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Niles Trustee Callero calls letterhead switch a mistake

Callero says Blase had nothing to do with modified Chamber letter

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The Niles Chamber of Commerce sent a clarification to newspapers Friday after a letter was faxed to local newspapers Friday, Mar. 11 on their letterhead endorsing the campaign of Niles Mayor Nick Blase and his candidates for village trustee, who are running under the name of "Present Leaders for Financial Security."

The letter, signed by local businessmen Todd Watkins of 3X printing, Nick Carter of Nightingale-Conant and Santo LaMantia, president of Shure, Inc., said that they endorsed Blase and his slate, but was not on Niles Chamber letterhead when they signed it, according to Trustee Bob Callero.

"We put it on letterhead," said Callero. "We thought it was OK. It

was an honest mistake."

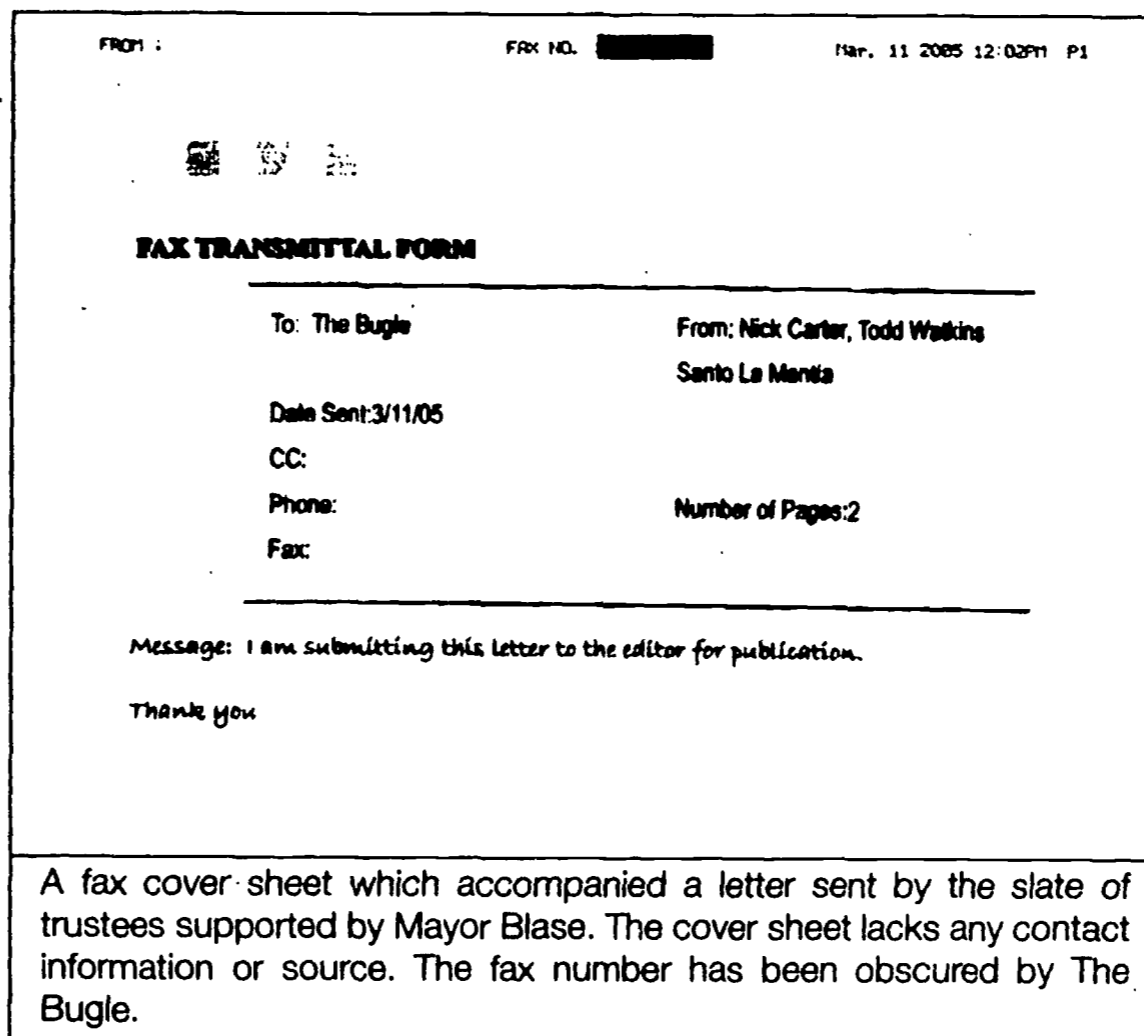
The signatures were obtained by Niles Chamber Employee Denice Mack. She originally volunteered to obtain such signatures in January, according to Callero. He said that he thanked her and said that they might ask for them at a later date.

Callero later did just that, asking Mack to obtain signatures from the three men, who also serve as Chamber board members. She did so after the last Chamber board meeting. When they signed the letter, it identified them by their respective businesses.

By the time the letter was faxed to the local newspapers Mar. 11, however, those titles had been replaced with their positions on the Chamber, one of which was incorrect.

The letter itself contained no contact information and was identified as coming from Watkins, Carter and LaMantia, when, in fact, it came from the campaign for the "Present Leaders for Financial Security."

The Bugle was contacted on



A fax cover sheet which accompanied a letter sent by the slate of trustees supported by Mayor Blase. The cover sheet lacks any contact information or source. The fax number has been obscured by The Bugle.

Tuesday, Mar. 15 and asked by Mack to pull the letter, since it was unauthorized.

"It was my fault," Mack said Tuesday.

Callero said that Mack provided

the letterhead and that she said it was OK to put the letter on it. One campaign insider said that the situ-

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Niles to retire Central/Touhy TIF

The Niles Village Board was expected to vote to retire the Central/Touhy Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District last Tuesday, 17 years before they were required by law to do so.

"If you want to set up a model TIF, this is the way to do it," said George Van Geem, Finance Director for the village of Niles. "I would set this TIF up against any in the state."

TIF Districts are a tool used by municipalities to develop "blighted" areas. The district is established and all property tax assessments are frozen for taxing bodies except the sponsoring municipality. They can then make invest-

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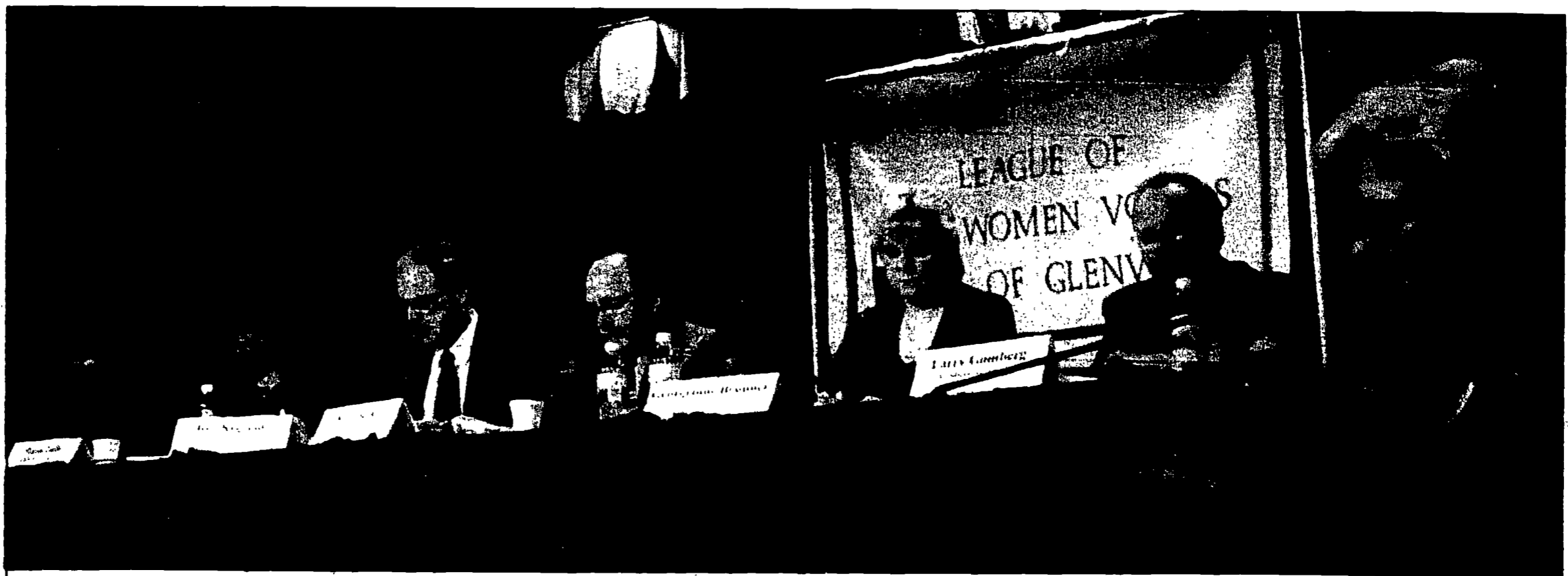
BY JEFF BORGARDT
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The Park Ridge City Council approved spending \$1.6 million on the demolition of an existing reservoir and pump station this summer at Monday night's meeting.

The work is expected to be completed over six weeks in June and July.

The city received five bidders and selected the lowest from a Michigan

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Lively Debate

Candidates for municipal office in Morton Grove met for a forum at the Legion Civic Center last Wednesday. Pictured above are the candidates for trustee. For full coverage, turn to page 14.

NEWS

Central/Touhy TIF



The 'Pointe Plaza' retail development, a product of Tucker Corporation and the village of Niles is the major development in the Central/Touhy TIF District, which the village board was expected to retire, Tuesday.

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ments in the district, seize property and recoup any funds invested through the increased assessments in property taxes. TIFs can have as long as 23-year life spans.

The Touhy/Central TIF was first formed in 1999 because a former ABDick industrial facility had been vacant for several years. Van Geem said that the space was difficult to fill because was built in the 1960s and was not attractive to businesses that were looking for more modern facilities. The property also had some environmental issues.

"That's why we got involved," Van Geem said. The village began looking for a developer and ended up working with Tucker Corporation to develop what is now "Pointe Plaza," a retail development that includes a Cub Foods, Starbucks Coffee, Office Depot and a Walmart.

The village contributed \$4-million to the \$60-million dollar redevelopment. In the six years since it created the TIF, it has recouped that money and increased sales tax revenue.

"For us, it was a great opportunity because the retail also

supplemented our sales tax revenue," Van Geem said, adding that the sales tax revenue was what the village uses to keep residential property taxes low.

The location of this TIF District is probably at least part of the reason why it has been so successful. The village

"This one has been hugely successful."

-George Van Geem, Finance Director Village of Niles

has another TIF District encompassing a Target retail store and a Costco wholesale store further to the west. Skokie created the neighboring "Village Crossing" in a TIF district.

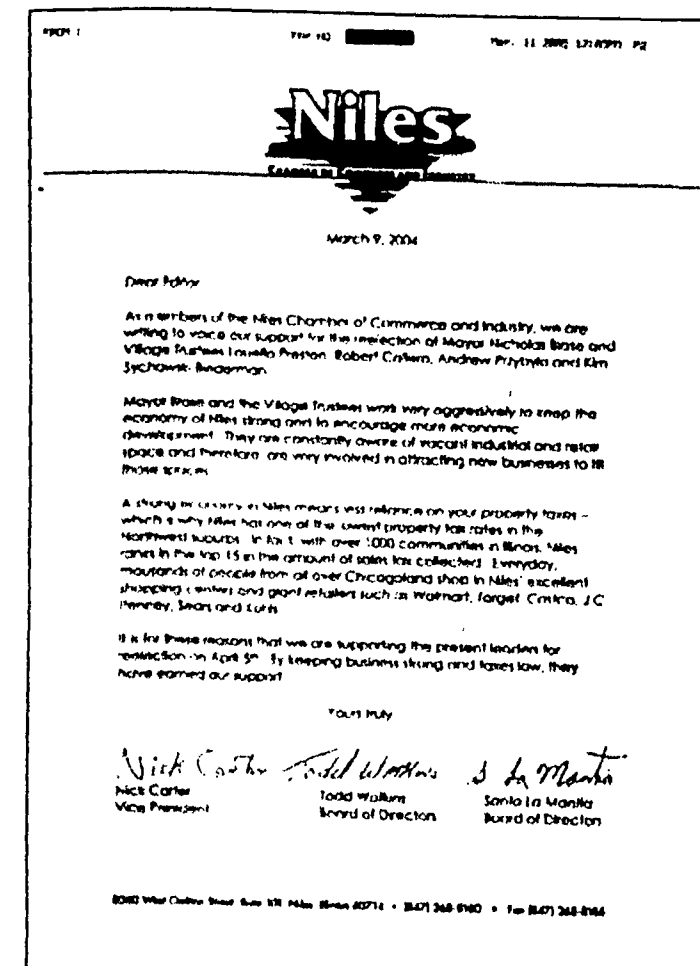
The formula for a successful TIF district, Van Geem continued, was to identify a need, redevelop the site, pay off the municipal obligation and terminate it.

"That's the formula for a successful TIF," he said. "This one has been hugely successful."

NEWS

Letter

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A letter signed by three members of the Niles Chamber's board that was faxed to local newspapers two weeks ago. The Bugle did not publish the text of the letter at the request of the Chamber.

ation was unfortunate and primarily the result of an overzealous volunteer.

While the content of the letter was the same, the letterhead was improperly used, prompting the Chamber to send out a clarification because it was too late to pull the letter from at least one of the local newspapers.

"Our organization, as stated in our by-laws, is non-partisan, nonsectarian and nonpoliti-

cal," wrote Chamber President Bob Richart. "A letter of endorsement signed by members of the board of directors should be considered an endorsement by those members and not the endorsement of the Niles Chamber of Commerce membership as a whole."

The matter is further complicated by the fact that the village of Niles contributes \$10,000 to the Chamber each year. This funding began over a decade ago, when the organization's overall revenue was less than it is today. Blase said last week that it didn't surprise him that trustees running for re-election should want and expect an endorsement from the Chamber.

"The Chamber receives money from the village," he said. "I can see a trustee saying, we give money to the Chamber, we should get something in return."

In light of the confusion over this letter, Blase said that the funding should be revisited by the village board.

"Perhaps they ultimately shouldn't take money from the village so that they can be a completely independent organization," he said.

While Blase also remembered the trustees discussing the possibility of a Chamber endorsement, he didn't think it was necessary. "I've run 13 times and have never asked for the Chamber's endorsement," he said.

It is unclear whether members of "Present Leaders for Financial Security" thought that the letter constituted an endorsement by the Chamber

Campaign Signs Bloom Along Public Way in Niles

Besides tulips campaign signs have been blooming along parkways in Niles over the last few days.

Contrary to a local ordinance prohibiting signs being posted on light poles and on public property signs for the "Present Leaders For Financial Security" party have been blooming near the village hall and next to the post office.

"I told our public works guys to pull them off of poles and the public way," said Mayor Nicholas Blase. "They are not supposed to be there."

Although Blase did not deny that the illegally posted signs were for his party, he said he didn't think it was important to make any effort to find out who placed the signs.

Opponents of Blase's slate however, have an explanation.

"The mayor is behind those trustees and they are responsible," said Trustee candidate Ray Czarnik. "I think it's typical of the trustee party that has the resources." Czarnik said he had some of his own signs removed from private

property along Main and along Oakton even though he asked the homeowner for permission.

"When you are an independent it gets pricey," said Czarnik citing the five to \$10 dollar cost of each sign.

Trustee candidate Joseph LoVerde said he initially brought the issue of the illegally posted signs to the attention Chuck Ostman of the city's code enforcement department.

LoVerde said, "I thought it was inappropriate. It's got to be an even playing field. I think we should protect the rights of all candidates."

Niles Village Attorney Joe Annunzio said he also saw signs posted illegally near the village hall.

"It's an inappropriate spot," he said. "I found it curious that the village trustee party would do it."

Although Annunzio said no one to his recollection has ever been prosecuted for posting campaign signs on public property it does carry a \$50 fine under a local ordinance if someone is caught doing it.

Demolition

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company.

A Council motion was made to delay the majority of the funding until a later date but faltered. A second motion was then passed unanimously to approve the funding.

"We either pay now or pay later," said seventh ward alderman Jeff Cox.

He stated this plan was unanimously approved by the Public Works Committee.

Public works director Joe Saccaomanno

said if the funding was delayed, he would need another date to grant permission from the City Council.

Mayor Mike MaRous noted this could be difficult since the council historically meets only once per month during the summer months when this project will be underway.

The demolition of the old structure was expected to cost \$2 million but came in under budget.

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR APRIL

The luncheon for April will be on Monday, April 18 at 12:30 p.m., doors open at 12 noon. Catering will be by a favorite, Inglenook, and will include chicken, sliced beef, and breaded pork tenderloin complete with potato, vegetables and salads. Entertainment will be Marvinna Bowker who does a tribute to Patsy Cline. Reservations are required in advance and should be made according to our current registration policy. Charge for lunch and entertainment is \$13.00.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Men's Club annual pancake

breakfast will be Saturday, April 16 from 8-11 a.m.. The Club puts out a great meal of all-you-can-eat pancakes as well as sausage, orange juice and coffee. All for only \$3.50 for adults; \$1.50 for kids under 12. Come in for breakfast and bring your family, friends and neighbors.

INCOME TAX SERVICE

Income tax assistance continues with our volunteer counselors through April 15. That date is fast approaching so don't wait until the last minute to make an appointment. Times are available

Monday-Thursday between 9 and 12 and 1 and 4 p.m. If your income is less than \$40,000 excluding Social Security, call the Center, and talk to Gloria to make an appointment. This service is open to any senior. Membership in the Senior Center is not necessary (although welcome.)

WELLNESS SCREEN

A Wellness Screening at the Center is set for Wednesday, April 20 from 8:30-11 a.m. Fasting for 8-12 hours is necessary. Call to register, 847-692-3597.

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights

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

MARCH REGISTRATION

Drop Off Registrations for programs and classes advertised in the APRIL Naturally Active will be due at the Center by Fri., April 1st. Walk-in registrations will be accepted beginning Wednesday, April 6th if space is available.

Third Annual NILES SENIOR CENTER INDOOR FLEA MARKET - Saturday, May 7th Mark your calendar so you don't miss this popular event! Open to the public, Niles Senior Center's annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. Whether you come to browse or buy, you can find some really great deals at the Center - just remember, the early shopper has the best chance of finding the best treasures. Over 50 Vendors, on two floors! Raffle. \$2.00 hot dog lunch beginning at 11:00AM until 12:30PM (or until we run out of hot dogs!).

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Thursday, June 2 11:00AM- 3:00PM Niles Couples, celebrating 50, 55, 60, and 65 or more years of marriage in 2005 are invited to Niles Senior Center's annual Golden Anniversary Celebration. Niles couples, married in 1955, 1950, 1945, and 1940 or earlier are invited to be our guests at this annual event. This year's event will be held at the Niles Senior Center on Thursday, June 2, 2005, from 11:00 AM- 2:30 PM. Anniversary couples will be honored with a catered luncheon, formal photographs to mark the occasion, and entertainment.

Niles Senior Center's Grief Workshop to Offer Support and Coping Tools Three Session Series to Begin April 5. Grief is a complex emotional reaction to loss involving a range of different feelings, such as sadness, anger and loneliness. Those who have experienced loss may find it helpful to meet with others to share common concerns and problem-solving strategies.

Beginning Tuesday, April 5, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can come to an individual workshop, or join us for the entire series. The

workshops will meet on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. and will focus on the following areas: Workshop #1, April 5 "What has happened to me?" "Why me?" can be a common question during the grief process. Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one is a difficult process. Workshop #2, April 12 "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can also raise anxiety, especially if we feel that children or friends want us to "move on" or "be happy again." Workshop #3, April 19 "On my own." The shift from being part of a couple to living alone changes many things. At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities.

For more information, please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW, at the Niles Senior Center (847) 588-8420.



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A Sausage For The Ages

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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The Morton Grove Lions club is looking to rewrite the annals of Bratwurst and Italian Sausage history.

They are now preparing for a summer cook-out featuring the largest Italian Sausage and Bratwurst ever cooked.

The Italian Sausage and the bratwurst will both measure 60 feet and six inches.

They will be cooked in a specially constructed 64-foot grill at the Morton Grove Days summer festival July 2.

The Lions Club is looking to shatter the previous record for the largest bratwurst prepared by a Wisconsin Lions Club.

That club cooked a bratwurst that was only 48 feet long.

As for Italian Sausage, the Morton Grove Lions Club is the first to attempt a giant sausage.

Every Wednesday evening, club members gather at Leading Edge Automotive in Morton Grove to assemble the giant grill.

Steve Banks of Leading Edge is a self-described "welder, mechanic and back-yard engineer."

He says he prefers Italian Sausage rather than Bratwurst.

The Black Forest Restaurant in Morton Grove will supply the giant bratwurst and Vito Sausage of Chicago is responsible for the Italian Sausage.

In order to officially make it into the "Guinness Book of World Records" the foods must cook fully without first breaking apart.

To that end, Banks has been working with local butchers and developing a "top-secret cooking plan."

Despite cajoling, he wouldn't reveal the plan to The Bugle.

"I can't tell you that, like I said it's top secret."

Once cooked, the first bites of the mammoth eats will be auctioned off. Proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

After the auction, the rest of the food will be sold-off in normal sized sandwiches for \$3 or \$4.

"We are going to need condiments by the gallon," Banks said. "We are trying to find out but no one can say exactly how much is needed."

The idea to cook the oversized food was hatched when a Morton Grove Lions Club member read about the Wisconsin Sausage in the newspaper.

Since Banks has built large grills in the past for pig roasts, he told the Morton Grove Lions Club he could out-grill the Wisconsin Lions Club. Construction on the grill has faced some technical challenges.

They decided to use charcoal as fuel and even found a charcoal company to donate the supplies.

They are also using sheet metal for the grill which was sold to them at wholesale cost.

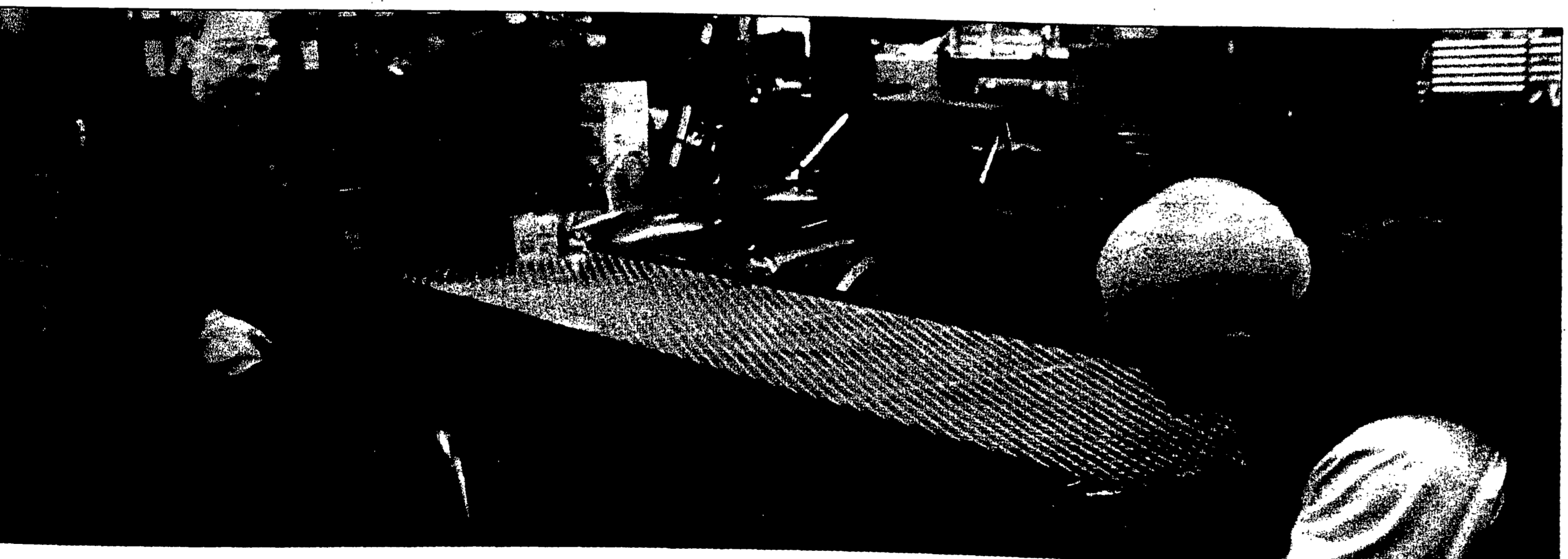
The Lions Club has considered a giant bun, but couldn't find anyone with an oven large enough.

This grilling adventure has cost the Lions Club about \$1,200. Banks said anyone interested in sponsoring the event should contact the Lions Club.

At left, Steve Banks welds a section of the grill.

Below, Tom Segritti (left) and owner of Leading Edge Automotive Tony Lacorte check the welds on section of the 64 foot grill Wednesday night March 16, 2005.

(Photos by Allen Kaleta)



SPORTS

ND Prepares To Defend State Title

BY RYAN BISHOP
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A year after winning their first state championship for the school, the Notre Dame varsity baseball team is ready to get back to business and defend their title.

Coming off a record for wins at 34-9 and a 6-4 victory over conference opponent Joliet Catholic in the title game, coach Bob Kostuch and company will be hard pressed to top what they accomplished last season.

"Even though we lost some great seniors in Infusino, Pauley, Cademartori and Jeff Wisniewski, I think we have a group of guys that are striving to get back to the point we were last year," said Kostuch.

Cademartori has moved on to play centerfield for Southern Illinois while Pauley will get a chance to play shortstop at Butler University.

The team started practice **Continues...**
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Bowling Scores

Niles Senior Men Bowling League 3-2-05

TEAM STANDING	W	L
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#1 Seasons Hospice	39	17
#3 Semko	34	22
#4 FDR Post	31	25
#13 Alliance	31	25
#6 Colonial #1	30	26
#16 Malec	29	27
#11 Colonial #2	28	28
#14 RE MAX	28	28
#9 Miners	27.5	28.5
#12 Candle Light	27	29
#20 Northshore	27	29
#19 State Farm	26	30
#18 Skaja #2	26	30
#10 Skaja #1	25.5	30.5
#2 Callero + Catino	25	31
#5 Minelli	24	32
#17 Tram Car	23	33
#7 J.F. Barber	21	35
#15 Heatmasters	18	38

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Candlelight Jewelers	32	38
Classic Bowl	30	40
Skaja Terrace	29	41
Funeral Home	24	46
NorthSide	24	46
Community Bank	24	46


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Sandy Panuc	156
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Bottom, Notre Dame's Matt Kudlik singles to left scoring Jeff Wisniewski in the fifth inning to give the Dons a 5-4 lead and they never looked back. Top, the team clusters around their first-ever state championship trophy.

(Bugle File Photos)

SPORTS

Notre Dame

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last week, but bad weather combined along with illness and injuries has kept the Dons from putting a full team out on the field.

Kostuch said with the first game less than a week away the team has not been able to have a full squad practice.

Returning for the state championships will be all-conference catcher Keenan Long, Kevin Mitchell(1B, CF, DH), all-state pitcher Matt Kudlik, John Kratzmeyer(LF), and pitcher Joe Leyhame.

Commenting on his team Kostuch said,

"Long is our toughest player and hitter who made the all-tournament team last year. He is also number two academically in his class."

"Mitchell is a versatile player who made all-conference as a junior, hitting .396. I look for him to really develop as a senior."

"Kudlik is fighting back from a sickness, but he'll be our No.1 again, and he'll help us with the bat(50 RBI last year)."

"Leyhame is a senior left-

hander who throws strikes and had some nice wins for us in the summer league. He's got good size at 6-4, 200 pounds," said Kostuch.

Continuing down the roster Kostuch said, junior Nick Robinson will have to fill Infusino's shoes at the leadoff spot this year. Kostuch said the left-handed Robinson will be playing shortstop and third base.

Senior outfielder Clint Simkins will be in the number two spot. "Simkins is a player who makes good contact and is bright academically. He is very capable of getting the job done for us," said Kostuch.

Will Harford will have to fill the void left by Pauley at shortstop and will bat sixth or seventh in the order, said Kostuch.

Toeing the rubber for the Dons along with Kudlik and Leyhame will be junior left-hander Nick Mort, junior Mike Kloss, and senior Brian Flynn.

"Flynn is a guy who will see a lot of time," said Kostuch, and Kloss pitched well for us in the Summer tournament."

The Dons continued their spring success by posting a 21-3 record in IHSA summer baseball.

Their big wins were against Downers Grove North and Lockport before losing in the playoffs to Carmel.

"Our team is pretty deep and we have great team speed," said Kostuch.

"If our hitting can come close to what we did last year, I'll be happy," he said.

We will rely on our defense and pitching more this year," said Kostuch. "I think the kids are feeling the pressure of staying on top, but my job is to relieve that pressure."

Kostuch expects state semifinalists Carmel and Joliet Catholic to contend in the ESCC along with Benet and Marist.

The first game for the Dons is Thursday at Wheeling High School at 4:30 p.m.

Leyhame is scheduled to be the opening day starter. Two road games follow on Saturday along with Monday and Tuesday games.



Notre Dame's Dean Cademartori hoists the Class AA Championship trophy to the cheers of parents and students. (Bugle File Photo)

LIFE

EVENTS CALENDAR

GOVERNMENT

Government
Monday, March 28
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Village Board meeting
Monday, April 4
-7 p.m. Maine Township High School District 207 board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge/Niles Elementary School District 64 board meeting

COMMUNITY

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

Saturday, April 2
-The Morton Grove Historical Museum will host a walk along the Chicago River at 2 p.m. Saturday April 2. Retired Cook County Forest preserve naturalist and archeologist Ed Lace will guide the walk and discuss the history of the river which includes Native-American farmers and unique flora and fauna. The walk will include a stop at the Indian Fishing Weir. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The walk kicks off at in the forest preserve entrance at St. Paul Woods across from the Morton Grove train station and behind the Morton House condominiums. Reservations required. Call (847) 965-0203.

Chef Harry presents Today's baby greens are in the bag

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ
Copley News Service

I think the baby green revolution, resulting in the availability of bags of pre-washed organic baby lettuce, colorful and crisp, available and sold in almost every grocery store, stems from impatience for spring. If you live where it gets cold and snows in the winter, by the time lettuce begin to peek from the ground, after careful incubation under protective plastic to rush the process, it is hard to wait until they are fully matured to cut the little buggers from the roots and eat them. This brutal whacking, when the greens are barely beyond sprouts, seems a justifiable reward for our patience. They are so sweet! Tender and brightly colored, they are perfect for the spring table. Now that they are so easy to get, buy them in the bag ready to use. It is easier and much less violent, although frustration in getting the bag open can result in a stabbing with a sharp knife!

AND BABY GREENS
4 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
4 shallots, thinly sliced
2 pears, cored and sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
8 to 10 ounces fresh assorted baby greens

gently just long enough to glaze pears. Remove pears from pan and arrange over greens on serving platter or 4 salad plates. Add herbs and remaining vinegar to pan and warm it 30 seconds. Pour over pears and greens and sprinkle with corn nuts and cheese, to taste.



TORTELLI-NI-BABY SPINACH SOUP
8 cups vegetable or chicken stock
1 pound fresh cheese tortellini
1/2 cup seasoned bread crumbs
8 to 10 ounces fresh baby spinach or arugula
Grated parmesan cheese, to taste
Rosemary croutons, for garnish

1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
1/2 cup toasted and salted corn nuts
1/2 cup crumbled blue or gorgonzola cheese
Yields 4 servings.
Heat oil in large, heavy nonreactive saute pan over medium-high heat and in it saute garlic and shallots, 1 minute. Add pears to pan and saute, 1 minute. Sprinkle sugar over pears. Add about 2 tablespoons vinegar to pan and simmer (optional)
Yields 4 servings.
Heat stock in 3- or 4-quart pot or Dutch oven over medium heat until simmering. Add tortellini and simmer just until al dente and hot inside. Stir in bread crumbs and stir gently until soup thickens. Keep warm and stir in spinach and cook just until it wilts. Serve immediately. Garnish with parmesan cheese and rosemary croutons, if desired, for a complete meal in a bowl.

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 - The average urban Briton is caught on camera up to 300 times a day.
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"rest stops" are protected from overdevelopment or destruction, which would threaten the birds' ability to migrate successfully. To



ture collided with a commercial airliner over Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The plane was flying at an altitude of 37,000 feet, making the vulture the highest-flying bird on record, albeit posthumously.

- If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

Sources: "Fifty Facts That Should Change the World" by Jessica Williams(2004); "Universe in Your Pocket" by Joel Levy (2004); "That Book of Perfectly Useless Information" by Mitchell Symons (2004)

GETTING HIGH
 A biologist at Brigham Young University has developed a "bird Breathalyzer" to determine whether sparrows and warblers migrating up and down the east coast of North America are flying under the influence of bayberries, gnats or other foods. Not that eating gnats is intoxicating. Rather, Kent Hatch hopes to identify the kinds of habitats where the birds feed to help ensure these

gather data. Hatch and colleagues string fine-mesh nets between tall poles along migratory routes. Snagged birds are then fitted with tiny face masks in which they breathe pure oxygen from a balloon. The exhaled carbon dioxide is trapped and analyzed for specific carbon isotopes suggestive of certain foods.

"You can see if they are eating two very different components, like corn versus wheat or marine animals versus terrestrial animals," said Hatch. Blood, feather and fecal samples are also taken before the birds are released.

ELECTRON INK
 Every spring, roughly half-a-million Sandhill Cranes gather on Nebraska's Platte River for a brief respite in their annual migration. National Geographic magazine has set up a live "cranecam" at the Audubon Society's Rowe Sanctuary to record the amazing sights and sounds.

Visit <http://magma.NationalGeographic.com/nm/cranecam/>.

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- 20 Very little distance
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- 24 Land north of Afr.
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- 28 Be mistaken
- 29 Vow sites
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- 39 Does an exterminator's job

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- 43 Fly over Africa?
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- 49 Part of a match
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- 64 Attract a trooper, maybe
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- 11 ___ no problem
- 12 Vietnamese holiday
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- 22 Some apples
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- 30 Seafood fare
- 31 Mikhail, of chess
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- 33 Track contest
- 34 Bit of perspiration
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- 45 Kind of valve
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- 52 Tummy trouble
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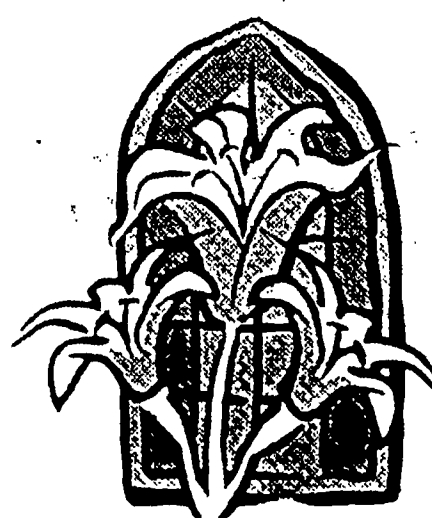
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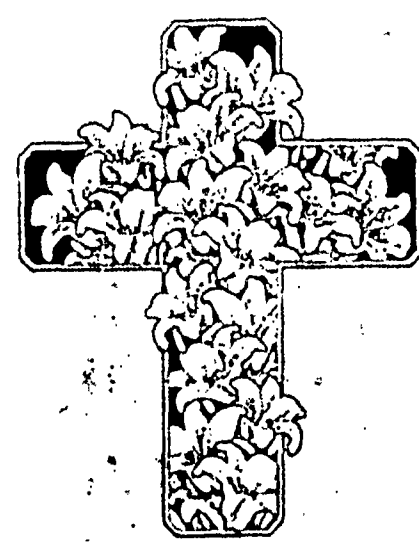
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

Palm Sunday Masses — Blessing and Distributions of Palm at all Masses
Saturday (March 19) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (March 20) 7:30/9:00/10:45 a.m. & 12:15

HOLY THURSDAY (March 24)

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

7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Supper with Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY (March 25)

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

7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death

HOLY SATURDAY (March 26)

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

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES (March 27)

Sunrise Eucharist: 6 a.m., 7:30/9:00/10:45 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
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Come Sing, Pray and Worship with us

Maundy Thursday, March 24th
Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th
Tenebrae Service, 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, March 27th
Festive Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES — 2005

Holy Thursday, March 24

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

Good Friday, March 25

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

Holy Saturday, March 26

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

Easter Sunday, March 27

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005

3:00 P.M. — Penitential Service for Youth and Adults
PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005

4:00 P.M. — Meal in the Upper Room
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

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

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 23, 2005

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005

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

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2005

Our Cathedral will be open from 10:00 A.M. — 9:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. — Mass of the Presanctified and Adoration of the Cross. Opening of the symbolic grave of Christ.
3:00 P.M. — Service at the Stations of the Cross — Youth will Participate in this service.
7:30 P.M. — Tenebrae and Lamentations of the Polish National Catholic Church.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2005

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

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

8:30 A.M. — Resurrection Mass with Procession and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:00 A.M. — High Mass with Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

St. Martha Catholic Church
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HOLY THURSDAY · MARCH 24, 2005

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

GOOD FRIDAY · MARCH 25, 2005

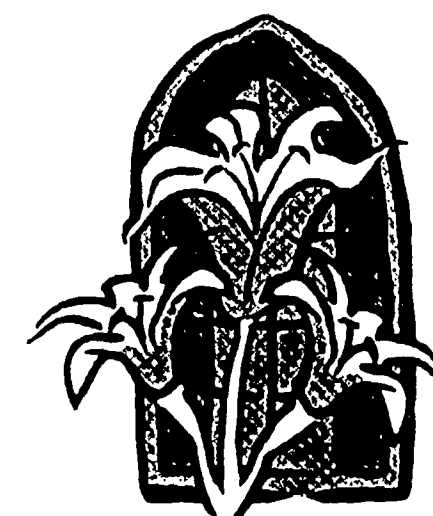
•ARS Viva Quartet Performing Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ Noon 3 p.m. (Small Church)
•Stations of the Cross—3 p.m. (Small Church)
•Lord's Passion—7 p.m. — (Auditorium-Chapel)

HOLY SATURDAY · MARCH 26, 2005

•Blessing of the Easter Foods and Baskets — Noon (Small Church)
•Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7 p.m.

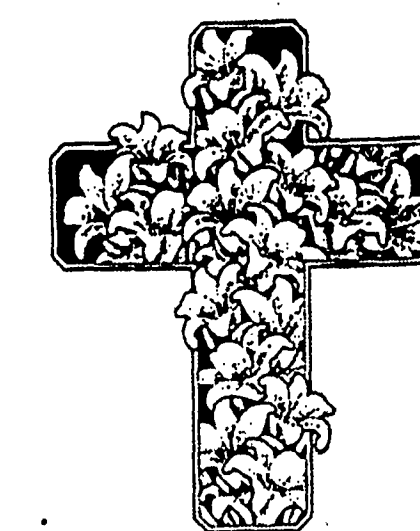
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7:00/9:15 (Small Church)
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Auditorium-Chapel)



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Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2005
Service with Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 25, 2005

7:30 p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 26, 2005
Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Vigil

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005
Slovak
Worship Service with Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

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MARCH 26 - SATURDAY Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

MARCH 27 - EASTER SUNDAY
Worship Services with Holy Communion at 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

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Maundy Thursday, March 24
7:30 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Mandatum (foot washing)
Procession to the Altar of Repose
Solemn Adoration until Midnight

11:30 p.m. Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, March 25
9:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena
3:00 p.m. "Seven Last Words"
7:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, March 26
9:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Novena
1:30 p.m. Hallowfare (Blessing of Easter Food)
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Night Watch of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27
6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Mass (Candlelight Procession & Salubong)
8:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon Masses

Happy Easter

From

The Bugle

REAL ESTATE

A greener view

Watch for spring's annual tap dance

Jeff Rugg
Copley News Service

Spring is in the air across the country. In the South, early blooming trees are starting to blossom and hummingbirds are beginning to show up. In northern states, early migrant birds like male redwing blackbirds are beginning to claim their territories. Another sure sign: Maple syrup buckets are on the sides of sugar maple trees.

Early settlers learned to harvest sap from the American Indians. They watched Indians slash trees to collect it and place it in hollowed logs. When the sap froze, the ice could be removed and the sap was concentrated. Or, hot rocks were placed in the log to evaporate water out of the sap. The sap in a sugar maple is about 2 percent sugar, which might be high for a tree, but very low for syrup. It takes around 40 gal-

lons of maple sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup. All maple species including silver maples, red maples, Norway and even box elder trees (a type of maple) can produce sap. Other trees can be used, but huge amounts of sap are needed. To get enough sap, you need to start with a large, healthy tree. It should be at least 1 foot in diameter. Taps are drilled into the tree about 3 feet off the ground and about 1 foot apart around the tree. The sap flows best on the sunny side of a tree, on sunny days.

Sap flow is created when the sap in the tree freezes and thaws, creating pressure from gas expansion and contraction within the sap. Daytime temperatures in the 40s and nighttime temperatures in the 20s produce the best flow. Long periods of high or low stable

temperatures inhibit flow. The sap does not flow just because it is spring and the tree is going to produce new leaves.

The sugar in maple sap is produced the previous summer during photosynthesis as carbohydrates are stored in the tree as starch. During winter, the starch is broken down into sucrose. The amount of sugar in the sap depends on the tree's genetics, health, soil moisture and growing conditions during the previous season.

The hole tapped into the tree will be about 2 5/8 inch long and about one-half inch in diameter, depending on the type of spout used. The hole should slant upward, so the sap runs out. The drill bit should be sterilized before use and if rotten wood is encountered, re-sterilized before being used again.

The spout is called the spile and it serves to transfer sap from tap hole to bucket or transfer tubing. It also often provides the hanger for the bucket. Lastly, the spile seals the hole to prevent contamination of the hole and the sap. The spile should be sterilized before use. It is removed from the tree as soon as the sap-running season is over. The hole on a healthy tree will close in one to three years. Future holes should be drilled at least 6 inches away and several inches

higher on the trunk to prevent girdling the tree.

The collection bucket can be metal or plastic, but should include a lid to keep out dirt, bugs and most importantly; rain. Rain will dilute the sap even more, making it harder to make the syrup. Once sap is collected, excess water needs to be removed. A large flat pan allows for more surface area and faster evaporation. Boiling water away takes a lot of energy. Syrup with a high sugar concentration will boil at a higher temperature than water. Finished syrup will boil at around 220 degrees Fahrenheit.

While water boils at 212 F, many people don't realize that this temperature is dependent on a barometric pressure of 29.92 inches of mercury. Syrup will burn if it gets too hot, so a good maple-syrup maker will boil pure water next to the syrup to determine the correct boiling temperature of water at that time and location. This ensures that the syrup doesn't burn yet still achieves the proper concentration.

Before cane sugar became easily available, maple sugar and syrup were valued commodities. Now, corn syrup with artificial flavoring is often sold as maple syrup, but if you get the chance to eat real maple syrup, sugar or candy, don't

pass it up.

Q: I know this sounds strange, but when you recently wrote about squirrels dying from mange, I realized that except for squirrels that are hit by cars, I never see dead squirrels. Where do they go when they die?

A: Back when Africa was first being explored by Europeans, they realized they never saw dead elephants and so they thought that there must be an elephant graveyard filled with the bones and more importantly the ivory tusks of many centuries of dead elephants.

Unfortunately, they never found such a graveyard, and we won't find one for squirrels either. There is a large and diverse contingent of organisms on sanitation detail in every ecosystem. In a typical North American plot of land, there are birds, mammals, insects, bacteria and even plants that will clean up dead animal remains.

We usually think of vultures as the undertakers of the animal world, but crows, jays and magpies seem to quickly find dead animals, too. Woodpeckers will eat the fat on an animal carcass and I have taken pictures of a red-tailed hawk eating a cat-

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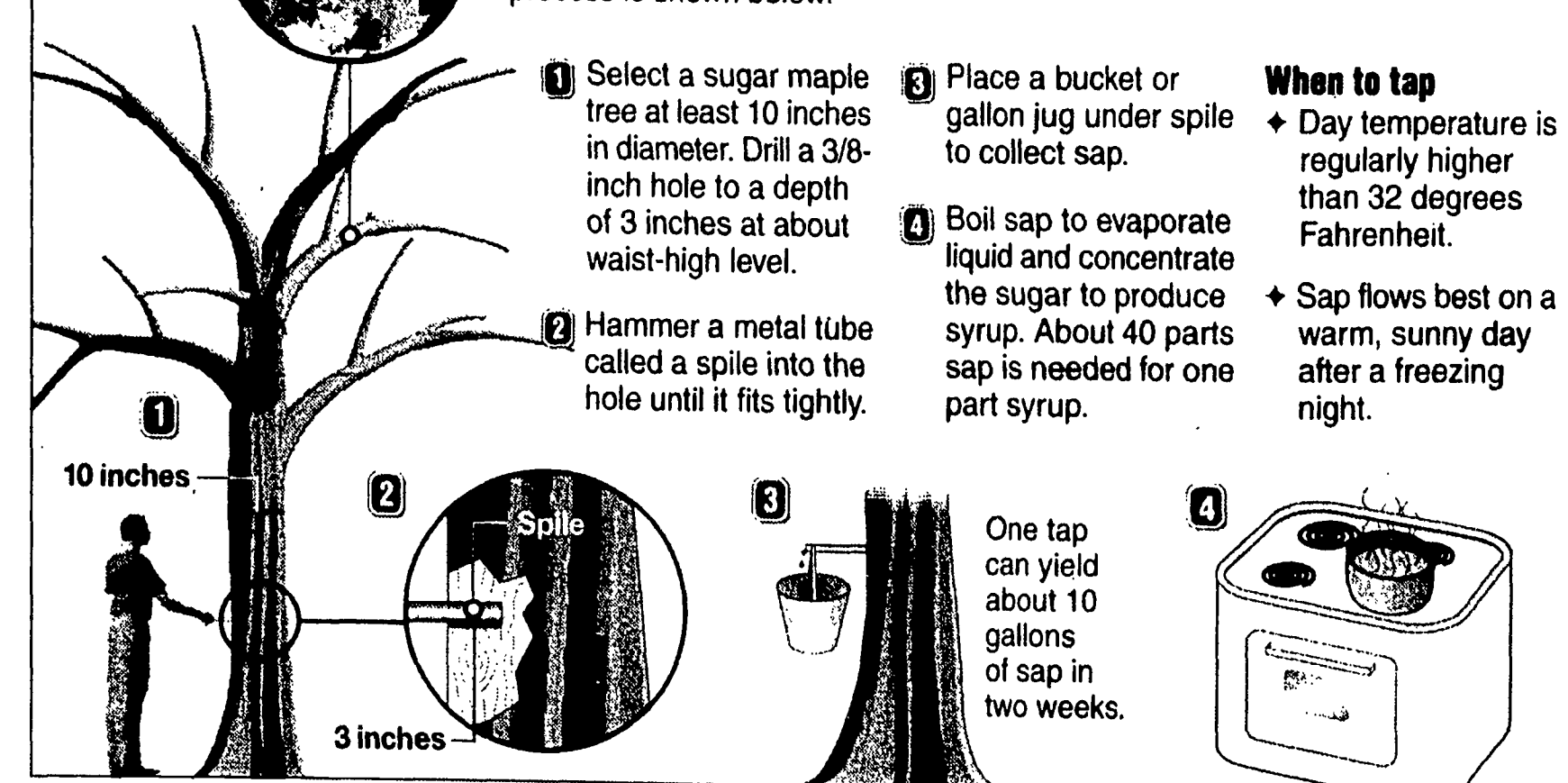
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GARDEN TIP

Sugar maple leaves in summer

Sugar maple trees tapped to produce syrup

Other types of maple trees can be used, but sap from the sugar maple tree has the highest sugar content, yielding more finished syrup. The syrup-making process is shown below.



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fish. I saw a remarkable picture of a dead elk carcass that was visited by bald eagles, bobcats and other scavengers on the same day. Raccoons, opossums and skunks are all scavengers, as are dogs and coyotes. Once only the bones and horns or antlers are left, small mammals like mice and voles will gnaw on them for calcium.

I have searched many times in the spring trying to find

whitetail deer antlers in my local woodlots. I know half the deer had two of them, so there is one for every deer. They should be visible on the bare forest floor and I would think they couldn't be eaten all that fast, but I have never found any.

The insect world is filled with larvae who consume animal remains. If the animal dies in warm weather, they will

move in quickly and devour all of the soft tissues in a short period of time. There are even insects that lay eggs on small dead animals and then dig a hole under the animal so that it can be hidden from other insects.

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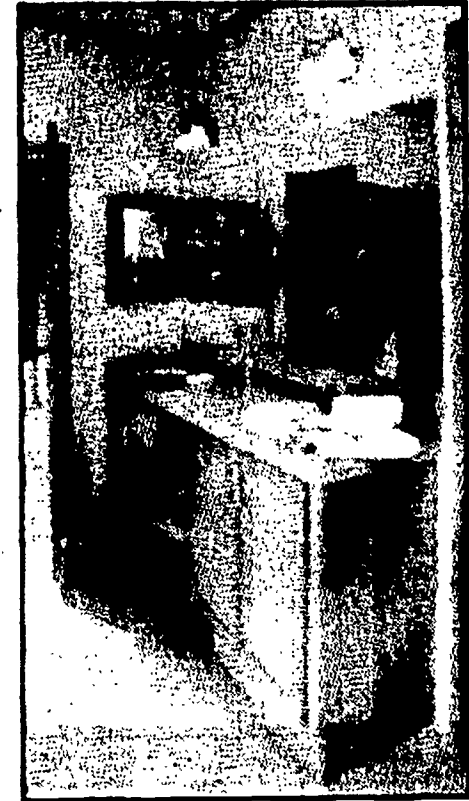
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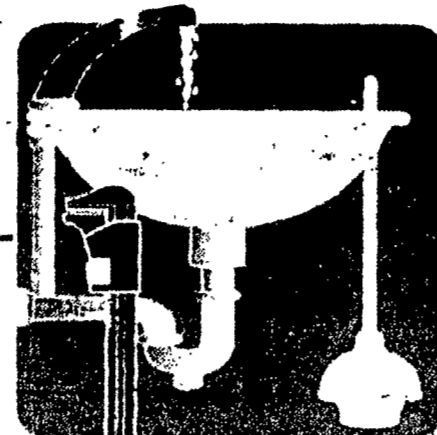
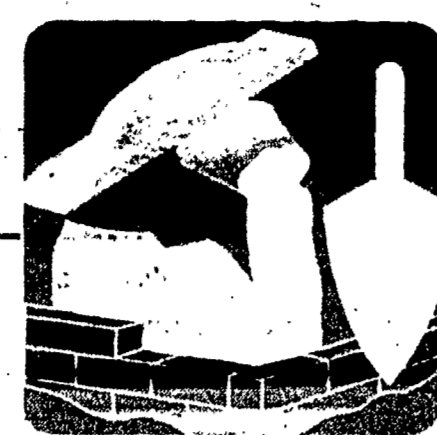
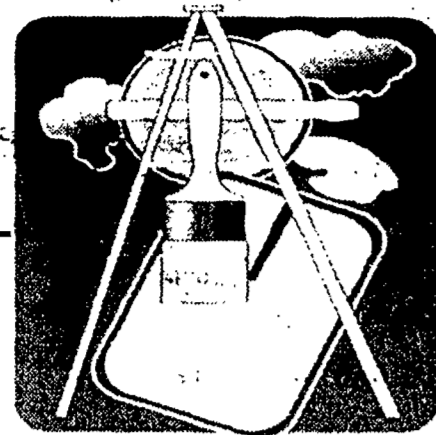
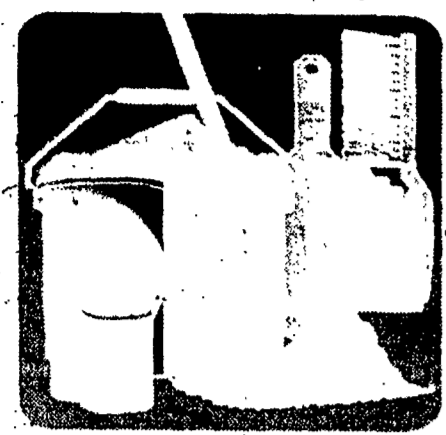


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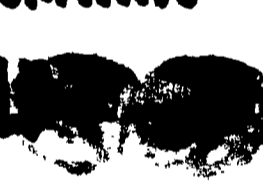
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