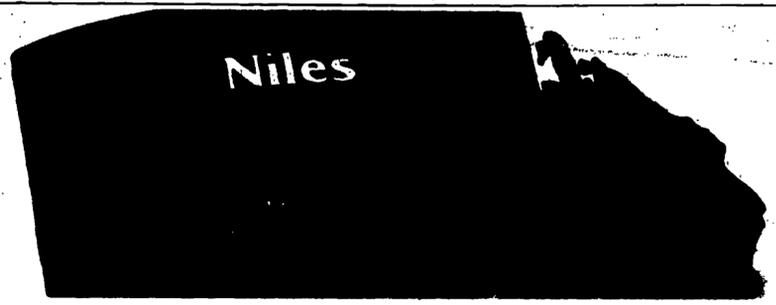




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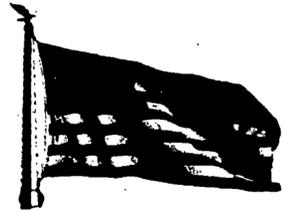


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Niles loses first officer in the line of duty

Officer Steven Zourkas swerved to avoid pedestrian

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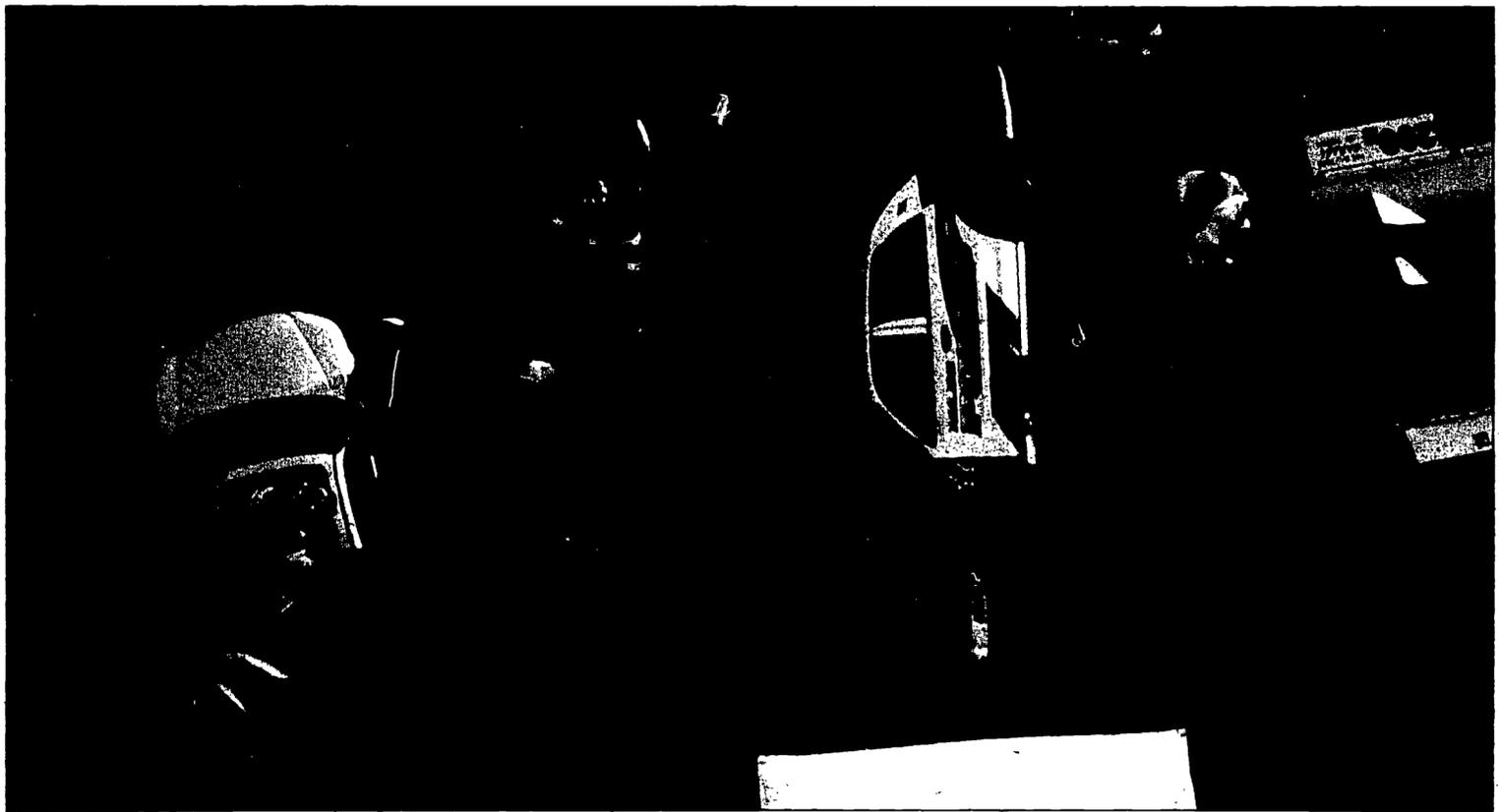
Niles lost its first officer in the line of duty last Friday morning, prompting a vast out-pouring of sympathy from the community.

The officer, Steven Zourkas, was responding to a disturbance at the Omega Restaurant, 9100 Golf, around 4:06 a.m. Evidently, a taxi cab was having difficulty collecting a fare. His lights were on, but not his siren.

According to Niles Police, Zourkas was driving down Golf Road when he lost control of his vehicle while swerving to avoid a pedestrian that was crossing against the light.

Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said that a man had come forward who said he was crossing Golf Rd. against the light when he heard the car screeching its tires as it swerved to avoid him. The man said

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The squad car driven by Niles Police Officer Steven Zourkas rests on its passenger side Friday in the parking lot of the Highland Tower Condominiums. Zourkas was killed in the accident. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Nearly 100 Departments mourn with Niles



Police officers march with a flag to drape over the coffin of the late Niles Police Officer Steven Zourkas at his funeral Tuesday. Zourkas died in an accident last Friday. For more coverage, see pages 4-6.

Park View Science Olympiad places third at State contest

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Park View School in Morton Grove continued their dominance of the statewide Science Olympiad last weekend, though they could not continue their three-year-long first place reign.

Competing against 40 middle schools in the state, Park View finished in third place.

"It's huge," said coach Tony Hofeld. "To finish third in the state, it's great."

In the past three years, Park View had finished first in the state. But this year they were eclipsed by South Middle School in Arlington Heights and a Wilmette school. All told, about 150 middle schools fielded Science Olympiad teams. Those teams were then whittled down to 40 that competed in the state tournament April 9.

The tournament was held at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

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NEWS

Science Olympiad

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Hofeld said third prize is impressive particularly since the state of Illinois fields all-around competitive science Olympiad teams.

"I have spoken with coaches from other states and some have only 15 or 20 teams in the entire state. Some states have even fewer than that. For us to finish in the top three against 150 teams is a real accomplishment," Hofeld said.

Hofeld also serves as the School Board president. At the tournament, he served as a judge for two competitions; 'Can't Judge a Powder' and 'Bridge Build.'

Initially called 'Can't Judge a Powder by its Color,' this contest quizzes contestants by giving them an unnamed powder and testing their ability to identify the substance using scientific experiments. In a second contest, Hofeld also judged students ability to build a makeshift wooded bridge.

Olympiad coach Michael Novak compared this year's science Olympiad squad to the

New York Yankees who have been dominant over the past few years, but fell just short last year.

He said Park View defeated state champs South Middle School in regional competition

"It's huge, to finish third in state, it's great."

*Tony Hofeld
Volunteer Coach,
Park View Science Olympiad*

only to fall short to the same team in the finals.

The science Olympiad features 23 different events. One-third of the events are building and construction, one-third pencil and paper tests and the remainder are experiment competitions.

Of the 23 events, Park View won medals in 18 categories.

More than 20 parents and volunteers serve as coaches for

the Olympiad. Along with Novak, Keetra Tipton serves as the fellow head coach.

The Niles West High School squad placed fourth in the state competing against other high schools.

Hofeld said the students enjoyed the opportunity to spend time at the sprawling U of I campus and efforts were made to ensure they did not get lost and miss their events.

The team arrived on campus Friday and began competing Saturday morning at 6 a.m. The competitions lasted until 4 p.m. followed by awards ceremonies and then the ride home. They arrived back home in Morton Grove around 11 p.m.

"It was a long day," Hofeld said.

Only the top two ranking teams will be compete in the national competition. Last year, the school placed 13th in the nation, Novak said.

Novak said the players learned a great deal, did very well and most importantly had loads of fun.

**Value City will open store in Golf Mill
New location is 8th in Chicago area**

Value City Furniture will open its 85th store in Niles, Illinois with a ribbon cutting ceremony, 9:10 a.m. on Friday, April 22 at 500 Golf Mill Center. The Niles community is invited to attend the grand opening festivities.

As the eighth location in Chicagoland, Value City Furniture also operates stores in Aurora, Burbank, Calumet City, Merrillville, Northlake, Hanover Park and Orland Park. The company employs over 280 people throughout Illinois.

Nick Rozdelsky, manager of the new Niles store, said the staff is committed to providing an outstanding customer experience.

"We understand that purchasing furniture is one of the most important decisions that people make, and we're dedicated to providing our customers with the knowledge and expertise to help them choose exactly what's right for their home and budget," he said.

The store hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 11 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



Paying Attention

Jake Biederman, 3, sits in his father Rob's lap as they listen to Barack Obama, in town Apr. 1 for a rally for the Maine Township Democratic Slate. Most of the slate didn't win, but Jake did get a nap. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

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**Park Ridge delays \$2.6 Million
Property Purchase Vote**

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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The Park Ridge City Council is considering a \$2.6 million property purchase at the Summit Mall. The land would be used for parking.

At the April 4 city council meeting, the council decided to postpone a vote on the measure. Aldermen stated they had not had sufficient time to review the proposal.

If approved, the city would build 129 parking spaces at the site of the Summit Mall on the 100 block of Euclid Avenue.

The owner, Summit Venture LLC has expressed a desire for a city decision as soon as possible but the City Manager said he didn't believe the council delay would cause the owner to "walk away" from the deal.

He also said the city staff has no intention of trying to "ramrod" the initiative through the council as accused by aldermen.

"Staff is not trying to ramrod anything. We are just trying to do what the city council requests."

But aldermen said they received the details of the deal at the start of the meeting.

However, some noted that their delay does not necessarily indicate they are opposed to the deal but merely that they want more time to study new details.

One resident asked the council why a traffic study analyzing the impact of the new parking lot had not been conducted.

Under the terms of the deal, City Hall would own 2/3 of the property.

The land purchase was discussed in closed session at the past March meeting and had been under debate for about six months. However, the precise details first came to light at the April 4 meeting.

Mayor Michael MaRous said the public should have a chance to provide feedback on the deal before the council votes.

MaRous will be succeeded by alderman Howard Frimark who won election to the mayor post April 5 defeating rival Michael Tinaglia. MaRous did not run for the seat.

**Niles Police Station elevator
on hold for six months**

Village will wait for state approval of electric elevator

A decision on an elevator proposed for the Niles Police Station will be put on hold for six months while state regulators review electric elevators for approval. The electric elevator option is being pursued by the village for cost and maintenance reasons over the traditional hydraulic variety.

While the newer electric elevator is approved for use in the city of Chicago, it is not yet approved on a state-wide level and Village Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said that he wanted to wait until that occurred. He said that he expected approval would

come within the next six months.

The electric elevator is being pursued as an option over the hydraulic because of fewer maintenance concerns. The proposed elevator would also be an exterior one, which would mean greater wear in the event of construction.

Once the elevator is approved at the state level, Ostman said that the staff would evaluate the need, cost and use, then make a recommendation to the village board. The elevator was initially proposed after a report by The Bugle raised concerns that a ramp that was constructed at the

sibility might violate state law. Subsequent investigations revealed that, while the ramp might be made compliant with all laws, it was difficult for those in wheelchairs to use, prompting Niles Mayor Nick Blase and the village to move forward with the elevator proposal.

Ostman said that while the decision was on hold, an intercomm would be available at the bottom of the ramp for anyone who needs assistance to reach the top.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (AMSE) is responsible for certifying the safety of elevators.

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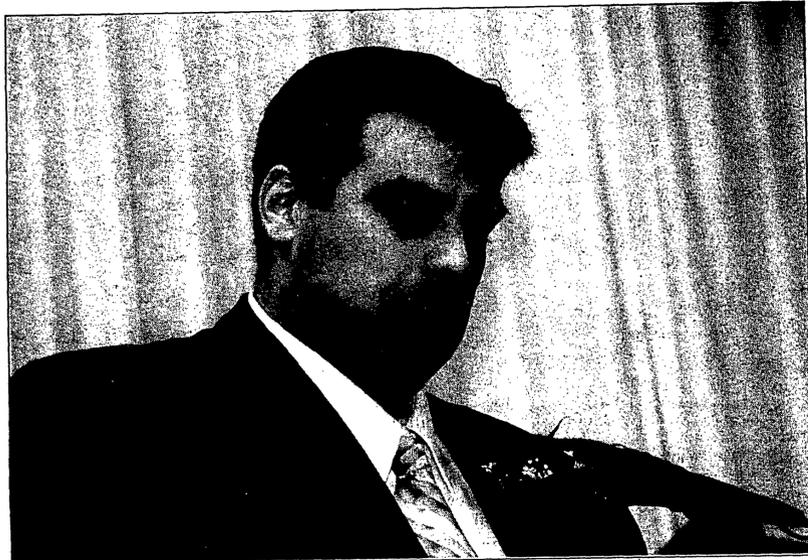
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'Everyone knew his name while he was alive'
Zourkas remembered by fellow officer at 'Night of Roses'



Police Officer Ronald Brandt was choked with emotion Saturday night at the Niles Night of Roses while speaking of his friend and fellow officer, Steven S.Zourkas who passed away in an accident last Friday.
(Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Niles Police Officer Steven Zourkas, who lost his life last Friday in a car accident, was honored at the Chamber's Niles Night of Roses.

"[Friday] Niles lost one of its finest," said Chamber President Bob Richart. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, friends and community of Officer Steve Zourkas. For Officer Zourkas and all heroes who lost their lives in the line of duty please join me in a moment of silence."

Officer Ronald Brandt, who was honored with the Police

Officer "Special Agent" Award, shed tears over Zourkas, but said that the man would be remembered.

"When I was young, I remember driving with my grandfather past St. Adalbert's Cemetery," said Brandt. "I told him, when I die, I want to have one of those huge headstones so that everyone would know my name."

Brandt said that his grandfather replied, "let them know your name when you're alive."

"Everyone knew [Zourkas] name while he was alive," Brandt said at the event.

Memorial Fund for Zourkas family set up at Niles Fifth Third Bank

Fifth Third Bank has set up a memorial fund for the Zourkas family in their time of need and sorrow. Anyone interested in donating can contact Miramel Lim at Fifth Third Bank, 7600 Oakton St. in Niles.

Donations can be made to the Zourkas Family Memorial Fund at the bank.

Zourkas was honored for work by village board

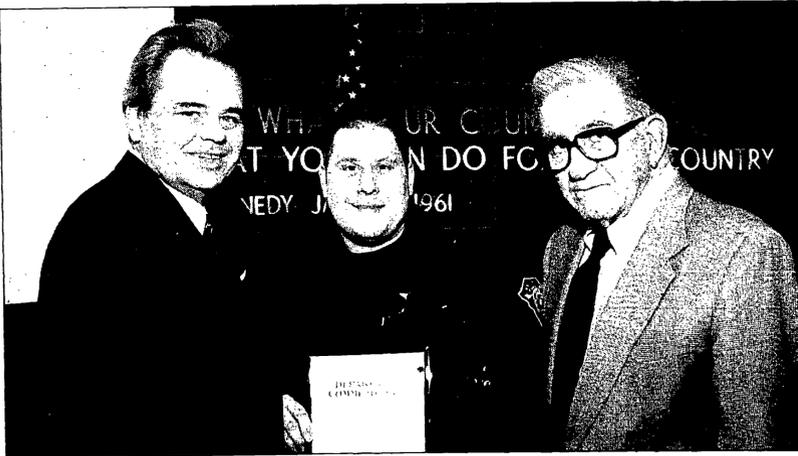
Niles Police Officer Steven Zourkas was honored for his police work by the village board at their Mar. 22 meeting, a little over two weeks before he died in an accident on Golf Rd. while responding to a call at the Omega Restaurant. Zourkas was the first Niles officer to die in the line of duty.

The board honored Zourkas after for recovering the proceeds from a theft Oct. 19, 2004.

While on patrol, Zourkas noticed a suspicious car parked in the lot of Notre Dame High School. He investigated and, after questioning the occupant, asked for permission to search the vehicle.

Inside, he found tools that would normally have been found in a tow truck worth several hundred dollars.

He radioed to the dispatcher and was able, with the help of Morton Grove Police, to link the tools and other objects in the vehicle with a burglary that had occurred at the Dempster/Ozark Shell Service Station. Two tow trucks and a car had been bur-



From left, Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki, Officer Steven Zourkas and Mayor Nick Blase pose for a photo after the village board honored Zourkas for his police work at their Mar. 22 meeting.

At the meeting where he was honored, Police Chief Dean Strzelecki praised Zourkas's work and called him an example of Niles finest.

Speaking Monday, Strzelecki remembered Zourkas as an officer who strove to better himself and who was well liked by all of his coworkers.

"Whenever you have someone pass away, people say nice things," Strzelecki said, "but when you hear people say those things about Steve, they really mean it. He was a great guy."

An impromptu memorial has been set up at the site where Zourkas's car went off the road and mourners lined up outside of the Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home Monday for his wake. Police Officers from Niles, Park ridge, Morton Grove and Des Plaines were on hand to express their sympathies to the family. The funeral was scheduled to be held the following day in Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove. Strzelecki was scheduled to speak.

galed. After confronting the man with these facts, Zourkas managed to convince him to confess to the burglaries on the spot, recovering all the proceeds from the crimes.

The Bugle and its staff would like to express its deepest sympathy to the Niles Police Department and the family of Officer Steven Zourkas.

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Zourkas



The entrance to the Niles Police Station is shrouded Friday morning after the news of Officer Steven Zourkas' death off of Golf Rd.

that he saw Zourkas' car strike the curb and crash through the sign and fence at Highland Tower.

"If he'd hit this guy in the middle of the road he probably would've died," said Strzelecki Monday. "He saved a man's life and in the process lost his own."

He crossed over into the east bound lanes of traffic, struck the curb, flipped the car and came to a rest on its passenger side in the parking lot of the Highland Tower condomini-

a great guy with a great personality. It's a big loss."

Zourkas was the first officer in the Department's history to be lost in the line of duty. He had recently joined the North Regional Major Crimes Taskforce (NORTAF) as an evidence technician.

Strzelecki said that, in his last evaluation, Zourkas wrote that he enjoyed the profession and continued to look for ways to better himself.

"That's what it was like with Steve," Strzelecki said. "He was always looking for ways to better himself. It's going to be a very difficult void to fill."

The wake was held Monday at Colonial Wojciechowski Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Isaac Jogues and interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery in



An impromptu memorial was set up over the weekend at the sight where Steven Zourkas' car left Golf Rd. and crashed in a parking lot.

"He saved a man's life and in the process lost his own."

Dean Strzelecki
Niles Police Chief

ums after striking two parked cars. Zourkas died at the scene of the accident. He was 33 years old and was a Niles Police officer for four years. He was married and had a stepson as well as a new son almost four-months old.

"The mood at the Department is somber," said Niles Sergeant Jim Elenz Friday. "It's disbelief. He was

River Grove. "He was a kind guy," said Strzelecki. "He did his job very well and he will be missed."

George Zourkas remembers his brother as a 'loving guy'

Officer Steven Zourkas will be missed, his brother George said Friday, calling Steven a 'loving guy.'

"He's my younger brother," said George who is, himself, the middle of three Zourkas sons. "He was a loving, caring guy."

Steven was a native of the area who graduated from Niles North High School. Before he was a police officer, he worked as a machinist and his brother said that he wanted to be a fireman. But decided that he liked police work after serving with the Niles Department.

"He was well liked by his fellow officers," George said. "He really enjoyed the work."

Steven's first son, Andrew, was born Dec. 27, 2004 and George said that he was extremely proud of him.

"He was a proud father," George said. "It meant a great deal to him. He also had a seven-year-old stepson who he treated like he was his own."

His family and the community will miss him, George said. "He was a great person."



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Nearly 100 Police Departments turn out to honor the memory of Steve Zourkas



In the center, Steven Zourkas' wife, Ivy, holds their 3-month-old son, Andrew while her husband's coffin is being loaded into the hearse after his funeral at St. Isaac Jogues in Niles Tuesday. She is flanked by family and officers from the Niles Police Department. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



Above, Niles Officers drape the coffin of their late comrade, Steven Zourkas, with an American flag before loading it into a hearse while his wife Ivy, holding their three-month-old son Andrew, watches with family and other officers. At right, Police Cars begin their procession to the interment at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove, IL. Over 100 Departments from different parts of Illinois attended the funeral.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)



Nearly 100 different Police Departments from all over the state sent representatives to the funeral of Niles Police Officer Steven Zourkas Tuesday.

Zourkas, married with a stepson and new baby son died in an accident last Friday where he swerved to avoid hitting a pedestrian who was crossing against a red light on Golf Rd. Family, friends and the Niles Police Department have been in mourning since that time. Zourkas was the first member of the Niles Police Department to be killed in the line of duty.

At the funeral Tuesday, police diverted eastbound traffic on Golf Rd. in order to allow the funeral procession and staging of the police cars. The funeral was held at St. Isaac Jogues and the interment followed at Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove.

Zourkas is remembered by his family, friends and co-workers as an industrious, friendly man. Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki said that the void left by his death will be difficult to fill and that Zourkas was always trying to better himself.

Memorials can be made to the Zourkas Family Memorial Fund at the Niles Fifth Third Bank on Oakton.

Index-fund enthusiasts say investors are falling victim to year-round hoax



Since April 1 has come and gone, you might assume that you are safe from stupid April Fool's pranks for 12 months. But are you?

If you're an investor, you could be trapped inside an endless replay of an April 1 hoax. At least that's the warning from a consortium of fee-only investment advisers who declared April 1 as Index Funds Day (www.indexfundaday.com).

Of course, any one of us can declare a special day for whatever we fancy. Politicians, who are addicted to signing embossed proclamations, and others have designated official days for tartan plaid, waffles, 20/20 vision, lollipops and correct posture. Surely, index funds have as much right to a 24-hour tribute as a straight spine.

You might be wondering, however, what index funds have to do with April Fool's Day hoaxes? The hoax, according to these index-fund enthusiasts, is played every day on investors who believe they can beat the stock market by investing in actively managed mutual funds.

Those well-meaning investors often excitedly select such funds after poring over enthusiastic fund recommendations in such publications as Smart Money, Kiplinger's Personal Finance and Money magazines. Other investors dump cash into funds after listening to a persuasive stockbroker or financial planner.

Because only 15 percent or so of individual investors embrace index funds, it's clear that most people are buying the active management's sales pitch, which goes something like this:

If you pick the right mutual funds, you can pocket investment returns that dwarf whatever the overall market can produce. Bright fund managers can generate superior returns because they have the time, the desire, the education and the considerable resources to out-smart Wall Street.

In contrast to this investing nirvana, index fund managers, whether they invest in large, small or medium-sized companies or bonds, must shuffle through the office each day wearing leg irons and handcuffs.

Index managers can't pick and choose the stocks or bonds they might secretly covet. They are stuck buying shares in the companies that belong to whatever index their fund is linked to.

A fund, such as the Vanguard 500 Index, which is tied to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, can invest only in the 500 corporations that comprise that benchmark.

And the managers must own shares in the correct proportion. Recently Vanguard 500 held 99.5 million shares in General Electric, the biggest heavyweight in the index. Much farther down on the food chain, the fund possessed just 602,931 shares of Bausch & Lomb, the contact-lens maker.

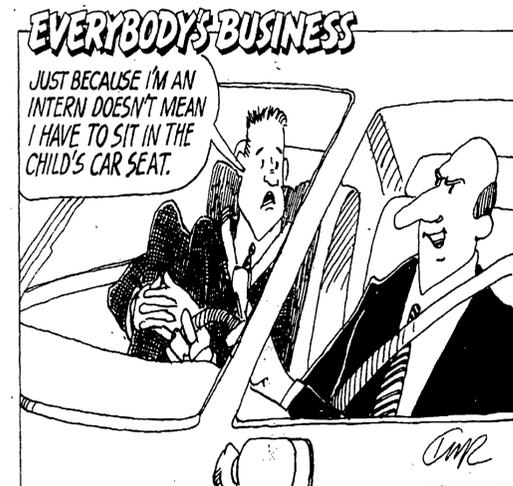
The index fund manager can't even slip his noose when the markets buckle. When blue chips began sliding in 2000, for instance, index managers, whose fortunes were tied to the S&P 500, had to hold their noses and stick by their lineups.

During that gloomy period, however, active fund managers didn't feel as helpless. Many of those portfolio managers tried dancing around the carnage by selling stocks, moving into cash, betting on stocks that didn't appear to have boulders tied around their waists.



Business of the Year

A representative from Landmark Ford accepts the award for Business of the Year at the Niles Night of Roses from the owner of Ridgewood Gardens, last year's winner. Over 300 people attended this year's event. For more, turn to pages 14 and 15.



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- Wednesday, May 11th
Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
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7077 Dempster, Niles
- Tuesday, June 7th
Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Togo
7039 Dempster Street, Niles
- Tuesday, July 19th
Niles Chamber Golf Outing
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Oak Meadows Golf Course
Addison, IL
- Wednesday, August 10th
Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
Radisson Hotel Northbrook
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- Thursday, August 25th
-Multi-Chamber Progressive Networking Breakfast
Place TBA
- Wednesday, September 14th
-Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
Maryhaven Nursing & Rehabilitation
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-Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
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Niles Chamber adds fifth scholarship this year in honor of Jack Burke

This year, the Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars committee added a scholarship to their normal awards in honor of the late Jack Burke from Notre Dame High School. The Scholarship raffle was held at last weekend's 'Night of Roses' with the \$10,000 grand prize going to Dr. Pamela Lowe.

The Chamber says that their Dollars for Scholars program demonstrates their dedication to the community and its future. In the program's third year, they have awarded over \$9,000 in scholarships to local area students. At the Niles Night of Roses the scholarship committee presented this year's award recipients: \$1000 College Scholarship: David Czarniecki; \$1000 College Scholarship: Amanda Bishop; \$500 High School Scholarship: Cody Lowe; \$500 High School Scholarship: Nicole Melfi.

In addition to their regular scholarships, the committee awarded a fifth scholarship in honor of Jack Burke, a devoted educator from the Notre Dame community who selflessly

gave to enhance every aspect of the school and student's development. Burke's wife Mary presented the scholarship to Joseph Mahoney an incoming freshman at Notre Dame this fall.

To fund these scholarships, the committee ran a grand prize \$10,000 cash raffle. All proceeds go the Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars program. Ticket sales ended on the evening of April 9, with the following winners: \$10,000: Pam Lowe, \$1,000: Donald Lapin, \$500: Sheri Cozzi, \$500: Bob Ryan, \$500: Ken Lee.

Chamber Director Katie DiMaria praised the scholarship winners and thanked the committee for its tireless efforts on behalf of local scholars.

"It's thanks to people like these that the Chamber of Commerce is a vital community organization," DiMaria said. "Thanks to them, we were able to give away a fifth scholarship this year."

DiMaria also said that the volunteers form the Chamber's backbone and help strengthen the whole community.



Dr. Pamela Lowe, winner of the Niles Chamber's Dollars For Scholars raffle and its \$10,000 grand prize runs forward to embrace her novelty check Saturday night at the Niles Night of Roses.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

Edward Jones

Tax-smart Moves for 2005...and Beyond

Now that tax season is coming to an end, you may want to review your returns for opportunities to brighten your tax picture for next year. Specifically, are you paying too heavy a load on your investment income?

If so, you may want to explore some "tax-smart" moves for 2005 and future years. Consider these techniques: Tax-deferred investing, tax-free investing and tax-efficient investing. Let's take a look at all three.

Tax-deferred investing

When you invest in a tax-deferred vehicle, you pay no taxes on your earnings until you start taking withdrawals (withdrawals prior to 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent penalty), so your money can grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. You have several tax-deferred options available, including the following:

- 401(k) - It's almost always a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. (In 2005, you can put in up to \$14,000 to your 401(k), or \$18,000 if you're 50 or older.) Your contributions are made with "pre-tax" dollars, so the more you put in, the more you'll be able to reduce your adjusted gross income. And, of course, you get the benefit of tax-deferred earnings growth. Plus, your employer may match part of your contributions.

- Traditional IRA - In 2005, you can put in up to \$4,000 to a traditional IRA, or \$4,500 if you're 50 or older. Depending on your income level, your contributions may be tax deductible, but your earnings will always grow on a tax-deferred basis. Plus, you can fund your IRA with virtually any investment you choose: stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, government securities, etc.

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Tax-free investing

One way to help reduce your investment taxes is to avoid paying taxes. And you can do that through municipal bonds and the Roth IRA.

- Municipal bonds - When you invest in municipal bonds, your interest payments are exempt from federal taxes - and possibly state and local taxes, as well. (However, municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax, and any increase in principal value may be taxable.)

- Roth IRAs - Your Roth IRA earnings grow tax-free as long as you've had your account for at least five years and you don't begin making withdrawals until you're 59 1/2. Roth IRA contribution limits are the same as those for the traditional IRA, but certain income limits apply.

Tax-efficient investing

- "Buy-and-hold" - Income taxes aren't the only types of taxes associated with investing; you may also have to pay capital gains taxes. That's why it makes sense to be a "buy and hold" investor. If you hold your stocks for more than one year before selling them, then your gains will only be subject to a maximum capital gains rate of 15 percent (effective through Dec. 31, 2008). But if you sell your stocks within a year of buying them, then your gains will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Start thinking "tax smart"

To see if the ideas mentioned above are suitable for your individual needs, consult with your investment and tax advisers. But take action soon - the quicker you start making tax-smart investments, the better your results will be.

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Letters to the Editor

Caucus Party thanks residents

Dear Residents of Morton Grove,

The Morton Grove Caucus Party would like to thank all the voters who supported us on April 5th, 2005. We could not have done it without you. We are committed to earn the respect and trust of all the residents of our village. We look forward to serving you and hope to improve communication between the village and the people. Let us all work together to make Morton Grove the best village it can be.

Our heartfelt thanks,

President-elect Rick Krier, Clerk-elect Carol Fritzhall, Trustee-elect Georgianne Brunner, Roy Kogstad, and Rita Minx and also the entire Caucus Party.

LoVerde: Thank You

Dear Editor,

I want to thank my wife & family, my loyal supporters. I extend my Congratulations to Mayor Blase, Trustees Andy Przybylo, Bob Calloro & Louella Preston and all the candidates who participated in the local elections. Elections are about choice and I gave the people of Niles a choice. I sincerely thank all the voters who came out on Tuesday and exercised the cornerstone of our democracy. The people of Niles have spoken and now it's time to work together to continue to make Niles the very best we can. Again, I was honored to be on the ballot as your Village Trustee and look forward to serve our community.

Joe LoVerde
Niles

Trustee-elect Kogstad thanks residents

Dear Editor,

Thank you voters of Morton Grove. The voters turned out in numbers and delivered a historic victory.

The Action Party waged a spirited campaign and their supporters can be proud of their effort. I wish their families all the best.

Morton Grove has spoken and we're humbled by the trust and confidence of my fellow villagers. With this trust comes a duty to serve all Morton Grover's and I will do my best to fulfill that duty every day as trustee.

There are many people to thank. All of our families, without whose support this would not have happened. Thank you to our campaign team lead by Joe Brunner and the thousands of you who voted for us. I want to thank you for everything you did to make the calls, put up the signs, talk to your neighbors and to get out the vote. And because of all this incredible work we are all celebrating today.

Because we have done the hard work, we are entering a season of hope. We will continue to bring openness and transparency to village government. We will reduce the "garbage tax". We will bring businesses back to Morton Grove. We will examine Village spending and bring it in line with neighboring communities.

A campaign is ended, and the Village of Morton Grove goes forward with confidence knowing that a bright new dawn has come to our Village, and I am eager for the work ahead. Thank you all!

Roy Kogstad
Trustee-elect

Niles Park District Commissioners thank voters

Dear Editor,

Although running unopposed this past Tuesday, I wish to thank all who voted for me.

This vote of confidence acknowledges the accomplishments of the past eight years. But the best is yet to come. The next four years will see more progress. I will strive for what is best for our Niles village where "people count".

Thank you again and enjoy what is offered to you and your families this summer at Niles Park District.

William Terpinas, Sr.
Niles Park District Commissioner

Maine Township Clerk Warner thanks supporters

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my constituents, my friends and neighbors, and my family for their support in the township election on Apr. 5 as well as in the Primary Election on Feb. 22. A special thanks to those who walked precincts, put up yard signs, stuffed literature and made phone calls. I am extremely grateful to have had the privilege to run with an excellent team and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community.

I appreciate how my staff makes sure that the Maine Township Clerk's office is as user friendly as possible.

Thank you for your confidence and I am looking forward to serving my community as my fourth term in the great Township of Maine.

Gary Warner,
Clerk, Maine Township

Blase and slate thank voters for continued confidence

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the readers of your paper and all of the residents of Niles for reelecting the Present Leaders to continue serving as your Niles officials.

We are honored and humbled by the tremendous support and good wishes we received from the community. It is a privilege to continue serving you and providing top-notch village services while keeping our taxes and fees low.

Also, we would like to thank all of these candidates for their contributions and efforts to improve our community. We look forward to working together to make Niles the best place to live, work and raise our families.

Nicholas B. Blase, Mayor, Louella Preston, Andrew Przybylo, Robert Callero, Kim Biederman, Trustees

Park Ridge Alderman-elect thanks voters

Dear Editor,

When I decided to run for first ward alderman, it was because I thought that my prior experiences had prepared me for the important

Another Perspective

Morgan Dubois
Columnist

The Proper Tax Rate is Zero

Although currently impossible, it should be our goal. The proper tax rate must fall between 0% and 100%. Here are a few reasons why it must be zero:

Force in a free society like ours is reserved to two classes of persons: criminals and the enemy. American citizens are not criminals until adjudicated so by a court of law. The enemy is harder to define, but clearly wants as a goal destruction of our way of life and control over it.

Taxes are compulsory. You cannot pick or choose which you will pay. The consequences of not paying are wage garnishment, fines, loss of home or property, and possibly jail.

Liberty is a fundamentally American value. Other peoples and countries have valued liberty, but American is the Land of Liberty. The average American now works twenty years for the government simply to pay his taxes. That doesn't sound like slavery, not liberty.

At the very least you must own yourself and therefore own the product of your labor, which you gain by either thinking, doing or both. If government has the ability to tax you in any amount it wishes then you are a subject, not a citizen.

Low taxes are a function of low spending. You know this intuitively, there is no such thing as a free lunch. All spending must be paid for, even theft is paid for by higher insurance rates and costs on products.

A person who is used to spending a million a year will struggle to bring it down to \$900,000, but to live on \$100,000 a year will seem impossible. When the spending habit is highly developed in government there is only one way out - higher taxes.

This is especially true because

responsibilities of that position. However, there were times during the campaign when some declared that my civic history was a liability, and that the ward would be better represented by some new blood. So, it was very gratifying on Tuesday night to find out that citizens did value my positive campaign.

Because of our dependence on each other we need to respect the best interests of the community and the city council needs to cwork

there is no incentive for the spender to economize or innovate. The people using your cash don't know you. They don't feel guilty if they waste your money. They know that if they don't spend every penny, someone will cut them back. You on the other hand can learn to live with less.

If we returned the federal budget to a pre-Clinton level, we could painlessly eliminate the income tax today. Was the spending level in 1990 so horribly low that we were somehow denied "essential public services"? Of course not, so why abolish the income tax? The reason: the spending habit is ingrained. It is easy to spend a stranger's money.

Taxes hit middle-class individuals hardest. All taxes distort production, depress economic growth, and punish producers and consumers. A \$20 tax costs more than \$46 in earnings. \$20 plus \$26 in additional pre-tax earnings to replace the money lost to the tax. It is easy to see the benefits of spending, but what you don't see are the losses. The vacation not taken, the car not purchased, the investment not made.

When you tax something more you get less of it. When you tax something less you get more of it. Higher after-tax rewards always generate a greater supply of work effort and investment capital.

Winston Churchill said, "We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."

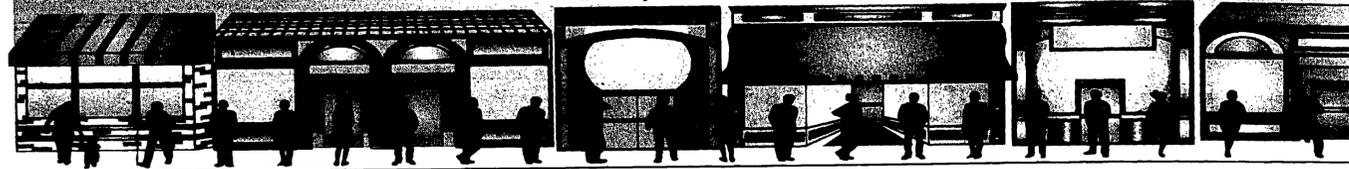
I agree and low spending is the key.

together to set the tone for the future. Thanks again for the support that you have shown by electing me to be one of the first ward aldermen. If anyone would like to contact me, I will be maintaining my website at www.machonforalderman.com and I can be reached at kmachon@machonforalderman.com.

Kirke Machon
Alderman-elect, Park Ridge

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Community Announcements



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Volunteer for the 20th Annual Misericordia Candy Days Apr. 29-30

By giving just a couple hours of your time, you will make a difference for more than 500 children and adults with developmental disabilities who enjoy challenging lives in an environment of dignity, beauty and respect at Misericordia. In 2005, Misericordia must raise almost \$10 million for program costs not covered by the government. You can help Misericordia raise these funds by volunteering for Misericordia Candy Days.

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St. Martha's, MCC to sponsor dialogue

Our society brings us into continual interaction with different cultures, faiths and races. Hence, there is a need to look for and act on what brings us together in our common quest. When we can recognize our humanity in the other person, who shares the same hopes, dreams, needs, fear fades and friendship has a chance to grow.

St. Martha Parish in Morton Grove and its neighbor, the Muslim Community Center are joining together to explore shared beliefs

and values held by both Catholicism and Islam. Sr. Carol Kottwitz, Pastoral Associate at St. Martha is collaborating with Dr. Javed Bhatti from M.E.C. to organize a program that will provide background information on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Catholic and Muslim speakers will address how Mary is revered in both faith traditions and cultures. Participants will have the opportunity to dialogue in small groups, sharing questions, experience and opinions. The

evening will close with small group summaries. The Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical Affairs, headed by Jason Renken, is working with this event.

The program will take place on Friday, April 22, 7:00-9:00 P.M. at St. Martha parish, 8523 Georgiana, Morton Grove, in the Small Church. All are invited to attend and to participate. Please call 847-965-0262 to register for the evening. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Fifth Annual Niles Community Track and Sports Mania

The Niles Park District and Village of Niles, in cooperation with Notre Dame High School and PepsiAmericas, Inc., are excited to present the 5th Annual Niles Community track & Sports Mania Event on Sunday April 4, 2005 at Notre Dame H.S. Stadium, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Rain Date is Sunday, May 1.) This free family event is a fun day for all ages, tots to seniors. It is a great opportunity for families to participate in a fun, non-competitive atmosphere. There will be a variety of track & field events and sports games. All participants receive an award ribbon for each event that they compete in. Everyone is a winner!

Last year over 300 individuals participated in this popular event. Each participant is given a bag of donated items from local businesses. This is your opportunity to promote your business by donating promotional items that can be placed in each participant's bag. Examples of items might be pens, magnets, key chains, etc...Your company name will also be posted on the sponsor board at the event.

If you are interested in this program please send 500 of your promotional items to: Jay Kelly, Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714.

Items will need to be in by Friday, April 15, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Kelly @ (847) 588-8405.

NPH: 'Are you a senior? This information can help you'

"Your organization has certainly been a Godsend to our family," said a caring granddaughter whose grandmother is a client of the Norwood Park Seniors Network (NPSN). "The personalized service has exceeded my expectations time and time again." These comments are echoed by several hundred other families who have seen first-hand how NPSN serves the needs of older adults through its community outreach program. The services of this 10-year old not-for-profit organization on Chicago's far northwest side

bring much needed assistance to older adults in nearly a dozen communities and nearby suburbs.

"Our purpose is to help older adults remain in the homes they love, enhancing their independence and well-being," said Julie Russell, director of NPSN, a not-for-profit division of Nor-Wood Life Care NFP, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago. "We offer a personalized program which is really quite unique. Our home-delivered meals program is the most popular."

A small group of cheery vol-

unteers devote a minimum of one hour a day to bring meals Monday through Friday to older adults. "We are so thankful for our volunteers. Some of them help out one day a week and others more often," she added. "They bring hot meals, cold snacks, warm smiles, and light conversation while delivering more than 200 meals each week."

Other programs offered by the Network include escorted door-to-door transportation, twice-a-month social outings and activities, "rent-a-daughter" caregiving services,

housecleaning, a voice-activated emergency medical response system, transitions relocation/downsizing assistance, and a handyman and maintenance referral program.

"Whether it's home-delivered meals, caregiving, handyman maintenance or another service, we're here to make life easier for older adults," added Russell. "Our emergency medical response system, for example, provides family members with the added assurance that their loved one will receive an immediate response if an

emergency arises. That kind of peace of mind is priceless."

One Network member referred to the organization as her "lifeline," and the daughter of another commented, "Getting meals is the highlight of my mother's day."

NPSN serves the Chicago communities of Edgebrook, Edison Park, Gladstone Park, Jefferson Park, Norwood Park, Oriole Park, Portage Park, and Sauganash, along with the suburbs of Harwood Heights, Niles, Norridge, and Park Ridge.

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SPORTS

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Dons defeat Demons 17-6

BY RYAN BISHOP
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The Notre Dame Dons baseball team is starting to hit their stride. If last week's performances were any indication, the team will be well on its way to another 20-win season and a deep run into the state playoffs.

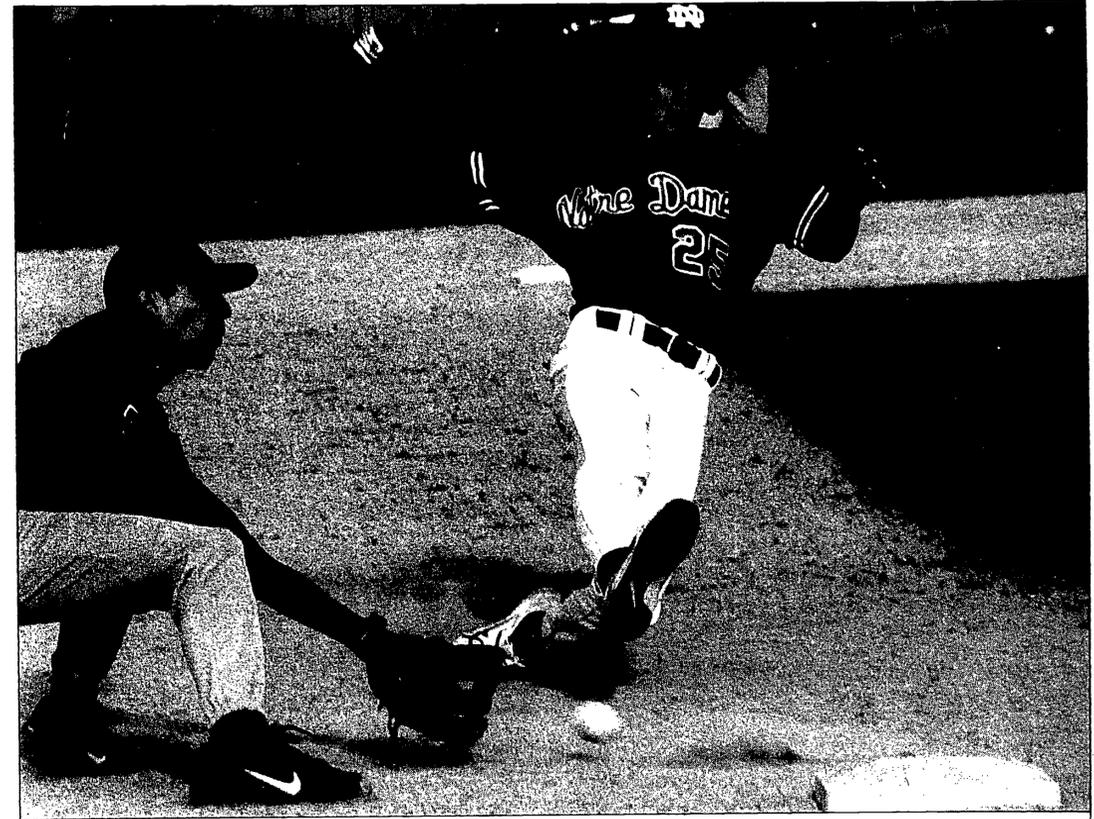
The team went 4-1, beating crosstown rival Maine South 7-3, the always tough New Trier 10-5, Barrington 6-5 and a 17-6 pasting of the Maine East Demons.

Continuing their strong success from last year, the starting pitchers have gone deep into their games. Matt Kudlik pitched 4 2/3 innings, giving up three unearned runs against South before giving way to Brian Flynn. Flynn pitched the last 1 2/3 of relief, giving up one hit. Joe Leyhane pitched 5 innings of 5 run ball and two strikeouts against the vaunted Trevian lineup. Hitting stars for that game were Keenang Long(2-3 with two doubles and four RBI) and Will Hartford(3-4 with two runs scored).

The Dons traveled to the North Side of Chicago Saturday to meet Public League power Lane Tech(8-3). Starter Jason Alamo pitched a strong five innings for the Indians, striking out 8 Dons on the day in a 5-4 loss.

"The 11 strikeouts that we had in that game really hurt us. We just couldn't put the ball in play and get the big hit. Lane made the plays to pull out the victory. They came out more fired and up and ready to play and they really took it us. It was a setback for us but maybe we needed a loss like that to get us going again," said coach Bob Kostuch.

With the Lane loss erased from their minds, the Dons were focused on playing well in all aspects



Notre Dame's John Kratzmeyer (25) steals third in front of Maine East third baseman Jonathan Santiago Monday afternoon April 11 at Maine East. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

of the game. They did just that in their 17-6 defeat of Maine East. The Dons spotted the Demons four runs in the first inning on four hits before scoring 17 of the last 19 runs of the

game. A bunt and a bloop hit led to a double down the line for Song. A smash single drove in two more runs before the Dons retired the next two hitters on weak infield grounders.

Every player that got in the game had a hit, 25 hits in all, and 11 of those for extra base hits. Outfielder Clint Simkins drove in Will Hartford for the Dons' first run

of the game in the second inning, the first of three infield hits in the inning. Outfielder Dan Linsner sacrificed

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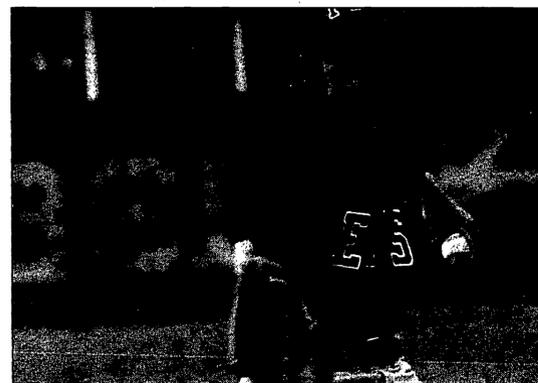
SPORTS

Dons

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Maine East third baseman Jonathani Santiago makes a diving attempt to snag a line drive down the third base line in the sixth inning of their game against Notre Dame Monday April 11, 2005. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



Maine East's Andrew Song pitches in relief in the seventh inning against Notre Dame Monday afternoon April 11. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Hartford and Mike Catalano to set up the RBI chance for Simkins.

The Demons tacked on another run in the bottom of the second inning on shortstop Steve Milajovic's home run to deep left. Starter Brian Flynn (3-0) pitched the next four innings without allowing a run. Overall Flynn lasted 6 innings, surrendering five hits, walking two and striking out two.

The bats didn't heat up for the Dons until the fourth inning as four runs crossed the plate on three hit and three walks as the Dons sent eight men to the batters box. The big blow was a two-run double by Keenan Long that scored Jack Cascio and Nick Robinson. Cascio hit a single that dropped in front of the right-fielder and Linsner had an infield hit to get on in front of Long.

Flynn hit his groove, inducing five groundball outs in the last two innings while retiring nine Demons. "Brian had a tough first inning, but he came back and threw strikes for us. He doesn't really throw hard enough to be a strikeout pitcher, so his game is groundballs. He kept us in the game with his good control," said Kostuch.

The Dons scored five runs in the fifth and six more in the seventh, chasing three Demon pitchers in the process. "It was great to get all our players in the game. They have been with us all year and I'm excited when they get a shot to play and contribute. The Maine East coach does a great job and it was big that they got those four runs in the first inning. I think we have more talent right now but their program is headed in the right direc-



Notre Dame's Clint Simpkins (12) slide into third under the careful eye of head coach Bob Kostuch in the fifth inning against Maine East Monday afternoon April 11, 2005. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

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Dems get one on Maine Township Board, Republicans reelected to all other posts

Supervisor Dudycz says its a mandate

Niles

	Totals	Percent
Niles Park Board, 4-year term, vote for 3		
William Terpinas, Sr.	2,601	33.32%
Charles L. Barbaglia	2,562	32.83%
James T. Hynes	2,642	33.85%

	Totals	Percent
Library Board 6 year term, vote for 2		
Maureen Polcyn	3,515	50.79%
Barbara Nakanishi	3,406	49.21%

	Totals	Percent
Library Board 2 year term, vote for 2		
Fred Kudert	3,373	49.52%
Patrick C. Cross	3,439	50.48%

	Totals	Percent
Morton Grove Library Board Trustee, 6 year term		
Renee Miller	3,562	100.00%
No Candidate	0	0.00%

	Totals	Percent
Park Board 6 year term, vote for 2		
Jerry Coursey	1,781	25.22%
Bob Branick	1,448	20.50%
Paul J. McGivern	1,415	20.04%
Kevin Lochner	2,418	34.24%

	Totals	Percent
Park Board, 2 year term		
Dominick Burdi	3,030	100.00%

	Totals	Percent
Park Ridge Park Board, 4-year term, vote for 4		
Dick Barton	5,878	25.08%
Sal Raspanti	5,787	24.69%
Joyce Young Carmichael	5,813	24.81%
Terry Majewski	5,956	25.42%

	Totals	Percent
Maine Township Supervisor, 4 year term		
Bob Dudycz (REP)	9,751	58.27%
Karen Jane Dimond (DEM)	6,982	41.73%
Clerk, 4 year term		
Gary K. Warner (REP)	8,487	52.25%
Dennis O'Donovan (DEM)	7,757	47.75%
Assessor 4 year		
Tom Rueckert (REP)	9,065	56.38%
Alan H. Sindelar (DEM)	7,013	43.62%
Collector 4 year		
Susan Flosi-Moylan (REP)	8,935	55.45%
John C. Jekot (DEM)	7,180	44.55%
Highway Commissioner 4 year		
A. Provenzano (REP)	9,465	56.81%

Niles

	Totals	Percent
Trustee 4 year, vote for 4		
Carol A. Teschky (REP)	8,928	14.49%
Walter Kazmierczak (REP)	8,205	13.31%
Laura J. Morask (REP)	8,253	13.39%
Audrey N. Nankervis (REP)	7,474	12.13%
Aurora Abella-Austriaco (DEM)	6,676	10.83%
Mary C. Ellicson (DEM)	7,312	11.86%
Peter Ryan (DEM)	7,641	12.40%
Gail Marie Viemeisel (DEM)	7,146	11.59%
Maine Twp. School Trustee 4-yr		
Russ Ho	14,606	100.00%
Maine Twp. School Trustee Six-year		
James L. Coburn	15,192	100.00%

	Totals	Percent
Niles Township Supervisor 4 year		
Thomas J. McElligott (CCP)	7,759	100.00%
Clerk 4 year		
Charles Levy (CCP)	7,703	100.00%
Assessor 4 year		
Scott Bagnall (CCP)	7,503	100.00%
Collector 4 year		
D.C. Modi (CCP)	7,372	100.00%
Trustee 4 year vote for 4		
Lester Brownstein (CCP)	7,526	25.43%
Marilyn D. Glazer (CCP)	7,569	25.57%
Levon (Lee) Tamraz (CCP)	7,259	24.53%
Pramod C. Shah (CCP)	7,243	24.47%

	Totals	Percent
Niles Twp. School Trustee 4-yr		
Corey B. Stern	7,703	100.00%
Niles Twp. School Trustee 6yr		
Joseph M. Brunner	7,649	100.00%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 63 Vote for 4, 4-year term		
Sonja Witschonke-Mess	2,074	17.78%
Jane C. Wojtkiewicz	2,544	21.81%
Steven D. Levy	2,204	18.89%
Roger L. Plummer	2,582	22.13%
Scott R. Langlo	2,262	19.39%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 64 2-year term		
Eugenia (Genie) P. Taddeo	5,491	100.00%
4-year term, vote for 4		
Sue Runyon	5,410	21.14%
Michael Tashman	4,126	16.12%
Chris J. Mollet	5,219	20.40%
Ronald A. James	5,344	20.88%
Martin J. Joyce	5,490	21.45%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 67 4-year term, vote for 4		

Dist. 67

	Totals	Percent
4-year term, vote for 4		
James E. Randstrom	600	17.44%
Meryl Gale	795	23.10%
Denise Kost	550	15.98%
Donna Motzny	584	16.97%
Salvatore Oliveri	493	14.33%
Donald J. India Sr.	419	12.18%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 70 4-year, vote for 4		
Daniel L. Metz	1,360	25.29%
Christopher S. Minx	1,348	25.07%
Susan G. Mangino	1,322	24.58%
Anthony R. Hofeld	1,348	25.07%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 71 4 year, vote for 4		
Mary Krueger	940	26.00%
Karen L. Johnson	873	24.14%
Mathew Holbrook	890	24.61%
Patrick Byrne	913	25.25%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 207 4-year term, vote for 4		
Marijo G. Bustos	14,080	24.83%
Eric Leys	14,069	24.81%
Jeffrey Bergen	14,133	24.92%
Edward B. Mueller	14,421	25.43%

	Totals	Percent
Dist. 219 4-year term, vote for 3		
Lynda Gault Smith	7,155	33.30%
Robert A. Silverman	7,234	33.67%
Ruth McWherter Klint	7,096	33.03%

	Totals	Percent
Oakton College Trustee 2 year- vote for 2		
George G. Alexopoulos	24,512	31.02%
Donald E. Barshis	24,322	30.78%
Michael Collins	30,187	38.20%

	Totals	Percent
Six-year, vote for 2		
Robert Whitman	17,137	21.50%
Jody Wadhwa	19,301	24.21%
Jeffrey H. Rosen	17,289	21.69%
Ralph M. Goren	11,426	14.33%
Michael Wolf Burnett	14,565	18.27%

	Totals	Percent
North Maine Fire Protection Dist. 6-yr term		
Sharon E. McLaughlin	503	100.00%

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A Bouquet of Service

For the second Niles 'Night of Roses,' the cast may be different, but community service is still the star

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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The second annual Niles Night of Roses went off without a hitch Saturday night, with over 300 people attending to honor some of the community's brightest stars. The event was sponsored by several major companies in Niles including Shure, Inc. and the Northside Community Bank. The Bugle was one of the media sponsors for the event.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce hosted the event, which was held at Chateau Ritz for the second year in a row. 13 awards were given to individuals selected by a committee of Chamber members. One of the highlights of the evening was when chamber renamed its "Living Legend Award," the "Bob Wordell Living Legend Award" in honor of one of the Chamber's most active and longest serving members.

"He is a living legend," said Katie DiMaria, executive director of the Chamber. "We wanted to find a very special way to honor him and we couldn't think of any better than to name this award after him. He's been a great asset to the Chamber and the community over the years."

Opening the evening, Niles Mayor Nick Blase gave an impromptu speech to the attendees, stressing the importance of the Chamber to the village and the success of the event.

"It's very important to us that we have a viable Chamber in Niles," said Blase. On the Night of Roses, he continued, "this is a very successful event. I love the concept and how it honors so many different people: you award winners have obviously been singled-out because you've done a great job."

The various award winners were honored for their part in making Niles a place where people count. Joseph Tatkowski was honored as "Citizen of the Year."

"This years recipient played a pivotal role in establishing our sister city of Limanova, Poland," said Debra Adams, one of the night's MCs. "His participation on this committee fostered a cross-cultural understanding between Niles and Poland, helping to exchange people, ideas and traditions through a city partnership. Tatkowski thanked the Chamber and praised Niles."

"Niles is the best, the safest city in the state of Illinois and the entire U.S.," said Tatkowski. "I'm very proud to be a resident for the past 37 years." Ronald Brandt was selected for the Police Officer Special Agent Award.

"He has taken significant actions towards securing a grant for the vil-



Honorees for the Niles Night of Roses pose together after the conclusion of the extremely successful event. Over 300 people attended. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)

lage allowing extra officers to be on

"The most important thing that we can give to each other is time."

Donald Lapin
Winner, 'Good Neighbor' Award

the street during peak times for drunk

drivers," said Bob Richart, Chamber president and the other MC. "He is the current president of the Illinois Crime Prevention Association, an organization that works to reduce the crime on a state-wide level through networking, community outreach and corporate sponsorship. He is been an invaluable member of the police force."

In his acceptance speech, Brandt's voice broke as he honored Officer Steve Zourkas, who lost his life Friday (see related story 'EVERY-

ONE KNEW HIS NAME WHILE HE WAS ALIVE, pg. 4), before thanking his wife for her support.

"I'd like to thank my wife," said Brandt. "She couldn't be here tonight because she's watching the kids and by doing that she allows me all the extra time to put in to the community."

Brian Henricks, honored with the "Firefighter Hot Spot" award could not attend the event. Last year's winner, Jim Leibach, accepted the award on his behalf.

"This years Fire Fighter Hot Spot Award is given to a man who believes that public education is a key factor in preventing injury, accidents and loss," said Andrews. "Brian continuously seeks new information and visual aids to educate people of all ages and ethnic backgrounds about fire safety and how to save their lives and the lives of loved ones."

"He wanted to thank the Chamber," Leibach said. "He's very sorry he can't be here tonight."

Bud Nichols was honored for overcoming great adversity in his life.

"For the first time this year we are presenting an award to an individual who has faced adversity in his life and overcame it with a tremendous spirit," said Richart. "He was diagnosed with polio in 1949, determined to live a normal, independent and productive life he always shows a persevering, positive spirit. Enjoying his retirement after 46 years at Wilson Sporting Goods, he stays active with various organizations and takes time to always help others. He is a friend, neighbor and inspiration to us all."

Nichols gave his thanks to the whole community. "I don't know what to say," he said. "I'd like to thank the Chamber, Mayor Blase and Carl Manuscalco of the Niles Family Fitness Center for all their help. They have a great program over there."

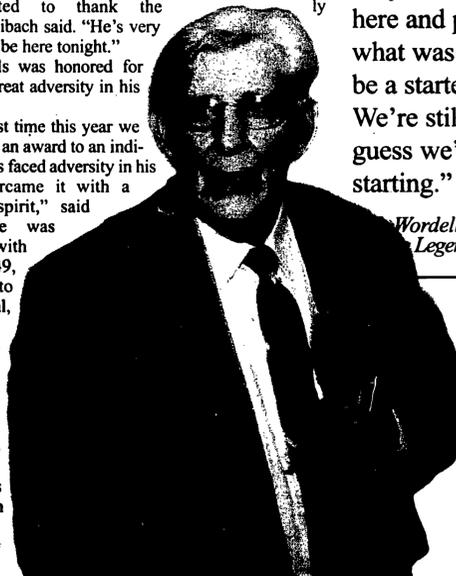
"The Coach of the Year Award is awarded to the special education teacher and wrestling coach for Gemini Junior High School," Andrews said, moving on to the next award. "In his 25th year of teaching 22 years with District 63 he instills dedication, team work and leadership that lasts a lifetime. Tom's number one goal, whether on the field or in the classroom, is to influence his students in the development of personal character."

Norquist gave thanks, and urged others in the community to reach out. "I thank the Lord for helping me to develop not only the athletic abilities of my students," he said, "but also their characters. I encourage everyone to look around their neighbor-

hoods for someone whose life you can touch, then you'll know the satisfaction that I have known."

Notre Dame's Ryan Nallen was honored as the Athlete of the Year.

"His athletic ability is mirrored only by his academic achievements," said Richart. "He plays an active role with other school activities and has consistently



"My wife and I moved here and purchased what was supposed to be a starter home. We're still there so I guess we're still starting."

Wordell
Legend Award Winner

"people person" who loves talking with friend and neighbors," said Andrews. "His generosity and compassion creates a sense of community as a citizen, neighbor and friend."

Lapin, however, said it was easy, especially when you are surrounded by good people.

"It's easy to be a good neighbor when you have good neighbors," he said. "I've always believed that the most important thing that we can give to each other is time."

Another teacher was chosen for this year's "Unsung Worker"

made the honor roll and currently has a GPA of 3.42."

"This is a great honor," said Nallen. "I'd like to thank my coach; he taught me everything I need to know to succeed in wrestling and in my life."

Andrews praised Erica Juris, the winner of the "Youth of the Year" for her spirit of volunteerism and humanitarianism.

"This years Youth of the Year is given to an extraordinary young woman. In an effort to raise money for the Florida Hurricane victims this past year, she helped conceive and implement a 'Restore Paradise' Fundraiser," said Andrews. "By soliciting supporters, securing raffle donations, raffle sales and food sponsors this first time event netted over \$2,500." Juris, however, gave much of the credit to her family and fellow volunteers.

"Thanks to my friends and family," she said. "Without them I wouldn't be standing here now."

Eva Perelgut was selected as this year's "Teacher of the Year." "She has been an active support-

er of youth and teens and was instrumental in creating the Maine Township Drop-In Center," said Richart. "Always ready to capture the teachable moment, Eva turns everything into a life lesson."

"I'm honored and touched to have been selected," said Perelgut in thanks. "I was brought to this country from Hungary by my courageous parents. I didn't speak a word of English and they taught me that with a good education, anything is possible."

Donald Lapin was chosen for the "Good Neighbor" award.

"Don is a



Some of the attendees at the Niles Night of Roses. Over 300 people attended the event including award winners from last year, who gave awards to this year's winners.

award.

"[Bill Gibson] is known as 'Mr. Gemini,'" said Richart. "He teaches language arts/literature to eighth graders at Gemini Junior High School, coaches basketball and volleyball, supervises Student Council, works as a lunchroom supervisor and has been a TLC site

coordinator since its beginning four years ago."

Gibson said that he was lucky to have his job.

"I'm lucky to have a job that I enjoy and think is important," he said. "People always ask me, because I've taught 33 years, have kids changed? But kids haven't changed the world has."

Gibson said that, consequently the role of schools has increased in importance.

Dr. Pamela Lowe was selected as this year's Ken Scheel Chamber Member of the Year for the time and energy she devotes to the organization.

"This is truly and honor for me," Lowe said. "I want to

thank the Chamber for motivating me to be the best I can be."

Landmark Ford was honored as the Business of the Year.

"They believe in giving back to the community and have been a significant supporter to many local organizations and causes," said Richart. "They are a major sponsor for the Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholarship Program, a corporate partner with the Leaning Tower YMCA, and supports both Notre Dame High School and St. Mary of the Woods (Chicago)."

A representative from Landmark thanked the Chamber for the honor.

Long-time Niles Resident and Chamber volunteer Bob Wordell was selected for the Living Legend Lifetime Achievement Award. He received the award from Mama Minelli, who was last year's "Honoree of the Night."

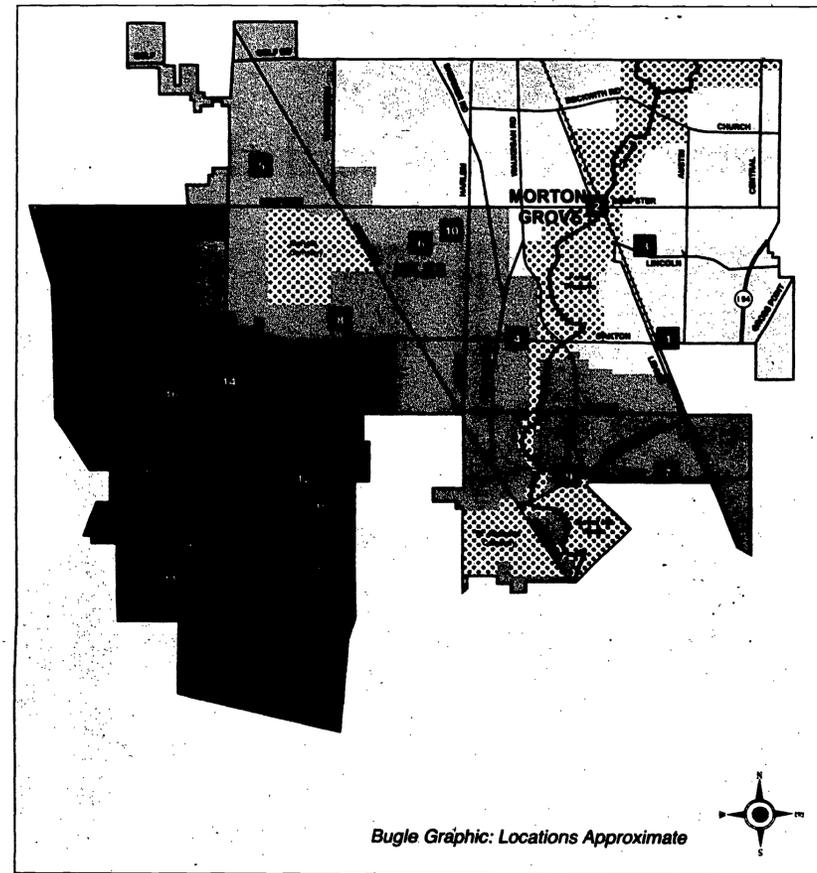
"My wife and I moved here and purchased what was supposed to be a starter home," said Wordell. "We're still there so I guess we're still starting."

Wordell said that he had been around long enough to see the Chamber mature into the great organization it is today.

"I'm grateful to the Chamber," he said. "I've watched it grow from a sort of fraternity to the very professional organization that it is

POLICE BLOTTER

NEWS



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending April 8, 2005.

- 1 Blade runner (6300 Oakton)**
A 73-year-old Mount Prospect man was arrested for shoplifting three saw blades at the Menards store in the 6300 block of Oakton Friday afternoon April 1.
Police said store security personnel watched the man place the three blades inside the box of an electric saw. Police the man proceeded to the checkout to pay for the saw but did not take the three blades out of the box.
Police said the man later admitted to taking the blades. The blades were valued at \$26. He has a court date of April 29 in Room 103.

- 2 Too late for a 12-pak (6300 Dempster)**
A 34-year-old Skokie man was arrested for shoplifting after he walked out of the Road Runner Pantry in the 6300 block of Dempster with a 12-pack of imported beer early Wednesday morning April 6.
According to police a clerk at the

store told them the man came into the store about 3:55 a.m. to purchase beer. The clerk told the man he could not sell him beer after 2 a.m.
The clerk said the man left but returned a short while later wearing a different shirt and had removed his toupee. The clerk said he still recognized the man and watched as the man went over to the beer cooler and took a 12-pack and walk begin to walk out of the store.
The clerk said he followed the man into the parking lot and then called police. Police found the man a few blocks from the store and found the beer behind a fence.
The man has an April 5 court date in room 103. The report does not say if he should bring his hair with him to court.

- 3 Bike stolen (6200 Lincoln)**
A mountain bike valued at \$900 was stolen from the storage area of a condominium building in the 6200 block of Lincoln Monday night April 4. The man said he put the bike in the unlocked storage area about 8 p.m. and it was gone the next day.

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending April 11, 2005.

- 4 Child Stalking (Culver School)**
Niles police are investigating reports that a stranger has been following around two 13-year old students of Culver School.
Police received a report April 4 that a man driving a blue Honda hatchback sedan followed the two 13-year old boys around as they skateboarded at the Civic Center Plaza after school on Monday, April 4. According to reports, the same man has followed the boys over the past four to six months. A previous incident has been reported to police in the past.
The license plate reported to police is reported as "no record on file."
In one case, the man is said to have followed one boy by car from the plaza to his home. At that point, the man was driving an 'older model' red Cadillac.
The parents of the boys and school authorities have been notified of the incident.
The Civic Center Plaza is located near the old Dominick's building in

- 5 Soccer Chase (Golf Mill Park)**
Two boys were playing soccer at Golf Mill Park when 10 others threatened to beat them, they told police.
The two ran northbound on Greenwood. The others caught up with the two victims in the Best Buy parking lot on the 9500 block of Greenwood. After an altercation, the two victims ran into the retail store and requested police assistance.
When police arrived, they found two baseball bats in the parking lot. One of the victims claimed he was hit with a brick. The victims did not appear injured, refused medical treatment and would not provide information about their attackers.

- 6 Scam Letter (Niles)**
A resident received a solicitation from "El Gordo de la Primera" in Madrid, Spain informing the individual she had won \$754,274 but must provide personal and financial information. The person reported the fraud attempt to police since legitimate lotteries would never request such information.

- 7 Daze Inn (6450 Touhy)**
A guest staying at the Days Inn, 6450 W. Touhy reported a theft of \$350 from the safe inside his room Wednesday, March 6 at 10 a.m. The victim was too drunk to effectively relay information to police but authorities discovered the identity of the maid who cleaned the room and found suspicious marks on the safe.

- 8 Duck Thief (7100 Seward)**
A \$100 ceramic duck was stolen from the front-yard of a home on the 7100 block of Seward March 9. The duck was attached to other statues by wire. The offender cut this wire.

- 9 Metal Bench Stolen (Bunker Hill)**
The Bunker Hill Club Condo Association reported the theft of a large metal bench March 5 at 6:30 p.m. The bench is worth an estimated \$100.

- 10 Brick Toss (9200 Courtland)**
A brick was thrown through the window of a home on the 9200 block of Courtland April 6 at 9:50 p.m.. Another brick was thrown through the window of a car in front of the home.

PARK RIDGE
The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending April 11, 2005.

- 11 Missing Gun (800 Hamlin)**
A \$300 Taurus Revolver was reported missing from a home on the 800 block of Hamlin April 5 at 5:15 p.m.

- 12 Office Theft Averted (Touhy and Prospect)**
Park Ridge police received a report of an attempted theft in an office building April 5 at 6:15 p.m.
An office worker left his \$1,200 laptop computer on his desk and left the room. As the man was returning towards his office, he saw someone with the laptop. He confronted the offender who dropped the computer on the ground and ran off.

- 13 Car Theft (1100 S. Lincoln)**
Someone took a \$50 cell phone from a Honda parked on a driveway at the 1100 block of S. Lincoln the night of April 6.
The car radio was ripped out of the vehicle and found on the driveway. In addition, six patio lights worth \$120 were taken. The solar lights are programmed to light the scene when someone approaches.

- 14 Car Cut (700 N. Greenwood)**
An unknown individual entered a 2005 Cadillac on the 700 block of N. Greenwood and used a knife to cut up the interior of the vehicle last week.

- 15 Trespassing (100 Summit)**
A 34-year-old Chicago man was arrested for criminal trespassing April 1 at 12:07 a.m. at an apartment building on the 0-100 block of Summit. The man's next court date is April 21.

- 16 Triple Car theft (700 N. Seminary)**
A thief entered three unlocked vehicles in front of the same home on the 700 block of N. Seminary the night of April 2.
The offenders stole a radar detector worth \$130, a Global Positioning System valued at \$170 and \$20 in cash from the Volkswagen, Cadillac and Isuzu.

SUMMARY OF CRIME:

Morton Grove	Theft-6
	Suspicious incidents-3
Niles	Theft-5
	Disturbance-1
	Burglary-1
Park Ridge	Burglary -7
	Vandalism-4
	Theft -3
	Arrests
	Resident -1
	Non Resident-13

SENIORS

Niles Senior News

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

APRIL REGISTRATION
Drop-Off Registrations for programs and classes advertised in the APRIL Naturally Active were due at the Center by Friday, April 1st. Walk-in registrations are now being accepted if space is available.

GET ACQUAINTED MEETING
On the third Thursday of every month, newcomers are invited to meet with the staff, learn what the Center offers, tour the building, and ask questions. The next meeting is MAY 19th from 10:00-11:00AM. Please call to register: (847) 588-8420.

ATTENTION, ALL NILES SENIOR SPELLERS! IT'S REGIONAL SPELLING BEE TIME!

Anyone who loves to spell is invited to join this fun filled competition, Thursday, July 14th at 10:30am. The top two winners of our Local Spelling Bee will represent the Niles Senior Center at the Regional Spelling Bee hosted by Maine Township, Tuesday, August 2nd at 10:00am. All seniors invited! Prizes!

For more information, contact Jaymi at 847-588-8420.
SPECIAL OUTING - HIS WAY THEATER, RON HAWKING, Wed., April 20th \$50
OPEN REGISTRATION - for all seniors, Niles residents and friends from other communities. Join as we travel to the HIS WAY THEATER at NBC Tower for Ron Hawking's tribute to Frank Sinatra, backed by an expert 14 piece band. Check-in is at the Senior Center at 1:00PM. We should return by 5:45PM. (There is no meal with this outing)

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.

Third Annual NILES SENIOR CENTER INDOOR FLEA MARKET - Saturday, May 7th
Mark your calendar! Open to the public, Niles Senior Center's annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Browse or buy; you can find some really great deals at the Center. Over 50 Vendors, on two floors! Raffle. \$2.00 hot dog lunch beginning at 11:00AM until 12:30PM (or until we run out of hot dogs!).

STAMPING WORKSHOPS \$8.00 per workshop
Join us for one, two, or all of our special one-day stamping workshops! Class fees include: all supplies. You will make card sets to take home! For more information call 847 588-8420.

Thursday, April 7 9:30AM - Making Cards for the Women in our Lives
Thursday, April 14, 9:30AM - Making Cards for the Men in our Lives
Thursday, April 21, 9:30AM - Making Cards for Kids!
Thursday, April 28, 9:30AM - The Art of Embellishments
Thursday, May 5th, 9:30AM - Red Hatters - Stationary.

CHOLESTEROL & GLUCOSE SCREENING, April 13th, 9:00AM \$10. Appt. Required
Take advantage of this great opportunity! This is a fasting blood test. Appointments are required.

HEALTH FAIR - Wednesday Morning, May 25th
Celebrate National Senior Fitness Day with us. You will have an opportunity to participate in a wide variety of free screenings, visit with exhibitors, gather information on numerous health issues, and/or have some lab work done: CBC, CMP, Cholesterol/Lipid Panel, and TSH for women (\$35) and add the PSA for men (\$45). The Fair will be open from 8:30AM until Noon and is open to all ages.

NILES SENIOR CENTER OFFERS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF HEALTH & WELLNESS CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS -For more detailed info call 847 588-8420

NEW COMPUTER CLASSES
Google, Tuesdays, April 26th to May 3, 9:00-10:30AM
Learn how to use the largest search engine on the web. Learn to navigate and find information on just about anything without leaving home! 2, week course. \$20
Digital Scrapbooking, Tuesdays, May 3rd to June 7th, 1:00-2:30PM
Learn how to plan a scrapbook, design the pages, crop and turn images, add titles and journal, use embellishments, and much more! 6 week course. \$30.

Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE VILLAGE NURSE
The Village Nurse is available for home or office visits for Morton Grove residents who would like an assessment, medication teaching or health management. Those interested may call Marianne Long RN at 847/663-6109 to schedule an appointment.

HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS
Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High School invite senior citizens 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) and 847/626-2600 (Niles West). The events include:
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.

MALL SHOPPING
Morton Grove seniors wishing to join shoppers on a trip to Golf Mill Mall on Tuesday, April 26 should call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to reserve a seat on the Seniortran. Home pick-ups 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.

DIABETES SCREENING
Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are

unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26. Screening is free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

JUKEBOX MEMORIES
Musical memories of the "jukebox" era with hits from the 40's and 50's will be featured on the Thursday, May 5 Morton Grove Senior Center trip to the Lexington House in Hickory Hills. Travelers will enjoy big band favorites like the "Jersey Bounce" and "And The Angels Sing" plus hits like "Graduation Day," "Rock Around the Clock" and "Catch a Falling Star". Lunch of meatloaf with gravy, cream of chicken soup, whipped potatoes, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce, and all the trimmings will also be included. The bus will leave the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:15 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. The cost is \$60 for Senior Center Members and \$70 for non-members. This trip is filling up fast so please register in person at the Senior Center.

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 times from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12 in the Prairie View Community Center; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, June 4 and 11 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

"TRAINS ACROSS COLORADO"
Peggy Strimple from Mayflower Tours will visit the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 to discuss Mayflower's fabulous "Trains Across Colorado" trip. This eight-day trip to be offered starting Sept. 18 includes a different train each day, delicious food, the beauty of the Colorado Rockies and the breath-taking deserts of the southwest. All are welcome welcome to attend this free Trip Preview.

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SENIORS

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.

RULES OF THE ROAD CLASS

Thursday, April 14
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Instructor: Stan London
No Charge - Registration Required

Need to renew your drivers license? Plan on attending this Secretary of State refresher course that prepares you for the written exam. Next Class: June 9th!

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, April 19
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Cost \$3.00 includes lunch
Registration Required

Today you will enjoy lunch and then a presentation by Steven Frenzel entitled "Great Cons & Brilliant Heists." Men, you will enjoy listening to the funniest, sharpest and the most outrageous thefts and scams in movie history!

ETHNIC DINNER OUTING

European Crystal, 519 Algonquin, A.H.
Tuesday, April 19
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cost: \$28.50 members/\$30.50

guests

Have a wonderful evening out as we explore the wonderful surroundings and tastes of the European Crystal. Our menu features a variety of Polish delicacies. Following dinner we will enjoy the beautiful music of harpist Grace Wros.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application.

All Day Trips departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

"ROMEO AND JULIET"

Chicago's Navy Pier
Tuesday, May 17
3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Cost: \$74.00 members/\$79.00 guests

Let's enjoy a wonderful evening as we begin our trip at the wonderful Riva's Restaurant overlooking Lake Michigan. Our dinner menu includes a Salad of Mixed Greens, Four Cheese Rigatoni and Tiramisu for Dessert.

After dinner, we will stroll to the Shakespeare Theatre where we have fantastic seats for the production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Tony Award-nominated director Mark Lamos makes his Chicago debut staging, in its entirety, the most famous love story of all time!

Park Ridge Senior News

RAINBOW HOSPICE AT PARK RIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Come to an ice cream social on Saturday, April 30, 2:00 to 4:00pm at the Park Ridge Senior Center sponsored by Rainbow Hospice and the Center. It's a time to socialize, enjoy delicious Homer's Handmade Gourmet ice cream and learn something about Rainbow Hospice.

MEN'S CLUB FOLLIES

The Men's Club is rehearsing for this year's show, "Our Hit Parade" which will be presented Thursday evening, May 5 at 7 pm. Many of your favorite songs will be performed. There's comedy and great choreography. Reservations are required in advance. Cost is only \$5.00 with refreshments being served after the show.

MONTHLY LUNCH FOR MAY

The Senior Center chorus, "The Choraliers," will entertain at the May 16 monthly luncheon. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The menu for lunch is from Portillos and includes Italian beef sandwich, mostaccioli, gourmet salad and chocolate cake. Reservations are required and cost is \$9.00 for lunch and entertainment.

CAMERA CLUB

Next meeting of the Camera Club is April 26 at 10a.m. Reg Gaetz, world sailor, describes his love sailing the oceans and lakes of the world. He presents his experience of sailing on a schooner out of Rockport, Maine last September. He will show a short movie commercial and then his 80 digital pictures depicting life aboard a schooner, and the wooded pine islands they visited. All Senior Center members are invited to attend.

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The Camera Club plans a photo show competition June 28. You may enter each of the following categories: travel, people, animals, landscape, collage, flowers, or black and white. More details at the next Club meeting.

GOLF OUTINGS

The first outing of the year for the men will be on Friday, April 29 at Tam Golf Course. It's time to dust off your clubs and sign up. Tee times begin at 7:45 a.m. Lunch at the Senior Center follows the golf. Cost is \$20.00 and reservations should be made as soon as possible. New men are invited to join.

BOCCE

Bocce players are looking forward to the start of play on Tuesday, April 26 at 10a.m. Bocce master, Harry Shoemaker will be on the courts and ready for play as well as helping newcomers who will be welcomed. It's fun for both women and men.

Niles Seniors

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Thursday, May 12th, 9:00am - 12:00am \$4.00

Join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast, prepared by members of

our Senior Center Staff. Breakfast, featuring waffles, scrambled eggs, and sausage, will be served from 9:00 to 9:45AM and will be followed by a game of "You Be the Judge" Cost: \$4.00

Final Session Niles Senior Center's Grief Workshop
Grief is a complex emotional reaction to loss involving a range of different feelings, such as sadness, anger and loneliness. Those who have experienced loss may find it helpful to meet with others to share common concerns and problem-

solving strategies. You are invited to attend our final session:

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.

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 Kostelny. If you would like to be part of this wonderful celebration, please contact the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 18
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council
-7:30 p.m. Park View Elementary School District 70 board meeting

Tuesday, April 19
-6 p.m. Niles Park Board meeting
-7 p.m. Niles Elementary School District 71 board meeting

Thursday, April 21
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Park Board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting

COMMUNITY

Monday, April 18
-Chicago newspaper columnist and WLS radio host Tom Roeser will speak noon Monday April 18 at the annual meeting of the Republican Women of Park Ridge in the South Park Recreation Center on Talcott Road and Cumberland Avenue. The lunch includes a salad bar and buffet with salads and desert. Roeser of Park Ridge will assess President Bush and the state of the Republican party in Illinois. Roeser will also turn to local politics and analyze the latest happenings in Park Ridge and Maine Township. Roeser is the host of a Sunday evening talk radio program on WLS-AM 890 and writes a weekly column published by the Sun-Times. He is a consultant who retired as a lobbyist for Quaker Oats. In the public sector, he served in the executive branch of the federal government and as a congressional staffer. The Republican club's new officers will also be installed at the meeting.

Tuesday, April 19
-Lois Alexander, author of a book on the history of Sauganash, will be the featured speaker at the Morton Grove Historical Society at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at the Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln. Alexander's study recalls the days of Chief Sauganash and the local history of the region.
-The American Legion Gladstone Post #777 meet at the Edgebrook Community House, 6100 N. Central Ave. April 19 from noon to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26
-The Garden Club of Morton Grove will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 26 at the Austin Park Field House, 8336 Marmora, Morton Grove. The program "indoor gardening" will be presented by master gardener Susanne Lankin. She will detail how to select houseplants, watering and identifying common insect pests.

**Chef Harry Presents
Celebrate Spring With Canned Food**

Harry Schwartz
Copley News Service

Spring is when we start thinking about planting the gardens that will yield fresh produce as the year wears on. Soon enough we'll have fruits and vegetables to spare. For now, however, it's time to give the pantry a spring cleaning. Forget about running to the store. Get the cobwebs out of the pantry and at the same time create something light, tasty and colorful right from a can. These recipes are all simple since the warmer weather beckons everyone to come out and play in the yard. And they are made from what is probably already waiting behind your cupboard door.

The last can of garbanzo beans can quickly be turned into humus, served with chips or pita triangles, and enjoyed with a glass of wine on the porch before supper.
HUMUS AMONG US
1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
2 cloves garlic
Juice from 2 fresh lemons
1/4 cup fresh parsley
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and pepper, to taste
Yields about 4 cups, serving 6 to 8.
In food processor fitted with steel blade, process beans, garlic, lemon juice, parsley and sesame oil until ground and smooth. Slowly add olive oil in a stream until humus is smooth and creamy. Season with salt and pepper.
Always have a can or two of pitted

black olives in the pantry for a quick appetizer. I think the smaller black olives have a better flavor and texture than the large.
BLACK OLIVE SPREAD
1 large can (4 ounce dry weight) pitted small black olives, drained
1 clove garlic
1 teaspoon capers, drained
1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon ground mild chili powder
1 to 2 teaspoons ground cumin, or to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
2 teaspoons sugar
Salt and pepper, to taste
Yields about 6 cups, serving 6 to 8.
Place beans, corn, pimento, scallions and chiles in mixing bowl. In



Yields about 1 cup, serving 4 to 6.
In food processor fitted with steel blade, process olives and garlic until smooth. Add capers, herb blend and olive oil, and process until smooth and the texture of paste.
A can each of sweet corn kernels and black beans equals a terrific salsa that works not only with chips but also with grilled meat or fowl.
CORN-BEAN SALSA
1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can yellow or white corn kernels, drained
1 small jar chopped pimento
1 bunch scallions, trimmed and chopped
2 mild green chiles, trimmed, seeded and chopped
Juice from 2 fresh limes
smaller bowl or glass measure, whisk together lime juice, vinegar, chili powder, cumin, cilantro and sugar. Season with salt and pepper. Pour dressing over beans and corn mixture and toss well to coat. Cover and keep refrigerated until ready to serve.
This simple and delicious dip is full of flavor and fiber. It is particularly tasty served with crisp pita chips.
WHITE BEAN PATE
1 (15-ounce) can white beans
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves fresh garlic
1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
A few leaves of chopped fresh basil
1 teaspoon lemon juice
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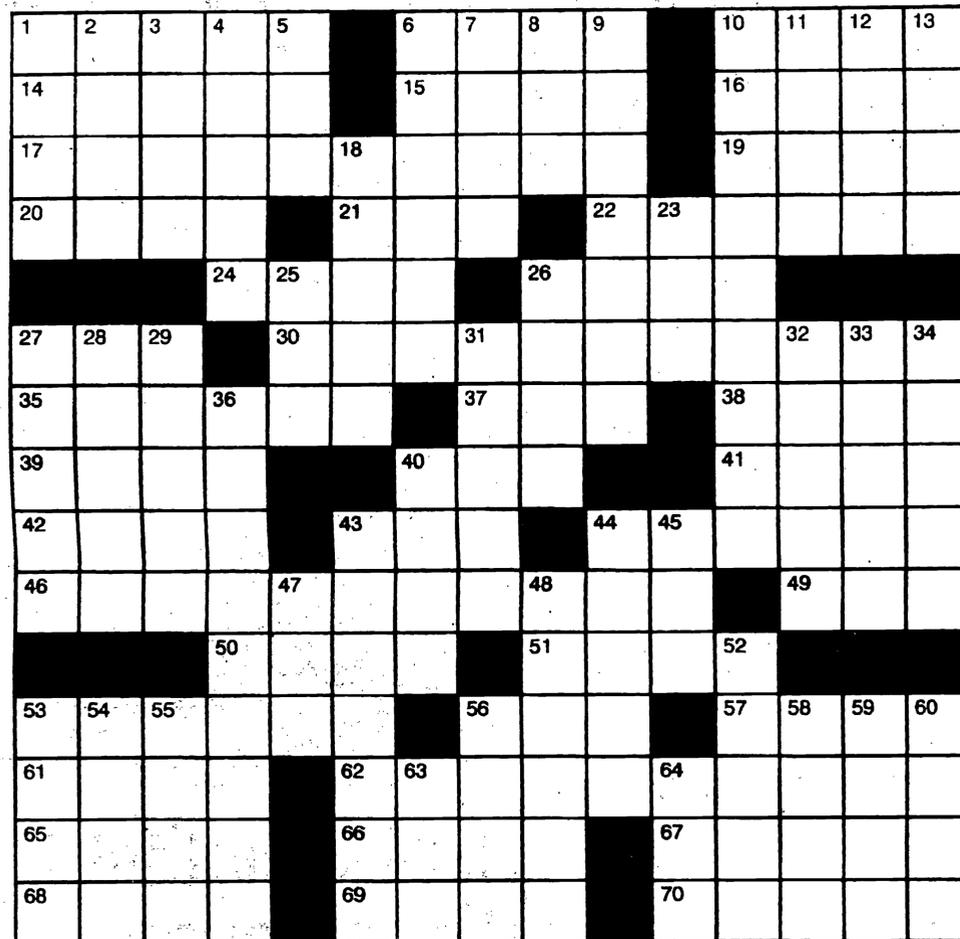
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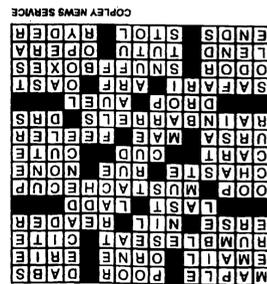
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Be the First to send in the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and your name will be listed in next week's Bugle.

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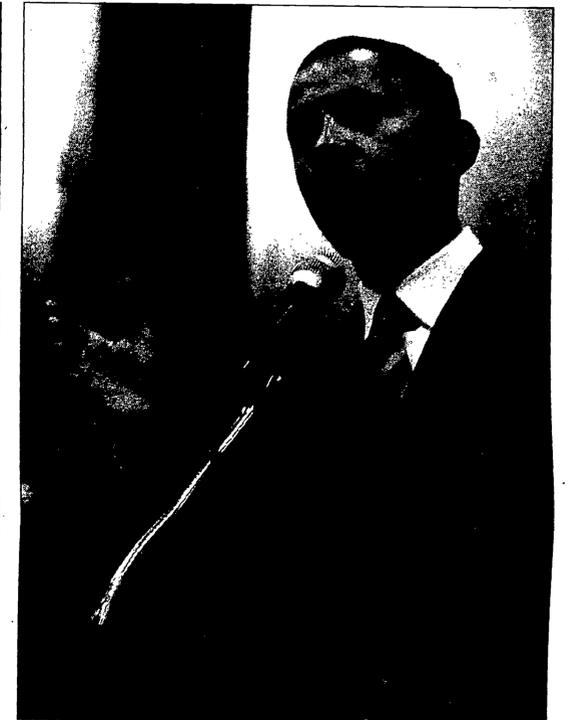


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Obama endorsement doesn't do much for Maine Dems



Freshman U.S. Senator Barack Obama endorsed the Maine Township Democratic Slate on Friday, Apr. 1 at the Prairie Lakes Community Center in Des Plaines. He endorsed them for the Township race on Apr. 5. The endorsement didn't do very much for the Dems, who only took one position on the Township board, but the attendees enjoyed themselves all the same. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)



Chef Harry

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1/2 cup prepared mayonnaise
Cracked pepper, to taste
Yields about 3 cups, serving 6 to 8.
In food processor fitted with steel blade, process beans, olive oil, garlic, herb blend, basil and lemon juice until smooth. Blend in mayonnaise and season with cracked pepper.

This make-ahead pasta salad is even better the second day - if there is any left after the first.
TUNA PASTA SALAD
12 to 16 ounces solid white tuna, canned with water, drained
1 cup plain yogurt
1 cup prepared mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
A bit of minced fresh oregano
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 red onion, chopped
2 roasted peppers, skinned and chopped
1 cup chopped celery
1 pound pasta, cooked al dente, drained and cooled, tossed with 1 tablespoon olive oil to prevent sticking
Yields 4 to 6 servings.
Break tuna into small pieces and place in large mixing bowl with yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley, basil and oregano, and stir together. Stir in vinegar, sugar, onion, roasted peppers and celery. Mix pasta into tuna mixture and stir until well-coated.

Serve this with toasted bagels on a

warm spring Sunday morning.
SMOKED SALMON SPREAD
1 (15-ounce) can salmon
8 ounces cream cheese, softened to room temperature
1 bunch scallions, trimmed and minced
2 drops natural liquid smoke flavor
1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
Yields about 2 cups, serving 4 to 6.
Pick over fish and remove and discard any skin or bones. Flake it apart into small mixing bowl and mash it together using back of fork, combining with cream cheese, scallions, smoke flavor and paprika until well-mixed.

Add cooked shrimp or sliced grilled chicken to this salad and it becomes a meal.
LENTIL FETA SALAD
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 (15-ounce) can lentils, drained
1 small can sliced black olives, drained
1 small sweet onion, minced
1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
Mixed baby greens, as desired
Yields 4 to 6 servings.
Whisk together oil, vinegar, sugar and herb blend in small bowl. Stir in feta cheese and season dressing with salt and pepper. Place lentils, olives,

onion and bell pepper in larger mixing bowl and pour dressing over. Toss well to combine. Serve over baby greens, as desired.

I always pick up several cans of organic crushed tomatoes when they are on sale. With those and some pasta from the pantry, there is always something for dinner. Add some crushed red pepper to put some spring into your step.
PANTRY PASTA SAUCE
3 cups crushed tomatoes
1 cup red wine
1 tablespoon garlic powder, or to taste
2 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend, or to taste
1 tablespoon sugar, or to taste
1/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs
Yields about 4 cups, serving 4 to 6.
Stir ingredients together in noncorrosive 2- or 3-quart saucepan over medium-low heat and bring to gentle simmer. Simmer gently for 10 minutes and ladle over freshly cooked pasta of choice. Serve with lots of freshly grated parmesan cheese.
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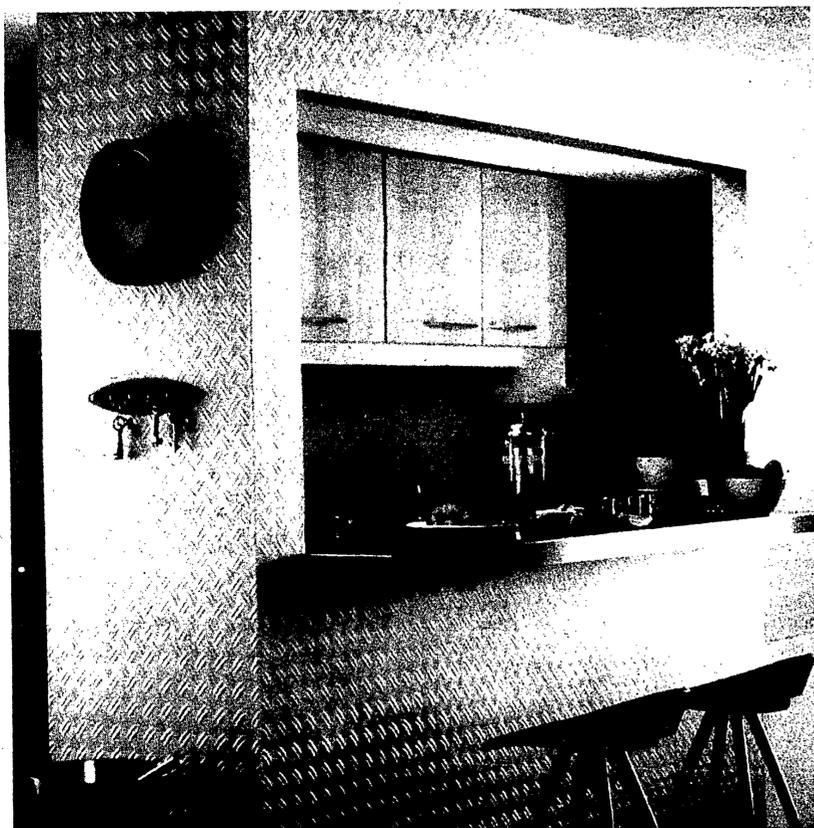
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BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service

Q: We are three graduate students living in a very funky apartment that our landlord rehabbed himself in, well, unusual ways. For example, there's a pass-through between the kitchen and living room where we can sit to eat. But it's not very appetizing -- he painted it with some kind of sandy textured paint - in bright orange! The other walls are a nice blue (we chose that ourselves.) If we paint over the orange, the sand grains will still show. Would it be possible to cover it in wallpaper instead?

A: Totally possible. Even better, you can find heavy, highly textured wallpapers that not only hide imperfections in wall and ceiling surfaces, they add real character to any space. In the photo we show here, for example, a kitchen pass-through like yours has been wrapped in a metallic-finished vinyl wall covering that revs up the chic quotient while it camouflages the inexpensive plywood underneath. The "Tread Plate" is from Graham & Brown (www.grahambrown.com), a wall covering manufacturer based in the United Kingdom, where wall papers have long enjoyed a popularity not yet achieved in the United States. In fact, it's often been said that the wallpaper itself holds together some of England's most charming but crumbling old cottages and National Trust "stately piles."

Decor Score New Textiles Can Cover Almost Anything



Mario Buatta, the New York designer known as the "Prince of Chintz" for his traditional leanings, credits wallpaper with "hiding a multitude of sins." (Within reason, of course: we were mistaken in an earlier column when we suggested you could wall-cover over acoustical ceiling tiles - the grooves between tiles are too deep for even Graham & Brown's dramatic textures.)

There are still plenty of special effects to be played with, thanks to the company's determination to make Americans see wallpaper in a trendy, new way. Look for raised dots and touchy-feely hearts, metallic squiggles and textured squares that would let wallpaper easily move back into contemporary design, from which it has been pretty much banned since the mid-20th century.

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Q: So there you are on top of that ladder and don't know which to paint first, the ceiling

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HOME HOW-TO

Insulation situation

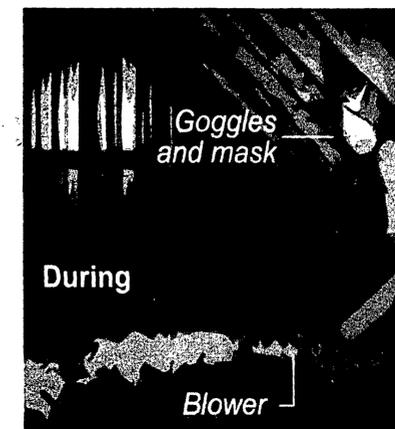
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THE INSULATION...

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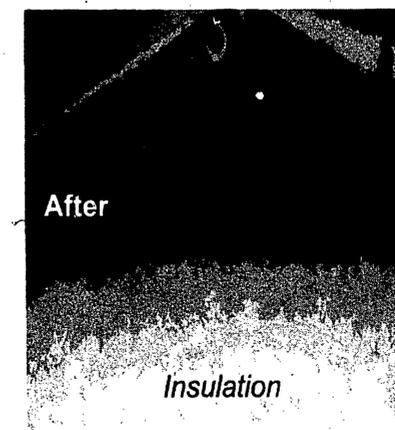
Needs to be installed at a density of 3 pounds of cellulose per cubic foot of wall space.



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Goggles and mask

Blower



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Insulation

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or the wall?

A: Come down and e-mail Lou Manfredini, billed as the "Helpful Hardware Man" for Ace Hardware stores. When he's not writing how-to books or dispensing advice on "The Today Show," Manfredini mans the "Ask the Expert Corner." Click on www.acehardware.com and e-mail your question to the "Corner." The expert promises to get back to you immediately, usually within 48 hours, even if it's from his hotel room.

Q: I was just in a designer show house and one room had a chandelier made of deer antlers. My friends and I were shocked and disgusted! How could a designer condone such cruelty?

A: Because he or she knows something you don't - yet. Not only are those antlers shed naturally every autumn, they actually provide extra income for the retirees, ranchers, and Boy Scout troops who are authorized to collect them every year in places like Yellowstone Park, Alaska and Canada.

According to Jerry Stoffers of Arte de Mexico, a California-

based producer of antler lighting fixtures and furniture, the process is called photoperiodism. The lengthening days of spring start the antler-growth cycle that's completed in time for the mating season. Antlers may grow at the incredible rate of 1/2-inch a day, a record for growth in the animal kingdom. By fall, they're not only useless, antlers cost the animals too much energy, so they're shed for the winter, and the recycling process begins, turning them-into furnishings in the West or medicines in the East, where they're used for homeopathic remedies.

The bottom line: relax. Those antlers went peacefully into their next, decorative role. (For more information, check out www.artedemexico.com.)

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Jeff Rugg
Copley News Service

Q: A local store is selling strawberry pots already filled with strawberry plants and I was wondering how to take care of them and if this is a good way to grow plants? How long will I get strawberries?

A: Strawberry pots are a great way to grow strawberries, herbs and small annual flowering plants.

A strawberry pot is a flower pot usually less than 2 feet tall that has a series of holes around the sides where plants are planted. They can be made from clay pottery, ceramic pottery, plastic and wood.

Plastic pots can be lightweight for use on balconies, but they can also blow over. Clay pots that have not been sprayed on the inside with a waterproofing agent such as clear acrylic, can breakdown over a year or two. Untreated pots soak up

water from the soil and pass it into the air, so they require more watering to keep the roots moist. Ceramic pots that are coated on the inside can last, but are often very heavy. Strawberries can be grown in any container, but these pots offer several advantages. They allow plants to be planted in a small area. They can be placed on a patio or balcony so anyone can grow herbs and strawberries just about anywhere. If you fill the pot with new sterile soil, you won't have any weeding to do and the strawberry roots will have fewer disease problems. Strawberries are often planted in these pots because they are small plants with a shallow root system, so each plant doesn't compete with the others for water. The fruit will often turn out better, as well, since they are not

growing on the ground where they are susceptible to bugs, bacterial and fungal disease problems.

All it takes to plant one of these layered pots is to cover the bottom hole with a piece of screen, cloth or any thing that will let the water out, but not the soil. Never add a layer of gravel in the bottom of the pot. It does not increase drainage. In fact, it harms the ability for the bottom layer of soil to drain.

Fill the pot to the bottom of the first set of side holes and spread out the plant roots, then add more soil up to the next holes and repeat until you can plant a few in the top. You can add some crumpled newspaper or sphagnum moss around the plants to keep the soil from washing out of the hole.

To water every plant in the pot

evenly, you can insert a pipe in the pot before adding the soil. You can use any type of pipe; all you do is drill holes in it to

have water seep out at all levels. If you have a large straw-

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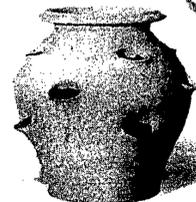
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GARDEN TIP

Dig these strawberry pots

Strawberry pots are a great way to grow strawberries, herbs and small annual flowering plants. Typically less than 2 feet tall with a series of holes around the sides for additional plants, they can be made from clay pottery, ceramic pottery, plastic and even wood. These pots offer several advantages:

- Several plants can be planted in a small area.
- Filled with fresh, sterile soil, there won't be any weeding to do and there will be fewer disease problems.
- There will be fewer bacteria and fungus problems.



Bring clay pots indoors in freezing conditions or they may crack.

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berry pot, you could set a plastic milk jug in the bottom of the pot. Put holes in the jug and holes in the pipe that rises to the top of the strawberry pot. This will allow for a longer soaking of the bottom-level plants without over-watering them. Test the jug before placing it in the pot to see if it drips slowly enough. You can also use drip irrigation lines running through the center of the pot with an outlet at each plant.

Large strawberry pots filled

with wet soil can weigh a lot. It is best to fill and water them where they will be left for the summer. If you use new sterile soil, it will probably have fertilizer in it, but additional slow-release fertilizer will be needed during the summer. It used to be that strawberries were only available in the spring, but now there are strawberry plants that don't stop producing flowers and fruit. They are called day-neutral since the length of day-light does not affect their

flowering. Sometimes, they are called ever-bearing and they make the best varieties for strawberry pots.

Illium, Ozark beauty and Quinalult are good ever-bearing varieties. It takes about four plants per person to keep enough berries coming, so you may need more than one pot. Normal strawberry plants will only produce fruit in the spring, but ever bearing, day-neutral plants should give you fruit most of the summer. Keep the pot in a cool, protected

location over the winter so that the plants don't dry out. Strawberry plants could last several years.

If you want to plant herbs or annuals, be sure to use plants that have similar requirements for light and watering. Use small species like parsley, thyme, chives, pansy, nasturtium and viola, the last three have beautiful flowers that are also edible. Try to avoid invasive plants like mint.

If you live in a climate that freezes during the winter, you

can bring the pot indoors. Strawberries are better off going dormant in the cold, but the pot will probably freeze and crack, unless it is the plastic kind. Many herbs can be grown indoors over winter in the pot.

Another winter indoor use is to fill the pot with poinsettias, cyclamen, ivy or other indoor house plants. They can add a lot of color and possibly food to the indoor garden.

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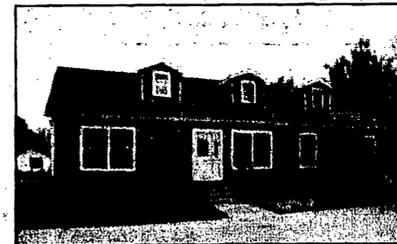
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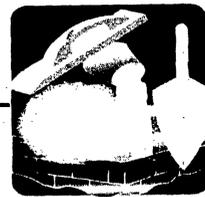
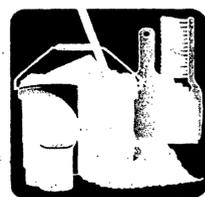


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The Village of Niles Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 2005, at 7:30 P.M. at the Niles Municipal Building, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, to hear the following matter(s): 05-ZP-4 - Nina Angerson, 9041 Joey Drive, Niles. Requesting a variation to Section VII (B) (10) to reduce the required forty foot (40') rear yard to twenty-four feet (24') rear yard to construct an addition at 9041 Joey Drive. 05-ZP-5 - Charles Ostman, Village of Niles, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois. Requesting amendment to Section VIII (B) (2) to reclassify (nn) Loan Offices, (qq) Medical and Dental Clinics including laboratories incidental thereto, (rr) *Meeting Halls, (vv) Business and Professional Offices, (xx) Optician and Optometrist Offices including laboratories as incidental thereto, (xxx) Employment Agencies as a Permitted Use to Special Use, Section VIII (B) (3). Requesting amendment to Section VIII (C) (2) to reclassify (b) Private Amusement Establishments: Bowling Alleys, Dance Halls, Gymnasiums, Swimming Pools and Skating Rinks. (h) Cartage and Express Facilities providing storage of goods, motor trucks, and other equipment are in an enclosed structure; (i) Contractors' and Construction Offices, (w) Laboratories: Medical, Dental Research, and Testing (ee) Automobile Parking Lots and Automobile Storage Garages; (jj) Recording Studios, as a Permitted Use to Special Use VIII (C) (3). Village of Niles will comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. If you or someone you know with a disability require accommodation for a Village service or have any questions about the Village's compliance, please contact Mary Kay Morrissey, Village Manager, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, Illinois, 847/588-8000.

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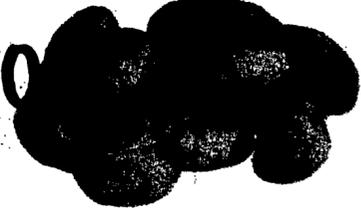
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