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Adam Skutnik (right) and Liam Walsh, of the Niles Teen Center, on Friday scare guests of the Haunted Garage at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. **PAGE 3.** PHOTO BY SUZANNE TENNANT/PIONEER PRESS

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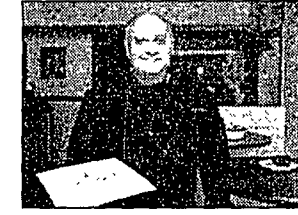
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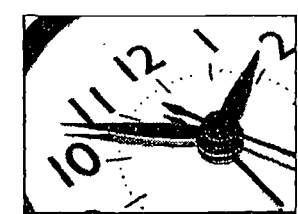
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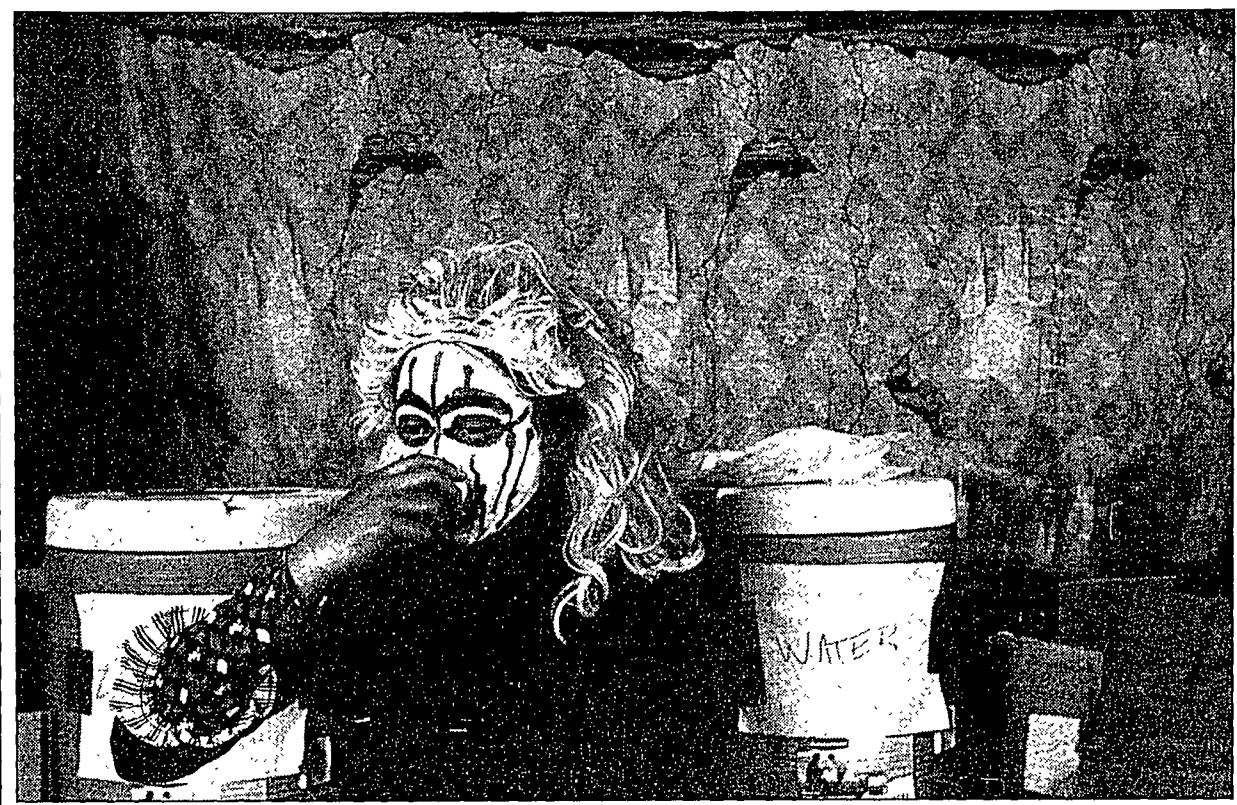
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WATER GHOUL-ER Even little ghouls need their water-cooler breaks. Elanta Soowek, of the Niles Teen Center, takes hers Friday during the Haunted Garage at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course in Niles.

Ballots set for Tuesday election

It's Election Day Tuesday, and in Niles as well as the rest of America, people will be lining up to exercise their constitutional right to pick their next leaders.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Though early voting in Cook County, and in many other places, has broken previous records, the bulk of the election voting still should take place that day.

The presidential race featuring the Republican candidate, U.S. Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, and Democratic candidate, Illinois' junior senator Barack Obama, along with candidates from five other parties, promises to bring a heavy turnout. The senior senator, Dick Durbin, D-Ill., is running for re-election, challenged by Republican Steve Sauerberg

and three other candidates.

Niles lies in the 9th Congressional District, where Democrat Jan Schakowky is defending her seat against Green Party hopeful Morris Shanfield.

In the 33rd State Senate District, Democratic incumbent Dan Kotowski faces Republican challenger Michael Sweeney.

In the 57th State House District, incumbent Democrat Elaine Nekritz faces challenger James Tatoes, a Republican. In the 20th State House District, incumbent Michael McAuliffe is defending his seat against Democratic hopeful Michael Marzullo.

In Cook County, the major contested races see Republican Anthony Peraica, a Cook County

commissioner, facing Democrat Anita Alvarez, the chief deputy state's attorney, and for the office of state's attorney of Cook County. Recorder of Deeds Eugene Moore, a Democrat, is running for re-election against Republican Gregory Goldstein and Green Party candidate Terrence Gilhooly and Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown, a Democrat, is running for re-election against Republican Diane Shapiro and Green candidate Paloma Andrade.

Joseph Berrios, a Democrat, is running for re-election in the Board of Review 2nd District against Republican Lauren Elizabeth McCracken-Quirk and Green candidate Howard Kaplan. And the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District race

features a wealth of candidates running for three open seats: Democrats Frank Avila, Kathleen Therese Meany and Cynthia Santos, Republicans David Clearwater, Paul Chialdikas and Daniel Flores, and Greens Nadine Bopp, John "Jack" Ailey and Rita Bogolub.

Voters also can vote yes or no on judicial retentions in the circuit and appellate courts as well as for Supreme Court Judge Anne Burke.

Cook County referendums on the ballot include "Con-Con," calling for a new constitutional convention in the state, and one asking whether there should be a recall process for the office of governor and other statewide elected officials.

Halloween safety for kids a treat for police

By TONY BERTUCA
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The Niles Police Department has issued some Halloween safety tips:

- Try to accompany your child trick-or-treating, or have them go with another adult you know.
- Give your child lights or glow sticks to easily be seen.
- Set a curfew.
- Give your child a cell phone to use in case of an emergency.
- Try to dress your children in bright costumes.
- Make sure children can see through any masks.
- Tell children to stay in the neighborhood and only go to homes that are lit and look like they welcome trick-or-treaters.
- Tell children to never enter anyone's home that they are not familiar with, and to notify you before doing so.
- Tell them to not take shortcuts through private property or unlit areas such as parks and forest preserves.
- Tell them not to eat any of the treats before you are able to look through it with them.
- Examine all treats with your child. Keep only the wrapped or packaged treats.
- Report any suspicious activity to the Niles Police Department, 588-6500, or 911 if it is an emergency.

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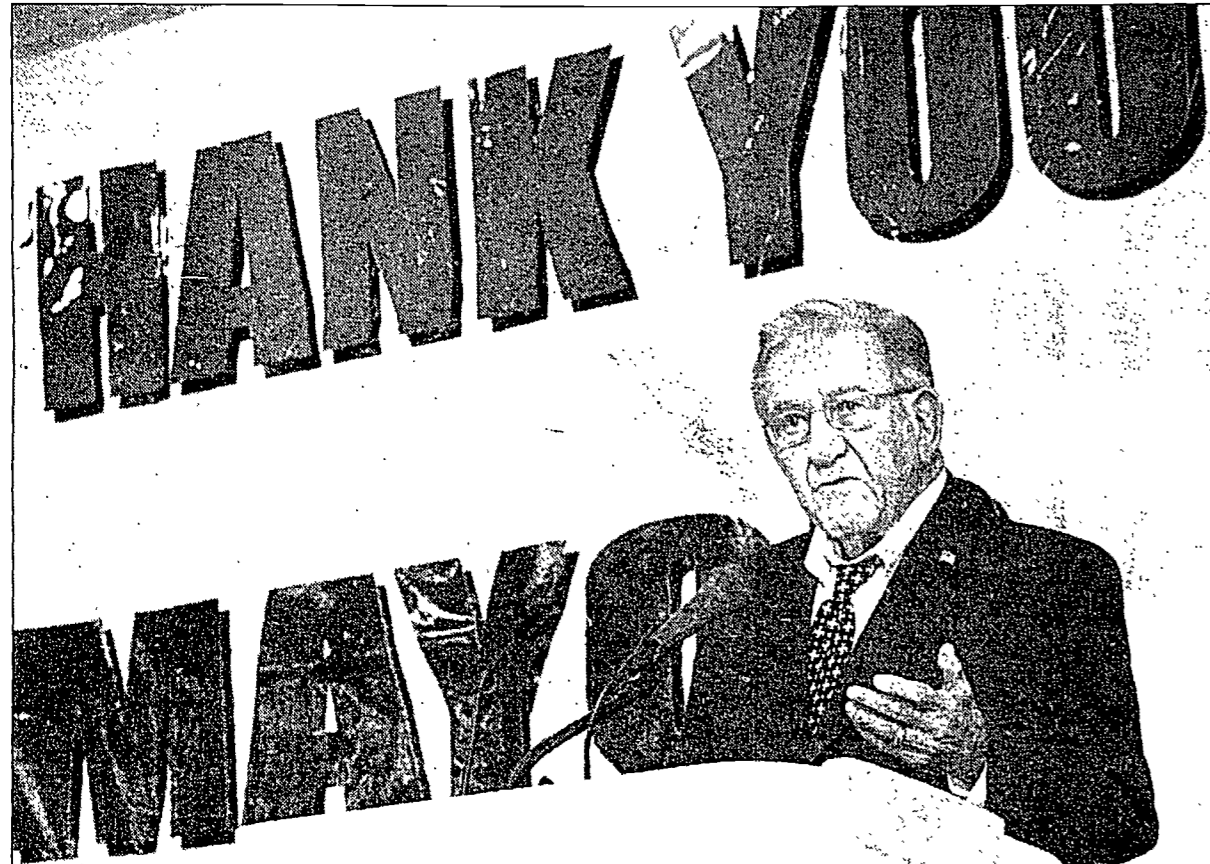


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Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase thanks the people who attended his retirement party Thursday night at White Eagle banquet hall in Niles.

Blase corruption case to resume Friday

By TONY BERTUCA
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The federal corruption case of former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase is expected to be heard in court Friday.

Blase, 80, stands accused of inappropriately using his elected office to steer business to a local insurance agency, which allegedly paid him kickbacks to the tune of \$420,000 in exchange for his efforts. He has pleaded not guilty.

The ex-mayor was originally scheduled to go to trial Sept. 8, but his attorneys had the trial date stricken, and court proceedings have been delayed since then. Prosecutors will not say if the change in place is indicative of a plea bargain, but one of Blase's lawyers told a federal judge Sept. 11 that they were "very close" to some sort of agreement.



ALLEN KALETA/FOR PIONEER PRESS

Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase and his wife, Faye, thank each well-wisher who approached them at Blase's retirement party Thursday night at White Eagle banquet hall in Niles.

Blase retired from office in August after 47 years of service and has been regularly praised by residents and village officials since stepping down.

A retirement party was held in his honor Oct. 23 at White Eagle Restaurant and Banquets. Village officials said more than 600 people attended.

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The modern vampire: Which stories have the most bite?



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St. John Brebeuf students get out 'school vote'

By TONY BERTUCA
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St. John Brebeuf School in Niles went from red to blue last week when students cast their votes in a mock presidential election that favored Democratic Sen. Barack Obama.

Of 417 votes cast in the Oct. 23 mock election, Obama received 281 and Republican Sen. John McCain received 136.

Obama's victory represents a change in the political tide at St. John Brebeuf, where Republican President George W. Bush won the last two mock elections handily.

"In the past it's been overwhelmingly Republican here," said Principal Margaret Whitman during a school rally the day before the mock election. "I don't know about this year though. I think its going to be enlightening."

Prior to the mock election, 13-year student Andrew Nitz said he was voting for Obama, though he was unsure of what the rest of the school would do.

"Its great to get the school involved," he said. "I'm voting for Obama because I just agree with his platform a lot more than John McCain's platform. But it's hard to say how everyone else will vote."

While the votes of a few hundred children could hardly be construed as a "game-changer," school spokesman Bud Nichols said he thought the vote had some merit, considering the students' choices likely reflected the preferences of their parents.

"I think it's an interesting microcosm," he said. "If they are likely to vote with their parents, that should tell you something."

The day prior to the mock election, St. John Brebeuf students gathered in the school gymna-



RUTHIE HAUGE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Sister Carol Ann Hauber waves red, white and blue streamers with students as they take part Oct. 22 in the National Mock Election at St. John Brebeuf School in Niles.

sium for a convention/rally to celebrate all 50 U.S. states. Eighth grade students also spelled out some issues of the election for the rest of the school — the economy, the environment, energy policy, Iraq, health care, and education — and described the platforms of both presidential candidates.

"This is really an opportunity to teach the kids about the country and the election process," said teacher Lynn Baer, who organized the event in accordance with the National Mock Election. "Kids are citizens too. They should know what's going on in the world."

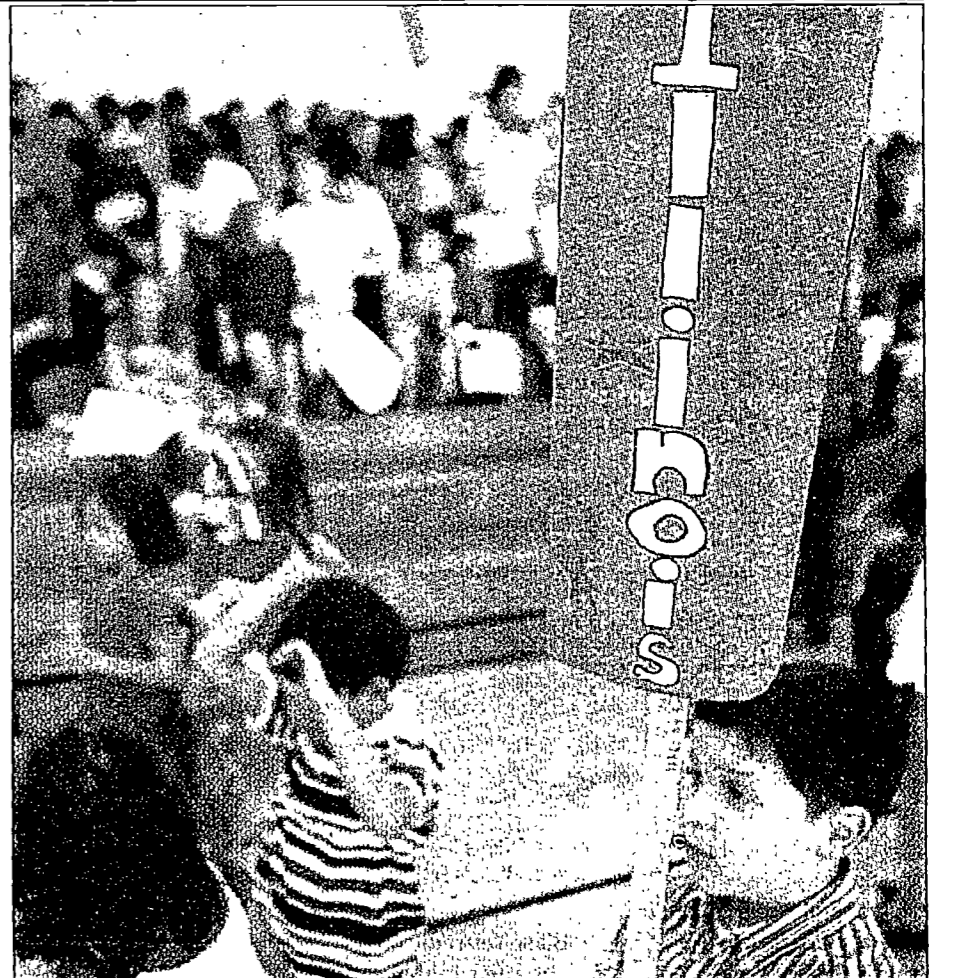
The event began with a choir of children singing Neil Diamond's hit song, "Coming to America," which was followed by a

convention-like roll call of states. Children waving placards representing all 50 states took turns reading information about each state, including facts like nicknames and official flowers and birds.

Kids also had fun with their wardrobes. One boy holding a sign for California dressed up in a tight shirt and stuffed it to appear like California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Others wore cheese hats to represent Wisconsin and lobster claw hats for Maine.

"I'm really proud of all the research our kids did on their states and the issues," Baer said. "We are celebrating democracy and the fact that we have a voice."

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Blaz Montoya holds the sign for his assigned state, Illinois, as he takes part Oct. 22 in the National Mock Election at St. John Brebeuf School in Niles.

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The Chicago Council of Lawyers Evaluation Report:
October 2008

Judges Seeking Retention in the November 2008 General Election and Candidates Seeking to Fill Judicial Vacancies in Contested Elections

Twelfth Subcircuit

Pamela E. Loza - Qualified

Pamela E. Loza has been a lawyer since 1977. She is currently a sole practitioner specializing in family and criminal defense law. From 1984 to 2002, she handled similar cases as a lawyer in the firm of Cameron, Loza & Associates. From 1970 to 1981, she did appellate work as a Cook County Assistant State's Attorney. Lawyers report that **she has good legal ability and that she is a zealous, but fair advocate for her clients. She has substantial litigation experience. The Council finds her Qualified for the Circuit Court.**

Laura J. Morask - Not Qualified

Laura Morask ran for election to fill a judicial vacancy in the 12th Subcircuit. For the February 2008 primary, she refused to cooperate with any of the bar organizations comprising the Alliance of Bar Associations for Judicial Screening. As a result, she was found either Not Recommended or Not Qualified by all of these bar groups. The Chicago Council of Lawyers followed its policy of finding Not Recommended any judicial candidate who refuses to submit to a screening by the Council for evaluation. **However, upon further analysis, it is clear why Ms. Morask refused to be evaluated by the Council - a bar group which has been evaluating judges since 1976. For the past nine years, she has been cited numerous times by both the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Supreme Court for prosecutorial misconduct.** As a career Cook County prosecutor, Ms. Morask has the job of upholding justice - convicting guilty defendants while upholding the ethical framework of the criminal justice system. Based on court opinions she has done the former but has ignored the latter. In 1992, the Illinois Appellate Court found that Ms. Morask "acted contrary to the spirit of discovery rules and that her conduct troubled the court." In 2000, the Illinois Appellate Court reversed a murder conviction and remanded for a new trial due to Ms. Morask's "pervasive misconduct" in her argument. The Illinois Supreme Court subsequently affirmed the reversal. In 2002, the Illinois Appellate Court found that she engaged in "intentional and systematic misconduct" that "called into question the State's commitment to fair and just enforcement of the law." In 2003, the Illinois Appellate Court concluded that Ms. Morask misstated the law, but that her misconduct did not affect the outcome of the case. In 2004, the Illinois Appellate Court described Ms. Morask's courtroom statements as "uncivil and overly sarcastic, if not downright boorish" and had "no place in a trial." In 2005, the Illinois Appellate Court in an unpublished decision found that Ms. Morask's closing argument mischaracterized the evidence of the case.

The Council believes that Ms. Morask's history demonstrates that she cannot be impartial as a judge and we change our finding to Not Qualified.

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Three Dist. 207 students earn status of 'Best'

Trio to be singled out each month in different category

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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Maine Township High School District 207 on Oct. 6 presented three senior students with the "207's Best Award" for academic achievement.

The winning seniors were: Seul (Kathy) Ku, of Maine East High School; Erin Klein, of Maine South High School; and Suzie Chung, of Maine West High School.

"All three students have extremely high GPAs and were recommended by their principals," said

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Cheryl Johansson

district official Cheryl Johansson.

The school district will continue to honor three seniors (one from each high school) for the remainder of the school year but the award category will change each month. Some students will win for achievements in athletics, some for community service, and others for accomplishments in the arts.

Vehicle heist, chase by owner, lead police to burglary suspect

Park Ridge checks links with purse thefts

By **JENNIFER JOHNSON**
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An 18-year-old man was apprehended by police after he allegedly stole a man's car and led the owner on a chase through Park Ridge, Rosemont and Des Plaines.

Park Ridge police commander David Keller said Anthony Argento, of the 4500 block of North Sheridan Road, Chicago, burglarized two Park Ridge homes and stole a 2008 Acura MDX belonging to one of the homeowners just before midnight Oct. 14.

Police responded to a burglar alarm at a home on the 1100 block of South Vine around 11:45 p.m.


where they learned from one of the homeowners that someone had entered her residence, grabbed a set of car keys from the kitchen counter and used them to enter her Acura. Keller said the woman's husband saw what was happening and jumped in another vehicle and followed the intruder as he drove away with the Acura. The man followed the stolen vehicle to the parking lot of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2930 S. River Road in Des Plaines, where he confronted the suspect as he allegedly attempted to flee on foot. Des Plaines police were called and apprehended the suspect, later identified as Argento.

Keller said before burglarizing the home on the 1100 block of South Vine, Argento allegedly entered a home on the 1500 block of the same street and

stole \$50 from a kitchen. He reportedly gained access to the home through a rear kitchen door.

Argento was charged with two counts of residential burglary and one count of theft of a motor vehicle. He has also been charged by the Niles and Wilmette police departments for similar offenses, Keller said. Argento's next court date is today.

Park Ridge investigators are also working to determine if Argento is connected to other similar burglaries reported in the city recently. Those burglaries include four that occurred during the early hours of Sept. 11 on the south side of Park Ridge and involved someone who entered homes through a rear door and grabbed purses that had been left near the entryway. All the homes were occupied at the time of the burglaries.



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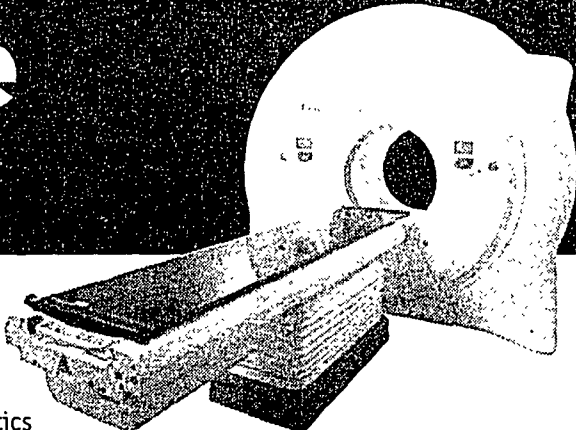
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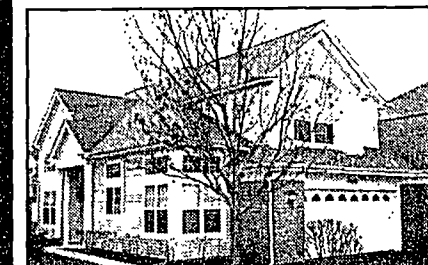
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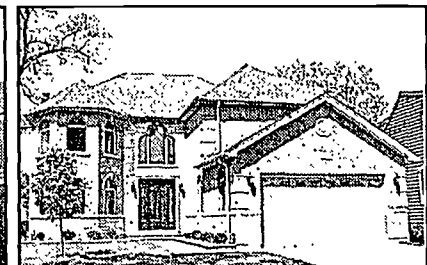


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Weird warehouse keeps closets stocked with skeletons, lots of other scary stuff

By TONY BERTUCA
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It's a dark and stormy night and unsuspecting motorists are driving by an "ordinary" warehouse off of Lehigh Road in Niles, totally unaware of the horrors lurking within (cue maniacal laughter).

Relax folks, it's just American Science and Surplus. And while the company's Niles warehouse might be full of weird, wild and wacky novelties — glow-in-the-dark body cream anyone? — there's no need to be afraid. Right?

"This place is 67,000 square-feet of weirdness," said Philip Cable, the owner of American Science and Surplus. "We always sell a lot of skeletons."

They also sell remote-controlled rats, fake insect mucous, zombie brain gelatin molds and a wide array of Russian and Israeli-made gas masks available in especially creepy child and infant sizes.

But American Science and Surplus, with stores in Chicago, Geneva, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis., mostly specializes in educational items and surplus materials like lenses, chemistry sets, microscopes, telescopes, motors and switches.

"We sell to a lot of schools, a lot of mad-scientist types, and a lot of geeks," Cable said. "I'm a lifelong science geek."

But the store also happens to move a lot of glow-in-the-dark maggots around Halloween, its second busiest season after Christmas.

"This time of year we sell to a lot of people who want to build their own costumes," Cable said. "We also sell a lot of stuff used for Halloween displays, like motors that can open and close coffins on your front lawn. We're the



PHOTO BY ROB HART/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Philip Cable strolls through the Niles warehouse of American Science and Surplus, a weird, wild and wacky store that also sells through its Web site and catalog. "6,800 square feet of weirdness" is how Cable describes the warehouse.

only place you can get a lot of this stuff, and I'm just astounded by some of it."

One of Cable's favorite items is a giant lens that can gather sunlight and concentrate it into a single point.

"You can melt a penny with it," he said. "When I take it out to the park with my daughter, the ants run from us."

Another favorite is the so-called "suction cup of the gods," used by the U.S. military to plug holes in ships before welding torches arrive.

Pat Meyer, the company's official purchaser, who started out sweeping floors at the Chicago store 25 years ago, said working at American Science and Surplus is a blast. "I get to buy the stuff and play with it," Meyer said. "The gizmos and stuff just hooked me. You'd think I'd be a little weirder."

Celebrating its 71st year, the business is known for the dry wit used to describe various items in its catalog. For instance, here's the write-up for a \$125 radiation meter: "Are the kids glowing with pride? Radiating good cheer? You can tell for



PHOTO BY ROB HART/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Philip Cable shows off "crime-scene bandages" in the warehouse of American Science and Surplus in Niles.

sure with ... What? It's for nuclear radiation? An old Civil Defense meter? Bummer. Apparently, this OCD radiation meter from the Victoreen Mfg. Co. was made to sniff out the residue of the nuclear holocaust when you emerged from your bomb shelter."

Cable, who bought the company eight years ago, said the off-beat descriptions have been a fixture since the 1970s.

"We get more e-mails complimenting us about the catalog than anything else," he said. "I think some people just buy items from the catalog just so they can keep get-

ting it. They are funny with a dry sense of humor and brutally honest."

The company's Web site, www.sciplus.com, generates 23 million hits every month, and Cable thinks the clever item descriptions generate a lot of Internet interest.

So, the company's store at 5316 N. Milwaukee Ave. might look a little creepy these days, but Cable said things should be back to "normal" after Halloween.

"We sell a (periodic) table of elements T-shirt," he said. "I'm sure you've seen those before, but ours, the radioactive elements glow in the dark — it's a bonus."

'Addie' author fosters love of writing in youngsters

By TONY BERTUCA
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Coaching young writers is a lot like coaching young athletes — you don't expect them to go pro any time soon, but you do at least want to instill in them a love of the game.

That's what children's author Laurie Lawlor wanted to do when she went to Washington School last week as a temporary "writer in residence."

"Because of the heavy influence of testing in education, the joyfulness of writing for pure experience is really important to foster," she said. "That love of writing is something you don't want to squash in someone."

The new "writer in residence" program at Washington was the brainchild of Principal Eric Henry, who thought bringing in a professional

writer for a week would be beneficial for students and teachers.



Laurie Lawlor

"The kids were very excited to meet a real writer, as were some of our teachers," Henry said. "It's a great learning experience to see a writer at work."

Lawlor, who visited 11 different classrooms every day, has written more than 30 children's books, including the pop-

ular *Addie* series, and teaches writing at Columbia College in Chicago.

"I take the kids through the steps I go through when I write," she said. "We do brainstorming, writing in journals, revising and sharing. We just want them to get their ideas on paper."

Lawlor, who lives in Evanston, said working with young writers is often easier than working with adults. "Adults are

more afraid to write because of a fear of failure," she said. "But kids don't have that. That fearlessness is key. Kids are really eager to share what they write."

Lawlor said she enjoys writing for children because she thinks they are the perfect audience. "Children are a group of truly amazing readers," she said. "If they don't like a book, they'll tell you. It's very important to me to reach them."

Henry said he would

bring the "writer in residence" program back next year if he got enough positive feedback from students and teachers.

"One of things we want them to get out of this is that writing is a fun experience," he said. "We want them to know it's something that anyone can do and that there are things everyone can learn to become a good writer."

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Three park board seats open April 7

Voters will elect three Niles Park District commissioners when they go to the polls for the consolidated election April 7. Three people will be elected to serve four-year

terms. Thomas Elenz, secretary, Board of Park Commissioners, was to begin distributing petitions for candidacy and other materials as of Tuesday.

Materials may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Niles Park District Administrative Office, at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St.

Each candidate will be required to have a minimum of 87 signatures of registered Park District voters in order to file petitions for the commissioner election. Candidates must be registered to vote and be a resident of the Park District at least one year

prior to the election. The first day for filing candidacy petitions and materials will be Jan. 19, and the last day will be Jan. 26.

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Home worker charged with theft from elderly

By **TONY BERTUCA**
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A 51-year-old woman who worked at a Niles retirement home was arrested Oct. 16 for allegedly stealing cash from an elderly woman and forging checks in her name.

Mary Borys, of 2616 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago,

was charged with exploitation of the elderly, theft and forgery after she allegedly stole \$1,100 in cash from an elderly resident of St. Andrew's Life Center, Niles police reported.

Investigators also said Borys forged \$1,150 worth of checks in the victim's name.

The victim told police

she first noticed she was missing cash back in September.

Borys was released on \$15,000 bond and was expected to have appeared in court Tuesday. The suspect has since been fired from her job at St. Andrew's.

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Niles Park Department for the week ending Oct. 20. Readers are reminded that an arrest by police does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BATTERY

■ Howard Roy, 27, of 2335 E. Glendale Terrace, Hanover Park, was charged with battery Oct. 15 after he allegedly struck someone on the 7000 block of Greenleaf Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Dec. 4.

court Nov. 20.

■ John Moores, 58, of 151 S. Addison St., Bensenville, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 22 on the 8500 block of North Greenwood Road. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Nov. 20.

allegedly stole \$2,000 in checks from a 49-year-old man. Szalata was released on \$30,000 bond and was due in court Oct. 21.

■ Me Kim, 64, and Sun Lee, 33, of 161 Wollcott Ave., Mundelein, were charged with retail theft after allegedly stealing \$700 in merchandise from a store on the 500 block of Golf Mill Center. The suspects were each released on \$25,000 bond and are due in court Oct. 28.

■ Jose Hernandez, 26, of 4610 W. Mclean Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 20 on the 9000 block of West Golf Road. He was released on \$5,000 bond and is due in court Nov. 5.

BURGLARY

■ A home was burglarized Oct. 18 on the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue. The owners told police they were missing \$559.

DUI

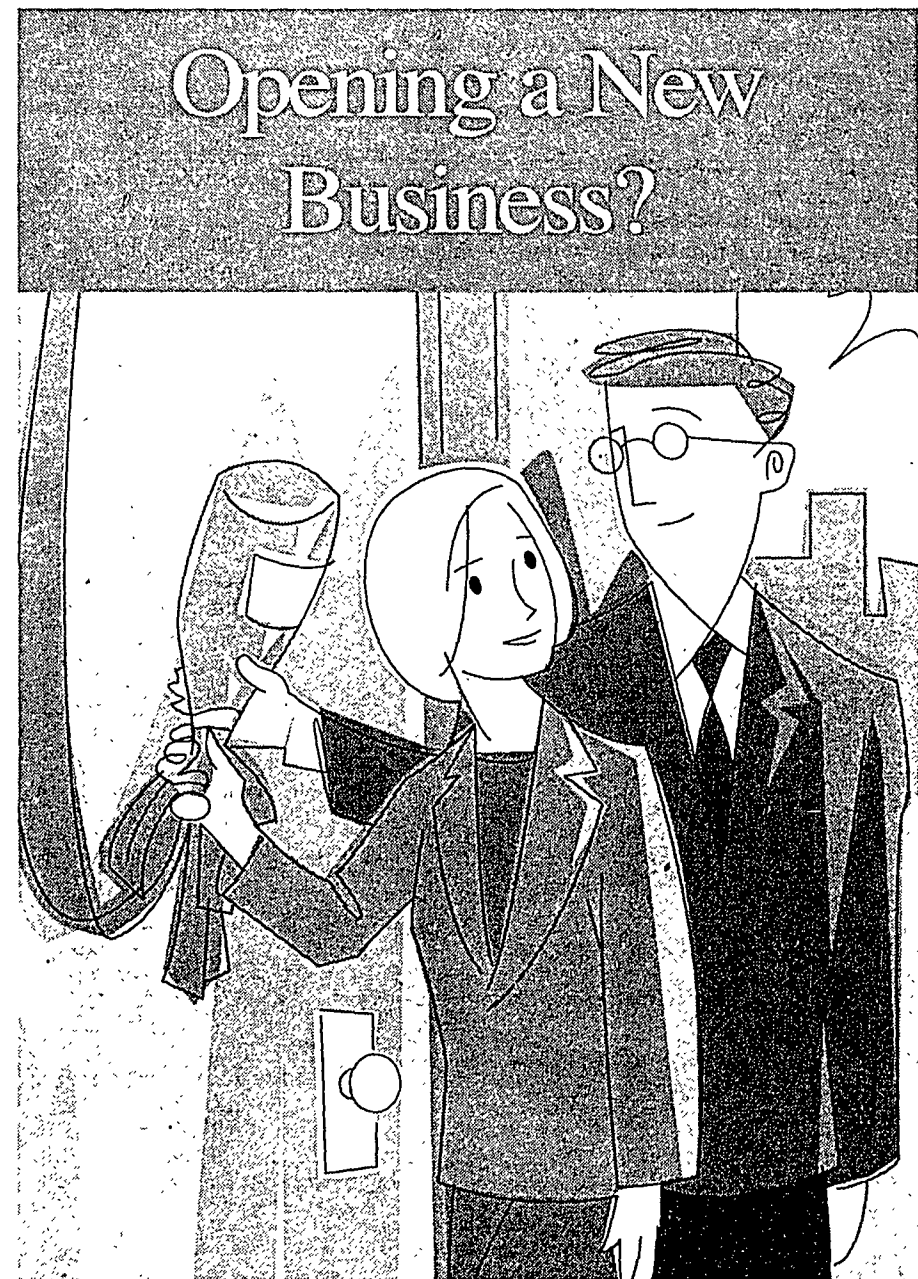
■ Russell Shores, 38, of 8027 W. Foster Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 19 on the 400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Nov. 29.

THEFT

■ Mary Borys, 51, of 2616 N. Laramie Ave., Chicago, was charged with theft and forgery Oct. 16 after she allegedly stole \$1,100 and seven checks worth a total of \$1,150 from an elderly woman on the 7000 block of North Newark Avenue. She was released on \$15,000 bond and is due in court Oct. 28.

■ Zofia Kruczek, 55, of 3106 N. Haussen Court, Chicago, was charged with retail theft Oct. 20 after she allegedly stole \$300 worth of merchandise from a store on the 200 block of Golf Mill Center. She was released on bond and is due in court Oct. 28.

■ Roman Szalata, 21, of 8832 N. Kenneth Ave., Des Plaines, was charged with theft and forgery Oct. 10 after he



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Spending gaps grow as state dithers over funding

"The State shall provide for an efficient system of high quality public educational institutions and services" and shall "have the primary responsibility for financing the system of public education."
— The Education Article of the Illinois State Constitution.

By **KAREN BERKOWITZ**
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Illinois legislators might thump their chests on the campaign circuit that they've not raised the state's income or sales tax. They may not be as

forthcoming with a second truth: The state's contribution to the cost of educating its children is fast declining.

By all accounts, Illinois pitched in only 28 percent of the cost of educating the state's school children in 2007, down from 33 percent in 2004.

That puts the Land of Lincoln in 49th place among the states in the portion of school revenues that spring from state sources — the very revenues that can mitigate the inequalities of birth. Only Nevada coughs up a lower percentage of its education costs.

It also means homeowners and other property taxpayers are picking up a larger share of the tab for

teachers, textbooks, technology and facilities.

"The state has dealt taxpayers a quiet tax increase over the last few years," notes A+ Illinois, a coalition that has pushed for higher income taxes in exchange for reduced dependence on the property tax. The portion borne by property taxpayers has swelled to 68 percent.

Bigger gaps

As affluent school systems succeed with referendum requests — and businesses disinvest in tax-poor areas — the disparities in spending have grown wider.

One Bannockburn district can spend \$17,500 a year on each of its students, while a Berwyn system can muster up less than \$7,000 per student.

As the resource gap has grown larger, so too has the cost of a fix.

Eleven years ago, the tax-swap plan spurned by legislators would have raised the income tax by 25 percent. This spring, two school funding bills — both deemed unworkable in an election year — would have raised the tax rate from 3 to 5 percent, a 67 percent increase.

Both measures would have swapped out a portion of the property taxes that go to schools. About \$2 billion of the \$6.5 billion take would have gone di-

THE ISSUES: EDUCATION

Pioneer Press has examined one issue a week for the Nov. 4 election. This week we look at education. Previous topics included the economy, public safety, transportation, the environment and health care.

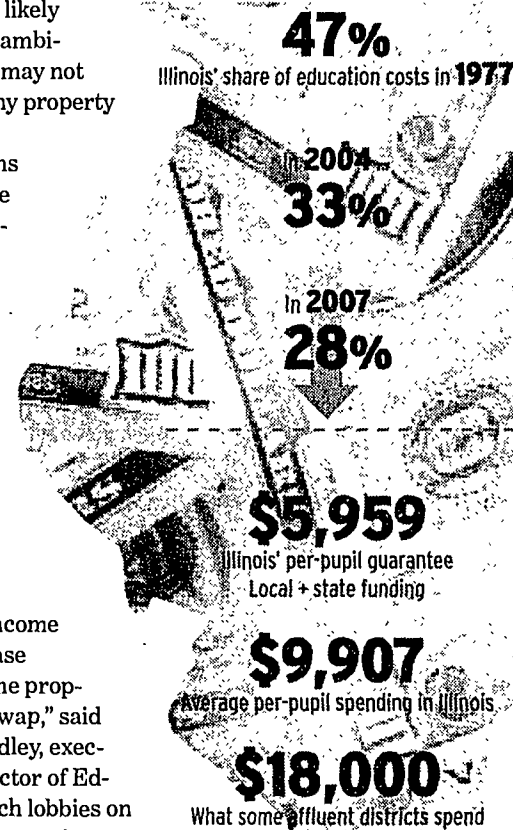
rectly to education.

Any plan that gets in the spring of 2009 is likely to be less ambitious and may not include any property tax relief.

"It seems like we are at the desperation point, with people saying, 'Maybe we can just move through a smaller income tax increase without the property tax swap,'" said Erika Lindley, executive director of Ed-RED, which lobbies on behalf of more than 100 school systems in Cook, Lake and DuPage counties.

Suburban school officials are leery that any shift to state-divvied dollars will result in a net loss of revenue. While the tax swap bills, as written,

Property taxpayers are picking up an ever-larger share of the cost of educating school children in Illinois, as the state's share has declined.



come a quick casualty of the state's battle to balance its own budget.

Frustration over school funding reform boiled over in late summer when Illinois Sen. James Meeks and other Chicago ministers organized a Chicago boycott of the first day of classes Sept. 2. Meeks' Save Our Schools group bussed students to a New Trier High School campus where 1,000 students went through the symbolic act of registration.

The state of Illinois was hit with a new lawsuit challenging its system of funding education. The Chicago Urban League is asking the court to find the funding system violates the Illinois Civil Rights Act of 2003, the state's constitution and a law guaranteeing uniform taxation.

Some have proposed the legislature take a gun-to-the-head approach. Under

that scenario, the legislature would stamp an expiration date on the current school funding system, forcing legislative leaders to come up with a replacement.

The long term

"We have to pull our heads out of the gridlock and cynicism and work together to come up with more adequate and more fair state revenues for important education, health and human services," said Sean Noble, director of government relations for Voices for Illinois Children.

"We need to turn away from the habit of short-term revenue fixes that might help us struggle through a year at a time, but don't provide the long-term answers or revenue fairness."

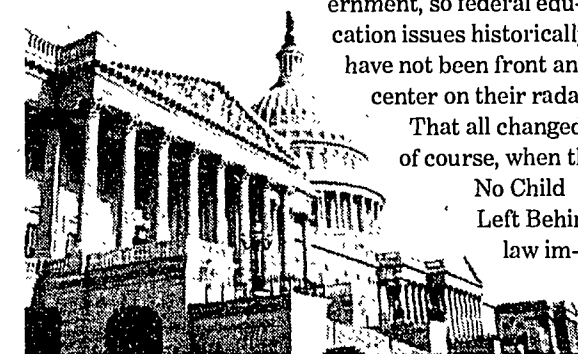
The Voices group has advocated for an increase in the state's \$235 Earned Income Tax Credit as a way to improve the lives of children.

"That is money (families) are able to put into back-to-school clothing purchases, car repairs to get the kids back and forth to school, and eyeglasses and contact lenses so they can see the chalkboard," said Noble.

"Some of these things are not seen as education for kids. We see them as a piece."

Will No Child Left Behind be left behind?

By **KAREN BERKOWITZ**
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Suburban school systems see little money from the federal government, so federal education issues historically have not been front and center on their radar. That all changed, of course, when the No Child Left Behind law im-

posed sanctions on school districts that couldn't keep up with rising achievement targets for all of their demographic subgroups. As the law was written, 100 percent of students in all groups must meet standards on their state tests by 2013-14 to avoid consequences that range from school transfers to staff ousters and outside takeovers. Educators are keenly in-

terested in whether a new Democratic or Republican administration will push for the law's reauthorization, which has been held up in Congress. So far, neither presidential candidate has firmly committed to renewing the law with or without changes. Suburban educators now feel the need to have their own advocate in Washington, D.C., making their case for a reasoned

approach to NCLB and promised funding for special education.

"We are not opposed to accountability, but it is the way the accountability gets manifested," said Harry Rossi, a retired school superintendent who co-founded Fed Ed, a lobbying organization representing more than 100 member districts.

Rossi noted that the No Child Left Behind law refers to child in the singular. "That means you ought to be measuring the

growth of individual children and how they do on a yearly basis."

Rossi's consortium also is concerned over the narrowing of the school curriculum that has been an inevitable consequence of the law's exclusive focus on math and reading.

"When schools are judged on reading and mathematics, what it basically comes down to is that schools take whatever resources they have and use them in those areas."

ELECTION 2008 CANDIDATE FORUM ON EDUCATION

WE ASK:

What should be the state's role in funding education? At what level?

Would you favor an income tax or sales tax to provide more funding for education?

What steps should be taken to resolve the inequality in funding between property rich districts and poor districts?

Would you favor an expansion of gambling to provide more money for schools?

Should the state provide more funding to higher education to make state universities more affordable?

33RD STATE SENATE DISTRICT



Daniel Kotowski (D)

Education should be a top priority in our state. That is why this year I voted for a budget that increased education funding by \$600 million in our state. I will continue to work to ensure that the state meets its Constitutional obligation to fully fund education.

No. I sponsored a law to cap property tax assessments. We need to make the cap permanent, force the governor to sign strict ethics legislation and require the state to meet its unfunded obligations. Ethics reform will save millions and demonstrate that we are better stewards of the people's money.

The state needs to do a better job of watching how it spends taxpayers' money. This will lead to a more equitable distribution of education funding. We do need to examine if a shift away from a funding formula that heavily relies on property taxes would better serve our schools.

No. Gambling is not a long-term and sustainable solution to the challenge of school funding.

I am proposing a new bill to allow parents to deduct the cost of in-state college tuition from their taxes. We need to increase state support for higher education and figure out additional ways to save parents and students money on the rising costs of tuition.



Michael Sweeney (R)

Local control over education is critical and that is why I support education funded by local tax dollars. The state should use funding from sales and income taxes and other revenues in the general fund to boost spending in poorer districts where lower property tax revenue is a concern.

Cook County has the highest sales tax in the country. Families and businesses are already struggling to pay their astronomical taxes, the last thing we need is higher taxes. School reform models exist in which money is spent more efficiently and is producing better results and in Illinois we should be exploring similar reforms.

When looking at the inequality of school funding we have to look at not only how much money is spent, but where it is spent. In a failing school, more money may not help, but vouchers parents can use in other public school districts where they believe their children will get a better education may be a better solution.

I will not support expansion of gambling to provide more money for schools. You can't budget based on individual behavior. People would have to pay the state's bills at the slots just like people have to buy tobacco to help pay bills. It's an unreliable revenue stream at best.

Higher education is the key to removing economic barriers and helping Illinoisans receive better jobs and giving them the skills to be more competitive in the job market. We need to do everything we can to support higher education.

20TH STATE HOUSE DISTRICT



Michael Marzullo (D)

Unfortunately, the state is supposed to play a bigger role according to the constitution.

I'd favor sales or income if it's earmarked for districts in distress. I don't favor any new taxes for education.

If the state lives up to its obligations, that would be the only way to correct that inequality.

I would favor an expansion of gambling only if the one who got the license was the highest bidder and the state got the money.

What the state should do is provide more money for higher education at a lower interest rate.



Michael McAuliffe (R)

We should be funding education at a higher level than we do. And we should also fund our education infrastructure.

Neither. We need a capital bill. We have to expand gaming or lease part of the lottery.

We have to pass some sort of capital bill.

Yes.

Yes.

57TH STATE HOUSE DISTRICT



Elaine Nekritz (D)

The state Constitution provides that the state has the primary funding responsibility, and yet we provide less than 30 percent of funding. I support the funding level backed by the Education Funding Advisory Board of approximately \$7,200.

In June, Illinois' unemployment rate was the highest since September 2003. Dramatic increases in energy prices are taking big bites out of paychecks. This is no time to be raising income or sales taxes.

Only two states rely more heavily on property taxes to fund education. Illinois should shoulder more of that burden. With more funding should come more fiscal and student accountability.

I do not support increased reliance on gambling revenues to support education. It has been impossible, however, over the last few years for the governor and the legislature to agree on other sources of revenue.

Over the last five years, state support has been slashed, so tuition rates have skyrocketed and students are struggling. The General Assembly reversed this trend in the current budget, but we must do more.



James Tatoes (R)

The state should do everything in its power to make education for our Illinois children more affordable and accessible through the college level.

Only as a last resort. There are ways to appropriate money, through the elimination of wasteful spending, pork barrel appropriations, etc.

Don't have a definitive answer to this question at this time, as I am not the incumbent and would have to be furnished with more information as to the disparity.

Additional casinos may hurt existing facilities, but we could increase income by increasing the positions at existing casinos. Leasing lottery may bring large amounts of capital.

Yes, one of the primary duties of government is to help its citizens to obtain more education. An educated population is beneficial to the future of Illinois.

ELECTION 2008 CANDIDATE FORUM ON EDUCATION

WE ASK:

Should Congress increase funding for higher education?

Does No Child Left Behind need to be reformed? If so, how? If not, why not?

Would you favor a voucher plan that would allow for school choice?

Do you believe the federal government is funding public education adequately for local schools to meet the NCLB mandates?

What is your position on charter schools?

9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



Jan Schakowsky (D)

We must make college more available to more Americans. One of the Democrats' first bills in 2006 increased education funding; it increased Pell grants, supported veterans' going to college and more. We must also appreciate an overlooked gem: our community college system.

The goal, for schools to perform better, be more accountable, are laudable. But it measures improvements wrong. The testing emphasis takes away from comprehensive education. Unless there's more money attached to a more sensible plan, then NCLB is nothing but punitive.

I don't support them; if government money goes to them, it drains from local schools. Vouchers are never quite enough to pay for schools so poor families don't really benefit. Ninety percent of children are in public schools. Our money should go there, not private or religious groups.

NCLB is underfunded by about \$71 billion right now, so we absolutely have to ensure that the funding is there.

We have charter schools in public schools. They can provide innovative learning environments. Those could be replicated in public schools, so they're an education laboratory. But we must have oversight, so charter programs don't siphon money from public schools in general.



Morris Shanfield (G)

Only those tolerant of America's sinking into the condition of a Third World nation would answer no to this.

No Child Left Behind has disrupted at least as many schools as it has helped. Start helping, not punishing, the schools, administrators, teachers and students. See next question.

Vouchers help some, leave most behind. Invest in existing schools. Cut class size if needed. Subsidize teacher training, master teachers. Train group dynamics teachers for children's emotional needs, tech-savvy teachers. Return recess, gym, art, music. Give more control to teachers, parents. Hike federal subsidies. Lose punitive parts of NCLB.

Ideally make all public schools charter, under teacher-parent control. Let them contract with local school boards or agencies for services, equipment. Till such equality is set, bar public funding to charter schools.

Require giving parents lesson plans, copies of child's work. Let them decide if teaching is up to levels set by a national curriculum. Require equal funding for rich, poor schools. Twenty thousand votes for me, other Greens, (are the) best votes to pressure president, Congress for all these proposals.

■ Republican candidate Michael Younan did not respond.

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Opinion

WE SAY

Our choices for Nov. 4 election

With voter registration at an all time high, the 2008 election could generate the most interest and voter turnout since any election in recent memory. Here is a list of our choices:

- U.S. Senate**
- ✓ Richard Durbin
Cook County States Attorney
- ✓ Anita Alvarez
Cook County Recorder
- ✓ Eugene Moore
Cook County Circuit Court Clerk
- ✓ Dorothy Brown
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
- ✓ Frank Avila
- ✓ Cynthia Santos
- ✓ Kathleen Therese Meany
9th Congressional District
- ✓ Jan Schakowsky
33rd State Senate
- ✓ Dan Kotowski
20th State Representative
- ✓ Michael McAuliffe
57th State Representative
- ✓ Elaine Nekritz
65th State Representative
- ✓ Rosemary Mulligan
Con-Con Referendum
- ✓ No

YOU SAY

'No contact?' They know better

I was surprised to see an ad on the Food Channel for Rep. Rosemary Mulligan's opponent interviewing Mulligan's constituents who implied they had no contact with Rep. Mulligan and thought she was out of touch with her district. The appearance in the ad of former Park Ridge alderman Jim Rademacher seems to me to be disingenuous, because I know that Rademacher has worked with Mulligan in the district and in Springfield on legislation she supported to help children with juve-

nile diabetes. How could he imply that he believed the message of the ad when he knows that Rosemary provides excellent constituent services to her district, and to Rademacher in particular?

As a former alderman, he should also be aware of the funding Mulligan obtained for projects requested by the City of Park Ridge, including grants for the Police and Fire Departments and Senior Center, as well as for numerous community groups such as Rainbow Hospice, Avenues to Independence, the Maine

Township Food Pantry, the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra, Brickton Art Gallery, Have Dreams, and others. One of the others was the Center of Concern, which recently received \$10,000 due to Mulligan's efforts. The person in the ad indicating she had no contact with Mulligan appears to be Margaret McGrath, Rademacher's wife, who happens to be the vice president of the Center of Concern.

Shame on the Rademachers.
Mary Ann Irvine
Former 5th Ward Alderman, Park Ridge

See debate on cable TV

Informing the electorate through candidate debates is one of the most important functions of The League of Women Voters. The League of Women Voters of Glenview co-sponsored a debate between Mark Kirk and Dan Seals in their

race for the 10th Congressional Seat on Oct. 19 at Deerfield High School in Deerfield.

A thousand people watched the debate live; but for those who were unable to attend, we are pleased to announce that Comcast's public access cable channel 35 (Glenview, Golf, Des Plaines, Northbrook) and channel

19 (Morton Grove, Niles, Northfield, Wilmette) will show the debate at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 4. Voters are encouraged to "tune in" to become informed on the issues and "turn out" to vote on Nov. 4.

Barbara Marsh
president
League of Women Voters of Glenview

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in the Joan Crawford, Gary Busey, Christopher Walken varieties. Treaters will dump a barrel of candy into your sack, just so you'll leave before you curdle the blood of their pets and young children.

Recliner Husband. Half Laz-E-Boy, half couch-potato, this costume comes with a remote, chips, salsa and indigestion. Grouchy temperament and yelling optional.

Flower-Picking Heidi. Not one of these sold in the past decade. Bratz outfits sold out in first day.

Dancing with the Bars. This giant cell phone costume never loses reception, hence, Mom "dances" for joy. Comes with rhinestones and samba ring tone.

Ole Swamp Thang. This creature drags with joint problems from the excess moisture, moss and quicksand. He's sickly, yet marketed as "menacing." Truth be told, this dude would wheeze and col-

lapse before it could land prey. Inevitably, one of the red-beaded eyes will detach and go missing. The frantic mom will shave off skin as she claws under van seat, searching. Meanwhile, her child stands outside, clutching the other eye, squalling, drawing everyone's attention, including police.

Dog's Batman Cape. Children insist the family canine trot along their trick-or-treating path, squealing, "How cute!" until dog crouches and begins to relieve self on the black fabric.

Mom's Bent Witch Hat. No self-respecting witch or wizard alive would be caught in this. Gandalf snorted, "Project Runway, bah! More like Project Run Away." Still, one hat can take a mom through a dozen Halloweens.

But hey, my Mom Witch hat does have one really nifty feature: It can hold a loose red eye.

Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Radermacher responds to Irvine letter

I am writing to address the misrepresentations in Mary Ann Irvine's letter to the editor criticizing me and my wife for supporting our friend Aurora Austriaco in her campaign for State Representative.

First, I did appear in a television commercial that points out how out of touch Rosemary Mulligan is with the concerns of local residents. It was a truthful representation of Mulligan's abysmal record of voting against the interests of local families in favor of the special interests. This is

clearly reflected in her votes against the largest middle-class tax cut in state history and against requiring Internet filters at public libraries and schools to protect our kids.

Second, I never "worked with Mulligan" on diabetes issues. My encounters with Mulligan have been limited to passing comments in hallways of the State Capitol. She has never contacted me.

And for the record, my wife Margaret does not appear in Aurora's commercial, despite being another strong supporter of Aurora's. Ms. Irvine is obviously as out

of touch with Park Ridge residents as Mulligan is.

I have known Aurora Austriaco for years. She is an accomplished consumer advocate, civic leader and a great mom who understands the struggles facing families across our region. Voters should say "No" to the "say anything to win" politics of people like Mary Ann Irvine and support the candidate who represents a change from the disappointing career politicians who have done nothing but betray our trust. On Nov. 4, vote for Aurora Austriaco.

James Radermacher
Park Ridge

By mail: The Niles Herald-Spectator, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview, IL 60026

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PEEK AT THE WEEK

DEADLINES

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 10 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or e-mailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

BENEFITS

Maine South Mothers' Scholarship Club will sponsor its fall benefit, "... And the Winner Is ... Scholarships," from 7-10 p.m. Nov. 6 at Park Ridge Country Club. The event will include an appetizer and dessert buffet, and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$25, and are available by calling Nadine Sir, (847) 696-2645. This is the first of two yearly fund-raisers. In 2007-08 the club awarded \$34,000 in scholarships to Maine South High School seniors.

Graziano's Restaurant, 5960 W. Touhy Ave., Niles, will donate 25 percent of its evening proceeds during October to benefit Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Adult Down Syndrome Center. Everyone who brings family and friends to the restaurant this month will be able to help. When making a reservation or visiting Graziano's, mention supporting the Adult Down Syndrome Center. For more information contact Carol Rizzie, (847) 723-8899.

HOPE Fair Housing Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a benefit dinner Nov. 6 at Hyatt Lisle Hotel in Lisle. The fair-housing center promotes equal housing, lending and home insurance opportunities. The featured speaker will be Shanna L. Smith, president and chief executive officer of the National Fair Housing Alliance. Tickets

are \$60. To order tickets contact HOPE, (630) 690-6500, ext. 3.

CHAMBER

The Niles Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting applications for the Board of Directors positions for the upcoming year. Board member terms are three years. Interested members should contact Katie DiMaria, Executive Director (847) 268-8180, for more information.

CLUBS

A Genealogy Workshop, sponsored by the Twenty-first Star Chapter DAR, will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 on the third floor of the Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave. Participants will have the opportunity to work with a club member on their lineage research and be helped with application papers. Bring

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Maine South

The Maine South Varsity Scholastic Bowl team was victorious against Evanston High School in a tournament Oct. 14. High scorers were **Andrew Deveau, James Garbossa** and **Brian Wagner**.

Scholastic Bowl tests high school students on a variety of academic topics provided by a moderator, in a type of game show format. Players must buzz in to answer the question, and the first person to buzz in and answer correctly scores points for the team. The team's coach is **Jason Dutmers**.

Oakton

Prospective students are invited to visit Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, starting at 4 p.m. Nov. 5.

Sponsored by the Office of Admission and Enrollment Management, the campus visit features in-

formation about Oakton's admission process, career programs, transfer programs, financial aid, student services, athletics and extracurricular activities. Oakton faculty, administrators, staff and students will provide tours and answer questions.

To register go to www.oakton.edu/admiss/OPENHOUSE/campusvisit.htm, or call (847) 635-1629.

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SCHOOLS DIGEST

The Ecology Club at Oakton Community College, in cooperation with the Cook County Forest Preserve, invites volunteers to help with its ongoing forest restoration efforts, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

Volunteers will meet in Parking Lot D, rain or shine. Continental breakfast will be served 8:30-9 a.m. Youth workers (age 16 or younger) must be accompanied by an adult.

Physical activity is required. Volunteers will be supervised in activities such as cutting and burning European buckthorn and other invasive plants. Participants also may observe a "controlled burn" if conditions allow. Volunteers should wear warm, comfortable work clothes to cover arms and legs. Gloves and safety glasses are provided.

Oakton's 2008-12 strategic plan states that the College "will respect, conserve, and improve the environment through ... academic offerings, learning opportunities, and ecologically sound practices." This "Green College" objective further states that Oakton will continue to model responsibility in purchasing and infrastructure decisions.

Space is limited and registration is required. To participate in the forest restoration effort, call Bea Cornelissen, (847) 635-1812, or e-mail bea@oakton.edu.

Increase computer skills without leaving the comfort of home in online courses offered by the Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton.

All online courses require e-mail and Internet access using Netscape, Internet Explorer or Firefox Web browsers. Featured

classes run from Nov. 12 to Dec. 9 and have a fee of \$89.

Introduction to Windows: Vista (DPR A23-309) is for beginning and casual computer users. Windows Vista software is required.

Making Movies with Windows XP (DPR E05-304) demonstrates how to add special effects, titles, credits, background music and sound effects like a pro.

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Introduction to SQL (CPT A21-304) teaches the key concepts concerning Structured Query Language. Learn the basic structure of relational databases, how to read and write SQL statements, and advanced data manipulation techniques. The



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

The Fixer will return next week

The Fixer is off this week, but will return for the issue of Nov. 5 and 6.

course requires a desktop Database Management System that supports SQL.

Introduction to PC Security (DPR A49-304) demonstrates how to protect valuable personal and business data from the outside world. Learn how to assess the vulnerability of your system and how to minimize risk.

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

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information, call (847) 647-8332.

FUND-RAISERS

The dressbarn store in Niles, has joined in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The retail store will contribute profits from the sale of Chloe, a plush dog, to the American Cancer Society's local and national initiatives. Chloe sells for \$5; dressbarn will donate a minimum of \$2.50 from the sale of each dog to the American Cancer Society, targeting breast-cancer research. Chloe will be sold through Dec. 15, or while supplies last. For more information call (847) 588-3100.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2009 Books for \$20. Discounts cover a variety of areas, including travel, restaurants, car

rentals, movie theaters and hotel discounts. The sale benefits the parish. To get a book contact Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

HEALTH

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings each month. Screenings will be held from 10 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of every month. The next screening will be held Nov. 5 at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster Street, Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. For more information, call (847) 723-7277.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer flu and pneumonia vaccinations for individuals over 18 years and older from October through December. Both vaccinations are free to Medicare Part B participants. A flu shot is \$25 and the pneumonia

vaccination is \$50 for those who self-pay. Advance registration is required by calling 1-877-737-4636. Flu and pneumonia shots are available: Nov. 4, 9 a.m. to noon; Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to noon; Nov. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles, will host a free Health Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 5. The fair will feature several health screenings, including chiropractic, hearing, vision and macular degeneration, blood-pressure and glucose (blood sugar) tests (fasting eight hours before the glucose test is required). Information about home health, advanced directives, emergency-response systems, hospice care, and moving and downsizing will be available. There also will be presentations about the latest hearing-aid technology and vision in older adults. Healthy snacks will

be available and raffles will be held. Admission and parking are free; tours will be available. Reservations are required; call (847) 647-8332.

The American Cancer Society, Chicago office is seeking partnerships with faith-based organizations to outreach in various Chicago communities to provide resources involving cancer issues. In organizations where no health ministry exists, ACS will help the organization begin a ministry, or will provide health related information. Through this program, Churches Against Cancer (CAC), ACS will provide a comprehensive health awareness campaign within the organization to help build capacity, provide culturally appropriate resource materials and technical assistance to member churches. To participate, faith-based organizations must

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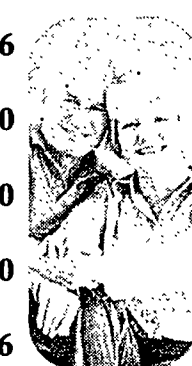
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along all records and information; there will be reference books available for use. If there are any questions regarding this workshop, call Betty Borman at (847) 818-9001 or e-mail bbigigram@sbc-global.net.

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will host its annual fall, luncheon, "Comedy" Nov. 1 at the Park Ridge Country Club. The afternoon lunch will be followed by entertainment by Comedian Rick March. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call (847) 966-8145, for information.

COMMUNITY

The Danish Home's annual Fall Festival and Frikadeller Luncheon will be beginning at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2 in the Danish Home, 5656 N. Newcastle Ave., Chicago. A home-

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St. Paul Lutheran Church, 5650 N. Canfield Ave., Chicago, will sponsor a Holiday Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 1.

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

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FOOD DRIVE

Saint Andrew Life Center, 7000 N. Newark Ave., Niles, will accept food donations to support the Chicago Food Depository from Nov. 1 until Dec. 31. Each year, the Chicago Food Depository feeds thousands of Chicago-area residents. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Saint Andrew Life Center, and donors will be entered into a free raffle. Winners will be notified in January. For more

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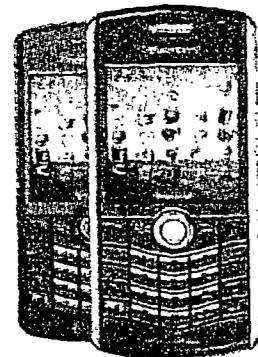
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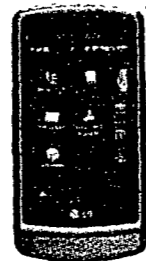
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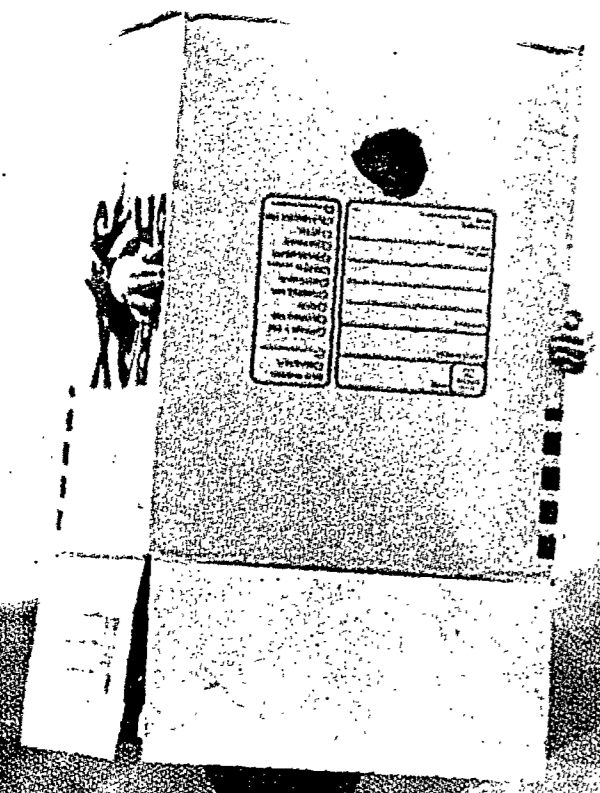
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"A Jew Grows in Brooklyn"

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Actor/composer Jake Ehrenreich performs his hit Broadway one-man show "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn" at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. The Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire sweeps the 40th Annual Jeff Awards. Catey Sullivan reviews the world-premiere musical "Medium at Large" at Village Players Theatre in Oak Park.

» MUSIC »
Dorothy Andries says the Pilgrim Chamber Players season-opening "Autumn Colors" concert was "as impressive as the colors of the season."

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In Entertaining Ideas, Jennifer Thomas weighs in on the season-three premiere of Showtime's "The Brotherhood." Bruce Ingram talks with "Waves of Freedom" documentary director Alan Rosenthal and previews the 2008 Festival of Israeli Cinema. Join Jenny and Bruce for live on-line chats Thursday and Friday about the evolution of the modern-day vampire and Halloween movie favorites. See pioneerlocal.com/entertainment and /reeltalk.

BRUCE'S TAKE

"Zack and Miri Make a Porno" is the most consistently funny and emotionally appealing film of writer/director Kevin Smith's career. In a filthy sort of way...
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Israeli cinema returns

CHICAGO FESTIVAL OF ISRAELI CINEMA
Monday (Nov. 3) through Nov. 9 at the Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central, Wilmette (through Sunday at AMC Loews Piper's Alley 4, 1608 N. Wells, Chicago). Tickets and schedule: www.chicagofestivalofisraelicinema.org

By **ROBERT LOERZEL**
Contributor

The Chicago Festival of Israeli Cinema was a hot ticket last year, selling out nearly every screening.

"We had lines last year around the block," says coordinator Peggy Shapiro of Lincolnwood.

The festival is back, with 19 movies from Israel showing at the Wilmette Theatre and Piper's Alley in Chicago. Anticipating more big crowds, the fest is using both screens at the Wilmette this year. Every film will screen in Wilmette, plus additional show times for some of the movies at Piper's Alley.

Shapiro says this year's selections show Israel has a thriving film industry. Audiences will see just how diverse Israeli society is.

"You'll be taken to all kinds of places in Israel that you may not even know about — the old Israel and the new," Shapiro says. "Israel has so many different cultures and nationalities. It's not always a smooth blend."

Festival committee member Beverly Braverman, who has traveled to the Jerusalem Film Festival the past four years, says Israeli films are growing more sophisticated and filmmakers are becoming more willing to take on controversial topics. One example is "The Secrets," an award-winner



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that raises the subject of homosexuality. (It shows at 7 p.m. Saturday at Piper's Alley and 7 p.m. Monday and 6 p.m. Nov. 9 in Wilmette.)

"There might not have been the courage to show this in Israeli cinema before," she says.

In honor of Israel's 60th anniversary as a nation, the festival features some older films, including 1962's "Etz O Palestine," with rare historical footage. It shows at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Wilmette.

Shapiro's fest favorites include "Waves of Freedom," a documentary about American sailors who smuggled Holocaust survivors into Israel. Two of the sailors will be at the screenings, 8 p.m. Sunday at Piper's Alley and 6 p.m. Monday in Wilmette.

"They're real heroes who made such a difference," Shapiro says.

And audiences should have a fun time watching "Arab Labor," three episodes of a television series by Arab-Israeli writer Sayed Kashua, showing at

6 p.m. today (Thursday) at Piper's Alley and 6 p.m. Nov. 6 in Wilmette.

"This one is fall-out-of-your-seat funny," Shapiro says. "We've been in short

supply of comedies."

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I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG

Two sisters (Elsa Zylberstein and Kristin Scott Thomas) are reunited after one is released from prison. In French with subtitles. (117 min.) Rated PG-13 for thematic material and smoking.

ROCKNROLLA

If you've seen writer/director Guy Ritchie's "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" and "Snatch," there's really no reason to check out "Rocknrolla," unless you're in the mood for more of the same — only less so. After unsuccessfully taking his ultra-stylized, ultra-violent, incongruously humorous gangster movie formula more seriously with last year's "Revolver," Ritchie returns his emphasis to entertainment this time around. And he delivers, intermittently, though the freshness and excitement are long gone. The setting, as usual, is London's underworld, where an assortment of blasé tough guys (for Ritchie, coolness is all) are trying to make an honest living by stealing from each other. You've got an old-school London mob boss named Lenny (Tom Wilkinson, almost unrecognizable), an imperturbable Russian crime czar (Karel Roden), a couple of genial armed robbers named One Two and Mumbles (Gerard Butler of "300" and Idris Elba), the Russian billionaire's sexy accountant (Thandie Newton), a junkie rock star named Johnny Quid who's faking his death to boost record sales (Toby Kebbell) and a handful of quirky supporting characters (including Jeremy Piven and Ludicris as hustling music promoters and a couple of unkillable and Russian hitmen) to keep things lively as needed. The general idea is to keep all these characters chasing after each other, all the while commenting wryly on life in general, with enough flashy camera work and tricky editing to keep things visually interesting and just enough outrageous violence (such as Lenny's proclivity for crawfish torture) to remind us we're watching a gangster movie. Ritchie makes it work reasonably well one more time, but it seems even he might be getting a little weary of the formula. (B) (114 min.) Rated R for pervasive language, violence, drug use and brief sexuality.

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORN

Seth Rogen of "Knocked Up" and Elizabeth Banks of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" star as two lifelong friends who decide to raise cash by co-starring in a porn film. Kevin Smith ("Clerks," "Mallrats") wrote and directed the raunchy romantic comedy. Reviewed in this section. (101 min.) Rated R for strong crude

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sexual content including dialogue, graphic nudity and pervasive language.

STILL PLAYING

APPALOOSA
★★★ 1/2

We're back to good guys vs. bad guys in this very traditional Western and it works quite nicely. Appaloosa is the name of the town that has sent out a distress call to marshal-for-hire Virgil Cole (Ed Harris) and his long-time deputy Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen), because evil rancher Randall Bragg (Jeremy Irons) and his thugs have been making life intolerable. At first it seems that "Appaloosa" might be gearing up to deliver the standard revisionist-Western line that there's not much difference between the mercenary Cole and Bragg, but it soon becomes apparent that he and Hitch are old-school heroes at heart. They smile at children, treat women with respect and always give fair warning before the slaughtering begins. As director and star, Harris (who also made the excellent "Pollock" 8 years ago) demonstrates a deep understanding of what makes an old-school horse-opera satisfying. When a character rides off into the sunset in "Appaloosa" it feels just right. (B) (114 min.) Rated R for some violence and language.

BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA

A pampered pooch (voice of Drew Barrymore) gets lost in Mexico. Raja Gosnell ("Scooby-Doo") directed the comedy featuring the voices of Andy Garcia, Plácido Domingo, George Lopez, Cheech Marin and Paul Rodriguez. (91 min.) Rated PG for some mild thematic elements.

BODY OF LIES

A CIA field agent (Leonardo DiCaprio) in the Middle East clashes with his armchair-warrior boss (Russell Crowe). Ridley Scott ("Kingdom of Heaven") directed the espionage thriller. Rated R for strong violence including some torture and for language throughout.

CHANGELING

As you might expect, this somber drama about a mother's quest for her missing child has been handsomely mounted by Clint Eastwood. Ron Howard and company and it features an impressive emotional workout from Angelina Jolie. It's a bit too coolly detached to be completely involving, though, with supporting characters that border dangerously on caricature (Righteously Indignant Crusading Preacher, Evil Psycho Ward Doctor, Twitchy Serial Killer) and it doesn't

have the luxury of providing a satisfying resolution to its central mystery. The tailor-made-for-the-movies true story revolves around the disappearance in 1928 of nine-year-old Walter Collins and the media circus that develops when the corrupt Los Angeles police department return the wrong boy to his mother (Jolie) and then attempt to force her to accept him to save themselves embarrassment — even resorting to throwing her into a nightmarish psycho ward when she protests to reporters. Eastwood balances this with a parallel story about an ax murderer who has been kidnapping little boys and hacking them up on his isolated ranch and he manages to achieve some particularly disturbing moments that are guaranteed to have parents staring sleepless at the ceiling for many nights to come. Unfortunately, the elements of horror in "Changeling" are symptomatic of a general willingness to resort to melodrama (a few of the more lurid touches in the mental ward could have been taken from the 1948 shocker "The Snake Pit") that calls the entire film into question. (B) (140 min.) Rated R for some violent and disturbing content, and language.

MAX PAYNE

A rogue DEA agent (Mark Wahlberg) and an assassin (Mila Kunis) team up to avenge the murder of their families in a thriller based on the popular video game. (99 min.) Rated PG-13 for violence including intense shooting sequences, drug content, some sexuality and brief strong language.

PRIDE AND GLORY

You've seen it all before, but you've probably never seen all the elements of the good cop/bad cop, loyal-to-the-force or loyal-to-the-law morality tale mixed together to more agonizing effect than they are in "Pride and Glory." Edward Norton is effectively tormented Ray as an ace NYPD detective whose investigation into the slaughter of four cops in a drug-bust gone wrong turns up evidence that dirty cops might be involved — possibly including his brother (Noah Emmerich) and brother-in-law (Colin Farrell). And Ray knows from bitter experience that his career-cop dad (Jon Voight) puts the force and family above the letter of the law. It's too bad that co-writer/director Gavin O'Connor, himself the son of an Irish New York City cop, couldn't come up with a plot that was a little less familiar. Despite the shopworn nature of the conflict, though, he ups the dramatic ante by complicating the good cop's moral dilemma with family considerations. It gives the actors more to chew on, at least, and Norton, Farrell and Voight gnaw that bone zealously. He also moves things along briskly

and builds tension steadily, bumped up by occasional outbreaks of ugly violence — including a truly nasty scene involving a baby being threatened with a hot iron that's going to be hard to get out of your head. The whole thing's faintly preposterous when you stop to think about it. But "Pride and Glory" isn't meant to be pondered. It's meant to be a showcase for tortured emotion. On that score, it's kind of impressive. (B) (125 min.) Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language and brief drug content.

QUARANTINE

A TV reporter (Jennifer Carpenter) is trapped in an apartment building where evil entities are attacking when it's sealed off by the Center for Disease Control. (89 min.) Rated R for bloody violence and disturbing content, terror and language.

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED

Hardcore bad-news girl Kym (Anne Hathaway, achieving the antithesis of her role in "The Princess Diaries") is released from rehab just long enough to throw her sister's wedding into an uproar in this involving (and sometimes exceedingly painful) drama about a family coping with a terrible trauma from its past. Working from a debut screenplay by actress Jenny Lumet (daughter of director Sidney Lumet), which emphasizes naturalism over button-pushing plot manipulation, director Jonathan Demme ("Silence of the Lambs," "Philadelphia") does his best to make us feel that we're not so much watching this story as we are participating in it. And that's not always a comfortable feeling. Demme emphasized spontaneity from his large ensemble cast, shooting without rehearsals with roving hand-held cameras and the results are fresh, surprising and unfailingly intimate. It will be quite a surprise if Hathaway doesn't receive an Oscar nomination for her complex, multi-layered performance. (B) (114 min.) Rated R for language and brief sexuality.

SAW 5

A new killer carries on in the place of the deceased Jigsaw in the fifth installment of the horror series. (92 min.) Rated R for sequences of grisly bloody violence and torture, language and brief nudity.

W

Oliver Stone ("JFK," "Nixon") directed this biography of George W. Bush. Rated PG-13 for language including sexual references, some alcohol abuse, smoking and brief disturbing war images.

— Reviews by Bruce Ingram

Love is a XXX-rated thing



BRUCE INGRAM

FILM CRITIC

Zack and Miri Make a Porno ★★★

The raunch is wall-to-wall in "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," but it's really a sweet romantic comedy at heart.

As sweet as you can get with former porn star Traci Lords playing a character called Bubbles — and graphically demonstrating how she got the nickname with a bottle of bubble liquid and ...

You don't want to know. Well, maybe you do, but I can't tell you about it here.

It might not really pass for inspiration, but writer/director Kevin Smith (who has demonstrated a flair for comic transgression since his 1994 indie debut "Clerks" was slapped with an NC-17 rating for language alone), has tapped into the zeitgeist here in an interesting way. Porn, as one of the characters in "Zack and Miri" observes, has gone mainstream. There's nothing particularly outrageous about the idea that a couple of ordinary people could film themselves having sex and feasibly make money doing it. It happens every day on the Internet and the idea of all the things that can go wrong during the process naturally lends itself to comedy. Smith twists (kinks might be a better word) that notion in the direction of romantic comedy and the result is the most consistently

funny and emotionally appealing film of his career.

In a filthy sort of way ... Zack and Miri (Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks, who more than holds her own in the comedy department) are a couple of lifelong friends living together in slacker impoverishment in Pittsburgh. A couple of factors have brought them to a particularly low ebb: Their 10-year high school reunion just ended disastrously and the utility companies have shut off their heat and electricity in the middle of winter for nonpayment.

While they huddle around a trash can in their living room, burning unpaid bills for heat, Zack presses his business plan for returning them to solvency. If they make a film of themselves having sex, they can sell it for \$20 apiece to the thousand or so people in their graduating class, who already



What's my motivation? Elizabeth Banks and Seth Rogen in "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."

consider them losers, and pay off all their debts.

Miri's a little troubled by the idea, but Zack makes a good case and even gets down on bended knee ("Miriam Linki, will you have sex with me on camera for money?"), so

she eventually agrees. And they both agree that there's no reason a little sex for purely commercial purposes should have any affect on their friendship.

Three guesses about how that works out for them — especially when

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By MYRNA PETLICKI Contributor

There are easier ways to chop lettuce than to have people toss heads of it at a running lawnmower — the handle of which Mark Faje has balanced on his face. But if he chose another method, he might not be known as "The World's Most Dangerous Comic." The Chicagoan, who was a semifinalist on "America's Got Talent," will be causing audience members to gasp during "LaughTour 2008," Friday, Nov. 7, at the Skokie Theatre.



Mark Faje, "The World's Most Dangerous Comic," brings his crazy stunts to the Skokie Theatre.

atre. Also on the bill are inaugural performance, in standup comedians Vince Carone and Tyron Foston. Lullo noted that Faje "does outrageous stunts. He's been on WGN, 'Wild Dubuque, Iowa in January. The show is being produced by Nick Lullo of Niles. Skokie is the second stop on the tour — the house was packed for the

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STAGE

'Les Mis' sweeps the Jeffs

By CATEY SULLIVAN Contributor

Some days, it feels like it's the Marriott's World and we all just live in it. Case in point: The Lincolnshire theater cleaned up Oct. 20 at the lavishly produced 40th Annual Joseph Jefferson Awards ceremony held at the Northshore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

The writing was on the wall when John Cudia launched into a devastatingly sublime rendition of "Bring Him Home," that impossibly high, prayerful plea for safety and love that comes deep in heart of the epic that is "Les Miserables."

A horrendously difficult show to pull off and one of Marriott's best endeavors in years, "Les Mis" virtually swept the musical category, winning for Best Production Musical (Large), Outstanding Director (the unstoppable Dominic Missimi), Outstanding Actor in a Principal Role (Cudia as the haunted, hunted Jean Valjean) and Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role (Richard Todd Adams as Inspector Javert, whose relentless, lifelong pursuit of Javert forms the heart of "Les Mis.")

'Ella' extraordinaire

It was also a fine night for Northlight Theatre's BJ Jones and the Skokie theater's production of "Ella," a box office phenom that reduced all previous ticket records to smithereens. In what felt more like a coronation than an awards ceremony, the unforgettable E. Faye Butler, in the title role, picked up the shooting star Lucite trophy for best actress in a revue. "Ella" also brought the Outstanding Direction of a Revue to Rob Ruggiero.

As for the Jeff Awards Ceremony itself, the show (produced by Downers Grove's Diane Hires) managed to snatch triumph from the jaws of an 11th hour disaster. For weeks, Evanston's Henry Goldinez, award-winning director and intensely charismatic actor, was slated to emcee the night opposite the ribald, nothing-is-sacred raucous humor of Northwestern acting professor Cindy Gold. But Goldinez has a last minute scheduling conflict, leaving his wife, actress Nancy Voigts, to pinch hit. Not to worry. Voigt and Gold played off each other with the bawdy ease of veteran vaudevillians.



PHOTO BY DAN REST

Dramatic surprise

In the night's biggest upset, James Rank took the Outstanding Actor in a Revue award for his conflicted, moving, and well-sung work as a middle-aged man disenchanted with his gray flannel suit life in Next Theatre's brave staging of a rarely produced "The American Dream Songbook."

Writers' Theater and Piven Theatre Workshop didn't leave empty-handed either. Lighting designer J. R. Lederle won for "Turn of the Screw," where his skillful use of shadows and spots exponentially heightened the fear-factor of an already eerie show. And Jack Arky's sound design trophy for Piven's heartbreaking "Because

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they Have No Words" was well deserved indeed.

But perhaps the highlight of the night came from Apple Tree founder Eileen Boevers, who received a special award for her efforts over the past quarter century in establishing the Apple Tree as an enduring, endearing cultural mainstay.

"Gwyneth Paltrow thought she was very clever calling her daughter Apple," Boevers noted, "Well, I gave my children a sibling called Apple Tree."

Paltrow's kids should grow up to be half so artistically significant.

For a full list of nominees and winners, go to: <http://www.jeffawards.org/>.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Fairy Rose key to Beauty's waking

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Sleeping Beauty's beauty sleep would never end if it weren't for Fairy Rose. She finds a way for Princess Lily to awaken — and find true love — in Chicago Kids Company's "Sleeping Beauty," Nov. 5-Dec. 12 at Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$10.

Katie Justice, who has been Cinderella and Goldilocks in previous Chicago Kids Company musicals, plays Fairy Rose.

"I'm one of three fairies that take care of Princess Lily," Justice said. "I am the fairy who changes the bad fairy's curse into a good thing. Her true love will wake her with a kiss."

Justice sings a song about that moment, "My Wish is for Love."

Justice enjoys the role because "She's sort of a quirky character. Actually, all of the fairies are sort of quirky characters."

The actor is also fond of her costume. "It's quite pretty," she said. "I'm the red fairy so most of my costume is red. It has a flowy skirt and flowy sleeves, and I have a wand and a hat."

Will Sleeping Beauty live happily ever after? "Absolutely," Justice declared.

For details, call (773) 205-9600.

Working for Peanuts

Charles M. Schultz's gang will be onstage at Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St.,

Des Plaines, Thursday, Oct. 30-Sunday, Nov. 9, when the Christian Youth Theater of Northwest Cook County presents, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Charlie will search for "Happiness," with the help of Linus, Lucy, Snoopy, Woodstock and the rest of the gang in this tune-filled show. Tickets are \$8-\$12 in advance, \$2 more at the door.

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Cultural connection

Food, activities and performances from many cultures will be showcased at "Ethnic Fest," 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. The sixth annual festival will feature Wild World Music

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Humor in Holocaust's shadow

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By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

It was not easy for a first-generation American, and aspiring baseball player, to assimilate when his mother summoned him for lunch by calling: "Yonkee!" — as in Yonkel. These days, Jake Ehrenreich sees — and shares — the humor of such situations in "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn" staged in Skokie.

His autobiographical musical, which had a box office-breaking 15-month run at Broadway's Lamb's Theatre, plays the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts.

Still a New Yorker, though now living in Monroe instead of Brooklyn, Ehrenreich has performed on Broadway in "Dancin'," "Bar-nu-m" and "They're Playing Our Song," and toured as Ringo in "Beatlemania." He has recorded with numerous artists, including Whitney Hous-

ton and The Smothers Brothers. Ehrenreich stars in "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn," backed by four musician/singers.

Ehrenreich's late parents were Holocaust survivors who arrived in this country in 1949 with his two sisters. "The show is mostly funny and there's a lot of music but it's all through the prism of growing up as an American with Holocaust survivor parents," he said. "There is a section of the show that's pretty serious." Videos and photos introduce audiences to his family.

His mother would often take her young son aside and talk to him about her family, when he would have preferred to be out playing. His father, on the other hand, never spoke about the past.

"I do talk in the show

about how I finally got my father to talk about it," Ehrenreich said. "When I was 19, I was working as a musician and I did a world cruise. I finally got the courage to write a letter to my dad to ask him, 'Why don't you ever talk about your family or the past?' He wrote a letter back and said he was afraid his words would pale in comparison to who and what was lost."

The show includes many funny vignettes, too, including stories about the great aunt who lived with Ehrenreich's family. "She looked like Yoda," he declared.

"I tell my story," Ehrenreich said, "But I look in the audience and I see what's happening. People are accessing their own story."

The show is different every night. "There are sections where I allow the

audience to get involved," Ehrenreich said. "People shout things out and I get an opportunity to engage them. And some of that stuff is very funny."

"With a stage show, especially the kind that I'm doing," he concluded, "it's extremely important that

you be in the moment and relate to the people."

In conjunction with the show, there will be an exhibit by New York photographer Robin Roy called "The Synagogue Project."

"I have been traveling all my life and when I traveled I would be really

interested in the Jewish community wherever I was going," Roy said. She created large format prints, she said, "to give the viewer a sense of being in or in front of these wonderful places."

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HALLOWEEN

"The Phantom of the Opera." starring Lon Chaney. will be shown at 7 p.m.

Oct. 31 in the Evanston Township High School auditorium. 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. The 1925 silent film classic will be accompanied by live organ music played on EHS's Barnes pipe organ

by John Tanis. Cartoons will be shown at intermission. Tickets, \$5 for adults, \$2 for students, children and senior citizens, will be available at the door. Call (847) 424-7516 for information. Silent Film Society of Chicago presents "Nosferatu" (Dracula), with live organ accompaniment at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, \$10-\$12. (847) 677-7761. www.skokietheatre.com.

Frightful and Free Halloween Event, including face painting by professional artist, trick or treating and haunted windows, 11:15 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Coldwell Banker Martin & Marby, Sharp Corners Mall, 4632 Church St. Skokie. Call Aislinn Ryan, (847) 677-1200.

Trunk-or-Treat, 4-6 p.m. Oct. 31 in the parking lot at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1111 N. Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights. Toddlers through teens are invited to see decorated trunks and find treats. For information, call (847) 537-4353.

Halloween Adventure 2008 will be celebrated at Alden facilities throughout the area, featuring trick-or-treating activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All events are free. Participating sites include: Alden Des Plaines, 1221 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, 2-4 p.m. Oct. 31, with pumpkin carving, a Halloween piñata, trick-or-treating and more. Call (847) 768-1300. Alden North Shore, 5050 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, 3-5 p.m. Oct. 31, with "pick-your-own-pumpkin" patch, games, photo opportunities and more. Call (847) 679-6100.

Halloween Havoc, featuring classic horror films at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Oct. 30: "Lost Boys" at 7:30 p.m.; "American Werewolf in London," 9:15 p.m. Oct. 31: "The Monster Squad" at 7 p.m.

"Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman" at 8:45 p.m.; and "Fright Night" at 10:15 p.m. Admission: \$7 single shows; \$10 double and triple features. Also, Halloween Havoc costume contest on Oct. 31 between the first and second shows. Cash prize for best costume, prizes for second and third place. (773) 736-4050. www.portagetheater.org.

"The Passion of Dracula," presented by First Folio Theatre through Nov. 2 at the Mayslake Peabody Estate, 31st Street and Route 83, Oak Brook. Monica Szaflik of Norridge is among the cast members. Performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$28-\$30; \$23-\$25 students and seniors. Special fundraising performances, which include post-show reception and drinks with cast, at 8 p.m. Oct. 30 (\$65) and 8 p.m. Oct. 31 (\$75). Call (630) 986-8067 or visit www.firstfolio.org.

Dick's River Roadhouse, 702 N. River Road, Mount Prospect, (847) 298-7200. www.dicksriverroadhouse.com. Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 9 p.m.-4 a.m.: "River Road Masacre" Halloween party, with costume contest at 2 a.m. each night. Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect, (847) 593-2200. www.famousfreddiesroadhouse.com. Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.: "Freddie's Fright Night" Halloween party, featuring costume contests and live music.

STAGE

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Nov. 1, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.: "Defending the Caveman," \$44. March 24-April 5, 2009: "Menopause: The Musical," \$46. Feb. 21, 2009: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," 5 and 8 p.m., \$48.

"Cupid & Psyche," a play based on a 2,000-year-old Greek myth, will be presented Nov. 13-23 at Oakton Community College's Studio One, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Additional performance at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Tickets: \$10; \$8 for students and seniors; \$6 for groups of 15 or more. \$5 preview performance will be staged at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, (847) 635-1900.

"Forever Plaid," Nov. 1-23 at Edison Park United Methodist Church's James Downing Theatre, 6740 N. Oliphant, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors and students. For reservations, call (773) 792-3030.

"Grey Gardens," Nov. 12-Dec. 28 at Northlight Theatre, in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (except Nov. 12) and 7:30 p.m. (except Dec. 10); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (except Nov. 27 and Dec. 25); Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (except Nov. 15) and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (except Nov. 23, Dec. 7, 21 and 28). Extra show at 1 p.m. Dec. 26. Previews, Nov. 12-19, \$25-\$54; regular run, \$25-\$59. Opening night, Nov. 20, \$75 includes a post-show reception with the company. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org.

"Into the Woods, Jr.," presented by Devonshire Children's Theater Nov. 14-23 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Curtain at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. For ticket information, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

"A Jew Grows in Brooklyn," Jake Ehrenreich's autobiographical comedy musical, will be presented Nov. 5-9 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Single tickets: \$64

Performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$45-\$75.50. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northshorecenter.org.

"The King and I," presented by Rising Stars Theatre Co. Nov. 8-23 at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$15; \$13 for children under 12 and seniors. Group rates available. Call (773) 736-2490 or visit www.risingstarsctc.org.

"Robinson Crusoe," Piccolo Theatre sixth annual British-style holiday Panto, Nov. 14-Dec. 20 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays; 2 and 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors; \$15 students and children under 10. For ticket reservations, family and group rates, call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"Side by Side by Sondheim," presented by Light Opera Works through Nov. 9 at the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. The musical revue features the works of Stephen Sondheim with music from "Gypsy," "West Side Story," "Company" and more. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Tickets: \$39, \$31 and \$24; half-price tickets for ages 21 and younger. For tickets, call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOperaWorks.org.

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," by Frank McGuinness, Nov. 3-Dec. 7 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. No performances Nov. 27-28. Tickets: \$25; \$23 students and seniors; \$15 for previews on Nov. 1-2. Group rates available. (847) 866-8049.

"White People," presented by The Gift Theatre Company at 1 p.m. Nov. 3 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. A short panel discussion on race featuring Oakton and Harper College faculty follows the performance. Admission is free. For information, contact Patti Interrante, (847) 376-7059 or pinterra@oakton.edu.

"The Wizard of Oz," presented by the JCC Young Actors Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 20; and noon and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16 and 23 in the Elaine & Zolie Frank Theatre at the Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie. Family Funday on Nov. 16 - the noon performance will be a Sing-along/Dress-alike performance. Audience members will be encouraged to sing along with the performers, and there will be a Wizard of Oz costume contest. For tickets, call (847) 675-2200.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," presented by Christian Youth Theater through Nov. 9 at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Performances at 7 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 7; 2 and 6 p.m. Nov. 1, 8 and 9; 2 p.m. Nov. 2; and 9:30 and 11:45 a.m. Nov. 6. Tickets: \$8-\$12 in advance; \$10-\$14 at the door. (847) 516-2298 or www.cytchicago.org.

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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. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Soprano Sarah Brightman. Tickets: \$45-\$250.

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: \$64

box seats: \$45 reserved; \$40 seniors; \$16 students. Nov. 23, 4:30 p.m. and Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.: "Passion & Power," featuring Rachel Barton Pine, violin. Bizet: Carmen Suite No. 1; Saint-Saens: Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 28; Sarasate: Carmen Fantasy, Op. 25; Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98. Feb. 22, 2009, 4:30 p.m. and Feb. 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Energy & Ecstasy," featuring David Taylor, violin. Bernstein: On the Town: Three Dance Episodes; Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Violin Concerto No. 2 ("The Prophets"); Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5, Op. 100. March 22, 2009, 4:30 p.m., and March 23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Soaring Strings," with Gary Stucka, cello. Bloch: Prayer: Grieg: Holberg Suite, Op. 40.

Mendelssohn: String Symphony No. 7 in D Minor; Shostakovich: Chamber Symphony, Op. 110. April 26, 2009, 4:30 p.m. and April 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: "Beauty & Brilliance," Liszt: Les Preludes; Hindemith: Malthis der Maler.

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Single tickets are \$30; \$27 senior citizens; \$15 students. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org. Nov. 20: The Temple of Apollo, March 13, 2009: Suite Candy, April 14, 2009: Handel's "Dublin" Messiah, June 6, 2009: Reach for the Skies.

Canlate, conducted by Benjamin Rivera, concludes its American Music Festival concert series with a capella works by Bernstein, Barber, Eric Whitacre and others at 8 p.m. Nov. 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 616 Lake, Evanston. Tickets are \$15 at the door or at a discount by joining the e-mail list at www.canlatechicago.org. For information, call (312) 804-9783. Chicago Chamber Choir, (312) 409-6890. www.chicagochamberchoir.org. \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 for students or groups of 10 or more. Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.: "From Generation to Generation: Songs of the Jewish People" will be presented in Nichols Concert Hall, Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 N. Chicago Ave., Evanston. The choir explores Jewish choral music through a program of psalms, liturgical music, folk songs and dances. The program includes Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, with organ, harp, percussion and soloist; two world premieres by Bob Applebaum; and works by Salamone Rossi, Louis Lewandowski, Max Janowski and Israeli composer Yediyah Admon. Guest musicians include harpist Kara Bershad and percussionist Tina Laughlin.

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 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Season subscriptions are available in six-, five- and three-concert packages. Flex Pass subscriptions are also available along with tiered, senior and student pricing. Single tickets are \$20-\$40. Nov. 16: Bohme: Sextet for Brass in E Flat Minor, Op. 30; Broughton: "Hudson River Valley"; and Dvorak: Piano Trio in F Minor, Op. 65. Feb. 8, 2009: Prokofiev: Overture on Hebrew Themes; Debussy: Premiere Rhapsodie; Newman: String Quartet; and Mozart: String Quintet No. 3 in C Major, K. 515. March 22, 2009: Debussy: Sonata No. 2; Ligeti: Trio; and Schop: Nonet in F Major, Op. 31. April 19, 2009: Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1; Sextet for Winds in E Flat Major, Op. 71; and String Quartet in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 131.

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Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago, will sponsor a program and social hour at 3 p.m. Nov. 9 at the North Shore Retirement Hotel, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Philip Seward, composer, conductor, pianist and singer, will present a program on "Porgy and Bess." Cost: \$8 members, \$10 guests. Call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 478-1110 for more information.

The Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Philip Simmons, will perform at 3 p.m. Nov. 2 at the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave. The program includes works by Louis Spohr and Bohuslav Martinu. A reception and art exhibit by David Zoberis follows. Free admission. (847) 920-9569.

Mount Prospect Community Band presents "World's Most Loved Melodies" at 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Forest View Educational Center theater, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Guest soloists are Allan Kaye for a Rachmaninoff piano concerto and Paulina Swiatowiec for a Tchaikovsky violin concerto. Tickets: \$7 in advance; \$9 at the door. (847) 640-1000. Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave.

Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Nov. 14, 7 p.m.; Sundays @ 7 free faculty recital featuring Bill Dresden, in the Thoreson Performance Center. Free.

North Shore Choral Society concerts are at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. Season subscriptions are \$60; \$50 for seniors; \$30 students. Single tickets at the door are \$25; \$15 for seniors and students. (847) 272-2351. www.northshorechoral.org. Nov. 23: "The Extraordinary Ordinary," with guest conductor Julia Davids. The program includes mass movements by Giovanni Palestrina, Antonio Vivaldi, W. A. Mozart and Franz Schubert. Soloists are Laura Heimes, soprano; Nina Heebink, mezzo-soprano; Trevor Mitchell, tenor; and Ryan O'Mealey, baritone. March 1, 2009: "Music for the Soul," with guest conductor David Stech. The program includes choral selections from Sergei Rachmaninoff, Leonard Bernstein and Maurice Durufle. May 31, 2009: "Ethereal Light," with guest conductor David Edelzell. The program includes works by Gabriel Faure, Serge Rachmaninoff and Morten Lauridsen. Northeastern Illinois University, Steinberg Fine Arts Center Recital Hall, 3701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago. (773) 442-4636. Nov. 21, 8 p.m.: Pianist Vanessa Perez.

Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. Individual tickets \$15; \$12 seniors; \$6 students. (847) 432-2263. www.northshoreband.org. Nov. 9: The program includes "Music for Prague 1968" by Karel Husa; "Homage to Perotin"; and a special arrangement of "Greensleeves." Guest soloist is Debra A. Richtmeyer, professor of saxophone at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Feb. 15, 2009: Program includes Dana Wilson's "Shortcut Home" and Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis. April 19, 2009: Steve Cohen, professor of clarinet at Northwestern University, joins the NCB to perform Michael Daugherty's "Brooklyn Bridge." The all-American program also includes Frank Tichelli's "Wild Nights"; Chance's "Elegy"; and Tull's "Sketches on a Tudor Psalm." June 7, 2009: Program includes Samuel Barber's "Commando March"; Clifton Williams' Symphonic Dance No. 3, "Fiesta" and a band arrangement of "Hello, Dolly!"

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermel, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour pri-

or to each concert. Individual concert tickets are \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Season tickets for the four-concert series are \$60; \$45 for seniors; \$30 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymphony.org. Nov. 16: "Mozart & Friends," featuring Larry Combs, principal clarinet, Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Debussy: Nocturnes I, II; Mozart: Clarinet Concerto; Grieg: Peer Gynt Suites I, II. Jan. 18, 2009: "Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln," with Mel Zellman, WFMT radio announcer, as narrator; Charles Ives: The Unanswered Question; Aaron Copland: A Lincoln Portrait. March 29, 2009: "Scotland and the Sea," with Iordanka Kissiova, violin; Mendelssohn: Fingal's Cave; Stephen Paulus: Sea Portraits; Bruch: Scottish Fantasy. May 31, 2009: Family Pops Concert with Allan Steele, cello; Offenbach: Ballet Parisien; Lloyd Webber: "Memory" from "Cats"; Williams: "ET," highlights; Williams: Pieces from "Schindler's List"; Dvorak: Cello Concerto.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will offer a free chamber music concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. "Stylus Phantasticus: The Fantastical Style in 17th Century Italy" will be presented by Spanish violinist Joan Piana, Canadian cellist Anna Sampson and Chicago harpsichordist Jason Moy. They will perform 17th-century Italian masterpieces by Castello, Cima, Bertali, Uccellini and their contemporaries on period instruments.

The Orion Ensemble performs at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. Nov. 9, 3 p.m.: Franz Schubert: Adagio and Rondo Concertante in F Major for Violin, Viola, Cello and Piano, D. 487; Alberto Ginastera Pampeana's No. 2; Rhapsody for Cello and Piano; Manuel de Falla's "Fantasia Baetica"; and Carl Maria von Weber's Quintet in B-flat Major for Clarinet and String Quartet. Op. 34. March 29, 2009, 3 p.m.: Laura Elise Schwendinger's "Celestial City"; Max Bruch's Pieces for Clarinet, Viola and Piano, Op. 83; and Felix Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49. June 7, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's "Don Giovanni"; John Williams' "Viktor's Tale" and Theme from "Schindler's List"; Franz Liszt's Fantasia on Themes from Verdi's "Rigoletto"; and Verdi's String Quartet in E Minor.

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Prospect, Park Ridge. Individual tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.; Holiday Pops and Sing-Along, with Cheryl Wilson, soprano, Feb. 8, 2009, 2:30 p.m.; Italian Opera at the Pickwick, with Sarah Hubbard, soprano, and James Cornelison, tenor. Featuring selections from Verdi's "I Vesuvii Siciliani," "Il Trovatore" and "Nabucco," Puccini's "Madama Butterfly," "La Boheme" and "Tosca," and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci." March 15, 2009, 2:30 p.m.; "Strings 'n Things," with Robert Hanford, violin, the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Strings and the Maine South Chamber Orchestra Strings. Vivaldi: The Four Seasons; and Tchaikovsky: Serenade. April 26, 2009, 2:30 p.m.; The Spirit of Brahms: A German Requiem, with the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus, the Park Ridge Community Church Chancel Choir, the Music Institute of Chicago Chorus, Sarah Hubbard, soprano soloist, and Peter Van De Graaff, bass-baritone soloist.

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.
 Dec. 7, 3 p.m.: "Vivaldi's Seasons," with guest artists Emily Lodine, mezzo-soprano, and violinists Teresa Fream, Kathleen Brauer and Yuan-Qing Yu. Program includes Brahms' Two Songs for Alto; Bach's Arias from Cantata No. 182; Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"; and Mozart's Quintet for Clarinet and

Strings, Feb. 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.; "Febrary Fantasy." The program includes Britten's Phantasy Quartet; Richard Wernick's Sextet for string quartet, bass and piano; and Shostakovich's Piano Quintet.

Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Tickets are \$22-\$36; \$9 for children. Free pre-concert lectures begin at 1:30 p.m. For tickets, call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.svsvo.org. Nov. 2: Featuring Lucille Chung, piano. Brahms: Academic Festival Overture; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 ("Emperor"); Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 ("New World"). Jan. 18, 2009: Featuring the winners of the Young Artist Competition. Liszt: Totentanz; Schubert: Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished); Beethoven: Overture to "Fidelio"; Saint-Saens: Violin Concerto No. 3. March 15, 2009: Featuring Karen Frost, flute, Jennifer Stucki, oboe, Noah Lambert, trumpet, and Rebecca McCulloch, violin. J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2; Haydn: Symphony No. 104 ("London"); Glazounov: Symphony No. 3. May 17, 2009: Featuring the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble. Mozart: Overture to "Abduction From the Seraglio"; Symphony No. 38 ("Prague"); and opera scenes, semi-staged.

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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) 635-6600. Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m.: AC/DC. \$89.50. Dec. 9: Neil Young with guests Willie Nelson and Everet. \$50-\$250. Dec. 12, 7 p.m.: Oasis with special guest Ryan Adams & the Cardinals. \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. Jan. 3, 2009, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra. \$48, \$38. Jan. 26-27, 2009, 7 p.m.: Metallica with Machine Head, The Sword. \$79.50, \$59.50. American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. (847) 573-0443. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Bluegrass Legends Concerts - doors open at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission: \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and children. Oct. 31: The Lovell Sisters. Cu Roi opens with Celtic music. Nov. 14: Carrie Hassler & Hard Rain. Nov. 29: The Chapmans.

Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Cover charges vary. Sundays, 4 p.m.: Lilfest Open Mike. Mondays, 9 p.m.: Paul Doppelt and Friends (blues/rock). Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.: Blues Jam hosted by The TFB Band. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.: Pro Jazz Jam with Mike Finnerty. Oct. 30, 7 p.m.: Lil Fest Halloween party (folk). Oct. 31, 10 p.m.: Prob Cause (hip-hop). Oct. 31, 10 p.m.: LOD/GRG Halloween party (hip-hop). Nov. 1, 8:30 p.m.: Sammy Fender Blues Band. Nov. 5, 10 p.m.: Race Car (hip-hop). Nov. 6, 5:30 p.m.: Mark Adamczyk (jazz fusion). Nov. 6, 8:30 p.m.: Aron Burton & the TFB Band (blues). Nov. 7, 11:45 p.m.: Razzo Razzo (world music). Nov. 8, 3 p.m.: Big Time Entertainment (rock). Nov. 8, 8:30 p.m.: Melvin Taylor & the Slack Band. Nov. 8, 11:45 p.m.: Larry Smith Presents (R&B).

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 Mudlapps. Tuesdays, 7:10 p.m.: Irish music session. Oct. 31, 10 p.m.: All Hallow's Eve Party featuring The Bluegrass Advocates. Nov. 8, 10 p.m.: Breakin' Up A Dogfight. Nov. 16

and 30, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. Nov. 22, 10 p.m.: Creek Road Ramblers. Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centrestea.org. Dec. 27, 8 p.m., and Dec. 28, 3 p.m.: Mandy Patinkin performs popular standards from Rodgers and Hammerstein. Stephen Sondheim, Harry Chapin, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter, with Paul Ford on piano. Tickets: \$85. Jan. 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: Elvis Birthday Tribute. \$49.50. March 14, 2009, 8 p.m.: "Get Back!" The cast of Bealemania recreates the era and music of the Fab Four. \$42. May 9, 2009, 8 p.m.: The Rat Pack is Back. \$58.

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Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dpl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. Nov. 23, 2 p.m.: "Abraham Lincoln In Song." Using period music and Lincoln's own stories, folksinger and songwriter Chris Vallillo will bring Abraham Lincoln to life.

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. www.famousreddiesroadhouse.com. Shows start at 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 p.m. Saturdays. Oct. 31: X-SIDE. Nov. 1: Kashmir (Led Zeppelin tribute). Nov. 7: Hi Fidelity. Nov. 14: Libido Funk Circus. Nov. 15: C-Factor (classic to current pop rock covers). Nov. 21: Spunk (party rock) with an opening set

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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. Nov. 5, 8 p.m.: The Australian Pink Floyd Show, featuring "The Wall" in its entirety and a greatest hits set. \$55, \$45, \$35.

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presents "Love Stinks," Dec. 12, 8 p.m.; "Holiday For Swing," presented by the Bob Acri Octet. Dec. 13-14, 8 p.m.: Guitars of Spain. Dec. 19, 8 p.m.: The Pinups present "I'll Be Home For Christmas." \$20/\$25. Sphinx Cafe, 8743 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Oct. 30, 6-8:30 p.m.: Sidemen Big Band. www.sidemenbigband.com.

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free.

Through Nov. 30: "A Letter from Japan: The Photographs of John Swope." Swope's photography portrays Allied prisoners of war, Japan's people, and the country's battle-ravaged landscapes in the immediate aftermath of World War II. Through Nov. 30: "Drawn from Memory: Holocaust and History in the Art of Samuel Bak," in the Print, Drawing, and Photography Study Center. Through Dec. 14: "Magdalena Abakanowicz: Reality of Dreams," in the Alsdorf Gallery.

Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-2348. www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Through Nov. 3: Sarah I. Ross exhibition, "InAction: Preparing for a Crash." Nov. 7-Dec. 17: "Focus on Africa: Celebrating 60 Years of the Program of African Studies." Opening reception from 5:30-8 p.m. Nov. 7.

Evanson Art Walk, a juried art exhibition of artwork by Illinois artists displayed in more than 40 shop windows along Central Street in Evanston, will be held throughout the month of October. For information, visit www.evansonartwalk.org or call (312) 514-1802.

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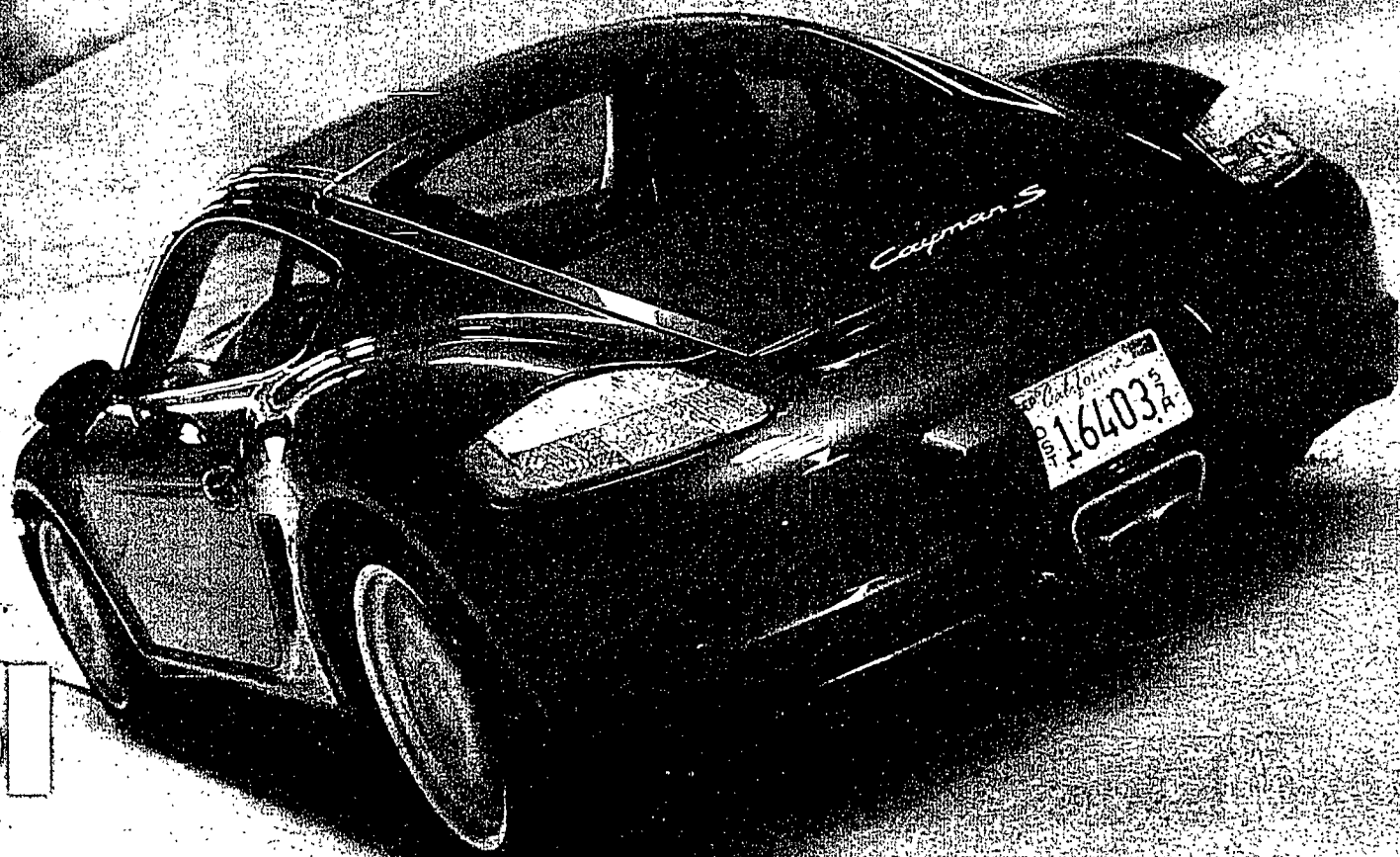
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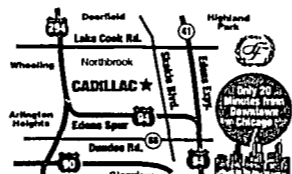
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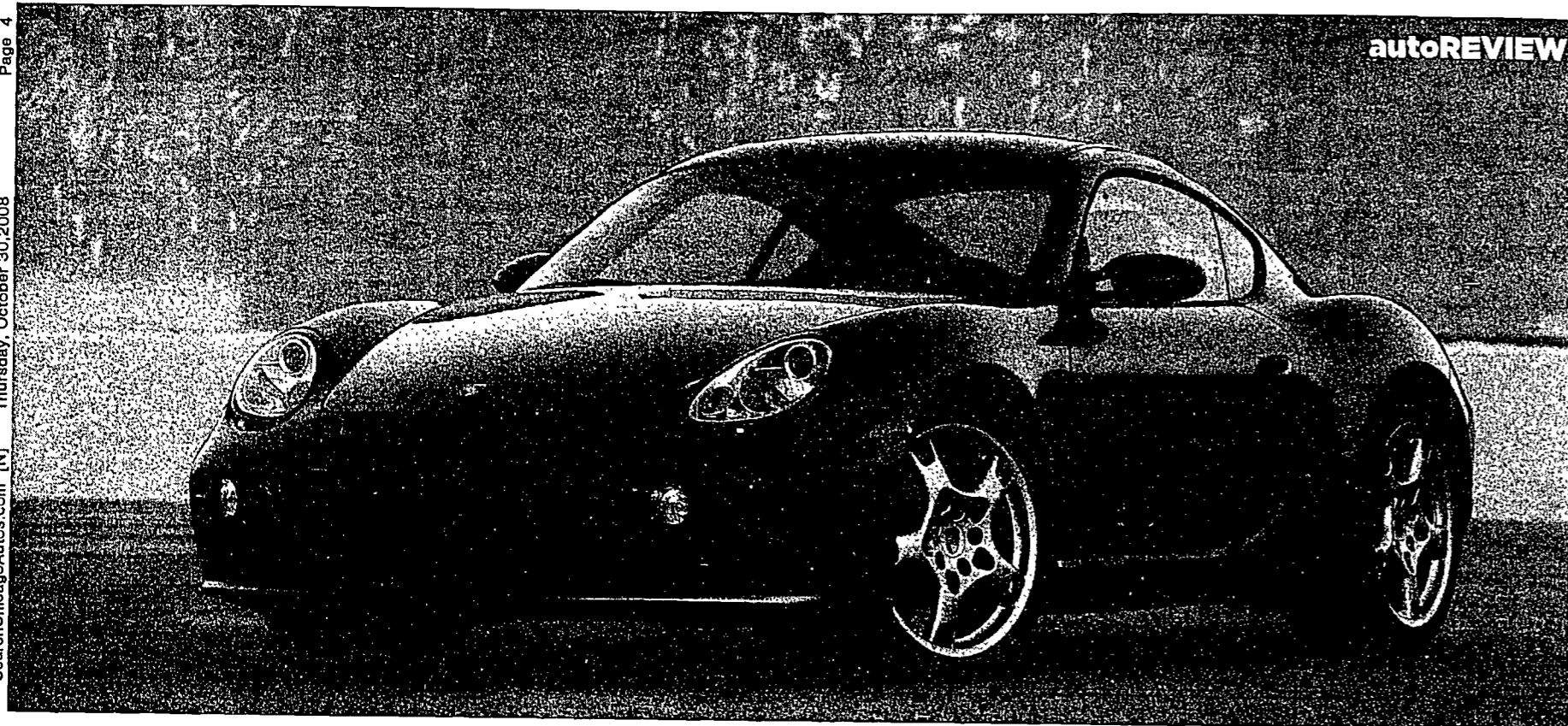
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Porsche Cayman adds sunshine to daily drive



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There are some cars I drive that produce a stupid, sloppy grin on my face every time I turn the ignition key. It's like a reflex action, and there's nothing I can do to stop it. Even when someone cuts me off in traffic and makes me miss my turn. I just keep smiling like an idiot because I know something he's not even considering.

I'm driving a pretty damn cool car, and he's not.

In fact, during the test week for the damn cool 2008 Porsche Cayman S, I had this reflex action even when I wasn't driving. If a co-worker said something frustrating, I'd just walk away smiling because I was driving a Porsche Cayman, and he wasn't. I got bad news from my condo association about a new special assessment. Didn't matter. I was driving a Porsche Cayman. Spat with the boyfriend? Two words: Porsche Cayman.

Talk about an instant mood lift. This is the first time I'd driven a Porsche of any sort for a full weeklong test and I have to admit I was impressed and more than a little surprised.

The test vehicle was a Speed Yellow Cayman S model with the six-speed manual transmission, and everything about it was smooth. The steering, the gear shifting, the ride and handling. I don't know what I expected, but it wasn't that.

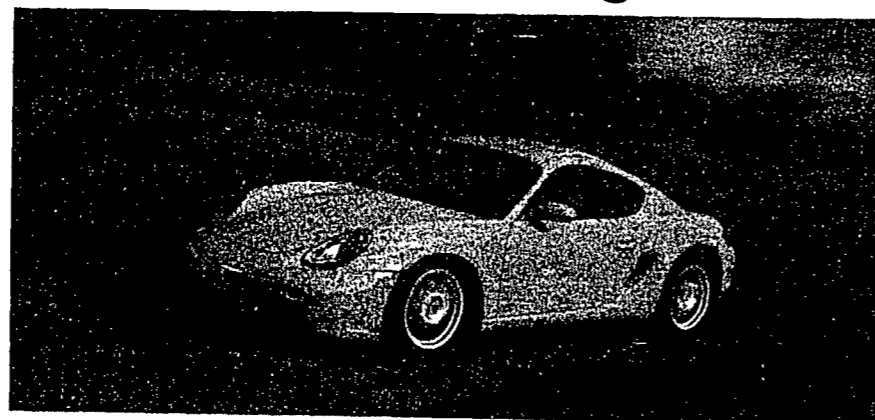
The thing that completely took me off guard, however, was the Cayman's capacity to be an everyday driver. Sure the steering and chassis were stiff, which could provide some difficulty in winding parking garages or over railroad tracks. But the turning radius was phenomenal, and the get-up-and-go — well, remember that stupid, sloppy grin?

You might automatically assume that the rear-wheel drive Cayman with its Porsche heritage is a gas-guzzling sports car. But that's actually a myth. The Cayman has a 2.7-liter horizontally opposed six-cylinder engine that delivers 245 horsepower and 201 pound-feet of torque. Yet the fuel economy rating is an impressive 20 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. The Cayman S upgrades to a 3.4-liter six-cylinder engine that delivers 295 horsepower and 251 pound-feet of torque. If you're not testing the zero-to-60-mph time of 5.1 seconds, the estimated city/highway fuel estimates ring in at 18/26 mpg.

Something else that surprised me about the Cayman S test vehicle was its comfort level. From the minute I sank into the Stone Grey leather seats to the final gear shift before handing over the keys, I was incredibly pleased with how I fit in the Cayman. I feel like most sports cars swallow me up whole, but the Cayman afforded an excellent driving position and grippy seats that actually supported my thin frame. All the gauges and controls are easy to see and use, and the interior design is an exercise in simplicity. The only thing that threw me — and it got me every time I tried to start the car — was the ignition on the left side of the steering wheel instead of the right.

The exterior styling of the Cayman is unmistakably Porsche and harkens back to the Porsche 904 and the Porsche 550 Coupe. I really liked the bright yellow paint on the test vehicle, and the matching key ring and seat belts in Speed Yellow appealed to my sense of order. I know yellow isn't a terribly manly color. But I have to say if there's any car out there that can be sunshine yellow and retain its manly grunt status, the Cayman is that car — especially when you tease that gas pedal and hear the engine roar. Insert stupid, sloppy grin.

As a two-seater with minimal storage capacity, the Cayman probably falls under the realm of "second car" for most people. The good news is that the Cayman has front and rear trunks because of the mid-engine construction. The bad news is that the cargo volume rings in at 5.3 cu-



bic-feet and 9.2 cubic-feet, respectively. The front compartment is deep and narrow, which is fine for a couple of back packs or a single roller-board suitcase.

Two model years into the Porsche Cayman (Cayman S launched in 2006, and the Cayman followed in 2007), there really isn't much that's new for 2008. You're looking at new optional leather sports folding bucket seats, some new colors like Macadamia Metallic and new service intervals for oil changes (12,000 miles or one year) and spark plugs (36,000 miles or four years).

The Cayman comes with a base price of \$49,400, which positions it between the Boxster (\$45,800) and the 911 Carrera (\$75,600). Since the test vehicle was an S model, it came with a starting price of \$59,100. The test vehicle stayed pretty basic, eschewing pricey options like sports bucket seats (\$4,790), Aerokit (\$5,865), Porsche ceramic composite brakes (\$8,150) and PCM 2.1 including extended navigation (\$3,110). It did, however, add some options including the preferred package (\$2,191), bi-xenon headlamps (\$1,090) and automatic climate control, which brought the as-tested suggested retail price to \$67,080 including destination.

Even though the bright yellow test car is

long gone, I have to admit I'm still smiling. The Cayman was eye-catching and easy to drive. It sounded great and drove even better. Plus, you've got a punch of power without sacrificing fuel economy. Basically, it's just a damn cool car. Insert stupid, sloppy grin yet again.

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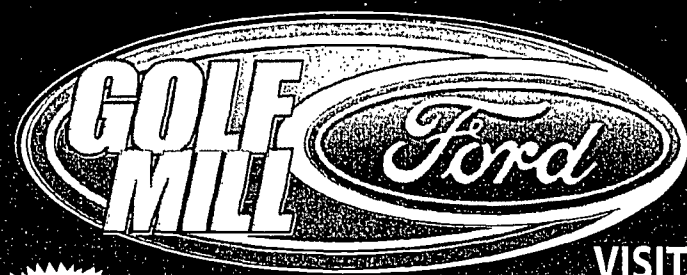
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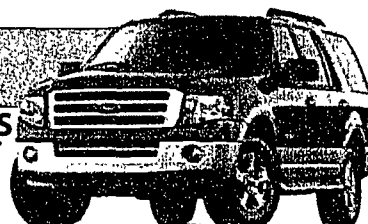
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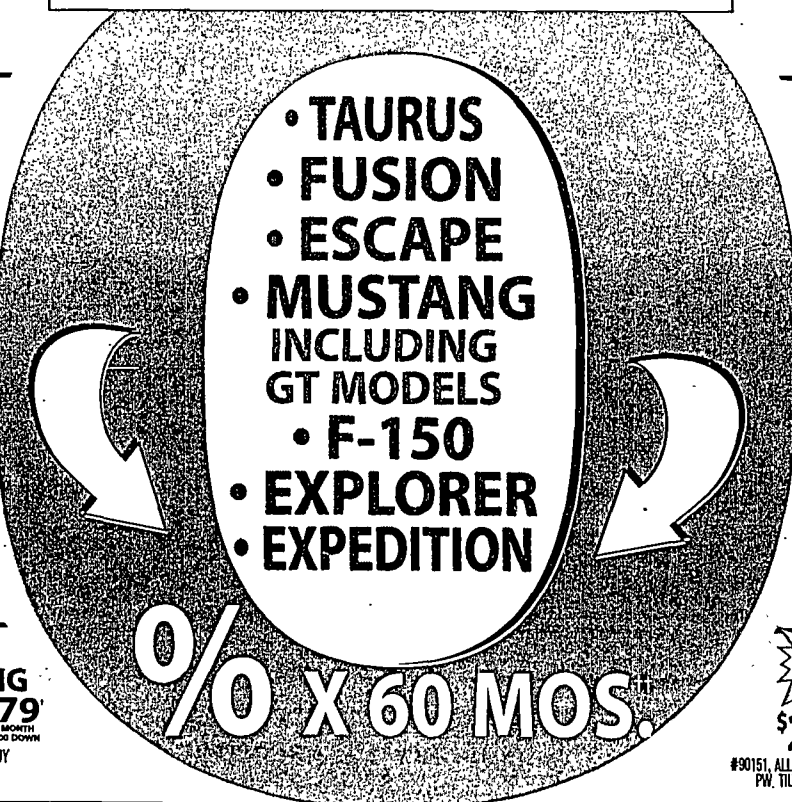
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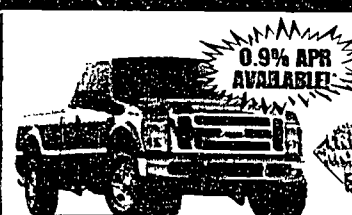
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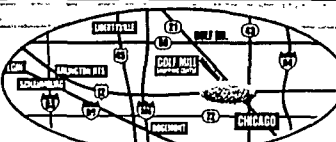
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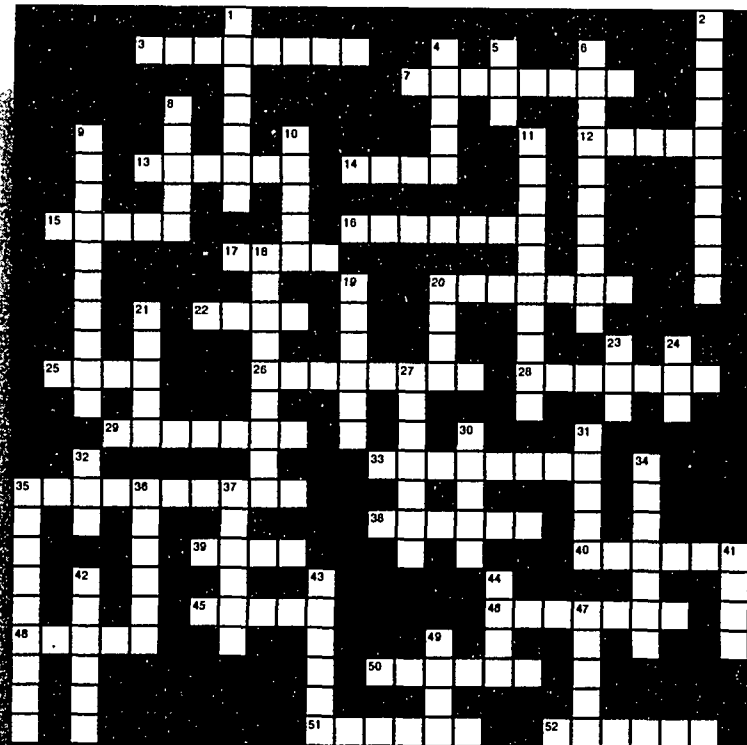
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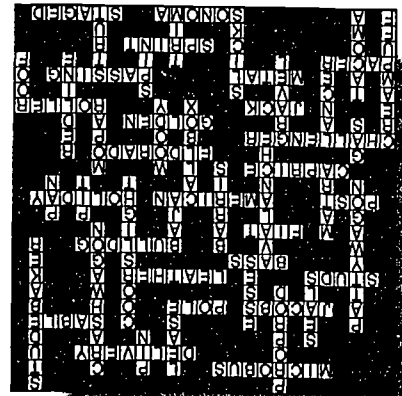
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- 3. Multi-seat Vee-Dub
- 7. Van type
- 12. Close Taurus relative
- 13. Overhaulin' host
- 14. Fastest driver has it
- 15. Add grip to tires
- 16. Upholstery upgrade
- 17. NASCAR's race-car painter
- 20. Mack's canine
- 22. Imported the Strada
- 25. Battery terminal
- 26. Compact Rambler
- 28. A vacationing Olds?
- 29. More than an Impala
- 33. First FWD Caddy
- 35. Dodge's Barracuda
- 38. Studebaker _____ Hawk
- 39. Gives your car a lift
- 40. Replaced flat-tappet camshafts
- 45. Pedal to the _____
- 46. Overtaking lanes
- 48. AMC's "Fishbowl" car
- 50. Sporty Falcon
- 51. GMC named for wine region
- 52. Dragsters on the starting line

DOWN

- 1. Holds hood open
- 2. Larkmaker
- 4. Auto-finance option
- 5. Piston accessory
- 6. Ambulance slang
- 8. Often blamed for leaks
- 9. SpongeBob's ride
- 10. Series of sharp turns
- 11. Sterling's brew
- 18. A snowy Chevy?
- 19. Built Clampett's truck
- 20. Subaru pickup
- 21. Extinct French automaker
- 23. Fuel and tire stop
- 24. Oil reservoir
- 27. Highway emergency phone
- 30. Lumber-paneled wagon
- 31. Generally refers to all Chryslers
- 32. Pump or jockey
- 34. Not a whitewall
- 35. Mint-condition auto
- 36. Dodge or Mitsubishi
- 37. Back-road surface
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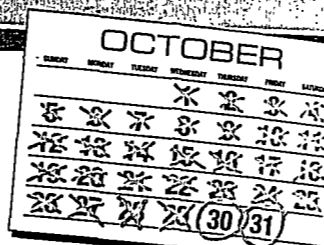
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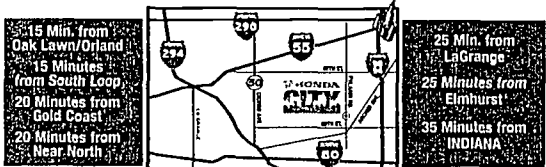
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• Drivers who leave their car running while they duck into a 7-Eleven to get a Slurpee deserve to find the dispenser broken.
• Anyone who drives one of those pickups that require a stepcladder to

reach the doors should run out of gas at the edge of a cliff.

- People who waste gas letting their cars warm up in places like Florida and Arizona should be beaten like a rented mule.
• Car owners who insist on using premium fuel in 20-year-old Yugos should develop terminal hives.
• Would-be Jeff Gordons who race from spotlight to spotlight belong in a gulag.
• People who leave their car running because they're afraid it will never start again deserve to have their theories proven.
• Drivers who like to run their RPMs to the red line before shifting have earned the right to have a blown piston hit them in their left eye.
• Novice drivers who stop on a hill and keep the engine at high rev and the clutch partially out should be sent to the prison.
• Commuters owning 600-plus horsepower automobiles who insist on driving to work during rush hour should run out of gas in the city's most dangerous neighborhood.
• Seemingly liquored-up drivers who weave in and out of freeway traffic at breakneck speeds should hit a retaining

wall at said full speed.

- Drivers who insist on leaving the air conditioning on but close all the vents because it's chilly deserve to be freeze-dried.
• Drivers who depart toll plazas like a bronco leaving the chutes at a rodeo deserve to be hit by falling debris.
• People who leave their vehicles running while waiting for package delivery at J. C. Penney deserve to have good words stolen by the custodian.

I'm sure there are countless other examples you can give, but quite frankly I'm fresh out of ideas and running low on proposed punishments. Send me some of your fuel-wasting pet peeves and I'll incorporate them into a future column. Just make sure you're car isn't running when you do.

E-mail me at vinikour@comcast.net.

Al Vinikour is a Midwest-based freelance auto writer. Proving a mind is a "terrible thing to use" he sometimes sits in traffic and ponders about things - generally auto-related - that make him mad. Believing the "pen is mightier than the sword" (and generally results in a whole lot less jail time), he vents his anger through a word processor and produces the Driver's Side Diatribe column.

readerRESPONSE

Hello Al:
I have been driving since 1957. I have owned at least 20 to 25 different cars through the years.
The new cars have no protective bumpers - what a ripoff! Oh, they say it is to keep the weight down for bet-

ter mileage but that is a bunch of baloney. I had a 1993 Benz with a plastic bumper but the center of the plastic had a black, thick rubber material that wrapped around the entire bumper that was esthetic and functional. If someone unintentionally bumped you, no problem - you could not tell.

These days, if that happens you must either get a paint job or maybe an entire new bumper. We the consumer should have screamed about this years ago.
Some how, some way let's bring functional bumpers back to protect these highly expensive, beautiful machines. -S.C., Naperville

Owners of electric vehicles prowl for plugs

BY JOHN PORRETTO
Associated Press

HOUSTON -- Pump prices continued to tumble in the past week, falling more than 25 cents to a national average of \$2.656 a gallon, new government figures show. In some places, gasoline is now selling for less than \$2 a gallon.

A weekly report released Monday afternoon by the U.S. Energy Information Administration showed the Gulf Coast had the cheapest prices with an average of \$2.46 a gallon, down 27.4 cents in the past week. The Midwest was next lowest at \$2.497, followed by the East Coast (\$2.684), the Rocky Mountain region (\$2.762) and the West Coast (\$3.05).

Prices have fallen nearly 50 cents in the past two weeks and are down almost 22 cents from a year ago.
Nationally, the average price for diesel fuel was \$3.288, down 19.4 cents in the past week, the EIA reported.

Already, gasoline prices have dipped below \$2 a gallon in some parts of the U.S. as the impact of plunging oil prices and

reduced driving are finally taking hold.
In Ohio, the Web site GasBuddy.com, where consumers post prices they spot, said a few stations in the Cincinnati suburbs were now charging \$1.99 for regular.

The national average for a gallon of regular fell 3 cents overnight to \$2.668, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express. That's roughly a dollar less than what was paid just a month ago and 18 cents below year-ago prices.

Only three states - Alaska, California and Hawaii - have average prices for regular grade above \$3 a gallon, AAA said. Gasoline prices have been sliding as oil prices have dropped to the lowest level in more than a year, dipping below \$62 a barrel at one point Monday. Oil prices have plunged 57 percent from a record \$147.27 on July 11.

The markets are worried about the potential for a severe global economic slowdown that would curb demand for fuel.
As well, gasoline prices typically de-

cline at this time of year after the peak summer driving season, adding to the steep fall off, said oil trader and analyst Stephen Schork. He says the national average for gas could reach \$2.25 a gallon in the coming weeks.

"We have to appreciate what extraordinary circumstances we're now dealing with," Schork said. "We've had a major correction in the price of crude oil, and that correction is having a knockout effect on gasoline prices."

The rise and fall of fuel prices has certainly had an effect on Americans' driving habits.

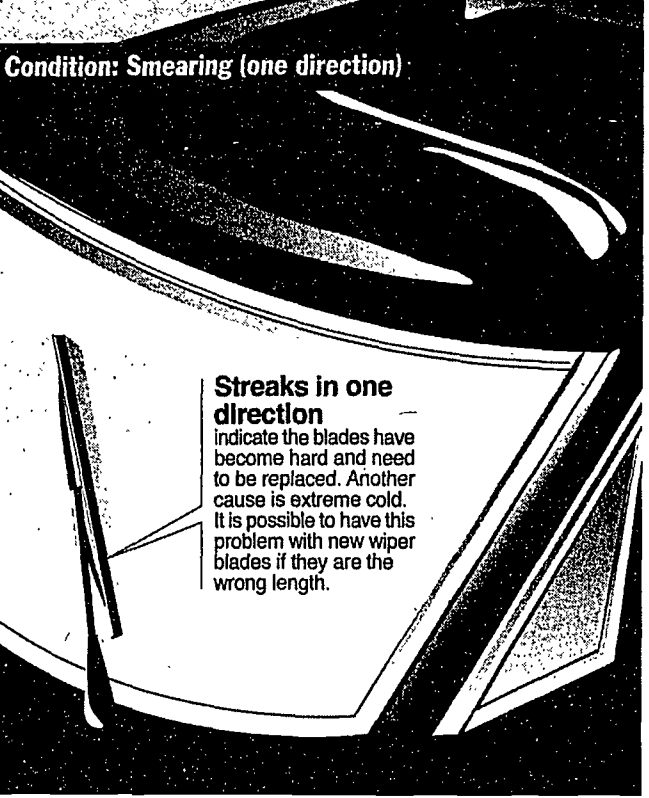
From last November through August, Americans drove 78.1 billion fewer miles than they did over the same 10-month period a year earlier, according to data from the Transportation Department released Friday.

Despite the price decline, however, some retailers say gasoline sales are down on weekends by as much as 10 percent from a year ago - a sign that some are driving only when necessary.

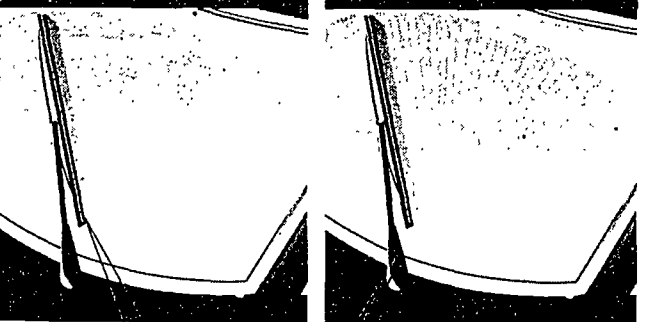
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The wiper blues

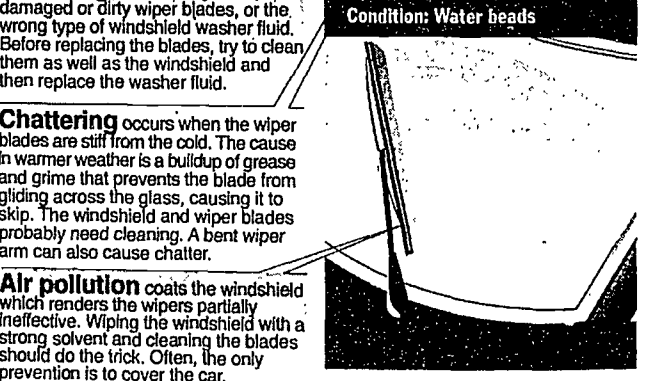
For the most part, wiper blades are made of soft rubber and are easily damaged. While wipers need to be changed regularly (every six months or so), it's important to know the causes of streaking, smearing and chattering so you can remedy the problem and retain good visibility in all conditions in any weather. Sometimes, you don't have to change the blades.



Condition: Smearing (one direction)
Condition: Streaks in one direction
Condition: Smearing (both directions)
Condition: Chattering
Condition: Water beads



Smearing is caused by worn, damaged or dirty wiper blades, or the wrong type of windshield washer fluid. Before replacing the blades, try to clean them as well as the windshield and then replace the washer fluid.
Chattering occurs when the wiper blades are stiff from the cold. The cause in warmer weather is a buildup of grease and grime that prevents the blade from gliding across the glass, causing it to skip. The windshield and wiper blades probably need cleaning. A bent wiper arm can also cause chatter.
Air pollution coats the windshield with a thin layer of grime that renders the wipers partially ineffective. Wiping the windshield with a strong solvent and cleaning the blades should do the trick. Often, the only prevention is to cover the car.



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Correction

In the Oct. 28 edition of SearchChicago - Autos, the review of the Lincoln MKS mistakenly said the vehicle was in its third model year. It's actually the first model year. We regret the error.

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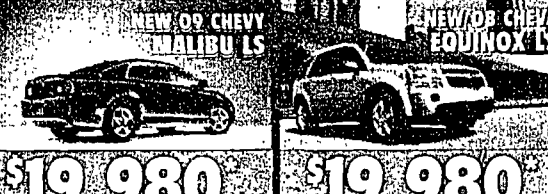
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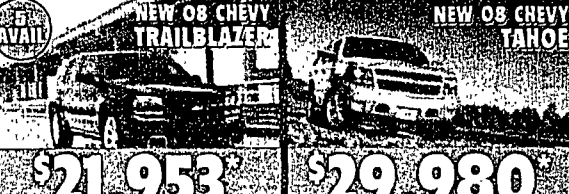
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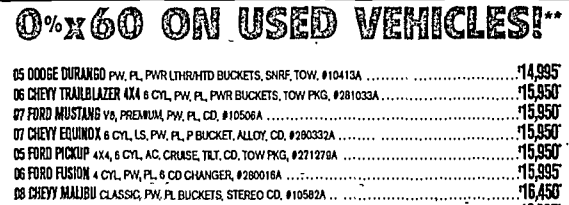
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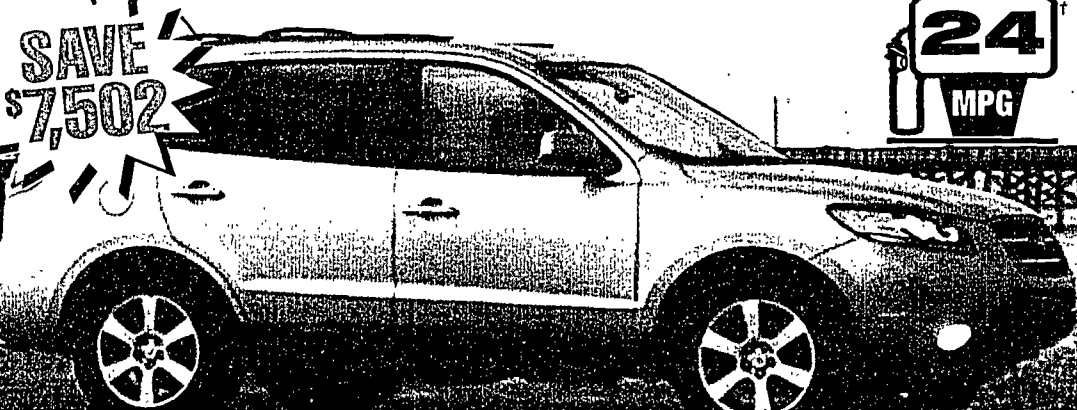
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26th Street Loft District emerges

New residential neighborhood near Opera Lofts on south side

A new neighborhood — 26th Street Loft District — is emerging on the near south side, among vacant lots and a small collection of industrial buildings being transformed into unique loft condominium homes.

Emily Tapia Lopez and husband Bryan Lopez, buyers at the 93-unit Opera Lofts, are ecstatic to be among the emerging district's new residents following their purchase at the new adaptive-reuse condominium development at 2545 S. Dearborn.

"We were looking for a neighborhood," said Emily Tapia Lopez. "Something that had historic character."

Lopez, 27, and her husband, 30, also were in search of a neighborhood with easy access to downtown, where both

work. They also sought unconventional space planning and a neighborhood with a bright future.

The 26th Street Loft District is bounded by the Stevenson Expressway on the north, Federal Street on the west, Michigan Ave. on the east and 29th Street on the south.

The new enclave, which consists of one half-dozen industrial loft buildings and several vacant lots, is a few blocks from the planned McCormick Place West expansion, at 22nd Street and Martin Luther King Drive.

"There's a lot of prime opportunity for development," Lopez said. "The 26th Street Loft District is so close to the Loop. If this development was

Turn to LOFTS, 2



Emily Tapia Lopez and husband Bryan Lopez, first-time home buyers at Opera Lofts on the Near South Side, relax in the kitchen of their new home.

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Hidden Valley Manor, a five-acre Barrington Hills estate by Harris Builders, opens this weekend.

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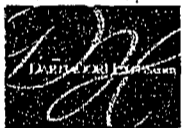
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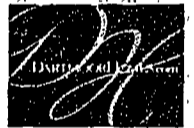
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Lofts

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located at 2600 North, you'd be living between Fullerton Avenue and Diversey Parkway in Lincoln Park.

Because Opera Lofts is on the emerging Near South Side, immediately west of the proposed Olympic Village, Lopez thinks that new residents are in a very good position to be able to create, to help shape that neighborhood.

"The proposed Olympic Village is planned on the Michael Reese Hospital site, near 31st Street and Martin Luther King Drive, so there's a lot of opportunity as far as neighborhood planning," Lopez said.

The 37-acre Olympic Village plan calls for building 7,300 housing units and 1,000 hotel rooms for nearly 17,000 Olympic officials and athletes, experts say.

"Both my husband and I were born and raised in Chicago. So those were important elements that really attracted us to this development in particular," said Lopez, who has bachelor's and master's degrees in urban planning, is an associate in planning for the Metropolitan Planning Council.

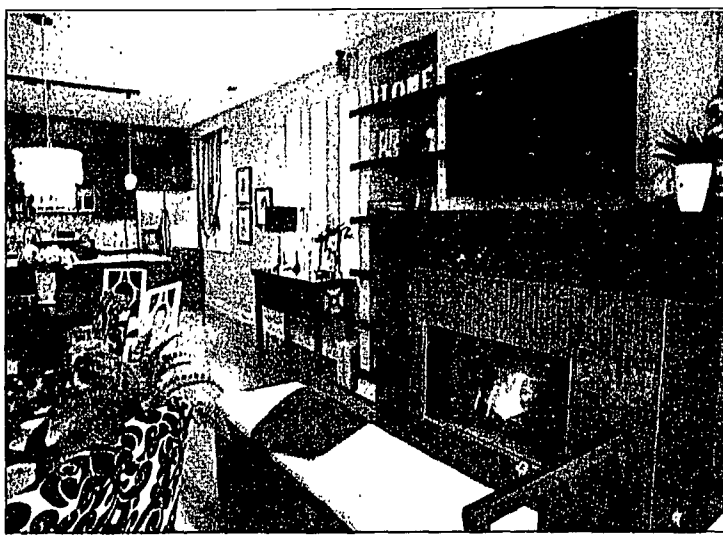
"The 26th Street Lofts District is a quiet new loft neighborhood nestled between Cermak Road and the Illinois Institute of Technology campus on 31st Street," said developer Leigh Ballen, who is a partner in LOACQ, LLC with Andres Scholnik.

The development's quality construction features and amenities attracted them.

"We like the exposed brick and the view of the city," Lopez said. "Our loft has beautiful windows. I have a gorgeous view of McCormick Place. I have natural light in my place 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And I love the high ceilings."

Ease of traffic movement and access to transportation were high on their list when choosing a new place. "I'm right near my office, and close to all major highways and expressways," she said.

"We're walking distance to Chinatown, and I can ride to Lake Michigan on my bike."



Lake Park Gateway II's first stage, nearing completion along a quiet section of 46th Street less than two blocks from Lake Michigan, features 16 units in two eight-unit brick and stone condominium buildings.

Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 225-5000, or visit www.theoperalofts.com.

Lopez and her husband are first-time homebuyers who moved into their new home at Opera Lofts this past spring. They purchased a two-bedroom, two-bath residence with 1,200 square feet of living space.

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Another major development in the 26th Street Lofts District is the Chicago South Loop Hotel, one of the city's newest boutique hotels at 2600 S. State St. The five-story hotel features 232 rooms and suites. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, lounge, banquet hall and meeting facilities. For more information, visit www.southloop-hotel.com.

Even if the Olympics doesn't happen, the near south side and mid south side already has gained prestige and new development because it lies in the path of progress, said Ballen.

Other developers are eager to take advantage of the infrastructure, sports and housing improvements the games will bring, and the Olympic-size vision also is sparking sweeping home-buying interest in other emerging neighborhoods on the near south side, experts say.

Further south, for example, the beautiful mixed-income development of Oakwood Shores is rising fast at 39th and between Laughey and Ellis avenues, and special buyer incentives from the City of Chicago currently are being offered, including a \$10,000 down-payment assistance grant provided by The Partnership for New Communities. Visit www.findyourplaceinchiago.org for details.

The 94-acre development will eventually encompass 3,000 new homes and rental apartments. Row homes, townhomes and condominiums in the first two phases of Oakwood Shores currently are priced from \$299,900 to the \$534,900, and nine completed homes are ready for immediate occupancy, according to Granite Development, the co-developer. The sales center for Oakwood Shores at 3744 S. Cottage Grove is open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Call (773) 538-0001 or visit www.oakwoodshoreschicago.com.

In the North Kenwood/Oakland neighborhood on Chicago's mid-south side, developer Mitchell Newman of Stratagen Home Builders is developing Lake Park Gateway II, a 23-unit luxury condominium development at 1223-1249 E. 46th St.

Two-bedroom and three-bedroom units with 1,380 to 1,500 square feet of space range in base price from \$249,900 to \$349,900. Several units are available for immediate delivery. Call (312) 315-5453, or visit www.stratagenhomebuilders.com.

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Fall into savings at Dartmoor Homes

Up to \$150,000 in savings offered

The year 2008 is ending as a year of great housing opportunities for Dartmoor Homes' customers.

With interest rates available under 6 percent and for a limited time the builder offering savings of up to \$150,000 per home, the potential for financial appreciation has never been better. The award-winning builder is now offering highly customizable luxury single-family homes or luxury townhomes in Hoffman Estates, Kildeer, Inverness, Lake Zurich and Western Springs.

Depending on the location, single-family homes can start at \$599,000 and top out above \$1,080,000, while townhomes are base-priced from \$529,000 to \$870,400.

"In every one of our communities, homebuyers will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save thousands of dollars in a variety of ways," said Pat Taylor, president of Dartmoor Homes. "Professionally decorated models have been reduced substantially, premium homesites are discounted accordingly, upgraded amenities will be priced more affordably and customization costs have been discounted significantly. In some instances, the savings might add up to nearly \$200,000."

Dartmoor's most exclusive community is Timber Trails of Western Springs, a luxury home community that will include 234 very upscale single-family homes. Built on the former Timber Trails Golf Course, the community offers a maintenance-free lifestyle on the heavily wooded property. Luxury ranch and two-story single-family homes provide 1,983 to 5,062 square feet of well-appointed living space. They are priced from \$749,000 to \$1,080,000.

Classic architectural interior



Dartmoor Homes is offering highly customizable luxury single-family homes or luxury townhomes in Hoffman Estates, Kildeer, Inverness, Lake Zurich and Western Springs.

details, elegant brick exteriors trimmed in Hardi Plank siding, and a rolling wooded parcel of property, come together and create the perfect environment for ultra-luxurious single-family homes. Discriminating buyers will find 18 unique homes with fireplaces (per plan), 9-foot first floor ceilings, hardwood flooring, decorative columns, vaulted ceilings, basements, soaking tubs, three-car garages and professionally landscaped homesites.

For those looking for a beautiful single family home, but in a slightly less exclusive environment,

Dartmoor also offers three outstanding communities: Kildeer Estates of Lake Zurich, Coventry Creek of Lake Zurich, and Devonshire Woods of Hoffman Estates. These communities offer a wide selection of ranch and two-story floor plans that range in size from 2,446 to 5,062 square feet of customizable living space.

Priced from \$599,900 to \$779,900, each Dartmoor home can be constructed to incorporate all of the amenities expected in homes of this price range. For example homes will include center cooking island and food pantry,

(per plan), oversized soaker tub and ceramic flooring in master bathroom, 9-foot first floor ceilings, hardwood flooring, vaulted ceilings (per plan), 9-foot first floor ceilings, central air-conditioning, full basement, and furniture-quality oak cabinets.

These four- or five-bedroom, 2½- to 4½-bath homes with spacious kitchens, breakfast areas, living rooms, family rooms, formal dining rooms, dens (per plan), master-bedroom suites and attached three-car garages come standard with Bosch or Jenn-Air kitchen appliances (gas range and

dishwasher) and Kohler bath fixtures/faucets.

Optional amenities such as masonry fireplaces, finished basements, four season rooms and whirlpool tubs represent just a small sampling of what Dartmoor is capable of.

Families seeking the amenities found in a single-family home, yet desire a maintenance-free lifestyle should visit the Townhomes of Timbers Trails in Western Springs or Weatherstone Townhomes of Inverness. These highly customizable townhomes are priced (subject to change) from \$529,000 to

Find out more

Buyers interested in receiving information about Dartmoor's communities and location of decorated models can call (847) 519-9230 or visit www.dartmoorhomes.com.

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\$870,400; they offer 2,217 to 3,872 square feet of living space.

Brick and Hardi Plank-clad townhomes come with wood-burning fireplaces, vaulted ceilings (per plan), central air-conditioning, kitchen appliances (Bosch or Jenn-Air built-in electric double oven, gas cooktop, dishwasher, built-in microwave and garbage disposal), furniture quality cabinets, granite countertops, ceramic tiled baths (tub and floor), raised six-panel doors, and site-finished oak or ceramic flooring are included in the base price as well. All townhomes come with fully landscaped exteriors, which will be maintained by a homeowners association.

For homebuyers wishing to increase the living area of their single-family homes or townhomes, Dartmoor also offers finished basement option packages for its standard, English and walkout plans.

For more than 27 years, Dartmoor Homes has specialized in building unique custom homes in Oak Brook, Glen Ellyn, Bartlett, Kildeer, Buffalo Grove, Northbrook and Schaumburg. Currently Dartmoor has five upscale communities: Weatherstone of Inverness, Timber Trails of Western Springs, Devonshire Woods of Hoffman Estates, Kildeer Estates of Lake Zurich and Coventry Creek in Lake Zurich. Weatherstone (847) 230-7060, Timber Trails (708) 783-1600, Devonshire Woods (847) 289-0022, Coventry Creek (847) 726-3600 and Kildeer Estates (847) 726-2220.



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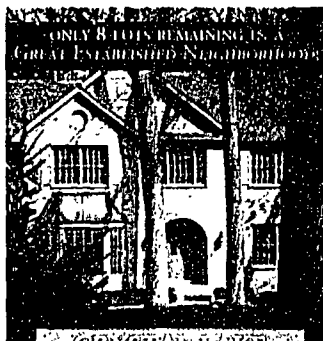
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5-acre Barrington Hills Estate opens this week

When people go house shopping, they have an ideal dream home in mind. Their only wish is that such a home is actually a reality with exquisite landscaping, a spacious floor plan and attractive exterior architecture that catches their eye.

Today, you can be the proud owner of the home of your dreams — opulent, private and uniquely yours — the Hidden Valley Manor in Barrington Hills by Harris Builders.

As you approach Hidden Valley Manor, located on a 5-acre secluded estate, the surroundings, as well as the residence, will dazzle you. Located in a valley, visitors view a multi-tiered hillside covered in rough ledge stone, beautiful rock gardens and

groves of mature trees — all combining to create a serene oasis. This home is in an ideal location for the homebuyer who enjoys serenity and nature and a beautiful outdoor environment.

Hidden Valley Manor is a 10,000-square-foot home perfect for a large or growing family. There is plenty of room with five bedrooms, eight baths and its own elevator for those who find it difficult to climb the stairs.

At first glance, the home appears as if it is a small castle. Adorned in old world architecture, Hidden Valley Manor is covered in a stately brick, stone and stucco exterior and has a welcoming arched pillared entry. Two octagonal-shaped stucco turrets are topped with copper roofs and a multi-gabled cedar shake roof.

Ready for immediate occupancy, Harris Builders envisioned and then created a magnificent estate for a homeowner with impeccable taste who craves privacy.

From the charming barrel-covered porch, enter through a



The 5-acre Hidden Valley Manor (above) by Harris Builders is located in a valley surrounded by a multi-tiered hillside covered in boulders, rock gardens and groves of mature trees in Barrington Hills. Adjacent to the kitchen is a light-filled sunroom (shown at right) surrounded by arched windows that bring the outdoors inside.



will delight in spectacular views of the magnificent valley and picturesque hillsides.

A huge master bath covered in marble has a center pillared ultra air tub, his and her vanities and a giant walk-in closet. The other four bedrooms all have walk-in closets and there is a second floor laundry center.

Perfect for the family who loves to entertain, the 3,800 square-foot lower level has to be seen to be believed. A second family room contains a masonry fireplace with stone accents, a caledonia cherry beamed ceiling with multi-paned windows, and a plenty of room for a game table, sectional sofas and large-screen TV.

That is just the beginning. For family members who want to practice indoor soccer, basketball, golf, tennis or floor hockey, a 24-by-44-foot sports court finished in 17-foot hard surfaced walls is also available.

In addition to Hidden Valley, there are two other stunning homes open for touring and available for immediate occupancy.

The lavish Showcase House serves as the sales center, and it

Turn to HARRIS, 8

Stunning Meadow Ridge model home opens on beautiful grounds

By Karle Angell Luc SPECIAL TO SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

Do you like to garden even during the cool seasons? Wish you could bottle the outdoors and bring it inside?

If so, you'll definitely want to check out the interior of the breathtaking new model home at Meadow Ridge in Northbrook, where homeowners will most certainly hark back to the basics upon viewing the botanical décor, all staged in a maintenance-free setting, where would-be gardeners can give their green thumbs a much needed break.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, the model home opened to the public, similar to a beautiful prairie flower unfurling skyward from its time-honored roots.

"Our designer, Scott Yerkey of Chicago, did a magnificent job of coming up with this spectacular environment," said Kim Luxem, selections coordinator at Meadow Ridge.

"As you may know, Meadow Ridge is situated on land which was once prairie and also a peony field. When you walk into this model home, expect to experience nature at its best, with a full palette of natural earthy tones, which reflect local heritage, and also the green movement."

This custom model, staged in a Unit E elevation home at 2117 Washington Drive, is within view of the stunning historic landmark Techny Towers of the Society of the Divine Word.

"The Techny Towers are a great view," said Shannon Gibson-Giampa, Meadow Ridge lead of sales and marketing. "We do have some people who have purchased based on that view."



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Kim Luxem, selections coordinator at Meadow Ridge of Northbrook, smiles in the botanical-inspired great room of the Unit E model home at 2117 Washington Drive.

"They have said, 'You know, I love the look of that church because it is so pretty.' They say, 'I just love the look of the church and those beautiful towers.'"

Located on a rolling ridge which was first wild prairie to early settlers, Meadow Ridge will now be home to 164 modern families, all of whom are privileged to reside on coveted Waukegan Road Northbrook land, where (SVD) Divine Word Brothers once lovingly cultivated beautiful fields of fragrant peonies.

Many of those namesake peonials still endure. Brother Charles Reckamp, for example, was the hybridizer of more than 200 heirloom daylilies, registered between the 1960s through the mid 1990s, which dreamy names such as Mission Moonlight, Techny Breeze or Ruffled Strawberry Parfait.

Though Meadow Ridge is not on Brother Reckamp's impressive cultivar list, it might as well be.

Under a unique land lease agreement with KZF Development, this gated and guarded

community is the result of a rare opportunity of open space land availability that was ideal for first-rate maintenance-free residential living.

"A majority of buyers are North Shore buyers, or are from the surrounding North Shore area," Gibson-Giampa said. "We do have some people moving from the city as well, and our city buyers are often raised on the North Shore and ready to come back after their stint in Chicago."

Now 80 percent sold, Meadow Ridge is welcomes all prospective buyers, who should come see why Meadow Ridge is such a convenient, ideal location, with the added benefit of Northbrook's amenities, including District 30 schools and Glenbrook North High School District 225.

Six floor plans are offered at Meadow Ridge, with the attached residences ranging from 2,300 to 3,700 square feet.

"The expansive open areas at Meadow Ridge are so important

Turn to MEADOW RIDGE, 8

First decorated model open at Lake Ridge Townhomes

Lake Ridge Townhomes, a new community offering customization opportunities for each floor plan, has just opened its first fully furnished model in Mundelein. Providing 2,000 square feet of luxurious living space, this 2½-story end-unit model with finished basement and rear-lod, two-car garage includes 9-foot ceilings, volume ceilings, fireplace, appliances and much more.

Planned for only 50 maintenance-free homes, these brick, stone and Hardi-Board-clad homes showcase an award-winning look and are base priced from \$299,900.

For a limited time, buyers looking to sweeten the deal on the purchase of a two-, three- or four-bedroom Lake Ridge townhome can receive \$40,000 worth of upgrades at no additional cost. This people can purchase a home that is filled with all of the upgrades found in the new decorated model, and they pay no additional money over the base price of the townhome. Upgrades found in the stunning model include multi-level crown molding, stainless steel appliances, hardwood staircases, wainscoting in dining room, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring (hallways, living room, dining room and kitchen), finished basement and marble/granite bath vanities.

For the first time, prospective buyers have the opportunity to walk through a fully finished townhome and get a feel for the type, style and quality of homes available at Lake Ridge Townhomes. Richard Swiech, a Mundelein-based custom builder who has gained a reputation for building some of the finest estate homes in the northern suburbs, has taken these skills, and he focused his artisans on this new townhome community.

"I challenge anyone to walk through our decorated town-



For comfort and efficiency, all Lake Ridge Townhomes have central air conditioning, high efficiency furnace with automatic humidifier, 40-gallon gas-fired hot water heater, 200-amp electrical service, insulated vinyl windows, and fully landscaped common areas including a pond with fountains. Safety is addressed in each home with an individual fire sprinkler system and hardwired smoke and carbon monoxide detection system.

home and not be impressed by something," emphasized Richard Swiech, founder and president of the company. "Whether it's the decorative crown molding, 13-foot tall volume ceiling in the living room, room sizes or anything else, this unique townhome was designed to meet the high expectations of my traditional custom homebuyers, and no detail has been overlooked."

Turn to DECORATED, 8

Lessons learned by homeowners in the mortgage crisis

What have American homeowners learned from the Great Mortgage Crisis of 2008, which rapidly has developed into a housing recession and international economic downturn?

First, greedy, dishonest mortgage brokers and those slippery Wall Street investment bankers who packaged subprime loans into mortgage-backed securities and peddled them to investors need to be heavily regulated in the future, government experts say.

Moreover, some critics believe they need to be penalized with jail time, not a slap on the wrist, so this disaster never happens again.

Naïve borrowers need to understand that there is no free lunch in mortgage land. If the mortgage deal seems too good to be true — such as zero interest, and no money down — it likely is.

In addition, the clever people who draft mortgage documents



Don DeBat ON THE HOME FRONT

time buyer age group. Meanwhile, people age 65 and older read an average of 50 minutes a day, and 67 minutes on weekends. However, senior citizens have their own problem. Often they are too trusting of salespersons and authority figures.

Two decades ago, if you wanted a mortgage to finance the purchase of a home you simply made an appointment to meet your banker, who asked you to fill out an application, checked your employment and financial information, and asked if you had a 20 percent down payment. If your numbers qualified, the lender usually looked you in the eye and if he liked what he saw, he issued a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

However, in the modern go-go, "no-doc" mortgage market, a borrower didn't have to document finances, didn't need to be together with a down payment and likely would never meet the

banker face to face. The mortgage broker handed the borrower a loan commitment for a 3-year or 5-year adjustable-rate mortgage that would be adjusted later based on changing global interest rates.

The loan was packaged and blended with hundreds of other loans into a mortgage-backed security and sold to an investor, and the borrower made the monthly payment to a loan service company, who distributed the interest payments to the investors.

In the future, it is likely that lenders will scrutinize borrowers much more heavily. A borrower's credit score will likely have to be above 700 points or no loan will be granted. It is likely that a 20 percent down payment — a whopping \$80,000 — would be requested to buy a \$400,000 condo.

The loan of choice likely will be a conventional fixed-rate 15- or 30-year mortgage,

which holds few surprises for the borrower. If the 30-year home-loan borrower is frugal and pays out extra mortgage payment each year, he or she could own that home or condo in only 18 years and host a "mortgage burning party," as in the good old days.

However, those new college grads who load up on credit card debt, and squander their cash on fast cars and fancy Armani suits, may be renting an apartment for several years. And it is likely that in this harsh new world of housing finance, every young couple may not be blessed with privilege of homeownership — the American Dream — until they earn it.

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Emerging neighborhoods

New places make new buyers welcome

By Marcy Marro
SPECIAL TO SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

Moving into a new home can be hard enough, but moving into a new community where you don't know anyone isn't any easier.

Here are some growing new communities looking to make new residents welcome so they have one less thing to worry about as they move.

Cambridge Lakes, Pingree Grove

Residents have begun to move into the Harbor neighborhood at Cambridge Lakes in Pingree Grove. The Harbor neighborhood will include 70 attached single-family Spring Valley series homes, ranging in size from 1,388 to 1,799 square feet, when complete.

"The Harbor neighborhood is in a terrific location of Cambridge Lakes. A 38-acre nature area and one of the community's 12 lakes is to the immediate north and an established neighborhood of our executive style single-family Signature series homes are on the other side of this scenic landscape," said Paul F. Ivers, president of Cambridge Homes.

Cambridge Lakes is planned for 2,995 single-family and multifamily homes when complete. The community also features a preschool and kindergarten through eighth grade Charter School; 30,000-square-foot Community Center with three outdoor pools, exercise rooms, basketball and volleyball gym, meeting rooms, five baseball diamonds, three soccer fields, four playgrounds, seven tot-lots, skate park and 5.2 miles of walking trails.

For more information about the Spring Valley Series, call (847) 984-4875. Daily office hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (noon to 6 p.m. on Friday).

Lakeshore East, Chicago

Lakeshore East is one of the most attractive and exciting new neighborhoods in downtown Chicago. The urban village, near the confluence of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River, has transformed an old railroad freight yard into a vibrant new community where people live, work, shop, and eat, all without having to get into a car. Lakeshore East spans 28 acres and is a mixed-use development featuring all the elements of a traditional city community, lifestyle center and a lush,



Construction is progress on the first phase of The Parkhomes at Lakeshore East, an enclave of 25 gracious townhomes ranging in size from 2,921 to 3,956 square feet.

award-winning 6-acre park and planned elementary school. The community will include 2.2 million square feet of commercial space; 1,500 hotel rooms; and 400,000 square feet of retail space. Forty percent of the community will remain open space. For additional information on Lakeshore East, visit www.lakeshoreeast.com, or call (312) 565-9600.

Prescott Mill, Oswego

Pulte Homes recently debuted three new single-family model homes at their Prescott Mill community in Oswego. The community will feature 227 luxury single-family homes and 263 low-maintenance townhomes. Two series of single-family floor plans start at \$269,990 and two series of townhomes start at \$169,990. There are also decorated and

furnished townhome models available for viewing.

The community spans 156 acres, with a 46-acre natural prairie as its centerpiece. Single-family homes and townhomes are located on opposite sides of the prairie, lending a relaxed and open feel to the community. The neighborhood also includes a pond at the main boulevard entrance, a 7-acre park and lush naturalized landscaping.

The sales centers and models are open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment. The single-family sales center is located at 414 Baker Court. The townhome sales center is located at 412 Valentine Way. For more single-family information, call (888) 539-1530; for townhome information, call (888) 539-1531; or visit www.pulte.com.

Decorated

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drywall corners and archways between rooms.

Kitchens have an abundance of raised panel hardwood cabinetry with 42-inch uppers and a full complement of state-of-the-art stainless steel appliances (refrigerator with ice maker, gas range with self-cleaning oven, built-in microwave/vent hood, quiet multi-cycle dishwasher and food disposal). As expected in a home of this quality, natural and beautiful granite counter-

tops will add the finishing touch to this showcase room.

Elegant bathrooms are evident in all homes at Lake Ridge Townhomes as well. Each master bathroom has his-and-hers marble vanity tops, oversized shower enclosure with glass doors and ceramic-tiled walls. The second full-size bathroom is finished with ceramic floor and wall tile, cast iron tub/shower unit, and single bowl vanity. In a show of floor plan flexibility, the home can be configured with two master bedroom suites, or a master bedroom suite with two or three additional bedrooms.

A beautiful home surrounded by professionally installed and maintained

landscaping is important but location of the community in relationship to recreational facilities, shopping centers and transportation alternatives are important as well. Lake Ridge Townhomes has easy access to Tri-State Tollway (I-94) and I-53. Mundelein and its neighbor Vernon Hills offer an attractive blend of convenience and variety in its upscale shopping and dining districts. Quaint shops, award-winning restaurants and boutiques seamlessly co-exist with larger shopping centers and quick eateries.

For nearly 27 years, Richard Swiech of Lake Ridge Townhomes Inc and Polcon Builders has been responsible for

the construction of hundreds of custom/semi-custom homes and townhomes throughout the northern suburbs. He has built his reputation on excellent construction and design, quality workmanship and uncompromising service to homebuyers.

Lake Ridge Townhomes is located on the west side of South Lake Street (Route 45), just north of Townline Road (Route 60), approximately three miles west of I-94. The decorated model and sales center is open on weekends from Noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information call Jeff Ohm of Premier Realty Group (847) 234-9800 or visit www.newlakeridge.com.

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has evolved into a magnificent showplace for Harris Builders' custom designed homes. Visit the Showcase House open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends at 80 Geneva Court. From 1-90, go north on Barrington Road, right on Bradwell Road, right on Geneva Court. Call (847) 382-2210 or visit the Web site at www.harriscustombuilders.com.

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To visit the Hidden Valley Manor open weekends 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, take Route 62 (Algonquin Road) west to Bateman Road, turn south for 1 block to entrance on Westfield Way, turn right to 109 Remington Drive. Call (847) 382-2210 for more information, or visit the Web site at www.harriscustombuilders.com.

Meadow Ridge

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to people who still want the option of entertaining," said Gibson-Giampa. "They want to move into a maintenance free home, but not give up the advantages of a single family home, which traditionally lends itself to easy entertaining."

To view the new Washington Drive model home, simply call the model home tour hotline at (847) 559-0500.

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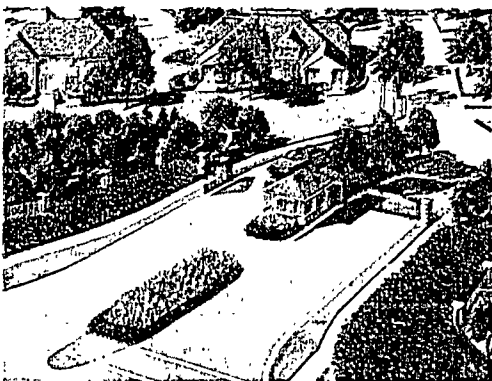
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colors, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, baskets, dolls and wood carvings. Through Dec. 24: "On the Plains: The Art of Potawatomi Artist Woody Crumbo," featuring oil paintings and prints by Woodrow "Woody" Crumbo (1912-1989), a Potawatomi from Oklahoma. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. (847) 965-4220. Through Oct. 31: Landscape paintings by Kathryn Gauthier will be on display in the Baxter Room. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4

p.m. Saturdays. Through Nov. 7: "Feminist Ecology: Women and the Earth." Refuge: Center for Artists in Recovery, 4811 Main St., Skokie. (847) 673-3737. www.refuge.com. Through Dec. 12: "The 12 x 12 Show." The group exhibit requires all artists to create works of art that have a 12"x12" boundary.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE
 The Open Door Ensemble invites those age 55 and over to join its group of area seniors in creating, directing and producing one-act plays and monologues. The ODE meets at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, regularly throughout the year. Playwriting and acting classes taught by professional instructors also

are available. Most of the staged readings are performed in public libraries, schools, community and senior centers, and retirement and nursing homes at no charge. In addition, a more complete showcase of juried plays and monologues is presented annually. Call Norm Bowers. (773) 274-1981, or Colleen Keaveny. (847) 272-7148.

MUSICIANS

The Chicago Celtic Pipe Band rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the Joseph Seib Center, 4009 N. Ozark, Norridge. All are welcome, regardless of age, gender or experience. Free lessons and refresher lessons are provided. For information, call Jim Enright, (773) 286-7833.

Mount Prospect Community Band seeks new members. Rehearsals are from 7:30-9 p.m. Mondays in Rec Plex

Music Room, 420 W. Dempster St., Mount Prospect. Anyone with high school or college band experience may join. Music and percussion equipment provided. Call (847) 640-1000.

Na Mele Aloha Hawaiian music ensemble seeks musicians who play ukulele or upright string bass. Rehearsals are held in Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig. (847) 272-0762, or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra. Paul Vermet, music director, seeks string players. Rehearsals are from 7:30-8 p.m. Mondays in Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Call June Gordon. (847) 965-7271.

SINGERS

Bjornson Male Chorus invites male singers to join in four-part choral singing. They rehearse at 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Hig-

gins Road and Canfield Avenue, September-June, and sing American and Scandinavian selections at various locations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050.

Chicago Swedish Glee Club male chorus is seeking experienced singers who enjoy performing four-part choral music. The club annually performs a Christmas concert, spring classical concert and many summer Swedish events. There is no need to be of Swedish heritage. The group rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, September through June, at Diemasters, 2100 Touhy Ave., Elk Grove Village. Singers must be age 18 or older. Prospective members may attend a rehearsal and arrange an audition with the music director, Steve Burke. For information, call Walter Magnuson. (773) 631-4534. Des Plaines Harmonaires welcome singers 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) 699-0546.

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

The Normenenes 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 bi-annual "Sangerfest," which is held in different locations around the country. Rehearsals are held from 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at the Estonian House in Lin-

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Northwest Choral Society seeks bass, tenor, alto or soprano singers with previous choral experience. Auditions will be held during rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, through March 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines. The chorus presents three concerts of classical and popular music each season, including a holiday concert, a winter concert and an early summer concert. To schedule an audition, call (773) 504-3426 or visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

Paul Lindblad Choristers, a concert children's choir for ages third grade and older, promotes musical literacy, performs quality repertoire with a high level of artistry, and offers a concert series. In addition to choral music, vocal technique (breathing posture), stagecraft, stage presence, improvisation, musicianship (ear training, music reading, sight singing), and principles of drama are also taught. Call (847) 420-9200 or visit www.plchoristers.org.

Skokie Concert Choir seeks male and female singers at any level of choral experience. No auditions are held. The choir performs a variety of music, from classical to Broadway, and performs two concerts annually, under the direction of conductor Michael Lewanski, and with accompanist Adriane Metzger. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, September through June, at Old Orchard Junior High School, 9310 Kenton Ave., Skokie. For information, visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

DANCERS

The Chicago Rush arena football team will hold auditions for the 2009 Adrenaline Rush Dancers on Nov. 30 at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and auditions start at 9 a.m. Semifinalists will continue with mandatory training camp sessions from 7-10 p.m., Dec. 2 and 4 in preparation for the final round, to be held Dec. 6. Representing the Rush both on and off the field, dancers participate in all home games (held at Allstate Arena in Rosemont), attend community events, take part in media interviews and promotional opportunities and attend photo shoots throughout the year. Dancers wishing to audition must submit a \$25 non-refundable registration fee, be able to commit to the squad for a full year and be 18 years old by Nov. 30, 2008. For information and to pre-register, visit www.chicagorush.com or call (773) 243-3434.

ARTISTS

St. Beatrice School in Schiller Park is seeking crafters for its 26th annual Christmas Craft Show, to be held Dec. 5-6. Call (847) 678-1752 or visit www.st-beatricecraftshow.com.

Brickton Art Center, 147 Vine Ave., Park Ridge, is accepting submissions for solo exhibitions. To have work considered, submit 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, title of work, size of work, medium, date of completion; a resume or curriculum vitae; an artist's statement; self-addressed stamped envelope if slides/prints returned are to be returned; and a \$15 non-refundable sub-

mission fee made payable to Brickton Art Center. Submissions will be held until reviewed by gallery jury panel. Call (847) 823-6611.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Clown College will hold open auditions at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Auditioners will be asked to show improvisational ability, a sense of timing, and a sincere desire to be a clown. Those who attend the auditions will also take part in a Ringling Bros. Clown College workshop on improvisation and physical comedy. Previous clowning experience is not required, nor are costumes and props. However, those wishing to spotlight specialty skills such as juggling, unicycle riding, etc. should come prepared with their own tools. Those contracted to perform with one of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's nationally touring productions must be 18 years of age or older, but younger auditioners are welcome. For information or to register for an audition, call (773) 250-3203.

BENEFITS

"An Evening with Rising Stars," an auction, raffle, food, wine and musical gala to benefit North Shore Choral Society, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Ave., Evanston. Lyric Opera artist Philip Kraus emcees the program starring vocalists chosen by the music schools of DePaul, North Park, Northwestern and Roosevelt universities. Tickets are \$50, \$75 and \$100. Raffle tickets are \$20, \$50 for three, and \$100 for six. Visit www.northshorechoral.org or (847) 272-2351.

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra will hold its 12th annual tea at 12:15 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Park Ridge Country Club, \$45 per person. Call (847) 692-7726 or visit www.parkridgecivicochestra.org. The Makem and Spain Brothers, The Larkin and Moran Brothers, The Chaney Brothers and The Dooley Brothers, all in concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Proceeds benefit the Tommy and Mary Makem Fund in direct support of the American Cancer Society. For tickets, call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10.

BOOKS & POETRY

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. Nov. 4, 10 a.m.: Discussion of Silent Spring by Rachel Carson. Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of Digging To America by Anne Tyler.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. Great Irish American Books and Authors book discussion group meets at 2 p.m. the second Sunday of the month, unless noted otherwise. The discussion is led by Virginia Gibbons, a teacher at Oakton Community College. Nov. 9: The Light of Evening by Edna O'Brien. Dec. 14: An Irish Christmas by John B. Keane and How the Irish Invented Slang by Daniel Cassidy. Jan. 11, 2009: The Whitest Flower by Brendan Graham. Feb. 8, 2009: Natural History by Maureen Howard. March 8, 2009: The Poor Mouth by Flann O'Brien. April 12, 2009: Roscoe by William Kennedy. May 3, 2009: The Snapper by Roddy Doyle.

The Irish American Heritage Center School of Celtic Art continues its free discussion series on the Irish Book of Kells at 2 p.m. the last Sunday of each month this fall. The discussions are led by artist and teacher Frank Crowley. The Book of Kells is an ornately illustrated manuscript, produced by Celtic monks around 800 AD. It is one of the more lavishly illuminated manuscripts to survive from the Middle Ages and contains the four gospels of the Bible in Latin, decorated with numerous colorful illustrations. It is on permanent display at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 23, 2 p.m.: Betsy Means of Woman Lore portrays the title character in the book, Alicia: My Story by Alicia Appleman-Juerman. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Nov. 7, 10 a.m.: Discussion of Stealing Lincoln's Body by Thomas Craughwell. Nov. 12, 7 p.m.: Discussion of Christine Falls by Benjamin Black. Nov. 13 or 20, 10 a.m.: Discussion of Whiteman by Tony D'Souza. Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m.: Discussion of Last Child in the Woods by Richard Louv, led by representatives of the Wildwood Nature Center. Reservations for this special book discussion can only be made by calling (847) 692-3570.

CHILD'S PLAY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Feb. 28, 2009, 1 and 3 p.m.: "School House Rock Live" \$18. April 19, 2009, 1 and 3 p.m.: Junie B. Jones. \$18. Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., Des Plaines. (847) 827-5551. www.dppl.org. Registration required for programs unless noted otherwise. Nov. 6, 4 p.m.: Stories & More for grades K-2. Nov. 17, 7 p.m.: PJ Storytime, for ages 3-6. Nov. 13, 4 p.m.: Story Explorers. Children in grades 3-5 enjoy theme-based activities including stories, craft and a snack. Nov. 15, 11 a.m.: Family Time, for children with autism in grades K-8. Nov. 20, 4 p.m.: Stories & More, for grades K-2. Nov. 22, 1 p.m.: Drop-In Thanksgiving craft. Nov. 30, 2 p.m.: Seasons Greetings Magic Show. Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. www.lincolnwoodlibrary.org. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.: Stories and More, for children ages 3-5. Each 45-minute session includes books, board stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Wednesdays, 10 a.m.: Stories and More for children ages 3 and under, and their caregivers. 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. 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. Nov. 8: Dream catchers. Nov. 22: Miniature woven rugs. Dec. 13: Coup sticks.

Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 1, 10 a.m.: Moovin' and Groovin' for ages 2-4, featuring music, dancing, marching, musical instruments, parachute games and creative movement. Nov. 9, 2 p.m.: Fall Voice and Piano Concert, presented by local children. Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m.: Paint A Picture Workshop for ages 6-12. Nov. 14, 4 p.m.: Screening of "Kung Fu Panda," rated PG. Nov. 15, 2 p.m.: Roberts Marionettes presents "A Secret Garden." Nov. 15, 3 p.m.: Beads for Teens and Chainmaille Jewelry. Supplies and instruction will be provided. Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m.: Family Reading Night Party featuring Imagination Theatre's Read All About It. Nov. 28, 2 p.m.: Screening of "WALL-E," rated G. 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. 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. Dec. 13, 11 a.m.: The Laurie Berkner Band. \$35, \$25. Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Nov. 5-7, 10-11, 13-14, 17, 20-21, 24-26, Dec. 1, 4-5, 8-10, 12, 10:30 a.m.: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 24-26, noon and Nov. 15, 1 p.m.: "Sleeping Beauty," presented by Chicago Kids Company. Tickets: \$10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com. Wunder Studios Performing Arts Conservatory offers classes in the Pickwick Building in Uptown Park Ridge, 3 S. Prospect Ave. Fall class registration is in progress. Offerings include group musical theatre, guitar and drum classes for children 5 and older, as well as private music lessons for all instruments. There are also Musikgarten classes that build music and movement skills for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Visit www.wunderstudios.com or call (847) 685-2030. The YADI Club (Youth Arts/Dance International) holds dance classes for teens and younger students at the Jefferson Park Fieldhouse, 4822 N. Long. Classes are conducted by Tina Mangos Dance. (773) 282-5108 or www.tinamangosdance.com.

Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: "Late Night Catechism" New Year's Eve performance with champagne and chocolates following the show. \$50.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Artistry in Motion, the resident dance company of the Des Plaines Park District, will presents its fifth annual Winter Spectacular at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Tickets go on sale Nov. 24. For information, call (847) 391-5700 or visit www.desplainsparks.org. Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Dec. 13-14, 3 p.m.: Civic Ballet of Chicago's "The Nutcracker," \$34. Feb. 14, 2009, 8 p.m.: Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, \$46. April 18, 2009, 8 p.m.: River North Chicago Dance Company, \$46.

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 at American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Mostly swing dancing, some ballroom, Latin and line dancing. Open to ages 21 and older. \$5 members; \$9 nonmembers. Membership fee \$25. Upcoming dates: Nov. 22; Dec. 13. Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$10 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. Upcoming dances include Nov. 1: Care package drive for military in Iraq and club merchandise sale. Nov. 15: Dinner dance at the Chevy Chase Country Club. Advance tickets required; see Web site for details. Des Plaines School of Dance, 2222 Birch St., Des Plaines, (847) 391-5700. www.desplainsparks.org. Offering beginning through advanced classes for ages 2 through 18 in jazz, tap, ballet, pre-pointe, pointe, modern and hip-hop, taught by professional working dancers. Call for a complete schedule and list of prices. Des Plaines School of Dance, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, (847) 391-5700. www.desplainsparks.org. Nov. 13-20, 7 p.m. Thursdays: Salsa and Latin dance for ages 16-plus, featuring cha cha, rumba and salsa. Resident: \$38; nonresidents \$48. 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) 885-7387. Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, September-May, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. Call (847) 827-6500 or (773) 685-8407. 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 Des Plaines United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 666 Graceland Ave. No prior dance experience or partner neces-

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. Nov. 15, 8 p.m.: Comedienne Susie Essman. Opening for Essman will be Scott Blakeman, a co-host of NBC's "Sunday Today" and frequent contributor to National Public Radio and Air America. Tickets: \$60. May include language not suitable for younger or more sensitive audience members. Jan. 22, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 23, 2009, 8 p.m., Jan. 24, 2009, 5 and 8 p.m., Jan. 25, 2009, 3 p.m.: The Capitol Steps. \$44-\$48. April 21-23, 2009, 7:30 p.m.: Jackie Mason. \$72. 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. Nov. 1, 8 p.m.: "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin." \$37.50, \$55, \$75. Nov. 8, 7:30 and 10 p.m.: Cheech & Chong: Light Up America. \$59.50, \$39.50. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 671-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Nov. 7, 8 p.m.: Laugh Tour. \$20. Dec. 20-21 and 27-28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.: "Late Night Catechism." \$30.

sary. Call (847) 823-7596 or (847) 692-6616. North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. www.northshoredancecenter.com. Registration is in progress for the fall 2008 session. Prairie Lakes Senior Center, 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. Nov. 8 and 22, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing with taped music. Admission is \$15 per couple at the door. Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to live music, \$25 per couple at the door. For information, call (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637. Spares Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Nov. 2: Music Men. Nov. 16: The Stand Warren Trio. Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. Square dance lessons are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Glen Park Center, Room 201, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview. First lesson is free. Nov. 10: "Ferry Wheel to Fall." Nov. 24: "Pumpkin Pie & Turkeys." New toys will be collected for Toys for Tots. Swing 'N' Country Dance Club offers 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 intermediate dancers. Cost for monthly lessons \$30 for members; \$40 nonmembers. 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) 638-7621. USA Dance Chicagoland Chapter #2001 Autumn Gala dinner dance and showcase, 5-11:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights. Featuring performances by U.S. Standard Champions Igor Mikushov and Anna Dimeдова and U.S. Senior II Standard Champions Lonny and Susie Tsang. Black tie optional. Tickets: \$65 for members; \$70 nonmembers. Registration deadline is Oct. 31. For tickets, visit www.usadancechicago.org or call Susie Johnson, (847) 541-1585.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Holly and Ivy Bazaar and Holiday Bake Sale, presented by the Ladies Philoptochos Society, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nov. 21 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 22 at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles. Lunch will be served on both days from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and dinner will be served on Friday only, from 5:30-9 p.m. (847) 647-8880.

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.northwestern.edu/blockcinema. 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 otherwise. The Berlin School series - Oct. 30: "Gespenster." Nov. 6: "Ferien" ("Vacation"). Nov. 13: "Milchwald" ("This Very Moment"). Nov. 20: "Schläfer" ("Sleeper"). WWII: The Photography of John Swope and Hollywood's Depiction of World War II series - Nov. 7: "Fires on the Plain." Nov. 12: Short Films from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Film Archive. Nov. 14: "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Nov. 19: "I Was a Male War Bride." Nov. 21: "The Burmese Harp." 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 audience. All Reeltime screenings are free. Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.: "In the Family," a documentary that follows Chicago filmmaker Joanna Rudnick as she tests positive for the

hereditary breast cancer gene. Rudnick will make a special guest appearance. Halloween feature - Oct. 31: "Monsieur Verdoux." Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. Nov. 16, 2 p.m.: Screening and discussion of "Persepolis." Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.: "The Marines," a documentary about the United States Marine Corps; Nov. 6, 2 and 7 p.m.: "The Band's Visit," rated PG-13. In Hebrew, Arabic and English with English subtitles. Reel Conversation to follow the film. Nov. 10, 2 p.m.: "Das Boot: Director's Cut." In German with English subtitles. Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m.: "Flags of Our Fathers," rated R. Nov. 13, 2 p.m.: "The Breakfast Club," rated R. Reel Conversation to follow

the film. Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.: "Turtles Can Fly," rated PG-13. In Kurdish with English subtitles. Nov. 19, 7 p.m.: "Do the Right Thing," rated R. Nov. 20, 2 and 7 p.m.: "Iron Man," rated PG-13. Reel Conversation to follow the film. Nov. 22, 2 p.m.: "Bella," rated PG-13. Reel Conversation to follow the film. Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Films @ the Library - No registration needed. Doors open for seating one-half hour before show time. Nov. 11, 2 and 7 p.m.: "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," rated R. Nov. 25, 7 p.m.: "Pieces of April," rated PG-13. Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. (847) 677-7761. www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets: \$13 for feature films.

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\$11 students and seniors; \$10 for documentaries. \$8 students and seniors. Nov. 21-23: Polish Film Festival in America. Friday: "Katyn" at 6:30 p.m. "Chronicle of the Ghetto Uprising According to Marek Edelman" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday: "Death to Zygelbojm" at 6 p.m.; "The Purim Miracle" at 7 p.m.; "Deborah" at 8:30 p.m. Sunday: "The Sender's List" at 3 p.m.; "Photoamateur" at 4 p.m.; "Far from a Window" at 5 p.m.; and "Austeria" at 7 p.m.

LECTURES

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. (847) 259-3500. www.phpl.info. Oct. 30, 7 p.m.: Lyric Opera lecture, "Lulu."

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 both the Jewish community and the wider general community. For information, call Liva Ayal, (773) 743-0469.

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 824-8952, or visit www.dpag.org. Nov. 11: Dianne Kovack from the Clayground Art Studio in Mount Prospect will show techniques in hand-building clay forms.

Des Plaines Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. September through June, in the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Call (847) 384-9487 or visit www.desplainescameraclub.com.

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.

Skokie Art Guild meets at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For information, e-mail Ina-Marlowe@gmail.com. March 24, 2009, 7 p.m.: Jessica Fine, pastel from a photo. April 28, 2009, 7 p.m.: Jamie Thome, book and papermaking. May 26, 2009, 7 p.m.: Leslie Riley, quilting. June 23, 2009, 7 p.m.: Members' critique and student awards.

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.

Weavers Guild of the North Shore meets at 10 a.m. the first Thursday of the month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston. New members are welcome. Call Lou Spedale, (773) 274-6505, or e-mail manouli@people.com.

TOURS & OUTINGS

Norwood Park Historical Society, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago. (773) 631-4633. www.norwoodparkhistoricalsociety.org. The Norwood Park Historical Society, a nonprofit organization, resides in the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, Chicago's oldest home. Hours are noon-4 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

ET CETERA

The Art of Beadwork, the Bead Society of Greater Chicago's sale of members' work, noon-5 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Skokie Banquet and Conference Center at the Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie. \$4 admission. www.bsgc.org.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Jan. 31, 2009, 2 and 5 p.m., and Feb. 1, 2009, 2 p.m.: Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats. \$32.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. Nov. 18, 2 p.m.: "Thankful Tales." Professional storyteller Elyne Handler will entertain with tales from Japan, Alaska, Cuba and Europe that uniquely illustrate thankfulness.

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. (847) 677-7761. www.skokiethatre.com. Nov. 8-9, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.: "A Conversation with Teddy Roosevelt." \$15/\$20.

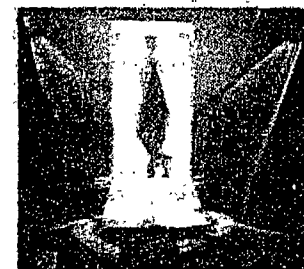
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Amdur Productions will host a boot camp to help artists prepare for the 2009 summer art festival season from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Bella Via Restaurant, 1899 Second St., Highland Park. Topics will include the ins and outs of juries, tips on how to make your work and booth stand out, and how to price to maximize sales. Cost is \$260 per person (additional spouse/partner \$200); \$150 for full-time students. Fee includes breakfast.

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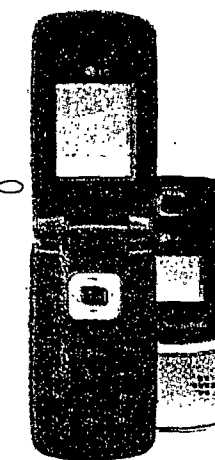
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Lincoln Terrace Art Studio, 5027 Warren St., Skokie, offers art lessons for kids and young adults. For rates and schedule, call Sonya Osseny, (847) 673-0345.

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Expression. Call (847) 342-6653. Kolor Me Kid Studio/Art Gallery, 8 B W. Devon Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 692-3744. Kolor Me Kid has been teaching and inspiring students for several years in local schools. Classes include cartooning, sculpting, papier maché and marionette-making. The gallery also offers a variety of adult classes and workshops.

Skokie Art Guild Figure Drawing workshops are held from 7-9:45 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Fees are \$10 for Skokie Art Guild members and \$15 for nonmembers, per session. Live models, no instructor. Call Richard Wilberg, (847) 677-3461.

MUSIC

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Ceurvorst holds a master's degree in music from Northwestern University and is a professional church musician and teacher. Call (847) 749-4068.

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Theresa T. Mrowka provides private piano lessons in the Harwood Heights-Norridge area. Thirty-minute instruction available for beginner and intermediate levels. Call (773) 775-7077. Northwest Music School, 920 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, (847) 394-9442. Offering lessons in guitar, bass, drums/percussion, piano, voice, woodwinds and strings.

Park Ridge Recorder Society offers ongoing individual and group instructional and performance classes for all ages. Children ages 5-17 rehearse Monday afternoons and evenings; adults meet from 7-8 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month. Private instruction is scheduled on a personal basis. Call Jeanne Besetzyn, director, (847) 698-4590.

Park Ridge Strings offers violin, viola and cello one-on-one and group classes at an Uptown Park Ridge studio and St. Andrew's School, 260 N. Northwest Highway. Students ages 5 through high school learn note-reading, sight-reading, music theory and history, and present solo and ensemble performances, summer open-air concerts, and perform at local fund-raisers. Call (847) 877-0846 or e-mail play@ParkRidgeStrings.com. George Peyovich, Suzuki specialist.

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Rhona Reagen has a few openings in her Skokie studio for violin and viola students. Reagen has been a Suzuki method instructor for more than 25 years and is a faculty member of Midwest Young Artists chamber music faculty. Parents are involved in the learning process but do not need to have prior musical knowledge. For more information, call (847) 677-4753 or e-mail violalady10@gmail.com.

Herman Reyes offers lessons in saxophone, flute or clarinet in Elmwood Park. All ages. Call (708) 583-9122.

John Temmerman, recording artist, offers individual lessons in saxophone and clarinet performance to students of all ages and skill levels in his Skokie studio. Lessons are also available in jazz improv for all instruments. Call (847) 322-6768.

Wunder Studios Performing Arts Conservatory, located in the Pickwick Theater Building, 3 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 685-2030. www.wunderstudios.com. Offering acting, musical theatre, guitar and drum classes. Instructors are also available for private music lessons for piano, voice, guitar, brass, winds and strings. Fall class registration is in progress.

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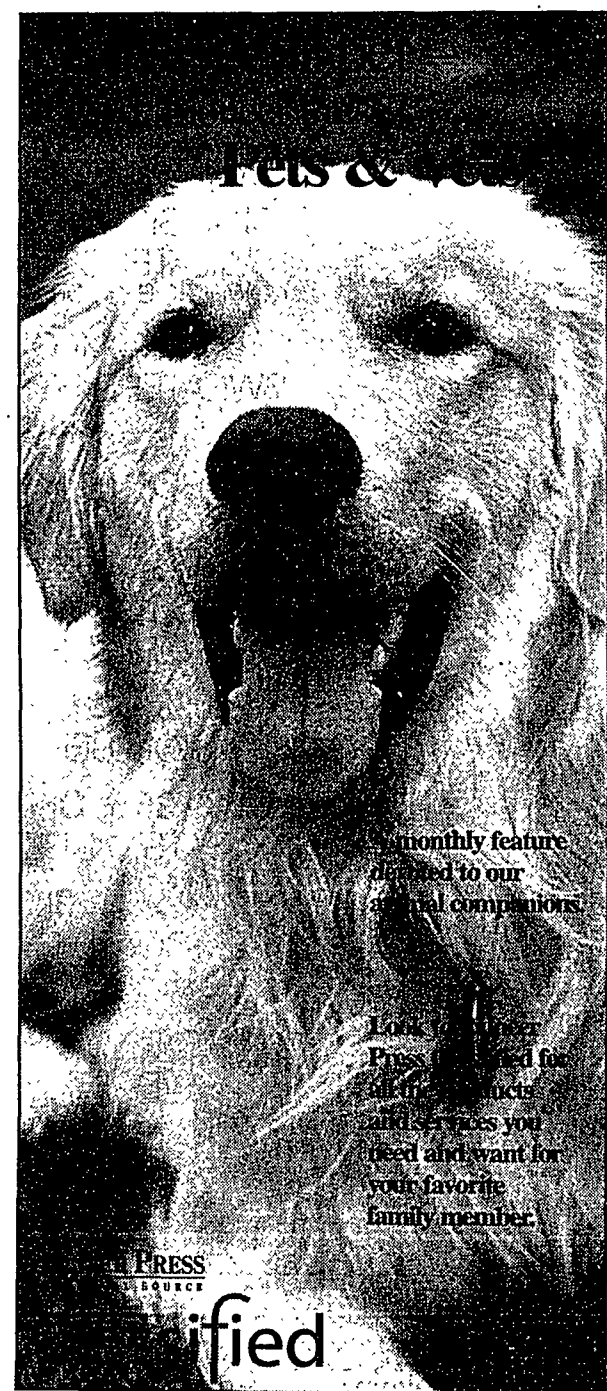
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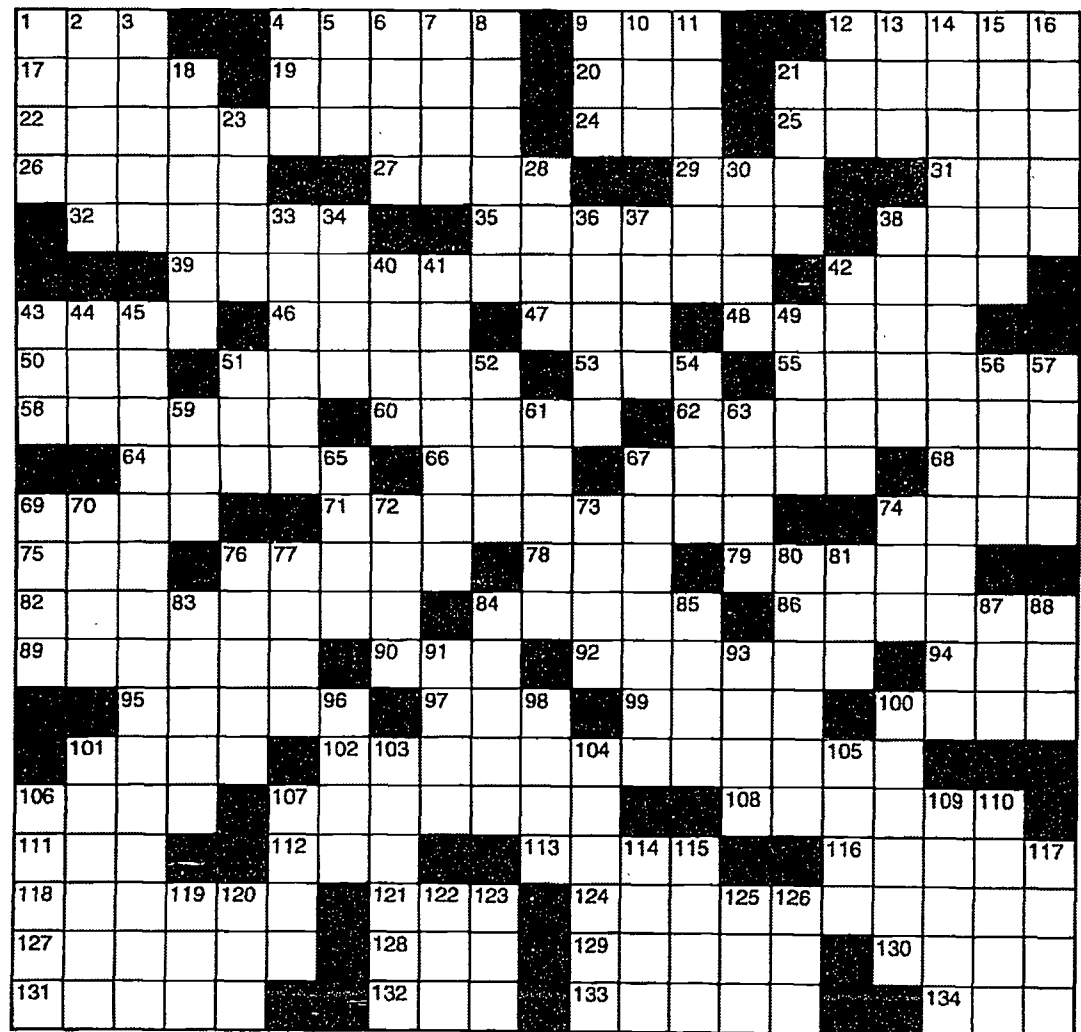
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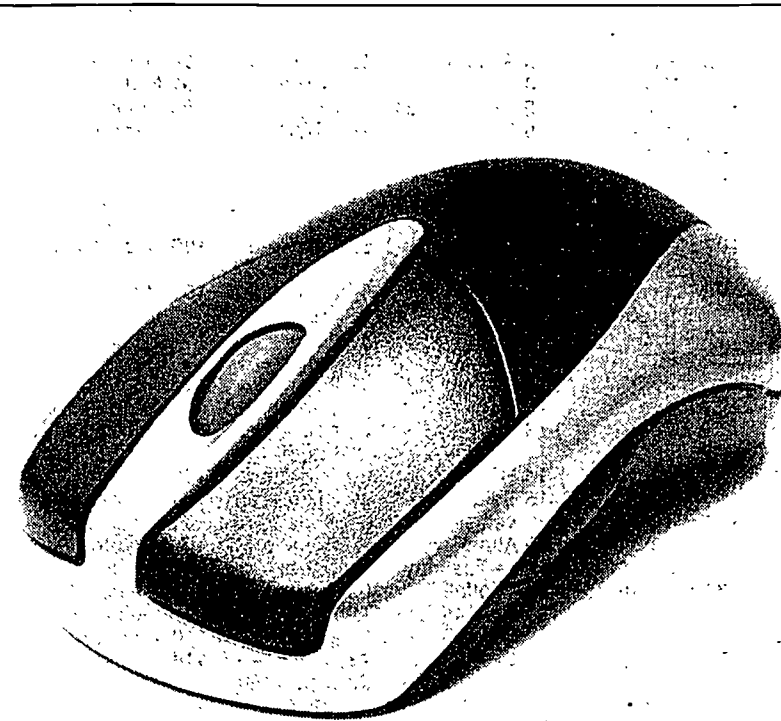
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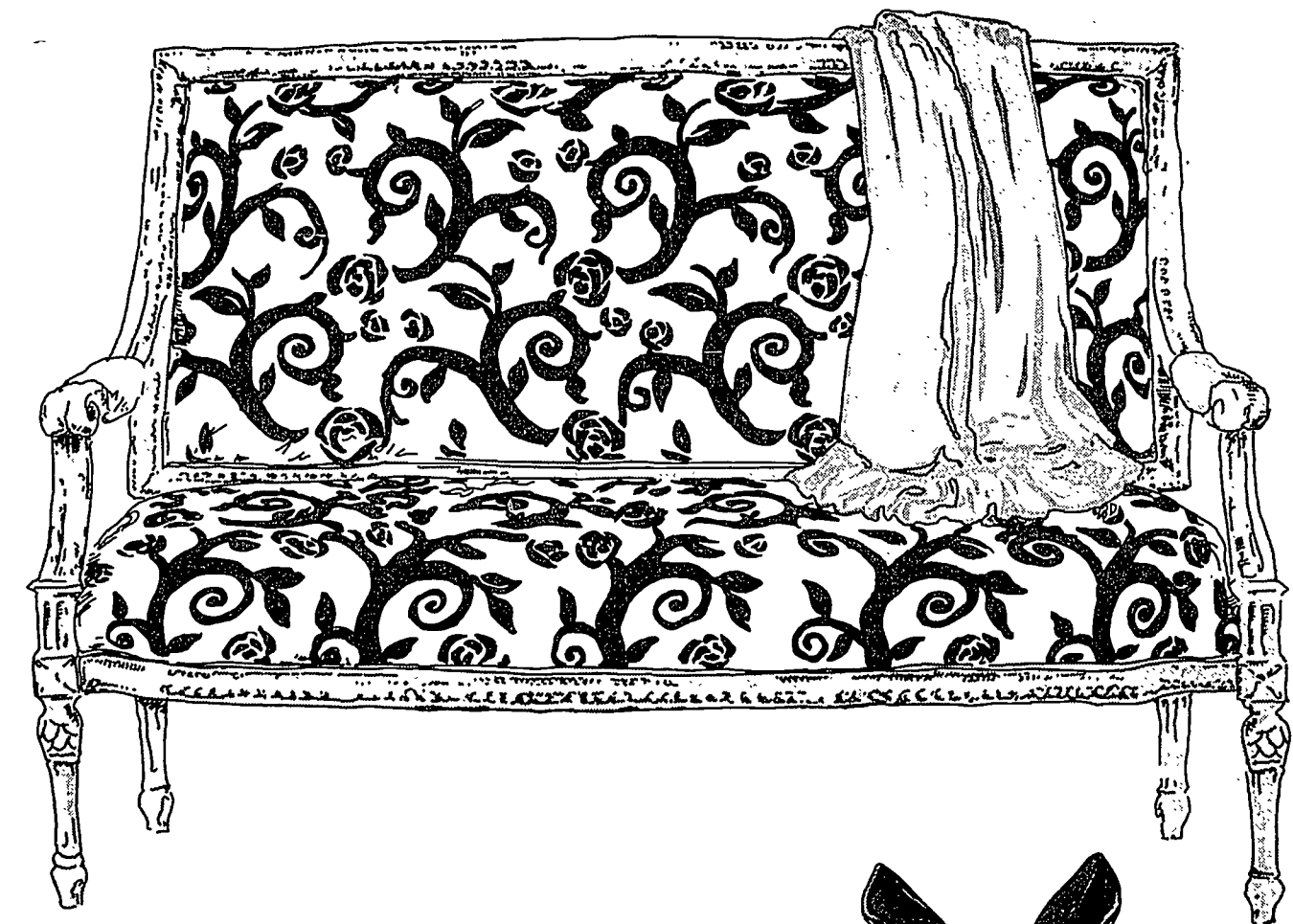
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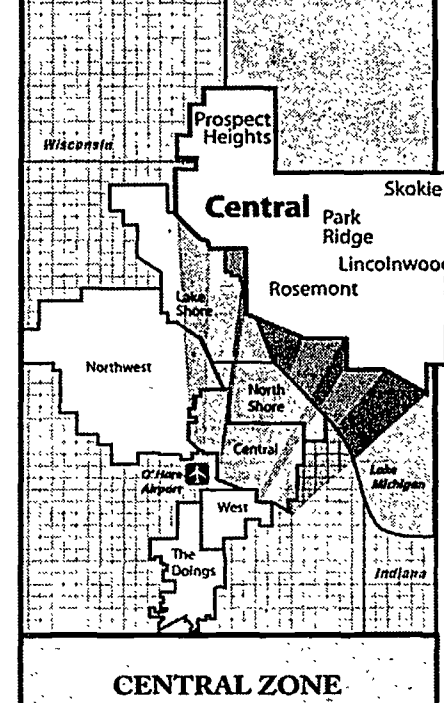
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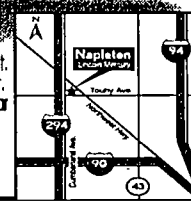
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
in the Matter of the Petition of
For Change of Name
Gen. No. 08MR41
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public notice is hereby given that on July 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom C-300, 1000 Ravinia Drive, Suite 100, Oak Brook, Illinois, the Circuit Court and clerk will be holding a public hearing on the above captioned matter. Any person who has any objection to the granting of the petition should appear at the hearing and be heard in person or by written objection filed with the clerk of the court at least 10 days before the date of the hearing. The hearing will be held in the Courtroom C-300, 1000 Ravinia Drive, Suite 100, Oak Brook, Illinois. Dated June 4, 2008.
Sally D. Coffelt
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1060- Plan Commission & Zoning Hearings
NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLAN COMMISSION CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Notice is hereby given that the Plan Commission of the City of Highland Park will conduct a public hearing on the above captioned matter on the 10th day of August, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at the City of Highland Park, 1000 Ravinia Drive, Suite 100, Oak Brook, Illinois. The hearing will be held in the Courtroom C-300, 1000 Ravinia Drive, Suite 100, Oak Brook, Illinois. Dated June 4, 2008.
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1062- Probate
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
No. 08 P 578
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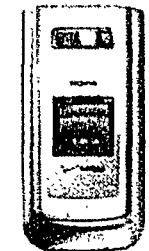
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Hunger stride

CROP walk takes steps to help stock Maine Township pantry

The Niles/Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk was held Oct. 19, stepping off at 2 p.m. from St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, with an estimated 250 walkers. The 10K route returned to St. Luke's. This year's goal for the local march was \$30,000.

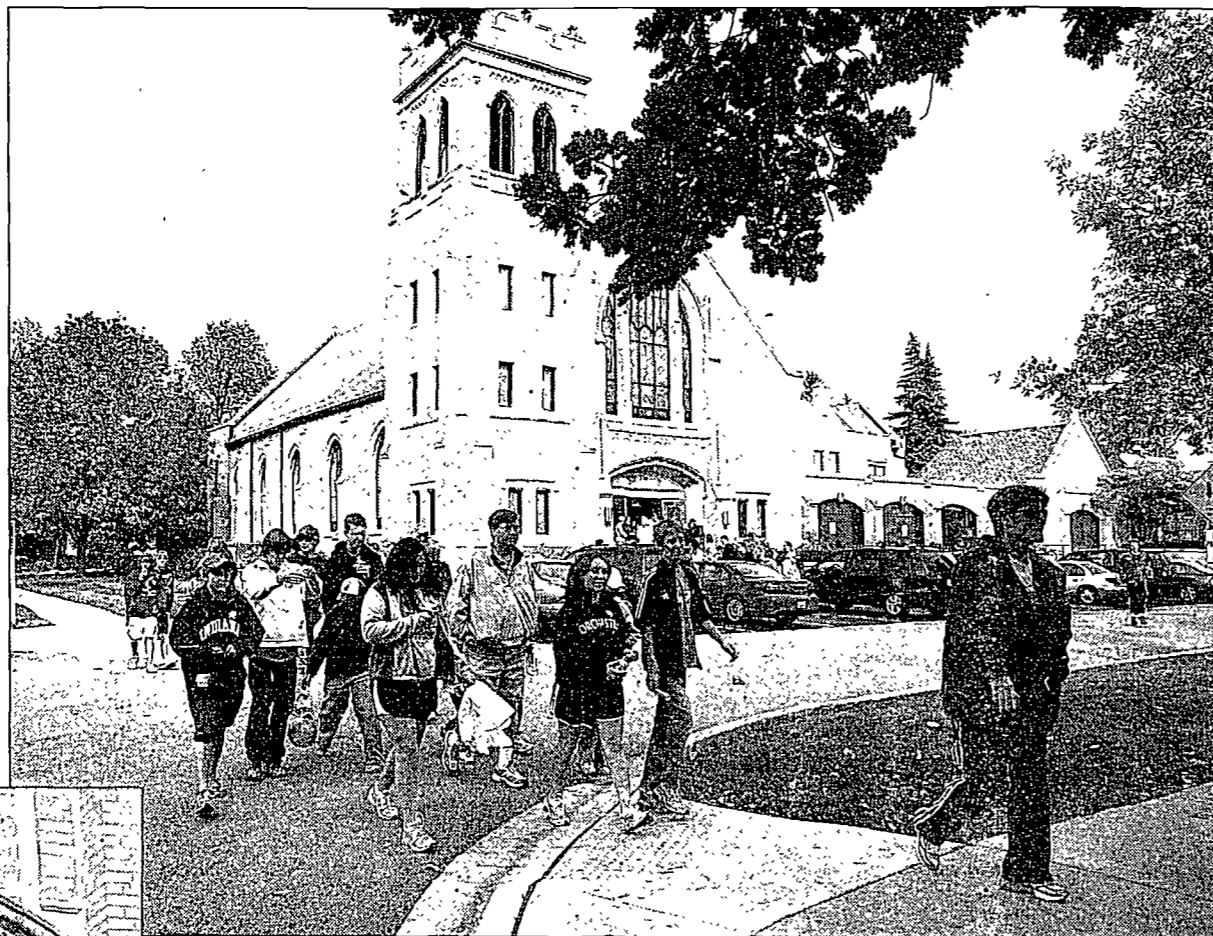
CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) walks are held across the country, with 75 percent of the funds raised going to Church World Service to fight

hunger and poverty globally, and 25 percent going to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry to assist with local hunger situations.

Marchers have been encouraged to collect pledges in advance from sponsors. In addition, donations to the CROP Walk were made directly to Friends of Niles-Park Ridge CROP Walk.

Call (847) 825-7297 for information about the event.

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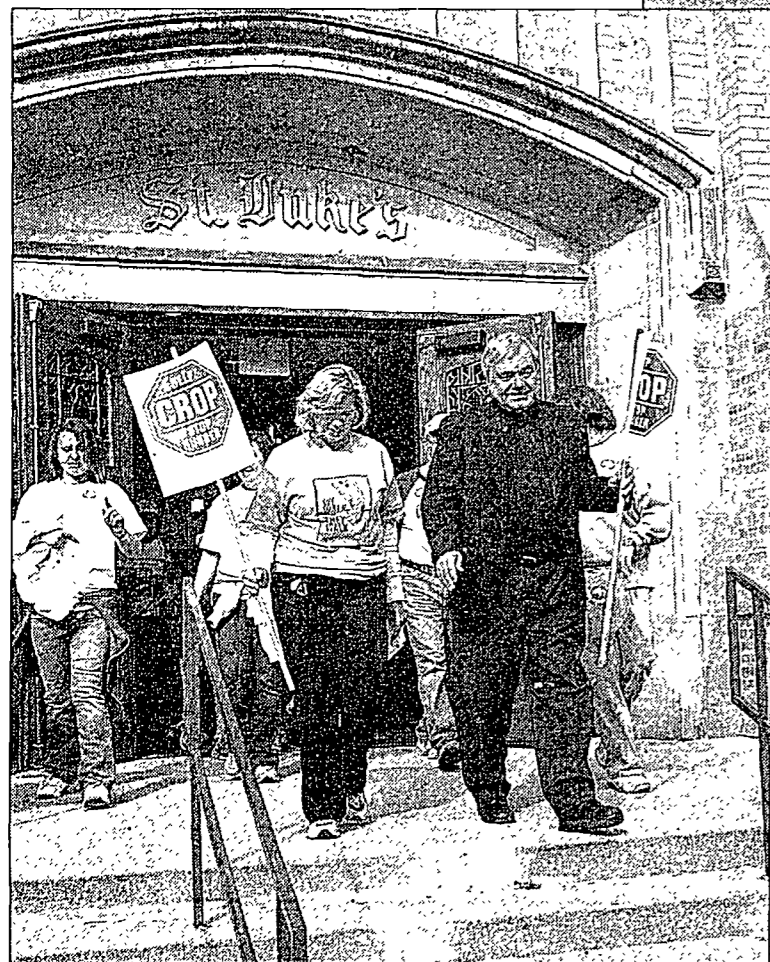
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Volunteers from churches across Park Ridge and Niles stepped off Oct. 19 in the annual CROP Walk to raise funds for Church World Services to alleviate hunger in the local communities and worldwide. The 10K walk started from St. Luke's Lutheran Church (pictured) and went through Park Ridge and parts of Niles. A percentage of the funds raised will go to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry.

Walks are held across the country, with **75%** of the funds raised going to **Church World Service** to fight hunger and poverty globally, and **25%** going to the **Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry**.

Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frimark leads a group of marchers Oct. 19 out of St. Luke's Lutheran Church during the annual CROP Walk.

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Peek

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approve joining CAC. For more information about CAC, contact Desmond Konadu at (312) 279-7278 desmond.konadu@cancer.org.

KIDS

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a class designed for children who are expecting a new baby in the family. Children ages 3 to 9 may participate in the class. Discussions include newborn behavior and responses, infant needs and supplies, ways children can help with the baby and family changes. Children will learn how to hold, feed and diaper a baby. Children may also tour the newborn nursery. The next class will be offered from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. For more information and to register, call HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. The reference code for this course is 8B12.

LIBRARY

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St., (847) 663-1234, www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for programs.

The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month on a drop-in basis.

"Benjamin Franklin, in Search of a Better World," an exhibit, will be displayed up to Dec. 5 at Niles Public Library, with special programs and events for both children and adults. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

MAINE TOWNSHIP

Maine Township will host two days of flu shots from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov.

7 and 10 at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Advocate Healthcare will be on hand administering the shots. There will be no charge for those who display a Medicare B card, but those without can receive a shot for \$30, payable by cash or check. Those interested must schedule an appointment and can do so by calling 1-800-995-4267. For more information visit www.maintownship.com.

Maine Township's FISH (Friends Indeed Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities in and near Maine Township. Volunteers may choose how much time they wish to devote. Requirements include a current drivers license and proof of auto insurance. The program requires residents in need be mobile, or be able to use a cane or walker. FISH also asks that appointments be set three or more days in advance. To become a volunteer driver call Ed Oken, (847) 696-0761. To schedule a ride or for information call FISH coordinator Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, ext. 283.

PARENTING

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a six-hour Baby Care and Development Class designed for couples who are expecting their first child, grandparents, childcare givers and adoptive parents. Topics include physical care, safety, sleep, common concerns, immunizations and development, birth through 12 months of age. The next class will be offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 4 and 11, at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge. An upcoming session will be held Nov. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee for the class is \$40 per couple or \$30 per couple if taken in conjunction with the Weekend Childbirth Series or Labor, Birth and Postpartum Class. For more informa-

tion and to register, call HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. The code for this class is 8B11.

PARKS

Niles

Niles Park District is offering Indoor Micro Soccer for girls and boys, kindergarten through sixth grade. This fun, fast-paced program is played with smaller teams to insure more touches of the ball and greater skill development. Soccer clinic is Nov. 15. Season play runs Dec. 6 to Feb. 7. Team T-shirts are provided with the fee of: residents, \$70; nonresidents, \$87. Registration deadline is Nov. 14. Registration is being accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. For more information, call (847) 967-1529.

Niles Park District's IceLand Arena is taking registrations for Fall Classes. IceLand offers Tot, Learn-to-Skate, and Freestyle Classes, ages 4 years and older. The Rangers Hockey Instructional program includes \$10 Intro to Rookie Rangers and Rookie Rangers for beginner skaters, ages 4 to 13. All required equipment is provided for free for these two hockey classes. Season begins Nov. 11. There is a variety of class days and times available. Call (847) 297-8010, for information or register at IceLand Arena, 8435 Ballard Road.

Voters will elect three Niles Park District commissioners when they go to the polls for the consolidated election April 7. Three individuals will be elected to serve four-year commissioner terms. Thomas Elenz, secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners, has begun distributing petitions for candidacy and other materials. Materials may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Niles Park District Administrative Office located

at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Each candidate will be required to have a minimum of 87 signatures of registered Park District voters in order to file petitions for the Park District commissioner election. Candidates must be registered to vote and be a resident of the Park District at least one year prior to the election. The first day for filing candidacy petitions and materials will be Jan. 19, and the last day will be Jan. 26, 2009. Commissioners govern the Park District under Illinois statutes. The Niles Park District is an independent unit of local government to provide park and recreation services to the community. Commissioners serve without compensation. For more information, call JoAnn Raschillo at (847) 583-2712.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 Howard St., is offering a Fall Special. The mid-day special will be offered all day, every day. All golfers, 18 and older; golf for \$12. This special offer applies to green fees only. Call (847) 965-2344 for tee-times and availability. Niles Park District's Tam O'Shanter Golf Course (nine holes) is open through the beginning of December, weather permitting.

Adult Dodgeball for ages 18 and older is offered in compliance with the Amateur Dodgeball Association. The focus is fun, safe, competitive and exciting recreation. Team jerseys are supplied. Sign up as an individual or a team of eight. Games are played at Golf View Recreation Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov. 18 to Feb. 3. Fee per individual is residents, \$44; nonresidents, \$55. Call (847) 967-1529 with any questions.

Men's 18 & Over Basketball League (10 game guaranteed schedule.) will be played at Golf View Recreation Center from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 19 to Feb. 4. Fee per team is \$700. Call (847) 967-1529 with any ques-

tions.

Women's 18 & Over Basketball League (10 game guaranteed schedule) will be played at Golf View Recreation Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 14 to Feb. 6. Fee per team is \$700. Call (847) 967-1529 for more information.

Come to Pioneer Park for Family Fun Nights at 5 p.m. every Friday night. The \$5-per-person fee includes a round of miniature golf, a batting-cage token, a hot dog and a small drink for each family member. Pioneer Park is at 7135 N. Harlem Ave. Call (847) 583-2746 for more information.

Niles Park District is still taking registration for fall dance classes. Classes include pre-ballet for ages 3 to 5, ballet and tap for ages 4 to 9, jazz for ages 6 to 12, and Hip Hop for ages 6 to 11. Classes for adults are also available. For more information on the Dance Program, call (847) 967-6633.

Niles Park District helps plan children's birthday parties. Party packages include: Tie-Dye, Crafty Creations, Rumble Jumble, Princess Party and Dora & Diego. Parties are 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, and 10:30 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. Call the Howard Leisure Center, (847) 967-6633, for more information.

Resident and non-resident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2008-09 is being taken. Spaces are available in the mornings and afternoons for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration will be accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. For more information stop in the Howard Leisure Center, or call (847) 967-6633.

Relive old memories at the Park District's annual Classic Cruisers Car

Shows which will take place every Thursday night, weather permitting from 7 to 9 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Ave.

Pioneer Park, 7135 N. Harlem Ave., has an 18-hole miniature-golf course, seven batting cages and a concession stand. Parties and fund-raisers are also available. Call (847) 583-2746 for more information.

Golf Maine

Golf Maine Park District is taking registrations for:

Preschool. Sign up now for the fall 2008 semester. Early registration is urged. A five-day morning program and four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1.

For more information visit one of the Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

Park Ridge Park District

The Park Ridge Community Center's amenities include: new fitness equipment; indoor pools; running track; racquetball & basketball courts; sauna & whirlpool; child care services; fitness and spinning classes; private adult lockers; party rentals; personal trainers. Call (847) 692-5129 or visit www.prparks.org.

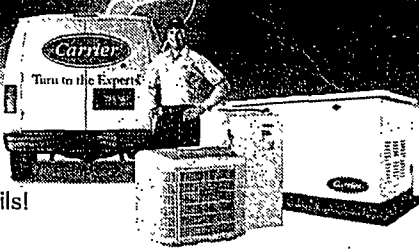
RELIGION

Join the Guerin Prep High School community for the annual Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Nov. 2 in the Guerin Prep auditorium, 80012 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, with the Rev. Kenneth Velo presiding. This year's liturgy will be dedicated to alumni of Guerin Prep, Mother Theodore Guerin and Holy Cross High Schools who

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have died during the past year, including Annamae Smaha, of the class of 1972 of Mother Guerin High School and longtime social-science teacher at the school who died in June. In addition, the alumni of three Sister of Providence-sponsored high schools that are now closed are invited to attend — Providence and St. Columbkille, Chicago, and Marywood, Evanston. For more information go to www.guerinprep.org or contact Janis Ryan, (708) 453-6233, ext. 473, or e-mail jryan@guerinprep.org or jryan@guerinprep.org to submit names for Guerin Preps Book of Remembrance.

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are now being taken. The program is open to children ages 3 1/2 through kindergarten-age. Classes are during the 10:45 a.m. Mass each Sunday. The registration fee is \$40 and covers all materials for the year. Special emphasis is given to the development of self-awareness in children and their place in the Christian community. The goal of the program is to provide a foundation for a future understanding of faith. To register, or for more information, call Charlotte Lindquist, (847) 470-1434.

Mary Seat of Wisdom, at Cumberland and Granville avenues in Park Ridge, offers a once-a-month Mass for young adults at 4:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month. A priest who works specifically with young adults and a choir that incorporates both voice and instruments to provide upbeat music for liturgies will be featured. Liturgies will be prepared and presented by young adults. All young adults, ages 22 to 40-plus, married or single, with or without children, are invited. For more information

call Peg Barry, (847) 720-7914, or e-mail pegbarry@bjbpartners.com.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and non-members are welcome. For more information call (847) 675-4141, or go to www.ehnt.org.

Registration is open for the 2008 fall programs at Gan Yeladim, the early-childhood program of Ezra Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. The program, which serves children ages 2 to 5 and their families, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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, play-based curriculum with a low teacher-child ratio. Interested families are invited to visit, talk with the director and view the facility. Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but first call (847) 675-4152. Go to www.ganskokie.org.

REUNIONS

St. John Brebeuf School Alumni, Class of 1958, is looking for classmates to celebrate a 50-year reunion. Alumni are asked to contact Libby Ryder in the Alumni Relations office at (847) 966-3266 or e-mail lryder@sjb-school.org.

Chicago's Bowen High School Class of 1969 will stage its 40th reunion celebration July 25, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 N. Orleans St., downtown Chicago. The reunion will begin at 6 p.m. Two additional events are tentatively scheduled: a cocktail party in the hotel's hospitality suite July 24, and "day after" party at a

site still to be determined, Sunday, July 26. Tickets are \$110 per person or \$195 per couple, and may be purchased by sending a check to Phyllis Volk, 250 E. Pearson St., Unit 906, Chicago IL, 60611. Make checks payable to Phyllis Volk and indicate Bowen Reunion in memo section. The Holiday Inn Mart Plaza will offer special room rates to Bowenites; call (312) 836-5000. The Web site at <http://www.freewebs.com/bowen1969reunion> provides additional details and names of classmates who have not yet been located. Additional information is available by calling Brett Weiss at (630) 248-5405.

The St. Christopher School Alumni Association (Midlothian) is looking for all alumni. A special all-alumni Mass (9:30 a.m.) will be followed by a reception on Nov. 16. Alumni will be able to tour the school, view vintage school and parish photos, see video of former Franciscan teachers, renew old friendships, and more. Alumni are invited to visit www.stchrisalumni.org for more information about the event and to register to receive e-mails and newsletters with the latest news and information about events, reunions, and activities. For more information, e-mail info@stchrisalumni.org.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail lryder@sjb-school.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name (if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life.

Plans are under way for the St. John Brebeuf class of 1978 (Niles) to hold a 30-year reunion. Many alumni still have not been found.

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Food

Pumpkin has a long history

BY DAVID JAKUBIAK
Contributor

It is autumn in Morton, Ill. and orange is everywhere. Located between Peoria and Bloomington, at the intersection of Interstates 74 and 155, Morton is the self-declared Pumpkin Capital of the World. It's home to a Nestlé USA/Libby's canning plant that packs more than 80 percent of the world's canned pumpkin, so no one is going to strip away that title.

And while many Illinois pumpkins are destined to be carved and propped atop straw bales, or unceremoniously smashed by wild teens, many will arrive at a far more sophisticated end, artfully dished up as treats of the season.

For example, in the kitchen at New Rebozo, 1116 Madison St., Oak Park, chef and owner Francisco Lopez creates dishes using pumpkin seeds that date back millennia. These dishes, he said, were central to Native American cuisine, and are still served in Mexico.

Seeds of sauce

He uses seeds for his moles, and Lopez makes 14 them, combining the sweet richness of a nut or seed, with a pepper.

"In the beginning, there was this," he explained, pointing to an enchilada smothered in a light tan sauce, "and this," pointing to another covered in a deep red sauce. "They are *pipian verde* and *pipian rojo*. *Pipian* is the pumpkin seed, *verde* is for a green pepper and *rojo* is for a



RUTHIE HAUGE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef/owner of Oak Park's New Rebozo Restaurant, Francisco "Paco" Lopez, with his enchiladas in a pumpkinseed mole.

red pepper."

These moles, he explained, are simple dishes, built mostly around the combination of hulled and lightly roasted pumpkin seeds and a pepper. But the flavors created are complex. In the green sauce, the mild heat of poblano draws sweetness out of the pumpkin that's followed by a punch of spice. In the red sauce, the heat and smokiness of a guajillo pepper draws a savory quality out of the seed.

"A good mole takes two days to make," Lopez said. "One day you blend everything together and the next day you make the dish. It takes time for the flavors to come together."

Lopez' pumpkin seeds don't come from the fat orange pumpkins. His is smaller and green.

Pumpkin population

"There are dozens and dozens of cultivars of pumpkin," said Rory Klick, chair of the department of horticulture at the College of Lake County in Grayslake.

She's been growing her own pumpkins for 30 years and loves to cook using the "meat" of the crop.

Though, she adds, that when cooking with pumpkins the differences between edible varieties are limited.

"It's like tomatoes. Do you notice the difference between an Early Girl and Better Boy? Tomatoes are tomatoes, until you get into the really unusual varieties. I've tasted a dozen edible pumpkin varieties and they all taste like pumpkin."

In fact, she adds, "the pumpkin you grow yourself, when you get it into a pie, doesn't taste a whole lot different than a good can of pure pumpkin."

But, using a fresh pumpkin "is just a couple extra steps," she said.

First pick a good one. "Inspect the pumpkin all over and make sure there are no soft spots," Klick advised. Then heft it. "The pumpkin should be heavy for its size, which means it has good moisture content, which

means a lot of flesh," she said.

Go orange

Color, she said, is not of great concern. "You don't want it to be green, but there are cultivars that have a pale orange or a deep reddish color."

Once a pumpkin has been picked, turning it into a puree easily used in cooking isn't much work.

"I whack up the pumpkin, like you'd do a cantaloupe and I scoop out the seeds on the inside. I put those wedges on a cookie sheet and roast them at 325 degrees until they are nice and tender," she said. Then scoop the pumpkin out and put it through a food processor or a blender.

Klick uses this puree to make pumpkin soup, pumpkin bread, pumpkin butter, and even pumpkin pie.

So, embrace the autumn, Illinois. Grab a can of pure pumpkin. Hack up one of your own.

Eat local. We're the pumpkin-capital of the world, and your menu could use some orange.

Pumpkin Chorizo Paella

An honorable mention recipe from the 2008 Morton Ill. Pumpkin Festival.

- 1 lb. chorizo sausage, removed from casings
- 1/4 C diced onion
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed or finely chopped
- 1 C canned pumpkin, like Libby's
- 1/2 C frozen peas
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. dried nutmeg
- Pinch of cloves

Fresh parsley and chives for garnish
Roasted tomatoes (recipe below)
Saffron rice (recipe below)

- Roasted Tomatoes
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1 T honey
- A drizzle of olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Toss to combine above ingredients. Roast in oven approximately 20 minutes.

- Saffron Rice
- 4 C chicken broth
- 1 large pinch saffron threads
- 1 C Arborio rice

Bring chicken broth to boil. Add saffron and Arborio rice. Bring back up to boil, then reduce to simmer. Simmer, covered, about 20 min. Do not drain rice before adding to paella mixture.

Brown sausage, onion and garlic in large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Break sausage up into small chunks using the back of a wooden spoon. When brown, stir in saffron rice (with any remaining cooking liquid), roasted tomatoes, pumpkin, peas and spices. Simmer over medium-low heat until thickened, 5-10 minutes. Serve warm, garnished with fresh parsley and chives.

Home-grown gold

Morton, the self-proclaimed world pumpkin capital is in Illinois. That's no surprise.

■ According to the statistics collected by the state's Department of Agriculture, 95 percent of the nation's pumpkins are grown in Illinois.

■ And according to the 2002 agricultural census, Illinois was home to 475 pumpkin farms producing a crop worth almost \$10 million.

—David Jakubiak

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Anyone who knows someone from the class may call Sandie Lindquist-Beierwaltes, (847) 965-6725, or e-mail andielb@hotmail.com.

Immaculate Conception School on Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the

school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail ICalumni@icparish.net, or call the rectory, (773) 775-3833. Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encouraged to send their first, maiden or last name, phone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni As-

sociation, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday.

Taft High School, class of June 1959, will hold a 50th reunion Sept. 24-27, 2009. For more information contact Larry Marsh at fairseas2u@cox.net, or (703) 444-6255; Pat Santell Lutz, patlutz@comcast.net,

or (847) 259-0120; or Kent Meyer, carolekent@accelplus.net, (765) 362-9262). See also www.taftreunion1959.com.

Wildwood School classes of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th reunion in June 2009. January and June graduating classes will be included, as well as people who were classmates sometime between kindergarten and eighth grade, but moved away before graduation. For more infor-

mation e-mail wildwood09@gmail.com, or call Kathy Anderson Walsh, (773) 775-5011.

MAINE SENIORS

The Maine Township MainStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MainStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activ-

ities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For information contact the MainStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.Mainetownship.com.

Advocate Healthcare will offer flu shots at Maine Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 and Nov. 10. There is no charge for those who present a Medicare B card; otherwise the charge is \$30,

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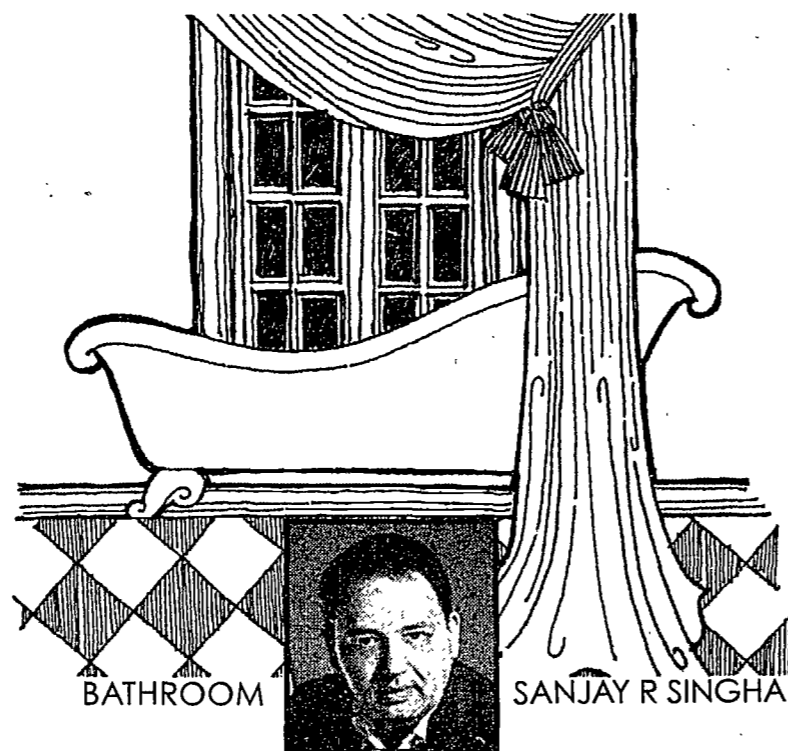
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Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is offering a free program that teaches beauty techniques to women who are actively undergoing cancer treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of radiation and chemotherapy. The next class will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at the hospital's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane in Park Ridge. For more information and to register call HealthAdvisor at 1-

800-323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. The code for this class is 8C24.

Thunderbird Singles will host a Halloween super dance at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Diplomat West, 681 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, \$8; and a Halloween's Eve costume party and dance at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 in the Sheraton Arlington Park Hotel, 3400 W. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights, \$7. For more information, call (847) 604-3446.

North Shore Singles will present a Halloween Party at 6 p.m. Nov. 2 in the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant, 1070 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling. Admission is \$8. Call (847) 604-3446 for more information.

The Single Gourmet will enjoy a Dim Sum brunch at David Burke's Primehouse in the James Hotel, 616 N. Rush St., Chicago. Reception will begin at noon with brunch at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$57. Call (773) 772-3535 for information or reservations.

800-323-8622 or visit www.advocatehealth.com. The code for this class is 8C24.

To increase awareness and help make a difference in the battle against breast cancer and breast disease, free information sessions are offered to local groups by the nurses of the Caldwell Breast Center at the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care. Topics include information about self-breast exams and testing options along with behind-the-scenes tours of the state-of-the-art center. The next information sessions have been scheduled for 2 and 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge. Local groups, schools or women's organizations are encouraged to contact the center to sign up for one of these times. In addition, the Breast Center staff is available to speak at

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Happy 1st Birthday, Madeline!


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MORTGAGE UPDATE

Rising and falling rates By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

It's a cliché to compare mortgage rates to a roller coaster. So how about comparing rates to the Demon Drop? That's the ride at northern Ohio's Cedar Point that goes straight up and then drops into free-fall.

One week after taking their biggest jump in 21 years, mortgage rates went into free-fall.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 42 basis points to 6.32 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 0.39 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 6.31 percent; four weeks ago, it was 6.32 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 47 basis points to 5.93 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 12 basis points to 6.49 percent.

Mortgage rates' volatile behavior is part of the credit crisis. There have been wide swings in various interest rates and bond yields in the last few months, and mortgages aren't immune.

Three events are combining to push down on mortgage rates this week. First, governments and central banks in

North America and Europe have been trying to loosen lending among banks, so that banks then will become more willing to lend to businesses and consumers. This week, that effort began to show results, as interbank lending rates fell.

Second, stock prices have been falling. Investors respond by pulling some money out of the stock market and buying bonds, including mortgage-backed securities. As a result, bond yields fall -- and mortgage rates follow.

Third, it becomes increasingly clear that the U.S. economy is in recession, and investors and economists are coming around to the idea that the recession will be deep and long-lasting. Interest rates tend to fall in recessions. Worse, then better.

This week, the Mortgage Bankers Association had its annual convention. Unanimously, bankers and economists believe the real estate and mortgage industries will get worse before they get better.

"This is, so far, a moderate recession, but it could become more dramatic," said Ken Rosen, professor of real estate and urban economics at the University of California at Berkeley. He says this one is as deep as the downturns in

the late '80s and early '90s and could get deeper than that. Jay Brinkmann, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, says this recession will be the worst in at least 20 years by the time it's over -- and that's for the overall economy. For the housing economy, things look worse. In recent history, the pace of housing starts hit bottom at the end of 1981, when starts dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 541,000 units. Brinkmann predicts that this rate will fall to around 529,000 units in the second quarter next year.

"We expect that these numbers probably compare with the lows that we saw in the postwar period of the 1940s, is how much construction will fall," he said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, foreclosed houses will continue to be added to the inventory of homes for sale. Rosen believes that, nationwide, house prices will fall 20 percent, "and we're three-quarters of the way through that."

A few people appeared confident at this year's mortgage bankers' conference. Property auctioneers had a highly visible presence as they touted their ability to sell foreclosed properties. And companies that manage vacant, foreclosed homes seemed to be doing well, too.

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community meetings. Call (847) 723-3303 to talk with one of the center's registered breast health navigators to sign up a group for an information session or schedule a speaker for an upcoming meeting.

The Counseling Center of Advocate Medical Group offers a free Healing Our Lost Dreams (HOLD) support group twice a month for persons who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Counseling Center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge. Upcoming sessions will be held Nov. 4 and 18. Parents, grandparents and other adult family members are invited to attend the sessions, share their feelings with others who understand what they are going through, receive support as they move through the first season of grieving, serve as resources for each other, and gain new perspectives of life. For more information, call (847) 795-3100.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its *Loving Outreach* to Survivors of Suicide Program. Meetings will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14, at Catholic Charities' Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. To learn more about Des Plaines-based Catholic Charities North/Northwest Suburban Services and how they can help, call (847) 376-2118.

National Alliance on Mental Illness will present a "Family to Family," a 12-week course designed for relatives of adults (people age 16 and older) with persistent and severe mental illness. The curriculum balances educational materials and skill training with self-care, emotional support

and empowerment. The program is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays in River Forest; location details are available on request. Admission is free. For more information call Sandye, (708) 848-7873, or Meg, (630) 715-5176.

Weight No More, a friendly weight-loss support group, welcomes new members. Meetings are from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (elevator accessible). Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help participants reach goals. Participants are charged \$5 a month dues, and small fines for weight gains. The member who lost the most weekly weight receives a prize providing he or she was present at the previous meeting. For information call (847) 679-4223, or stop in for a meeting.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Room 1063, Park Ridge. The focus is to assist patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, their families, significant others and friends in coping more effectively with the illness. For more information call (847) 827-0404.

The National Alliance for Mental Illness Cook County North Suburban holds monthly support groups for caregivers of children with mental illness, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Groups meet 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Kenilworth Union Church, 211 Kenilworth Ave., Kenilworth, and 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. the third Friday of each month at Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette. Groups are run by NAMI-trained facilitators and are confidential. Parents of a child suffering from school phobia, sleep disturbances,

friendship difficulties, keeping it together at school but falling apart at home, rages, depression, smoking, drugs, anxiety or eating disorders are invited to share and seek help and understanding from other parents. For more information call (847) 716-2252, or go to namicens.org.

Resurrection Medical Center sponsors a variety of free cancer-support groups for both patients and their family members. All support groups are free and meet in the Cancer Conference Room (ground floor, Entrance C). For more information contact Carol Flanagan, (773) 792-5116.

The Cancer Support Group for cancer patients, families and friends meets monthly from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. every last Wednesday.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Family Support Group for people with leukemia, lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's Disease and their families meets every first Wednesday of the month.

The Butterfly Club is a support group for children ages 6 to 13 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every first Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

The Us Too! Prostate Cancer Support Group meets every second Wednesday of the month.

The Teen Cancer Support Group is for teens ages 13 to 18 whose parent or caretaker has been diagnosed with cancer. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. Registration and parental consent are required.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. For

more information call (773) 594-7856.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Health Management Classroom. The session is free. For more information call Health Management, (773) 792-5022.

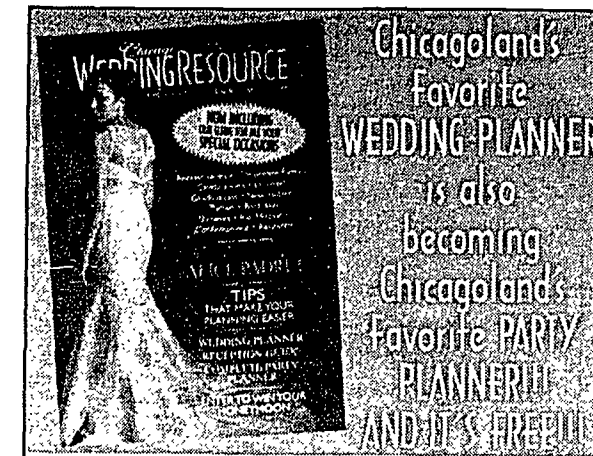
Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C.

Parkinson's Support Group meets the third Wednesday of the month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. For more information call (773) 594-7866.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is forming a support network for women living with breast cancer. The Breast Cancer Networking Group will meet from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The support group provides breast-cancer survivors the opportunity to share information and experiences with other women. The group will be at Lutheran General's Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, Park Ridge, in the ground-floor conference room G104. For more information call (847) 723-8130.

Families Anonymous is a free, 12-step, self-help support program for family members and friends who are concerned about the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Families Anonymous meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge; use the side entrance on Butler Place. There are no dues or fees. First names only are used at the meetings

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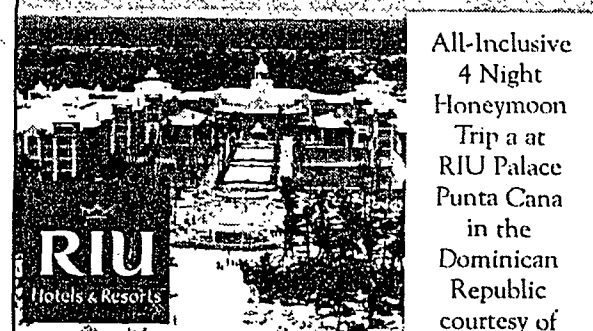


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to preserve anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and nonreligious program. Advance notice is not necessary. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call the church office, (847) 823-3164, or contact Families Anonymous, 1-800-736-9805, or www.familiesanonymous.org.

Butterfly Group for Bereaved Parents meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Brebeuf rectory, 8307 N. Harlem Ave. All bereaved parents, family and friends are welcome whether their loss is recent or many years ago. Call Anna LaCorte, (847) 965-2771, or the rectory, (847) 966-8145.

Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter grief support groups meet at

various locations across its service area. Grief support groups are free; donations are accepted. Call (800) 331-5484 to register or for more information. The schedule for 2008 winter/spring includes: At 2050 Claire Court, Glenview — Adult Loss, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Daytime Spouse Loss, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays; Evening Spouse Loss, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays; Sudden Loss, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays. At 6133 N.

Northwest Highway, Chicago — Families with Children Loss Group meets every third Monday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., or in Glenview, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 19.

The Counseling Center of Advocate Medical Group offers a free Healing Our Lost Dreams (HOLD) support group twice a month for people who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge. Parents, grandparents and other adult family members are invited. For more information call (847) 795-3100.

A new Al-Anon group is being formed at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge. For information call the church office, (847) 823-6984, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the week.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Cook County North Suburban invites the public to attend its Caring and Sharing monthly support group. This group is for family and friends of people with a mental illness and offers the opportunity to share problems and learn how others have overcome them. This program is free and meets from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Kenton-Knox Conference Center (Rush North Shore Medical Center), 9701 N. Knox Ave., Skokie. For more information call NAMI CCNS, (847) 724-1460, or visit www.namiccns.org.

Northwest Suburban Interstitial Cystitis/Painful Bladder Syndrome Support Group of Illinois meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Conference Room 1064. E-mail: zbarnikow@aol.com for more information, or to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

The Maryville Crisis Nursery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers a safe harbor for children 5 and younger when parents have nowhere to turn during a family or personal crisis. It is a free, center-based program where children may stay for as long as three days. Its goal is to prevent abuse and neglect of children and help a family stabilize its situation by providing support and resources. Examples of a crisis include domestic violence, parental stress, medical emergency or respite care. The 24-hour Help Line is (773) 205-3637.

An area Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members of people with Alzheimer's Disease meets at 10:30 a.m. every second Saturday at Central Baptist Village, the Commons Theater Lounge, 4747 N. Canfield Ave., Norridge. New members are always welcome. Call Jessi Lenth, group facilitator, (708) 583-8509.

Queen of All Saints hosts a weekly meeting for female survivors of sexual abuse. The meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Iowa. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, contact Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060, for more information. Additional meetings are from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

TEEN CENTER

The Niles Youth Council is a group of teens from sixth through 12th grade who provide support and advice on Teen Center programming, develop leadership skills and work to serve the Niles community. They meet the first and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Stop to check them out. Call (847) 375-8949, for more information. The Teen Center is located at 373 Golf Mill Center in Niles.

The Teen Center is working with the Niles Senior Center to find teenagers willing to help senior citizens with leaf raking, snow shoveling and general yard work while earning money. Complete the Niles Teen Job Connection form available on the center Web site and return it to Mark at the center. Information will be shared with the director of the center and contacts will be made with residents in need of services.

Register your bike through the Niles Teen Center or Niles Police Department. Every year the Niles Police Department accumulates a number of lost or stolen bikes and is forced to sell them at an auction because their owners cannot be identified. By registering your bike, you are issued a Village of Niles Police Department sticker and your bicycle's information is entered into a national database allowing the Police Department to reconnect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement of Chicago is a non profit organization focused on inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in the global economy. Volunteers from businesses are trained and given materials to go into a classroom and teach students from kindergarten through high school about financial literacy, and entrepreneurship work readiness skills. Partnerships have been formed with some teachers at Niles North, Central and West High Schools for JA programs this school year. But, volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45 to 50 minutes each. If you are interested, contact Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago at (708)456-1400 Ext. 245, or e-mail: kgoodwin@jachicago.org or visit www.jachicago.org.

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Cross Jr., Lester Leonard
Lester Cross Jr., former resident of Skokie, passed away October 20, 2008 in Newport, Arkansas. He was born August 13, 1934 in Chicago, IL. Mr. Cross was a day laborer, landscaping for the Village of Skokie for more than thirty-six years. He was a United States Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict, and was a life member of The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4551 and the American Legion, Post 0748. Mr. Cross was a beloved and faithful member of the Rimmel Church of Christ. Lester was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hurley Cross. He is survived by his caretakers, whom he considered his family, Henry and Shavon Hale and their daughter, Kaitlin; Jerry and Liz Todd; and his Rimmel Church family. Service was held Wednesday at Jackson's Newport Funeral Home Chapel.
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Fallest, James "Dennis"
James "Dennis" Fallest age 65 of Des Plaines for 30 years, passed away on Tuesday Oct. 21, 2008 in Park Ridge, Illinois. Loving son of Elaine (the late Louis) Fallest. Beloved husband of Mary J. (nee Imig) for 7 years; Cherished father of Valerie (Garrett) Pepravicz, David Fallest, Heather (Michael) Sorci and Jeremy Fallest. Dear Stepfather of Jennifer (Timothy) Zymantas and Daniel (Ashley) De Wald. Devoted Grandfather of Grace, Nicholas, Nino, Haley, Zachary and Jason and 1 on the way. Brother in law of Raymond (Ginger) Imig and Jeffrey Imig. Former husband of Gloria Perez. Dennis was Employed with Monumental Life for 14 years. He was a member of Dank, He was also an usher at the Salvation Army of Des Plaines. He loved gardening, enjoyed his German classes and worked for Little Villa Restaurant part time for 23 years. Visitation and Funeral Service were held Friday October 24th at The Salvation Army of Des Plaines Worship and Service Center, 609 W. Dempster Street, Des Plaines, Illinois. In Lieu of Flowers Memorials to The Salvation Army, 609 West Dempster Des Plaines, Appreciated.
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Hayes, Charles Birkmire
Charles Birkmire Hayes, 91, of San Diego, CA passed away peacefully in his sleep October 16, 2008. Born June 8, 1917 in Buffalo, NY and raised in Newark, NJ, he graduated from the Univ. of Notre Dame in 1939 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering and served in the US Navy as Lt. Commander during WWII. He earned his MBA from the Univ. of Chicago in 1950 and retired in 1978 as a vice president of Continental Can Co. and general manager of manufacturing of its White Cap division after 37 years of service. A lifelong fan of BMW motorcycles, he also enjoyed automobiles, vintage car racing, traveling, and tinkering in the garage. Before moving to Casa de las Campanas in Rancho Bernardo in 2000, he resided for 27 years with his family in Park Ridge, IL and retired with his wife, Shirley, to San Clemente, CA in 1977. Survivors include five children, Charles (Vicki McIntire) of South Bend, IN, Daniel (Sharon Frey) of Clayton, MO, Carol of San Juan Capistrano, CA, Heather (Peter) Matuszek of St. Charles, IL and Christine (Steven) Burgoon of Barrington, IL; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Keough of Winthrop, MA. He was predeceased in 2004 by his wife of 62 years, Shirley Squire Hayes of Peoria, IL, and sisters Ruth Kahl and Mary Hayes. Services will be private. Interment will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery on the campus of the Univ. of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, IN.
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Hogan, Teresa
Teresa Hogan, nee Neely, 56, of Norwood Park, beloved wife of Mark Hogan; loving mother of Erin (Joseph) McFadden, Annie Hogan and Patricia Hogan; proud grandmother of Joseph and Declan McFadden; dear daughter of Roger and Patricia Neely; sister of William Neely; daughter-in-law of the late Edwin and Genevieve Hogan; niece of Ruth (the late Robert) Bennett; aunt and friend to many. Visitation was Thursday Oct. 23 at The M.J. Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Family and friends met at Saint Thecla Church, 6725 W. Devon Avenue (at Oak Park Ave.), Chicago, on Friday, Oct. 24 for Funeral Mass. Interment at 12 Mile Grove Cemetery, Pecatonica, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 4900 Hop-yard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA, 94588 appreciated.
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Sieben, Herman E.
Age 92, longtime resident of Skokie. Beloved husband of Cecilia, nee Wehrheim; Dear father of Marilyn McIntosh, Gregory (Tina), Barbara (Larry) Kulman and the late Michael; Loving grandfather of Jocelyn and Tom (Juliet) McIntosh, Jennifer (Anthony) Viola, Brooke Sieben, Larry and Laura Kulman; Cherished great grandfather of Augie Kulman and Emilie Viola; Fond brother of Dorothy Deppe, Mathilda Maxfield, Frederick, the late George, Sr. Anne Clare, Sr. Theresa and Catherine. Visitation was Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Thursday, 9:30 AM from the funeral home for Mass, 10 AM at St. Lambert Church, Skokie. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or to the charity of your choice. Info: 847-673-6111
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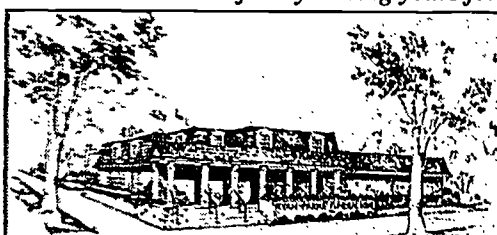
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Ice Dons

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Gronset, **Anthony Lupo** and **Alex Murphy**. Krautstrunk made 15 saves as the Ice Dons ran their record to 17-2.

The next home game for the Ice Dons is at 8:15 p.m. today against St Viator and at 8:20 p.m. Saturday against CCM from Crystal Lake and 8:20 p.m. Tuesday against Brother Rice. All games will be played at the Niles Ice Rink. On Sunday, the Dons visit St Viator in a road game to be played at Hoffman Estates.

JUNIOR VARSITY

On Oct. 23, the Junior Varsity Ice Dons traveled to play the CCM Tigers in

a Metro-Central game at the Crystal Lake Ice Palace and were victorious 8-1.

With two men in the penalty box, sophomore winger **Tyler Zanon** outskated the Tiger defenseman and went top shelf for the first goal of the game and the route began. Others scoring for the Ice Dons were **Kevin Flynn**, **Kevin Sanetra**, **Peter Prestia** while **Dino Loverde** and **Nick Dziadosz** each scored a pair of goals. Assists were credited to Loverde, **Michael Zelko**, **Brian Gronset**, **Chet Polonitza** while freshman defenseman **Brandon Taylor** was credited with a pair of assists and captain **David Fabris** assisted on four of the eight goals.

On Sunday, the Ice

Dons traveled to Southwest Ice Arena to play a Catholic League game against Marist. The Ice Dons defeated the Redhawks 2-1 behind the goal-tending of **Kebyn Frost** who made 21 saves in the victory. Goals were scored by freshman winger **Vince Pergande** and center **Stephen Kavanaugh**. Assisting on the goals were Taylor, Kavanaugh, Zelko and **Joseph Santelli**.

The JV Ice Dons play their first home game in a month on Saturday against CCM at 6:50 p.m. at the Niles Ice Rink. Come out and watch the JV play before the Varsity game.

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Playoffs

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to the program. It was a great season and I'm looking forward to next year." The GBN homecoming game originally began on

37-yard field goal by **Jimmy Schmidt**.

Glenbrook North extended the lead 10-0 when **Paul Jung** ran in from the

"It was a huge accomplishment. Our sophomores won conference and we only lose six seniors. Vikings football is looking up."

Scott Smith

Niles North head coach

Friday night, but was postponed at halftime because of thunderstorms that hit the North Shore area. The game resumed at the beginning of the third quarter with the Spartans leading 3-0 on a

7 with 3:33 left in the third quarter.

Niles North cut its deficit 10-6 on a 37-yard TD pass from Granato to **Michael Dotson**. Dotson caught the ball between three GBN defenders,

broke free and sprinted into the end zone.

Glenbrook North had one final crack at winning the game when Spartans quarterback **Tommy Coughlin** tossed a 55-yard pass to **Mason West**, who ran it to the 10. After an incomplete pass, Schmidt attempted a field goal on fourth down but missed. Niles North took over and ran out the clock, which sparked the celebration on the Vikings' side of the field.

"It was a huge accomplishment," Smith said. "Our sophomores won conference and we only lose six seniors. Vikings football is looking up."

Glenbrook North finished the season 4-5 overall.

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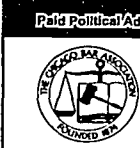
slipped and went down at one point.

"But I was happy for Tim, who as a sophomore is just in his first season of cross country. And Tony did very well. He did a great job of pacing himself and finished strong.

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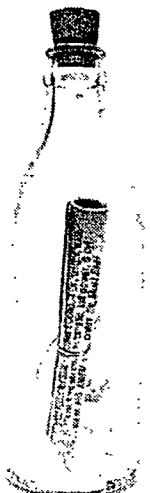
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FOOTBALL

Niles North wins, but misses playoffs

BY DAN CURRIER
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Cheers turned to tears in a matter of a few hours Saturday for Niles North. After a wild celebration following a 13-10 victory over Glenbrook North, the Vikings met bitter disappointment when the IHSA selection committee passed over Niles North for the Class 7A playoffs.

"We went from a super high to disappointment," head coach Scott Smith said. "But it doesn't take away from the accomplishments we made this season."

Running back **Terry Turner** scored from the 4-yard line to lead Niles North to a come-from-behind victory over the host Spartans Saturday afternoon.

Turner, who rushed for 142 yards on 19 carries, finished a seven-play drive with 3:35 remaining in the fourth quarter. The victory gave the Vikings their first winning season in 16 years at 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the CSL North. Niles North ended the regular season tied with Deerfield and Glenbrook North for second place in the CSL North — each at 3-2.

"We played hard and we did it," said Niles North quarterback **Michael Granato**. "We're destiny. This year we wanted to do something. It is nice that the school will now believe in us."

The team gathered at the home of one of the assistant coaches to watch the IHSA selection show on television. When the players realized their goal of making the IHSA play-

offs fell short, sadness hit the group.

"I told them they still should be proud that they were the first team in 16 years to post a winning record," Smith said. "The seniors will go out knowing they helped turn this program around and the returning kids will still have a goal to shoot for. There is no doubt we will make it next year."

Niles North missed the postseason by one point. The cutoff for advancing was 36 and the Vikings had 35 points accumulated.

"We knew it would be close," Smith said. "We suffered a couple big losses earlier in the season that didn't help our cause. The kids worked hard and were dedicated

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FOOTBALL

Niles West drops finale to well-tuned Maine South

By RICK BEHREN
Contributor

Niles West evidently caught undefeated Maine South at a bad time — in its final tune-up before the IHSA state playoffs begin.


The Maine South offense was virtually unstoppable and the defense was impenetrable as the Hawks (9-0) wrapped up their regular season with a 52-0 pounding of Niles West (3-6).

A mushy Wilson Field in Park Ridge had little effect on the host Hawks, but appeared to cause some problems for the Wolves on both offense and defense. West couldn't get much of anything going offensively while the Hawks scored at will, leading 32-0 after the first quarter and 46-0 at half-time.

A running clock in the second half cut down the number of offensive plays for the Wolves, but Niles West quarterback **Nick Gremley** unofficially was only 5-of-15 passing for 34 yards with two interceptions against a very stingy Hawks defense. Running back **Leonard Panion** managed only 8 yards on 13 carries. Six of his rushes were for negative yardage.

"The mud was tough to play in," said Niles West head coach Curtis Tate. "We come in here to play the No. 1 team in the state, and they are very talented, and then we also have to worry about the footing. The field conditions really didn't help us, especially since we play on turf all year and then have to come here and deal with this."

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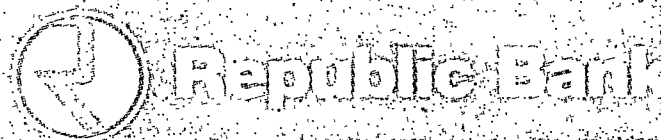
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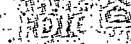
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Maine East's Blazej Szymoniak finished 24th with time of 17 minutes, 20.26 seconds at Saturday's IHSAA Regional meet held at the Harms Woods Forest Preserve.

MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

Cross country teams succeed at regional

Girls team, 3 boys qualify for sectional meet

By **JIM EDISON**
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While it hasn't been a particularly successful regular season for Maine East's cross country runners, as far as dual meets, the postseason may well be a different story.

Competing in the Loyola Regional at Harms Woods Saturday afternoon, East's girls qualified as a team for the Niles West Sectional by placing fifth overall. On the boys side, coach Chris Peters watched as three of his runners advanced as individual qualifiers.

In the boys three-mile race, **Blazej Szymoniak** (24th, 17 minutes, 20 seconds), **Gathoon Garmos** (31st, 17:53) and **Steven Grounsnick** (34th, 18:04) all made it to the next step of the state series scheduled for this Saturday in Skokie.

"This is going to be a

great opportunity for all three of these guys to continue their development as runners and competitors," Peters said. "While they didn't have their best races, I am hopeful we will see some better times at Niles West."

The boys team finished sixth in the team standings with 171 points. Other runners contributing to the Demons' final score were **Jose Montiel** (38th, 18:29) and **August Arce** (44th, 19:02).

In the girls contest, the Demons, who finished with a score of 154, were led by junior **Michelle Zdobylak** (19th, 20:36). **Zaklina Theil** (22nd, 20:58) was next, followed by **Zenya Yap** (35th, 22:31), **Angela Jones** (38th, 22:39) and **Marian Lopez** (40th, 22:46).

FOOTBALL

The final chance at avoiding a winless season for East's football team faded away in the rain and cold Saturday at Highland Park.

The Demons were top-

pled by HP 49-6. The loss to the Giants left coach Len LaBonar's squad with a final record of 0-5 in the Central Suburban League North and 0-9 overall.

"I thought our defense actually played rather well," LaBonar said. "But our offense put them (the defensive players) in tough situations by having them on the field so much. You have to be able to move the ball."

East's only score came midway through the last quarter when **Jeremy Umansky** scored on a 10-yard run. The talented junior running back ended the day with 50 yards rushing.

"It's true we didn't win a game," LaBonar said, "but we did accomplish some things this season. We were only shut out one time, we doubled our rushing yardage from last year and had a lot of success with our special teams. And we have some quality juniors coming back next fall."

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NOTRE DAME HOCKEY

St. Rita hands Ice Dons second loss of season

The Notre Dame Ice Dons on Oct. 23 took on third-ranked Catholic League powerhouse St. Rita in a battle of unbeaten and lost 7-4 in a very physical game played with high intensity.

The Mustangs played a fast, disciplined game with crisp passing in their victory over the Ice Dons. Notre Dame goals were

scored by **Kevin Orchard**, **Johnny Blaus**, **Matt Dunne** and **Steven Leick**. Assists were credited to **Kyle Gronset**, **Sean Corcoran**, **David Swearingen** and **Mike Coca**. Goalie **Jeremy Krautstrunk** made 23 saves in the loss to St. Rita.

On Saturday, learning from their mistakes against St. Rita, the Ice

Dons defeated top-ranked Fenwick 4-3 on the road. After two periods, the Dons had a comfortable three-goal lead and had silenced the crowd, but the Friars roared back and the crowd came alive in the third period as Notre Dame was penalized often in the period. With the Dons in the penalty box and their goalie pulled, the

Friars peppered Ryan Maize with eight point-blank shots in the last 30 seconds of the game only to see each shot turned aside by the Dons sophomore goalie as Notre Dame held on for the 4-3 road victory. Notre Dame goals were scored by **Ryan Zanon**, **Orchard**, **Grant Robertson** and **Jeff Levar**. Assists were credited to

Zanon, **Tim VanDermeir**, **Grant Robertson** while **David Swearingen** and **Coca** each recorded a pair of assists in the victory. Maize turned aside 48 shots in preserving the 4-3 win over the top-ranked Fenwick Friars.

On Sunday, the Dons completed a week of games against ranked opponents by defeating

Catholic League foe Providence 4-2 at the Southwest Ice Arena in Crestwood. Scoring for the Dons were freshman forward VanDermeir and senior centerman Leick, while senior captain Orchard scored a pair of goals. Assists were credited to Levar, Micah Orchard, Coca, Corcoran,

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SOCCER

Maine East wears regional crown

Win first regional in 24 years

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To say it has been a while since Maine East last won a boys soccer regional, would be a classic case of understatement.

Twenty-four years is a very long time. But Friday afternoon in cold and dampness at Maine South, the Demons disposed of Von Steuben 3-0 and ended decades of disappointment in the state playoffs.

"It's been a long wait," East skipper Vic DiPrizio said, "but it's worth it. The last time won a regional, (longtime coach)

Bob Dollaske was here. "I was so happy for our guys. We took control of the action early and never let up. It is a big step for our team and the program. We're thrilled to be going to the (Niles North) sectional."

Take charge

East (16-4-2) did indeed take charge early against the upstart Panthers, who were trying to win their first regional crown ever. The Demons tested Von Steuben goalkeeper Paul Varilla early and often. But Varilla answered the challenge and there was no score at halftime.

In the second half, East stepped up the pressure and just 5 minutes, 40 seconds into the pe-

riod, Mike Guzzarde drilled a shot into the net. About 10 minutes later, Damian Lewandowski got around the defense and made it 2-0.

In the closing minutes of the game, the Panthers desperately tried to get back in it. But they lost the ball in transition and East's highly talented James Kelly got the ball on a breakaway and buried his shot past Varilla.

"We were really jacked up today for this game," said East goalkeeper Milan Tijanic, who notched his eighth shutout. "We have been talking about the regional for weeks."

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Maine East's Damian Lewandowski (right) battles Von Steuben's Andrew Sobarnia during their match at Maine South High School in Park Ridge Friday.

NOTRE DAME ROUNDUP

Football team has tough task in opening round

By JIM EDISON
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Following a 12-0 loss to Joliet Catholic Friday night in Niles, Notre Dame's football team knew it was going to be paired with a top-ranked team for the playoffs.

As it turned out, the expectations of the Dons and head coach Mike Hennessey were confirmed Saturday evening when IHSA released its state tournament schedule. ND will square off with No. 1-seeded Bartlett in the first round of the Class 8A

tourney.

"We knew we were going to be playing the Hawks," Hennessey said. "It was just a matter of if we were going to get to Park Ridge (for No. 2-seeded Maine South) or out to Bartlett. So now, we know we'll have the longer trip."

Bartlett, which finished the regular season at 9-0, crushed East Aurora 51-6 in its final Upstate Eight contest Saturday. Hennessey is well aware that his squad will be facing a huge challenge when it takes on the Hawks Fri-

day night at 7 p.m. at Streamwood. "They (Bartlett) have a very good team," Hennessey said. "Anytime you're 9-0, it's pretty impressive. And they are a senior-dominated team. From what we've seen of them on film, they have a rather balanced attack of run and pass."

The Dons, who have qualified for the playoffs three years in row now, have drawn a top seed each of the past three seasons. ND drew Libertyville in 2006 and Rolling Meadows in 2007, losing

both games. Hennessey's gridders did their best to notch a 6-3 record, but their upset bid of Joliet Catholic fell short in the rain and mud. "It was actually a defensive battle and the rain forced it to be a running game," Hennessey said. "They scored with about two minutes left in the first half on a 77-yard run and that's where it stood at halftime."

About six minutes into the third quarter, lightning flashed in the area and the game was halted. Both teams went inside

the school and the delay lasted about 90 minutes.

Late in the fourth quarter the Hilltoppers added another TD when Tyler Hudetz scored his second touchdown, this time on a 4-yard run.

"Our defense played well," Hennessey said, "But our offense never got deep enough to score."

CROSS COUNTRY

Thanks to the exceptional efforts of two runners, Notre Dame's cross country season will continue on for another step

in the state series. Competing in the Loyola Regional at Harms Woods in Skokie Saturday, Tony Belpedio and Tim Curley qualified as individuals for the Niles West Sectional. Belpedio finished the three-mile race with a time of 16 minutes, 57 seconds for 15th place and Curley entered the chute in 35th place with a time of 18:13.

"I was very proud of both guys," coach Mike Jankowski said. "Condi-

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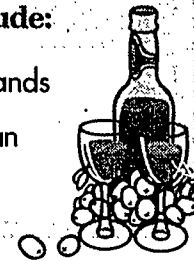
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- **Schaumburg 1408 E Golf Rd.
- **Woodfield Mall, Unit F123

- **Skokie 9725 N Skokie Blvd.
- **South Elgin 312 S. Randall Rd.
- **St. Charles 2700 E Main St.
- **Vernon Hills 445 E. Townline Rd., Ste C
- **West Dundee 729 W Main St.
- **Wheaton 8 Danada Sq.

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- **Merrillville 2629 E 80th Ave.
- **Michigan City 5360 Franklin St.

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- **Addison 1435 W Lake St
- **Aurora 1330 Orchard Rd.
- **Berwyn 6621 W Ogden Ave.
- **Bolingbrook 267 N Naperville Rd.
- **Bradley 1600 N. State Route 50, Ste 110
- **Broadview 114 Broadview Village Sq
- **Cherry Valley 2241 S Perryville Rd.
- **Chicago 1457 E 53rd St.
- **1513 N Milwaukee Ave.
- **2867 N Milwaukee Ave.
- **3201 N Cicero Ave.
- **3946 N Lincoln Ave.
- **405 E 35th St.

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- **5 S LaSalle St.
- **Downers Grove 2321 Ogden Ave., Ste A
- **Elk Grove 170 Beisterfield Rd.
- Glendale Heights 2212 Bloomingdale Rd.
- **Glen Ellyn 547 Roosevelt Rd.
- **Highland Park 1671 Old Skokie Rd.
- **Hodgkins 9430 Joliet Rd., Unit 300
- **Lockport 1027 E 9th St.
- **Machesney Park 1574 Westlane Rd
- Matteson 4736 Lincoln Hwy
- **Naperville 1160 E Ogden Ave.
- **423 S Washington St
- Ottawa 369 W. Stevenson Rd.
- **Peru Rte. 251 & Wenzel Rd
- **Rosemont 7024 N Mannheim Rd.
- **Round Lake Beach 718 E Rollins Rd.
- **Schaumburg 2644 W Schaumburg Rd.
- **Summit 7200 W Archer Ave.
- **Tinley Park 16649 S Oak Park Ave.
- **7158 W 183rd St.
- **Waukegan 15 N Green Bay Rd
- **West Chicago 27 W 245 North Ave.
- **Willowbrook 810 75th St.
- **Woodstock 665 S Eastwood Dr.
- **Elburn 920 N. Main St.

- **Hoffman Estates 4630 Hoffman Blvd.
- Homer Glen 14003 S Bell Rd.
- **Lincolnshire 910 Milwaukee, Ste. B

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- **Griffith 146 N Broad St.
- **Merrillville 1943 Southlake Mall
- **2226 Southlake Mall
- Portage 6279 US Hwy. 6
- **Schererville 1505 US Rte. 41
- **St. John 9607 Wicker Ave.
- **Valparaiso 2912 N Calumet Ave

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