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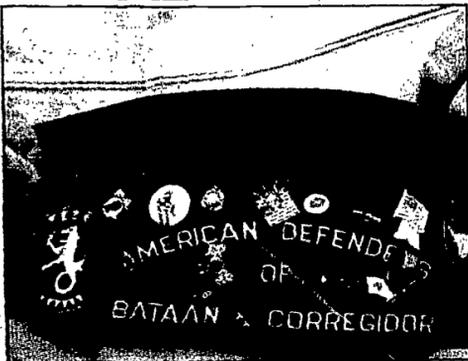
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The hat of Veteran Louis Lachman of Niles tells the story of his part in the defense of Bataan and Corregidor during the early days of World War II. For his story, turn to page 17.



This week in Sports...

Niles West players share high-fives with Northside Prep after the Wolves 9-0 victory in their Class AA game at Niles West Saturday afternoon May 29. For more, see page 15.

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Niles Police Chief Sheehan resigns post

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Gerald Sheehan, Niles Chief of Police, announced last week that he would resign from his 33-year career effective Sept. 3. At the last Village Board meeting, Tuesday, May 25, Niles Mayor Nick Blase bid Sheehan a fond farewell.

"He served the village very long," said Blase. "He's done a great job for the village and we're going to miss him."

Of Sheehan's 33 years on the force, the last four and a half were spent as chief. He was elevated to acting chief in January of 2000. He said that the job was challenging and that he was able to interact with a great force and a great community.

"You meet a lot of unusual people and good people," he said. "That was probably the best part of the job. I've been very fortunate to be here."

Sheehan said that the support of the village officials and the residents of Niles made his job much easier.

"We're very fortunate to have a good governmental structure," he said. "The whole community has been very supportive of the department and that makes our job a lot easier."

The decision to retire wasn't an easy one. Sheehan and his wife had been talking about it for some time, he said, and with the completion of the new police station, now seemed like an appropriate time.

"I didn't want to go until the new station was done," he said. "Some of the officers here, like [Deputy Chief Dean] Strzelecki and [Cmdr. Dan] Halley worked their tails off to get it done."

Still, Sheehan will be sad to leave the department.

"You think, 'am I leaving too early?'" he said. "But the village has a good department, community and gov-

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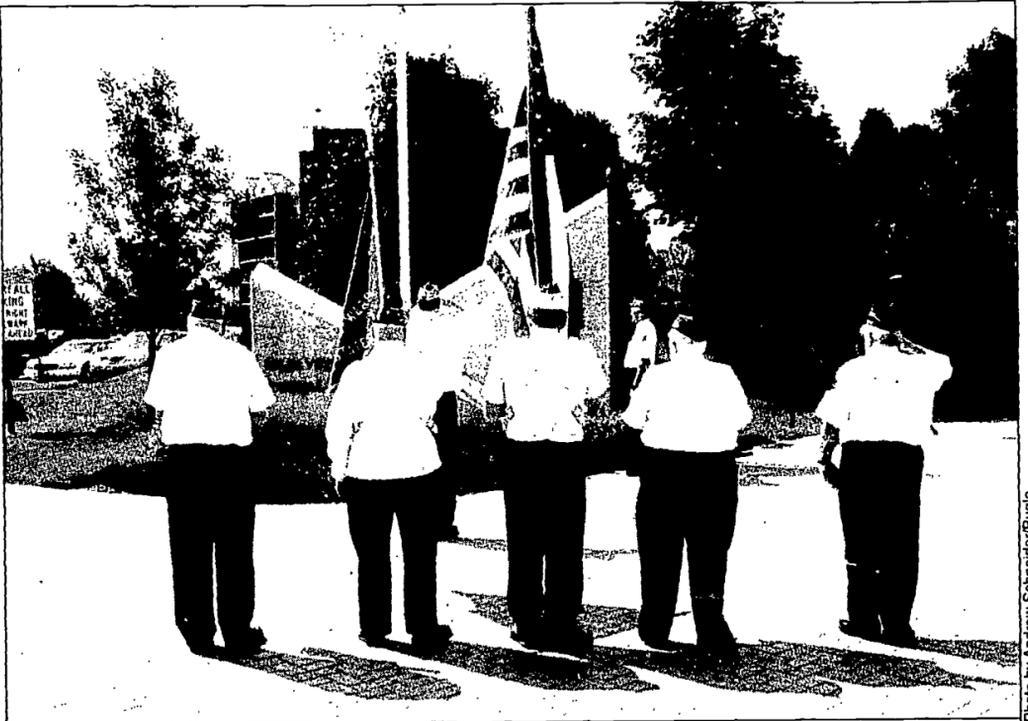


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Honoring Veterans

Members of the Niles Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 7712 Color Guard stand before the Niles Veterans Memorial Fountain at Touhy and Milwaukee during the village's Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 31. For photos from your community's Memorial Day events, turn to page 3.

Senate passes property tax cap bill

Tax-relief measure would limit yearly assessments to seven percent

The Illinois State Senate approved a bill last week that would limit the increase in property tax assessments to seven percent annually, granting some relief to rising assessments that are

taxing many seniors and moderate to lower income individuals out of their homes and neighborhoods.

The legislation (SB 2112) limits assessment increases to seven percent through an alternate homestead exemption. If a homeowner had a \$100,000 assessment, under this bill, the assessment could only go up to \$107,000. But if the homeowner was assessed

at \$110,000 then the homeowner would receive an exemption for the \$3,000 of assessment that is above the seven percent threshold.

The exemption sunsets in three years. It is also limited to assessment increased of up to \$20,00. This means that the exemption could not be applied to assessment

Story Continues...

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In Recognition

Members of the Morton Grove Fire Department Engine Company #4 stand behind a memorial that was erected last week to honor the original volunteer fire company. The volunteers started the first fire company in 1904 by borrowing \$500 from the village treasury to pay for a portion of needed equipment.

NILES NEWS

Niles Park District Receives Accreditation

The Niles Park District received PDRMA's highest loss control award of Accreditation this week. Executive Director Joseph LoVerde said, "This award represents the outstanding work of our Safety Committee, Chaired by Julene Valle and Jim Stoneberg, and all our employees who con-

tinue our commitment to provide a safe working environment, not only for our employees but for every customer who use our facilities.

The Accreditation exempts the Park District from the next two formal loss review periods. As a bonus, the District was awarded \$ 1,500.

Village Board approves new treadmills, ellipticals for Family Fitness Center

The Niles Village Board approved the purchase of six new ellipticals machines and four new treadmills for the Niles Family Fitness Center.

The new machines replace older machinery that had been in use at the Center since it opened five years ago. Fitness Center personnel selected a brand known as "Precor" for the new machines, citing durability and ease of use. The four

treadmills totaled \$18,905 and the six ellipticals totaled \$16,505

Fitness Center Director Carl Manuscalco said that the machines were very popular and would help with member retention at the Center.

"People like the treadmill because of different levels of feedback and because it's low impact," he said. "People like the ellipticals because they have no impact."

Nannini welcomed to village staff

The Village of Niles welcomed one of its own back this year. Former resident Laurie Nannini, whose parents still reside in Niles, was recently appointed to act as the village's Senior Accountant.

"We're very happy to have her on staff," said Village Finance Director George Van Geem.

Nannini joined the village Mar. 1. She said that, after work-

ing part-time as a certified public accountant while raising her family, she was looking forward to the new position.

"I like the work," she said. "I'm really enjoying it so far. And the staff are nice, approachable and easy to work with."

Nannini attended her first village board meeting last month, going in Van Geem's stead.

"It was an interesting experi-

ence," she said. "Definitely an opportunity to learn. I was glad to have the chance to go.

Nannini currently lives in Rolling Meadows with her family. They left Niles two years ago and she said that, despite the commute, it was good to be back.

"My parents still live here," she said. "It was like coming home."

Niles Teen Center holds summer kick-off events

The Niles Teen Center is offering two summer kick-off activities for youth in grades 6-12. The first Teen Outdoor Movie Night, will be held at the Teen Center from 7:00pm-9:30pm, where a large, outdoor movie screen will be set up in the back area outside of the teen center.

The cost is \$3 and teens are asked to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

The Teen Center is also holding a Teen Hawaiian Luau. Monday, June 21 from 1:00pm-4:00pm the Niles Teen Center will be transformed into a Hawaiian Island. There will be a dj, dancing, con-

tests, games and prizes. The cost for this event is \$5.

The Niles Teen Center is located at 7680 N. Caldwell and the Niles Free Bus #411 Regular and Reverse will take you right to the Teen Center door. For more information call 847-663-9185.

Mother's Day flower sale a success

The Members of the North American Martyrs Council 4338, Knights of Columbus would like to thank the many people that purchased flowers St. John Brebeuf Church on May 8, and Sunday, May 9, at the Church entrances.

The beautiful flowers, reasonably priced, offered by the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary members was a Great opportunity to help folks show their Mom how much they care, while helping a great organization in assisting young women and mothers in need of financial support. All proceeds were

given to the Women's Center of Chicago.

The Knights wished a special thanks to all the members that helped sell the flowers and especially Joe Tatkowski and John O'Keefe, who helped coordinate the sale and helped make it a success.

NILES NEWS

Observing Memorial Day



(Right) Gene Corr, right, and Jim Kozar both of Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 chat in advance of the Memorial Day Observance at the Veteran's Memorial Fountain on Touhy and Milwaukee Monday, May 31.

(Center) Members of the Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 pause while the Chaplain reads a prayer aloud during the Memorial Day Observance.

(Left) Members of the Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 stand ready to offer a gun salute to conclude Niles' Memorial Day Observance.

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Golfers Beware

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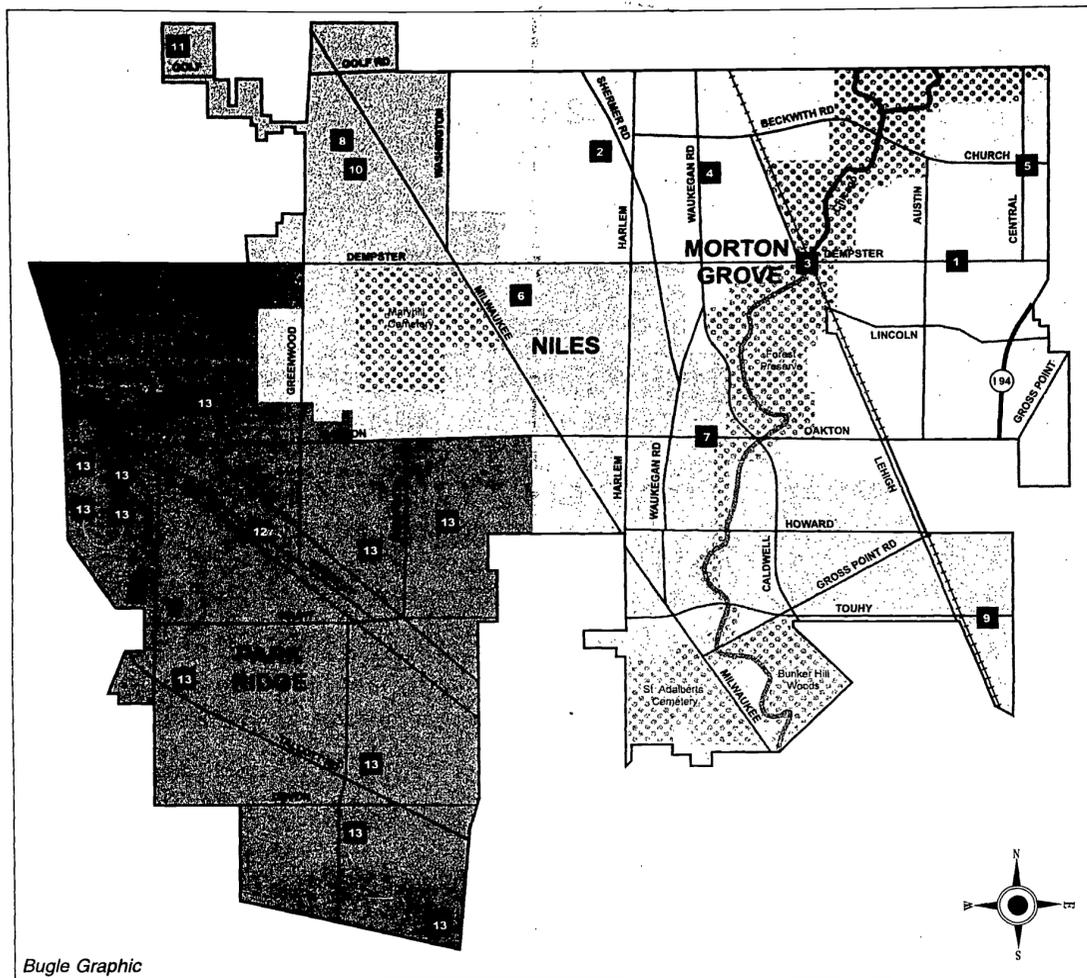
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POLICE BLOTTER



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7 Burglary (6800 Oakton)
The home of a 66-year-old Niles woman in the 6800 block of Oakton was burglarized Wednesday night May 26. Police said the thief entered through the front door while she was out of the house. The entire house was ransacked police said.

8 Shoplifters fill their pants (Golf Mill)
An 18-year-old Chicago man and a 19-year-old Morton Grove man were arrested Friday May 28 at the JC Penny store in Golf Mill after security watched the two men jam \$78 worth of sock, shirts, and cologne down their pants and walk out of the store.

9 Stinky thief needs deodorant (5600 Touhy)
A 31-year-old Chicago man was arrested at Wal-Mart in the 5600 block of Touhy Saturday May 30 after security guards watched the man place two cans of deodorant in a bag and leave the store without paying.

10 Shoplifting and battery (400 Golf Mill)
A 47-year-old Chicago woman was arrested Saturday night May 29 after security in the Sears store in Golf Mill watched the woman go through the store with a shopping bag and begin to take items of clothing off the racks and place them into her shopping cart. The woman then went to the first floor of the store and began to fill her shopping bags with the clothing. Security stopped the woman after she left the store without paying.

11 Car burglary (9700 Fox Glen parking lot)
A 1999 Grand Prix parked in a lot at 9700 Fox Glen was burglarized Monday May 31 after someone pulled the window molding away and pulled the window forward to open the door. Fourteen hundred dollars of stereo equipment and a \$100 cell phone were stolen from the car.

12 Burglary (700 N. Western)
A Gibson guitar was stolen Thursday night May 20 when someone entered a home in a multi-unit building in the 700 block of Western.

13 Rash of car burglaries
•1200 Hamlin - A purse and \$2 in currency was taken from an unlocked Ford Explorer parked in the driveway of a home in the 1200

MORTON GROVE

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending May 28, 2004.

1 Police seek information.
Morton Grove police are asking for information from the public in finding whoever is responsible for a series of dumpster fires that have occurred since March 13 in the 5900-6100 block of Dempster. Police said the fires usually started between 3:00-4:30 a.m.

2 Juveniles approached at Oriole Park (9200 Oriole)
Two juveniles were approached by a man and woman at Oriole Park Wednesday evening May 26 and were offered candy by the couple. The juveniles told police the woman had reddish hair and that the man offered them a look at his gun, police said. A park employee called police and told them the couple was in a gray Toyota.

Police transported the juveniles to their home.

3 Pigeon drop scam averted (6800 Dempster)
A 75-year-old Morton Grove woman did not fall for a pigeon drop scam inside of a clothing store in the Prairie View Plaza Thursday afternoon May 13. The woman told police and store security she was approached by two women while she was in the store regarding a wallet that one of the women had found. The women told the Morton Grove woman the wallet contained a large sum of money. One of the women suggested they take the wallet across the street to show to a friend of one of the women who was supposed to be a lawyer but worked at a car dealership. The Morton Grove woman walked to the front of the store with the two women. The Morton Grove woman got suspicious when the two women offered her a ride and she suggested they go to the store manager first. At that

point the women walked out of the store. The manager of the store Tomas A. Lopez told police he had read of a similar incident in the local newspaper. The Morton Grove woman described the women who approached her as two female blacks in their 30s. One woman wore a sports warm up suit and the other was well dressed with high heels.

4 Smash and grab (9200 Waukegan)
Someone smashed the display window of a leather coat store in the 9200 block of Waukegan Thursday May 20. Police said when they arrived they found glass in front of the store and one of the coats on display missing.

5 Grill stolen (9200 Central)
Just days before Memorial Day, a 39-year-old Morton Grove man had his gas barbecue grill stolen from his back yard in the 9200 block of Central Monday night May 24.

The grill was valued at \$230.

NILES

The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending June 1, 2004.

6 Cable guy disconnected (6800 Milwaukee)
A 79-year-old Niles woman was scammed by a former cable company employee Wednesday May 19 when the man came in and installed the woman's cable at her condominium in the 6800 block of Milwaukee and charged her \$80. He also asked her to make the check out to him. The next day, however, the real cable installer arrived and the woman, realizing she had been duped stopped payment on the original check. Amazingly the phony cable installer came back a few days later to collect from the woman. She told the man she was calling the police and he left.

block of Hamlin Tuesday night May 25. The purse was found later on a neighbor's lawn.
•600 Wisner-Cell phones were taken from an unlocked 1993 Ford Explorer while it was parked in the driveway Saturday night May 22.
•600 Forestview- Two purses, an MP3 player, a cell phone, and CDs were taken from an unlocked 1993 Toyota Camry parked in the driveway of a home in the 600 block of Forestview Sunday May 23.
•900 Forestview- A handicapped placard and \$5 in currency were taken from an unlocked 1993 Chevy parked in the street in the 900 block of Forestview Saturday night May 22.
•500 Park Plaine- A silver bracelet worth \$150, CDs, and an unknown amount of currency were taken from an unlocked 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse parked in the street in the 500 block of Park Plaine Sunday night May 23.
•200 Grand Blvd.- Three dollars in currency was taken from an unlocked Jeep in the 200 block of Grand Blvd Saturday night May 22.
•2600 W. Sibley- Thieves

came up empty when they entered an unlocked 2000 Toyota Camry parked in the street in the 2600 block of Sibley Saturday night May 22.
•500 Rose-A small amount of currency was taken from an unlocked car in the 500 block of Rose Saturday night May 22.
•800 Talcott - A \$300 Pioneer stereo was taken from a 1995 Mazda parked in a parking lot in the 800 block of Talcott Monday May 24. Police do not know how the thief entered the car.
•1900 Newton- A 1997 Toyota Corolla was burglarized Tuesday morning May 25 after someone broke the passenger side vent window to gain access to the car while it was parked in the street in the 1900 block of Newton. A \$500 JVC stereo was removed.
•1300 Brophy- A 1985 Chrysler Fifth Ave. was burglarized Monday night May 24. A purse with \$70 in currency along with checks, credit cards, and identification were stolen. Police do not know how thieves entered the car while it was parked in the victim's driveway.

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SOUND OFF!

What would be the key to American success on Memorial Day weekend?



"If we didn't have these brave people to defend our country who knows where we would be."
Eve Mangurten-Morton Grove



"Thank you, thank you, thank you."
Beverly Detrich-Skokic



"I'm grateful and thankful for all those who risk their lives for us to have a relatively safe country."
Rina Mangurten-Morton Grove

All kinds of businesses are needed

Dear Editor,

The law of unintended consequences is a corollary to Murphy's Law, one that village staff would be well-advised to study.

Specifically, I suggest we put the "economics" back in "economic development" and forget counter-productive proposals, such as prohibiting growing and vibrant non-retail businesses from investing in Morton Grove.

Anti-business measures taken against any business by a municipality is self-destructive, with long-term ramifications lasting much longer than the tenure of proponents of such policies. There are reasons for this, both macroeconomic and microeconomic, that relate to Morton Grove.

Tax policy is brutally simple. Tax what you want less of (i.e., cigarette smoke, alcohol consumption) or want to conserve (i.e., fossil fuel consumption).

Simply stated, tax what you don't want to produce more of. Conversely, reduce taxes on things you wish to see sprout up all around you. Tax cuts spur economic growth (growth sprouts up all around you); tax increases snuff it out (give you less of it).

In Morton Grove, the administration's latest January tax increase in its "local option" municipal sales tax to a full one percent is a blunder we will feel for years. We were already taxing retail business out of this town on a relative basis compared to, say, Glenview.

For example, Abt Electronics' move to Glenview was made when this local tax was .75 percent, over \$1 million per year, incentive for Abt to relocate (assuming \$150 million in sales). It doesn't take too long (for Abt or anyone else) to calculate this is a big difference. A difference that just got even bigger.

Now that Morton Grove is at a full one percent for its "local options" municipal tax (8.75 percent sales tax in Morton Grove vs. 7.75 percent in Glenview), a retail business must clear that extra one percent at the bottom line to be profitable. Ulta 3 couldn't do it,

Boston Market couldn't do it and those two left just last year.

Does the village really think preventing other growing non-retail businesses from locating here will suddenly bring lost retailers back, or new retailers in despite our tax disadvantage? Sounds like they believe penalizing one class of business will force others to flock to us, despite our now higher taxes. That's wrong—we will lose both. Arbitrary business discrimination only forces every new business to think twice or not at all about a Morton Grove location.

Whether it's fast-growing financial services or other non-retailers, new business produces desperately needed jobs, investment and opportunities for Morton Grove. That's a fact.

While it's nice to pontificate upon commercial lease rates rising and hurting niche retailers, our municipal tax hurts them as well. Of course, we could pay retailers to move here (under the guise of TIF incentives, remodeling allowances, street repair and so on). But, those cost money—like the \$158,000 we pay Menard's and McGrath this year alone, and the roughly \$250,000 given Walgreens and Osco, each. If we outlaw non-retail business, the effect may

well be "see-through" storefronts village wide, rather than a sudden rush of retailers to pay more tax.

Any policy that removes jobs, income, cash flow, investment and opportunity from this village threatens to make Morton Grove a business ghost-town, where no matter how many new condominiums go on property tax roles, it never quite makes up for other revenue loss. Non-retail businesses produce jobs, invest and cash flow that can, and would, become recaptured by the village's new (and expensive) tax structure of user fees, including electricity, telecommunications and natural gas. Taxes would be paid monthly by any new occupant. Local restaurant taxes and motor-fuel taxes would be paid by employees for lunch, who may themselves comprise a target market for new retailers.

Morton Grove's economic system is delicately intertwined, as retailers need customers who have money and jobs, and both money and jobs are created by non-retail business. The problem in Morton Grove is no business wants to pay these new taxes and if we can find some business that does, why slam the door on them? Let's not forbid

any business from relocating to Morton Grove; Lord knows we've lost enough to other villages.

The way to grow Morton Grove retail business is to reduce, not increase (as we have just done this year) the local options sales tax and user fees. This is the real issue. Eliminating non-retail business now will eliminate most new business development in the village, as well as many potential jobs for residents, rents for landlords and investment for our community. Why commit economic suicide?

Unless this moratorium is really about rewarding village banks for taking village debt or other favors, (by way of enforcing less competition about discouraging higher rents for commercial properties or keeping out certain classes of professional services for undisclosed motives, this policy just does not make sense. And, if any of the above prove to be true, this policy makes even less sense.

This appears to be a suggestion born of desperation, and that, by itself, does not instill the confidence of the business community or its residents.

C.A., Morton Grove

Thursday June 3, 2004

COMMENTARY

THE BUGLE

Opinion

Thanks Niles Chamber of Commerce

Dear Editor,

St. John Brebeuf School is grateful to the Niles Chamber of Commerce for making it possible for two of their students to receive \$500.00 scholarships through the "Dollars for Scholars" program.

Jeena Chorath and Keith Banaszak, both eighth graders at SJB, were awarded their scholarships at a recent ceremony at Landmark Ford in Niles. Both students submitted essays and letters of recommendation from people who have either taught them or worked with them on volunteer projects.

The contest was open to all Middle School and High School students in the Niles Community. Two students from each level were awarded the scholarships. The money may be used towards any expenses in continuing their education.

Jeena Chorath will be attending Loyola Academy in the fall and Keith Banaszak will attend Main East High School.

Thank you, Niles Chamber of Commerce for helping these students in the ever increasing costs for attending school. What a worthwhile contribution to the community.

-St. John Brebeuf School

D207 recognized for financial reporting

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Maine Township High School District 207. They have won the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award (COE) for excellence in the preparation and issuance of their fiscal year end 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the first Certificate of Excellence award that District 207 has received. The district provided a high-quality CAFR for the fiscal year end 2003.

The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Program was designed by ASBO International to enable school business officials to achieve a high standard of financial reporting. The award, the highest recognition for school district financial operations offered by ASBO, is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

By preparing and presenting a CAFR, District 207 validated the credibility of their school system's operations, measured the integrity and technical competence of the business staff, assisted in strengthening their presentations for bond issuance statements and provided professional recognition.

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Pushing a rope

Here's a bit of municipal esoterica for you.

Most municipalities have an economic development function to help bring new businesses into town for better property values (and lower homeowner taxes) and more retail sales taxes (and lower homeowner taxes). These marketing bodies are either direct parts of the town government or stand-alone entities operating at the direction of the town.

Park Ridge is no exception. For the past twelve years or so, the Park Ridge Economic Development Corporation (EDC) — emphasis on C, as the EDC is a private corporation — has been the lead entity designated to be proactive in luring new business into our town.

In the beginning, the EDC got the bulk of its funding (for staff, operations, and marketing) from its members. The rest it got in tax dollars from the City Council.

Well, here we are a dozen years later and, as you might have expected, the funding ratio has flipped.

This year the EDC is asking the Council for \$84,000 tax dollars. That's over 2/3 of the EDC's total annual budget. (And that doesn't count the free space the EDC gets inside City Hall — the ONLY non-City entity allowed to do business in there. Or the access the EDC Executive Director gets to City Staff and their time.)

What do we get back from the EDC for that money, space, and other extras? No one is able to quantify it in any but the most nebulous terms. The EDC says it's done some exciting things for Park Ridge. (Name two.) But \$80,000+ worth of exciting things, every year? Please.

There are more sinister components to the EDC as well.

If you were a banker, or realtor, or insurance broker, where would you like to be positioned for new businesses coming into town? Bingo, on the EDC. If you were interested in being the first to know, from City Staff, what was next on the City's list of things to do, where would you like to be positioned? Bingo, again;

on the EDC. Have the banker, realtor, broker EDC Board members made money they wouldn't have made otherwise? No one's shown that to be true. But isn't the temptation great?

And what about the front page story in a recent issue of The Bugle about a former EDC Board Chairman who placed himself in line for a profit from a quick buy-and-sell of a parcel of land offered to Park Ridge as a new Police Station through City Staff? (He subsequently resigned from the EDC Board; but he hasn't given up on that quick profit yet.)

The fact is that ANY municipal economic development function is like "pushing a rope"; exactly backwards. If a town (like ours) is really desirable, people and businesses will come. Bringing the businesses to MAKE our town desirable is making like Charlie Tuna: great taste, when the fishermen want tuna to taste great.

We don't need no steenkin' EDC; if our town is great, people and businesses will come. And, building a new Uptown is a second example of "pushing a rope". Our town IS great. Why do we need an expensive, massive new Uptown to prove it

Enough with the rope-pushing, City Council. Instead, pull. Lead, please. Chuck@ParkRidgeBugle.com



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NEWS

Chief Sheehan

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ernment. I've worked with a lot of really wonderful people like our volunteers here and the civilian police workers. They keep our community one of the best."

A selection of the new chief will be left up to the village board. Sheehan said the next occupant of his office could be an external or internal candidate.

"There are a lot of very qualified people right here," he said.

As to his plans for the next phase of his life, Sheehan said that he was looking forward to spending some time with his family as well as doing some traveling.

"We don't have a destination set yet," he said. "But we're looking to take a motorcycle trip somewhere."

Property tax

(Continued from page 1)

exemption could not be applied to assessment increased exceeding \$20,000 above and beyond the seven percent threshold.

The legislation also increases the household income limit from \$40,000 to \$45,000 for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze. It also increases the homestead improvement exemption from \$45,000 to

\$75,000.

"This legislation will help thousands of homeowners in Cook County," State Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge) said. "In recent years, the most significant factor in rising property taxes has been the dramatic increase in property assessment. Even if the property tax rate stays the same, property

tax bills can increase substantially because the assessments are so high. This legislation will help keep property assessment increases at reasonable levels."

The bill, which has now passed both the State House and Senate will move to the Governor's desk for further consideration.

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BUSINESS

Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

A Lesson in Spending

Karen and Robert have just attended their son's graduation from kindergarten, and they say he looks forward to entering the first grade in September. He has already made it clear to his parents that in accordance with this rite of passage, he wants a real allowance — no longer an occasional dime or quarter, but rather a set sum every week. Mom and Dad say they're prepared to do this, but they also wonder if this is a good time to start teaching him about thrift. Karen says, "We think he should learn that just because he has money to spend, he doesn't have to spend it (or at least) all of it. (He should) save some of it."

A part of me agrees with Karen: We may encourage consumerism in our society, but we tend to look down our noses at spendthrifts who can't manage

their finances and go bankrupt as often as the law allows. Didn't anyone tell them about the thrifty squirrel that saved his acorns every fall and ate them in the winter, while the wastrel woodchuck, who never saved so much as a pine cone, starved? Still, there is the joy of having money every week to buy a comic book, or an ice-cream cone. ... Anyway, most squirrels, I understand, forget where they hid their acorns, which is why we can still find new oak trees in the forest.

I would say we need a balance of values here: Yes, the child is right when he says money is for spending. But we should note that if the child spends it all, he won't have any left when he wants something really wonderful. So, spend some and save some.

Your comments, of course, are welcome. VIEWPOINT: A colleague who just returned from a visit to Canada says instead of spending millions redesigning our \$20 bills, let's join with Canada and most of the rest of the paper money-using world and issue denominations in different colors. Makes good Dollars and Sense to me.

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GRAND OPENINGS

Two Niles businesses recently celebrated Grand Opening Ceremonies. The top photo pictures the owners of Celtic Marketing with Niles Mayor Nick Blase cutting the ribbon at their ceremony. Below, the owners of Picture Perfect Nail Salon pose with Blase for their own ribbon cutting.



Park Ridge Chamber hosts sales program

Prospecting for Dummies" is the feature of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce's ServiceBiz program on June 24th. Preston True of Total Selling Solutions will guide attendees through activities designed to help improve their prospecting leading to improved sales. ServiceBiz kicks off at 1 pm and will meet at the Summit Square Retirement Residence, 10 North Summit, Park Ridge.

"Our programs were best described by an attendee last month as 'short and sweet', says Cara Lindell, Committee chair and owner of Park Ridge based Fully Fit Lifestyles. "The new ServiceBiz programs combine elements essential to success in business, networking and knowledge."

Designed to focus on the needs of local service businesses, ServiceBiz starts promptly at 1p.m. with fast-paced networking introductions, followed by business referral acknowledgements, and monthly programs which feature local experts sharing knowledge that can be put to use the same day. ServiceBiz is an interactive time for business owners to learn and share information on topics ranging from finance, legal, sales and marketing matters to effective use of technology.

There is no charge for admission and visitors are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be provided. For further details, please contact the Chamber office at 847-825-3121.

Businesses thanked at District 219 breakfast

On May 20, over 400 local business associates, students and teachers gathered at the Annual Business Appreciation Breakfast to be honored for participating in the Niles Township High School District work-study program.

Among the many people who crowded into the grand ballroom of the Skokie Holiday Inn were Mayor of Skokie George Van Dusen, keynote speaker Bryant Keil, President of Potbelly Sandwich Works and the District

219 Board members and administration.

Many students at both Niles North and Niles West participate in the work-study program, gaining invaluable work experience while still able to continue their high school education.

"The breakfast is a great way to thank employers for their support and guidance of our student and to honor students for their hard work and dedication to the program," said Kay Coughlin, Work Study Coordinator.

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NILES, Ill. - Junior John Swoboda (Park Ridge) has been selected to participate in a year-long project through the Peacebuilders Initiative, a Chicago-based program that gives Catholic youth the knowledge and experience to foster peaceful climates in their own communities. In June, Swoboda will attend a week-long workshop at the Catholic Theological Union where he will be able to study social justice concepts, engage in immersion experiences and reflect and pray. Swoboda will then spend next year using \$500 in award money to develop a Peacebuilders project at Notre Dame.

"It sparked an interest in me," Swoboda said. "If you don't have a peaceful environment, you can't really focus on academics, sports and other stuff."

In other news...
At the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) state competition last month, junior Stephen DeVience (Chicago 60646) became the first Notre Dame student to win a first-place

medal on Illinois' grand stage. The hard-working DeVience placed first out of 82 competitors in Biology to capture the title. "I want to use Science to do something great in the world and I feel that I have to work hard now because it's going help me later on," DeVience said. In Chemistry, DeVience finished 6th in a field of 90 competitors. "He is very bright, but that isn't enough," WYSE moderator Erin O'Connor said. "He is self-motivated. He constantly pursues knowledge and obviously loves to learn. It is such a pleasure to see a young man utilize his gifts and to constantly push himself to grow."

At the Village of Niles' Night of Roses event on April 17th, senior Robert Galassi (Niles) took home the Youth of the Year Award. His father, Bob Galassi, was also named Niles Citizen of the Year. The younger Galassi, an Eagle Scout and St. John Brebeuf Parish member, drew attention this year for his National Scout Lifesaving Award nomination.

The National Honor Society has named the following juniors to serve on the executive board for the 2004-2005 academic year: Clint Simkins (President) - Morton Grove, Kennan Long (Vice President) - Chicago 60646, Stephen DeVience (Secretary) - Chicago 60646, Richard Podkowa (Treasurer) - Glenview and John Begale (Service/Outreach) - Niles.

In April, Notre Dame sent four representatives to Oakton Community College's annual Tech-A-Thon. They performed well, taking second place in the 5-team field. Team trophies were awarded to Notre Dame in three categories. The web design team, led by sophomore Dmitry Basky (Skokie), took second. Notre Dame won first in the Computer Concepts division and was third in Office Applications. Individually, Basky captured second in Web Design and Office Applications. Freshman Jeff Hokl (Morton Grove) took third in Office Applications.

Local bands The Trips and Paragon X shared first prize at April's Battle of the Bands concert. The Italian Club, which co-sponsored the event along with the Music Club, raised over \$1000. The money will be used for club dinners and to help students pay for a summer trip abroad to Italy. "The evening was a huge success and the crowd was entertained all evening," Italian Club moderator Barb Spinnato said.

Maine East High School

The Maine East Rhythm Project performed at Maine East's Foreign Language Awards Night on May 19. Members include (l to r) Tomicka King (Des Plaines), Joanne Szeszko (Des Plaines), Shubi Sharma (Des Plaines), Julia Wiatr (Niles), Jisha Panicker (Des Plaines), Maria Surawska (Des Plaines), Yana Yakhnes (Niles), Ewa Dziersgas (Des Plaines), Jessica Stephens (Des Plaines), and Samantha Masud (Des Plaines). The group sponsor is Greg Lundberg (bottom left).



Culver students awarded commendations

The following students received the Culver Commendation Award for the month of April:

Kindergarten: Nicole Sullivan, Ambreen Zulfiqar, Eddie Krueger and Jessica Swider.

1st Grade: Saba Ali, Jeff Willer, Stuart Bekanon, Lauren Chachula and Alvin Paros.

2nd Grade: Daniel Bedoya, Cody Pazik, Izabela Swider, Karolina Orynczak, Mukti

Bulsara, Oneta Esho, Jakob Jamroz, Nenos Marma and Andrew Inacay.

3rd Grade: Gabryelle Meheux, Monika Sosnowka, Eric Himmler, Vasilios Stefanis, Vaughn Monreal-Berner, Joseph Metti and Sam Lee.

4th Grade: Tommy Garza, Annalise Schulter, Vinay Vellookunnel and Zoya Momin.

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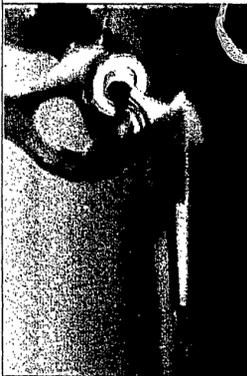
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SPORTS



Wolves blow out competition

(Left) Niles West's Casey MacDonald bears down in the seventh inning to shut out Northside Prep 9-0 in their Class AA playoff game at Niles West Saturday afternoon May 29.

(Bottom) Northside Prep's Maya Ripecky dives back to first before Niles West's Jessie Plaia can get the ball in a pickoff attempt in the 6th inning of their Class AA playoff game at Niles West. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)



Niles West track finishes season at a sprint

The Niles West boys track and field team concluded its indoor/outdoor season Saturday at the state championships in Charleston with an outstanding team performance. Coach Chris Vivone led the Wolves to a 13th place tie with

Rockford Jefferson. Jorge Perez and Nathan Diaz have been sensational for this year's squad and had a big hand in their success at the state meet. Diaz, who has been one of the top high jumpers in the area this year, placed 7th in the event, with a height of 6-5.

Perez finished 2nd in state in the 300m, posting a time of 38.38, while also finishing 2nd in the 110 hurdles to Adam Harris of Wheaton North(14.07). Perez ran the 100m for a time of 11.05, good enough for an 8th place finish.

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Class AA Girl's Softball Sectional

When: Noon, Saturday, June 5
Where: New Trier High School, 385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, IL
Outlook: The Niles West Girl's Softball team has had a fantastic year. That season earned them a 5 seed in a very challenging sectional. They have already proven their abilities are strong taking the first game of the tournament 9-0 over 11 seed Northside Prep. As they advance the competition will get increasingly difficult. If they are able to advance to the sectional championship this Saturday they will face either two seeded New Trier or 3 seeded Resurrection. Either team will pose an extremely large challenge to the Wolves' team, but if they are able to get that far they will have already proven their abilities. As of press time Niles West needed to get past talented Glenbrook North and number one seeded Loyola to advance to the sectional championship.

Class AA Boy's Baseball Sectional

When: 4:30PM, Thursday, June 3
Where: Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie, IL
Outlook: Notre Dame finished a fantastic season by earning a 2 seed and home field advantage in the opening round. They have taken that advantage and moved quickly through the first round. Continues...
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Park District Tennis programs begin in June

The Morton Grove Park District Youth and Adult Tennis Programs will begin in June under the direction of the Frank Sacks Tennis Camps, Inc.

Programs follow the guidelines of the United States Tennis Association. Summer programs will be held at Harrer Park and Prairie View Tennis Courts.

For more information, contact Brian Glure, Athletic Supervisor for the Morton Grove Park District at (847) 965-1200.

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Weekend Warfare

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crushing Taft High School 14-0. Pending another win by the Dons against St. Pat's, Notre Dame will head to Niles West to face three seed Loyola. Loyola is a dangerous team and has shown explosive power in games throughout the series. With a win on Thursday the Dons will advance to the sectional championship, where they will more than likely face the top team in the state, the New Trier Trevians. The Trevians, currently 33-3, are playing phenomenal. If the Dons are able to make it to the sectional championship on Saturday, they will face a serious challenge that may be too large to overcome. As of press time Notre Dame needed to defeat St. Patrick's to advance to sectional play.

Does your team whether high school, grade school, or park district, have an exciting game coming up? We want to know about it! Email msantor@buglenewspapers.com with details and contact information and your team could be featured in next week's Weekend Warfare!

LIFE

EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Thursday, June 3
-7 pm. Park Ridge Public Safety Committee meeting
Monday, June 7
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting
-7:30 p.m. Village of Niles Plan/Zoning Commission meeting
Thursday, June 10
-7:45 p.m. The Board of Trustees of the Morton Grove public Library will be meeting on June 10th in the Library BD Room, 2nd floor.
Monday, June 14
-7 p.m. Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees regular meeting.
-3 p.m. Village of Niles Fire & Police Commission Meeting

COMMUNITY

Thursday, June 3
-The Morton Grove Community Blood Drive will be held Thursday, June 3 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are welcome. Donors must bring identification showing their name, date of birth and either a social security, driver's license, or state ID number. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (847) 803-7943.

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Thursday, June 10
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park District board meeting.

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A WWII hero who calls Niles home

Resident **Louis Lachman** defended Bataan, Corregidor

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Most people have never had to defend a beach while they were sick with malaria, dysentery, diarrhea and yellow jaundice, but the 84-year-old Louis Lachman did just that in 1942.

Lachman, a resident of Niles since 1955, lived through some of the most bloody fighting of World War II, on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines. American soldiers defended the area against the Japanese following the Dec. 4, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, tying up troops and supplies for nearly five months.

When Bataan fell on Apr. 9, 1942, Lachman was told that the Japanese were planning to kill all of the Americans.

"I figured that they were going to kill us anyway," he said. "I thought, 'to Hell with that.' I might as well fight to the end."

So, along with about 20 other soldiers, Lachman escaped Japanese custody to fight on the neighboring Corregidor, a fortified island guarding Manila Bay.

"When I got there I went to the hospital because I was sick with malaria, dysentery, diarrhea and yellow jaundice," he said. "There wasn't any room so they gave me a machine gun and put me on beach defense."

To survive, Lachman and his fellow soldiers were forced to eat dogs, horses, monkeys, cats and even grasshoppers.

"We ate everything that had four legs," Lachman laughed. "Except the rats."

When Corregidor fell a month



Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle

later, Lachman was transferred to a Prisoner of War camp on the island of Luzon. Then, in 1943, he was moved again to another POW camp north of Tokyo, Japan. While there, he was only permitted to send home postcards with specific censored information.

"For a long time my parents thoughts I was missing in action," he said. "Some guys said that if we didn't make it home by Christmas, 1945, we never would."

Lachman did make it home by then, but when he walked off the boat into the states after over three years in Japanese camps, he weighed only 80 pounds.

"Everybody wants to know how you do it," he said. "We lived day by day. We never worried about tomorrow we worried about today. If you made today, maybe you'd make it tomorrow."

And if he hadn't missed his boat

in 1941, he might not have had to endure any of it.

"I was supposed to be sent home on a medical discharge," he said. The discharge was to be granted because he seemed particularly susceptible to malaria. "I missed my boat. Three days later the war broke out."

The experiences he embodies are particularly important now, many believe, as veterans of World War II are passing away in large numbers. One Bataan organization to which Lachman belongs, the "Battling Bastards of Bataan," lost 225 members in the last year.

"I owe everything to my wife," Lachman said. "We've been married for 57 years this August. When I was sick, she never went home. She stayed there day and night. They took her home and she'd turn right around and come back."

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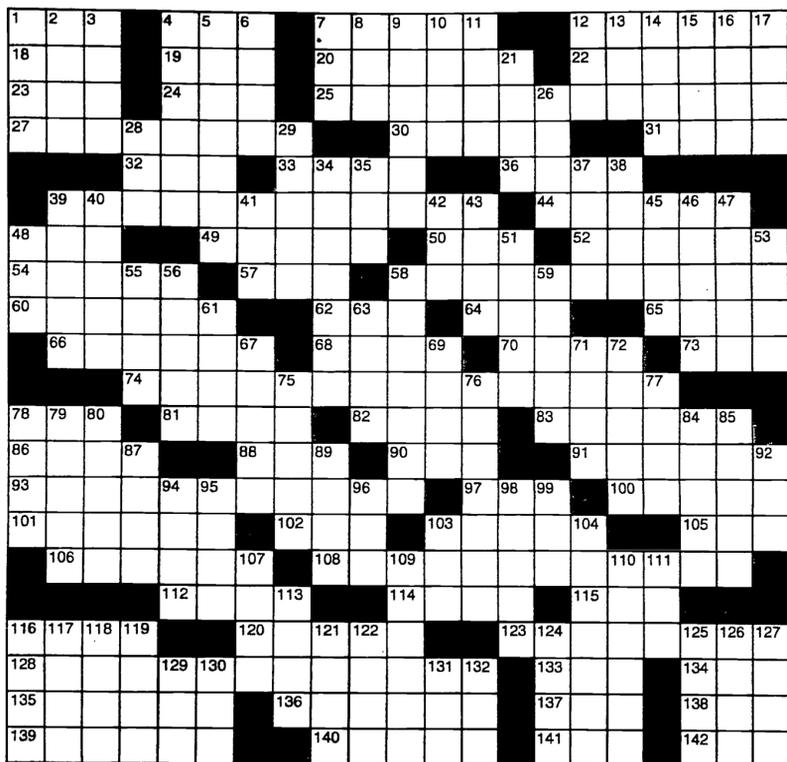
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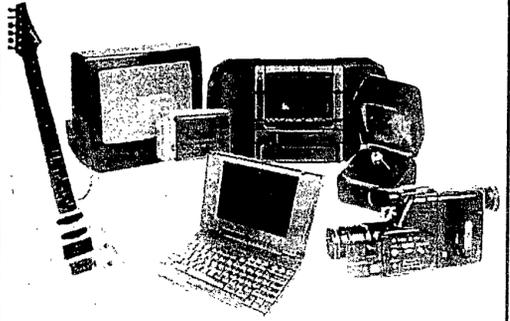
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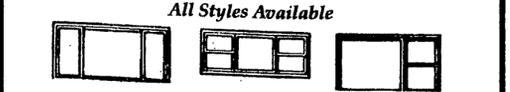
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MEN'S GROUP

"Baseball and Memories" Tuesday, June 15 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$3.00 includes Sandwiches

ETHNIC DINNER OUTING

Tuesday, June 15 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 168 Chinese Restaurant 8922 1/2 Greenwood, Niles

We will experience a complete Chinese Menu today-Egg Rolls, several Chicken, Pork, Shrimp and Beef Dishes, Fried and Steamed

Rice along with Fortune Cookies and Tea. Transportation on your own. Newcomers are welcome. "SPEAKING OF RADIO" PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 16 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. No Charge - Registration Required Chuck Shaden is producer and host of "Those Were The Days" on public radio station WDCB, 90.9 FM.

"OUTDOOR IDEAS/SUMMER ART FOR CHILDREN"

Tuesday, June 22 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Presenter: Linda Waycie No Charge - Registration Required

Are you a Grandparent watching your Grandchildren? If so, you will learn about enjoyable outdoor ideas along with summer art activities.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you.

"A SPECTACULAR SUNSET" TRIP

Downtown and Lakefront Chicago Wednesday, July 28 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Trip Rate 2 Cost: \$76.00 members/\$81.00 guests

We have planned a nice evening trip to enjoy the lovely summer weather and the spectacular Lakefront of Chicago. Our first destination is the beautiful Bob Chinn's Restaurant overlooking the Chicago River.

Our last stop is a tradition of Chicago...Andy's Jazz Club where we will enjoy live jazz music and your choice of an alcoholic or nonalcoholic drink.

Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for this trip.

Niles Senior Center News

SUNDAY AT THE CENTER

Scrapbooking with Marilyn (A New Event!) - Sunday, June 13th, 12:00pm-3:00pm. \$10 Find out what it's all about! Learn how to do it! See how much fun it can be!

LOCAL SPELLING BEE

Thursday, June 17th, 10:30am Attention all Niles Senior Center spellers! Seniors: Challenge yourselves in this year's Niles Senior Center Local Spelling Bee.

SIX-WEEK GRIEF GROUP BEGINS IN JUNE

Grief is a complex emotional reaction to loss that can involve a range of different feelings, such as sadness and loneliness. Those who have experienced loss may find it helpful to meet with others experiencing a similar transition.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUES OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

New members always welcome. GOLF OUTINGS (May - October) - Please check for availability Because of partner choices, registration for our Tam outings must be done at the Front Desk.

Park Ridge Senior News

THE PARK RIDGE SENIOR CENTER NEWS

New memberships are now being accepted for the year beginning July 1. It's time to renew your membership too...don't miss out on receiving THE SPECTATOR with all the upcoming activities as well as ongoing activities.

ODYSSEY BOAT CRUISE

BUS leaves the Center at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 29 and boards the boat at 11:00am. An elegant meal will be served with your choice of either port glazed duck confit, organic field greens or roasted red pepper and tomato bisque.

FABULOUS NORTH SHORE

A tour of the North Shore

leaves the Center at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 23. A tram ride at the Chicago Botanic Garden, a drive along historic Sheridan road stopping at a landmark Evanston mansion and the Bahai Temple.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Park Ridge will be the focal point for the games to be held Monday-Friday, July 19 to 23. Central registration will be at

many of the contests will be held in town. Entry forms will be available after May 20. We will have them. Events this year include golf, bowling, track and field, table tennis, tennis, trip shoot, bocce ball, swimming and much more.

BOCCO BALL

Bocce ball is a new activity already underway Tuesday mornings at 10:00am. Never played before? Someone will show you how. It's fun and everyone is welcome. The

bocce courts are near the Center at the pool at Centennial Park in Park Ridge.

MEN'S CLUB FOLLIES

Due to the huge success of the performance of the Men's Club Follies, a second performance is planned for June 9 at 1:00pm. Tickets are going fast, so you may want to call the Center at 1-847-692-3597, to see if any tickets are still available.

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It is just worn out

BY DORIS A. BLACK

Crumbling stairs are unsafe. Driveways or sidewalks with cracks are unsightly. With the passing of time, all concrete surfaces wear out. When concrete begins to show signs of wear, it's time to resurface it, a home improvement project that can be completed in one day. And with today's high-performance resurfacing products, no jackhammers are necessary. It's still a messy job, but requires only a little time and willpower.

Materials needed include an all-purpose concrete resurfacing product, a steel trowel or squeegee, a stiff bristled broom and three five-gallon buckets.

Have all your supplies on hand before mixing the concrete as

you'll need to work quickly without interruption before the concrete hardens. Experts recommend working on a day when temperatures range from 70 to 75 degrees.

The preliminary work will depend on the condition of your driveway. You may spend more time on the prep work than the actual resurfacing. If weeds are growing in the cracks, they must be completely removed. Like paint, concrete adheres best to a clean, dry surface. Prepare the concrete for resurfacing by hosing it thoroughly to remove all dirt and dust. Then using a stiff bristled push broom, sweep the concrete to remove any remaining particles. Use TSP (trisodium phosphate) to clean oil or grease stains.

Patch holes and fill cracks prior to resurfacing to ensure a smooth surface. Experts recommend using concrete repair caulk for cracks up to 1/2 inch wide. With a caulking gun, fill the hole and smooth with a putty knife. For cracks wider

than 1/2 inch, a masonry mortar mix is necessary.

Cover the expansion joints with duct tape to prevent the resurfacing agent from filling the joints. The expansion joints are necessary to allow the concrete to expand and contract.

Now your concrete is ready for resurfacing.

1. Following the manufacturer's directions, mix the concrete with water. Using a five-gallon bucket and a drill with a paddle is the easiest method. When the concrete is mixed, remove the mixing paddle from the drill and place it in a bucket of clean water immediately.
2. Pour the concrete mix onto the area to be resurfaced and spread it with the steel trowel. Use pressure to force the concrete into every crevice. Working quickly, cover the entire area.
3. Next, swipe the area with a medium bristle brush or broom to create texture. Work while the concrete is still wet to ensure a non-slip surface. When working

large areas, have a bucket of water handy to rinse the brush frequently.

4. Remove the duct tape covering the expansion joints before the concrete hardens. If you want, you can let the kids put their hand-prints in the wet cement. Rinse hands immediately.

5. Apply a clear surface protectant after 24 hours of curing. Typically, the new surface can be walked on after three hours of drying time. Driveways can be used after a full 24 hours.

Concrete resurfacing is not a particularly strenuous project. Just about anyone can make small repairs, but resurfacing a large patio or driveway is not recommended for people with back or knee problems.

Resurfacing your concrete will prolong the life of these most often used areas. Before your driveway, patio or walkways decay to the point where they need to be replaced, resurface them instead.



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Q: The walls and ceiling of our older house have a lot of character - mostly in the form of small cracks and uneven surfaces. This summer, we'll be painting room by room, and I want to get rid of these unsightly areas. Any tips? - Shauna L., Baltimore.

A: Stock up on drywall plaster, because you'll be using quite a bit before the summer's over. This substance really is a painter's friend, because the correct application can make a home's walls look like new - after the paint job is finished, of course.

Older homes typically have a lot of small stress cracks, especially around corners, door and window frames. These occur as the house settles, so there's really no stopping them - you'll be covering these up every few years. (Big giant cracks, like those that run from floor to ceiling, are another matter entirely, and professional help is needed.) Your walls and ceilings may also have indents and shallow depressions (a quarter-inch deep or less) in places from daily wear and tear. Before starting work in each room, take a look at the surfaces and write down all the problem spots that need attention. This will give you

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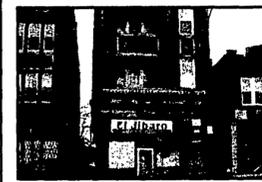
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Making the light fantastic

BY DORIS A. BLACK

Proper lighting enhances a home, creating comfort and beauty. Lighting can make colors pop, set a mood, illuminate space and establish security. Most rooms in our homes use a combination of direct light for ambience and tasks and indirect lighting for an overall feeling of brightness. Direct lighting, such as an overhead downlight, illuminates without reflecting off other surfaces. It shines more brightly on the object of its direction than the surrounding area. The more concentrated the beam, the more light hits the object directly, casting dramatic shadows. A floodlight, on the other hand, spreads the light more evenly, blurring shadows and illuminating a larger area. Indirect lighting brightens a space by reflecting off other surfaces, such as ceilings and walls. A central ceiling fixture is a good example of indirect lighting, creating a general

light in a room. Using direct light to create ambience through dramatic lighting is easy. Downlights placed strategically throughout a room use contrasting highlights and shadows to accent certain architectural or artistic features. Table lamps and candles provide low light with soft edges, creating an elegant romantic atmosphere. Conversely, a room washed evenly with light creates a relaxing, restful feeling. To achieve a washed effect, lighting needs to overlap from one source to the next. Multiple light sources are necessary. Lighting is used in different ways throughout the house. High-function rooms such as the kitchen require task lighting and general lighting for occupants to function effectively. Specific task areas, such as the sink, island, countertops and range, all require direct light so shadowy areas are obliterated. Undercabinet light fixtures are excellent choices for illuminating work areas. Track or recessed lighting will illuminate an island

and a fluorescent strip or single downlight is perfect for over the sink. Downlights can be used throughout the space to create the general ambient lighting necessary to eliminate dark spaces between the task lights. A well-lit kitchen creates a light, airy space pleasing to most cooks. Living rooms function in a different manner than kitchens. They are used for more formal entertaining or socializing with guests, therefore different lighting is required. Living rooms usually have a visual focus whether it is a fireplace or an entertainment center. This focal point should be accented with lighting to emphasize its importance. Using track lighting is an easy and cost-effective way to make this distinction. Although recessed lighting will accomplish the same goal, track lighting is easier to install and is more flexible should you decide to rearrange the room and change the focal point. Besides the focal point, the living room should have adequate light for reading—typically, a lamp at chair-side suffices. Artwork or other special

features you'd like to accent can be highlighted through recessed downlighting or again with direct track lighting. Entertainment centers that contain televisions don't need a great deal of direct light, unless they also store videotapes, CDs or books. A variety of light sources in the living room will provide a more than adequate amount of light for each task and will be flexible enough for variation. Bedrooms generally don't require any specialized task lighting other than for reading or dressing. Most rooms have a central overhead fixture and lamps or scones by the bedside for reading. Closets, especially walk-in ones, do need special consideration. Make sure you follow the NEC (National Electrical Codes) when installing any additional light fixtures. Most electricians are familiar with the codes, but most homeowners are not. Bathrooms have their own requirements, depending on who is going to use them. For example, the lighting style in the master bath may be quite different from the lighting in a children's or guest bath. All,

however, need the same type of lighting, general and task. Because lights in the bathroom are used more often than those in other areas, and are the most often left on, the bulbs may require replacing more than in other areas of the house. For these reasons, consider using long-life bulbs or fluorescent. Fluorescent bulbs offer some advantages. They are less costly to operate, deliver better color range and diffuse light along a longer path. Side lighting is best for seeing oneself in the mirror. If overhead lighting is used, portions of the face will always be in shadow. Other areas of the home, such as an office, are likely to need the same type of lighting, only in different areas. Choose task lighting for workspaces and reading and indirect lighting to create overall luminosity. By selecting the right type of lighting for the right space, you can brighten your lives and the everyday tasks you face. Don't live in a dark tunnel—turn up the intensity and open your eyes to the possibilities new lighting can expose.

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Hammer

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an idea of the tools and materials necessary, and of how much time repairs will take. And now, to plaster: Tackle the biggest jobs first, so they'll be out of the way. Smaller areas that just need a bit of spackling compound can be finished last, right before painting. Your tools will include wide and narrow putty knives, sandpaper of different grades, mesh wall tape, staples and/or a staple gun and a hammer.

Depressions in walls or ceilings can be smoothed out with a generous application of wall plaster. However, the plaster needs something to hold onto. This is where staples come in: tap them into the depression at random spots so that they protrude slightly (without jutting past the normal surface level). If you prefer to use a staple gun, tape a thin strip of wood to the gun bottom so that the staple won't be fully inserted. Then, ladle the plas-

ter onto the surface and smooth quickly, leveling it with the surface and feathering the edges. Meshed wall tape is the tool of choice when dealing with stress cracks. Rather than filling the cracks with compound, which will crumble away after a few years, mesh tape flexes with the walls so that patching and painting are kept to a minimum. This tape is also used to cover seams between dry-wall sheets and to hide smaller dry-

wall holes and indentations (usually 1 inch in diameter or less). The tape can be spackled or painted over once in place. Tiny cracks, indentations and nail holes can be quickly patched with a dab of plaster. Before making each repair, lightly sand and clean the wall surface so the plaster adheres better; after spackling, let the plaster dry for a couple days, then sand smooth, clean and apply primer so that the area will match the rest of

the walls after painting. HOME TIP To keep plaster moist during long patching jobs, mix in a couple tablespoons of white vinegar per quart of compound. Send questions or home repair tips to homeguru2000@hotmail.com, or write This Is a Hammer, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. (c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.

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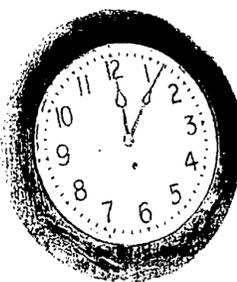
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Not those stones

A stone retaining wall, a brick patio or a flagstone walkway are examples of backyard masonry projects that will add beauty and charm to the landscape. With careful planning and installation, your projects will last for years to come. Whether you install the project yourself or hire a professional, you'll view your project with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

If you're considering any of these types of projects, you probably already have a landscape plan in your head. The process of visualizing the plan in your head, transferring it to paper and marking it off in the yard will help you finalize details as your project comes to life.

The most commonly used masonry materials are concrete pavers, concrete, flagstone and brick. Let's look at each.

Concrete interlocking pavers are all the rage right now for several reasons:

They're available almost everywhere—home improvement stores, big-box stores, landscape companies and even your local market may sell them. They're durable and lightweight. They come in a variety of styles, shapes and colors. They're less expensive than most other masonry materials. Their versatility makes them useful for edgings, sidewalks, patios or retaining walls.

Because of their interlocking design, these pavers have proven to be extremely stable even under heavy weight and extreme weather conditions, making them the number one choice of homeowners in recent years. Many homeowners prefer to do their own installation, using a four-inch gravel base topped with two inches of sand. This is a doable project if you have the time and are willing to learn the ropes.

Poured concrete has been a standard for patios and walkways for years. The advantages of poured concrete are:

It can be formed to any shape, making it extremely versatile. It is strong enough to support thousands of pounds. Decorative finishes can be applied to add color and texture.

The downside to poured concrete is that it's not easy to handle. Most homeowners don't even try. The professionals, however, with the proper skills and tools can complete a project in one day.

Using flagstone in the landscape sets a casual, informal tone. Flagstone is not a type of stone but is actually a process in which a variety of stones are cut into flat slabs. Most commonly used are redstone, bluestone, sandstone, limestone, slate and granite. The advantages of flagstone are: It can be cut to rectangular shapes or irregular shapes. It is extremely durable and long lasting. It requires no routine maintenance.

On the downside, flagstone is extremely expensive, more than

double the cost of other masonry materials and the surface is rougher than brick or concrete. Installation is like a jigsaw puzzle, fitting pieces together based on shape. However, flagstone makes a wonderful addition to the landscape and adds value to the home.

Brick has long been a favorite among homeowners. Its warm colors add an elegant touch reminiscent of old-world courtyards. The advantages of brick are:

It is available in hundreds of colors, styles and sizes, making it the most versatile of all the masonry materials.

Your project can be designed using the brick in an infinite number of patterns. It is durable and maintenance free if installed properly.

It is easy to install because each brick is a uniform shape and size, making estimating quantities and installation a breeze.

Prices for brick range from inexpensive for salvage brick to high priced for custom colors and sizes.

Brick can be used for almost any landscape project you can think of. Most homeowners who do the installation themselves set the brick in two inches of sand with a four-inch gravel base for stability. Visit a brickyard to view colors and sizes. For small projects, handpick the bricks you want, looking for color uniformity and shape regularity.

With careful planning and installation, your landscape masonry projects will add long-lasting beauty and value to your home.

Recycling isn't just for aluminum

Man has long been tearing down old buildings to build bigger, taller, more contemporary structures. In the name of progress, many of our most beautiful theaters, hotels, churches and homes have been demolished, their elegant features lost for all time. It was not until we took note of their design value that the architectural salvage industry sprouted.

Architectural salvage is the process of removing unique interior and exterior features from buildings doomed by the wrecking ball, thereby preserving them and giving them a second life. Today there are salvage companies all across the country that have warehouses full of beautiful handcrafted pieces waiting for the right person to come along. Grand staircases, imperial iron gates, copper weather vanes, beveled glass windows and majestic columns are only a few of the treasures from the past that can still be found, sometimes at affordable prices. Many people prefer the superior craftsmanship of these old items over modern reproductions and are willing to

search for the perfect piece to complement their home. Here are just a few of these treasures that can be found from the Internet source, Architectural Salvage Warehouse, www.architecturalsalvagevt.com.

Architectural Salvage Warehouse has an incredible selection of antique doors. The catalog includes an entry door with a tulip motif in beveled glass, a French oak door, tri-fold French doors, a mission style door with rippled glass and a wonderful arched doorway with beveled glass and French doors.

The company also offers windows made of stained glass, colorful, beveled, frosted and rippled in bull's-eye patterns and floral designs; panels and sidelights; transoms; and sashes.

You can also find fireplace mantels carved of walnut, poplar, mahogany and pine from the 1800s and early 1900s. There are mission style and federal style, some with corbels and some without, but all regally beautiful.

The company has antique cast-bronze floral steeple finial hinges, glass knob sets with key plates,

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You'll find art deco hanging lights, exterior glass slag lamps, a wheel-shaped chandelier with 85 prisms and more.

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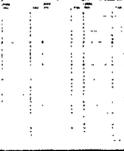
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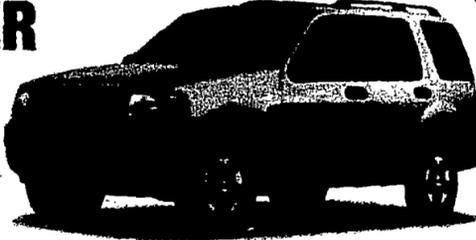


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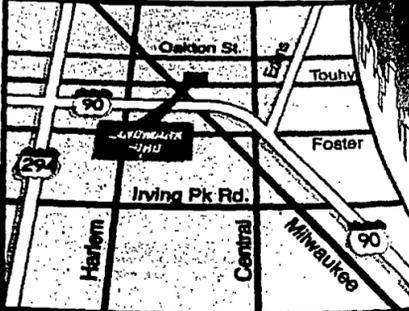
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