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The Maine East High School Chorus, under the direction of Pat Barnett, rehearses for its upcoming production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," Feb. 29 through March 8. Page 5



#### **HEARTY COOKING**

The Hearty Boys new cookbook includes recipes for retro dishes and comfort foods. See Food, page 55



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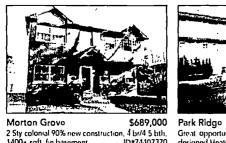


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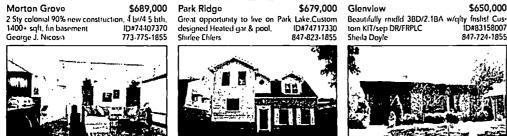
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Oscar may live in Hollywood, but he's from Chicago.

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AROUND TOWN THIS WEEK

#### Classes offered

Courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College are available evenings and weekends at various locations.

How to Fund College Without Going Broke (FIN E19-02), offering tips on how to save thousands of dollars on a college education, will meet 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today (Thursday) at Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. The fee is \$29.

NIA for Seniors (PED C01-01) is designed to improve flexibility for those "aging with grace." Neuromuscular Integrative Action combines modern dance, martial arts and ancient healing forms. The five-week course will meet 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mondays starting Feb. 18 at the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove. The fee is

For a complete class schedule visit www.oakton.edu/all; or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

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## UPCOMING NEXT WEEK

#### Special-needs targeted On Feb. 21 the Maine Town-Old gym shoes and light

ship District 207 Next Steps Committee will sponsor a presentation, Getting Ready: Planning for Life After High School, for parents of students with learning disabilities, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. Attendees should enter through the field house entrance and follow the signs to the Family Center. Several experts will be on hand to discuss options for special-needs students, including college, certificate programs, the trades and employment. Representatives will discuss necessary skills, and will work with parents to develop a plan that accommodates each child's abilities and interests. For more information contact Cristina Ramirez, (847) 803-4556, Marica Adelberg, (847) 692-8489, or Marybeth Sanchez, (847) 692-8103.

#### **MAKE ROOM FOR GREEN TANGERINES**



Keith Banaszak, 17, and Anthony Sanders, 15, of the band, "Green Tangerines" perform together at the Hungry-I Variety Show. See page 8 for more from the 45th Annual Mission Mardi Gras. — Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer

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# Recycling options expand as village adds 'green' measures

By KIT KADLEC

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bulbs. It's a strange combination, but those items are

now sought for recycling in Niles. Specifically, the village is looking for compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and old athletic shoes, such as those used for tennis, basketball or running. Starting this week resi-

dents have been able to drop the CFL bulbs off at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, or the Niles Public Services building, 6849 Touhy Ave., and bring old gym shoes to a receptacle at the Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive.

It's one of the early steps in a growing effort by the

And as Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano said, the village has to start somewhere.

"We're trying to do our part," Vinezeano said. "Of those municipalities that do their part (environmentally), they always try to start with what's available, like sources. grants."

The shoe- and bulb-recywill be funded by grants applied for by Niles. Other ideas include us-

ing more-efficient bulbs in 'be saved," he said. the exit signs in village buildings to save on energy and costs, adding diesel retrofits on old village trucks to cut back on pollution, and encouraging residents to Greener Compact soon. purchase a \$40 rain barrel through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District ous suburbs in the Chicago Niles Environmental Com- to make more efficient use area to do certain things to

outdoor cleaning chores.

Vinezeano said he's also making the push to encourage Niles businesses to consider changing their light bulbs and other such measures. But he realizes their motivation in doing so will likely be more about saving money than saving re-

"The cost of power will go up, and although it's a cling project won't cost the green thought to reduce village anything, as efforts consumption, you'll find that most people in the business community will look at where the most money can

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio, who heads the Environmental Committee, said he hopes to ask village trustees to add Niles into the

The Greener Compact is an agreement between varimittee to make the village of water in gardening and improve the environment.

# Woman critical after blaze

By TONY BERTUCA

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A 69-year-old Niles woman was still in critical condition Monday evening after suffering smoke inhalation from a fire that broke out in the bedroom of her condominium a day earlier

Niles Deputy Fire Chief Steve Borkowski said firemen were called at about 12:35 a.m. on Sunday to the woman's building on the 9000 block of West Heathwood Drive.

"She was found laying on the floor in the middle of the living room," he said. "She was taken out of her apartment and put in an ambulance and sent to Lutheran General."

Borkowski said that the woman had suffered smoke inhalation but was not

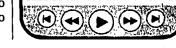
burned. The woman was later transported in critical condition to Loyola Hospital in

Maywood. A spokeswoman from Loyola said that the woman was still in critical condition Monday evening.

Borkowski said state and local fire officials were investigating the cause of the blaze, which did not move past the woman's bedroom.

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NILES HERALD-SPECTATOR

#### Schakowsky trounces Nocita in 9th House District By KATHY ROUTLIFFE

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Jan Schakowsky, who last fought a primary battle in 1998 en route to winning her first term in the 9th Congressional District, won her second primary battle convincingly on Feb. 5 against attorney John Nocita.

With 350 suburban precincts tallied by the end of the week, Schakowsky received 55,018 unofficial votes ma surge." — almost 89 percent of votes cast — to Nocita's 7,095, just under 11.5 percent of the votes cast. In Chicago, with 237 precincts reporting, Schakowsky had garnered 42,782 or just over 87 percent of the votes cast. Nocita collected just under 13 percent of the vote, with 6.317 votes. All vote totals are unofficial.

from Barack Obama head-

ful for their vote of confidence

The Evanston Democrat. an early supporter of Obama's who is part of his Illinois presidential campaign team, was more pleased about his primary win in the state.

"I actually think what hapeveryone knew this was not going to be definitive, but we're in the midst of an Oba-

"I thought she was going to win the race," he said. "I'm sumer protection laws, child just pleasantly surprised that this campaign wasn't dirty, and was about issues."

"My message was about moderation, that taking the and Republican candidates, Schakowsky, speaking moderate road will solve more campaigned as a moderate problems than coming at it Democrat who more accuquarters in Chicago Feb. 5, from the extreme ends of the rately represented a majority polls in the 9th District.

in the district: "I'm very grate- message will take time to stituents. evolve and sink in with voters. because it isn't a simplistic message.'

Schakowsky, who is serving her fifth term in Congress. succeeded long-time Democratic Rep. Sidney Yates when he retired. Since then she has risen through party leadership pened tonight was great, and now serves as Chief Deputy Whip.

She has taken a high profile speaking out against U.S. involvement and policies in Nocita was matter-of-fact Iraq, including pressing for about his loss Feb. 5, and con-more Congressional oversight gratulated Schakowsky on the of prison operations in Guantanamo and of private contractors, and backing consafety and energy legislation.

Nocita, a Northwest Side Chicago resident who has supported both Democratic

thanked Democratic voters political spectrum. I think my of the 9th District's con-

He promised a centrist philosophy and pledged to work with both sides of the aisle if he won the primary and, later, the general election. Like Schakowsky, he wanted to get the country out of Iraq and supported providing federal medical insurance for currently uninsured children.

However he opposed a quick pullout from the war. He also supported the U.S. Patriot Act, saying it, and the country's anti-terror policies - have put America's enemies on notice that the country will defend itself.

Nocita said he was surprised at what he called a low turnout. He had hoped for and expected, with the high interest in the Democratic presidential primary race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton — as many as 300,000 voters to go to the

# FBI links TCF Bank robber to other bank heists

By JENNIFER JOHNSON

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The Chicago division of the Federal Bureau of Investigations believes a man who robbed a Park Ridge TCF the southwest suburbs, Rice Bank two weeks ago may be said. The robberies date back that had the word "gun" writresponsible for committing as to November 2007 and, in ten on it and told the teller, many as eight other robberies each one, the suspect has rein the Chicago area.

Ross Rice, spokesperson for the FBI's Chicago division, said the suspect who mention of a gun, and in robbed the TCF Bank at 1 W. some of the robberies, has in-Devon Ave. on the afternoon cluded demands for specific bank and entered a mini van of Jan. 30 is believed to have denominations.

also robbed the Fifth Third Bank at 5950 Touhy Ave. in being offered for information Niles on Jan. 24, escaping with approximately \$3,000 in cash. A majority of the other robberies the suspect has tered the TCF Bank at Devon been linked to occurred in and Canfield avenues, premoved a note from a large envelope and presented it to police said. the teller. The note makes

A reward of up to \$10,000 is dividual. leading to the man's arrest.

On Jan. 30, at approximately 4:20 p.m., the man ensented the teller with a note "you can hand me the money, this is no joke." Park Ridge

The teller handed over approximately \$6,000 in cash, that was driven by another in-

The bank robber is described as approximately 40 years old, about 6-foot 2-inches tall, with brown hair and a mustache. He was wearing a blue and white checkered flannel coat, a baseball cap and jeans. He was also described as having "poor and missing teeth," police said.

318-5276, or the Chicago division of the FBI at (312) 421-

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Park Ridge Police Department's Investigation Division at (847)

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# Maine East meets 'Beast'

Maine East High School, 2601 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge, will present the musical, "Beauty and the Beast," at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 29 to March 1, and March 7 to

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The show, featuring music by Alan Menken and lyrics by the late Howard Ashman and Tim Rice, was a 1994 stage adaptation from the award-winning 1991 Disney animated film. It brings its own challenges to produce the special effects live.

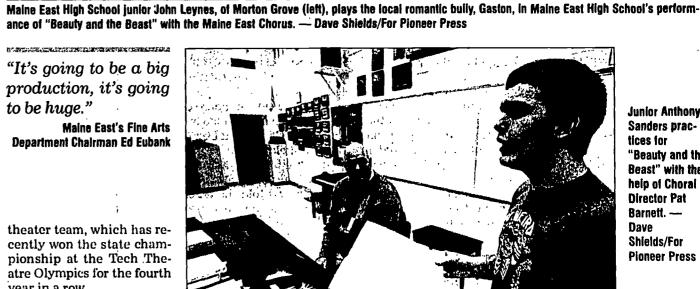
When her inventor father disappears away from their small French village, Belle finds him in an enchanted castle, captive of a monstrous beast, and agrees to take his place. Back home, the egotistical Gaston, having decided she is the bride he wants, sets new stumbling blocks for Belle and her family. The score ranges from the familiar title song and the rousing "Be Our Guest" to some of the Broadway additions, including the plaintive "Home."

"It's going to be a big to be huge." production, it's going to be huge," said Maine East's Fine Arts Department Chairman Ed Eubank.

More than 100 students will be involved in putting the show together, he said.

"I like to tell them that Maine East High School, and everybody is in the starting lineup," Eubank said of the cast and crew.

Behind the scenes will be Maine East's technical office at (847) 592-8500.



**Junior Anthony** Sanders practices for "Beauty and the Beast" with the heip of Chorai **Director Pat** Barnett. ---Dave Shields/For

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they are the largest team at theater team, which has recently won the state championship at the Tech The-

> year in a row. For tickets, call Eubank's

# Three named Dist. 207's BEST

By KIT KADLEC

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A senior from each Maine Township high school was se- honor. lected Feb. 4 by their principals for the District 207's BEST Award for Academic Achievement.

each school with a BEST award for excelling in areas such as community service, academic improvement and overall grades.

In February, Fahad Chaus teachers said. of Maine East, Erin O'Connor "Many students of his calof Maine South and Christo- iber are quite competitive,"

pher Dadabo of Maine West said his advanced placement were chosen for the BEST biology teacher Judy Tyler. "Fahad wants everyone to do Chaus, who moved to Des well and does what he can to Plaines from Saudi Arabia at help others in class." the age of 13, ranks within the

She said Chaus shows up top 10 of his class with a 4.51 20 minutes early every day, Each month, the district grade point average. He plans but often sacrifices his own demic awards in various subhas honored a senior from to be a pre-med and business study time to help other stu- jects. double major in college. dents with other classes.

"Rare is the student that is But while Chaus himself excels in top math and science not only extremely intelligent, classes, he uses much of his but wants to share that intelli- her a wonderful student and I have learned some things free time helping others, his gence with those around him, even better person," said her myself," she said.

unselfishly, altruistically and school counselor, Terry without arrogance," Tyler said.

At Maine South, O'Connor many ways." was praised for her "keen intellect and compassionate generosity," said Principal David Claypool.

A Park Ridge resident, O'-Connor is a Spanish Club officer, Hawk Pride leader, hospital volunteer, Constitution Team member; COACH tutor, and recipient of several aca-

"Erin's academic ability, strong work ethic, and inquisitive nature combine to make

Rausch. "She is special in so O'Connor intends to study

chemical engineering. From Maine West, Dadabo

of Des Plaines was described as a talented and passionate student by principal Audrey Haugan. Dadabo is currently ranked third in his class.

His math teacher, Heidi Leech, said Dadabo often looks for alternative methods for solving problems after finding the first one.

"Not only does the class benefit from his participation,

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Voters weigh in Reporter Kit Kadlec hit the streets on Feb. 5 to find out how people voted in the presidential primaries. Here's what they had to say:

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Robert Rappel, of Park Ridge. voted for John McCain What issue influenced Rappel's decision in the presidential primary? "We need to do something about

the (Iraq) war, but we need to

do it honorably."

Bill Mosier, of Niles, voted for

Barack Obama. What issue influenced Mosier's decision in the presidential primary? "Obama reminds me of (President John F.) Kennedy in



Megan Meyer, of Niles, voted for Barack Obama. What issue influenced Meyer's decision in the presidential race? "Health care."



Tomo Markolovic, of Niles. declined to say who he voted What issues influenced Markelovic's decision in the

presidential race? "A lot of things, but first the



Susan Guido, of Niles, voted David Cottrell, of Niles, voted for Barack Obama. What issues influenced What issue influenced Guido's decision in the

Cottreii's decision in the presidential primary? "The war in Irag."

# Night of Roses seeks 2008 nominations

cepting nominations through Feb. 15 for its fifth annual Niles Night of Roses — A Tribute to Home Grown Suc- the Niles Chamber office. cess. The event honors outcommunity who usually go gle Banquets in 13 categories:

the quality of life in Niles.

Nominations must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Friday to

Awards will be presented unnoticed, because they work Business of the Year, Bob the Year, Unsung Worker "Not

The Niles Chamber of and volunteer not for the Wordel Living Legend Award, Enough Hours in the Day," Web site at www.nilescham-Commerce & Industry is ac- recognition, but to enhance Coach of the Year, Dynamic and Youth of the Year. The ber.com or can be picked up Parent Volunteer, Fire Fighter Golden Senior Award, the at the Niles Chamber office, "Hot Spot," Ken Scheel Chamber Member of the Year, someone in their "golden 60714 (Inside the NorthSide Niles Citizen of the Year, Niles Golden Senior Award, Niles standing members of the at a dinner April 5 at White Ea- Good Neighbor, Police Officer "Special Agent," Teacher of

newest honor, will recognize 8060 West Oakton St., Niles years" who is dedicated to vol- Community Bank). Winners unteering, giving back and will be announced to the helping others.

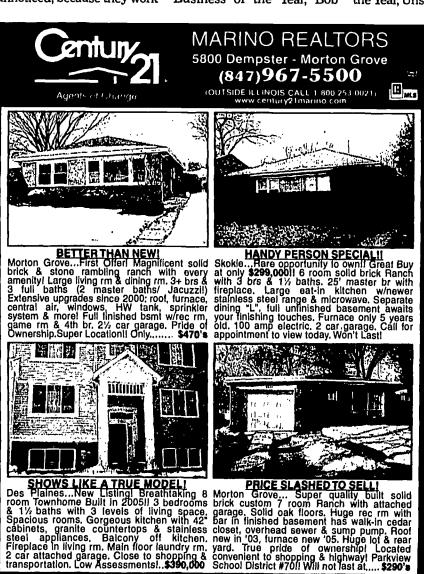
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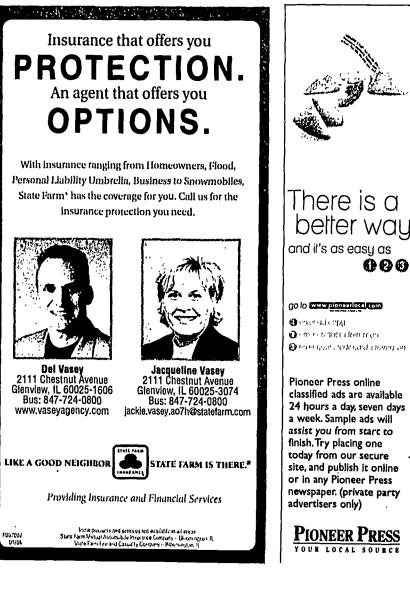
presidential race?

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community March 5. Call Official nomination forms (847) 268-8180 for informa-





#### **POLICE BLOTTER**

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The following items were listed in the official reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt; only a court of law can make that determination. Unless otherwise indicated, all court appearances are in Skokie.

#### BURGLARY

A residence on the 6800 block of Lexington Lane was burglarized between Jan. 27 and Feb. 7. The owner told police he returned home to find his kitchen window pried open, and said he was missing a 27-inch

#### **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

- Jose Martinez, 34, of 1620 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, was arrested for disorderly conduct Feb. 10. Police said a witness saw Martinez brandishing a knife during an altercation outside a bar on the 6800 block of Milwaukee Avenue, Martinez's bond was set at \$75. He is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 28.
- Paul Ethan, 52, of 6300 W, Touthy Ave., Niles, was arrested for disorderly conduct Feb. 6. Police said Ethan, who lives at the YMCA, placed a false 911 call to police and reported seeing a man wielding a butcher Inite. Ethan's bond was set at \$2,000. He is scheduled to appear in court Friday.

■ An employee at Work 'N Gear, 7210 W. Demoster St. told police a 78-year-old Skokie man attempted to grab her after he became angry while exchanging an item Feb. 8. The employee did not want to sign complaints against the man, police said.

- Allahuddin Ahmed, 35, of 9120 MacArthur Court. unincorporated Maine Township, was charged with driving under the influence, improper lane usage and failure to wear a seat belt Feb. 5. He was taken into custody on the 8500 block of Milwaukee Avenue. Bond was set at \$1,000. He has a March 28 court
- Guy Cates, 56, of 8200 W. Wilson Ave., Norridge, was arrested for DUI Feb. 7. Police said Cates' carwas seen stuck in the snow near the corner of Toutry Avenue and Harts Road, Cales' bond was set at \$1,000. He is scheduled to appear in court March 10.

#### **FORGERY**

MI A 38-year-old Niles man became the victim of an Internet scarn after he agreed to deposit money orders he received from strangers, and to make money transfers to other strangers in the United Kingdom. police said. After depositing more than 20 money orders mailed to his residence, and transferring \$8,763 overseas, the victim learned from his bank that the money orders were actually counterfeit, police said.

#### THEFT

- **MA** 16-year-old Niles boy was issued a local ordinance citation for retail theft Feb. 7 after he left Sears at Golf Mill mall without paying for an \$18 ring; police said. A fine was paid at the scene and the suspect was released to his mother
- Juan Ramirez, 28, of 8250 W. Dempster St., Niles, and Jaime Hernandez, 22, of 9427 Dee Road, unincorporated Maine Township, were charged with retail theft Feb. 10. Police said the men left JC Penney at

Golf Mill mall without paying for two wallets and two bottles of aftershave, all valued at \$182. Bond for each was set at \$1,000. They have an April 9 court

III Blanca Vazquez, 36, of 8933 Washington St., Niles, was issued a local citation for retail theft Feb. 10 Police said Vazquez attempted to leave JC Penney at Golf Mill mall without paying for a bottle of perfume valued at \$21.50. A fine was paid at the scene and Vazouez was released.

Folice busted a teenage drinking party in a motel

#### IMDERAGE DRHKING

room on Jan. 26 at 11:57 p.m., ticketing nearly a dozen local residents mostly from Niles and Park Ridge. Responding to a call about the incident, an officer located the party in a room at the Traveler's Inn at 7247 Waukegan Road. The officer reported being able to see teens though the window smoking and drinking. Upon entering, the officer noticed some teens had bloodshot eyes and that there were empty heer bottles amund the morn. Police said all inside were issued tickets for possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor and three were issued tickets for violating curiew. Police listed the following 11 offenders: Niles residents Mario Akellian, 19, of 8315 Ballard Road, Jon R. Amundson, 19, of 7505 W. Keeney St., Carmen J. Decicco, 19, of 8260 N. Milwaukee Ave., George Konelis, 18, of 7546 W. Cleveland St., Matthew Okunowski, 18, of 8218 Ozark Ave., Alan J. Torkelson, 17, of 8017 Churchill Ave., and a 16-year-old girl; Park Ridge residents weta Sarieva, 17 of 2316 Oakton St., Matthew F Schneider, 18, of 1428 Potter Road, and another 16year-old girl; and Patryk Hoszkiewicz, 19, of 1217 Old Wilke Road, Arlington Heights. The two 16-year-olds and Sarieva were the teens who were also cited for violating curlew.

## Niles man nabbed for robberv

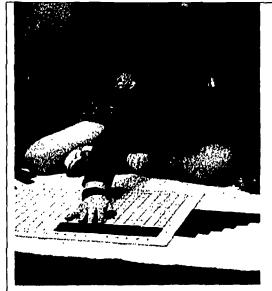
A Niles man has been arrested for the armed robbery of a Des Plaines pizza parlor that took place in October.

Javier Martinez, 18, of 8135 N. Greenwood Ave., was charged with the crime Feb. 7, said Des Plaines Police Cmdr. Richard Rozkuszka.

According to a police report, Martinez entered Mama Maria Pizzeria, 590 Potter Road, about 9:30 p.m. Oct. 18 displaying a handgun. He reportedly ordered the cashier to turn over all the money in the cash register, then left before police arrived, the report stated.

When detectives disseminated a sketch of the robber to other police departments in the area. Niles Det. George Alexopoulos thought it resembled someone he knew. Des Plaines Det. John Rice followed up on the tip by locating the suspect who was in Cook County Jail on other charges.

During an interview Feb. 6, Martinez confessed to Rice that he committed the crime, police said. Martinez was to appear in District 2 of Cook County Court at Skokie Wednesday.



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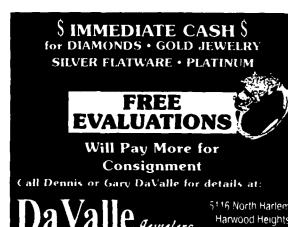
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Keith Banaszak, 17, of Niles, of the band Green Tangerines, performs Feb. 5 during the Hungry-I Variety Show at Notre Dame High School. --- Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer



Tiffany Wallenberg, 10, on the "Bungee Run" during the Feb. 5 Mardi Gras Carnival at Notre Dame High School. **Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer** 



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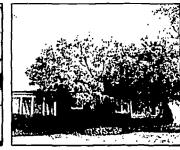


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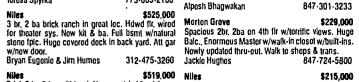
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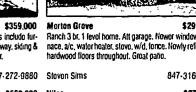
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# FORUM

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# Dist. 64: Bye-bye homemade treats

ne of the special treats for many of us, growing up, was when some moms or grandmas of our grade school class-mates made enough treats for the mates made enough treats for the whole classroom and we were allowed to nibble on them at our desks. Heart-shaped cookies were a staple of Valentine's Day. Pumpkins for Halloween or turkeys for Thanksgiving... made with love and savored by the recipients.

A health-conscious world has imposed itself in the meantime. Now people worry about whether the home kitchen is sanitary enough, or whether the ingredients include sugar or trans fats or one of many ingredients to which the younger generations are becoming sensitive or allergic. Nut allergies, especially to peanuts — which are used in many less obvious products as well as the visible nut ingredients — can be especially life threatening.

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 has taken several steps to reduce exposure to nut products this school year. The newest ban, announced last week just in time for Valentine's Day parties, goes along with changes to Park Ridge environmental health policy. All foods served to students at school are now affected --- treats at classroom parties, snacks at events after school or on weekends, events sponsored by parent-teacher groups such as family nights or bake sales.

Starting this week, only foods prepared by a commercial establishment or pre-

pared in a commercial kitchen can be served - a commercial license is required for the facility. Homemade or homebaked foods can't be shared with anyone, but children may still bring items from home for their own consumption.

The new rules are well meant, trying to keep children from any types of food reactions, whether from allergies to spoilage. The school district has been wrestling with the food issues in light of many health concerns because it does not want any of its children to be at risk.

But it's a pity that, because the rules have to be so restrictive and protective, many children will end up depending more and more on preprocessed foods, often with extra salt or sugar or additives. There can be no more cultural evenings where families bring samples of recipes from their diverse ethnic heritages. And where moms could usually produce enough cookies for a classroom treat without spending a fortune, it costs more to buy these commercially

#### **TELL IT TO THE EDITOR:** We want to hear from you

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less; guest essays may run up to 900 words. The deadline for both is 9 a.m. Fridays. An outside mailbox is available at our office for weekend deliveries. The editor reserves the right to condense letters and essays and to edit for misstatements of fact, breaches of good taste and libel.

Letters will not be accepted from candidates for office in the midst of their election campaigns, although letters from their supporters are welcome. Letters submitted for a given week may although every attempt will be made to give priority to letters with time value.

#### 1000**WORDS** ERIC ALLIE



# Stop campaigning, right now



"No, I can't," the man in the brown coat replied when I asked him if he had voted and for whom in the pri-

I didn't know what he meant, but the light changed and I couldn't ask. I stuffed a few bills into his hand and drove off.

So, this guy didn't vote. I guess every Tuesday is "Tsunami Tuesday" for him. All he has between him and the elements is his brown coat and a cardboard sign that reads, "Homeless. Please Help."

Approximately 3.5 million Americans are homeless. And I imagine that number will grow as foreclosures increase.

The problem, of course, is money.

Some people don't have it. Almost 35 million Americans don't have it and live in poverty. The candidates running

for president have it. By the end of 2007, John

McCain had raised \$41,102,178. By the end of 2007, Hillary Clinton had raised

\$115.652.361. By the end of 2007, Barack Obama had raised \$102,170,668.

Plus, what other candidates raised. All of which totals about a half-billion dollars. And add in what the surviving candidates have raised this year and continue to raise.

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I suggest the campaign

for president stop today. Right now.

All the candidates are going to do with these millions is tell you — for more than eight months - what you already know:

Senator Obama = Change.

Senator Clinton = Experienced, tough.

Senator McCain = Hero. won't let anyone push us around.

We get it. We don't need eight months of TV commercials telling us this over and over and over and over.

And if anyone is interested in the issues, read a newspaper or magazine. look on the Internet. It's all

So, hold the election in November by all means, but cease campaigning.

That donated money? Give it to the poor and the homeless and the foreclosed.

Marke even the man in the brown coat could hang up his sign.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By mail: The Niles Herald-Spectator, 130 Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068 By fax: (847) 696-3229 By e-mail: parkridge@pioneerlocal.com Letters may be edited for space or content and must include name, address and a daytime phone number.

#### Thanks to park district for revising policy

I would like to thank the Park Ridge Park District for the recent update to their snack policy, no longer allowing snacks during park district classes. As the parent of a food allergic child I am relieved to see the park district change their policies to be more similar to the Park Ridge school district.

This policy, as the school district's does, protects the safety and health of all children with food allergies.

Very few people realize how increasingly prevalent and serious food allergies are in our community. Up to 7 percent of children have life threatening food allergies. As little as a pen tip size of a peanut can cause death in as little as 30 minutes in a peanut allergic child. The incidence of food allergies is increasing and is going to continue to an important safety issue in schools.

What is hard for people to understand about food allergies is that for the benefit and safety of a few kids, all kids must make a change. I un-

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derstand why this is hard for some children and parents to understand and accept, since we live in a society where majority rules and decisions are made based on the best interest of the majority, not the minority.

What we, as parents, need to remember is that even if this policy only protects a small minority, that minority could just as easily be your

I feel it is also important as parents to teach your children to be accepting of children with food allergies, not to resent them for the snack they don't get to eat in their classroom. How badly did they really need that snack in their one and a half hour long class anyway?

Yes, the classes that are eliminating snack are no longer than one and a half hours. Give your child a snack at home before you leave or in "snack area" of their facility and give them lunch or dinner when they get home....they won't miss a thing.

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Luther King Jr.? If you take some of the quizzes on www.brightmoments.com/blackhistory/ you'll realize there's a lot you don't know about black history. But it is important to know, so point your browser to that site and get educated.

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS

This year, St. Mary of the Woods Elementary School introduced a new kind of award: the Peacemaker Award.

This award is given to students who exemplify the qualities of Christian living such as kindness and charity. This is a way to put what is taught into action. Students choose one of their peers, per classroom, who displays these traits of Christianity. This special and unique award is given during the monthly allschool Masses.

Peacemakers were recognized at the Ash Wednesday mass on Feb. 6. Students were called to the altar to receive a medal with an image of a handshake on it and a cross, as a symbol of their charitable actions.

Awardees at the Ash Wednesday Mass were: Caroiine Bolech, Jeffrey Bullock, Claudia Cassidy, Patty Gernady, Brandan Hash, Joe Imburgia, Megan Kerstein, Grainne Kilroy, Catherine Loftus, Emily Molloy, Tessa Murray, Conor O'Rourke, Annie Otto, Jake Sepich. Anna Tomaszewski, Hope Waish, Patrick Weber, and Madalyn Wilson.

#### EASTERBUNNY

RESURRECTION

Resurrection High School Alumnae Association will host its annual Afternoon with the Easter Bunny from 2 to 4 p.m. March 8 at the school, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, All are welcome to visit with the Easter Bunny, enjoy an ice cream social, arts and crafts and a Story Book Theatre presentation by Res theatre students. Each child will receive a gift from the Easter Bunny.

Advance reservations are required and tickets are \$5 per child and \$3 per adult. To make a reservation, call (773) 775-6616, Ext. 142, or visit online at www.reshs.org

# Hawk cheerleaders win state honors

A snowstorm in Bloomington, Ill., didn't discourage the Maine South Varsity Competitive Cheerleading Team as they headed for the third annual Illinois High School Association's competitive cheerleading state finals at the U.S. Cellular Coli-

Weather problems reduced the weekend event to a single day format, giving the top 25 state finalist teams one shot to win the title. While the Porters of Lockport High School won their second consecutive state championship, the Maine South Hawks were excited to meet their own goal of placing within the top 10.

They came home with ninth place in state. They qualified for the contest with a second place win behind Stevenson High School in the Lake Park sectionals.

"Our goal was to place in the top 10 at state," said coach Pati Coy. "The girls really stepped up when the state tournament competition began. Many of these girls have performed in major state and national cheerleading competitions since grade school, so they were ready when it really count-

Coy is in her fourth year heading the Maine South



Maine South's varsity competitive cheerleading team placed ninth Feb. 2 in the illinois High School Association's state championships in Bloomington, meeting their goal of making the top 10 among the 100 large varsity squads. Team members include (from left to right): front row, Kileen Casey, Glanna Bosco, Sam Sodini, Pam Lemperis, Keisey Johnson and Emily Palolan; second row, Tara Lewensky, Colleen Keesey, Kristin Keily, Lindsay Rogers, Amber Nordstrom, Nicki Steiner, Nicole Bertini and Katelyn Barabasz; third row. Markle Ignoffo, Lauren Rooney, Stephanie Heiza, Monika Kasiulis, Claudia Pilati, Jililan Northtell and Alyssa Ribaudo: back row, Erin Barrett, Christina Coy; not shown, Michelie Apa. Coaches are Pati Coy, Tina Svigos, Lisa Calarco and Brittany Knight.

cheerleading program, which includes nearly 100 girls.

"Being among the top 10 teams in the state should give our program an even greater boost," she said. "We have a large number of underclassmen with strong

skills in our program so we're gust and continue through really looking forward to next March. season."

The Hawks cheerleaders also cheer at Maine South football, girls and boys basketball and soccer games, seasons which start in Au-

The Varsity Competitive Squad also will receive IHSA's Team Academic Achievement Award for collectively earning a grade point average of 3.0 or more.

# Oakton's internship program in demand

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Though only 12 Oakton Community College students were placed in internships between August and December 2007, nearly 100 students expressed interest in them.

This fact is according to Oakton's Internship Specialist, Shannon McKenzie, who gave a report about the internship program Jan. 22 to the college's board of trustees.

The internship program "is a really nice partnership between and among the (Oakton Community College Educational) Foundation, our business institute and academic affairs." Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Nancy Prendergast told the board.

The internship program, which provides students with real world experience and helps them get "a foot in the door," works with students from a variety of academic programs, McKenzie said, Internships generally last between eight and 14 weeks, and students work between

10 and 20 hours a week. Their salaries range from \$9 and \$14 an hour with an average of \$12 an hour.

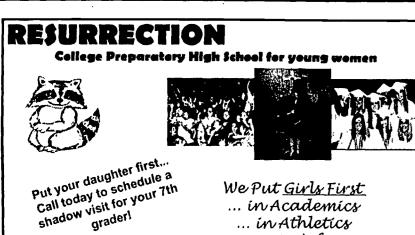
To qualify for an internship, students must have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average and have completed at least 12 credit hours in their major. But many of the interested students have qualifications far above the minimum requirements, McKenzie said. Many have degrees from other institutions.

The college is able to reimburse companies that express interest in Oakton interns for

a portion of their salaries with money from a grant the college received from the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Last year when Oakton applied for the grant they set four goals: to provide at least 40 students with paid internships; to recruit at least 20 new employers: to create new collaborations between the college, employers and students and to encourage students to seek employment in Illinois upon graduation. McKenzie said.

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#### **SCHOOL DIGEST NOTRE DAME**

The second annual Athletic Club Fashion Show will be Feb. 21 at Beau Jolie Banquet Hall, 9950 Lawrence Ave., Schiller Park.

The theme is "Light the Passion, Share the Dream." The evening will begin with cocktails and raffles at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the athletic program.

Tickets are \$45 cach. Tables of 10 and 12 are available. Visit the Notre Dame High School Web site, http://www.ndhsdons.org/students/athletics/athclub.htm. for details or to download an invitation. For more information call Teresa Connelly, (847) 779-8651, or email her at tconnelly@ndhsdons.org.

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The Notre Dame High School Jugglers will perform the classic American comedy, "The Man Who Came To Dinner." Performances will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 to Feb. 23, and 2 p.m. Feb. 24, in the Little Theatre, 7655 Dempster St., Niles, Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults, in advance; \$7, at the door.

#### OAKTON

Learn recipes by enrolling in cooking courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College.

Cross Country Barbeque Road Trip (HEC E28-01) allows participants to experience the differences between the barbecue styles of Kansas City, Memphis and the Carolinas. Learn tips from an expert. Classes will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Backyard Barbeque Store, 1147 Greeleaf Ave., Wilmette. Kansas City Barbeque will meet Feb. 21; Memphis, March 20; and Carolina, April 17. The discount cost of this series is \$130. Individual courses

For a complete Alliance for Lifelong Learning class schedule, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3.

**\$ \$ \$** 

Manuel Scott, whose story is featured in the 2007 film, "Freedom Writers," will bring his message of sacrifice, hope, and love to Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road, at

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Students who became interns between August and December 2007 worked in the fields of accounting, engineering, graphic design, information technology and marketing, she said.

After the presentation during a discussion period, Trustee Jody Wadhwa suggested that students need to be taught how to come across in the interview. They should know how to

make eye contact; how to talk to a potential employer; and how to prepare for the interview by doing Internet research.

McKenzie agreed. "I've been surprised at how much of my time has been spent with students getting them ready to even go to that interview," she said, "whether it be with their resumes, cover letters and ... most of them have not done much of this at all."

To learn more about Oakton's internship program visit www.oakton.edu/internships.

2 p.m. Feb. 21. The lecture is free and open to the public.

At age 14, Scott dropped out of school and turned to drugs and alcohol, which led to involvement in criminal activities. Through hard work and dedication he went on to earn degrees from the University of California at Berkley and Trinity International Uni-

Scott now travels the world speaking at colleges, high schools and religious institutions, inspiring others with his experiences. He is a contributor to The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them. The book comprises essays by students from Long Beach, Calif., who wrote about the troubles of their past, present, and future.

For more information call the Office of College Advancement, (847)

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Art, cinema and Buddhism are among the course topics offered this spring by the Emeritus Program. Featured courses meet at Oakton's Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave.

Edward Hopper and the Poetry of Ordinary Life (ART H04-71) explores the chilling visual impact of this artist's color-splashed compositions, informed by isolation, melancholy and loneliness. The course will meet 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The course fee is

A Film Tribute to Cannes (HUM B45-71) celebrates the 60th anniversary of the world-famous festival by screening international favorites from years past. Films to be viewed and discussed include: "Brief Encounter," "The Lost Weekend," "Marty" and "The Pianist." The six-week course will meet 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Fridays starting Feb. 22. The course fee is

The Way of Oneness (PHL E76-71) examines basic Buddhist teachings and how to apply them to everyday life. This course will help explain the growing popularity of Buddhism. The six-week course will meet 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fridays starting Feb. 25. The course fee is \$80.

For more information about the Emeritus Program call (847) 635-1414 or (847) 982-9888, and press 3. For a complete list of Emeritus classes. course fees, seminars and events, visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus.

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**Harry Pujols** 

Dear Harry: Wow, this is like CSI: The Fixer - first, the vanishing cancellation request, then the switched address (from Unit 3906 to Unit 2906), then the bills being sent to the wrong party. Looking back, we can

only hope the guy downstairs in 2906 wasn't leaving the lights on all night. You seem to have diligently canceled all your other utilities, like your cable TV and Internet service. And your lease proves you were out of there last March. We found a sympathetic ear at ComEd, who helped get this on the path to resolution.

The billing folks went over everything and not only canceled the bill; they're also refunding you \$222 for overcharges from before your move.

Dear Fixer: I signed up for Vonage phone service

last spring. But, after one week, the service was so bad that I called to cancel. My phone would ring twice and then stop, or ring and then go dead.

I was running my business out of my home at the time, and I couldn't get my calls. I called Vonage, and they tried everything to keep me. But I said "please cancel" and switched back to AT&T.

Just recently, I noticed a \$5.99 charge on my credit card from Vonage, and I found out they had been billing me since I signed up and had never canceled. I called and questioned it.

In so many words, they told me: Tough luck. I asked for a supervisor, and they said there wasn't one there. They told me it was a \$49.99 charge to cancel. I told them I wasn't paying

Finally, I received a call from a Vonage representative who said the company was canceling my account. That was fine for a month. I just got a letter from a

collection agency for \$49.99. I called and contested the charge. The agency said it

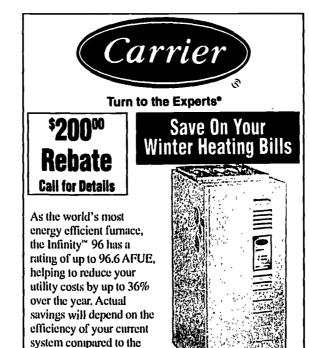
would contact Vonage again, but said it wouldn't

**Wayne Anderson** 

Dear Wayne: You gotta love the collection agency's promise to contact Vonage on your behalf even though it wouldn't help. Now. there's honesty. We had a little better luck. We told your story to Vonage's Meghan Shaw, and she was able to get that pesky \$49.99 wiped off your account. They've also requested that this be removed from collections.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com, where you'll find a simple form to fill out. You can mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 West Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Don't send original documents. Because of the large volume of submissions, The Fixer can't make personal replies. Letters are edited for length and

Contributing --- Piet Levy, Liza Roche



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STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: When I

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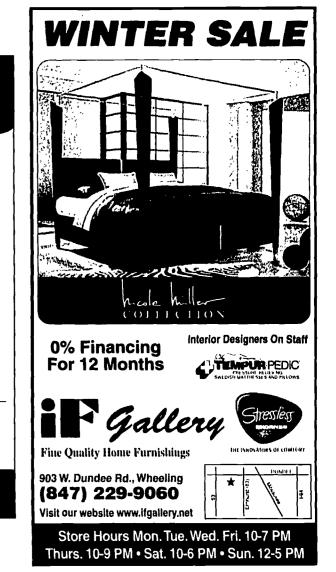
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CALLIPYGIAN PLAYERS

By ROBERT LOERZEL

Contributor

The Callipygian Players

will present their biggest

concert ever, a performance

of Handel's "Esther" Orato-

rio on Feb. 17 in Skokie with

"It's a story of love and

hate," says Skokie violinist

and Callipygian director

Martin Davids. "The (Per-

sian) king is trying to anni-

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full of gorgeous arias and

strong choruses. The finale

Esther saves her people. It's

30 musicians and singers.

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#### **»STAGE REVIEWS»**

Catey Sutlivan reviews "Gee's Bend"



at Northlight Theatre and "Deathtrap" at the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

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Dorothy Andries appraises a "Romanticism and Rock 'n' Roll" concert by Chicago a cappella that's soon to be repeated in Evanston.

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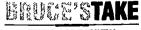
Jennifer Thomas discusses Hollywood Ugly and remembers how Nirvana became her gateway band. Bruce Ingram takes another look at the Oscar nominees and bemoans the absence of Sidney Lumet. Visit http://blogs.pioneerlocal.com/entertainment and /reeltalk.

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Erik Stein reviews "Devil May Cry 4" and "Cutdcept SAGA." The 25th anniversary edition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" is this week's featured CD review. Check Tuesday for Ray Davies' "Working Man's Cale."

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THE FILM REVIEW

"That's all a ticked-off boy really needs to be happy, you know: A chance to save the world from an evil ogre. Preferably with goblins involved.'

is a 12-minute marathon SEE MOVIE REVIEW, PAGE B6 | chorus."

Tackling Handel's 'Esther' The concert will feature a music," he says. "It's not really highly notated." 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at Ezra Habonim Niles star-studded vocal cast: opera singer and cantor For example, in some Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 pieces, "The slow move-Benjamin Warschawski as Demoster St., Skokie, \$18/\$36.

Ahasueros, Amanda Majesments are just an outline of ki as Esther, Jeffrey Strauss what you can play. It's simias Haman, Edward Zelnis as lar to jazz. You feed off each Mordechai and Israeli sopraother." Each performance is a litno Orna Arania as the Is-

The Callipygian Players present a concert on Feb. 17 at Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation in Skokie.

raelite woman. Martin tle different, and the players try out different ideas in re-Davids' wife, Julia Davids, will conduct a full orchestra hearsal. of period instruments and a "We go furthest out in re-

#### Free to improvise

choir.

Martin Davids, who grew up in Downers Grove and moved back to the Chicago area several years ago after spending some time in Canada, says he finds early music so appealing because performers have more freedom to improvise than they do with later classical music.

"It's a lot freer than later

we're going to do."

Distinctive name Of all the classical groups in the Chicago area, the Callipygian Players have one of the most unusual names.

even after a piece has been

rehearsed, it will sound dif-

ferent in concert. "We don't

plan down to the note what

obscure enough that many people will hear the ensemble's name without realizing what it means. Webster's defines the word quite simply: "having shapely buttocks." Davids sounds half-seri-

ous when he explains, "I had hoped I could hire people who have really beautiful buttocks." (Audiences will have to judge for themhearsal," Davids says. "Reselves whether he succeedhearsal is the time to try out things." But he adds that

He elaborates, "It sounded like some sort of artistic title that people would use, and yet it has a funny mean-

If you have trouble pronouncing Callipygian or you're a little embarrassed to say it, just call the group by its nickname, the Cal Players.



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#### **FAMILY FRIENDLY: WHERE TO TAKE THE KIDS**



kids, ages 8-18, teaches friendshin and selfconfidence

# 'Honk!' if you need self-confidence

By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

It's hard to feel good about yourself when people call you Ugly. But the star of Christian Youth Theater's "Honk!" discovers that his name doesn't fit — he's just different.

"The show has a really important message for kids about accepting people that are different from us." said director Lindsey Branson, who leads a cast of 97 kids, ages 8-18. "Everybody has things that are unique and special about them.

"Kids are looking for acceptance, no matter what age they are," Branson continued. "They get to see the journey of this character who is very rejected, and then grows into his self-confidence. Then people come to accept him in the end. It's an important message of what makes up a family and what makes up friends, and how we can accept each other

regardless of our differences." The musical, based on Hans Christian Andersen's fable, "The Ugly Duckling," is "a bright and colorful show, and it's got a lot of great characters," Branson said.

"Honk!" runs from Feb. 21-Mar. 2 at Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$8-\$12 in advance, \$2 more at the door.

For details, call (847) 516-2298.

#### Learn about Lincoln

Civil War era folk songs and stories will introduce people of all ages to our sixteenth president, when award-winning folksinger Chris Vallillo presents "Abe Lincoln in Song," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at

Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St. The program covers Lincoln's careers as a flatboater, circuit lawyer and president.

For details, call (847) 253-5675.

#### Think on your feet

Theater games and brain teasers are part of the fun at "Improv for All Ages," 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. Debbi Brodsky leads the hilarious, spontaneous interactive

For details, call (847) 677-5277.

#### Two different worlds

He comes from a prestigious, moneyed family. Her dysfunctional family is ruled by a tyrannical stepmother. Yet, Prince Charming and Cinderella connect in the Chicago Kids Company Theatre for Children's musical, "Cinderella," 10 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 16-Mar. 29, at Wilmette Theater, 1122 Central Ave.. Wilmette. And, according to Prince Charming (Peter Kelly), "We'll live happily ever after because we have each other." Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

For details, call (847) 251-7424.

#### Get the point

Kids can pet a porcupine, touch an alligator and see an ostrich up close, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. Zoologist, teacher and author Dr. Robert James of Animal Encounters will bring a variety of animals to the library. Families can interact with the animals in a safe, non-intimidating way.

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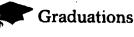




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#### **STAGE REVIEW: RICH HISTORY DESERVES BETTER PLAY**

# Weak story limits strong actors

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#### By CATEY SULLIVAN

From the American nightmare of slavery, the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama, wrested a glorious American dream. But their remarkable, rich story gets short shrift in "Gee's Bend," a frustrating drama that only glosses the surface of a true American epic and reduces authentic heroes to shallow composites.

Playwright Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder isn't the first to be drawn to the singular history of Gee's Bend. Settled in 1816 by slave owner Joseph Gee, the tiny Alabama peninsula was almost wholly isolated for the next 

century and a half. Bordered on three sides by the Alabama River, it was accessible only by a single, dusty road often impassibly muddy and an intermittently running ferry. A paved road into town was laid in 1967, but even then the community's remote locale helped its cultural traditions remain vibrant and all but untouched by outside influ-

Jacqueline Williams (from left) and John Stephen Crowley watch as Charlotte Speigner asserts her right to a drink in Northlight Theatre's

> Chief among those traditions was quilting, an art the women of Gee's Bend passed down all those years. In 1998 when folk art collector William Arnett 'discovered' them, the quilts began to be exhibited at museums throughout the United States, got reproduced on postage stamps and were declared "some of the most

"Cats." March 16-19 at the Rosemont

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Aaron Preusse in conjunction with Stockyards Theatre Project, will be

The Experiment!", a new concept in

theatre developed by Lori Howard and

presented at 7 p.m. March 5 at the

evening will include scenes from three plays — "Sure Thing" by David Ives,

Hansberry, followed by improvisation b

"Gee's Bend," through March 9 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at

7:30 p.m. (except Feb. 19 and March

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"Honk!", a musical adaptation of Hans

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ern art America has produced" by the New York

One can only begin to imagine the extraordinary journey of the elder matriarchs of Gee's Bend, women whose artistry not only survived but thrived through dire poverty and the unrest of the Civil Rights Era. Imagine is largely what one has to do given the thin sketch "Gee's Bend" offers.

Directed by Chuck Smith, "Gee's Bend" traces only the barest outline of one quilter's life. Sadly, Wilder skims over years with an airbrush. One moment, Sadie Pettway is flirting with the older man her mother warned her about. The next, she's married with eight children. If you aren't versed in the community's history going in, the fleeting references to crucial aspects in the community's history, including a brutal 1932 foreclosure that left virtually everybody in the community with virtually nothing, The first the first second is the first that the first second

The 2007-08 interplay Series will Introduce new plays by accomplished

and emerging American playwrights at

Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd.,

Skokie, Feb. 25: "Three Italian Women

by Laura Maria Censabella. April 21:

Dillman. \$15 per reading at the door;

"The Laramie Project." presented by

\$10 for students. (847) 673-6300.

pass unnoticed.

Charlotte Speigner does fine work with limited material: Her iron-spined walk to drink from a "White's Only" fountain is a moment of amazing power.

Even so, the roles here are underwritten. Moreover, trying to pass off 40s-something actors as 70s-something characters simply by plunking white wigs on their heads is never a good

Almost as frustrating as the survey-course style narrative is the music. The teasing fragments of rich, gorgeous gospel music and spirituals are just enough to make one yearn to hear at least one entire song. The quilts on stage suffer too. Folded, smoothed, sewn, packed and unpacked throughout the piece, they're never once shown in their entirety. For a story grounded in quilts both literally and as a metaphor for beauty, survival and a singular legacy, that's just wrong.

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Thursdays and Fridays; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Three characters wrestle with racism - America's and theirs — in a senes of searing confessional monologues. Tickets: \$20 Thursdays and Sundays; \$25 Fridays and industry with proper identification. www.thegifttheatre.org.

#### The James Downing Theatre, a project of the John Waldron Arts Center, through Feb. 24 at Edison Park United Methodisi Church, 6740 N. Oliphant, Chicago. The play is created from 200 interviews with the people of Laramie, Wyo., after 21year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was kidnapped and murdered at 8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15; \$10

"Little Shop of Horrors" will be presented by Brillianteen at 7 p.m. March 7-8 and March 14-15 and 2 p.m. March 9 at the King Lab School Tickets: \$10. (847) 475-7400, ext. 277, or www.brillianteen.org.

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call (773) 792-3030 or visit

"Say Cheese," a musical show presented by performance troupe Still Acting Upl at 3 p.m. March 2 at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Filinwood St. Free, but registration required. Call (847) 376-2787 or visit

"Superman," presented Feb. 14, 16 and 17 at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400. for tickets and times.

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#### classical

Ars Viva, conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Single tickets: \$60 box seats: \$40 reserved: \$35 seniors: \$15 students. March 2-3, 7:30 p.m.: Milhaud: "La Creation du Monde" Martin: Concerto for Seven Winds; Bizet Sympony in C.

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Single tickets are \$30 for general admission. Seniors receive a 10% discount and full-time students with photo identification are eligible for halfprice tickets. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. March 28 An Evening at London's Vauxhall Pleasure

The Callipygian Players will present Handel's oratorio, "Esther," at 3 p.m. Feb. 17 at Ezra Habonim, Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Tickets are \$18 and \$36, and are available at www.calplayers.org. For information, call (847) 502-7255.

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**Rosemont 18 Premier** 

# Boy vs. ogre? No sweat



**BRUCE INGRAM** 

FILM CRITIC

#### THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES ★ ★ 1/2

Jared Grace is one lucky kid. Just as he's about to turn into just another sullen junior juvenile delinquent, he finds a more socially acceptable outlet for his animosity: A fight to the death against an evil ogre and an army of goblins with the fate of the world hanging in the balance.

That's all a ticked-off boy really needs to be happy, you know: A chance to save the world from an evil ogre. Preferably with goblins involved. And it would be really sweet if he could save his annoying brother and sister and his mom, who doesn't appreciate him, while he's at

That's the potent, underlying fantasy that's driving the adventure in this action-packed adaptation of

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"The Spiderwick Chronicles." So it's a little surprising that the film never really comes to life in the way the most satisfying fantasy adventures typically do — with fully realized characters whose motivations come from the heart.

Instead, "The Spiderwick Chronicles" relies on a fast-paced outline of spectacular incidents from the best-selling children's book series to keep things interesting. It succeeds reasonably well at this and stands a good chance of captivating undemanding pre-teens (and a better chance of freaking out their preschool brothers and sisters with goblin violence), even though the on-screen magic doesn't translate to the storytelling experience.

If you're not 10 years old and you're unfamiliar with the "Spiderwick" saga, here's what to expect:

After their parents separate, the Grace kids, Jared, Simon and Mallory (Sarah Bolger), move with their mom (Mary Louise-Parker) to a creepy, run-down Victorian mansion in middle-of-nowhere New England. Freddie Highmore of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" plays both Jared and Simon, by the way, but he could have spared himself the effort, because Simon has next to



Anti-ogre patrol: Freddie Highmore and friend in "The Spiderwick Chronicles."

nothing to do in the movie version.

The old place is lousy with invisible magical creatures, which might explain why it was never sold after the kids' great aunt (Joan Plowright) was committed to an asylum after telling the wrong people that she communed with fairies. At first, Jared, who's bitter about his dad's exit, contents himself as usual with taking his frustrations out on his sibs and his mom. Then he finds the secret Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around Us, by his mysteriously missing great, great uncle Spiderwick (David Strathairn), which teaches him all about the assorted fairies, brownies, sprites, goblins, hobgoblins, ogres, trolls, griffins and so forth on the estate — which

appear courtesy of serviceable but uninspired computer graphic ef-

SPEAKERS

It's a pretty cool book, the field guide, especially since it introduces him to a domesticated imp named Thimbletack (voiced by Martin Short), whose anger issues are even more out-of-control than Jared's Unfortunately, the book has also attracted the attention of a murderous, shape-shifting ogre named Mulgarath (scariest when he assumes the form of a glowering, yellow-eved Nick Nolte), who wants to use its knowledge to rule the visible and invisible worlds.

But first he has to get past a spiteful, resentful, obnoxious teenage boy.

Worry about the ogre.

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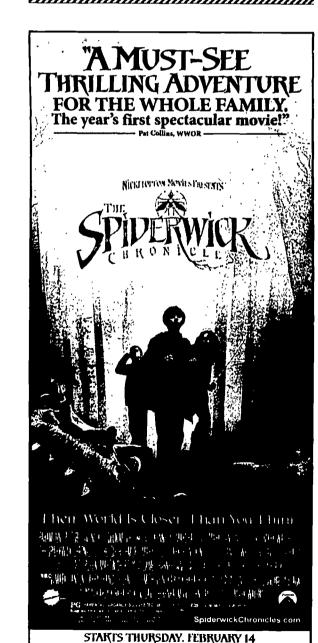
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#### FILM CLIPS: MOVIES TO SEE AT THE THEATER **OPENING THIS WEEK** THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES ★ ★ 1/2

#### THE BUSINESS OF BEING BORN ★ ★ ★ 1/2

tion of arguing almost entirely in tayor of

home birth and mid-witery (in tine with

Europe and Japan) instead of hospital

delivery. But it's honest enough to acco-

modale the premature birth of director

Abby Epstein's baby via C-section --- side-

slepping the potential it had tor becoming

a potemical propaganda piece. Ils depic-

tions of childbirth (including executive

producer Rikki Lake delivering her child at

and they delinitely help the lilm make its

points memorably. Lake (the actress and

talk show host) witt be answer questions at

screenings Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Epstein will join her Saturday and Sunday.

(BI) (87 min.) No MPAA rating. At the

A divorcing dad (Ryan Reynolds) tries

to answer the questions of his daughter

(Abigail Brestin) about how he met his wife

and tlashes back through their relationship.

Adam Brooks ("The Invisible Circus")

wrote and directed the romantic comedy.

Rated PG-13 for sexual content, including

some trank dialogue, language and smok-

A young man (Hayden Christensen)

with a genetic anomaly that allows him to

teleport himself anywhere tearns he's a tar-

and their enemies. Doug Liman "The

Bourne Identity" directed the sci-ti adven-

ture. (88 min.) Rated PG-13 for sequences

of intense action violence, some language

The pace is a little slow and the style is

a tittle dry and academic, but "Rape of

Europa" is nonetheless a lascinating docu-

mentary about a tess-well-known Nazi war

crime: The systematic tooting of Europe's

great art treasures. The titm doesn't shy

away from the horrors of war (somehow

Hitter's plan to annihilate the Polish popu-

lace seems even more savage when you

tearn he sent his troops into the country

with a wish list of artworks he coveled), but

the emphasis is on the enormous and

sometimes heroic efforts the people in

invaded countries went to preserve their

culture. Some of the stories are movie-

worthy on their own, tike the junior Louvre

statter who risked her life to spy on the

Germans as they stockpited stoten art in

and directed by Romero ("Night," "Dawn,"

"Day of the Dead"). (95 min.) Rated R.

GEORGE A. ROMERO'S

DIARY OF THE DEAD

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and brief sexuality.

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home in a bathtub) are graphic but joyous

MUSIC

Freddie Highmore stars in an adaptation of the best-setting children's book series, reviewed in this section. Rated PG This poignant and powerfut documentor scary creature action and violence, perit lary clearly came into being with the intenand some thematic elements.

STEP UP 2 THE STREETS A rebettious street dancer (Briana Evigan) teams up with the coolest dancer (Robert Hottman) at the etite Maryland School of the Arts to compete in underground dance battles. (97 min.) Raled PG-13 for some language, some suggestive material and brief violence.

#### STILL PLAYING

#### ATONEMENT ★ ★ ★ 1/2

A sumptuous, intelligent, potently erotic adaptation of tan McEwan's best-setting novel - brittiantly written, acted and directed. The 1930s and '40s period romantic drama detaits the terrible damage done when an over-imaginative 13-yearold English girl (Saoirse Ronan), who has a crush on the son of the groundskeeper (James McAvoy) of her father's estate. talsely accuses him of a shocking crime after learning he has become the lover of by Joe Wright ("Pride & Prejudice"), (Bt) sexual content and language. (130 min.) Rated R.

#### CLOVERFIELD

A monster attack on New York City is observed from the point of view of a small group of triends — and a camcorder. (85 min.) Rated PG-13 for violence, terror and disturbing images.

#### gel in a centuries-old war between jumpers FOOL'S GOLD

A clue to the whereabouts of a tost treasure rekindles the laiting romance of a couple of married adventurers (Matthew McConaughey. Kale Hudson). Andy Tennant ("Hitch") directed the action/adventure. Rated PG-13 for action violence, some sexual malerial, brief nudi-

#### THE HOTTIE & THE NOTTIE

Paris Hitton stars as the titular babe, whose loyally to her less-than-stunning titelong best triend (Christine Lakin) has detailed her love life. Tom Pulnam ("Shalled") directed the comedy, Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content.

#### IM RRUGES

Gleeson) cool their heets in the historic ty. Flemish city atter a botched job, where they soon become targets themselves trish playwright Martin McDonagh directed the dark comedy. (107 min.) Rated R.

#### **JUNO** ★★ 1/2

Pardon my ambivalence, but I can't the Jeu de Paume. Well worth a look. (BI) help leeting conflicted about this smart, (117 min.) No MPAA rating. At the tunny, well-acted but fundamentally irresponsible teenage pregnancy comedy. The script is admittedly clever, though, and performances are excellent across the board, particularly Ellen Page's wryty soul-Film students run into the real thing — lul lurn as the pregnant high-school sophwhile shooting a zombie movie. Written omore. (BI) Raled PG-13 for malure themalic material, sexual content and tan-

#### **MEET THE SPARTANS**

A parody of the blockbuster hit "300" by the creators of "Date Movie" and "Epic Movie." (84 min.) Rated PG-13 tor crude and sexual content throughout, language and some comic violence.

## NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN \*\*\*

The Coen Brother's taithful adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's novel generates considerable suspense and adding some welcome touches of dark humor, but it's stitl likely to trustrate anyone tooking tor a conventionally satisfying dramatic resolution. Javier Bardem steats the show as a philosophic/pschopathic hil man hard on the heets of a Vielnam vet (Josh Brotin) on the run with \$2-million in stolen drug money. Both are being pursued by an aging Texas sheritt (Tommy Lee Jones) who trets that all the resulting carnage might be a sign that the world is beyond redemption. (BI) (122 min.) Rated R.

#### **OVER HER DEAD BODY**

**★ ★ 1/2** 

'Til death do us part — and then some. Dying on her wedding day vexes an obnoxious bride-lo-be (Eva Longoria) so much that she haunts the inept psychic (Lake Bett) who has tatten for her veterinarian her older sister (Keira Knightley). Directed liancé (Paul Rudd). (BI) Raled PG-13 lor

Twenty years after his last one-man war, Rambo (Sylvester Stattone) leads a mission to rescue a group of Christian missionaries in Burma. Stattone also wrote and directed the action/adventure. (93 min.)

#### THERE WILL BE BLOOD

The American Dream is writ large and strange in Paul Thomas Anderson's flawed. but still tascinating — and devastatingly powerful --- portrail of ambilion, greed and corruption in the Catitornia oit fields at the turn of the last century. Daniel Day Lewis is gives a must-see performance as Daniel Plainview, a pioneering California oit man driven by a single-minded desire for wealth and nower --- whose success eventually destroys him. (BI) (158 min.) Rated R.

Alter being a bridesmaid 27 times, a woman (Katherine Heigt) batks when her sister asks her to stand at her wedding to the man the trequent bridesmaid secretly loves. The romantic comedy is rated PG-13 Two hit-men (Colin Farrell and Brendan der language, some innuendo and sexuali-

#### **WILD WEST COMEDY SHOW**

The little says it att in this documentary about a 30-city comedy tour Vaughn made with tour stand-up comics. (100 min.)

#### **WELCOME HOME** ROSCOE JENKINS

A successful talk show host (Martin Lawrence) goes back to the deep south for tamily reunion. Malcolm D. Lee ("Undercover Brother") wrote and directed references

--- Reviews by Bruce Ingram

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Tickets are \$35 for preferred seating, \$28 for general admission. \$22 for seniors and students, For tickets, call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagoacappella.org. Feb. 24, 4 p.m.: "Romanticism and Rock 'n' Roll." Gems from the 19th century Romantic tradition, including partsongs from Brahms. Schubert. Schumann and the English Romantics. are paired with a cappella charts from the 50s and 60s.

#### Chicago Chamber Musicians. (312) 225-5226. www.chicagochambermusic.org.

Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus. 50 are \$20-\$40. March 16: Bassoon soloist Milan Turkovic joins CCM for Mozart's Gran Partita and for a 6:40 p.m. pre-concert performance with Vriters' Theatre, Guitar virtuoso Fareed Haque opens the program with György Kurtágs "The Little Predicament."

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra orms at Pick-Staiger Concert Half on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-Tickets are \$70 on the main floor: \$60. \$50 and \$35 in the balcony. Student tickets are \$10, available in the lobby

one hour before the performance. **Feb. 17,** 7 p.m.: Larry Rachleff, conductor, and Rachel Cheung, piano. "Don Juan. by Richard Strauss: Piano Concerto #1 n G Minor by Felix Mendelssohn: and Beethoven's Symphony #5 in C Minor.

"Dream With the Stars." featuring Valgreens National Concerto winners performing with Midwest Young Artists Center's Concert and Symphony Orchestras. 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 at Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, Tickets: \$25: \$15 for students and seniors. Park Ridge seventh-grader (an Peter Carlis Pappa finished first in the MYA Junior podwind and Percussion category and will be recognized at the concert. (847) 926-9898 or www.mya.org.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman, unless noted nerwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Single tickets are \$30-\$75. Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Theater Without Words " Elizabeth Wallfisch, conductor and violin. The program includes Vivaldi's Concerto for violin in E-flat Major. Op. 8, and works by J.C. Bach, Locatelli, J.S. Bach, Durante and Geminlani.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall. 1490 Chicago Ave.. Evanston, (847) 905-1500. ww.musicinst.org. Feb. 18, 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m.: Chicago Celio Society presents "Careers in Music," including a Careers in Music panel session, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: and "Preparing and Taking uditions." 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Pizza lunch available for \$5. Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Faculty and Friends concert with Rachel Barton Pine, violin, joined by MIC faculty and special guests. The program includes works by J.S. Bach Vivaldi and Brahms, Tickets: \$15: \$10 seniors: \$7 students.

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Society will present a Family Concert at 3 p.m. March 2 in Northwestem

Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road. Iniversity's Alice Millar Chapet, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, The program will include Mendelssohn's Midsul Night's Dream Overture: three pieces for cello and strings by Victor Herbert, featuring the orchestra's principal cellist, Dennis Connor; and Schubert's Symphony #3. Admission: \$10: free for youth under 18 and all Northwes University students. (847) 864-2288.

North Shore Choral Society. (847) 272-2351, www.northshorechoral.o March 16, 2:30 p.m.: Concert at Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston, The program includes Poulenc's "Gloria" with soprano Michelle Arevzaga and the Evaston Symphony Orchestra, as well as works w Rizet Canteloube and Dukas, Tickets in advance are \$22; \$20 seniors: \$12

Ensemble in the NEIU auditorium.

Free. March 4, 7:30 p.m.: NEIU Flute

Showcase — Studio of Lyon Leifer, in the NEIU Recital Hall, Free. March 7,

7:30 p.m.: Women Composers Conce

featuring the music of NIEU's Shelley

Foster Gurin as well as Libby Larsen.

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concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the

\$23: \$20 for senior citizens: \$8 fo students. Free for children 12 and rtheastern Illinois Universit younger. (630) 628-9591 or 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago, (773) orionensemble.org. March 16, 3 442-4836. Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.: p.m.: The program includes Ludwig var Beethoven's Trio in G Major for Violin. Faculty recital — Mikhail Yanovitsky, piano, in the NEIU Recital Hall. Free. Viola and Cello, Op. 9, No. 1; Ingolf Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Faculty recital -Dahl's Concerto a Tre for Clarinet, Violin Keven Kevs, baritone, in the NEIU and Celio (1947); and Anton Arensky's Recital Hall. Free. Feb. 28. 1:45 p.m.: Trio No. 1 in D Minor for Violin. Cello NEIU String Orchestra. Joseph Glymph. and Piano, Op. 32. conductor, in the NEIU Recital Half Free. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.: NEIU Wind

Pacifica Quartet performs Beethover string quartets at 3 p.m. Feb. 17 in ninican University's Lund Auditorium 7900 W. Division St., River Forest, Preconcert talk by WFMT radio host Henry Fogel at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20: \$5 students. (847) 242-0775 or Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents

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16: The spring concert will feature cellist Benjamin Lash, winner of the Paul Vermei Young Artist Award, playing

Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 2 in D

Major. Also on the program will be

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Prospect, Park Ridge. Individual tickets are \$20 in advance: \$16 for students and senior citizens. Tickets at the doo are \$25/\$20, Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. March 9, 2:30 p.m.:

concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S.

"Lotsa Beethoven." with John Goodwin. piano, and the Park Ridge Civic Des Plaines, Pre-concert commentaries

> Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feb. 14, 7 p.m.: Pianist Eugene Kwok plays classical and popular romantic tunes. Feb. 28. 7 p.m.: Ian Hominick. professor of music from Mississippi University, will perform classical piano

Rembrandt Chamber Players perform in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets: \$30; \$10 students. (312) 360.3145.

www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.: "Brahms Winter Delight," Works include Johannes Brahms' Plano Quintet in F minor. Op. 34. Claude Debussy's Trio for flute. viola and harp; and Michael Haydn's Quartet in C major for English hom violin, cello and bass.

Segovia Classical Guitar Series, presented by the Northwestern University School of Music and the through May 4 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, and Lutkin Half. 700 University Place, both on the university's Evanston campus. Al oncerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Call (847)

467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. Feb. 18: The Paco Pena Flamenco Dance Company will present "A \$32/\$28/\$12. March 1: Grammy Award-winning guitarist David Russel will perform at Pick-Staiger. The program includes baroque works by Bach and Couperin and Spanish music by Albeniz. \$23/\$19/\$10.

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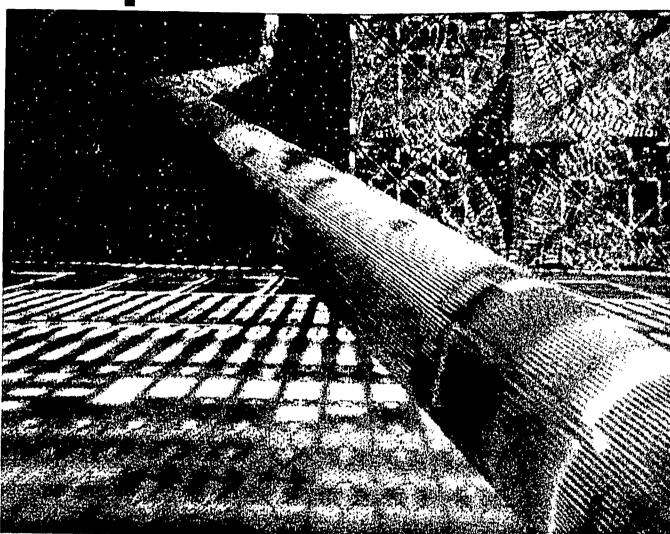
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# Computer collaborations



David Em's cibachrome "Transiovian Pipeline." offers a threedimensional perspective on computer art. --- Photo by David Em

Through April 6 at the Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, 40 Arls Circle, Evanston, Free admission, (847) 491-4000: www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu.

#### By ROBERT LOERZEL

or most people, computer art means using some software to simulate the sort of art traditionally created with pencils, paintbrushes and cameras. The computer art on display at Evanston's Block Museum goes deeper than that. A new exhibit reveals what can happen when art-



"COPSE No. 2" by Harold Cohen is an inkjet print that is part of the "Imaging by Numbers" exhibition. — Photo courtesy of Harold Cohen University

ists write computer code and algorithms - essentially creating a set of rules for a computer to create the art.

Senior Curator Debora Wood says the artists in this show are asking: "What is it you can do through a computer that wouldn't be possible through any other means?"

The earliest art in the exhibit, "Imaging by Numbers: A Historical View of the Computer Print," is from 1952. That's when Ben Laposky twiddled with an oscilloscope and photographed

Showing how computers and printing technology have evolved over the decades, the exhibit brings computer art up to the present day.

Wood says she often hears people questioning the worth of computer-art prints, saying things like: "If it's created on a computer, can there be thousands of them? Where's the value in that?"

But she notes that the pieces in the Block exhibit are very limited prints capturing moments when a computer created a specific image never seen again.

#### Lyrical logic

The exhibit features works both old and new by Manfred Mohr, a pioneering computer artist born in Germany who now lives in New York. Mohr says he began as an abstract expressionist, but in the 1960s he increasingly became interested in finding a way to apply logical principles to the creation of art.

His first attempt at logical art was painting geometric shapes, but he was dissatisfied. And then a jazz musician told him about writing music for computers, and Mohr became excited by the idea of doing the same thing with art. Mohr persuaded a meteorological institute in Paris, where he was living at the time, to let him use its computer in the evening

"I was just about the only artist in the world with access to the world's most powerful drawing machine," he says, explaining that the computer created images with a plotting device, that is, an arm moving a pen across paper.

Mohr has kept up with technological changes in the years since, but he still writes his own computer code rather than making art with commercially available software such as Photoshop.

#### Computer conversations

He describes the process as a "dialogue" between him and the computer. Mohr writes a program, sees what sort of art it generates, and then tweaks the program to bring the art closer to his

"I look at the thing that happens, and a dialogue starts," he says. "The dialogue goes back and forth for a whole year."

When the computer creates art, it is answering a question Mohr poses with the code he has written. "It depends on what questions I put in," he says. "It's a philosophical question to solve."

In addition to the main exhibit "Imaging by Numbers," the Block will show animation and interactive computer art in a companion show: "Space, Color and Motion."

Knowing that the art was generated by computers in collaboration with human artists adds another dimension to the way people see it, Wood

"It doesn't diminish it because I know there's a formula behind it," she says. "It enhances the awesomeness of it."

talented performers of classical music who have not yet graduated from high school. The concerts are held at 3 p.m. the first Sunday of each month. October through June. in the library's Petty Auditorium. Admission to all events is free. March 2: Celine Reyes. violin, Burr Ridge; and Lauren Tu, piano, Glenview

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave.. Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. March 2, 3 p.m.: Orchestra of Exploration, \$10. March 30, 3 p.m.: Sinfonietta Arts, \$15.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. 9501 Skokie Blvd.. Skokie. Tickets are \$22-\$30; \$8 for children. For performance information, call (847) 679-9501, ext. 3014, or visit www.svso.org. For ticket information, call (847) 673-6300. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:30 p.m. March 16, 3 p.m.: Rossini, La Gazza Ladra (The Thieving Magnie) Overture: Mahler. Lieder einer fahrenden Gesellen (Songs of a Wayfarer); and Mascagni, "Cavalleria Rusticana" (semi-staged oneact opera). (eaturing tenor Francesco Petrozzi from Munich's Bayerischen Staatsoper, baritone Bill McMurray, soprano Sarah Gartshore, and mezzo-sopranos Victoria McHale and Jessye Wright.

#### pop/folk/jazz

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The Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St., Chicago, (773) 478-4408, www.abbeypub.com. Sundays: Traditional Irish Session with Devin Shepherd, 4 p.m. Tuesdays: Open Mic Night with Nick Gonzales, 8 p.m. Wednesdays: Sweetwater Meltdown, 9 p.m. Thursdays: MHB Band, 8 p.m. Feb. 16, 10 p.m.: Nevermind, Alice In Chains, Green Holiday. \$8 in advance: \$10 at the door. 18 and over, Feb. 21, 9 p.m.: John Doe Band. \$15. Feb. 22, 9 p.m.: Sole. Telephone Jim Jesus, The Apes. \$12. 18 and over, Feb. 23, 9 p.m.: The Wolfe

Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. Feb. 22, 7 p.m.: Jonas Brothers. \$49.50, \$39.50, \$29.50. Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Foo Fighters. \$45, \$38.50, \$25. March 21, 7 p.m.: Avril Lavigne with Boys Like Girls, \$35. \$45. April 3: Van Halen: Eddie Van Halen. David Lee Roth, Alex Van Halen. Wolfgang Van Halen. with special guest Ky-Mani Marley. \$149.50, \$79.50. \$49.50. **April 19.** 7 p.m.: Santana. Derek Trucks Band. \$100.50, \$50.50, \$40.50. **May 17,** 7 p.m.: The Cure. \$65.

Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Cover charges vary. **Tuesdays**, 8:30 p.m.: Blues Jam hosted by Two For The Blues. **Wednesdays**, 7 p.m.: Pro Jazz Jam with Mike Finnerty. **Sundays**, 4 p.m.: Lilfest Open Mike. Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.: Prohibition Orchestra of Chicago (jazz). Feb. 15. 9 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials, Feb. 16. 4 p.m.: Joe Filisco and David Evans (acoustic blues). Feb. 16. midnight: Late Night Series, featuring Chicago-based collective Kick Bricks (rock, hip-hop). \$8. Feb. 17. 7 p.m.: Amy Dixon-Kolar and Marshall Hjertstedt. Feb. 21, 7 p.m.: Old Town Ensemble Show. Feb. 23. 8:30 p.m.: Melvin Taylor & the Slack Band. Feb. 24, 7 p.m.: Chris Walz. Feb. 28, 7 p.m.: Basil and Heller (folk rock). Feb. 29: Flynn.

Black Ram Steakhouse, 1414 Oakton St., Des Plaines. (847) 824-1227. www.blackramsteakhouse.com. Fridays and Saturdays, 8-11:30 p.m.: Live jazz and dance music.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.blues-bar.com. Feb. 14: Dunne & Vargas/Studebaker John. Feb. 15: Hip Pocket. Feb. 16: Cimus Falcor/The Neverly Brothers. Feb. 20: Vito Zatto Show, Feb. 21: Eddie Shaw Band. Feb. 22: Nick Pontarelli/Stevie Starlite Band, Feb. 23: Dunne & Vargas/Nigel Mack. Feb. 29: Rodney Brown Duo/Chicago R&B Kings.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679, www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with the Mudflapps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. Feb. 17, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. Feb. 20, 9 p.m.: Danny Burns & the Defectors. Feb. 23, 10 p.m.: Henhouse Prowlers. March 8, 10

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, www.centreeast.c March 1, 8 p.m.: The Irish Rovers, \$55. March 29, 8 p.m.: Maureen McGovern, \$60.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave.. Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7-10:30 p.m.: Buddy Charles. pianist/singer. Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.-midnight.: Jazz Jam with John Bany. Charlie Braugham and Don Stille, Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Feb. 14, 7:30-11:30 p.m.: Josh & the Empty Pockets, Feb. 15: The Crown Vics, \$5. Feb. 16: The Ronnie Ross Show, Feb. 17: Tom Muellner & Arlene Bardell, Feb. 20, 9-11 p.m.; Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, \$10, Feb. 22: Tony Smith Show, \$5. Feb. 23: Way Cool Band, Feb. 24: Sonny G Duet, Feb. 29: Incognitos, \$5.

Chicagoland Pops Orchestra performs at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, www.chicagolandpops.com. For tickets, call (847) 671-0300 March 1, 8 n m · "Distant Worlds: Music from Final Fantasy." The concert features the music of Japanese video game composer Nobuo Uematsu, Tickets: \$35-\$150. The \$150 VIP ets include a meet and greet with Uematsu, a copy of the new Distant Worlds CD, and a special tour program book.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. Feb. 24, 2 p.m.: Acoustic folk duo Patchouli.

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road. Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. Shows start at 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 p.m. Saturdays. Feb. 15: Alternative Nation ('90s). Feb. 16: American English (Beatles tribute). Feb. 22: 7th Heaven (hair bands to alternative). Feb. 23: Epic ('80s rock). Feb. 29: Infinity (classic

The Hidden Cove, 5338 N. Lincoln Ave.. Chicago. (773) 275-6711. Free juke box, free karaoke starts at 9 p.m. Free live music at 6 p.m. Feb. 15: Steve Levitt & the Bakers Decade. Feb. 16: Last Ghost Lounge. Feb. 19: CoKa Mo Jo, & Friends. Feb. 22: 14 Miles to Empty. Feb. 23: Mel & the One Night Stands. Feb. 26: CoKa Mo Jo, & Ericold.

rish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave.. Chicago. (773) 282-7035, www.irishambc.com, Entertainment at 9 p.m. ridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge. no cover. Feb. 15: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore, Feb. 16: Paddy Homan. Feb. 22: Whiskey Remorse. Feb. 23: Dyed in the Wool, Feb. 29: Ray Coyle Trio Jazz Band. Salon concert series, held in the third floor theatre — Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: Chulrua will perform jigs. reels. hompipes, polkas, walking marches, slow airs and set dances from its newest CD. "The Sing Kettle." Tickets are \$20 and can be numbased at the door.

Northeastern Illinois University. 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4836. Free performances in the NEIU auditorium, unless noted otherwise. Feb. 21, 1:45 p.m., March 5, 7:30 p.m.; NEIU Jazz Combos. Feb. 28, April 10 and 24, 7:30 p.m.: NEIU Varsity

Big Band.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre. 1924 Lincoln Ave.. Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokletheatre.com. Feb. 28, 7 p.m.: Lincoln Junior High School Solo & Ensemble. March 1, 8 p.m.: Erwin Helfer, \$15. March 6, April 10 and May 1, 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.: Maxwell Street Klezmer Band, \$10 advance, \$12 door, March 8, 8 p.m.: The Midwest Hackers, Cole Pezley, Liz Young. \$8. March 9. 2 p.m.: Moonglow, \$15. Wednesday Afternoons at the Skokle Theatre all shows begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5; \$2 for Skokie and Niles Township senior citizens. March 12: The 8ob Acri Octet, March 19:

#### art galleries

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University. 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000.

www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Through April 6: "Imaging by Numbers: A Historical View of the Computer Print" presents a history of digital technology in printmaking and drawing from the 1950s to the present, ranging from early experiments with compu inventive uses of 21st century technologies. March 15. 1-4 p.m.: Adult studio workshop. "Pixel Drawings." Take an interactive tour of "Imaging by Numbers: A Historical View of the Computer Print" and learn drawing techniques, \$15 for Block Museum members; \$20 for nonmembers. March 16, 1-3 p.m.: Family program, "Patterns and Pieces." featuring a tour of "Imaging by Numbers: A Historical View of the Computer Print" and creation of an image to take home. Free for 8lock Museum members: \$5 per family for nonmembers. Through April 6: "Space. Color and Motion." in the Alsdorf Gallery. The exhibit presents time-based works by four artists — computergenerated animations by Manfred Mohr. James Paterson and C.E.B. Reas and a computer driven sand tracing installation by Jean-Pierre

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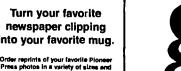
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www.dppl.org. March: Oil paintings by Des Plaines Art Guild member Rita Klinko will be on display in the third floor magazine

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-2348, www.dittmar.northwestern.edu. Feb. 14-March 20: "Nobody Never Gets to Heaven and Nobody Gets No Land," works by Heather Marie Davis-Jones. Opening eception from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 15.

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Rummel St., Skokle. (847) 674-1500. March 3-April 8: "Nature's Palette." an exhibit by members of the Skokle Art Guild.

Irish American Heritage Center. 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Sundays and during the week by appointment. Through Feb. 17: "Impressions of Ireland: Four Artists Paint Ireland." featuring works by Kate Tully of Prospect Heights, Margaret Tully Nicosia of Park Ridge, and Michael Latala and Fran Mazur, both of Skokie, Most of the work is landscapes and cityscapes painted with acrylics, oil paints and pastels during trips to County Clare and Mayo in Ireland. March 9-April 6: "The Tradition Continues," a group show featuring three generations of artists. including professional artists, IAHC Celtic art class students and IAHC Insh School mixed media show. Ed Cox of Park Ridge is Opening reception from 1.4 p.m. March 9.

Lincolnwood Villago Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood, Gallery hours: 9 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Contact Shirley elstein, fine arts coordinator, (847) 674-3806. Through March 28: "Ireland at a Glance," works by Philip Groark,

Northwest Community Hospital Wellness Center, 900 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights. Through April 7: Photography by Gale Jung Kuffel of Des Plaines. For information, call the Northwest Cultural Council, (847) 956-7966.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art. 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. On Valentine's Day www.oakton.edu/museum. Through March 28: "Convergence: Jewish and African American Artists in Depression-Era Chicago. featuring works by Charles White, Margaret Burroughs, Bemard Goss, George Neal, Marion Perkins, Morris Topchevsky, Mitchell Siporin, Sophie Wessel, Simon Gordon, Joyce Gourfain and Todros Geller.

> Refuge: Center for Artists in Recovery 4811 Main St., Skokie. (847) 673-3737, www.refuge.com. Through March 28: "Love & Hate," featuning works by Ambrial. Joe Bodreau, Julie Caffey, John Calderon, Pate Conaway, Michael Imlay, Romano Maschietto, Edward Pino, Christopher Sasser and Leslie Swieck. The exhibit includes paintings, sculpture, mixed media and collage, ceramic, paper art, sewing and

Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. (847) 673-7774. www.skokielibrary.info. March 9-April 1: Artwork by students from Niles North and Niles West high schools. Opening reception at 4 p.m. March 9.

## auditions & opportunities

Big Noise Theatre Company will hold auditions for "Urinetown" at 7 p.m. Feb. 18-19 at the Winnetka Community House, 620

Lincoln Ave. No appointment required Prepare a humorous song and dress for movement audition. Call(708) 763-0056 for

**Evanston's Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre** will hold auditions for its two summer productions, from 7-9 p.m. March 14 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 15 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noves St., Evanston. Audition appointments are encouraged; call (847) 448-8260, ext. 109. The theatre will be casting actors and actresses of all ages for its world premiere production of "The James Baldwin Story" and for its second summer production. "Porgy and Bess: The Opera — Live in Concert." Strong singers in particular are needed for Porgy and Bess. Both shows will open in June and run through early August at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center.

North Shore Players seek actors and singers for a new musical. Stage experience a plus. Performances in October. Call (847) 502-8916 for information.

#### MUSICIANS

**Des Plaines Park District Community** Concert Band is seeking new members. Openings available in the flute, oboe. bassoon, clarinet, tenor saxophone, bantone saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone and tuba sections. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1177 Howard St., Des Plaines, Call (847) 391-5711 or visit

**Mount Prospect Community Band seeks** new members. Rehearsals are from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays in RecPlex Music Room, 420 W. Demoster St., Mount Prospect, Anyone with high school or college band experience may join. Music and percussion equipment provided. Call (847) 640-1000.

North Suburban Symphony, under the direction of Ron Arden, is a community volunteer orchestra performing out of the Gorton Auditorium in Lake Forest. The symphony seeks to fill spaces in all strings trombones and bassoons, Call Arden, (847) 746-3472, or Marc Needlman, (847) 948-

Northwest Symphony Orchestra. Paul Vermel. music director, seeks string players. Rehearsals are from 7:30:10 n m. Mondays in Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road. Des Plaines. Call June Gordon. (847) 965-7271.

#### SINGERS

Des Plaines Harmonaires welcome singer to join them from 9:15-11:15 a.m. Thursdays at Good Shepherd Church, Howard and Lee streets, Des Plaines, No audition needed. Call Alberta Fischer. (847)

The Haromonettos invite women who like to sing to join them from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 5050 W. Touby Ave., Skokie Auditions not required. Call (847) 677-

Mellotone Senior Chorus rehearses at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at Merrimac Park, 6343 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, Senior citizens age 55 and older are encouraged to join the four-part mixed chorus, which sings a variety of Broadway, patriotic, sacred, Hawaiian ar holiday songs. For information, call Rudy Oliva, (773) 777,4226

Mount Prospect Community Chorus seeks singers. No auditions or expenence required. The chorus meets from 7:15-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Mount Prospect Park District Rec Plex, 420 W. Dempster St.

Na Mele Aloha performs music of the islands in Hawaiian, English, Filipino and Japanese. Regular rehearsals are from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community College, 1600 W. Golf Road, Des Plaines. No rehearsals on the fourth Thursday: instead there is a performance at the Tiki Terrace, 1 S. Wolf Road, Prospect Heights, at 7:30 p.m. Call Earl Essig. (847) 272-

nenes Singing Society is looking for singers who enjoy four part choral singing. The group performs throughout the year singing Norwegian and American songs and coordinates a festival of song each

spring. The chorus also participates in a biannual "Sangerfest," which is held in different locations around the country. Rehearsals are held from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Estonian House in Lincolnshire, September to June. Call Chuck Kessell. (773) 481-5941. or Karl Tangeros. (773) 631-9682, or visit w.norwaysings.org.

North Shore Harmonizers, an independent women's barbershop chorus, rehearses at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Augustine's Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette. The group welcomes women who love to sing; any level of musical experience is acceptable. Visit www.northshoreharmonizers.org or call (312) 409,4215 for information.

Northwest Choral Society is holding auditions on Tuesday evenings. through
May 27, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines, Seeking bass, tenor, alto or soprano singers with previous choral experience. To schedule an audition, call Jane Peterson. (847) 438-6740, or visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

Skokie Concert Choir has openings for all voice parts, especially tenors, bantones and basses. Rehearsals are 7-9 p.m. Mondays in Old Orchard Junior High. 9310 Kenton Ave. Skokie. There are no auditions: pnor singing experience is a plus. Call (847) 674-3219.

#### ARTISTS

Artists and crafters are sought for the 18th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure, a juned show to be presented from 9 a.m.-5. p.m. May 10 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park Ridge, For information, call the American Society of Artists, (847) 991-4748, or visit

Artists are sought for the Skokie Art Guild's 47th annual Art Fair, to be held July 12-13 outdoors at the Skokie Village Green. downtown Skokie. For an application, e-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163

Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, is accepting submissions for solo the following: a letter of interest stating the type of exhibition proposed; a slide sheet of 8.20 slides, digital files or prints, with name, completion: a résumé or curriculum vitae: an envelope if slides/prints returned are to be returned; and a \$15 non-refundable submission fee made payable to Brickton Art reviewed by gallery jury panel. Call (847)

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 Lincoln Ave., seeks artists to exhibit their works, Call Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator, at (847) 674-3806.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Evanston Public Library's Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards competition is open to all adult and high school age Chicago area poets. There is also an elementary/middle school category open deadline is Feb. 29. The awards will be may be obtained at the library, 1703 Orrington Ave.. Evanston, or by calling (847) 448-8650.

#### benefits

"Tune In ... A High School Musical Showcase," presented by at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Featuring performances by the Niles North High School Percussion Group, New Trier High School Swing Choir, Highland Park High School Jazz Ensemble. Glenbrook South High School's "Nine" male a cappella group and "Solace" female a cappella group, and the Chicagoland Jewish High School Jazz Ensemble. Admission: \$75: \$20 for students. Proceeds benefit The Response Center of Skokie. (847) 676-0078.

Children's musician Justin Roberts and his band, the Not Ready for Naptime Players. will perform at 10:30 a.m. April 19 at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park support organization for parents of young See **90.,** page B14

The excitement of the first meeting: that initial phone call: the first kiss. Again. Only now you're 55. With the growing number of divorced and single baby boomers reintroduced into the dating world, it's time to reevaluate the rules.

"When you're dealing with a city the size of Chicago, clients don't want their dating experience to be drudgery," explains Eileen Messier. owner of the Social Network, a 17-year-old company that encompasses three age-specific dating networks for single professionals.

By Tracy Evans Special to *Pioneer Press* 

In the past four years, the service has grown 40 percent and represents more than 7,000 clients ages 30 through 70 years old.

Mary, a divorced social worker, was one such client. She loved children but could not have any of her own. She spent Sundays teaching at her local Presbyterian Church, and anyone who knew her saw how she could light up a room with her warm smile. Scott had lost his wife to a brain tumor and was struggling to raise his two boys, age 11 and 13, on his own. He was a respected teacher and coach who helped at a neighboring Presbyterian Sunday School, When Scott walked in the door, Messier knew he was going to meet Mary. The two were matched nediately, eventually married and now the boys call Mary "mom." A happy ending can happen twice. The challenge is not finding sumcone but taking the first step to get out there.

Jumping back in As we age, many aspects of our lives settle into permanence. The key to dating later in life is to inderstand those parts of ourselves that are flexible and those areas we do not wish to compro-

Dr. Dianna Bolen, former Fox News in the Morning relationship expert and clinical psychologist remarks, "Later in life, people's habits and personalities are pretty well established. Dun't expect your new partner to make major changes; what you see is what you get."

Hopefully, this awareness comes with an acceptance of self, she says, and of others. We are all fallible human beings, and to recognize and accept a level of imperfection is a positive step in the dating process.

When a candidate first approaches Messier, who personally meets and interviews all of her clients, they expect an outcome from their membership fee. The process, she emphasizes, is hardly like buying a house or Lauren Fitzgerald

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Chicago's North side for the past 25 years. "You must see your present partner with fresh eyes, not eyes veiled with past disappointments. Use past riences to help you make informed choices without acting out of fear."

A women's search for a partner centers on finding stability and commitment. Bolen describes. Men often place a greater emphasis on receiving respect and appreciation from their mates. Messier adds that women hold much more value on the ability for a partner to match or supercede them in personal and professional

Finding a match

Once you decide to begin dating again, private services, such as the Social Network, provide a controlled, efficient form of matchmaking many find appealing. Candidates are presented to the entire staff, who evaluate a three-page application that asks questions such as 'who are the three people you admire most and why to target a candidate's values. Typically, match possibilities immediately come to mind upon meeting a new client.

We can instantly write down 15 or 20 clients that could be great matches, whereas these people come to us having trouble finding just one person: but this is our job. It's easy for us," Messier says of her intuition.

Conquering the Web

While not everyone supports online dating sites, the potential for meeting Mr. or Miss Right increases exponentially on the Web. Be cautious, however, because the chances for misrepresentation increase as well.

"Meet in a public place scioner rather than later, as most people can detect deception easier in person than online." Bolen suggests. "Online interactions may also fuel fantasies that interfere with rational assessments."

Baby boomers tend to he familiar, but often still cautious, when it comes to using the Internet. Try consulting a younger family member for help in creating a profile. Their honesty will help you present an accurate image of your-

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Once you create a profile, be open to broadour partners.

"Mindfulness training can be very helpful."

Bolen says. who has had a private practice on Burbach's book At the Coffee Shop, she instructs online daters to avoid painting a mirror image of themselves in their match request. While it's certainly possible to find a 60-something cat-lover who enjoys Thai food and old Westerns. you might want to branch out a bit. Several compatible and even complimentary matches exist when you broaden the net.

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Burbach also encourages daters to not feel badly if some communications fall by the wayside. To be fair, about three or four promising candidates should receive your full attention at one time, perhaps each with a separate file as connections develop.
Finally, when meeting potential partners online,

the sheer volume of users means both competition and quantity. Don't be afraid to initiate dates, particularly so if you are a women. Baby boomers might not be used to a more aggressive dating method, but this is the attitude of online dating. If you don't give it a try, someone else Similarly, once you begin a relationship, don't be surprised if your potential match is dating others at the same time. You should be too.

"And don't forget to ask the tough questions, even when you don't get straight answers" adds Bolen, to encourage daters to be upfront about number of partners, past divorces, financial problems and future expectations. Honesty upfront is an important precedent in any relationship.

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The Social Network believes in dinner dates so much that they are the mandatory first step for new matches; complete feedback to the agency the week following is also required.

Messier believes her clients deserve this time to learn about each other: lasting connections cannot come from a rushed hinch or casual drink.

She is encouraged that many Marys and Scotts are out there waiting to find each other.

"For some, there is a sense of hopelessness at this stage in life, but I tell them they have the better half of their life in front of them," she says.

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#### books & poetry

Anastasia Royal will read from and sign her book, Undoing I Do. The event is held in conjunction with Lilac Tree, an Evanston-based

nonprofit organization that provides resources to women going through divorce. (847) 328-0313.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. **March 4**, 10 a.m.: Discussion of *The Ride* of Our Lives by Mike Leonard. March 13, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of er: A Story of Courage, Community and War by Nathaniel

Irish American Heritage Center Library, 4626 N. Knox Ave. Chicago. (773) 282-7035, www.irishamhc.com, Hours: 4-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday: 1-4 p.m. Fridays and Sundays: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Feb. 17, 3 p.m.: Ellen Skerrett and Mary Lesch will read from Chief O'Neill's Sketchy Recollections of an Eventful Life in Chicago. The book was written by Francis O'Neill and edi Skerrett and Lesch. A book discussion group, Great Irish America: Books and Authors, runs from September-May at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month, Discussions are led by Virginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton Community College. March 9: Ironweed by William Kennedy. April 13: Looking for Jimmy by Peter Quinn. May 4: Irish Fairy and Folktales, W.B. Yeats, ed.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feb. 21 and 28, 10 a.m.: Discussion of Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert.

by Philippa Gregory. \$29 set menu, tax and tip included. child's play

Center for Musical Development, 8201 N. Karlov, Skokle. Kindermusik classes offered are Village (0-17 months): Our Time (1 1/2-3 years): Imagine That (3-5 years); and Young Child (5-7 years). For information, contact Pat Heineman-Vernon at (847) 679-5121

Shallots Bistro, 4741 Main St., Skokie. (847) 677-3463. March 11, 6:30 p.m.: Shallots Book Club will discuss The Other Boleyn Girl

Centre East's Youtheatre, in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokle Blvd., Skokle. Tickets to all performances may be purchased by calling (847) 679-9501, ext. 3100, or by visiting www.centreeast.org. Feb. 15, 10 a.m., and noon: "Buffalo Soldier," based on the true story of a veteran of the Spanish-American War. \$7. Feb. 20, 10 a.m. (kindergartners through second-graders) and noon (third-through fifth-graders): Super Scientific Circus, \$7.

**Des Plaines Public Library**, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines. (847) 827-5551. www.dppl.org. Registration required for programs unless noted otherwise. **Feb. 17**, 2 p.m.: Animal Encounters with Dr. Robert noted otherwise. Feb. 17, 2 p.m.: Animal Encounters with Dr. Robert James, featuring zoo animais such as a porcupine, ostrich and alligator. Feb. 18, 3 p.m.: "George Washington: From Mount Vernon to Washington D.C.," preseented by actor Terry Lynch. Feb. 21 and March 6, 4 p.m.: Stories & More, for children ages 5-7. Feb. 28 and March 13, 4 p.m.: Story Explorers, for grades 3-5. March 1, 11 a.m.: Junior League of Chicago's Mad Hatters will perform songs, skits and poems to promote reading to children ages 3-9 years old. No registration required. March 18, 2 p.m.: Emergen City Theatre Company will perform "How I Became a Pirate "March 22, 1.4". Company will perform "How I Became a Pirate." March 22, 1-4 p.m.: Drop-in spring craft. Materials are provided.

'Goldilocks and the Three Bears" will be presented by Chicago Kids Company Theatre for Children through March 27 at the St. Patrick Performing Arts Center, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Performances at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 15, 18-20, 22, 26-27, 29, March 3. 5-7, 10. 12-14, 17-20, 24-27; and 12:30 p.m. March 8. The show runs for one hour with no intermission, and is suitable for ages 2-10 years. Tickets: \$10. (773) 205-9600 or www.ChicagoKidsCompany.com.

Hodge Podge, 614 Lee St., Des Plaines, offers Mom and Tot arts and craft classes. Six-week programs are conducted from 9:30-11 a.m. **Tuesdays and Wednesdays.** \$50 per child with discounts for more than one child: join with a friend and receive \$25 off; \$10 per child for walk-ins. (847) 297-3330.

Kohl Chikdren's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd.. Glenview. (847) 832-6600. www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org. The museum is open during the school year from 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. From May to September hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday: noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only early admittance from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission \$7.50; \$6.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1. Through May 12: "Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog" exhibit.

Kolor Me Kid, 8 B. West Devon Ave., Park Ridge, offers a variety of art classes such as hand sculpting in ceramic clay and polymer clay, drawing/painting, cartooning and paper maché, for students K-eighth grade and young adult. "Artsy" birthday parties and Scouting events also available. Call (847) 692-3744.

Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.fincolnwoodlibrary.org. Bertha Gimbel leads a knitting class for ages 10 and older from 3:30-5 p.m. Fridays.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft
Mornings are offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon on selected Saturdays Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Kids Craft Workshops are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. Feb. 23: Inuit sunglasses. March 8: Ice fishing lures.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500, www.musicinst.org, March 15, 10 a.m.: Free concert for children, "The Little Train of the Caiplra," from Bachlanas Brasilerias No. 2 by Hector Villa Lobos. Members of Orquestra de Samba will introduce audience members to the unique instruments of Brazil, followed by the performance. The concert will be preceded by a special performance featuring 9-year-old violinist

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. (847) 663-6623, www.nileslibrary.org. "Babytime" offers stories, songs and play for children up to 2 years of age at 11 a.m. Mondays.

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 679-9501, www.northlight.org. June 9-13: Summer Audition Workshop, for youth in grades 7-12. Fee: \$675. Admittance by audition only. Call (847) 679-9501. ext. 3305, to schedule an audition. June 16-July 11 and July 15-Aug. 8: Performing Arts Camp. Students in grades 3-6 will train with professional artists in acting, improvisation and musical theatre and choose from electives such as on-camera skills costume and set design, make-up, playwriting and more. Students in grades 7-9 will get hands-on experience in writing texts. choreography, vocal work, improvising, doing sketch comedy and See **go.,** page B16

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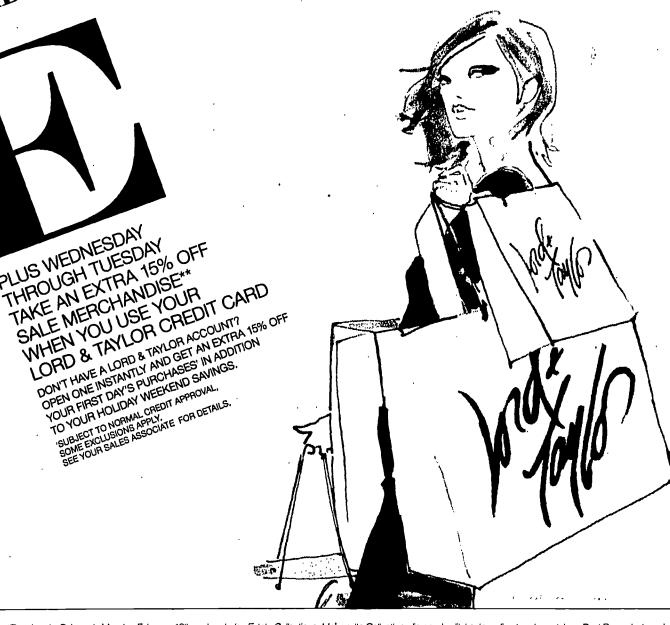
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more. Sessions include workshops with gues artists, trips to see plays, backstage tours and more. Cost is \$835 for one session: \$1,620 for two sessions or two siblings in one session. Registration is in progress

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave...

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.. Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feb. 15, 3:45 p.m.: Meet an American Girl. for grades 2-5, featuring crafts. games and food. Feb. 16, 3 p.m.: Family Magic Matinee, for all ages. Feb. 18, 1-3 p.m.: Da Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero for all ages. Feb 18, 4 p.m.: Brickton Art Center Classes for grades 2-5, Feb. 19, 4-5 p.m.: Dance Dance Revolution for all ages. Feb. 20, 3:30-5 p.m.: Dance Dance Revolution for grades 4 and up. Feb. 22, 3:45 p.m.: Just for Boys, for grades 2-5. The January topic will be spies and the February topic will be explosions. **Feb. 27**, 3:45 p.m: After School Special. for grades 2-3. featuring stories and crafts. **Starbucks Book Discussion** — Meet at Starbucks on Northwest Highway in Park Ridge. **Feb. 21**, 5 p.m.: How to Be Popular by Meg Cabot.

Skokle Park District offers an indoor playground for children, the Exploritorium, at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. It provides both physical and educational play in art. science and imagination-building, computer lab. children's performances with costumes, water play and more. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays. dnesdays, Fridays and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Regular admission is \$4-\$5. depending on residency status: and \$1-\$2 for

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The VADI Club (Youth Arts/Dance International) holds dance classes for teens and younger students at the Jefferson Park Field House, 4822 N. Long. Classes meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays and 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays and are conducted by Tina Mangos Dance. Learn salsa, swing, cotillion dances, big band and more. Try out for the YADI dance team and perform at community events. (773) 282-5108 or www.tinamangosdance.com.

#### comedy

Apollo Studio Theater. 2540 N. Lincoln Ave.. Chicago. (773) 935-6100.

www.ApolloChicago.com. Fridays at 10:30 p.m.: The Blu Mic: Stand-Up Comedy Performances. Niles resident Nick Lullo hosts a diverse lineup of comedians in an intimate theater setting. \$10. no drink minimum. Ages 17-plus. See www.Nickl.ullo.com for talent schedule

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. 9501 Skokie 8lvd.. Skokie. (847) 673-6300, www.centreeast.org. Feb. 23, 8 p.m.: Hal Sparks, \$45. March 8, 8 p.m.: The Smothers Brothers. \$75. April 12, 8 p.m.: Craig Ferguson,

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road. Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater. call (847) 671-5100. **Feb. 14-17,** 7:30 p.m.: Chris Rock, \$75.50, \$55.50, \$45.50.

#### dance

#### PERFORMANCES

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. 9501 Skokie 8lvd.. Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **April 26**, 8 p.m.: Thodos Dance Chicago, \$40. May 3, 8 p.m.: Joffrey Ballet, \$65.



Chicago Cultural Center, G.A.R. Hall. 78 E. Tuesdays at the Glen Park Center. Room call (847) 663-0116 or (847) 398-8087.

area. Among schools participating is Norwood Park Elementary School, Admissi is free. For information, visit ww.dancingwithclass.com or call (773)

Washington St., Chicago. Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.: Dancing With Class Winter 2008

Dance-Off, a dance competition featuring

elementary school children from the Chicago

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MOVIES

North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie 8lvd.. Skokie. (847) 673-6300, www.northshorecenter.org. March 7, 7 p.m., and March 9, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Evanston Dance Ensemble, with 33 members ranging in age from 12 to 18. Dances the Seatles," Tickets: \$21: \$15 for

Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4836. March 15-16, 8 p.m.: Repertory Dance Ensemble Concert. in the NEIU auditorium. Tickets: \$5; free for NEIU students, faculty

children under 18, students and seniors.

#### **GROUPS & LESSONS**

Chicago Dance Club, (847) 622-4466. Dance to DJ music from the '50s to today from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays. Mostly swing dancing, some ballroom. Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. \$5 members: \$8 nonmembers. Upcoming dates: Feb. 23: At Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 N. Hickory St., Arlington Heights. arch 8 and 22; April 12 and 26; May 10 and 24; June 28; July 12 and 26; Aug. 9 and 23: At American Legion Hall. 8664 W. Grand Ave., River Grove.

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$8 for nonmembers. Proper attire required: no blue jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com. Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.: Valentine's dinner dance at Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, Music by DJ Bill Matthews. Advance tickets require

The Flying Squares Square Dance Club dances the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month, September-mid-May, at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. 1801 W. Central Road. Arlington Heights. Round dancing at 7:30 p.m. and square dancing at 8 p.m. Guest callers. The group dances Plus level. New dancers welcome. Call (847) 934-1469.

**Leikarringen "Heimhug"** dancers welcome those age **16** and older interested in Scandinavian folk dance to join them from 8-9:30 p.m. **Wednesdays** at the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines. 666 Graceland Ave. No prior dance experience or partner necessary. Call (847) 823-7596 or (847) 692-6616.

Maine East High School, 2601 Dempster (at Potter), Park Ridge, Oakton Community College is offering a spring nine-week hallroom dance course that will meet Tuesday evenings, beginning April 8. Interme 7:30-8:45 p.m.: beginners, 8:45-10 p.m. The classes include cha-cha. fox trot. waltz, rumba and tango, and are taught by Alice Low. For information and registration. contact the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 982-9888 option 3, or Alice Lowy (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637.

Prairie Lakes Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Feb. 15 and March 14. 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy hosts ballroom dancing to live music. Admission \$25 per couple at the door. March 1 and March 22, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy hosts ballroom dancing with taped music. Admission is \$15 per couple at the door. For information, contact Lowy at (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637.

Square Spares & Pairs, a nonprofit square dance club, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center. 100 S. Westem Ave., Park Ridge, Rounds start at 7:30 p.m. with squares from 8-10 p.m. Admission: \$5 for members: \$6 for visitors. Square dance lessons are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

201, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, First lesson is free. For information on lessons.

Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month. through May 24, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road. Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman. and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served. Banner available through April 26. Admission: \$6. (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. Feb. 23: Rick Allison, March 22: Special dance with the Fox Valley Mixers at Baker Community Center, St. Charles; Dale McRoberts, caller. April 26: Mike Argue. May 24: Chuck Jaworski

dances and lessons in couples country western and swing dances. Dance lessons are offered on Wednesdays every month: 7:30 p.m. for beginners: 8:35 p.m. for te dancers. Cost for monthly lessons \$30 for members: \$40 members. Dances are held the first and third Friday of every month. Doors open at 7:15 p.m.; open dancing from 9 p.m.midnight. Admission is \$6 for members: \$12 for nonmembers. All lessons and dances are held at Centre at North Park. 10040 W. Addison, Franklin Park, For information, visit www.swingncountry.org or call (847) 638-

Swing 'N' Country Dance Club offers

Summit of Uptown, Touhy and Northwest Highway. Park Ridge. Feb. 18, 7 p.m.: Happy Twirlers Dance Club offers square ancing lessons. For information, call (773) 685-8407 or (847) 899-4075.

#### dining

Schaefers, 9965 Gross Point Road. Skokie. (847) 673-5711. Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.: Tasting class, "Syrah to Shiraz: Petit and Beyond." \$20. Reservations required: call (847) 677-WINE.

#### film

Block Cinema, in the Pick-Laudati Auditorium at the Block Museum of Art. Northwestern University. 40 Arts Circle Drive. Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northw cinema. Admission is \$6: \$4 for Block Museum members, senior citizens, and students with ID, or as noted below. All films shown at 8 p.m., unless noted therwise. South Korean Series - Feb. 14: "Oasis." Feb. 21: "Woman is the Future of Man." Feb. 28: "Memories of Murder." March 6: "The President's Last 8ang," March 13: "Woman on the Beach." Kenji Mizoguchi Series — Feb. 15: "Sansho the Baliff." The Emotional Camera, Mikhali Kalatozov Series — Feb. 20: "The Letter Never Sent." Feb. 27: "The Cranes Are Flying." March 12: "The Red Tent." Akira osawa Series — Feb. 22: "Ikiru." Feb 29: "The Seven Samural." March 7, 7 p.m.: Throne of 8lood." March 7, 9 p.m.: "Yolimbo." March 14: "Red Beard." The Reeltime independent Film and Video Forum presents award-winning independent feature, documentary and short subject films and videos. Each screening is followed by discussions with the audiences. All Reeltime screenings are free. March 5, 7:30 p.m.: "The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo.

Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, offers Movie Talk from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Sunday of each month. Participants view an assigned movie outside of class and then meet to discuss it. Call (847) 823-6611.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feature films — Feb. 21, 7 p.m.: "Waitress." rated PG-13. Travel films, at 2 p.m. Thursdays — Feb. 21: Costa Rica. Feb. 28: Route 66.

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave.. Chicago. (773) 736-4050. www.portagetheater.org. Feb. 15: Bloody Valentine Film Fest with Svengoolie, The Me" at 8:45 p.m. and "My Bloody

Valentine" at 11 p.m. \$10. Svengoolie will sign autographs from 7-8:30 p.m. **Feb. 17**, 2:30 p.m.: Screening of Alfred Hitchcock's 1927 silent thriller, "The Lodger," accompanied by the Lake Forest College Orchestra. Tickets: \$13 in advance; \$15 at the door. For tickets, call (773) 205-7372 or www.silentfilmchicago.com.

#### lectures

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Irish Heritage Library Lectures - March 2, 2 p.m.:

Recollections of a Dublin Playgoer. presented by Patrick J. Casey, and "Social and Economic Aspirations of Irish Catholic mericans," presented by Peter Quinn, author of Looking for Jimmy. The Search for Irish America. \$10. March 9, 2 p.m.: "Why The Irish Speak English: Printing, Literacy and Education in Eighteenth-Century Ireland." presented by Peter K. Fallon, and "Irish Crime Connections." presented by Michael Cain, author of The Tangled Web: The Life and Death of Richard Cain --Chicago Cop and Mafia Hitman. \$10.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave.. Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123, www.parkridgelibrary.org. Feb. 19. 2 p.m.: "Main Street Illinois." presented by John Lynn. Feb. 26, 7 p.m.: "Historic Route 66,"

#### organizations

The American Jewish Artists Club is currently accepting new members. The group. founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community and contribute to the community at large. For information, contact Lorre Slaw. (847) 272-0744 or

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Guest fee is \$3. Call Dorothy DuSold. (847) 825-3505.

Skokle Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Mary Radmacher Roomat the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome Feb. 26: Michael Latala, pastel and conte

Skokie Photographic Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 W. Oakton St. All levels of photographers welcome. Call (847) 677-8324.

#### workshops

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Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. inside Writing and Publishing Sodes - March 15, 10 a.m. noon: Author Stacey Klemstein will present 'The Secret to a Good Query Letter," March 19. 7-8:30 p.m.: Writing coach Lisa Rosenthal will present "How to Create an Effective Writing Group."

#### et cetera

Alistate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road. www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212: the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847). 635-6601. Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Smucker's Stars on Ice figure skating tour presents "Live and In Color," featuring Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen. Tickets start at \$25.

Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Road, Mount Prospect, Feb. 18. noon-5 p.m.: Roller skating party to benefit the Mount Prospect Historical Society. Admission is \$5 per person. Skates may be rented for an additional cost of \$5 or skaters may bring in their own skates, which will be subject to inspection by park district personnel. Children in fourth grade and See go., page B18



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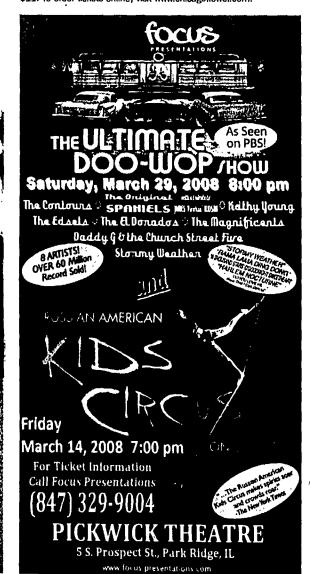


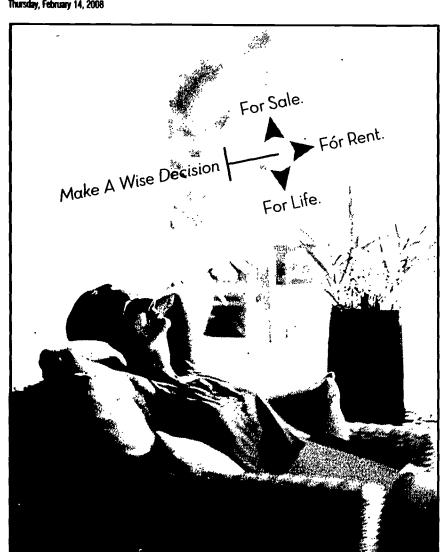


hicago, offers three family-oriented St. Patrick's Day events. March 14, 7 p.m.: Irish Dance Chicago, a large-scale Irish dance concert featuring the Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance, the Mullane Champion Irish Dancers, The World Academy of Irish Dancing, Spriorac Damhsa and special musical guests, the Academy of Irish Music. Tickets: \$10; free for children under 12 with a paying adult. March 15, 1 p.m.-midnight: St. Patrick's Festival, following the downtown Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. Festivities include traditional and contemporary Irish music, dance, food and children's activities. Live entertainment includes The Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band, Tim O'Shea and Jonathan Roche, The Dooley Brothers, The Academy of Irish Music, Anish and Finbarr Fagan's Band. Tickets are \$12 if purchased by March 14; \$15 at the door. Free admission for children 12 and under with a paying adult. **March 17**, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.: St. Patrick's Day party in the center's Fifth Province Lounge. Events include Irish dancing, traditional and modern Irish music and food. Entertainers include the Matt Stedman Band and the Chancey Brothers. Admission is \$10. For information on all events, call (773) 282-7035.

Portage Park Theater, 4050 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Feb. 23: Sci-Fi Movie and Model Show. Model/vintage toy show starts at 2:30 p.m.; screening of "War of the Worlds" (1953) at 7:30 p.m., followed by "The Golden Voyage of Sinbad (1973) at 9:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10, available at the door only. (773) 875-7582.

Donald E. Stephens Convention.Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. March 8-16: Chicagoland Flower & Garden Show, including a Home Lifestyle Expo and a two-day art show, March 8-9, with works by more than 70 artists. The event includes stylized gardens by Chicago-area landscapers and designers, Garden rketplace of 100-plus exhibitors selling garden-related produc and services, gardening seminars and more. Show hours are 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays through Wednesday; and until 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Adult admission is \$14 weekends, \$12 reekdays; for children ages 4-12, \$5 every day. All-day parking is





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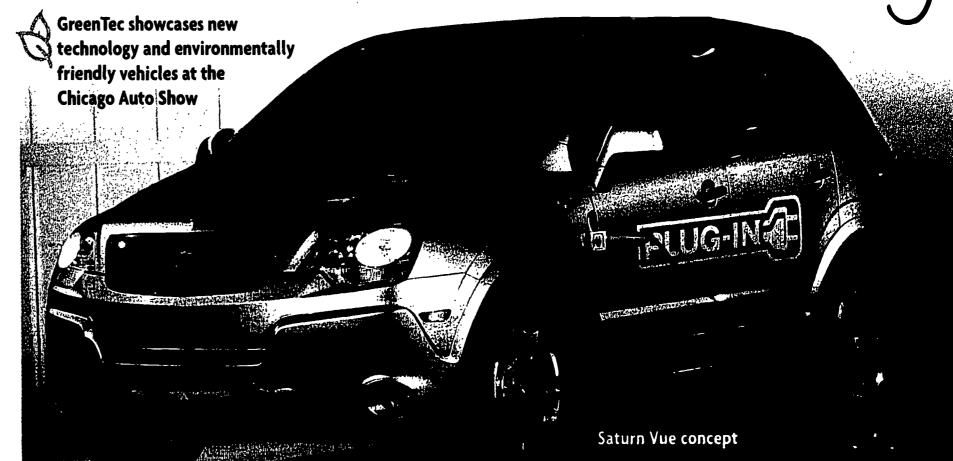
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) - Stop being the woolgathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) — You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) — You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) - Some of you eagerto-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) - A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) - A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) — Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) — Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-to December 21) - A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) - Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) - An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) — A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

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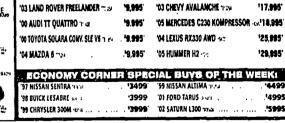
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I admit it's not the smartest move, but I do it every year, and I'll do it again next year. I spend the two media days at the Chicago Auto Show walking around the show floor in 2- to 3-inch heels. Men can complain about suits and neckties, but women get the shorter end of the stick with the high heels.

People ask why I don't wear flat shoes or tennis shoes for the media days, and the answer is simple. The event for a writer is business attire. That means a suit or something similar. My Brooks running shoes don't quite match up, and I don't own any flat-soled dress shoes. Not to mention the fact that all of my trousers are tailored for 2-inch heels.

So, for the time being I'm stuck in heels, and two days after the last media day. my feet still hurt.

On the first media day I walked more than 14,400 steps. On the second day, including the First Look for Charity, I walked 18,500 steps. I don't know what the mile translation is, but to give perspective, on a normal work day, I walk 5,000 to 6,000

Thus, my point (bringing it back to the show): Go early, but wear your tennis shoes. Trust me, when you have 1.3 million square-feet to cover, tennis shoes are the way forward if possible.

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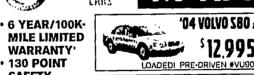
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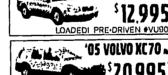
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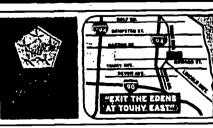
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GreenTec showcases technology and eco-friendly cars at the Chicago Auto Show

There's a new group in town for a couple of weeks. No, it's not a musical act, but a collection of automotive manufacturers that are focusing heavily on technology and green environmentally friendly vehicles (most feature both), call it "GreenTec."

The Chicago Auto Show running through Sunday is the nation's largest consumer auto show. Because it's the largest show on the circuit the world's auto manufacturers want to know what you think, like, dislike and what you're ready for. The manufacturers exhibiting at the show will hype "GreenTec" harder than any concert promoter would for a big musical act.

This year GM has taken over the North Hall of McCormick Place with their largest exhibit measuring 186,000 square-feet to showcase all of their brands in one area for the first time. This year is also GM's 100th anniversary, but rather than celebrate some of their past success stories, GM states it will focus on what's relevant now and for the next 100 years.

In its North Hall display GM will have large 84-inch screen, third generation video kiosks set up. Visitors to the GM display can learn about all the current and coming GM technology via 72 different message presentations. As you might imagine the info is heavy on alternative fuel sources.

If you want to know what the difference is between a single-mode and a two-mode hybrid vehicle is you can find out in person in the North Hall. Throughout the course of the show GM executives, including GM Vice Chairman, Bob Lutz, will be online blogging with attendees during special sessions. If reading about technol-

ogy is not your thing

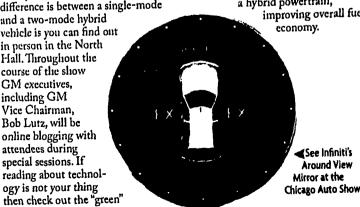
concept vehicles from Hummer, Cadillac, GMC, Saab's Biopower turbo engine and Saturn's plug-in hybrid. Oh, and for those who've asked: Yes the Camaro, ZR1 and

CTS-V will be at the show along with some new worldwide production and concept In addition to the

much-anticipated Challenger introduction Chrysler LLC will have some "GreenTee" on display including its restyled Dodge Ram 1500 pickup with a two-mode hybrid powertrain that will appear in the 2010 model year.

The Dodge Ram HEMI Hybrid joins the Chrysler Aspen and Dodge Durango in the Chrysler hybrid vehicle lineup. The HEMI hybrid will feature Chrysler's Multi-displacement System (MDS), which allows the engine to seamlessly alternate between four-cylinder mode when less power is needed and V-8 mode when more power is in demand. The two-mode hybrid system provides assistance from electric motors allowing the HEMI V-8 to remain in four-cylinder mode more often than without

a hybrid powertrain, improving overall fuel





Also on display and available in number of vehicles is the MyGIG system that features integrated audio, navigation, entertainment and communication you activate by voice. There's also touch screen iPod Interface available using Universal Customer Interface (UCI) that provides integration for your electronic

Infiniti will have a very cool option on display that you can actu-ally buy right now. On their all-new EX35 Infiniti offers a feature called the Around View Monitor. This system is the latest in visual optimization utilizing tiny front, side and rear-mounted cameras to give drivers an all-around view of people, pets or objects on every side of the vehicle. A great safety feature that really helps to reduce blind spots in crowded parking

On FX an M models Infiniti is showcasing The Lane Departure Prevention system that builds on the Lane Departure Warning (LDW) system that is currently available. Applying a "Big Brother" approach, the LDP system goes beyond audible/ visual warnings to employ the car's Vehicle Dynamic Control (VDC) system to aid the driver in maintaining lane position if the vehicle inadvertently starts to drift outside of

the intended lane parameters.

SYNC up
Ford Motor Company would like you to Sync up your portable devices in their vehicles. Ford has taken the lead with Microsoft to develop the latest in, in-car communications. The Sync system is configured to handle your media player and Bluetooth-en-abled mobile phones. Ford is adding some new features that will expand Sync's use using Sirius Travel Link. Ford indicates that Travel Link

will provide drivers and passengers with access to up-to-the-minute information and entertainment content through the vehicle's navigation system. This includes: current gas prices from an estimated 120,000 filling stations; local, real-time traffic information for 78 markets; coastto-coast weather conditions with five-day forecasts; sports scores, and even local movie listings addresses and even movie ratings.
The all-new 2009 Lincoln MKS will be one of the first vehicles with Ford's full suite of new in-car communications technologies, including Sirius

Travel Link. "Consumers are increasingly demanding seamless connectivity be-tween their house and office and car," said Sheryl Connelly, Ford Global Trends and Futuring manager. Watch those footprints

No, I'm not talking about getting the cars dirty. Rather it's your carbon footprint. With greenhouse gas emissions a growing concern Toyota is showing attendees how their current vehicle effects the environment through a carbon footprint calculator in their display. It works by asking you some information about your current vehicle and the mileage you put on it. It compares that data to that of a Prius Hybrid to give you the amount of energy and emissions savings achievable if you go green.

Also of note are the highly detailed

vehicle cutaways that really open up hybrid vehicles for close inspection. Toyota even applied the "green" theme to their display by using repurposed materials and as natural items.

While "GreenTec" grabs all the headlines don't forget about all the supercharged, turbo and big liter engineering on display with some cars sporting more than 600 horsepower. Also transmissions have gone from four on the floor to six and seven gear changers. There are even some concepts that use solar power to operate lighting and other dashboard functions. Suspensions and safety systems have also been given equal attention so if you want this type of technology it's all there waiting for you to soak it

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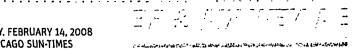
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by JILL CIMINILLO

#### C-Class improves on an already great car

The first look at the all-new Mercedes-Benz C-Class requires a double take. The large Mercedes emblem on the grille, sleek long lines and elegant jewel-like taillights speak of a car that should cost much more than \$31,975.

But that second look is definitive, and the clear C300 badging on the back doesn't lie. This sexy little sedan is actually the base offering from Mercedes. Interesting.

Since my sister owns a previous genera-tion C-Class, I was impatient to get behind the wheel of the redesigned model so that I could report back to the home front. However, after a week in the 2008 C300 Sport, I did not hurry to make that phone call. I mean, how do you tell your sister that her shiny, well-cared-for Mercedes -- which she won't even let me drive -- pales in comparison to the newer model? If you're me, you do it in an article. (Sorry, Julie.)

While the previous generation was nice, this new model is, simply put, much better. From the exterior design to the interior styling to the ride and handling, it's all just ... better. Much better.

The first thing that really struck me about the new C-Class is the interior. In the previous generation, while the interior looked nice, it always came off feeling kind of cheap and plasticky. The buttons and dipoints feel as good as they look.

I liked the eight-way power adjustable driver's seat, which allowed me to get an optimal driving position. Plus, the adjustable lumbar support was perfect. From the cockpit, all the gauges and controls are easy to reach and easy to read. Well, all the gauges and controls except for the dial that accompanies the optional COMAND system.

Because of my far-forward driving position, I had to contort my wrist and arm as well as turn slightly sideways in the driver's seat to access the COMAND dial located between the gearshift and the armrest. I'm not a particular fan of the do-it-all-witha-single-knob computer systems in cars anyway, but then to have the dial in a place that's difficult for me to reach ... well, I like it even less. Unlike the BMW iDrive and the Audi MMI, the COMAND system isn't terrible. It's not completely intuitive, but it is one of those systems you do get the hang of

without having to read the owner's manual. For 2008, Mercedes-Benz adheres to the Sport/Luxury lineup in the C-Class, with three different model offerings: C300 Sport, C300 Luxury and C350 Sport. The C300 is nicely equipped with a power sunroof, Bluetooth connectivity for cell phones, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, dual-zone automatic climate control and side-curtain airbags. The C350 adds heated front seats, with a free six-month subscription, rainsensing wipers, a seven-speed automatic on and the 4Matic all-wheel drive

system. The base engine in the C300 Sport and Luxury models is the 228 liorsepower V-6 engine. The C350 Sport upgrades to the 268 horsepower V-6.

Since the test vehicle was the base C300 Sport, it had the lesser horsepower amount. But without having driven the C350 Sport, I'd be hard pressed to tell you if that model, which adds \$9K to the price tag, is any faster or smoother. The C300 Sport was pretty darn nice, and the engine power seemed more like a V-8 than a V-6. Mated to the optional seven-speed automatic transmission (\$1,440), the acceleration was quick and seamless, and I hardly noticed when the gears changed.

The fuel estimates in this sporty C-Class were OK for a midsize car, but not stellar. Under the new 2008 EPA ratings, the C-Class C300 Sport with the seven-speed manual transmission has a city/highway rating of 18/25 mpg.

It was actually the exterior of the new

C-Class that I noticed last -- mostly because I was so enamored with the new interior. I was walking up to the test car in a parking garage when that double take kicked in. The rear of the vehicle is tailored and trim, and the taillight treatment is very reminiscent of the high-end S-Class. The grille on the Sport model has the large three-pointed star front and center, mimme a second to remember that this classy looking sedan was the test car du jour.

While I've only seen the C300 Luxury model in pictures, I have to say I prefer the looks of the Sport models. The C300 Luxury looks stodgy and conservative with the regular chrome grille and three-star hood ornament. It also retains some of the snooze on the inside with the regular fourspoke steering wheel and burl walnut trim. In contrast, the Sport models come with a three-spoke steering wheel and either aluminum or black Birdseye maple interior trim. It was the aluminum trim in the C300 Sport that really gave it a fresh new look.

The test vehicle at its most basic level was a phenomenal car, and I probably could have done without most of the pricey options that were included. The one I would be sure to keep, however, is that seven-speed automatic transmission. Though I've not driven a C-Class with a manual transmission, the Mercedes manual is typically anything but smooth.

Other options on the test vehicle included premium paint (\$710), TeleAid (\$650), panorama sunroof (\$1,000), Premium II Package (\$2,750) and Multimedia Package (\$2,950). The as-tested price of the 2008 Mercedes-Benz C300 Sport test vehicle was \$42,475.

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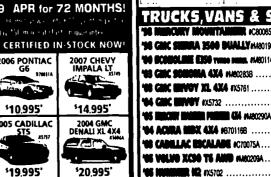
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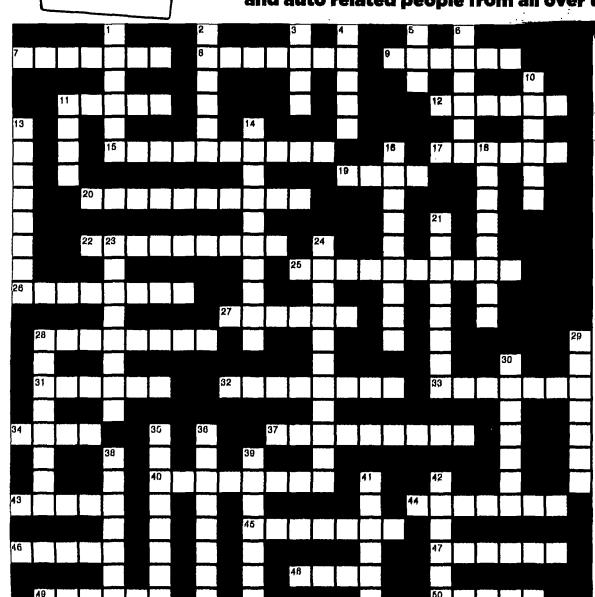
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Just sitting on a love seat in the bedroom's sitting area and watching a roaring flame from a cozy fireplace on a cold winter night can work magic in the minds of homeowners.

The luxurious master baths in Toll Brothers' homes provide a source of relaxation to help sooth the mind, body and spirit - and add a little romance to every day life. A two-way fireplace attaches the opulent bedroom to the bath to create an undeniable romantic retreat. Add in a whirlpool tub, large enough for two, with streaming jets to help relax those tired bones and release tension.

Another enticing option is the contemporary shower with double showerheads or a rain showers offering a chance for two to share in a luxuriant experience. Kohler square shower tiles produce adjustable body sprays, which are great for pampering, while the old-fashioned steam

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Suite romance

Home is where the heart is: local developers are

taking this old adage, well, to heart, and building new

homes with features and surroundings that set the mood

for amore. Just in time for Valentine's Day, here's a look

at the features that are serving up romance in these

communities, from intimate master suites to locations

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shower is the ultimate bath experience.

For the couple that enjoys a touch of romance outdoors in the privacy of their own backyard, a brick paver patio with a built-in fire pit sets the stage for a pleasurable summer evening spent around the fire.

Proper lighting also plays an important role in setting the stage for an amorous evening. Create the right atmosphere with dimmer switches or even tray ceilings with cove lighting to set the mood during an intimate dinner for two in the dining room.

What's old is new again and chandeliers are back in

a room, but also provides a refined atmosphere creating nostalgic charm in a modern design in the kitchen, bath

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The modern home often favors substance over style, such as bringing a television into the bedroom or bathroom for convenience rather than creating a retreat in those two sacred spaces. However, it's true what they say: home is where

the heart is. This Valentine's Day, bring romance into every aspect relax. Try to work with conof your life, beginning with trasts. When juxtaposing opposites, rooms are infused your home. The homes Susan

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Incorporate these elements into the pinnacle of romance: the fireplace. More than any other architectural detail, a fireplace can add warmth and romance to a room. Fireplaces come in many styles, sizes and colors to fit different personalities and aesthetics. Like romance, a fireplace need not be serious. Have fun with your choices of texture in the fireplace and the artwork that surrounds it. You do not need to follow suit by adding one dramatic piece above the mantle. Use

These features and many more are offered to buyers at Hawthorn Woods Country Club, a luxurious master planned community built around a picturesque Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course in north-suburban

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The low-maintenance town homes range from 1,900 to 2,400 square feet and feature three bedrooms, twoand-a-half baths, two-car garages and full basements. Many town homes have scenic golf course or lake views.

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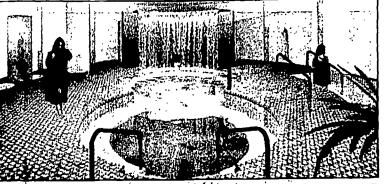
the mantle as a space to display your favorite collec-

> tion or family photos. Working with a designer will allow you to bring romance into your home long after Valentine's Day passes. Visit www.susanfredman.com for more ideas on how to capture this look.

Additionally, select plans offer a private master suite balcony that Wexelberg says is the perfect escape for enjoying a morning cup of coffee or evening glass of wine with a spouse or significant other.

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The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 10 basis points, 10 5.78 percent, according to the Bankrate.com national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one-hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this week's survey had an average total of 0.36 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.31 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.88 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 7 basis points, to 5.31 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 15 basis points, to 5.51 percent. The benchmark 30-year jumbo, for home loans greater than \$417,000, fell 6 basis points, to 6.97 percent.

The rate on the 30-year fixed has remained below 6 percent for more than a month now. Many homeowners applied a few weeks ago to refinance their mortgages, but latecomers continue to apply. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, refinances accounted for almost 70 percent of applications last week, and brokers report a fresh round of inquiries this week.

#### Advice for refinancers

All this is happening while lenders are tightening credit standards, and while home prices in many markers are falling. As a result, landing a refinance can be tricky. Jim Sahnger, mortgage consultant with Palm Beach Financial Network in Stuart, Fla., dispenses some advice:

Be ready to document your income, debts and assets. "If your loan officer asks for a specific piece of information, provide it as quickly as you can," Sahnger says. A lot of people are preparing their taxes these days, he adds, so financial information is easily found.

Know your credit score. Salinger recommends that homeowners get a good sense of their creditworthiness before they contact a proker or loan officer 10 refinance. One method is 10 buy a copy of one's credit score at mvFICO.com.

#### Key definitions

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#### 40 percent hike in Chicago real estate transfer tax a knockout

Chicago's recession-battered real estate industry took yet another punch on the chin as the City Council passed a controversial hike in the real estate transfer tax.

The City Council voted increase the transfer taxes a

whopping 40 percent to \$10.50 per \$1,000 of sales value from \$7.50. The hike, effective April 1, means that the buyer of a \$250,000 single-family home or condo would pay a transfer tax of \$2,625 at closing: an increase of \$750 higher than the former rate.

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However, developers say the higher transfer tax will put a damper on new-home sales in Chicago, where the most affordable new-construction single-family homes are priced at more than \$600,000. The transfer tax on this home would run a hefty \$6,300, up from \$4,500.

The \$3 increase satisfies the city's obligation included in the Mass Transit Funding and Reform legislation approved by the General Assembly last month. The \$3 increase will be used to pay for CTA employee pension and retiree healthcare

Virtually every real estate and business trade group — including the Chicago Association of Realtors (CAR), the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Attainable Housing Alliance, the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, the Chicagoland Apartment Association and the Illinois Association of Realtors — fought passage of the transfer tax increase.

One small victory: the amended ordinance that was approved includes a refund for buyers at least 65 years of age who purchase property valued at \$250,000 or less and who live in the premises for at least one year. This might help seniors who are selling a home and moving down to a onebedroom condo, experts said.

The transfer tax hike is expected to generate \$63 million in 2008 and \$84 million in subsequent years to fund CTA pension plans.

"The Chicago Association of Realtors and our allies in this cause do not feel Chicago's home buyers and sellers should bear the burden of funding CTA pension plans," said David Hanna, president-elect of the 15,000-member CAR.

"The CTA's mismanagement is not the taxpayers' responsibility." Hanna said. "The people of Chicago deserve to know that this tax will not put a new bus on our streets, or a new train on our tracks," said Hanna.

Judith Roettig, executive vice president of the Chicagoland Apartment Association, said: "This is just one more tax on rental property owners in Chicago. Small and large owners of rental housing are reeling from staggering real estate taxes and utility cost increases in 2007 and 2008. Some are finding it difficult to hold onto their properties. City Council wants affordable housing in Chicago but they keep

passing taxes that only make affordability more difficult."

Barbara Head, a sales agent in Rubloff Residential
Properties' Lincoln Park office, noted that now is the absolute worst time to raise taxes" on the housing industry.

"The market is struggling with the fallout from bad loans, foreclosures and skittish buyers. And, now comes this higher tax on the sale of homes?" Head said. "Historically, the real estate industry has carried the economy and created jobs in a variety of other sectors. This is not helping to start a

recovery."

While Realtors and developers may be angry at aldermen and Mayor Richard M. Daley for the short sightedness of this action. Head noted that Gov. Blagojevich and the Illinois legislature bear much of the responsibility for pushing the transfer tax hike, analysts said.

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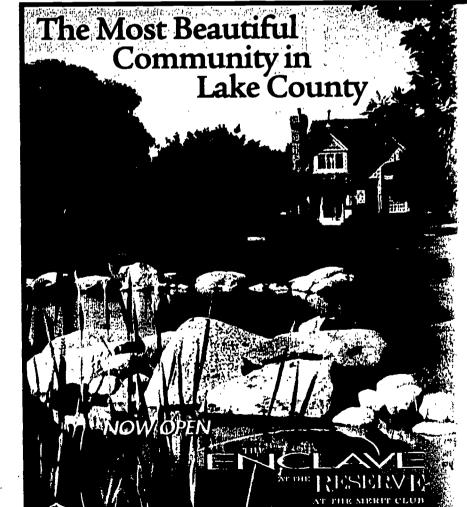
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Beran noted Burr Ridge Village Center offers several options for a romantic dinner date, including Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant, a casual eatery with a tasting room where vinophiles can sample hand-crafted wines. Topaz, a white-tablecloth restaurant, will open later this spring. And for couples who enjoy relaxing at a spa together, the community includes a Kohler Waters Spa, which is one of only three in the world.

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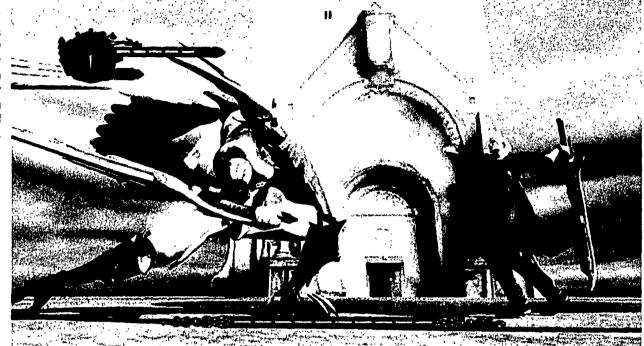
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Video Game Reviewer

**DEVIL MAY CRY 4** Ybox 360, PS3 \$59.99

Rated M Ior Mature **★★★1/2** 

GAMEPLAY: The wise-cracking, demonsmashing son of Sparda is back, and he's brought a friend. The hack-andblast gameplay of "Devil May Cry 4" is divided between time spent as Dante and as newcomer Nero. Each character adds their own relentless style of destruction to the mix. Dante can master several different fighting styles in addition to an extensive arsenal that is sure to please fans of the series. The new guy, Nero, has a demonic arm that makes for a whole new kind of mayhem. Using the strengths of each, this pair will carve their way though hordes of demons and some pretty tough bosses as well.

GRAPHICS/SOUND: "Devil May Cry 4" is the first installment of the popular series to debut on next-gen platforms. Visually, the series has always looked good. But when paired with the graphics capabilities of the Xbox 360 and Playstation3, this game is a sight to behold. Characters, enemies and effects all look fabulous. Detailed textures and impressive framerates keep the action fast, furious and beautiful throughout.

The voice acting in "Devil May Cry 4" is top shelf as are the sound effects and musical score. The blistering report from Dante's twin pistols and the clang of ridiculously over-sized blades are as satisfying as they are brutal.

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LOWDOWN: "Devil May Cry 4" is an impressive technical achievement as well as an action fan's delight. The pre-rendered cut scenes are theater quality, and Nero is a cool new addition to some very familiar gameplay. Adjustable difficulties make for added replay value as well.

**GAMEROOM** VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

**CULDCEPT SAGA** Xbox 360 \$39.99

Rated T lor Teen \*\*\*

GAMEPLAY: "Culdcept SAGA" is essentially a trading card/board game hybrid that plays like a cross between Monopoly and Magic the Gathering. The idea is to travel in laps around the game board conquering territories, battling monsters and earning magic points. To do this, the player will draw up to six cards consisting of spell, item, weapon, armor and creature cards. Each card has a different effect on play. For example, spell and item cards have specific effects like strengthening an individual creature or limiting the movement of another player. Over the course of the game, players build the value of their own territories while attempting not to land on their opponent's. Victory is achieved when any player has earned enough money (magic) to reach the goal set for that particular board.

**GRAPHICS/SOUND:** The character models themselves look good. Game boards are

fairly simple and the surrounding environments are mostly unremarkable. Action animations range from purely functional to pretty good-looking. However, almost every one of the hundreds of cards available is beautifully illustrated. Each card carries the name of the artist. and they are all a pleasure to collect.

Soundwise, "Culdcept SAGA" is competent if not particularly inspired. The voice acting is pretty good, and the background music could be worse. However, after a few hours of the same song, players might opt for their own music.

**LOWDOWN:** "Culdcept SAGA" is a very cool, strategic board game experience. It has a pretty steep learning curve, but once gamers really grasp how to play, it's pretty tough to stop. It can also be very frustrating at times. Some battles can take upwards of three hours, only to end in a last minute defeat. Even then, the gameplay shines throughout as unique and the thrill of sifting through newly acquired cards makes it worthwhile. This game will probably not appeal to the action crowd, but for those players who enjoy a solid board game and don't mind investing some time, "Culdcept SAGA" is a great game.

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**★★★1/2** 

"No More Heroes" is a wacky. lunny and totally over-the-top violent action game from the creators ol "Killer 7." As Travis Touchdown, players will hack and body slam their way through countless henchmen, eventually lacing oll against one of several boss-type bad guys. Heavily stylized visuals and excellent sound design make up a blg part of the game's appeal. For adults who have been walting for a mature-themed game on the WII, this is a solid title that delinitely deserves a look. M for Mature, Nintendo Wii.

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"Days of Ruin" takes place on an Earth-like planet that has been nearly destroyed by a meteor storm. As Will, a military cadet, the player will join a band of heroes as they travel the scarred landscape looking for survivors. Visually, "Days of Ruin" sheds the more cartoonish look of its predecessors, and opts for a darker. grittler experience. The game is easy to learn, but as the stages progress, battles become epic and complex. E for Everyone. Nintendo

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In "Endless Ocean" there are no bad guys, time limits or high scores - it's about as peaceful and educational as it gets. As a scuba diver, most of the game is spent underwater, exploring the murky ocean depths. Movement Is simple, and consists mainly of pointing the WII remote and holding a button to swim. The game lets players train dolphins, collect lish and lead diving expeditions. The lack of conflict and slow pace may not be right for many gamers, but those willing to give it a look will lind It dillerent and Impressive. E for Everyone. Nintendo Wii.

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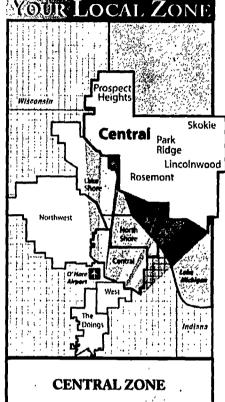
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#### A Toothbrush A Day Keeps the Doctor Away

By Joanne L. Carlson DVM

Dog breath isn't the only reason to Unfortunately, many pets do not get the brush your pet's teeth. Most animalswhether it be dog, cat or horse-can benefit from some level of dental hygiene. Horses require teeth floating edges of the teeth are filed down to prevent oral ulcers, while dogs and cats benefit from simple brushing to help An animal's mouth is an extremely

is warm, moist, and there is a constant supply of food coming in. Bad breath, or halitosis, is caused by a buildup of bacteria in your mouth. Luckily, most humans brush their teeth on a regular basis, thereby diminishing some of the bucteria and lessening the chances of dental disease or bacterial infections

same oral treatment as we give ourselves probably because people just don't know that it is important. Tartar and plaque can accumulate on the teeth inflammation of the gums surrounding the teeth. This is especially true in toy breed dogs. Smaller breed does have the same amount of teeth in their mouth, less bone to surround the teeth, and less space to house them This results in the teeth being crowded and plaque. Older does are also et a higher risk of developing inflammation around the teeth. Brushing your pet's teeth is really the gold standard for

But lets get serious-not all dogs or cats

dental care.

are going to sit there with their mouths There is no substitute for a good toothbrush, but there are some other ways to help reduce some of the tartar

There are certain diets that are considered prescription diets, and can be bought at your veterinarian's office that are specifically formulated as dental diets. These dog or cat foods have a large amount of fiber built into the kibble. This keeps the food together long enough to sempe some of the placue off of teeth.

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help improve dental health, and serve

choosing a dental chew for your pet. Over-zealous chewing on hard chew toys can result in painful dental fractures and chewing large pieces off of chew toys leading to intestinal problems. Always monitor your pets vhen giving chew treats.

Chew treats with plaque-reducing additives seem to have a masonable efficacy. However, these additives work on a contact time basis. The longer they are on a tooth, the better they work. Rinses can be beneficial There are a number of veterinary rinse caution when selecting a rinse because xylitol. a common ingredient in rinses. can cause hypoglycemia, or low blood

When shopping for an oral health

additive for your animal it is important to look for the label "VOHC," which stands for Veterinary Oral Health Council. This council is in place to products that may not have been teste and whose efficacy may not be proven.

Recent human studies have shown that brushing teeth with toothpaste as opposed to using water yielded only a removal. It doesn't really matter what you put on the brush, it just matters that you brush. Often, animals really like the toothpaste and this can add to the ent of the brushing process.

its teeth it is best to start when they are young. Work slowly. First start with pet toothpaste on your finger and allow

them to lick it off. Then lift their lip. Next try brushing one tooth at a time and so on until brushing is not something to be dreaded by animals

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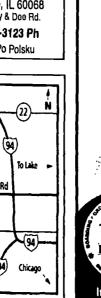
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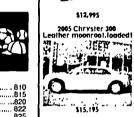




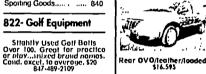












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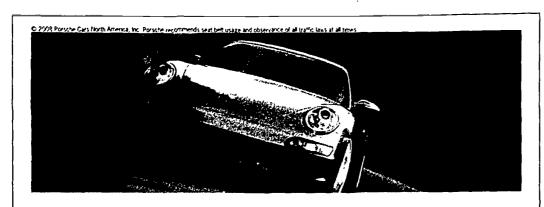
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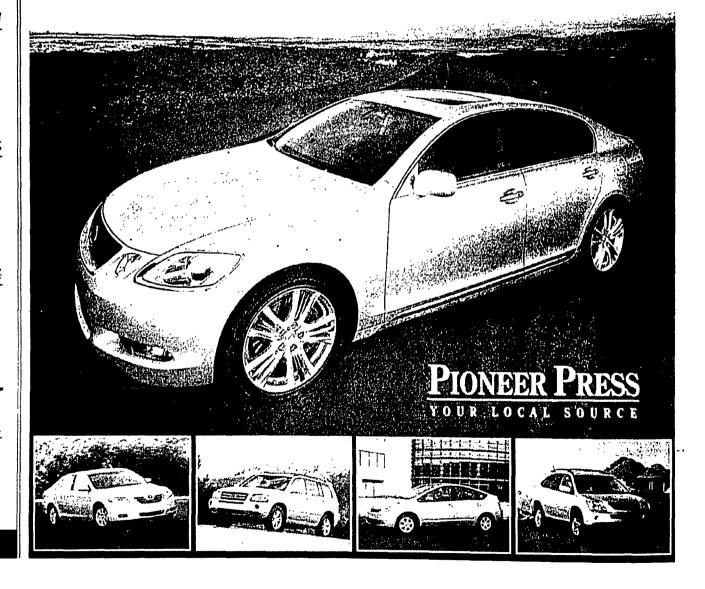
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# **AN OSCAR**

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ice, who takes tickets at the Pickwick Theatre, would start his Oscar-acceptance speech by nting everybody who helped im along the way, including hers in acting school and his irector. "Even family that's given ne inspiration," he added. "And ven your agent that helped you



nominated for an Academy Award? "No way," said Sharon Rizzo, of Palatine, who was out shopping in Park Ridge. " ... Well I shouldn't say that," she said. "I quess it's an honor, but ... the true honor is in standing out among your peers."



If Anita Bloom, of Park Ridge, had her druthers, she would want to win an Oscar for Best Director. ' 'Cause that's the guy whose vision makes the movie," she



# 'Da' Oscar factory

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#### **Coveted little gold** man may live in Hollywood, but he's from Chicago

By JOANNA BRODER

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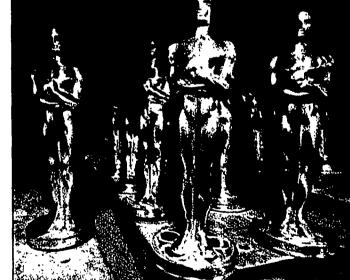
There is no red carpet outside Chicago's R.S. Owens & Company, And you won't see Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt strolling across the parking lot.

But thanks to this unassuming factory on the city's Northwest Side - 2,000 miles away and worlds apart from Hollywood -- some of the most senior and hardworking employees of the company that manufactures the Academy Awards' Oscar statuettes will realize their dream of experiencing the

glitz and star power of the film industry's biggest night.

Every year, R.S. Owens sends one employee and a person of that worker's choosing to the famed Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, where the pair walk the red carpet near stars such as Jolie, Kate Winslet and Tom Hanks, and then take in the

Don Esposito, R.S. Owens' manager of information and technology, went to the Academy Awards in 2002 — the year "A Beautiful Mind" won for Best Picture -after being with the company for 32 years. He described the experience as "pretty surreal." It was the first ceremony in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and everybody had to pass through a metal detector, he said.



Oscars wait to be coated at R.S. Owens & Company in Chicago's etterson Park community. — Jett Krage/For Pioneer Press

"And I mean everybody," Esposito said, "When I walked through the metal detectors the person next to me in line — just like this. rubbing elbows — was Kate Winslet. And Marisa Tomei was directly in line behind

#### There and back again

Walking down the red carpet was the best part of the night for Esposito. A rope divides the carpet into two sections: one side cordoned off for celebrities giv-

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#### PEEK AT THE WEEK

DEADLINES

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 10 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Anne Lunde, Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 130 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge IL 60068. Information may be faxed to (847) 696-3229 or emailed to alunde@pioneerlocal.com.

#### BENEFITS

The Monarch Ball, a blacktie benefit for Resurrection Health Care, will be at 6 p.m. March 1 at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago. This evening of elegance will include a cocktail reception, a formal dinner, dancing to the sounds of Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra, and a special guest appearance by Darrell Hammond of "Saturday Night Live." Proceeds will support patient services at Resurrection Health Care. including the new patientcare addition at Resurrection Medical Center. Tickets are \$300 per person and may be reserved by calling Anita Kepley at the Resurrection Development Foundation. (847) 813-3464. Resurrection Health Care is co-sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection. "For the Love of our Chil-

dren, the Red, White & Blues" casual winter ball to benefit the Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight Feb. 23 at the Playdium, 1776 Glenview Road, Glenview. Attendees will enjoy tastes from local restaurants, enjoy three hours of the best of the blues, jazz and rock from SO-PRO Productions and have the chance to win great raffle items including a diamond and emerald necklace from Rafael Jewelers, tickets to Chicago Bulls, Blackhawks and Cubs games and more. Event planners hope to raise \$40,000 to help the MCBTC continue its pioneering efforts to combat pediatric brain tumors through education, research, the latest medical treatments, state of the art technology, and supportive family services.

Tickets are \$20 for this

adults-only event. For more

information, call (847) 723-5183.

**Avenues to independence** is going Hollywood on Feb. 23. when its stars will be shining at the annual Love Affair dinner-dance gala to be held at the Donald L. Stephens Ballroom in Rosemont. Guests are invited to stroll the Avenues Walk of Fame, chat with a celebrity and sip a martini, or sit back and enjoy the musical entertainment while sharing a cappuccino with a friend. There will be silent- and live-auction items to bid on and a chance to win big in the evening's grand raffle. Tickets are \$150 per person and include a champagne welcome, five-course gourmet dinner, dessert, martini and cappuccino bar and valet parking. All proceeds will benefit the Avenues No Place Like Home initiative, a project to update and renovate Avenues homes. Avenues is a not-for-profit agency serving adults with developmental disabilities in the Chicago area. Residences are in Park Ridge. Des Plaines and Niles. A work center is in Wheeling, where more than 160 men and women train and work as part the agency's employment program. More than 70 additional people are employed in community jobs. For additional information contact Ann Marie Ehrlich, Avenues vice president of

development, (847) 292-0870, The Wolff-Berger-Croft-Kolod audience. Call (847) 583my Chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation will host the "Pre Leap for a COMMUNITY Cure" benefit party from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 28 at

The Italian Cultural Federa-Cheeseburger in Paradise, tion, based in Des Plaines 1472 Market St., Des Plaines. Ticket price is \$25 per person, and includes appetizers, door prizes and a 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Cutting \$10 Cheeseburger in Par-Hall Theater, 150 Wood St., adise gift card. For tickets and information contact Bill may be reserved by calling Donets, (847) 657-8166, or email VLDonets@yahoo.com.

#### CLUBS

Ronaid Przyborski, wellknown yo-yo entertainer, will bring history, stories, and demonstrate the magic of this well-known toy at 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, All programs are planned with the family in mind. Come early,

a docent will be on hand to provide a tour of the building to see exhibits and answer questions. Dessert and refreshments will be served. There is plenty of parking. Admission is free but donations are accepted. The Niles Historical Museum is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If an appointment is needed at another time, call (847) 390-0160.

The Knights of Columbus is offering a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification cer emony Feb. 24 at St. Thecla Parish, 6725 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, beginning at noon for 1st Degree, followed at 1 p.m. for 2nd degree and dinner at about 4 p.m. North American Martyrs will provide all Brothers the opportunity to progress in the Order. For new candidates to the 1st degree, an application is due. Be there at 11:30 a.m. to review paperwork and for a short introduction. For existing 1st and 2nd Degree Knights there is no cost to attend and experience the Exemplification ceremony. For 2nd and 3rd Degree candidates there is no charge. A meal is included in the package. Contact Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920), or Ken Lee, (847) 967-6234, to make

reservations. **Niles Chapter Toastmasters** meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an

and Park Ridge, will present a performance of "Crazy For You," a Gershwin musical, at Palatine. Tickets are \$25 and (224) 636-3323 after 3 p.m. A reception and other events will follow the performance.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 7534 W. Berwyn Ave., Chicago, will host its annual community Hawaiian Luau starting at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 23. The event will feature a Hawaiian potluck dinner, including roast pig and fish, and entertainment by the Barefoot Hawaiian

hula dance group. All ages

are invited to join the fun and festivities. Tickets are available at no charge, but reservations are required; call the church office at (773) 631-8262 to register with name, phone number, and number of people attending. A free-will offering will be accepted at the event.

A performance of "High School Musical" will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Edgebrook School gym, 6525 N. Hiawatha Ave., by the afterschool theater group. Tickets, at \$10 each, may be purchased at the Dance and Music Academy, 5347 W. Devon Ave., Chicago, starting Feb. 18. Call (773) 763-5759. The Irish American Heritage

Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, will host writers Ellen Skerrett and Mary Lesch for a book launch and signing of the book, on Chief Francis O'Neill, on which they collaborated, at 3 p.m. Feb. 17. Chief O'Neill's Sketchy Recollections of an Eventful Life in Chicago was written by O'Neill and edited by Skerrett and Lesch, and will be released in January by Northwestern University Press. Lesch is O'Neill's great-granddaughter. Lesch and Skerrett will read from the book, which will be for sale. O'Neill's sto-, ry offers perspective on the inner workings of the police department at the turn of the 20th century. His memoir also brings to life the challenges involved in succeeding in a new land, providing for his family and integrating into a new culture. In 1901 he helped establish the Irish Music Club of Chicago, with himself as president, seizing every opportunity for the promotion. performance and education of Irish music. Admission is free. For more information call (773) 282-7035, or visit www.irishamhc.com.

## CENTER

Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8400.

www.nilesfitness.com. Zumba classes will be held from 10:20 to 11 a.m. Mondays, 5 to 5:50 p.m. Thursdays or 8 to 8:50 a.m. Saturdays beginning March 3, and each program continues for six additional sessions. Zumba is a new Latin-inspired dance class designed for all. The group class features aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that sculpt and tone the body. Cost is \$48 for members or \$61, nonmembers.

The Niles Family Fitness Center is offering a new **Lunchtime Pilates Class** from 11:30 to 12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Group Cycling - Spinning

is indoor cycling to motivating music; everyone rides at his or her own pace in a team atmosphere. Reservations are required at the service desk before each class. Bring a towel, heartrate monitor and a water bottle to class. Classes are 45 minutes in length on a dropin basis; fees are \$6, members; \$9, nonmembers. Times include: 6 a.m. Mondays; 9 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays; 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays; 6 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Fridays; 8:05 a.m. Saturdays; and 7:45 a.m. Sun-

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

The Service League of Advocate Lutheran General raises money through a number of programs to benefit areas of need throughout the hospital. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14, a \$6 Jewelry Show will be held in the Special Functions Dining Room on the 10th floor of the hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. The sale will feature rings, watches, bracelets. necklaces, scarfs, leather goods, belts and more. For more information, call (847) 723-6105.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood, Niles, will hold its annual St. Joseph's Sweet Table from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9, after all Masses. The suggested Donation is \$5. All proceeds benefit the work of The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the community. For Information call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

The Tamar-Modin Hadassah group invites members and their guests to participate in their Dining for Dollars Dinner fund-raiser from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 26 at Graziano's Restaurant, 5960 W. Touhy Ave., Niles. For reservations call (847) 647-4096. Mention you are a Hadassah guest and 25 percent will be donated to the organization.

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Daring duo

# HEARTY BOYS GO FROM comfort food to retro in new cookbook

By MISHA DAVENPORT

A Pioneer Press P

Staff Writer

You can always count on the Hearty Boys, Dan Smith and Steve McDonagh, to serve up a tasty dish. Sometimes it's gossip. Sometimes it's food.

The pair dish about the right and wrong way to throw the perfect party and share their favorite recipes in their new book Talk With Your Mouth Full: The Hearty Boys Cookbook (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, \$27.50).

In putting together the book, the dining duo took an unconventional approach.

"We were surprised to find out that a number of chefs don't actually write their own cookbooks," McDonagh said.

"Every publisher we went to kept asking us who was writing the book," added Smith, McDonagh's partner in business and life.

The book contains recipes for comfort foods such as chicken pot pie and spaghetti pie to modern takes on retro dishes including deviled eggs topped with caviar.

Smith said the book is a reflection of the pair's culinary point of view.

about accessibility with a twist," he said. "I didn't go to culinary school. These are things I learned along the way and sometimes simple is bet-

Food Network show, Party Line with the Hearty Boys, they definitely don't do it all themselves.

"There's something like 20 sous chefs doing all the work just so I can stir it in a

"It isn't easy for me to let McDonagh admitted.

"It's embarrassing," Mcjudging me for all the cans of Chef Boyardee in my grocery

—Sun Times News Group

aside.

"Our food has always been Smith and McDonagh's

preferred method of cooking is to do it themselves, of course.

But when it comes to their

pan for three minutes on camera," said McDonagh.

go and let someone else do it,"

But "there has got to be a point where you work life into things and your career stops being your focus," Smith said. The two are spending more time with their 2-year-old son, who they say is a picky eater.

Donagh said. "We're TV chefs and I know people are silently

Mouth Full: The Hearty Boys Cookbook, Pictured are Lemon Asparagus Tart, Savory Pine Nut and Sun Dried Tomato Cheesecake with Biack Truffle Oil and Chocolate Creme Fraiche Pot.

Dan Smith, left, and Steve McDonagh stand next to food they feature in their new book, Talk With Your

- Richard A. Chapman/Sun-Times News Group

# Balsamic mushroom chicken breast

3 T vegetable oil 1 and 1/4 C unsalted butter (2 1/2 sticks) 8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, about 8 ounces each

1 large onion, thinly siiced 4 cloves garlic, chopped 6 C sliced white mushrooms

2 pints cherry tomatoes, quartered 6 T balsamic vinegar

2 C Cabernet 2 tsps. kosher satt Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Combine the vegetable oil and 4 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet over high heat. Once the butter and oil are bubbling, add the chicken breasts to the skillet four at a time. Sear on each side until the chicken is golden, about 2 to 3 minutes per side, then transfer them to a large baking dish. Repeat with

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Melt the remaining 2 sticks of

the remaining breasts and set

butter in the same skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onions are soft, 15 to 20 minutes. Add the mushrooms, stir and raise the heat to high. Allow the mushrooms to cook until most of their liquid has evaporated, 15 to 20 minutes.

Add half of the tomatoes and cook, shaking the pan, for 10 minutes, or until the tomatoes begin to break down. Add the vinegar, wine, salt

and pepper, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer for 15 minutes

Pour the mushroom mixture over the chicken and add the remaining tomatoes. Place the pan in the top half of the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the chicken has just cooked through. Remove from the oven and serve each piece of chicken generously topped with mushroom mixture.

Makes 8 servings.



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is for the rest of attendees. "Everybody on the left side of the rope is walking as slow as they can," Esposito said. " ... You want to make the experience last as long as possible."

Walking into Esposito's workplace back in the Windy City, however, is considerably less spellbind-

Inside R.S. Owens, the drab, 82.000-square-foot factory at 5535 N. Lynch Ave. that has been manufacturing the Oscars for the past 25 years - in addition to the Emmy, MTV and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame awards — a visitor is thrust into a world of absurd opposites. All that goes into creating Oscar's glamour — from the sole Oscar mold from which all statuettes are cast to the steaming furnaces heating up cauldrons of melting Britannia metal, the pewter-type alloy that composes each award (later plated with copper, nickel silver, silver flash and, finally, 24-karat gold) - commingles with old filing cabinets, a dorm-size refrigerator and scrapedup floors in the engraving depart-

When Nancy Schowalter, a customer-service representative, learned she was the employee selected to go to the 2006 Academy Awards after more than 30 years of service — the year "Crash" won Best Picture — she said she literally sat at her desk and cried joyful tears for 15 minutes.

#### Almost famous

Schowalter chose her then-83year-old mother, Dorothy, to accompany her to the show. As their town car pulled up to the theater, directly alongside that of Ben Stiller, a woman who had paid for a seat in the bleachers to watch the red-carpet procession shouted out to Schowalter: "Are you someone important?" A self-described comedian, Schowalter responded that indeed she was. When the star-seek-

ing spectator asked Schowalter's mother who the "important" woman with her was, Dorothy responded, "That's my daughter."

A little while later Schowalter stood on the red carpet, wondering why she was there, she recalled.

The first celebrity Schowalter and her mother encountered was Dolly Parton, who had just finished getting her picture taken when she turned to the pair and remarked, "Now ladies, don't you look lovely."

Schowalter and her mother walked into the awards alongside Nick Nolte. Later they had the opportunity to personally congratulate Robert Altman, who had received a special academy tribute that year.

For Schowalter the evening was something a person would have to experience for themselves to understand — "a dream come true," she

#### I'm with Oscar

For R.S. Owens President Scott Siegel, who attended the awards In 1998, what stands out most in his memory is not the actual awards but what happened later. After the show ended. Siegel and his friends were deciding what to do next when they noticed spotlights shining down the red carpet. Curious, the group decided to follow the spotlights to see where they led, and wound up at the Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox's party for "Titanic," which had won Best Picture among 10 other awards, Siegel gained admittance to the party without a hitch because he was carrying an Oscar, which he had brought with him from Illinois in order to do an interview. Paparazzi snapped his picture. Once inside, Siegel saw director James Cameron, singer Celine Dion and various Victoria's Secret models.

When asked what you see at the Academy Awards when you are there in-person that you don't see on TV, Siegel, who plans to return this year, assuming the show goes on, responded: "The intense intoxication from the combination of glamour and power and fantasy."

#### PARENTING

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Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., (847) 663-6434, www.nileslibrary.org: Learn how to get your credit report from the experts at Citigroup in Niles at a free seminar to be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Ample parking is available. Refreshments will be served. Registration is requested; stop at the library Information Desk or call (847) 663-1234. Registration can also be done online, where a complete schedule of all upcoming programs can be

# Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

and the American Red Cross will offer an Infant/Child CPR course. This fivehour course teaches participants how to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants and children. It also includes information on how to prevent injuries to infants and children at home and in play areas. The next course will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 16 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St. Park Ridge. The fee is \$50. Call 1-800-323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com to register. The code for this class is 8C16.

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#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### Wamser-Remilan

Norma and John Anderson, and the late Jim Wamser, of O'Fallon, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Melissa Wamser, to Michael Joseph Remijan, son of Ann and Richard Remijan, of Park Ridge.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics/secondary education from Millikin University in 1996 and a master's degree in educational administration from Southern Illinois University in 2000. She is a math teacher and assistant athletic director at O'Fallon High School. in O'Fallon.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in with a master's de-



Michael Remijan and Kelly Wamser

mathematics, and a 2005 graduate of the University of Phoenix wed in May in St.

computer science and gree in technology management.

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The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft per-nit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 15 2008. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hea ing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and estions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air ollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, O. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113. TDD phone number 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ijonline.htm (please look nder All Permit Records, FESOP, New). These document nd the application may also be obtained from the Illinois PA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 47/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone ill be available to assist you). Copies of the documents wil

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# **PEEK**

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#### **PARKS**

Niles Park District's IceLand is

gearing up for the spring hockey season. Once again Intro to Rookie Rangers, a two-week class for first-time skaters ages 4 to 13 will be offered. All required equipment is provided free of charge. Classes will begin Feb. 16 with class times on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Rookie Rangers is the most basic hockey class for ages 4 to 13. Sessions will begin Feb. 16 and run eight weeks. Power Rangers is the next progression after completing Rookie Rangers. The session will run March 6 to April 3. Hockey registration is at Ice-Land Ice Rink, 8435 Ballard Road. For more information call (847) 297-8031.

Moms, aunts and grandmas are invited to join the Niles Park District's King of Hearts Ball with their favorite little guy in kindergarten through sixth grade for an evening of fun. dancing, games, prizes and refreshments from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 22. A DJ will lead the way to get everyone moving to the music in the Howard Leisure Center.

Fees are: residents, \$40; nonresidents, \$50/per couple; \$15 for each additional daughter. To register, come to the Howard Leisure Center. 6676 W. Howard Street or call (847) 967-6633.

#### RELIGION

Mark Quinn, Ph.D., theology teacher and author of Finding God Everyday: Practical Spirituality for Lay People, will talk on the mystical experiences of the Cistercian monk, Thomas Merton, at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Merton was a 20th century voluminous writer on spiritual, social and political topics that revealed his wisdom and humanity. This event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. Free parking is available. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more information, call Mike Brennan at (733) 685-

Registration is open for the 2008 summer and fall programs at Gan Yeladim, the early childhood program of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, The program serves children ages 2 to 5 and their

families. The program is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Half- and full-day programs as well as early morning drop-off, a lunch program and afternoon enrichment classes are offered. It integrates Judaica, literacy, math. science, art, music and drama into its developmental, playbased curriculum with a low teacher-child ratio. Interested families are invited to visit, talk with the director, Betsy Rotherg and view the facility. Visiting hours are from 10 to 11:30 a.m.. but call first at (847) 675-4152. Visit www.ganskokie.org.

#### **MAINE SENIORS**

The Maine Township

MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month, Most activities take place at Maine Town Hall located at 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. unless otherwise noted. For information contact the MaineStreamers at (847) 297-2510 or visit www. Mainetown-

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The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 10 basis Network in Stuart, Fla., dispenses some advice: origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was financial information is easily found. 6.31 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.88 percent.

benchmark 30-year jumbo, for home loans greater than myFlCO.com. \$417,000, fell 6 basis points, to 6.97 percent.

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Advice for commancers

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Sahnger, mortgage consultant with Palm Beach Financial percent of a home's current value in declining markets.

points, to 5.78 percent, according to the Bankrate.com Be ready to document your income, debts and assets. "If without asking you about your credit profile, how much national survey of large lenders. A basis point is one- your loan officer asks for a specific piece of information, you owe and how much you think the house is worth, and hundredth of 1 percentage point. The mortgages in this provide it as quickly as you can," Sahnger says. A lot of whether you can document your finances, Sahnger says. week's survey had an average total of 0.36 discount and people are preparing their taxes these days, he adds, so No one can give you an accurate quote without that

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 7 basis homeowners get a good sense of their creditworthiness promptly. points, to 5.31 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate before they contact a broker or loan officer to refinance. More recession evidence mortgage fell 15 basis points, to 5.51 percent. The One method is to buy a copy of one's credit score at Rates fell this week in response to a dismal report of

The rate on the 30-year fixed has remained below 6 worth. This is the toughest piece of advice to heed. manufacturing index for January collapsed to 41.9 percent percent for more than a month now. Many homeowners Houses in many markets have lost value in the last two from the previous month's 54.4 percent. A number less applied a few weeks ago to refinance their mortgages, but years. That's especially bad news for people who bought than 50 percent means that the service sector is shrinking. latecomers continue to apply. According to the Mortgage houses within the last three years or so, because many of "The extraordinary drop in the supply managers' view of Bankers Association, refinances accounted for almost 70 these homeowners now owe more than their homes are the economy raises the distinct possibility that we are in a percent of applications last week, and brokers report a worth. Sahnger has dealt with clients recently who owe recession," economist Joel Naroff said Tuesday in an e-\$30,000 or more than their houses are now worth.

All this is happening while lenders are tightening credit to the closing table. They will have to pay the current and mortgage rates followed bond yields downward.

Mortgage rates fell this week, keeping a refinancing falling. As a result, landing a refinance can be tricky. Jim payment to the new lender. Few lenders will lend 100

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Mona M. Golbach, 73, of Niles, died Feb. 7.

Preceded in death by her husband, Albert, she is survived by her children, Brenda (Jurgen) Viktor, Rhonda (Robert) Foster and Walter III (Tracey) Wicks; eight grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren; and brothers, Charles (Iona) Neely and Robert (Polly) Neely.

Visitation was at Friedrichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 11 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society or St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 Harlem Ave., are appreciat-

#### **Genevieve Janka**

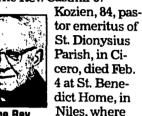
Genevieve H. Janka, 92, of Niles, died Feb. 5 at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge.

She had been self-employed as a dressmaker.

Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, she is survived by: her sons, Mike, of Chicago, and Steve (Linda) Janka; a grandchild, Christina Wagenknecht; and greatgrandchildren, Catherine and Heather.

Visitation was at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, Niles. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 9 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Burial was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles.

#### Rev. Casimir Kozien The Rev. Casimir J.



4 at St. Benedict Home, in Niles, where

Casimir Kozien he had lived since 2004. Born Jan. 13, 1924, on the Near North Side of Chicago, he attended Holy Trinity and St. Helen schools, graduating in June 1943 from

Quigley (North) Preparatory Seminary, and in May 1950 from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained a priest on May 3, 1950.

During his early career he was assistant pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, associate pastor of St. Pancratius Parish, assistant pastor of St. Joseph Parish

and St. Michael's Parish on the South Side, and at St. Ladislaus Parish on the North Side.

> In June 1978 he became pastor of St. Dionysius Parish, in Cicero, where he served for 10 years. In December 1988 he became associate pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish on the city's North Side. Although he retired in 1994, Fr. Kozien continued to minister to St. Bartholomew parishioners,

living there as a resident

Benedict Home in 2004.

priest until he moved to St.

Visitation was Friday at

Thad J. Jakubowski, D.D., re-

classmate of Fr. Kozien's, cel-

Saturday at St. Bartholomew

Church. Interment was at St.

Adalbert Cemetery, in Niles.

**Arthur Sitkowski** 

Arthur "Bud" M. Sitkows-

ki, 85, of Niles, died Jan. 31 at

Mr. Sitkowski was a pat-

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Laura Szarek, of Niles.

Hospital, Park Ridge.

He is survived by a sister,

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ebrated the funeral Mass

St. Bartholomew Church.

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#### **Emily Skrypek**

He is survived by his wife,

Emily (nee Dubinska); son,

Paul (Marialisa); grandchil-

niece, Patrice Heaton.

Wojciechowski Funeral

Home, Niles. Funeral Mass

was celebrated Feb. 4 at St.

Isaac Jogues Church, Niles.

Entombment was in St. Adal-

dren, Joseph and Sarah; and

Visitation was in Colonial-

Emily Skrypek, 94, of Niles, died Jan. 27 at her home

bert Mausoleum, Niles.

She had been a postal employee.

She is survived by: her sons, Stanley (Connie) and James (Janice) Skrypek; grandchildren, Robert, Arhlene Pope, Suzanne Clark and William Skrypek; greatgrandchildren, Chase, Connor, Dylan and Hayden; and siblings, Helen, Bernice Feijt and John (Mary) Kolimas; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, Niles, Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 31 at St. John Brebeuf Church, Niles. Burial was in Maryhill Cemetery, Niles.

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MaineStreamers are 90 years takes place during Older Americans Month in May. If you know of anyone, call so

and the Victory Gardens Theatre to see the "Botanic Garden: A Walk in the Paradise of Marriage" is offered from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 2, Kate and Jake were married for more than 20 years. Now, recently widowed and faced with the daunting prospect of dating for the first time in decades, the memories of her marriage, some laughter and passion-filled, others frustration-ridden, surround Kate as she reevaluates her choices in this chapter of her life. Olympia Dukakis directs. Lunch before the show will be a family-style meal of Caesar salad, chicken breast, basil mashed potatoes, with gourmet cookies and brownies for dessert. Cost: \$54 members/\$59 guests. All Day Trips depart from Golf Mill Mall in Niles.

# **PEEK**

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#### **SENIORS**

Joan Mau, RN, Lutheran General Hospital's heart failure care manager, will talk about ways to maintain and improve heart health at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Advocate Lutheran General Senior Breakfast Club. The session will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet. 8780 W. Dempster St., Niles. A continental breakfast will be served. Reservations are required. To sign up, call 1-800-323-8622, or visit www.advocate-

Public Notice

of the Proposed Issuance of a Federally

Enforceable State Operating Permit to

Specialty Printing Company in Niles

Specialty Printing Company has requested that the Illinois

Environmental Protection Agency issue a federally enforce able state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air

able state operating permit (PESOP) regulating the all emissions from its printing operations located at 6019 Wes Howard Street in Niles. The Illinois EPA has made a prelim

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The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft per-mit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 15, 2008. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hear

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#### SENIOR CENTER

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Qualified individuals may have their taxes prepared at no cost by an IRS/AARP certified tax counselor at the Niles Senior Center. This program is designed to assist middle and low-income seniors with their tax preparation; certain restrictions apply. To schedule an appointment or to find out if you qualify, call the Niles Senior Center Tax Line. (847) 588-8440. Appointments are available Monday through Friday mornings and a limited number for the afternoon.

"What I've Loved, What I've Learned ... Celebrate Your Life" workshop will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27. Participants will reminisce about their lives and write down their memories to be shared.

A Diabetic Screening (fingerstick) will be available from 9 to 10 a.m.

Feb. 27. Fasting instructions will be given upon advance registra-

A Valentine's Day Luncheon will pegin at noon Feb. 14. Lunch will include Greek chicken, potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. The party will continue with fun activities, bingo, prizes and raffle. The cost is \$8.

#### SINGLES

Spares Sunday Evening Club for seniors who enjoy dancing will sponsor a Valentine's dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. The Music Men will be featured. Members pay \$8; guests, \$9. For more information, call the hotline at (847) 965-5730.

Thunderbird Singles will host a super dance at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Diplomat West, 681 W. North Ave., Elmhurst. Admission is \$8. Call (847) 604-3446 for more information

**North Shore Singles** will feature a dance at 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at Lamirage, 3223 W. Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows. Dance instruction in jitterbug will be given at 6 p.m. by Shelley Gross. Admission is \$8. Call (847) 604-3518 for information.

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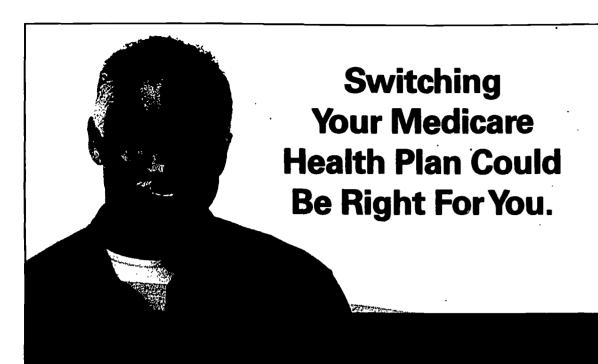
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# Robertson seeks perfect ending

Robertson earned a first-

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There haven't been many tough times for Niles West rounds and have the credenwrestler Steve Robertson on the mat this year.

Not when you consider that not once during an unde- is making is second trip to feated season had an oppo- State with an overall mark of ning or losing, I alnent even managed to score a 39-2. single takedown against the West freshman.

spond just the way Robertson talking about the sectional. did last Saturday at the Class said Niles West coach Bryan AA Fenton Sectional tourna-

Taken down — not once but twice -- in the semifinals that far ahead and we just against Montini's Colton take it one week at a time. But Rasche, Robertson stormed Steve's doing better every back for an 8-6 overtime win week. He's in phenomenal and then whipped Jimmy shape and he just keeps push-Nehls of Downers Grove ing the tempo. North 17-6 in the title match at 112 pounds.

the individual state finals at medals." the University of Illinois in Champaign this weekend.

Both grapplers have their sights set on the medal tials to back that up. Robertson improved to 42-0 on the season while Gould, a senior,

"One coach asked me before the tournament started if But when bad things hap- I thought Steve could win it mine. Still, I surpen to good people — they reall, and I thought he was just Wittersheim. "He wasn't. He was talking about State.

"Typically we don't look

"There are guys every year who are happy just to get to Robertson and teammate State, because it's such a great David Gould — who finished accomplishment. But Steve second at 119, arguably the and Dave are past that. toughest weight class in the They're going down there for sectional — will advance to one reason — and that's to get

tional crown and could meet the No. 2 ranked wrestler in

"Whether I'm winways feel like the third period will be prised myself when I didn't panic."

Carmel, in the finals.

Gould is matched against Johnny Brennan of Prospect (32-4) in Friday's opener, with the winner advancing to meet James Crone of Jerseyville

Robertson wasn't quite sure how he'd react the first time someone took him to the

wrestling on my feet, but he the whole match." took me down twice in the

first period," Robertson said. "I thought I might panic when round bye thanks to his sec- that happened.

"But whether I'm winning or losing. I always feel like the the country in that weight third period will be mine. class, B.J. Futrell of Mount Still, I surprised myself when I didn't panic. I didn't think I'd be able to bounce back like

"I've trained with him the same sectional, I knew ed. we'd probably wrestle each other. But I also knew I'd worked hard enough this year to beat him. And getting taken Steve Robertson down like that doesn't change to get to the semifinals guarantee myself a place and go from there and give it my all."

"I think it was a wakeup call for Steve, that he can't let his guard down," added Wittersheim. "But he's about as mentally solid as anyone we've had here. It doesn't seem like things phase him. "Usually my forte is He stays with his game plan

Gould, meanwhile, faced

bined won-loss record of 92-12 coming into the tournament. He lost to Fenwick sophomore Nick Dardanes by a 4-3 margin in the championship match after outscoring Maine South standout Joe Brewster 12-7 in the semis.

Neither grappler scored in the third period of the finale (Rasche) in the offseason and, as Gould was unable to when I found out we were in muster the takedown he need-

"In the first couple of minutes Dave was able to wrestle his style, and then he stopped," said Wittersheim. "He learned a lesson, because my goals at all. My first goal is he didn't stop coming in his other loss (against Futrell). It's uncharacteristic of him, but he let Dardanes come to

> "He's been tested. Now, he just has to execute at State."

West senior Bud Hayes came closest to joining his teammates as a qualifier. After winning two decisions at 171, he was pinned by eventual champion Carl Foreside of Montini.

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#### **NOTRE DAME ROUNDUP**

# Wrestlers come up empty at sectional

By JIM EDISON

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With some of the best wrestlers in the state participating, the Fenton Sectional promised to be a grueling experience.

It was. And for Notre Dame's athletes, like for many other competitors, the challenge simply proved to be too much. The Dons, who brought five regional contestants to the huge gathering in Bensenville Friday and Saturday, were unable to advance anyone to this year's state meet in Champaign.

For veteran coach Augie Genovesi, it was the first time in a decade that he was not bringing anyone to the University of Illinois campus.

"We just didn't wrestle," said Genovesi, who will be inducted into the East Suburban Catholic Conference Hall of Fame on March 6. "It's the

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Notre Dame's Vince Metzger and four of his teammates were unable to advance to the state wrestling meet during competition at the Fenton Sectional. — Ray Luna/For Pioneer Press

**MAINE EAST ROUNDUP** 

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# Demons win regional play-in game

By JIM EDISON Staff Writer

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Strange things always seem to happen in the first charge. Megan O'Grady (13 round of the state basketball tournaments

game between Maine East and Steinmetz at the Maine example.

Leading by double digits for most of the contest. East control as it played with both denly, however, the Steinmetz girls got on track and changed the complexion of the game.

The Silver Streak put together a solid spurt that actually gave it a momentary one-point lead. But thanks to some clutch play by several players, East was able to reon to a 50-42 victory in Des Plaines.

"It wasn't easy," coach Linda Borchew said. "But we are certainly glad to get the win."

was the second consecutive year in which they won their also had a nice game." play-in game. By virtue of their victory. Borchew's athletes were scheduled to square off with the regional host Warriors in the semifi- Olson's squad.

nals on Wednesday (results are available at www.nilesheraldspectator.com.

For the first part of the game, East was clearly in points) hit a pair three-pointers and the Demons led 17-9 And Monday night's girls after one quarter. Cherish Scarpelli, a senior forward, tallied back-to-back baskets West Regional was a perfect in the second period and Borchew's squad was ahead 26-14 at intermission.

The Demons still had a seemed to have things under comfortable advantage midway through the third quarunraveled for the Park Ridge team. Led by Kiera Dye (14 points) and Shatea Rogers (12 points), the Silver Streak went on an impressive 13-0

run to take a 34-33 lead. Scarpelli made a huge reslide and Joy Ocampo hit back-to-back layups to give gain its dominance and went her team a 39-34 lead heading into the final quarter. From there, the Demons were able to hoist their lead to 50-38 and coasted the rest of the way.

"Scarpelli (13 points, 7 rebounds) had her best game of For the Demons (7-21), it the year," Borchew said. "Tiffany (Jones, 5 rebounds)

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Last week was an up-anddown ride for coach Glenn

The Demons got off to a solid start on Feb. 5 with a 63-56 nonconference victory over Rolling Meadows. But on Friday, East was upset by District 207 rival Maine West 61-54 in Des Plaines.

For Olson, who played his high school sports at Rolling Meadows, the trip back to his old school was one of mixed feelings.

"Going back did have some nostalgia for me," said Olson, who was a standout basketball and baseball player for the Mustangs. "But confidence and ease. Sud- ter at 33-21, But then things honestly, once the action started, it was just another game that we wanted to put in the win column."

As it turned out, the Demons had a solid offensive attack against RM with four players scoring in double digbound and basket to snap the its. Danhi Wilson led the way with 20 points, while Avery Roche was close behind with 19, Charles McKinney had 15 and Dwight Davis added 10.

"At Maine West we faced a team that has been getting better and better," Olson said. "Looking at the film, I have to say that we did not actually play bad.

"But we were not boxing out. And they burned us with some easy layups. We are a young team and go through some growing pains at times. We have to play with intensity to be successful."

Senior Forward Cherish Scarpelli had her best game of the season, finishing with 13 points and seven rebounds during the Demons' victory Monday. — Jason Brown/Staff Photographer

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first time in 10 years that we did rebound in Saturday's didn't get a kid downstate.

next year, though. But we have to work hard and get through our spring and summer wrestling."

Of ND's wrestlers that made the trip to Fenton, senior Bo Cisek came the closest to earning a ticket to Champaign. Cisek, a talented 215pounder who was also a him.' standout football player, finished fourth.

After recieving a bye in Friday night's first round, Cisek (33-5 overall record)

wrestle-back rounds by de-"I think we will be OK feating Maine West's Josh Gustafson 11-1 and Hinsdale Central's Pat Clegg 7-3. But better in the offseason in Saturday night's all-important battle for third place, Cisek was defeated by York's Dustin Bles 5-0.

"Bo just shut down for some reason," Genovesi said. "He let the other kid control the tempo and that cost

Notre Dame's other participants all lost their firstround matches and were eventually eliminated from the tournament. Vince Metlost an 11-3 decision to Glen- zger (125) was pinned by Elk

by Hinsdale South's Joe the Dons came out on the McGuire, Jim Wallenberg short end of a 52-51 game (140) lost by technical fall to with Benet on Saturday St. Patrick's Jimmy DiNino and Denis Walsh (145) lost to Maine South's Matt Egan 9-4.

When Notre Dame hosts longtime rival St. Patrick Friday night in Niles, there will be more on the line than just local bragging rights.

The Dons (11-11, 5-5), who lost to St. Patrick in their first meeting in December, will be trying to even the slate for 2007-08 as well as gain some momentum for the state tournament.

Notre Dame, which had its game at St. Viator Feb. 6 postponed because of the snowstorm, was left with just bard East's Pat Walker. Cisek Grove's Dean DiMaso, Nick one game last week. Unfor-

Nowotarski (135) was pinned tunately for coach Tom Les, night in Niles.

"Benet was up most of the first two quarters and we were down by four (points) at halftime," Les said. "Then, we scored the first nine points of the third quarter to go up by five.

"But later we missed some big opportunities in the fourth quarter when it was close and they converted at their end. They had two 6foot-8 kids and were getting a lot of rebounds.

"It has just been the nature of our season. We have had a problem closing out games in the fourth quarter."

Zach Abraham led the Dons with 12 points and Dallas Moreland hauled down 14

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In the consolation bracket. Leyden's Nick Cassano scored a last-second reversal, enough for a 10-9 triumph that eliminated Hayes. Cassano then advanced with a win in the third place match.

"He was right there with him," Wittersheim said. "But you can't let up - and he did."

Niles North had two wrestlers in the sectional. both losing in the first round. Benz Limpan lost his 135pound match to Tim Knowles of Hinsdale Central on a 10-3 decision and Michael Ayala dropped his 160-pound match to Quin Francis, also from Hinsdale Central, in a 8-6 de-

#### **GOOD START**

The Maine East girls basketball team won the play-in game of the regional tournament

#### END OF LINE

The Notre Dame wrestling team fails to qualify anyone for state meet.

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Maine East's Chris Garvey "had the meet of his life," according to swimming coach Scott Guilfoil. Garvey had large time drops in the 200-yard freestyle and 500 freestyle events at the Central Suburban League North meet. — Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer

#### **MAINE EAST ROUNDUP**

# Demons put in strong effort at league meet

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It may not have appeared that way on the surface, but Maine East's boys swimming team had a rather good day at the Central Suburban League North meet.

land Park, the Demons could Scott Guilfoil took solace in the and Maine East (77). fact that his athletes were hit-

"We did end up sixth (last solid performances.

thought we had a decent day overall in that we had a good share of season-best times. That's where you want to be at this point in the season."

As expected, the team title was a classic battle between Glenbrook North and Deerfield. GBN emerged with 326 Facing a number of power-points and the championship. ful teams Saturday at High- Deerfield was a close second with 313 points, followed by not escape the bottom spot in Maine West (234), Niles North the final team standings. But (162), the host Giants (155)

While the Demons were ting their peak at the right denied any medals, (for top six finishers), they did have some

had the meet of his life." Guilfoil said. "He had big time drops in the 200-yard freestyle (2 minutes, 2.74 seconds, 10th place) and 500 freestyle (5:38.67, 11th)."

Other good efforts came from Steven Tom in the 100 breaststroke (1:07.99, 7th), Parthiv Patel in the 100 backstroke (1:08.72, 9th), Greg Skoczek in the 100 butterfly (1:05.40, 12th) and Brian Martin in the 50 freestyle (25.45, 12th).

It was probably fitting that year." Maine East's wrestling season came to an end the way it did

"I thought Chris Garvey last Saturday night in Dame Regional a week earlier, Bensenville.

The Demons, who were led all year by four talented seniors, had that foursome representing them at the highly competitive Fenton Sectional. And while none of the four were able to advance to this year's state meet in Champaign, they ended their careers in good fashion.

"We had a lot of our younger guys here watching our seniors," coach Emiliano Hernandez said. "And they set the good example they have all

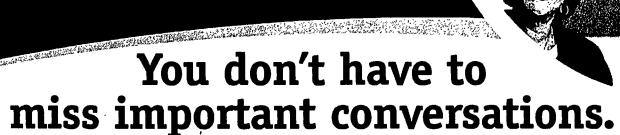
that qualified out of the Notre Friday night.

reached the third-place match and came close to punching a ticket for downstate.

Adam Tokarzewski (152pounds) and Matt Dickman (160) both wrestled in the championship round Saturday night. But Tokarzewski was beaten by Glenbard East's Jason Callahan 10-0 and Dickman was edged 4-3 by Proviso West's Khari Washington, Both finished with records of 2-2 at

East's Maciej Makowski (189) went 1-2 for the weekend while Tom Boblett (125) lost his Two of the four grapplers first match and was eliminated 

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