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## Niles restaurant named in Department of Labor suit

The U.S. Department of Labor has filed separate lawsuits against seven locations of the Great China Buffet Corp.

The company's seven named restaurants are in the greater Chicago area, including a location at 5618 W. Touhy Ave. in Niles.

According to filed complaints, restaurant owners did not pay minimum wage or overtime, nor did they maintain adequate records of wages and hours worked.

The lawsuits are aimed at recovering \$1.5 million in back wages and liquidated damages for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Shirley Wong, attorney representing all seven restaurants, says the language in the com-

plaints is exaggerated. Employees are provided with free transportation, housing and three meals daily, said Wong. During employees' time at the restaurant they may take breaks, and if business is slow they may be allowed to leave early, she said.

Wong said the Department of Labor interprets all time spent in the restaurant as payable time on the clock.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division found over 100 bus boys and kitchen workers, mostly Asians and Hispanics, working as many as 66 hours a week but not paid overtime rate. Some were paid at a rate less than the \$5.15 per hour minimum wage, the agency said.

Wong said that her clients will fight the suit.

## Babikan named new Niles Animal Control Officer

For those Niles residents that have not noticed there is a new Animal Control Officer in town. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Peter Babikan and I have been with the Police Dept. since the end of July. I have lived in or around Niles most of my life so I know the Village rather well. What I bring to his position is a strong background in working with animals for the past 10 years. My experience is with many types of animals from insects to urban wildlife and most types of domestic pets. The past five years I spent working in animal hospitals as a veterinary technician so my knowledge of domestic animals is rather extensive.

I came to Niles Police Dept. in search of a new challenge and different avenue to interact with and help people. I love working with

animals and helping people become more educated about domestic animals as well as urban wildlife. So if there are any questions that you might have pertaining to animals, feel free to call me at the Police Dept. (588-6508) and I would be happy to answer your questions. If I am unable to answer your question immediately, I will get you one as soon as possible.

Just a few reminders that I wanted to pass along . . . Please be respectful of your neighbors and your neighborhood and keep your dog on a leash whenever walking off your property. Also, please be mindful to pick up after your pet when not on your property. The aforementioned are both Village Ordinances under Sec. 14-32 (Proper Control) and Sec. 14-39(c) (responsibility for the removal of excreta.) Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to meeting many of you.



Peter Babikan

## Park Ridge State Senator authored new law: Under-age drinkers will lose their drivers' license

# Tougher under-age drinking law due to local state senator

A new law proposed by State Senator, David Sullivan, Republican from Park Ridge, will revoke drivers' licenses of young people, under the age of 21, who have been convicted of an alcohol related violation.

Illinois law suspends a teenagers license for possession of a fake ID. Senator Sullivan's House Bill 5941 goes beyond the fake ID. His bill would revoke a teen's license when purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcohol.

Senator Sullivan said, "We want to show teenagers that drinking underage is not a rite of passage, it's a violation of the law." He went on to say, "Those who continue to break this law will lose another rite of passage in return - their driver's license."

Dave Sullivan has indicated that the law he is sponsoring will not only close any loopholes, but will teach teens the consequences of drinking.

The Senator concluded, "Too often teenagers take these things for granted. They think, 'everyone does it so it can't be that bad', and that's the wrong attitude when it comes to drinking. This

isn't about punishing underage drinkers as much as it is about making sure they understand the consequences of their actions."

This new law will go into effect on January 1, 2003.

## Two Park District Board Posts Up for Election

Voters will elect two Niles Park District commissioners when they go to the polls for the consolidated election Tuesday, April 1, 2003. Two individuals will be elected to serve four year commissioner terms.

Joseph V. LoVerde, Executive Director and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, stated that petitions for candidacy and other materials are now available for pick up (as of October 24, 2002). Materials may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the Niles Park Dis-

trict Administrative Office located at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard Street. Each candidate will be required to have a minimum 200 signatures of registered Park District voters in order to file petitions for the Park District commissioner election. Candidates must be registered to vote and be a resident of the Park District at least one year prior to the election. The first day for filing candidacy petitions and materials will be Monday, January 13, and the last day will be Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

## Niles residents celebrate 65th anniversary



Clarence and Janet Golchert married November 6, 1937 and will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on November 6, 2002. The Golcherts have been residents of Niles for 40 years.

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### Area schools hope to receive money to block O'Hare airplane noise

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission has recommended three schools for the sound insulation program: Abraham Lincoln Middle School in Park Ridge, 53.1 Leg., Al Hattendorf Preschool in Elk Grove Village, 52.6, and Enibers Elementary School in Park Ridge at 52.2 Leg. The measurement of sound is taken by the Chicago Department of Aviation. Their noise office department conducts the four day test within the school, but with the windows open. If the sound measures above certain minimum standards the school will be designated for the sound insula-

tion program. Brian Gilligan, Executive Director of the noise compatibility commission said, "At this juncture, the school committee is just making the recommendation that will eventually be brought before the full commission for their consideration." He went on to say, "Based on funding availability, the city of Chicago will determine whether it can fund those schools for sound insulation work."

Chicago still needs to complete the funding for the 2001 program before it can proceed. The four schools on the 2001 program are Mary, Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge, Grove Junior High School in Elk Grove Village, MacArthur Middle School in Berkeley, and Parkview Baptist Academy in Northlake.

The Commission has yet to hear when money will be available for the schools in the 2001 program. At the November 1 meeting of the full noise commission, approval of the schools on the list will be considered.

Other schools measured for noise in 2002 are, George Washington in Park Ridge, 49.4; Socrates-St. Sava Academy in Chicago, 47.6; Rhodes Elementary in River Grove, 47.2; Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Vil-

lage, 46.2; Ridgewood High School in Norridge, 44.6; St. John Lutheran School in Mount Prospect, 43.7. In DesPlaines, Brentwood Christian Academy, 46.2, Brentwood Elementary School, 44.4; Beard Classical Elementary in Chicago, 41.7; Zion Evangelical in Bensenville, 37.8; East Leyden High School in Franklin Park, 37.5, and additional schools in Park Ridge, St. Andrews Lutheran, 42.3 Leg, and Theodore Roosevelt Elementary, 42.3.

### Art & Craft 5th Annual Fall Fair at St. Andrew

Crafters and artists are invited to participate in St. Andrew Life Center's Art & Craft Fair together with our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 27, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Andrew Life Center is located at 7000 N. Newark in Niles. Come join other crafters selling their handmade items for the holidays and other occasions. There will be a fee of \$30 for each space and a \$5 table fee if needed plus an item from your display for our raffle.

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### Niles High Schools to allow student cellular phones, but restricts use

After discussions spread across two meetings, the board of High School District 219 unanimously approved a new policy allowing students to bring cell phones onto school grounds.

But for now, cell phones must be turned off during school hours. Use is permitted only before or after classes.

Some board members felt phone use should be extended to include free periods or with a teacher's permission; however, several deans held fast, charging that use during the day would be potentially disruptive to the education process.

Trustee Sam Borek argued that Walkmans are allowed on campus, so why not cell phones?

Dean Jill Korshak responded that a Walkman can't go off in the middle of class. Also cell phones are ready targets for thefts, she noted.

Borek said that both Niles North and Niles West have pay phone stations, so why not allow students to use their units in

an area near the pay units?

Dean Mike Tarjan's response was that would open a Pandora's box that's better left closed. Dan Montgomery, president of the teachers union, said the union supports the deans' position.

Teachers, he added, do not want to decide who may place a call.

The new cell policy is close to those in place at New Trier, Deerfield and Highland Park high schools, deans said.

### Niles Police Department receives donation from Target



On September 28, 2002, the Niles Police Department received a Law Enforcement Grant from the Target Stores Corporation in the amount of \$1600.00 to assist the Niles Police Department in the implementation of their Neighborhood, Community Policing Bicycle Patrol Unit.

Pictured from left to right from Target are Jackie Briscoe, Rosie Hernandez, Darlene Gonzalez and Al Moriarity. Accepting the grant check from the Niles Police Department is Commander Jim Zimmerman.

### Niles School District 71 earns award

District 71, Culver School, Niles School District 71 was chosen as one of 70 Illinois School Districts to receive the School Search 2002 Bright Red Apple Award of Excellence. Niles School District 71 was chosen for striving to provide their students with an outstanding educational environment.

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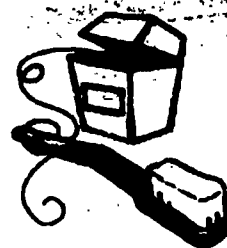
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**Area food pantry seeks immediate food donations**

"Our shelves need re-stocking now," says Chris Landen, Pantry spokesperson. "When 10 new families were added last week, we spent \$1,500 for food because donations weren't enough to cover need," she added. The pantry serves 1,000 residents in 300 families each month, said one volunteer. Ours is one of the few that also distributes clothing, she said. The economy has kept donations down, while raising the

numbers of those needing help. All individuals, companies and organizations willing to hold food drives to benefit the Pantry should contact us as soon as possible. Landen urged. The Pantry also has 35 red barrels placed throughout the community to accept individual drop-off donations. Some prominent barrel locations are the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce, 1401 E. Oakton; Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood Street; Domi-

nicks Finer Foods, 1555 Lee Street; Holy Family Health Center, 2380 E. Dempster Street; Des Plaines Senior Center and Des Plaines Park District/Prairie Lakes, at 515 Thacker Street; and Des Plaines City Hall, 1420 Miner Street. For the location of other barrels or for information about organizing a drive or volunteering at the center, call (847) 375-1443.

Also call for the hours that donations can be accepted at The Pantry's headquarters, at 600 E. Algonquin. Items like dry cereal, canned tuna, plain rice and pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, peanut butter and jelly are suggested, as well as hygiene products like diapers, toilet paper, soap, deodorant, tooth paste and laundry detergent.

**Board of Education meeting**

The Niles School District 71 Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at Culver School, 6901 Oakton in Niles. The public is invited to attend.

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**Kappy's expands to Arlington Heights**

Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House is expanding to Arlington Heights, taking over Ada's Famous Deli at 902 W. Dundee Rd., it was announced today by co-owner George Alpagianis.

The new restaurant will open the first week of November.

It is the second Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House owned by the Alpagianis Group, and seventh owned by the company. The first Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House recently celebrated its 24th anniversary at 7200 W. Dempster, Morton Grove. The company also owns America's Dog and Carnelli's Deli at Navy Pier, America's Dog and Buckingham Café located next to Buckingham Fountain, and Nino's Sandwich Shop in Union Station.

Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House in Arlington Heights will seat 220 people. Its extensive menu features items the restaurant has become known for, from Athenian chicken, skirt steak, and Lake Superior whitefish to eggs and lox benedict, plus a dessert menu featuring award-winning Homer's Ice Cream and fountain creations.

Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House is keeping Ada's Famous Deli's extensive deli section serving deli trays and cut to order pastries and corned beef.

The restaurant will offer a senior citizens menu weekdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., with ample handicapped parking spaces. Menu items are available for carry out in a separate section of the restaurant.

"We serve Vienna deli products, including the finest lox available; a large variety of fresh fish, including whitefish seven days a week; and a complimentary fruit plate for parties of six or more at lunch and dinner; and we accept both Visa, DiscoverCard, and MasterCard," said Alpagianis.

"We're committed to successfully serving the Arlington Heights community as we have our loyal customers in Morton Grove for 24 years. In fact, many of our customers have moved out to the Northwest suburbs and have told us they will be regulars in Arlington Heights."

The Alpagianis Restaurant Group is co-owned by George Alpagianis and his brother, Manolis -- their combined experience includes front-of-the-house and chef responsibilities at Rosebud, Kiki's Bistro, Lawry's, the Southgate Café, Maggiano's, Bones, and the California Pizza Kitchen -- and their father, Gus Alpagianis, who founded Kappy's Restaurant & Pancake House in Morton Grove.

**Park Ridge weighs banning teen motorized scooters**

A proposed ordinance, if passed by the Park Ridge City Council, would come down on kids who ride motorized scooters.

City-wide fussing this summer over the trendy transports left aldermen asking that an ordinance banning scooter riding by unlicensed operators be prepared for vote.

The matter is expected to reach voting stage at the next council meeting Monday, Oct. 21.

Most concerns relate to safety issues; for instance, that some young drivers don't stop at stop signs or wear helmets.

Alderman Andrea Rundblad-Bateman has researched the issue for more than one year and says she is relieved that enforcement is on the way, hopefully arriving before any injury takes place.

Rundblad-Bateman says the ordinance would allow for a grace period during which a first offense would bring a warning.

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Local officials have joined the National League of Cities in a nationwide effort to remind the federal government that local governments need the \$3.5 billion for "first responder" funding that Congress and the president promised to help defray local costs for additional police, fire and emergency services spending incurred since September 11. The National League of Cities estimates that local government has spent nearly \$3 billion on unbudgeted homeland security duties and equipment since the terrorist attacks of 9-11.

The Administration and the Congress missed a rare moment of national unity when they failed to finish business on homeland security legislation. As members of the Congress and the Administration turn their focus to the forthcoming elections, we want to remind all of them that local governments need action to protect the "HOMETOWN."

Cities, Towns, and Villages across the U.S.A. set October 22, 2002 as "Hometown Security Day" to remind Congress and the Administration to act quickly to send funds to the frontlines. Specifically to recognize the importance of the services local government provides as first responders in the war on terrorism.



Before listing their home, sellers should ask for the agent's plan to attract buyers. The plan should include identification of likely buyers and the promotional activities most likely to catch their attention. Sellers might also ask the agent to provide sale times, asking price to sale price ratios, number of listings that expired, and other details of their most recent listings. A strong marketing plan is one that excites buyers and encourages full-price offers.

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## \$1 million plan approved to move, renovate Swift station

Last week the village of Skokie closed its Dempster Street entrance to the Swift's south parking lot to prepare for moving the station.

Meanwhile Skokie Swift commuters and CTA, Pace, and Greyhound riders can still access the parking lot at Conrad Street, three blocks south of Dempster.

Developers Seymour Taxman and Scott Gendell plan to move the building 130 feet toward the

east on a short rail line. Work on a new foundation is underway.

The relocation will take place after Commonwealth Edison has also relocated wiring at the property.

Developers' early estimate for the work is about \$1 million.

After the move, new businesses will locate in the renovated station building. Plans include a coffee house with drive through and fair-weather patio, plus boutiques.

This plan, "Operation Green Light," is being administered by Skokie on behalf of the village, the state and the various transit lines using the stop.

The plan was conceived in the mid 1990s but stalled when preservationists campaigned to save the station. Original plans called for razing the building.

The station, built in 1925, was designed by renowned CTA architect, Arthur U. Gerber.

The State of Illinois is financing the project.

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### Halloween fun at Culver School

The Culver Student Council is planning some great fun for the students at Culver on Halloween. Students in grades 3rd through 8th are invited to participate in a tee-shirt decorating contest. Prizes will be given for the following categories: Creepiest, Most Beautiful, Most Creative, and Best use of the Halloween Theme. Students in kindergarten through 2nd will dress up in costumes during the afternoon and parade around the school.

The Student Council will sponsor a Halloween assembly for 6th through 8th graders at 1:45 p.m.

The winners of the tee-shirt contest and the Student Council Student of the Month Award for September and October will be announced. Next, the GREAT CULVER PUMPKIN ROLL CONTEST will take place. This is a wacky relay that involves rolling a pumpkin without using hands or feet and swallowing some creepy creatures, slimy slivers of brain, and crumbs of spider eggs. Wow! What a relay! The Culver Student Council wants to celebrate Halloween with lots of fun for everyone.

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## 250 area residents pledge to only smoke outdoors

This summer, the Cook County Department of Public Health launched its "Take It Outside!" program and initiated a friendly competition among the mayors and village presidents in Chicago Heights, Des Plaines, La Grange Park and Oak Lawn to see which community would have the most residents pledge to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke. The leaders of these four communities as well as Cook County Board President John H. Stroger, Jr. and public health officials called on residents to sign the "Take It Outside!" pledge to make their homes, cars and offic-

es smoke free.

To date, more than 250 Des Plaines residents took the pledge. The community that has the most pledges, based on the percentage of its overall population, by the end of the month will receive a tree to commemorate the community's commitment to a clean air.

The pledge is ne part of "Take It Outside!" campaign, a multifaceted, public awareness campaign aimed at educating suburban Cook County residents about the serious health dangers of secondhand smoke. Additionally, the "Take It Outside!" campaign has featured bus and radio advertising, window decals, expert speakers at places of worship throughout suburban Cook County and the www.takeitoutside.org Web site. The site offers tips on avoiding secondhand smoke, fact sheets detailing the dangers of secondhand smoke, a list of smoke-free restaurants in suburban Cook County and links to resources to help people quit smoking.

More than 770,000 children are exposed to secondhand smoke in Illinois on a regular basis and are at increased risk for asthma, bronchitis, pneumonia, middle ear infections and even

sudden infant death syndrome. Adults exposed to secondhand smoke are at risk for lung cancer, heart disease and stroke and nasal, sinus, an cervical cancers. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death, killing more people annually than homicide, drugs and AIDS combined.

"Taking it outside is a simple step that people can make to reduce the health risks to those around them," said Dr. Karen Scott, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Cook County Department of Public Health.

Residents of Chicago Heights,

Des Plaines, La Grange Park and Oak Lawn can take the pledge of libraries, park districts and the city or village halls in their community or pledge online at www.takeitoutside.org.

The "Take It Outside!" campaign runs through October 2002. For more information on the campaign and how to protect your loved ones, friends and coworkers from secondhand smoke, call the Cook County Department of Public Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Unit at (708) 492-2147.

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Noble Prize winner is from  
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Dr. H. Robert Horvitz, presently with Massachusetts Institute of Technology and formerly of Niles East High School and East Prairie School, will have his day, literally. Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen will proclaim Monday, Oct. 21, "Dr. H. Robert Horvitz Day" to honor the local Nobel Prize winner. Horvitz, 55, learned of the award while attending a wedding in Europe. His mother Mary, asleep back here in Sko-

kie, awoke to his call from the French Alps announcing the news. Mary Horvitz admits she was flabbergasted. Horvitz' award is based on his work with a small worm, work that yielded new information how human cells die. The information brought about major advances in the field of biology and spurred new research into the areas of cancer and brain disease. Horvitz graduated from Niles East High School in 1964.

Skokie auto shop  
owner found  
guilty of murder

Igor Lyubyezny, 45, owner of an auto repair shop located in Skokie, was found guilty of a first-degree murder in May 1998. The victim was Tomasz Pohl. Pohl's body was found in a shallow grave in northern Michigan's Upper Peninsula with a gun shot wound to the back of his head. According to prosecutors, the two men were fellow divers whose friendship went awry when Pohl began lending money to Lyubyezny. A search for Pohl began when his vehicle was discovered in an Evanston parking lot. Lyubyezny was tied to the crime when Pohl's blood was found at Lyubyezny's shop and on the vehicle he drove. Lyubyezny will be sentenced Nov. 7.

Adolph Bachmeier, former member of U.S.  
Soccer team, is 37 year Niles resident

Adolph Bachmeier, a resident of Niles for 37 years, played primarily as a defender and defensive midfielder and started on Chicago-area teams and U.S. National Teams in the 1950's and 1960's. Bachmeier, who was born in Romania, played for many years in the National Soccer League of Chicago, mainly for the Chicago Kickers. He played for the Chicago Mustangs in the inaugural North American Soccer League season of 1968, a year in which he was also Captain of the U.S. National Team.

Bachmeier played for the U.S. for the first time against England in 1959 and for the last time against Haiti in 1969. He played a total of 22 full international games for the U.S. including nine games in the qualifying rounds of the 1966 and '70 World Cups.

In the qualifying rounds of the 1970 World Cup, he was Captain of the National Team for all six of its games. He also played in the 1963 Pan-American Games and the qualifying rounds of the 1964 Olympic Games.



St. Matthew  
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St. Matthew Lutheran Home, 1601 N. Western Ave., Park Ridge, will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 24, and all are invited. The Open House will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Home is located 1-1/2 blocks south of Dempster St., in the neighborhood adjacent to Lutheran General Hospital.

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### Ransom 8th Graders send special letters to local soldier in Afghanistan

The 8th graders at Our Lady of Ransom School were given an unusual assignment in computer class last week. They were to write a letter to Jack Ryan, a soldier stationed in Afghanistan whom they had never met. Spc. Jack Ryan, a member of the 82nd Airborne Parachute Infantry Reg-

iment, has been serving in the U.S. Army for the past several years and was recently stationed in Afghanistan to represent our country in the fight against terrorism. Jack grew up in a neighborhood of Norridge and is a part of a group of friends that have stayed together thru the years. Part of this group includes Miss Heneghan, an 8th grade teacher at Our Lady of Ransom School. It was Miss Heneghan who was thinking of Jack being miles away from his family and friends on September 21 - his 23rd birthday.

So the 8th grade class was asked to type a letter to Jack wishing him not only a happy birthday, but prayers for a safe return. The letters varied in how they started out, "Hi my name is... to, You don't know me but..." yet all included something personal to let Jack know that many people back at home were thinking of him. As Jack receives these letters of friendship and support, Miss Heneghan and the 8th grade students hope he knows his work overseas is appreciated and he is loved.

### Culver Commendation Awards

The students receiving the Culver Commendation Award for the month of September are: Kindergarten: Catherine DeLara. C.J. Krone, Audrey Lee; 1st Grade: Rachel Kim, My Nguyen, Saleh Siddique; 2nd Grade: Jasmine Townsend, Francesca Gagliano, Izabela Dziedzic; 3rd Grade: Colene Gibson, Rebecca Byrne, Jack Dziedzic; 4th Grade: Arek Solawa, Laura Papucci, Lina Behrami; and 5th Grade: Alexandra Sarich, Prachi Shah, Stephanie Canchola. The students are commended for following the Culver Code: Be Responsible, Be Positive, Be Respectful of people and property, Be Honest, Be Cooperative. Congratulations to all!

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**Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez opens pediatrics practice in Golf Mill**

Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez has opened a new office under the name of Golf Mill Medical Center, located at 241 Golf Mill Center, Suite 508, Niles, IL, 60714. Dr. Blankas-Hernaez has been a licensed physician for 18 years, a Board Certified Pediatrician in private practice for 10 years, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. After graduating in 1984 from Far Eastern University, Manila, Philippines, Dr. Blankas-

Hernaez worked as a physician and a medical training officer in various cities and regions in the Philippines. She completed her pediatric internship and residency program at the University of Illinois in Chicago and has been in private practice ever since. She is currently on staff at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. She has an extensive experience taking care of premature and neonates, and pediatric urgent



**Dr. Nida Blankas-Hernaez**

and emergent cases. Her interests include Asthma/Allergies, ADD/ADHD, General Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

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Dr. Blankas-Hernaez resides with her husband, Edward Hernaez, M.D., Family Practice, and their two children, Frederick and Anne Margaret.

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During the months of September and October, LIHEAP applications are being accepted for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and households whose heat sources have been disconnected. All other income-eligible households may apply beginning Nov. 1.

Administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, LIHEAP provides a one-time benefit to eligible households (both homeowners and renters) to be used for energy bills. Income, household size, fuel type, and geographic location determine the amount of payment. Generally, one-person households qualify if they earn \$1,108 or less in the 30 days prior to applying (\$1,493 for two-person households and \$1,878 for three-person households). For each additional person in a household, add \$385 to determine income eligibility.

For more information about the LIHEAP program, call the toll-free line at 1-800-252-8643, or check out www.illinoisbiz.biz/lowincome/LIHEAP.htm.

**Sheriff Issues Halloween Safety Alert**

**Reminds parents to check for child sex offenders on Internet.**

With Halloween rapidly approaching, Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan is issuing a reminder to parents to be on the alert and check for potential sex offenders living in their community before sending their children out for trick-or-treating or other related activities.

Sheahan reminds parents that the names and photos of convicted child sex offenders residing in suburban Cook County communities are accessible on the Sheriff's Office website, as well as Halloween safety tips and other activities for children. The address of the website is www.cookcountysheriff.org.

"I encourage parents and adults to use our Internet site as a safety resource," Sheahan said. "I feel strongly that a parent should know if a child sex offender lives in their neighborhood so they can take steps to safeguard their children, particularly during the Halloween season when so many children are out in our communities."

In 1998, the Cook County Sheriff's Office became the first law enforcement agency in Illinois to post the names and photos of convicted child sex offenders on the Internet. Since that time, many other local police agencies have followed suit, including the Chicago Police Department as well as many local suburban agencies.

The website contains the names of child sex offenders who, under state law, are required

to register in the community in which they reside. Each entry contains the offender's name, town of residence, block of residence and a description of the offense for which they were convicted. Parents can access the listing by entering the offender's name, or they can simply call up the community in which they live for a current listing of registered offenders. When available, the Sheriff's Office also posts a photo of the offender.

In addition to urging parents to check the Internet, Sheahan also issued a series of tips to promote a safe Halloween:

- Parents should accompany their children during daylight hours while trick-or-treating.
- Older children should be encouraged to stay in groups and let parents know the route they intend to follow.
- Limit your children's activities to friends or neighbors they are familiar with.
- Use face make-up instead of masks, but if a mask is necessary, be sure it has enlarged holes for breathing and vision.
- Check the length of the costume's material to prevent tripping.
- Discourage children from carrying sharp or pointed objects as part of their costumes.
- After trick-or-treating, parents are strongly encouraged to inspect all candy before children are allowed to eat it. Candy that appears to have been unwrapped or tampered with in any way should be discarded.
- Apples and other fruit should be sliced several times before eating.

**Forest Villa featured in Tribune**

Forest Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was recently featured in the *Chicago Tribune* 55 Plus section.

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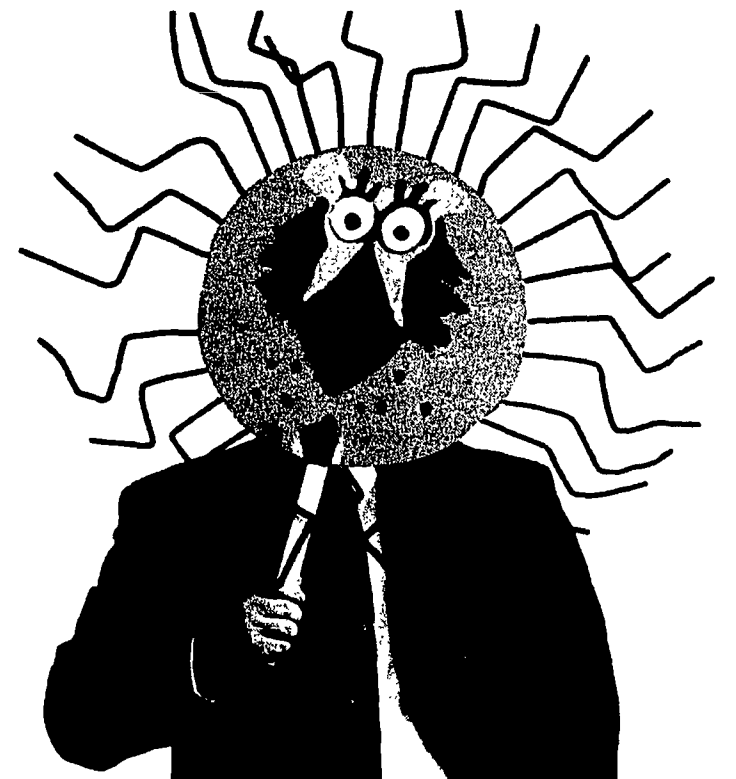
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**Financial Focus**  
Can You Still Afford to Retire Early?

For years, you may have longed for the day when you could take an early retirement. Has the extended bear market put an end to that dream? Not necessarily - but you may have to adjust your financial strategies. If you haven't done any planning, you'll need to start somewhere. And the best place to begin is the date at which you plan to retire. For many people, early retirement can happen anywhere between 55 and 60. So, pick an age. Then, estimate what your expenses will be in retirement, and what new costs you may incur as a result of changes in your lifestyle.

Remember to take health insurance into account - and don't forget about inflation. Once you know about how much you can expect to spend during retirement, you'll need to assess your potential sources of income. How much can you afford to save and invest from now until the date you want to retire? What sort of return will you need each year? How much can you expect from Social Security and pensions? A qualified investment professional can help you crunch these numbers and develop a long-term plan - accommodating your risk tolerance and investment preferences - for meeting your early retirement goals.

Unfortunately, the best-laid plans of potential early retirees can be disrupted by a long slump in the financial markets, such as we've experienced recently. It's no surprise that the value of your 401(k), IRA or other retirement plan may well be down - a lot. What can you do to combat these losses and stay on track toward early retirement? Here are a few ideas to consider:

- **Boost your savings** - Given the never-ending expenses of daily life, it's certainly not easy to increase your savings. And yet, if early retirement is truly an important goal of yours, you can probably find ways to cut back on some expenses and increase the money you have available to invest.
- **Diversify your retirement portfolio** - A lot of people have lost money in the markets the past couple of years, but the hardest-hit were those who were overexposed to just a few types of investments. To help protect yourself against these types of losses, diversify your holdings among a wide range of stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles.
- **Build your liquidity** - As you draw nearer to retirement, the last thing you want to do is tap into your savings prematurely. So, by the time you're five years or so away from retirement, you'll want to have accumulated anywhere from three to five years' worth of living expenses - and you'll want these funds in a balanced portfolio some of which includes relatively liquid investments, such as short-term certificates of deposit and money market accounts.
- **Be flexible** - If you reach your early retirement date, and you're just not comfortable with the amount of savings you've amassed, you may need to re-evaluate your goal. By postponing retirement just another year or two, you can beef up your Social Security, 401(k) or other retirement plans. And, if you find something you enjoy doing, you may want to work part-time or consult during your retirement years.

A prolonged down market can unquestionably hurt your retirement savings. But by following the suggestions above, you can go a long way toward taming the "bears" - en route to the type of retirement you've envisioned.

Jeffrey Cardella can be reached at Edward Jones, 8141 N. Milwaukee, Niles, 470-8953.

**Advocate LGH announces Fall Health and Happiness lecture series**

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's fall 2002 Health and Happiness lecture series will feature presentations on Alzheimer's disease, the Botox cosmetic procedure, achievement-boosting skills and how to "bully proof" children.

The free education programs will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Olson Auditorium at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge.

The lectures, which feature speakers from Lutheran General's and Advocate Medical Group's medical and professional staff, are part of the hospital's ongoing commitment to preventive health care and wellness. Reservations are required. For more information, call 1-800-3-ADVOCATE (1-800-323-8622).

John Barr, Ed.D., psychologist, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, will talk about "Bringing Out the Best in Your Youngster" on Tuesday, Oct. 29. Of particular interest to parents, teachers and individuals who work with young people, this lecture will address the concentration and relaxation skills practiced by high achievers in the classroom, concert hall or playing field. Dr. Barr has worked with students of all ages, assisted physicians and attorneys taking board exams and consulted with the U.S. Olympic Team on high performance.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, "Bully-Proofing Your Child: Today's Victim Can Become Tomorrow's Bully" will be discussed by Michael Athans, Ph.D., chief of psychology, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. He will describe how parents and the community can stop the "bully cycle." Emotional and physical intimidation will be addressed, along with strategies for parents and others who work with youngsters.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is a 609-bed teaching, research and tertiary care hospital, Level I trauma center, and one of the largest hospitals in the Chicago area. It also is home to Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital, one of the most comprehensive providers of pediatric care in the state.

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Lutheran General is rated among the top 50 hospitals in the U.S. for its medical excellence and advanced treatment capabilities in cardiovascular services, cancer care, orthopedics, neurology and neurosurgery, geriatrics, rheumatology, ear/nose/throat, digestive and respiratory disorders. It has been recognized as being one of the nation's top cardiovascular hospitals, according to the Solucient '100 Top Hospitals Cardiovascular Benchmarks for Success' study, and was the only Illinois hospital recognized for heart and heart surgery services in the 13th annual U.S. News & World Report 'America's Best Hospitals' study.

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Halloween is a day that families spend going from house to house trick-or-treating in hope of gathering A LOT of candy. It is also a fun time for people to see children dressed up in costumes as well as to decorate their houses both inside and out.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) put together a list of recommended precautions people can take to keep their pets safe at Halloween. They are, in summary, as follows:

- Keep pets safely inside so that they will be less likely to run out unnoticed through an open door. Also, cats and dogs will be less likely to become frightened from trick-or-treaters at the door. Black cats should be kept inside during Halloween week to avoid

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ty. Of course, Halloween costumes are in order, especially those of an animal nature. No tricks, but treats will include prizes awarded for cunning costumes, such as the Best Couple (Animal Related) Costumes, the Most Creative (Animal Related) Costume, and the Scariest Costume. Among prizes are deluxe room nights at the Hotel Allegro Chicago and gift certificates for Pops for Champagne and for RL Restaurant.

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## Thank You to Unknown Good Samaritan

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the lady that brought my little Cairn Terrier back home Thursday morning. I was so worried about him because he is 15 yrs old and mostly blind and very hard of hearing. My grandchildren and I searched for him from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. At 10 minutes after 6 a.m. I got the call that he was found on this lady's doorstep and she was kind enough to call me and bring him home.

I certainly do appreciate it so much. I was too emotional and happy that I didn't even get her name.

People in Niles are really great people.

Claire Doud  
Niles

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Oil Express Fast Lube Systems advertisement. Features a large '\$10 OFF' coupon and lists services like Full Service Oil-Filter-Lube, Transmission Service, and Differential Service.

VILLAGE OF NILES, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATEMENT OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS AND STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2002 PUBLISHED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES, 65 ILCS 5/3-1-35-85.

STATEMENT OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Table with columns: GENERAL FUND, STREET AND BRIDGE, MUNICIPAL WASTE, AUTOMOTIVE, RISK MANAGEMENT FUND, DEBT SERVICE FUND, WATER FUND, ENHANCED 911 FUND, MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND, FITNESS CENTER FUND, CAPITAL PROJECT, LAWRENCEWOOD TIF, TOUHY/CENTRAL TIF, TARGET TIF, MILWAUKEE/TOUHY TIF, POLICE PENSION FUND, FIRE PENSION FUND. Includes CASH, INVESTMENTS, and TOTAL columns.

RECEIPTS

Table with columns: TAXES (PROPERTY TAXES, SALES TAXES, STATE INCOME TAX, UTILITY TAXES, OTHER TAXES), LICENSES AND PERMITS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, FINES & FORFEITS, WATER SALES, BOND PROCEEDS, INVESTMENT INCOME, OTHER. Includes SUBTOTAL TAXES, SUBTOTAL OTHER, and TOTAL.

SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS

Summary of All Funds table with columns: FUND, BEGINNING BALANCE, RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, ENDING BALANCE. Lists various funds and their financial status.

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The foregoing is a true and correct statement of the municipal receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2002 and the state of the treasury as of April 30, 2002.

Signature of George R. Van Geem, Village Treasurer, Village of Niles, Cook County, Illinois.

The foregoing statement of George R. Van Geem, Village Treasurer is a true and correct copy of the annual account of the Village of Niles and was filed with me this 18th day of October 2002.

Signature of Marcia Jendrey, Village Clerk, Village of Niles, Cook County, Illinois.

\*\*\* EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS EXCEPT PENSION FUNDS \*\*\*. Lists numerous vendors and their amounts, including XL CORPORATION, ALARM FIRE & SAFETY, ABE SELMAN, ADVANCED INTERACTIVE SYS, AES NEWENERGY INC, ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORP, ALTHOFF INDUSTRIES INC, AMERICAN ENGINEERING, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, ANGELA LAEMMERHIRT, AON RISK SERVICES INC-IL, ARCH WIRELESS, ARTISTIC ENGRAVING CO, AT&T BROADBAND, B&B OVERHEAD DOOR, BARCO PRODUCTS, BETHANY TERRACE, BILLS COMPLETE LANDSCAPE, BLUE CROSS BLUESHIELD.

LEGAL NOTICE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF REFERENDA/QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY. Official notice is hereby given by David Orr, Cook County Clerk, that at the general election to be held in Suburban Cook County on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, the following propositions will be voted upon.

Official Ballot for Niles Township High School District Number 219 and Boleta Oficial Escuelas Secundarias Numero 219. Includes YES/NO options for Proposition 430 and 434.

Proposition 430: Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Lincolnwood School District Number 74, Cook County, Illinois, be increased and established at 2.34 percent upon all the taxable property of said District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 1.74 percent, the existing maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purposes? YES/NO options.

Proposition 434: ¿Deberá aumentar y establecerse la tasa impositiva anual máxima para propósitos de educación del Distrito Escolar Secundarias Número 219 Niles Township, Condado de Cook, Illinois, a 2.0801% sobre toda la propiedad gravable de dicho Distrito Escolar al valor, igualado o valorado por el Departamento de Rentas, en lugar de 1.2901%, la tasa máxima actual de otra manera aplicable a los próximos impuestos a extender para dicho propósito? YES/NO options.

DATED at Chicago, Illinois this 24th day of October, 2002.

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk







# HIGHLAND HOME IMPROVEMENTS

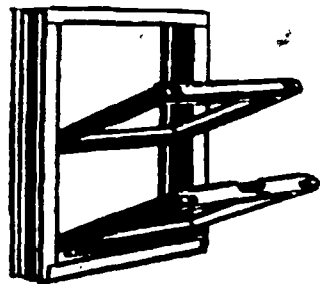
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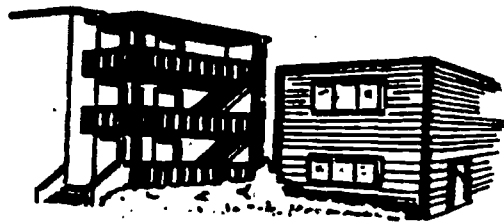
#### SIDING

- Soffit
- Fascia
- Gutters
- Trim



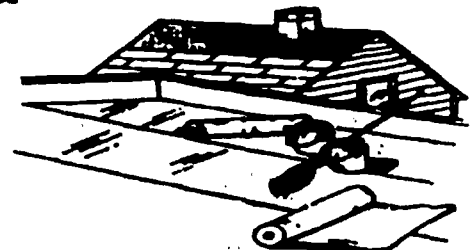
#### PORCHES & DECKS

- Porches Rebuilt and Enclosed

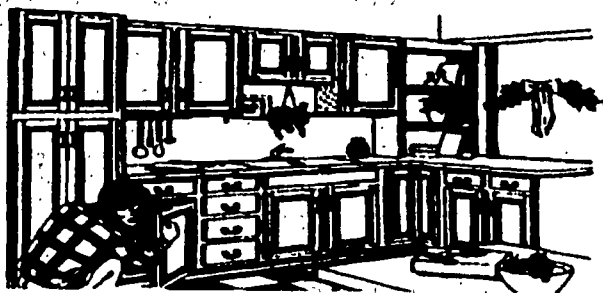


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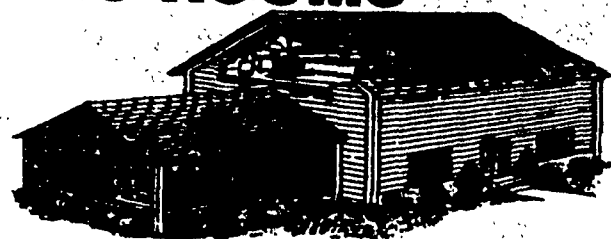
- Shingle
- Hot Tar
- Rubber
- Roll



#### KITCHENS & BATHS



#### ADDITIONS, DORMERS & REC ROOMS

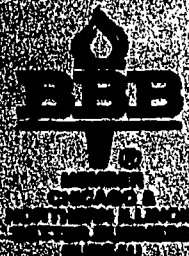


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