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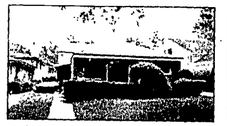

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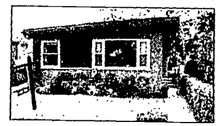

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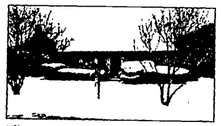

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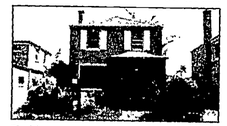

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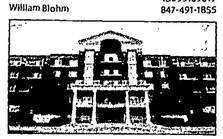

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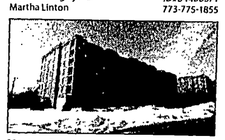

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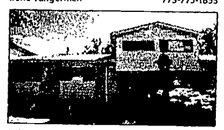

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Attorney general letter: Niles broke Open Meetings Act

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The Village of Niles was dealt a rebuke from an assistant attorney general this week for allegedly violating the Open Meetings Act.

The admonishment, which is likely to reverberate throughout the remainder of the mayoral campaign, came in the form of a written opinion by Assistant Attorney General Amanda M. Lundeen, who was responding to a complaint filed by Trustee Kim Biederman regarding Acting Mayor Robert Callero's creation of an ethics committee. Both Biederman and Callero are candidates in the upcoming mayoral election.

Biederman claims that Callero's ethics committee violated the Open Meetings Act when it allegedly convened without public notice and made decisions behind closed doors. She also took issue with the fact that the committee was approved by the village board at a Jan. 27 meeting even though the item was not formally listed on the agenda.

Callero denies that anything was improper or secret, but Lundeen sides with Biederman in her letter.

"The information presented indicates that the village board failed to comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.... at its January 27, 2009, meeting," Lundeen wrote. "Additionally, the Village of Niles Ethics Committee also appears to have failed to comply with the Act's requirements that all meetings of public bodies be held open to the public upon proper notice. In the future, all meetings of the Ethics Committee should be held open to the public after posting proper notices and agendas for those meetings. We also suggest that the Board undertake Open Meetings Act educational training with a qualified professional."

Village Attorney Joe Annunzio was quick to play down the significance of Lundeen's letter, which he said was only a legal opinion.

"There is no force of law behind it," he said. "It is not a judgment, it is not an order. The law is something that allows for an interpretation. At this point, this is not about anything other than a difference of opinion between two groups of people."

Biederman did not see it that way, however, and castigated Annunzio at a village board meeting Tuesday night.

"That's not what the letter says at all Joe," she said. "It was a judgment. It says the ethics committee is null and void."

Biederman had asked to make a statement during the public comment portion of the meeting, but was denied the opportunity to do so because it was not on the agenda. But she voiced her opinion vocally anyway and, at one point, the discussion became so heated that Callero was forced to pound his gavel and announce that she was "out of order." But the trustee continued to talk over the acting mayor and Annunzio.

"I don't know what Joe is talking about," she said later. "This letter does not mean let's talk this over. This is a ruling, this was a decision, this is the opinion of the attorney general's office. We need to revisit this immediately. They clearly violated the Open Meetings Act."

Callero accused Biederman of political grandstanding and said her efforts to discredit him amounted to harassment.

"These are distractions and it is the kind of grandstanding I'm trying to get the village away from," he said.

Trustee candidate Rosemary Palicki also became involved in the discussion of the letter at Tuesday night's meeting, saying that the village should admit its mistake and implied that Annunzio was playing semantics.

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FUNDS FOR STUDY Hanna Batool works through a language exercise with with her class at the Niles Township ELL Parent Center ESL course at the center March 21. The Center was recently awarded a grant, secured by Rep. Jan Schakowsky. See page 5. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

Sister City travel expenses raises charges of wasted tax money

Mayoral candidate Krysztof "Chris" Hanusiak has made campaign issues out of Niles' Sister Cities and village board members who travel overseas to visit foreign officials.

But Hanusiak was caught in an inaccuracy at a debate last week when he mistakenly stated that village taxpayers were fitting the bill for frivolous trips.

"When we are in a state of recession ... why are we galavanting around the world?" Hanusiak said.

But the trips are not paid for by residents, but by the village's Sister Cities foundation and proceeds from a Sister Cities celebration. This was pointed out by Acting Mayor Robert Callero, who corrected Hanusiak and chided him for not researching the issue.

"Chris, the Sister City trips are paid for the by the Sister Cities fair, not by the village," Callero said. "If you would had checked into it, you would know."

Hanusiak countered, saying he was misinformed because the village does not distribute information well online and explained that anyone who was not a village insider would not know how the trips were funded.

"In regards to the Sister Cities (funding), I don't know where its available or published and I don't think it's online," he said.

On Monday, Hanusiak said he was still waiting to receive financial information about the Sister Cities trips from the village. Callero has defended his three-day trip to Pisa, Italy last year, saying it was not a frivolous jaunt, but a business trip in which he and his fellow delegates only had time to meet with Pisa's officials, not go sightseeing.

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Driver found parked on lawn in Park Ridge charged with DUI

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A Niles woman was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after her vehicle ended up on the front lawn of a Park Ridge home March. 28.

Park Ridge Police Cmdr. Lou Jogmen said a witness called police to report that a silver SUV had struck a traffic signal at Touhy Avenue and Washington Street around 10:15 p.m. before continuing northbound on Washington, hitting three cars parked along the roadway.

Police located a vehicle matching the description of the fleeing SUV parked on the front lawn of a home on the 600 block of Edgemont Lane, its headlights flashing and the front end damaged, Jogmen said.

The driver of the SUV was identified was Josephine Kalvelage, 60, of the 8400 block of West Crain Avenue, Niles. In addition to a DUI, Kalvelage was charged with driving off the roadway. Her bond was set at $1,000 and she is scheduled to appeared in court on May 19.

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Provenzano, Wozny face off for township highway commissioner

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For the second time in four years, Maine Township Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano and Des Plaines Special Events Commission Chairman Jim Wozny are facing off in the race to lead unincorporated Maine Township's Highway Department.

The township's highway commissioner is in charge of overseeing a crew that maintains over 50 miles of streets in the unincorporated area, as well as numerous sewers and sidewalks.

Provenzano, a Republican who has held the highway commissioner seat for 12 years, said the biggest issue facing the department is completing projects with a fixed budget that relies on property taxes while the cost of materials continues to increase. Last year, he said, the cost of asphalt doubled, and this year concrete is expected to rise as well. The department, like many suburbs, also experienced salt prices more than tripling over previous winters, as well as the need to purchase more salt due to frequent snow events.

"We have money in reserve, but it's just going to be very, very difficult to try to make these numbers work," Provenzano said, noting the department has managed to stay within its budget when many other towns' public works departments have not.

"It's sound fiscal management," he said.

Wozny, a Democrat and former manager of sales for a packaged food company, alleges that "pay to play politics" is the biggest issue facing the department, claiming that contractors who have contributed to the campaigns of some township officials have been awarded projects. Wozny is also opposed to a policy that allows contracts to be awarded for any project under $20,000, and the fact that Provenzano's name appears on highway department vehicles.

"The current administration has been there for 140 years; it's been one-party rule," Wozny said, referring to the Republican party of which a majority of the current township board are members. "We need to change that. They need to help the residents, not just their political goals."

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ELL Center wins $140,000 grant

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The new Niles Township English Language Learners Parent Center will receive a $140,000 federal grant that could be used to provide more transportation to and from the center.

The grant, secured by Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th, who has supported the center since it first opened last summer, was more good news for a resource facility that has lived up to and even surpassed the hopes of all of its supporters.

Since July, Director Corrie Wallace said, 200 parents from 40 countries speaking 36 different native languages have used the ELL Parent Center, which is housed in the Skokie School District 68 administration building.

Wallace said the grant was a welcome surprise.

"I sure wasn't expecting it," she said. "With the recession and the economy the way it is, it's great news."

Niles Township superintendents will have a say in how the money is used, but both Wallace and District 68 Superintendent Fran McTague said it's likely to be spent on additional transportation services.

The new center provides services to the ethnically diverse parents of Niles Township schoolchildren who may be living in the United States for the first time. The township's remarkable shift in its demographics in recent years prompted the formation of the center whose costs are being shared by eight of 10 Niles Township school districts that signed on to the project.

Wallace wasted no time in promoting the center since she was hired over the summer. In aggressively reaching out to school districts and making sure the center was known in all of Niles Township, attendance at the center has steadily grown, she said.

And it has not been a one-way street. Wallace said that by meeting and working with so many people, she has learned about the needs of the immigrant community. That has helped her form a plethora of innovative new programs (see adjoining story) at the center.

"I wasn't expecting so much to happen so quickly," she said. "I think that's been possible because there has been so much support from everyone involved."

From the beginning, Oakton Community College supported the new center. An OCC family literacy class was among the first programs held there. And a weekly English as a second language class that began with fewer than a dozen people months ago now sees nearly 40 people every Saturday.

National-Louis University has also been a key resource to the center, even donating books at some literacy classes to help people learn better English.

Famina Shah, a volunteer from Niles North High School, helps entertain the children as their parents study at an ESL course at Niles Township ELL Parent Center. As parents are busy taking courses the center offers childcare the class time. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

The center is now beginning to see immigrant families who have moved to Niles Township only days earlier. That's an indication, Wallace said, that those arriving here for the first time are being told about the center right away. It's becoming the resource that was part of the mission of the center.

What also has helped, she said, is complete support from participating superintendents and teachers who have championed the center throughout its first eight months.

Schakowsky is expected to be at the center at 2 p.m. May 8 to celebrate the new grant, Wallace said.

"It's really exciting right now," she said. "It's not only lived up to my expectations, but it's exceed them at this point."

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New ELL center for parents schedules program variety

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The Niles Township English Language Learners Parent Center has hit the ground running as a busy resource for newly arrived immigrant families since it opened in July.

In fact, even Director Corrie Wallace didn't expect the center to progress as quickly as it has. With many programs finishing up now and new ones scheduled to begin in April or later, the center is providing a variety of assistance to families coming to Niles Township from other countries.

The center is located at 9440 Kenton Ave. in Skokie, the same building that houses Skokie School District 68's administrative offices. To sign up for a program or for more information, call (847) 568-7611.

Here are some of the activities sponsored by the center in the coming months.

- A Lincolnwood community bus tour on May 14 and 15 will take new Lincolnwood residents on a tour of village hall, the library, the local banks, Oakton Community College and the Niles Township ELL Parent Center itself, introducing them to key areas of interest in the community. Similar tours of other Niles Township villages are likely to be scheduled in the future.
- A representative from the office of Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th, comes to the center for two hours every month to provide useful information for newly arrived families.
- A positive parenting skills class for families with children ages 12 and older is scheduled for some Thursdays from April 16 to June 4. The class will be taught in English, Assyrian and Spanish.
- A program for mothers and teenage daughters will meet weekly on Wednesdays from April 22 to May 13. The program was prompted from the idea that many teenage daughters live in a more "Americanized" culture during the school day and adjust to a different culture when they return home.
- English language learners family story time sessions are scheduled at 10 a.m. April 24, May 1 and May 8.
- A session about finding jobs for immigrants with academic degrees from their native countries that have been in the United States fewer than five years is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. April 24. The center is working with an organization called Upwardly Global.
- Citizenship classes are ongoing, and a new set of classes will begin in April or May helping students prepare for their citizenship test.
- Oakton Community College continues with its popular English as a second language classes on Saturday mornings.
- Family English literacy classes are scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays.
- An English conversation class that allows participants to practice English is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. May 12, May 19 and May 26.
- Wednesday mornings at the center usually include guest speakers who provide useful information to immigrant families. Past topics have included the Pace bus system and preventing foreclosures.

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An exasperated Annunzio, who admitted to being frustrated by Biederman's actions, explained that Lundeen's opinion discounts a portion of the Open Meetings Action that says ethics committees are not pubic bodies if they are created through adoption of the state ethic law (which Niles' ethics committee was) and therefore, not subject to the same strictures as other committees.

"Taking her (Lundeen) opinion to its logical conclusion, it would seem that any time three village officials were in the same room together, they were breaking the law," Annunzio said. "It is a bit extreme."

Annunzio said the village was in the process of reviewing Lundeen's opinion and would take the appropriate steps to confer with the attorney general's office regarding their opposing views.

"The matter is not closed," he said.

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Six candidates contest four seats in Maine Township District 207

By TONY BERTUCA
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Two fast-approaching decisions loom large for the candidates running for the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education: the selection of a new superintendent to replace Dr. Joel Morris and the possible installation of lights at Maine South's football field.

There are six people competing for four seats on the board — incumbents Marijo Bustos and Eric Leys, both of Des Plaines, and Ed Mueller of Park Ridge, along with challengers Margaret McGrath of Park Ridge, and Eldon Burk and Jerry Kellog, both of Des Plaines. The election is April 7.

Leys

The campaign has not been flashy and the candidates have been relatively quiet, with the exception of Leys, who has issued press releases regarding his position on merit-based pay for teachers. He said he knows it could lead to tough negotiations with the teacher's union, but is willing to try.

Leys, 29, was the youngest person ever elected to the board when won a seat in 2001, at age 21. He is a former board president and a graduate of Maine West High School and works at as a finance manager at an auto dealership in Libertyville.

"I am excited about the many positive changes I have seen in District 207 over the past eight years," he said. "As a former student in Maine 207, and homeowner without children in the school system, I believe I bring a unique perspective to the board and would like to serve one more term."

Leys supports installing lights at Maine South.

"The district has worked with nearby residents to address their concerns of security, crowd control, debris, etc.," he said. "I believe that the correct position is to support this infrastructure improvement."

Bustos

Bustos, 45, is the Medicaid coordinator at American Pharmaceutical Partners Inc. in Schaumburg. She was appointed to the board in 2005 to complete the term of a member who was leaving the district.

"My work is focused on finance, compliance, training, communication, and group decision making," she said. "I have been a taxpaying member of the community for 16 years; I read local publications and attend local meetings to gather information on issues impacting my community."

Prior to becoming active in District 207, Bustos was involved in the PTA in District 62.

She indicated that she was a proponent of installing lights at Maine South.

"Many of the nearby resident protests stemmed from a lack of understanding," she said. "Lights are available at Maine East and Maine West activities. It is reasonable to provide the same tools to Maine South."

Mueller

Mueller, 62, is an attorney and partner at the Chicago law firm of Nisen&Elliot. He has served on the board since 2001 and is also a former president.

"We have negotiated two teachers' contracts without a strike, hired a new superintendent, and our well on our way to hiring another one," he said. "We face issues now, including finance, No Child Left Behind, and changes in our school populations that call out for experience leadership."

Mueller said he personally was responsible for negotiating a TIF agreement with Park Ridge that helped facilitate the development of Uptown which lead to the school district capturing $13 million in revenues.

Mueller said he was still unsure of how he would vote on the light installation issue, but hinted that he would likely be in favor of them.

"I probably will support reasonable usage of light to enhance school activities in a manner consistent with being a good neighbor," he said.

McGrath

McGrath, 50, is vice president and senior counsel for HSBC North America in Lake Forest, specializing in the administration of corporate pension funds and employ benefits. She is also vice president of the Center for Concern in Park Ridge and served on the Park Ridge-Niles School Distrct 64 Elemementary Learning Foundation in 2000-02.

"I have a strong interest in education and have professional skills that can contribute to the school board's work in employee relations and benefits," she said. "Additionally, I have extensive experience working with the public sector as a policy analyst for a quasi-governmental organization and as an advisor to Illinois municipalities and other governmental bodies."

McGrath is also in favor of installing lights at Maine South.

Kellogg

Kellogg, who did not list his age in a Pioneer Press questionnaire, is the owner of Haben Funeral Home in Skokie. He has been living in the school district for 23 years.

"The district has over $100 million, so the district is safe," he said. "As a board, we need to make optimal use of taxpayer money. The board needs to work with administrators and teachers to achieve higher test scores. Not all students will go to college, so we need to provide areas for these students to excel - don't forget wood, metal, and auto classes. I firmly believe in No Child Left Behind. We need to raise test scores."

He is also an ardent critical of the board's decision to provide artificial turf at Maine South High School.

"It was wrong of the board to provide artificial turf to Maine South to the cost of $1.2 million," he said. "We are in a recession. The money should be used in education first."

But Kellogg feels differently about installing lights at the Maine South football stadium and supports it.

Burk

Burk, 72, is a retired educator who once served as assistant superintendent at Maine West for 29 years. He has lived in the district for 46 years and is currently a member of the Des Plaines Library Board.

Burk is a proponent of using the district's reserve funds rather than sitting on them.

"Fortunately, the past record of the 207 board has been very good with regard to being careful about developing a 'rainy day' fund balance," he said. "(But) as the picture unfolds over the next year or two with regards to the economy, the board may have to make some hard decisions with the budget."

Burk said he would also like to see more focus put on the district's ESL students, which account for a large portion of the student population.

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Niles District 71 school board race features plenty of experience

By TONY BERTUCA
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There are five candidates — four incumbents and one newcomer — running for four seats on the Niles School District 71 Board of Education.

The incumbents include some of the board's top officers: school board president Patrick Byrne, Vice President Matt Holbrook, Secretary Mary Krueger, and two-term member Karen Johnson.

Challenger Michelle Homme is a Niles police dispatcher seeking a seat at the table.

The race has not been contentious in District 71, one of the most fiscally sound schools in the area, which is partly due to Niles' strong retail tax base. The district is composed only of Culver School.

Byrne, 48, has been on the board for four years and served as president for three of them.

"The school district continues to make Adequate Yearly Progress but we can't be satisfied that those measurements are enough proof that we are doing a good job," he said.

Byrne supports continuously reviewing curriculums and wants an increased importance placed on science, math and technology.

Holbrook, 45, is a local business owner who has five children in District 71.

"I have decided to run again because I have seen great things happen in our district and want to continue to be part of the process," he said. "Our strength comes from our school and community. We have a low tax rate and students receive a quality education. We get the best bang for your buck."

Krueger, 50, has lived in the district for her entire life and is the granddaughter of former Niles mayor Frank Stankowicz. She has been on the board for 12 years.

"District 71 is an asset to the neighborhood," she said. "A strong school is desirable and keeps the property value up. We do not have an issue with Adequate Yearly Progress and have always received the highest ratings from the state regarding our finances."

Johnson, 45, has served on the board for eight years and is the mother of two children who attend school in the district.

"I feel it is an honor to serve on the local school board," she said. "A quality education should affordable and available to every child."

Homme, a newcomer, said she decided to run for the school board to become more involved in the education of her children and to promote parental participation. She also wants to put a greater emphasis on the districts English Language Learners program.

"Rather than complain about my concerns, I choose to include myself in the solution," she said. "I am a parent and resident who cares about our community."

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POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed among the official reports of the Niles Police Department. An arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

BURGLARY

- A car was burglarized March 19 on the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. A laptop computer and a CD player were reported stolen.
- A car was burglarized March 19 on the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. A GPS unit and an IPod were reported stolen.
- A car was burglarized March 19 on the 9200 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. A Blackberry device was stolen.

DUI

- Syed Imam of 5743 N. Talman Ave., Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol March 21 on the 7500 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on $1,000 bond. His court date was not listed.

THEFT

- Arlington Yates of 7722 S. Essex Ave., Chicago, was charged with theft March 19 after he allegedly stole merchandise from a store on the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue. His bond was set at $15,000 and he is due in court April 16.
- Tambari Nwiyor of 7255 N. Ridge Blvd., Chicago, was charged with theft March 21 after he allegedly stole merchandise from a store on the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue. He was released on $1,000 bond and is due in court April 23.

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Face off

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When asked about the state of the township's roads and infrastructure, Provenzano said that for the last 10 years, rebuilding storm sewer basins has been one of the priority capital projects. Storm sewers are televised and cleaned yearly, he said, and the department is trying to keep to its 10-15 year street resurfacing schedule.

Wozny, although unfamiliar with at least some of the unincorporated area's roads, said he'd like a study to be done on an area of Emerson Street east of Potter, saying the road "looks bad" and too many vehicles are parked there. He did not specify what exactly he wanted the study to explore.

"You hire a consultant and do a study to see what they think is best," he said.

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Cambridge Bank, which is now known as Inland Bank & Trust (hereafter, "Inland/Cambridge Bank"), operated ATMs in Morton Grove and Lake Zurich, IL. This Notice relates only to those ATMs and concerns a lawsuit about the charging of fees at the ATMs. Mr. Chernyavsky sued Inland/Cambridge Bank under a law called the Electronic Funds Transfer Act on the grounds that the ATMs did not have fee notices posted on the outside of the ATMs advising consumers that a fee may be charged for using the ATMs. Inland/Cambridge Bank denies Mr. Chernyavsky's claims but has agreed to a settlement of the case.

The settlement includes everyone who was charged a fee for using the ATMs between July 15, 2007 and May 17, 2008. These people are called "Class Members," and the time period that is covered is called the "Class Period." Under the law, the maximum that a group of people may recover in a case like this one is the lesser of 1% of Inland/Cambridge Bank's net worth or $500,000, plus any actual damages that Class Members suffered. Inland/Cambridge Bank has stated that there were approximately 19,083 transactions for which ATM fees may have been charged during the Class Period. Inland/Cambridge Bank has agreed to establish a Settlement Fund of $100,000 to settle the case. Class Members may make a claim on the Settlement Fund to receive a pro rata share, up to a maximum of $1,000. The most an individual filing his own lawsuit could recover is $1,000 plus any actual harm suffered, so the attorneys believe that a settlement allowing Class Members to make a claim for up to $1,000 is fair and reasonable. The Settlement Fund will also be used to pay the costs of notifying Class Members of the settlement; the lawyers who filed the lawsuit their reasonable attorney fee, not to exceed $30,000; and Mr. Chernyavsky $2,000 for his services as class representative.

On May 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Magistrate Judge Schenkier will hold a hearing to decide whether to finally approve this settlement. YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND. If the settlement is approved, all Class Members will be bound by the resulting judgment and court orders, and eligible Class Members will be entitled to claim benefits under the settlement.

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Well-known pols back Biederman for mayor

By TONY BERTUCA
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Niles Trustee Kim Biederman has some pretty powerful friends backing her in the race for mayor, but their support has left the candidate dodging charges that she is running the campaign of a Democratic Party insider. U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th, state Sens. Dan Kotowski, D-33rd, and Ira Silverstein, D-8th, and state Rep. Lou Lang, D-16th, have all endorsed Biederman's candidacy, according to her campaign.

State Representative Michael MacAuliffe is the lone Republican on Biederman's list thus far, supporting Biederman because he believes she will keep taxes low, according to a written statement attributed to him by her campaign.

The Niles mayoral race is officially a non-partisan contest. "I am honored to have the support of our community's leaders," Biederman wrote in a public statement. "Their endorsements are evidence that I have the right experience and the right judgment to lead Niles into a new era. I look forward to working with them to keep Niles taxes low and restore integrity and ethics to government."

But Biederman's list of supporters has left her open to criticism from incumbent Robert Callero, who says Biederman is a political insider with powerful friends who pretends to be challenging the status quo.

Mayoral candidate Krysztof "Chis" Hanusiak was also unimpressed by Biederman's backers.

"I can't understand this near obsession of Mrs. Biederman to constantly remind a breathless world that oodles and oodles of politicians who don't live in Niles or pay taxes here want residents to vote for her," he said. "The only endorsement I want and will accept is one from the residents and the business people in Niles. Who cares what some outsider politician thinks we should do in our own house?"

Biederman, who used to work in Washington, D.C., for former Democratic congressman Sidney Yates, clearly has made friends among Illinois' Democratic party. Her husband Rob, who is helping manage Biederman's campaign, also used to work for Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, but the trustee says neither she nor her husband have any close relationship with Madigan.

Both Biederman and her husband also accompanied Illinois Democrats on a trip to the nation's capitol to witness the inauguration of president Barack Obama.

But Biederman said Monday she would not apologize for attracting support from big-name Democrats and pointed to McAuliffe's endorsement as evidence of bipartisan support from elected officials.

"I have support from our community's leaders," she said. "We have elected officials and I have been able to work with them. Most of them in this area just happen to be Democrats." And despite support from so many established politicians, Biederman still sought to cast herself as a scrappy underdog.

"I am a challenger in this race," she said.

The mayoral election is April 7.

New fun features to open at Golf-Maine's Dee Park

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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There will be splashing, singing and plenty of cricket matches this summer at Dee Park in unincorporated Maine Township.

The splashing will come from a new spray park that, after more than three years of delays, will open for its first full season beginning Memorial Day weekend, said Brett Fahnstrom, executive director of the Golf-Maine Park District.

The spray park will be open through Labor Day weekend and is available to park district residents for a daily fee of $2. It includes 11 different spray features kids can operate by pushing buttons.

Dee Park will also come alive with music during two new Friday night concerts this summer. On June 19, the Jukebox Band will perform popular American songs, and on July 17 the concert will take on a Caribbean theme with the group Maddrum, Fahnstrom said. Both concerts will begin at 7 p.m. at Dee Park, located at Dee Road and Emerson Street.

Warmer weather will also usher in the opening of the park's new cricket pitch, designed to accommodate the many South Asian residents of the area who have long played the game informally at the park.

Fahnstrom said these are some of the bigger events planned this year to get residents to visit Dee Park.

"We're trying to get more activities going on in the park," he explained.

The Golf-Maine Park District covers unincorporated Maine Township and portions of Niles and northern Park Ridge.

Firefighter Ryan seeks trustee seat against slate he tried to join

By TONY BERTUCA
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Niles trustee candidate Dan Ryan had a chance to run on the same slate as his current opponents in the Continuing Economic Stability Party. He even got an endorsement letter from former-Gov. Rod Blagojevich to try to convince his would-be running mates.

But local restaurateur and Planning and Zoning Commissioner George Alpogianis was selected instead. Alpogianis has a criminal record from his teen years that could get him removed from office if he is elected.

Many residents have written angry letters to newspapers criticizing Ryan for allegedly digging up dirt on Alpogianis and leaking it to a local media outlet. Ryan is a former Chicago police officer and some — including acting Niles Mayor Robert Callero — have speculated he used his connections in the department to look into Alpogianis' background.

Ryan denies the accusations, saying he knew of Alpogianis' past, but never alerted the press to it.

"I feel sorry for George," Ryan said. "I think he's a great guy. But the law is the law."

Ryan said he has explored filing a complaint against Alpogianis with the Attorney General's Office but said he would prefer lawmakers step in before he had to do so.

"I have not filed any complaints, but I have inquired," Ryan said. "People are upset with the problems Niles has had. They want honesty."

Ryan, a former Niles firefighter, has a lawsuit pending against the village in connection with an injury he suffered on the job. While the candidate has not gone out of his way to announce the lawsuit to voters, he was upfront about it when asked.

"I have nothing to hide," he said. "I just want what's best for my family."

Ryan's accident occurred in 2003. He said he was driving an ambulance on the way to an emergency call when he was hit by a Niles fire engine. Doctors had to operate on Ryan's back and he was told he could no longer serve with the village Fire Department because of his physical condition.

Ryan, who works today as a construction consultant, is suing the village to get the benefits his family would be eligible for if he were still on the job.

Those critical of Ryan's trustee campaign have said his lawsuit is a clear conflict of interest, but he asserts that it would be a matter for the courts, not the board of trustees.

"Should it ever come before the board, I would excuse myself," he said.

Mike Yesner, spokesman for the Continuing Economic Stability Party, recently sent **Pioneer Press** a copy of the recommendation letter from Blagojevich, which Ryan used in his attempt to be placed on the slate. Ryan said he used the recommendation the past fall before Blagojevich was arrested. He also said he donated money to the ex-governor and worked for his campaign.

"I was duped into trusting Blagojevich, as the rest of the state was," he said.

But Ryan said he is not close friends with Blagojevich and said the recommendation was only a form letter he sent to Niles Trustee Andrew Przybylo to be considered for the slate.

Ryan's campaign is also being financially supported by Bruce Liimatainen and several of his family members, who also donated money to Blagojevich, according to records.

But Ryan sought to turn the tables on his CESP opponents for criticizing his recommendation from Blagojevich, as they are being endorsed by former mayor Nicholas Blase, who has pleaded guilty to federal counts of tax evasion and mail fraud stemming from an alleged scheme to steer Niles business owners to an insurance agency that paid him kickbacks.

"I would have asked our mayor for an endorsement, like my opponents, but it had come out that he was putting the arm on people," Ryan said. "I find it interesting that they would criticize me for taking an endorsement from Blagojevich, when they are endorsed by Nick Blase."

Some have also criticized Ryan for serving as both a Chicago police officer and a Niles firefighter simultaneously for a period of six months. But Ryan said he took a leave of absence from Chicago police when he moved to Niles, never violated the city's residency requirement for officers and never double-dipped.

But at one point Ryan was forced to move from Niles back to Chicago to keep from violating the city's residency requirement.

Ryan also acknowledged having never voted in a Niles municipal election, but justified his lack of political involvement to Blase's strong grip on the village.

If elected, Ryan promises to be an independent voice on the Village Board and said he wants to restructure the village emergency response plan to make it more comprehensive.

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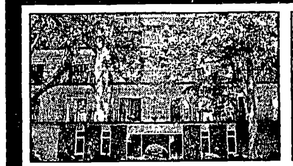

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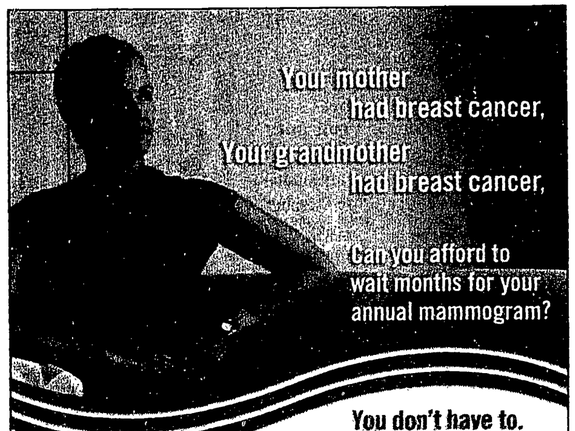

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WE SAY

Our previous picks for April 7 election

We wish to reiterate our previous choices for the April 7 election in Niles:

Maine District 207

Edward Mueller, Marijo Bustos, Eric Leys, Eldon Burk.

Niles District 71

Pat Byrne, Matt Holbrook, Mary Krueger, Karen Johnson.

Biederman our pick for mayor

There have been plenty of disagreements and even disagreeableness in the races for mayor and village board in Niles. But most everyone agrees that this is the most important municipal election in Niles in about half a century.

That would be since the beginning of governance by former mayor Nick Blase. With a longevity rivaled only by the late Don Stephens in Rosemont, Blase presided over Niles, was its leading citizen and its guiding light. Blase appointed nearly all its board trustees (who would, to be fair, be re-elected routinely), set the vision for the village, found the people to carry it out and brooked little dissension in the process.

The money-making retail centers of Golf Mill and Village Crossing, low property taxes for residents, a fine senior center and the admirable free village bus service only begin to describe Blase's many lasting contributions to Niles. The legacy also includes compromises on buildings that crowd Milwaukee Avenue, unsightly power lines crisscrossing the village, and an off-track betting parlor that was approved by ignoring public opposition.

That legacy also includes a hasty resignation prompted by guilty pleas to mail fraud and tax evasion, charges that stemmed from an investigation that Blase was paid kickbacks from an insurance agency.

The common view is that this chapter is an unexpected blot upon a long period of secure and stable governance. But that misses the real issue — those 47 years discouraged a community's lifeblood, the creation of politically active residents.

Niles' political stability came at the stunting of the village's political health.

Sure, there are residents who know well how Niles government works and many of them are asking for your vote April 7. We agree with their claim that in a time of transition, experience matters.

But no one with experience has anything like a coherent vision of the future of Niles, because the only vision that ever mattered was Blase's. So we felt it important that candidates for mayor also recognize that what is most needed is an acknowledgment that the old days are done; that the job is not to be the new captain of the old ship.

With these criteria, we feel that **Kim Biederman** offers Niles the best combination of experience and a willingness to break from the past. While she is by no measure a political rival of Blase (her husband ran Blase's last mayoral campaign), she has spoken frequently and forcefully in her campaign about the need for more government transparency in the wake of his administration. She has demonstrated a commitment to cost-cutting while in office and has made an important campaign commitment by banning contributions from Niles' village employees and business vendors.

Though a selling point for her for some, we are somewhat troubled by the plethora of her endorsements from Democratic Party state officials and hope this is not an indication of outside influence.

Robert Callero, the acting mayor since Blase's resignation, certainly has few peers in both his knowledge and experience on the Niles Village Board. We applaud his recent efforts to create committees for zoning, ethics reform and stormwater management.

But with embarrassing lapses under Callero's administration like the staff's use of village equipment to create a video praising Blase, the use of village stationery by Blase to endorse Callero, and most recently, the rebuke from the attorney general's office over the creation of the ethics committee, it seems clear that village officials aren't getting the message that ways of doing business must change.

On the other hand, surprise challenger Krzysztof "Chris" Hanusiak has been unsparing in his condemnation of Blase's actions. He has been an energetic, intelligent campaigner who almost always hits the right notes in answers to the village's problems. But his lack of participation in government at any level until his mayoral announcement gives us great pause and make us uneasy recommending him for such a vital post at such a critical time.

We would have liked to have seen and heard more from candidate Carol Harczak. But the great tragedy of her husband Richard's death Feb. 21, himself a former Niles trustee, prevented her from campaigning effectively for a large period of time. Now back on the campaign trail, she has attacked only Biederman and Hanusiak while leveling no criticism of Callero, leaving a question as to whether her own candidacy is her primary concern.

Candidate Luigi Nitti, a cement worker, has run a mostly quiet campaign.

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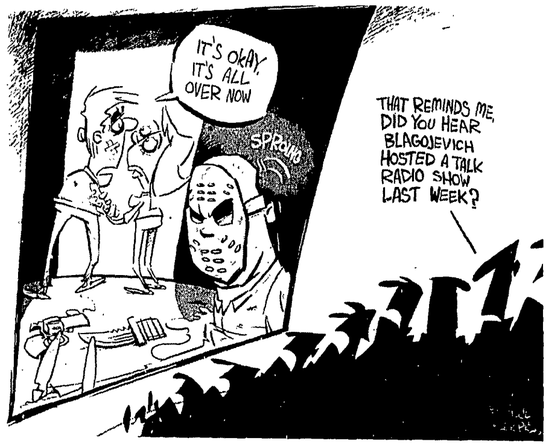

Przybylo, Preston, Palicki for board

As in our endorsement for mayor, we based our choices for the three open trustee seats on the village board on our desire to balance the advantages of experience with the need to break from the status quo.

In that regard, we endorse the re-election of trustees **Andrew Przybylo** and **Louella Preston** and the election of newcomer **Rosemary Palicki** for the Niles village board.

Przybylo, the well-known owner of the White Eagle, has shown an adeptness and understanding of the village's needs. Though allied with Acting Mayor Robert Callero, whom former mayor Nick Blase has endorsed, Przybylo has been noticeably more critical of the past administration's faults, particularly over the exclusion of residents, and many times fellow trustees, from key decision-making procedures.

Preston's long involvement with the village and background in education gives her a valued ability to represent the village to other municipalities and boards. This she has done with aplomb, representing Niles on SWANCC and the Northwest Municipal Conference.

We also support Palicki's candidacy as a true outsider who nonetheless brings an insider's knowledge of Niles to the board. This longtime resident became engaged in Niles politics over the proposal to bring an off-track betting parlor to Niles. Though we do not share her concerns, we admired her tenacity in helping focus resident opposition to the plan, giving them a voice routinely denied them in village government.

George Alpogianis, the owner of Kappy's in Morton Grove, has been a member of the plan commission since 2001 and kept a keen eye on the progress of development in the village. Yet the revelation of felony convictions in his youth has left him seeking a reinstatement of eligibility. He has made much of his life since then, yet until his legal status is resolved, we cannot advocate that Niles voters support him for a post he may not be able to fill.

Dan Ryan, a former firefighter for the village, also is earnest in his desire to help the village become more responsive to its residents. But he is suing the village over an accident involving one of its vehicles and we can't see how this obvious conflict of interest can be ignored by voters.

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'Liquidation' prices are no bargain

STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Readers: It's going to be a while before this economy gets better, so expect to see more of those giant "Going out of business — liquidation sale!" banners.

But while those screaming red-and-yellow signs can be tempting, most liquidation sales are no bargain. Here's why:

The liquidators, not the company itself, are in charge now, and they want to make as much money as possible. They've guaranteed the creditors will get a certain amount, and they want to make some extra for themselves, too.

So the first thing they do is mark up the items to the manufacturer's suggested retail price, which is usually about 10 percent to 15 percent higher than what the store ever sold the stuff for pre-bankruptcy. So if a liquidation sale sign says "15 percent off!" what that means is the price is exactly what it used to be on a regular day with no sale.

Some liquidators also sneak in other merchandise that never was sold at that particular retailer. So some of the items on display might be coming from who-knows-where.

Perhaps most important, liquidation sales typically sell everything "as-is" with no returns allowed. That means if you discover you've just bought a scuffed-up display model that was stuffed back in a box and resealed, you have no one to complain to but yourself.

Many times, competitors of a store in liquidation will drop their prices to try to lure the bargain-hunters their way, so it pays to look around.

Also, if you get an inside line on when a store is about to go broke, experts say some of the best prices can be found one week before liquidation — when the original company is still in charge.

One last piece of advice: If you've got a gift card for a troubled retailer or restaurant, use it NOW. If you wait too long, you might be out of luck.

Dear Fixer: On Dec. 31, I ordered three pairs of size-14 multi-pocket wide leg jeans from New York & Company's Web site. I paid with a gift card.

I received the order about two weeks later, but in it were two pairs of size-14 jeans and one pair of size-12.

I immediately called, and the woman I spoke with said it was their mistake and they would send me a replacement pair immediately. She told me to watch my e-mail for a tracking number.

After a week and a half of no e-mail, I called again. I was told that I needed to send the wrong-size jeans back for them to send me another pair, even though the first rep did not tell me this. I asked if there was a way to have them shipped back without me having to pay, and she said they would have FedEx pick them up from my house.

If this was taken care of in the beginning, they would have still had them!

The jeans were picked up on Jan. 23. Two weeks went by without any news, so I e-mailed asking if the jeans had been received. I got an e-mail saying the jeans were received on Feb. 3 and they had credited my gift card for $12.48. That was a problem, since I had already thrown the empty gift card away.

So now my refund was inaccessible since it was on the gift card I had tossed. I told them I did not want a credit; I wanted a replacement pair of jeans. Since it was a company error, I should not have to pay $40 to buy another pair, which is what I would have to pay since the deal was no longer available.

I called again a week later, and the woman I spoke with told me she was sorry, but they had now discontinued the jeans and no longer had them in my size.

I called corporate headquarters, and eventually they sent me a new gift card for $12.48. I do not feel it is fair that they are crediting me such a small amount of money. Yes, the original jeans were on sale, but now they expect me to fork over more money for jeans that are no longer on sale to replace what was their mistake.

Megan Thome

Dear Megan: The Fixer sympathizes: It's frustrating when you receive the wrong order and then find out — whoops! — the sale's over.

We showed your letter to Kellie Baldyga, who handles business media relations for New York & Company. She got it to a woman named Crystal, whom you've described as one of the best customer service reps you've ever dealt with.

We've gotta say, this Crystal should get some sort of fixing award. First, she had you pick out the jeans of your choice from their Web site, free of charge. Then she promised a $25 gift card to make up for the hassle.

And just to make sure you're completely happy, she gave you her direct line in case you have any other issues.

Now that's what we call a fix.

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YOU SAY

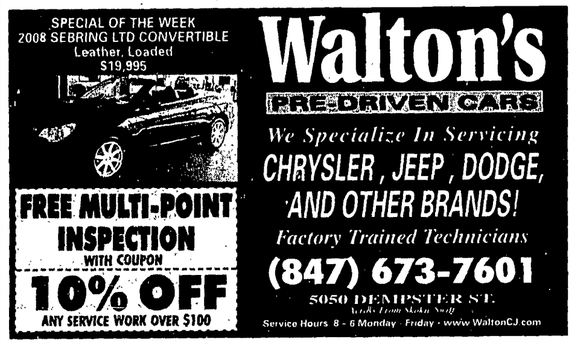
Democrats needed in Maine Township

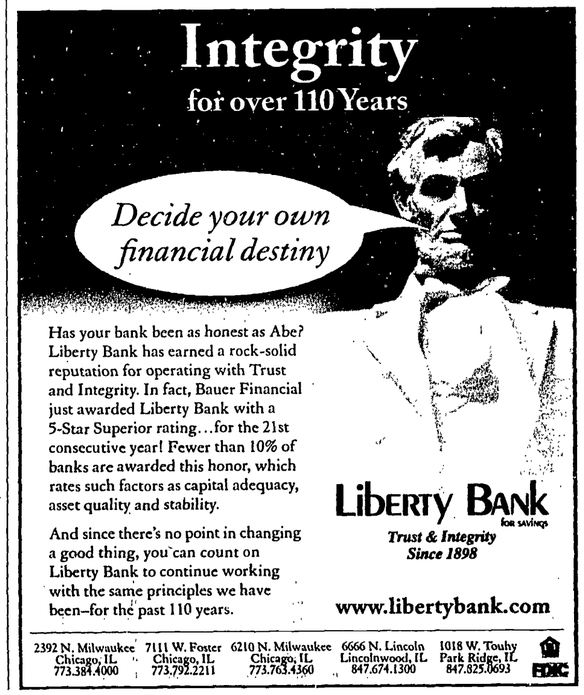
In 2005, Barack Obama came to Maine Township. During that visit, Sen. Obama endorsed Peter Ryan, Gail Vierneisel and James Wozny.

This year, Peter Ryan, Gail Vierneisel and James Wozny are running again. In this race they are joined by Pat Lofthouse, Maren Rosen, Carmen Valerio, Suzanne Henn and Jim Radermacher. We endorse this slate because they embody values of change and selfless community involvement. It is time for Maine Township to step up to the challenges of today and vote for the courage, energy and integrity this slate brings.

Please join us in this effort. Vote for change on April 7.

Jerry & Josephine Conlon
Park Ridge





SCHOOL DIGEST

District 207

An evening of fine food, fundraising, and a taste of the best fine arts entertainment Maine Township has to offer awaits those who attend the District 207 High School Education Foundation's first "Fine Arts Extravaganza" April 7 at the Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, in Rosemont. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and raffle viewing. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., with entertainment by District 207 fine arts students to begin immediately afterward. Students representing each of the three Maine Township High Schools will be performing, including the Maine South Chamber Orchestra, the Maine East Demonaires and the Maine West Jazz Ensemble, along with members of the Maine West Speech Team. An art exhibit of student work also will be displayed along with fabulous and fun raffle prizes.

Those attending can also learn about the work of the Education Foundation and the exciting student programs it has supported via its grants program. These include the COACH student-to-student tutoring program; student trips to New Orleans, Springfield, and Washington, D.C.; the Maine South Constitution Team; Summer Reading projects at East and West; Maine East's Poetry Slam; Maine West's student athletic trainer training program; as well as two fine arts grant recipients, Maine East's performance of "Carmina Burana" last spring and Maine West's Art Department's pottery-firing field trip to Galena this fall. $50 tickets, may be purchased online by accessing the Maine Township High School District 207 Web site at www.maine207.org. Click on the Fine Arts Extravaganza news item at the top of the "News and Announcements" listing, or contact Jim Blue, (847) 827-6029.

Maine South Chamber Orchestra members include violinists: **Aleksandra Augustynowicz, Mary Daly, Kate Griebler, Chloe Hawkins, Britta Holland, Cassi Lee, John Oberschelp and Samantha Petkofski.**

Violists: **Anthony Chiodo, Eric Hollander, Grace Householder and Lydia Ramsey.**

Celloists: **Kyle Besetzny, Tony DiGiacomo, Anthony Groenwold, Kelly Hunt, Michael Ruggeri and Vanessa Scianna.**

Bassists: **Eric Greve.**

Pianists: **Ethan Campbell and Robert Parter.**

Maine West Jazz Ensemble Saxophonists: **Amanda Cipriani, Lily Grant, Ben McGuiggan, Joe Popely and Joe Trinte.**

Trumpeters: Bryan Bishop, David Caruthers, Liz Freeman, Alyssa Laessig and Katie Stenstrom.

Trombonists: **Kyle Amati, Simon Giavaras and Maciek Zmyslowski.**

Rhythm Section: **Jimmy Chwzan, Christian DeKnock, Brian Duckmann, Sean Johnston, Kersten Leahy and Jennie Luong.**

Richard Groeling, director.

Maine West Speech Team Groups include: **Sean Hansen,** presenting "Captain Oblivious" And... "Rabbit Hole" by the cast.

Maine East Demonaires features Sopranos: **Erikka Mae Magpayo, Beth Ann Melnick, Johanna Orr and Alyssa Paguirigan.**

Altos: **Rose Ann Aragon, Jennica Dimaliig, Linnea Hernandez, Marielle Solano and Jenny Won.**

Tenors: **Donelle Escicul, Elliott Fulton, Dylan Guzman and Jeff Levinson.**

Basses: **Jacob Jones, Jon Levinson, John Leynes, Erwin Pasia and Aaron Reinhart.**

District 219

Niles West High School English teacher **Dan Quinlan,** along with his students **Mikey Varshavskiy** and **Ravi Patel,** will participate in the annual TECH 2009 Students for the Information Age event April 30 at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield. More than 100 schools from across the state will take part.

Quinlan and his students will answer questions from the public, and elected members of the Illinois State Senate and the House of Representatives, about how technology is being used in the classroom to improve achievement. Quinlan noted that they will demonstrate the uses of and field questions about programs such as Google Apps and NoodleTools, an online research organizational aid. Computer workstations will be set up in the Capitol Building Rotunda so students can show how technology has helped them with their schoolwork.

TECH 2009 is a not-for-profit initiative presented by Illinois Computing Educators (ICE), and is supported by a broad range of education and business organizations.

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Parents and guardians in Niles Township are invited to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss "Raising Teens: A Risky Business" from 7-8:30 p.m. April 13 in the Niles West High School Auditorium, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie.

The Niles Township Youth Coalition is sponsoring this meeting to inform parents about the kinds of lifestyle choices young people are making. The meeting will start off with a summary of results from the social norms survey recently completed at Niles North and Niles West High Schools. The findings will give parents of teens and pre-teens a true picture about the usage of drugs, alcohol and tobacco among young people.

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Exhibitors Wanted!

North Shore Women's Conference

Sponsored by the Pioneer Press and the Sun Times News Group

Friday, May 15, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting to help their children make healthy life choices.

An Information Fair will be held in the lobby after the meeting. Literature from local community agencies and agency representatives will be available.

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Recently District 219 DECA students traveled to the State Career Development Conference held in Decatur, Illi. More than 900 students from high schools across Illinois competed in events related to the marketing and business fields. Six Niles North students and 15 Niles West students qualified to compete against 12,000 other students at the International Career Development Conference contest in Anaheim, California April 29 through May 2.

The Niles North students who qualified to participate in the International Competition are coached by teachers **Angie Hankes and Mary Nagelvoort.** They are: **Sarah Paulis and Courtney Berkowitz,** public relations project, second place; **Nicole Valente and Josh Levy,** sports and entertainment marketing – team decision, second place; **Damiana Andonova,** entrepreneurship participating event, advanced; and **Zach Kabb,** sports and entertainment, marketing - individual, advanced.

Students who achieved "Top Ten" in state: Evan Lipsky, automotive services marketing; **Dev Patel** and **Jonathan Perlin,** financial analysis team decision; **Josh Levy, Dev Patel and Jonathan Perlin,** advertising campaign; and **Nimar Malk, Mikhail Dasovich** and **Sarah Paulis,** hospitality and recreation research project.

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At the 31st annual Illinois Drafting Educators Association regional competition held at Oakton Community College March 6, Niles West students competed in eight different categories. In all but one category, Niles West took first place.

The following students have qualified for the state competition at Illinois State University April 18: **Jennifer Le and Celine Ledesma,** Introductory Board; **Jason Vivay and Vikram Shah,** Introductory CAD; **Marek Puia,** Architectural Board; **Frank Kaufhold and Andrew Lee,** Machine Board; **Derek Wong and Mitch Belin,** Machine CAD; **Gentillio Curescu,** 3-D Architectural and **Karl Grunst,** Solids.

Notre Dame

When Allstate Agent Ray LaMantia speaks to area high school students about the importance of safe driving, he usually brings his Notre Dame High School class yearbook to make an eye-opening point. He shows his young audience the yearbook memorial page featuring photos of two students who were killed in a car accident during his senior year.

To make a positive impression at his alma mater in Niles, he recently teamed up with fellow Notre Dame High School grad and Park Ridge Allstate agent Pat Riordan to help prevent future teen driving tragedies. The two Allstate agents presented a $1,000 check to the school as part of Illinois' Operation Teen Safe Driving Program. The state-sponsored initiative, which is also supported by the Allstate Foundation, helps Illinois high schools implement local teen-led safe driving campaigns to decrease the number of fatalities and crashes involving teenagers in Illinois. After a thorough selection process, approximately 100 schools received one thousand dollar grants to implement their programs – including Notre Dame.

Both Allstate agents will be working with Notre Dame High School on an upcoming safe driving program for students throughout the year.

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Winners will be chosen from the entries of the team which receives the most votes. 25 winners will each be awarded one pair of Wrigleyville Rooftops tickets to SOX @ CUBS on Tuesday, June 16 (7:05pm) including unlimited food & beverage!

For more chances to win, pick up the Chicago Sun-Times everyday until April 21, 2009!

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4 YOUR CONSIDERATION

A quartet of activities for the coming week.

Anne Adams, Dan Kuhlman and Suzanne Lang are featured in Northlight Theatre's production of "Mauritius."

1. "Mauritius," presented by Northlight Theatre through April 5 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. $25-$55. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org.

2. "Pieces for the Musical Clock," featuring flutist Eugenia Zukerman and keyboardist Anthony Newman, at 7:30 p.m. April 3 in Northwestern University's Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. $6-$14. (847) 467-4000 or www.pickstaiger.org.

3. Tribute to Nat King Cole, starring Marcus Gentry, at 1:30 p.m. April 8 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. $10-$15. (847) 677-7761 or www.skokietheatre.com.

4. Opening reception for OakArt 2009, the annual exhibit of work by student artists, will be held from 5-8 p.m. April 2 at Oakton Community College's Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Exhibit runs through April 23. (847) 635-2633 or www.oakton.edu/museum.

Students team up to create their own opera

'ROMEOVILLE & JOLIET: AN EVENING OF BARBECUES, INTERVENTIONS, AND ROLE REVERSAL'
4 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. $8-$12. www.evanstonspace.com/buytix

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

(Top row, left to right) Annemarie Pulawski, Lauren Williams, Jesse Langen, Nicholas Roux, Ian Karbal, Vanessa Mendenhall, Matteson Pino, (bottom row) Sam Fajerstein, Neal Markowski, Seth Kaplan, Caroline Kenworthy, Isabella Iatarola, Marissa Cameron and Jahan Nolley created their own opera based on "Romeo and Juliet."

A group of talented young writers and composers will have their original opera performed by professional adults on Sunday, April 5 at SPACE in Evanston. "Romeoville & Joliet: An Evening of Barbecues, Interventions, and Role Reversal" is the result of a unique collaboration between The Musical Offering School of Music in Evanston and the Chicago Academy for the Arts, a private high school.

The project was envisioned by Rick Ferguson, director of The Musical Offering, and teacher of piano and chamber music there, who started teaching at the Chicago Academy for the Arts this year. "A number of Musical Offering teachers are also teachers at the Academy and I've had a great relationship there with faculty members for years," he noted.

The libretto, based on Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," was created by six Chicago Academy for the Arts writing students. The music was composed by seven of the school's composition students.

Jesse Langen, who teaches at both The Musical Offering and the Chicago Academy for the Arts, is directing the opera. "My main role has been coordinating the writers and the composers at the Academy, and especially helping the composers write the opera," he said.

Each writing team first pitched its concept to the composition teams. "We talked to them about the pitches, and they gave us more pitches," Langen said. "Then they would give us parts of the libretto."

Ferguson said that students learned how to collaborate through this project. "It's as wonderful a teaching tool as I can imagine," Ferguson declared. He jokingly added, "Sometimes getting artistic types all to be focused on the same end is very much like herding cats."

The highly creative opera has scenes in which Romeo and Juliet switch roles and genders, family members and friends stage an intervention to stop the title characters from committing suicide, and a nearly deadly barbecue is attended by the Montague and Capulet families.

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Library celebrates all things 'Wizard of Oz'

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

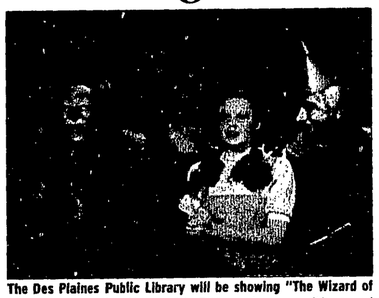
There's a simple reason why the Niles Park District schedules special events at IceLand, 8435 Ballard. "We run them to try to pull in more skaters and more kids to get them to love the sport like we do," said skating director Hillary Fisher. What Fisher loves about skating is "the freedom out there — the ability to glide and not being stuck to anything."

Next up is "Spring Skate," 12:05-1:20 p.m. Saturday, April 4. "We hide toys and do a hunt, we do a limbo, we show them how to do different tricks and then we ask them to demonstrate," Fisher said. There will be room on the rink for regular skating.

The cost is $1 per person (regularly $5). Skate rental is $3.

At IceLand, students showcase their talent at an annual ice show, this year "Blades on Broadway," May 15-17.

For details, call (847) 297-8010.



The Des Plaines Public Library will be showing "The Wizard of Oz" and celebrating the movie's 70th anniversary with several events.

Journey to Oz

The 70th anniversary of "The Wizard of Oz" will be celebrated at the Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St., at "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," noon-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Activities include film screenings at noon and 2 p.m., face painting, crafts, a performance by the Singing Librarians at 1:30 p.m. and a sing-a-long "Wizard of Oz" at 3:30 p.m. There will also be a 2:30 p.m. costume parade.

For details, call (847) 376-2839.

Those dancing feet

Jazz, musical theater, modern, hip-hop and other dance styles will be showcased by competitive performing groups from the North Shore Dance Center, 7-8 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. The free, drop-in performance is in the Petty Auditorium.

For details, call (847) 673-7774.

Bunny hopping over

Kids will get a kick out of meeting the Easter bunny at Breakfast with the Bunny, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. Cost is $10 per person for residents, $12 for nonresidents. Registration is required.

For details, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2700.

FILM CLIPS

OPENING

ADVENTURELAND
★ ★ ★ 1/2
An awkward, intellectually inclined college kid who had been planning to take a tour of Europe before going to grad school winds up instead working a nightmarish summer job at a cheesy Pittsburgh amusement park. There's a definite undercurrent of melancholy to the proceedings, bound up with a complicated romance between our hero and a prematurely worldly park veteran who's involved with the married local-music-legend/park maintenance guy. (BI) (107 min.) Rated R for language, drug use and sexual references.

ALIEN TRESPASS
An alien and noted astronomer team up to capture a runaway monster in this send-up of '50s sci-fi movies. (90 min.) Rated PG for sci-fi action and brief historical smoking.

FAST & FURIOUS
The cast of the original "The Fast and the Furious" street-racing undercover-cop saga (Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Michelle Rodriguez) reunite to bust a heroin importer. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, some sexual content, language and drug references.

SIN NOMBRE
★ ★ ★ 1/2
There's a slightly disconcerting strain of classic Hollywood in this story of love on the run in contemporary Mexico. "Sin Nombre" develops two parallel plots – a teenage girl from Honduras heads for a better life in America with the father she's never known and a young gang member violently rejects that life and runs for his life with vicious thugs in murderous pursuit – and unites them on a train bound for an illegal border crossing. In Spanish with subtitles. (BI) (96 min.) Rated R for violence, language and some sexual content.

"Sin Nombre"

STILL PLAYING

THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT
A mother (Virginia Madsen) who relocates her ailing son to be closer to a hospital discovers she's sharing the house with unfriendly spirits. Very unfriendly. (92 min.) Rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of terror and disturbing images.

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS
A monster-fied little girl helps a team of friendly monstrosities protect the Earth during an invasion from outer space. Voices of Seth Rogen, Reese Witherspoon, Paul Rudd, Hugh Laurie, Rainn Wilson and Stephen Colbert are featured in this animated family adventure. (94 min.) Rated PG for sci-fi action, some crude humor and mild language.

12 ROUNDS
A detective (John Cena) must overcome 12 challenges to rescue his girlfriend from a man who kidnapped her for revenge. (108 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action.

DUPLICITY
A pair of corporate spies with a steamy past (Clive Owen, Julia Roberts) team up to con their bosses, Tony Gilroy ("Michael Clayton") wrote and directed the romantic thriller. Rated PG-13 for language and some sexual content.

KNOWING
A professor (Nicolas Cage) deciphers a mathematical code from an unearthed time capsule that predicts future disasters. Rated PG-13 for disaster sequences, disturbing images and brief strong language.

I LOVE YOU, MAN
Realizing he has no one to ask to be the best man at his wedding, a groom (Paul Rudd) courts a new best-friend-forever (Jason Segel). John Hamburg ("Along Came Polly") wrote and directed the comedy. Rated R for pervasive language, including crude and sexual references.

SUNSHINE CLEANING
★ ★ ★ 1/2
When she realizes her gifted/borderline-annoying son needs private school, a cash-strapped single mom (Amy Adams) goes into the lucrative (but extremely messy) crime-scene cleanup business with her slacker sister (Emily Blunt), picking up stray body parts and scrubbing arterial spray patterns off walls and ceilings. (BI) (102 min.) Rated R for language, disturbing images, some sexuality and drug use.

THE LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT
Thugs who brutally assaulted two young women get painful payback at the home of one of the victims' parents in this remake of Wes Craven's 1972 shocker. (100 min.) Rated R for sadistic brutal violence including a rape and disturbing images, language, nudity and some drug use.

MISS MARCH
A young man who wakes up from a four-year coma discovers his former girlfriend is a Playboy Playmate – and decides to pick up where they left off. Writer/directors Trevor Moore and Zach Cregger ("The Whitest Kids U Know") co-star in the comedy. Rated R for strong crude and sexual content, nudity, pervasive language and some drug use.

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN
A Las Vegas cab driver (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) assists a couple of kids with supernatural powers on a race to save the planet in this update of the '70s Disney adventures. Rated PG for sequences of action and violence, frightening and dangerous situations, and some thematic elements.

WATCHMEN
A vigilante investigating the connection between the murder of a retired superhero and his former colleagues reveals a conspiracy that threatens global destruction. Zack Snyder ("300") directed the adaptation of Alan Moore's groundbreaking 1986 graphic novel. (163 min.) Rated R for strong graphic violence, sexuality, nudity and language.

THE HORSEMEN
A grieving detective (Dennis Quaid) discovers a link between himself and a series of murders inspired by the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Music video filmmaker Jonas Akerlund directed the thriller. (110 min.) Rated R for grisly and disturbing content, some sexual images and language.

CROSSING OVER
A "Crash"-like drama about immigrants of different nationalities who struggle to achieve legal status in Los Angeles. Wayne Kramer ("The Cooler") wrote and directed, featuring Harrison Ford, Ray Liotta and Ashley Judd. Rated R for pervasive language, some strong violence and sexuality/nudity.

JONAS BROTHERS: THE 3D CONCERT EXPERIENCE
The title says it all about this document of the boy band's 2008 "Burning Up" concert tour. Rated G.

CORALINE
★ ★ ★ ★
Feisty, sassy, lonely little Coraline is feeling neglected in the new house her parents have moved to, so she's receptive to the attentions paid to her by the seemingly perfect "Other Mother" and "Other Father" – until the ideal mom reveals herself as a nasty witch who collects children's souls by replacing their eyes with buttons. (BI) (100 min.) Rated PG for thematic elements, scary images, some language and suggestive humor.

FIRED UP
A couple of high school football stars (Nicholas D'Agosto, Eric Christian Olsen) decide to skip summer training camp and follow the girls to cheerleading camp instead. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content throughout, partial nudity, language and some teen partying.

FROST/NIXON
★★★1/2
Screenwriter Peter Morgan adapted his Broadway play about the epic series of post-Watergate interviews between disgraced former president Richard Nixon and British chat show host David Frost – which Nixon pointedly regarded as a duel – for this surprisingly suspenseful and funny adaptation by director Ron Howard. (BI) (122 min.) Rated R for some language.

PUSH
A group of young Americans with psychic and telekinetic abilities go on the run from a secret government agency trying to force them into service. (111 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, strong language, smoking and a teen drinking scene.

THE READER
★★★
Stephen Daldry directed the drama about the dour, distant Hanna (Kate Winslet), a woman with a couple of big-time secrets, who begins a summer-long affair with a bookish 15-year-old boy (David Kross) based on his love for her and her desire to hear him read novels aloud to her in bed. (BI) (123 min.) Rated R for some scenes of sexuality and nudity.

TAKEN
★★★
A retired CIA field agent, who has given up the spy biz to be near his estranged teenage daughter, gets back in the game when she is kidnapped in Paris by white slavers. (BI) (94 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, disturbing thematic material, sexual content, some drug references and language.

THE WRESTLER
★★★ 1/2
"The Wrestler" could have been a sentimental washout, with its story of a long-past-his-prime former superstar wrestler (Mickey Rourke in a must-see comeback performance) trying to find a way to fit into the straight world after a heart attack forces him out of the ring. Director Darren Aronofsky doesn't go there, though, and he gives his hero a certain sort of dignity in difficult-circumstances. (BI) (109 min.) Rated R for violence, sexuality/nudity, language and some drug use.

– Reviews by Bruce Ingram

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ALIEN TRESPASS (PG)
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MONSTERS VS. ALIENS 3D (PG)
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RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG)
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SUNSHINE CLEANING (R)
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TWO LOVERS (R)
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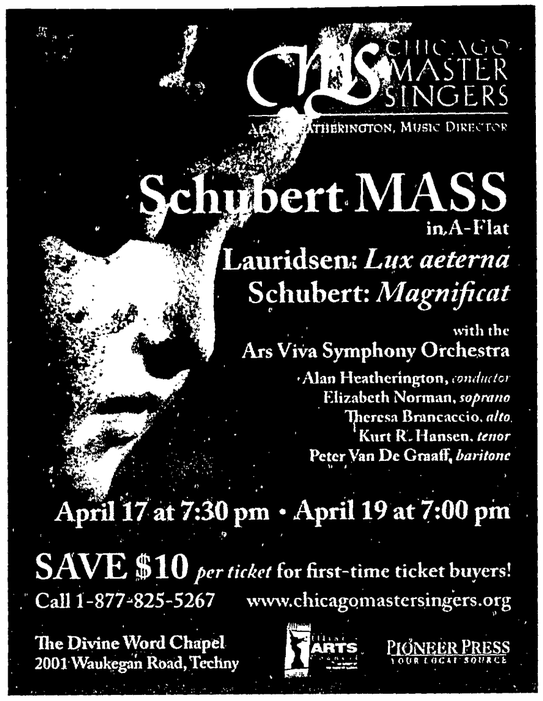

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"Count Dracula," at 8 p.m. April 2-4; and 2 p.m. April 5 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Tickets: $12; $10 for students and seniors; $8 for groups of 15 or more. Call (847) 635-1900.

"Disappearing Acts: Stories By Nikolai Gogol," April 27-May 31 at Piven Theatre, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $25; $23 for students and seniors. Previews 7:30 p.m. April 25 and 2:30 p.m. April 26; $15. Theatre Thursdays: $5 tickets available, subject to availability. (847) 866-8049.

"The Illusion" at 8 p.m. April 24-25 and April 30-May 2; and 2 p.m. April 26 and May 3 in Northwestern University's Josephine Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. An unyielding father is filled with regret after giving his son no alternative but to flee the family home. Through the help of a magician, he is allowed to view three scenes from his son's life. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

"Jesus Christ Superstar," starring Ted Neeley, at 8 p.m. April 30 and May 1; and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. May 2 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets: $35-$69. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (800) 745-3000.

"Mauritius," presented by Northlight Theatre through April 5 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The stakes are high when half-sisters inherit a book of rare stamps that may include the crown jewel of the collecting world. The battle for possession takes a dangerous turn when three rival collectors appear willing to go to any lengths to stake their claim on the find. Performances Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $25-$55. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org.

"Murder On The Orient Express," through April 5 at the Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood Ave., Skokie. The Skokie Park District's Devonshire Playhouse will stage Agatha Christie's classic murder mystery with audience participation. Performances at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: $10; $8 students and senior citizens. Call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

"No Laughing in the War Room: El Máximo and the Performance of International Threat in 1959," at 8 p.m. April 10 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 11 in Northwestern University's Annie May Swift Studio Space, 1920 Campus Drive, Evanston. Adapted from primary source texts and directed by performance studies senior Sydney Howe, this performance hour explores the origins of animosity between the United States and Castro's Cuba. General admission is $5. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.tic.northwestern.edu.

Northminster Players will present two one-act French plays, "The Apollo of Bellac" by Jean Giraudoux and "Cecile" by Jean Anouilh, in staged readings at 7:30 p.m. April 17-18 and 24-25 and 3 p.m. April 19 and 26 at 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston. Tickets: $10. Call (224) 545-1560.

"Rough Crossing," presented by Piccolo Theatre April 24-May 30 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Curtain at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $25; $20 seniors; $15 students and children. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"The Shape of a Girl," presented through April 12 by Pegasus Players in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Performances at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $17-$25. (773) 878-9761 or www.pegasusplayers.org.

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," presented by Shapeshifters Theatre April 17-May 9 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. The story unfolds as an Irishman, an English man and an American find themselves unwilling cellmates as they are held hostage in a Lebanese jail. As the three men struggle to survive, they also strive to overcome their personal and nationalistic differences. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $15; $12 for IAHC members. Call (773) 282-7035 or visit www.irish-american.org.

"Sunday in the Park with George," presented April 24-May 17 by Big Noise Theatre Company, a division of Winnetka Theatre, at The Prairie Lakes Theater, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $20; $18 for senior citizens; $12 for children 12 and under. Visit www.bignoiseltheatre.org or call (847) 604-0275.

"The Wedding Singer," presented by The Rising Stars Theatre Co. April 25-May 10 at The Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont, Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. General admission $15, with discounts for seniors, children and groups. Call (773) 736-2490 or visit www.risingstarstc.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. May 21, 7:30 p.m.: Violinist and conductor André Rieu and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. Tickets: $50-$159.

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. Tickets: $64 box seats; $45 reserved; $40 seniors; $16 students. April 26, 4:30 p.m., and April 27, 7:30 p.m.: "Beauty & Brilliance." Liszt: Les Preludes; Hindemith: Mathis der Maler.

Bach Week Festival, April 24 and 26 at the Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston, will feature the Bach Week Festival Orchestra, chorus and soloists. April 24, 7:30 p.m.: Bach works for solo harpsichord, with Chicago keyboard artist David Schrader, including Prelude and Fugue in A Minor; Capriccio in B-flat Major. On the Departure of his Most Beloved Brother; Toccata in C Minor; Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major; Partite diverse sopra il Corale, "O Gott, du frommer Gott"; and Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue in D Minor. April 26, 7:30 p.m.: Works of J.S. Bach, including Cantata, BWV 51, Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen; Concerto in A Major for Oboe d'amore; Motet, BWV 226, Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit auf; Suite No. 1 in G Major for violoncello; and Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major. Tickets: $25-$35. Call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.bachweek.org.

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. **April 14:** Handel's "Dublin" Messiah. **June 6:** "Reach for the Skies."

Chicago a cappella performs in the Nichols Concert Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are $35 for preferred seating, $28 for general admission, $22 for seniors and students. Call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagoacappella.org. **April 19, 4 p.m.:** "Chansons d'Amour: April in Paris," featuring 15th Century Parisian chansons to French Impressionist works of Debussy.

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. Tickets: $20-$40. **April 19:** 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.

The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888. www.chicagophilharmonic.org. Tickets are $70 on the main floor; $33 main front wings; $60, $33 and $20 in the balcony; $20 obstructed view. Student tickets are $10, available in the lobby before the performance. **May 31:** "The Emperor Reigns," with Jeffrey Siegel, piano soloist. Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor"); Shostakovich: Symphony No. 9 in E Flat Major, Op. 70.

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago will present its annual spring musical program at 3 p.m. April 26 at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel, Evanston (across from the Lincolnwood Elementary School). Chicago Folks Operetta will present "Musical Bonbons," featuring arias and duets from early 20th century Viennese operettas with original translations. Cost is $8 for members, $10 guests. Call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 478-1110.

Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston; (847) 864-8804. www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are $25; $20 for senior citizens; $5 for students. Tickets at the door are $28; $23 for seniors; $5 for students. **May 2:** "The Passionate Piano," with guest artist Cameron Smith. The program includes works by Brahms and Tchaikovsky.

Lutkin Hall at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. (847) 467-4000. **April 3, 7:30 p.m.:** "80th Birthday Tribute to Laurence Davis," featuring pianists Laurence Davis, Keiko Asakawa-Golden, Laurence Jenningros, Karen Kan, Soo Lee, David Schane, Tomoko Shibuya and Mark Valenti, with cellist Jacqueline Black and soprano Nancy Gustafson. The program will feature Manuel Infante's "Danses Andalouses"; Claude Debussy's Prelude No 10, Etude No. 11 and Sonata for Cello and Piano; J.S. Bach's Toccata in E Minor; Alberto Ginastera's Allegro marcato from Piano Sonata No. 1; Maurice Ravel's "Ondine" from "Gaspard de la Nuit"; Alexander Scriabin's Etude in D-sharp Minor; Franz Schubert's "Gretchen am Spinnrade"; and Franz Lehar's "Meine Lippen, sie kussen so heiss" from "Giuditta." Free. **April 4, 7:30 p.m.:** Faculty recital, Kurt Hansen. "Schumann Abend." Tenor Hansen will be joined by pianist Karina Kontorovitch in a performance of Robert Schumann's "Kinderszenen," "Dichterliebe" and "Liederkreis." $9/$7/$5. **April 5, 7:30 p.m.:** Norman Krieger, piano, performs W.A. Mozart's Sonata No. 10 in C Major; Ludwig van Beethoven's Sonatas in D Minor ("Tempest") and F Minor ("Appassionata"); Frederic Chopin's Nocturne in B-flat Minor and Etudes in A-flat Major ("Aeolian Harp") and B Minor; and Daniel Brewbaker's "Leaves of Hope" Preludes, Nos. 1 and 2. $9/$7/$5. **April 6, 2:30 p.m.:** Norman Krieger piano master class. Free. **April 10, 7:30 p.m.:** Faculty recital, James Giles, piano, and Ilya Kaler, violin. $9/$7/$5. **April 19, 3 p.m.:** Samuel and Elinor Thaviu Endowed Scholarship Competition in String Performance. Free. **April 20, 7 p.m.:** Richard Goode piano master class. Free. **April 21, 7 p.m.:** Richard Goode art song master class. Free. **April 25, 3 p.m.:** Thaviu-Isaak Endowed Piano Scholarship Competition. Free. **April 29, 7:30 p.m.:** Faculty recital, A Trio of S. No. 3: Ludwig Spohr. Performers will include soprano Pamela Hinchman, clarinetist J. Lawrie Bloom, thorn player Gail Williams and pianist Alan Chow. The program will feature Ludwig Spohr's "Six German Lieder," Quintet in C Minor and "Fantaisie and Variations on a Theme of Danzi." $12/$9/$6.

Alice Millar Chapel at Northwestern University, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. **April 17, 7:30 p.m.:** University Chorale and Baroque Music Ensemble. Bach's Mass in B Minor. $12/$9/$6.

"Monday Music at Millar," a monthly music performance series, will be held from 12:15-12:45 p.m. April 6, May 4 and June 1 at Northwestern University's Alice S. Millar Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Free. Attendees may bring a sack lunch to eat inside the chapel. www.northwestern.edu/chaplain/purpose.html.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Single tickets are $30-$75; $25-$30 students/seniors. May 17, 7:30 p.m.: "Musical Fireworks," featuring Music of the Baroque Orchestra, Nicholas Kraemer, conductor. The program includes Handel: Concerto a due cori No. 2 in F Major; Haydn: Symphony No. 80 in D Minor; Haydn: Symphony No. 92 in G Major (Oxford); and Handel: Music for the Royal Fireworks.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **April 11, 7:30 p.m.:** MIC perFORMance Series: "Eight is Enough," a collaborative performance of Mendelssohn's "Octet" featuring the Kavafian Duo. $7-$20. **May 3, 3 p.m.:** MIC perFORMance Series: "Seven Wonders." Violinist Rachel Barton Pine and narrator Carl Grapentine perform Stravinsky's septet, "L'Histoire du Soldat." Also, mimes T. Daniels and Laurie Willets join the MIC Chamber Players for Milhaud's "Le Boeuf sur le Toit." $7-$20.

North Shore Choral Society concerts are at 3 p.m. Sundays at the Parish Church of Saint Luke, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. Tickets in advance are $22; $20 seniors; $12 students. Tickets at the door are $25; $22 seniors; $15 students. (847) 272-2351. www.northshorechoral.org. **May 31:** "Ethereal Light," with guest conductor David Edelfelt. The program includes works by Gabriel Faure, Sergie Rachmaninov and Morten Lauridsen.

Northshore Concert Band performs at 3 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, unless otherwise noted. Tickets $15; $12 seniors; $6 students. (847) 432-2263. www.northshoreband.org. **April 19:** 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:** Program includes Samual 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 prior to each concert. Tickets: $20; $15 for seniors; $10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. www.northwestsymphony.org. **May 31:** Family Pops Concert with Allan Steele, cello. Offenbach: Ballet Parisien; Lloyd Webber: "Memory" from "Cats"; Williams: "E.T." highlights; Williams: Pieces from "Schindler's List"; Dvorak: Cello Concerto.

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. **June 7, 7:30 p.m.:** Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's "Don

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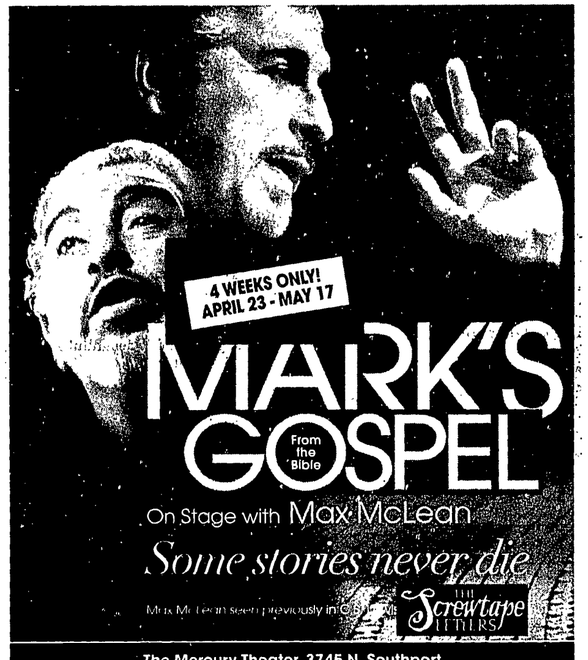

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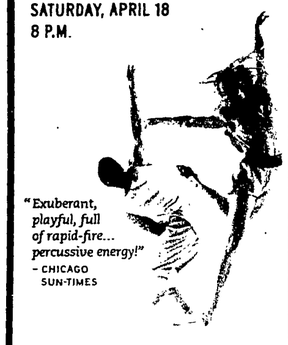

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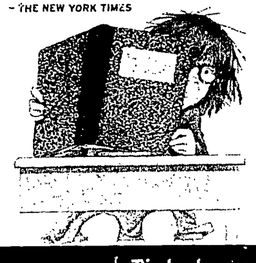

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Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are $25; $20 for students and senior citizens. Call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861 or visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org. **April 26**, 2:30 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 Chorale, Sarah Hibbard, soprano soloist, and Peter Van De Graaff, bass-baritone soloist.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. **April 3**, 7:30 p.m.: Flutist Eugenia Zukerman and keyboardist Anthony Newman present "Pieces for the Musical Clock." The musical clock – a clock with internal pipes and bellows – was so popular during the late 17th and 18th centuries that composers Bach, Handel, Mozart and Haydn all wrote works for it. Zukerman and Newman, together with Bienen School of Music flute students Beth Detorit, Amanda Fuerst and Eva Ryan, will perform their own interpretations of these compositions. $14/$10/$6. **April 9**, 7:30 p.m.: TangoRhythmia. Featured artists include She-e Wu, Peter Soave, Bob Becker and Northwestern's Percussion Ensemble. $14/$10/$6. **April 13**, 6 p.m.: Northwestern Concerto/Aria Competition. Free. **April 18**, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, "American Explorer," featuring pianist Sylvia Wang and horn player Gail Williams. The program includes Edward Joseph Collins' Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Minor (Concert Piece); Peter Lieberson's Horn Concerto; and the world premiere of Tom Pierson's Symphony. $9/$7/$5. **April 20**, 7:30 p.m.: Movie Music Festival. Contemporary Music Ensemble. Free. **April 21**, 7:30 p.m.: Movie Music Festival. Student Advisory Board Festival Orchestra. Ryan T. Nelson will conduct a program featuring music from "The Lord of the Rings," "The Pirates of the Caribbean," "The Dark Knight" and more. Free. **April 22**, 7:30 p.m.: Richard Goode, piano, performs J.S. Bach's "French Suite" No. 5 in G Major and Preludes and Fugues in C Major, A Minor and E Major from "The Well-Tempered Clavier," Book II; and Frederic Chopin's Scherzo No. 3 in C-sharp Minor, Polonaise-fantaisie in A-flat Major, two nocturnes, three waltzes and five mazurkas. $22/$20/$10. **April 24**, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble presents Francis Poulenc's "Suite Francaise." The program also includes Ned Rorem's Sinfonia for 15 Wind Instruments and Ravel and Hindsley's arrangement of Modest Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." $7/$5/$4.

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. (847) 259-3500. www.phpl.info. Registration for programs required, unless noted otherwise. **April 5**, 2 p.m.: Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble performs.

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. **April 4**, 9 a.m.: Master Class, Eugenia Zukerman, flute. Free. **April 6**, 6 p.m.: International Contemporary Ensemble clarinet master class, featuring clarinetists Joshua Rubin and Campbell MacDonald. Free. **April 8**, 6 p.m.: Music Education for the 21st Century Series, "Deep Listening: From Practice to Theory" master class. A reception will follow. Free. **April 11**, 11 a.m.: Canadian Guitar Quartet master class. Free.

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St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 205 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. **April 10**, noon: Ecumenical service of music and meditation featuring the Montag Ensemble performing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Franz Joseph Haydn. The string quartet is comprised of violinists Reka Seko and Guillaume Combet, violist Karl Davies and cellist Margaret Daly. A free-will offering will be taken at the door. For information, call (847) 825-6659.

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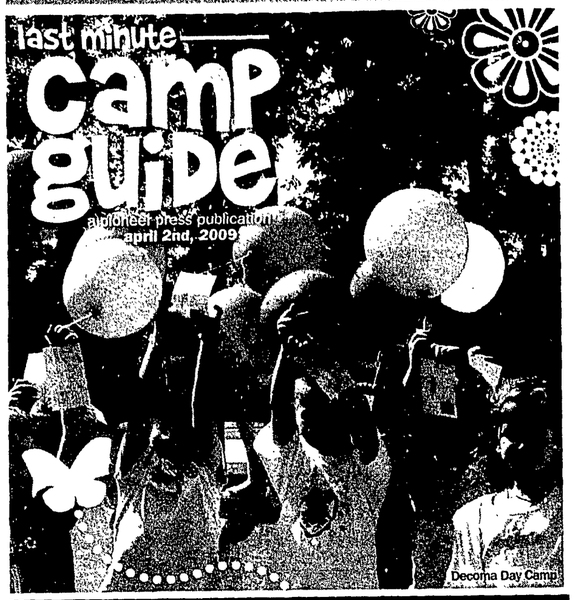

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2009 Comprehensive Camp Listing

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CHIP IN FOR CAMP

SCOPE-MIDWEST'S SPRING BENEFIT SUPPORTS CAMPERSHIPS FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH

Children thrive in the secure setting of camp. They experience the pleasure of a carefree summer by building friendships and enjoying the outdoors. However, this opportunity may not be so readily available to underprivileged and at-risk youth. For that reason, SCOPE – Summer Camp Opportunities Prove an Edge – came into existence.

SCOPE is a national charitable organization that provides local economically disadvantaged children the opportunity to attend non-for-profit summer camps. Private camp directors motivated by their belief in the educational and developmental benefits of summer camp founded SCOPE in 1991. They recognized the need to ensure equal camping opportunities to all children, regardless of their socioeconomic background. SCOPE's newest branch is SCOPE-Midwest.

"The camp experience can have such an enormous impact on youth," says Michael Hoffenberg, director of operations for the American Camp Association and treasurer of SCOPE-Midwest. "If SCOPE can help a kid attend camp for one week, that week can be so significant in his development that it can change his whole life."

Last summer, SCOPE-Midwest raised more than $40 thousand to provide camperships – camp scholarships – to nearly 400 campers at four different camps, Hoffenberg says. This year's goal is the triple the allocated campership dollars to $125-150 thousand through donations and fundraising.

SCOPE-Midwest's spring benefit, Chip in for Camp, will be held on Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago. WLIT's Morning Show host Melissa Forman will host the casino night. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, dancing, casino games and a silent auction. Secretary of State Jesse White will be honored as the SCOPE-Midwest Youth Advocate Award Recipient.

In addition, campers at local high schools, such as New Trier, have founded SCOPE clubs to assist in fundraising efforts.

"They love and appreciate what summer camp offered them, and they want to give that back to children who are less fortunate," says Dana Cohn, associate director for Lake of the Woods camp and co-founder of SCOPE-Midwest. "We want our campers to help send other kids to camp."

Cohn hopes that more local high schools will establish SCOPE clubs.

Camperships are allocated to individuals directly through the summer camps. Participating camps must apply for eligibility. Any camper in the Chicagoland area is eligible, Cohn says.

Information on applying for eligibility, donating and the spring benefit can be found at www.scope-midwest.org.

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"I said a boom chick-a-boom. I said a boom chick-a-boom. I said a boom chick-a rock-a chick-a rock-a chick-a-boom." *Campfire Song*

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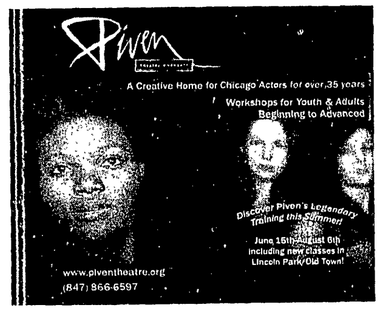

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Campfire Song

•Littlest Worm •

The littlest worm
I ever saw
Got stuck inside
My soda straw!

He said to me,
"Don't take a sip!
For if you do,
I'll surely slip!"

I took a sip,
And he went down,
All through my pipes.
He must have
drowned!

He was my friend,
He was my pal.
But now he's gone,
I know not how!

This is the end,
There ain't no more;

Unless I see
My friend once more.

Leader sings each line first. Campers repeat.

SPECIAL COLUMNIST

SUPPORTING SAFE RISKS

By Brad Schwartz
Board of Directors
Association of Independent Camps

From the moment our children enter the world, we as parents become their human shield. It is our duty to protect our kids from physical and emotional dangers of all sorts. We want to insulate our children from injury and hurt, ensuring their lives are comfortable and secure. This is an instinctual behavior and our obligation as parents. And when we succeed, the reward is priceless. We have ensured our children reach healthy adulthood.

Still, we should not overlook the importance of providing children safe opportunities to stretch their boundaries and grow. Creating and supporting situations where children can engage in safe risk-taking is a crucial parenting responsibility. Summer camp provides exactly the type of fun-filled, secure environment where children can enjoy new challenges and experience growth.

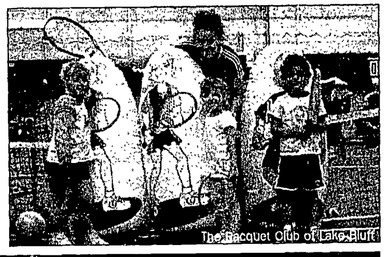
Taking risks is an important part of life. For children, every day presents challenges such as making a new friend, learning to ride a bicycle or solving a tough math problem. To prepare children to push beyond their comfort zone and embrace these challenges, we must give them opportunities to stretch. When children test themselves and even struggle, they learn determination. When they ultimately succeed in a new endeavor, they learn to persevere. Building character through safe risk-taking nurtures self-confidence and prepares children to embrace new experiences.

Camp is the ideal environment for children to engage in the type of safe risk-taking that develops these life skills. A quality summer camp provides continual opportunities to try new activities and refine skills in a secure setting. Parents should seek out a camp with the highest safety standards and an experienced team of highly trained directors and counselors. Camps offering daily swimming, sports and adventure programming are excellent venues to ensure that campers explore and grow.

Summer is the season for widening horizons and cultivating spirit. When we give children a camp experience, we provide them a unique chance to engage in safe risk-taking and build their self-esteem and character.

Additional writing by Amy Simon. Brad Schwartz and Amy Simon are directors at Banner Day Camp.

Improv Playhouse


The Bacquet Club of Lake Bluff

Campfire Song

•Old Lady Leary •

Five nights ago, when we were all in bed (boom, boom, boom), Old Lady Leary hung a lantern in the shed.
And when the cow kicked it over, she winked her eye and said,
"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight!" FIRE, FIRE, FIRE, FIRE, FIRE!

The second time through this song, begin with "four nights ago" and yell "FIRE" four times. Repeat until you begin with "one night ago" and yell "FIRE" once.

These actions coordinate with the song's lyrics:
Bed: hold hands to one side of head as if sleeping.
Cow kicked it over: kicking motion
Hot time: fan your face
Lantern: hang an imaginary lantern
Wink: wink (of course)
Fire: throw hands into the air with each "fire"

go.

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Hall, 700 University Place, or Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, as noted. Call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. **April 10**, 7:30 p.m.: The Canadian Guitar Quartet will perform in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. The program includes music influenced by old and new tango styles as well as works by Rossini and quartet member Trépanier. The performance will also feature a world premiere by DanceWorks Chicago. $24/$21/$11. **April 18**, 7:30 p.m.: Oscar Ghiglia performs in Lutkin Hall. The program includes works by Britten, Sor and Ponce. $19/$16/$8. **May 1**, 7:30 p.m.: Baroque lute and guitar artist Hopkinson Smith will perform in Lutkin Hall. The program includes works by 17th century French lutenist and composer "le vieux Gaultier," as well as music by Weiss, Bach, Guerau, Santa Cruz and Sanz. $19/$16/$8.

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.svso.org. **May 17**: Featuring the Ryan Opera Center Ensemble. Mozart: Overture to "Abduction From the Seraglio"; Symphony No. 38 ("Prague"); and opera scenes, semi-staged.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

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. **May 4-5**, 7:30 p.m.: The Dead. $95, $50. **May 9**, 6:30 p.m.: Fall Out Boy with Metro Station, Cobra Starship and All Time Low. $41, $31, $26. **May 15**, 7:30 p.m.: Keith Urban's "Escape Together World Tour." Zac Brown Band opens. $59.50, $39.50 and $20. **June 12**, 8 p.m.: Tenor Andrea Bocelli in concert as part of a U.S. tour celebrating the release of his new album, "Incanto." Tickets: $75-$325. **July 10-11**: Jonas Brothers with Jordin Sparks and Honor Society. $89.50, $69.50, $49.50, $29.50.

Bill's Blues, 1029 Davis St., Evanston. (847) 424-9800. www.billsbluesbar.com. Cover charges vary. **Sundays**, 4 p.m.: Lilfest Open Mike. **Mondays**, 8:30 p.m.: Mike Finnerty Pro Jazz Jam. **Tuesdays**, 8:30 p.m.: Bill's Blues Jam, hosted by the TFB Band. **Wednesdays**, 5:30 p.m.: North Shore Steppin' (DJ). **Wednesdays**, 10:30 p.m.: John Nance Urban Dance Mix (DJ). **April 2**, 7 p.m.: Jazz Explorers. **April 3**, 8:30 p.m.: Eric Davis Blues Band. **April 3**, 11:30 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music). **April 4**, 8:30 p.m.: Melvin Taylor & the Slack Band (blues). **April 4**, 11:30 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music). **April 5**, 7 p.m.: Jonathan Byrd (folk). **April 9**, 6:15 p.m.: Afton Presents (rock). **April 10**, 5:30 p.m.: The Sidemen Big Band Jazz. **April 10**, 8:30 p.m.: TRC Reggae Show. **April 11**, 8:30 p.m.: Lurie Bell Blues Band. **April 11**, 11:30 p.m.: TRC Events Presents (world music). **April 12**, 7 p.m.: Lil Fest Presents (folk). **April 12**, 10 p.m.: LOD/GRG Presents (hip-hop).

Bluegrass Legends Concerts presents "Chapter #1 of the First Annual Chicago Bluegrass Festival" at 8 p.m. **April 4** at the American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. Performers include Tangleweed, Whiskey Hollow Bluegrass Band, Henhouse Prowlers, Chicago Bluegrass Band and James Creek Road. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: $20; $15 for youth 16 and under and senior citizens. Reserve tickets at www.chicagobluegrass.com.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. **April 3**, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.: Heartache Tonight. **April 4**: Jasper Buchanan Duo, 5-8:30 p.m.; Mz. Peaches & the Urban Blues Players, 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. **Mondays**, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with the Mudflapps. **Tuesdays**, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. **April 5**, 8 p.m.: Andy White. **April 11**, 10 p.m.: Bluegrass Advocates.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **May 9**, 8 p.m.: The Rat Pack is Back. $58.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhuman.org. **April 11**, 8 p.m.: The Sass! Trio and Andina & Rich. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; no open mike this month to allow for longer concert. $7 includes refreshments.

Famous Freddie's, 1799 S. Busse Road, Mount Prospect. (847) 593-2200. www.famousfreddiesroadhouse.com. Music at 9 p.m. Fridays and 10 p.m. Saturdays, unless noted otherwise. **April 3**: Band on the Run (Wings tribute). **April 4**: Backstage Pass ('70s-'80s). **April 10**: Hyperflo (rock covers) with opening band PUSH! (classic to current rock). **April 11**: 7th Heaven (dance to alternative). **April 17**: 80's Proof (80s arena rock). **April 18**: Bad Medicine (Bon Jovi tribute). **April 24**: Libido Funk Circus. **April 25**: C-Factor (classic to current pop rock).

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. **April 24**, 8 p.m.: The Elders in concert. $20.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **April 17**, 8 p.m.: The Lakeside Singers present "Celebration," a retrospective of music from the group's first 10 years, including classical, jazz, gospel, rock, folk, R&B and other genres. "Celebration" will include classical and folk songs from England, Germany, Finland and India as well as arrangements of "Midnight Train to Georgia," "Fields of Gold," "So Cool" and Stephen Sondheim's "Not Getting Married." Tickets: $30; $20 for senior citizens and students; $10 for children under 12. For information, visit www.lakesidesingers.com.

Myron and Phils, 3900 W. Devon, Lincolnwood. (847) 677-6663. Fridays, through April 24: Karaoke contest.

Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. **April 4**, 7:30 p.m.: Harmonica virtuosos Howard Levy, Pablo Fagundes, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, Bud Boblink and the Windy City Harmonica Trio, plus guitarist Chris Siebold, present "Harmonica Convergence II." The program features the harmonica in jazz, classical, blues, pop, traditional American and world music arrangements. $16/$12/$8. Prior to the concert, Levy and Ruth will present a free, public master class at 5 p.m. in Regenstein Recital Hall, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. **April 9**, 7:30 p.m.: Percussionists She-e Wu and Bob Becker, Peter Soave and the Northwestern University Percussion Ensemble will perform in "TangoRhythmia." The program will feature music ranging from Bach to Piazzolla. $14/$10/$6. **April 10**, 7:30 p.m.: The Canadian Guitar Quartet and DanceWorks Chicago will present tango-inspired works by quartet members, as well as a Beethoven Minuet and Allegro. The dance company will join the guitar group for a world premiere work commissioned especially for this performance. $24/$21/$11. **April 11**, 7:30 p.m.: Chicago Jazz Orchestra and guest artists Victor Goines, Anthony Molinaro and Charley Harrison. $16/$12/$8.

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. (847) 259-3500. www.phpl.info. Registration for programs required, unless noted otherwise. **April 26**, 2 p.m.: The Academy of Irish Music will perform a variety of Irish music, from old harp pieces and clan marches to reels, jigs and other arranged pieces.

Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. **April 4**, 5 p.m.: Howard Levy-Peter "Madcat" Ruth harmonica master class. Free.

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. **May 19-20** and **July 7**: "An Evening with Il Divo." $55, $85, $125 and $150.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Concert tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. **April 3**, 8 p.m.: Sons of the Never Wrong. **April 4**, 8 p.m., and **April 5**, 2 p.m.: "This One's For You – The Songs of Barry Manilow," starring 3Girls3. $25 in advance, $30 at the door. **April 5**, 7:30 p.m.: Music of the World, starring Eddy Palay. **April 8**, 1:30 p.m.: Tribute to Nat King Cole, starring Marcus Gentry. $10 in advance; $15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, $10 in advance or at the door. **April 15**, 1:30 p.m.: Dean Martin Songbook. $10 in advance; $15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, $10 in advance or at the door. **April 17**, 8 p.m.: Chuck Salvo. **April 18**, 8 p.m.: West End Jazz Band. **April 19**, 2 and 7 p.m.: "Kate the Great: The Music and Times of Kate Smith," with Jeanne Scherkenbach, accompanied by Mark Burnell. **April 22**, 1:30 p.m.: Peter Opriskо presents "The Music of Sinatra and Friends." $10 in advance; $15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, $10 in advance or at the door. **April 24**, 8 p.m.: "Cole Porter Made Me Gay – Again," starring John Van Keulen. **April 25**, 8 p.m.: Charlene Brooks presents original arrangements from George Gershwin and Stephen Sondheim. **April 26**, 2 p.m.: Randy Sabien and Mike Dowling. **April 29**, 1:30 p.m.: "Come to the Cabaret." $10 in advance; $15 at the door. Seniors and Niles Township residents, $10 in advance or at the door. **April 30**, 8 p.m.: The Andreas Kapsalis Trio. $15 in advance; $20 at the door.

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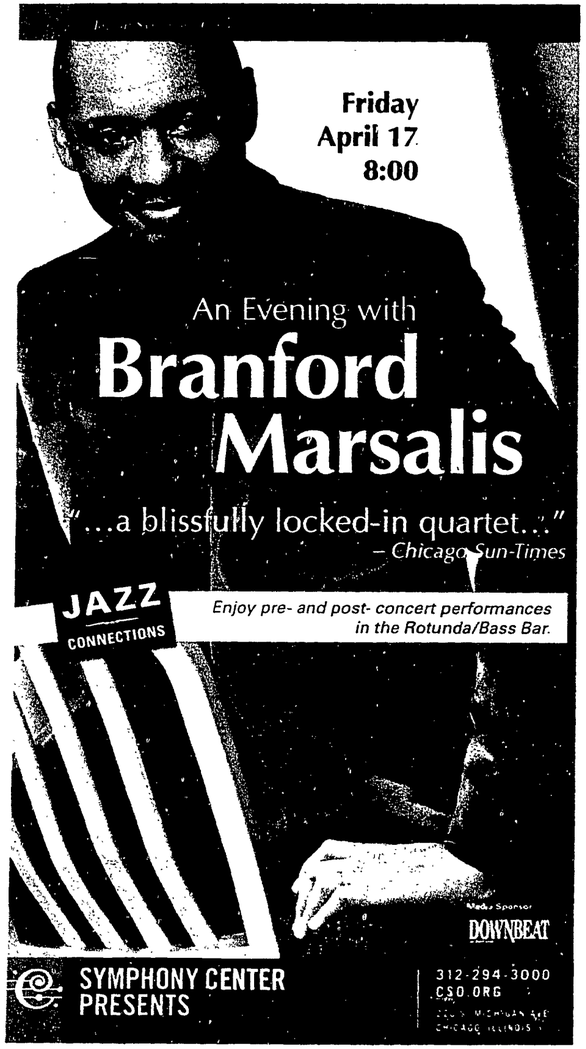

Personal Finance

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How does the financial crisis affect you?

by Cristel Mohrman • Special to *Pioneer Press*

With unemployment numbers rising, investment values declining, real estate stagnant and loans harder to secure, it is rare a person has not been touched by the current financial crisis. Whether you're feeling the crunch or looking to avoid it, professionals said these tips can help you protect yourself.

Create an emergency fund

Money experts agree everyone should establish such a fund before feeding any long-term investments.

Sam Carpenter, portfolio manager at Wayne Hummer Asset Management in Lake Forest, suggests setting aside at least three to six months of living expenses in a money market account, savings or short-term CDs so cash can be withdrawn without penalty. Your principal investment will be protected while earning a guaranteed percentage of interest.

"Whereas before people didn't want to hang on to any cash, now people are setting aside one, two, three years of cash," Carpenter said. "I think three years might be extreme, but two years I don't think is unreasonable."

Mike Goldstein, a financial consultant at Charles Schwab in Northbrook, recommends stashing away six to 12 months of living expenses. Any additional money can be earmarked for your IRA or employer's 401k, he said.

Crisis response

If you lose your job, you'll need to sit down and determine what expenses can immediately be cut, including club memberships, vacations, subscription radio plans or expensive phone packages, said Alan Adams, chairman and CEO of Baytree National Bank & Trust Co. in Lake Forest.

You'll also need to evaluate your liquid assets – savings, CDs, money market accounts – and determine how you'll cover living expenses.

Think twice before letting your life insurance policy go, advises Ty Lim, marketing director at Billeon Financial Group in Des Plaines. Instead re-evaluate your policy and take advantage of the recent decline in policy costs.

"People tend to be so quick to let go of their insurance policies when times are tough," Lim said.

"They make sure their mortgage is paid," he said, "but they don't seem to value their life insurance, which is a big mistake, in my opinion, unless they are absolutely struggling."

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Invest for the long term

History shows that those who keep their investments for longer periods ultimately make more than those who bail out when the market seems weak, said Goldstein, who pointed to the performance of the S&P 500 index during the last decade.

"People should not overreact with the loss in the stock market," Goldstein said. "Don't try to time the stock market."

Whether someone is starting a new investment or simply continuing their portfolio, "the hill looks a lot steeper at this point," Carpenter said. However, "once the economy turns around, the recovery in the stock market should be pretty good."

Homeowners should also look at their home as a long-term investment, said John Paunan, vice president of Schaumburg-based Integrity Mortgage. "People are waiting for the bottom," he said. "There is no bottom. There is only a bottom when people start to transact again."

How to get (and keep) a loan

Banks in general are now more hesitant to lend, Carpenter said, but you might have a better chance at a smaller bank, where the lender already knows you.

Searching for the lowest interest rate? You're not alone.

Most brokers will offer similar rates, he said. Borrowers should ask instead how the mortgage would be structured to determine what kind of loan will benefit them most.

Paunan added that higher credit scores and larger down payments are needed to secure a loan that were required just a year or two ago.

Ask for help

By alerting your mortgage or credit lenders of your employment situation, many will try to help by reducing your payments.

Often, they may allow you to pay only interest, rather than principal, on the amount owed.

"My best advice is to contact your lender and see if something can be done," Paunan said.

Added Adams, of Baytree, "The worst they can say is 'no.'" • PP

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Living on a budget

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Whether you've lost your job, taken a pay cut, seen a decrease in investment income or are looking for ways to rein in spending during shaky economic times, chances are you can scale back. Local financial experts offer the following tips for living on a budget:

• **Make a budget**, said Randy Cashmore, financial adviser at Grayslake-based Seidenberg Investment Group. When the economy was better, many people spent money without keeping track, he said. Budgeting also sets a good example for your children. "I have a 7- and 10-year-old, and I want them to learn how to do this."

• **Use public transportation**, Cashmore says. Hopping on the Metra or Amtrak saves gas money and reduces wear a car. And, you don't have to worry about parking.

• **Hold out for a sale**, even if it's at a discount store, Sam Carpenter, portfolio manager at Wayne Hummer Asset Management in Lake Forest, suggested opting for "deferred gratification."

• **Shop at big-box retailers** instead of high-end stores. You could save big bucks in the end on similar qualities at lower prices. "I'll be curious to see if that doesn't become a lasting trend," Carpenter predicted.

• **Dine in**, recommended Goldstein. Enjoy high-quality, menu-style dishes by preparing store-bought items yourself.

• Intent on eating out? **Order carryout**, said Brad Walker, first vice president at Wayne Hummer's Northfield branch. "Then you avoid the 20 percent tip."

• **"Avoid the Costco effect,"** Walker cautioned. Think before buying ketchup by the gallon or using a coupon. If the temptation of a discount is driving you to make the purchase, you're needlessly spending.

• **Pay with cash.** If you must use a credit card, pay it off immediately, advised Alan Adams, chair and CEO of Lake Forest-based Baytree National Bank & Trust Co. "Paying cash is always a good budgeting technique. There's something about reaching into your wallet and paying cash that enforces how much you have."

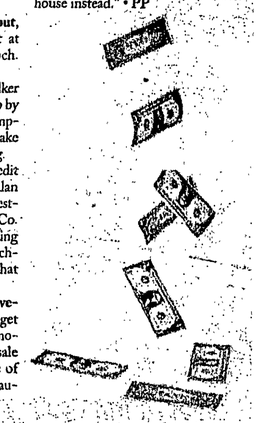
• **Ask an expert if your home improvement plans make sense.** You might not get that $20,000 you spent on a kitchen renovation back when you sell. Your home's sale price is largely contingent on the value of other homes in your neighborhood, cautioned John Paunan, vice president of Integrity Mortgage in Schaumburg.

• **Give up an unneeded vehicle.** After Cashmore, the Grayslake financial adviser, was in an accident last year, he sold his car and opted not to replace it. Without a car payment, insurance and other related expenses, he figures he's saved $10,000.

• **Ask for help.** If you lose your job, Goldstein and Carpenter suggest asking creditors for alternative payment options. Look into whether your utility companies or mortgage lender will let you reduce your payments during your unemployed months. One option might be an interest-only payment. Similar options might also be available for car payments. It never hurts to ask.

• **Set your thermostat a couple of degrees lower in the winter**, and watch the savings add up, suggested Walker, of Wayne Hummer.

• And, said Lim, **"Don't go window shopping."** The temptation for impulse buying is too great. Go for a walk or to a friend's house instead." • PP



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Today's New Homes

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First time's the charm for homeownership

By Karie Angell Luc
SPECIAL TO SUN-TIMES NEWS GROUP

First-time buyer? Thinking of finally moving out on your own? Don't want to extend that lease on your rental apartment? Take advantage of the lowest interest rates in years with many builders offering stunning incentives to help make that first home purchase a reality. First-time buyers may qualify for President Obama's 2009 stimulus package that gives home buyers a tax credit worth $8,000 that does not have to be paid back.

The Heritage of Palatine, Palatine

Newlyweds are utilizing home buying tax credit in the heart of Palatine. The Heritage of Palatine offers 11 distinctive floor plans, featuring one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and two-bedroom-plus-den residences with 1½ or two baths. They range in size from 1,126 to 1,716 square feet of living space. Prices range from $221,900 to $359,900. Each condominium includes a spacious balcony, nine-foot ceilings, as well as stainless steel appliances, wood floors and granite counter-top, oak trim and six-panel Colonist doors and trim. Indoor heated parking and storage are included. The Heritage of Palatine sales center is located at 50 S. Greeley St. and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or a tour of the models, call 847-705-6238 or visit www.rfranczak.com.

Printers Corner, a 17-story high rise at Polk and Wells with immediate-delivery homes available, is currently offering a lease buyout program for renters.

Printers Corner, Chicago

Renters are taking advantage of a lease buyout program and enjoying immediate deliveries at Printers Corner. For potential first time homeowners who are committed to lease agreements, Evanston-based Winthrop Properties is offering lease buyouts at Printers Corner, a 17-story high rise of 88 condominiums in Printers Row. Located on the northeast corner of Polk and Wells streets, Printers Corner is 80 percent sold with immediate-delivery homes ranging up to 1,168 square feet. All homes are corner units and include a terrace, granite kitchen countertops, hardwood floors in main living areas and 10-foot, floor-to-ceiling windows. Prices range from $319,000 to $489,000. Deeded parking is $40,000. For a limited time parking is included. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Call (312) 880-1800 or visit www.printerscorner.com.

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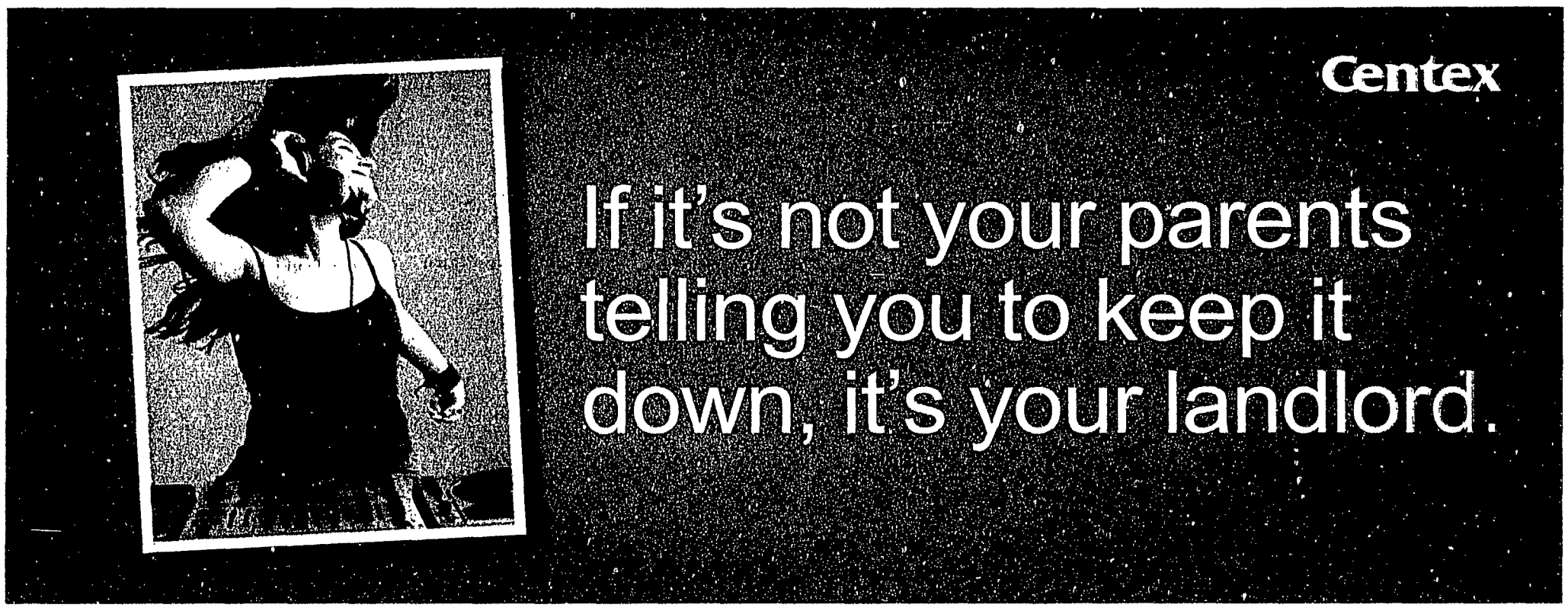

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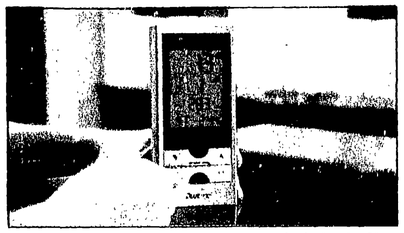
Carbon footprint changes the family blueprint

There seem to be two constants in the news, from morning talk shows to evening news broadcasts: energy costs and environmental concerns.

In a challenging economy, consumers are increasingly concerned about how to meld the two. Today, homebuilders have a unique opportunity to tout their "greener" wares for both financial and altruistic reasons like never before.

Centex Homes is one homebuilder mandating energy-efficient products that have been seen as optional upgrades in the past. By launching its new Centex Energy Advantage program, a full suite of energy-efficient features in all Centex homes built nationwide by January 2009, it is leading the industry in environmental awareness and customer empowerment. The belief is by empowering customers with knowledge of their energy consumption they can reduce both their carbon footprint and energy expenses.

"Centex is embracing the concept of developing homes that are less expensive to own due to the energy-efficient strategies they employ," said Peter L. Pfeiffer, FAIA, principal of Barley & Pfeiffer Architects. "The Centex Energy Advantage Program is the first step in mainstreaming energy-efficient strategies and proving that folks can build a higher-performance home that produces less of an impact on the environment."



Centex Homes puts control of home energy use in the hands of homeowner with such tools as a wireless, portable energy monitor. It gives real-time information on kilowatt hours used and dollars spent, month-to-date calculations and a month-end projection based on current use, allowing the homeowner to actively manage consumption and reduce expenses.

The Centex Energy Advantage program is already poised to produce big results, and is expected to make a cumulative greenhouse gas reduction near 40,000 metric tons for each 1,000 homes Centex builds in the first six years of implementation, according to the NAHB Research Center.

"We designed the Centex Energy Advantage with a focus on two priorities," said Clayton Traylor, head of environmental affairs for Centex. "First, we want to provide our customers with homes that exceed today's energy-efficiency standards while maintaining affordability. Second, we want to empower our customers with the tools and information they need to lower their energy use in the future. Centex Energy Advantage accomplishes both of these objectives and involves the customer in managing energy usage. That's a plus for both the customer and the environment."

Putting customers in control

Homes outfitted with the Centex Energy Advantage system are up to 22 percent more efficient than comparable single-family homes built using the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code. When compared to the typical 10-year-old home, these homes were shown to be up to 40 percent more efficient. Further, these new homes boast a carbon footprint reduction, producing 1.78 fewer metric tons of carbon per year than a comparable home built to 2006 IECC standards, roughly equivalent to greenhouse gas emissions from a passenger vehicle for four months.

Following the adage that "knowledge is power," Centex implemented an energy monitor as a key component of the energy suite. The monitor provides homeowners real-time feedback on kilowatt hours used and dollars spent, month-to-date calculations and a month-end projection based on current use. The digital representation of the effect of powering down various electrical components throughout the home helps homeowners actively manage consumption and ideally, significantly reduce usage and expense.

"This actually shows you just how much electricity you are using, how much this is costing you and how much carbon is being generated. The monitor is wireless so you can move it from room to room," said Tim Stapleton, division president for Centex in Chicago.

Energy efficiency for the masses

Affordability is a key issue for homebuyers today and energy costs directly impact affordability. Centex Energy Advantage takes direct aim at making homeownership more affordable. This is a powerful selling point to customers who may be transitioning from renting to owning a new home. These new homeowners can rest easy they have the ability to own a new home and actually save on energy consumption costs.

"This program is making a big splash in the marketplace and will likely encourage other volume homebuilders to follow suit because the approach production builders typically take is to build homes strictly based on how inexpensive they are," continued Pfeiffer. "While the up-front costs of building an energy-efficient home are slightly increased, it is actually less expensive to own and maintain one, and homeowners can start realizing the cost savings from the day they move in."

The cost to an individual retrofitting a home with similar measures to the energy advantage suite would be in the thousands. Centex is able to greatly reduce that cost by standardizing these features in its new homes. The fact that Centex home prices remain competitive puts them a step above the rest.

Features of the Energy Advantage package also include Energy Star appliances, a high-efficiency HVAC system, programmable thermostats, improved attic insulation, low-emissivity windows, radiant-barrier roof decking and the use of compact fluorescent lights in high-traffic areas.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.centex.com/illinois and follow the link for the Centex Energy Advantage, or call the Centex online concierge at 224-293-0387.

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Having fun and games with Harris Builders

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With the economy in turmoil, more and more families are spending time in the comfort of their homes entertaining guests or enjoying time together in a variety of game-oriented settings. Dean Snow, general manager at Harris Builders, says that discerning homebuyers are requesting game rooms, large home theaters, virtual golf arenas and sports centers in their custom homes.

Harris has designed a variety of game rooms complete with electronic arcades, similar to those in a shopping mall game arcade, in addition to billiards and card rooms. To bring the outdoors inside during the winter, Harris has created a 45-by-25-foot sport court with concrete floors and walls, providing ample space for basketball, soccer, hockey or roller skating. Home theaters have also become popular and designed to resemble a small movie theater with comfortable leather chairs, sconce lighting, dark wood accents and faux painted walls. Harris can also integrate high-tech gaming electronics with Dolby surround sound and sensory gaming chairs into the home theaters.

Harris Builders also offers wine cellars flanked by wooded racks and a tasting table. A typical walk-in wine cellar contains stone flooring and wood storage racks that can house up to 600 bottles. Temperature and humidity controls help maintain the optimum storage space.

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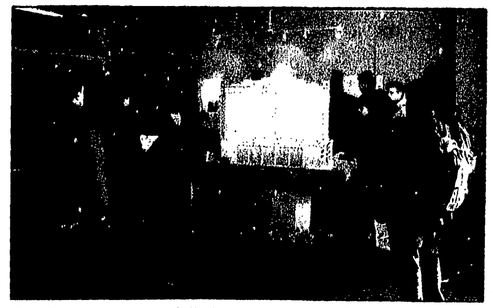
Winthrop Club educates next generation on living green

Illinois' first LEED Gold certified residential high-rise scores high marks with local students

For most homebuilders, educating the public on the benefits of living green usually begins and ends with their primary audience ... the homebuyer. However, for Winthrop Properties, the future of sustainable living and building doesn't stop with today's homebuyer; it extends to the next generation of homebuyers, developers, land planners, architects and engineers.

That's why the Evanston-based developer has made it a point to give tours of Winthrop Club to high school and college students. Upon completion this June, the 15-story Winthrop Club will be the first residential high rise in the Midwest to earn Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

"We're huge advocates of educating people on the benefits of living in a green home," said Bob Horner, co-principal of Winthrop Properties. "And while we've made great strides as an industry in designing and building energy-efficient homes, we've really just scratched the surface. The next generation is going to be tremendously influential in the country's green movement."



Students from the Sustainable Real Estate Development class at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management enjoy a tour of Winthrop Club, the Midwest's first LEED Gold certified residential high rise.

Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management couldn't agree more, which is why the school recently introduced a new course called Sustainable Real Estate Development. Students from the class, along with course instructor Denise Akason, toured Winthrop Club in early March. It was the first time the class toured a LEED-certified condominium development.

"Being able to tour Winthrop Club was a great experience for my students," said Akason. "It was a privilege to have access to a building of this caliber, so we could see what's going on 'behind the walls' of a green high rise during the construction process. I think we were all impressed by the energy-saving construction techniques and features of the building."

Last fall, students from the public safety program at Evanston Township High School also toured Winthrop Club to learn about the green construction methods/components of the building.

"For us, it's an honor to open up Winthrop Club to students so they can see what it takes to build the Midwest's greenest residential high rise," said Horner. "It's very gratifying to know Winthrop Club is playing a role in their education. Hopefully the building is reinforcing the benefits of living in a green home, and also showing them that a stylish home and a sustainable home are not mutually exclusive."

On the style front, homes at Winthrop Club feature high-end interior finishes such as one-and-a-half-inch granite kitchen countertops, imported 42-inch Italian cabinetry, marble bath countertops, 9- to 10-foot ceilings, master bedroom closet organizer systems, crown molding, private balconies and or terraces and bamboo flooring. Luxury building amenities include a fitness center, swimming pool and spa, sundeck, clubroom and a 24-hour door attendant.

When it comes to the building's green features, painstaking attention went into maximizing resources and promoting health. For example, Winthrop Club will earn LEED credits by diverting 75 percent of construction waste from landfills and using 20 percent regional materials and 10 percent recycled materials. The building will also have a green roof landscaped with native plants, helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect and reducing storm water run-off.

In addition to Energy Star-rated appliances, all condominiums will feature floor-to-ceiling low-e windows that maximize daylight and protect from the loss of cooled or heated air while also providing a filter from the sun's damaging rays. To increase a healthy indoor environment, Winthrop Club is using low VOC-emitting paints, sealants and adhesives and installing air filtration system.

According to Horner, residents of Winthrop Club will enjoy cost savings on their energy bills due to building systems that will use 20 percent less electricity than a typical condo building. They can also save on water usage with low-flow plumbing fixtures. Dual flush toilets, which allow residents to choose between an .8-gallon flush and a 1.6-gallon flush, come standard.

Located at 1567 Maple St., just south of Davis Street, Winthrop Club's transit-oriented site will offer residents alternative transportation options and immediate access to the many walkable amenities of downtown Evanston. And for residents who do want to drive, in addition to the extra-wide parking spaces that come with the purchase of each home, the building's parking garage will also have a handful of outlets for electrical cars.

Winthrop Club offers 96 condominiums with one to three bedrooms and one to 3½ baths. Base prices range from $329,000 to $1,859,000 with parking included. A sales center for Winthrop Club, which includes a fully furnished two-bedroom model, is open at 1707 Benson Ave., just north of Church Street. For more information about Winthrop Club, call (847) 328-4700 or visit www.winthropclub.com.

Winthrop Properties is a joint enterprise of developers Bob Horner and Ibrahim Shihadeh. Horner and Shihadeh share more than 40 years of real estate experience, during which time they have built and sold more than 5,000 homes, including two new-construction loft buildings in Printers Row and the West Loop, respectively.

First time

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fish and 360 acres of conservation areas with landscaped open space, walking paths, a 30,000-square-foot clubhouse with three pools, gymnasium and day care center. Also, enjoy baseball diamonds, soccer fields, a skate park and several playgrounds. First-time homebuyers will appreciate incentives offered by Cambridge Homes, the largest Illinois homebuilder and part of D.R.Horton, a major national company. Affordable single family, townhome-style residences or condominiums are offered in prices starting in the low to mid $100,000 range. Cambridge Lakes is close to the Northwest Tollway off Route 47. Model home hours vary. Call 847-984-4884 for more information on the Horizon Series, 847-984-4885 for the Signature Series or visit mycambridgehome.com.

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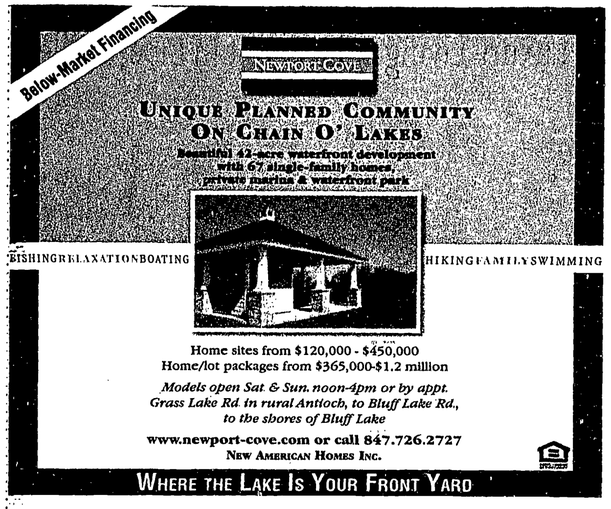
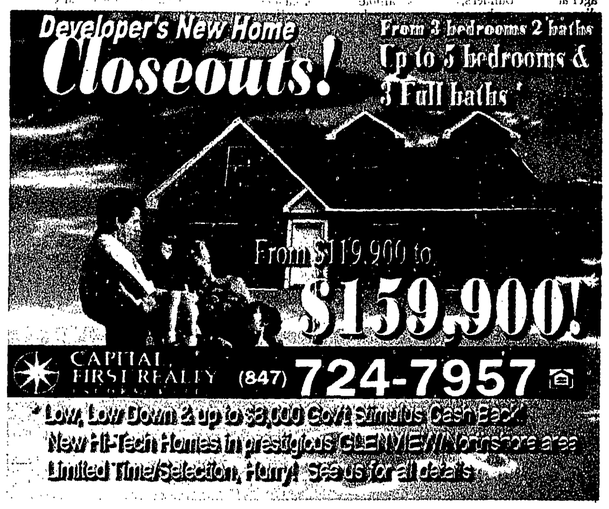
Seven is the lucky number for home shoppers, now that KLM Builders, Inc. has unveiled seven brand new designs at Sunset Ridge Estates, an affordable, luxurious community of semi-custom single-family homes in Richmond. Preconstruction base prices begin at $189,900. For a limited time, qualified borrowers who finance through Chase Mortgage enjoy a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage with a low 3.99 percent interest rate and a 3.5 percent down payment. The new designs include three to five bedrooms, 2½ baths, a full basement, two-to three-car garage, formal living and dining rooms, great room or family room, and approximately 1,500 to 2,800 square feet. All are invited to tour the beautiful Mansfield model home located at 10940 Partridge Trail in Richmond. For more information, call 815-678-4018 or visit www.klmbuildersinc.com.

Boulder Hill Condominiums, Montgomery

First time buyers eager to take advantage of the strong buyer's market are invited to attend a free seminar on Saturday, April 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Boulder Hill Condominiums in Montgomery, a new community of 150 converted condominiums and townhomes.

Attendees can receive valuable credit toward options on their new purchase at Boulder Hill Condominiums. After the event, purchasers can enjoy refreshments while taking guided tours of three new furnished model homes. RSVPs are encouraged, contact Linda Pehlke at 630-844-8500. Boulder Hill is easily accessible to I-88 and downtown Montgomery Metra commuter train service. The Boulder Hill sales office is located at 4 Rocky Way, Suite 13, in Montgomery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Please also visit www.boulderhillcondos.com.





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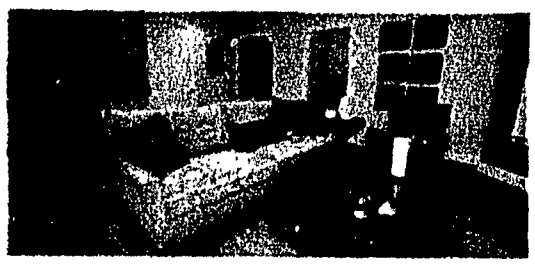

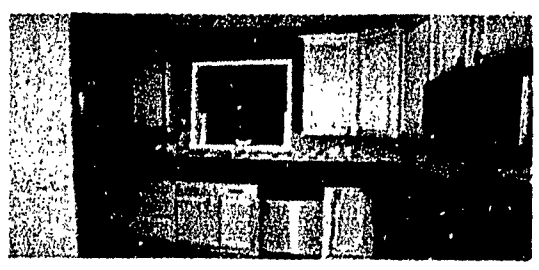

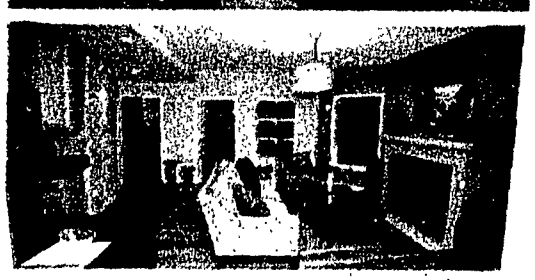

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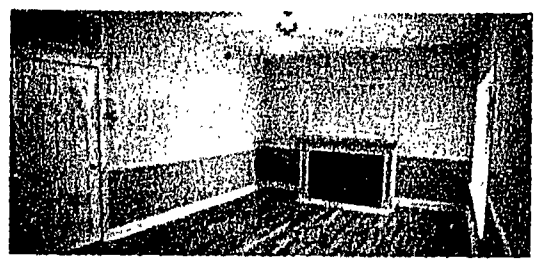

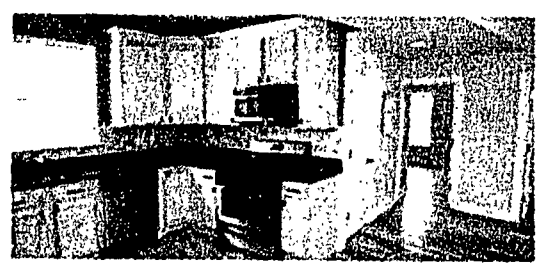

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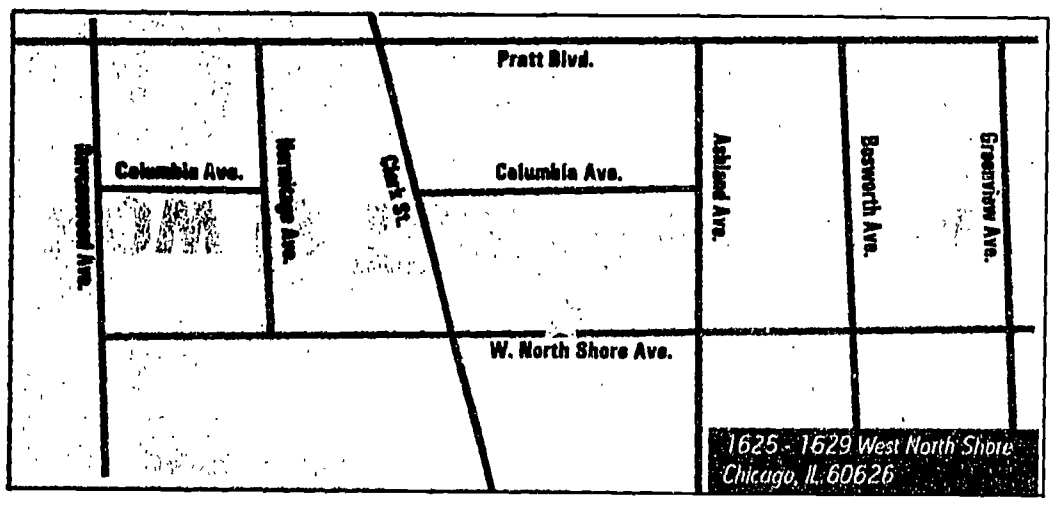

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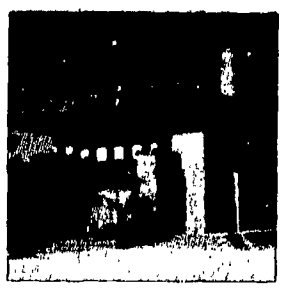
South by Southwest wrapped up last week, but Austin, Texas, makes a great getaway year-round. Check out the new Hotel Saint Cecilia, a boutique property on a secluded estate. Maybe Lance Armstrong will drop by — he's an investor. Studios start at $300 a night; *hotelstcecilia.com*.



WRIGHT HOME | PAGE XC

Frank Lloyd Wright often is associated with Oak Park, but the self-proclaimed "world's greatest architect" had lifelong ties to the southwestern Wisconsin valley settled by his mother's family. The Taliesin visiting season starts May 1.

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Let's get into it.

The $5 weekend

THINK METRA | Let train provide cheap and easy route to nearby adventures

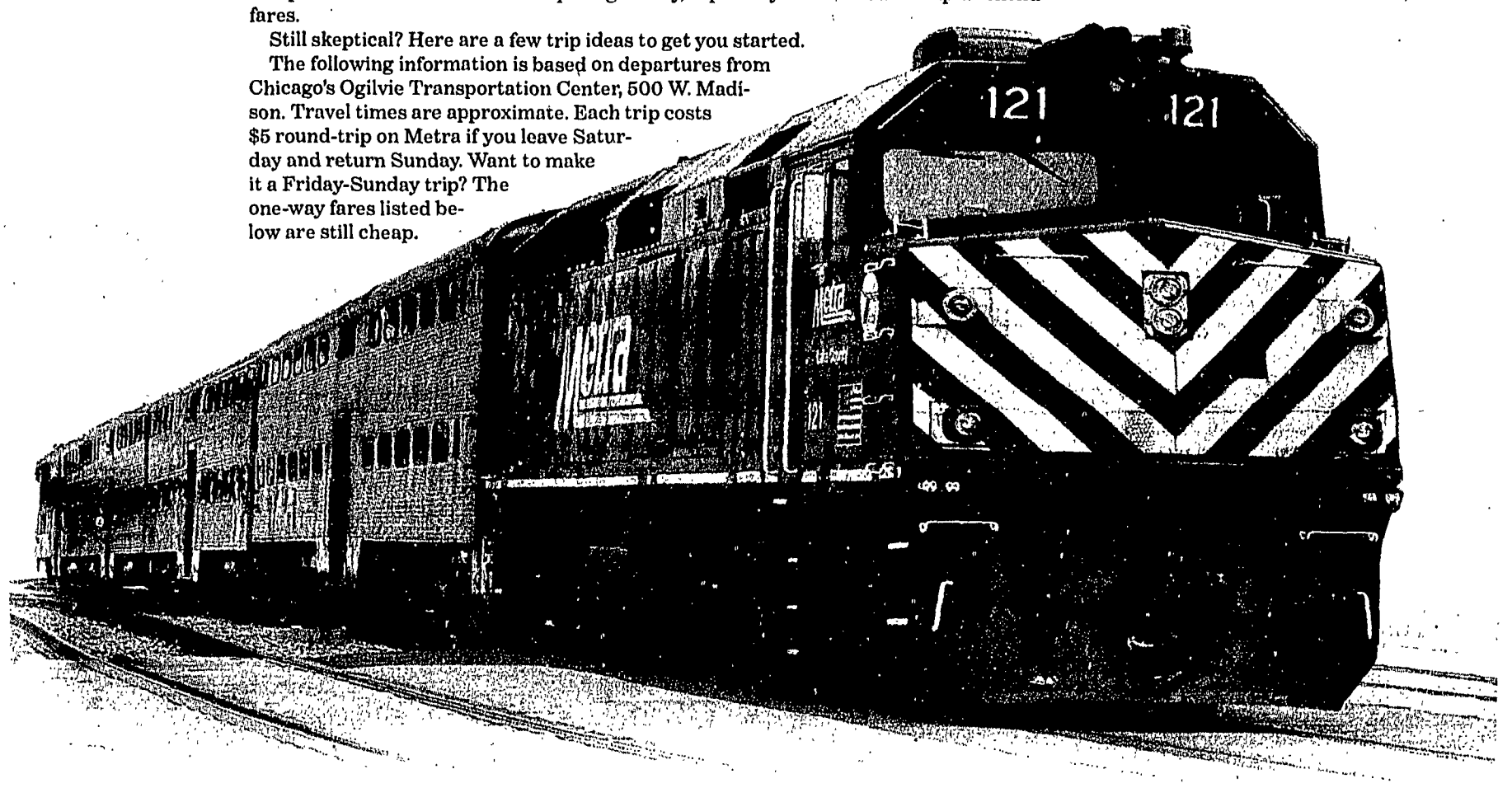
BY MARY LU LAFFEY

Forget about fluctuating gas prices. Don't worry about car rentals or what deals the airlines are offering for the weekend. For people who'd rather spend their money at a destination instead of blowing their budget on getting there, Metra is the ticket.

The rail service is fast, convenient and usually on time. It's not just for commuters, either. It's a perfect platform on which to build a quick getaway, especially with $5 round-trip weekend fares.

Still skeptical? Here are a few trip ideas to get you started.

The following information is based on departures from Chicago's Ogilvie Transportation Center, 500 W. Madison. Travel times are approximate. Each trip costs $5 round-trip on Metra if you leave Saturday and return Sunday. Want to make it a Friday-Sunday trip? The one-way fares listed below are still cheap.



Sport fishing in Waukegan

The deep pockets needed for deep-sea fishing aren't necessary for a sport fishing charter on Lake Michigan. Waukegan Harbor opens Wednesday and stays open through mid-October. First catch of the season? Trout and coho salmon, both up to 7 pounds. As the season progresses so does the size of the fish. In mid-summer, 25-pound lake trout isn't uncommon. In the fall? You might battle wits with a 35-pound lake king salmon. Take along a cooler for your catch and a copy of your favorite Ray Bradbury book in tribute to the author's hometown. Members of the Waukegan Charter Boat Association offer packages that include lodging, breakfast, fishing and shuttle service; (847) BIG-FISH, *wcba.info*.

Don't miss:

◆ The Waukegan Yacht Club opens its doors to charter customers. The kitchen is known for its fully dressed Regatta Burger served with sweet potato fries. Club Manager Mark Sisofo says the rum of choice at the club bar is Mount Gay from Barbados. Do sailors really drink rum? "Indeed they do," insists Sisofo.

191 N. Harbor Pl., (847) 623-4188, *wyclub.com*

◆ You can bring up baseball at the Greentown Tavern, but most talk revolves around the "ones that got away." This is a favorite stop for charter captains. Owner Bob Sobol says the tavern's name honors Bradbury, who used "Green Town" as a pseudonym for Waukegan in a trio of short stories of the same name.

110 S. Genesee St., (847) 244-1001, *greentown-tavern.com*

◆ The Salmon Stop is Waukegan's go-to fishing post. Counter service of Mexican fast food fills one side of the building, while the rest brims with lures, equipment and a live bait bar. Let owners Augie and Lori Ralph know if you're allergic to pets and they'll put Miss Ellie, their chocolate Labrador, and Mickey the cockatoo out back.

1019 Belvedere St., (847) 244-2525, *chitown-angler.com*

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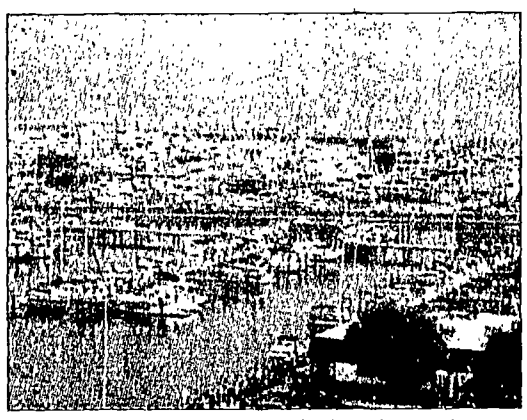

Starting Wednesday, take a fishing charter from the Waukegan Harbor. | PHOTO COURTESY WAUKEGAN HARBOR

Biking in McHenry County

As a rule, 12 bicycles are allowed on each train. Armed with your bike, a backpack and Prairie Trail map downloadable from *mccdistrict.org*, set off for Crystal Lake and beyond to Richmond. Pick up the Prairie Trail in Crystal Lake; it's part of a 26-mile path that continues to Wisconsin. Breeze by the oak savannas and kettles, which are hollows in the ground left by receding glaciers, of Glacial Park in Ringwood and ride alongside the winding Fox River; *visitmchenrycounty.com*.

Don't miss:

◆ Le Petit Marche owner Dawn Gerth's baked-from-scratch bread is reason enough to take a ride to Crystal Lake. Other reasons: the cheese case, olive bar and wine wall. Linger over a glass of vino before taking in a performance at the Raue Center

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MORE $5 WEEKEND GETAWAYS ON PAGE 4C

In the team sport Ultimate, players earn points by passing a plastic disk to another teammate. | KATIE EIGEL~FOR THE SUN-TIMES

Disk brings twist to Holy Week in Italy

BY KATIE EIGEL

RIMINI, Italy — When most people think of visiting Italy for Easter vacation, rarely do they stuff their suitcases with 40-ounce beer bottles, Spandex and oversized Uncle Sam top hats. But in the case of the American Gladiators, a Chicago co-ed Ultimate team, this is packing protocol.

For the uninitiated, Ultimate is a team sport that uses a plastic disk, along the lines of a Frisbee. Like football, players earn points by passing the disk to another teammate in the opposing team's end zone. Like basketball, players can't run while holding the disk.

The American Gladiators make up just a few of the colorful, spirited 1,500 Ultimate players who journey each spring to Rimini, Italy, to participate in Paganello — Europe's largest Beach Ultimate tournament. (Beach Ultimate is similar to Ultimate, with a few tweaks in the rules, field size and number of players on a team ... and one is played on sand.)

Every year from Holy Thursday to Easter Monday, Paganello, a cultural extravaganza of Olympic-style athleticism and Carnival-esque revelry, starts on Rimini Beach, where a few months later thousands of Italians will converge for their summer holiday.

During Paganello, the natives of Rimini host more than 100 teams from more than 25 countries. Hotels book up entirely with Ultimate teams. Kids hound players for autographs. And colorful, laser-lit beach parties last long enough to be drained out by the fluorescent sun rising over the surf, illuminating the wine-stained sand and sprawled-out revelers.

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IOWA

• Check out the big white birds with the black wing tips circling above the Mississippi River during the April 4 **Pelican Watch** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lock and Dam 14 off Highway 67 in Bettendorf. Corps of Engineers park rangers and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help with spotting scopes; *visitquadcities.com.*

KANSAS

• The **Prairie Fire Festival**, April 6-11, in Cottonwood Falls is a weeklong tribute to the ranchers of the Flint Hills of Kansas who take part in the annual practice of burning the prairie to manage the land. Educational seminars, art and local music round out the activities; *prairiefirefestival.com.*

WISCONSIN

• Explore new American independent dramatic and documentary films, animation, experimental restorations and revivals in 10 theaters within walking distance in the heart of Madison at the **Wisconsin Film Festival**, April 2-5; *wifilmfest.org.*

ILLINOIS

• Animal lovers can feed farm newborns during the **Rainbow Ranch Baby Bonanza** April 4-5 at the Rainbow Ranch petting zoo in southwestern Okawville. Children can get an up close look at baby lambs and calves and Posey the miniature pony, among other creatures on this 150-year-old family-owned farm; *thetourismbureau.org*, (618) 424-7979.

Call ahead because details might change.
E-mail specifics about upcoming Midwest events to Travel Editor Lori Rackl at lrackl@suntimes.com.

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ULTIMATE | Paganello at first 'a strange happening attended by crazy people'

flocking to celebrate Holy Week in other parts of Italy, these beach-bound players don't spend their days in church. They prefer their own forms of devotion: competing, partying and resting — that is, if time allows.

"The first year I went, all of my games started at 8 a.m. We would play about five games a day, finish up in the evening and not make it back to the hotel room until 5 a.m.," said American Gladiators team captain Rachel Driver, 27, of Skokie.

As for those 40-ounce beer bottles, Driver and fellow Gladiators lugged them across the Atlantic Ocean "so we could give America's finest malt liquor as spirit gifts to other teams," she said.

Paganello consists of two major competitions. The World Beach Ultimate Cup is the main event, broken into Open (Men's), Women's, and Co-Ed divisions. The other main event belongs to "freestylers" who battle it out at the World Freestyle Challenge, a competition consisting of duos and individuals steadily spinning disks on their fingers while performing gymnastic-type stunts with the rest of their bodies (think Harlem Globetrotters meets break dancing).

Most players, like Driver, follow a strict schedule of rising early for daytime games and staying up for all-night parties.

Once everyone arrives on Holy Thursday, it's time for the opening bash. Players and spectators alike gather at the beach for a feast of lenten staples: pasta, fried fish and red wine. The wine, the area's very own Sangiovese di Romagna, is served in 2-foot tall barrels each outfitted a skinny plastic tube for properly dispensing the wine to the cup — or mouth. A few cups in and everyone starts engaging in cross-cultural mingling, dancing and swimming, while enjoying fireworks or laser light shows. Every night the party theme changes until it all ends on Monday afternoon with an award presentation for the tournament's top team.

"In the beginning, Paganello was considered a strange happening attended by crazy people," said Gian Pietro Miscjone, Paganello founder and manager. "Now, Paganello has become a city event. Everyone knows it marks the beginning of spring. It is something that belongs to the town."

For the past 19 years, Miscione, a k a Jumpi, and his friends have organized this tournament. For him, it's a year-long effort of spreading the word but respecting the close-knit Ultimate community.

"Many times we resisted temptations to make it bigger in order to organize things," he said. "Our mission remains to offer top competition and big fun. Every year this becomes more difficult because Ultimate is getting more 'serious.' The challenge is to make the athleticism compatible with the incredible social energy of Paganello."

Aside from players running around in themed costumes and diving after disks, Ultimate remains unique from other sports. All games are officiated by the players. There are no refs; the players call their own fouls. At the end of each match, both teams do a cheer for the other and exchange gifts. The Russians give out vodka shots. The French bake pastries. The Swiss play a blindfold game. And the American Gladiators introduce the world to 40-ounce bottles of malt liquor.

It's this kind of camaraderie that keeps people coming back. Players come to fulfill their Paganello pilgrimage, spectators show up to witness the fun and the whole town revels in the Ultimate sport.

Katie Eigel is a Chicago-based free-lance writer.

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IF YOU GO

WHEN TO GO: This year's Paganello tournament takes place from April 9-13.

GETTING THERE: From Chicago, Alitalia Airlines flies to Rimini, Italy, with a plane change in Rome. From the Federico Fellini International Airport in Rimini, a cab ride into the city center will take about half an hour and cost about $19. You also can fly into Bologna on Alitalia and catch a cab to the Bologna train station for the one-hour train ride to Rimini. Train tickets cost about $13.

WHERE TO STAY: Find a list of seaside hotels recommended by the Paganello staff under the "Directions" section at *paganello.com.*

MORE INFO: Rimini tourist information can be found at *riminiturismo.it.* The site opens in Italian, but you can follow the clickable Union Jack flag icons for easy translations. For more information about Ultimate, visit the national governing body of the sport's site at *upa.org.*

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Wright's Taliesin showcases 'organic' architecture

WISCONSIN | Home made from indigenous materials shows his desire to connect with the land

BY M.L. JOHNSON

SPRING GREEN, Wis. — Thousands come each year to the Wisconsin River valley where Frank Lloyd Wright built his home and tested his ideas about building in harmony with nature.

Nestled on a hillside overlooking the river, Wright's Taliesin has the cantilever roofs, wide windows, great room and open floor plan that became some of the architect's trademarks.

The design concepts, revolutionary in Wright's time, are now widely taught in architecture schools and common among builders concerned about the environment.

"He spans generations," said Robert Mattison, a professor of art history and architecture at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. "There is a parallel between [Wright's] idea of organic architecture and what we call sustainability today, and that's what makes it interesting."

Wright often is associated with Chicago, where he established his career, and Arizona, where he spent much of his later years and established his foundation.

But the self-proclaimed "world's greatest architect" had lifelong ties to the southwestern Wisconsin valley settled by his mother's family. He was born in 1867 in nearby Richland Center and spent many summers working on his uncles' farms in Spring Green.

The village sits amid the rolling hills of Wisconsin's Driftless Area, so-called because the glaciers that scraped the rest of the state bypassed it. Here, Wright developed an appreciation for nature and many of the ideas he would later incorporate in his work.

Wright returned to Spring Green in 1911 and built Taliesin on a hill overlooking the Wisconsin River. He used local limestone and mixed sand from the river into his plaster.

Wright's use of indigenous materials reflects a desire to connect with the land, Mattison said. "But that can also make sense in terms of sustainability because you're shipping the materials less distance."

Wright used glass to great effect in Taliesin's living room, where tall windows provide a spectacular view and further the architect's goal of breaking down barriers between the interior and exterior.

The windows also provide natural light, which is defused by the overhanging roof so that the house remains cool, Mattison said: "That's something we think about as sustainable today."

Wright rebuilt the house twice, after fires in 1914 and 1925. He expanded the home each time so that the complex with his studio and stable now has about 24,000 square feet.

The Hillside School entrance at Taliesin in Spring Green, Wis. Nestled on a hillside overlooking the river, Wright's Taliesin has cantilever roofs, wide windows, great room and an open floor plan that became some of the architect's trademarks. | COURTESY TALIESIN PRESERVATION INC.~AP PHOTOS

The Taliesin's living room. Wright rebuilt, and expanded, the house twice, after it was damaged by fires in 1914 and 1925.

IF YOU GO

TALIESIN: Frank Lloyd Wright's 600-acre estate. 5607 County Road C, Spring Green, Wis.; *taliesinpreservation.org* or (877) 588-7900. Open 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily from May 1 to Oct. 31. Five tours are offered, ranging in price from $16 to $80, with a $10 discount if you take both the House and Hillside tours. The combination allows visitors to see Wright's home and the architecture school.

GETTING THERE: Taliesin is 3½ hours from Chicago.

OTHER WRIGHT SITES IN WISCONSIN: *wrightinwisconsin.org*

Wright was a great enthusiast of Asian art and amassed a significant collection. A number of artifacts remain at his estate in western Wisconsin. | MICHELLE JOHNSON~AP

The agricultural wing was converted to living quarters in 1932 for members of the Taliesin Fellowship, now the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. Some of the original fellowship members still live there, while current apprentices stay at the nearby Hillside Studio, where they can be seen working during some tours.

Wright treated his home as a laboratory, making changes for the rest of his life. He didn't worry too much about the quality of construction because at any moment he might have a new idea and renovate again.

Thus, in the living room and alcoves, gaps between the window panes and stone walls let in air and moisture. Wright didn't bother to have grooves cut into the stone so the glass could be inserted and sealed.

Such idiosyncrasies challenge historians and preservationists working to maintain the house, said Keiran Murphy, a historic researcher for the nonprofit Taliesin Preservation, Inc. Changes that could help keep the house intact aren't always in keeping with Wright's intent, she said.

For example, a second-story addition hastily built for guests in 1943 while Wright was campaigning for the Guggenheim Museum commission weakened the home's structure. TPI is carefully trying to shore it up without detracting from Wright's design.

"It just does not appear that he cared what was going to happen to the structure as he was moving walls around," Murphy said.

Mattison said that wasn't unusual for Wright: "He did take risks."

TPI has been working since 1990 to restore Taliesin's buildings and landscape to their condition when Wright died in 1959. Studies show another $90 million to $150 million will be needed to complete the work on the 600-acre estate, TPI President Carol Johnson said.

About 21,000 people visit Taliesin each year from May 1 to Oct. 31. Tours don't run during the winter because there's no heat: Wright removed most of the buildings' furnaces after he started spending colder months in Arizona.

Hedy Knapp, 46, and her husband, Bob Knapp, 47, began visiting Wright sites after moving to the Chicago area several years ago. They admire his use of land and the way his designs move people from compressed to open spaces.

"I don't think that they're necessarily livable in a comfortable way that we're used to," Hedy Knapp said, noting Taliesin's small kitchen and bathrooms wouldn't find favor today. "But I think they're beautiful."

Kim Yeager, 52, of Lakewood, Ohio, rode his motorcycle about 530 miles to tour Taliesin. He has visited dozens of Wright buildings in the past year or so, and his trip to Wisconsin included the SC Johnson Wax headquarters in Racine, Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison and Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Milwaukee.

"I really love that style," said Yeager, an artist who works in glass and wood. "I wanted to see what he built for himself."

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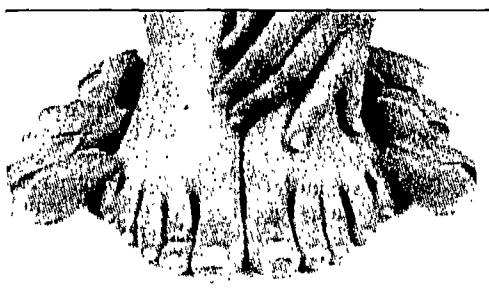

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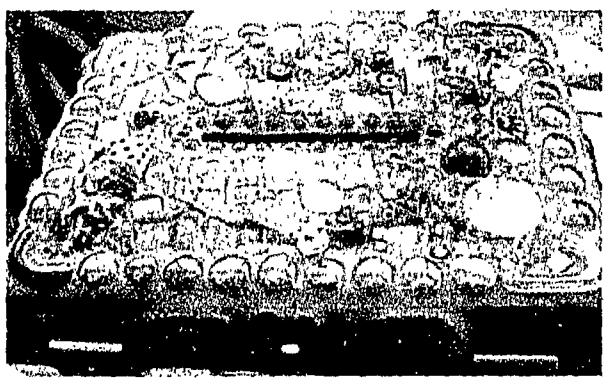
Above: After Memorial Day, HarborMarket in Kenosha brightens the lakefront. | PHOTO COURTESY WWW.CASCIODESIGN.COM



Visitors do a double take at the suggestion box in Picassiette (broken china mosaic) created by Tom Clark at the Lemon Street Gallery in Kenosha.

Gallery hopping in Kenosha

Cross the state line to Kenosha, Wis., where a monthly downtown art crawl called Second Saturdays keeps 30-plus businesses open until 9 p.m. Starting Memorial Day weekend, the Kenosha HarborMarket on Saturday sprawls along Second Avenue toward the lakefront. It sells locally grown produce and crafts and features entertainment and chef demonstrations.

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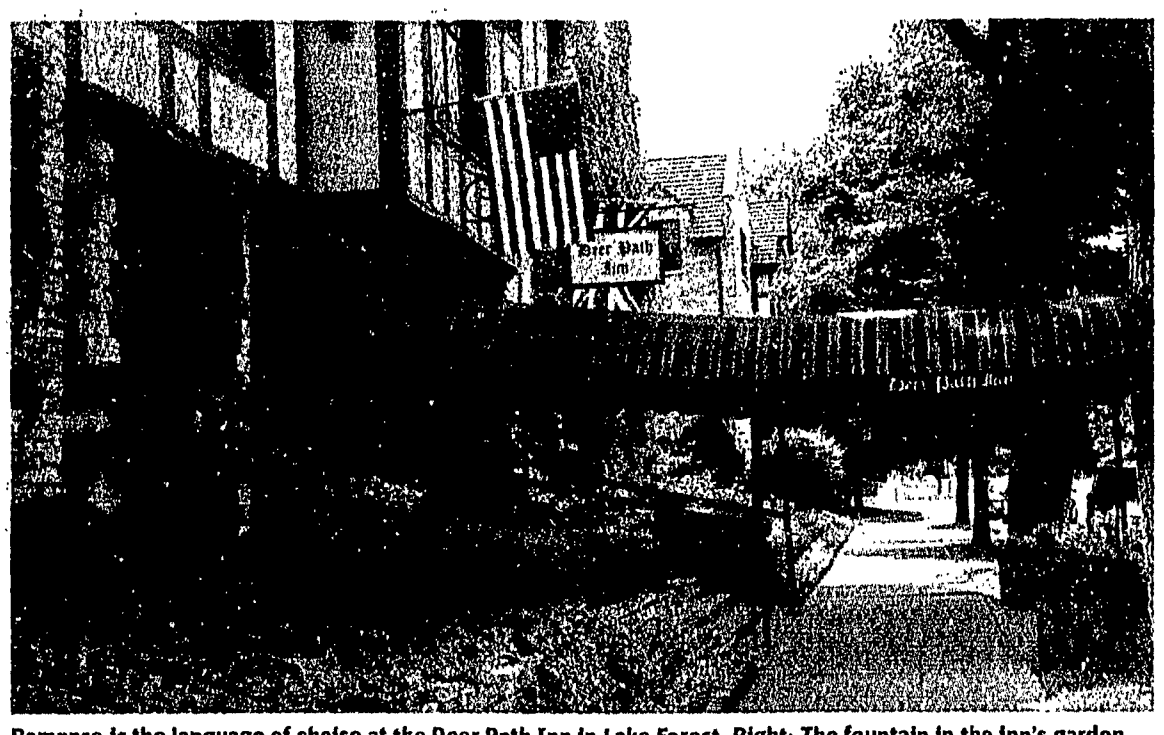
Last train home Sunday: **6:49 p.m**

Work from different artists shares sunlight at the Anderson Art Center in Kenosha, Wis.: "Morning Shadows," an oil by by Susan Schneider, and a gourd from Christine Becker. | APRIL MAHER~FOR THE SUN-TIMES



Romance is the language of choice at the Deer Path Inn in Lake Forest. Right: The fountain in the inn's garden. The inn is happy to have a limo pick you up at the Metra station. | PHOTOS COURTESY DEER PATH INN

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◆ Specialty shops reign at Market Place, a high-end shopping area built in 1919 and on the National Registry of Historic Places. Find the Williams-Sonoma and treat yourselves to bite-size samples of whatever the kitchen has cooking.

At the intersection of Western Avenue and Market Square, (847) 234-1629, *historicmarketsquare.com*

◆ Make an appointment to tour Ragdale, the artist colony based in the 1897 Arts & Crafts summer home owned by architect Howard Van Doren. The free tour covers the grounds, the house, and a visit with the artist-in-residence.

1260 N. Green Bay Rd., (847) 234-1063, *ragdale.org*

Mary Lu Laffey is a locally based freelance writer.

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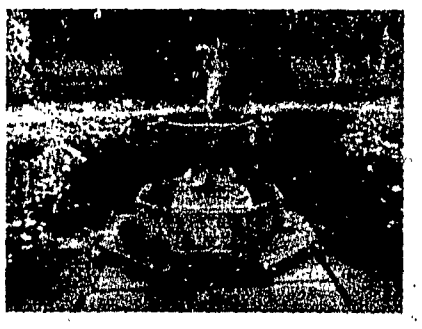

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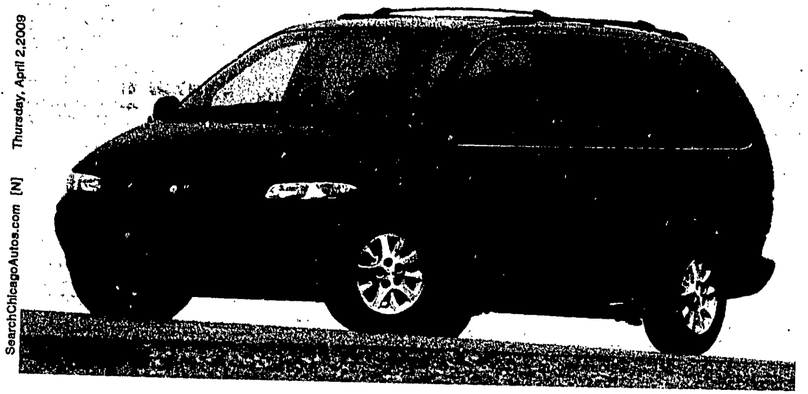

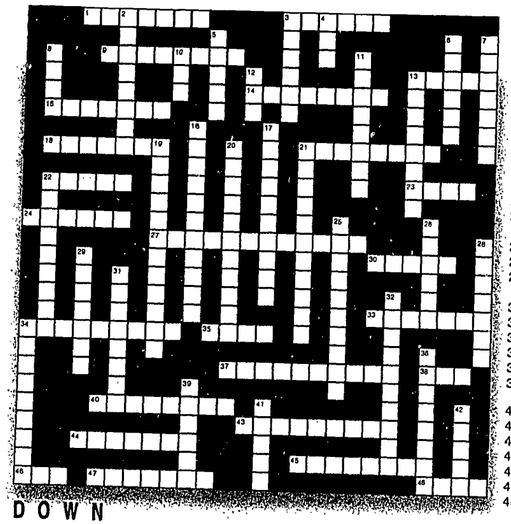

ACROSS

1. Mid-engine Lotus
3. Stated in positive or negative terms
9. 4x4 _____ case
13. Dodge's Duster
14. First FWD Olds
15. Locates the floor shifter
18. Used to be chrome-plated metal
21. Pickup part or driving offense
22. An "intelligent" DaimlerChrysler choice
23. Spring or ignition component
24. Tire-maintenance procedure
27. Chuck Berry's Mabeline machine
30. Corsair or Citation
33. Big-rig body style
34. Bigger rims in back than front
35. Running, but not moving
37. Beetle-spotting game
38. Navigation or entertainment source
40. Brand retired in 2001
43. SVT pickup
44. Firebird model
45. Mitsubishi sedan
46. Spark-plug measurement
47. Veyron constructor
48. Smokey and the Bandit co-star

DOWN

2. Buick trim feature
3. Tasty fruit, or used-car description
4. DaimlerChrysler's high-output brand
5. Esteem replacement
6. Foldaway rear seat, once
7. Power feature first offered in '46
8. Honda's variable valvetrain
10. McLaren-made Mercedes
11. XLR or SRX
12. Vin Diesel's "XXX" Pontiac
13. Oil gauge
16. Flywheel shroud
17. Before fuel injection
19. Common to Caddy STS-V, XLR-V and Jaguar S-Type R
20. Thelma and Louise car star
21. Rear-suspension piece
22. Chevy straight-six nickname
25. Bentley sedan
26. Italian brake company named after this river
28. Stability or traction
29. Riding in the passenger seat (slang)
31. NASCAR legend Roberts
32. Police van (slang)
34. Ignites fuel/air mixture
36. Miles indicator
39. General Motors founder
41. Mid-engined Pontiac
42. Early car makers John and Horace

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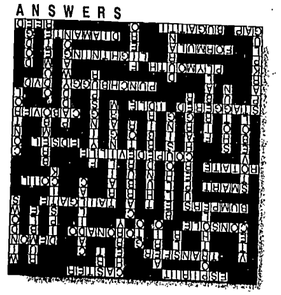

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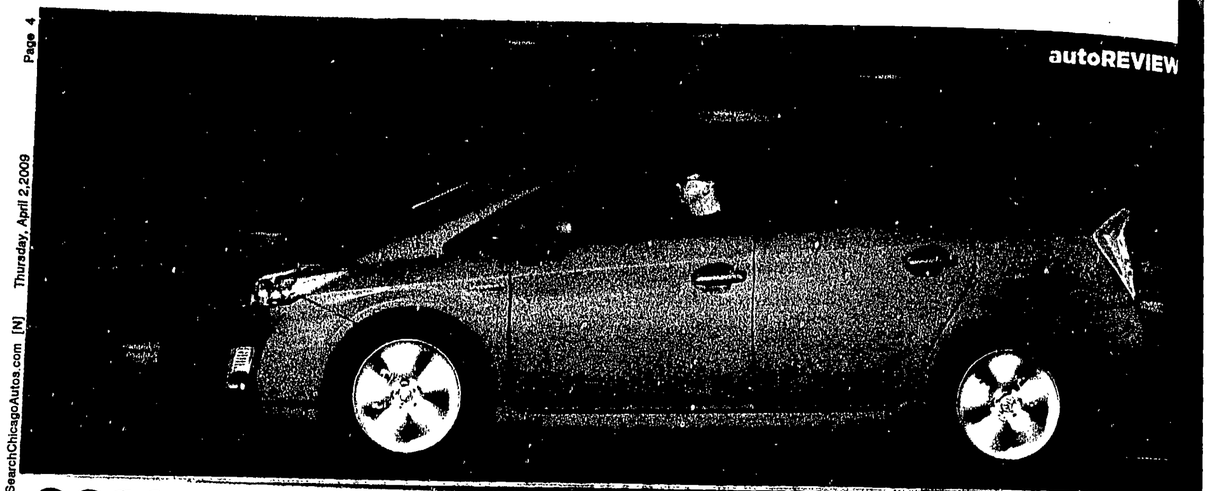

2010 Prius gets the update it deserves

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I really didn't think it was possible.

During the press conference Akihiko Otsuka, chief engineer for the 2010 Toyota Prius, issued a challenge. He said that he managed to get 62.9 mpg during a one-hour drive, and he dared all the journalists in the room to do better. Thus began the "Beat the Chief" challenge.

Gauntlet thrown, we filed out of the room and hit the road in the third-generation Prius.

All-new for 2010, the Prius gets several aerodynamic and engineering changes that elevate it to Environmental Protection Agency ratings of 51 mpg in the city, 48 mpg on the highway and 50 mpg in combined driving.

Curiously, one of the elements that aids in the increased fuel economy is actually a larger engine displacement. This new Prius contains a 2ZR-FXE 1.8-liter DOHC 16-valve VVT-I four-cylinder engine. It's a little counter-intuitive, but the bigger displacement means that the engine doesn't have to work as hard. So at highway speeds, the vehicle operates at lower rpms, which uses less fuel.

To warm up to the challenge, my driving partner and I opted to take a couple of test runs. Without trying, I averaged 51.3 mpg in combined driving. We had some elevation changes as well as both city and highway driving. I simply followed the speed limit and was gentle with both acceleration and braking. After a driver change, my partner did the reverse route and averaged 67 mpg.

During our next two treks we averaged around 62 mpg as we hit the highway and tried out the various functions and features on the new Prius.

Something new for 2010 are three additional driving modes: EV, eco and power. Lead foots like me will benefit from eco mode, which helps improve fuel economy through throttle control. Pushing this little button will reduce the throttle opening up to a max of 11.6 percent.

On the flip side, power mode increases throttle response, allowing for better acceleration in the middle rpm range. My favorite new mode, however, is EV. This is the one that helps keep the vehicle in electric-only mode longer at low speeds. As long as you don't try to go faster than 25 mph and you have enough battery power, you'll be able to go about a half mile using only electric power.

Putting each of these modes through their paces as we tried to "Beat the Chief," I have to say I was impressed with their functionality. Power mode really did give that extra oomph for hills and passing, and eco mode kept me from virtually leaking gas as I jammed my foot on the accelerator. Then you have EV mode, which is utterly beautiful. Even when I try to be light footed, I tend to slip up and press a little harder than I should in a hybrid. That immediately pushes me out of electric-only driving. EV mode, however, kept even me in check.

The 1.8-liter gasoline engine in the new Prius delivers a total of 98 horsepower and 105 pound-feet of torque. When combined with the hybrid system, total output is 134 horsepower, which is a 24 horsepower increase over the previous model.

While I think that the ride and handling in the 2010 Prius is vastly improved, I'm not going to pull the wool over your eyes. This is a hybrid, and it drives like a hybrid. Suspension is neither stiff nor squishy, and even with the power mode employed, you're not going to have anything resembling a sporty ride. But, for what it is, it does very well.

At first glance, the 2010 Prius doesn't look that much different. Though the top of the roof has moved back about 4 inches, it has the same curves and lines, the same familiar podlike shape. But the details are completely different. Ninety percent of the next-generation Prius is newly developed. When you look more closely, you can see it.

The lines are a bit more chiseled. Rear lights now include LED bulbs. Headlights have a new V-ish shape with a blue-tinted lens.

While the outside is familiar, the most noticeable changes come on the inside. The center stack is completely revised, and the dials and controls go decidedly upscale. I love the brushed silver swaths on the steering wheel and surrounding the gear shifter, and the blue accent on the gear shift is beyond cool.

The biggest and, in my opinion, best interior change is the multi-information display. Toyota took items such as the hybrid energy monitor, fuel consumption gauge and system indicator out of the navigation display screen and propped it on top of the dash in a 5-inch-wide fully integrated vacuum florescent display. I like how the information is displayed, and it is easy to scroll through the information using thumb wheels on the steering wheel.

For 2010, Toyota has gone away from using trim level terminology with this hybrid in an attempt to focus on the Prius. Instead, there is a single grade with four equipment levels. Prius II is the standard model. Prius III adds features like the JBL audio system, integrated satellite radio and Bluetooth. Prius IV adds a leather-trimmed interior, heated front seats, plasma cluster and HomeLink. The final equipment level is Prius V, which adds 17-inch alloy wheels, LED headlamps and fog lamps.

In addition to the equipment level strategy, there are a couple of phenomenal new options to note: the solar roof and the remote air-conditioning system. Though the solar roof isn't yet capable of powering the car, it does engage the outside air ventilation and blower mode to ensure that the interior of the car is cooled to the outside ambient temperature when parked. Separately, the remote air-conditioning system allows you to pre-cool the interior of the vehicle; all the power is drawn from the hybrid battery.

My time in the 2010 Prius was incredibly brief, but I have to say that my first impression is overwhelmingly positive. Even though the Prius is iconic, Toyota needed to upgrade this car and make it the all-star hybrid that it should be. With the addition of the three driving modes, touch tracer display and solar roof, I think it succeeded.

Oh, and the fuel economy thing. That's huge. The 50 mpg number isn't pie in the sky either; I actually reached it without trying too hard. I've done fuel economy challenges in other hybrids, and the best fuel economy I previously attained was about 43 mpg.

In the 2010 Prius, I am pleased to report that I did, in fact, "Beat the Chief" with an average economy of 63.3 mpg.

Once again, Prius, chock-full of possibilities, has set a benchmark for hybrid mileage and technology. It'll be fun to see which manufacturers rise to the challenge.

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MOTOR: permanent magnet synchronous motor (powers front wheels, regeneration during breaking)

HYBRID BATTERY PACK: nickel-metal hydride

TRANSMISSION: electronically controlled continually variable transmission

DRIVE TRAIN: front-wheel drive

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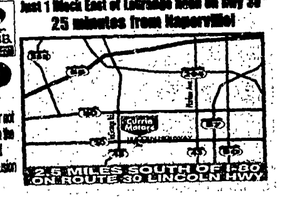

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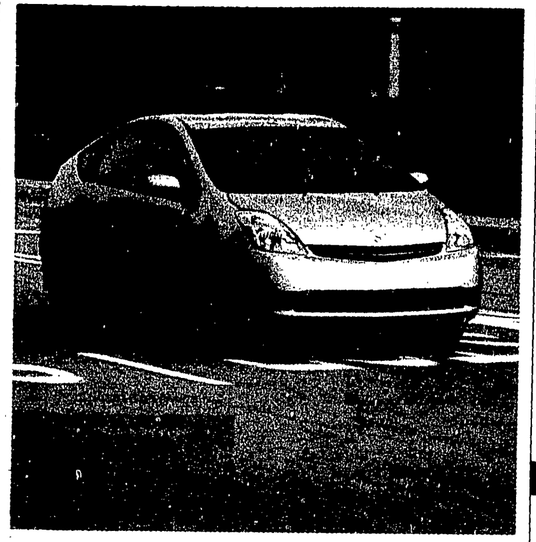

Toyota plans to sell two Prius models simultaneously

BY YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press

TOKYO – Toyota will continue to sell the current Prius (above) when the revamped 2010 version goes on sale in May in an unusual move likely to help the top-selling hybrid ride out a threat from rival Honda.

Toyota Motor Corp. President Katsuaki Watanabe said there is demand in the Japanese market for both the third-generation Prius and the smaller model that's already available.

He declined to give details, including overseas plans. But his comment is the first from Toyota confirming recent Japanese media reports that the current Prius gas-electric hybrid will continue to be on sale, partly to match the cheap price of Honda Motor Co.'s new Insight hybrid.

Prius faces an unprecedented challenge from the Insight, which starts at $19,000 in Japan, and $19,800 in the United States. The Prius now sells for $22,000 in the United States and $23,000 in Japan.

Watanabe said Toyota has been slashing costs on hybrids to almost a fourth of the early costs. He declined to give details on pricing, adding Toyota will give an explanation when the new model is unveiled, expected in May.

"Honda has made an excellent car that addresses ecological problems," Watanabe said of the Insight at a Tokyo showroom. "It will stimulate the development of hybrid technology, including cost-cutting. And that is also our goal."

The Insight has been a hit since going on sale in February in Japan. It is expected in overseas showrooms in coming weeks. The Prius is the global best seller in hybrids at a cumulative 1.2 million sold around the world since its 1997 debut.

Chi-Town Sta-Bil Kruze set for June 6

With a mission to raise money to build a Ronald McDonald House near Lurie Children's Hospital when it opens in 2012, the Chi-Town Sta-Bil Kruze will take to the streets of Chicago from 8 a.m. to noon June 6.

Although there will not be a car show, some 575 to 1,000 cars of all makes, models and vintages are expected to cruise a route that showcases Grant and Millennium parks. The tentative route will start at Columbus Drive near Buckingham Fountain and head south to Roosevelt Road to Michigan Avenue to Randolph Street and end on Columbus. The cruise is free and open to any street-legal vehicle. Spectators can watch free of charge also; all money is raised through donations. Last year the event raised $25,000.

To make donations, visit http://firstgiving.com/chitownkruze. For information about the cruise, visit www.chitownkruze.com or call (847) 997-8624.

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Mazda focuses on cheaper, greener gas engines

BY YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press

TOKYO – Mazda officials played down the recent industry rush to produce hybrids, vowing to boost fuel efficiency through cheaper methods such as reducing the weight of regular vehicles.

Seita Kanai, a Mazda Motor Corp. director who oversees research and development, said even in 2015, the gasoline engine will account for nearly all autos around the world with electric vehicles and hybrids making up a tiny niche market.

He said improving the fuel efficiency of gasoline engines, developing lighter cars and reducing fuel consumption during idling are the challenges Mazda is taking up to make its models green.

"We see improving the mileage of the basic engine as our top priority," Kanai said at the Hiroshima-based automaker's Tokyo office.

The efforts at Mazda are not unique, and automakers with new hybrids are also working on greener gas engines and other less costly ecological measures.

Even Kanai acknowledged the arrival of cheap hybrids, such as Honda Motor Co.'s $19,800 Insight, was a danger for Mazda, Japan's fifth-biggest automaker.

Toyota Motor Corp. is also expected to lower hybrid prices.

"We see that as a threat, and to be honest, we are really not sure what to do," he told reporters. "We don't have the strength to get sucked into a hybrid price war."

Worries have been growing about money-losing Mazda's future after Ford Motor Co., struggling under massive losses, sold 20 percent of its 32.4 percent stake in Mazda late last year. Ford and Mazda still have a partnership, including sharing ecological technology.

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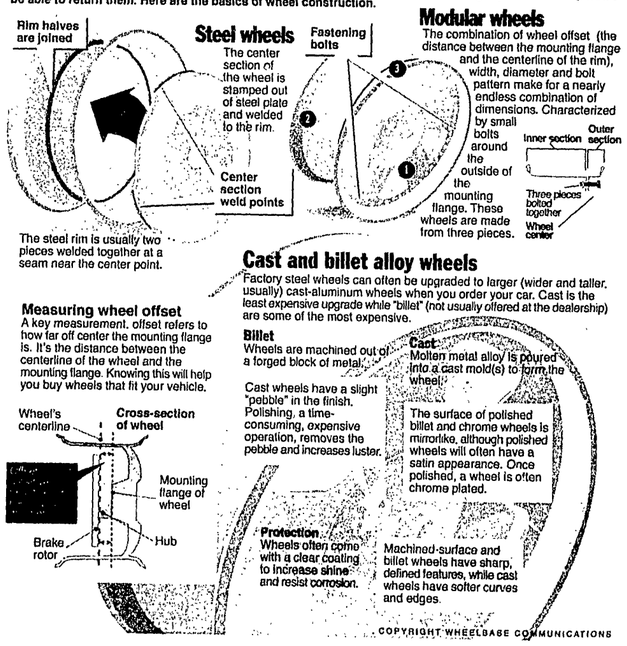
What kind of wheels do you want?

What's involved: Upgrading wheels is a popular way to make an automobile distinctive and give it more personality. Over the last few years, your choices have become nearly endless. Gone are the days of boring steel wheels and plastic hub caps. Wheels have also be made lighter, which means there's less rotational mass (although as the wheels get larger, there's more rotating mass). Improved construction techniques have aided manufacturers in producing affordable high-quality wheels in gigantic dimensions, up to 30 inches. If your vehicle didn't come with the wheels you wanted and it's now time to upgrade, there's plenty of research to do. You must get all the details sorted out now, because once the wheels are bought you most likely won't be able to return them. Here are the basics of wheel construction.



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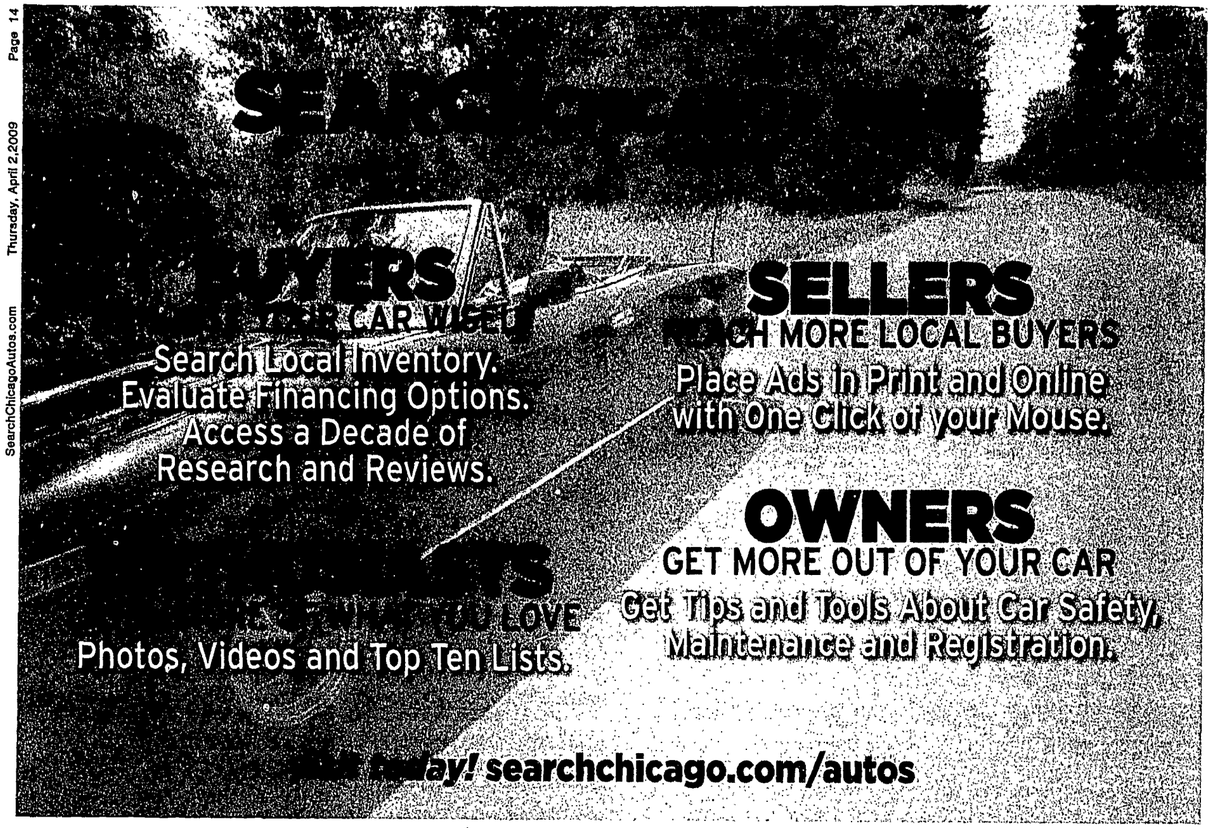

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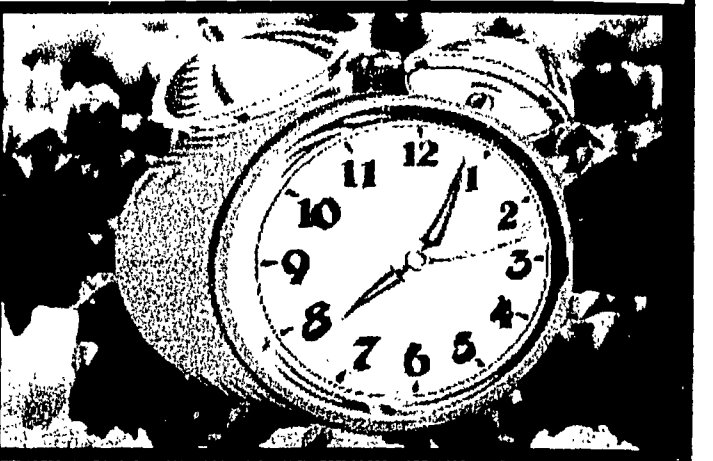

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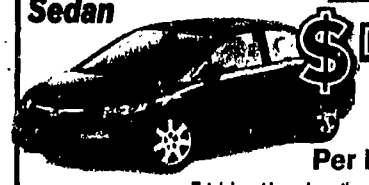
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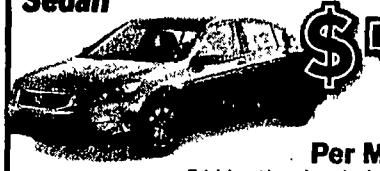
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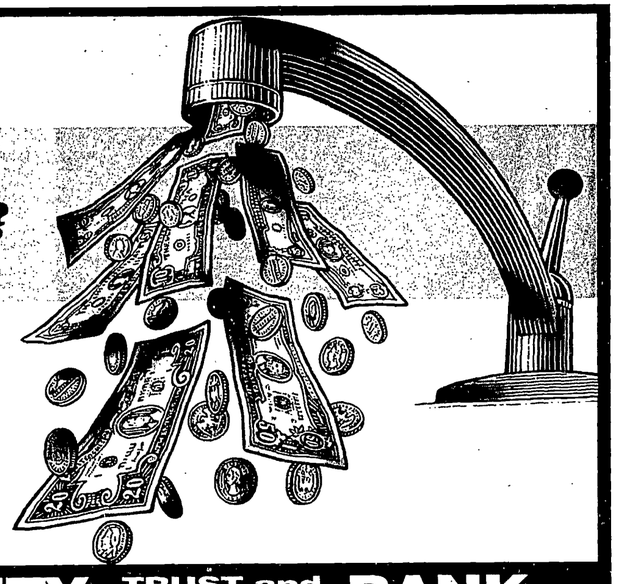

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museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. **Through April 5:** "From Michelangelo to Annibale Carracci: A Century of Italian Drawings from the Prado." This exhibition of 70 drawings explores the working methods of the most important artists active in Italy from 1520-1620. **Through April 5:** "Polaroids: Mapplethorpe" exhibition, in the Alsdorf Gallery. The show brings together 100 works, including self-portraits, figure studies, still-lifes and portraits of friends and lovers. Some material may be inappropriate for younger or more sensitive audiences. **April 26,** 1-4 p.m.: Communiversity Family Day, featuring free art-making activities for families with children aged 6 and older. **April 24-June 28:** "Bare Witness: Photographs by Gordon Parks." Gordon Parks (1912-2006) began working as a professional photographer in the 1940s, documenting the urban and rural poor in the United States for the Farm Security Administration and other organizations. He also served as a staff photographer for Life magazine from 1945 to 1975. **April 23,** 8 p.m.: Block Cinema will screen Parks' semi-autobiographical 1969 film, "The Learning Tree." $6. **May 7,** 6 p.m.: Parks' son David will speak on "Gordon Parks and His Artistic Process, Photography, Film and Writing." Free. **May 8,** 8 p.m.: David Parks will introduce a showing of his father's 1971 film "Shaft" at Block Cinema and answer questions after the screening. $6. **May 16,** 2-4 p.m.: Panel discussion, "Gordon Parks: A Renaissance Man." **May 28,** 6 p.m.: Block Museum senior curator Debora Wood will give a gallery talk of the exhibition "Bare Witness."

Chicago Public Library, Roden Branch, 6083 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. (312) 744-1478. **Through April:** In celebration of Women's History Month, Valerie Alduen will display her mosaic artwork.

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 May 6:** Robert Logan, "Constructivists Chicago," featuring abstract large-scale photographs of man-made structures in and around Chicago's Loop by Robert Logan, a 90-year-old Highland Park-based photographer. **Through May 6:** Iain Fraser, "missed places." Canadian-born architect and St. Louis-based artist Fraser will exhibit his three-dimensional steel, glass and concrete constructions. A reception for Robert Logan and Iain Fraser will be held from 6-8 p.m. April 3.

Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie. (847) 674-1500. **Through May 2:** Skokie Art Guild 2009 members' spring exhibit, "Nature's Palette."

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. (847) 475-5300. www.evanstonartcenter.org. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. **Through April 5:** "WithOut Borders," an exhibition of works by artists of the global multiculture who are living and working in the Chicago area.

Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator, (847) 674-3806. **Through April 30:** "A Tribute to Hal Foster" by Sidney Weiskirch, featuring artwork of heroes from Tarzan through Prince Valiant.

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum. Suggested donation is $5 for adults; $2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admission per family is $10. **Through April 19:** "Circle of Empowerment: Education, Language, Culture, Tradition," a traveling exhibit of award-winning artwork and writing by young Native Americans. The exhibit includes all 30 of the winning entries in the 2008 Native American Student Artist Competition, organized by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education.

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. **April 2-23:** OakArt 2009, the annual exhibit of work by student artists, including paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, digital art and photography. Opening reception from 5-8 p.m. April 2.

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St. (847) 259-3500. www.phpl.info. **April:** Photographs by members of the Arlington Heights Camera Club. Reception at 7 p.m. April 23.

Simply Chicago Art, 1318 Oakton, Evanston. (847) 738-0716. www.simplychicagoart.com. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays; 1-6 p.m. Sundays. **April 4-26:** Fiber art by Shelley Brucar and jewelry by Leny Basa. Artists' reception will be held from 1-5 p.m. April 4.

Skokie Art Guild artists showing **through April 30** include Hope Salmanoff exhibiting her oil paintings at Bank of Lincolnwood, 4433 W. Touhy Ave., Lincolnwood; and Claire L. Hirsch exhibiting her oil paintings at the Devonshire Cultural Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie.

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

STAGE

Devonshire Playhouse, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie, will hold auditions for "Big," **through April 5** by appointment. Performance dates are June 18-21 at the Devonshire Playhouse. For an information packet and appointment, call the Devonshire Cultural Center, (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

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.

Na Mele Aloha Hawaiian music club seeks musicians who play ukulele, upright string bass, keyboards, flute and violin. The group is open to all ages. Rehearsals are held from 7-10 p.m. Thursdays at Oakton Community College, 1500 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. Call Earl Essig, (847) 272-0762, or e-mail earlessig@aol.com.

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

Normennenes Singing Society Male Chorus invites male singers to join the group in singing American and Scandinavian selections throughout the year, except for the months of July and August. Rehearsals are held at 8 p.m. **Tuesdays** at the Estonian House in Lincolnshire. Call Thor Fjell, (630) 369-4233 or (630) 479-4233.

North Shore Harmonizers, an independent women's barbershop chorus, invites women who love to sing a cappella four-part harmony to attend rehearsals at 7 p.m. **Thursdays** at St. Augustine's Church, 1140 Wilmette Ave., Wilmette. All voice parts are welcome. For information, call (312) 409-4215 or visit www.northshoreharmonizers.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 Adrian 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.

ARTISTS

Artist applications are now available for the 24th annual Evanston Ethnic Arts Festival, which will be held July 18-19 at Dawes Park along Evanston's lakefront. The festival is open to ethnic artists and art vendors. Application deadline is **April 6.** Call (847) 448-8260 for information.

Artists and craftspersons are invited to apply to participate in the 19th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure, to be presented **May 9** in Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine streets, Park Ridge. Visit www.americansocietyofartists.org or call (847) 991-4748.

Custer's Last Stand is accepting arts' and crafts exhibitor applications for its 2009 festival of the arts, to be held **June 20-21** in the Evanston Main Street Station Shopping District. For an application, call (847) 328-2204 or visit www.custerfair.com.

Call for artists for the Skokie Art Guild's 48th annual Art Fair, to be held **July 11-12** on the Skokie Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton, Skokie. Prizes and awards. E-mail skokieart@aol.com or call (847) 677-8163.

MISCELLANEOUS

Morton Grove Public Library seeks entries for its annual writing contest. In honor of National Library Week, the library is sponsoring its fourth annual writing contest, with two categories, students in grades 7-12 and adults age 19 and up. The theme for 2009 is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library." Rules are: Maximum of 500 words; entries must be printed legibly or typed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper; and the author's name, address, and age category must be printed on the back of the entry. Entries must be received in the library by 9 p.m. **April 6.** Winners will be announced April 13. For information, call (847) 965-4220.

The Johnny Mercer Foundation and the American Music Theatre Project at Northwestern University are presenting the fourth annual Johnny Mercer Songwriters Project June 21-27 on Northwestern's Evanston campus. The no-fee workshop, led by Tony and Grammy award-winning artists, is seeking talented young songwriters or writing teams from all popular music genres to participate. The program will include master classes and workshops, a master teacher cabaret and a student songwriter showcase. The week will culminate with the "Johnny Mercer Celebration Concert," featuring actress, singer and recording artist Liz Callaway and vocalist Capathia Jenkins, along with performances by the Johnny Mercer program's master teachers and songwriters. To qualify, writers must be between the ages of 18 to 30. For writing teams, at least one member must meet this criterion. A stipend will be offered to cover a portion of travel and boarding expenses. Applications must be postmarked by April 6. For information and an application, visit www.amtp.northwestern.edu/mercer.html.

BENEFITS

"A Magical Evening," the annual Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra benefit dinner, will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 28 at the Exmoor Country Club, 700 Vine St., Highland Park. The evening includes a silent auction, dinner, performance by the Magical Strings of Youth, and the presentation of the Ars Viva 2009 Award for Excellence to Betty Haag-Kuhnke, director of the Betty Haag Academy. $175 per person. To make a reservation or request an invitation, call (847) 615-1811.

"Dancing the Dream II: Kazuaria," 7 p.m. **April 30** at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The Hadassah fundraiser will feature the Israeli dance company Ranana Raz. Tickets: $36. Visit www.chicago.hadassah.org or call (847) 675-6790.

"Red Blues on Blue Monday," a concert featuring Al Jewer & the Native American Blues All-Stars, will be presented from 6:30-9 p.m. **May 4** at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Proceeds will benefit Evanston's Mitchell Museum of the American Indian. Tickets are $75 per person and include admission, pizza, salad and a beverage. Cash bar. Call (847) 475-1030.

BOOKS & POETRY

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. **April 19,** 3 p.m.: Book launch and singing with James B. Swan, author of *Chicago's Irish Legion: The 90th Illinois Volunteers in the Civil War.* Swan will read from his book and sign copies, which will be for sale.

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. **April 12:** *Roscoe* by William Kennedy. **May 3:** *The Snapper* by Roddy Doyle.

Little City Foundation Used Book Sale, June 5-14 at Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center, 4999 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. Admission to the event is free, except on opening night, Friday, June 5, when a $10 donation is charged. Hours for the event are 5-10 p.m. June 5; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. June 6, 12-13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 7 and 14; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8-11. Proceeds benefit the Palatine-based Little City Foundation, which provides programs for people with disabilities. Senior Citizen's Day is June 10, Children's Day is June 11, and Bargain Weekend is June 13-14. For details and schedule updates, visit www.LittleCityBooksSale.com.

Prospect Heights Public Library, 12 N. Elm St., Prospect Heights. (847) 259-3500. www.phpl.info. Registration for programs required, unless noted otherwise. **April 14,** 7 p.m.: "The 25 Books that Most Influenced Western Civilization," presented by historian and bibliophile William B. Haase. **April 16,** 7 p.m.: Local authors Lim Depriest and Joyce Elizabeth Norman will discuss their book, *Growing Up Ebony and Ivory: A Conversation Between Two Women.*

CHILD'S PLAY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **April 19,** 1 and 3 p.m.: Junie B. Jones, $18.

"Cinderella" will be presented by Chicago Kid's Company at 10:30 a.m. and noon **April 14-17, 20-24, 27-28, 30, May 7-8 and 22;** 1 p.m. **April 25, May 16 and July 11;** and 10:30 a.m. **May 12, 14, 19-21, 26-29, June 24-26, July 1-2 and 7-10** at the Stahl Family Theatre, 5900 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Tickets: $10. Call (773) 205-9600 or visit www.chicagokidscompany.com.

Des Plaines Public Library, 1501 Ellinwood St. (847) 376-2787. www.dppl.org. Advance registration required for activities unless noted otherwise. **April 7,** 7:30 p.m.: Author and poet Gary Soto will give a presention for youth in grades 4-8. An autographing session will follow and books will be available for purchase.

Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd., hosts its annual Arboretum Egg Hunt on **April 11.** Choose from four "hunt" times: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Children search for eggs in the Ladd Arboretum and exchange them for small prizes. A special area is reserved for children age 1 1/2 to 4 years. Bring a basket or a bag to hold the eggs. Activities and a craft follow the egg hunt. Cost is $4.50/person. Preregistration is required: call (847) 448-8256.

"How Can You Run with a Shell on Your Back?" will be presented at 7 p.m. April 10; 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. **April 11** and 2 p.m. April 12 in Northwestern University's Ethel M. Barber Theater, 30 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The musical is based on some of Aesop's fables, including "Tortoise and the Hare," "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," "Androcles and the Lion" and "The Ant and the Grasshopper." Tickets: $20; $18 for senior citizens; $10 for children and full-time students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.ltc.northwestern.edu.

Light Opera Works is currently taking enrollment for its 2009 Musical Theater Summer Workshop. Students ages 8-15 will learn singing, dancing and acting in preparation for a public performance in a mini-musical. Four separate one-week workshops will be offered, based on a hit musical. Each workshop meets from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a final dress rehearsal at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by the performance at 4 p.m. This year's workshops are Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," **July 6-11;** "Annie," July 13-18; "The Music Man," July 20-25; "Bye Bye Birdie," **July 27-Aug. 1.** There are no auditions for roles and every child enrolled in the workshop gets a part. Classes are held in Evanston. The fee is $350 per student per workshop. Register online at www.LightOperaWorks.com or call (847) 869-6300.

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. **April 11:** Ice fishing lures. **April 25:** Corn husk masks. **May 9:** Dreamcatchers. **May 23:** Talking sticks and coup sticks. **June 13:** Miniature woven rugs.

Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. (847) 965-4220. **April 18,** 10 a.m.: "Saturday Shorts," video adaptations of award-winning classic children's picture books. Recommended for ages 3-8.

North Shore Dance Center. 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. www.northshoredancecenter.com. **Saturdays,** 11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Story Time Yoga for ages 3-7; parents welcome. $260 for 20 weeks.

Northlight Theatre Academy, at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 679-9501. www.northlight.org. Offering summer performing arts camps for students in grades 3-10; registration is in progress. Camps include Junior Camp for grades 3-6, **June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7,** featuring acting, improvisation and musical theatre as well a swimming and field trips to Chicago area theatres. Senior Camp for grades 7-10, **June 15-July 10 and July 14-Aug. 7,** featuring ensemble-based acting, playwriting, comedy and improvisation, musical theatre and audition technique. Audition Workshop for grades 8-10, **July 14-Aug. 7.**

Sesame Street Live "When Elmo Grows Up." 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. **May 7-8;** 10:30 a.m., 2 and 5:30 p.m. **May 9;** and 1 and 4:30 p.m. **May 10** at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets: $15, $20 and $30, plus $35 Gold Circle seats. For tickets, call (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 492-8860. www.evanstonspace.com. April 19, 11 a.m.: Justin Roberts. $15 in advance.

"The Wizard of Oz," 7 p.m. April 2-3 at Hitch School, 5625 N. McVicker, Chicago. Tickets: $8; $5 for children. (773) 534-1189.

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **April 21-23,** 7:30 p.m.: Jackie Mason. $72.

Hotel Intercontinental Chicago O'Hare, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. **Through April 25:** ComedySportz, 8 p.m. Saturdays in the Montrose Room. Tickets: $21 at www.tickmaster.com or by calling (800) 745-3000; $30 at the door. For information, visit www.comedysportzchicago.com. **Every other Friday,** 8 p.m.: "Un-Tied," improv by Annoyance Theatre. Performances in the Montrose Room for an open run. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or (312) 559-1212.

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. **June 19-20,** 8 p.m.: George Lopez: Tall, Dark & Chicano Tour. Tickets: $59.50 and $67.

Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman will present a comedy performance based on her books, Still Single and Still Dating, at 8 p.m. **April 18** at the "Raising the Roof" fund-raiser at St. William Parish, 2559 N. Sayre Ave., Chicago. $7. (773) 637-6565.

DANCE

PERFORMANCES

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreeast.org. **April 18,** 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; $10 nonmembers. Membership fee $25. Upcoming dates include **April 25.**

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.

Kristine's Dance Party, 7:30-11 p.m. Thursdays at the Park Ridge VFW, 10 W. Higgins Road, Park Ridge. Open to singles and couples. Nightclub, swing, jitterbug, salsa, hustle, cha cha, fox trot and and other music provided by a D.J. $5 cover; cash bar. (773) 482-0642 or www.kristinesdanceparty.com.

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

Prairie Lakes Senior Center. 515 E. Thacker, Des Plaines. For information, call (847) 825-2901 or (847) 825-6637. **April 17** and **May 15,** 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to live music. $25 per couple at the door. **May 2 and 23,** 8-10:30 p.m.: Alice Lowy will host ballroom dancing to taped music. $15 per couple at the door.

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. **April 13:** "Taxes and Tears." **April 27:** "Sunny Days & Happy Tunes." 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.

The Trinity Academy of Irish Dance offers a new summer program, Taste of Trinity. Each six-class workshop is designed to introduce boys and girls ages 4-12 to the world of Irish Dance. Participants will learn the basics of Irish dance, including proper techniques of movement set to the rhythm of Irish music. Each session will conclude with a 15-minute special performance for family and friends. No previous dance experience is necessary. Sessions will be held **June 16-July 2** and **July 21-Aug. 6** at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Cost per six-class session is $95, which includes a Trinity T-shirt. Registration is in progress; call (773) 529-4822, ext. 35, or e-mail cynthia.oblein@trinitydance.com. For information, visit www.trinityirishdancers.com.

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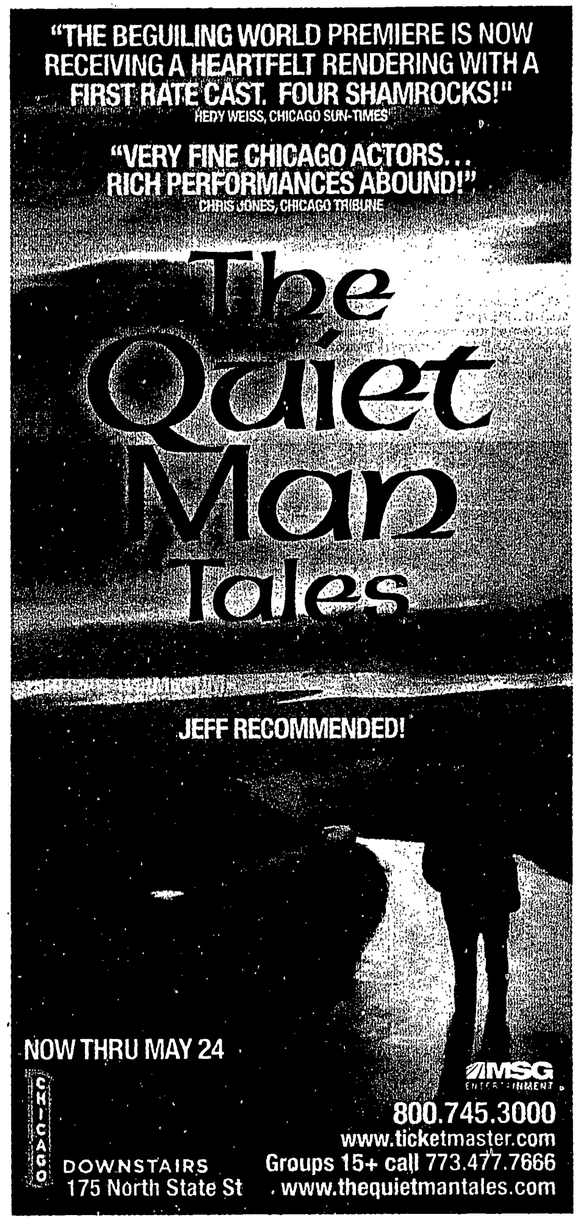

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DINING

Schaefers, 9965 Gross Point Road, Skokie. (847) 673-5711. April 4, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Free wine tasting featuring Kosher wines and wines to go with Easter dinner. April 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.: Free wine tasting.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Irish Earth Day Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 18 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Vendors will display Earth-friendly products, conservation, recycling, sustainable agriculture and alternative energy. There will also be children's activities, live music and food for purchase. Free admission. For information, call (773) 282-7035 or visit www.irish-american.org.

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. **April 2,** 7 p.m.: "Fallen Angel" (1945). **April 9,** 7 p.m.: "Nightmare Alley" (1947). **April 14,** 2 and 7 p.m.: "The Secret Life of Bees," rated PG-13. **April 16,** 7 p.m.: "A Double Life" (1947). **April 23,** 7 p.m.: "The Set-Up" (1949). **May 8,** 7 p.m.: "Criss Cross" (1949). **May 12,** 2 and 7 p.m.: "Slumdog Millionaire," rated R.

LECTURES

Chicago Public Library, Roden Branch, 6083 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. (312) 744-1478. April 15, 7 p.m.: "Images of Honest Abe," presented by art historian Jeff Mishur. The slide lecture examines paintings, photographs, sculptures and material culture relating to Lincoln and their historical context.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. April 7, 7 p.m.: Roberta Randall will present "Stars of the Silver Screen," featuring brief biographical sketches of Bette Davis, Judy Garland and Elizabeth Taylor.

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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) 924-8952, or visit www.dpag.org. **April 14:** Wayne Atkinson will present a watercolor demonstration. **May 12:** Thelma Spain will present a watercolor demonstration.

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 InaMarlowe@gmail.com. **April 28,** 7 p.m.: Jamie Thome, book and papermaking. **May 26,** 7 p.m.: Leslie Riley, quiltmaking. **June 23,** 7 p.m.: Members' critique and student awards.

Skokie Festival of Cultures organizing committee meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton St., Skokie. November through February, and then every one to two weeks until the festival, to be held **May 15-16.** New members and cultural representatives are welcome. For information, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2715, or visit www.SkokieCultureFest.org.

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.

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Des Plaines Art Guild sponsors figure-drawing classes featuring professional live models from 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays at the Fischer Wright Art Center, 815 Center St., Des Plaines. There is a $10 charge for Guild members; $15 per week for nonmembers. To register, call Beverly Becker, (847) 635-0306.

Evanston Atelier, 716 Main St., Evanston. (312) 480-7796. www.evanstonatelier.com. **I-ON-6 Sessions,** by appointment, offer groups of six or more an opportunity to select a specific art instruction by the studio artists. Also, Artists Circle membership is available for artists looking for ongoing workshops and group events to advance their art.

MISCELLANEOUS

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irishamhc.com. **April 25,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.: In celebration of National Library Week, the Irish American Heritage Center Library will host the International Women's Writing Guild for a day-long women's writing workshop, "A Writing Life/A Creative Life: The Importance of Words," taught by Susan M. Tiberghien. Fee is $80 for International Women's Writing Guild members; $95 for nonmembers. A $25 nonrefundable deposit is required. To register, call (773) 282-7035, ext. 19.

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emeritus. Shakespeare at the Opera (HUM 853-71) discusses the Bard's considerable influence on opera. Five-week course meets 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, **starting April 7.** Course fee is $70. Masterpieces of Sculpture (ART H18-71) meets from 1-2:30 p.m. **April 8.** Course fee is $20.

ET CETERA

"Dream: A Circus in One Act," April 24-May 17 at The Actors Gymnasium, located at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. The family-friendly circus production includes acrobatics, comedy and live music. Opening night tickets are $100 each, which includes a $70 tax-deductible donation and a post-show reception at Va Pensiero Restaurant in Evanston. Gala tickets are available through April 4 at (847) 328-2795 or www.actorsgymnasium.com. Regular performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $20; $10 for children 12 and under. For tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com or call (800) 838-3006.

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Northwestern University Library, 1970 Campus Drive, Evanston. Through April 30: "The Murder That Wouldn't Die: Leopold & Loeb in Artifact, Fact and Fiction.

Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. (847) 825-3123. www.parkridgelibrary.org. **May 14.** 7 p.m.: "Alicia: Story of a Polish Heroine," presented by professional actor Belsey Means. **May 19,** 7 p.m.: "World War II Radio Hour."

Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. (847) 677-7761. www.skokietheatre.com. **April 4, 11** at 2 p.m.: Cirque Da Uno, featuring magic, juggling, puppetry, ventriloquism and more by Jeffery the Great. $15; $10 for children 13 and under.

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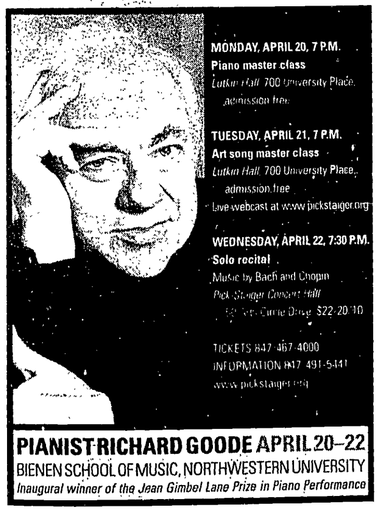
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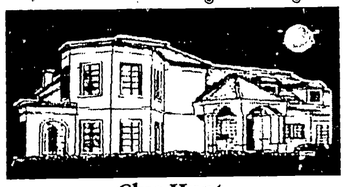
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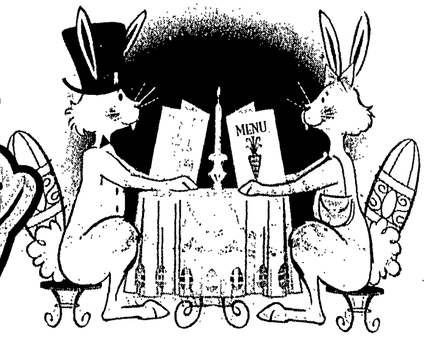

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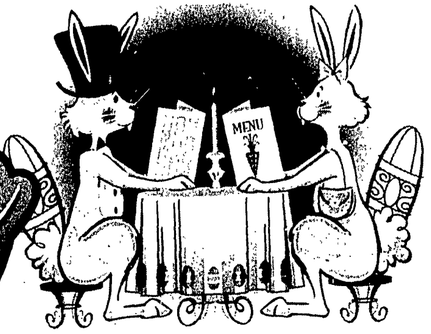

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• Choose a recycled material for Easter basket fill. Skip the environmentally unfriendly plastic grass for Easter baskets. Instead, use shredded pieces of magazines or newspapers that you've run through a home shredder. Later on gather the paper strands to recycle them. You can also purchase recycled paper "grass" in different colors.

• Go for minimally packaged products. Chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks are common treats in Easter baskets, but they generally have a lot of unnecessary packaging. Why not try making your own candy creations from chocolate molds?

• Hide papier-mache or clay eggs. Plastic eggs certainly are convenient and won't start to smell bad like hard-boiled eggs if the children don't uncover all of your egg hiding spots. However, plastic is certainly not very environmentally friendly, especially if those plastic eggs end up in the trash year after year. Instead, make it a craft project for kids to mold eggs out of dough, clay, or even papier-mache. Paint and hide them to be retrieved for little prizes.

• Dine on colored Easter eggs. Don't let those hard-boiled colored eggs go to waste. Use them to create egg salad, slice them to add to a Cobb salad or enjoy them for breakfast or a snack.

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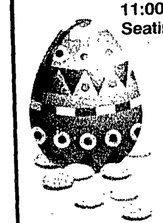

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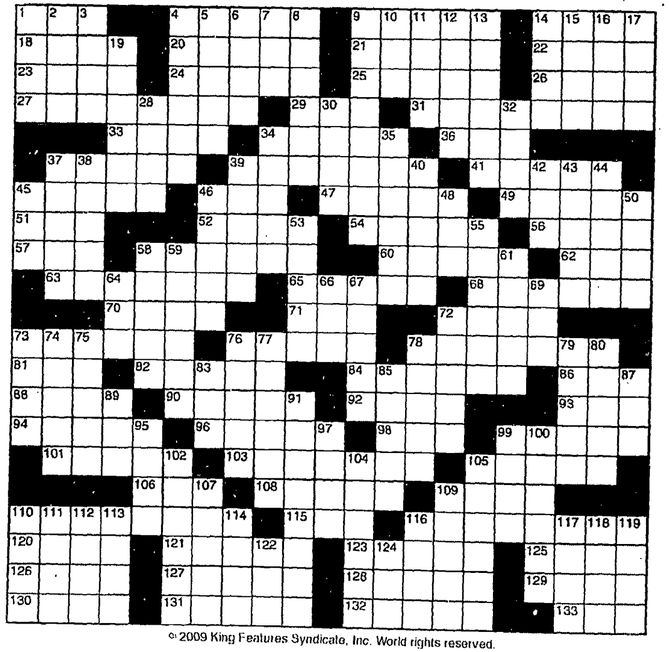

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Baab, Thomas H.
Thomas H. Baab, 83, passed away March 29, 2009. Beloved husband of Phyllis for 45 years; loving father of Stephan (Luella), Carrie, Laurel Raso and the late Gordon Baab; dear grandfather of Sarah; caring brother of Kate Buck and Dona Thorpe. Thomas was the Executive Vice President of the American Cancer Society Illinois Division, and retired in 1988. He was an avid outdoorsman, canoeist, and an accomplished guitarist. He was also a flight engineer during WWII on a B-29. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 1210, Chicago, IL 60601, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Ste. 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois. Info 800-622-8358.
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Leider, Frank E.
Frank E. Leider, age 88, of Morton Grove, died March 27, 2009. Submarine Veteran, US Navy, WWII. Beloved husband of Mary; dear father of Frank ((Denise) of Sarasota, FL, Mark (Geraldine) of Mt. Prospect, and Mary Anne (the late Scott) McDonald of Des Plaines; loving grandfather of William, Christopher and Amy. Services were private. Contributions in Mr. Leider's memory may be made to Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Hwy., Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Arrangements entrusted to Haben Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. 847-673-6111.
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Zimmer, Edward Frank "Red"
Our Lord and His angels welcomed Red Zimmer, 89, of Maricopa Arizona and Park Ridge, Illinois, into heaven March 1st, 2009. We are sure he was greeted by his parents Frank and Marie Zimmer of Chicago, Illinois, many friends and cohorts and his adoring wife "Bunny". Red's favorite part of life was the love and tenderness he shared with his late wife Bunny. A great love story! Rarely did you see them where they weren't laughing, holding hands or serenading each other. Red was a loving, happy stepdad to eight children (the Corr Family), 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Red served in the U.S. Navy in World War Two. He went on to work and retire as a sales ren with Gerber Baby Foods. He loved life and touched everyone's heart (and funny bone) with his brilliant wit, smile and laugh. A memorial service will be held in Red's honor for family and friends at the Elks Club of Des Plaines Saturday, April 4th, service starting at 12:30 p.m. The family would like to thank Hospice of the Valley (Chandler, AZ) for their compassion and support.
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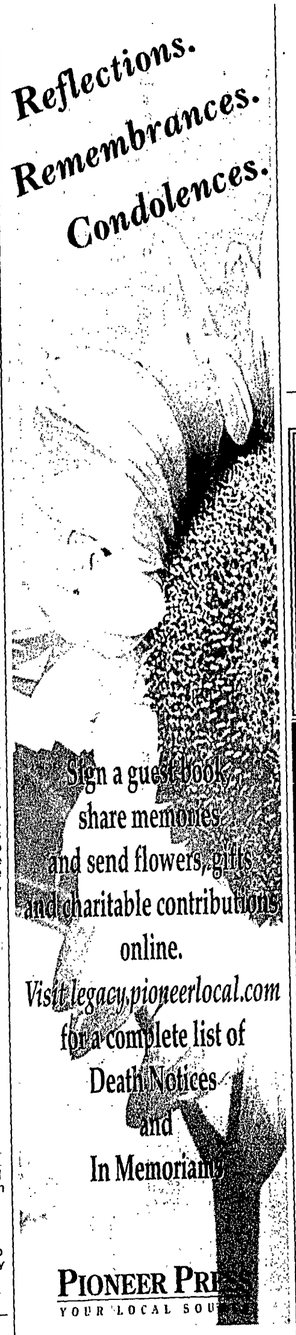

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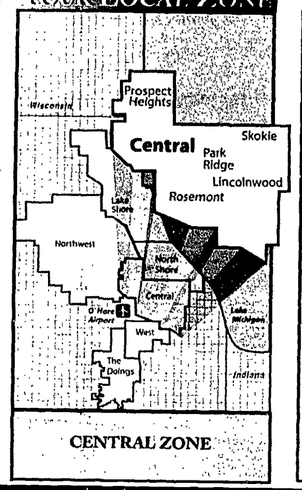

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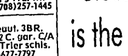

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2008, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 23, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6878 N. KILPATRICK AVENUE, Lincolnwood, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-129-009 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $758,416.42. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CHASELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD. 39 South LaSalle Street Suite 1105 CHICAGO, IL 60603. (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 08-2222-7653. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1169182

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HARWOOD HEIGHTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY. ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP Plaintiff, -v- PIOTR NOWICKI, et al Defendant 08 CH 17268

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 15, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4328 NORTH OLEKA AVENUE, HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Property Index No. 13-18-306-030-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $422,673.21. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at http://vsale.rlsb.com. Attorneys. One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0099188. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1170120

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LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY. ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI 2007-AR5 Plaintiff, -v- JOHNNY L. EJE A/K/A JOHNNY HOANG LE, et al Defendant 08 CH 34515

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 20, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 22, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker

(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered January 22, 2009, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. as Sale Officer will at 12:30 p.m. on April 29, 2009, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 6440 West Montrose Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60706 Permanent Index No.: 13-18-407-045 The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $523,383.97. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by noon the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Kallen Realty Services, Inc. 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. (847) 498-9990. between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1138013

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LINCOLNWOOD IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY. ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WMALT SERIES 2007-OA3 TRUST, Plaintiff, -v- YUSRA K. OKAB; MUHAMMAD R. OKAB; WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, Defendants 08 CH 35461

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Fisher and Shapiro File # 08-11442

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Orivo - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder. as set forth below. the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7050 N KILPATRICK AVE. LINCOLNWOOD, IL 60712 Property Index No. 10-34-107-038-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $435,205.34. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.oily-piorco.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES. Plaintiff's Attorneys. One North Oooorborn Street Suite 1300. CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0819093. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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LINCOLNWOOD
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, SERVICING LP
Plaintiff, vs. NATHAN O. LEAVITT; ANDRONICKA M. LEAVITT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS: Defendants.

08 CH 29261

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 2/4/2009, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, May 8, 2009, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-20-229-020-0000. Commonly known as 5938 NATCHEZ AVENUE, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-306-007-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $660,075.68. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http:\\service.oily-piorco.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates. Plaintiff's Attorneys. 1 North Oooorborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0700307

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Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122

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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC. Plaintiff, -v- DOLORES B. BERBERABE AND ELLERY M. BERBERABE, WIFE AND HUSBAND, et al Defendant

08 CH 22807

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 28, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 29, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7319 OAKE STREET, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-414-004 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $452,784.09. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Visit our website at http://service.oily-piorco.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates. Plaintiff's Attorneys. 1 North Oooorborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0700307

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Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122

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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, SERVICING L.P.
Plaintiff, -v- ANDREJ BAKSIK, et al Defendant

08 CH 27529

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 28, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 29, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7519 ARCADIA STREET, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Property Index No. 09-13-306-007-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $476,933.30. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: Sella Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-20557. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

Visit our website at http://service.oily-piorco.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates. Plaintiff's Attorneys. 1 North Oooorborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0700307

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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
Plaintiff, -v- HAVANA MOSHI; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HAVANA MOSHI, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS: Defendants.

08 CH 25619

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on 1/26/2009, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 10-20-229-020-0000. Commonly known as 5938 FRONTAGE ROAD, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale. For information: Visit our website at http://service.oily-piorco.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates. Plaintiff's Attorneys. 1 North Oooorborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0819894.

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Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122

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MORTON GROVE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC. Plaintiff, -vs. MARTIN REYNOSO; EDITH REYNOSO; E*TRADE BANK; CITY OF CHICAGO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOLUTIONS FUNDING, INC.. Defendants.

08 CH 29722

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 3, 2009 an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9345 Nashville Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Law Offices of Orlan, Jr/Barbara J. Dutton of Plaintiff's Attorney. DUTTON & DUTTON, P.C. 1025 West Lincoln Highway, Frankfort, Illinois 60423. (815) 806-8200. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY SECURITIZATION CORPORATION 2005 II MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 II Plaintiff, -v- ROBERT HELMS, et al Defendants

08 CH 32768

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 20, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4924 N. CLIFTON AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-304-027 / 028 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $293,285.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: The Sella Clerk, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-19551. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

Visit our website at http://service.oily-piorco.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates. Plaintiff's Attorneys. 1 North Oooorborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel.No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 0819894.

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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- MOHAMMED BAKHEET, et al Defendant

08 CH 25813

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5029 NORTH EAST RIVER ROAD UNIT 16, NORRIDGE, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-1-320-004-1006 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $130,614.06. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-4915. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
RBS CITIZENS, N.A., F/K/A CHARTER ONE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- KATARZYNA TETTLETON AND JOHN TETTLETON A/K/A JOHN BANO, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

08 CH 16975

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 30, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5125

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NORTH OVERHILL AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-12-309-047-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $138,931.25. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-16975. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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NORRIDGE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- HANNA M. CZERWINSKA, et al Defendant

07 CH 27732

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 28, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4924 N. CLIFTON AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706 Property Index No. 12-11-304-027 / 028 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $293,285.70. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-2915. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC Plaintiff, -v- AVRAM DEAC, et al Defendant

08 CH 22949

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 13, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 15, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4120 BIRCHWOOD AVENUE, Skokie, IL 60076 Property Index No. 10-27-405-023 / 040 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $305,212.05. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-20257. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v- NINA GALUSTYAN, ASHOT GALUSTYAN A/K/A ASHOT GALUSTYAN, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK fka WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. Defendant

08 CH 29275

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 30, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on May 1, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5049 W. CAROL AVE, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-21-206-039-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $255,960.47. Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid by certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder of the property at the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527. (630) 794-9876 between the hours of 1 and 3 PM. only and ask for the sales department. Please refer to file number 14-08-20257. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JULY 1, 2005, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUSTEE OF JESSIE LINN JESSIE A/K/A JESSIE OEJESUS, et al Defendant

08 CH 33239

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 9, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 17, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9424 LEAMINGTON STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-16-208-021 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $338,089.31. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC. 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523. (217) 422-1719. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, -v- KIMBERLY M. DRAGOS, et al Defendant

08 CH 26264

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 26, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 27, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9321 WOODS DRIVE, UNIT 1610, Skokie, IL 60077 Property Index No. 10-09-304-029-1188. 10-09-304-029-1189. Property Index No. 10-09-304-029-1124. 10-09-304-029-1158 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $513,514.41. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney: BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC. 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523. (217) 422-1719. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wocker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, -v- ALEXANDER LUTIN, OLGA LUTIN, HARRIS, N.A. Defendants

08 CH 35097

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on April 22, 2009, at the office of The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wocker Drive - 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL. 60606. sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5140 BRUMMEL STREET, SKOKIE, IL 60077

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OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http:\\service.ctlis.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiffs Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0715425. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-4511, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4511, Plaintiff, V. KHADIJA AHMED; MOHAMMED A. AHMED A/K/A MOHAMMED AHMED; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., Defendants
08 CH 35219
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Fisher and Shapiro
File # 08-1069
(It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.) PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 23, 2009, Kallen Realty Services, Inc., as Selling Official will at 12:30 p.m. on April 28, 2009, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: LARAMIE AVENUE, SKOKIE, IL 60077. TAX ID NO. 10-21-408-041. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $697,755.71. Sale terms: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks; and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representations as to ability or title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information. For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, 4201 Lake Cook Rd., 1st floor, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. (847) 498-9990. between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only.
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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2006, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-B ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, Plaintiff, vs. SEMEL I YOUSIF; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER MORTGAGE RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 0618750064, Defendants,
08 CH 12362
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on January 14, 2009, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, April 20, 2009 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-28-405-043. Commonly known as 5130 West Birchwood Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Sales Clerk at Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312)

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SKOKIE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BNC MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-2; Plaintiff, vs. Their Unknown Heir, MICHAEL SOTIRAKOS; MARIA SOTIRAKOS; Defendants,
08 CH 10859
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 2, 2009, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 10-28-123-034. Commonly known as 7720 Lawndale Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Ms. Diana Thomas at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg & Rappe, LLC, 1307 West Dundee Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890. (877) 729-6734 W0802071.
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EXPERT SHINY CLEANING
with the business located at 4112 N. Mobile Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Agata Czarkowska, 4112 N. Mobile Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117106 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
DIONI MONTGOMERY INVESTMENTS
with the business located at 1630 N. Mango, Chicago, IL 60639. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Dioni Montgomery, 1630 N. Mango, Chicago, IL 60639.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended. That a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09116983 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
COMPREHENSIVE RHEUMATIC CARE
with the business located at 1215 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Thomas K. Elliott and Ladonna R. Koziol, 1118 S. Home Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068.
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ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117095 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
INTERIOR VIEWS
with the business located at 104 N. Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Susan Pawlowski, 104 Schoenbeck Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070.
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EASTWEST BUSINESS VENTURES
with the business located at 9464 W. Maple Drive, #2B, Rosemont, IL 60018. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Jingping Q. Romeo, 9464 W. Maple Drive, #2B, Rosemont, IL 60018.
Published in Pioneer Press 3/19, 3/26, 4/2/09 (1678345) C

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117101 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
PROJECT 4 CLOSURE
with the business located at 37 Hummingbird Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60107.
Published in Pioneer Press 4/2, 4/9, 4/16/09 (1680934) C

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117069 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
P.D.M. DEVELOPMENT
with the business located at 857 W. Dorchester Rd., Palatine, IL 60067. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Michael J. & Sherri L. Borra, 857 W. Dorchester Rd., Palatine, IL 60067.
Published in Pioneer Press 4/2, 4/9, 4/16/09 (1680488) Cs

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117030 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
WOODS ELECTRIC CO.
with the business located at 7101 W. Chestnut St., Chicago, Illinois 60632. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Grant Webster, 7101 W. Chestnut St., Chicago, IL 60632.
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ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09116873 on March 5, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
ART OF MUSIC
with the business located at 5630 N. Harlem Unit 510, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Yolanda E. R. Bernhoff, 5630 N. Harlem, Unit 510, Chicago, IL 60634.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09115989 on March 12, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
KOTSKYY PAINTING
with the business located at 2132 W. Rice St., Chicago, IL 60622. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Igor Kotskyy, 2132 W. Rice St., Chicago, IL 60622.
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117093 on March 19, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
A.P. WINE GROUP
with the business located at P.O. Box 164, Park Ridge, IL 60068. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is J. Bernard. 1315 Lunderman, Park Ridge, IL 60068.
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ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09117080 on March 17, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
GRAND WORLD TRAVEL
with the business located at 823 Tomwadee Drive, Park Ridge, IL 60068. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Mark S. Thrun, 823 Tomwadee Drive, Park Ridge, IL 60068.
Published in Pioneer Press 3/26, 4/2, 4/9/09 (1679032) C

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09116932 on March11, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
SECAMENTUM
with the business located at 4154 N. Moode Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Lukasz Kill, 4154 N. Moode Ave., Chicago IL 60634.
Published in Pioneer Press 3/19, 3/26, 4/2/09 (1678219) C

ASSUMED NAME
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 'An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State,' as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County. File No. D09116938 on March 11, 2009. Under the Assumed Name of:
ACTOWER SERVICES
with the business located at 2810 W. 36th St., Chicago, IL 60632. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is Alejo Diaz, 2810 W. 36th St., Chicago, IL 60632.
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1010- Auctions

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice to Hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below under Section 7-209 of the Illinois Self Service Facility Act (770 ILCS 95). Sale will be conducted pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act for the purpose of satisfying an owner's Lien for rent, labor, and other charges specified in the Act.
The sale will be competitive bid on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 on or after 10:00 AM at Extra Space Storage located at 7540 McCormick Blvd., Skokie, IL 60076, by Jill Brown, of Aco Auctioneers. License #4440000172.
Unit # 2125 Margaret Taylor, Total
Unit # 2077 Lucinda Sonni; Misc. household items
Unit # 4004 Carol Bornehl; Tools, windows
Unit # 2220 Thomas O'Bryan; Fridge, cabinet, desk
Purchases must be paid for at time of purchase in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
TO BE HELD AT:
THE LOCK UP STORAGE
350 W. Kinzie
Chicago, IL 60610
DATE: April 17, 2009
BEGINS AT: 10:00 a.m.
CONDITIONS: All units will be sold to the highest bidder. Bids taken only for each unit in its entirety. Payment must be made by certified check or money order only. No personal or cash accepted. All goods must be removed from the unit within 24 hours. Payments due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Unit availability subject to prior settlement of account.
Unit 1604
Shonen Neary
Boxes, storage containers
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1013- Bid Notices

BID NOTICE
Niles Township High Schools, District 219, will receive sealed bids for exterior repaint by its Department of Parks and Recreation. Copies of the Request for Proposals will be available at the Administrative Center of District 219, 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Bids will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud, Skokie, Illinois, at the project may be obtained from the Business Office at the above address. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administrative Center.
Bid security in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cash in an amount equal to 10 percent of the bid amount shall be submitted with the bid. Should a bid bond be submitted, the bid bond shall be payable to the Board of Education, Niles Township High School District 219.
The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or any informalities or irregularities, and to make the award in the best interest of District 219.
All bidders must comply with all applicable laws, including requiring the payment of prevailing wages by all contractors on public works. Bidder must comply with the Illinois Steetsy Act and rules regarding labor, including Equal Employment Opportunity Clause.
For further information contact Jean Hedstrom, Purchasing Agent
District 219 - Business Office
847-626-3978
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BID NOTICE
The Village of Lincolnwood will be accepting sealed proposals for bus services required by its Department of Parks and Recreation. Copies of the Request for Proposals will be available at the Village of Lincolnwood Department of Parks and Recreation, Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, 60712. Item Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., beginning April 2, 2009. Sealed proposals must be submitted to the Village to the attention of Jon Saringer, Superintendent of Recreation, Village of Lincolnwood Department of Parks and Recreation, Village Hall, 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Lincolnwood, Illinois, 60712, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009.
DATED this 2nd day of April, 2009.
/s/ Timothy C. Wilberg
Village Administrator
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1031- Foreclosures

CHICAGO
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WAUKESHA COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
Case No. 09-CV-0388
Deutsche Bank
Richard G. Niess
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 2476 Stoneover Boulevard, Fort Mill, SC 29715. Plaintiff, vs. Julie M. Strong a/k/a Julie Strong and Kyle Strong 5222 South Michigan Avenue, Unit 2, Chicago, IL 60615 & The Crossings at Elvar Park Condominium Association, Inc., c/o John W. Von Nida, Registered Agent, 20 North Carroll Street, Madison, WI 53703. Defendants
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days

1013- Bid Notices

BID NOTICE
Sealed bids for the above named construction project will be received by the Owner at the business office of School District 64 at 164 South Prospect Ave. Park Ridge, IL, until 2:00 p.m. local time, 29 April 2009 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The sealed bid must be submitted in an envelope bearing the Project Name, Date and Time of Bid clearly marked on the outside of the envelope to prevent premature opening. Bid forms can be downloaded from our website at www.greenassociates.com
Bids will be received for a single prime contract. In general, the Project Work consists of air conditioning the school. Scope includes finishes, ceilings, casework, mechanical and electrical work over two summer phases. Drawings and Project Manual may be examined at the offices of the Owner and Architect. Documents are also on file at:
McGraw-Hill Construction/DODGE Plan Room
1333 Burr Ridge Parkway
Suite 100
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527
Northern Illinois Building Contractors Association
1111 South Alpine Road
Suite 202
Rockford, Illinois 61108
Reed Construction Data
30 Technology Pkwy South, Suite 500
Norcross, GA 30092
One set of Bid Documents may be obtained at the office of the architect upon a deposit of $400 (Tel. 847-541-6100). The Architect will issue addenda to plan holders of record.
1. Bid Security is required in the form of a Bid Bond. AIA Document A310 made payable to the Owner in an amount equal to ten (10%) percent of the Base Bid and all Additive Alternates.
2. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum, on AIA Document A312, as issued by the American Institute of Architects.
3. A mandatory walk-thru meeting for general contractors will be held 15 April 2009 at 3:00 pm at the Carpenter 1500 West Steward Ave, Park Ridge. Failure to attend may result in rejection of bid. Additional visits to the site may be arranged by contacting Jim Wurstell, 847-318-4313.
4. It is the Owner's intent to issue a Notice of Award to the successful bidder within thirty (30) calendar days of the Bid Date. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of bids.
5. Any bid submitted unsealed, or unsigned, without bid bond or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and hour will be disqualified and returned to the bidder.
Direct inquiries to:
Mr. Steve Houtzinger
GreenAssociates, Inc.
111 Oakridge Road
Suite 135
Deerfield, Illinois 60015
shoutzinger@greenassociates.com
847-317-0852
847-317-0899 Facsimile
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1013- Bid Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
WASHINGTON SCHOOL SOUND ABATEMENT
At: Washington Elementary School
1500 Stewart Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois
For: PARK RIDGE - NILES COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 64
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after March 26, 2009. you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Dane County Courthouse, 215 South Hamilton Street, Madison, WI 53703 and to GRAY & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 600 North Broadway, Suite 300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

William N. Fashna
State Bar No. 1020417,
Attorney for Plaintiff
GRAY & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P.

Dated: March 20, 2009. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692): we are required to state that we are attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. If you previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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1034- Foundation Notices

PRIVATE FOUNDATION ANNUAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6104 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, notice is hereby given that the annual return for the calendar year 2008 of THE CARTER FAMILY FOUNDATION, a private foundation, is available at the foundation's principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of this publication.

The Principal Manager is James W. Carter, Jr., 1406 N. Mitchell Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004 (847) 259-8569.

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1046- Liens

PUBLIC LIEN SALE

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., a sale will be held at MR. D'S TOWING & AUTO SALES, 300 E. 69th ST., CHICAGO, IL 60637 to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

Name of Person:
Ronald Simmons
Chgo. Bus Sales Inc.

Description of Article:
1999 Ford Bus Van
VIN# 1FDXE40FXHC26393

Amount of Lien: $1,990.00

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1046- Liens

PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 4/27/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Pauls Precision Auto Body, 3511 N Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60634. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Fred G. Habib
Lisa O. Reed
DC Fin Svcs Amer LLC
Nick Wanko

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2006 Chrysler Sebring Touring
1C3EL56R96N158983

AMOUNT: $10459.41

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 4/27/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Champion Cycle Center, 3625 N Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60618. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Berto A Aldana
Cassco Finance Servicing
Oean Rivas

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2000 Honda
JH2RC4408YM200085

AMOUNT: $2987.68

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 5/11/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Richard's Body Shop, 3041 W. Lawrence, Chicago, IL 60625. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Fred G. Habib
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Nick Wanko

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
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1C3EL56R96N158983

AMOUNT: $10459.41

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 5/1/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: Grand Auto & Truck Center, 2427 W. Harlem Ave., Chicago, IL 60612. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Ahmad Abbas
Fifth Third Bank
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2004 Audi A8
WAUML44E94N005208
AMOUNT: $6725.00

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Emanuela Torelli
Infiniti Financial Serv
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2007 Infiniti FX35
JNRAS08W07X210091
AMOUNT: $16174.53

Published In Pioneer Press 4/2, 4/9, 4/16/09 (1680775) C4

PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 5/11/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: B&M Auto Collision Center, 4440 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60641. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
David L. Jamison
First National Bank At Oarlington

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2003 Chevrolet Silverado
1GCHK23143F190898

AMOUNT: $5000.00

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PUBLIC LIEN SALE

That on 5/4/2009, a sale will be held at 3:00 p.m. at: 2001 Auto Body Shop, 2301 E. Oakton Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005. All bids to be in writing. to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills or material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

NAME OF PERSON(S)
Anna Bassi
DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE
2003 Chevrolet Silverado
2GCEC19T131180551

AMOUNT: $13,900.00

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1053- Name Change

State of Illinois
County of Cook

In the Circuit Court for Cook County, Illinois

In the Matter of the Petition of
KAITLIN MARIE TEKLICS,
For Change of Name

Case No. 09M3 0829
Notice of Publication

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 30, 2009, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Cook, I will file my petition in said court praying for the change of my name from KAITLIN MARIE TEKLICS to that of KAITLIN MARIE TODD, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

Dated at Rolling Meadows, Illinois, March 10, 2009.

/s/ Kaitlin Marie Teklics
Signature of Petitioner

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1062- Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
EDMOND ROSCZYK,
Deceased.

NO. 09 P 194
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of EDMOND ROSCZYK of Chicago, IL. Letters of Office were issued to ANNA PASSEHL, whose address is 2405 Essington Rd., P.M.B. 129, Joliet, IL 60435, as Administrator whose attorney of record is BOETTO & BOETTO, 167 N. Ottawa St., #202, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court at Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, or with the representatives, or both, on or before the 28th day September, 2009, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in the notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

ANNA PASSEHL,
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for EDMOND ROSCZYK,
Deceased
By: BOETTO & BOETTO
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT-
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:
ROBERT A. PFAENONER,
Deceased.

No. 2009 P0012485
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT A. PFAENONER, of Niles, Illinois 60648. Letters of Office were issued on March 11, 2009, to MARLENE P. CASEY, 830 Sarah Ann Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75965, whose attorney is WILLIAM M. GRAHAM of Graham, Graham & Sberfati, Ltd., 140 S. Milwaukee Avenue, P.O. Box U, Libertyville, Illinois 60048. (847) 367-0350.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 50 W. Washington, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Room 1202, or with representative, or both, on or before September 29, 2009 which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of this claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

MARLENE P. CASEY
(Representative)

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(Attorney)

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1062- Probate

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the estate of Imgard Rosenberger Deceased

Case No. 09 P 1338
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the death of Imgard Rosenberger of Chicago, IL. Letters of office were issued on March 26, 2009 to Robbi Robert J. Marx, 555 Griffith, P.O. Box Saugatuck, MI 49453, whose attorney is Cary A. Lind, 121 S. Wilke Rd. Suite 407, Arlington Hts, IL 60005, 847-577-0030.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Room 1202, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois 60602, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 21, 2009, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Bryan M. Whyte
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/s/ Cary A. Lind
(Attorney)

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1066- Public Notices

Legal Notice
To Customers of Illinois American Water Company

IAWC, hereby gives notice to the public in accordance with 35 Ill Administrative Code Subsection 655.60 (h) that a petition has been filed on March 20, 2009 with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) to reconcile revenues collected and cost incurred for purchased water service and purchased sewer treatment service for 2008 and an information sheet has been filed on March 20, 2009, with the Commission to change the purchase water/sewage treatment surcharge.

Effective April 1, 2009, rates for purchased water service and purchased sewage treatment service will be changed to reflect current rates paid to suppliers of such services. A copy of IAWC's filing with the Commission may be inspected by any interested party at any business office of IAWC.

Interested parties may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from IAWC or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Commission, 527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701. Interested parties may intervene in any proceeding conducted by the Commission to consider the proposed change in rates pursuant to Commission rule 83 Ill. Adm. Code Section 200.200.

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1066- Public Notices

HACC
PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Housing Authority of the County of Cook (HACC) will hold a Public Hearing on the Public Housing Authority 2009 Agency Plan Capital Fund Program (CFP) Amendment for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Formula Grant. This hearing is required by HUD under 24 CFR 903.17.

The PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority of the County of Cook, 175 W. Jackson Blvd. Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois 60604

A Draft copy of the Plan Amendment is available for review and inspection by the public at the Central Administrative Office located at 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350 Chicago, Illinois 60604 during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A Draft copy is also available on our website at www.thehacc.org.

Section 8 recipients, public housing residents, resident councils, organizations, and the general public are encouraged to attend and submit suggestions, recommendations, comments and ideas on said Amendment.

Persons requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing should contact the Central Administrative Office at (312) 542-4651, at least one (1) week prior to the hearing.

Ms. Larri Newson
Executive Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Cook County Sheriff's Police Department's Communications Center is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve Re-Accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the Accreditation process requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling 847-294-4741 on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 between the hours 1 p.m. 3 p.m., comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards are available at the Cook County Sheriff's Police 911 Center located at 9511 W. Harrison Street, Des Plaines. Local contact is Director Denise Roche-Evans (847) 294-4742.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Cook County Sheriff's Police Communications Center's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2201.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that an application for a retail liquor Licence has been filed By
Kathee Clifford & Kevin Clifford
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For
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Any objections to the granting of said license shall be made to the President of the Board of County Commissioners, as the Liquor Control Commissioner, in writing, signed by the objector, within ten days of the date of this notice, stating specifically the grounds of the objection. Any objections should be mailed to: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1160, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

Jack Weinrauch
Deputy Liquor
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORWOOD PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the registered voters, residents of the Town of Norwood Park, in the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009
Being the second TUESDAY of said month
At the hour of 6:30 p.m. at
7833 West Lawrence Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said Town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law or agenda, come before the meeting. The agenda of said meeting shall include the following:

1. Reading of Minutes of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting
2. Reading the Supervisor's Report and Financial Statements and
3. Consideration of Resolutions regarding:
   a. Authorizing expenditures for senior citizen services
   b. Authorizing the Board to dispose, pursuant to law, of surplus property of the Town and/or Highway Commissioner; and
   c. Ratifying the prior public actions of the Town Board
   d. Approving the audit of the Town Funds
   e. Authorizing the preservation of Township Government
   f. Authorizing no increase in the tax rate for the various funds of the Town
   g. Establishing the next meeting date.

DATED: April 2, 2009

ROCCO SECCO
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE - THE MORTON GROVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will hold a public hearing on MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Trustees Chamber, Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois to consider the following case:

CASE 1513
Requesting a variation from Section 12-4-203 of Ordinance 07-07 (Village of Morton Grove Unified Development Code) to rebuild/enlarge garage with addition above:
Side Yard (North)

Required	5.00 feet
Requested	3.00 feet
Variation Necessary	2.00 feet

The parcel is located in the R2 "Single Family Residence District" and is commonly known as 9101 Luna Avenue. The petitioners are Dave and Ann Knoll.

All persons in attendance at the hearing shall have the opportunity to be heard. Any person who also wishes to appear as an interested party with the right to cross-examine others at the hearing, must complete and file an appearance with the Village of Morton Grove at 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053, by no later than three (3) business days before the date of the hearing. Hearing appearance forms are available upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.

Ronald Farkas, Chairman

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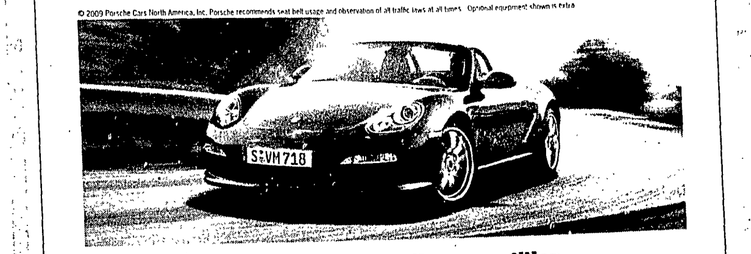

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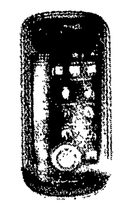

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Tuesdays, April 7 and 21 — Medicare and tax counseling, by appointment.

Wednesdays, April 8 and 22 — Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, April 11 and 25 — Legal counseling, by appointment.

CLUBS

I Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be April 9. Call Gabriella, (847) 541-8524, or e-mail: ichiacchieroni@yahoo.com.

LeTip International, a business networking organization, recently opened a new local chapter. Area professionals seeking new leads, networking opportunities and valuable business tips are invited to join the group, which meets every Thursday at 7:01 a.m. at Omega, 9100 W. Golf Road in Niles. At each meeting, members exchange qualified business referrals, build professional relationships, create alliances, develop public speaking skills and take turns promoting their products and services. Also, in every LeTip chapter, each business category is represented by one member to prevent conflicts of interest (once you join, your competition cannot). To learn more, contact Janet Hansen, (815) 728-1483, or jvhansen@letip.com. For details on LeTip, visit www.LeTip.com.

The American Jewish Artists Club is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call Lorre Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail lslaw@oakton.edu.

Niles Chapter Toastmasters meets at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Morton Grove , 6140 Lincoln Ave. Members learn how to feel comfortable and have self-confidence talking to an audience. Call (847) 583-9328.

COMMUNITY

The Resurrection High School Alumnae Association Spa Night will be 5-8 p.m. April 18 at the school, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Students and women in the community will enjoy food, shopping and beauty treatments. Admission is $3 in advance or $5 at the door and includes light refreshments and a yoga session. Spa services, including manicures, pedicures, waxing, massages and hairstyling, will be available for additional fees. Spa services will be provided by local salons and independent estheticians, nail technicians and massage therapists. Vendors will also sell jewelry, makeup, purses, vacations and gourmet food kits, including Lia Sophia, Tastefully Simple, Beijo Bags, Avon and Mary Kay. To reserve tickets call (773) 775-6616, ext. 127, or e-mail sthorpe@reshs.org.

FITNESS CENTER

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

Wacky Water Egg Hunt will be noon to 2 p.m. April 5. All participants age 9 or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is also registered for the event. All persons entering the pool must be in approved swim attire. The cost is $5 for members; $5, nonmembers.

The Niles Family Fitness Center offers Co-Ed Adult Volleyball from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the gym. This noncompetitive, ongoing program is free to members; guests pay a drop-in fee of $6 for residents; $10, non-residents.

Friday Night Fun for ages 5-11 will be 6-9 p.m. April 17. Swimming, gym, crafts and snacks will be included. The cost is $10 for members; $15, nonmembers.

KIDS

Messiah Lutheran Church and Child Care Center, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, will host a community-wide Easter-egg hunt beginning at 10 a.m. April 4. Area children of all ages and their families are invited to hunt for more than 2,000 eggs on church grounds and playgrounds. Bring a basket or container. Provisions will be made to hold the hunt rain or shine. Call the church office, (847) 823-6984.

LIBRARY

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

In the spring Niles Public Library, the American Library Association and Woman's Day magazine want to know how women have used resources and services at the library during this tough economic time. From now until May 18 women older than 18 may submit their story in 700 words or less to womansday@ala.org. Four stories will be featured in the March 2010 issue of Woman's Day, which has more than 4 million readers. Official rules are available on the Woman's Day Web site, womansday.com/ala.

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

MAINE TOWNSHIP

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.

PARKS

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation's seasonal brochure for summer is available. M-NASR offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. The summer season offers programs and special events including sports and Special Olympic programs, art, cooking and aerobics. Look for the addition of many outings this season, such as: Camping Connection, Teen Adventures and Tee Time Golf. Registration begins upon delivery of the brochure. Maine-Niles serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles

Niles Park District offers a wide variety of summer camp programs for preschool age through incoming eighth-graders. Full-day and half-day camps, sports camp, hockey and ice skating camps are offered. Stop by Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., to register. Campers will enjoy swimming, weekly field

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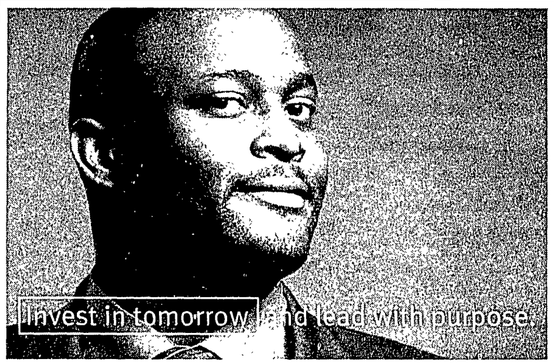

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trips, arts and crafts and sports. Most camps begin June 8. Call (847) 967-6633.

Bunny will scatter eggs filled with lots of goodies at 9:30 a.m. April 4 at Golf View Recreation Center, 7800 N. Caldwell Ave. at the Spring Egg Scramble. Kids ages 1-8 are invited to participate. There will be complimentary refreshments and goodie bags for registered children. Remember to bring a basket to collect treasures. Fees are residents, $8; nonresidents, $10.

Children age 8 and older are invited to participate in the Flashlight Egg Hunt from 7:30-8:30 p.m. April 8 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course. A pizza dinner will be served at Golf View Recreation Center before the egg hunt. Bring a flashlight and bag for eggs. Siblings not registered and parents will not be allowed to participate in the hunt or dinner. Fees are: residents, $10; nonresidents, $15.

Golf Maine

The Golf Maine Park District has taken a new and innovative approach in raising much-needed funds for the park and spreading the word on energy efficiency. In time for Earth Day, as of April 13, the district will offer a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher toolkits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

RELIGION

St. John Brebeuf Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy on April 19. The event begins at 2 p.m. with confessions, followed by a procession of the Knights of Columbus at 3 p.m. and then Mass, exposition, prayers and veneration of a relic of St. Faustina, all in Polish and English.

MAINE SENIORS

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.mainetownship.com.

Maine Township offers free tax filing assistance for seniors and low-income residents 55 and older at Township offices, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. For an appointment, call (847) 297-2510.

Simply Ballroom with Debbie Reynolds at the Paramount Theater in Aurora will be featured from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 25. Enjoy the passion and energy of the world's top-ranked competitive dancers. Trip Rate 2; $90 members/$95 guests. Before the show enjoy a luncheon buffet at Walter Payton's Roadhouse.

A computer workshop, "Buying and Selling on e-Bay," is 2-3:30 p.m. April 13; the cost is $10 and registration is required.

An outing to see the Cubs vs. the Brewers at Miller Park in Milwaukee is from 3:45-11 p.m. May 9 (the outing requires lots of walking). The cost is $70 for members; $75, guests (Loge outfield box seats).

Anyone who knows MaineStreamers age 90 or older are urged to call (847) 297-2510 so those people can be sent an invitation to a special event in May.

Lake Geneva and the Abbey in Fontana, Wis., will be highlighted on a trip from 8:30 a.m. May 28-6 p.m. May 29. Cost is $235, double occupancy; $300, single occupancy. Start out with shopping time in Lake Geneva followed by a narrated luncheon boat cruise on Lake Geneva. Lunch features chicken breast stuffed with cranberry and pecan dressing with all the trimmings. Upon arrival at the Abbey resort in deluxe accommodations, relax and enjoy the amenities including the spa before dinner in private dining room. Choose between queen-cut prime rib or grilled salmon Florentine while enjoying the sounds of Tom Stanfield on the piano and horns. A stop at the Geneva Lake Museum the next day will complete this overnight adventure

Maine Township is asking for assistance in locating good, reliable handymen in the area. If you know of someone and would like to submit a name, contact Therese Tully, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 260, and she will forward a form to complete.

Maine Township, in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, is collecting used cell phones to be converted for emergency 911 use for seniors. Donate phones at Maine Town Hall.

SENIOR CENTER

The Niles Senior Center offers free membership to Niles residents age 62 and older, and their spouses. Only center members may register for classes or trips, or purchase tickets. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application.

SINGLES

Spares Sunday Evening Club will sponsor a dance from 7:30 -10:30 p.m. April 5 at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, featuring the Dick Elliot Band. Members pay $8; guests, $9. For more information call the hotline at (847) 965-5730.

SUPPORT

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide program meetings 7-9 p.m. April 12 and May 10 at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. Call (847) 376-2118.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home + Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

The Stroke Club of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital meets from 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month (April 2) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield, (847) 723-6690.

Weight No More, a friendly weight-loss support group, is welcoming new members. Discussions include weight-loss tips, recipes, contests and helpful ideas to help you reach your goal. Meetings are 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fridays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles, lower level (elevator accessible). Weigh-ins are 9:15-9:30 am., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is $5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

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: bzarnikow@aol.comto 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 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Benedict Center Chapel, 6275 N. Ionia. To participate in the confidential, 12-step program, call Queen of All Saints Rectory, (773) 736-6060. Additional meetings are from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at St. Juliana Parish Center, 7200 Osceola Ave. Call Linda, (773) 271-2281.

TARA APD Chicago — Treatment and Research Advancements Association for Personality Disorders holds a monthly support group for people with loved ones suffering from borderline personality disorder or emotional disregulation. The meeting is at Rush North Shore, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. E-mail rh5mail-tara@yahoo.com for the room number or more information.

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 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Counseling Center, 1610 Luther Lane, Park Ridge. 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. Call (847) 795-3100.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets from 7:30-9:30 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. Call (847) 827-0404.

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. 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.

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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.

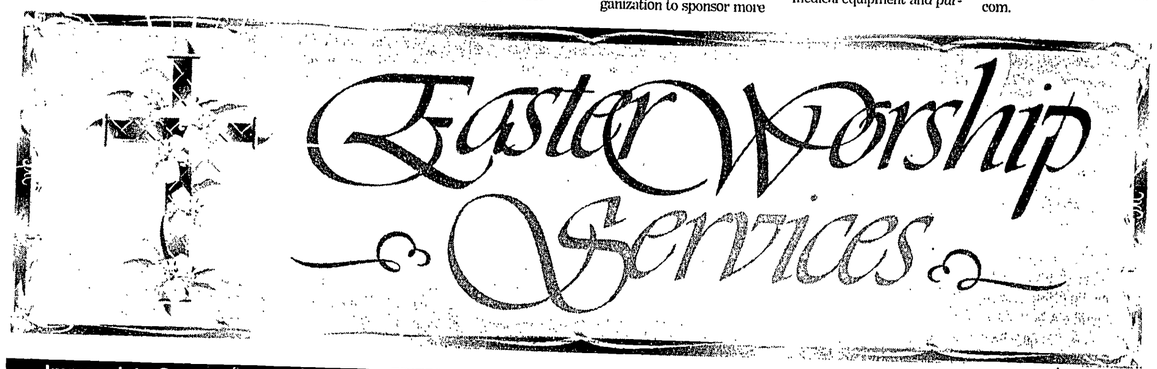
VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement of Chicago is a nonprofit 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. Volunteers are needed. Each program consists of five visits to the classroom for about 45 to 50 minutes each. If interested call Kristin Goodwin, operations manager, Junior Achievement of Chicago, (708) 456-1400, Ext. 245, e-mail kgoodwin@jachicago.org or go to www.jachicago.org.

The Men's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital has recently expanded its role and membership base in the community and adopted a new name to reflect that change: The Men's and Women's Association of Lutheran General Hospital. The change will allow the nonprofit organization to sponsor more events, encourage greater participation in annual activities, such as the golf outing and fund-raising sales, expand opportunities for men and women to take on leadership roles, and increase collaborative efforts with the hospital's development office, Service League and the Advocate Charitable Foundation. The organization's donations have assisted Lutheran General in expanding its programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment and pursuing research and education efforts. Call (847) 723-6105.

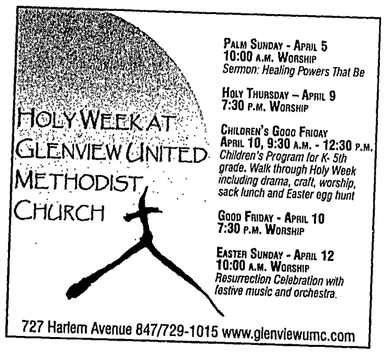
WORKSHOPS

Verizon Wireless is hosting a free hands-on PDA workshop at Verizon Wireless, 9635 N. Milwaukee Ave. The workshop is designed to better acquaint PDA users with their mobile devices and clear up the confusion around their many features. Register at www.pdaworkshop.wds.vzw.com.



Immaculate Conception Parish
7211 West Talcott ñ Chicago
773-775-3833

Passion (Palm) Sunday & Holy Week Services
Saturday, April 4: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 5:
7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday:
Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 6: Reconciliation Services:
11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday: Morning Prayer: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Thursday, April 9: 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 10: 7:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 11: 7:30 p.m.
Easter, April 12: Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 12 noon; no 6:00 p.m. Mass



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
Sermon: Healing Powers That Be

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 9
7:30 P.M. WORSHIP

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10, 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Children's Program for K- 5th grade. Walk through Holy Week including drama, craft, worship, sack lunch and Easter egg hunt

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10
7:30 P.M. WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP
Resurrection Celebration with festive music and orchestra.

727 Harlem Avenue 847/729-1015 www.glenviewumc.com

Our Lady of Ransom Church
8300 N. Greenwood • 847-823-2550• *Niles, Illinois* • www.OLRansom.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday (April 4), 10:30 – 11 a.m.
(Confessions will be heard in English, Polish, & Italian)

PALM SUNDAY MASSES
Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Masses
Saturday (April 4) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (April 5) 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

HOLY WEEK
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (April 6, 7 & 8)
6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Masses

HOLY THURSDAY (April 9)
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Supper with Adoration until Midnight.
11:55 p.m. Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY (April 10)
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (April 11)
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
11:00 a.m. Easter Food Blessing
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES (April 12)
7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

St. Martha Catholic Church
8523 Georgiana Ave
Morton Grove, IL 60053

2009
Lenten-Easter
Schedule of The Season
NO CONFESSIONS HOLY SATURDAY

MASS SCHEDULE
Holy Thursday April 9th Lord's Last Supper 7:30 P.M.
(Preceded by Seder Supper & Pot Luck) – Pine Room 5:30 P.M.
Good Friday - April 10th Lord's Passion
10:00 A.M. – Noon Adoration – Small Church
Noon – 3 :00 P.M. Last Words
Stations of the Cross – Small Church 3:00 P.M.
Good Friday Service – Auditorium Chapel – 7:30 P.M.
Holy Saturday, April 11th Easter Egg Hunt Back Yard 10:00 A.M.
Blessing of the Easter Foods & Baskets – Small Church NOON
Easter Vigil Mass Auditorium Chapel 7:30 P.M.
Easter Sunday April 12th LORD'S RESURRECTION
7:00 A.M. Small Church
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Auditorium Chapel

All Saints Cathedral National Catholic Church
Rt. Rev. Jan Dawidziuk, Pastor • 9201 West Higgins Road, Chicago, Illinois 60631 • Phone 773-380-0528 • www.ascpacc.org

2009 SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009
8:30 a.m. Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Palms
11:00 a.m. High Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Procession

Holy Tuesday, April 7, 2009
7:00 p.m. Mass of Chrism with Blessing of Holy Oils at All Saints Cathedral

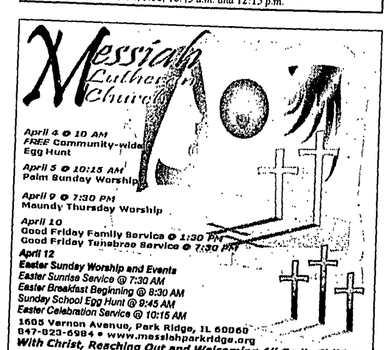
Holy Wednesday, April 8, 2009
7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2009
7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the Last Supper, Procession to the Repository Altar and Stripping of the Altars

Good Friday, April 10, 2009
Our Cathedral will be open from 10:00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Mass of the Pre-sanctified and Adoration of the Cross
Opening of the Symbolic Grave of Christ
3:00 p.m. Walking the Stations of the Cross by families and youth
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae and Lamentations of the Polish National Catholic Church

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the new fire, the Paschal Candle and water
11:00 a.m. Easter Food will be blessed after the service
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009 Solemnity of the Resurrection
8:30 a.m. Resurrection Mass with Procession
11:00 a.m. High Mass



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Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
THE GLEN FINANCIAL, INC. 847-901-0808 http://www.TheGlenFinancial.com					
30 yr fixed	4.875	0.000	$700	20%	4.912
30 yr fixed	4.500	1.000	$900	20%	4.633
15 yr fixed	4.500	0.000	$900	20%	4.582
10 yr fixed	4.500	0.000	$900	20%	4.618
(B) 2550 Compass Rd. Ste D, Glenview, IL 60026 MB 6759906					
THIRD COAST MORTGAGE LLC 847-849-8800					
30 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
5/1 jumbo ARM	Call for Rates				
5/1 jumbo ARM (interest only)	Call for Rates				
7/1 jumbo ARM	Call for Rates				
Stuart L. Cohen at 847-580-5555 or scohen@3rdcoastmortgage.com					
(B) 3100 Dundee Road, Ste 406, Northbrook, IL 60062 60777					
UNITED HOME LOANS 708-531-8317 http://www.UHLoans.com					
30 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
5/1 jumbo ARM	4.875	0.000	$1195	20%	3.782
7/1 jumbo ARM	5.125	0.000	$1195	20%	4.114
10/1 jumbo ARM	Call for Rates				
For a personal quote call Mike Dulla, President					
(B) 3 Westbrook Corp. Center, Westchester, IL 60154 MB.0006479					

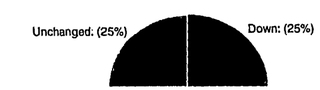
Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
COUNTRYWIDE 847-736-6583					
30 yr fixed	5.000	0.000	$900	20%	5.082
30 yr fixed	4.375	2.000	$900	20%	5.004
30 yr FHA	Call for Rates				
5/1 jumbo ARM	5.500	0.000	$900	20%	5.501
marlin_maatta@countrywide.com					
(C) 954 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025					
GLENVIEW STATE BANK 847-729-1900 http://www.gsb.com					
30 yr fixed	5.125	0.000	$1035	20%	5.181
5/1 ARM	5.625	0.000	$1035	20%	4.233
7/1 ARM	5.750	0.000	$1035	20%	4.596
15 yr fixed	4.750	0.000	$1035	20%	4.845
Restrictions apply, please inquire.					
(C) 800 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, IL 60025					

Program	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR
KENILWORTH FINANCIAL, INC. 630-812-2100 http://www.KenilworthFinancial.com					
30 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
30 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
30 yr FHA	Call for Rates				
5/1 ARM	Call for Rates				
FHA and VA Approved- Call us for Details					
(B) One Oakbrook Terrace, Suite 210, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 MB.6760321					
PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY BANK 847-384-9221					
30 yr fixed	Call for Rates				
15 yr fixed refi	Call for Rates				
5/1 ARM	Call for Rates				
7/1 jumbo ARM	Call for Rates				
(C) 626 Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068					

	30 yr fixed	15 yr fixed	5 yr ARM
This week	5.19	4.80	5.21
Last week	5.29	4.86	5.24
Last year	5.95	5.53	6.16

Source: Bankrate.com, for more information visit www.bankrate.com. Bankrate national averages are based on 100 largest institutions in the top 10 markets in the United States.

Each week Bankrate survey's mortgage experts to predict which way rates will go in coming weeks: up, down, or stay about the same.
Here is what they say this week (3/26/09-4/1/09)



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MORTGAGE UPDATE

Mortgage rates drop to lowest since the '50s By Holden Lewis • Bankrate.com

A benchmark mortgage rate hit its lowest point in more than 50 years, and homeowners stampeded into loan offices to apply for refinances.

The benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 10 basis points, to 5.19 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 0.42 discount and origination points. One year ago, the mortgage index was 5.91 percent; four weeks ago, it was 5.45 percent.

The benchmark 15-year fixed-rate mortgage fell 6 basis points, to 4.8 percent. The benchmark 5/1 adjustable-rate mortgage fell 3 basis points, to 5.21 percent. The 30-year jumbo, for bigger loans, showed the biggest improvement, falling 22 basis points, to a diabolical 6.66 percent.

Bankrate has surveyed mortgage rates weekly since September 1985. Before this week, the record low for the 30-year fixed had been 5.28 percent, set in June 2003 and again this January. This week's rate sets the record low in the nearly 24-year history of Bankrate's survey.

According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the average rate on a 30-year, fixed-rate, FHA-insured mortgage was 5.15 percent in December 1956. That appears to be the last time that rates were lower.

It appears that homeowners, eager to refinance, took advantage of the lowest rates since the Eisenhower administration.

The Mortgage Bankers Association says home loan applications soared by more than 30 percent last week. Four-fifths of those applicants were homeowners who had loans and who wanted to refinance at lower rates.

There's evidence that some of those homeowners applied at more than one place, swelling the MBA's numbers. According to Mortgage Maxx, a research firm, the MAX index of loan applicants was up just 1.8 percent last week. Mortgage Maxx aims to count the number of households applying for mortgages while the MBA counts how many loans they applied for. If the number of people applying for mortgages went up 1.8 percent, but applications rose 32 percent, then some people are applying with more than one lender.

If there's one thing that stops people from applying at more than one place, it's the upfront request for the borrower to pay for an appraisal. "One of the things we try to do is get an appraisal ordered from the beginning," says Michael Moskowitz, president of New York-based Equity Now, one of the largest direct mortgage lenders in the Northeast. "A very small percentage of people will order an appraisal in three places."

This might be the low

People in the mortgage industry say they hear from a lot of people who say they won't refinance until mortgage rates fall to 4.5 percent or even 4 percent. Few lenders think rates will drop that low.

"It is ridiculous for somebody to hold out for 4 percent because there's no evidence that we're going to see that immediately," says Barry Habib, CEO of Mortgage Market Guide. It would be better, he says, to refinance now to take advantage of lower rates -- and if rates unexpectedly drop even further, refinance again.

Another reason to act now, instead of waiting, is that lenders keep tightening their standards -- and at the same time, house prices are falling. The combination of more stringent lending and falling prices can push homeowners out of the category of people who are eligible for loans and into the category of people who are ineligible.

Here's the most recent example: Until this month, the Federal Housing Administration would insure a loan for a cash-out refinance to 95 percent loan to value. "They just lowered that to 85 percent. That was a big change," says Matt Hackett, underwriting manager for Equity Now.

The FHA will do a rate-and-term refi, in which the new loan is for the same amount as the balance on the old loan, for up to 97.75 percent loan to value.

For conventional loans -- those not insured by the FHA -- standards are tighter. Hackett says mortgage insurance companies won't insure cash-out refinances. In most places, a rate-and-term refinance can go as high as 90 percent loan to value. In the few areas that aren't defined as "declining markets," people with good credit scores can refinance at up to 95 percent loan to value.

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Weekly Worship

CHICAGO

Edison Park United Methodist Church
6740 North Oliphant Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631
Phone: (773) 792-3030, Fax: (773) 792-3031
www.edisonparkumc.com
Email:pastor@edisonparkumc.com
Worship Days & Hours
Sundays, 10:30 AM
Potluck, 11:30 AM
Sunday School for Preschoolers & Nursery Age Bible Study, Thursdays, 10:30 AM & Fridays, 7:00 PM
Youth (High School) Bible Study, Sunday 1:00 PM
Young Adults Bible Study, Sunday, 12:00 PM
Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:30 AM
Susannah Wesley Club (Women's Group) Meets once a month on 4th Tuesday of the month.
Youth Worship Sunday, 3rd Sunday of every month
Pastor, Rev. Jerry Miller Organist, Dana Samova Musical/Youth Director, Noralyn Baroja Senior Exercise Class, Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 AM
Fellowship Hall James Downing Theatre Performances
Edison Park United Methodist Church is a church with Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.
Chair Lift Available Parking in Rear.

The Edgebrook Church
6155 W. Touhy Avenue, (773) 631-1155
http://edgebrookchurch.org
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Ensemble Practice, Wednesday 6:30 PM
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 PM

Bethel Community Church
7601 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-2355
www.bethelcommunity.org
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Encounter Gathering: Sunday 6:00 PM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study–9:45 AM
Senior Pastor–Pastor Paul Jorden
Associate Pastor–Pastor Rob Bukowski; Student Ministries–Pastor Shawn Clark
Music & Worship–Pastor Andy Clifton
Childcare available for all services.
Seniors & Women's Bible Studies September thru May.
Call for information or see the website.

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Norwood Park Lutheran Church–ELCA
5917 N. Nina Avenue (at Nickerson)
(773) 631-2860
Sunday Services–10:00 AM
Holy Communion celebrated 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Service of the Word on 2nd & 4th Sundays.
Sunday Church School–9:00 AM (with Confirmation Ministry)
Unstaffed Nursery available Sunday from 9:45–11:00 AM
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor Joyce M. Kissenger, Director of Music
Children's Sermons 2nd Sunday of the Month
"Celebrating God's grace and mercy for over 86 years in old Norwood Park."

"Our Lady Mother of the Church
8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, (773) 625-3369
www.ourladymotherchurch.com
olmotherchurch@aol.com
Mass Schedule: Weekdays Monday through Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM
Sunday 11:00 AM
Young People's Liturgy of the Word
Holy Days 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM Perpetual Help Novena Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Saturday Confession 4:00–4:30 PM
Baptism 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month Rev. Richard J. Klajbar, Pastor

Our Savior Lutheran Church Norwood-Park LCMS
6099 N. Northcott Ave.
(at Nickerson & Hood Avenues)
(773) 631-1100 & (773) 631-1606
www.oslc3@sbcglobal.net
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Wednesday
Advent & Lenten Worship Services–Wednesday at 7:00 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church
7958 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-6659
www.st-eugene.org
Daily Masses:
Mon thru Fri-6:30 & 9:00 AM
Weekend Masses:
Sat – 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM,
Sun – 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Confession: 4:00–5:00 PM Sat
Baptism:
1:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
Rev. George Koeune, Pastor;
Rev. Jerome Tworog, Associate Pastor;
Rev. Philip Grib, SJ, Resident

CHICAGO

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
7033 N. Moselle
(773) 763-0206
www.smow.org
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses:
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and noon
Weekday Masses
Mon–Fri 6:30 and 8:00 AM
Confession Saturday 3:30–4:15 PM
Holy Days Vigil 7:30 PM
Holy Days 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM
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And offer wonderful programs of Religious Education for Children and adults.

St. Monica Catholic Church
5136 N. Nottingham
(773) 763-1661
www.stmonicachicago.com
Daily Mass: Mon – Fri 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses:
Saturday – 4:00 PM
Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM
Polish Liturgy Mass:
Sunday – 1:30 PM
Confessions:
Saturday – 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Baptism: 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the Month
Rev. Ted Schmitt, Pastor
Rev. Andrew Izyk, Associate Pastor
Fr. James O'Brien, In Residence
Fr. William Holbrook, In Residence
contactparish@stmonicachicago.com

St. Paul Lutheran Church
5650 N. Canfield, 60631
(708) 867-5044
Rev. Walt Schoenfuhs
www.stpaulcanfield.org
Street Level, Air Conditioned
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30 AM
Saturday Worship 6:00 PM
St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School Pre-K–Grade 8
SHARING GOD, TOUCHING LIVES, EVERYWHERE
Wednesdays - February 25-April 1
Lenten Soup Suppers 6 PM
Lenten Taize Services 7 PM

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Victory Worship Center
3750 N. Neva, (773) 205-3787
www.victoryworshiponline.com
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM
Friday Worship 7:30 PM
Youth Service Friday 7:30 PM
Christopher Lewis, Pastor
Rev. Ramona Darsey

MORTON GROVE

St. Luke's Christian Community Church
9233 Shermer Rd., (847) 966-9233
Sunday Worship-10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Sunday Teen Praise Band Rehearsal 11:00 AM
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 7:30 PM
Youth Group Friday 8:00 PM
Praise Service Last Sunday of each month Featuring our Praise B and Pastor Gordon Smith

Morton Grove Community Church
Presbyterian
8944 Austin Ave., (847) 965-2982
Bible Study Sundays 9:00 AM
Worship Service Sundays 10:00 AM
Fellowship Sundays 11:00 AM
Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9:00 AM
Handicapped Accessible
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NILES

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
8450 N. Shermer Rd. Niles IL, 60714
(847) 965-8210
Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 AM
(June-Sept) 9:30 AM
1st Sunday of Month. 7:30 PM - Jazz Vesper Service (Sept-June)
Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor
Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister of Music
A member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. Michael's Orthodox Church
7313 N. Waukegan Road, (847) 647-8398
www.stmichaelniles.org
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
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Choir practice Thursday 7:00 PM
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www.zionnorridgeil.org

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templebeth-el.org
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Third Friday Family Service at 7 PM
Saturday Shabbat Morning Services:
9:30 AM Casual Shabbat Service & Torah Study
10 AM Traditional Shabbat Service
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Jeffrey Weill, Assistant Rabbi
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Kim Harris, Cantor

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Weekly Worship

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Edison Park Lutheran Church ELCA
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www.edisonparklutheran.org
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Liturgical Worship with Holy Communion 8:00 AM and 9:45 AM
Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 AM.
Sunday School ages PreK thru 6th grade 9:45 AM. Attended Nursery for Sunday Services. Handicapped Access from south parking lot

NORWOOD PARK

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
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(773) 763.8845
www.saintalbanschurch.com
Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9:30 AM
The communities of St. Alban's Episcopal Church and St. Richard's Episcopal Church will combine their Holy Week services as follows: Maundy Thursday Agape Supper at 6:30 PM followed by church service – St. Richard's Good Friday service at 7:00 PM – St. Alban's. Holy Saturday, Great Vigil at 7:00 PM – St. Alban's. Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM – St. Alban's. St. Richards Episcopal Church is located at 5101 W. Devon, Chicago, IL 60646, Ph.: (773) 774-4519
St. Alban's offers the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program, September thru May.
It is a Montessori-based program that enriches your child's knowledge of the Holy Spirit through the presentations of Jesus' parables and liturgical elements. Your child is welcome to join us for morning song at 8:45 AM and class at 9:00 AM.

Norwood Park Lutheran Church(ELCA)
5917 N. Nina Ave. (at Nickerson)
(773) 631-2860
(Street level accessibility to main Church)
Sunday Services-10:00AM
(Holy Communion celebrated 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. Service of the Word 2nd & 4th Sundays). Sunday Church School-9:00AM (With Confirmation Ministry classes for 7th and 8th grades)
Nursery room (with P.A. hooked up to Church). Available during worship services. Rev. Robert C. Johnson-Pastor
Lenten + Midweek Services
Wednesdays-11:00AM with Soup Luncheon following
(March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1st)
Theme: "At the Cross"

NORWOOD PARK

Holy week services+
Palm Sunday- (Sunday of the Passion-April 5-10:00 AM.)
Blessing and Distribution of Palms
Maundy Thursday-April 9, 2009 7:30 PM
Holy Communion with the Stripping of the Altar Good Friday- April 10, 2009, 2:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy (The Church will be open for private donations from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM).
The Day of Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Easter) Sunday April 12, 2009
Holy Communion at 10:00 AM.
Special music and Children's Sermon will be offered. To God Above Be All the Glory

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Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM
Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM
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www.stlukespr.org
Email: office@stlukespr.org
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 AM (School Year), 8:30 & 10:00 AM (Summer)
Thursday Worship (Summer) 7:00 PM
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Melinda Ramseth Hailand, Director of Children's Choirs, Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126
www.stmaryspr.org
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Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
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www.cmupc.net
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:
9:00 AM Contemporary Service
10:00 AM Sunday School (for all ages)
11:00 AM Traditional Service
12:00 AM Fellowship Hour
Michael Scott Porter, Senior Pastor
Alex Wickell, Director of Youth Ministries
Office Hours: Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Central United Methodist Church
8237 Kenton Avenue, (847) 673-1311
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Easter Services, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday school 9:30 AM
Children & Adult
Adult Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday
Fellowship 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Pastor, Reverend, David L. Haley
Chair Director Joseph Poprawski
E-mail: SkokieCentral@UMCNIC.org
Youth Chair 9:15 AM Sunday
Accessible Church Building

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Light Nosh – 6:15 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat service

SKOKIE

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Sundays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
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Sundays 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM
and Wednesdays 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
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Sundays 8:45 – 9:45 AM. Sunday School & Bible Study Class, Sundays 9:00 – 9:45 AM
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Hebrew School Sunday 12-1 PM
Children's Model Seder Sunday, April 5, 10 AM

SKOKIE

Temple Family Seder
Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer
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Saturday 10:00 AM
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Wednesday 7:00 PM
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Temple Judea Mizpah
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(847) 676-1566
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Second Friday of the Month 7:00 PM
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Grades K-7 Sunday 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Hebrew School Grades 3 – 7
Tuesday 4:15 – 5:15 PM
Religious School Grades 8 – 12
Sunday 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Religious School PreK
Two Sundays a month 10:15 AM
Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Foler
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Adult Education Multi-faith
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High Holiday & Festival

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9000 N. Kildare, (847) 676-1300
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Choir Practice, Thursday 7:30 PM
Bible Study, Monday 10:00 AM
Youth Christian Education 3rd Sunday at 10:30 AM. Rev. Erik Weber
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BOXING

Injury keeps Salerno out of tourney

By MATT HARNESS
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Less than a week before he was to fight at Chicago's Golden Gloves, **Bobby Salerno** injured himself during a sparring session and was forced to back out of the tournament.

"It's a bummer, but there's nothing you can do about it," the 18-year-old Park Ridge resident said. "You never want to go into the ring 25 or 50 percent. You always got to go in 100 percent."

"It's a bummer, but there's nothing you can do about it."

Bobby Salerno

Salerno thought his injury was only a bruise, but a trip to the doctor revealed a torn muscle underneath his ribs.

"Bad timing," said Salerno, a Maine South graduate and freshman at Triton.

Salerno finished second at the 156-pound novice level in his first-ever Golden Gloves event last year. He was scheduled to fight March 26 in the same weight class, but he had to withdraw.

There's no timetable for recovery, but Salerno will be out of the ring through next month. He said he plans to walk every day and try his best to stay in shape. He said he's hoping to be ready to fight again in June.

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David Moy, an autistic student at Maine East, competes as a gymnast for the Demons. (Allison Williams/Staff Photographer)

Moy overcomes autism, performs for East

By MATT HARNESS
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By now, everybody who subscribes to ESPN surely saw Jason McElwain's performance a couple of years ago.

Then a senior for Greece Athena near Rochester, N.Y., McElwain made national news in Feburary 2006 by scoring 20 points during a short stretch in the final minutes of a game.

The showing was good by any measure, but McElwain's achievement was made more special because he's autistic. People afflicted with autism, a brain development disorder, experience impaired social skills and often times have trouble communicating.

Here in town, autism activists and sports fans have reason to celebrate, too.

Park Ridge resident **David Moy** is in his second season on the Maine East gymnastics team. Diagnosed with autism at a young age, Moy, who is non-verbal, has found a way to assimilate himself with other teenagers by his involvement with the sport.

"He's an inspiration to all of us," said East coach Erick Noriega, who was an assistant to Mark Seske when Moy joined the Demons a year ago. "You get a big smile on your face when you see him. You can see it on his face that he's having a good time, and we are happy to have him."

Moy, who turns 20 today, competes as an exhibitionist for the Demons, and until this week only participated on the high bar. But Noriega said Monday that he was going to enter the Moy in all six events when East travels to Mundelein's invitational today.

"We've been working on all of those events to try and give him a routine," Noriega said.

Moy's parents, Howard and Carol, are grateful to the school's administration and the other CSL teams for allowing their son this opportunity. During the day, Moy is enrolled in East's educational life skills program, a curriculum that prepares special-needs students for their transition into adulthood. Under state law, Moy can attend high school until the day before his 22nd birthday.

"It's made him a happier person," Carol said of being on the team. "It's good for him physically as well. He just enjoys being around the other students. Even though it's difficult for him to interact, he can feel that camaraderie. Everybody is really supportive of him. It's been a good thing."

After spending several years with a gymnastics program in Elk Grove, Moy made the move to Maine East's team with the assistance of Seske. When Seske left the Demons, Noriega welcomed Moy back to the team. Moy's also has competed in the Special Olympics at Illinois State University.

Although Noriega admits coaching Moy can be challenging because of the communication barrier, Noriega makes every effort to improve his skills.

"You have to show him visually," Noriega said. "You just try and walk him through everything. It takes patience.

"Even though his scores don't count, we're happy he's here with us."

Michael Bender, an assistant athletic director who also is involved with the special education program at East, understands Moy's shortcomings. But with what he's witnessed so far, there's no way he will underestimate Moy's potential.

"I have yet to put a ceiling on his limitations," Bender said.

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All-Area North Stars Girls Basketball Team

Holes hard to find in Holy's game

By GEORGE M. WILCOX
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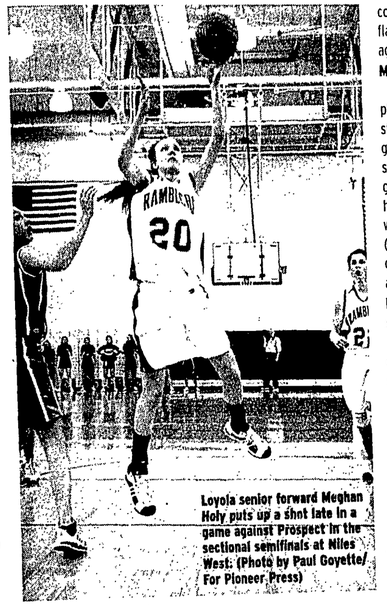
Loyola Academy senior forward Meghan Holy saved one of her best performances for the final regular season game of her career. After teammate and second leading scorer Katherine Wheeler tore the ACL in her right knee Jan. 27, opponents had to focus more than ever on the 5-foot-10 Holy.

Holy scored 16 points and fouled out against Trinity in a loss that ended Loyola's 22-game win streak in the GCAC Red championship game. In Holy's next game, the GCAC Red player of the year responded with a career-high 32 points in a 67-49 victory in the season finale Feb. 11 at Lyons.

Few would have expected Holy to average a double-double entering the season. The second-team all-state selection by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association averaged 17.1 points and 10.2 rebounds per game to go with her 3.27 steals and 2.0 assists.

"I knew this team would be great. It was a matter of going on the court and showing who we were," Holy said.

She was named all-tournament at New Trier at Thanksgiving and all-tournament at Loyola's Suburban Holiday Showcase. Holy has not decided if she would like to play in college, but led Loyola (29-3) to back-to-back, regular-season GCAC Red titles and an appearance in the Class 4A sectional final.



Loyola senior forward Meghan Holy puts up a shot late in a game against Prospect in the sectional semifinals at Niles West. (Photo by Paul Goyette/For Pioneer Press)

FIRST TEAM

Jewell Loyd, Niles West freshman

The Jewel of Niles West broke the school's single season scoring record as a freshman. The guard's 585 points (19.5 ppg) was the first of many stats with Loyd as the team leader: 7.1 rebounds, 3.1 assists, 2.2 steals and 1.4 blocks. She was second team all-state by the IBCA and co-MVP at St. Viator's Snowflake. She scored 33 points against Waukegan.

Molly Quirke, New Trier junior

The area's top defensive player was known for her three steals per game, but the junior guard helped out on the offensive end with nine points per game. Quirke scored a career-high 19 points against Evanston while leading the Trevians (30-5) to a CSL South championship. She was all-tournament at New Trier and Dundee-Crown.

Breannah Ranger, Niles West senior

The Wisconsin-Green Bay recruit becomes the second Division I player from the Vikings in five years, following DePaul senior Natasha Williams. Ranger, a 6-foot-2 center, was named all-tournament at Niles North and Warren. She led Niles North (12-17) in virtually every category, averaging 15.8 points, 9.2 rebounds and 4.6 blocks.

Abbey Schmitt, New Trier sophomore

The future appears very bright for the 6-0 sophomore forward, who was named third-team all-state by the IBCA. Schmitt scored a career-high 32 points on 12-of-16 shooting against Fenwick in the Dundee-Crown championship game loss Dec. 30. Schmitt was named all-tournament at New Trier and D-C, while averaging 13 points and seven rebounds this season.

SECOND TEAM

Caitlin Olijnyk, Resurrection senior

The GCAC Red semifinalists depended on the 5-11 senior as their primary post presence. Olijnyk averaged 10.6 points and 5.6 rebounds.

Jessica Pedraza, Glenbrook South senior

The Titans' scoring leader (9.0 ppg) was all-tournament at Schaumburg and Wheaton North after completing a two-year varsity career.

Jackie Rieger, Maine South senior

The senior guard's 487 points ranked in the top five among all-time Hawks scorers in a single season. Rieger averaged 15.2 points, 7.6 rebounds, made 49 three-pointers and was all-tournament at Buffalo Grove and the State Farm Classic.

Julie Stevens, North Shore Country Day senior

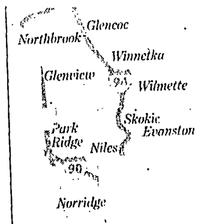
The 5-9 forward led the Raiders (17-6) to their first ISL title in 20 years and the school's first Class 1A regional championship. The four-year starter averaged 15 points and seven rebounds.

Katherine Wheeler, Loyola Academy senior

The senior forward was Loyola's second leading scorer and rebounder (12.3 ppg, 8.1 rpg) before suffering a season-ending knee injury Jan. 27. She was named all-tournament at New Trier and at Loyola.

THIRD TEAM

Collier Clegg, Evanston senior
Sammy Gray, North Shore Country Day junior
Jaclyn Gremley, Niles West junior
Kim Kohindorfer, Maine South senior
Lauren Mathy, New Trier senior



PIONEER PRESS NORTH STARS AWARDS

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Meghan Holy, Loyola senior

COACH OF THE YEAR
Teri Rodgers, New Trier

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Jewell Loyd, Niles West freshman

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
Katie Faught, Loyola sophomore; **Leiya English,** Evanston sophomore; **Loyd; Maggie Lyon,** New Trier freshman; **Abbey Schmitt,** New Trier sophomore

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER
Molly Quirke, New Trier junior

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM
Danielle Drews, Glenbrook South senior; **Sammy Gray,** North Shore Country Day junior; **Natalie Jones,** Glenbrook North senior; **Kelly Kleppin,** Niles West junior; **Quirke**

BEST PURE SHOOTER
Audrey Gaughan, Loyola junior

BEST REBOUNDER
Meghan Holy, Loyola senior

BIGGEST SURPRISE
Abbey Schmitt, New Trier sophomore

BEST 1-2 PUNCH
Loyola's **Meghan Holy** and **Katherine Wheeler**

BEST 1-2-3 PUNCH
New Trier's **Molly Quirke, Abbey Schmitt** and **Lauren Mathy**

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Kim Kohindorfer, Maine South senior

PRESS NORTH STARS 2009-10 TOP RETURNEES

EVANSTON
Leiya English, sophomore guard; **Jackie Schultz,** junior guard; **Erin Rowell,** junior guard

GLENBROOK NORTH
Molly Buckley, junior guard; **Lexi Cohn,** sophomore guard; **Jodi Marver,** sophomore guard; **Amanda Wallis,** junior guard

GLENBROOK SOUTH
Geena Compobasso, junior guard; **Jannelle Flaws,** junior guard; **Allie Roemer,** junior guard

LOYOLA
Katie Faught, sophomore guard; **Audrey Gaughan,** junior guard; **Meghan McKeown,** junior forward; **Brenna Miniscalco,** junior forward

MAINE EAST
Angela Jones, freshman guard; **Joy Ocampo,** junior guard; **Kristen Belerwaites,** junior center

MAINE SOUTH
Amanda Brait, junior guard; **Olivia Pappalardo,** sophomore; **Michelle Maher,** sophomore; **Nina Duric,** sophomore; **Becca Hoffman,** senior

NEW TRIER
Maggie Lyon, freshman guard; **Amy Hart,** junior guard; **Molly Quirke,** junior guard; **Abbey Schmitt,** sophomore center

NILES NORTH
Alissa Hirsh, freshman guard; **Mariyah Brawner-Henley,** freshman forward; **Pearlane Deguzman,** junior guard

NILES WEST
Jaclyn Gremley, junior guard; **Kelly Kleppin,** junior guard; **Jewell Loyd,** freshman guard

NORTH SHORE COUNTRY DAY
Sammy Gray, junior forward; **Kim Kahnweiler,** freshman guard

TAFT
Cynthia Schlueter, junior forward-center; **Valerie Ou,** junior forward

RESURRECTION
Gabby Laurino, junior forward; **Jenna Rice,** sophomore guard; **Kelly Sweeney,** junior guard; **Rachel Schlessinger,** junior guard

REGINA
Vanessa Kieres, sophomore guard; **Frannie Pasquale,** junior guard

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BOYS LACROSSE

Notre Dame responds after season-opening loss

By DAN SHALIN
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After getting out the jitters in Thursday's season-opening loss, the Notre Dame lacrosse team bounced back with its first conference win the following day.

The Sam Phelps-era began with a 15-5 loss at Waubonsie Valley. Despite the defeat, the coach said the contest was beneficial for his squad.

"We needed to get the jitters out and smooth things out," Phelps said. "But we ran all four of our lines and it was a good overall exercise. We got a lot of guys involved."

Senior middie **Harry Johnson** found the net twice, junior middie **Robert Neylon**, senior attacker **Phil Neylon** and junior middie **Angelo Simeone** also scored.

The experience appeared to serve the Dons well as they debuted in the ND stadium the following day against Chicago Metro foe Mather. After a close first quarter, ND pulled away in the second frame and went on to a 6-2 win. The Dons dominated time-of-possession stats for the contest.

Senior attacker **Ben Pecoraro** led the way with two goals for the home team. Johnson, **Robert Neylon**, **Phil Neylon** and junior middie **Jimmy Torres** also found the net.

Junior **Matt Boylan** won eight of nine face-offs and junior goalie **Tommy O'Brien** saved 12 of the 14 shots he faced. Junior defender **Declan Mulcrone** has been solid on the backline according to Phelps.

"We were organized and played solid lacrosse," Phelps said. "The skills are getting real solid, the passing was good and the ground balls were good. The defense was reacting and making slides to the ball. Our overall skills have developed."

Another positive for the Dons was that junior defender **Jake Jumbeck** played in the contest. He missed much of the season-opener with an injury.

Notre Dame now has some time off before it next competes. The Dons are scheduled to play two games in the Sandburg Invite on Saturday, though there was some question as to whether that event would take place.

Grayslake Central is scheduled to visit at 5 p.m. on April 8.

"We have an entire week (or more) of practice where we'll be working on our offensive plays and defensive slides, plus our man-up and man-down formations," Phelps said.

Notre Dame's Matt Kestler races past two Mather defenders during the Dons' 6-2 win Friday in Niles. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

BOYS TENNIS

Dons hopeful strong singles play will help carry team

By DAN SHALIN
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The Notre Dame boys tennis team features two super singles, but the Dones are relatively unproven in the doubles department.

That is the assessment by head coach **Steve Jankowski**, who enters his eighth season with a team that went 6-3 in the ESCC last season and finished fourth in the regular season.

The key returnees from last year's squad include senior **David Hebda** (No. 1 singles) and sophomore **Ronnie Wing** (No. 2 singles). Both will be vying for conference crowns.

Jankowski calls Hebda one of the top two players in the conference, listing St. Viator junior **Taylor Blaney** as Hebda's main challenger for ESCC No. 1 singles title. Hebda finished third in the conference last season

"He's a USTA player and tournament tested and he doesn't mess around with people he should beat — he beats them quickly," said Jankowski about Hebda. "He's also the one on the team with the most spirit."

Wing finished second in the conference at No. 2 singles last season. His path to a 2009 title opened up when Blaney, last year's No. 2 singles champ, moved up to No. 1. Blaney handed Wing his only conference loss last season.

The doubles teams likely will be junior **Gino Recchia** and sophomore **Kyle Smith** at No. 1; juniors **Jack Smith** and **Tim Crowley** at No. 2; juniors **Joe Kalkowski** and **John Mazukelli** at No. 3.

Crowley and Smith were partners at No. 3 doubles last season and Recchia was a JV singles player.

"We have a young doubles group and we may struggle a little there early as they get to know each other," Jankowski said. "Hopefully, our singles can carry us early on."

The Dons opened the season last week with a 5-0 win over Northridge Prep. ND did not drop a set.

The singles rolled to victories, while he doubles team of Recchia and Smith started a little slow, but won a first-set tiebreaker and cruised thereafter.

Notre Dame is scheduled to face Niles North on Tuesday and will travel to Niles North at 4:30 p.m. today.

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Ups and downs leave Demons with 3-2 record at own invite

By DAN SHALIN
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Maine East boys volleyball coach **Jon Kulesza** said Saturday's season-opening invite, which the Blue Demons hosted, was like a rollercoaster ride.

Though the afternoon did have its ups and downs, the day certainly finished on a high, as the Demons captured their final four games to win their last two matches and finish with a 3-2 record.

The Demons opened the tourney by dropping a 21-25, 12-25 decision to St. Patrick, but then rebounded by defeating a highly-regarded team from Vernon Hills 27-26, 25-23.

But just when the Demons seemed to be rolling, they came up on the short end of a 23-25, 26-27 scoreline against Lakes.

"We lost to Lakes. They are not a bad team, but they have a little bit of a slower offense," Kulesza said. "If we played cleaner and better, it should have been a winner."

The coach continued to preach to his team about playing cleaner after the Demons dropped the first game against Niles West.

That's when the afternoon took another positive turn. After committing 16 unforced errors and losing 22-25 in the first game, ME rallied to win the match, taking the second (25-20) and third (15-8) games.

"We cleaned up our play (in the final two games)," Kulesza said. "Volleyball is an error-type game. But 16 unforced errors is way too many. I said that if we cut that in half, you take away eight of their points and it's a different ballgame. I think it was on us. In the last two games, we played cleaner.

"When we start getting in the flow, our energy rises and our play rises. We're young and we have some talent, so if we can try to find those high points and really ride that wave, we're going to be okay."

The Blue Demons then closed out the event with a 25-22, 25-17 win over Elgin.

For the afternoon, Maine East senior outside hitter **James Kelly** led the way with 26 kills and three aces.

"(Kelly) brings veteran savvy to the court," Kulesza said. "He slows the other team's offense down with his serve. That's why we like it."

ME junior middle hitter **Ossama Anis** had 21 kills and 12 blocks, while senior setter **Mike Guzzarde** had 83 assists and 20 digs.

Maine East was scheduled to return to action on Tuesday at Wheeling. Waukegan comes to town at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Maine East's Mike Guzzarde tips the ball over against St. Patrick's during last weekend's tournament hosted by the Demons. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

SOFTBALL

Demons start season with 17-0 win

By MATT HARNESS
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A softball revolution is taking place at Maine East.

After years of apathy, the Demons are beginning to believe in themselves and take pride in the program.

The season started off as good as could be expected March 23 with **Lauren Rossi** chasing down a fly ball and making an over-the-head catch for the first out of the year.

East polished off its 17-0 win in five innings over Von Steuben with another highlight-reel defensive play when **Reilly Vohasek** ended the game with an unassisted double play at third base.

"It was pretty amazing," first-year coach Michael Bender said of the opener. "Everybody was so fired up. I can't tell you the last time Maine East won its first game."

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Michele Perchess pitched five scoreless innings and struck out six to pick up the victory, and **Kyla Stancey** scored four times.

"When Lauren made that catch, we knew something special was going to happen," Bender said.

The Demons followed their opening win with three consecutive losses to enter this week 1-3. They dropped a doubleheader to Conant on March 24, losing the first game 21-0 and the rain-shortened second 8-3. East then fell to Glenbrook South 15-3 on March 25.

"We're still finding victories within," said Bender, who was pleased with the performance of freshman pitcher **Kara DeBenedictis** in the second game against the Cougars. "We have girls that are stepping up and competing in ballgames."

While some girls get healthy, DeBenedictis should see more time in the circle. That's because Bender needs Sam Dosek, one of the team's top pitchers, in the outfield.

"Same will be back in the mix soon," the coach said.

Bender seemed as happy with Monday's practice as with any of last week's games. Despite the chilly temperatures, the players were pumped to be outside on the field working to get better.

"Last year and years before they would have asked to go inside," Bender said. "There's such a difference this year."

East was scheduled to play Proviso West on Wednesday before hosting Gordon Tech on Friday. The Demons travel to Fenton on Saturday.

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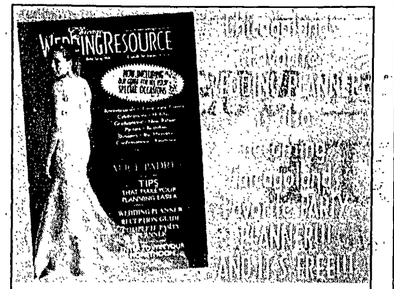

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Notre Dame's Joe Ramano slides under the first baseman's feet during the team's 9-8 loss against Prospect in the Dons' March 26 opener. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

BASEBALL

Errors doom ND in season opener

By DAN SHALIN
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Six errors proved to be Notre Dame's undoing in a 9-8 loss at Prospect in last week's season opener.

Senior **Joe Gajda** started and went 5 1/3 innings for the Dons, giving up just three earned runs. Senior **Billy Kerber** was the tough-luck loser March 26, giving up two unearned runs in relief.

The Dons (0-1) trailed 9-4 entering the final inning, but rallied. They had the tying run on second with two outs, but Prospect's **John Coen** got a strikeout to end the game.

Miles Osel got the victory for the Knights and Coen earned the save.

"We didn't play our best," ND head coach Bob Kostuch said. "We didn't play that well offensively or defensively. You're not going to win many games when you make six errors.

"But we fought back hard in the seventh. It's not bad for the opener, but we'll have to move up from there."

Offensively, Kerber went 2-for-3 with two RBI; senior **Mike Kane** was 2-for-4 with three RBI; junior **Matt Moser** had a two-run double; and senior **Joe Wietecha** had an RBI for ND.

ND struck out 10 times in the game, four times looking.

The Dons had Monday's game at Hersey called off due to poor field conditions, but ND still was expecting to have a busy week. The home opener was scheduled for Tuesday against Glenbrook North and there was a trip to Guerin on the agenda for Wednesday.

At 4:15 p.m. today, the Dons will visit Niles North. Gordon Tech comes to Niles at 4:15 Friday, New Trier visits at 4:30 p.m. Monday and Maine South comes calling at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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BOYS TENNIS

Doubles slots still open for East

By MATT HARNESS
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If nothing else, **Jeremy Umanski** can intimidate his opponents with his other athletic endeavors.

But the Maine East junior doesn't need scare tactics to be successful. A tennis player since youth, the three-sport athlete has been the Demons' No. 1 singles player since his freshman year, and was all-conference as a sophomore.

"He's an interesting individual," said East coach John Schwan of Umanski's ability to mix tennis in with football and wrestling. "The biggest thing with him this year is he's gotten stronger and faster. When we got him as a freshman, he was this scrawny kid. Now he's significantly stronger, which leads to a harder serve and more powerful groundstrokes."

While Umanski headlines East's roster, Schwan also speaks highly of the rest of his singles' lineup.

East's most-improved player from a year ago, **Jason Lee**, is back on the courts. The senior, also a soccer player, moves up to the No. 2 spot in singles. After playing doubles last season, junior **Christian Manois** is at No. 3 singles.

"That's our core," said the third-year coach, whose team finished fourth in the CSL North a year ago. "Those three pretty much have separated themselves from the rest of the pack."

The unknowns populate the eight spots at doubles.

"Not sure at this point," said Schwan of the lineup for East's four-team invitational this weekend. "We're still trying to figure out the best combinations."

The four Schwan will choose from for the two top entries are seniors **Albert Cho, Shivam Patel, Akshar Patel** and junior **Joseph Choi**. All four played on varsity last season in some capacity.

"Doubles is more difficult to determine," Schwan said. "So much depends on the teamwork."

Schwan will experiment with his doubles' lineup Saturday when the Demons host St. Patrick, Bolingbrook and Maine West. This is the first season East is staging a season-opening tournament.

"We will use this invite as a tune-up to solidify who's playing the best with each other," Schwan said.

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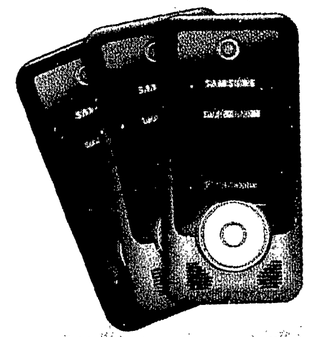

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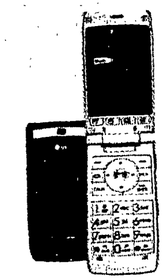

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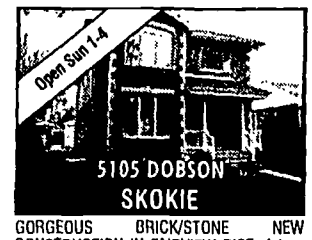

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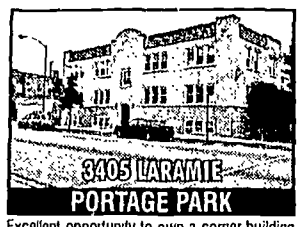

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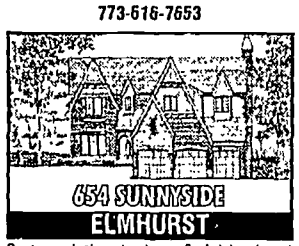

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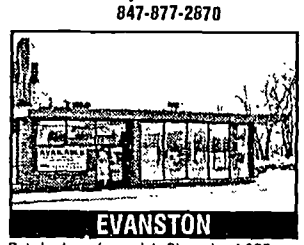

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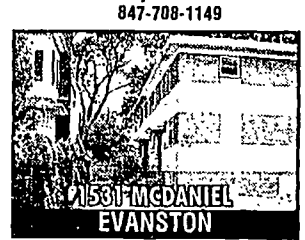

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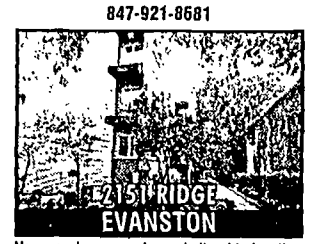

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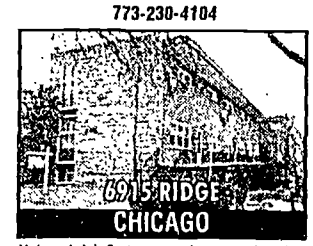

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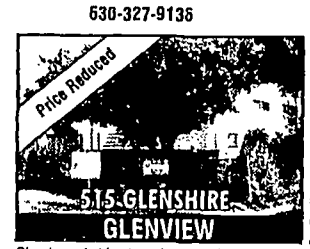

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