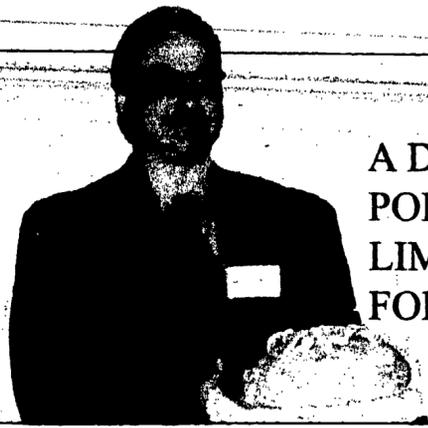




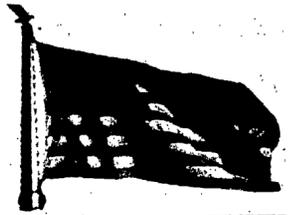
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New Korean Grocery may move in to former Dominick's in Civic Center

*East-coast specialty
chain also stocks
general groceries*

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Niles officials confirmed Friday that a Korean Grocery chain from the east-coast was considering moving in to the vacant Dominick's store in the Civic Center Plaza, though it was not a "done deal."

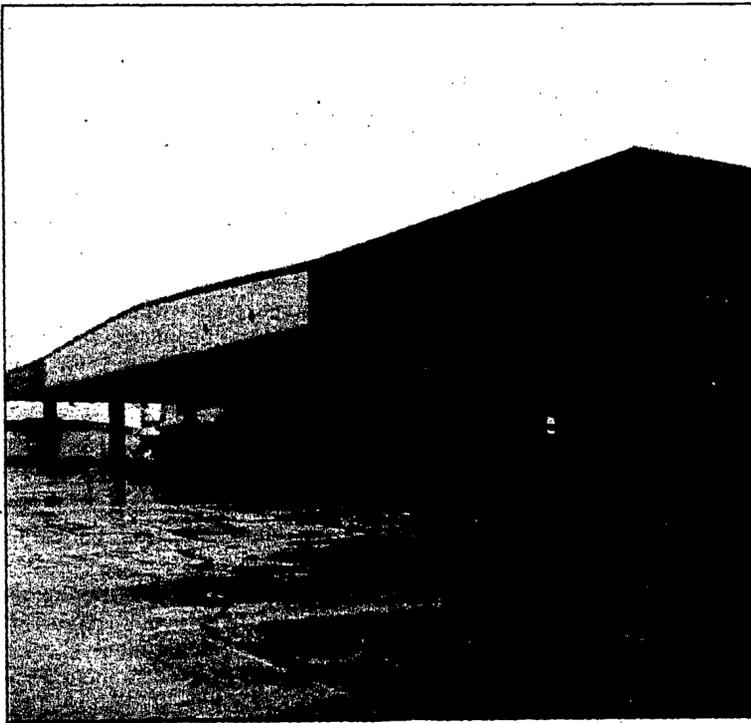
"It's an excellent grocery store," said Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey. "It's not a done deal though, it's too early to say for sure."

If the new grocery comes through, village officials will be pleased to fill the site, which has been vacant for over two years.

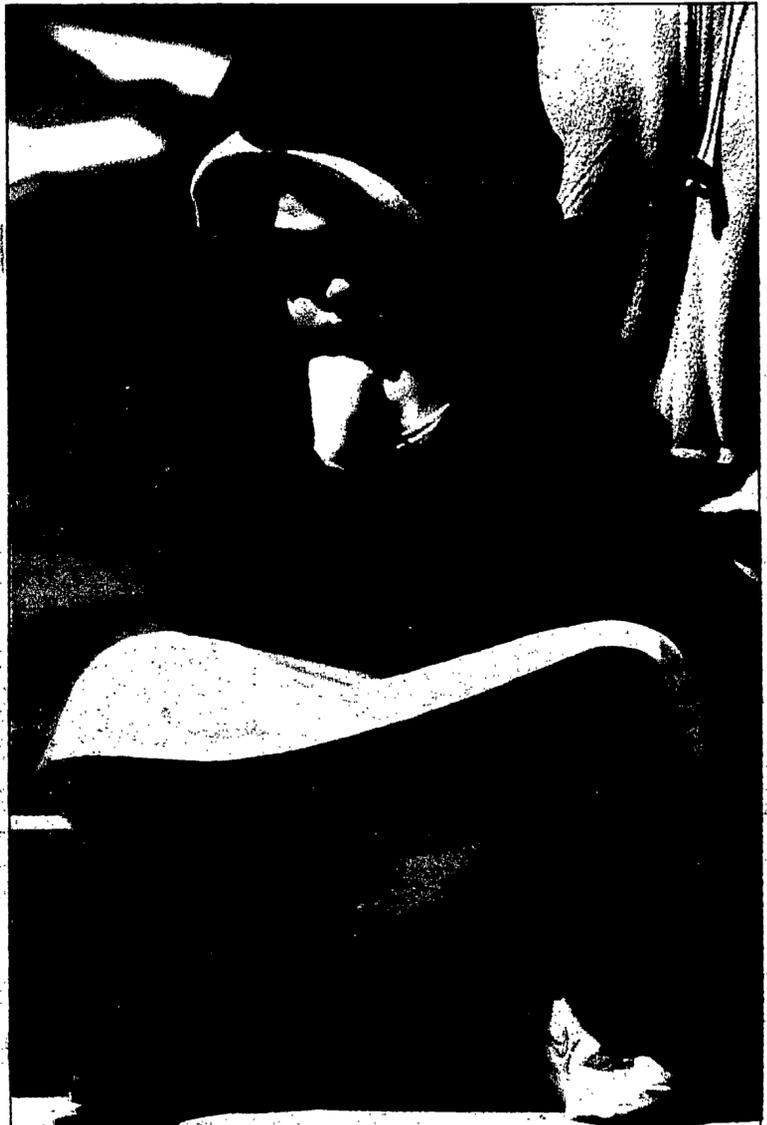
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The Dominick's Store in the Niles Civic Center Plaza stands vacant last week. The store has been empty since Dominick's closed over two years ago. A Korean Grocery Chain from the east coast is looking into the space.



Staying Fit

Collin Gillespie, 4, of Niles keeps a close eye on the finish line at the Nies Family Fitness Day at Notre Dame High School Sunday morning April 24, 2005. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

MG Deputy Chief to depart

*Friday is Rossi's
last day*

The village of Morton Grove will bid farewell to its Deputy Police Chief, Lou Rossi this month. Rossi is taking a position with the Mid-State Organized Crime Information Center (MSOIC).

"It's a change," Rossi said. "I've spent 23 years in Morton Grove and I couldn't have asked for a nicer career with a better police department in a greater community."



Lou Rossi
Deputy Police Chief

Rossi's last day is tomorrow (Friday). Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said that the

were sorry to see him go. "It's difficult for us to have someone with his experience move on," Czerwinski said last Friday, "but we're happy for him."

Rossi's new position will be as a field coordinator for the umbrella agency which coordinates intelligence between police departments all over the midwest. "Basically, it's an intelligence repository," said Rossi. "We get intelligence from police departments and disseminate it."

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Niles Public Works chief resigns

Niles Public Works Director Teofilio "Jun" Noreiga resigned Friday, Apr. 15 in a move Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey said he had been considering for some time. His retirement is official at the end of June.

"He felt there were things he wanted to do," said Morrissey.

Scott Jochim, Superintendent of Engineering, was appointed acting public works director in Noreiga's place.

"Jun was a very good guy," Jochim said. "We will miss him."

Jochim said the reason for

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NEWS

Morton Grove Building Projects move forward

Re-imagined 'Concord' housing project lowers condo buildings one story

Concord Homes "Trafalgar Square" residential development in Morton Grove was recently split into two components, the townhouses and the two condominium buildings with the latter being constructed independently by Guido Neri Company. Neri redesigned the condos and their new proposal was approved by the village's plan commission last week.

The Neri plan calls for the footprint of the condo buildings to be enlarged and for the buildings to be decreased one story in height.

According to Village Manager Ralph Czerwinski, Concord decided to divide the project because they were over-committed this building season and it was not their policy to subcontract projects. Czerwinski said that the Morton Grove project was split because it took longer to get

assembled' than some other projects that were in the works.

The Concord project is being built on the current site of Schwarz Paper Company's warehouse.

The final Concord plan is up for approval by the village board on May 9.

Toll Brothers decreases number of units in Callie project

A plan from Toll Brothers Company to build townhouses on land off of Ferris and just east of the railroad tracks passed the Morton Grove Plan Commission last week on their second try.

The Toll Brothers project was originally envisioned with 70 townhouses and they asked the Plan Commission for an exception to the village's density ordinances. The Plan Commission said no, however and the project was reduced to 65 units.

The Toll Brothers plan is up for approval at the May 9 village board meeting.

Niles 'ready to pull the trigger' on Police Station sign

Village awaiting funds, all other plans laid

The village of Niles is prepared to install a new electronic sign near the intersection of Milwaukee Ave. and Waukegan Rd. that would be used to inform passing motorists of potential traffic problems and community events.

The sign will be paid for out of \$150,000 in federal funds approved in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations spending bill. Only about \$100,000 of that is earmarked for the sign with the other \$50,000 reserved for the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the new Niles Police station. The EOC could act as a regional command center in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano said that all the necessary work had been completed at the site. A concrete base will have to be poured and the sign will need to be wired to the police station, something that proved difficult initially because of utility lines under the station.

"We have to wire it up underground," Vinezeano said. "We have to go under utilities that are on the site. Those utilities have always been a problem."

When the village originally decided to construct the police station on that site, they investigated the possibility of moving utilities in the easement, but abandoned it when they found the estimated cost exceeded \$700,000. That decision resulted in a redesign of the village's plans for the station, raising it a story above the ground.

In addition to the wiring, a concrete base will also need to be laid at the planned site of the sign, a small area of green-space between the police station and a driveway, on the eastern side of Milwaukee. Vinezeano said that the village had done all the necessary work to install it, and that they were only awaiting the funds.

"We're ready to pull the trigger," said Vinezeano. "We just have to wait for the money."

The funds should come in the next few months, Vinezeano said, and while there's no available timetable for the installation of the sign, he believes it should be in place by the end of the year.

The sign will not cost the entire \$100,000, Vinezeano continued. The wiring should cost around \$10,000 and the sign itself about \$54,000. The balance of \$36,000 will be used to purchase new laptop computers for some of the village's squad cars.

Individuals interested in attending the event can contact Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005.

NEWS

Polish delegation will visit Niles in May

A delegation from Niles' Polish sister city of Limanova will visit in early May, following the example of village officials who visited Poland late last year.

Limanova is the village's newest sister city, joining Pisa, Italy and Leixlip, Ireland and Nafplion, Greece. Twenty-three people will come to Niles May 4-11. There will be a special dinner celebration to welcome them at the Fairway Banquets Facility on Howard Street on May 5.

Among those attending the banquet are Niles Mayor Nick Blase, Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, Maine Township officials, Niles Trustees and a representative from the Niles Youth Council.

"It's going to be an exciting evening," said Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey. "We're looking forward to it."

Individuals interested in attending the event can contact Denise Joseph at (847) 588-8005.



Members of the Niles Sister Cities Committee dine with municipal officials in Limanova, Poland, Niles newest sister city. Officials from Limanova will be visiting Niles next month.

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Noreiga's retirement was that he wanted to enjoy the remainder of his life while he was still in good health.

"He's healthy and just wants to enjoy the rest of his life," Jochim said.

There are a variety of large projects in the works at the department right now, such as the Howard Street Bridge reconstruction project and Jochim said that the department had vowed to pull together to continue to operate Public Works at a high level of service until a new director could be found.

"Everybody's said they'll pitch in to do whatever is necessary to keep things going smoothly," Jochim said.

Morrissey said that the village would be conducting a search for a new public works director over the last few months, which would include both internal and external candidates. As for himself, Jochim said he was going to apply for the job.

"I'll put in a resume," he said.

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runs the gamut from burglary to terrorism.

"We also provide training and myriad of different services to member departments," said Rossi. "I'm excited about a new challenge."

As field coordinator for Northern Illinois, Rossi said his territory will stretch from Peoria in the South to Milwaukee, WI in the north to Galena in the west and the Chicago lake shore in the east.

"Morton Grove has been a terrific place," said Rossi of his 23 years. "I'm grateful to have been

given a chance to serve."

The new vacancy in the Police Department joins two other high-level vacancies in the village, including the community development director and a new human resources coordinator. Village officials had originally intended to fill those positions within the first quarter of 2005 but have said that they are still sorting through the applications received in response to a variety of advertisements and that they had a pool of high-quality candidates from which to choose.

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NEWS



Another Photo From Niles Fitness Day

Bryce Hamamoto, 6, of Niles crosses the finish line in the 4 x 100 meter relay at the Niles Family Fitness Day Sunday, Apr. 24. Keep running and you'll grow up to be a champion. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



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New Grocery

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for anything," said Morrissey, "but it's been vacant for a long time and it will be nice to have it filled."

While it is far from certain, Village Community Development Director Chuck Ostman said that the grocer was "very interested" in taking the entire space that was occupied by the Dominick's, 87,700 square feet. Dominick's holds the lease on the property through 2009, so any new tenant would have to sublease from them.

If the new grocery joins the current tenants at the Civic Center it would be quite a boon to Niles, which has a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district encompassing the site. A TIF district is a tool used by municipalities to develop blighted areas. TIFs are generally supported by property tax revenue, which is frozen for all government units except the sponsoring municipality. The TIF laws allow the municipality to recoup its investment in the property through increasing property assessments and, in this case, increasing sales tax revenue. The Civic Center TIF is one of the few remaining sales tax-supported TIFs in the state of Illinois.

"The state would match some of the sales tax revenue coming from the TIF," said Village Finance Director George Van Geem. "They're no longer allowed

because the state didn't want to continue making the contributions."

The Civic Center TIF was created in 1986. The village spent approximately \$23 million redeveloping the property, which also includes the village municipal center, U.S. Post Office, Niles Senior Center and Niles Family Fitness Center. The property tax component of the TIF is set to end in 2009 and the sales tax component in 2013. Currently the village is on schedule to retire the TIF, but it doesn't look like they'll be able to retire it early because of vacancies like the Dominick's site and a former PetSmart store.

"There's a chance it'll end early," said Van Geem. "But it's hard to predict because we would need to get everything back up to 100 percent to have a chance."

While the vacancies in the Civic Center might cause the TIF to run to its deadline, it doesn't compromise it.

"[The vacancies don't] help us," said Van Geem. "But we're in good shape. We had a big enough safety net that if there were vacancies, they wouldn't affect the financial solvency of the TIF."

The village had one other sales tax TIF, located at Village Crossing, near Touhy Ave. and Lehigh Ave. It was retired after about eight years in 1995.



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Another Perspective



The Best Sport for Boys

Wrestling is the best sport for boys. It has an ancient history and has been practiced by all peoples since antiquity. Wrestling is the purest form of athletic competition to exist in the realm of organized sports. It was an important aspect of Greek,

Roman and Egyptian culture, and almost every European country. Match results are recorded in Japan dating back to the year 22 BC. Wrestling was a common element of African and American Indian culture. Wrestling is an international sport, prevalent in virtually every major country.

Wrestling differs from most team sports in that athletes must rely solely on themselves for success. This helps young men develop the natural masculine traits of perseverance, independence and self-reliance. Wrestlers are naturally conservative. They cannot blame others if they fail. Overcoming adversity is a trait all wrestlers develop.

Early on wrestlers learn to appreciate hard work and skill development. They learn how to use their bodies and their minds to achieve victory. Once a match starts there is no time for additional preparation. Victory is based on self-discipline, hard work, skill and determination. There's only you, and your opponent of equal weight and size. Experience, preparation and the will to succeed will determine the victor.

Wrestling is a great outlet for a boy's natural aggression. Although physically demanding, wrestling is relatively safe and non-violent. Does not involve or even tolerate actions intended to cause injury or violence to others. Several studies have been conducted in recent years that show wrestling to be safer than many more common sports including football, ice hockey and gymnastics.

Notably these reports show a low percentage of serious, permanent and life-threatening injury in relation to other sports.

It is at the pinnacle of intense, physically demanding and highly competitive sports.

Wrestling is easily as cerebral as chess. Winners think well and balance their physical and psychological conditioning. A wrestler depends on strength, stamina, speed, technique, strategy, intensity, power and coordination. Wrestling is among the few sports that involves all muscle groups, and requires a balance of athletic skill.

However, it's not always the natural athlete that ultimately succeeds in the sport - it's the natural competitor. Boys who thrive on competition will make good wrestlers. All boys will develop desirable physical and mental characteristics by competing in the sport. Self-defense is another benefit.

Almost all fights end up on the ground in a grappling contest with the better wrestler being the victor. Win/loss statistics compiled from the controversial sport of Ultimate Fighting fair extremely well against all martial arts.

Finally, the PC crowd has entered high school sports full force. There is a chance your son will have to wrestle a girl. A young man has a fragile ego. Give it time to develop and good will come of it. He has nothing to gain and everything to lose wrestling against a young woman. Help him maintain his self-esteem by deciding early on that he will pass when matched against a girl. Do not let him be a guinea pig for some social engineer.

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Letters to the Editor

Ryan thanks Maine voters

Dear Editor,

Anyone who thinks local elections aren't full of excitement, intrigue and surprise must have missed the recent Maine Township election! After decades of one-party domination, Township residents voted to revive the healthy tradition of bi-partisan government with my election as a Trustee. This was a great thrill, and I have many people to thank.

I am tremendously grateful for the hard work and unflinching support of Committeeman Laura Murphy, Noreen Murphy, and the rest of the Maine Township Democratic Organization, especially my dedicated fellow candidates. We were all honored by the special support of Senator Obama and Representative Schakowsky.

I am very thankful for the encouragement and support of my wife, Mary Wynn Ryan, Park Ridge alderman-elect, and the help of my wonderful children, Missy and Nick, and their hardworking friends, Will Ami and Michael and Daniel San Gabino.

Ultimately, however, it was the support of thousands of Maine Township residents that made my election a success. In Park Ridge, I have many friends who are Republicans as well as Democrats. Given how high partisan feelings can run, I am really honored and encouraged that so many people voted for me as a person whose contributions and character they knew. One such friend joked that I "put the trust" in "trustee." I certainly plan to work hard, learn fast, and always

deserve the trust you have given me.

Peter N. Ryan
Trustee-Elect, Maine Township

MaRous says farewell

Dear Editor:

When I was selected by the City Council in October 2003 to finish the remaining 19-month term of mayor of the City of Park Ridge, I promised to focus my energy on moving the city forward but not to run for mayor in the April 2005 election. Being mayor has been close to a full time job, but with the support of the staff, elected officials, local businesses, and many citizens of the community, I believe these goals have been accomplished. Significant progress has been made in a number of critical and important areas that will impact the economic viability of our community in the years to come.

The most time-consuming and probably the most important effort has gone into the redevelopment of Target Area 2 in Uptown. The redevelopment agreement with PRC Partners LLC, including a profit sharing arrangement, has been signed and the groundbreaking is scheduled for early June. Early sales of the residential portions of the project have gone extremely well so far. The City Council, PRC Partners and Summit Square Retirement Home management have reached an agreement on a plan to put a new facade on the facility to make it compatible with the new development and the rest of Uptown. The City Council has also agreed to purchase the two southern-most buildings in the Summit Shopping Center to provide another 129 parking spaces for Uptown customers, and the City will lease the remainder of the parking in that area so that it will all be available to the public.

The City's new reservoir will be fully operational in late May. It will

be completed ahead of schedule and under budget. I thank the Park Ridge Recreation and Park District for their spirit of intergovernmental cooperation for allowing the City to build the reservoir on their land in Hinkley Park.

Other projects are moving ahead as well:

- the new Dee Road train station is moving toward completion
- the City Council has approved the new budget for 2005-2006
- a new Economic Development Director comes aboard in a few weeks
- the new Adjudication Hearing Court at City Hall is in session each month
- the library is undergoing significant renovations
- traffic safety issues continue to receive major attention
- more citizens are getting involved with our boards and commissions, and
- the street paving program has been significantly increased.

The experience of being your mayor has made a significant change in my life, and I have learned a great deal. I want to thank the residents, community groups, aldermen and the city staff for their support. I have enjoyed my eight years on the City Council as the Alderman of the Sixth Ward and I look forward to continuing the many friendships that I have made over the past years.

The momentum will continue to move forward with a new mayor and with eight new Council members, who will bring a new energy to the City Council. Mayor Frimark has served on the City Council for the past two years and has long been a leader in the community. He has promised to dedicate the time needed to do this demanding job. With support from the Council, staff and his fellow citizens, he will have the ability to move the City forward. I wish him, the City Council and staff, and the citizens of Park Ridge good luck.

Michael S. MaRous
Mayor



Kathryn Sjurseth
Columnist

Norway, My Way

Products

As I learned first hand a year and a half ago, there are many adjustments to make when you move to a new country. I knew when I moved to Norway from Park Ridge I had to deal with a new language, new customs, my husband's relatives, and a whole new sense of

geography that involved previously fairy tale elements like mountains and fjords. I have to admit it never occurred to me that I might burst into happy tears at the sight of a box of Duncan Hines blueberry muffin mix.

This all started nearly eleven months ago when my husband, Knut, and I were preparing our apartment for our new arrival. It was a boy. It was also a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy named Colin. We stocked up on the usual things: newspapers, dog toys, towels to cover the floors, a little crate for him to sleep in, and a teeny weeny red collar. We only lacked one thing, but it was possibly the most important thing to own when there is a new puppy nearby, namely, carpet cleaner.

Just as my mother was offering to send us a can of the stuff we found a treasure trove. About twenty minutes away there was a little area founded by Americans in the 1970s who worked in the oil business. There was one supermarket that stocked American products. Going into that store was like going home again. I trembled with emotion at the sight of crappy domestic beer I would never drink at home, Tollhouse morsels, salt and vinegar Pringles, and, sitting on a shelf with a kind of nimbus around it, was Lysol Foaming Carpet Cleaner. I think I clutched it to my bosom in slow motion probably while humming "Love is a Many Splendored Thing."

It is hard to be away from home and most of the people and places I love, but it is next to impossible to survive without the household products that I have come to cherish. I was fully aware that had I been standing under the stars and stripes I could find many variety of products intended to clean

rugs and find them in any number of shops. Knut, clearly seeing that I was about to embark on a berserker rage, offered to go to the dry cleaners where he thought he remembered seeing something similar. When we got there the bleary-eyed clerk behind the counter informed us that potato flour worked well for dog messes.

I am highly suspicious of the antibacterial qualities of potato flour.

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Directing the camp is Assistant Offensive Line/Tight End Coach for the Buffalo Bills, Frank Verducci. Coach Verducci was the offensive line coach for the Dallas Cowboys in 2002 when Emmitt Smith set the all-time rushing record, coached tight ends for the Cincinnati Bengals from 1999-2001, and was part of an offensive staff that saw Corey Dillon set the single game rushing record in 2001. Prior to his stint with the Bengals, Verducci spent 19 seasons at the collegiate level; most notable was his seven-year tenure as an offensive

line coach for Iowa (1989-98). He coached in ten Bowl games (two Rose, two Holiday, two Sun, two Alamo, a Citrus and an Aloha Bowl) over the course of his college tenure. Frank has coached wide receivers at Northwestern (1987-88) and was an assistant at Iowa (1985-86), an assistant at Northern Illinois (1984), Maryland (1981-83) and Colorado State (1980).

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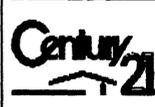
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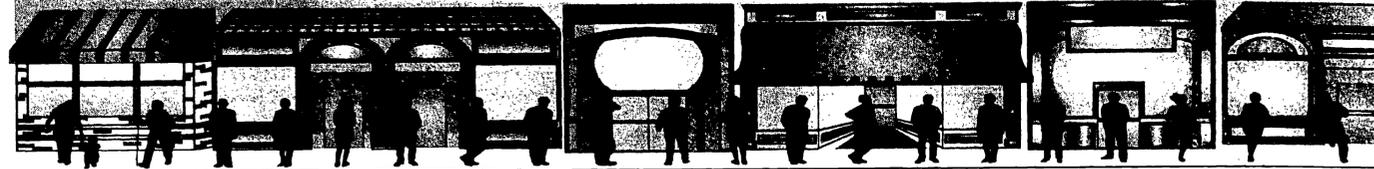
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Community Announcements



THE BUGLE

Thursday April 28, 2005

Our Lady of Ransom Fun-Fest 2005

OLR FunFest already in the works

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Niles, will hold its 14th annual Fun-Fest 2005, on the parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal Avenues, beginning June 22-26, 2005. This year we will once again feature indoor air-conditioned bingo, a beer garden, carnival rides, nightly entertainment, our grand cash raffle, food and ware vendors. New this year will be a rock climbing wall. A mock ground-breaking ceremony will take place on Sunday, the 26th at 3 PM to kick off the renovation of our church and hall.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy. For info call: 847-823-2550.

OLR Seeks vendors for FunFest

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, Niles, will hold its 14th Annual Fun-Fest 2005, on the parish grounds, Greenwood and Normal Avenues, beginning June 22-26. We are seeking vendors to display and sell their wares at the fest. Vendors may choose 2-3- or 5 day contracts.

Anyone interested, should contact the parish Ministry Center at 847-823-2550. A committee chair will contact you regarding the details.

Polish Women's Alliance Book Club announces new title based on the life of Pope John Paul II

Polish Women's Alliance of America has added a new title to its spring reading list: *Stories of Karol: The Unknown Life of John Paul II* by Gian Franco Svidercoschi. The recent death of Pope John Paul II has sparked a renewed interest in his own writings as well as in books about his life. This book tells the story of the future pontiff from a new perspective that allows the reader to meet him and know him as "Karol." *Stories of Karol* is an unprecedented opportunity to meet the pope in

a personal encounter as a friend and a person, with the turbulent history of Poland serving as a backdrop.

The PWA Book Club will meet on the following Mondays, May 2, 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Polish Women's Alliance building, 205 S. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, to discuss the new selection. Professor Frank Kujawinski of Loyola University will be the moderator. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion. The author of *Stories of Karol*,

Gian Franco Svidercoschi comes from a Polish family and has been a well-known Vatican observer since 1959. He has worked for press agencies, newspapers, radio, and TV networks. The author of numerous books, he is now a Vice Director of L'Osservatore Romano. The book was translated into English by Peter Heinegg.

For more information on the PWA Book Club and the next discussion group, please call Vice President Sharon Zago at 847-384-1208.

SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF Brief book reviews

"The Sea of Tears," by Nani Power, Counterpoint, 304 pages; \$25.

Like the merciless sea itself, the waves of loneliness and redemption in Nani Power's newest work pull one under with unrelenting force. The result is akin to being washed up on shore - the mind dizzy and disoriented, but with the recollection of having had a terrible adventure.

Part One, "The Broken," introduces the first of four sets of characters tied to a fictional hotel in Washington, D.C. Jedra, an Iraqi immigrant with a soul as fragmented as his English, wanders the hotel

with a denim bag full of tools, banging and tightening the hotel's pipes even as he chastises himself for having no power to control the flood of his own tears. Like water clearing slowly of grit and debris, Power reveals the grief that torments Jedra, a loneliness so unbearable that he almost wishes the bursting water pipes would wash all of it away, and him along with it.

"I am a breaking man. I am a brass pipe," he says wiping away tears before anyone can see them.

Like Rumi, whose poetry introduces each of the novel's four parts, Jedra has the soul of a poet and

wants "the good things. We all want the good. The sky as pure as the breath of a child. When people greet, they smile with kindness and kiss. When you speak, someone hears you and nods. When you hold a hand, the warmth is sweet. When a fire is lit, there is laughter swallowed by the black night. May all the ice of the world be melted in that fire."

Yet, in his suffering, Jedra has denied himself comforts - his apartment is Spartan, his interests nil, his lunch, day in and day out, olives and cheese balls. "He decided long ago he would deserve warm food

only if it were cooked by the loving hands of a woman, and this will never happen."

But then it does happen. Jedra, flush with hope after winning the heart of a woman he has long loved, finds a new respect for life and remembers the pipes in the hotel. His attempt to warn the hotel management in his Middle Eastern accent that the building is "gonna blow" is met with misunderstanding and ultimately, mayhem. The novel's denouement - shameful, tragic and poignant in equal measures - marks it as another of the new crop of books hearkening to themes

of Sept. 11.

Parts two and three, "The Brave" and "The Lonely," address similar issues of exile and cultural isolation, as well as ancestry and past lives. Part Three is the weakest of the quartet; Power telescopes back in time and place, losing the focus and immediacy that the framing metaphor of the hotel brings to her first two sets of characters. "The End," the fourth and final part, is disappointing, the literary equivalent of two hands clapping off dust. It feels tacked on and has none of the weight or empathy of the previous three sections.

Briefs

A-Abiding CARE salutes nursing profession

A-Abiding CARE, Inc., salutes the nursing profession during National Nurses Week - May 6-12. We invite all nurses in the community to stop by our office during the month of May to receive a token of our appreciation for their dedication to the nursing profession. A-Abiding CARE, Inc. - a provider of home health care services since 1983 - is located at 233 N. Northwest Highway in Park Ridge (847) 698-1400.

Glenview United Methodist Women present 'Top of the Heap'

Glenview United Methodist Women present their annual "Top of the Heap" Rummage & Plant Sale, Saturday, April 30, 2005, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at Glenview United Methodist Church, 727 Harlem Avenue - Glenview. Refreshments available.

Glenview United Methodist Church (847) 729-1015. Proceeds of this sale benefit the Wesley Child Care Center, Inc. of Glenview and various other mission projects.

Join in for Morton Grove 'Heritage Fest'

Join in a celebration of unity and diversity in our community on Sunday, May 15, 2005, 2-4 pm at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 W. Dempster, Morton Grove, Illinois. The Community Relations Commission of the Village of Morton Grove, the Morton Grove Park District and the Morton Grove Historical Museum are hosting a Heritage Fest that will recognize the diversity of people who have come to live together in our community. Enjoy dancing, games, fashions and food from some of the different cultures that enrich local life. Students from Niles West, Niles North and Maine East High Schools, the Muslim Community Center, the Society of Danube Swabians, the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance and other community groups will help in this celebration - all of which is free to the public. For more information, call 847-965-0203.

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BUSINESS

Thursday April 28, 2005

SEC needs to protect investors, not brokers



During a time when the Nazis were bombing Paris and Allied forces were frantically fleeing across the English Channel, securities regulators in the United States were preoccupied with more prosaic financial concerns.

Thanks to their efforts, Congress passed the landmark Investment Advisers Act of 1940, which has been protecting investors like you and me ever since. The document is simple in its most basic premise. The legislation requires that investment advisers always act in their client's best interests.

While it might seem sad to think that legislation was necessary to mandate this, we're revisiting this historical act today because of who was not originally covered by its language. The act notably exempted traditional stockbrokers, who simply traded securities for commissions. At the time, the exemption made sense because brokers have historically been sales reps, not financial advisers.

But as anybody who has watched the recent commercials for brokerage houses knows, brokers aren't just pushing stock tips anymore. In fact, many of them would probably rather staple their mouths shut than admit they are stockbrokers. Instead, they are calling themselves financial consultants, financial advisers and wealth managers.

It's probably better for investors that many brokers have evolved beyond simply handling sales transactions in return for commissions, but that evolution has triggered a debate that's centered on this question: If a stockbroker is behaving like an investment adviser, shouldn't he or she be subject to the same higher standards that any financial planner must observe?

While the answer is certainly obvious to me and probably everybody reading this column, regulators have been agonizing over the issue for many years. In 1999, the

Securities and Exchange Commission floated a proposed rule that would have extended the exemption to brokers, who had started charging fees instead of relying strictly on commissions. Brokers began switching to fee-based pricing when the increasing popularity of do-it-yourself discount brokerage firms caused commissions to plummet.

But as stockbrokers started repositioning their business to offer customers advice, they encountered a potential problem. The 1940 act states that any advice brokers provide to their clients has to be "solely incidental" to their jobs as sales reps. Since 1940, the SEC had never defined what "solely incidental" meant or enforced the provision. Wall Street, however, pretty much defined the term to mean anything goes. In television commercials, magazine spreads and marketing materials, stockbrokers promise to help investors meet their retirement goals, plan wisely for college and find ingenious ways to afford a second home. Does that sound like "solely incidental" advice to you?

The SEC must have been swamped with other really important things because five years later, the controversial decision to expand the exemption to include brokers charging fees - presumably for advice - still hadn't made it on the commission's agenda for approval. I can understand how these things happen. Sometimes the laundry piles up at our house for an awfully long time. But plenty of staunch critics of the expanded broker exemption, including the Consumer Federation of America, which represents roughly 300 nonprofit organizations, the AARP and financial planning groups, weren't so understanding. And for good reason. Paradoxically, the SEC's inaction, procrastination, or whatever you want to call it, meant that Wall Street, for all these years, could act as if the proposed rule was in effect. Clearly peeved, the Financial Planning Association, which represents certified financial planners and other professionals, filed a lawsuit last year to force the SEC to vote on the revised exemption. That got the government's attention.



TOO MUCH POWER IN THE POWER POINT.



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
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Edward Jones Financial Strategies For "Empty Nesters"

If your children are grown and out of the house, you may have some adjustments to make in your life - especially in the way you save and invest. By taking the right steps, you can use your new "empty nest" status as an opportunity to speed up your progress toward some important financial goals.

Which types of financial moves should you make at this stage of your life? You could, of course, immediately sell all the possessions your children have left behind - but that could lead to a few awkward moments at your next family gathering. Instead, consider these suggestions:

Assess your level of disposable income

If your children have left home for college, you obviously may be incurring some big expenses. But if they're done with school and truly out on their own, you might find yourself with some additional disposable income. Try to estimate about how much more money you now have each month.

Pay down debts

Assuming you have "freed up" some income, you may want to use some of it to pay off any debts, especially if you have high-rate credit cards. The lower your debt payments, the more you'll have available to invest.

Build your retirement savings

The departure of your grown children may well coincide with some of the highest earning years of your life. If so, you may have the means to significantly increase the amount of money you put away for retirement. If you haven't already "maxed out" on your IRA and 401(k), now may be the time to do so. And if you are already putting in the maximum to these tax-

advantaged plans, consider investing in a fixed annuity, which offers tax-deferred earnings and allows you to contribute virtually as much as you want.

Review your investment mix

Once you are through paying for college, you may want to scrutinize your investment mix to see if it still meets your needs. You might want to consider rebalancing your portfolio and taking a somewhat more conservative approach to investing, especially in the years immediately preceding your retirement. However, keep in mind that you will still need to diversify your holdings - and, even when you retire, you'll need some growth-oriented investments.

Consider buying a smaller house

If you are living in a big house and you no longer need all that space, you might want to "downsize" your living arrangements. As long as you've owned and lived in your home for at least two years within the five years preceding its sale, you may be able to exclude up to \$250,000 in capital gains, or \$500,000 if you're married and filing a joint return. (See your tax adviser for the numbers that apply to your individual situation.) So, if you buy a smaller home, you could pocket a tidy sum, which you can then use for your retirement or to fulfill some long-held dreams of traveling.

Start "Padding" Your Nest

You may find it a bittersweet experience when your children grow up and leave home for good. Yet by following the above suggestions, you could discover that your empty nest is full of opportunities for you to build your financial security.

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Calendar

Thursday, April 28th

• Morton Grove Chamber Women's Power Luncheon
Morton Grove Village Hall, 6101 Capulina, Police Training Room
Contact Suzanne of Claire, 847.965.0330.

Wednesday, May 11th

• Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
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7077 Dempster, Niles

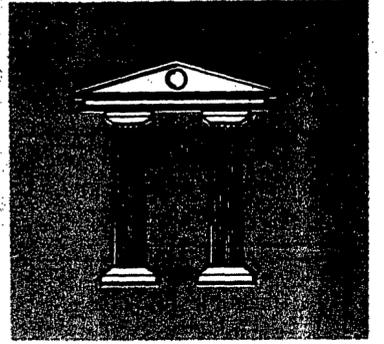
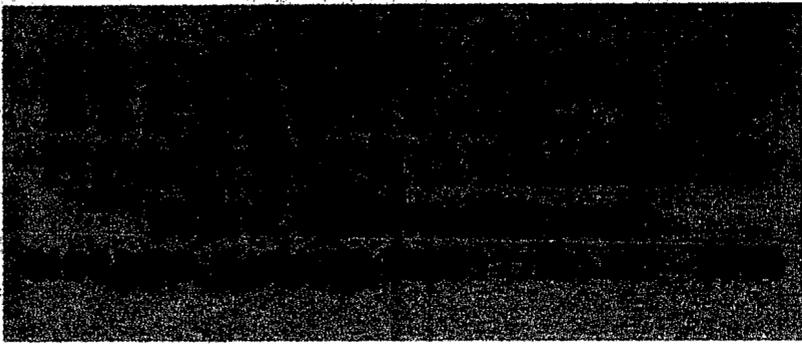
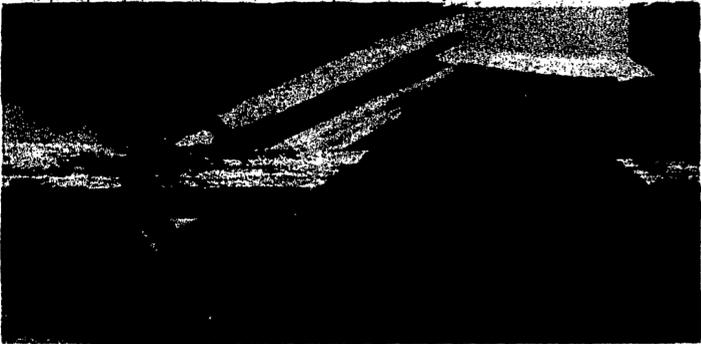
Tuesday, June 7th

•Niles Chamber Business After-Hours
Dunkin Donuts, Baskin Robbins, Togo
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