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Deputy Chief Sheehan named Chief of Niles Police
by Rosemary Tirio

"They couldn't put in a better guy," said retiring Police Chief Raymond Giovannelli of Deputy Chief Gerald (Jerry) Sheehan the police official chosen to succeed him as Niles's top cop. "He's my recommendation."

Chief Sheehan was officially appointed Chief of the Niles Police Department at the Village Board meeting Tuesday evening at the Niles Civic Center.

Snow causes few problems in Niles, more in Morton Grove
by Rosemary Tirio

Friday's 11-inch snowfall posed a few problems for the Niles Public Works Department according to Supt. of Public Works Jim Schmid.

"The snow just kept coming," Schmid said. "As soon as we got the streets cleared, we had to go back out and start again."

All 26 pieces of snow removal equipment were in operation Friday, starting at 1 a.m. when the

Task force ponders what to do with Park Ridge Library

Librarians, taxpayers, car dealers, preservationists, trustees, internet experts and just plain folks all have something to say about what should be done with the Park Ridge Library that has stood for years on prime property in the Uptown section of town across

Library to deposit funds into a CD
by Lisa Ashkenaz Croke

In an effort to maximize investment revenues, the Niles Public Library District Board of Trustees voted to transfer \$500,000 from a state funding program into a six-month Certificate of Deposit.

Library Administrator Cary Crambeck said that the six-month CD will yield a 6.47 percent interest rate, slightly more than the Illinois fund. The only drawback to the transfer is that the funds will be inaccessible for six months, as opposed to the immediate availability of the liquid state fund.

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Mayoral State of The Village Address

On March 15, 2000 the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a luncheon for The Honorable Mayor Daniel D. Scanlon to proclaim a State of the Village Address. The luncheon will be open for all Chamber members and village residents. The luncheon will take place at Chateau Ritz in Niles at 11:30 a.m. We will also be recognizing Lou Halpup our Citizen of the Year at this time. The cost of the luncheon will be \$25, which needs to be paid upon reservation request. Please call the chamber office prior to 3/10/2000 if you plan on attending.

Schools move to block tax appeals by businesses
by Rosemary Tirio

Local elementary and high school districts fear losses of tax dollars; Maine Highs claim losses from appeals could reach \$5.7 million

Area schools apparently mean business in their efforts both to collect their full share of property tax revenues and to block appeals by local businesses for reducing their tax bills.

In Dist. 62, Supt. Ray Gunn is currently working with Maine Township Treasurer Tom Ahlbeck to wrest the remaining \$512,000 in tax funds the district has been allotted.

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Sale of vehicles

There have been many concerns regarding the sale of vehicles parked in front of residents' homes within the Village of Niles. Residents are reminded that according to the Niles Village Code, vehicles are not to be parked on the streets to display them for sale, it is against the law!


Dist. 63 seeks to block business tax appeals

Citing the possible loss of \$359,000 in tax revenues, District 63 officials are seeking to block appeals by nine local businesses for reductions in their property tax assessments made possible by a 1995 change in the law.

Board President Karen J. Dimond said that the reduced assessments being sought are for 1998. The money would be withheld from future tax revenues. Beginning in 1995, Cook County taxpayers were given the

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Lincoln Day's fundraiser attended by dignitaries



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Maine Township Clerk Gary K. Warner attended the Lincoln Day's fundraiser held recently by the Maine Township Regular Republican Organization at the Elk's Club. Pictured (left to right) is State Senator Dave Sullivan, Maine Township Clerk Gary K. Warner, Attorney General Jim Ryan, and State Senator Walter Dudyk who was among the many elected officials that were in attendance. The event was a huge success for the organization.

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Niles Seniors Men's and Women's Club Honored



The Niles Senior Center Men's Club and Women's Club Current Presidents Chet Hajduk and Dotte Krause recently help install two plaques that honors all of the past presidents of these two dynamic groups. The plaques are located on the first floor of their brand new facility. All Niles men and women, 62 and older are invited to join these 200+ member clubs. Each club offers monthly meetings, special parties, day trips and special projects to benefit the community.

For more information on either club please contact the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420.

Income Tax Program for Seniors

The Senior Center, in cooperation with AARP, is offering free tax assistance to Niles seniors 60 years and older. Appointments go through April 8, 2000. Tax assistance is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and afternoons.

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Credit union official, James Conklin, dies

James W. Conklin, a lifelong Norwood Park resident and area credit union official, passed away Feb. 12 at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center after a brief hospitalization.

Mr. Conklin worked for the Illinois Credit Union League for 15 years. He interrupted his tenure with the League to serve for two years as Director of Information at the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., and for nine years as Treasurer-Manager of a Norwood Park credit union that later became the Northwest Community Credit Union in Niles.

Mr. Conklin served on the board of the Illinois Credit Union League, and in 1985 was designated Certified Credit Union Executive. He retired from the League in 1988 and was recently nominated to the Credit Union Hall of Fame.

Mr. Conklin is survived by his wife Barbara, three daughters, three sons, two grandchildren, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services for Mr. Conklin were held Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Church. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery.

M-NASR considering move to Trident

by Lisa Ashkenze-Croce

M-NASR is considering abandoning an earlier plan to move its offices to the Prairie View Center, and instead may move operations to the Trident Center.

Commissioner Walter Bueese told the Park District Board of Commissioners that he, Director Joe LoVerde, and other officials had taken tour of both facilities, and while Prairie View would adequately house office space, the Trident Center could serve a variety of needs.

"We were overwhelmed because not only would it serve offices, but the 14,000 square feet could be used for program space," said LoVerde. "It's an ideal location."

The Trident Center, located at 8060 W. Oakton Street was designated by the Niles Village Board last month as surplus property, and was offered for public sale.

Whether or not M-NASR would purchase the property outright or simply lease the facility has yet to be determined, but LoVerde said that Mayor Nicholas Bueese will give M-NASR officials an opportunity to present either proposal to the Village Board.

In other news, Director LoVerde announced to the Board of Commissioners that after 38 years of park district service, Dan Vargas is retiring as superintendent of the Tam O'Shanter Golf Center.

LoVerde said that Vargas has watched the golf course grow since its beginning, treating it like one of his own children.

"Dan will always be close to us," said LoVerde. "He's a wonderful man."

President James Hynes also praised Vargas and the superintendent's work at Tam.

"We're never going to find anyone who's the equal to Danny in terms of pride in the job and the quality of work that goes into keeping this (golf) course up," he said.

Vargas will retire effective February 25.

Finally, the Niles Park District will celebrate Ed Olczyk Day on Saturday, March 4.

President Hynes said that an on-ice ceremony will be held at the IceLand Arena at 7 p.m., followed by an autograph session with the Chicago Blackhawks' player at 7:15.

"The Niles Park District was the original home of Ed Olczyk, who started playing here in 1973," said Hynes. "I think it's a great thing for him to remember where he started and the folks who helped him."

Area schools qualify for noise testing

A record number of city and suburban schools near O'Hare Airport will be monitored for airplane noise this year, but officials caution that doesn't mean they will actually be soundproofed.

Rather, the schools will be ranked according to their distance from the airport and other factors. After monitoring of the top dozen or so buildings, the ones exhibiting the greatest need for the city-funded soundproofing will actually receive it.

The following schools in the northwest suburban area will be tested: Mary, Seat of Wisdom, St. Paul of the Cross and Maine East High School, all in Park Ridge; Brentwood Baptist Academy and Brentwood School in Des Plaines.

Assistant Chicago Aviation Commissioner Chris Arman cautioned that the fact that a record number of schools will be tested, it doesn't mean that a record number will receive soundproofing, which, for an average school, costs around \$3 million. The actual soundproofing work would probably be started next year.

Take a final look at the Historical Society

To round out a busy year of celebrating the Centennial, the Niles Historical Society (Business of the Year) invites everyone to the Museum for a final look at the Niles that was as we enjoy movies, reminiscing, and a bygone era. For all those who did not see the movie during the celebration and especially those who wish to see it with family and friends, this is the opportune time. Make a note on your calendar and be with us for some local history. Bring your memories, pictures and see how we've changed! Sunday, February 27, 2000, Niles Historical Museum, 8970 Milwaukee Avenue at 2 p.m. Plenty of free parking.

All programs are open to the public and suited for the entire family. Doors open at 1, tour the Museum, there are three floors of new displays and exhibits, see history, socialize and relax.

Following the fun program, refreshments will be served. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

The 12th Annual Card and Game Party is scheduled for Friday, March 10 in the Trident Center, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. other times by appointment only. Call 847-390-0160 for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

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Medicare is topic for March A-SCIP meeting

An update on the new aspects of Medicare and Medicaid programs which impact on older adults and the disabled will be the topic for the March 2 A-SCIP meeting at the Maine Township Town Hall. "While much of Medicare will remain the same, there are some new benefits, new rules about some earlier benefits, and a series of changes in how payments are made to providers," said Jennifer Weisbrod, who will be presenting the program. Weisbrod is currently a trainer for the Senior Health Insurance Program.

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Church and Temple News

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United invites all interested women and men in the area to join them on Friday, March 3, 2000 at 1 p.m. in the Carter Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4950 West Pratt, Skokie, to join in celebrating the people of... and especially the women of... the country of Indonesia. This same interdenominational service will be celebrated at the same time in every village in every country in the world through the efforts and under the auspices of the Church Women United.

The Universal Day of Prayer is hosted at a different local church each year. The site is chosen from among a local cluster of churches attended by the individual local members of the Church Women United.

Each year the Church Women United study the culture, mores, economics, needs and attributes of a particular nation and consider especially the conditions under which the women of that particular country live. This study leads to understanding, empathy, love

and friendship... which culminates in a universal day of worship and prayer with special attention to the needs and wants of the women in the country under study.

The guest speaker at the Presbyterian Church will be Henry Meri Mukdani, a native of Indonesia and a current theological student in the USA.

For further information please call Doris Nudder at 847-966-8719.

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Party

The Women of St. Luke's Christian Community Church invite you to an old fashioned St. Patrick's day celebration on Saturday March 18th at 6 p.m. Be prepared for fun, fellowship, and a feast of corned beef and cabbage. Bring the entire family. (There will be alternate food for children who don't like corned

beef). The price of admission is \$10. Prices for children from 6-10 are \$5, children five and under are free. We will have a raffle of prizes. Our address is 9233 Shermer Road in Morton Grove. (The intersection of Harlem and Shermer, North of Dempster and South of Golf Road.) See you there!

Calendar of Events for Ezra-Habonim

The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster, Skokie, 675-4141 will hold the following programs:

Friday, Feb. 25, 8 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service.

Saturday, Feb. 26, Shabbat Morning Service and Junior Congregation.

Tuesday, Feb. 29, David Gleicher will lecture on Jews of Portugal and Spain, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

An evening with Aaron Freeman Political Satirist Extraordinaire, Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m. at Ezra-Habonim. The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster, Skokie.

Desert Reception following the benefit performance. Tickets \$18 in advance \$20 at the door. For information 675-4141.

OLR's Annual St. Joseph's Table

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood, Niles, will hold its annual St. Joseph's Table on Sunday, March 19, 2000. Serving will be from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. in Pulich Hall.

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Resident gives other side of Suburban Motel TIF takeover

By Rosemary Tiro

Tall, bearded Walter Miller, 53, came to The Bugle office Feb. 14, Valentine's Day afternoon, to complain about the heartless treatment the half-dozen long-term Suburban Motel residents were receiving at the hands of the Village of Morton Grove.

Village officials had issued each of them a perfunctory notice worthy of Simon Legree Feb. 1 informing them that the motel they had called home, one tenant since 1978, had been "acquired" by the village in connection with Waukegan Road Redevelopment plans, and that "all the rights of tenants to occupy their rooms at the motel would terminate. To "alleviate hardship" to the soon-to-be former tenants, however, the Village would allow the monthly tenants to remain on site until no later than Friday, March 3, 2000, when, ready or not, all motel operations will cease.

The Suburban Motel residents had just as much warning as the erstwhile former residents of the Admiral Oasis and the Fireside, both of which have been swallowed up by the village government and razed so that developers could construct something more to the liking of the local citizenry, something like a drugstore or a car dealership, something that generates more sales and hence more sales tax.

Not too much sympathy for the

motel residents, even though Miller insists, "We are citizens. We are not transients. We have lived at the motel, some of us more than 20 years. . . . We pay taxes!"

What Miller is really complaining about is the cavalier way in which he and his fellow motel residents are having their lives disrupted by a village that boasts about how well it treats its seniors. Several of the soon-to-be displaced residents are seniors on fixed incomes, Miller said. Packing up their meager belongings and finding another place to live, even another motel with monthly rates that they can afford with their very limited resources, is a daunting challenge for them to meet in the 32 days Morton Grove officials are allowing them to reconstitute their once-peaceful lives at the Suburban Motel, an eyesore, a hold-over from the 1950s, to be sure, but home to its evictees.

Not too much sympathy for a small group of older citizens living in a run-down motel on fixed incomes. They should have known better. However, Miller contends, the village has strung them along, kept them in the dark, never let them know what was happening until they lowered the boom Feb. 1. Until then, "the only information we've ever gotten was printed in the newspaper,"

Miller said.

As of Valentine's Day, not a single Suburban Motel tenant had made other arrangements for going on with life. Miller insists the residents knew the end was coming, but they didn't know when. "Waiting for the results of meetings and hearings, we were long lulled into thinking we would get plenty of notification when the motel would be closed," Miller said.

"If there is any sensitivity to the needs of the motel residents, it will have to come from the citizens of Morton Grove, not from the Village Hall," Miller said.

"Ultimately we have to leave," Miller conceded. "The problem is how can we do it and still stay alive? This is a fight for survival," he said.

To Morton Grove's credit, however, each tenant, like the many evictees of the demolished motels before them, will receive \$1,200 from the village as a relocation payment.

However, Miller is not satisfied with that either, because the village will issue the relocation money only after the residents have vacated the motel. It won't be much use to them while they are shopping around for new digs.

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Women's News

Cancer exercise program for women offered

The Fitness Center of Lutheran General Hospital has developed a new exercise program for women recovering from various forms of cancer called "Women with Cancer CAN EXERCISE." This innovative program incorporates a holistic wellness approach focused on improving the quality of life for persons recovering from cancer treatment. Participants will learn ways to reduce fatigue, increase energy, reduce joint stiffness and increase appetite while reducing nausea.

The 16-week course meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Fitness Center, Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster, Park Ridge. The course is ongoing and numbers can join at any time. The fee is \$128 for 16 classes.

For more information or to register, call the Fitness Center at 1-847-723-6138.

Located in the Parkside Center adjacent to Lutheran General Hospital, the fitness center houses a four-lane, 25-yard swimming pool, an aerobic performance room featuring a variety of cardiovascular exercise equipment, and a strength enhancement room with a full complement of specialized, progressive resistance weight equipment.

The fitness center is staffed by exercise physiologists with master's degrees, athletic trainers, registered dietitians, certified massage therapists and other health care professionals. Services include everything from individual testing and consultations, massage therapy and sports medicine to nutrition counseling, health lectures and special events.

Catholic Women's Bowling League

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Help a worthy cause by donating formal dresses!

Seeking to provide all young women with an equal opportunity to attend their high school prom in style, The Glass Slipper Project is now accepting donations for Prom 2000. The Glass Slipper was founded in the fall of 1998 to provide new and "gently worn" formal dresses and accessories to Chicago-area high school students who lack financial resources to purchase their own prom attire.

In its first year of operation, the Glass Slipper helped over 600 Chicago-area high school students enjoy their prom. With the help of the Chicago Public Schools and sponsors throughout the community, the Glass Slipper held three giveaway "boutiques," where eligible young women were able to "shop" for the free dresses and accessories of their dreams. An army of more than 40 volunteer "personal shoppers" provided individual attention to each young woman. The students chose from a selection of more than 1,100 dresses, plus hundreds of shoes, purses and accessories.

This year, The Glass Slipper Project will accept donations through March 28, 2000. Current drop-off locations are:

- Art Effect in Lincoln Park, at 651 W. Armitage (Monday through Thursday from 11-7, Friday from 11-6, Saturday from 12-5 and Sunday 12-5.)
- The Chicago Public Schools office in the Loop, 125 S. Clark, on the northeast corner of Clark and Adams. Donors are asked to enter on Adams street.
- (From March 1 through March 28, 2000): The Chicago Bar Association in the Loop, at 321 S. Plymouth Court. (Drop-box in lobby, 24 hrs./day, 7 days/week.)

Suggested donations: formal or bridesmaid dresses (in excellent condition), formal shoes and handbags, evening jewelry, unopened cosmetics. All donations are tax deductible.

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Women's News

Anthony Jones to present lecture

The Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation will sponsor Chicago: The Glasgow of America, a presentation by Tony Jones, president of The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, on Thursday, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held at the Nineteenth Century Woman's Club, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park. Admission \$8/person for members; \$12/person for non-members.

In 1998, Tony Jones was invited to Glasgow to give a public lecture about architecture in Chicago that also incorporated the works of two famous architects: Scotland's Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Chicago's Frank Lloyd Wright. A BBC Television producer attending the lecture asked if Tony would like script and host a short documentary about the relationship between the two cities that he clearly loved. Filming began in the spring of 1999 and the documentary aired in Britain shortly thereafter. Tony Jones will share anecdotes of the film's background, as well as present a snapshot of the parallel growth of these two great cities. The 30-minute BBC program will also be shown, courtesy of BBCV Scotland.

To make reservations, call (708) 848-1976.

Woman's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood

The Woman's Club of Skokie/Lincolnwood affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs Illinois will hold their luncheon / program meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at the Holiday Inn, Skokie.

Luncheon will be served at 12 noon with a business meeting following. Club members will be apprised of a \$300 donation to the Skokie Youth Foundation (Teen Center), \$300 donation to Oakton Community College for a Nursing Scholarship. Scholarships for students at Niles North and West High Schools, donations to the Evanston YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter, Children's Advocacy Center, Skokie and Lincolnwood Libraries and Skokie Historical Museum.

The program for the day will feature, The Radio Players, "Those Were the Days." Women interested in joining the club are welcome, phone Phyllis Cossarek, President 847-256-1177.

Girl Scouts pay tribute to role models

On Monday, March 6, Girl Scouts of Chicago will honor an individual, a foundation and a corporation during its annual Tribute to Achievement celebration and fundraiser at The Sheraton Chicago Hotel.

This year, Girl Scouts of Chicago will recognize the accomplishments of Renee Crown with its Luminary Award, The Sara Lee Foundation with its first-over Foundation Award and Arthur Andersen with its Coprate Appreciation Award. Michael Murphy, chairman of The Sara Lee Foundation, and Deborah DeHaas, managing partner of Arthur Andersen, will accept on behalf of their respective companies.

Co-chairs for this year's Tribute to Achievement event are Kathleen Murray, vice president and COO of Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Corporation, and Scott Gordon, chairman of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Individual tickets are \$250; corporate tables are available.

The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information or reservations, contact Pat J. Hurley and Associates at (312) 553-2000. For information about Girl Scouts of Chicago, call (312) 416-2500.

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Home cooking away from home at Marilyn's

by Rosemary Tirio

Expect the best when you visit Marilyn's Restaurant and Pancake House, 5900 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove. You will always be greeted with a smile, and often it will belong to Marilyn herself. The friendly service does not stop there.

Marilyn and her staff make you feel at home in a warm and friendly family atmosphere. The pleasant surroundings in the completely redecorated restaurant where antique pieces and tastefully coordinated fruit and flower prints adorn walls and window treatments, create the feeling of an English country kitchen, a perfect background for relaxed, informal family dining. The good old-fashioned cooking is sure to please you and satisfy your appetite without depleting your wallet.

Marilyn's famous sautéed apples with cinnamon on oatmeal is a delicious and healthy way to start any day. Find out for yourself how special breakfast at Marilyn's is. Her baked apple pancake measures up to any you can get at the "big name" pancake houses, and they're much less expensive. Another special pancake, the baked banana walnut, was actually suggested by a customer. Marilyn set to work perfecting the recipe, and now it is a regular favorite on the menu.

Homemade soup and sandwich will provide a hearty and filling yet delicious luncheon choice. For dinner, choose from any number of delicious dinner specials you would expect to find at a one-of-a-kind and more formal restaurant. Fresh white fish and salmon are frequently on the menu. At least two seafood selections are served daily. Everything can be made to your special taste and requirements.

Owner and hostess Marilyn Alevas realized her lifelong dream when she opened Marilyn's a year and a half ago. While working in a restaurant during her college years and all the while she was raising her beautiful family, Marilyn was looking forward to the day when she would open a restaurant of her own and join her husband in the restaurant business. (Marilyn's husband owns and operates Alema's at 795 W. Dundee Rd. in Palatine, which like Marilyn's is a family-style moderately priced restaurant.)

When the time was right, Marilyn threw herself into every aspect of her own restaurant, from the design to the daily menu, to the preparation and serving of the varied and delicious meals for which Marilyn's has now become famous. "I like to add my own personal touch," Marilyn said. "I walk around and get firsthand reactions from the customers. Whether they're positive or negative, I always learn from my customers," she said.

Based on those reactions, Marilyn keeps the menu changing constantly, but always, she specializes in good, old-fashioned home cooking of what she calls "comfort food."

"If you have no time for dinner, you can come here and have a meal you'd be proud to serve at home," Marilyn said.

By getting to know her customers, Marilyn gets to know their special needs. She has salt substitute and non-dairy creamer always available. She broils rather than grills certain dishes at no extra charge. She carries a large variety of salads and vegetarian entrees as well. "We usually have a sugar-free dessert for customers on a restricted diet," Marilyn said.

An expanded children's menu is sure to please even the most discriminating young taste buds. Family dining at Marilyn's won't require a second mortgage on the house, either. Prices for adult meals range from \$5 to \$7 for a typical luncheon entree, just \$3.75 for the half-sandwich special, while dinner specials range from \$7 to \$10.

One visit will convince you that Marilyn's is not your ordinary neighborhood eating establishment. The heart and soul of bringing a dream of excellence to life pervades every aspect of Marilyn's. Like so many area diners, you are sure to make Marilyn's one of your favorite regular dining spots.

[Susan Zarlinga contributed information for this article.]

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Police News

Criminal damage to property

An unknown man with a mustache in his 30s drove his late 1990s black Ford Sports Utility Vehicle into a service station in the 5900 block of Touhy around 4:05 a.m. Feb. 21 and proceeded to slam the phone receiver against the pay phone box causing \$100 damage. He then fled westbound on Touhy.

Burglary

A single family home in the 6900 block of Jarvis was burglarized between 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. Feb. 7. Unknown offender(s) gained entry into a rear porch room by unknown means. No signs of force were observed. The kitchen was ransacked and a cookie jar was removed from on top of the refrigerator. Miscellaneous credit cards and \$60 cash were removed from a purse belonging to the wife of the 29-year-old homeowner. The master bedroom was ransacked and numerous jewelry items and a pair of prescription glasses were removed. From the basement of the home the offender(s) removed several bottles of wine from the bar and about 25 cigars from two humidors on top of the bar.

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School News

High performance hits Maine East

Second semester is going to be the beginning of some excitement for any Hot-Rodders out there: the Maine East Auto Service class will hold a course on high performance Holley Carburetion. The classes will start Tuesday, Feb. 29, and continue on Thursday, March 2, and Tuesday, March 7.

For amateurs, a carburetor is the device on older cars that mixes air and fuel for the engine. Holley is possibly the most famous and most respected manufacturer of carburetors. The company was founded in 1899.

The three-session class will be held in the Auto Shop, Room 185 in the Industrial Highway, from 3:15 to 4:45. Topics will include tutorials on installing and tuning, performance, and getting the most performance out of a Holley Carburetor. All Maine East students are welcome to attend.

Instructor Barry Bianco asked all his students if they would be interested in such a class, and due to the great response, he decided to do it. If the attendance is high enough and the interest is there, there is a possibility for other similar classes later in the year.

The Maine East Auto Fundamentals class teaches students many extremely useful things about their cars, how to diagnose and fix a problem before it becomes costly and how to avoid unnecessary repairs and service. And no, there are no gender barriers. This year, several females are enrolled in the class. Activities include learning electronic fundamentals, mechanical workings of one's car, and disassembling an entire engine.

Also offered is Auto Service, open to graduates of Auto Fundamentals who wish to possibly continue work in the automotive field later in life. The class structure is less rigid there; anything the group comes up with can be done. Last year, for example, they rebuilt the engine of a student's classic Chevelle. This year the service class is completely restoring a third-party owned 1964 Corvette.

A student in Auto Service, senior Bill Nichopoulos of Morton Grove, comments, "Being in Auto Shop helps you to fend for yourself. If the worst happens and you are stranded on the road in the middle of nowhere at 3 a.m., you won't have to wait forever for a tow truck, you can probably fix it yourself and get on your way."

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Character building at OLR



Recently Ms. Novak's third grade class at Our Lady of Ransom performed a skit on "Fairness" for the primary students. This is a monthly activity that promotes character building, a goal to be achieved by Grades 1-3. Pictured (l to r): Andrew Brito, Corinne Chin, and Christine Joy Bessig-Santos.

Lincoln Middle School Discussion Groups

Are you the parent of an adolescent in search of more information about educating and raising your child? Come join other

parents with similar interests for coffee and lively conversation at Lincoln Middle School, 200 S. Lincoln Ave., Park Ridge. Attend one or all of these sessions on various parenting topics.

Discussion will be based on recently published books which address the topics of educating and raising adolescents in our society. On February 16 participants will discuss *Fueled by Rewards* by Alfie Kohn, which questions the use of incentives in motivating individuals to achieve, and offers practical strategies for parents. The second book to be discussed will be *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher, which offers strategies and strength for parents in dealing with adolescent girls' self-esteem.

Emotional Intelligence by author Daniel Goleman is the third in the series. It argues that our view of intelligence is too narrow, and that self-awareness, self-discipline, and empathy add up to a different way of being smart. Finally, in *Raising Cain* author Dan Kindlon offers guidance for parents in addressing the physical and emotional needs of teenage boys.

The series include the following books and discussion date. Discussion groups begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln LRC (Learning Resource Center). Participants should read the appropriate book prior to attending the book discussion. Wed., Mar. 15, *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Pipher; Wed., Apr. 19, *Emotional Intelligence* by Daniel Goleman; Wed., May 10, *Raising Cain* by Dan Kindlon.

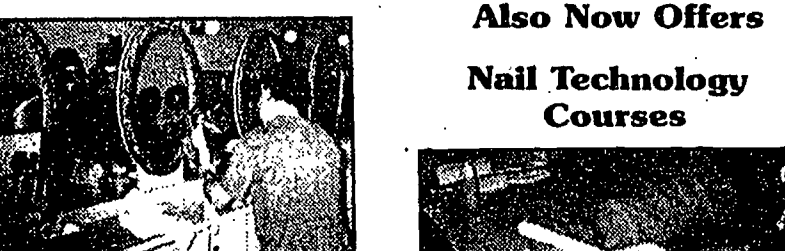
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School News

Niles North Fine Arts events

The Niles North choir and orchestra will hold a free concert on Thursday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the high school, 9800 Lawler Avenue in Skokie. Admission is free. For information, please contact Choir Director Daniel Gregeman at (847) 568-3415 or Orchestra Director Pamela Hendrix at (847) 568-3417.

The Niles North bands will perform at the Spring Band Concert on Tuesday, February 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at 9800 North Lawler in Skokie. Admission is free. Please contact Band Director Elton Eisele at (847) 568-3415 for more information.

If you have a child who will attend kindergarten at a District 64 school in the fall of 2000, you need to register him or her now. Contact your local elementary school to receive a registration packet. Actual registration is handled in person at each school according to the following schedule:

District 64 kindergarten registration scheduled

Hamlin Ave., 318-4370, March 16, 6 - 8 p.m.; March 22, 6 - 8 p.m.
Field School, 707 N. Wisner Ave., 318-4385, March 2, 4 - 7 p.m.; March 7, 4 - 7 p.m.
Franklin School, 2401 Manor Ln., 318-4390, March 14, 5 - 8 p.m.
Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave., 318-4235, March 14, 5 - 8 p.m.; March 22, 5 - 8 p.m.
Washington School, 1500 Stewart Ave., 318-4360, March 16, 4 - 6:30 p.m.; March 20, 4 - 6:30 p.m.
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Community Calendar

How to talk to children about violence

Trying to explain violent events—those in the news, or those closer to home—can be challenging. During "How to Talk to Children about Violence," parents can discuss the impact of violent events on young children and how they can address these issues in a safe and developmentally appropriate way.

"How to Talk to Children

about Violence" will be held on Thursday evening, March 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Virginia Frank Child Development Center, 3033 W. Touhy, Chicago. Open to all, the discussion is a program in the Family Life Education Series sponsored by the Jewish Family and Community Service. For more information call Lynn Altschul, Family Life Educator, at 733-761-4550.

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Retired White Sox Players to lead volunteers in WalkAmerica

A trio of retired White Sox players will take a group of approximately 350 business and civic leaders on a symbolic stroll around the warning track in Comiskey Park, on Wednesday, March 1.

The players will include Bill Melton, Minnie Minoso and Bill "Moose" Skowron. Their stroll will be the highlight of the annual March of Dimes Countdown to WalkAmerica corporate breakfast, which will be served in the ballpark's Stadium Club. The

North Suburban NeedleArts Guild

North Suburban NeedleArts Guild will have as its speaker Dot Woodson, a guild member who is a national teacher, juror, and exhibitor. Her lecture will be on Color Exploration at the Tuesday, March 7 meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Village Presbyterian Church, 1500 Sherman Road, Northbrook. For further information, call Debbie Brice at 847-255-6793. Guests welcome.

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Along with Kmart, the March of Dimes is grateful to Xerox, FedEx, CIGNA HealthCare, Harris Bank and Mitsu for their sponsorship of the Countdown. For more information about WalkAmerica or the Countdown to WalkAmerica, call 1-800-431-WALK.

Niles West seeks applicants for fall preschool

The Niles West High School child development class is now accepting applications for three-year-olds for the 2000-2001 school year. Two different preschool classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays: one from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. and the other from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Applications are being accepted on a

first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must be at least three years old as of September 1, 2000.

Preschoolers enrolled in the program work to develop math, socialization and motor skills. High school students conduct the classes under the supervision of a teacher. The ratio of high school students to preschoolers is approximately one-to-two. "The high school students in the classes are outstanding at relating to preschool children," states Nancy Erickson, one of the Child Development/Preschool teachers at Niles West. "They are especially creative in designing positive learning activities for the children."

For application information, contact Nancy Erickson at (847) 568-2750 or Gerry O'Connell at 568-3741.

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Toastmasters to hold Guest Night

More people fear "speaking in public" than fear death according to "The Book of Lists." Not in Park Ridge. Toastmasters, for who have been helping the residents of Park Ridge, Niles, Morton Grove, Des Plaines and Rosemont overcome their fear of speaking and gain self-confidence for more than fifty years.

Club President Bob Carr, announced that the Park Ridge Toastmasters will host a special "Guest Night" on Thursday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this special meeting dedicated to improving one's self-confidence.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to improve the communication and leadership skills of its members. The Park Ridge chapter meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and welcomes guests. For additional information call (847) 296-3853.

Jerusalem Lutheran Church & School Summer program

Precious Child Early Learning Center will begin accepting registrations February 1st for its summer program. Precious Child is located at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 6218 Capulina Ave. in Morton Grove. The program will be offered five days a week, beginning June 5, and run through August. Featured will be outdoor and indoor activities, field trips, and crafts in a loving Christian environment. For more information or to register, please call Vicki Pfirsich at 965-4750, extension 12.

NTJC Early Childhood programs

Gan Yeladim, the national association for the education of young children accredited, early childhood program of Ezra-Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, is accepting enrollment for their summer and fall of 2000 programs.

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Letter to the Editor

"How is lease money spent?"

Dear Editor and District 71 School Board:
I recently read a newspaper article stating the District is leasing South School at 6935 Touhy Ave. The lease is for \$90,000 a year. I also read the District plans on leasing additional classrooms at \$7,000 a year.

Could the Board of Education inform the Niles Taxpayers how this lease money will be spent?

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First-ever "Fight Night" at Notre Dame

Notre Dame High School for Boys will host its first-ever "Fight Night" on Saturday, February 26 at 7 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

This boxing event will feature a Golden Gloves match between two competitors that have yet to be determined. Eight matches featuring Notre Dame students will also take place as intramural championships will be on the line. On-campus response to the preliminary bouts has been favorable as 150-200 students have routinely shown up in the gym to watch the action after school.

New web site for Magen David Adom

Next time you are surfing the internet, bookmark the new web site of Magen David Adom, (MDA) Israel's emergency medical, health, blood and disaster services at: <http://www.magenavidadom.org>. Information includes life-saving stories in Israel and around the world, and kids activities that can be downloaded anytime.

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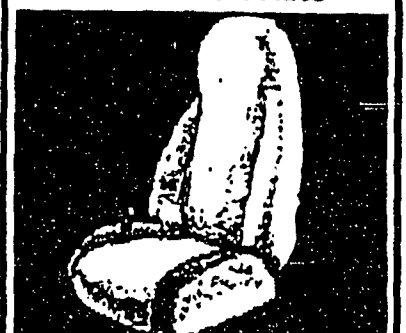
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'The 1940's Radio Hour' opens at Oakton

Step back to the time when music was hot, dance was swing and radio was king. Walton Jones' nostalgic comedy, 'The 1940's Radio Hour', opens at 8:00pm on Friday, March 10, at Oakton Community College's Performing Arts Center, 1600 East Golf Road.

To the sweet tunes of "I'll Be Seeing You" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B," you'll witness the frenzied fun of a "live" radio broadcast on December 21, 1942. A colorful cast of characters—including a harried producer, a tipsy crooner and a torch singer who really has the blues—add to the evening's hilarity.

The 1940's Radio Hour is directed by the Charles Doolittle, with choreography by Susan Pricker. Performances are scheduled at 8pm on Fridays, March 10, 17 & 24; at 8 p.m. on Saturdays, March 11, 18 & 25; at 2p.m. on Sundays, March 12, 19 & 26, and at 2p.m. on Wednesdays, March 15 & 22. Tickets at \$10 for general admission and \$5 for Wednesday matinees can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the Oakton Box Office at (847) 635-1900. For group discounts, call Karol Verson at (847) 635-2185.

Green Light Theater Presents 'All About Movement'

Pictured here at a performance of "The Underground Cafe" is the Green Light Theater. The Green Light Theater is an interactive theater group who will be presenting a workshop entitled All About Movement at The Field Museum. All About Movement allows visitors to discover the world around them through motion! Families will have an opportunity to get "down and dirty" discovering how many animals move in, around and through various habitats and life phases. Experience life as a young polar bear or maneuver your way through winter as a mole deer. Dates and times for All About Movement are March 11, April 8, and May 13 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$24 per participant pair (\$20 per member participant pair) per workshop. For more information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

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In addition to this temporary exhibit, visitors to the Wheaton History Center are invited to tour the permanent exhibit, "The Liberty Line: The Slave's Road to Freedom." The exhibit is de-

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Unlike the traditional American Jewish "Purim Shipel", which is more like vaudeville skits, the Purim Parody morphs the characters of popular American musicals with the historical stars of the holiday legend. Purim tells the story from the Book of Esther about an attempted genocide of the Jews in ancient Persia, so it takes some theatrical gimmickery to delight an audience comprised of descendants of the intended victims. That's how the parody works, by blending the plot to include the heroes and villains of Purim, changing dramatic song lyrics to comedic content, and supplying enough "groaner gags" to charm an audience mixed with adults, children and gentiles.

WEST SIDE TSORYS - THE PURIM PREQUEL will be performed on Saturday, March 18th, 2000 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Lab Middle School, 2424 Lake Evanston, Illinois. Adult tickets: \$10 and Children under 7: \$7.50. Additional questions can be answered by Jordan Margolis at (312) 236-2201.

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6 3/4%	8.64	6.24	10 3/4%	10.98	9.05
6 7/8%	8.71	6.32	11%	11.05	9.15
7%	8.78	6.40	11 1/4%	11.13	9.24
7 1/4%	8.85	6.49	11 1/2%	11.21	9.33
7 1/2%	8.92	6.57	11 3/4%	11.29	9.43
7 3/4%	8.99	6.65	11 7/8%	11.37	9.53
7 7/8%	9.06	6.74	12%	11.45	9.62
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10 1/2%	9.99	7.87	14 7/8%	12.49	10.87
10 3/4%	10.07	7.96	15%	12.58	10.97
10 7/8%	10.14	8.05	15 1/4%	12.66	11.07
11%	10.22	8.14	15 1/2%	12.74	11.16
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	5/1 ARM	5%	ARM	7.375%	1%	N/A
	30 Year Fixed Rate Jumbo	5%	30 yr	8.125%	1%	N/A
	15 Year Fixed Rate Jumbo	5%	15 yr	7.750%	1%	N/A
	1/1 ARM-JUMBO	5%	ARM	6.125%	1%	N/A
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RE/MAX of No. IL tops \$10.2 billion in sales for 1999

Once again, the RE/MAX of Northern Illinois network has set a new standard of achievement, becoming the first Chicago-area real estate brokerage organization to report more than \$10 billion in closed sales in a single year.

Milka joins Alter Asset Management

Cindy Milka has joined Alter Asset Management as Customer Service Representative, announced Samuel P. Gould, President. The property and facility management firm is an affiliate of The Alter Group, the Chicago-based national corporate real estate development firm.

In her new position, Milka supports Alter Asset Management's property-management activities. She assists the assistant property managers in the daily operation of The Alter Group's management portfolio and works with tenants to resolve problems.

Milka previously was a collection manager with National Credit Service Corporation in Kansas City. She studied at the Johnson County, Kansas, Community College and the International Travel Academy.

Milka recently relocated to Bloomingdale, IL, from Shawnee, KS. She and her husband, Randy, are the parents of two daughters: Emmy, 9, and Brittany, 5.

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The network's 1999 total closed sales volume of \$10.2 billion represents an increase of 10.93 percent over its 1998 total of \$9.2 billion and a gain of 36.7 percent from the \$7.46 billion in closed sales reported by the network in 1997.

Transactions closed by the RE/MAX of Northern Illinois network rose 6.83 percent for the year, to \$5,369 from \$4,635 in 1998.

The Northern Illinois housing market was exceptionally strong in 1999, especially through the first eight months of the year," said Betty Hegner, co-founder and president of RE/MAX of Northern Illinois, Inc. "However, 1999 saw rather typical fourth-quarter slowdown in real estate activity, which distinguished it from the unusually strong last quarter of 1998.

As for the 2000 housing market, we remain optimistic. Consumer confidence is very high. Economic growth remains brisk. Even if interest rates rise in the months ahead, we think the housing market will be surprisingly resilient. Actually, we predicted two years ago the kind of growth that RE/MAX and the industry as a whole experienced in 1998 and 1999."

Along with strong increases in closed sales volume and transactions, RE/MAX reported a notable acceleration in home prices during 1999. The average residential transaction closed by RE/MAX of Northern Illinois in 1999 was \$173,342, an increase of 3.57 percent from the 1998 average residential transaction price recorded by the network. In contrast, RE/MAX reported that its average transaction price in 1998 was just 3 percent higher than in 1997.

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First Home executives recognized

Three executives with First Home Mortgage Corporation, one of the Midwest's leading mortgage banking firms and a subsidiary of American Home Mortgage Holding, Inc. (NASDAQ:AHMH), have received the 1999 Mastery Achievement Award from the Todd Duncan Group, recognizing them among the top 10 mortgage originators in the country.

Tom Fidler of North Barrington, Jeff Lake of Highland Park and Greg Frost of Albuquerque, New Mexico, were named by the nationally recognized mortgage training company for their continual commitment and excellence in loan origination.

"First Home strives to provide its customers with the best personal service in the industry. Having three of the leading mortgage originators in the nation certainly speaks highly of that service," said John Mangiardi, First Home president.

Fidler, executive vice president based in First Home's Wheaton office, has 14 years of experience encompassing all areas of mortgage banking, including origination, closing, processing and compliance. Fidler manages First Home's 75-person sales force, is a nationally recognized speaker and was also recently named among the top 200 mortgage originators in the country by Mortgage Originator, a major industry journal.

Lake, senior executive vice president based in First Home's Mount Prospect office, has been in the mortgage industry for 15 years and with First Home since 1987. Lake and his support team of four regularly achieve record-breaking results and in April of 1999 he was named by Mortgage Originator as second in the nation for the number of mortgages he closed in 1998. Lake has also continuously been named the

number one mortgage originator in Illinois since 1995.

Frost, senior vice president of First Home and president of Frost Mortgage Banking Group, PHS Mortgage and Harvard Mortgage of Albuquerque, New Mexico, all of which merged with First Home last spring, has spent 15 years in the mortgage industry and since 1985 has been named the number one mortgage banker in New Mexico. Frost also received the American Marketing Association's Award of Excellence in 1997.

Fidler, Lake and Frost were honored at the 8th annual Duncan Group Mastery Event held recently in San Francisco. The meeting engages the leading national mortgage experts in panel discussions and seminars.

First Home Mortgage Corp. is one of the Midwest's largest mortgage bankers and offers mortgage lending services throughout the country. Headquartered in Mount Prospect, Illinois, it also has offices throughout the Chicagoland area, including Chicago, Homewood, Naperville, Oak Lawn, St. Charles and Wheaton, as well as offices in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Founded in 1987, First Home has provided more than \$6 billion in residential loans in the last decade. First Home was named 1997 Company of the Year and was nominated 1998 and 1999 Company of the Year by the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers. For more information on First Home, call Ellen Sturm at 847/994-5300 or contact First Home on its Web site at www.1sthomemortgage.com.

Gariti returns to Century 21 McMullen

Top producer and broker-associate Dan Gariti returned to Century 21 McMullen Real Estate. He has been in real estate for 10 years, sold \$7 million of homes last year and is a consistent top producer.

Dan Gariti specializes in single family homes and 1 to 4-unit apartments. He serves an area from Lincoln Park to Park Ridge, with heavy concentrations in Norridge, Niles, Edison Park and Norwood Park. He employs top computer software for his real estate activities and services.

Part time, Gariti has been a paragon with the City of Chicago for the last 23 years, now based in Norwood Park. He is married to an Edison Park school teacher and has three children. His interests include camping, boating and spending time with the kids. Gariti is very family oriented, his parents, brothers, sisters and their families all live in Edison Park.

Century 21 McMullen ranks among the largest real estate firms in Chicagoland. It is now 55 years old and located in the former Borg Flowers & Gifts building at 6400 N. Harlem, at Northwest Highway and Devon in Chicago. Telephone 773-631-8300.



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"My family always owned property especially apartment buildings," says Chris Melan, commercial sales specialist and new sales associate with Preferred Realty Group, Inc., 7337 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. "I grew up around the buildings, always helping to repair things, deal with the tenants and take care of the property."
Melan has been in real estate for almost six years. He originally started selling real estate with Preferred Realty.
"I needed to go to a smaller office to learn the inside operations before I could come back here," he said. "I came back to my roots at Preferred after a few years of traveling around. I feel that the time away has improved my ability and I am looking forward to further growth with Preferred Realty."
Melan sold mid-rise buildings in Albany Park and Lincoln Park before he came to Preferred Realty Group, Inc. the first of February, 2000.
"I see the growth that owning property has given my family and that makes it easy to convey benefits of ownership to my clients," he adds, concluding that while he concentrates on income-invested properties from two-apartment buildings to 4,000 multi-unit property, he also will offer full service to clients. "I see myself as entrepreneurial and I will work with clients who want to buy or sell condominiums, single-family homes, town homes or anything else."
A soccer player in his spare time, Melan says his other hobby is travel.
Melan can be reached at 847-476-1100, Ex. 259.

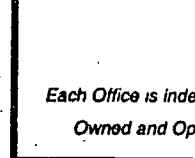


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Recent Home Buyers

Characteristics	1999	1998	1997	1999	1998	1997
Median price of homes purchased	\$175,400	\$167,900	\$159,700	\$175,400	\$169,600	\$162,600
First-time buyers	150,300	142,200	135,400	141,500	138,100	130,300
Repeat buyers	195,700	189,800	178,700	201,000	198,800	189,500
Average price of homes purchased	\$220,000	\$208,000	\$192,300	\$202,200	\$195,000	\$181,700
First-time buyers	174,000	165,400	157,800	166,200	158,800	155,700
Repeat buyers	257,300	244,300	223,700	229,300	228,400	203,900
Average monthly payment	\$1,240	\$1,212	\$1,114	\$1,183	\$1,145	\$1,065
First-time buyers	1,090	1,069	1,020	1,061	1,055	950
Repeat buyers	1,362	1,343	1,197	1,285	1,258	1,162
When household income is:						
less than \$30,000	\$ 695	\$ 730	N/A	\$ 753	\$ 786	N/A
\$30,000 - \$49,999	882	903	N/A	880	921	N/A
\$50,000 - \$69,999	1,086	1,092	N/A	1,050	1,101	N/A
\$70,000 - \$89,999	1,260	1,291	N/A	1,260	1,237	N/A
\$90,000 or more	1,757	1,813	N/A	1,579	1,672	N/A
Average monthly payment as % of after-tax income						
First-time buyers	32.3%	32.3%	32.8%	31.5%	31.3%	30.3%
Repeat buyers	33.9%	34.6%	35.0%	33.5%	33.7%	32.3%
Buying for the first time	31.0%	30.4%	31.0%	29.8%	28.9%	28.4%
Previously owned a home	44.7%	46.2%	46.8%	45.4%	47.7%	45.5%
Average age of first-time buyers	32.0	32.2	32.1	31.1	30.5	30.7
Average age of Repeat buyers	41.4	41.1	41.1	40.9	39.4	39.0
Average number of homes looked at	13.3	13.4	14.5	14.0	13.6	14.7
How long actively looked (months)	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6
Bought new homes	22.7%	21.2%	20.9%	23.4%	20.1%	19.9%
Bought used homes	77.3%	78.8%	79.1%	76.6%	79.9%	80.1%
Bought single family homes	83.0%	82.3%	81.6%	78.2%	76.8%	77.5%
Bought multi-family homes	3.2%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	3.3%	3.0%
Bought condominiums	13.5%	14.2%	15.5%	19.0%	19.8%	19.2%
Married	67.8%	67.0%	64.7%	68.6%	70.1%	66.3%
Widowed	2.2%	1.4%	1.9%	2.4%	2.2%	2.7%
Divorced/Separated	12.3%	13.4%	11.4%	12.0%	8.5%	12.2%
Single	17.7%	18.2%	22.0%	17.0%	19.2%	18.8%
First-time buyers, married	61.6%	58.8%	57.3%	65.0%	64.1%	60.3%
Repeat buyers, married	72.7%	74.2%	71.7%	71.6%	75.5%	71.3%
First-time buyers, non-married	38.4%	41.2%	42.7%	35.0%	35.9%	39.7%
Repeat buyers, non-married	27.3%	25.8%	28.3%	28.4%	24.5%	28.7%
Two-income families	80.5%	73.9%	77.2%	81.2%	76.9%	79.0%
First-time buyers	84.0%	77.3%	80.8%	83.4%	82.0%	85.0%
Repeat buyers	78.0%	71.5%	74.7%	79.6%	73.0%	74.6%
Down payment as % of sales price						
First-time buyers	19.5%	19.3%	20.3%	21.2%	22.3%	23.4%
Repeat buyers	12.6%	12.8%	13.7%	12.3%	14.7%	15.2%
Type of mortgage financing						
Conventional fixed rate	80.4%	78.8%	68.7%	81.9%	76.2%	59.1%
Adjustable or variable rate	14.3%	13.5%	23.4%	14.1%	17.4%	31.8%
Seller financed or contract loan	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%
Other	4.7%	7.1%	7.1%	3.8%	5.8%	8.7%

Home Style

Jack Quinan to present lecture on architect Frank Lloyd Wright

The Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation will sponsor Architecture as Portraiture, a presentation by Jack Quinan, professor at the University of Buffalo-State University of New York, on Thursday, Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held at the Oriental Institute Museum's Broad Hall, 1155 E. 58th Street, Chicago. Admission is \$8/person for members and \$12/person for non-members.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie

homes are immediately recognized for such distinctive characteristics as low profiles, multi-level roofs, generous eaves, and bands of art glass windows. But, when Wright met with potential clients, he promised to portray them, hence suggesting distinctiveness from house to house and client to client: a uniqueness that is most pronounced in such major structures as the Martin, Dana, and Robie houses. In his presentation, Architecture as Portraiture, Frank Lloyd

Wright's Depiction of Darwin Martin, Susan Dana, and Frederick Robie, Jack Quinan will examine these houses in light of what is known of their clients' personalities and agendas, as well as attempt to answer the question, "How did Wright manage to maintain the integrity of his artistic vision while meeting his clients' expectations?"

To make reservations, call (708) 848-1976.

North Shore Properties Chicagoland Auction

Two North Shore luxury homes and six prime homesites are highlights among residential and commercial properties to be auctioned by Chicago-based Sheldon Good & Company International. The first auction, featuring the luxury homes and other Chicago area properties, will take place on Tuesday, February 29, at 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Gateway Suites, 6501 N. Mannheim Road

in Rosemont. The six homesites will be auctioned separately on Monday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Glenbrook North High School library located at 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook.

Cashiers or certified checks in varying amounts are required to buy. For a bidder's information kit or to make an inspection appointment, call (312) 630-0915.

Expert tips on choosing paint colors

Part of the fun of repainting a room is selecting just the right color of paint. But with so many colors to choose from, where do you start?

According to experts at the Rohn and Haas Paint Quality Institute, color selection doesn't have to be difficult. By following a few basic steps, you can simplify your decision-making and make the process of selecting an interior paint downright enjoyable. Here's how:

Collect swatches of fabric, a piece of carpeting, accent pieces

or other color "prompts" from the room you want to paint. Take them to the color display where you buy your paint and look for families of colors that work well with your prompts. (Standing a few feet away from the display can help you identify the best color options.)

After selecting several color cards that appeal to you, take them home so that you can observe the colors where you plan to use them. If the cards contain more than one color, view each color in isolation, either by fold-

ing the cards or cutting them.

Next, tape the paint chips to the surfaces you plan to do. (Colors may look quite different when applied to a vertical surface like a wall, rather than a horizontal surface like a ceiling.)

Another tip for evaluating the color of wall paint: hold the color sample at arm's length and turn around in a circle to see how the paint will look on different walls.

Colors may look very different under different lighting conditions.

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It pays to buy top quality paint

Does quality really matter when selecting interior latex paint? You bet it does, say experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute. And the benefits are apparent from the time you pick up your brush or roller.

One of the first things you'll notice is that a quality latex paint will not spatter much, saving you a lot of time on cleanup or touch-up later on. High quality interior paints also go on smoothly and evenly, so that brush and roller marks "flow out" and become virtually unnoticeable.

Something else is apparent as you apply a quality latex paint -- what the experts call "sag resistance." Sagging occurs when a paint droops between the time it's applied and the time that it dries, leaving an uneven coating with a thick lower edge that can make a job look sloppy. Quality paints contain special ingredients that minimize this sagging tendency.

High quality interior latex paints tend to hide well, so you can frequently get away with just one coat, instead of two or more, as are often needed when working with lower quality paints. As a result, even though better quality latex paints cost

more per gallon, you might actually spend less on the job -- and save time and labor -- by applying a costlier, higher quality coating.

How do you determine which interior latex paints are top quality products? If you aren't a paint chemist, just look for the best grade of paint in the manufacturer's line of interior latex coatings. This will normally be the most expensive paint in the line...and generally will provide the best long-term value.

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Home Style

Edward R. James Homes opens homebuyers' design center

Edward R. James Homes, a builder of high-quality residential properties in the Chicago area, announced the recent opening of the company's Design Center located at Waukegan and Willow Roads in Glenview.

The Design Center is a comfortable, home-like setting, where homebuyers meet with a design consultant, see samples of building products, and make decisions about hundreds of options for their soon-to-be-built homes -- everything from skylights to bathroom plumbing.

The Design Center caters exclusively to the clients of Edward R. James Homes. It features a wide array of material samples, fixtures, finishes and products

carefully selected by the Design Center's consultants. Several kitchen and bath vignettes are available for homebuyers to view the latest building products in room settings similar to their own.

Another benefit of the Edward R. James Homes Design Center is that it is staffed with trained design consultants. A design consultant guides the homebuyer through the selection process, providing information and advice on home fashion trends and building products. Consultants offer practical tips gleaned through years of experience in new-home construction. Several meetings are planned so homebuyers have plenty of time to make their selections. The consultant also works closely with the construction supervisor to make sure the homebuyers' wishes are carried out.

The Design Center is just one part of an organized process that Edward R. James Homes call Reservation to Residency. It takes homebuyers step-by-step through the entire homebuying process, from signing the purchase agreement to accepting the keys to their new home.

The program includes selecting the structural, mechanical and finishing options for the new home, and a pre-drywall orientation in which the homebuyer walks through the framed-out house to make sure all selections are correct. When the home is finished, there is a final, pre-closing walk-through.

Edward R. James Homes is currently offering homes in three North Shore communities: Southgate on the Glen, a residential development on the site of the former Glenview Naval Air Station; South Commons, an 11-acre development near the heart of Deerfield's new Town Center, where sales are set to begin in January; and Heatherfield, a newly completed community in Glenview where only condominium homes remain.

Phase I of Southgate on The Glen, which will total 136 housing units including single-family homes, townhome villas, traditional townhomes and custom homes, is more than 50 percent sold since opening on October 19.

Southgate on The Glen represents the residential portion of the 1,121-acre former air base. The entire site is being redeveloped by the Village of Glenview as a master-planned community and also includes two golf courses, a

park, a 50-acre lake, a prairie preserve, a recreation center, a mixed-use retail center and a new Metra train station.

For more information on these developments and the Design Center, contact Edward R. James Homes at the sales center for Southgate on The Glen. The sales center is located on the new North-South Road of the former Glenview Naval Air Station, one-quarter mile north of the main entrance on East Lake Avenue, in Glenview.

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Tax appeal seminar to be conducted

In keeping with her reputation as a taxpayer advocate, the office of Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct a seminar for property owners who want to appeal their property tax assessments. The seminar will be hosted by State Senator Dave Sullivan and Maine Township Assessor Tom Rueckert and held on Thursday, February 24 at the Maine Township Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge.

Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the seminar will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. The hour-long seminar will cover taxpayers on the "ins and outs" of the appeal process, detailing how to gather and present the information they will need for a successful appeal.

Citizens attending will receive pamphlets containing information to reinforce the seminar as well as appeal forms needed to begin the process of reducing their assessments.

Taxpayers are encouraged to bring their property tax identification numbers to the seminar so they can submit their applications for appeal right away. Property owners can call Commissioner Murphy's office at 312-603-3644 for more details.

Creative use of interior paint

Are your rooms too small? Ceilings too low? Halls too narrow? If you are like most people, there's probably something about your home that you'd love to change.

Well, correcting these shortcomings in the dimensions of your rooms may be easier -- and far less expensive -- than you think. According to experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, using paint color and pattern on the walls and ceiling can often fool the eye into "seeing" a room differently.

Here are some visual tricks you can use to change the dimensions of your home.

To make a room seem more spacious:

- Use a light colored paint. Lighter colors not only give an illusion of expansiveness, they actually reflect more daylight and artificial lighting than do darker colors. The result is a room that feels airy, open, and bigger. (To push the walls out further, consider applying a more reflective, semi-gloss or gloss paint.)

Want the space to feel larger still? Decorate the room in a monochromatic color scheme using similar light colors -- such as various beiges, for example -- on walls, ceilings, rugs and furniture.

If a room seems cramped not because of the walls, but due to a low ceiling, apply the same principles: paint the ceiling white or another very light color, possibly using a satin or semi-gloss finish. To enhance the illusion of height, use a corresponding light color on the carpeting or floor.

Pattern, as well as color, can be used to expand a room. As an example, painting vertical patterns on the walls will "raise" the ceiling. If you're artistic, painting a mural of an outdoor scene can sometimes make walls "recede" and enlarge a room.

To make a room seem smaller:

• Apply dark, warm colors (red, apricots and golds) to walls and ceilings. These darker shades of paint will infuse the space with a more intimate feeling.

You can also "shrink" space with pattern. If a room seems oversized and cold, add a chair rail and apply different colors of paint above and below the molding. Adding texture by "sponging" or "stippling" the walls will shrink it still further.

Another way to scale down a room is to create large, window-sized rectangular shapes on walls, then paint them with a color that contrasts with the surrounding areas.

To restrict the height of a ceiling, paint it darker than the walls; to lower it still further, use the ceiling color to paint a wide band of "molding" around the top six inches of the walls below.

To "reconfigure" a room: If a room or hallway seems too narrow, you can use color to "square it off." To do this, just use a light color of paint on the longer walls, and a darker shade of paint on the narrower sides. Conversely, if you want to narrow a space, apply light paint to the shorter walls, and dark paint to the longer walls.

To get the best results: Always use a top quality interior paint. According to experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute, top-of-the-line interior latex paint is best for most jobs. It goes on smoothly and evenly, covers well, resists stains and touches up nicely.

For more advice on interior painting, speak to a knowledgeable salesperson at your local paint store, hardware store or decorating center. You can also learn more about interior painting by visiting the Paint Quality Institute's extensive Web site at www.paintquality.com.

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Knightly News & Views

Special thanks to everyone attending the Special Awards Night for all the winners of the Annual Free-Throw Contest and the Essay Contest. Grand Knight Rich Zapralka also presented scholarships to three area schools and special gifts to three seminarians. The top altar servers at St. John Brebeuf received special recognition for the fine services they provide throughout the year.

Special treats of ice cream & cake were enjoyed by all! A big thanks to Ken Lee, Andy Beierwaltes and Bob Galassi!

The Year 2000 Spelling Bee competition was held at St. John Brebeuf School's Flanagan Hall, on Friday, February 18. The finalist assembled in the hall to compete for the top three prizes. Winners will be announced at a later date. Special thanks to Brother Matt & Florence Araszewski, as they hosted the event for their 18th year. Thanks to Mrs. Whitman and all the teachers for their help! Congratulations to all participants.

Don't forget the Year 2000 Ad-Book! Warden Mel Koenigs reminds everyone the book is in full swing! Mel asks everyone to make the book a success by placing an ad in the book and asking others to do so. Please be generous by supporting the Ad-Book. All proceeds will be used to continue the many charitable and youth activities throughout the year. For more information or to place an ad - contact Mel at 847-966-2293.

Last chance to join in the For-martyrs Past President's Night, Saturday, February 26. For only \$8, you can enjoy a great meal, good company and honor Rich Zapralka! For the last chance for reservations - contact Bob Galassi at 847-965-0920 - today!!

Mark your calendar now for the St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, March 18. For the low price of \$23, you can enjoy the great Harrington's corned beef dinner with all the trimmings, leverage and dessert along with special entertainment. Place your reservations with Andy Beierwaltes at 847-967-8976, today!!

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The NSCPAS is conveniently located at 9501 Skokie Blvd., at the intersection of Skokie Boulevard and Golf Road, opposite Old Orchard Shopping Center and adjacent to the North Shore Double Tree Hotel. It is only 13 miles from O'Hare International Airport and 12 miles from Chicago. The NSCPAS is handicapped accessible with plenty of free parking. Center tours are available on a daily basis.

For more information, please call Keri Shane at the NSCPAS at (847) 679-9501 ext. 3006.

Child support meetings at Skokie Courthouse

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office will hold a series of informational meetings at the Skokie Courthouse to advise custodial parents on how to get child support. Cook County State's Attorney Richard A. Devine announced.

The program will have three assistant state's attorneys and four support staff available on March 1 and March 8, at the Skokie Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Rd., in Skokie.

The assistants and the support staff will be available to answer questions about child support. They will inform custodial parents of their rights, how to get the

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DiBella Duo to perform at Liponi Foundation Dinner Dance

The Liponi Foundation for Special Recreation is making final preparations for its annual dinner dance to raise funds for the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR). This elegant evening, which will include a family style dinner, fabulous sweet table and silent live auctions of unusual and valuable items, will be held on Saturday, March 4, at White Eagle Restaurant in Niles. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, the auctions and dancing to a live band until midnight. Special entertainment at this year's function will be provided

by The DiBella Duo, Bernadette M. Hammond, Soprano and Leonard R. Lauricella, Tenor. This talented pair brings a wealth of experience and honors to bear on their performance. Mr. Lauricella has been affiliated with the American Opera Company and Illinois Opera Repertoire Guild and has appeared in numerous concert and operatic engagements. Ms. Hammond is a protégé of Count Enrico and Mme. Berenice Seabury Penaglia of the La Scala Opera. She studied with a full scholarship at UCLA's Opera Workshop, was honored with an appointment as soloist to His Holiness, Pope Paul VI and has been the winner of many vocal competitions including the Metropolitan Opera National Competition.

The program will consist of selections from Broadway musicals, films, operettas and grand opera.

Auction items are being solicited at this time. Many unusual and exciting contributions have been gathered, including tabletop replicas of the Chicago Cows on Parade. The cows have been decorated by professional artists, M-NASR art students and volunteers.

If you are interested in supporting individuals with special needs by attending this delightful function or making a donation for the auction, please call Stella Liponi, Foundation Treasurer at (847) 966-5522 ext. 3011 for information.

Morton Grove's Taste the World

Each year for the past eleven years, the Morton Grove Foundation has donated funds to various local organizations. This year the Foundation has chosen to fund grants to Maryville Academy, Orchard Village, St. Martha Catholic School, Turning Point, First Step Foundation, Glenkirk Foundation, Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation and Association of Horizon totaling \$12,700. Maryville Academy is a residential facility for abused and neglected children and plans to use its grants to help pay for general operating expenses. Orchard Village provides community integrated residential, vocational and respite services for people with developmental disabilities and will apply its grant to fund the operation of a group residential home in Morton Grove.

St. Martha Catholic School has served Morton Grove for many years providing a quality education in both academics and moral and social values and will use its grant to purchase computer equipment for instructional purposes. Turning Point provides services for chronically mentally ill adults and will apply its grant to the funding of a program to teach self-help, shopping, cooking and serving food to its clients. First Step Foundation services quadriplegics with psychological and social counseling and will use its grant for the purchase, demonstration and use of a voice-activated computer system which will be used by one of its clients to establish and maintain a web site for the organization. Glenkirk Foundation provides support and services for developmentally disabled individuals and will use its grant to renovate a bathroom in a group home in Morton Grove. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation serves residents with physical or mental disorders by providing therapeutic recreation activities and will apply its grant to the launch of an adaptive sports program that will allow its clients to participate in a regional program of competitive sports. Association of Horizon directs a Summer Camp for disabled adults.

The Morton Grove Foundation has donated a total of over \$75,000 to various local organizations over the years of its existence. The money which is received annually by the Foundation, over 90% of which is donated to the designated beneficiaries, is raised via corporate sponsorship and an annual benefit dinner which includes a silent auction and raffle with all cash prizes. This year's benefit dinner featuring a buffet with 12 food providers (who provide the food at no cost to the Foundation) and live music will be held on Thursday, March 2 at Chateau Ritz in Niles (which provides their facility at no cost to the Foundation) from 5:30-9 p.m. Tickets are available for \$30 each (or a table of 20 for \$250) and may be obtained at Morton Grove Village Hall or at First National Bank of Morton Grove. Raffle tickets at \$25 each may be purchased by calling Terri Liston at 847-966-8123.

Further information of the Morton Grove Foundation is available by calling Gary Balling at 847-965-0014 or by visiting the web site at www.mgfoundation.org.

Acupuncture expert to speak at Niles Library

On February 26, at 1 p.m., Octavian Indries, Diplomat in Acupuncture, invites you to the Niles Public Library for a free seminar on the topic of Acupuncture and Pain Management. Octavian Indries has over 20 years of experience in medical field in both the USA and Europe. The topic will be the use of acupuncture in musculo-skeletal pain, digestive and respiratory problems and much more. After a short presentation on acupuncture history and its use in modern medicine, any questions you have will be answered.

Saturday Night Alive to debut March 4

A new program of inspiration and entertainment will be presented for the first time in Glenview on Saturday, March 4, from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., and each Saturday thereafter.

Saturday Night Alive offers contemporary music, drama, interpretive dance, video, sacred readings, social events, and more. The weekly programs provide fresh opportunities for spiritual enrichment, a chance to explore ideas in faith, and a warm sense of community.

Singles, couples and families are encouraged to come and experience Saturday Night Alive. Child care is provided, and times of fellowship will frequently follow.

The programs take place in the Social Center adjacent to the Glenview United Methodist Church, 727 Harlem, Glenview. For directions or more information, call (847) 729-1015 or visit our website at www.saturdaynightalive.org.

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The Magic of Paul Lee at the Morton Grove Library

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The program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited!

160 tickets will be available at the Children's Desk one week before the performance, beginning on Saturday, February 26th.

NOTE: Doors will open at 1:45 on the day of performance. At 1:55 unclaimed seats will be given to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis.

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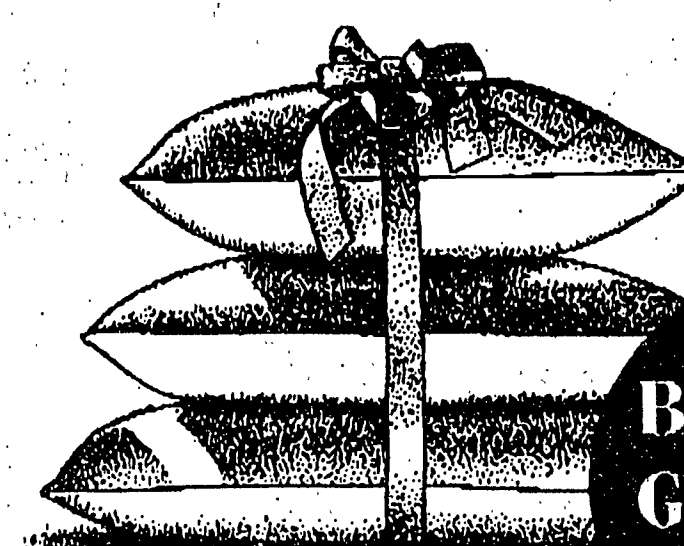
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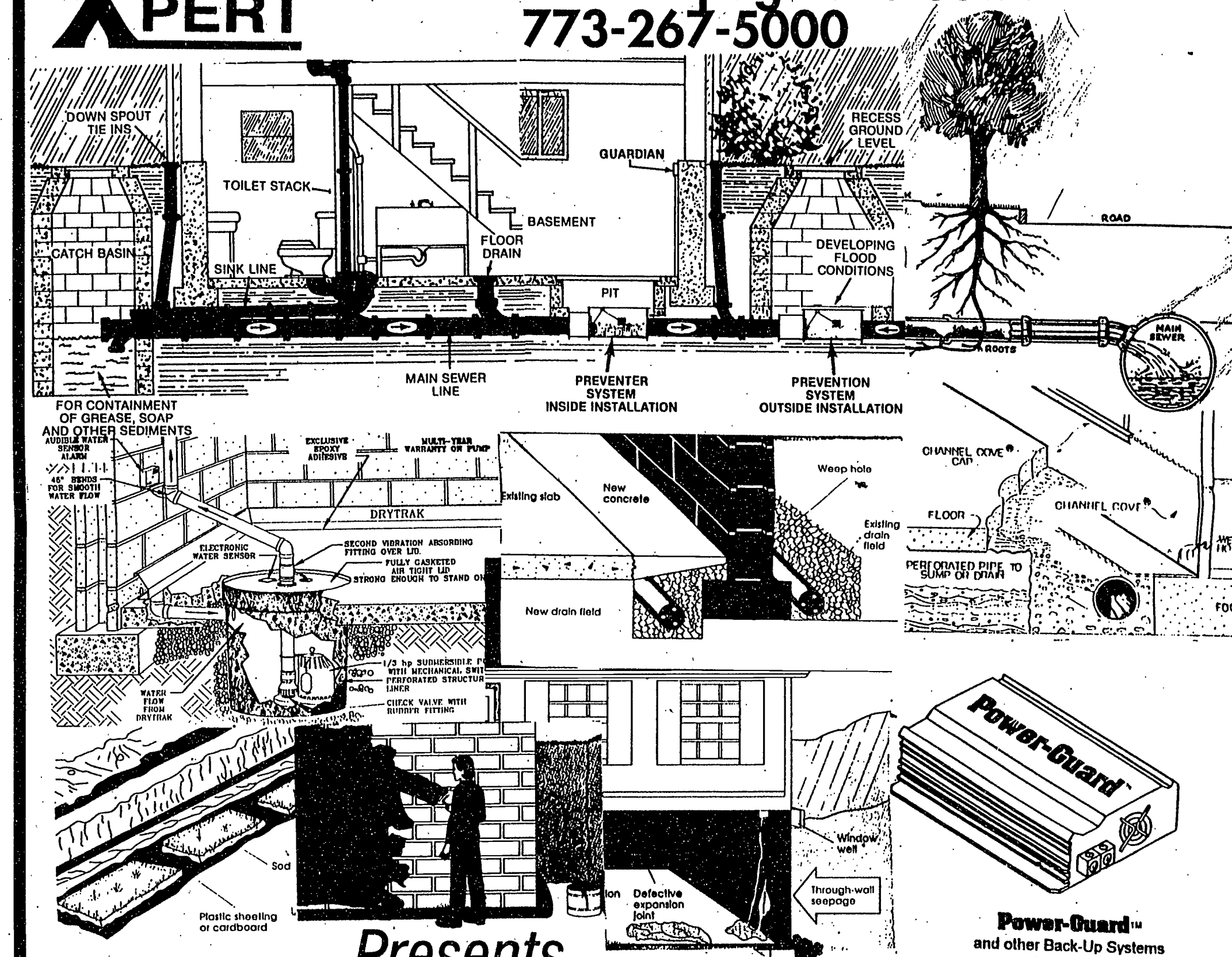
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Schools . . .

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With Ahlbeck's assistance, the district has already received \$3.1 million of the funds that are legally due them for the day-to-day maintenance of the district's schools.

District 62 is also attempting to intervene in tax appeals filed by several local businesses which would result in the withholding of a large amount of revenues from the local schools.

In District 207, which includes the three Maine Township high schools, tax revenue coffers are still \$1.1 million short of the amount allotted to the district.

However, Dist. 207 officials say they are more concerned about blocking tax reduction appeals by businesses than collecting shortfalls. The 207 board voted Feb. 7 to try to block tax relief appeals filed recently by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and First Chicago NBD Bank. The board also agreed to block two appeals together would deprive the district of about \$49,000 in anticipated annual revenues.

Twenty similar appeals by local companies would result in an estimated loss of \$278,000 to the district if they are approved, according to Merrilee McCracken,

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Dist. 207 assistant superintendent for business. McCracken implied in a memo to the Dist. 207 board that the 1996 legislation making assessment appeals easier was intended primarily for owners of residential property. However, assessment appeals on residential property have increased only slightly, while appeals by commercial and industrial property owners have skyrocketed.

According to McCracken, the 20 appeals known to the district would reduce taxes for the companies making the appeals by about \$5.7 million.

When combined with the tax caps and other tax rate limitations, the tax abatement appeals, if granted, could cause the loss of a large amount of tax revenue and might even cause the shifting of the tax burden to other Dist. 207 taxpayers, McCracken said.

McCracken is attempting to coordinate a joint effort with business superintendents of District 62 and Districts 64 and 63 in Park Ridge and Niles to block the appeals and save some of the legal expenses.

Library . . .

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feet, the building housed 102,000 items. That collection has grown to 225,000 items, causing trustees to support the findings of a staff needs study recommending expansion to at least 83,000 square feet.

Others submit that the need for space will be drastically reduced as use of computers and the Internet continues to increase.

Now throw in the Bredemann Auto Group which will vacate a 3.8-acre site near Uptown when it moves its dealership to an auto mall on the city's northern edge.

The thought of moving the library to the vacated car lots has caused a good deal of consternation among many library users who want the library to remain at its present location.

All this and the stage was set for forming a Task Force, which is just what city officials did. The 26-member Uptown Advisory Task Force started last fall to explore ways to develop the Bredemann property, which the city has agreed to purchase for \$3.8 million.

The Library Board of Trustees agreed Feb. 15 to recommend keeping the library where it is and presented their recommendation to the task force library subcommittee the following night.

However, as community members offer input on what they envision for the library's future, that recommendation may change.

Among the solutions now under consideration are building a new library on the current site; building a new library on the vacant Bredemann property; building in addition to the present library at 20 S. Prospect Ave.; or building a mixed-use building

combining library space with retail shops on the current site.

The last proposal, a mixed-use building, could be financed by private developers thus relieving taxpayers of the burden of paying for a new library building. Some library trustees, however, don't approve of mixing shoppers with library patrons and would not likely support the mixed-use proposal.

While City Manager Tim Schuenke said he thought most would favor keeping the library at its present location, the Task Force's redevelopment plan will not take shape until late fall or possibly December.

Motel . . .

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ments," Miller said. "We are citizens of Morton Grove, not transients passing through. Tax, voting records, library cards—we're a permanent part of the village. We are not to be characterized as low lives. We are responsible citizens being bulldozed by the village deviously," Miller said.

"It's called survival. This is not a matter of convenience," Miller said.

Miller said he has spoken to Larry Arlt, village manager, several times, but to no avail. "Here we are, in the dead of winter, literally being thrown out into the cold," Miller said. He quoted Arlt as saying, "The third of March, they will be evicted, even if we have to put them into their cars."

Most of the tenants do not own cars, Miller said.

Top cop . . .

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worked together in the Detective Bureau and were partners, Sheehan said. They later worked together in many other departments of the Niles Police.

Among Sheehan's goals for the department are "getting us back up to proper street strength again."

Bolstering morale is another of Sheehan's goals. The many recent retirements of key personnel, such as Giovannelli, Deputy Supt. Reed and Information Officer Roger Wilson have affected remaining personnel.

Sheehan would also like to launch a "more ambitious training program for all our officers." Better training will make for more confident officers with better self-esteem who will better represent the department, Sheehan said.

Finally, Sheehan would like to embark upon a more vigorous crime prevention program, especially in the business sections of Niles. The new shopping center under construction on the south end of the community, Point Plaza near Touhy and Central avenues, may result in Sheehan's requesting the hiring of additional personnel, he said. If there is dramatic increase in calls for service, arrests and traffic accidents at the center, he will probably seek to hire an additional officer, Sheehan said.

There are 52 officers and detectives currently employed by the Niles Police Department, and they will now be working under another well-liked and highly respected chief promoted from among their ranks.

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The board considered all the pros and cons of this, but decided that \$500,000 was something that we could commit without jeopardizing the library's reserve fund," said Czarnecki.

The board also accepted the bid of Viz-O-Graphic to continue printing the library's quarterly newsletter, "Chapter One."

State law deems that vendor expenditures reaching \$10,000 must be put up for bids. While Viz-O-Graphic has been the library's vendor for past newsletters, the board had to seek more competitive rates elsewhere.

Out of five bids that came in, Viz-O-Graphic turned out to be the lowest by as much as \$1,500, charging \$2,337 for a six-page issue and \$2,511 for an eight-page issue.

Czarnecki said that not only did the vendor have the lowest bid, but in fact lowered its rates which will result in an annual savings of \$2,500 to \$2,700.

Compared to what we had been paying this vendor, they really sharpened their pencils," he said. "I think they wanted to keep our business."

Many people do not cast their bread upon the water until it is stale.

Wellness on Wheels coming to Niles Township

The Wellness on Wheels Van will be at the Niles Township Administration Building, 5255 Main Street, Skokie, on Monday, February 28, 2000 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The following services will be available to those who are qualified: complete physicals including prostate and testicular exams or breast and pelvic exams including pap smears, tests for anemia and diabetes, screenings for high blood pressure and cholesterol, TB test, immunizations, urinalysis and health counseling.

Appointments must be made in advance. To make an appointment, or to find out if you are qualified to use this service, please call 847-818-2860. Persons needing accommodation for a disability should contact: Voice: 847-818-2860, TDD: 847-818-2023 for the hearing/speech impaired. This service is provided by the Cook County Department of Public Health, and is co-sponsored by the Niles Township Administration.

For more details contact Prof. George Otto at 773-907-4782.

Casimir Pulaski Day at Truman College

The Truman College Student Government, faculty and PAC (Polish American Congress) is sponsoring a special celebration to honor the Polish Hero of the American Revolution, Casimir Pulaski on Monday, March 6, 2000 at 11 o'clock in the Student Lounge. Special guests featured for this occasion will be Consul General of the Polish Republic.

Snow . . .

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where there are single family homes, the people could help us a lot by putting their cars on the driveway or even in the garage.

"For us to help them, they have to help us," Schmid added.

By removing parked cars from the streets, it is possible for the plows to clear snow "curb to curb," Schmid said. It also avoids piling snow up around the parked cars making it so difficult for owners to shovel them out, he said.

Schmid said split crews worked from 1 a.m. Friday morning to 3:30 p.m. Friday afternoon, then started in again at 6 p.m. and continued until midnight when the snow finally subsided.

While snow posed few problems in Niles, Morton Grove Village Board members were fielding complaints about snow removal at their Feb. 14 meeting, even before the season's largest snowfall of Feb. 18.

Residents who attended that meeting complained of snow not being removed and of general changes in the services of the public works department.

One resident of the southeast side of the village complained that snow was not removed in the vicinity of her home, but she could not give a specific date of the alleged poor service and could only describe it as the first snowfall and not a major snowfall.

When the woman called Public Works to ask where the usual snow plowers were, she was told they were all working on the west side of town. She could not, however, identify the source of that information.

Trustee Ronna Brenner dismissed the complaint and contended that snow removal in Morton Grove is extraordinary.

Village Administrator Larry Arlt seconded Brenner but noted that a problem did occur a few weeks ago on the southeast side when a broken blade on one of the plows caused more snow than usual to be left on the streets. The plow has since been repaired and is again up to the village standard of leaving no trace of snow unplowed, Arlt said.

Brenner added that many snowfalls this year have occurred on Saturdays, which might account for service that is somewhat not typical of what residents are accustomed to.

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right to appeal for reductions in their taxes directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board. Prior to 1995, only downstate taxpayers had direct access to the PTAB, while dissatisfied Cook County taxpayers had to file their complaints with the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The businesses seeking refunds for the 1998 tax year include Sears (\$36,000), Bradford Exchange (\$41,000), Clairmont Properties (\$72,000), Kohl's (\$19,000), the Golf Mill Professional Building (\$31,000), Golf-Glen Mart (\$42,000), Imperial Realty (\$47,000), Inland Real Estate (\$40,000) and the Milwaukee Golf Development (\$31,000).

Dimond said the board, which plans to join forces with East Maine High School which also would be adversely affected by the tax reductions, will seek ways to defend against the appeals.

However, obtaining appraisals on the business properties in question would be a very costly and time-consuming undertaking, Dimond acknowledged.

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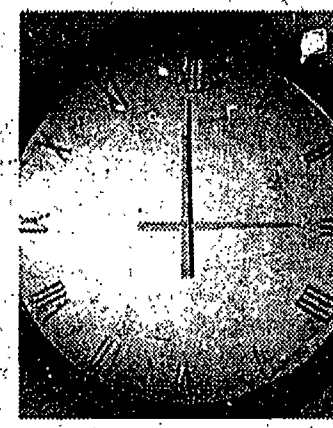
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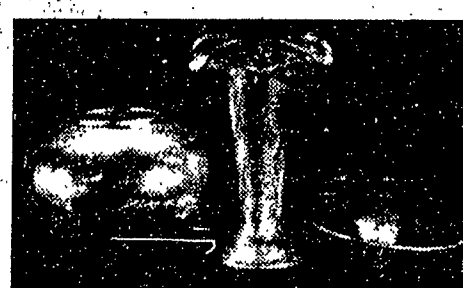


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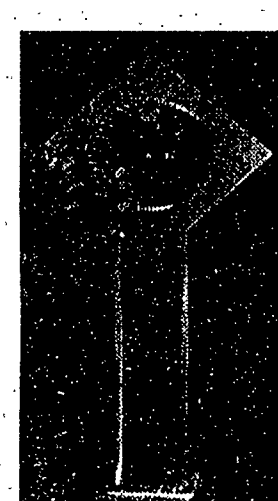
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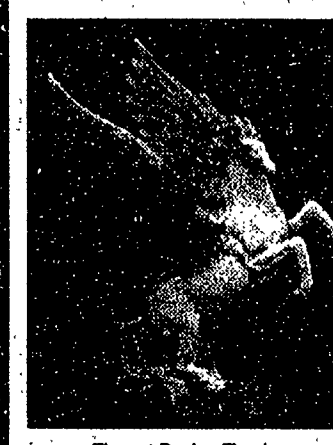
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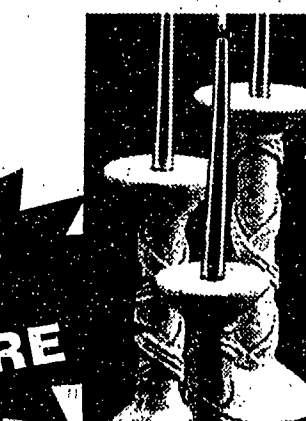


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