mass officiated by



### Feeling At Home

(Above) Lawrence R. Pankau, M.D. and his mother, Mrs. Louise Pankau.

(Left) Maribeth Einikis and Henry Wojtyla.

Pankau's assessment. Mr. Wojtyla is a volunteer ombudsman for the state of Illinois' long-term care ombudsman program. "My wife was a resident here for 10 years until she passed away a few years ago," the former school superintendent said.

"I saw firsthand the care they provide here. That is why I became an ombudsman," he said. "We visit nursing homes to help solve problems the residents encounter. The staff here at RNRC is very dedicated to caring for their residents. The nurses, aides and therapists all are

excellent."

Finally, both the physician and ombudsman agree that people considering nursing or rehabilitative care for themselves or their family members should be very selective. Mr. Wojtyla advises, "Spend time to visit four or five facilities. Talk with the residents and walk through the building and around the grounds. That is what I did, and I picked RNRC." Dr. Pankau agrees. "It takes people with special skill, training and experience to diagnose and treat these residents."

For more information about Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or to schedule a tour, call 847-692-5600.

Resurrection Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is part of Resurrection Health Care, which also includes hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, a surgery center, behavioral health services, outpatient and medical office facilities, hospice services and a home health care network. Resurrection Health Care is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Please note the content for this section has been provided by members of the community, and does not reflect the opinions of the Bugle nor is the information endorsed by The Bugle.

## NEWS

**A Literate Community**

(Above) WGN radio news director Wes Bleed poses for a group photo with the fourth grade class at Nelson School Friday afternoon March 4. Bleed joined a number of media personalities and members of the community for literacy day.

(Left) WGN radio news director Wes Bleed signs an autograph for fourth grade student Maryann Kalo, 10, at the Nelson School literacy day Friday March 4, 2005.

Photo by Allen Kadar/bugle

**MG Taste brings in almost \$80K**

Between 750 and 800 people attended this year's Morton Grove Taste at the White Eagle Restaurant in Niles. The event brought in almost \$80,000, according to Morton Grove Foundation Chair Teresa Liston.

"We're giving \$50,000 to local charities this year," said Liston.

The tentative total of funds raised through ticket sales, raffles and silent auctions was \$78,957. That does not include credit card receipts and some costs that still need to be covered. However, Liston said overhead for the Taste is very low.

The overall total of funds raised this year is slightly down from last year, according to Liston, but the event was still very successful. The Foundation is also building up money year to year in order to fund an endowment.

The beneficiaries from the Foundation in 2005 are: Adult Down Syndrome Center, American Brain Tumor Association, Association of Horizon, Christmas in April, Community Nutrition Network, First Step Foundation, For Autistic Kids Foundation, Foundation for Nager and Miller Syndromes, Friends of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve, Glenkirk, LaRabida, Leukemia Research Foundation, Little City Foundation, Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation, Maryville Academy-Scot Nolan Learning Center, Morton Grove Days Commission, Morton Grove Lions Club, Morton Grove Park District, Morton Grove Woman's Club, Orchard Village, Plato Academy, Shelter, Inc., Shore Training Center, St. John Brebeuf School and Turning Point.

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**Morton Grove Senior News****FOR VOTING**

The Morton Grove "Seniortran" Bus will transport those needing rides to their polling place on Tuesday, April 5. Voters must be Morton Grove residents and their polling place must be in Morton Grove; know the location of their polling place when they call in; be Senior Center Members to ride at no cost (non-members pay \$2); call the Senior Hot Line (847/470-5223) for a ride reservation before April 4.

**HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS**

Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite seniors to join in on numerous free school productions to be performed during the coming weeks. For details call the schools at 847/825-4484 (Maine East), 847/626-2000 (Niles North) or 847/626-2600 (Niles West). The events include: Niles West Spring Play at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7. Maine East Jazz Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. Niles North Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25. Maine East Spring Play at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.

Niles North Vocal Jazz Performance at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28. Niles West Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

**AARP MATURE****DRIVING PROGRAM**

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" formerly known as "55 Alive" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance.

Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course dates of Saturdays, April 9 and 16 at the Morton Grove Senior Center, and Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12 in the Prairie View Community Center. All classes begin at 9 a.m. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

**TRANSPORTATION****MOVIES AT THE MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER**

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's first musical blockbuster, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" comes to video in this production starring Donny Osmond to be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11. The cost for the show is only \$5.00.

Please register in person at the Center. "Under the Tuscan Sun," is a romantic comedy about a writer (Diane Lane) who starts life over with a new home in a new land within the Tuscan region of Italy to be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. The cost of the show is only \$5.00. Please register in person at the Center.

**PERRY COMO AUTO-BIOGRAPHY, PLUS LUNCH**

Listen as Vocal Historian, Jack Diamond guides this journey through the life and songs of Singer, Perry Como from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Morton Grove Lunch Bunch. Make a reservation for lunch following the presentation at 11:45 a.m. by calling the Lunch Bunch at 847/967-6876. The menu for this day is Oriental Beef with Broccoli.

**"THE JOY OF AMERICAN ART"**

This slide presentation of art from the Art Institute of Chicago includes American artists from the Midwestern art of Grant Wood to the more modern and abstract art of Georgia O'Keefe, plus Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer and others. Charlotte Hadley from the Art Insights program will present a broad spectrum of art, showing American lifestyles through the eyes of great artists. This free program will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

**"THE MUSIC MAN"**

AT DRURY LANE When the fast talking salesman, Harold Hill comes to River City the sparks begin to fly on Thursday, April 21. And when Harold takes on Marion the librarian, the real fireworks begin. Brimming with infectious good humor and tunes that lift the heart, this musical comedy is family entertainment at its best!! Enjoy a lunch choice of Rotolo Di Pasta (tri-colored layers of pasta with fresh ricotta and spinach baked with a pink tomato sauce) or Roast Sirloin of Beef.

The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. The cost is \$65 for Senior Center Members and \$75 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

**INCOME TAX RETURNS**

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Morton Grove Senior Center, income tax return assistance is available free of charge for Morton Grove residents age 60+ and who have low or moderate incomes that can be reported on basic IRS forms. Call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for a personal appointment at the Senior Center. Bring in the W-2, Social Security (SSA-1099), 1098 and 1099 forms received in the mail along with a copy of the 2003 tax returns.

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD "WO" MEN**

Any ladies interested in joining a women's-only Poker Club at the Morton Grove Senior Center? Look no further!!! There are some eager Poker players who would like to launch a new Poker Club exclusively for women. As soon as enough ladies sign up the group will start planning dates and times. Please call Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathryn Williams at 847/663-6127 if interested.

**HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?**

Through the efforts of wonderful and caring volunteers, the Morton Grove Civic Center patio gardens have been one of the highlighted attractions for guests. Anyone interested in getting a little dirty and being a part of the beautiful blooming should contact Bud Swanson at the Center by calling 847/663-6110. ONESES, TWOSIES, FUNSIES! What is BUNCO???? It's a game centered around three dice and usually three sets of four players averaging a group of 12. A game of pure luck; no real skill is required other than rolling the dice in an upbeat and social setting.

If interested starting a Bunco group at the Morton Grove Senior Center, call Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathryn Williams at 847/663-6127. As soon as enough interest is generated, a group will be formed.

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## SENIORS

## Parent care

## A high-voltage mom in a low-voltage world

Marsha Kay Seff  
Copley News Service

Mom phoned the other day to say that the other ladies at her assisted-living facility were disappointed that I haven't written a funny column about her in a while. Bless my 85-year-old mom, my mom who is sporting faux hips, knees and teeth; takes more medications than I eat jelly beans and tries not to bug me any more than absolutely necessary: She set her friends straight.

Looking out for an older parent, she told them, isn't always fun or funny. Sometimes, it drives a Dutiful Daughter to distraction. Often, she explained, her daugh-

ter-the-columnist needs to address serious care-giving issues with a no-nonsense approach. But this isn't one of those times, because mom - knock on my wooden head - hasn't gotten into too much trouble lately. Except, for ....

Last month, her indigestion got

so bad that she gave up eating for a few weeks. "You gotta eat," I told her. "You don't think we paid \$18,000 for tooth implants so you could starve to death, do you?" Fortunately, her ever-patient Dr. Jerome Robinson found a new medicine that worked. And mom's been eating up a storm again, although she's trying hard not to regain the pounds she'd dropped.

The thing is that I've lost weight, so she wanted to. No, she isn't competing with me; her motive is more practical than that. Because she uses a walker and can't balance to try on clothing, I have to

do it for her during our weekly treks to Salvation Army. (Yes, we love scouting for a deal neither of us needs.) If she's much heavier than I am, we can't figure out what will look good on her. The downside of losing weight - yes, there is a downside - is that our fingers and feet are skinnier. That means our rings keep rolling around our fingers and our shoes slip.

For me, the loose shoes are an annoyance; for mom, they're dangerous. I've bought her some

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## SENIORS

## Maine Township

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program will be about "Wild, Wise and Witty"

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. "THE HOUSE ON THE ROCK" Southwestern Wisconsin

Tuesday, May 10. 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$75.00 members/\$80.00 guests

Built in the early 1940's this 14-room house sits perched on a rock that will set your imagination dancing in a world of wonder that spun into existence from the imagination of a genuine American visionary. View the world's greatest collection of animated, automated music machines, gigantic pipe organs, antiques and the World's Largest Carousel!

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## Park Ridge Senior News

## SENIOR SWIMMERS

If you enjoy the summer senior swimming at Centennial Park, you are encouraged to come to a meeting with a representative of the Park District to discuss hours for this summer's swimming. The date is Thursday, March 31 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. So do come and hear the plans and give your suggestions.

## FITNESS CLASSES

If you have stopped coming to your usual fitness class at the Center because Lorie Podrazik has retired, you can start again. Jo Buck is the new exercise instructor.

The days and times are the same as before: Mon., Wed., & Fri., at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Her routine is a little different and a good workout. One pound weights and stretch bands are used (you can bring your own heavier weights if you would like.) Her exercises cover all muscle groups with stretching being a very important part of her routine.

REMINDER: Pinochle will now be played every Saturday afternoon at the Senior Center. The game begins at 1 p.m. Bridge mixers are held every Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. All are welcome.

**FRIDAY FUN DAY**  
Come join the fun! There are

games being taught, games being played. Whether it's Dominos you want to learn or play; or other games you would like to learn, you can start your weekend early with laughter, fun and friendship. Fridays at 12:30pm.

## YAKOV SMIRNOFF SHOW

The Center is planning a trip on Saturday, April 9 to see the Yakov Smirnoff show at Centre East in Skokie. Before the show, there is a family style lunch at Maggiano's in Old Orchard. Menu includes appetizers, 2 salads, pasta, a fish and chicken entree, and a choice of two desserts. Then to the theater for the 5 p.m. show returning to Park Ridge immediately following the show.

This is a true American success story, Yakov Smirnoff's upbeat comedy has taken him from a poor Russian immigrant to the big leagues. He has entertained more than 3 million people in his Branson theater and most recently, Broadway. The show is filled with patriotism and love of family and will have audiences cheering for the red, white and blue.

Reservations are required in advance and should be made according to our current registration policy. Cost is \$78 for the day. Motorcoach leaves the Center at 1:45 p.m., lunch at 2:30 p.m. and showtime at 5 p.m.

Questions can be answered by calling 847-692-3597.



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## 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.

### PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, March 22. 12:00 noon

to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00 members/\$6.00 guest

Enjoy fun and competition at this "Three Handed Pinochle" Tournament. Refreshments are served at 12:00 noon. Competition begins at 1:00p.m. Newcomers are always welcome.

### GRANDPARENTING PROGRAM

"Communication" Tuesday, March 29 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Presenter: Linda Waycie  
No Cost - Registration Required

Whether you are caring for your grandchildren once in a

while or more frequently, grandparents and their adult children often disagree on parenting practices. There will be a discussion on techniques that can be used to improve communication and reduce conflicts.

### WOMEN'S TEA

Thursday, March 31. 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Cost: \$2.00 Continental Breakfast.

We will celebrate Women's History Month with a presentation by storyteller, Elyne Handler. This fun and interesting

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## SENIORS

### Niles Senior

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join us for the entire series. The workshops will meet on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas:

Workshop #1, April 5 - "What has happened to me?" "Why me?" can be a common question during the grief process. Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process. Workshop #2, April 12 - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can also raise anxiety, especially if we feel that children or friends want us to "move on" or "be happy again."

Workshop #3, April 19 - "On my own." The shift from being part of a couple to living alone changes many things. At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities. For more information, please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW, at the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420.

### TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES RIDGEVILLE BAND OF EVANSTON RETURNS

Tuesday, April 26 5:00PM-8:30PM.

The fabulous Ridgeville Band of Evanston will be back at the Niles Senior Center for another evening of classical and popular music. This all brass intergenerational band is a favorite here at the center. So be sure to get your ticket. Dinner featuring Mostaccioli, Meatballs, and Italian Sausage, with salad, rolls, and dessert, will be served at 5:30 PM. This event is open to your non-resident friends of all ages. Cost \$12.

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 2 11:00AM-3:00PM. Niles Couples, celebrating 50, 55, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage in 2005 are invited to Niles Senior Center's annual Golden Anniversary Celebration. Niles couples, married in 1955, 1950, 1945, and 1940 or earlier are invited to be our guests at this annual event. This year's event will be held at the Niles Senior Center on Thursday, June 2, 2005, from 11:00 AM- 2:30 PM. Anniversary couples will be honored with a catered luncheon, formal photographs to mark the occasion, and entertainment by Niles Senior Center's Golden Notes Choral Group under the direction of Eleanor Kostelnik. If you would like to be part of this wonderful celebration, please contact the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420.

### NILES SENIOR CENTER DINNER DANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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 Thursday, May 5th at 10:00AM.

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March 7, 2005 Submitted to Bugle by MaryAnn Borucki, Niles Senior Center - 588-8420

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## SENIORS

# It's Party Time for the 90-Plus Crowd

By JEFF BORGARDT  
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It was party time for Morton Grove seniors March 9 when a fiesta for seniors 90 years and older was held at the American Legion Hall, 6140 Dempster Street in Morton Grove.

A dozen seniors attended. "It's surprising how many people 90 and over are active and on their feet," said Conrad Swanson who turned 91 the day after the get-together on March 10.

After retiring from the tool making business in 1984, Swanson became active in track and field with the local Senior Olympics fitness program.

"I was very active in Senior Olympics after I retired. If I hadn't been, I may not have been celebrating my 91st birthday the other day."

Swanson was born in 1914 to Swedish immigrants living on the South Side of Chicago.

His birth cost his father \$3 for the services of a mid-wife.

Upon delivery, the mid-wife held up the baby and proclaimed the newborn "like a peck of

potatoes."

Swanson explained that a 'peck of potatoes' was a measurement that equaled nearly 15 pounds.

He said things have changed a lot in his life. For example, average wealth of Chicagoans has increased.

In my time, you just lived paycheck to paycheck," he said. "Now people are saving money."

When asked if he had a good time at the party, he said "Oh, absolutely."

Bernice Huels turned 91 the day of the celebration.

"It was great," she said. "I really had such a wonderful time."

Huels has lived in Morton Grove since 1928. At that time,

the locality had only 2,000 residents.

In 1928 in Morton Grove "everyone was related to everyone else" and everyone knew each other.

Over the years, Huels has been active in many local organizations such as the Historical Society and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The 90-and-over party was sponsored by the Community Nutrition Network, or CNN.

Site manager Bob Kolinski said the event was a success.

It was the first time the CNN hosted an event to honor longevity in seniors.

At the CNN, Kolinski said he enjoys serving "food, fun and fraternism." Seniors can purchase \$2.70 meals at the CNN and get a chance to leave the house and mingle with other seniors.

Swanson's son Bud, 49, is the coordinator of family and senior services for Morton Grove.

He said the birthday party was well-attended and well-received by all.

"It was great to celebrate the longevity of these fine seniors," he said.



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(Above) Members of the Morton Grove Senior Center "Nineties Club" celebrate birthdays at a special luncheon at the center Wednesday morning March 9, 2005. Members are left-right Violet Kurfess, 93, seated, Vyetta Bleser, 94, Toni Gulluzzo, 90, Ray Davis, 90, Rose Amodeo, 90, Ruth Clark, 90, Bernice Huels, 91, Jane Milleck, 90, Conrad Swanson, 91, and Tina Papas, 90. (Left) Bernice Huels, 91, has spent her entire life as a Morton Grove resident and is one of the premier historians of the village.

Swanson explained that a 'peck

## Parent Care

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and I certainly don't want her stooping to get to the switches herself.

Her solution was to ask somebody to turn both heaters to low and leave them that way. She's also unplugged all the lights she's not using. I'm no electrician, but I don't think a light sucks electricity when it's not on. Mom isn't so sure. Anyway, she hasn't blown anything in the last few days.

Maybe the real problem is that she recently got a new refrigerator. The problem is that she had to hang onto the decrepit one, too, because it's part of a one-piece sink-and-stove unit. And the staff told her that the old one has to be on, at least on low, so it doesn't mildew.

The truth is, mom's not the least bit worried about her dueling fridges. She's just happy to have a new, big freezer so she can stock her own low-fat ice cream sandwiches.

Marsha Kay Seff is editor of The San Diego Union-Tribune's www.sandiegelder.com, a Web site for older folks and their caregivers.

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# The gang's all here and they're all over 50

(NUI) - Who says you have to sit around the house when you're over 50? Who says senior citizens can't go out and make new friends? Who says when you retire, you retire from having fun? Members of the Over the Hill Gang International don't say that. They say, "Let's hit the slopes."

From the top of the Rocky Mountains, OTHGI is calling all enthusiastic, fun-loving adventurers over 50 who still possess their will to ski and the zest to do so. With year-

round activities, this one-of-a-kind "gang" is determined to keep its members young at heart.

This organization has one goal and one goal only: to have individuals and couples enjoy the experience of skiing and other outdoor activities with other physically active seniors. And thanks to its goal, OTHGI is keeping people "50 or better" physically fit and enjoying life.

According to Arthur Foley, OTHGI's managing director, this group even has active skiers in their 80s.

Going the distance since 1977, OTHGI has more than 5,000 members from around the world enjoying their carefully planned, guided trips to destinations such as Aspen, the Canadian Rockies, France and other ski hot spots around the world.

And in between ski seasons, this Colorado-based organization offers bicycling, golf, hiking, rafting and "easy adventure" trips, keeping seniors moving and grooving all year long.

Members not only take pleasure in the camaraderie they get associating

with others of similar ages and interests, they also enjoy superior membership discounts on equipment rental, lift tickets and more at many ski outlets across the United States.

Local chapters, run by volunteers, arrange local events and activities so members can meet other active, mature people in their area. Also, these chapters provide more opportunities for OTHGI friends to get together on regular ski days, social occasions, weekend events and even week-long ski trips.

With OTHGI's continued success of keeping youthful seniors vibrant and vigorous, the group plans to continue its mission to let mature adults know that you're never too old to hit the slopes. After all, "once you're over the hill, you pick up speed."

The Frequent Travel Program

## Grandkids give grandparents gift of computer learning

(NUI) -

Sixty-five-year-old Gaynell Junior never thought she'd learn to use a computer. But, that was before her 15-year-old grandson bought her a gift membership

to ExperienceSeniorPower.com.

"I'm learning so much and making friends with seniors across the country and I never have to leave the house," she said.

Junior's not alone. Senior citizens nationwide are turning to this online community for an



Fifteen-year-old Christopher teaches his 65-year-old grandmother Gaynell Junior computer skills.

innovative computer learning experience.

Seniors receive detailed training in Microsoft Word through publishing their autobiographies online. Lessons in using scanners turn innovative flair on its head, as seniors scan and post 50 pictures in their own online family photo album. Other lessons include e-mail, keyboard use and Microsoft Excel.

Included with membership is a large print, senior-friendly workbook making these lessons a breeze.

Seniors who don't have grandkids around are forming

ExperienceSeniorPower clubs and learning together. If there's no computer at home, they're heading to the library or community center.

As seniors learn, they connect with peers nationwide. Support groups connect seniors living with diabetes, Parkinson's disease and other ailments, while message boards find seniors talking about investment planning and politics. Medical and dietary experts answer seniors' questions, and the site contains an archive of senior-related articles ranging from healthy lifestyle practices to legislation.

The Web site carries 850 discounted products for seniors. From flowers to sugar-free chocolates and home health care items, quality is guaranteed in a safe environment accessible only by private password.

At just \$29.99 for the workbook and three-month online membership, families find ExperienceSeniorPower.com a low-cost, high-quality gift for grandparents on their birthdays or anytime.

"My mother has new life," said Pamela Junior, Gaynell's daughter. "For her to learn under the guidance of my son, Christopher, warms my heart."

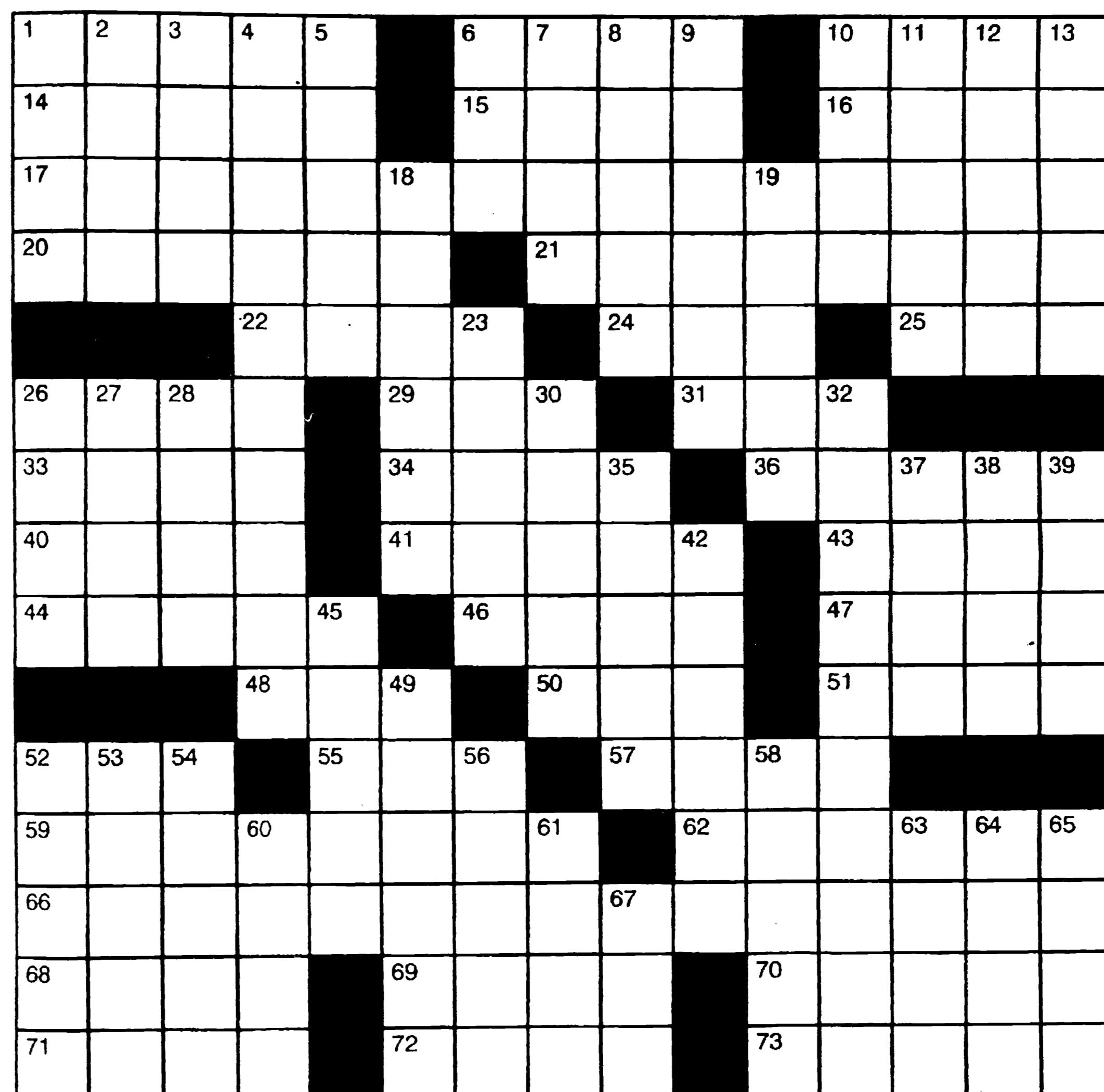
Christopher believes he's found the perfect gift to thank grandma for a lifetime of support.

"For all the lessons grandma taught me, I'm happy to give her something back," Christopher said.

For grandma, this gift brings a community of peers, necessary products and services right into her home. But the greatest gift is her growing relationship with her grandson and computer teacher. "He's made me so proud," she said.

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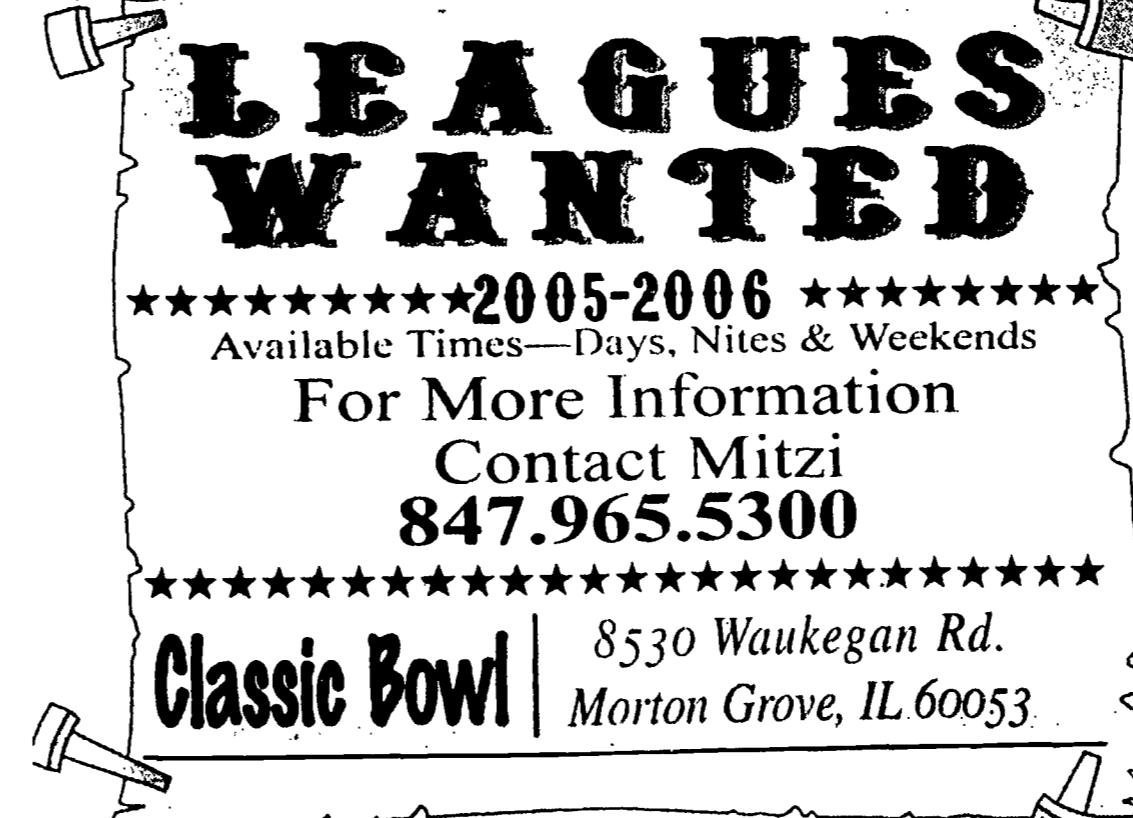
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## Raising a high bar at the Evanston Track Invite



(Left) Maine South's Tony Arague competes in the pole vault at the Kevin Richards Invitational at Evanston Township High School Saturday March 12.

(Above) Maine South's Danny Manning takes off in the 55 meter low hurdles Saturday March 12 at Maine South.

(Below Left) Maine South's Tony Arague clears the first hurdle in the 55 meter low hurdles at the Kevin Richards Invitational at Evanston Township High School Saturday March 12.

(Below Right) Maine South freshman Tony Arague competes in the pole vault at the Kevin Richards Invitational at Evanston Township High School Saturday March 12, 2005.





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**Use Your Home Wisely**  
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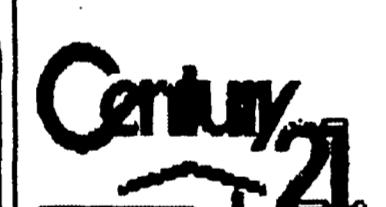
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## SPORTS FACT

### Deaf outfielder William 'Dummy' Hoy invented baseball sign language

William "Dummy" Hoy played outfield for seven different major league baseball teams in a 16-year career. Because of a childhood bout with meningitis, Hoy was deaf and mute — hence his nickname. While playing for the Washington Senators on June 19, 1889, against the Indiana Hoosiers, Hoy became the first big league outfielder to throw out three players at home plate in one game. Hoy, who was just 5-foot-5 but fleet of foot and the possessor of a powerful arm, played an exceptionally shallow center field, which probably helped him to throw out runners. But it was not Hoy's stature, speed or arm strength for which he is best remembered. It is baseball's arm signals — out or safe, strike or ball, foul or fair — that is his legacy to baseball. Umpires started using those signs so that Hoy could keep up with the game.



# LIFE

Thursday March 17, 2005

## Chef Harry presents

**Nutritious sprouts conjure up a flavor to grow on**  
**sprouts conjure up a flavor to grow on**

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ  
Copley News Service

2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil  
6 cloves garlic  
2 bunches scallions, chopped  
1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced  
2 tablespoons sesame seeds  
4 cups mung bean sprouts or assorted bean sprout mix  
1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 cups soy bean sprouts (other sprouts may be substituted)  
Toasted slivered almonds for garnish (optional)

Yields 4 to 6 servings.  
In bowl or glass measure with pour spout, whisk together ginger, orange juice, soy sauce, vinegar, and sesame and olive oils.

Place lettuce in serving bowl or platter and sprinkle sprouts on top. Pour dressing over sprouts and lettuce. Sprinkle with toasted almonds, if desired, and serve immediately.

ALFALFA-TURKEY ROLL  
2 tablespoons prepared mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard  
1 teaspoon prepared horseradish  
1 large, soft, fresh flour tortilla  
8 ounces smoked turkey breast, thinly sliced  
1 cup alfalfa sprouts, rinsed and drained  
1/2 cup carrots, shredded

Yields 2 servings.  
Mix together mayonnaise, mustard and horseradish and spread evenly over one side of tortilla. Layer turkey evenly over 2/3 of tortilla. Arrange sprouts evenly over turkey. About 1/3 of way up over sprouts and turkey, arrange carrot in 1 line from edge to edge.



soy sauce over sprouts and stir-fry, 10 seconds. Serve immediately.

Note: For a delicious variation, add 1 pound of medium-size, cleaned shrimp to garlic, scallions, ginger and sesame seeds, and stir-fry until shrimp are cooked. Add sprouts and soy sauce as directed above. You can dust top with chopped, dry-roasted peanuts for a Thai-style garnish that adds great flavor and crunch.

GINGER-SOY SPROUT SALAD  
1/4 cup fresh ginger, finely minced  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
2 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
1/4 cup olive oil  
3 cups lettuce, finely chopped

Fold lower portion of turkey-and-sprout side of tortilla over carrots.

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Cut through roll into 2-inch slices like sushi.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### GOVERNMENT

Thursday, March 17

-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park District Board meeting  
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting  
-7:30 p.m. Golf-Main Elementary School District 67 Board meeting

Monday, March 21

-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting  
-7:30 p.m. Park View School District 70 board meeting

Tuesday, March 22

-8 p.m. Niles Village Board meeting

### COMMUNITY

Sunday, March 20

The Niles Historical Society will host Leslie Goddard on Sunday, Mar. 20 for history of the country's candy capital, Chicago. The program is free and will be held at 2 p.m. in the Historical Society's building, 8970 Milwaukee. Many candies, such as Dove Bars, Pixies and Frango Mints will be spotlighted.

Tuesday, March 22

The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Austin Park Field House, 8336 Marmora, Morton Grove. The program will be "Herbs, I have known and loved." It will be presented by Joan Keyes. It will be a lecture/demo and tasting fresh herbs. How to incorporate herbs into a flower bed is discussed. Samples of herb butter for tasting. Recipes will be handed out. The public is invited and admission is free. For more information, call (847) 966-4264.

Friday, April 1

The Morton Grove Woman's Club will sponsor a "Just for Fun" luncheon and card games party on Friday, Apr. 1 at the Elks Club, 405 Lee St., Des Plaines. Play begins at 10 a.m., Lunch at 12:15 p.m. For tickets, call Lois Jarmuth, 847-965-2382.

CHIN-CHIN SPROUTS

3 to 4 cups mung bean sprouts  
3 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
1 teaspoon sesame oil  
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds  
1 teaspoon seasoned seaweed flakes

Yields 4 to 6 servings.  
Rinse sprouts in very cold water and drain well. Spread sprouts over a couple of layers of paper towel to drain further. Place sprouts in shallow bowl.

In small bowl, whisk together seasoned rice vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil and sesame seeds. Drizzle dressing over sprouts and toss gently to coat sprouts with the sesame seeds. Sprinkle seaweed flakes on top. Serve as a side dish, appetizer or salad.

Note: You can add cooked, chilled shrimp, crab or lobster chunks to this for an excellent Asian entree salad.

SESAME-SPROUT STIR-FRY  
1/4 cup fresh ginger, finely minced  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
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1/4 cup olive oil  
3 cups lettuce, finely chopped

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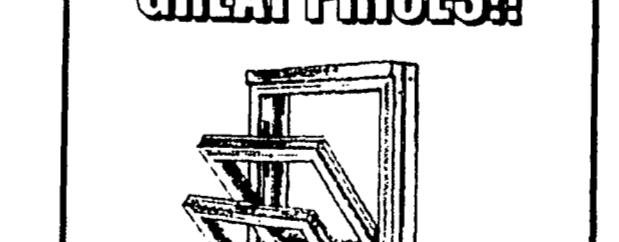
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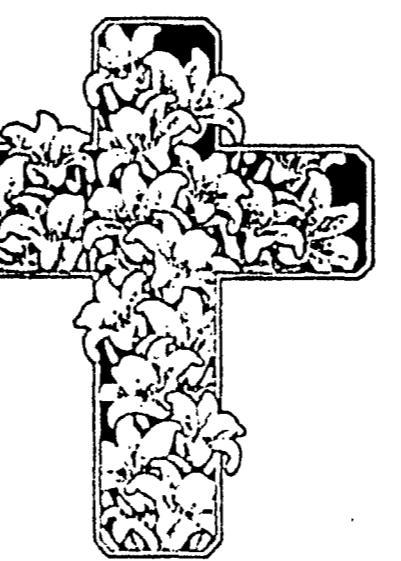
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#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sat., March 19 - 11 a.m. - 12 noon  
(Confessions will be heard in both  
English and Polish)

#### HOLY THURSDAY (March 24)

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:55 p.m. Night Prayer

#### GOOD FRIDAY (March 25)

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer  
3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY SATURDAY (March 26)

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Easter Food Blessing

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES (March 27)**  
Sunrise Eucharist: 6 a.m., 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

**St. John BREBEUF**

St. John Brebeuf Church  
8307 N. Harlem Avenue  
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**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
7:30 P.M. - Tuesday, March 22, 2005

**THE SACRED TRIDIUM HOLY THURSDAY**  
March 24, 2005

7:30 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer of the Church

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
March 25, 2005

5:00 P.M. (Polish), 7:30 P.M. -  
The Lord's Passion  
8:00 A.M. - Morning Prayer of the Church

3:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross  
4:00 P.M. - Reconciliation  
(English & Polish)

**EASTERTIME CONTINUES UNTIL PENTECOST ON May 15, 2005**

**St. Isaac Jogues Parish**  
8149 Golf Road, Niles, IL 60714 | 847-967-1060  
**HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 2005**

Holy Thursday, March 24  
7:30 a.m. - Church open for prayer  
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours  
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper  
9:00 p.m. Pilgrimage to nearby parishes  
9:00 p.m. to Midnight - Keeping Watch with the Lord

Good Friday, March 25

7:30 a.m. Church open for prayer until 10:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours  
3:00 & 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord  
(Holy Communion will be given at both).

Holy Saturday, March 26

7:30 a.m. - Church open for prayer until Vigil  
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours  
1:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods  
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil followed by Agape  
(No Reconciliation nor 5:00 p.m. liturgy this day)

Easter Sunday, March 27

Church - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.  
Holy Family Room - 10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

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#### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

8:30 A.M. - Blessing of Palms, Distribution & Holy Mass  
11:00 A.M. - High Mass with Blessing of Palms, Distribution and Procession

#### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 23, 2005

12:00 Noon - Sorrowful Lamentations (Polish)  
7:30 P.M. Sorrowful Lamentations (English)

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005

7:30 P.M. Mass of Institution of the Blessed Sacrament, Procession to the Repository Altar, Stripping of the Altars

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2005

*Our Cathedral will be open from 10:00A.M. - 9:00P.M.*  
10:00 A.M. - Mass of the Presanctified and Adoration of the Cross. Opening of the symbolic grave of Christ.  
3:00 P.M. - Service at the Stations of the Cross - Youth will Participate in this service.

7:30 P.M. - Tenebrae and Lamentations of the Polish National Catholic Church.

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2005

10:00 A.M. - Blessing of the new fire, the paschal candle and water. Easter food will be blessed after the service.  
3:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter food in the Cathedral

#### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005

**FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**  
8:30 A.M. - Resurrection Mass with Procession and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
11:00 A.M. - High Mass with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

#### EASTERTIME CONTINUES UNTIL PENTECOST ON May 15, 2005

**St. Martha**  
Catholic Church

8523 Georgiana Avenue  
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(847) 965-0262

#### HOLY THURSDAY • MARCH 24, 2005

•Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.  
PRECEDED BY SEDER/POTLUCK DINNER 5:00 P.M.

#### GOOD FRIDAY • MARCH 25, 2005

•ARS Viva Quartet Performing Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ  
Noon - 3 p.m. (Small Church)

#### HOLY SATURDAY • MARCH 26, 2005

•Stations of the Cross-3 p.m. (Small Church)  
•Lord's Passion - 7 p.m. -(Auditorium-Chapel)

#### EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - MARCH 27, 2005

7:00, 9:15 (Small Church)  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Auditorium-Chapel)

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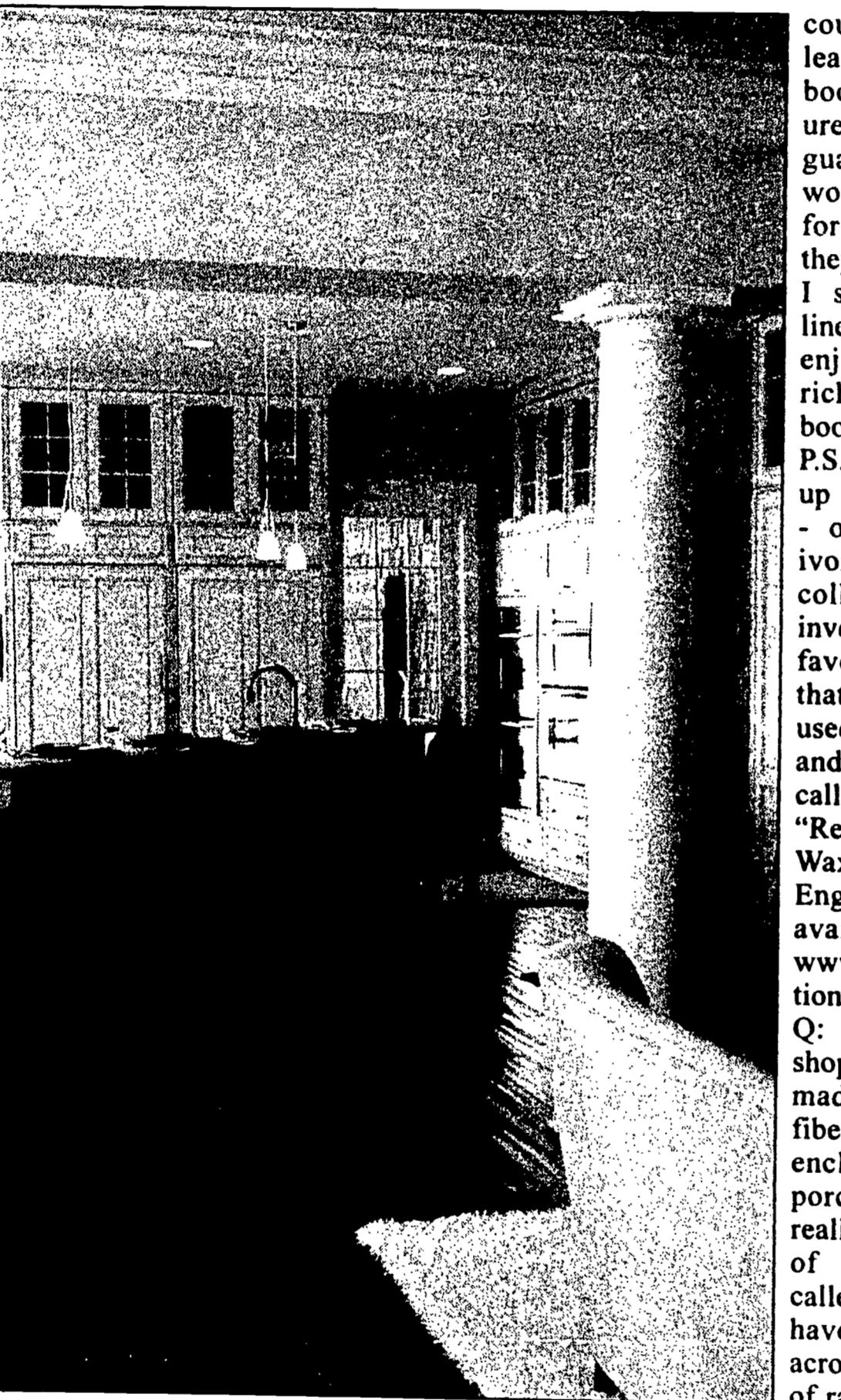
BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
Copley News Service

**Q:** We are redoing our downstairs and I'm nervous about our architect's suggestion that we take down two walls and open all the spaces so they flow together - including the kitchen! This is a new condo - we bought it thinking we needed a change from our old center-hall Colonial. But I'm beginning to think the change is more abrupt than my nervous system can handle! Is there a graceful way to "have your open space and your old-fashioned charms, too?"

**A:** Always a way. You just have to ask your architect to bring in a few vintage touches - furniture or architectural flourishes that establish a heritage look. This is the kind of legerdemain the Europeans work so well, infusing centuries-old architecture with new ideas that make it compatible with the 21st century lifestyle.

The photo we show here illustrates just how elegantly that can be accomplished. This is a wide-open loft-like room akin to your kitchen area, but two columns judiciously placed by the designer, R.J. Klein & Associates, divide to conquer the feeling of boundless space. As decorative as they are clever, the classics columns are from Chadsworth's, (800) COLUMNS, made of PolyStone with Tuscan capitals. They were used in other areas to separate one "room" from another without actually interrupting the flow of space. (For a closer look, click on

## Decor Score Divide to conquer your space problem



[www.columns.com](http://www.columns.com)) More vintage ideas to borrow: the old-fashioned glass-fronted cabinets in the kitchen, and the hand-scraped and hand-distressed hardwood floors that are new but offer the antique look you are craving.

**Q:** Is it truly reprehensible to buy "books-by-the-yard" to fill up the top shelves in our living room? I found a lot of great-looking old leather-bound books at a recycling shop and the owner will sell the whole lot to me. They're all in Italian or, I think, Swedish, but we won't be reading them, just looking at them. My wife is turning up her nose at the idea (also because the leather bindings need some polishing up).

**A:** In the best of all possible worlds, you'd have acquired your international library book-by-cherished book, and read 'em all, too. But you can assure your wife that, like many things in interior decoration, it's the end result that

counts. Old leather-bound books are treasures in any language, antiques worth cherishing for the handcraft they represent. So I say buy them, line them up, and enjoy the new richness of your bookcases.

**P.S.** For polishing up your old books - or old swords, ivory, and other collectibles - investigate an old-favorite product that's long been used by museums and galleries, called "Renaissance Wax." It's from England, but available here at [www.restorationproduct.com](http://www.restorationproduct.com).

**Q:** We've been shopping for a rug made of natural fiber to use on our enclosed sun porch. One we really like is made of something called "abaca." We have also come across rugs made of raffia. What are

they and where do they come from? Also, will natural fibers fade? We live in the desert and there's lots of sun, and no humidity.

**A:** I have it on good authority (from rug industry veteran Helen McNeill of Saxony Carpets in New York) that abaca and raffia are both natural fibers recovered from trees. Abaca comes from a Philippine tree related to the banana. It's soft but so strong, Helen says, that abaca is also used to make the paper our money is printed on and the ropes that hold ocean liners to docks.

Raffia comes from Africa, from a tree that's kin to the palm. While raffia is also strong and durable, it's supple enough to be used for hats and shades, as well as carpets and rugs. Like all natural materials, including wool and hardwood flooring, abaca and raffia will fade over time if they're exposed to direct sunlight. They can also dry out in excessively dry climates, which causes them to shrink slightly. To cure that, Helen recommends a weekly spraying with the spray misting bottle you use for your plants. Vacuum and spot-clean first, and go lightly - you don't want to soak the fibers.

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# A greener view

## Try your hand at grafting

Jeff Rugg  
Copley News Service

**Q:** I have a problem with a sunburst locust that was snapped off in a wind-storm. The storm came just before winter started, so I didn't want to do major surgery, and I wasn't sure anything would work anyway. The base of the tree is whatever the sunburst is normally bonded onto. I can see the bark is rougher below and smoother above the graft union. The problem is almost all the sunburst part broke off.

With nothing to lose I was thinking of waiting until the juices are running to lop off the top entirely. Right now it is shaped like an upside down capital L with only one branch left at a terrific bend. Once I've lopped off the top, I could cut off the whole L bend then skin top and bottom parts and tape them together with a little of the old sunburst left on top.

If anything grows, it might be the pretty yellow and lime green. I planted the tree five years ago when we moved here. It is about 5 inches thick at the base. Do you think there is any hope in this plan?

**A:** The new growth foliage of this variety is a bright yellow, which provides an attractive contrast to the dark yellow green interior foliage and to other trees nearby. It is a seedless and thornless variety of honeylocust, so it could

Grafting honeylocust is not too hard to do. Grafting is taking part of one plant and attaching it to another plant so that the two parts will grow together as one plant. I will explain the simplest method.

The sunburst section above the original graft may send out new branches and one of them could be made into the new trunk by letting it grow, while cutting off the sideways branch. If a whole lot of them sprout out of the remaining vertical portion of the sunburst area, you could keep a bunch of them and turn it into a sunburst honeylocust shrub.

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Keep the tree healthy by watering it and using fertilizer at a half or quarter dosage. You will know if the graft worked if the scion sends out leaves that grow longer than just the first week or two. Good luck.

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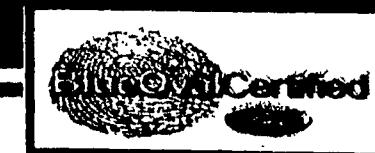
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