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466 more days until the end of an error!

REWARD FOR DOUBLE MURDER

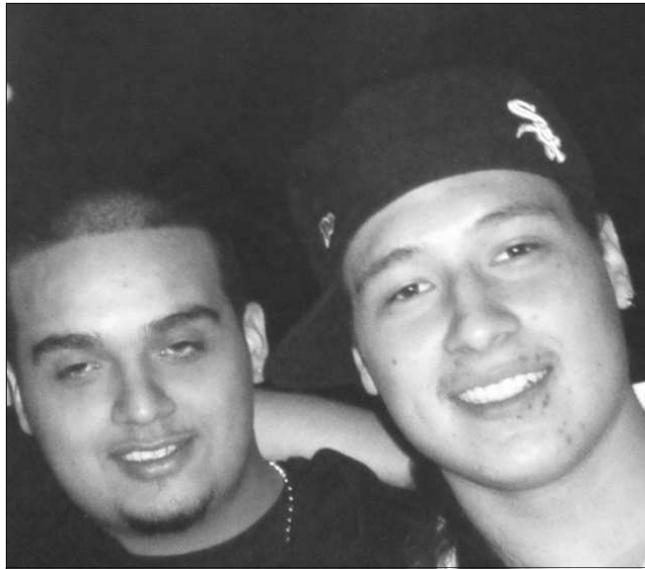
By Joseph Wiszowaty
SAUK VILLAGE | Marcus Mireles and his friend Abel Galindo were found dead in a home at 22642 Brookwood in Sauk Village the evening of Tuesday, December 6, 2011 and nearly two months later still nothing from temporary Sauk Village Police Chief Robert Fox.

During a recent conversation with Fox "it's still under investigation".

"We have not heard anything at all. No details nothing on the investigation. The only thing we hear is what we see in the newspapers or what is posted online" Roxanne Mireles said to the Sauk Villager.

"In the beginning we have had contact with Detectives Grossman and Detective Sergeant Holevis but now we're hearing nothing.

Now the families of one of the deceased men are putting up a reward of \$10,000



Family Photo provided: (left) Marcus Mireles and (right) Abel Galindo

in hopes of sparking some interest and more important leading to the arrest and convictions of the person or persons responsible for the murders.

The SAUK VILLAGER has heard an unconfirmed rumor as early as December 11th that had circulated that a suspect had made a confession to the murders and that there was a possible accomplice but the Cook County States Attor-

ney refused to press charges allegedly claiming "lack of evidence". The Cook County States Attorney's office did not respond to messages regarding this matter. Sauk Village Police Chief Robert Fox said he would not comment other than to say the investigation is ongoing.

"I've spoken to the families" Fox said. But Roxanne Mireles said that other than Fox offering his condolences to the family shortly after the discovery of the men, Fox has not returned her calls or her family's calls as late as yesterday. Mireles wants answers and wants to know what the police are doing.

"I'm wondering if all the drama with the police chief is why we're not hearing anything" Mireles wondered referring to the controversy surrounding Fox recently.

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Tax Bills Due March 1st



Pappas encourages residents to pay online during winter season

CHICAGO – Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said today that the 2011 First Installment property tax bills are due March 1, 2012. Pappas encourages paying online at cookcountytreasurer.com to avoid traveling during the winter season. Payments received after

the March 1, 2012, due date will be charged a 1.5 percent penalty per month. Property owners can pay: Online at cookcountytreasurer.com, from a checking or savings account .

At more than 400 Chase Bank locations in Chicagoland . From an account at some 200 participating community banks

By mail with a postmark no later than March 1, 2012 . At the Cook County Treasurer's Office located in downtown Chicago "Paying online allows you to sit at a computer and avoid traveling through winter weather," Pappas said. "Your fingers do the walking, but

you don't." Partial payments are accepted. All forms of payment require taxpayers to reference their 14-digit Property Index Number (PIN) located at the top of each tax bill.

Many property owners have their taxes paid from an escrow account managed by mortgage lenders. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that the lender pays on the correct PIN before the due date. Taxpayers can call 312.443.5100 for information in English, Polish and Spanish.

Our Community Remembers....

Farewell Charlie Saubert



Charles A. Saubert

September 4, 1930-January 29, 2012

Charles "Charlie" Saubert was born September 4, 1930, graduated from Fenwick High School in 1949. Charlie served in the United State Army serving in the Korean War as an Artillery Liason Specialist with the 955th Field Artillery. He was a member of St. James Parish for over 50 years and worked for People's Gas for 35 years. Charlie was a long-time resident of Sauk Village.

Charlie passed away on January 29, 2012, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his children, Susan Kelly, Linda Brunette and John Saubert; three adoring grandchildren, Caitlyn (Scott) Fallon, Timothy Kelly and Joshua Brunette; sisters, Patricia Riley and Ellen Holz; dear friend, Anne Collins, numerous nieces and nephews and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Arlene, sister, Margaret "Maggie" Holz and parents, Ellen and Charles Saubert.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, directly at St. James Church, 22400 South Torrence Ave., Sauk Village, IL with visiting from 9:15 until the time of service at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, IL. Friends my meet with the family on Friday at the Fagen-Miller Funeral Home 8580 Wicker Avenue, (Indianapolis Blvd,) St. John, IN from 2:00-9:00 pm.

Charlie was a wonderful man who loved life and treasured all who were a part of his life.

-In the Hands of Angels-

Giuliana Carey

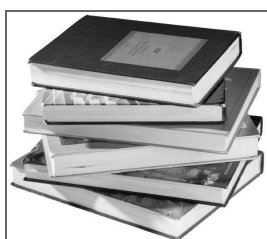
Our Prayers and Support go out to

J.T. Carey and Samantha DelVecchio

for the loss of your baby daughter

Visitations for their daughter Giuliana will be on Mon February 6th from 4-8 at

Calumet Park Funeral Home, 7535 Taft St. in Merrillville



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The future belongs to them...

Charlene "Char" Watts



September 15, 1947-January 26, 2012

Charlene "Char" Watts-Spickard passed away peacefully Thursday, January 26, 2012 after a year long battle with Leukemia.

Char was born September 15, 1947, graduated from Bloom High School in 1965 and married James Watts. They had two children Lori Watts (Hodge) and Charlie Watts and they lived in Sauk Village where her children grew up and attended Sauk Village Schools and Bloom Trail High School.

Jim Watts served on the Sauk Village Fire Department for many years where Char served selflessly on the Ladies Auxiliary spending many cold winter nights out on fire calls bringing hot coffee to volunteer fire fighters. You name it there wasn't Char wouldn't do for Sauk Village, she was a priceless asset that is greatly missed today.

Char lost her love Jim Watts but was fortunate enough to find love once more with Herb Spickard and the couple moved to Branson, Missouri.

Will Smith



July 17, 1940 to January 28, 2012

Will Smith was a resident of Sauk Village went home to the Lord. Visitation will be a First New Life Baptist Church, 900 North Waller Ave., Chicago Illinois from 9am to 10am and a

Life Celebration from 10am to 11am will follow visitation. Internment will be at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetary in Elwood, Illinois. Robey Park Manor Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 708-756-2310



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Kasperek Opens HQ

By Joseph Wiszowaty

State Representative candidate Kyle Kasperek recently announced the opening of his new 34th District headquarters to the general public for a Grand Opening party on January 21st.

The Kasperek campaign headquarters at 240 Pulaski Road will be the central meeting place for Kasperek volunteers for phone banking, meeting before walking door to door and for residents to obtain campaign brochures and signs. "At least 100 people came by to visit and familiarize themselves with the new office. Everyone had a good time and signed up to work for the next 8 weeks, which is the final push for our campaign," said Kasperek. "It's coffee and donuts and relaxing today, but from here on out people are going to join me as I go out walking every day until Election Day."

Kasperek was joined by family, friends, local residents as well as six Calumet City elected officials supporting his State Rep-



resentative bid – recently retired Alderman Ed Gonzalez, Alderman Brian Wilson, Alderman Roger Munda, Park District President Stan Miller, City Clerk Nyota Figgs, and School District 215 Board Member Don Swibes. The new

34th District contains all or portions of Calumet City, Lansing, Lynwood, Sauk Village, Crete, Beecher, Monee, Manteno and Chicago and Kankakee County. Kasperek was walking this past

This past Saturday in Sauk Village knocking on doors. Kasperek at age 24 would be the youngest elected State Representative to serve the people of Sauk Village if elected in March as the Democratic Nominee.

"Jobs, safety, and education are the biggest concerns that this district faces as a whole. Keeping teens off the streets and focusing on their futures is what I intend to improve on" Kasperek said. "I plan to find out the concerns of the neighborhoods of Chatham, West Chesterfield, Pullman as well as Sauk Village so I will be the most "well rounded and real candidate" come March 20th. That is how I develop my platform, not by a book or a newspaper" Kasperek said.

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On Friday afternoon, Mireles said that she had spoken with Detective Grossman and while he could not share details concerning the ongoing investigation with her he assured her that if she called or left a message he would return her calls.

"With a murderer still running around, we're not sure if we're safe and we're not being told what is going on in our community whether it's safe to go outside. This is ridiculous" A long-time Village resident said.

*Where is the Village Audit?
Is this "Open and Transparent Government?"*

Sauk Village is now 2 years behind on their Audit reports...

Residents do not know where Lewis Towers is spending the money!

Village's Assessed Value is down by a historic \$2 million under Lewis Towers

Something stinks!

Sauk Village History— 1980



Police Officer Terry Cates in 1980 assisting in an automobile accident near the Roseland Moose Lodge on Sauk Trail



CASINO BUS TRIP

WHERE: Four Winds Casino- New Buffalo, Michigan

WHEN: Monday February 20, 2012

TIME: 9:30 am -3:30 pm

COST: \$35.00

(The cost includes a \$10.00 lunch credit, \$15.00 in slot play and roundtrip bus transportation.)

Bus departs promptly at 9:30 am from:

21801 Torrence Avenue

Sauk Village, Illinois 60411

(behind the Village Hall)

Registration ends Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 5pm.

A non-refundable payment of \$35.00 is due upon registration.

Any questions? Contact Debbie Williams

708/351-8922 or The McConathy Public Library 708/757-4771.



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Stagnation & Audacity

Opinion Editorial

By Joseph Wiszowaty

What's going on in Sauk Village? Nothing at all. No audit, no leadership from the administration to work with the Village board to end the political quagmire.

With the lack of leadership from Mayor Lewis Towers and his clear intent not to work with the Village Board of Trustees, I guess the village will stagnate and not move forward at least until he's off the throne, I mean out of office.

The Village lack of Code Enforcement is

appalling and the condition of the housing stock continues on its downward spiral. This is but one example of the "fine" leadership Lewis Towers is providing.

Lewis campaigned and said "the choice is clear" and in retrospect, I'm glad he said it because it is clear and obvious this mayor has no intention on moving the Village forward and will thwart any attempt by anyone who would have the audacity to challenge his decision.

People of Sauk Village seem shocked by what Towers has brought to Sauk Village, the "Chicago Style" politics, his appointments and his inept leadership. Well,

when you elect a person without knowing the person, this is what you get!

Other than a very few people I haven't been able to find anyone that voted for him in 2009 that supports him today. I think Lewis missed the "clue bus" after the last election and continues on his dictatorial style of leadership.

466 days is a long way and Towers still has plenty of time to bring his reign of terror on the people of Sauk Village

Remember— KNOW who is running for office and VOTE!

Human Relations Commission to sponsor voter registration

SAUK VILLAGE | The Human Relations Commission of Sauk Village joined with members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Lambda Tau Omega Chapter to host training for individuals interested in being certified to assist people with voter registration.

The partnership lead by Chairman and Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt and Alice Tittle, Connections Chairman of Lambda Tau Omega proved to be a great success as twenty-seven individuals turned out for the training conducted by Jerry Jones of the Cook County Clerk's Office. Many thanks to Commissioner Kimberly Johnson-Evans who provided refreshments for all participants. Upon completion of the training, the twenty-seven stood and took an oath to become Deputy Voter Registrars.

The Human Relations Commission will host two voter Registration Drives, February 7th and February 14th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., at the Sauk Village Municipal Center, 21801 Torrence in Sauk Village, Illinois.

The last day to register to vote for the March 20th Primary election is February 21st according to Pruitt-Campbell.



Sauk Village Parks & Recreation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CLOSED	5:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-8:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	5:00PM-7:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-6:30PM Basketball 16 & under (Novice)	5:00PM-7:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	CLOSED
	7:40PM-9:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)		7:40PM-9:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)	6:30PM-8:30PM <i>Family Fun</i>	8:00PM-10:30PM Basketball 17 & over (Experienced)	

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THE SCHEDULE

****During Basketball, all Family Fun activities are still offered****

****During Family Fun, NO BASKETBALL IS OFFERED****



Family Fun is a time that people of all ages can come and join in the fun at the Community Center. This is a time for families to come together and enjoy some recreation time with your own family, as well as others in your community. The Community Center is not just for kids. In fact, we are very open to parent involvement and open to any new ideas. Currently we offer Board Games, Cards, Bean Bags, Ladders, Crafts, and more.

Registration for BOXING LESSONS began on January 11th at the Community Center.

\$30.00 per month or \$75.00 for 3 months if paid in advance



Sauk Village Parks & Recreation announces **BASKETBALL**

Registration began on February 1st at the Community Center after 5pm



Sponsor Opportunities

Volunteers *always* welcome!

708-932-9900 or come to the

Edward W. Paesel Community Center

2700 Kalvelage Drive

Robert Chavez, Village Trustee

Chairman, Parks & Recreation Committee

