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It was Niles' Night for Roses, Remembrance

By Andrew Schneider

EDITOR

It was a night to remember. For those who were honored, they had a moment in the sun.

For members of the Niles Chamber board and staff it was a chance to give a man who meant a great deal to them a send-off and let his family know that Larry Ptasinski made a contribution and will not be forgotten.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce held its annual Niles Night of Roses last Saturday at the White Eagle. The annual program honors emergency personnel, community and business leaders and volunteers for all their hard work.

This year's award winners spoke highly of Niles, its people, businesses and its Chamber.

Citizen of the Year Judie Elsinger

Judie Elsinger, a Girl Scout Leader, received the Citizen of the Year Award.

"As a Girl Scout leader for the past 35 years, she has mentored, guided and inspired young girls in the Niles area," said Bob Ryan, Chamber of Commerce first vice-president. "She has given her time both at



The honorees pose for a photograph with their awards after the annual Niles Night of Roses event that was held last Saturday at the White Eagle.

a local level and for the regional organization. She has led girl scout troops for almost four decades."

Good Neighbor Alicia Janis

"We are very proud to award our Niles Good Neighbor Award to Alicia Janis," said Chamber

President Todd Watkins. "Alicia can be found each day at the senior center, cooking, setting up, and cleaning up. She is known for her cakes, which she brings to her friends and neighbors to celebrate a birthday or just to brighten their day. She volunteers at two churches, spending countless hours preparing lunch and dinner for their staff. Her bright smile, her energy and her culinary passions has brought the

community together."

Firefighter "Hot Spot" Roman Kopinski

Roman Kopinski was honored with the Firefighter "Hot Spot" Award.

"Our Fire Fighter of the Year, organizes and encourages the community

to give to those less fortunate. He is the founder and coordinator of the Niles Fire Department Toys for Tots collection," said Ryan. "His commitment to improving our communities continues through the year with his involvement with "Fill the Boot" fundraisers for burn victims, Christmas in July and delivering gifts to children at Lutheran General Hospital."

"I'm grateful for the honor," said Kopinski. "The honor more rightly belongs to the community - without your support all the work I do wouldn't be possible."

Police Officer "Special Agent" Joanne Birkenheier

The Police Officer "Special Agent" Award was given to Officer Joanne Birkenheier.

"This year we present Officer Joanne Birkenheier for her extensive and committed work with the 'Asian Rapist,' a man who went on a violent crime spree in the Northern city and suburbs," said Watkins. "We are comforted to know that Officer Birkenheier is

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Blase pleads not guilty to additional charges

Prosecutors add six counts of filing false tax returns

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Niles' long-time mayor Nicholas B. Blase pleaded not guilty last Thursday to six counts of filing false federal income tax returns that were added to the five counts of mail fraud already pending against him.

In October, Blase, 78, pleaded not guilty to five

counts of mail fraud that alleged Blase used his office to steer Niles businesses to buy insurance from Ralph Weiner Insurance Services, Inc. (RWA) and give preferential treatment to those who had the insurance. In exchange, prosecutors allege that RWA paid kickbacks to Blase in the form of commission payments to SMP Insurance Services, Inc. SMP was a shell company controlled by Blase, prosecutors say.

The new charges say that over \$420,000 in alleged kickbacks paid to SMP in the form of commissions were taxable income that was not reported on Blase's federal income tax returns for the last six years.

After appearing in federal court Thursday to answer the charges, Blase said that Judge Wayne T. Anderson was willing to move it along as fast as he wanted. The case has been delayed in part due to the death of Blase's lead attorney

and friend, Harvey Silets in January.

If convicted on the mail fraud charges Blase could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The new charges of filing false federal tax returns could leave Blase responsible for back taxes, interest and penalties as well as restitution and the cost of prosecution.

The next status hearing on the case will be held on Thursday, June 14.

Blase has been mayor of Niles since 1961. His current term expires in 2009.

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Stephens served as Rosemont's mayor since 1956 when it was incorporated after he failed to convince any of the neighboring communities to annex the subdivision where he lived along with most of Rosemont's approximately 4,000 residents.

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The sentiment seemed to be

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one shared by most of the local politicians. Stephens, who was the undisputed mayor of Rosemont was able to raise large sums for political campaigns that he didn't need. That money, donated to the races of the state legislators meant that Stephens wielded a lot of influence.

"He was very effective," said Blase. "If [mayors in the northwestern suburbs] needed something done, often we didn't go to our state legislators, we went to him."

Stephens fended off two federal indictments during his tenure as Illinois and possibly the nation's longest-serving mayor, but controversy over the now-defunct Emerald Casino and its alleged ties to organized crime did tarnish his reputation slightly and killed the Emerald project.

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in Niles will soon become safer for its patrons.

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Commerce and Economic Opportunity that was sponsored by State Rep. Elaine Nekritz.

Skating Director Ingrid Santee said that a few patrons have tripped and fallen on the flooring.

"It's like a puzzle," said

Santee, about the flooring that is in great need of repair. "The pieces sometimes don't fit flush. Over the years the ground has shifted."

Santee said that safety of the patrons has been a big concern to her.

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and excited to hear they received a \$25,000 grant to repair the flooring.

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Santee said they are so happy

9 p.m. More than 99 percent of all results were in by early Wednesday morning.

"The April 17 elections were incredibly complex," stated Orr in a press release.

The election included 739 races and 2,400 candidates on the ballot, ranging from village trustees, school board seats to fire district trustees.

Orr cautioned the public that elections are not certified until May 8, so clerks can add late arriving absentee ballots and provisional ballots to vote totals, which may determine the results of a few close races.

Voter turnout was rather low, with 17 percent going to the polls.

Following the November elec-

tion when some results were delayed, Orr appointed a review panel, which made recommendations for hardware, software and procedural changes that were implemented over the past several months in order to improve the election process.

More than 81 percent of the precincts had fully reported (both touch screen and optical scan) and 93 percent of all of the results had been transmitted by

lawmakers in Springfield (and perhaps even at some higher level) have abdicated their authority.

So, if the state doesn't take responsibility for it and the feds aren't standing up and taking responsibility for it then guess who's in charge?

It means that from devising a sensible tax system to creating a reliable and predictable energy system to funding education,

That's right, the folks you

elected last week.

Or perhaps it would be more appropriate to say that it's the folks you didn't elect but are going to take up office anyway. After all, looking at the voting returns it's more likely than not that the people reading this column didn't take time to have their say.

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Man doesn't want to pay cab, offers knuckle-sandwich

MORTON GROVE

1 Battery of Cab Driver
(5600 block of Dempster)

Police said a cab driver was struck in the face by a person who did not want to pay his cab fare in the 5600 block of Dempster on Friday, April 13. No complaints were signed, said police.

2 Damage to Vehicle
(5800 block of Theobold)

The rear driver's side window and rear windshield of a BMW parked in the 5800 block of Theobold were smashed on Sunday, April 15. The victim reportedly heard voices outside and a loud noise.

3 Brandy Stolen from Store
(5900 block of Dempster)

Police said one subject walked up to the cashier and distracted him by asking for directions while the other subject put a bottle of Brandy in his pants pocket and walked out of the store in the 5900 block of Dempster without paying on Monday, April 16. The cost of the bottle of Brandy is \$10.99.

4 Graffiti Spray-Painted on
Advertisement Sign
(8100 block of Austin)

Unknown person or person spray painted graffiti on an advertisement sign in front of a business in the 8100 block of Austin on Thursday, April 12.

5 Theft of Gas
(9500 block of Waukegan)

An unknown individual pumped \$52 worth of gas into his Chevy Blazer and left southbound on Waukegan without paying for the gas at a gas station in the 9500 block of Waukegan on Tuesday, April 17.

6 GPS System Stolen
from Vehicle (8200 block
of Gross Point Road)

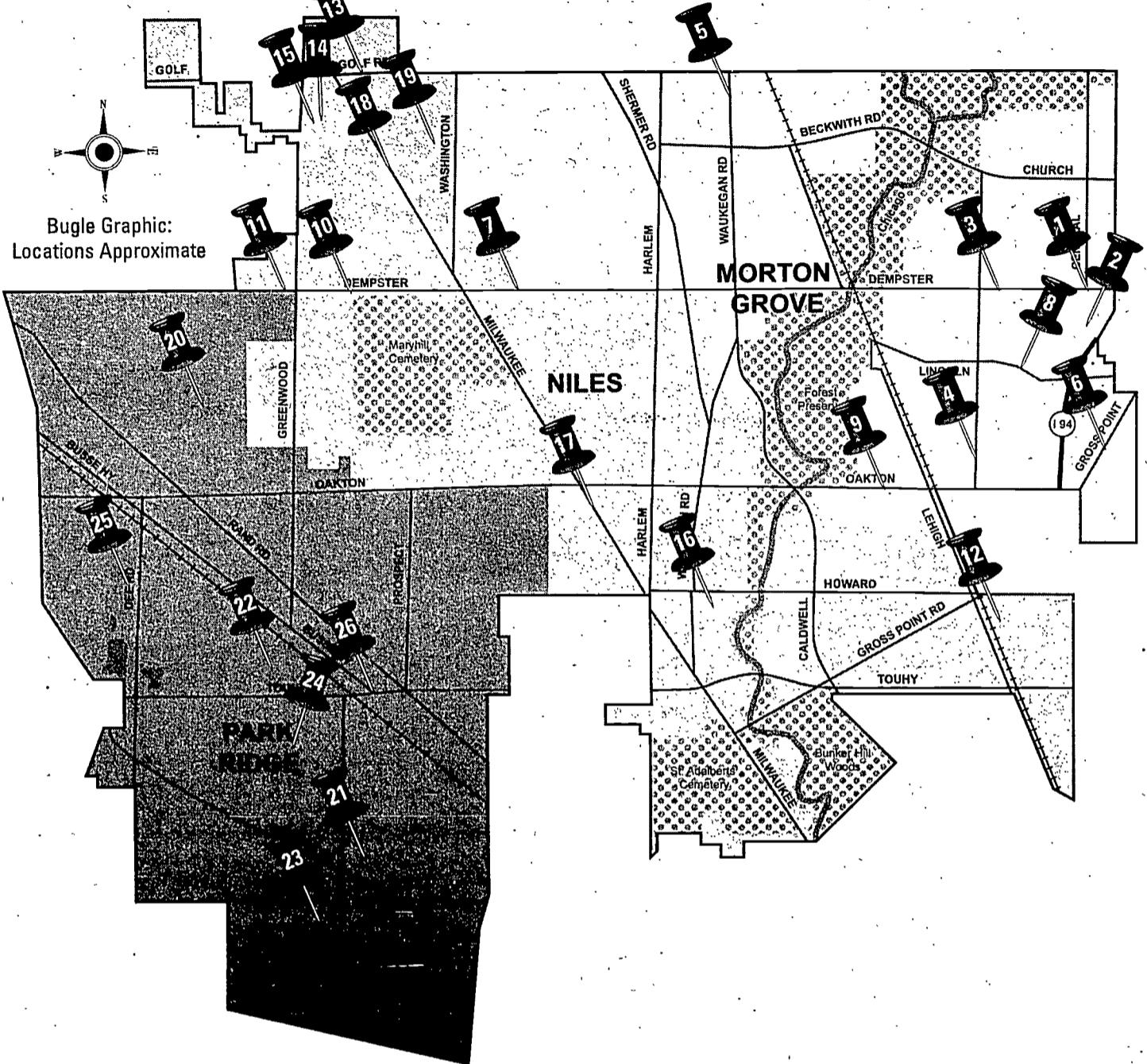
A GPS system was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 8200 block of Gross Point Road on Thursday, April 12. The value of the item stolen is estimated at \$450.

7 Vehicle Paint Scratched
(8800 block of Ottawa)

Unknown subject or subjects scratched the paint on the hood, rear door and fenders of a vehicle in the 8800 block of Ottawa sometime between Tuesday, April 10 and April Friday, 13. The victim said similar damage was done to his other vehicle parked ahead of this vehicle.

8 Driving Without Valid
License (Lincoln/Marmora)

A 19-year-old Morton Grove man was arrested at Lincoln and Marmora for driving with-



out a valid license at Lincoln and Marmora on Friday, April 13. The court date is April 27.

9 Retail Theft Arrest
(6300 block of Oakton)

A 77-year-old Glenview man was arrested at the 6300 block of Oakton for stealing a router bit with a value of \$39.95 on Friday, April 13. The court date is May 14 and bond was set at \$1,000.

NILES

10 Graffiti on Shed
(8800 block of Cumberland)

Unknown subject or subjects spray-painted graffiti on a shed in the 8800 block of Cumberland sometime between Wednesday, April 18 and Friday, April 20.

11 Handicapped Placard Stolen
(8700 block of Dempster)

A handicapped parking placard was stolen from the inside of a vehicle in the 8700 block of Dempster on Saturday, April 21.

Police said the placard was hanging from the rear view mirror.

and that the victim left the window rolled down half way.

12 Attempted Burglary to
Business
(7100 block of Austin)

Pry marks were discovered on both front and rear entry doors to a business in the 7100 block of Austin following an attempted burglary on Tuesday, April 17. The four tires of a work van were also punctured, which appears to be directly related to the attempted burglary, according to police.

13 BB Breaks Picture
Window
(7000 block of Birchwood)

Unknown person or persons used a BB gun to break a five by seven foot picture window of a residence in the 7000 block of Birchwood sometime between Wednesday, April 11 and Friday, April 13. The picture window has an estimated value of \$1,000.

14 Burglary to Vehicle
(400 Golf Mill)

Unknown subject or subjects stole an Alpine CD player from a vehicle in the parking lot at 400 Golf Mill on Thursday, April 19. The subject or subjects

pried open the passenger side front door of the vehicle. The estimated value of the CD player is \$300.

15 Recovered Stolen Auto
(300 Golf Mill)

A vehicle reported stolen out of the Cook County Sheriff's police department on Friday, April 13 was recovered in the parking lot at 300 Golf Mill on April 20.

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17 Theft of Baby Products
(7900 block of Milwaukee)

A subject stole five jars of baby food, one children's book and two greeting cards from a store in the 7900 block of Milwaukee on Wednesday,

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April 18. The value of the items stolen is \$14.81.

18 Domestic Battery Arrest
(9200 block of Milwaukee)

A 28-year-old Park Ridge man and his 21-year-old girlfriend from Des Plaines were arrested for domestic battery after getting into a physical fight on Tuesday, April 17. The man bit his girlfriend and his girlfriend then punched him in his eye.

19 Warrant Arrest
(Beckwith/National)

A 21-year-old Niles man was arrested for a warrant out of Niles after being stopped for a traffic violation at Beckwith and National in Morton Grove on April Friday, 20. Bond was set at \$10,000 and the court date is May 10.

PARK RIDGE

20 Attempted Burglary
(1300 block of N. Hamlin)

A individual living in the 1300 block of N. Hamlin was awakened by a noise and confronted

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a man, about 20 years old, 5' 8", 175 lbs dressed in black and wearing a ski mask in his bathroom early on Thursday, April 12. The victim grabbed the subject who was attempting to burglarize his home and led him out of the house. The subject reportedly entered the residence by removing a fan from a bathroom window.

21 'No Parking' Sign Stolen
(1000 block of S. Fairview)

Unknown subject or subjects removed a no parking sign and a barricade from the school in the 1000 block of S. Fairview on Tuesday, April 10. The stolen items have an estimated value of \$168.

22 Burglary to Vehicle
(100 block of N. Delphia)

Unknown subject or subjects entered a 2005 Jeep Wrangler parked in the 100 block of N. Delphia by cutting the rear plastic window sometime between Saturday, April 7 and Thursday, April 12. The subject took a pink baseball helmet with an unknown value.

23 Brick Thrown at Vehicle
(1000 block of W. Bonnie)

A brick was thrown at a 2000 Police said unknown subject or subjects used a sharp object to cut the stem of a tree that was planted in the a front yard in the 600 block of N. Parkwood sometime between Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18. The estimated cost of the damage is \$150.

24 Generator Stolen
(300 block of S. Greenwood)

Unknown person or persons took a Mitsubishi generator that was being used on the property of a residence under construction in the 300 block of S. Greenwood on Thursday, April 12. The value of the generator is approximately \$2,000.

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26 Cell Phone Stolen
(20 Block of Busse Hwy)

A Motorola cell phone that was placed on a concrete ledge was stolen from the 20 block of Busse Hwy sometime between Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18. The estimated cost of the cell phone is \$50.

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The Real Nature of Politics



Another Perspective
MORGAN DUBIEL | COLUMNIST

We often hear the lament that too few people come out to vote, that there is too much outside influence in politics or that there is way too much money spent on elections and winning them. The reason we hear this is sheer ignorance. Politics is a business and the winners get a monopoly for 2, 4, or 6 years and more often life. Politics as practiced in America is poison to a republic. Our Founding Fathers knew this and did their best to plan for the weakness of men.

Our Constitution contains many safeguards to liberty that have been denigrated, ignored or trashed, but that is the real nature of politics. It is a business, not a game. The goal is to get into power, push your agenda, reward your friends and punish your enemies. A politician profits by clout, his or her ability to get their agenda through. Whether it be getting a job for a supporter, working out a logjam with the bureaucracy, or passing a bill to satisfy either a donor or a constituency. It is a big game of chess, although some play it like it was checkers - they

always want to be crowned.

This is why politicians really have no true friends. Even their spouses are part of the agenda. They either serve a purpose or they don't and if they don't - good bye. Friends become enemies and enemies friends in the fierce arena of politics. Think about it. Politics is a winner-take-all event akin to combat or boxing. This is why there is so much mudslinging, attacking and trickery. If you lose you are out, 100 percent, but if you win you are in all the way. This is why we've never had another George Washington. He could have been the first American king, but, as our last best president, chose to retire.

That was the end of genteel politics in America. The dirt flew in the very first contest-

ed election that saw John Adams as President with his political opponent as Vice President. Campaigns since then have worked hard to undermine the voters' confidence in the opponent and disparage his character. This happens at all levels of politics in America. Why tell the truth when a lie, or half-truth, works just as well?

Political incumbents then use the levers of power to block new entrants into the market. We have long been told that the reason for having a minimum number of voters to sign a petition is so that the printing costs don't get out of hand for a ballot. The real reason is that it limits competition. With today's electronic voting what difference does it make how many names are on the ballot? It dilutes the vote and gives many different ideas a chance to be heard. This competition is a threat to the existing incumbents. Why?

If five or ten people run, the top two or three have a chance because the balance of the vote is spread across all the candidates and the jig is up. When only one person

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Letters to the Editor

Unusual consensus on a bad TIF plan

Dear Editor,

We are hearing that the Preserves of Morton Grove is going ahead with their application for a permit to build their complex on the site of the former Maxwell's Restaurant on Dempster Street in Morton Grove. I don't always see eye to eye with the Caucus Party on these issues, but when they turned down a 2.7 million dollar request for assistance to these builders to help them get started, I totally agreed with that decision. It is unfortunate that this project was not thoroughly checked out at its conception, and corrections made earlier.

The problem with the plan is that it is anchored on condominiums, which have had too large a role in the overall Lehigh Ferris TIF project without enough emphasis on retail sales. At recent village meetings with the Preserves, several disturbing things were discovered about their plan by our consultants S.B. Friedman, our village staff and concerned residents. They included concerns about the lack of commitment to retail sales and experience of the builder in large projects of this type. I felt these builders were holding a gun to our heads demanding a

discount on their bid.

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subsidy of millions before they would even start this project. Now suddenly, they have found the funding to go ahead. I think their strategy is to start building, stop in the middle and again tell us they cannot continue building unless we hand over more millions. Let's be realistic about their project: The housing bubble has burst. We will see lots of empty condos and townhouses sitting on the most visible part of this TIF project, the valuable Dempster Street storefront area.

The village should do everything in its power to discourage the Preserves of Morton Grove, and find a better developer for that site who will hopefully put in something we really need, retail sales and a nice sit down restaurant.

Sherwin Dubren, Morton Grove

Reform candidate thanks voters

Dear Editor,

As a founder and candidate of the Reform Party, in the recent election for Village Trustee, I would like to thank the over 450 voters who had the fortitude to vote for us, for a positive change in Morton Grove.

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Grand Opening – Chisolof Chiropractic



The Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry joined with Mayor Nicholas Blase to welcome Dr. Ira Chisolof of Chisolof Chiropractic and Wellness Center to 7329 Harlem Ave. in Niles. Supported by the Chisolof family, a ribbon cutting was held on Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m. to officially open their doors offering services for sports injuries, nutritional counseling, and auto and industrial injuries. A weekend fundraiser hosted by Chisolof Chiropractic will benefit a local cause, WINGS. For more information call (847) 588-0800 or visit www.chisolofchiropractic.com.

Stockbrokers' legal role in giving advice is up in the air

By Lynn O'Shaughnessy
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

In 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission tossed out a proposal that anyone with just a left or right brain could have found alarming.

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The SEC suggested that stockbrokers could give some financial advice to customers without having to become registered investment advisers. The SEC's proposal was puzzling because it would have helped to gut an excellent investor protection that Americans have enjoyed since World War II.

The regulatory distinctions between investment advisers and stockbrokers, which had held fast for decades, go well beyond semantics. Only registered investment advisers

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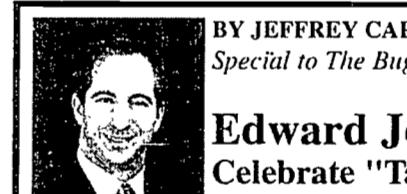
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BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
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Celebrate "Tax Freedom Day" - by Making Tax-smart Moves

April 30 is Tax Freedom Day. It's not a national holiday, and you won't find it on your calendar. But it can still be meaningful - if you use it as a starting point to review your own tax situation. Tax Freedom Day is the date when average Americans will have earned enough money to pay their federal, state and local tax bills for 2007. Each year, the Tax Foundation, a non-profit tax policy research organization, calculates when Tax Freedom Day will occur. The date changes from year to year, based on changes in tax laws and the rate of economic growth in the country.

Of course, the idea of a "day" in which you have put taxes behind you for the year is fictitious. After all, if you work for a company, your employer typically withholds taxes from all your paychecks; if you are self-employed, you probably pay taxes every quarter. And yet, it's useful to think of Tax Freedom Day because it can push you toward making some important changes - especially in the area of investment taxes.

If you think you may be paying too much in taxes on your investments, what can you do about it? Here are a few steps to consider:

- Put more money into tax-deferred retirement accounts. If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, contribute as much as you can afford - and increase your contributions every time you get a raise. You generally fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the more you can lower your annual adjusted gross income. And your earnings grow

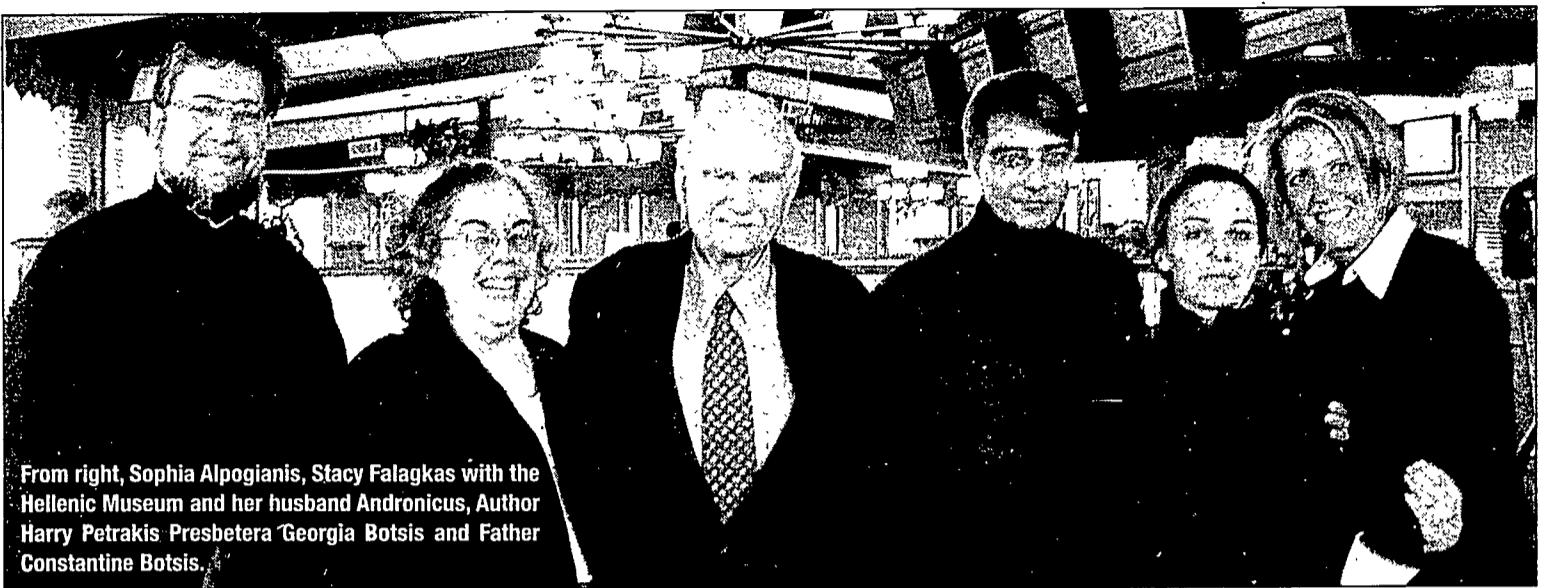
on a tax-deferred basis, so you pay no taxes until you start taking money out of your plan.

• Look for tax-free investment opportunities. If you are in one of the higher tax brackets, you might benefit from owning municipal bonds. When you own municipal bonds, or "munis," your interest payments will be free from federal income taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your state, your interest payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes. (However, some municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax.) Your Roth IRA earnings are also tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you are at least age 59 1/2 and you've had your account for five years.

• Hold securities for the long term. Income taxes aren't the only types of taxes associated with investing; you also may 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, your gains will only be subject to maximum capital gains rate of 15 percent (effective through Dec. 31, 2008). But if you sell your stocks within a year of buying them, your gains will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

By following these suggestions, and by consulting with your tax advisor, you may be able to speed up the date of your personal Tax Freedom Day. And, at the same time, you might also quicken the pace toward achieving your long-term financial goals.

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Famous Author dines at Kappy's

Famous author Harry Petrakis visited Niles to speak last week and wanted dinner beforehand so he was taken for Greek Chicken at Kappy's.

George Alpogianis of Kappy's said that Mr. Petrakis, who most recently wrote a collection of short stories titled "Legends of Glory and Other Stories," has also penned other works including the film "A Dream of Kings." After dinner he spoke at the Niles Library.

"When I heard him speak I felt like I was part of the speech itself I was entangled in the story he was telling," said Alpogianis. "He is a phenomenal storyteller. He made his stories seem like real life as you listened to him."



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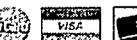
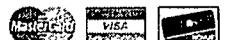
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runs you have an easy target. That is why politicians work hard to discourage citizen participation. I mean the people who judge the validity of your ballot are the same ones you are running against. Does that make any sense? We don't let competing ball players make the calls, we use neutral referees. There is no neutrality in politics. They've designed the system and it serves them.

Why would this harm our republic? Firstly, what is a republic? It is a political value system that stresses God-given liberty and inalienable rights, makes the people as a whole sovereign, rejects aristocracy and inherited political power, expects citizens to be independent and calls on them to perform civic duties, and is strongly opposed to corruption. Its design is such that the few cannot be harmed by the many and vice versa.

American politics as practiced today is based on the precursor to a republic, an aristocracy. This is the feudal system that works hard to enslave the many to serve the few. It is morally wrong, it is based on force and leads inevitably to corruption. Look at how political power is passed from family to family or from insider to insider. Do you really think you have more rights and are more free today than you were twenty, fifty or a hundred years ago? Even lawyers can barely keep up with all the new laws and regulations. But, there is hope.

Since just after WW2 a slow, but steady return to the ideal - a republic - has begun. It has not been perfect, yet it continues inexorably forward. It has many enemies, but it has moral force. It is right and people know it when they hear, read or think about it. Our civic ideals are being reborn. They were concisely expressed by Pres. John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Which side of history and change will you be on?

HAVE YOU HEARD



Starbound Dance Company
Pictured: Front: Mary-Jayne, Kirstie Beck, Teagan Smith, Julie Gitman (Jazz); Middle: Stephanie Kost, Michelle Kloda, Adrienne Ordonez, Andrea Pasminski Back: Teacher Lauren Lazicki, Katie Foley, Brenda Sekosan and Dance Coordinator Helen Lazicki

MGPD's Starbound Dance Company Qualifies for Nationals

Members of Morton Grove Park District's Starbound Dance Company qualified for DanceMakers Inc. Nationals on Saturday, April 14 at the DMI competition held in Schaumburg. Group performances earning a second place or better and score of 80 points or higher qualify for Nationals June 25-28 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The lyrical performance of "Wrapped" earned a second place with score of 86 points

and the jazz dance "Good Luck" also earned a second with a score of 83 points, therefore both dances qualify. Senior dancers Katie Foley and Adrienne Ordonez competed in the solo division each earning second place finishes. Katie also earned a pin for her outstanding participation in the convention/workshop held in conjunction with the competition. Congratulations to all of the dancers for their outstanding achievements.

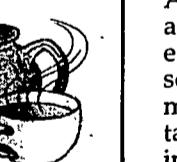
Upcoming Niles Park District Events

Niles Park District Summer Camps

Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth grade kids. We offer full day and half day camps, sports camp, tennis camps, hockey, and ice skating camps. Stop by the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street to plan an exciting summer for your child! Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field trips, arts & crafts, sports, and tons of fun! Please call (847) 967-6633 if you have any questions. Registration is going on now.

Little Ladies Tea Party

Ladies, ages 3-8 & Adult, put on your favorite dress and come to Niles Park District's afternoon tea party. This elegant and fun event will include hot tea, lemonade, finger sandwiches, sweets, crafts, fun table games, prizes, and a special photo. All girls are asked to bring a decorated hat to model for our "Parade of Hats". Event takes place Saturday, April 28 from Noon-1:30 p.m. in the Howard Leisure Center Banquet Room. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard. Questions, please call (847) 967-6633.



IceLand Ice Show!

The Niles Park District staff is hard at work getting ready for the 2007 Annual Ice Show "Gliding Through the Decades". Over 200 skaters participate in this extravaganza of music and lights. The IceLand show gives students an opportunity to share their talents. Show times are Fri, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.; Sat, May 12 at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.; and Sun, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are now on sale. Seats are \$8.00 and \$6.00. For more information on the Ice Show, please call IceLand at (847) 297-8010. IceLand is located at 8435 Ballard Rd. in Niles.

Morton Grove Park District to attend Parks Day at the Illinois State Capitol on May 1

The Morton Grove Park District will join other park districts, forest preserves, conservation and recreation agencies throughout the state in Parks Day at the Illinois State Capitol on Tuesday, May 1st. The event is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD).

The Morton Grove Park District will showcase its parks and a variety of its recreation programs.

Representatives from the Morton Grove Park District plan to meet with their legislators during Parks Day to personally escort them through the exhibit area.

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'Go North' Young
Man 'Go North'
Niles annexes new parcel

Thursday, July 13, 1972

Niles continued moving north Tuesday night when trustees unanimously approved annexing the Golf Mill Nursing home on the east side of Greenwood Avenue, about one block north of Golf Road, as well as a second parcel of land where a new five story nursing home addition will be built.

According to Niles village manager Ken Scheel, the annexation will square off Niles' boundaries which presently jut in and out streets north of Golf Road in the Chesterfield Builders Golden 40 area.

The exit for the contemplated new building will be at Maynard Road, which is the lone entrance into the Golden 40 area from Greenwood Avenue.

The new nursing home will be five stories. Attorney Michael Lavin, representing the nursing home's interests, said the height for the 300 bed addition was necessary to conform to FHA specifications.

Ok 4 Flags Center by 4-2 Vote

Thursday, September 14, 1972

By a four to two vote Niles village board okayed the B2 zoning for the Four Flags Shopping Center to be built on the Fink's Links and Holiday Kennels area on Golf Road, as well as on land fronting on Milwaukee Ave. between the Goodyear and Ford agencies.

Niles will receive a \$50,000 contribution from the center as well as a 100 by 100 foot area to construct a stand pipe for additional water for the area. The water pressure problems at the north end of the village resulted in the agreement between the center and the village.

The total construction cost for the 9 story reservoir would be around \$180,000 with a 1,000,000 gallon capacity for water storage. The center would have its name on the tank.

Ron Verson, 8149 Davis, along with his wife led a one man-one woman campaign to oppose the center, gave an eloquent presentation using slides to graphically cite reasons for opposing the center. Verson said the traffic flow on Milwaukee Ave. is a misnomer

1972-73 Pom Pon Squad



Maine East's newly elected Pom Pon squad for 1972-73 is shown above. (Bottom l. to r.) Joy Matranza of Morton Grove, Pam Koenig, of Niles, Sue Cifraze of Park Ridge and Sue Moratti of Niles. (Second row l. to r.) Jackie Kroll of Niles, Debbie Finato of Morton Grove, Debbie Healey of Niles and Sue O'Connor of Niles. (Third row l. to r.) Kay Anderson of Park Ridge, Diana Poldini of Niles and Sheri Sakol of Morton Grove. (Fourth row l. to r.) Denise O'Shanna of Niles, Terri Conardine of Park Ridge and Karen Weiss of Morton Grove. (Fifth row l. to r.) Gail Eklund of Niles, Beth Reiff of Morton Grove, Deb Randazzo of Niles and Connie Urbanski of Niles. (Top row l. to r.) Karen Hahn of Niles, Joann Coetzee of Park Ridge, Jo Beth DIVito of Park Ridge and Maura Mandier of Des Plaines. Not pictured: Pam Campion of Niles.

since there is no flow there, "it just bumps along."

Blase, Fulle Defeated Decisively

Thursday, March 23, 1972

Tuesday was a bad night for both Maine Township Committee men as Republican Floyd Fulle and Democrat Nick Blase were defeated in their bids for their parties congressional seats in the newly formed 10th district.

Incomplete returns as of Wednesday morning had congressman Ab Mikva showing a 43,103 to 22,583 margin over Blase while Glenview attorney Sam Young held a 18,474 to 12,477 lead over Fulle.

Based on Tuesday night's incomplete figures Blase never received the support he needed in any part of the district.

In his own Maine Township, where he had to win big, he only had a 3,831 to 2,797 lead in his own home area as of 10 p.m.

for a 57.6 percent to 42.4 percent lead. In the remaining part of the district he was trailing by

Maine East Teen Killed in Accident

Thursday, July 2, 1972

A Des Plaines teenager was strangled Sunday when his long scarf caught in the engine of the dune buggy he was driving on a forest preserve trail, according to the Chicago Daily News.

Robert Cichon, 15 of 1053 Applecreek Lane was pronounced dead on arrival at Holy Family Hospital despite a resuscitation attempt by Des Plaines patrolman Stanley Stack.

Robert, his sister Lynn Marie, 15, and their father, Louis, 49, were at the Hintz snowmobile track in a forest preserve at Golf and Rand Roads, Des Plaines, when the accident occurred.

Robert was alone in the dune buggy when his scarf caught in the flywheel of the engine. Before he could shut off the engine, he was strangled.

Robert was a student at Maine East High School.

Post Office to be At South End of Niles

Thursday, March 30, 1972

Niles long-awaited new post office site will be at the south end of Niles with the announced plans for construction coming at anytime, according to Trustee Ang Marcheschi.

While the location cannot be divulged at this time, he did say the location would not be on Milwaukee Ave. Lawrencewood Shopping Center had been under consideration but it was finally vetoed as a postal office location.

In a committee report Tuesday night Marcheschi reported a letter received by Senator Percy states the U.S. Army Corps has selected the site and the landowner has one more week to consider the offer of the government. Should the property owner turn down the offer the government would then enter condemnation proceedings.

Marcheschi said because this is a federal building the construction could begin immediately, even before the entire vote against a 25 percent "no" vote.

In the voting for trustees the upset of long-time member Culver by Jerry Krok was a surprise.

Culver was a founding member of the library, having served the district since its inception in 1959.

Jerry Skaja Brings Youth to Board

Thursday, July 6, 1972

Niles' "over 40" village board added an "under 30" village trustee, Jerry Skaja, at the June 27 board meeting. Skaja, a funeral director, whose family owns the Terrace Funeral Home in Niles is 29 years old, and replaces former trustee Richard Gruenwald who moved to Des Plaines four months ago.

Not since 1961 has Niles village board moved toward youth on its village board. In that election village president Blase and trustees Scheel, Szymanski and Wente moved onto the board, men in their early 30s replacing officials who were a generation older.

While Skaja's appointment by Blase only fills the remaining 9 month period before he must run for election in 1973, Skaja, like most of the present board members, has been closely associated with Blase. He was one of Blase's staunch supporters in the past Congressional primary election and has been an active member of the Niles Regular Democratic Club since 1965.

Robert was a student at Maine East High School.

3-1 Ok in Library Vote; Krok, Hanson Elected

Thursday, April 14, 1972

In Tuesday's library issues all six territories to be annexed into Niles Library District were approved by about a 3 to 1 margin.

In the election for library trustees, 24-year-old St. John Brebeuf school teacher Jerome Krok was elected to the library board and Dist. 71 school board Superintendent Clarence Culver was defeated in his bid for re-election. Incumbent Diane Hanson was re-elected to her post.

The six areas which were in Niles, but outside the library district were all voted into the district by similar totals. Each one of the six territories received between from 448 to 481 "Yes" votes, while the "No" votes ranged from 147 to 185 in the separate areas. The total vote percentage was about 75 percent "yes" votes for the entire vote against a 25 percent "no" vote.

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SPORTS

Notre Dame Alum, Les chosen as new head basketball coach

Notre Dame High School alumnus Tom Les '71 has been selected as NDHS' new head basketball coach. Les, who has successfully lead the varsity team at Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock for the past five years, was a standout basketball player at NDHS as well as at Bradley University in Peoria.

Niles natives Les and his brothers Gary '72 and Jim '81 were outstanding athletes at Notre Dame. Each is a member of the school's athletic Wall of Fame. Gary was a stellar cross country and track athlete. Jim, who also played for Bradley, enjoyed eight years in the NBA before becoming head basketball coach at Bradley. After having tremendous success playing basketball at NDHS, Tom Les played for the Bradley Braves where he scored 232 points in 64 games (3.6 ppg). He ended his career there as the all-time assists leader after averaging 8.4 assists per

game as a senior.

Les, who became head coach on April 10, interviewed for the Notre Dame job at the urging of former teammates and classmates after 19-year veteran coach Dennis Zelasko announced his retirement earlier this year. Les' record at Marian Central for the past five years was 79-61. In the five years prior to his tenure, the Hurricanes were 35-91. He is excited to return to his high school alma mater and looks forward to taking the team to the next level.

"I noticed coming back to Notre Dame that the camaraderie and spirit of the school is the same as when I went there. Basketball has been a huge part of my life and I'll try and share my knowledge in coaching," Les said, who will also continue his job as chief financial officer at Althoff Industries in Crystal Lake.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOWLING

Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Classic Bowl, Niles

Points Won Lost

	Won	Lost
Classic Bowl	67	45
Candlelight Jewelers	66	46
Niles Dairy Queen	61	51
Skaja Terrace Funeral Home	56	56
Bielinski and Bono Dental	54	58
NorthSide Community Bank	32	80

High Series/Game: Olivia Tanada 535/196, Dahlia Sarosario 495/186, Kay Pecoraro 474/190, Helen Reyes 455/170, Angie Strazzante 170, Remy Huszar 166, Emily Abesamis 165, Mary Johnson 164

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Monday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Summer Classic Sr.	1:00 p.m.	May 7, 2007
Monday Mixed	7:00 p.m.	May 7, 2007
Bowlers Edge - Shot Shooters	7:00 p.m.	May 21, 2007
Tuesday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Kids Learn to Bowl	4:00 p.m.	June 5, 2007
Giordano's Doubles	7:00 p.m.	May 1, 2007
Mixed Madness	7:00 p.m.	May 8, 2007
Wednesday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Have A Ball	6:30 p.m.	May 2, 2007
Breath of Fresh Air	7:15 p.m.	May 2, 2007
Thursday Leagues	Time	Begin Date
Solid Gold	9:30 a.m.	June 7, 2007
Adult/Child	7:00 p.m.	June 7, 2007
E-Z Money	7:30 p.m.	May 10, 2007

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Pro Golf Weekly Update

April 26 - 29, 2007

This Week's PGA Tournament Preview

EDS Byron Nelson Championship
Defending: Brett Wetterich
Total Purse: \$6,300,000
Yards: 7,022
Par: 70

The EDS, Byron Nelson Championship is one of the most storied tournaments on the PGA Tour. It began in 1926 as the Dallas Open Tournament with MacDonald Smith as the inaugural champion. Byron Nelson became a part of the event as the host in 1968 and has been hosting this event ever since. Tom Watson had one of the best runs at this tournament, bringing home three straight titles from 1978-1980. Overall, Watson has won four Byron Nelson Classics, more than any other player in PGA Tour history. The defending champion is Brett Wetterich, who won his first PGA tournament at last year's EDS, Byron Nelson Championship.

This Week's PGA Tour Standings

Through April 22, 2007

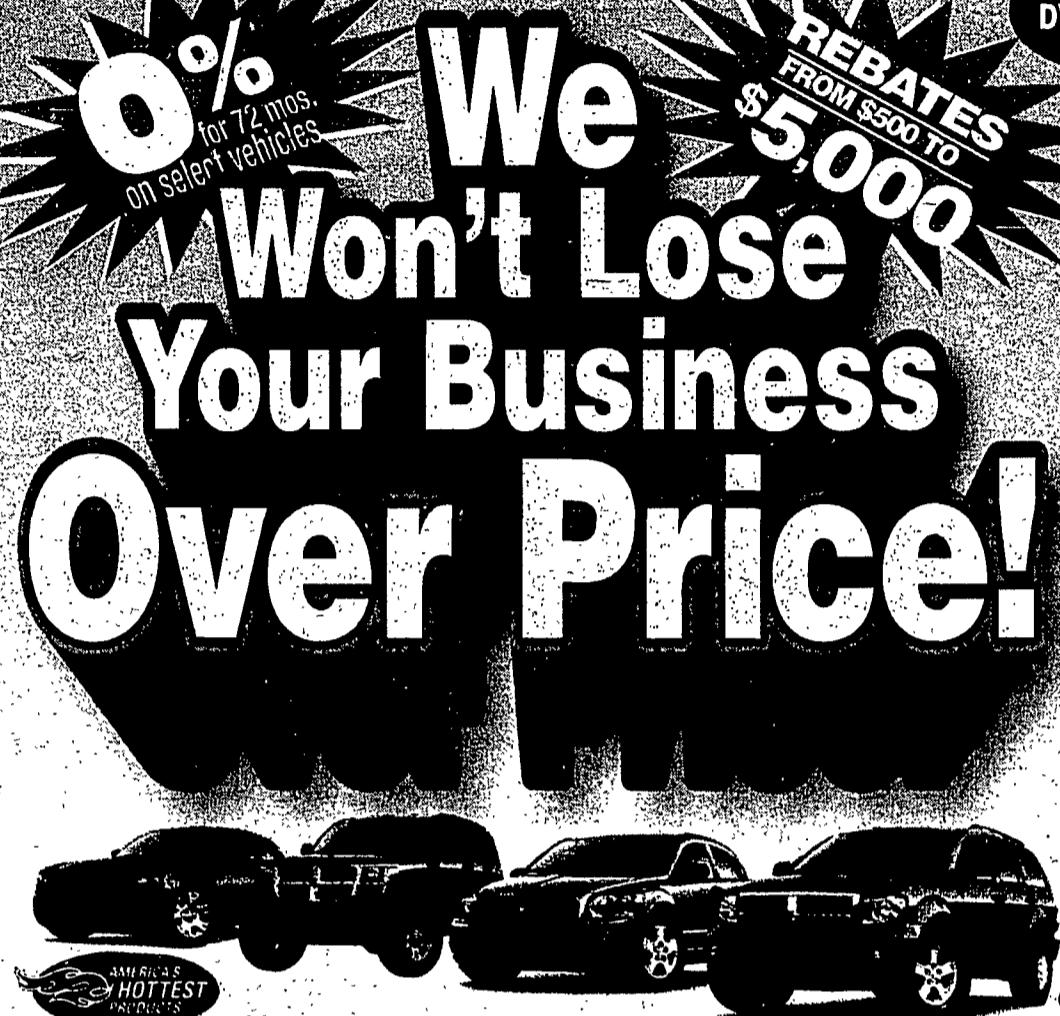
Money Leaders

Rank & Player	Money
1) Tiger Woods	\$3,008,391
2) Phil Mickelson	\$2,884,400
3) Charles Howell III	\$2,470,563
4) Zach Johnson	\$1,851,801
5) Phil Mickelson	\$1,832,788

World Rankings

Rank & Player	Score
1) Tiger Woods	20.16
2) Jim Furyk	8

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Sd/P207A	
2005 Dodge Caravan SE	\$9,995
Sd/P2180, V6	
2004 Chevy Malibu	\$9,995
Auto, AC, PW, PDL, Sd/P7117	
2003 Dodge Grand Caravan SE	\$9,995
Auto, AC, Low Miles, Sd/P225	
2005 Dodge Caravan	\$9,995
2.4L, Auto, AC, Sd/P2277	
2002 Honda Civic EX	\$10,995
Auto, AC, Snd, 40K Mi, Sd/P2026A	
2004 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT	\$10,995
3.8L, V6, Fwd Heat & AC, Sd/P2267	
2007 Dodge Caliber	\$12,995
Auto, 2.0L I4, AC, PDL, PW, Sd/P229	

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Auto, AC, Sd/P2197	
2004 Dodge Durango 4x4	\$12,995
Auto, AC, Sd/P2273	
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Sd/P1000	
2005 Chevy Trailblazer LS	\$14,995
Sd/P2213	
2004 Dodge SRT-4	\$14,995
PW, PDL, Snd, AC, Sd/P2223	
2006 Suzuki XL7	\$15,995
Sd/P2000	
2005 Dodge Durango SXT 4x4	\$16,995
Sd/P2173, V8, PW, PW, TR, Cruise	
2007 Toyota Yaris	\$16,995
Fog Lamps, PW, PDL, Sd/P2190A	
2006 Dodge Magnum SXT	\$16,995
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2006 Chrysler 300	\$17,995
Auto, AC, Sd/P2270	

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2007 Jeep Liberty 4x4	\$18,995
Sd/P1000	
2006 Dodge Durango 4x4	\$19,995
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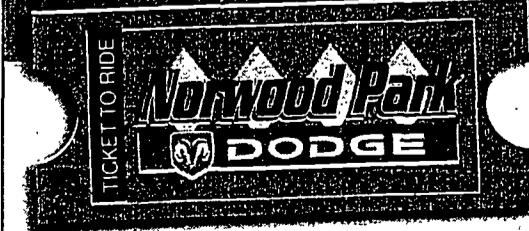
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