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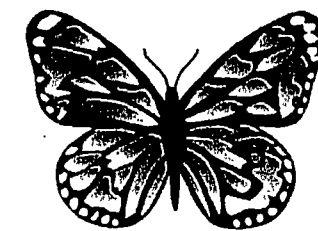
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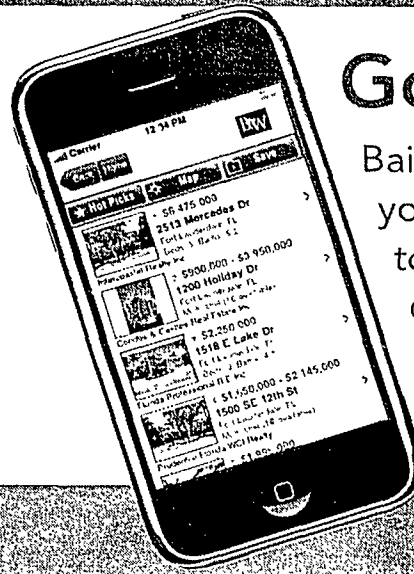
New Maine South Principal Shawn Messmer speaks to the freshman class of 2014 during a freshman assembly for the first day of school on Aug. 23. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)



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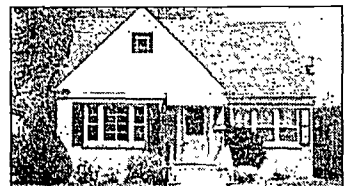
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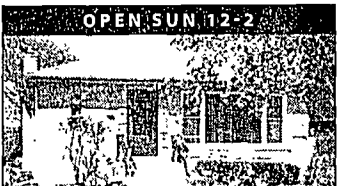
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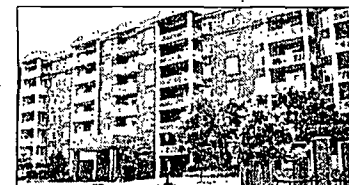
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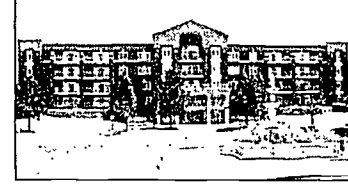
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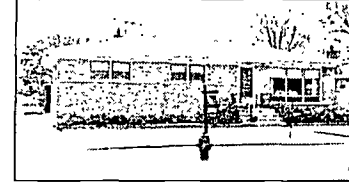
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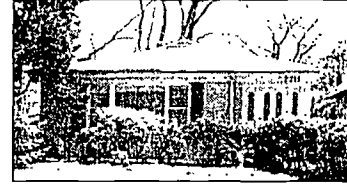
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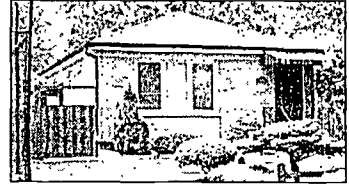
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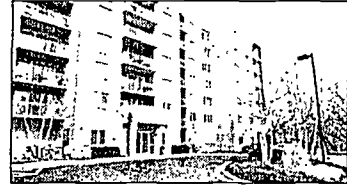
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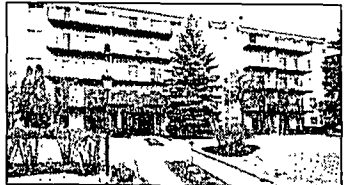
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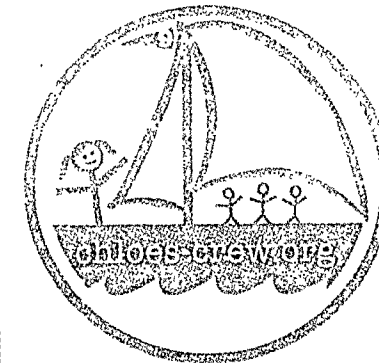
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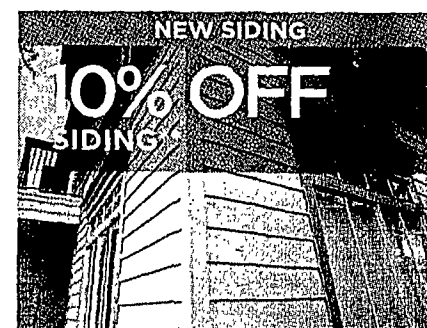
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On your mark, get set ... Participants get on their mark in the second annual Harry O'Brien Run/Walk in Park Ridge Aug. 28. (Joe Cyganowski/for STM)

Residents must travel to reach flooding disaster centers

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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No local disaster centers have been established to help Park Ridge and unincorporated Maine Township residents affected by July 24 flooding apply for FEMA assistance. Federal/state Disaster Recovery Centers opened last week, but none are located in Maine Township. The locations are the Cicero Public Safety Building, 5410 W. 34th St. in Cicero, and St. Joseph High School, 1840 Mayfair Ave. in Westchester. The centers are operated jointly by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, according to FEMA.

The Disaster Recovery Centers offer services to help residents apply for disaster assistance and find out about other disaster programs available. Residents must apply with FEMA even if they already provided damage information to local officials other agencies or organizations, according to information on FEMA's website.

Low-interest disaster loans may be available for homeowners, renters, businesses and private nonprofit organizations to repair or replace buildings and personal property damaged by the flooding, FEMA said.

Before visiting one of the centers, local residents affected by flooding should apply for assistance by calling (800) 621-3362. A FEMA representative will then contact those who have registered in order to complete the process, according to Maine Township. Registration is available seven days a week from 1 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents may need photo IDs, Social Security numbers, insurance information, proof of address and contact phone numbers in order to expedite the assistance process. Financial assistance varies by applicant, according to the township.

A FEMA packet outlining how to apply for disaster assistance is also located on Maine Township's website at www.maine-township.com by clicking "disaster assistance." Residents living north of Dempster Street between Dee Road and the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital retention pond in unincorporated Maine Township were among the hardest hit following heavy

rains on July 24. Flooding ranged from an inch or two in basements to several feet, and at least 68 homes were affected.

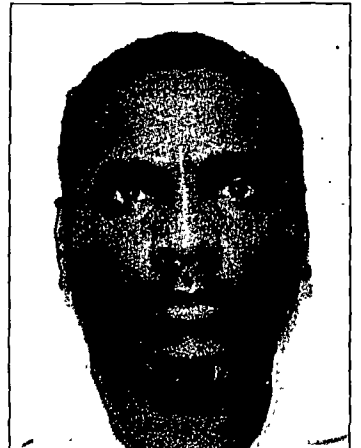
When asked how the township plans to address the problem of chronic flooding in this area, Supervisor Carol Teschky said she believes federally funded projects including the construction of Levee 37 on the Des Plaines River near Mount Prospect and a proposal to deepen Big Bend Lake near Des Plaines could provide some relief.

"This whole area will definitely benefit from it," Teschky said. "It's in the hands of the Army Corps of Engineers and the federal government. We have to just stand by and wait like everybody else." Maine Township Emergency Management Agency Director Bob Cohen said creeks that were filled in and built over with housing -- in addition to a lack of water detention -- may be among the main causes of the Dempster area's flooding woes.

Scattered incidents of basement flooding were also reported in Park Ridge, with Burton Lane, Parkside Drive and the Mayfield Estates subdivision again affected by high flood waters.

Man charged with choking wife after she threw out cigarettes

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Osman Abdelrahim

An unincorporated Maine Township man was arrested Aug. 27 for allegedly choking his wife and grabbing his two small children by their throats.

Cook County Sheriff's Police charged Osman Hamad Abdelrahim, 42, of the 9000 block of Washington Drive, with three counts of domestic battery in connection with the alleged incident which occurred on the night of Aug. 26.

According to Sheriff's Police, Abdelrahim's wife accused her husband of choking her during a heated argument that resulted after she threw away his cigarettes. The woman told police that Abdelrahim then turned her around, placed his hands around her throat and began strangling her until she became light-headed and dizzy, police said.

After Abdelrahim left the couple's apartment, his wife left the home seeking help and stopped at CVS Pharmacy, 2648 Dempster St., where she reportedly lost consciousness. Park Ridge paramedics transported her to Advocate Lutheran General Hospital where she was later interviewed by Cook County Sheriff's Police.

The following day, police spoke with Abdelrahim who allegedly admitted to putting his wife in a choke hold. He also admitted to grabbing his children, ages 1 and 3, by the throats "to calm them down when they got excited," police said.

Abdelrahim was released on \$20,000 bond and is set to appear in Cook County Circuit Court on Sept. 13.

2 men sentenced for tax fraud

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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A Niles man and his business partner have been sentenced to five months in prison followed by five months of home confinement after pleading guilty to filing false federal income tax returns.

Esad Suljic, 51, of Niles, and Muhied-Din Arman, 62, of Chicago, were sentenced in federal court on Sept. 1. Both are accused of filing fraudulent income tax returns by under-reporting their annual income from their plumbing business, E&M Plumbing Inc., located at 3276 North Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago.

According to court documents,

the men failed to report more than \$203,000 in income for tax years 2002 through 2005.

Federal court documents state that the men, who were co-owners of the business, took customer payments and kept the payments for themselves rather than report them to the government as income.

In addition to their prison sentences, Suljic was ordered to pay \$58,812 in restitution to the IRS for taxes owed, and Arman was ordered to pay \$58,703.

According to the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, Suljic is scheduled to report to federal prison on Oct. 18, while Arman is scheduled to report on April 18, 2011.

Niles North graduate crowned Miss Illinois America Teen

By MARIO BARTOLETTI
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Morton Grove's own Marissa Weiler was recently crowned Miss Illinois America Teen and will be honored by the Village Board of Trustees at Monday's meeting.

Weiler, an 18-year-old who recently graduated from Niles North, has been participating in pageants since she was in Hynes Elementary School.

"My mom started putting me in pageants when I was four-years old," she said. "I wanted to continue doing it because I loved being on stage and being in front of people. It's fun and I've learned a lot from it. I got to meet so many people and make a lot of friends."

Weiler paid a royal visit to Mayor Dan Staackmann at a special board meeting on Aug. 30.

"I leave for school on Sunday before the board meeting, so I can't be there," Weiler said. "I'm going to Carthage College in (Kenosha) Wisconsin."

Her mom, Gail Weiler, said her daughter is also doing a lot of community service work and worked the phones at the Jerry Lewis MDA telethon on Labor Day.

"I also hand out awards at the tennis matches for Special Olympics," Marissa Weiler said. "It's a lot of work but it's not hard. The hardest part is getting everything together before a pageant. It gets hectic. You have to get sponsorship, clothes, your dress and outfits. I have to practice a lot with speech and personal introduction and interviews with the judges."

Gail Weiler said the stiff competition and practice will help her daughter later in life. "These are all lifelong skills. Especially the one-on-one interviews which are like job interviews," she said.



Miss Illinois America Teen is Marissa Weiler, who will be honored by Morton Grove's Village Board this month. Here Weiler is pictured with Mayor Dan Staackmann. (Photo by Mario Bartolotti/Staff Writer)

"It's very rewarding to see the girls start out as little ones and mature into young ladies and go out into the world. And these (contests) help them when they go out."

Marissa Weiler said the competitions have definitely helped her with public speaking. "I've been told I can speak to adults very well, and I do enjoy public speaking now," she said. "I'm going to study public relations in school, so this (experience) will help greatly."

For Gail Weiler, a large part of

the satisfaction is not winning, or not just winning, but spending time with her daughter. "I enjoy every minute of this with her. I help her get her dresses together. I do the behind the scenes work," she said. "But she has the tenacity. She's a very competitive person and pushes herself. She knows she has a job to do and goes out and gets it done."

It's not life and death, Gail Weiler said, but a hobby. "And you can learn a lot. You also get prizes and scholarships, so that's a good part of it, too,"

Gail Weiler said. "And these pageants are stepping stones for the Miss America pageant — that's what she wants to do."

While dreaming of being in the Miss America competition, Marissa Weiler said she knows pageantry isn't the only thing in life. "It's important to stay grounded. I also run track," she said. "And I have to stay on top of my schoolwork so I can have a career when I'm done with school."

Even Miss America has a day job.

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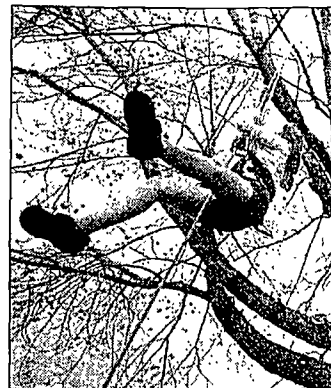
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Q&A WITH MAINE SOUTH'S SHAWN MESSMER

New principal excited to continue 'excellence'

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Shawn Messmer

After living in D.C. for two years, I returned to the Philadelphia area where I am from and taught social studies at Souderton Area High School. I eventually became the social studies department chairman, a dean of students, and then an assistant principal. Each new position brought new challenges and great opportunities. It really has been a fantastic ride.

When Maine Township posted its opening for a principal at South, I was extremely hopeful I would get an interview. The interview process confirmed what I had learned in researching the district: Maine South is a fantastic school with a track record of excellence. I could not have been more excited when I was offered the job.

Recently, he took some time out from preparing for the school year to answer some questions from Pioneer Press.

Question: Tell us about your background in education.

Answer: I started teaching in 1996 at a small Catholic parish school outside of Philadelphia. I then moved to Washington, D.C., and taught at an inner-city Catholic high school.

Q: What was your favorite class in high school?

A: I loved social studies — every class I took. This, of course, led me to pursue a career as a social studies teacher.

Q: What drew you to Maine South?

A: My wife is from Elk Grove Village, and about three years ago we decided that we would begin to explore the possibility of moving to the Chicago area. In researching school districts

it was clear: There were a few that I felt would be a good fit for me given my background, should I be lucky enough to find an opening.

Q: If you could take a class at Maine South, which class would it be and why?

A: Being new to the area and just learning what we have to offer our students, there are so many that stand out. One class that is truly unique is Guitar I. There was no music program in the high school I at-

tended, so the fact that one of our students could take beginning guitar blows me away.

Music can be a scary thing for people to try simply because it is something that rarely comes naturally, but I think everyone who believes they lack musical talent secretly would love to learn the guitar. I am thrilled we have a class that can really help students access their musical ability through a starter class at the high school level.

Q: What book would you recommend every teenager read?

A: Tough question. Especially because I like to encourage students to just read — period.

Reading what interests you is so important to hook you on reading for life, so I will pick a book that is a bit outside of the norm for high school students: *Outliers* by

Malcolm Gladwell. The research and message is powerful; the secret to being the best in the world at something is more about practice than natural ability.

Q: Current favorite song(s)

A: Lately I have been listening to the Gipsy Kings. They have a great Spanish remix of "Hotel California." I have a pretty eclectic taste in music and my wife is constantly introducing me to great music, new and old. Recently, we downloaded Paolo Nutini's "These Streets," which is a fantastic album.

Q: If the Hawks varsity football team goes to State again, would you agree to do something outrageous to encourage team spirit?

A: You would have to define outrageous. I think Coach (Dave) Inserra does a fantastic job of keeping the team focused, so I will leave that to him.

Q: Many teachers are not returning this year due to the budget cuts that were made. Is there a way to boost morale among both staff and students?

A: There is never a magic bullet when it comes to boosting morale as everyone is motivated in their own unique way. But I do think that being upbeat everyday and being a consistent advocate for the needs of students and teachers will help our community recover from a tough year.

Q: What advice would you give this year's freshman class?

A: Be the kind of person that makes things happen. Get involved and enjoy every minute of the brief time you have in high school. You have to make the most of it.

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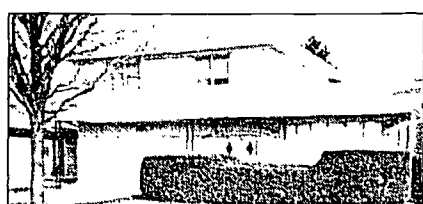


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Niles \$391,000
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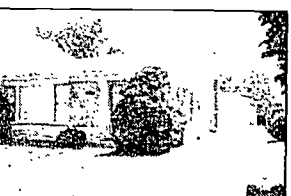
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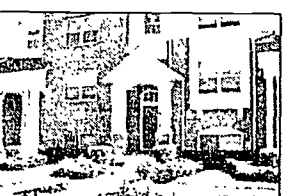
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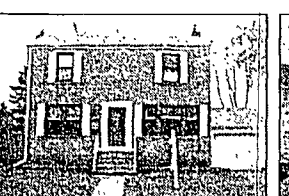
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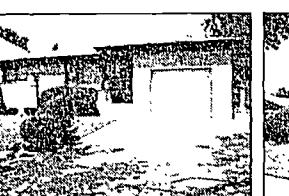
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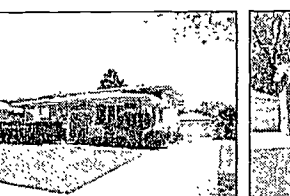
Morton Grove \$350,000
Beautiful 2 br, 2.5 ba unit with \$40,000 of upgrades. 42 inch cherry cabinets and hardwood floor in the kitchen with sliding door to patio.



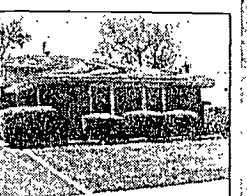
Niles \$350,000
4 br, 3 ba brick Georgian w/hdwd floors thruout. Kit w/stainless appl. Newly rehabbed ba. Fin bsmt. Newer furnace, roof, c/a, water heater.



Niles \$349,500
3 br, 2 ba home. Hdwd flrs, basement w/storage. Very quiet end-of-the-street loc. Walk to shopping, library & Niles Family Fitness Center!



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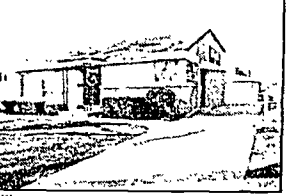
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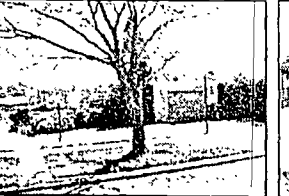
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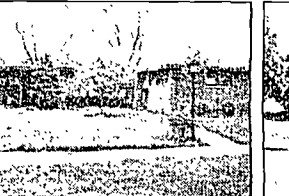
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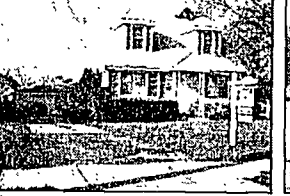
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Niles \$274,500
2 br, 2 ba bnck ranch. Kit w/appl. Newer furnace, water heater & remod ba. Hdwd flrs. Bsmt. Newer c/a, roof. Agent related to seller.



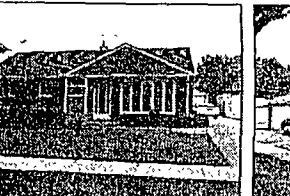
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4 br, 2.5 ba. Well maintained but needs some updating. Each floor has 2 bedrooms, full finished basement with fireplace, deck and lovely yd.



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3 bedroom, 1.5 bath located on a quiet tree-lined street, close to schools, transportation and shopping. Gleaming hardwood floors.



Niles \$250,000
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Niles \$229,500
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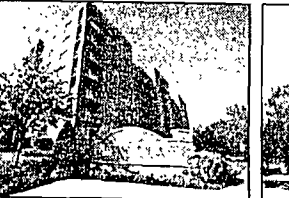
Morton Grove \$228,888
California split level w/newer roof. Liv Rm w/cathedral ceiling and hardwood floors. Updated kit & bathrooms. Fenced yard.



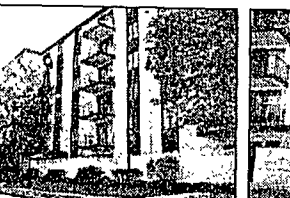
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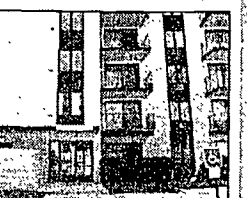
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Never too late to learn computer skills

By NATALIE HAYES Contributor

Basic computer skills are taken for granted by many, but a large number of people of all ages have trouble turning on a computer, let alone logging onto the Internet or performing a basic Google search.

The Niles Township government office has offered a solution for those less-than-computer-savvy individuals who have found basic computer classes offered at community colleges to be too advanced for their skill levels.

In addition to its intermediate classes like Intro to Powerpoint and Web 2.0, the township's adult computer training center recently began offering computer classes for beginners who need to build their com-

puter skills from the most basic starting point.

Introduction to computing, basic e-mail, and Microsoft Word are classes that will prepare people for more advanced classes offered at community colleges, said Monica Grayless, a computer instructor at Niles Township.

"These classes get them on the road and get them started," Grayless said. "The doors are open from anyone from young people to seniors — it's not about how old you are, but it's about what you know, and we want everyone to be comfortable no matter what the age."

Over the summer, three generations of one Skokie family — a grandmother, her daughter, and her grandson — all enrolled in the "Internet for Fun" class

together.

The three decided to sign up for the class after the grandmother Doris Pliskin and her daughter Gayle Makowsky found that a basic course at a local college was too advanced for them. Makowsky's 15-year-old son Michael joined his mother and grandmother for the class as well.

Despite the generation gaps between the three, they all learned a lot about using the Internet and left the class a lot more knowledgeable about computers than they had been prior to taking the course, said Carol Fritzzhall, Niles Township Office Manager.

Although people of all ages take the classes, seniors who lack basic computer training and people out of work looking to build their resumes often find the



Three generations of Niles Township residents recently passed the Niles Township Summer Computer Program: Bubbe Doris Pliskin (right), her daughter Gayle Makowsky (left) and Gayle's son Michael Makowsky. (Photo courtesy Niles Township)

classes to be the most helpful, Grayless said.

The township also offers three intermediate classes—Introduction to PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, and Web

2.0 for Budding Entrepreneurs—that can be taken after completion of the basic courses.

The classes are small, with no more than 12 stu-

dents per session, which Grayless says benefits the students by allowing more one-on-one time with the instructor.

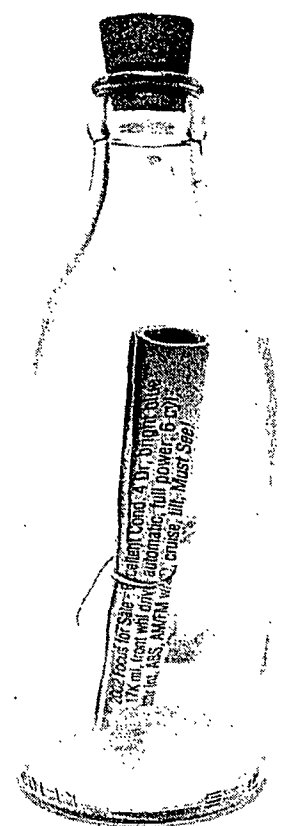
"The program is a great confidence builder," Grayless said. "People think learning how to use computers is harder than it actually is, and when they see they can do it, they leave here with a lot of confidence in themselves."

Classes are six to eight weeks long and meet once or twice a week, depending on the course.

The registration fee is \$75 for township residents and \$85 for out-of-township residents.

Introductory fall classes start Oct. 18 and Intermediate classes start Nov. 29.

For more information, call the Niles Township Office at (847)-678-9300.



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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Northwest Side neighborhood is center of West Nile concern

No West Nile virus cases have been reported in Chicago this year, but mosquito eradication efforts will be stepped up in one Northwest Side neighborhood where insects carrying the virus have been trapped.

The Chicago Department of Public Health announced Tuesday spraying will occur in the Forest Glen neighborhood today. Weather permitting, spraying will begin about 8 p.m. and will continue for four to five hours. Licensed technicians in trucks will dispense the ultra-low-volume spray, the release said.

While there have been no reported cases of West Nile virus in Chicago or Illinois in 2010, there have been 85 cases (three fatal) nationally. The virus has been detected in mosquitoes and/or birds in 22 Illinois counties, including Cook (city and suburban), DuPage, Lake, Kane, Kendall and Will, the release said.

In the city, the virus has been detected in a "significant, sustained presence" in traps in the Forest Glen

neighborhood and at O'Hare, which was sprayed last week, the release said.

The virus has also been detected sporadically in traps in the Dunning, Belmont Cragin and Norwood Park areas of the Northwest Side; and the Chicago Lawn, Clearing, New City and West Pullman neighborhoods on the South and Southwest Sides, the release said.

CDPH officials say it is possible human cases may start appearing in the weeks ahead, both in the city and elsewhere.

Spraying will start today at dusk, the peak period of activity and exposure of the northern house mosquito, by technicians from Vector Disease Control Inc., the release said. It will take place in an area bounded by Touhy on the north, Bryn Mawr on the south and irregular boundaries on the east and west.

The material being used to control the adult mosquitoes, Evergreen 60-6, is approved for use by the U.S. EPA to control mosquitoes

in outdoor residential and recreational areas, the release said.

Evergreen 60-6 is a natural product of pyrethrin, a botanical insecticide group produced primarily from chrysanthemum flower extracts. It has been used for decades and is non-persistent, decomposing rapidly in the environment, the release said.

While the spray is not harmful to people or pets and is routinely sprayed in residential areas, residents may choose to stay indoors and close their windows while spraying is under way as an extra precaution, the release said.

"Spraying to kill adult mosquitoes is a sensible and effective component of an integrated pest management program. We spray when we have clear evidence that the West Nile virus has made significant inroads into a community," city Environmental Health Director Cort Lohff said in the release.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterinary hospital earns accreditation

Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital of Niles has again received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the United States have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. In order to maintain accredited status, Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants. Established in 1933, the

American Animal Hospital Association is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S. and Canada for dedication to high standards of veterinary care. For pet care information or referral to an AAHA-accredited practice, visit www.healthypet.com.

Golf-Mil Veterinary Hospital is located at 8950 Milwaukee Ave. Visit www.golfmilvet.com.

Lutheran General doctor receives honor

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital physician Robert J. Citronberg, MD, FACP, FIDSA, has been elected a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, the nation's leading professional society in infectious diseases. This prestigious

honor was granted to only 95 people internationally this year, and Dr. Citronberg was one of three 2010 Fellows elected from Illinois.

Dr. Citronberg, Lutheran General Hospital's director of its infectious disease division, and the other Fellows were recognized for achieving professional excellence and providing significant service to the profession and the field of preventing, diagnosing and treating infectious disease.

Applicants for IDSA fellowship must be nominated by their peers, reviewed and elected by the IDSA Board of Directors, and must meet specified criteria, including continuing identification with the field of infectious diseases, national or local recognition, and publication of their work.

STAR PARTY

Backyard astronomers meet to party with the stars

By PATRICK BUTLER
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Star gazing: It's not just for scientists anymore.

Despite a cloudy sky, about three dozen backyard astronomers turned out for an Aug. 20 "Star Party" that turned into a telescope workshop at American Science and Surplus, 5316 N. Milwaukee. Their teachers were local weatherman Ed Curran, and the store's own Paul Chapman and Luke Lavecchia, none of whom are full-time astronomers.

Curran literally grew into meteorology after playing with telescopes as a kid growing up on the Northwest Side, then taking a few college courses on astronomy and weather before becoming a popular radio and TV personality.

Chapman, American Scientific's resident astronomer, is also one of the store's buyers and warehouse managers, while Lavecchia was introduced to the shop by his grandfather and can't remember a time when he wasn't fascinated by telescopes, rockets or space.

Now 22, Lavecchia was introduced to American Scientific by his grandfather



Meteorologist Ed Curran talks to a visitor at the American Science and Surplus' annual Star Party. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

and has been working there for the past five years. Although he's two semesters away from graduating from Wright City College and plans to go to either the University of Illinois at Chicago or Northeastern Illinois University, he's still undecided between going into teaching or "something in health care."

But probably not astronomy, he added.

According to Chapman,

Lavecchia is typical of both the customers and employees at American Scientific where "if you hang around

long enough, you're probably going to end up working here."

All of which made Curran,

Chapman or Lavecchia ideally qualified to handle questions from the would-be "backyard astronomers" who wanted to know whether you can actually see anything in the Chicago sky (yes you can) and why they can't seem to see what they thought they were aiming at.

"They probably don't have the small 'finder' scope properly aligned with the main scope," Chapman said, adding that aiming a telescope is a lot like aiming a gun, "only if a telescope isn't pointed right, you're off millions of miles."

Those who turn out for the twice-a-year Star Parties range from serious hobbyists to the man who came with his 10-year-old daughter after reading a recent Pioneer Press story on Chapman and Curran's upcoming appearance and "thought it might be fun."

Once the preserve of a dedicated (and affluent) few, amateur astronomy is within the reach of more people than ever, said Chapman, noting that "our basic telescope, which retails for about \$70, is better than the one Galileo had. The scope he used to identify Jupiter and the four moons around it was only about 50 mm in diameter and had 20 times magnification. Even our most basic telescope is larger than that, and gives you more magnification."

But Chapman advises neophytes not to let themselves get intimidated by all the details, but to learn one thing at a time and remember to have fun doing it.

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Natalie Steinberg, II, of Chicago looks at a map of the moon. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

CRIME

Teens issued citations

Four teenage boys were issued local ordinance citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and an underage drinking offense after the group allegedly ran from Niles police officers on Aug. 27.

The teens were identified as a 14-year-old Des Plaines

boy, a 15-year-old Niles boy, a 16-year-old Park Ridge boy and a 17-year-old Park Ridge boy. The 14-year-old was also charged with possession of marijuana after he was found with a bag containing suspected marijuana, police said.

According to the police report, officers were called to an alley behind the 8000 block of Milwaukee Avenue just after 10 p.m. for a report of teens possibly engaged in illegal activity.

When the officers arrived, members of the group allegedly ran and were chased by officers on foot. Two of the teens were apprehended and the other two later returned to the scene, police said.

An open bottle of alcohol and a homemade device used for smoking marijuana were found in the alley where the teens had been gathered, police said.

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CRIME

Man beaten in attempted robbery

A 20-year-old man told Cook County Sheriff's Police he was beaten by a man who attempted to rob him outside an apartment complex in unincorporated Maine Township.

Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Liane Jackson said the incident occurred the night of Aug. 8 in the parking lot of a building at 9620 Greenwood Ave.

The victim told police that a man approached him in the lot around 11:15 p.m. and began punching and kicking him, Jackson said. When the victim fell to the ground, the suspect allegedly attempted to steal his wallet, but the victim fought back and the suspect then fled the area, Jackson said.

— Staff Writer Jennifer Johnson

Missing teens returned to youth campus

Three residents of the Park Ridge Youth Campus who were reported missing from the group home were returned Aug. 27 after they were taken into custody by Niles police.

According to police, the two 16-year-old girls and one 17-year-old girl were located outside McDonald's, 7969 Milwaukee Ave., after a woman called 911 to report that a teenage girl had

asked her for money and a cigarette while she was waiting in the drive-thru.

Niles police learned the teens had been reported missing from the Park Ridge Youth Campus just before 1 a.m. on Aug. 23. They were ticketed for soliciting without a permit and returned to the group home, according to the police report.

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Car gets stuck in hole at work site

A 45-year-old Park Ridge woman's car became stuck in a large construction hole while she was attempting to park Aug. 5, Park Ridge police reported.

The woman was reportedly trying to park on the 1100 block of Greenwood Avenue in the middle of the road-construction zone. While backing up, her 2007 Toyota Avalon entered a large square hole that had been dug in the street, causing the car to become stuck, police said.

The bottom of the vehicle reportedly sustained damage when it backed into the hole and a tow truck had to be called to remove the car, police said. No tickets were issued to the driver.

Several large holes have been dug in the pavement between Oakton and Dempster streets during Greenwood's construction through Park Ridge and Niles this summer. These lanes have been marked as closed to traffic.

ENTERTAINMENT

Edison Park Fest claims success

By PATRICK BUTLER
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Weather always helps, but another factor really made the difference.

"We have better and better entertainment every year," said Rita McGovern, as she talked Sunday afternoon about what was shaping up to be one of the most successful Edison Park Fests she or anyone else could remember.

"We always have 11 bands

and we've started a family-oriented entertainment area," said McGovern, who's in her ninth year as the local business group's executive director, responsible for putting together the annual community showcase that last year raised \$50,000 for projects not covered by the city's infrastructure-improvement "menu."

In addition to the money the chamber raises, McGovern remains convinced many bars and restaurants

also do well during Edison Park Fest even though some businesses claim they suffer during the three-day event.

McGovern doubts that, noting at least several bars and restaurants now hold regular after-fest parties with healthy turnouts.

This year the fest featured 11 bands, including Big Guitar from Memphis, Imposter Radio and Bopology, as well as a bag-throwing

competition and a "fun" dog show that attracted about two-dozen entries — but it's not Westminster, where canine contestants need pedigrees going back to the Plantagenets.

"It's not your serious dog show," laughed McGovern, noting that judging is based more on the dog's attitude.

This year's fest attracted about 40 business vendors, 20 "crafters," 19 food tents and a beer-and-wine pur-

veyor, which McGovern said isn't bad for an event that started as a sidewalk sale along Northwest Highway.

"We moved it here (to Monument Park) about eight years ago for safety reasons. Northwest Highway was never closed down for the fest. I thought we always had a safety issue," she said.

While the crowds have been growing in recent years they're still general-

ly well-behaved, McGovern said.

"We only had two arrests Friday evening and I don't know of any last night," McGovern said.

Of course there was also the Balloon Typhoon children's ride taken from the park sometime before 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, according to police reports.

Looking back, McGovern said, probably the only experiment that fizzled so far was an effort to set up a special area just for teenagers, "where they could hear their own music."

"Only two showed up," she laughed. "Go figure."

BUSINESS

Coldwell Banker acquires Callero & Catino Realty in Niles

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Chicago today announced it has acquired the assets of Callero & Catino Realty in Niles, according to a news release.

The formerly independently owned and operated company, which has served Niles and surrounding suburbs for more than 54 years, will now do business under the banner of Coldwell Banker Residential Broker-

age. "This is a great opportunity to expand our market presence in the Niles and surrounding areas — and what better way than by joining the talented and knowledgeable sales professionals from Callero & Catino Realty with our highly successful team at Coldwell Banker," said Fran Broude, president and COO of Coldwell Banker Residential

Brokerage, in the release. "Callero & Catino Realty is an outstanding company with a rich history and highly reputable group of real estate professionals who share our dedication to service excellence."

Callero & Catino Realty has 34 sales associates, including former owner Bill Alston, who will become a sales associate at the Coldwell Banker Residential

Brokerage office in Park Ridge. The other agents will join Coldwell Banker's Park Ridge, Edgebrook, Northwest and Glenview offices.

"I am very confident that Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage will be a wonderful new home for our agents as we collectively look to the future," Alston said in the release. "Coldwell Banker's commitment to providing agents with the

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TRAFFIC SAFETY

Crossing guards? Check

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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The Park Ridge Police Department has met its goal of recruiting all of the crossing guards needed for the 2010-11 school year, Police

Chief Frank Kaminski reported.

"We're set. We've got them. We got our number," Kaminski told the Park Ridge City Council on Aug. 9.

A total of 27 intersections

will be manned by crossing guards when school resumes the last week of this month.

Last spring 10 crossing guards indicated they would not return for the 2010-11 school year after the Police Department cut their pay as part of budget reductions. Early on there were concerns that some intersections would go unstaffed

in the fall as a result of the budget cuts, but Kaminski said every corner that was staffed during the previous school year will have a crossing guard in place when the new year begins.

The Police Department has been advertising the crossing-guard positions during the past several months.

DISTRICT 207 BRIEF

Former business chief loses Peoria job

Maine Township High School District 207's former assistant superintendent for business has reportedly been let go from her current job in a Peoria elementary school district.

The Peoria Journal Star newspaper reported that the

Peoria District 150 School Board terminated its contract with treasurer/controller Pam Schau following a closed-session meeting on Aug. 9. Reasons for the termination were reportedly not specified.

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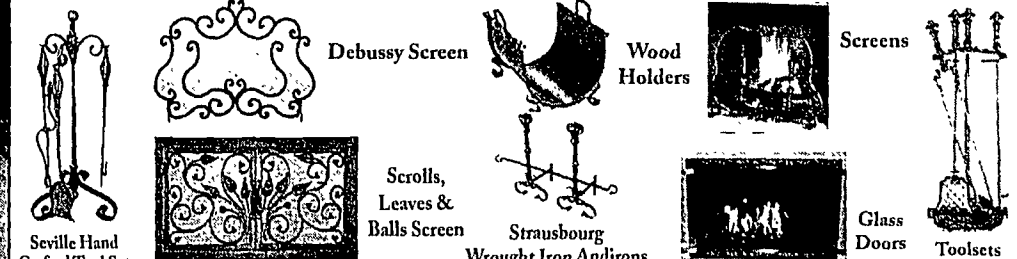
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Vick reaches Eagle Scout status

Boy Scout Troop #175 Scoutmaster John Mazur, along with Committee Chairman David Okun have announced that Christopher Vick of the troop has achieved the highest rank in Scouting.

Vick has successfully completed his Eagle Scout project.

He will be honored at the special Eagle Court of Honors, scheduled to take place later in the year.

Vick worked in conjunction with the Niles Lions Club to construct six new wooden drop-boxes for eyeglasses and hearing aids. These boxes will be placed at locations in the Village of Niles with the intent of securing more donations for the less fortunate in the community.



Eagle Scout John Slater, Rich Zaprzalka, John Grooms, new Eagle Scout Chris Vick, Eagle Scout and coordinator Carroll Moore, Eagle Scouts Bob Galassi and Dan Wiechec.

Eagle Scout Vick joins his brother, Ronald, and fellow Eagle Scout at Troop 175, completing 27 Merit badges on his way to becoming the 41th Eagle and 23rd Eagle Scout from Troop 175 since

2000. The sponsoring organizations are St. John Brebeuf Holy Name Men's Club and North American Martyrs Council 4338 of the Knights of Columbus.

BOY SCOUTS

Scout project improves trails

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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Brent Terry-Penak, a Boy Scout from Park Ridge, recently completed his Eagle Scout project by leading an effort to improve an area of forest preserve.

Terry-Penak, joined by 26 volunteers, headed to Glenview Woods, 710 Harms Rd., where the group placed a new gravel surface over two walking trails and dug new

drainage ditches to lessen flooding. In all, the group, which included mainly fellow Boy Scouts and their parents, put in 120 hours of service, Terry-Penak said.

"The forest preserve district wanted to have the work done for a while and I thought it was a good project," Terry-Penak said. He was familiar with the Glenview Woods having lived in Evanston before moving to Park Ridge over a year ago,

and was inspired to focus his Eagle Scout project there thanks to his math teacher at St. Ignatius High School in Chicago.

"I'm very proud of the project and how it went," Terry-Penak said. "I'm glad I got to do this for the forest preserve district. I really hope the trail gets enjoyed in the future." Terry-Penak expects to learn this month if he has been awarded his Eagle Scout badge.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

North Maine fire dept. open house

The North Maine Fire Department will host its annual open house on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its headquarters at 9301 Potter Road in unincorporated Maine Township.

This year's activities will include a 2 p.m. burn demonstration showing the effectiveness of sprinkler systems in the home; an

auto extrication demonstration; a chance for children to use a fire hose; and a "Kids' Corner" where children can participate in building projects. Various municipal agencies will also be on hand, including Cook County Sheriff's Police. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments will be served.

Parking is available on the west side of Potter Road in

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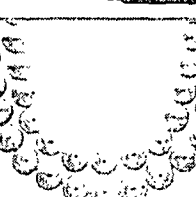
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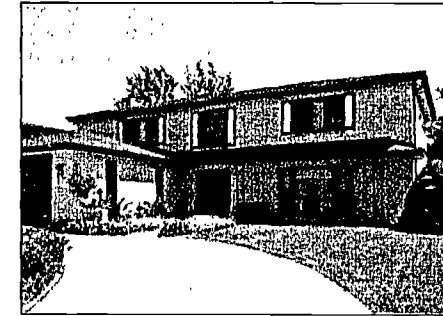
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Two-story has open foyer, upgraded kitchen

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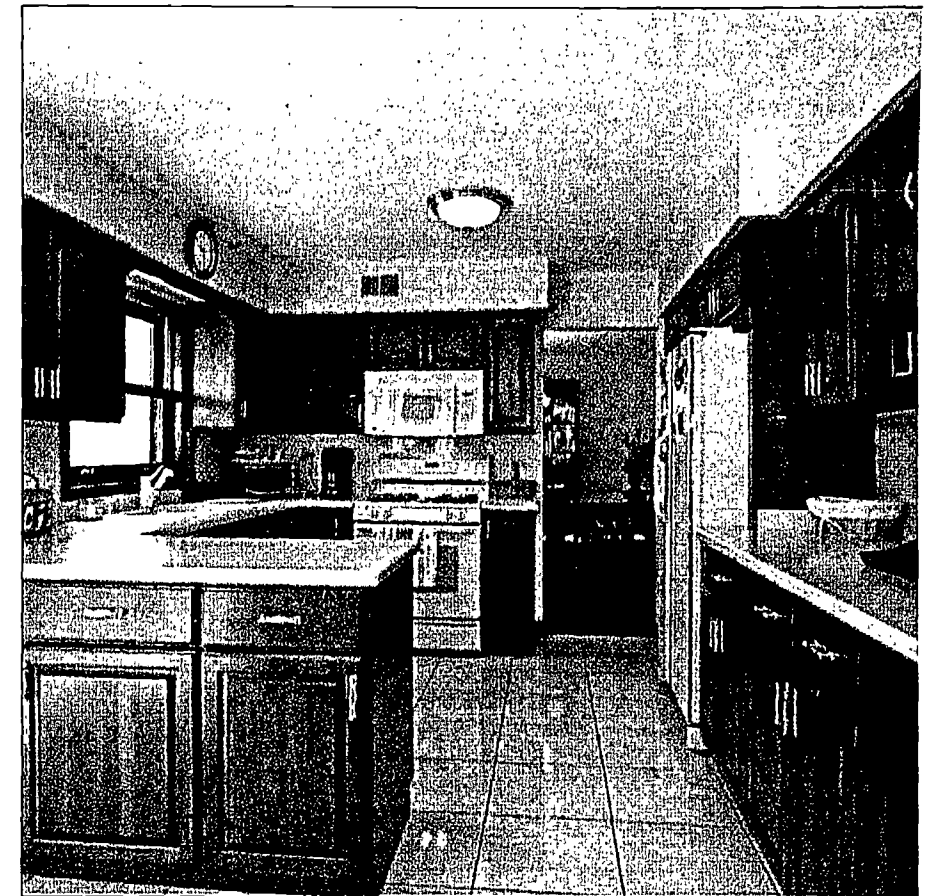
By Tim Horneman
 A former senior administrator at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management is selling her Morton Grove home. Bernadette Birt, who is now with the Wharton Business School in San Francisco, is asking \$369,000 for the three-bedroom, two bath home at 5635 Theobald Road. Anne Piecewicz of National

First Choice Realty is the listing agent. The 2,000-square-foot home was built in 1960. Birt was director of Northwestern's domestic executive M.B.A. programs. The Wharton Business School, part of the University of Pennsylvania, has an M.B.A. program for executives in San Francisco. Birt is its executive director.

MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Chicago: Edison Park	2.30%	\$271,000	8.27%	133	11
Chicago: Forest Glen	2.81%	\$347,000	12.50%	16	2
Chicago: Norwood Park	2.68%	\$276,000	14.22%	232	33
Des Plaines	3.50%	\$172,000	28.12%	946	266
Evanston	3.64%	\$285,000	14.04%	819	115
Glenview	3.43%	\$383,000	13.43%	648	87
Lincolnwood	3.42%	\$287,500	17.90%	162	29
Morton Grove	2.71%	\$250,000	18.73%	283	53
Niles	2.69%	\$222,250	22.35%	340	76
Park Ridge	2.95%	\$340,000	11.25%	471	53
Skokie	2.83%	\$249,750	24.82%	705	175
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NILES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Playbill combines theater skills and fun for teens

By ALEX MCLEESE
Contributor

In a meeting room in the Niles Library July 30, a dozen or so teenagers were at play, giddy and laughing uproariously.

They had lost themselves in the dizzy energy of the group, tossing around wigs and trying on costumes of every color — green, orange, pink, red, yellow, rainbow. Only after many minutes of what they call “concentration games” could they stop having fun long enough to begin their dress rehearsal.

The teenagers were part of Playbill, a program at the Niles Library that’s almost 10 years old. They were rehearsing “Scarlett Redd and the Case of the Missing Colors,” a parody of detective novels like *The Maltese Falcon*, which was the library’s “Big Read” book this year. In the Playbill spoof, which the cast members wrote themselves, a magical coloring book is stolen from a museum, making the world turn black and white, like an old mystery movie. Scarlett Redd and her assistant Pinky Periwinkle are on a mission to find the book and restore the colors. The cast performed the play on Aug. 7.

The participants in Playbill were bursting with ideas about what they had learned from the experience. “We learn teamwork, communication and creativity,” said assistant director John Depa, who played narcoleptic Bob Blue (for the last three years, Playbill productions have included narcoleptics).

Director Natasha Laws said that she spent most of her time “putting it together on stage and yelling,” and added: “I learned that I can work around most obstacles. When a lot of people come together and have fun, energy explodes in the room, and with concentration games you can control the energy level.”

Cast members said they also benefited socially. “I made a bunch of new friends, and I knew none of them at the beginning,” said Elise Wittum, who played Pinky Periwinkle. Michaela Laws, Natasha’s older sister, played Roy G. Biv and led the cast in games in the style of “Whose Line Is It Anyway?”

“We are making this ourselves, and we are meeting new people, and are now all great friends,” she said. “Performing for little kids, we know they’ll enjoy it, which is important.”

Young adult librarian Donna Block, who leads the Playbill program, said that she sees a tremendous amount of growth in the teenagers, too. “A lot are nervous at first, getting silly about acting in front of other people,” she said. “Over the course of five weeks, we do see a difference in how confident they are.”

Block said that the show will go on next year, when some cast members will return for their third or fourth years. She said that what keeps her excited is “how amazing it is to see people at the performance enjoying themselves. It’s a great feeling for me.”

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Rain garden a model for controlling runoff

By ALEX MCLEESE
Contributor

On Aug. 11, in the sweltering heat, volunteers from Coca-Cola pulled over 1,000 weeds out of the Niles Community Rain Garden, which has grown greatly in recent years to become a regional model for water sustainability.

The garden was founded in 2008 with help from Coca-Cola. Since then, numerous volunteer groups have put in hours helping to improve and maintain it. According to Assistant Village Manager Steven Vinezano, additional plantings will be added in September and later in the year.

educational signs will be put in place to inform the public about rain gardens, prairie grasses and native plantings. “The biggest thing we want to pursue is the educational side,” said Vinezano. “We want signage kind of like trail signs or at zoos.”

He said that donors have given enough money to the rain garden to fund the educational signs. The garden has been consistently well funded. “What is so exciting about this project is how members of the community came together to make it happen at no cost to the Village of Niles,” said Mayor Robert Callero last year. “Over \$22,000 in funds and in-kind contributions were raised through grants and donations to pay for this project.”

In addition to Coca-Cola, Groot Industries and the Lions Club of Niles have contributed major grants. In spring 2008, the Village of Niles set out to transform a three-quarter acre lot with two vacant buildings into the rain garden, adding native prairie plants and permeable pathways. By June, the village had created a 1,400 square-foot garden with over 560 native flowers and grasses. A rain garden is a planted depression that collects

and filters rainwater runoff from roofs, driveways, walkways, and compacted lawn areas. It reduces the runoff to water systems like the North Chicago Branch River and the Des Plaines River by allowing storm water to seep naturally into the ground instead of flowing into storm drains and surface waters, which can cause erosion, pollution, flooding, and diminished groundwater. This runoff has been cited by the EPA as a major source of pollution in our nation’s waterways.

Another significant benefit of rain gardens is that they can provide extra storage for storm water to help reduce the amount of it that may puddle on your property during and after a rainstorm. Native plants are recommended for rain gardens because they generally do not require fertilizer and are more tolerant of local climate, soil and water conditions. Comment: *pioneerlocal.com*

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NILES

RETAIL THEFT

A video game was taken on Sept. 1 by an employee of a store on the 8500 block of Golf Road. The video game is valued at \$59.96.

Danuta Zentak, 62, of 4708 W. Barry Ave., Chicago, was charged on Sept. 1 with retail theft at 220 Golf Mill after she allegedly took clothing worth \$244. The bond was set at \$1,000. Her court date is Sept. 29.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Gordon Rowley, 55, of 10 N. Summit Road, Park Ridge, was charged on Sept. 3 with driving under the in-

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fluence of alcohol in the 9200 block of Greenwood, said police. During a patrol check, an officer saw the subject slumped backwards in the driver’s seat of a vehicle. Several beer cans were found on the passenger floorboard. The bond was set at \$1,000 and the court date is Oct. 1.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

The victim and her ex-boyfriend got into a domestic dispute on Aug. 31 in the parking lot on the 9200 block of Milwaukee Avenue. The offender was upset, grabbed the victim’s cell phone and reportedly broke it by throwing it on the ground. The cell phone was valued at \$350.

INTOXICATED SUBJECT

An intoxicated subject walked into the YMCA on Aug. 26 and started yelling at residents and members in the lobby of the building on the 6300 block of Touhy

Avenue, said police. An officer saw the subject passed out on a chair with an empty bottle of vodka on the table next to him.

FRAUDULENT ID CARD

Leonardo Moran-Gutierrez, 32, of 8027 W. Foster Lane in Niles, was charged with a felony on Sept. 1 on the 8000 block of Washington for allegedly possessing a fraudulent identification card. An officer was called to the home for a domestic dispute and the offender gave the police a fraudulent Illinois identification card. The arrestee was not an American citizen, said police. Bond was set at \$15,000 and the court date is Sept. 15.

BURGLARY TO RESTAURANT

An unknown subject burglarized a restaurant on Aug. 30 in the 8700 block of Golf Road using forced entry, police said.

SHERIFF’S REPORTS

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff’s Department. Further details about some incidents are not made available by the department at the time the incidents are released.

AGGRAVATED BATTERY

Jacob Blake, 19, of the 8000 block of Christian Avenue, Skokie, was charged with aggravated assault of a police officer, unlawful use of a weapon, obstruction and resisting a police officer on Aug. 5, police said. According to police, Blake jumped out of a vehicle during a traffic stop at Golf Road and Park Lane at 12:40 a.m. and waved a knife at police, allegedly shouting, “shoot me.” Blake was held at gunpoint and allegedly attempted to run away from officers. He was subsequently tasered and taken into custody, according to police. The driver of the vehicle that was stopped, identified as Travis Johnson, 26, of the 1700 block of Grey, Evanston, was charged with driving under the influence, and a second passenger, identified as Allen Lomax, 22, also of the 1700 block of Grey, Evanston, was charged with obstruction, according to police.

BATTERY

A woman reported being pushed by another woman on Aug. 25 during a dispute over rent money on the 9100 block of West Oaks Avenue, police said. No arrests were made.

BURGLARY

A theft from a vehicle report was filed at 11:40 p.m., Aug. 27 on the 9000 block of Kennedy Drive.

A vehicle was reported burglarized on the evening of Aug. 30 on the 9500 block of Park Lane.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

A vehicle was reported

damaged just before midnight on Aug. 27 on the 9500 block of Park Lane.

A property damage complaint was made at Aug. 30 at 1 a.m. on the 8900 block of Robin Drive.

THEFT

A \$250 microwave and tools valued at \$400 were reported stolen Aug. 25 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 10000 block of Holly Lane.

An iPhone valued at \$600 was reported stolen Aug. 30 on the 9600 block of Golf Road.

HIT AND RUN

Hit and run accidents were reported on Aug. 25 at 6:40 p.m. on the 9200 block of Delphia Avenue; Aug. 27 at 3:30 a.m. on the 9200 block of Hamilton Court; and Aug. 30 at 4:25 p.m. on the 9800 block of Golf Road.

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If recession's over, where are jobs?



PAUL SASSONE

The grill has been scrubbed clean and you've finally removed that large hot mustard stain from your best Hawaiian shirt. Yes, Labor Day is over.

And now that the warm words for workers have been intoned, it's time to get down to serious business. Fact is, the world of working people is a shambles.

The jobless rate in the United States is conservatively estimated at more than 9 percent. There are officially 14.6 million jobless people and 5.9 million people who have stopped looking for work. Of those 14.6 million, almost 45 percent have been out of work for more than six months. The unemployment rate in Illinois is even higher; at about 10.2 percent.

Unemployment is the cancer gnawing at the American body politic. Because so many are out of work — and so many fear they will be out of work — the consumer spending vital to the economy just isn't there.

The recession is over, we are told. It is unfortunate, we are told, but high unemployment will persist for quite a while. Maybe next year it will

get better. Or the year after that.

To be fair, the government is partly right. The recession is over for corporate America.

Corporate profits have never been higher — \$572 billion in the first quarter of 2010. But wages and salaries for the same period have gone down \$122 billion. It has been reported that in July cash at nonfinancial corporations totaled \$1.84 trillion, a 27 percent increase over 2007. Cash as a total percentage of company assets hasn't been higher in half a century.

So, where are the jobs that should go with the end of the recession?

Not there. Employers say they are being cautious, waiting to hire until they are sure the economy really has recovered.

It's Catch 22 — no jobs until the economy recovers and there can't be a recovery until there are jobs.

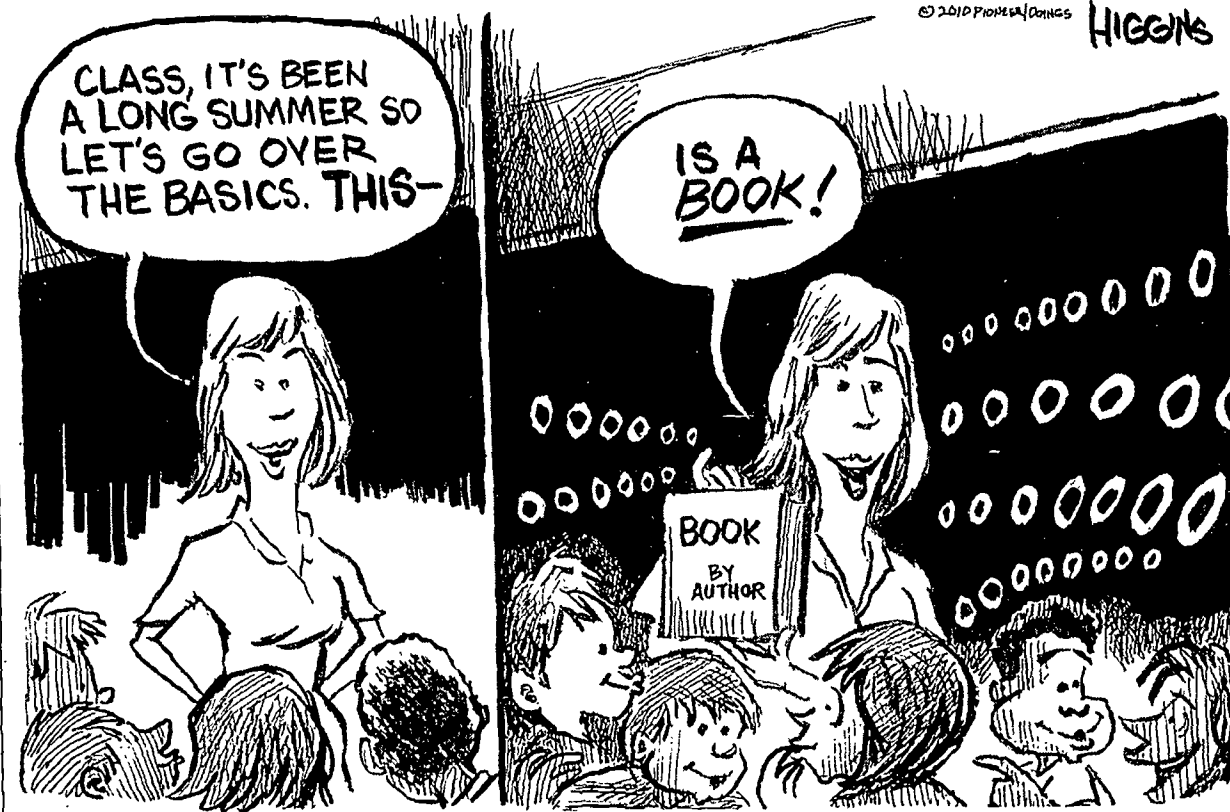
Corporations should stop and think about that. And also think about how they have a responsibility not just to their shareholders, but to their country. Part of their job — a big part — is to create jobs.

People with jobs spend, businesses profit, government can afford to provide services. It's how the country works.

Just remember this little couplet: It's not the economy, stupid.

It's jobs, stupid.
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1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



'Scientific' school supply search



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

The surge hits. Desperate parents ransack stores. We seize the last box of 24 Crayolas. Elbow our way through pocket folders.

We share war stories. "See that wound? Pinched by a three-ring binder."

"That's nothing. This gouge is from a compass."

One dad looks at my arm. "What's that?"

Teeth marks?"

I nod. "Got bit when I reached for the last Elmer's glue stick."

"Oh, a kid?"

"No, a mom. She scrap-books."

Once school starts, parents trickle back to the office supply store in search for the elusive sold-out item.

Today, I am on such a quest, sans Indy Jones hat, in a temple of my own gloom.

My son is a sophomore and requires a "scientific" calculator. That's the type that vacuum-seals a physicist inside its circuitry and formulates the distance to a galaxy far, far away.

I grip the counter from shock. "We offer insurance," the clerk explains. "Who, for me? For the heart attack I'm having right now?" "No, insurance for the calculator. If your kid drops or damages it, we'll replace it." "Hot pink, eh?" He nods. "Spray paint it an ergonomic gray, and it's a deal." He rings me up. I glance around at the back-to-school aisles. Debris, mostly. One parent crawls under a display, gasping. In her hand is the last known protractor on the North American continent. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

that I will find this scientific calculator for his plane geometry class. Plane, hah. Not "plain" either. Complicated geometry. Psychologically paralyzing geometry. When I hear "Isosceles triangle," I might as well be in the Bermuda Triangle.

"We only have hot pink in stock," a clerk says. Another high school mom and I exchange glances. Scientific calculator or not, it takes no rocket scientist to figure out my son will not willingly carry a hot pink anything, not even a standard "scientific" eraser.

Then I am informed of the price of this calculator: one hundred smackeros.

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Waterproofing proves leaky affair



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: On Aug. 2, I gave a check for \$200 to Dan Ginther of Waterstop Waterproofing for some caulking at my home. He said he needed the entire amount in advance to buy supplies, and he had me make the check out to his wife.

He said he would be back the following day to do the work. He cashed the check the same day I gave it to him.

I've since called him several times and he hasn't returned my calls. Hilary Gardella

Dear Hilary: You told us you got some bad vibes talking with Dan and thought it was odd that he wanted the check written to his wife.

Looks like you should have listened to your intuition.

Despite telling you he was free to begin work right away, he was a no-show and didn't respond to more than a dozen messages you said you left on his cell phone. One time, when he happened to answer, he hung up after you identified yourself.

We were similarly frustrated. The number listed at the Matteson home he shares with his wife, Cynthia Singer, has been disconnected. We left three messages on Dan's cell phone — and two messages for Cynthia — with no luck getting through to either of them.

We also couldn't find an incorporation record for this company with the Illinois Secretary of State's office (www.cyberdriveillinois.com) or any record

with the Better Business Bureau (chicago.bbb.org).

You told us you're a single mom and \$200 is a lot of money for you.

Which is why, Dan Ginther, if you're reading this, PAY HILARY BACK!

A note for the rest of us: Hilary said she found Dan through a newspaper ad. Unfortunately, even scammers occasionally buy ads, so it's important to back that up by checking complaint records at the Better Business Bureau and calling references before hiring someone. Also, get a detailed, written contract, and never pay for an entire job upfront.

Dear Fixer: On March 22, I discovered a fraudulent charge of \$322.62 to "Dell Sales Service" on my Harris Bank account. I complained, and on March 24, Harris gave me a provisional credit.

But then, after returning from a vacation, I received a letter from Harris, dated May 20, stating that the vendor's bank had validated the charges to my account. Harris reversed the credit and again charged me \$323.

Harris informed me that I could send a rebuttal letter. I sent the rebuttal on May 27. Later, Harris said they never received my letter and could not do anything for me.

They mentioned that my home bank supervisor might be able to help, but it was unlikely. So I went back to my local bank branch. I explained that I had been their valued customer for over 20 years and needed their help.

One of the customer service representatives worked with me. We called Dell and complained about the fraudulent charges. Dell faxed the shipping information to the Harris representative, but the customer number, item number and

order number on the form were not legible. All I could decipher was that an item was shipped to someone in Mabton, Wash.

Finally, after 10 or more contacts with Dell, Dell agreed to reimburse me the full \$323 as soon as Harris OK'd it. But then Harris Bank ignored the request.

Judith Langford

Dear Judith: You told The Fixer you don't know anyone in Mabton, a small, poor community on the eastern edge of the Yakima Indian Reservation in southern Washington.

Even more mysterious was why this relatively simple case of an invalid charge for something called the "Elite Holiday Bundle" package couldn't get cleared up.

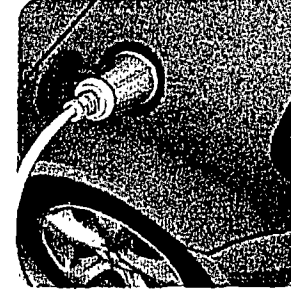
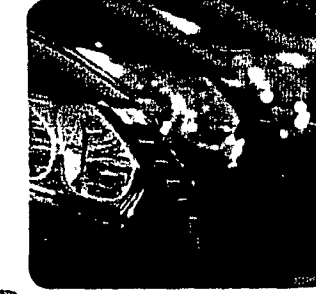
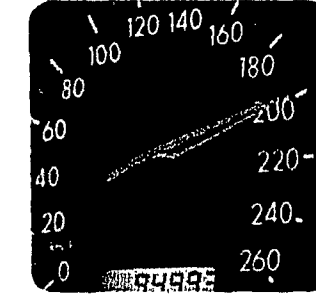
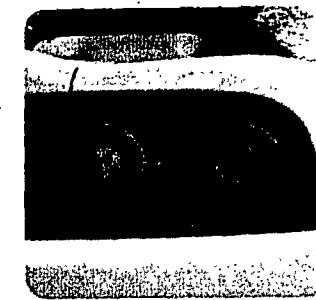
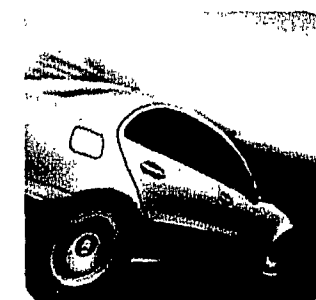
We took your story to Chris Nardella, an assistant vice president at Harris, who got this fixed in a jiffy. Apparently, Nardella said, Harris didn't hear back from Dell within a required two-week period, which is why the provisional credit was reversed. It's all been put right now, though. Harris has permanently credited your account for the \$323 and promised to work out the remaining dispute issues on their own.

Thanks to contributor Mike Nolan.

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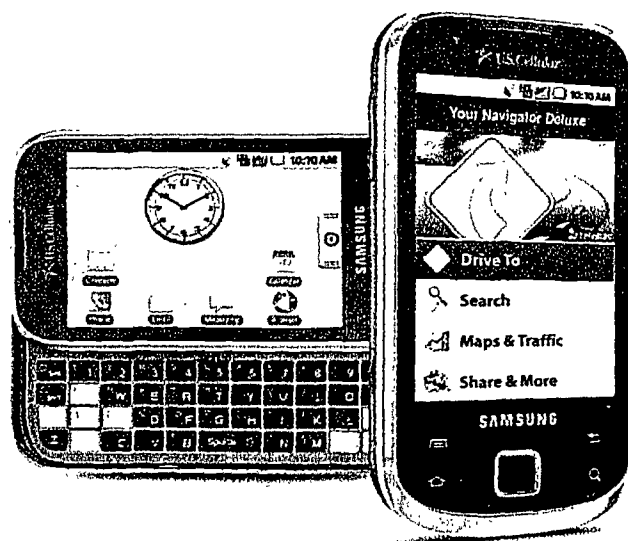
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. Renovo String Orchestra presents "Viva Italia," a concert of works by prominent Italian composers, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. \$25 for general admission; \$20 for seniors; \$10 for students. Call (773) 312-9936 or visit www.renovostings.org.

2. Gospel Jubilee, 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie-theatre.com.

3. Chicago photographer/director Jim Luning will host a screening of his film, "Route 66 — Ten Years Later," at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. \$2. Visit www.portagetheater.org.

4. BackStage Evanston, a performing arts festival highlighting more than a dozen Evanston organizations, will be held from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Northwestern University Theatre and Interpretation Center, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. The event will feature preview performances of dance, music and theater. Admission is \$20, and all attendees will receive a \$20 voucher redeemable for special ticket offers from participating organizations. For tickets, call (847) 328-2204.

Fall theatre season kicks off

By SARA BURROWS
Contributor

So many theaters ... and all those fall openings. What we needed was a good reason to go to any one or all of our local theaters during the 2010-2011 season. So we asked, were answered, and are sharing what we learned. So if you're wondering, "What is one good reason to go to ...?" Just fill in the theater name, see what we found out, and enjoy.

Piven Theatre Workshop, Evanston

"We have a brand new adaptation of "Three Sisters," (Anton Chekhov's classic) by a hot new playwright, Sara Ruhl," said Jen Green, artistic director. She added that Ruhl has long-standing ties to the company, of which she's a member, and that "She actually dedicated this play to Joyce, (Piven, a founder of the theater and Ruhl's mentor) and Joyce is going to be directing it."

"Three Sisters" previews Oct. 16 and 17, runs Oct. 18-22. \$15-\$25. 927 Noyes St. Call (847) 866-8049 or see piventheatre.org for details and season information.

Northlight Theatre, Skokie

"I'm very excited about our first production, "Daddy Long-Legs," said Tim Evans, artistic director. The play was created by John Ciard, the Tony award winning director of "Les Miz."

"What's great about this play is that it's what we call a rolling world premiere." That, he explained, means that Northlight has been

part of the development process, along with several theaters on the West Coast. So Northlight's production is a Midwest premiere, and after that, "it will be ready for the world. This development process is a new model for a lot of theaters across America."

"Daddy Long-Legs" is a chamber musical, which means a musical for two people. It has a beautiful score, and it's gorgeous to look at."

"Daddy Long-Legs" will also usher in the first full season of our Salon Series," said Evans. The theater will hold five discussions with experts on the history, background, production or other aspects of the play. The five discussions for each show will be free, and open to the public. "Daddy Long-Legs" previews Sept. 16-18; runs Sept. 25-Oct. 24. \$30-\$55. 9501 Skokie Blvd. Tickets and season information at (847) 673-6300 or northlight.org.

Light Opera Works, Evanston

"A reason people should come to the shows ... well, there are lots of reasons" said Michael Kotze, business manager. "Our next show is one of our intimate shows, musicals made to be done in a smaller space. So you'll get up close and personal with two of Chicago's premiere musical talents — Larry Adams and Catherine Lord, in "I Do, I Do." As for our next big musical, "Hello, Dolly," I would say one important one is that it's a chance to hear the original Broadway orchestrations for the show. We have 30 musicians in the pit, and the sound is so beautiful, so atmospheric that it takes

you far beyond watching it on the TV in your living room, or hearing it with a small musical combo. It's going to be a holiday show with all the trimmings."

"I Do, I Do" previews Oct. 3-7, runs Oct. 8-Nov. 14. \$27-\$34. McGaw Children's Center Auditorium, 1420 Maple Ave. "Hello Dolly" runs Dec. 26-Jan. 2. Tickets and season information at (847) 869-6300 or light-opera-works.org.

Writers' Theatre, Glencoe

"The thing we've always been known for is our intimate, honest, truthful interpretations of classics," said Stuart Carden, associate artistic director. "But in the last few years, we've been making a foray into new work. And this season, we're presenting two world premieres."

Up first, he continued, will be "Do the Hustle," a play commissioned from Brett Neveu. "It will be the second of his plays we've premiered, (the first was "Old Glory" in 2009), so it's the result of a long-term partnership. It's about a father and son who are con men, conning everyone — friends, family — who gets in their way."

Looking farther ahead, said Carden, "Our second world premiere for the season will be Keith Huff's new play. It's called "The Detective's Wife," and it's the second in a trilogy that he began with "Steady Rain." This is a woman show, and will star Barbara Robertson. It will be directed by Gary Griffin."

Though the plays are new, rather than classics Writers' specializes in, said Carden, "We continue to



James Downing Theatre's production of Neil Simon's comedy, "The Sunshine Boys," will run weekends from Sept. 18 to Oct. 3 at the Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago.

produce plays that are very much a part of our mission of presenting intimate theater that really prizes language."

Writers' Theatre kicks off with "She Loves Me," Sept. 14-Nov. 21, at 325 Tudor Court. Also at Tudor Court: "Do the Hustle," Jan. 25-March 20. "The Detective's Wife" runs June 7-July 31 at 664 Vernon Ave. For tickets and season information, (847) 242-6000 or writers-theatre.org.

Piccolo Theatre, Evanston

"It's our 10th anniversary, we got a grant from the Chicago Saints to refurbish our panto set," said Leann Zahrt. Piccolo's "Panto" is based on old English pantomime traditions that the theater pays homage to each winter.

"Meanwhile," said Zahrt, "We're doing 'Low Pay, Don't Pay!' It's a great economic farce by Dario Fo.

And in the spring, we're putting on a commedia (dell'arte) show, with puppets by the great Antonio Fava."

"Low Pay, Don't Pay!" runs weekends, Sept. 10-Oct. 23. \$25. 600 Main St. Tickets and information at (847) 424-0089 or piccolotheatre.com.

Next Theatre Company, Evanston

"The newish and exciting thing I think people should know about is an alternative program, starting (Sept. 10). It's a series called "What's Next," said Jenny Avery, interim artistic director. "We have two solo performers coming in September, and then in October, we have some wonderful storytellers from the Second Story group. It's the most programming we've ever had on our stage."

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FILM CLIPS OPENING

I'M STILL HERE Actor Casey Affleck directed this documentary about a year in the life of Oscar-winning actor Joaquin Phoenix...

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE A leather-clad avenger (Milla Jovovich) searches for survivors in a world ravaged by zombies.

STILL PLAYING

THE AMERICAN While awaiting his final job in an Italian town, a hit man (George Clooney) befriends a priest and romances a local woman.

GOING THE DISTANCE A west-coast gal (Drew Barrymore) and an east-coast guy (Justin Long) try to make a go of a long-distance relationship.

MACHETE

The always interesting Robert Rodriguez ("Spy Kids," "Sin City," "Planet Terror") continues his fascination with 70s sleaze in this ultra-violent and occasionally hilarious tale of revenge and revolution.

Rodriguez is celebrating - until it runs off the rails in the final reel with a heavy-handed political message and a confused fantasy of armed revolution.

A WOMAN, A GUN AND A NOODLE SHOP The owner of a noodle shop in China schemes to murder his wife and her lover, but things don't go according to plan.

FLIPPED An eighth-grade boy and girl begin to suspect they are soul mates, despite the fact that they are complete opposites.

THE LAST EXORCISM Since the shock factor in "The Last Exorcism" is nearly nil until the final reel, hardcore fear freaks are likely to be severely disappointed.

disturbing bloody war violence, language including sexual references, and some nudity.

TAKERS A hardened detective (Matt Dillon) does his best to thwart the biggest job of a crew of bank robbers (Idris Elba, Paul Walker, Hayden Christensen).

ANIMAL KINGDOM After his mother dies of a heroin overdose, a young man falls in with his very dangerous extended family of bank robbers.

LOTTERY TICKET A young man who holds a winning \$370-million lottery ticket has to survive a three-day weekend with greedy friends and neighbors before he can collect.

MAO'S LAST DANCER The melodrama eventually goes over the top and the political posturing, on both sides of the communist/capitalist fence, is generally heavy-handed and simple-minded.

THE OTHER GUYS (PG-13) Fri, 5:15-7:20-9:40 Sat, Sun: 12:40-3:00-5:15-7:20-9:40 Mon, Tues, Thurs: 5:15-7:20 Wed: 12:40-3:00-5:15-7:20

NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS A nanny (Emma Thompson, who also wrote the screenplay) with magical powers and a not-entirely-kind-friendly attitude helps a young woman (Maggie Gyllenhaal) with three children manage the family farm while her husband is at war.

sanna White directed this sequel to 2005's "Nanny McPhee" (109 min.) Rated PG for rude humor, some language and mild thematic elements.

THE SWITCH An unmarried 40-year-old (Jennifer Aniston) chooses to have a child with a sperm donor, only to find later that a friend (Jason Bateman) decided he would be a better candidate.

VAMPIRES SUCK Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer ("Epic Movie," "Meet the Spartans") co-wrote and directed this spoof of vampire-related films including "Twilight."

EAT PRAY LOVE ★ ★ 1/2 Julia Roberts makes the most of a role that allows her to set her luminosity on stun in this sumptuous but shallow adaptation of Elizabeth Gilbert's gazillion-selling memoir about a woman who takes her broken heart and disillusionment on the road for a year of eating, praying and, well, you get the idea.

THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) Fri, Sat: 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:30 Sun-Thurs: 1:30-4:15-7:00

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) Fri, Sat: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:30 Sun-Thurs: 2:15-4:45-7:15

THE LITTLE TRAITOR (R) Fri, Sat: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:30 Sun-Thurs: 2:15-4:45-7:15

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"Resident Evil: Afterlife"

MAO'S LAST DANCER (PG) Fri-Sun: 11:45-2:30-5:20-8:00 Mon-Thurs: 2:30-5:20-8:00

GET LOW (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 12:40-3:15-5:45-8:15 Mon-Thurs: 3:15-5:45-8:15

THE CONCERT (PG-13) Fri-Sun: 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50 Mon-Thurs: 2:40-5:15-7:50

CAIRO TIME (NR) Fri-Sun: 12:30-3:30-6:10-8:30 Mon-Thurs: 3:30-6:10-8:30

MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT (R) Fri-Sun: 11:30-5:00 Mon-Thurs: 5:00

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RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE IN 3-D (R) Fri, Sat: 10:30-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Sun: 10:30-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15 Mon-Thurs: 10:30-12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15

GOING THE DISTANCE (R) Fri, Sat: 10:15-12:45-3:15-5:40-8:20 Mon-Thurs: 10:45-1:15-3:35-5:55-8:20

MACHETE (R) Fri, Sat: 9:50-12:20-3:00-5:25-8:00-10:25 Sun: 9:50-12:20-3:00-5:25-8:00 Mon-Thurs: 10:30-12:55-3:20-5:45-8:10

THE AMERICAN (R) Fri, Sat: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:00-9:30 Sun: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:20 Mon-Thurs: 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:20

THE LAST EXORCISM (PG-13) Fri, Sat: 11:25-1:35-4:10-6:20-8:25-10:35

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THE SWITCH (PG-13) Fri, Sat: 11:20-1:40-4:15-7:00-9:30 Sun-Thurs: 11:20-1:40-4:1-7:00

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'Letters to Juliet' new on DVD

By BRUCE INGRAM
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NEW THIS WEEK

JUST WRIGHT
★★
All you really need to know about "Just Wright" is that Queen Latifah plays a physical therapist and Common plays an NBA superstar with a potentially career-ending knee injury. See any romantic possibilities? In the meantime, Latifah suffers cheerfully as the down-to-earth homegirl who's always overlooked in favor of fine, slim, foxes like the no-good, gold-digging Morgan (Paula Patton). How can men be so blind! There may not be many surprises here, despite the secret room that Common keeps locked in his mansion, but it's not unpleasant. Latifah and Common even contrive to do a little duet together. (BI) Rated PG for some suggestive material and brief language.

LETTERS TO JULIET
★★ 1/2
A reasonably enjoyable and only occasionally painful romantic comedy, heavy on the romance, light on the laughs. Amanda Seyfried plays Sophie, an aspiring writer in Verona who writes a letter encouraging a 70-something English lady (Vanessa Redgrave) to seek out her long-lost true love and then joins her on the road when the trip becomes a reality — with the lady's obnoxious (but handsome) grandson (Christopher Egan) in tow. "Letters" offers a fair amount of laughs as the



"Letters to Juliet"

ladies track down every horrific "Lorenzo Bartolini" in Tuscany, including one old codger in a truly disturbing Speedo, and a bigtime romantic payday at the end of the line. If you're heaving a sigh right now, this might be for you. If not, think twice. (BI) Rated PG for brief rude behavior, some language and incidental smoking.

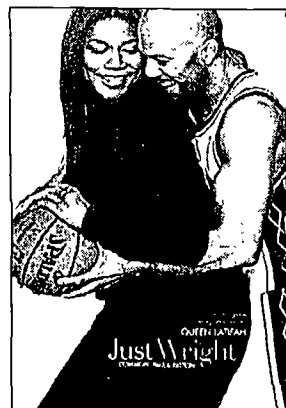
CASINO JACK AND THE UNITED STATES OF MONEY
A documentary on Washington super-lobbyist Jack Abramoff, his influential position as a GOP power broker, and his fall from grace. (Magnolia Home Entertainment)

CLASSIC ARTISTS: JIMI HENDRIX, GUITAR HERO
On the 40th anniversary of his death, a documentary on the career of the famed guitarist, from his early days as a sideman for Little Richard to his later triumph. Interviews feature family, friends and contemporaries including Eric Clapton, Dave Mason, Ginger Baker, Mick Taylor and Eric Burdon. Extras include a silent 8mm film of Hendrix opening a concert for The Monkees. (Image Entertainment)

Munro) and her star pilot (former child evangelist Marjoe Gortner), who are forced to confront an evil galactic warlord. Extras include an interview with director Luigi Cozzi, production trivia, an image gallery, storyboards, fan art, TV and radio spots and 17 deleted or alternate scenes. (Shout! Factory)

RECENT RELEASES

KILLERS
★★
A romcom about a boyishly handsome globe-trotting assassin (Ashton Kutcher) settling down with a nervous, slightly dotty rich girl (Katherine Heigl) in an uptight suburban neighborhood until a \$20-million contract on his life sours the marital bliss might seem like a cute idea. Unfortunately, the romance is labored from the beginning, as is the comedy and most of the action. (BI) Rated PG-13 for violent action, sexual material and language.



"Killers"

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
Kevin Kline plays the Pirate King in this 1983 production of the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. Angela Lansbury and Linda Ronstadt are also featured. (Universal)

THE RETURN OF THE FIVE DEADLY VENOMS
A late-'70s Shaw Brothers kung-fu classic about four crippled victims of an evil warlord who learn kung-fu and join forces for some old-fashioned revenge — and to save their village.

STARCRASH
A cult-favorite cheapo Italiano space opera about a bikini-clad warrior (Carol

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Dinosaur program digs deep with hands-on fun

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor



Every summer, Lisa Zago-Martin and Don Pfister, both Park Ridge residents, spend two months at a paleontological dig site in Wyoming searching for fossils. The rest of the year, they share their discoveries and knowledge with audiences of all ages through their hands-on educational program, Dinosauria.

Your family can learn what it's like to be on an actual dig from the pair 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

Paleontologists Don Pfister and Lisa Zago-Martin will bring dinosaur bones for kids to see and share their knowledge about how a dinosaur dig works at the Morton Grove Public Library Sept. 11.

Saluting Sunday
You know that fall is near when the Niles Public Library is once again open seven days a week. Families are invited to celebrate the occasion at Super Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. Sept. 12. There will be free activities for all ages. For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit www.nileslibrary.org.

How it all began
See the first movie in the animated series about the big green ogre and his friends when the Skokie Park District screens "Shrek" at sunset on Thursday, Sept. 16 at Lorel Park, 8135 Lorel Ave. You'll

recall why Shrek left the swamp and how he found his beloved Fiona. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to the final selection of this year's Movies in the Park. For details, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org.

The whole tooth ... and nothing but
A hockey player known for hitting other players so hard that they lose teeth finds himself in a peculiar predicament in "The Tooth Fairy." The 2010 PG film, starring Dwayne Johnson, will be screened 7-8:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 in the Petty Auditorium at the Skokie Public Library. For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit www.skokieli-brary.info.

A grand time
What better way for your kids to bond with grandma or grandpa than spending quality time outdoors with them on a late summer day? That's what's in store on Grandparents' Day, 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview Ave., Park Ridge. The pair will take a hike, enjoy activities and have a snack. Cost is \$9 per child for residents, \$17 for nonresidents. For details, call (847) 692-3570 or visit www.prparks.org.

Theatre

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"Unveiled," first in the 'What's Next' series, runs 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 10-19. Next Theatre's 30th anniversary season opens with "The Piano Teacher," Nov. 4-Dec. 5. Both at 927 Noyes St. (847) 475-1875 or nexttheatre.org.

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"The Sunshine Boys" runs 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 18-Oct. 3, at 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. \$15-\$20. Reserve tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/122723, by phoning (224) 725-3696 or e-mailing jamesdowningtheatre@gmail.com.

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"Daddy Long Legs," Sept. 16-Oct. 24 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Sept. 28 and Oct. 19 only); Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (excluding Oct. 13); Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. (excluding Sept. 18) and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (excluding Sept. 26) and 7 p.m. (excluding Sept. 26 when show is at 6 p.m., Oct. 3 and Oct. 24). Jerusha Abbott's prayers seem answered when the generosity of an anonymous gentleman allows her to move from orphanage to university. Through her grateful letters, Jerusha shares her life with her mysterious benefactor as she grows into an intelligent, independent woman and enjoys a budding romance with a wealthy young suitor. Yet there is one startling fact that Jerusha has yet to uncover - one that will change her life forever. Tickets: \$45-\$55; \$35-\$50 for previews, Sept. 16-24. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

"Hairspray" will be presented by ArtReach Educational Theatre and

Spotlite Theatrix Production Company at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2; and 2 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Stage One Theatre, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Tickets are \$16 in advance; \$18 at the door. Reservations are recommended. Call (630) 808-5852.

"Handicap This!" will be presented at 8 p.m. Sept. 10-11 and 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at Oakton Community College's Footlik Theater, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The play that presents the true story of Mike, a young man who lives with cerebral palsy, and his friend and assistant, Tim. Tickets: \$10; \$8 for students and seniors; \$6 for groups of 15 or more. For reservations, call (847) 635-1900.

"I Do! I Do!" Oct. 3-Nov. 14 on the Light Opera Works Second Stage, 1420 Maple Ave., Evanston. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$27, \$34, \$42; half-price for ages 21 and younger. Tickets are \$21 for previews, at 3 p.m. Oct. 3 and 8 p.m. Oct. 6-7. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.LightOperaWorks.com.

"The Lady's Not for Burning," presented by Theo Ubique Cabaret Theatre Sept. 17-Oct. 31 at No Exit Café, 6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, Sept. 17-18. Optional dinner package, \$45. For more information, visit www.theubique.org or call (773) 347-1109.

"Low Pay? Don't Pay!" presented by Piccolo Theatre through Oct. 23 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St.,


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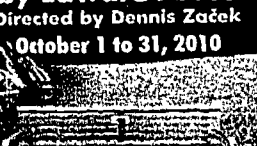
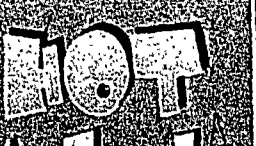
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By **LEE A. LITAS**
Dining Columnist

A recipient of the Zagat Guide Award of Distinction in 2001, rated "Excellent" by patrons in 2003-2004, and voted one of "8 Great (Quiet) Restaurants" by Chicago Magazine, Jilly's Cafe in Evanston is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this month.

The face behind Jilly's success for the past nine years has been chef/owner Brian Newkirk.

Professionally, Newkirk hails from top Chicago establishments such as Coco Pazzo, the Pump Room and Le Ciel Bleu, and he has worked in France and throughout the U.S.

Cooking since he was 5, Newkirk draws his passion for the culinary arts directly from his genes. His grandfather owned a restaurant and, although Newkirk's father went into dentistry, cooking was always his father's first love.

"I started cooking with my dad. He called me his 'little chef,'" Newkirk recalled.

To this day, cooking allows Newkirk to feel close to his father who he said would have been proud of his achievements and tickled pink at what he's done with Jilly's Cafe.

The meals are not the Americanized-French with microscopic portions drowned in heavy, albeit in-croyable, sauces. They are authentic country French which means good-sized portions that never lose their comfort-food soul despite their inherent extravagance.

Case in point, the mussels marinières which Newkirk says is his "perfect dinner." Tossed



Master chef Brian Newkirk creates authentic French country dishes at his Jilly's Cafe in Evanston, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary. (Photo by Lee A. Litas)

with fresh herbs, shallots and white wine cream sauce, they are served with aromatic garlic bread and are as fun to eat as they are filling (\$11). Hint: Eat them the traditional French way by using one mussel as a kind of chopstick to pull out the meat from inside the shells of all the other mussels.

Pair this with a 2001 Pouilly Fuisse from the Chateau de Beauregard in France, distinguished by its attractive nose of delicate flowers, creamy finish and balance on the palate (\$10 glass/42.00 bottle) and you have a complete and very reasonable meal.

Jilly's serves a number of delicious and thoughtfully-prepared salads. Try the field greens with blue cheese and toasted walnuts kicked up a notch by the slices of Anjou pear poached in red wine with ginger and peppercorns, then served with the poaching liquid's red wine and raspberry vinaigrette (\$8).

The herb-marinated rack of lamb has been a Jilly's Cafe special for 25 years. Served dripping with juices and a heady scent of rosemary, it is complemented by blue cheese whipped potatoes and crunchy asparagus for a meal that is remarkably upscale and

homey at the same time (\$32).

Another can't-lose selection is the delicate and savory breast of duck and confit leg in savory plum ginger sauce. It's served with tangy Asian slaw atop a fluffy wild rice pancake (\$24).

And, of course, no self-respecting country French kitchen would exist without bouillabaisse, the traditional Provençal fish stew. Bursting with jumbo scallops, shrimp, mussels and market fish, it infused with garlic, saffron and white wine, and offered with crusty bread for dipping (\$24).

Seven desserts rotate daily. Don't miss the decadently-rich chocolate lava cake with wild berries (\$6).

This terrific, unpretentious French country bistro which doesn't require a special occasion to feel like a special occasion is going to be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Sept. 15 with a 5-Course Prix Fixe menu (\$52). A separate fixed menu selection will also run all month long.

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Evanston, Housewives Antonia and Margherita, fed up with high prices in the supermarket, take matters into their own hands and "liberate" some items from the local grocery store. Keen to hide their light-fingered antics from their hot-headed moralist husbands - not to mention the police - the women are forced to resort to more and more inventive hiding places. Performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$20 for senior citizens; \$15 for students. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"Mass Appeal," presented through Sept. 19 by The Passion Theatre, at Euclid Avenue United Methodist Church, 405 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park. The production stars Jerry Miller, recently retired pastor of Edison Park United Methodist Church. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. Father Farley, pastor of a prosperous Catholic congregation, has started to make compromises in his ministry to maintain a privileged existence with fine wines and trips abroad. Sparks fly when he takes Mark Dolson, an idealistic seminarian, under his wing as a deacon. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for senior citizens and students; with a \$13 rate for groups of 10 or more. Call (773) 426-1168 for tickets.

"A Pinch of Sage," presented by the senior citizen performance troupe Still

Acting Up! at 2 p.m. Oct. 13, 17, 20 and 24 and 8 p.m. Oct. 16 and 23 at the Devonshire Center, 4400 Greenwood St., Skokie. Tickets: \$13 in advance, \$14 at the door; \$11/\$12 for seniors; \$6 for children under 12. \$9 per person for groups of 20 or more. For tickets, call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400.

"QED," a play about physicist Richard Feynman, will be presented in a theater-in-the-round setting Sept. 23-Oct. 10 at Northwestern University's Jerome B. Cohen Commons (fourth floor) of the Technological Institute, 2145 Sheridan Road, Evanston. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays. Panel discussions after each performance will feature the play's actors as well as Northwestern faculty from various fields sharing interdisciplinary perspectives of the play and Feynman. Admission is free. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling (847) 324-3298 or by visiting www.etopia.northwestern.edu.

"She Loves Me," Sept. 14-Nov. 21 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glenview. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Added matinees at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 13 and Nov. 17. No 6 p.m. show on Oct. 17 or Nov. 21. Post-show discussions held every Wednesday, starting Sept. 29. Tickets: \$45-\$70. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writers-theatre.org.

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Correction

For tickets to Passion Theatre's "Mass Appeal," call (773) 426-1168 or visit www.euclid-umc.org. An incorrect phone number ran in the Sept. 2 edition. The show - a two-person play about the relationship between Father Farley, the pastor of a wealthy Catholic congregation, and Mark Dolson, an idealistic seminarian - runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 19 at Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, 405 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park.

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Storytelling explores dark side of fairy tales

'Grimm's Grimmest: The Darker Side of Fairy Tales'
 Judith Heineman and Daniel Marcotte at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at 7574 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$5 minimum donation, includes refreshments. Recommended for teens and adults. (847) 677-3334; www.ethicalhumanist.org.

By **LILLI KUZMA**
 Contributor

The typical fairy tale begins with "once upon a time" and ends with "and they lived happily ever after." But, for some of the Grimm fairy tales, that would only result from editing the darker content to keep them "child friendly." Turns out that the brothers Grimm lived up to their name, and the "true" versions of some popular fairy tales are bloody and dark with a decidedly unhappy ending. "It's the dark German concept of life," said Daniel Marcotte.

Marcotte is a musician who performs in collaboration with storyteller, Judith Heineman. Together they present stories along with music, improv and creative lyrics.

Marcotte and Heineman will perform "Grimm's Grimmest: The Darker Side of Fairy Tales" on Sept. 11 at the Ethical Humanist Society's Second

Saturday Coffeehouse event in Skokie. The show will be hosted by another accomplished storyteller, Vicki Elberfeld, who has been the coordinator of the Second Saturday Coffeehouse series for the past five years.

"This is adult-oriented, recommended for age 14 and over, as it is pretty gruesome — stories about beheadings, an ogre who eats people. But there's also humor," Elberfeld said.

"It's delicious, wicked fun," said Heineman. "We love to make the audience squirm. Our storytelling is unique, as it is a blend of storytelling and music, with Daniel's creative lyrics."

"Our show isn't gratuitous gore, but covers topics like cannibalism, matricide, and patricide," said Marcotte. "In 'The Juniper Tree,' a step-mother beheads her stepson then cooks him in a stew which (is eaten) by the father."

Marcotte teaches music and band at St. Scholastica in Woodridge, and is also Music Director for the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Wisconsin.

"I love music from the Renaissance, it's so natural, such a great system of composition. I take music

from the past to the present and am creative with it," Marcotte said.

Heineman and Marcotte have been performing together for over 10 years, beginning at the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, where the Chicago Storytelling Guild has met for 14 years. Heineman is the guild's co-founder and president.

In 2009, Heineman received a Sage Award from the City of Chicago for her work in promoting the International Art of Storytelling.

For the Grimm show, Heineman plans to create an atmosphere for the bloody tales.

"I will bring fabric and skull mugs, we will wear black," she said.

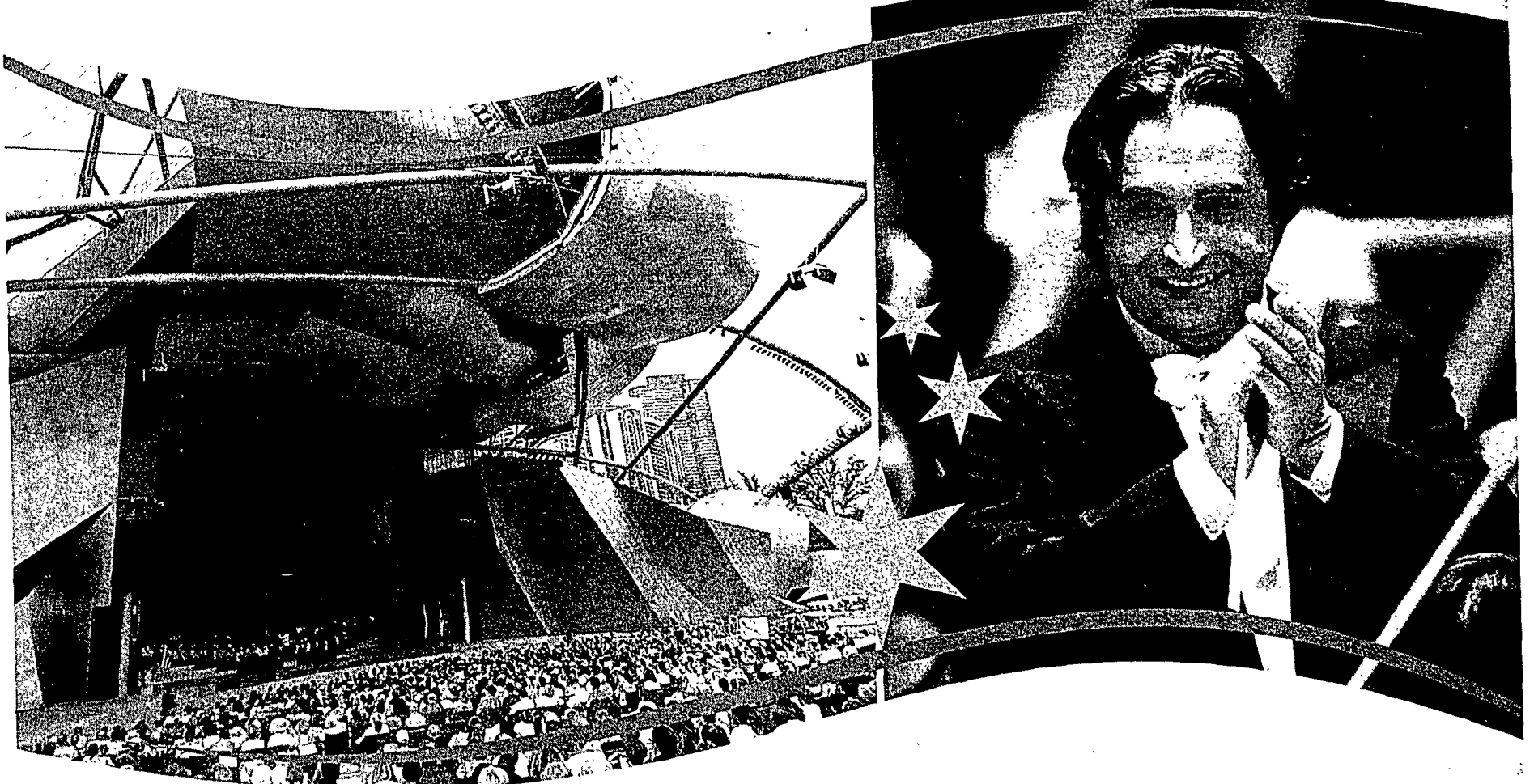
The audience will be expected to join in on "bloody choruses."

"The audience is a partner in shaping the story," Heineman said. "It's never the same performance, as the audience influences us — some are ridiculously well-educated (on Grimm). This is much more than a performance. It is an exploration of bringing the stories to life in a tongue-in-cheek way. It's lurid fun."

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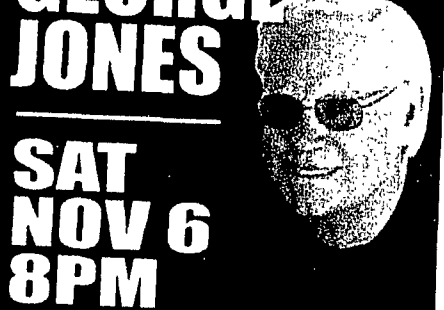
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"Suicide, Incorporated," through Oct. 10 at The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. Performances at 7:30 p.m., Fridays; 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturdays; and 2:30 p.m., Sundays. Tickets: \$25-\$30. Call (773) 283-7071 or visit www.thegifttheatre.org.

"The Sunshine Boys" will be presented Sept. 18-Oct. 3 by James Downing Theatre at Edison Park United Methodist Church's John Waldron Arts Center, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago. For years, the comedy team of Al Lewis and Willie Clark worked together successfully in vaudeville, but the partners broke up after a bitter disagreement. When they are invited to reprise their act for a TV special, Willie's nephew Ben tries to get the estranged partners back together for one last performance. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 1:30 p.m., Sundays. Tickets: \$20 for general admission; \$15 for senior citizens and students; group rates available at \$13 per person for groups of 10 or more. Call (224) 725-3696 or visit www.jamesdowningtheatre.typepad.com. Subscriptions for the five-show 2010-11 season are currently on sale, through Oct. 3, at \$55 for adults and \$40 for seniors and students. The season will also include "Sleepwalk," Nov. 6-21; "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Feb. 19-March 6, 2011; "The Rainmaker," April 30-May 15, 2011; and the world

premiere of "Parish Play," June 17-25, 2011. "Three Sisters," Oct. 16-Nov. 21 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Curtain at 7:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday; 2:30 p.m., Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$15 for previews, Oct. 16-17. Call (847) 866-8049 or visit www.piventheatre.org.

"Unveiled," by Rohina Malik, presented by Next Theatre Sept. 10-19 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. Five Muslim women in a post-9/11 world serve tea and uncover what lies beneath the veil in this one-woman show. Performances at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m., Sundays. Tickets are \$20 with subscriber and student discounts available. Visit www.nexttheatre.org or call (847) 475-1875, ext. 2.

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www.arsviva.org. Tickets: \$39-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students. Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m.: "Fiddler on the Roof." The program includes Samuel Barber: "School for Scandal" Overture; Samuel Barber: Symphony No. 1 in One Movement; John Williams: Excerpts from "Fiddler on the Roof"; and Leonard Bernstein: Symphonic Dances from "West Side Story."

Baroque Band, a period-instrument orchestra, performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490

Chicago Ave., Evanston. Single tickets are \$35; \$30 senior citizens; \$15 students. Call (312) 235-2368 or visit www.baroqueband.org, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.: "Hell's Angels - Masters of the Violin." The program includes Corelli: Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 1; Locatelli: Concerto Grosso Op. 1, No. 1; Torelli: Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 3; Tartini: Concerto Grosso in G Major.

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 \$12 for students. For tickets, call (773) 755-1628 or see www.chicagoacappella.org, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.: "Tastes of Paradise: Music for Pleasures of the Palate." The program includes a medieval drinking song, J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata, contemporary song cycles by Bob Chilcott ("Fragments from his Dish") and Oak Park composer Paul Carey ("Play With Your Food!"), and jazz standards "Black Coffee" and "Java Jive." Music director Patrick Sinozich will be joined by "Wine Goddess" Diana Hamann for a free pre-concert chat at 7:30 p.m.

The Chicago Chamber Choir presents "Songs of War and Peace" with the Milwaukee Choral Artists at 4 p.m., Oct. 24 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 for students and groups of 10 or more. Call (312) 409-6890 or visit www.chicagochamberchoir.org.

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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 \$20-\$75, Oct. 10: "Rachmaninov Russian Feast." Guest conductor Robert Trevino leads the orchestra in Rachmaninov's Second Symphony and pianist Julia Siciliano will perform Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto.

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago will host a season overview presented by Jesse Gram, audience education manager for Lyric Opera of Chicago, at 3 p.m., Sept. 26 at St. Mark's Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Cost

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LuKin Hall at Northwestern University, 700 University Place, Evanston, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.: NU alumni Laura Kanoski, Paula Brusky and Ingrid Keller will present the world premiere of "Persist To Subsist Through Inconsistent Hostile Skin," for soprano, bassoon and piano, by Australian composer Hayden Woolf. The program also includes works by Chabrier, Brahms and Debussy. Admission is free.

Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414. www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$38, \$45, \$60, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.: "Welcome to All the Pleasures." The program includes Henry Purcell's "Ode to St. Cecilia" and "Dido and Aeneas."

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org, Sept. 12, 3 p.m.: Quintet Attacca and pianist Mark George present Mozart's Piano Quintet and works by Piazzolla, D'Rivera and Ewazen. \$25; \$15 senior citizens; \$10 students. Oct. 10, 3 p.m.: Brazilian Music Festival, featuring MIC ensemble-in-residence Orquestra de Samba. The student dancers and percussionists of the Evanston Escola de Samba will kick off the event with a samba performance, followed by ODS's concert program featuring the music of Brazilian composers Pixinguinha, Antonio Carlos Jobim and Heitor Villa



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The Orion Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Music Institute of Chicago's Nichols Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. The program includes Robert Schumann's Fantasy Pieces for Clarinet and Piano, Op. 73, in honor of the composer's 200th birthday; Astor Piazzolla's tango-influenced Four Sea-

sons of Buenos Aires for Violin, Cello and Piano (1965); and Ludwig Van Beethoven's Trio in C Minor for Violin, Viola and Cello, Op. 9, No. 3. Tickets: \$26; \$23 senior citizens; \$10 students; free for children 12 and younger. Call (630) 628-9591 or visit www.orionensemble.org.

Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.: "Eclectic Mix," with flute soloist Caroline Pittman. The program includes Von Weber: "Euryanthe" Overture; Faure: Fantasy for Flute and Chamber Orchestra; Carpenter: "Sea Drift"; and Schumann: Symphony #3 (Rhenish).

Rembrandt Chamber Players perform in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Call (312) 360-3145 or visit www.rembrandtchamberplayers.org. Oct. 3, 3 p.m.: "Bach to the Future," with works by C.P.E. Bach, Dohnanyi, Poutenc and Brahms. \$37.50. The fall benefit gala, "From Bach to Bacchus," will be held at 5:30 p.m. at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$125. Renovo String Orchestra presents "Viva Italia," a concert of works by prominent Italian composers including Ottorino Respighi, Gioachino Rossini, Giacomo Puccini and Gaetano Donizetti, at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of

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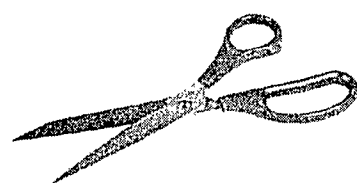
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Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Cat Chal, a pre-concert conversation with director Matthew Cataldi and program annotator Robert McConnell, is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 for seniors; \$10 for students. Call (773) 312-9936 or visit www.renovostings.org.
S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Sept. 21, 8 p.m.: Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, with pianist Reiko Uchi-da. The program includes works by Beethoven, Debussy, Gershwin, Wagner and others. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$35 for reserved table seating.

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Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. The information line is (847) 635-6601. Oct. 29: Shakira. Tickets are \$9.50, \$39.50, \$69.50, \$99.50, \$149.50.

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. Sept. 12, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. Sept. 18, 10 p.m.: The Mudhounds. Oct. 2, 10 p.m.: Bluegrass Advocates.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. Sunday music is from 5-9 p.m.; Thursday music is from 7-11 p.m.; Friday-Saturday music is from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Sept. 10: Tony Smith Show (Motown). \$5. Sept. 11: Charles & Co. Limbo Dance Party. \$5. Sept. 12 and 26: Connie Marshall and Johnny Gabor. Sept. 14 and 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.: Amy Yassinger Trio (jazz/pop). Sept. 17: Renditions ('50s-'70s). \$5. Sept. 18: Ronnie Ross Show. No cover. Sept. 19: Pianist and singer Marc Pompe. Sept. 22, 8:30-10:30 p.m.: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo. \$10. Sept. 24: Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones ('50s-'60s rock). \$5. Sept. 25: The Meteors (oldies). \$5.

Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org. Sept. 11: Bard Dan Marcolle and storyteller Judith Heineman present "Grimm's Grimmest: The Darker Side of Fairytales," for older teens and adults. Performance follows 8 p.m. open mic (7:30 p.m. sign-up, all genres, all acoustic). \$5 includes refreshments.

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonssteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp Trio. InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.icohare.com/montrose_room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, featuring music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover, unless noted otherwise. Sept. 10: Night People

and Haymarket Riot. Sept. 17: Moose and I Am Disconnected. Sept. 24: The Why Store.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Sept. 10: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore. Sept. 11: Mulligan Stew. Sept. 17: Gerry Haughey. Sept. 24: Sullivan Brothers. Sept. 25: Arthur Guinness Day Music Festival with Gaelic Storm, Seven Nations, Kevin Flynn & the Avondale Ramblers, The City of Chicago Pipe Band and the Irish Music School of Chicago. Tickets are \$10-\$15.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.: Jazz by the Marcus Roberts Trio. \$25; \$15 for senior citizens; \$10 for students.

Pinstripes Bowling, Bocce and Bistro, 1150 Willow Road, Northbrook. www.pinstripes.com. (847) 480-2323. Live blues and jazz from 7-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. No cover. Sept. 10 and 18: Audley Reid. Sept. 11: Thomas Bradford. Sept. 17: Ray Silkman. Sept. 24: Skinny Williams. Sept. 25: Eddie Eisenberg. Q2, 1625 Hinman Ave., Evanston. www.quincerestaurant.net. Q2Nite live jazz performance series - artists perform sets at 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. and admission is free with a two-drink minimum. Sept. 16: Jazz pianist and vocalist Steve Rashid with guitarist and mandolin player Don Stierberg. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call

(847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Sept. 10, 8 p.m.: Anne Harris (folk/pop). Sept. 12, 2 p.m.: Gospel Jubilee. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Sept. 15, 1:30 p.m.: Jack Muccio presents "Crooners of Broadway." Sept. 17, 8 p.m.: Jimmy Niteclub in "Music of Bobby Darin and Hits of the Sixties." Sept. 19, 2 p.m.: "Streetcorner Symphony," starring Layne "Doc" LaPage. Sept. 19, 7 p.m.: Johnny Gabor and the Two Divas (Connie Marshall and Ann Marie) present "A Night on the Town." Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m.: Rob Dorn's "Got Gershwin." Sept. 24, 8 p.m.: "Collaborations," starring Jai Beckley (jazz/pop). Sept. 26, 2 p.m.: Kimber Leigh stars in "Broads of Broadway." Sept. 29, 1:30 p.m.: Marcus Gentry's "Stand By Me: Fifties Songbook."

S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Shows at 8 p.m., unless noted otherwise. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: in advance; at the door; and reserved table seating. Sept. 10, 7 p.m.: Anais Mitchell (folk). \$10/\$14. Sept. 10, 10 p.m.: Devon Allman's Honeytribe (blues/rock). \$12/\$15. Sept. 11: Chris Smither. \$18/\$22. Sept. 14: An Evening with Jeff Daniels. \$25/\$30. Sept. 15: Raul Midon. \$18/\$22. Sept. 16: Dan Hicks & the Hot Licks (cowboy/folk/jazz). \$25/\$30. Sept. 17: John Gorka (folk). \$20/\$24. Sept. 18: Brendan James. \$12/\$15. Sept. 19: Michelle Shocked (rock). \$20/\$25. Sept. 20: Uncle Lucius (southern rock). \$10/\$15. Sept. 22: Chris Pureka (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. Sept. 23: Pat

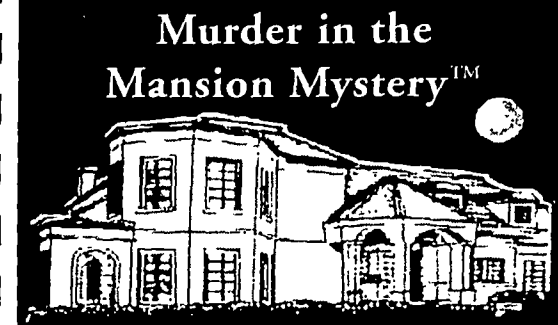
McGee. \$20/\$25. Sept. 24, 7 p.m.: Andrew Ripp and Caitlin Crosby. \$10/\$14. Sept. 24, 10 p.m.: Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars. \$17/\$18. Sept. 26: Al Day Trio and Steve Rashid (folk/jazz). \$15/\$20. Sept. 28: Stanton Moore Trio, featuring Anders Osborne (funk). \$25/\$30. Sept. 29: Preston Reed (fingerstyle guitar). \$12/\$15. Sept. 30: John Coltrane birthday tribute (jazz). \$15/\$20. Oct. 1: Graham Parker (rock). \$25/\$30. Oct. 5: Jason Reeves. \$12/\$15. Oct. 6: Ruthie Foster (folk/blues). \$17/\$20. Oct. 7: Maria Muldaur. \$20/\$25. Oct. 9: Willy Porter with the Carpe Diem String Quartet (folk). \$25/\$30. Oct. 10: Guitar Master with Eric Johnson, Andy McKee and Peppino D'Agostino. \$35/\$40. Oct. 12: Johnny A (rock). \$15/\$20. Oct. 13: Brandi Carlile with Katie Herzig. \$36/\$41. Oct. 14: Edie Carey and Rose Cousins (rock). \$12/\$15. Oct. 15: Bonnie Koloc (folk). \$20/\$25. Oct. 16: Chuck Prophet (alt country). \$12/\$15. Oct. 19: Guitarist Leo Kottke (Americana). \$35/\$40. Oct. 20: Al Stewart. \$17/\$20. Oct. 22: Tyrone Wells with Andrew Belle (pop/rock). \$15/\$18. Oct. 25: Tyler Hilton and Josiah Leming (rock). \$12/\$15. Oct. 26: An Evening with Dar Williams (folk). \$30/\$35. Oct. 27: Marshall Crenshaw. \$17/\$20. Oct. 28: Tristan Prettyman. \$14/\$18. Oct. 29: The Subdudes (rock/Americana). \$30/\$35. Oct. 30, 10 p.m.: The Weepies (folk rock). \$20/\$25. Nov. 3: Eden Brent (blues). \$12/\$15. Nov. 4: Jay Farrar (rock). \$20/\$25. Nov. 6, 7 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues featuring Rollo Radford (blues). \$25/\$30. Nov. 7, 7 p.m.: Kat Eggleston and Kate MacLeod (folk).

\$12/\$15. Nov. 11: TFD: Tony Lucca, Jay Nash, Matt Duke. \$12/\$15. Nov. 12: Mindy Smith (country). \$18/\$22. Nov. 13, 10 p.m.: Tab Benoit (blues/rock). \$20/\$25. Nov. 14: The Chapin Sisters and The Pines (indie folk). \$10/\$12. Nov. 15: Melissa Manchester. \$25/\$30. Nov. 18: Guitarist Pete Huttlinger. \$15/\$20. Nov. 19: Bill Frisell's Disfinger Project (jazz/guitar). \$15/\$20.

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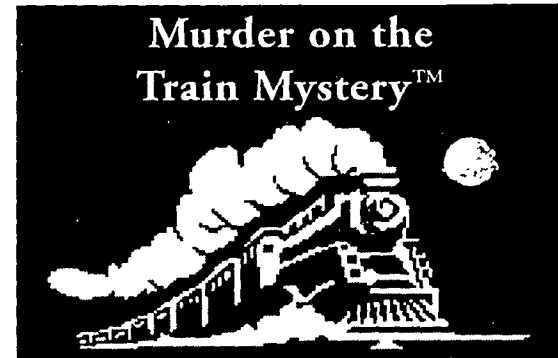
As You Like It Gallery, 825-B Chicago Ave., second floor, Evanston. (847) 864-3101. www.asyoulikeitsalon.net. Through October: "Coalescence," featuring interior landscapes on paper and canvas by Evanston artist Patt Murray. Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.block-museum.northwestern.edu. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. Sept. 24-Dec. 12: "Leon Golub: Live & Die Like a Lion?," featuring late drawings by the American artist, in the main gallery. Sept. 30, 7 p.m.: "Late Works Are the Catastrophes" will be screened at Block Cinema. The documentary examines how Leon Golub's later works focused not merely on images of violence and oppression but on darker aspects of the human condition. Oct. 20, 6 p.m.: Leon Golub's

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Process and Practice. Samm Kuncz, Golub's studio manager, will discuss the artist's working methods. Nov. 11, 6 p.m.: Gallery Talk. Brett Littman, executive director of the Drawing Center, New York, and curator of "Leon Golub: Live & Die Like a Lion?," leads an in-gallery discussion of the exhibition. Sept. 24-Dec. 12: "Shirin Neshat: Rapture," a video and sound installation by the Iranian-born and U.S.-based photographer, video artist and filmmaker, in the Alsdorf Gallery. Oct. 16, 2 p.m.: Hamid Dabashi on Shirin Neshat: Films and Discussion. Dabashi will introduce a screening of Neshat's best short works and lead a discussion afterward. Nov. 13, 2 p.m.: Eduardo Cadava, professor of English, Princeton University, and Ranjanna Khanna, Margaret Taylor Smith Director of Women's Studies, Duke University, discuss the treatment of oppression in the artwork of Golub and Neshat.

Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road. www.evanstonartcenter.org. (847) 475-5300. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Sept. 26-Nov. 7: "Through the Looking Glass." Opening reception from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 26.

Noyes Cultural Arts Center Gallery, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. (847) 448-8260. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. Sept. 12-Nov. 30: "Life After." works by Nnenna Okore, a Nigerian-born sculptor working with woven fiber and recycled materials. Artist's reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 19. Sept. 13-19: An exhibit will be presented by Jump-Start Art. Reception from 3-5 p.m. Sept. 19.

Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Oct. 15: "Fragments of Color: George Stahl," works by German artist Georg A. Stahl (1903-1982). The exhibit features post-World War II paintings by the artist who fled to the Netherlands in 1930 to escape Hitler's "cultural purification" politics. Perspective Group and Photography Gallery, 1315-1/2B Chicago Ave., Evanston. Gallery hours are noon-6 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays; noon-8 p.m. Fridays; and noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Through Sept. 26: "Michigan Avenue at Night" by Jeffrie Chirchirillo and "The Veneto: From One Hundred And Thirty-Five Degrees" by David Schachman. Simply Chicago Art, 1318 Oakton St., Evanston. (847) 864-0716. www.simplychicagoart.com. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays; 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Through Sept. 26: Oil paintings by Peter Wolf and fiber art by Shelley Brucar and the Fiber Artists Coalition.

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a musical performance group at Oakton Community College. will be held from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 13 and 15 in Room 1360 at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road. Music is provided, and candidates also may perform a prepared selection. The ensemble performs classical, jazz and contemporary music arranged for six pianos. For more information, contact Glenna Sprague at (847) 635-1905 or gsprague@oakton.edu.

The Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra announces auditions for the 2010-11 season. The SVSO is a 65-plus piece community orchestra of non-professionals with selected professional support. The orchestra presents four or five concerts a year of demanding standard orchestral repertoire at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie. Rehearsals are held at the Center from 7:30-10 p.m. several Thursdays from September through May, with additional Monday rehearsals the week of a concert. The orchestra has a paid opening for principal bass. The orchestra also has unpaid openings for flute/piccolo, oboe, English horn, French horn, contrabassoon (must have own instrument) and in all string sections. Previous orchestral experience is preferred. All interested players must audition. Auditions will be held the week of Sept. 13. For audition repertoire and to schedule an audition time, contact Leslie Brodie at info@svso.org or (847) 679-9501, ext. 3014.

The Oakton String Ensemble is recruiting violin, viola, cello, and double bass players with experience. Those interested in joining a serious, mixed-level group may audition by appointment. Weekly rehearsals are held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays. The Oakton String Ensemble is directed by Daniel Golden, principal viola of the Lake Forest Symphony and a member of the Ars Viva Symphony and Chicago Philharmonic. For information, contact Golden at (847) 635-1937 or dgolden@oakton.edu.

SINGERS

Petite Opera Productions seeks northwest suburban area children, ages 8-14, to play the starving Gingerbread children's chorus in its November production of "Hansel and Gretel" in Park Ridge. The chorus is split into two soprano lines, and sings in harmony. Both boys and girls should have good soprano voices, be able to sustain their vocal part against a harmony line, be able to learn music quickly, and be 5'5" tall or under at the time of the production. Ability to read music is a plus. Auditions will be held, by appointment only, from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Beyer Auditorium, 306 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Children should prepare the specific section of the Gingerbread chorus selection provided online at www.petiteopera.org. To request an appointment, call (847) 553-4442 or send an e-mail to petiteopera@gmail.com. Park Ridge Chorale will begin rehearsals for its holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at 720 Garden St., Park Ridge. Tryouts will also be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 and 20, or by appointment. For information, call Kyle Cartwright, (847) 825-5499. The Northwest Choral Society of Park

Ridge invites experienced singers to audition to join the organization. Seeking basses, tenors, altos and sopranos with previous choral experience. 17 years of age or older. For information, visit www.nwchoralsociety.org.

The Evanston Children's Choir is seeking youth in grades 2-12 for its 2010-11 season. ECC singers learn songs from many different cultures, traditions and styles, in multiple languages, in a supportive and friendly atmosphere. The choir performs in venues such as the Rosemont Theatre, Evanston's Alice Millar Chapel, and the Harris Theater in Chicago's Millennium Park, and in concerts at Evanston community centers and public schools. Fall semester 2010 rehearsals are held at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center in Evanston. Main/Concert Choir rehearses at 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 7; Junior Choirs rehearse at 4:15 p.m. Mondays or Fridays, beginning Sept. 10 or 13. All new singers must audition for placement. To schedule an audition appointment, contact director Gary Geiger at (847) 733-0814 or gary@evanstonchildrenschoir.org. For information, visit www.evanstonchildrenschoir.org.

North Shore Choral Society, a 140-plus voice volunteer chorus celebrating its 75th anniversary, will hold auditions at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road, Evanston. New singers and former NSCS members from before the 2009-10 year should contact NSCS at (773) 741-6727 or send an e-mail to auditions@northshorechoral.org. Chorus rehearsals are held from 7:30-9:45 p.m. Tuesdays at Trinity Lutheran Church. The chorus will present three concerts under the direction of Julia Davids for its 2010-11 season. NSCS will also be part of the Evanston Symphony Orchestra's production of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on March 13, 2011, 2nd Pick-Staiger Concert Hall. For information, visit www.northshorechoral.org.

The Evanston Symphony Festival Chorus. Sue Young, director, is now recruiting for its sixth annual "An Evanston Symphony Christmas" concert, to be held Dec. 5. Rehearsals are held in Evanston and will begin in October. Interested singers may contact Cathy Carr at cathy.carr@carrconsulting.net or visit www.evanstonsymphony.org. Chicago Metro men's chorus rehearses at 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Sokol Community Center, 4855 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. New members welcome. Call (847) 208-6055 or visit chicagometrochorus.com.

The Northwest Choral Society invites experienced singers to audition for its 45th anniversary 2010-11 season, which will include three concert programs. Auditions are held from 7-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday before rehearsals at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker/Dempster St., Des Plaines. Audition requirements are very relaxed. Be prepared to discuss prior musical experience and vocalize. To schedule an audition, call (224) 585-9127 or visit www.nwchoralsociety.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 Candice Crane, 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. Visit www.skokiechoir.org or call (847) 674-3219.

The Youth Choral Theater of Chicago will hold auditions through Sept. 30 for boys and girls from kindergarten through 12th grade for its 2010-11 performance season. The choir offers vocal instruction under the direction of educator/composer Paul Caldwell. Weekly singing classes in Wilmette and Glenview begin Sept. 12. To schedule a voice placement interview, call (847) 535-9873 or e-mail choraltheater@sbcglobal.net. For information, visit www.youthchoraltheater.org.

DANCERS

The 30th annual Carey Rose Winski Dance Scholarship Competition will be held Oct. 3 at Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. The competition is open to any dancer, male or female, between the ages of 13 and 18. Competitors participate in a one-hour classical warm-up class and perform two three-minute solos, one in classical ballet (en pointe for girls) and one in any eclectic style, including jazz, modern or character (no tap). For an application, write to The Carey Rose Winski Memorial Foundation Inc., 69 Woodley Road, Winnetka IL 60093.

ARTISTS

St. Eugene Church, Foster and Canfield, Chicago, is seeking crafters for its craft, rummage and bake sale, to be

held Oct. 9. Tables are \$20. For an application, call (708) 583-9359.

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School is seeking crafters for its 30th annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show. To be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 at the school, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Entry fee is \$60. Application deadline is Oct. 15. For application form, call (708) 453-6233 or visit www.guerinprep.org.

Seeking vendors, artists and craftsmen for a holiday boutique to be held from 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at Ezra Habonim the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie. Call the synagogue office at (847) 675-4141 or e-mail Judy@tscorp.com.

The Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, seeks participants for its boutique and craft show, to be held Nov. 20-21 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Park Ridge. Space rental is \$20-\$80, plus 10% of sales. Call (847) 823-0920 (evenings). Application deadline is Nov. 12.

BOOKS & POETRY

Barnes & Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. Oct. 19, 7 p.m.: Jennifer Donnelly signs her new novel, *Revolution*. The Book Stall at Chestnut Court, 811 Elm St., Winnetka. (847) 446-8880. www.thebookstall.com. Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.: Louise Knight speaks about her new book, *Jane Addams: Spirit in Ac-*

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tion. Sept. 13, 7 p.m.: Cynthia Morrison Phoel discusses her new book, Cold Snap: Bulgaria Stories. Ezra Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, (847) 675-4141, Oct. 12, 7:30 p.m.: Kenneth N. Green will discuss and sign his book, I'm From Division Street.

CHILD'S PLAY

Auditions for Disney's "Aristocats Kids" will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 11 at the North Shore Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. For information, call (847) 674-2216.

Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, (847) 832-6600. www.kohlchildrensmuseum.org. Hours: 9:30 a.m.-noon Mondays; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Special members-only hours from 9-9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday. Admission is \$8.50; \$7.50 for senior citizens; free for children under 1. Through Sept. 26: "Smokey Bear and Woody Owl: Home Sweet Home," an interactive attraction designed for children ages birth to 8. Smokey and Woody, the United States Forest Service's most well-known mascots, will encourage families to spend time together outdoors, and inspire children to discover and care for the natural resources that sustain our world. Oct. 19-Feb. 5, 2011: "Curious George: Let's Get Curious!" Based on the familiar characters in H.A. and Margaret Rey's classic stories, the Curious George exhibit allows young children to explore science, math and engineering through hands-on interactive play. Grand opening of the exhibit will be at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 19, with a ribbon-cutting and an appearance by Curious George and the Man in the Yellow Hat.

Jodi Koplin's Jigglejammer classes, for children ages 6 months to 3 years and their parents, feature guitar, percussion instruments and puppets to introduce children to music. Ongoing classes available in Park Ridge. Call (847) 236-9235 or visit www.jigglejam-productions.com.

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 11 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. Sept. 11: Mini-tips. Sept. 18: Baskets. Sept. 25: Felish bracelets. Niles Public Library District, 6960 Oakton St., Niles, (847) 663-6405.

www.nileslibrary.org. Mondays, 11 a.m.: Babytime, for children ages 2 and under, accompanied by an adult. The continuous year-round drop-in program includes stories, songs, fingerplays and playtime. Thursdays, 10 a.m.: Rise & Shine Storytime for children ages 2-6, accompanied by an adult. Play On will hold auditions for "It's the Holidays, Charlie Brown," for children in grades K-8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Rehearsals will be mostly Saturday late afternoons. Performances the week of Nov. 8. Those cast pay a \$200 fee. E-mail for audition appointment info@playonitd.com or call (847) 337-9614.

COMEDY

The Heartland Café, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, (773) 465-8005. Sept. 24, 10 p.m.: Comedy performance by Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman, author of My Husband the Stranger. Still Dating and Still Single. \$5 cover. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. Oct. 22-24, 7 p.m.: George Lopez and Bryan Kellen. \$59.50, \$67. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie theatre.com. Sept. 11, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: The Steve Cochran Show, with Patti Vasquez and John DaCosse. \$25 in advance; \$35 at the door.

DANCE

Chicago Dance Chapter of USA Dance, the national organization representing amateur ballroom dancers. Lesson begins at 7:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:15-11 p.m. Admission: \$8 members; \$10 non-members; \$6 for students with ID. Dance music for all swing, Latin and ballroom dances. Partners not required - singles welcome. Beginning dancers encouraged. For information, call (847) 577-9014 or visit www.usadancechicago.org. Sept. 11: "Pulse of Miami," featuring the cha cha, at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison Franklin Park.

Chicago's Windy City Jitterbug Club holds dances to the music of the '50s, '60s and more, from 8 p.m.-midnight at the American Legion Hall, 9757 W. Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission to club dances is \$5 for members; \$10 for nonmembers. Proper attire required; no jeans or shorts allowed. Must be 21 or older. Call (773) 467-0177 or visit www.jitterbugchicago.com. Sept. 18: Tailgatin' dance party.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month. Sept. 11-May 14, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407. Happy Twirlers Dance Club offers square dance lessons at 7 p.m. Sept. 20, 27 and Oct. 4 at the Summit Square of Uptown, 10 N. Summit, Park. First lesson is free. Call (773) 685-8407 or (847) 729-5805.

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. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

An Arts & Crafts Adventure II will be presented by American Society of Artists from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 18 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, Park Ridge. For information, call (847) 991-4748 or visit www.americanartsocietyofartists.org. Oktoberfest Celebration, Sept. 24-25 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. The event will feature bratwurst dinners, sweet table, games and nightly entertainment. On Saturday evening, Ronnie Rice, former lead singer of the New Colony Six, will provide the entertainment. Admission is \$10; \$7 for seniors; \$4 for children. For information, call (773) 775-3833.

Arthur Guinness Day Music Festival, 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sept. 25 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. Live music on the indoor Fifth Province Stage includes The Dooley Brothers from 4:30-7 p.m. and Kevin Flynn and the Avondale Ramblers from 10:30 p.m. to close. The outside stage features the Irish Music School of Chicago from 4-6 p.m.; Seven Nations from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Gaelic Storm from 9-11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call (773) 282-7035, ext. 10, or visit www.irish-american.org.

LECTURES

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, (773) 736-4050. www.portage theater.org. Sept. 9, 8 p.m.: Chicago photographer/director Jim Luning will host a screening of his film, "Route 66 - Ten Years Later." \$2. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokie theatre.com. Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m.: Northshore Short Film Festival. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door.

LECTURES

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Sept. 26, 2 p.m.: "Eugene O'Neill and the Women in His Life" presented by Beth Wynstra, a professor at Babson College in Boston. The lecture includes a reading of "Always Gene," a one-act play written by Wynstra. \$10.

North Shore Senior Center presents the 14th annual Joan Golder Distinguished Senior Lecture, "Observations on Life" presented by Ramsey Lewis, at 8 p.m. Oct. 12 at Christian Heritage Academy, 315 Waukegan Road, Northfield. A native Chicagoan and three-time Grammy award winner, Lewis will also share his musical talent. \$8; \$5 for members. For tickets, call (847) 784-6030. For information, visit www.nssc.org.

ORGANIZATIONS

The American Jewish Artists Club is now accepting applications for new artist members. The club exhibits widely in the Chicago area in museums, public venues and institutions, synagogues and community centers. Members also participate in salon discussions and art critiques, plein air painting sessions, and other activities. For information, visit www.american-jewishartistsclub.org.

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, visit www.dpag.org. Sept. 10: Thelma Cornell Spain will present a watercolor demonstration. Oct. 8: Phil Kantz will present an oil portrait demonstration. Nov. 12: Brian Sauerland will present a pastel demonstration.

International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 43 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 10 in the South Conference Room at Saint Francis Hospital, 355 Ridge Ave., Evanston. Canadian magician Shawn Farquhar. Grand Prix Interna-

tional World Champion of Close-Up Magic, will perform and explain his tricks. \$15 guest fee. For information, contact Robert K. Miller at (847) 272-3850 or miracles@magicmiller.com. Skokie Art Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For more information, visit www.skokieart-guild.org.

SINGLES

ComboSingles, comprised of Professional Social Singles and Jewish Social Singles, open to singles 21-plus. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-0666, or visit the Web site, www.combosingles.org. Sept. 12 and 26, 6:30 p.m.: Bowling at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mount Prospect. \$20 for league members. \$25 for nonmembers. Advance reservations are not required. Jewish Senior Singles Social Club meets regularly for dinners and a variety of programs. For information, call (847) 676-2872. Spares Singles Sunday Evening Club

holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park, unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Sept. 19: Music by Chuck and Friends. Oct. 3: Music by The Music Men. Oct. 17: Music by the Dick Eliot Band.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Oakton Community College offers Alliance for Lifelong Learning classes at Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston. For information or registration, visit www.oakton.edu/all or call (847) 982-9888, press 3. Sept. 21 and 28, 7-9:15 p.m.: Writing the Mystery Crime Short Story: From Idea to Production (COMC 13-001) teaches techniques and tips needed to successfully write and publish a short mystery. Course fee is \$89. Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers Chicago's Own Bob Fosse (MUS 570-6) from 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Sept. 22, at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. The course examines how the director and choreogra-

pher created a new form of dance expression for both Broadway and Hollywood. Fee for the three-week course is \$60. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emertus.

ET CETERA

BackStage Evanston, a performing arts festival highlighting more than a dozen Evanston organizations, will be held from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Northwestern University Theatre and Interpretation Center, 1949 Campus Drive, Evanston. The event will feature five-minute preview performances by Actors Gymnasium, Evanston Symphony Ensemble, Evanston Dance Orchestra, Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre, The Lakeside Singers, Light Opera Works, The Musical Offering, Music Institute of Chicago, Next Theatre, North Shore Choral Society, Northwestern University Theatre Department, Piccolo Theatre, Piven Theatre Workshop and Theatre Zarko. Admission is \$20, and all attendees will receive a \$20 voucher redeemable for special ticket offers from participating organizations. For tickets, call (847) 328-2204.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4889. www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays. Fridays: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12; \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through Jan. 2, 2011: "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race," an exhibition about the role of science in Nazi ideology. Produced by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the exhibit examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with individuals in the professions traditionally charged with healing and the public good, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide.

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- 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. Women's Business & Buyers Mart
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- 9:45 – 11:45 a.m. Launching Your Own Business:
From Dream to Reality
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- noon – 1:45 p.m. 24th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon
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- 1:45 – 5 p.m. Women's Business & Buyers Mart
(Skyline Ballroom D & E)
- 2:15 – 5 p.m. Corporate Connections
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As the first woman Chairman of the Illinois Manufacturers Association in 116 years, Janice Christiansen is also the only woman owner and president of a full-line flag and banner manufacturing company in the USA. Janice began her career at J.C. Schultz in 1975 working in various positions including outside sales, marketing and purchasing until becoming president in 1990 during a tough economic time for the company. Under her leadership, the company trademarked the brand name FlagSource, and has proudly serviced the nation with USA flags during our toughest times, including after September 11, 2001, when the company worked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to meet the greatest demand for USA flags ever experienced by our country.



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Sheila C. Johnson is CEO of Salamander Hospitality and the vice chairman and owner of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, making her the first African-American woman to have ownership in three professional sports teams, including the NBA's Washington Wizards and the NHL's Washington Capitals. Additionally, Johnson was a founding partner of BET (Black Entertainment Television) and produces documentary films including her latest, *The Other City*, about Washington DC's HIV/AIDS crisis. Johnson has been a global ambassador for CARE and sits on the boards of Americans for the Arts, the Jackie Robinson Foundation, the University of Virginia Board of Visitors, Howard University and the University of Illinois Foundation. She is also an accomplished violinist.



Brenda Loube, M.S., FAWHP

Principal and Founder, Corporate Fitness Works

For the past 22 years, Corporate Fitness Works has provided thousands of employees of major corporations, government agencies and residents of retirement communities the opportunity to engage in daily physical activity and live a healthy lifestyle through their customized fitness facility planning, design and implementation; fitness center management and evaluation; and fitness and wellness consulting. With over 36 years of experience, Brenda Loube is a noted expert who has set the standard for creating well cultures that encourage individual and corporate well being. Recently honored by WBENC (2006) for her business acumen, Brenda currently shares her expertise with a number of organizations, including serving on the Chair of the Maryland Advisory Council on Physical Fitness and the Chair of the Board of Directors for the American Breast Cancer Foundation.

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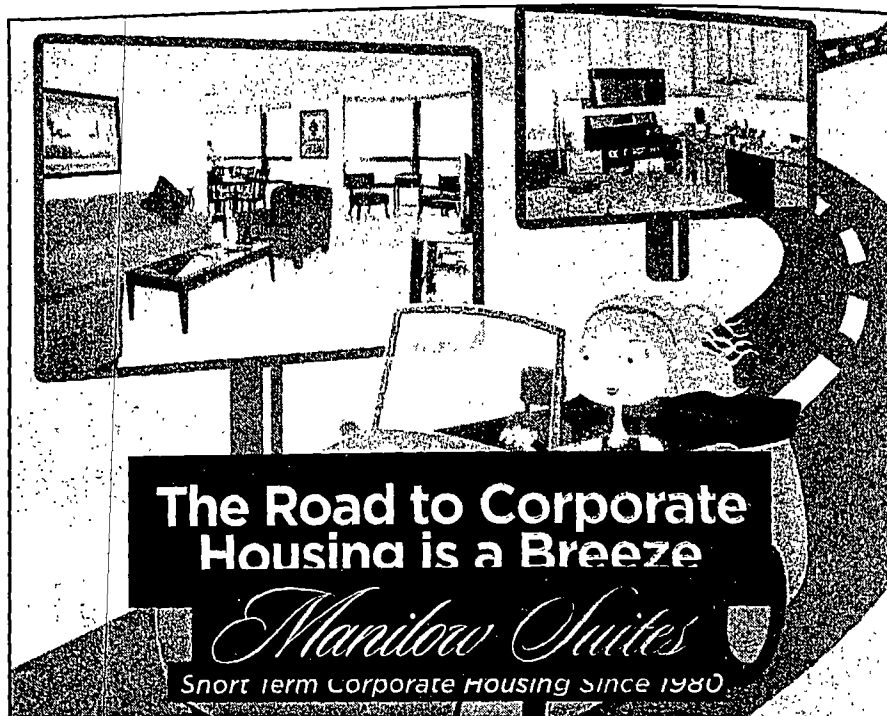


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2010 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year
Francine Manilow
President
Manilow Suites, Inc.

Francine Manilow has had a passion since childhood for finding innovative ways to improve ideas and make them profitable. In 1963, Francine became a full-time flight attendant, a post she held until 2002 while creating and running a number of successful businesses. She formed her first corporation to employ flight attendants on their days off to work exhibit booths at trade shows in 16 cities.

She formed Manilow Suites in 1980 to offer short-term corporate housing for executives, entertainers and sports figures that incorporated both hotel services and numerous amenities. Considered the pioneer of the term corporate housing, she grew the venture from seven apartments to more than 200 elegantly appointed apartments in 13 of Chicago's most prestigious and luxurious buildings. She recently expanded to the Chicago suburbs. She is a certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), and she has partnered with other WBEs to create corporate housing throughout the U.S.

For her business success, she was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame by the University of Illinois at Chicago and won the 2010 NAWBO Woman Business Owner of the Year award.



2010 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year – WBE Success
Marie L. O'Brien
President and CEO
Enterforce, Inc.

Recognized as No. 4 in the Top 50 Fastest Growing Women-Led Companies in North America by *Entrepreneur Magazine*, Marie O'Brien is the president and CEO of Enterforce, Inc., a WBENC-certified workforce consulting, talent acquisition and management company based in Milwaukee, WI. With more than 30 years of experience and expertise in the staffing and contingent workforce management industry, Marie's keen grasp of prevailing business trends is the foundation of the Enterforce Advantage Business Model targeted at Fortune 1000 companies. Marie developed an innovative model that delivers significant cost savings that result from facilitating a competitive marketplace amongst its client's staffing firms, contractors and suppliers, as well as with infrastructure tools that streamline its clients' contingent workforce systems, to revolutionize the Managed Services Provider (MSP) industry.

A recipient of numerous awards and accolades for her business acumen, Marie has received top supplier honors from both *We Energies* (2007, 2008, 2009) and *Harley-Davidson Motor Company* (2005, 2006, 2007) for supplier and workforce diversity, customer satisfaction, cost reduction, safety and innovation. She also lends her expertise to numerous organizations, including serving as an advisor on the President's Council for IMPACT Milwaukee, as a member of the Board of Trustees at Mount Mary College and as a board member of the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center, the Women's Club of Wisconsin and Catholic Memorial High School.



2010 Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year – Rising Star
Kimberlee J. Burt
Executive Director and Owner
A Child's Space

Founded in 2002, Kimberlee Burt is the owner, creator and executive director of A Child's Space Early Learning Center that provides services to more than 50 children between the ages of 6 weeks and 6 years. Located in Chicago's South Loop, A Child's Space provides services that include a preschool readiness curriculum for developmentally disabled children, hands-on cross-curricular learning, regular parent and child outings and a night and weekend care program.

After the untimely death of her sister in 1994, Kimberlee found herself helping raise her then two-year-old nephew, Marcus. Her search for childcare revealed the great and increasing need for quality childcare. Thus began her interest in early care and education. Upon completion of her master's degree in curriculum and instruction at Howard University, Kimberlee worked in the Education Division of New York based Scholastic, Inc., the world's largest publisher of children's books, then as the territory sales manager for Cook County. Kimberlee first came to the WBDC in 1999 for entrepreneurial training and business and finance counseling services. After nearly seven years with Scholastic, she took a leap of faith and began to pursue her dream of operating her own childcare center full time.



2010 Advocacy Award
Arabel Alva Rosales
President
AAR & Associates, Ltd.

Arabel Alva Rosales has been described by *Chicago* magazine as a renaissance woman because of her ability to discuss concerns on Wall Street as well as global and community issues. As the president and CEO of AAR & Associates, she oversees a technology company that utilizes technology to transform both private and public sector entities into exceptionally run organizations.

Arabel is also co-owner and managing producer of Latina Fashion Week, which will take place in Chicago in November. A former senior policy advisor to Illinois Governor Jim Edgar and the only woman to serve as Chair of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, she is currently board chair of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Illinois and serves on the Dean's Council for the DePaul College of Law. A bilingual, well-respected Latina business leader and a steadfast advocate on behalf of women and minority economic development and advancement, Arabel has received more than 30 awards and accolades for both her business acumen and commitment to giving back. She is also a board member of the WBDC, where, for the past 11 years, she has served as the Chair of the WBDC's annual Child Care Business Expo, a nationally recognized, bilingual initiative that has helped develop more than 10,000 successful businesses.



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President, Ariel Investments LLC
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in an exclusive interview with
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Melody Hobson is a nationally recognized voice on financial literacy and investor education, a regular financial contributor on ABC's *Good Morning America* and the president of Ariel Investments, a Chicago-based money management firm that serves individual investors and 401(k) plans through its no-load mutual funds and manages separate accounts for institutional clients.

As president of Ariel Investments, Melody is responsible for firm-wide management and strategic planning; overseeing all operations outside of research and portfolio management. Additionally, she serves as chair of the board of trustees for the mutual funds. Melody joined Ariel in 1991 after graduating from Princeton University where she received her bachelor's degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Relations and Public Policy.

Beyond her work in finance and investor education, Melody is actively involved with a variety of civic and professional institutions. Her community outreach includes serving as a board member of the Chicago Public Library and its foundation, The Field Museum, The Chicago Public Education Fund and The Sundance Institute. Additionally, she is on the board of governors of the Investment Company Institute. She is a director of three public companies: DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc., The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. and Starbucks Corporation.



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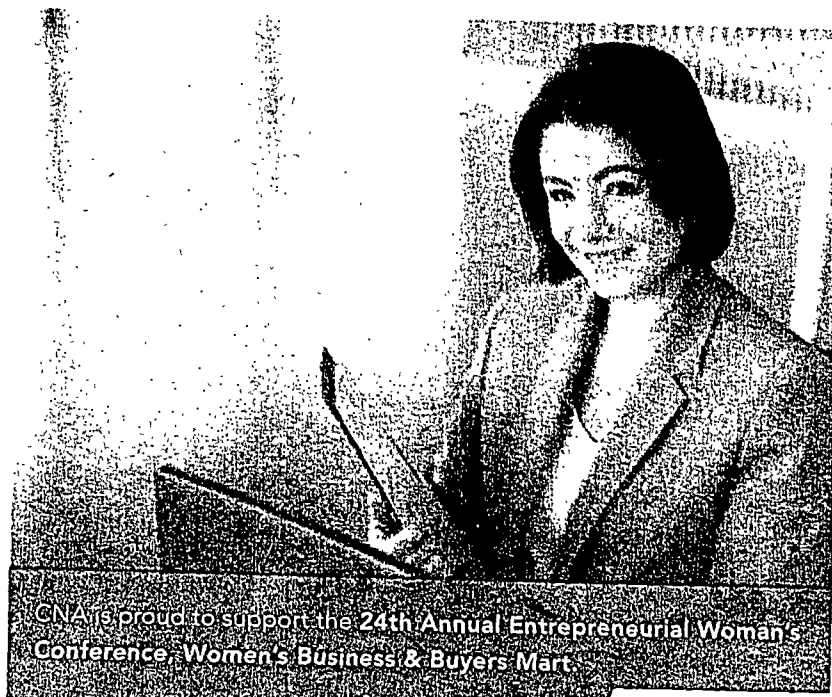


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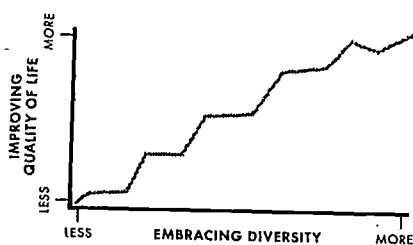
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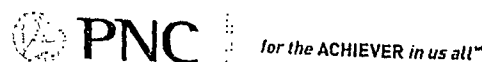
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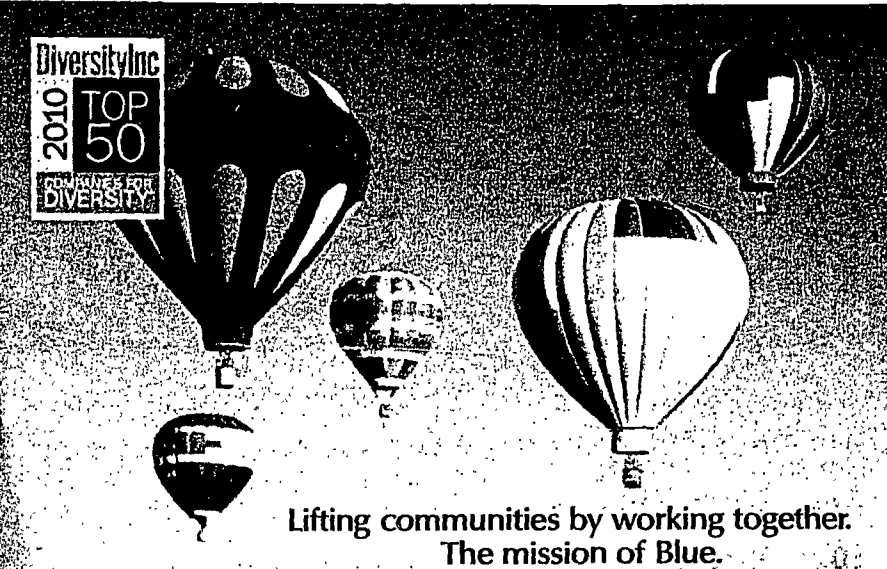
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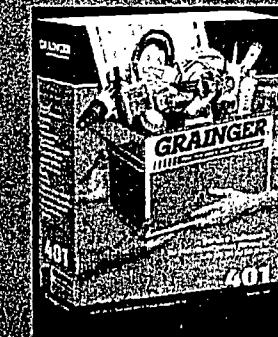


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Dodge Caravan's longevity proves it's a grand van

BY JOHN STEIN
SearchChicago Autos Editor

It's hard to believe the minivan has surpassed the quarter-century mark. The year was 1984 and aside from an unfamiliar new president (I'd never seen his movies), I distinctly remember two vehicles that made impressions on me.

Both from Dodge, the Daytona was the cool-looking coupe while the Caravan was the, well, minivan. Shining some light on the practical decision-making process of a high school senior, the Daytona barely survived my matriculation through college, while the minivan survived to see me write about it professionally when I had a family to fit in it.

A wide-eyed student just getting used to the idea of owning a car, there was little the establishment could offer me worth adopting — but the minivan, it was something different, something strange. I didn't really want one, but I remember being impressed with all the room inside one.

Turns out most of those tricked-out Chevy van owners would slowly start to turn into Car-

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2010 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

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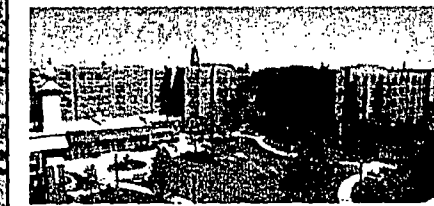
van owners. Those Daytona owners, well, they slowly started to watch "delamination" take hold and the exterior paint peel off their vehicle in sheets. Some might say we watched our president do the same.

I recently tested the Dodge Grand Caravan SXT, the top model in the iconic brand's lineup. While the SXT has all the bells and whistles, there are two lower lines that deliver great equip-

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Grand Caravan proves its staying power

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ment and outstanding value in the class. The Grand Caravan's appeal still begins with the base price of \$23,175 (SE trim) equipped with the 175-horsepower 3.3-liter V-6 engine; there is also a 197-horsepower 3.8-liter V-6 power plant.

My 2010 SXT Caravan featured the top-line 4.0-liter V-6 engine (\$530) and started out at \$26,730. Featuring a minivan first six-speed automatic transmission and an Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy rating of 17 miles per gallon city and 25 mpg highway, the Caravan delivers some exciting equipment packages in an effort to make the minivan experience a bit less vanilla.

One thing the SXT does deliver over the lower configuration is extra towing capacity. For a mere \$600, Dodge will add

a 3,000-pound towing capacity (compared to the SE's 1,800) convenient wiring harness, along with load leveling and height controls. This is a great deal if the Grand Caravan will be asked to pull WaveRunners, a fishing boat or pop-up camper for weekend getaways.

My tester added a \$2,760 customer preferred optional package that included 17-inch aluminum wheels, all-season touring tires, leather interior as well as eight-way power, heated front and second-row seats. Again, for the cost, this is a steal, and it makes the driving experience as pleasant as a minivan experience can be.

Inside the cabin of the Grand Caravan there is ample head and legroom. I found the cabin to be a cinch to move about from the front to the rear. If you include the second-row swivel chairs and hide-away table (either the Stow 'n Go or Swivel 'n

Go seating and storage systems), long trips become even more enjoyable.

If you pony up for the \$2,200 entertainment package, the 9-inch dual DVD back-seat TV and a host of rear entertainment system features will keep the kids occupied and again make the cost melt away after just a couple long road trips. The wireless headphones and video remote control really make this a turnkey system to operate. You'll never know the kids are even in the vehicle.

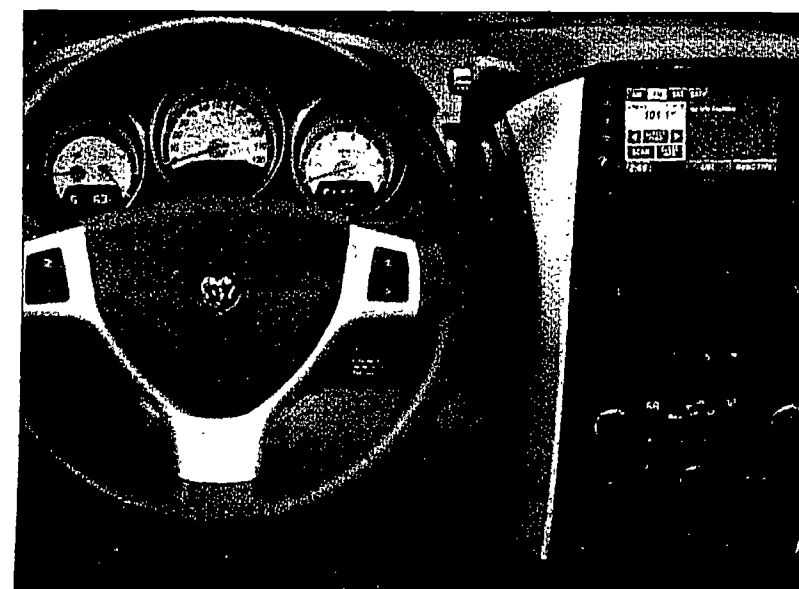
The security group package (\$1,030) offers an industry-first blind spot and cross path detection system that really gives the driver peace of mind while driving such a relatively big vehicle around in daily traffic. If there is a vehicle in your blind spot, a light illuminates on the rearview mirror and a chime sounds in the cabin.

There was little my SXT didn't have on it, and as far as I could tell it managed to serve every possible need I had with a full cabin of passengers and a long road trip to Iowa. Compare the package costs to other equipment levels in the remaining minivan class and you might be surprised just how good a value the packages are priced.

My tester had the new Sirius Backseat TV, a \$495 expense that included one year of service. Unfortunately, I was never able to get all the stations to tune in, which really would have been a plus on the road trip.

Overall, the Grand Caravan is roomy and value priced for any level while allowing for families to add on equipment, performance and accoutrement levels as they deem fit for their lifestyle or travel patterns.

There is a reason that 1984 minivan outlasted the Daytona. Suffice to say, a 17-year-old knows little about value and has even less appreciation for form and function — the Grand Caravan is still the elder statesman as well as the value statement in the class.



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Chicago ranks low in safe driving report

Allstate Insurance Co. has released its sixth annual Allstate America's Best Drivers Report. The report ranks America's 200 largest cities in terms of car collision frequency to identify which cities have the safest drivers according to Allstate data.

In the 2010 report, Chicago ranks as one of the least safe driving cities, landing at No. 167 on the list. According to the report, the average driver in Chicago will experience an auto collision every 7.6 years. That's an improvement of .3 years since last year's report was issued.

"We don't want drivers in Chicago to be discouraged by their ranking. Instead, we want the report to challenge drivers in Chicago to make positive changes to their driving habits that will in turn make the city a safer place to live, work and raise families," said Kevin Carney, territory sales leader for Allstate's Chicago territory.

The Allstate America's Best Driver's Report was created to facilitate an ongoing dialogue on safe driving that saves lives. Receiving this year's top honor of America's Safest Driving City is Fort Collins, Colo. According to the report, the average driver in Fort Collins will experience an auto collision every 14.5 years, which is 31.2 percent less likely than the national average.

Elsewhere in Illinois, Rockford ranked No. 38, Joliet at No. 107, Naperville at No. 133 and Aurora at No. 137.

Auto crashes in general have declined over the last few years, but crash fatalities still average an alarming 35,000 every year despite technological advances, ac-

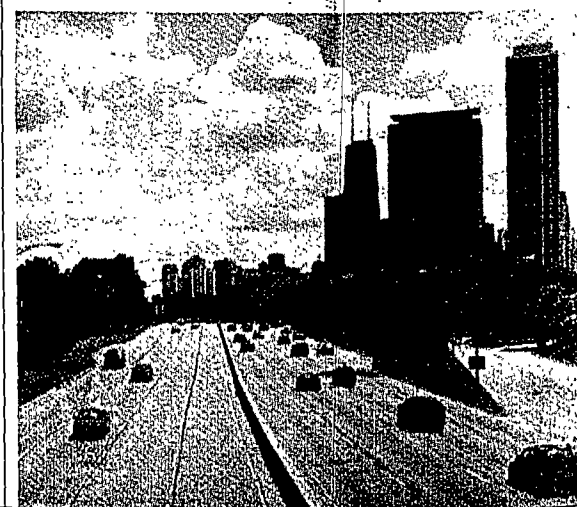
ording to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Human error is the biggest cause of accidents. It is vital for us to educate drivers across the country on the importance of being tolerant and attentive behind the wheel," Carney said.

Allstate offers the following safe driving tips for drivers to consider:

- Minimize distractions: Engaging in any other activity while driving — talking on cell phones, text messaging, changing a radio station, putting on makeup — is a distraction.
- Be aware of road conditions: Ice, snow, fog, rain — all of these weather conditions require extra caution and slower speeds.
- Leave a safe distance between your car and others around you: Maintain at least one car length space between your car and the vehicle in front of you for every 10 miles per hour of speed.
- Steer clear of road rage: Reduce stress on the road by allowing plenty of time for travel, planning your route in advance and altering your schedule or route to avoid congested roads. Remember not to challenge aggressive drivers and stay as far away from them as possible.
- Maintenance matters: Ultimately, safety also depends on the maintenance of one's car. Ensure that car brakes, exhaust system, tires, lights, battery and hoses are in good working order.

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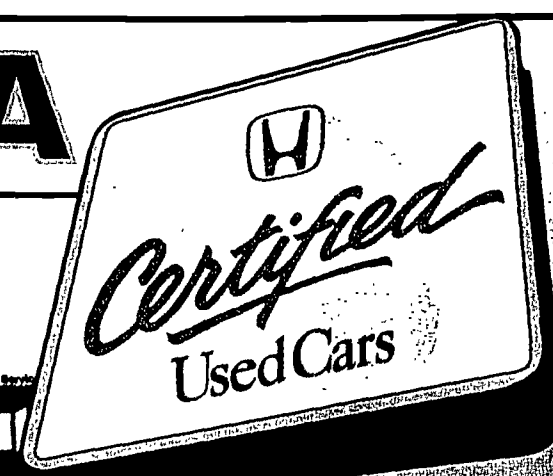


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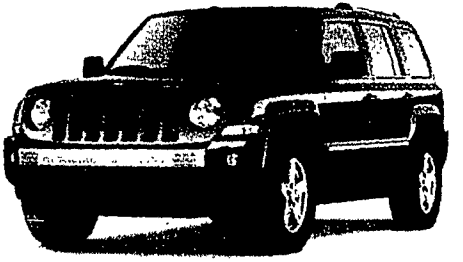
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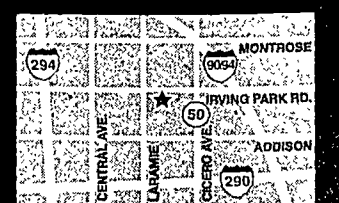
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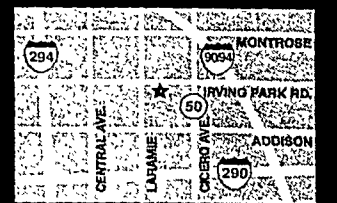
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New condos in The Glen selling fast

Perfect timing for historic rates and prices from \$299,995

The new condo community in Glenview, which once touted itself as the "best kept secret in The Glen," is no longer a secret. With double-digit sales in the last two months, Patriot Commons at The Glen has quickly become one of the fastest-selling luxury condominium communities in the region.

According to the builder, it's all about timing. "The combination of affordable pricing starting at \$299,995 and the all-time lowest mortgage rates on record is drawing buyers in," said Brian Wolfsting, senior project manager for Patriot Commons at The Glen. "When they see our incredible location within The Glen and tour our homes, they are sold."

Located in the heart of The Glen, Patriot Commons is a community of luxury condominiums and townhomes built by national luxury home builder, Toll Brothers. This popular new community boasts a walkable lifestyle with everyday conveniences just a few steps away such as The Glen Town Center. This regional open air shopping and entertainment district offers every day conveniences like the drycleaner and bank as well as entertainment venues, great night life, restaurants, stores, and specialty boutiques.

All residents in The Glen enjoy easy access to the Metra station and year-round recreational activities. Gallery Park, located just across the street from Patriot Commons, features playgrounds, gardens, athletic fields, tennis courts, walking and biking trails, and picnic areas. In addition, Glen Park Center boasts a fabulous fitness center, indoor swimming pool, jogging and



Patriot Commons at The Glen offers condominiums and townhomes (pictured) and a walkable lifestyle.

walking track, and a gymnasium. The Glen is also home to The Glen Club, a world-class 18-hole championship golf course. The condominiums at Patriot Commons at

The Glen all feature a private balcony and many offer breathtaking golf course views. Interiors

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Buying in a community near a Metra train station takes many hassles out of a daily commute.

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Maintenance-free lifestyle attracts buyers to Belle Plaine Commons.

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Caltabiano named Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has recognized Annie Caltabiano, a Realtor with @properties, as its 2010 Woman of the Year.

Caltabiano raised more than \$90,831 during a 10-week period through various fundraisers, corporate gifts and private donations. She participated in the campaign in honor of her husband, Joe Caltabiano, who is a leukemia survivor. Mr. Caltabiano is a senior vice president with mortgage banker Guaranteed Rate, Inc.

Eighteen candidates from Illinois participated in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2010 Man & Woman of the Year campaign raising more than \$640,000, the highest total ever raised in the state.

"This was a great experience," said Caltabiano. "I am proud to part of an incredible organization and a community of people who supported my efforts to raise money to find a cure." Caltabiano and the other 17 candidates raised funds in honor of the Boy & Girl of the Year, Griffin Maks, age 4, and Rachel Williams, age 8.

Griffin is currently undergoing treatment for leukemia and Rachel is a survivor.

In 2010, the Man & Woman of the Year campaign drew 642 dedicated candidates in more than 50 cities around the United States and Canada. Candidates are judged solely on a philanthropic basis.

"On behalf of our board, our volunteers, our researchers and the people we serve, there are no words sufficient enough to express our appreciation and complete amazement of the success achieved by these 18 remarkable candidates," said Pam Sweenk, executive director of LLS. "We are honored they selected The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as the beneficiary of their tremendous efforts and applaud them for their help in creating a world without cancer."

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First time, best time

Seniors enjoy golden years at Belle Plaine

After 30 years of renting an apartment, Emil Viktor recently purchased his first home at Belle Plaine Commons, 2335 W. Belle Plaine, in Chicago's North Center neighborhood.

Viktor lived in an apartment just a mile away from Belle Plaine Commons, but this past April he decided it was time to become a homeowner with a maintenance-free lifestyle.

"Living a maintenance-free lifestyle is part of the attraction for many 55-or-better buyers at Belle Plaine Commons," said Rena Appel, development coordinator for North Center Associates LLC, the developer.

Emil Viktor and another Belle Plaine Commons resident, Heidi Braler, had been neighbors for more than 30 years and are now neighbors again.

"Heidi lived two doors away from me when we both lived on Eastwood Avenue in the Lincoln Square neighborhood," Viktor said. "In fact, her daughter helped me find that apartment. We were all like family over there."

"Heidi and I used to come over to check and see how Belle Plaine Commons was coming along at different stages of construction," he continued. "She ended up buying a condo right away and moved here before I did."

"But now it was the right time for me to also buy," he explained. "All those stairs in the rental two-flat were too much for me, so I purchased my condo and also took advantage of

the first-time buyer tax credit."

"I chose a two-bedroom unit with a great west exposure," Viktor said. "It's very sunny and there is a lot of light. I have a balcony with beautiful plants and a very nice view. There is also indoor heated parking for my car. I have peace of mind here and even discovered that some of my new neighbors, including Heidi, are also from my old neighborhood."

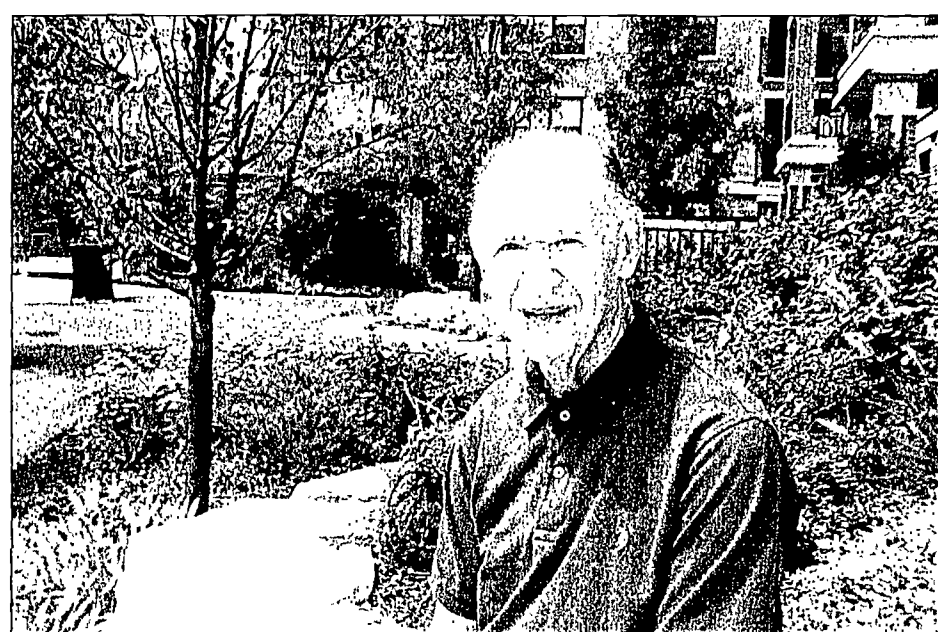
"The people who live here are very friendly, everyone helps each other," he said. "It's just a great community."

"Emil and I looked at Belle Plaine Commons together and I made my decision right away - so I moved here first," Heidi Braler continued. "I was always telling him about all of the great activities and special events there are to do here and how great everyone is at Belle Plaine Commons. Well, he finally made up his mind and bought and he seems to have settled in very nicely."

"Emil's favorite holiday is Christmas and he has every- one over that day," she continued. "He really decorates for the holiday ... mostly for his nieces and nephews. He has this amazing antique train set that all the kids love. I think he spends three weeks getting ready for it."

According to Braler, back on Eastwood Viktor was helpful after her husband died.

"Emil started cutting my grass, then the neighbors' grass, too," Braler said. "Every week he was cutting three lawns. He is truly a great neighbor."



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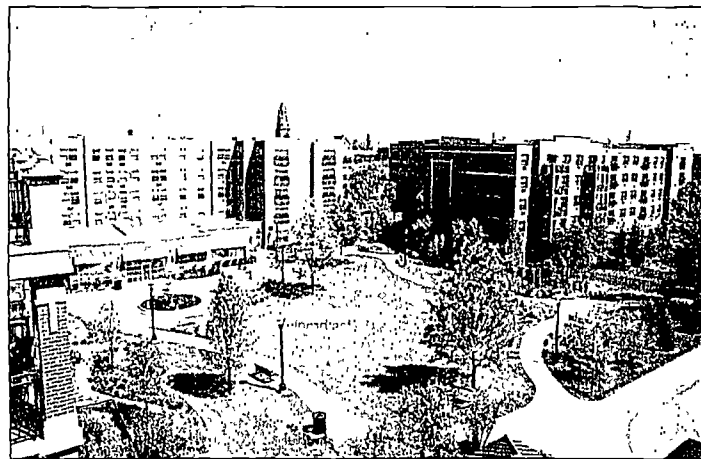
"Since Emil moved to Belle Plaine Commons, I go with him every Sunday to church," Braler continued. "It's easy for me now - I just hop into his car with him. He even takes me to the store, too."

Braler's lifelong hobby is baking and she has quite a reputation at Belle Plaine Commons.

"I make cookies and rolls and always give them to him and other neighbors," she said. "I am usually baking up a storm ... but I love it."

Residents appreciate the benefits of living in such a neighborly community setting at Belle Plaine Commons, with prices starting at just \$194,990, said Judy Westberg, sales manager for Garrison Partners Ltd., the exclusive sales and marketing agent.

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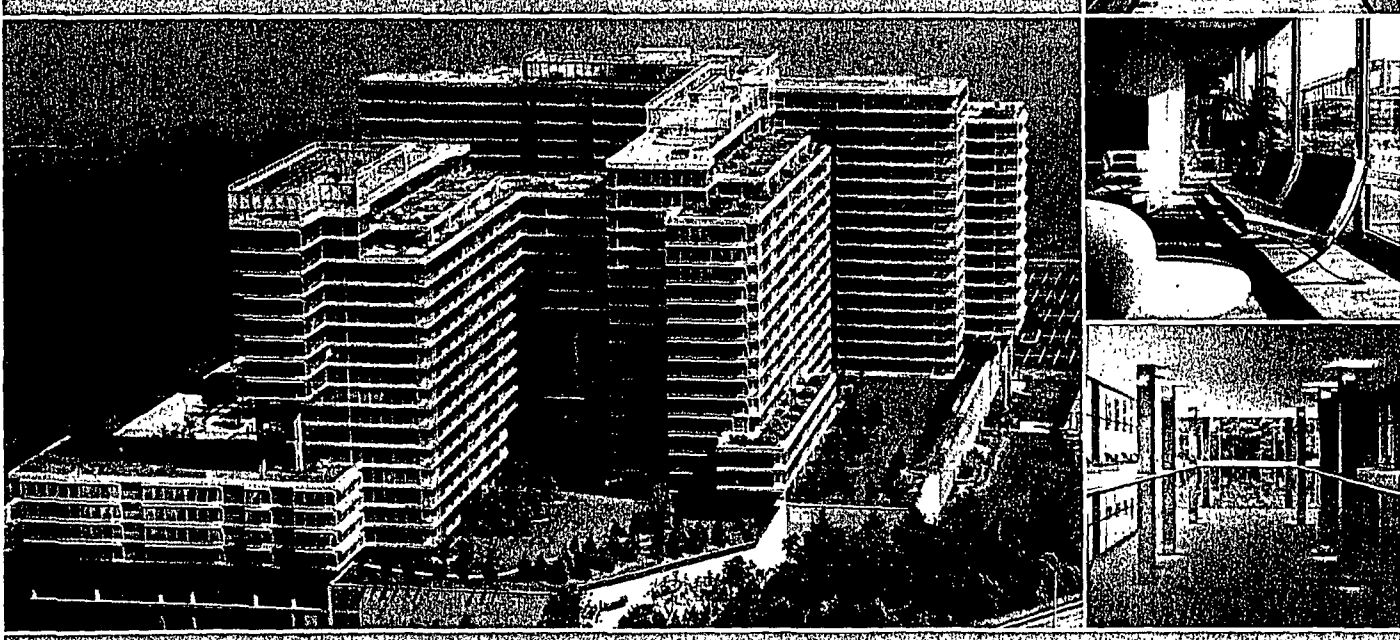


Belle Plaine Commons condominiums anchors the five-acre North Center Senior Campus.

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Belle Plaine Commons resident Heddi Brader had been neighbors for more than 30 years with Emil Viktor; they are now neighbors again.

First time
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While sales at Belle Plaine Commons are nearing the 90 percent mark, there still is a wide selection of residences.

Prices at the 92-unit community range from \$194,990 to \$212,990 for one-bedroom condominiums with 848 to 900 square feet of living space; \$204,990 to \$249,990 for one-bedroom-plus-den condominiums with 944 to 1,011 square feet of living space; and \$249,990 to \$298,990 for two-bedroom condominiums with 1,134 to 1,155 square feet of living space.

One member of the household has to be 55 years of age or better, but the other member may be as young as 48 years.

All prices include one outdoor parking space. Heated garage parking is available for an additional \$15,900.

"At these prices, this is a rare opportunity that won't last," Westerberg said.

The Belle Plaine Commons community anchors the north end of the five-acre North Center Senior Campus, bounded by Irving Park Road, Western Avenue, Oakley Avenue and Belle Plaine Avenue.

Belle Plaine Commons con-

dominiums is a major part of the North Center Senior Campus, which received national recognition as a winner of one of four nationwide "Livable Communities Awards" from AARP and the National Association of Home Builders in 2009.

Advocate Health Center Irving Medical Building, which houses physicians and offers lab and X-ray services, is part of the North Center Senior Campus, just a few steps away from Belle Plaine Commons. The square-block senior housing campus also includes the 104-unit Martha Washington rental apartments and the 86-unit St. Vincent DePaul Residence.

The campus buildings ring a large landscaped green space with decorative fountains, trees and a half-mile of walkways. Each of the three senior housing buildings offers various amenities, including community rooms, libraries, fitness centers, and salons.

The Belle Plaine Commons sales center and model are located at 2335 W. Belle Plaine. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday. The center is closed Thursday and Friday.

For more information, call Westerberg at 773-442-6995 or visit www.belleplainecondos.com.



Visitors are welcome every day at Patriot Commons at The Glen, with a sales center staffed 7 days a week, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pictured is the great room of the Rochelle model. WILLIAM TAYLOR PHOTO

The Glen
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include 9-foot ceilings, hardwood floors, granite kitchen countertops, and a complete stainless steel appliance package including a refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave, washer, and dryer. Residents also enjoy the climate-controlled indoor heated parking, the convenience of two elevators per building, a secure storage area, and a common entertainment room. Pricing begins at \$299,995 for a spacious one-bedroom design.

Stylish single-level and two-story townhomes, priced from \$443,995, offer two to four bedrooms and 2½ baths and range in size from 1,550 to 1,700 square feet. A decorated model, the Randall, is open to tour and now for sale and features three bedrooms and 2½ baths. The two-story,

1,700-square-foot design is highlighted by the great room with volume ceilings, a well-appointed gourmet kitchen, a luxurious master suite with a large private bath, and two balconies.

The builder has condominiums and townhomes completed and ready for occupancy for those ready to move in. Other units near the end of construction are available and are perfect for someone wanting to personalize their new home to their own taste.

The community's sales center is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors can tour several different home designs, check out all the features the builder includes, and have questions answered immediately by the on-site sales manager.

Toll Brothers, a Fortune 1000 company, was recently named Fortune magazine's 2010 World's Most Admired Home Builder. To create Fortune magazine's 2010 list, executives, directors,

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and analysts were asked to rate companies in their own industry on nine criteria. Toll Brothers ranked first in seven categories, including Quality of Products and Services, Quality of Management, Financial Soundness, People Management, Use of Corporate Assets, Long-Term Investment, and Global Competitiveness.

New-construction condominium sales downtown running ahead of 2009

As bleak as Chicago's new-construction condominium market looks, there are a few rays of sunshine filtering through the gloom, real estate analysts say.

"With 406 net new-construction condo sales in the first two quarters, 2010 is still tracking to be a stronger year than 2009 when developers marketed a total of 572 units for the whole year," said Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research Constructors Ltd.

To date in 2010, there have been 1,125 closings of development units, including 978 new-construction condos, 78 lofts (adaptive-reuse units) and 69 condo conversion residences, Lissner reported. That compares with 1,891 new condo units closed in all of 2009.

The main driver for sales has been price discounting, affordable FHA-insured financing and the federal government's \$6,500 to \$8,000 tax credits, which ended on April 30, Lissner said.

"While some condo buildings with strong location or view amenities have continued to gain sales without discounting, the sales in these projects falls below the volume of developments which are aggressively discounting," Lissner said.

For example, the following South Loop condo developments being marketed by Weichert Realtors—Frankel & Giles in September feature attractive discount pricing and FHA financing:



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■ Chess Lofts, 320 E. 21st St. One-bedroom units start at \$169,900, while two-bedroom layouts begin at \$239,900.

■ Prairie District Lofts, 1727 S. Indiana. One-bedroom units start at \$189,800. The loft development is 95 percent sold.

■ Astoria Tower & Spa, 8 E. 9th St., prices start at \$169,800 for junior one-bedroom units.

■ Michigan Avenue Tower 11, 1400 S. Michigan. Closeout prices on one-bedroom units start at \$199,990.

Unsold inventory stood at 3,335 condo units at the end of the second quarter, Appraisal Research reported. Lissner noted that several downtown projects that were completed have shut down condo sales and shifted to rental units.

However, rental alternatives for a struggling condo project still do not look particularly attractive, Lissner said.

"Newly constructed condo buildings typically do not contain the optimum residence mix or unit size for a successful rental development," she

said. "Studios and convertibles are particularly marketable in the rental market and noticeably absent from the new-construction condo market."

In addition, developers and investors who rent their condos often have to wrestle with high maintenance assessments and real estate taxes that cut into profits.

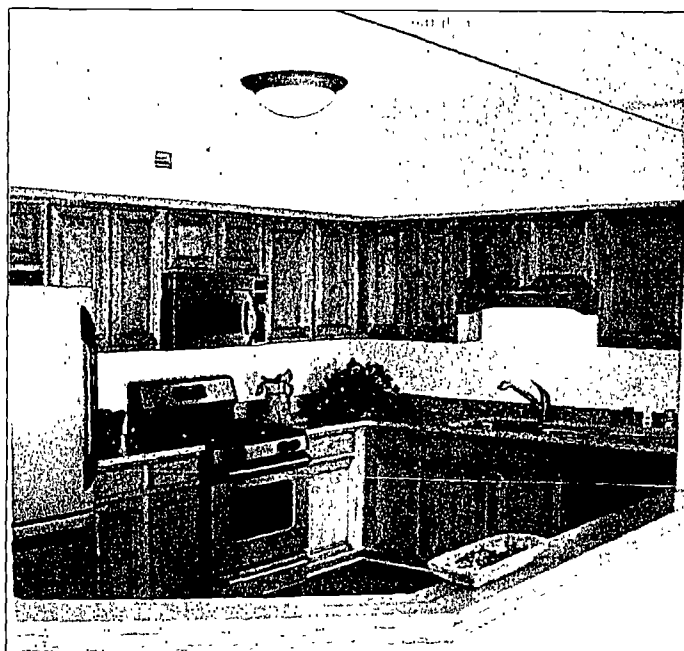
Condo buyers who are interested in new construction had better hurry because the pipeline of potential future projects has disappeared, reports Appraisal Research.

"It is likely that it will be at least two or three years before major new condo developments are launched again," Lissner predicted. "We expect that the best locations will recover first and that smaller developments will likely be started first."

In the interim, Lissner said the current low level of condominium pricing will not make new development feasible and prices will need to improve before construction starts again.

"With less than 1,200 units under construction in 2010, and only 88 units in the pipeline for 2011, the downtown Chicago condo market will be returning to construction levels reminiscent of the early 1990s," Lissner said.

Don DeBat's weekly real estate column is syndicated by DeBat Media Services. For more home-buying information visit his Web site at www.dondebat.net.



Yorkbrook Place condominiums in Lombard host sterling new two-bedroom condominiums starting at \$185,500. The condo residences are more than 50 percent sold out and sit in the shadow of Yorktown Center, which features more than 100 retail shops, dining destinations and entertainment options.

HARTZ HOMES

Yorkbrook Place condominiums aim to win price war and beauty contest

From \$185,500, homes offer maintenance-free living, modern amenities, two bedrooms

Real estate insiders call today's housing market a "combination price war and beauty contest," with sellers needing to capture both value and condition to appease discerning homebuyers.

At Yorkbrook Place in Lombard, Hartz Homes wins on both fronts, pairing distinctive home design with new two-bedroom condominiums starting at \$185,500. The community is now more than 50 percent sold, a testament to the community's design, fair, enticing location near Yorktown Center, and affordable value.

"Yorkbrook Place represents Hartz Homes at its finest... high-quality residences and value-oriented pricing in a first-rate location," said Phil Hartz of Hartz Homes, a residential realtor with more than 50 years experience in Chicago.

Yorkbrook Place homebuyers select from one of five two-bedroom models and one three-bedroom floor plan, choices rarely granted in a condominium community. Ranging in size from 1,300 to 1,400 square feet, the condominiums provide space rivaling single-family homes and

townhomes. The all-brick, six-story condominiums include in-unit laundry, master bedroom suites, volume ceilings, elevator access, balconies, indoor heated parking with storage area, and a clubhouse with outdoor pool.

"Pure maintenance-free living," Hartz said. "These condominiums are spacious and modern, and filled with amenities to make life easier and more enjoyable."

Prompted by Yorkbrook Place's aggressive pricing, renters have increasingly been pulled into the community. With 3.5 percent down, FHA-qualified buyers can get into a new condominium for as little as \$800 a month on principal and interest.

"From the first-time buyer to the downsizer, we're a community with something for everyone," Hartz said, adding that Yorkbrook Place offers immediate entry to major roadways, including Interstates 294, 88, 355, and 290.

Sitting in the shadow of the recently renovated Yorktown Center, Yorkbrook Place residents benefit from easy access to over 100 retail shops as well as exciting dining and entertainment options, such as Rock Bottom Brewery, Flat Top Grill, and Lucky Strike Lanes.

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Reduce your critical water 'footprint'

What's the one natural resource you rely on most in a day?

If you think about it from the first things you do in the morning, to the chores you do, to the last things you do to wrap up your day, you'll likely conclude it's water.

We use it for showering, brushing teeth, flushing the toilet, washing dishes, cleaning, cooking, drinking and more. Without water, we'd be lost. The problem is, high demand is leading to concerns about water shortages. With fresh water supplies diminishing because of misuse and pollution, the worldwide water crisis will eclipse many other environmental issues in the coming years. That's why it's so important to learn what your water footprint is and how you can begin reducing it now.

Your water "footprint" — how much water you use on a daily, weekly or monthly basis — might be a lot bigger than you think. If you tend to go about your daily activities without considering how much water is literally going down the drain, it's likely that there's room for improvement. The good news is that there are plenty of easy fixes that can help you reduce your water footprint. Here are a few ideas to help you get started:

■ **In the laundry room:** The average American household uses 16,000 gallons of water each year, just on laundry, so it's a major factor in your footprint. One way to cut back on water usage in the laundry room is to use a high-performance front-loading washing machine. They typically use far less water than top-loaders. Also, take a thoughtful approach to how you run the washer. Only use it for full loads, unless the unit is equipped with a load recognition sensor that only fills the washer with enough water to manage that load.

It's also important to have a washer



Consider front-loading washers as a way to save water costs and usage. ARACONTENT PHOTO

that treats your clothes well. Your clothes themselves affect your water footprint. It takes 3,600 gallons of water to produce just a single cotton T-shirt and a pair of jeans.

■ **In the bathroom:** Long, hot showers might feel good after a long day, but they'll expand your water footprint quickly. Limit the amount of time you spend in the shower by setting a timer, or keep a clock in your bathroom so you can watch the time. If you have the option to do a bit of remodeling in your bathroom, consider installing a new toilet that offers a dual flush option (a half flush and a whole flush). By using

the half flush option more frequently, you'll save a good deal of water. Other water-saving steps include installing a high-efficiency showerhead and turning off the water as you brush your teeth and wash your face.

■ **In the kitchen:** Think back to how you approach washing clothes, and apply it to your dishwasher. Make sure you're washing a full load and using the most efficient setting. If your machine is more than 10 years old, consider replacing it with a new water- and energy-efficient model.

■ **Throughout the house:** Your water footprint might be expanding with-

out you even knowing it, due to leaky pipes. Do a quick check around the house and repair any leaks. While you're making the rounds, take the time to install aerators or low-flow faucets on all sinks. Keep in mind that, in addition to being good for the environment, saving water can also help you save money, too.

■ **In the outdoors:** Having a nice lawn can improve the look of your home and your whole neighborhood, but it's essential to be smart about watering. If you need to water, do so early in the morning or at dusk to cut back on evaporation. Consider switching

to drip irrigation as an effective and more efficient alternative to sprinkler systems. Installing a rain barrel to catch the water that nature delivers for free is another idea. You can then use the collected rainwater to refresh your garden.

From your washing machine to your garden, some simple adjustments can shrink your water footprint to a more earth-friendly size. For more information about saving water, visit the EPA's WaterSense Web site at www.epa.gov/watersense.

Source: ARACONTENT

Exotic hardwoods also keep the environment in mind

Whether you seek soft, elegant hues to contrast a dark room or striking grain patterns and rich colors for a bold look, exotic hardwood floors, cabinets, furniture and trim can help create eye-catching interiors for nearly any decor.

In recent years, though, some homeowners have shied away from hardwoods because of concerns with illegal logging and deforestation. Thanks to responsible forestry practices, sustainable forestry certification and manufacturer innovation, visually appealing hardwoods can now be part of an environmentally conscious home.

"By knowing what to look for, homeowners can have the natural warmth and timeless appeal of exotic hardwoods with the peace of mind that they come from responsible sources," says Eric Anderson of Weyerhaeuser. "The wood species, how and where the trees are grown and harvested, and how the wood is processed are all important factors."

One increasingly popular exotic hardwood is Lyptus, a eucalyptus hybrid grown on plantations in Brazil. Lyptus plantations include a mosaic of eucalyptus and native tropical forest on land previously used for agriculture and grazing. This practice helps replace forestlands previously lost in decades past.

Lyptus grows fast, reaching maturity within 14 to 16 years of planting. By comparison, temperate species can take decades to mature. Rapid growth helps to meet the increasing demand for wood products and still ensure a continuing supply of hardwood for future genera-



Exotic woods can be combined, blended, mixed and matched to enhance the decor of any room, including the kitchen. ARACONTENT PHOTO

tions. "A Lyptus plantation can produce up to 30 times more volume of wood per acre each year than an unmanaged temperate forest," adds Anderson. "Plantations help foresters reduce the land footprint needed to create wood products."

An additional benefit of active plantation management is that foresters manually prune the trees while they grow. As a result, the logs that come into the mill are more uniform and have fewer knots. A high percentage of the wood can be made into finished products, making efficient use of natural resources.

While choosing hardwoods with environmentally responsible features is appealing to many homeowners, the end choice of ten still comes down to how

good they look in the home.

"People regularly say they first notice Lyptus because of its warmth and beauty," says Anderson. "When they learn it also has a good environmental story, it becomes a natural choice." The natural color of Lyptus can brighten interiors and create an open feeling in smaller rooms, while a dark stain can add a touch of sophistication. Homeowners can also easily mix-and-match hardwood finishes to create visual interest.

Regardless of which hardwood catches your eye, make sure it has all the performance characteristics to make your home warm and inviting for years to come. Durability is a key consideration. Hardwoods with high hardness ratings (greater than that of red oak

"The wood species, how and where the trees are grown and harvested, and how the wood is processed are all important."

Eric Anderson, Weyerhaeuser

hardness) are better suited to withstand the scratches and dents of everyday life for long-lasting beauty.

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Window replacement can save on energy costs and, if installed before Dec. 31, may meet requirements for up to \$1,500 in U.S. energy tax credits. ARACONTENT PHOTO

Back-to-basics home improvements can help lower taxes

While small things help, it's the big steps consumers take to improve their home's energy efficiency that truly make a difference, according to researchers at Scientific American magazine.

Of the 505 Americans surveyed by the Earth Institute and Center for Research on Environmental Decisions, more than 40 percent said the most effective way to save energy was to turn off lights, drive less or adjust the thermostat. Less than 10 percent identified what researchers say are more effective measures — improving your home's overall efficiency, like buying energy-saving appliances or replacing old windows with more energy-efficient ones.

"Now is an ideal time to replace drafty windows or doors," says Annette Bravard, vice president of retail replacement at Pella Corporation. "Installing energy-efficient windows and doors can help lower your utility bills and increase your energy efficiency for years to come, and help you qualify for 2010 U.S. energy tax credits. If you've been putting off window or door replacement, now's the time to do it."

To meet requirements for up to \$1,500 in U.S. energy tax credits, qualifying windows and doors must be installed by Dec. 31, 2010. Sometimes the most daunting

aspect of a home improvement project is figuring out how to pay for it. Once homeowners take the first step toward securing financing options, they're surprised how quickly and easily windows and doors can be replaced, Bravard says.

Whether you want to replace all your windows at once or start with just one door, these steps will help get your replacement project under way.

1. **Financing.** Contact your lender or the window company you're buying from to discuss possible financing options. Not ready for a big remodeling project right now? Consider a multi-year approach that fits your needs.

2. **Schedule appointment.** Schedule an in-home consultation with a window company expert to discuss your energy efficiency, installation and timing goals.

3. **Window/door selection.** Your window expert will help you choose energy-efficient windows and doors based on your home's style, your climate and your budget. They can also arrange for installation.

Replacement projects don't need to be messy, time-consuming or complicated. In fact, it's possible to install new windows without replacing wallpaper or repainting your walls, Bravard says.

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Savvy condo buyers seek commuter-friendly developments

To avoid the headache of traffic-clogged expressways, sky-high gasoline prices and other commuting hassles, more and more savvy condominium buyers are seeking residences located near suburban downtown Metra train stations, experts say.

In the northwest suburbs, there are several new condo developments that are within a short walk or drive from the Metra train stations, so residents can easily commute to and from downtown Chicago.

R. Franczak & Associates is developing the Heritage of Palatine, a 48-unit condominium development, and the Brownstones, seven distinctive row homes, on Greeley Street at Washington, just a stone's throw from the Metra station in downtown Palatine, northwest suburban Palatine.

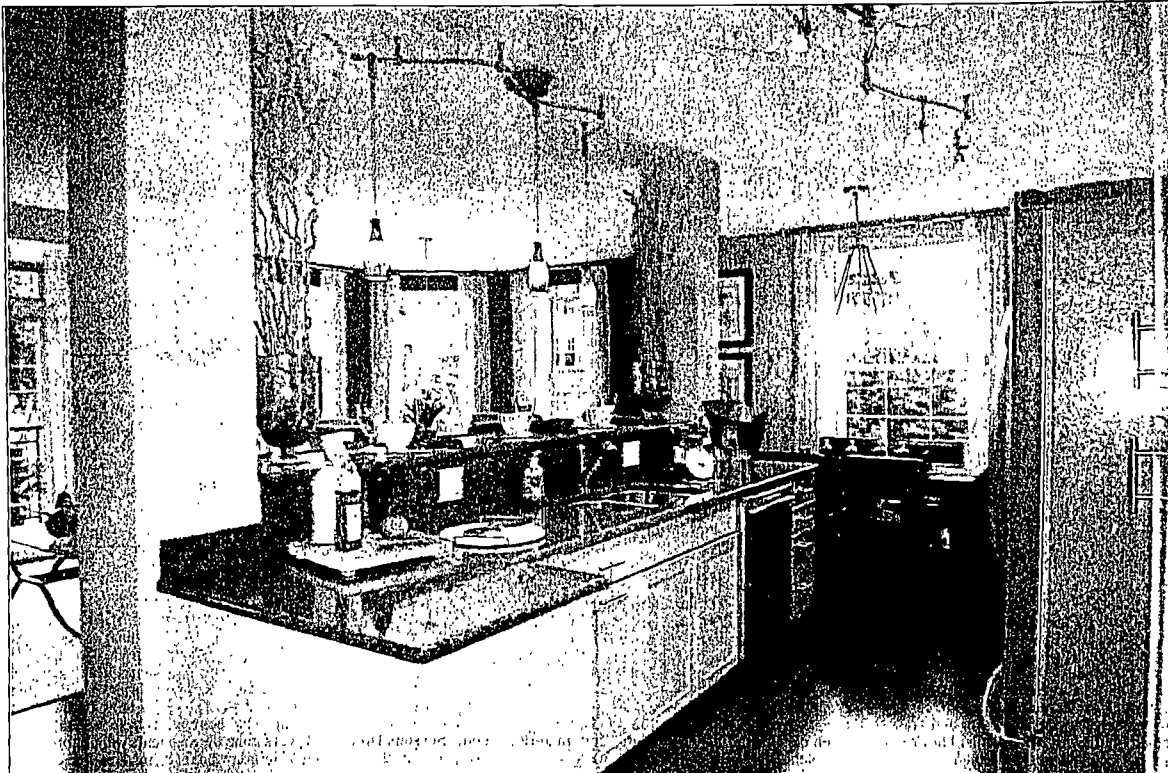
"Our buyers are excited about living in a prime location, across the street from the Metra and in the center of downtown Palatine," said developer Ray Franczak of R. Franczak and Associates, developer of the Heritage of Palatine.

"Sometimes it's just less stressful — and more affordable — to take a 40-minute train ride to work instead of burning a tank of gasoline," Franczak said. "The convenience of public transportation close to your home is a major buying consideration and the ultimate solution for people who have to travel to the city for work."

Palatine's downtown revitalization project has attracted stores, restaurants and other amenities to the area, said Marilyn Max, Franczak's sales manager.

"Everything is within walking distance... the train station, shopping, restaurants, churches, schools, parks and park district facilities," she said. "It is easy for a buyer to find exactly what they are looking for in Palatine."

The Heritage of Palatine condominiums feature two-bedroom and two-bedroom-



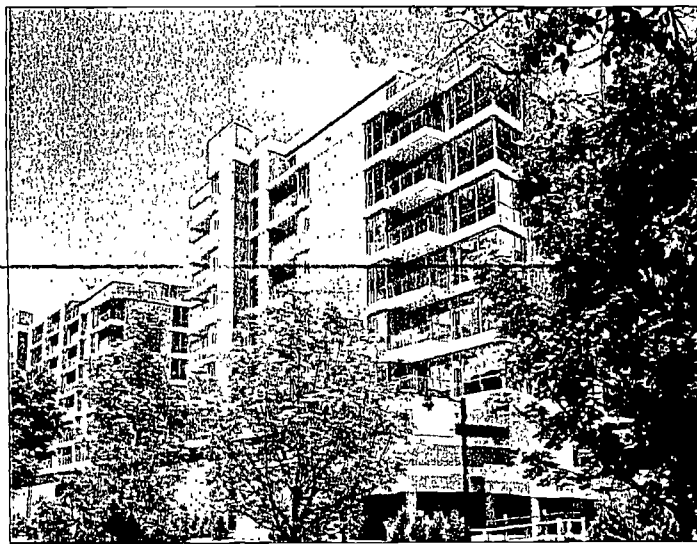
The kitchen opens into the living area in this model at the commuter-friendly Heritage of Palatine condominiums in downtown Palatine.

plus-den residences with two baths. Floor plans range in size from 1,456 to 1,716 square feet of living space. Only eight condominium residences remain for sale and are priced from \$279,900 to \$349,900.

The Heritage of Palatine Brownstones are planned for construction near downtown Palatine's Town Square Park, also just steps from the Metra station, shopping and restau-

rants. First deliveries will be in summer 2011.

"These three-story Chicago-style brick row homes are ideal for buyers who want a maintenance-free lifestyle without giving up the space of a single-family home," Max said. The three-bedroom row homes feature about 2,300 square feet of living space with 3 1/2 baths and a bonus room. Preconstruction prices range from \$389,900 to



The Everleigh development in downtown Des Plaines is another commuter-friendly community.

\$409,900. "We have already sold four of the seven row homes, and interest is very strong," Max said. "These homes resemble many of the traditional brownstones and graystones that were built in Chicago neighborhoods and in historic districts such as Drexel Boulevard in Hyde Park and on Goethe Street on the Gold Coast at the turn of the century."

The Heritage of Palatine sales center, 50 S. Greeley St., is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For more information call 847-705-6238 or visit www.rfranczak.com.

In Des Plaines, buyers who reside at Everleigh, a 144-unit downtown condominium development, are conveniently close to the Metra station, where the Metra/Northwest line express trains take riders to the Loop in 28 minutes.

This contemporary-style new-construction condominium development, located on the northeast corner of River Street and Des Plaines River Road in the heart of downtown Des Plaines, is approximately 17 miles from Chicago's Loop.

"Des Plaines is within minutes of all major transportation centers: O'Hare International Airport, Pace suburban bus system, the CTA and Interstates 90, 94, and 294," said developer Michael Glazier, principal of

Sertus Capital Partners LLC. "Once you return to Everleigh after a hectic day downtown, you'll be instantly in touch with nature," Glazier said.

Miles of walking trails and bicycle paths are nearby, along with scenic Weller Creek and the Des Plaines River, peaceful picnic areas and flourishing woodlands.

"You don't even have to leave your home to enjoy the wooded view. The condos have landscaped, open-plan living spaces that boast floor-to-ceiling windows that extend the home into the peaceful lush neighboring forest preserve," he said.

Another attraction of Everleigh is nearby shopping at Metropolitan Square, across Miner Street between River Road and Lee Street.

The 114,000-square-foot commercial center features restaurants and shopping, including Panera Bread, Cheeseburger in Paradise and Potbelly Sandwich Works. Shop & Save Marketplace, Metropolitan Square's anchor, is approximately 17 miles from Chicago's Loop.

"The new retail outlets at Metropolitan Square are concentrated and impressive, but 90, 94, and 294," said developer Michael Glazier, principal of

rants such as Leona's, Olivetti's Italian Ristorante and the recently renovated Sugar Bowl Restaurant. They're also near the main post office, city hall, and the Des Plaines library.

Sertus Capital Partners recently completed two new professionally decorated condominium models, noted Garry Benson, president of Garrison Partners, the exclusive sales and marketing agents for the development.

Two new model condominiums — a one-bedroom, one-bath unit and two-bedroom, two-bath layout on the fourth floor at Everleigh — are now open for viewing, Benson said.

Base prices on one-bedroom units start at \$147,155, while one-bedroom-plus-den residences begin at \$175,655. Two-bedroom layouts start at \$213,655. Two-bedroom-plus-den residences begin at \$365,655. Three-bedroom penthouses start at \$493,905.

Construction is nearly complete at Everleigh, with the first residents already moving into their new homes.

"Five buyers have closed on their units and 26 condominiums are under contract," Benson said.

Everleigh is complemented by well-thought-out contemporary living spaces with gourmet kitchens, luxury master bedroom suites, in-unit laundry areas and private terraces or balconies in a wide selection of floor plans.

The Everleigh on-site sales center is located at 1646 River St. The sales office is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday. The office is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information, call 847-827-4900 or visit www.everleighcondos.com.



Four Seasons homes make dreams come true year 'round

Four Seasons-Dream Homes offer a dream come true, a way for consumers to own their dream home, reduce their cost of living and enhance their lifestyle.

Four Seasons-Dream Homes in Belvidere affords buyers the quality-built, luxurious, energy-efficient homes, and are priced from only \$69,900 to \$109,900.

These prices provide consumers an opportunity to save on housing costs, save on heating and cooling costs and improve their way of life. Dream Homes are new construction and are quality-built with 2-by-6 walls. They're energy efficient with upgraded insulation and high-efficiency furnaces and water heaters.

On example is the Winchester model, priced at only \$69,900. It includes three bedrooms, two baths, vaulted ceilings, kitchen with oak cabinets and appliances, master bedroom with walk-in closet, window treatments, central air, attached 2 1/2-car garage, newly sodded lawn and more.

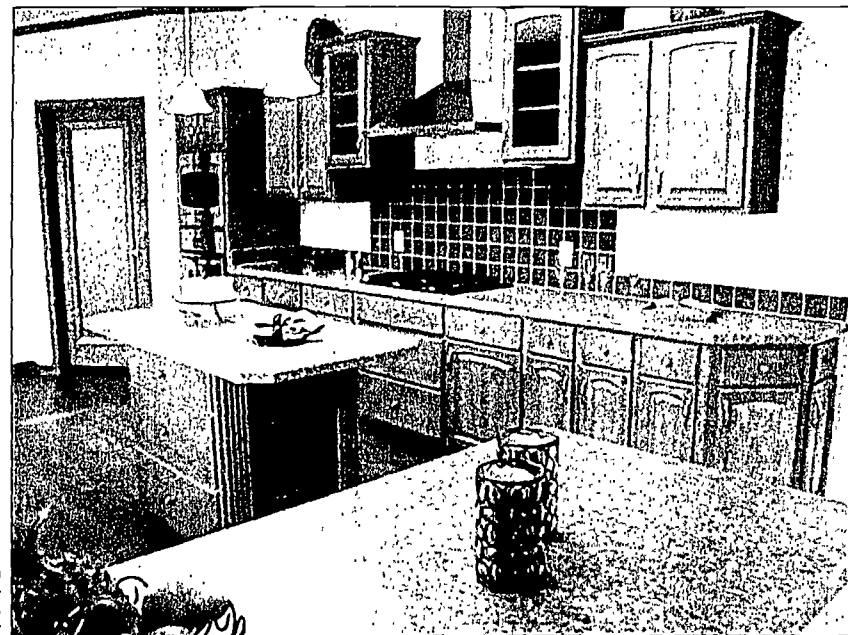
Dream Homes are beautiful and feature much luxury. The kitchens, for example, will please any gourmet. They're spacious, well lit and include an abundance of cabinets. Many have kitchen islands, ceramic accents, walk-in pantries,

pull-out cabinet shelves and kitchen desks. The price also includes kitchen appliances including ranges, built-in ovens and microwaves, side-by-side refrigerators and dishwashers.

The living rooms are large and feature fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, bay windows and lighted ceiling fans. Skylights offer much light and make the homes more livable while also saving money on energy costs. Master suites include walk-in closets. The baths include spa tubs, walk-in double showers, double sinks, upgraded faucets, linen closets and beautiful vanities with plentiful storage. All Dream Homes include central air and attached 2 1/2-car garages.

Four Seasons-Dream Homes offer an exceptional value for the housing dollar because the homes are factory built in a very efficient environment. Manufactured homes are competitive with site-built homes in appearance, but cost much less to purchase. Construction costs per square foot average up to 40 percent less for a manufactured home than for a comparable site-built home.

Today's manufactured homes are built with the same building materials as site built homes, but in a controlled factory environment where quality of



Dream Homes at the Four Seasons community in Belvidere offer homeowners a chance to own an affordable home with all the quality and classy trimmings, inside and out. Tree-lined streets provide a pleasant neighborhood backdrop, while inside standard and optional features make living here a dream come true.

construction is invariably superior to what can be done outdoors. Weather doesn't interfere with construction or cause costly delays and damage building materials. Four Seasons-Dream homes have been a leader in the field of manufactured housing since 1980.

The many Dream Home models are available for sale or homes may be custom designed at no additional cost. Choices include kitchen cabinets, countertops, flooring, exterior design and more. Dream Homes offer the latest in design trends and styles in everything from lighting and plumbing fixtures to flooring and trim treatments.

Dream Homes are located on newly-sold sites in Four Seasons, an award-winning community. The community entrances are boulevards filled with flowers.

scaped and meticulously maintained community where residents still practice old-fashioned neighborliness. It's a supportive community reminiscent of years gone by. Residents walk lighted sidewalks on curving tree lined streets. They enjoy the pool complex, picnic areas, green areas and a flag park.

It's easy to form new friendships at the coffee hours and dinner parties held in the community room or around the pool. Everyone is invited to participate in the game nights organized by the residents. Community trips are also fun occasions. Some residents describe Four Seasons as a present day "Mayberry."

Shopping, banking, restaurants, a clinic and hospital are all located within walking distance. Four Seasons residents save money on gas as well as their housing costs.

Get more info

Additional information on Four Seasons-Dream Homes is available at the web-site www.fourseasonsdreamhomes.com. Contact them by calling 1-888-373-2604 or 815-544-2700 or by e-mailing to dreamhomesusa@tbb.com.

Four Seasons residents enjoy the charming small town atmosphere of Belvidere and the proximity of Rockford. Cherryvale, a large shopping mall, can be reached in just a 10-minute drive.

The professionally trained and experienced staff at Four Seasons-Dream Homes offer tours of the many model homes. The homes may be visited seven days a week. Four Seasons-Dream Homes' hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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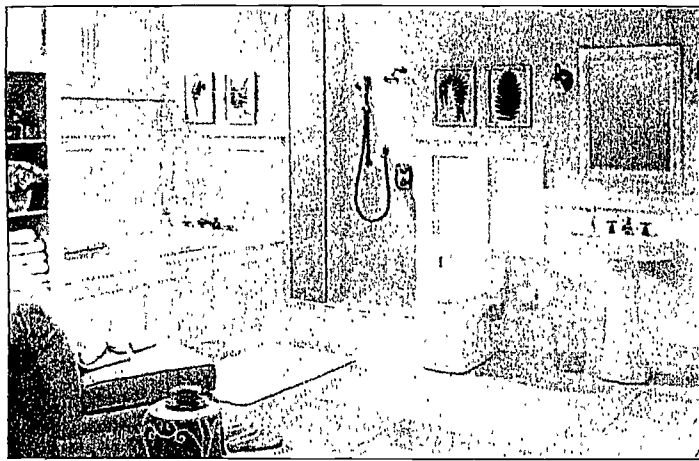
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Bathroom remodeling should include water-saving fixtures, which are no less stylish than those that add more to the water bill. ARACONTENT PHOTO

Bathroom remodel means less water, money down the drain

You're ready for a new bathroom, something with style and comfort. You want the room to refresh you in the mornings, and provide you with the opportunity to relax and unwind in the evenings.

As you start to design your bathroom remodel, you immediately put comfort at the top of your priority list. You want a beautiful shower with superb water pressure that feels oh-so-good in the mornings or a sink that allows you to quickly and efficiently wash your hands and face so you can wake up and get started for the day.

Another notion to put at the top of your list is water efficiency. In fact, high-efficiency is now the standard for bathroom showers, sinks and toilets. In the United States, products with the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label are high-performing,

water-efficient and tested by a third, independent party to be certified.

It's a misconception that high-efficiency products don't perform well. Technology is so improved that you can get the same invigorating stream of water in your morning shower while using less water. Another mistaken belief is that high-efficiency products are very expensive. Most green products don't cost any more than regular showers, sinks or toilets.

Toilets are the biggest source of water usage in your home, representing almost a third of your family's total indoor water consumption. And high-efficiency toilets only use 1.28 gallons of water per flush, which could save a family of four more than \$2,000 over the lifetime of the toilet. These EPA WaterSense-labeled toilets make your toilet work harder by marrying

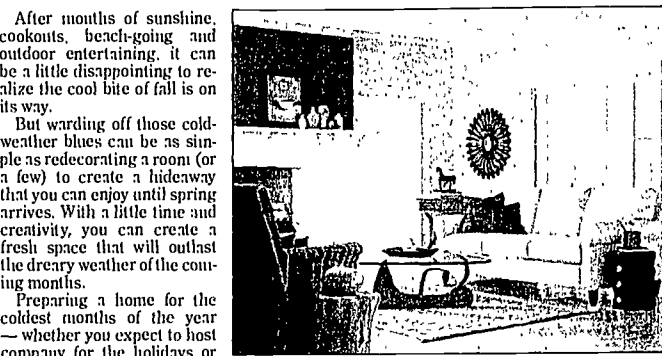
flawless performance to exceptional bowl cleansing action to create a green, clean flushing system that saves you money, water, and time clearing the toilet, always a thankless task.

Of course, as you redesign your bath, you get to choose the style and look. Your taste might be a large, claw-foot tub that allows you to immerse yourself in a froth of bath bubbles, or you might go for a more modern design with glass shower walls and hold tiles. Either way, make sure you upgrade your faucet and showerhead.

Conserving water in your newly redesigned bathroom allows you to be green, save money, save time, and be conscientious about the environment, without losing the advantage of that great performance you have come to expect.

"Take cues from Mother Nature and pull colors you see from the foliage around you," Hirsch says. "Rich oranges, chocolate browns, vibrant

Cozy up to redecorating and prepare for indoor entertaining



With colder weather approaching, consider using a combination of colors to make things cozy for the months ahead. Changes of paints, such as white and earth tones, can create a special atmosphere. ARACONTENT PHOTO

After months of sunshine, cocktails, beach-going and outdoor entertaining, it can be a little disappointing to realize the cool bite of fall is on its way.

While warding off those cold-weather blues can be as simple as redecorating a room (or a few) to create a hideaway that you can enjoy until spring arrives. With a little time and creativity, you can create a fresh space that will outlast the dreary weather of the coming months.

Preparing a home for the coldest months of the year—whether you expect to host company for the holidays or to simply spend more time indoors—can seem daunting. But professional designer and television personality Danielle Hirsch says there is no need to fret. Hirsch, featured on Dutch Boy's new Restore My Decor.com decorating Web site, says there are many ways to minimize the time and expense you might associate with refreshing your home's interior. Here are just a few of her easy and affordable tips that can help bring new life to your decor.

It might sound like a cliché, but a fresh coat of interior paint can truly do wonders to renew a space.

Don't stop with wall color, though. As the weather turns bleak, heat up your home design by bringing a bit of color inside. Are you conservative when it comes to design? Try accenting a neutral room with a few pieces of the same color family. If you're more daring, play with a variety of warm, bright colors.

"Take cues from Mother Nature and pull colors you see from the foliage around you," Hirsch says. "Rich oranges, chocolate browns, vibrant

vegetables and flowers, colorful leaves and pinecones for quick and easy ways to bring the natural beauty of autumn indoors.

"To round out your fall decorating remember that with the days getting shorter, warm lighting is essential," Hirsch says.

Do a quick audit of the lighting to ensure you're making the most of your room's natural and artificial light. Introducing a new light source, whether it's a standing or table lamp, can transform the overall feel of a room and fight off the dreary gray outside your window.

"This fall, don't be lured into hibernation. Take the time you have indoors and put it to good use. Tackling interior projects now will leave your home looking beautiful and ready for family and friends for years to come," Hirsch says.

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Value conscious buyers flock to The Enclave

Ranch homes start in the \$400's; first-floor masters appeal to empty-nesters, young professionals

Today's homebuyers are value conscious and recognize a great buy when they see one. That's why traffic continues at a strong pace at The Enclave at The Reserve at the Merit Club, a picturesque community of ranch and two-story homes in Libertyville, now affordably priced from the upper \$400,000s.

Merit Homes recently announced new exceptional pricing for their luxurious two to four-bedroom homes.

"We've reduced our prices without compromising our inclusions and amenities," said Bert A. Getz, Jr., president. "Over the years, we've established our reputation in the industry by offering our buyers exceptional construction, first-class product specifications and superior finishes."

Every home is distinguished with upgraded luxury features that come standard such as site-stained oak flooring, Kohler fixtures, maple, oak, cherry, and alder cabinets, granite countertops, all major appliances, full masonry fireplace, extensive trim details, Pella wood windows, cedar shake roofs, and zoned temperature control.

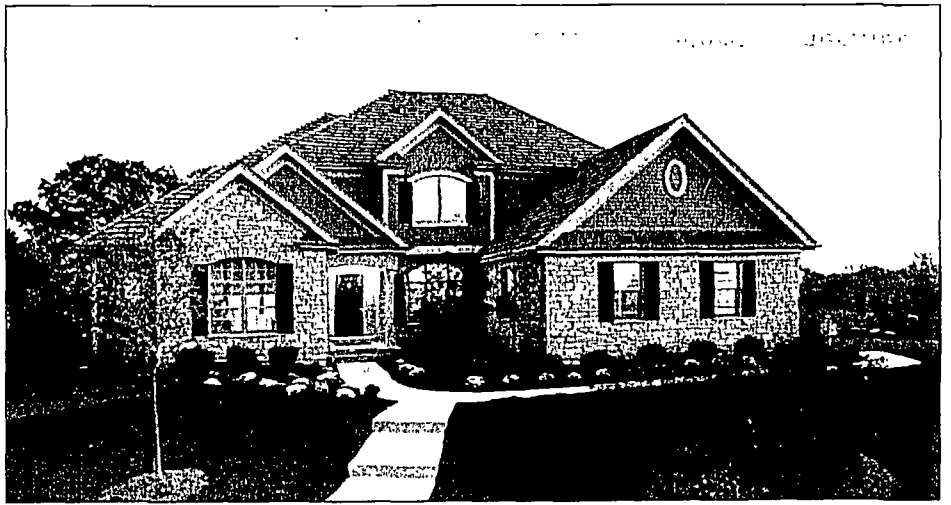
"We're offering a high quality home with ranch-style

convenience in an established neighborhood boasting breathtaking grounds and a low maintenance setting," said Jeri Szatko, director of sales and marketing. "Since prices have been substantially cut on all our seven stunning designs, we're seeing an increased interest in our homes."

Empty-nesters who are ready to downsize into a well-designed home and young professionals who want the convenience of single-level living can choose a ranch plan or a two-story design with a first-floor master bedroom. Stunning homes have two to four bedrooms and up to 3,000 square feet and are priced from the upper \$400,000s.

Merit Homes offers five different ranch plans with two ranch models open for touring. The two-bedroom, two-bath Carrington offers breathtaking views of a nationally-acclaimed golf course and groves of mature trees through a 9-foot rear window wall making this home unique.

Enter through the charming covered front porch into a foyer and straight ahead is an architecturally charming great room adorned with three arched openings on both sides. To the



A beautiful ranch or two-story homes are available at the magnificent Enclave at the Merit Club in Libertyville, priced from the upper \$400,000s.

right is a large kitchen complete with cherry cabinets, a granite-covered island with a cozy eating nook, KitchenAid appliances and breakfast area. You can reach the deck through French doors from either the kitchen or family room.

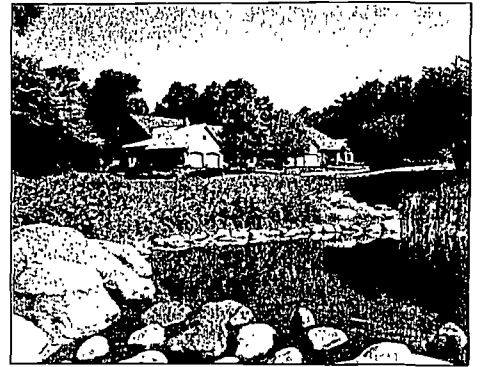
A cozy family room is with a granite fireplace and is moored with an optional screened porch which helps extend the living space.

Also open for touring is the impressive three-bedroom, 2½-bath Forester ranch which has a huge great room with vaulted ceiling, two-story stone fireplace and floor-to-ceiling windows. The kitchen opens to the family room and has a center island, rounded eating nook, and separate breakfast room.

To personalize each home, Szatko gives her buyers every opportunity to customize their homes. They start with a plan and are permitted to change the footprint of the house and eliminate or add rooms. There's a lot of flexibility and they can select from the same

Visit this community

To visit The Enclave, take I-94 to Route 137, go west to Route 21 (Milwaukee Avenue), then north 1½ miles to entrance. Follow signs to the sales center, which is open Friday to Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Tuesday to Thursday). Call 847-680-0090 or visit merithomes.net.



Referred to as the most beautiful community in Lake County, homes at The Enclave are surrounded by groves of mature trees, sparkling ponds and stunning rock gardens.

finish level as a custom home buyer.

Part of a gated community called the Reserve at the Merit Club, the 17-home Enclave is surrounded by semi-custom homes and one-acre custom homes on 100 acres of beautifully landscaped rolling terrain. A natural landscape of scenic rock gardens, sparkling ponds and colorful wildflowers enhance the tranquil setting. Most residences have views of

the site is protected by a conservation easement.

the acclaimed Merit Club, an 18-hole private golf course that is ranked as one of the top 100 courses in the world.

Also, Merit Homes guarantees its buyers that the natural setting will remain a conservation area forever. Homebuyers understand that there will be no future development be-

cause the site is protected by a conservation easement. Conveniently located off Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville, residents may catch commuter trains either in Grayslake or Libertyville with a 50-minute commute to Chicago. Only one mile away, there is easy access to Interstate 94.

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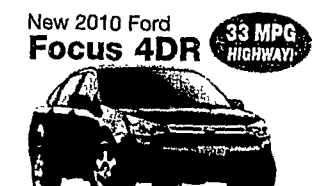
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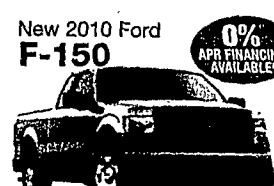
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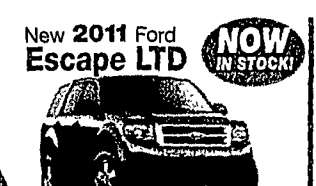


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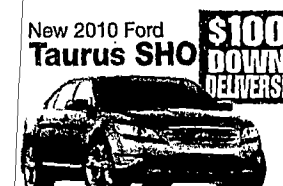


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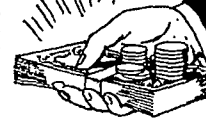
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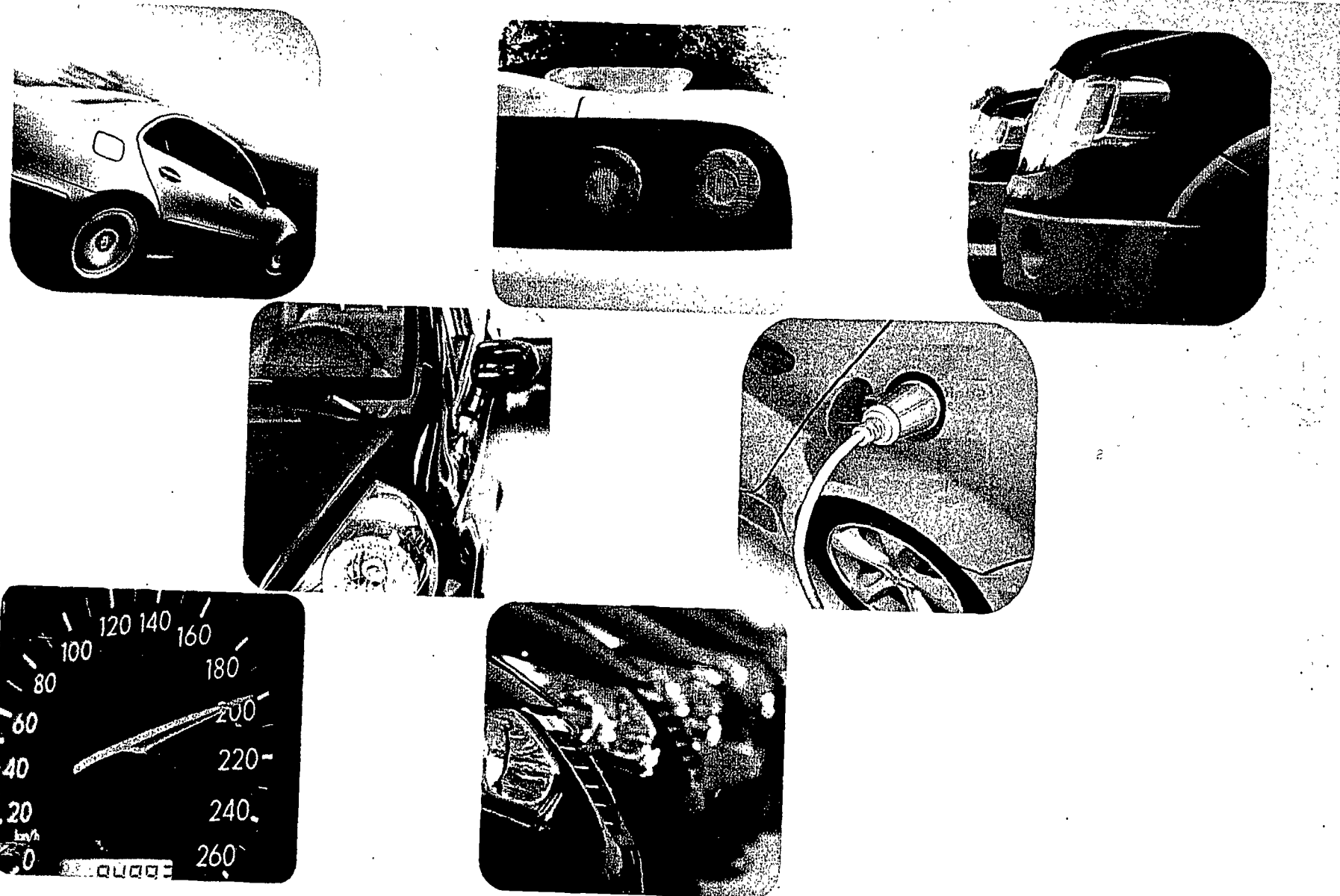
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The dark side of love in 'Wuthering Heights'

'Wuthering Heights' Sept. 20 to Oct. 31 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, (773) 761-4477; www.lifelinetheatre.com.

By JOANNA BRODER Contributor



Heathcliff (Gregory Isaac) and Cathy (Lindsay Leopold) in Lifeline Theatre's world premiere production of "Wuthering Heights." (Photo by Suzanne Plunkett)

Actor Lindsay Leopold wants to shatter a popular notion about "Wuthering Heights." Leopold, who stars in Lifeline Theatre's adaptation of Emily Brontë's classic, 19th-century novel, wants people to know it is not simply a story about romance.

"I would love for people who are not familiar with this story, but maybe kind of view it as something like that to come in and just really explode that notion and be like 'No, no, no. These people are dark. These people do have love for each other, but there's a violence to it and there's an anger to it and there's so much more there,'" said Leopold, who plays Cathy Earnshaw, the female protagonist.

The story of "Wuthering Heights" takes place in Yorkshire, England in the 1700s. It centers around the story of Cathy and Heathcliff, Cathy's father brings Heathcliff, an orphan, to their home when she is a child. The two grow up together and develop a strong connection right

the second generation story in it you really don't get that," Kauzlaric said.

She noted that "Wuthering Heights" is one of the most passionate stories that she has ever encountered. "And Heathcliff is a fascinating character to experience because you're at once repulsed by his behavior; but at the same time feel sympathy for him and that's always a fascinating look at a character for me."

She said the show will appeal to people drawn to British literature, but she also hopes to draw fans of the "Twilight" books, a series of four vampire-based fantasy romance novels by author Stephenie Meyer as well.

"A lot of people read this book when they're teens and can identify with the angst," she said. She was curious to see whether a younger audience would be drawn to Lifeline's production.

The play also incorporates many physical elements, Leopold said.

"It's very much a play, but there are moments of heightened staged physicality that sort of resemble dance, just kind of heightened movement that I think you can't capture that with a book per se," she said. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

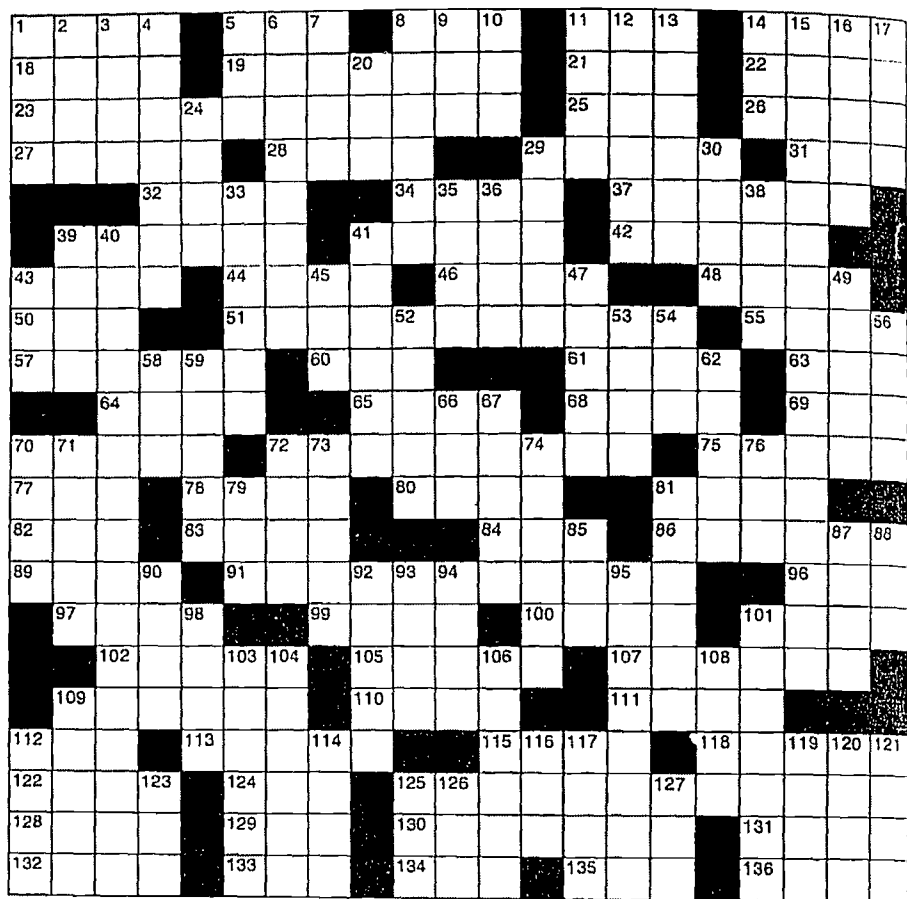
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workaday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an expanded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

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SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved in a potentially sticky situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

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BY ROBERT ELLSWORTH

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and cemeteries, offers a free *Veterans Planning Guide* to eligible veterans. The 56-page guide clearly outlines VA burial benefits, spells out the required procedures and offers helpful information to veterans and their families. The guide also contains worksheets that allow you to plan your own arrangements, making clear your final wishes.

Chris Marsh, a representative of the Dignity Memorial network, says the company is doing what it can to help veterans. "Knowing that the federal guidelines for veterans can be difficult to understand, we developed the *Veterans Planning Guide* to make the process of both planning one's own arrangements and receiving well-deserved benefits much easier," says Marsh. "We made the guide free so more veterans can receive those benefits that they have earned."

The benefits can be significant, but they vary depending on several conditions set forth by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Certain restrictions apply based on whether burial takes place in a private or national cemetery. Regardless of the cemetery chosen, benefits include a government-issued flag, a government headstone or marker and a Presidential Memorial Certificate. Even though these benefits are "guaranteed," certain procedures must be followed to receive them.

Some veterans may be eligible for monetary burial allowances, as well, but this is yet another issue that complicates matters; in order to be considered, the veteran must meet a list of additional requirements. With so many issues related to receiving VA burial benefits, it is no wonder that there is a gap in understanding — the guidelines are difficult to comprehend. Thankfully, though, at least one funeral services company has stepped in to assist veterans and their families during their time of need.

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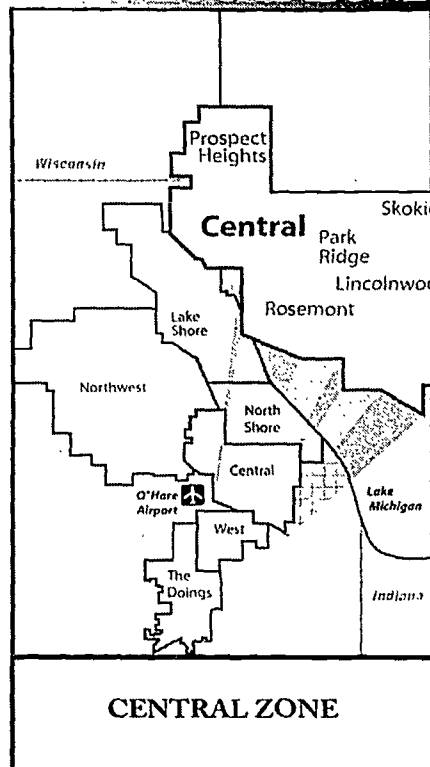
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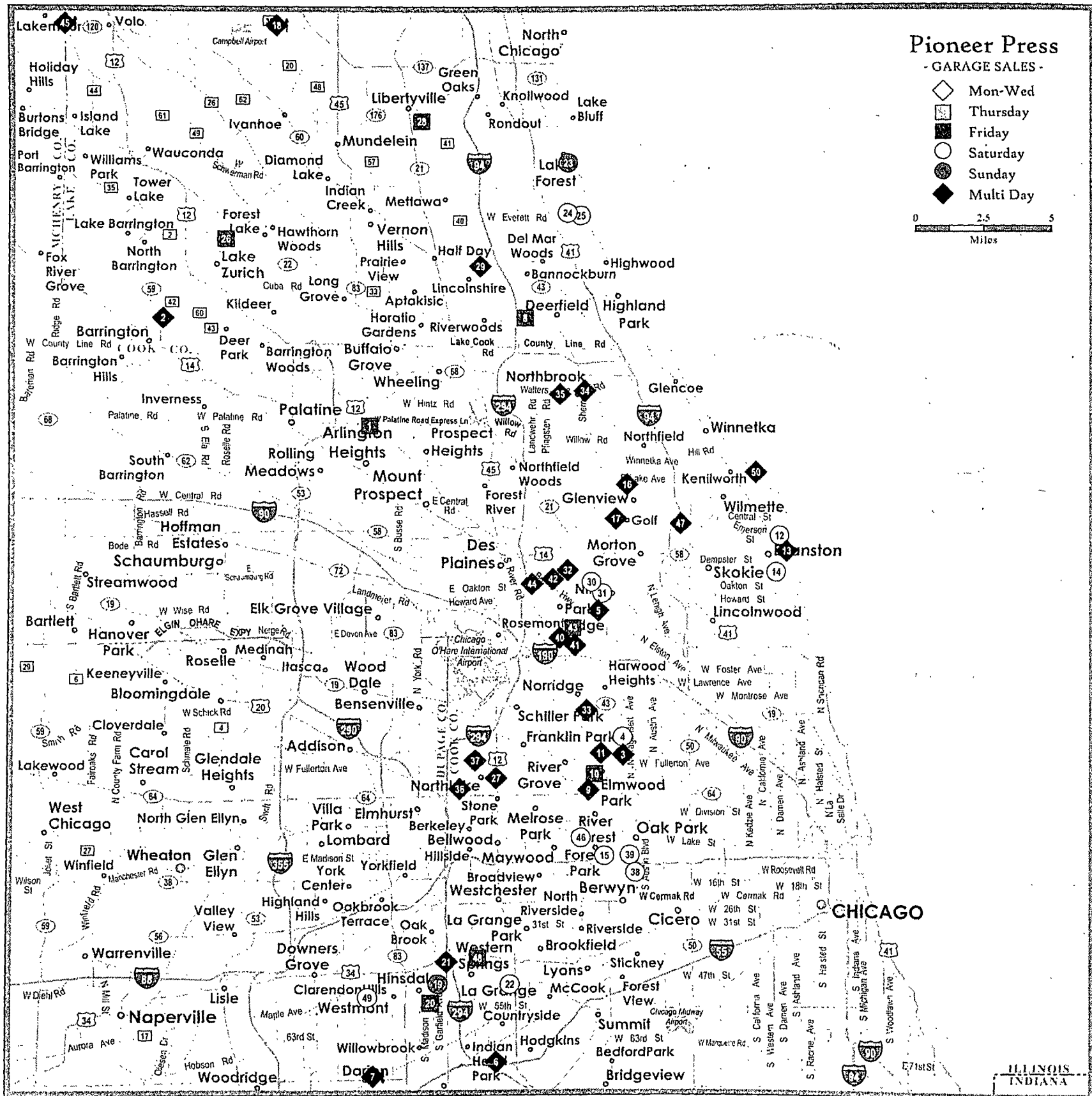
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NORTHLAKE 813 Alcoa. 2 blocks South of Brook. 3 blocks East of Wolf. Fri 10th & Sat 11th. 9-12. Knick knacks, X-mas, clothes, books, more!

NORTHLAKE Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm. 132 West Golfview Dr. Furniture, fur coats, clothing and much more!

OAK LAWN 9317 51st Ave. Sept 10th and 11th. 9am-3pm. Clothes, tools, misc. household and much more!

OAK PARK 1100 block of N. East Ave. 9/11 8 a.m.-noon. Multi-family yard sale. Furniture (office, home), toys, clothes, books, appliances.

OAK PARK 4 Pleasant YARD. Sept 11th and 12th 8am - 1pm Multiple tenants participating in a building yard sale. LOTS of household items.

OAK PARK 701 S Kenilworth. Sat 9-4. Furn. hshld. bks. linens, clothes, LPs, holiday, w/ry, toys, games, dolls, elec. desks, crafts. Moving!

Oak Park 712 S. East Ave. Sat 9/11 Only! 9am-4pm. Interesting items, couch, art deco tables, antique chairs, jewelry & much more!

Oak Park Huge Multi-family Yard Sale. Tons of new & used items. Antiques, new small appliances, kids clothes & toys, pet toys, picture frames, gift wrap, kids & adult books, housewares, Christmas items, garden items. much much more. 1153 S. Scoville Ave. Sat 9/11 9a-3p.

Oak Park Sat Sept 11. 9-3 pm. 1105 S. block of Richton and Elmwood Ave (Alley) Sat/Sun 9-11. 8am-4pm. Hundreds of items, garage is packed to the ceiling!

Park Ridge 1420 S. Crescent Fri-Sat, Sept 10-11, 8am-4pm. Antiques & more! Cash only!

Park Ridge 1500 Marguerite Terr (off Oakton & Western) Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun. 9am-4pm. GIGANTIC SALE. LOADS OF EVERYTHING!

PARK RIDGE 221 N. Prospect Ave. Friday 9/10 & Saturday 9/11 9-3 Moon Annual Garage Sale. Antiques, collectibles, memorabilia, toys, furniture, toys, costume jewelry, fishing. LOADS MORE!

PARK RIDGE 908 S Courtland. 9/10-11. Great old stuff! Antiques, collectible, furniture, Christmas!

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Park Ridge Huge Yard Sale. Furn. H.H. items, antiques, toys, bikes, clothes, misc. 927 S. Prote, Confield & Devon. Fri, and Sat. 9/10 & 9/11. 9-6.

Richmond 4404 E. Hillshire Dr. Saturday-Sunday. 10am-6pm. Art Sale. Extensive Art Collection.

River Forest 303 Gale Ave. Sat 9/11. 8-1. (Corner of Gale & Linden) Gently used childrens clothes (girls up to 17), shoes, toys, equis, books.

SCHILLER PARK 4132 Scott Street. Thursday-Saturday. September 9-11. 8am-4pm. Hundreds of items, garage is packed to the ceiling!

SKOKIE 5331 Golf. at Loren. 1 block S of Oakton. Sat only! 9/11. 8am-3pm. Computers, electronics, tools, clothing, books & misc HH.

SKOKIE 8019 Kildore 9/10, 9/11, 9/12 9-2. Furniture, household, collectibles, Electronics.

SKOKIE - 9737 N. Leclaire Fri-Sat. 9/10-11. Household Moving Sale - household misc. bottles, landscaping boulders, & much more!

Stons Park Garage/Storage Unit Sale! Air tools, hand tools, electrical, automotive, toys, something for everyone! 3611 Lake St. Sat & Sun 9am-3pm.

VERM HILLS 4 Monterey Dr. 9-3 Fri-Sun 9/10-9/12. Rte 45. N to Deerpath. W on Sullivan to Monterey. 3 sofas, coffee table, elegre, din. set, misc kitchen/vidal items & much more!

Wauconda 2439 Trillside Ln. Franklin Ave. 9/10 9am. Clothing, toys, books, bikes, household goods, linens & much more!

WESTERN SPRINGS 3909 Franklin Ave. 9/10 9am. 10m & 9/11 8am - 1pm. 1/2 blocks off Odden. Large sale, great quality. Many items like new - furniture, vintage, antiques, household wares, sporting goods, women's & children's clothes & much more!

WESTERN SPRINGS 4739 Grand Ave. Saturday 8:00am-2:00pm. Home decor, clothing, linens, campers, toys, books, etc.

WESTMONT 19 N. Linden. 9/11/10. 9AM-1PM. 1 blk E. of Coss Ave. N of RR track. dwn. Antl. que furniture, tools, loaders, beds, furniture. Priced to sell!

WILLOWBROOK 416 Kingswood Ct. Friday 9/10 & Saturday 9/11. 9-3. Household, clothes, beer mugs, video games, and much more!

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Cleo Design
with the business located at 5329 West Sunnyside Avenue, 3rd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60630. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Frank O. Arntel, 5339 W. Sunnyside Ave., 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60630.
Pub: 9/2, 9/6, 9/9/10 (1791330) C

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LZ IT Services
with the business located at 130 Old Oak Dr., #146, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Leonid Zbrilskyi, 130 Old Oak Dr., #146, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089.
Pub: 9/2, 9/6, 9/23/10 (1794816) C

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M & D Flooring
with the business located at 2205 S. Goebbert Rd., #207, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Mihail Donu, 2205 S. Goebbert Rd., #207, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.
Pub: 9/2, 9/6, 9/23/10 (1794809) C

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Stanislaw Kito Construction
with the business located at 3950 N. Oak Park, Apt. 202, Chicago, IL 60634. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Stanislaw Kito, 3950 N. Oak Park, Apt. 202, Chicago, IL 60634.
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DocTech
at 6638 N. Knox, Lincolnwood, IL 60463 and 2820 W. Peterson, Chicago, IL 60659. The true name(s) and residence address of the owner(s) is: Vesno Celovic and Filip Celovic, 6638 N. Knox, Lincolnwood, IL 60463.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY... Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self-Service Storage Facility Act, State of Illinois, the undersigned, PS Orange, Inc. will conduct sale(s) by competitive bidding on September 28, 2010 at 12:00 p.m., on the premises where said property has been stored, and which are located at Public Storage, 708 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056, the personal property described below, in the matters of:

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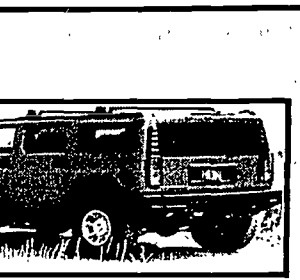
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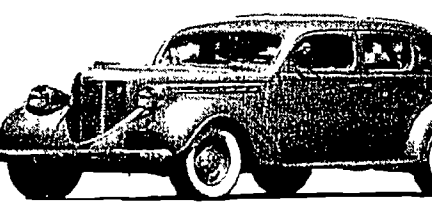
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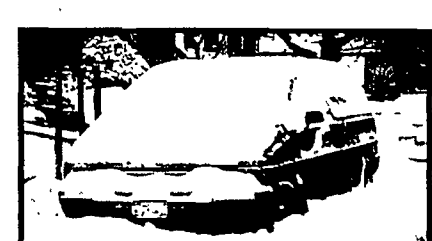
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
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Libertyville resident Bunny Otremski presents her Broccoli Cheese Casserole which took third place at the 52nd annual Lake County Fair in July.

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Veggies take spotlight at Lake County Fair

By VERONICA HINKE
Contributor

A new recipe contest debuted at the 52nd annual Lake County Fair in July — and contest organizers hope the ideas it inspired will help to keep vegetables on the table year-round.

"This was the first year we tried an innovative way to get vegetables on the table," said Cheryl Kersky. The Buffalo Grove resident has judged recipe contests at the fair, held annually in Grayslake, for the past four years.

Vegetables arrive

"Because this was the first year a vegetable section was included in the contest, and the prize was big (\$50), we considered taste, texture and presentation more closely than ever," Kersky said.

Villa Park resident Lea Langhoff won first place with her Southwest Pasta Salad and Lime-Cilantro Dressing. Langhoff makes it with lime juice, coriander, chili powder, olive oil, cider vinegar, honey and a sprinkle of salt and pepper. She blended the ingredients, adding various amounts based on taste.

"Langhoff's pasta salad won because it was zesty, flavorful and crunchy," Kersky pointed out. The salad showcased jicama, a heart root vegetable that has gained popularity.

"It's the kind of food you can introduce to people," Langhoff said. "Similar to carrots, jicama can be sliced and served with dip. People say it is a cross between an apple and a potato. It's juicy and crunchy."

Use inviting colors

Jicama also starred in the second place-winning entry, Round Lake Beach resident Mary Ellen Radtke's Confetti Fritters. The colorful, potato pancake-like concoction also included orange-colored sweet potatoes, yellow squash and green zucchini.

Radtke said, and judges agreed, that the inviting colors represented the rainbow of nutrients that health proponents encourage people to eat on a regular basis.

"Colors are not only healthier, they are more appealing, especially to kids," Radtke said.

And incorporating color into recipes isn't difficult.

"Take a favorite recipe and embellish it," Radtke suggested. "Substitute sweet potatoes for white, for instance."

Kersky liked the fritters because "they weren't obnoxiously spicy, they were easy to eat as finger food and didn't taste like a vegetable. They were something a kid would eat."

First-time entrant

Unlike Radtke, who has competed in the recipe contests at the fair for more than 30 years, winning Grand Champion/Best in Show 12 years ago with her Lemon Meringue Pie, Libertyville resident Bunny Otremski was a first-time entrant into the competition.

Otremski won third place with a recipe that even makes kids ask for more broccoli. "My nieces and nephews devour it and ask for Aunt Bunny's Broccoli Cheese Casserole!" she exclaimed. "I usually have to make two of these for my family."

Mary Ellen Radtke's Confetti Fritters

Fritters:
1 small zucchini
1 small carrot
1 small jicama root
1 small sweet potato
1 small yellow squash
3 eggs
1 C panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
1 (2-oz.) jar diced pimiento
4 T vegetable oil for frying in pan
Honey Mustard Sauce:
1 C plain yogurt
1 T stoneground mustard
1 T honey

For the Fritters: Shred vegetables and put in large bowl. Add rest of ingredients. Mix well. With an ice cream scoop, form patties. Flatten slightly. Fry in vegetable oil in frying pan until brown.

For the Honey Mustard Sauce: Mix together and chill before serving.

The dish, which is a great option for stretching a thin food budget, is also versatile. "Add ham, turkey or chicken from the night before, and dinner is served," Otremski said.

And Otremski insisted that her comfy casserole is as easy to make as it is tasty. Even kids, like her 11-year-old son, Blaise, can be as helpful with the construction as the consumption.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Benefits

Catholic Charities' Northwest Regional Office welcomes golfers and sponsors for its first golf outing, which will benefit the agency's Senior Services in the northwest suburbs. The outing will take place Sept. 22 at the Schaumburg Golf Club, 401 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. The \$250 per person reservation includes: full lunch buffet from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., use of the driving range and three putting greens, Florida Scramble with a 12:30 shotgun start, beverage cart, six holes of contests, two hole-in-one car prizes, three-hour open bar, buffet dinner, auction items and awards. Additional sponsors are still needed. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 to sponsor a hole; \$800 to be a Contest Sponsor; \$1,500 to be the Printing Sponsor; \$4,000 to be the 19th Hole Reception Sponsor or \$9,000 to be the Golf Outing Event Sponsor. Sponsors receive signage, acknowledgment in the program book and mention in event publicity. To register for the golf outing or for sponsorship information, call Glenn Van Cura, director of Catholic Charities' Northwest Regional Services, (847) 376-2118, or e-mail: gvancura@catholiccharities.net. For more information about Catholic Charities Senior Services in the northwest suburbs, visit: catholiccharities.net/ccnw.

Civic

The Maine Township Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Meetings address issues within the unincorporated area of the township and all residents are invited. Reports from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, North Maine Fire Department, and the township's Code Enforcement Department are shared, and residents are invited to ask questions and report any concerns or problems in their neighborhood.

Classes

Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St. in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorinda King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Clubs

The Friends of Saint Benedict will hold its annual fund-raiser on Oct. 8 at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview. It is a luncheon and book review with the popular book dramatist, Barbara Rinella. A grand raffle and raffle of the day drawing will be held. Tickets for the drawings will be available at the luncheon. The afternoon promises to be informative and entertaining. Luncheon tickets are \$45. Call Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at (847) 647-0003 or Loretta Hewicker, (847) 965-0542. **The Park Ridge Catholic Women's Club** will meet at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Park Ridge South Recreational Center, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. There will be a program of Hawaiian music and dancing by the group, "Na Kupuna Ukelele Club." A mini-lunch will be served following the program. Guest donations will be accepted.

The Niles Historical Society begins the new season with Ralph Frese of Niles with his many varied and hilarious stories of the Des Plaines River. The program will be given at 2 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Niles Historical Museum, 8970 N. Milwaukee Ave. This program and all programs of the Historical society are planned for the family and open to all. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted; there is free parking and following a brief business meeting and the program, free refreshments, free dessert and socializing. Call (847) 390-0160.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts. Illinois Cares Rx (prescription drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. Preparation of simple wills and

durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. The Center of Concern also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, friendly visitors for the homebound, and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field. See www.centerofconcern.org.

Professionals in Learning Disabilities and Special Education presents "Tangible, Touchable, Teachable: Hands-On Literacy Exploration" with Paula Filler at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 14 at McCracken Middle School, 8000 East Prairie Road, Skokie. Call Roberta Edelheit, (847) 433-6881.

The Sweet Singers of Congregation Ezras Israel which entertains at nursing homes, retirement facilities and charitable organizations, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Rosenberg Auditorium of Ezras Israel, 7001 N. California Ave., Chicago. Those who enjoy singing are welcome to join. Call the Ezras Israel office at (773) 764-8320.

The Morton Grove Group of Hadassah North Shore invites you to join them at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15 for lunch and an entertaining program of "Bubbe Maises" by Sue Carol Lewis, noted Jewish educator and speaker, at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Niles. Cost is \$18. Contact the North Shore office at (847) 205-1900 or e-mail: northshore@hadassah.org.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays from 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverly, (847) 966-5479, e-mail jamesbond54762@yahoo.com or call (847) 470-9890.

The Korean War Veterans Association: Greater Chicago Chapter No. 25, meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Montclare-Leyden VFW Post, 6940 W. Diversey Ave. Call Joe Henmueller, (773) 774-9671. **1 Chiachieroni** 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. The next meeting will be Sept. 9. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. Call Gabriella, (847) 292-0089, or e-mail: ichiachieroni@yahoo.com.

Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or d.drozd@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920. **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

National Alliance on Mental Illness -Cook County North Suburban will

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University Dermatology

Dr. Dimitropoulos received his medical degree from Rush University. He completed his Dermatology residency in 2005 at the University of Michigan as well as additional training in the Melanoma Multidisciplinary Clinic. Dr. Dimitropoulos followed his residency with a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Rush University, completed in 2006. Dr. Dimitropoulos is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. He completed his internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and his Dermatology residency in 1999 at Rush University Medical Center. He completed a fellowship in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at Baptist Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri, in 2000. Dr. Brown is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

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(From left) Bunny Otremski receives help from her 11-year-old son, Blaise Clark, and their dog, Francis, while stirring up her Broccoli Cheese Casserole.

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present Dr. Karen Cassidy, a professor at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Sciences and instructor in the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at Rush Medical School to discuss "Strategies for Overcoming Anxiety in Your Life." The talk will be 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Kenton-Knox Conference Center, NorthShore University HealthSystem, 9701 N. Knox Ave., Skokie. Cassidy has more than 20 years of experience helping children, teens and adults overcome anxiety disorders, phobias, and obsessive compulsive disorders. She will address: How you can tell if you have a problem; What steps you can take to overcome anxiety; and What you can do when self-help is not enough. This program is free and open to the public.

The Annual Latino Hispanic Heritage Month Courthouse Tours of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, will be Sept. 29 and 30. The tours offer the public a sense of the day-to-day operations of one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights include a visit to a courtroom to observe a trial in progress, an informal presentation by a Circuit Court judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives. Tour participants also receive a copy of the court's informational guide which out-

lines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county services. The tours are limited to those 10 and older, with a maximum of 35 people to a group. Reservations are recommended. The tours will depart at 10 a.m. from the Daley Center's west lobby on the Randolph and Clark Streets side of the building. For reservations, call Melissa Pacelli at (312) 603-1927 on or before Sept. 23. Visit www.cookcountycourt.org.

The Northwest Choral Society invites experienced singers to audition for its 45th anniversary 2010-11 season, which will include three exciting concert programs. Recently appointed Music Director Alan Wellman will conduct the Northwest Choral Society this season, with pianist Lori Lyn Mackie serving as accompanist. Auditions are held every Tuesday evening before rehearsals from 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1095 Thacker at Dempster St., in Des Plaines. Be prepared to discuss prior musical experience and vocalize. Bring a prepared audition piece if that is most comfortable, but it is not required. To schedule an audition, call (224) 585-9127 or visit www.nwchoral-society.org.

The Northwest Choral Society subscription drive for the 2010-11 concert season runs through Dec. 7. The program line up will feature the annual holiday concert, scheduled for Dec. 4 and 5 and entitled The Christmas Star, will feature Harlan's Christmas Canticle, accompanied by a string quartet,

as well as carols and hymns of advent and Christmas by Bach and Lauridsen. The Spring Concert, to be presented March 26 is under the title Praise and Triumph. Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" will be the featured score. While typically more classical in nature, the Spring Concert also will include pieces from Handel, Mozart and Franck. Members of the Northwest Choral Society Chamber Orchestra with Alan Heatherington as concertmaster will accompany the chorus. The final concert of the season, Celebrate Americana will be held June 4 and 5, with selections from Copeland's "Old American Songs," Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess," and Bernstein's "West Side Story." Season tickets for the three concerts are offered at a discounted price of \$40, for adults and \$33, for students and senior citizens. Single concert tickets are \$18, for adults and \$15, for students and seniors citizens. To order tickets, call (224) 585-9127 or visit www.nwchoral-society.org.

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, will present "Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race" through Jan. 2. The exhibition examines how the Nazi leadership, in collaboration with physicians, psychiatrists, and other medical professionals, used science to help legitimize persecution, murder and, ultimately, genocide. It chronicles the Nazi campaign, from 1933 to 1945, to "cleanse" German society of individuals viewed as biological threats to the nation's "health." This exhibition was produced by the U.S. Holocaust

Memorial Museum. Matt Roloff, patriarch of the Roloff Family on TLC's reality series "Little People, Big World," will appear on Sept. 26, for a special discussion about his advocacy for the rights of little people. The program, including a question and answer session with Roloff begins at 1 p.m. Reservations required. Cost is \$20 for nonmembers, and \$10, members. Call (847) 967-4889, to reserve a ticket.

This year the Maine South Athletic Pass, entitling bearers to admission to all home football and basketball games (except IHSA games), is available exclusively through the Maine South Athletic Boosters for \$30. See southmaine20.org, click on Organizations, then Hawk Boosters and then the membership link to obtain a membership/pass application - or call Laurie Kovalick, membership committee chairperson, at (847) 292-1665 or John Wolf, Booster president at (773) 935-5585 for more information or an application. Consider becoming a member in addition to purchasing the pass for the good and benefit of all Maine South athletes.

The Norwood Park Historical Society will host its annual Wine Fest, a one-of-a-kind extravaganza of food and wine at Chicago's oldest home, the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago, from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 11. This year's theme is "Everyday Wines." Guests can meander through the spectacular grounds of the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House and enjoy unlimited tastings, food and entertainment. The event also will feature a silent auction and the op-

portunity to purchase "Instant Wine Cellar" raffle tickets to start or complement a current collection. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased online at www.norwood-parkhistoricalsociety.org or by calling (773) 631-4633. Street parking is available, and guests also can take the Union Pacific/Norwest line of the Metra and exit at Norwood Park or the CTA's Blue Line (Harlem Avenue stop).

Any women interested in joining the Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Threshold Singers can contact Kathy Huber at (847) 685-9900. Practices are held on two Thursdays each month starting at 6:45 p.m. in Park Ridge. Threshold Singers are trained to sing in groups of two and three at the bedside of those who are sick and dying. The songs are generally traditional or simple rounds, chants, lullabies and hymns that can be chosen to respond to musical taste and spiritual direction. Singers go through patient care volunteer training, but there are no auditions; only requirements are a love of music and a desire to serve others.

Avenues Thrift Shoppe offers great prices and specials on gently used clothing for infants, children and adults, shoes, household items, books and small furniture. On Wednesdays, seniors 60 years and older receive 10 percent off all regularly priced items. The main shop is located at 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago, and the "boutique" shop at 7700 Touhy Ave. features upscale clothing, outerwear, collectibles and finer merchandise.

Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Donations are accepted 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays only. Donate only gently used clothing; broken or obsolete electronics cannot be accepted. Purchases help adults with developmental disabilities. Avenues to Independence is a nonprofit organization based at 515 Busse Highway in Park Ridge that offers a variety of programs to enhance an individual's work, social, and daily living skills. For information on donations or to volunteer, contact Michael Frustini, (773) 631-6230.

Crafts

St. John Brebeuf's Catholic Women's Club will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in the May Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles. Any crafter wishing to receive an application may call Judi Stephens, (847) 296-6421.

Resurrection Retirement Community, 7262 P. Peterson Ave., Chicago, (no stairs) is looking for crafters for a Craft and Gift Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 16. Table cost is \$25. Call (773) 594-0093.

The Parents Club of Guerin College Preparatory High School is seeking crafters for its annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 30 throughout the first floor of the school, at 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove. Admission is \$2; children under 12 free (strollers are not permitted). Refreshments are

also available for purchase. To receive an application form, call (708) 453-6233. Crafters can also download an application from www.guerinprep.org. Deadline for participation is Oct. 15; entry fee is \$60.

Wright College is seeking artists and crafters for its indoor annual Craft Fair on Sept. 12 at the college, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave., Chicago. Wright's Center for Lifelong Learning sponsors the fair, which runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tables will be assigned on a "first-applied-for, first-assigned" basis. Tables range from \$65 to \$100. Admission and parking are free. Contact Gail Toribio at (773) 481-8805. Also, a vendor application is available at wright.ccc.edu.

Festivals

Immaculate Conception Parish will once again host its annual Oktoberfest beginning at 6 p.m. Sept. 24 and 25 on the parish grounds at 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Each night will include D.J.s, dancing and kids activities for all ages. In addition, on Saturday night, live music from Ronnie Rice will be featured. The festival will also offer raffles and games for all ages, snacks, dinner packages, sweets, beverages and more. Tickets purchased at the door are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Discounted ticket packages are available for purchase through Sept. 17. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Immaculate Conception Academy and Immaculate Conception Parish. Visit www.iccboys.net for discount ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities.

Fitness Center

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

Pilates Exo Chair is a semi-private two-person class. **Exo Chair Express** is a 30-minute semi-private class providing a challenge to take on chair exercises and enhance mat exercises on the exo chair for an ab blasting, stability challenging workout. (Mat experience recommended). **Core Blast Express** is a 30-minute semi-private class focusing on challenging core musculature. **Exo Chair Express** is conducted 10:15-10:45 Mondays, 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays or 8:15-8:45 a.m. Thursdays. **Core Blast Express** is held from 7:45-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays. Cost is \$114, members; \$119, nonmembers.

Pilates Reformer Class options: Private Pilates Mat Training; Private Pilates Reformer and Chair Training; Pilates Individual Reformer and Chair Training, half session; Pilates Reformer and Chair, semi-private. To schedule an appointment, call Group Exercise Coordinator Danielle Desherow at (847) 588-8410.

Core, Strength & Balance offers total body strength exercises using weight and the BOSU. Class includes abdominal and low back exercises. All ability levels welcome. Classes are held from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, to Oct. 19. Rates are \$57 and \$67, respectively.

Aqua - Arthritis - Provides an opportunity for people with arthritis and post rehab conditions to help improve flexibility, coordination and muscle

strength. This class is sanctioned by the Arthritis Foundation. A doctor's note is required. Classes are held from 10:15-11 a.m. Tuesdays, to Oct. 12. Cost is \$40, members; \$52, nonmembers.

Pilates is a series of controlled exercises that engage the mind and body to develop strong flexible muscles without building bulk. Routines alternate stretching with strengthening. There is a seven person minimum per class. All levels meet from 9:10-10 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 25; 8:05-8:55 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 21; or 8:55 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 11 to Oct. 23. Continuing Level meets 6:30-7:20 p.m. Wednesdays, to Oct. 20. Drop-in fees: Member \$9; nonmember \$12. Cost is \$62, nonmembers or \$57 and \$67.

Pilates Beginning classes run 35 minutes beginning with fundamentals and core activation and progress through the series to prepare participants for an all-levels or continuing class. Classes run from 7:20-7:55 p.m. Wednesdays, to Oct. 20. Cost is \$52, members; \$57, nonmembers.

Pilates Barre Fusion - Combines Pilates mat exercises with Barre exercises that shape the thighs, calves, booty, arms and abs. Classes run from 7:40-8:20 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 25, or 11:20 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, to Oct. 19. Rates are \$57, members; \$67, nonmembers.

Friday Night Fun for ages 5-12 will be held from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 17 and includes swimming, gym, crafts, snack and more. Cost is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers.

Youth Boot Camp for ages 9-12 will run 3:45-4:35 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 8. It provides cardio interval training combined with segments of weight training and conditioning in a kid-friendly environment.

Fall swim lessons for ages 3 months to 13 years run six weeks and each lesson lasts 35 minutes. Bring a towel from home. Group lessons are \$54, members; \$69, nonmembers.

Food Drives

The Maine Township Food Pantry is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the North Side Community Bank building.

Fundraisers

Century 21 Marino Real Estate, has launched the 21st Century Child: Picture the Future photo-sharing contest. By participating, families throughout local communities can help raise money to benefit children and families living with autism. Nationally, the Century 21 System and its philanthropic partner, Easter Seals, are asking families in the United States whether personally affected by autism or not, to visit 21centurychild.com and share a favorite photo of their child (ages 5 and younger) and an inspirational message. After the photo is uploaded, participants are encouraged to share

their photo and fundraising campaign profile with family, friends and others through their social network. For every photo uploaded, the Century 21 System will make a donation to the cause. Through Sept. 30, this innovative photo-sharing campaign unites families to support, inspire and empower those affected by autism. The contestant that generates the highest amount of financial contributions will win a \$2,100 Apple gift card. The next six highest fundraisers will win an Apple iPad. All money raised by the 21st Century Child: Picture the Future photo-sharing contest will help Easter Seals and Act for Autism provide families affected by autism with the assistance they so desperately need, including emotional support, equal access to treatment and innovative coping strategies. Complete rules and regulations are available at www.21centurychild.com.

Cub Scout Pack No. 3977 of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 5650 N. Canfield Ave., will host an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner from 5-9 p.m. Sept. 10 in the school gymnasium. Cub Scouts and Scout leaders will be serving dinner throughout the night. The cost is \$5, for adults 13 and older; \$3, children ages 6-12 and free for those 5 and under. All proceeds will support St. Paul's Cub Scout program which is open to all boys in first through sixth grades.

Alicia's House eighth annual Celebrity Golf Outing, Dinner and Silent Auction is held Sept. 11, at the Lincolnshire Country Club, 390 E. Richton Road, Crete. Event starts at 11:30 a.m., followed by golf at 12:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. there is a raffle and silent auction when the public can meet and greet the celebrities. At 6:45 p.m., winners are announced. Dinner is 7 p.m. Big items at the silent auction include: two tickets to the Grammys and an after party; Charlie Daniels autographed fiddle, an Abby Road album signed by Paul McCartney, Ring Starr, and George Harrison; a picture of Yoko Ono and John Lennon; autographed sports items, movie items and books. For information about Alicia's House and the golf fundraiser, call (708) 946-3002 or visit www.aliciashouse.org.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish in Niles is selling Entertainment 2011 Books at \$25. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts cover a variety of areas: travel, restaurants, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. The sale of these books benefits the parish. To obtain a book, contact Josephine Box at (847) 823-8984.

Like New Auto Spa, Inc., 1050 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, has introduced a special fund-raising program that benefits Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Anyone who visits Like New to have their car washed or detailed, or buys a gift card from the company - and also asks for the Lutheran General discount - will receive a price cut for the service, with a portion of the proceeds going specifically to benefit the

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MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

Crafting is serious business as the folks who attended the Craft and Hobby Association's Summer Supershow can attest. The event, which spanned two days, was open to the public and included hun-

dreds of different "make and take" projects ranging from digital scrapbooking to tie-dyeing yarn and up-cycling T-shirts with fringe.

I was impressed not only with the breadth of projects, but also with the depth of passion, resourcefulness and creativity the craft leaders and designers possessed. Who knew duct tape was so versatile?

In honor of the event, I have asked three designers to share with us some of their easy-to-make crafts. To view demonstrations of each craft, watch our videos at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy.

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Bib Necklace

This craft comes courtesy of Shannon Dennis who is the author of *Sew Hip* and the brains behind www.thenineline.com. This necklace is easy to make and only requires a quick trip to a local fabric store.

- You will need:
- 1 yard white cotton fabric
 - 1 yard of 3-4 coordinating cotton prints
 - 1 yard white chiffon, lace or eyelet
 - 1 yard satin ribbon (5/8" works well)
 - 1 yard stabilizer, such as Sulky Cut Away Plus
 - 1 yard light fusible web, such as Steam a Seam II Lite
 - Bib Necklace template
 - Fabric glue (or needle and thread)

- Print out and cut the "bib necklace template." Use this template to cut two white fabric bibs and one stabilizer bib.
- Place the wrong side of the fabric bibs

together with the stabilizer sandwiched in between. Be sure to match all raw edges. Glue or sew the pieces together so you now have one stable bib.

- Cut the ribbon in half. Glue or sew the ribbon to each side of the base.
- Cut the chiffon or lace trim in half so it's about 1-2 inches wide. Glue or sew the trim along the base.
- Cut the coordinating fabric into 9 x 20 inch pieces. Fold fabric in half and fuse together using fusible web.
- Cut the fused fabric into the following sized circles:

No. of circles	Diameter (in inches)
5	2-1/2
10	1
5	3/4
5	1/2

Now you are ready for the fun part - putting everything together.

- Arrange the circles as you please layering small, medium and large circles.

Water Bottle Bracelet

Heidi Borchers and the team from www.ilovetocreate.com came up with this clever idea that turns a water bottle into a fashion statement.

- You will need:
- Colorful fabric
 - Decorative buttons or sequins
 - Water bottle (cut into a 2-1/2-inch ring)
 - Tacky glue

- Use fabric and tacky glue to cover the water bottle ring.
- Be sure to fold the fabric over the sharp edges and glue the fabric inside the ring.
- Add buttons, sequins, or coordinating fabric pieces as desired.
- Allow to dry before wearing.



Rachel Peterman (right) shows off her bib necklace along with Beth Engelman.

Templates for the bib necklace and luggage tag are available at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy.



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Get crafty

Want to join the fun? Check out these September craft events.

Miles of Pillowcase Smiles Sew-a-Thon
Hosted by Chicago chapter of ConKerr Cancer TIME 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 18
PLACE Our Redeemer's United Methodist Church, 1600 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg

WHY Everyone is invited to come and make pillowcases for children with cancer or other serious illnesses. Never used a sewing machine before? No problem! There will be extra sewing machines and instructors on hand. **MORE** Visit www.conkerrcancer.org or e-mail conkerrcancerchi@aol.com.

Chicago Area Craft Social
TIME 7-10 p.m. Sept. 24

PLACE Evanston Vineyard Church, 2495 Howard St., Evanston
WHY Make crafts and friends. **MORE** Visit craftsocial.blogspot.com.

Have a question about the crafts or need information about upcoming events? E-mail Beth@engelmannriggs.com.

Duct Tape Luggage Tag

The folks at Duck Brand have turned duct tape into a crafting staple. Not only can you use it to make cute luggage tags, but it can also be used to make wallets, flowers and even a prom dress! To find out more, visit www.duckbrand.com.

- You will need:
- Duct tape
 - 1 sheet of clear vinyl

- Scissors
Luggage tag template
- Place strips of duct tape back to back until you have a sheet that is 3 x 5 inches.
 - Print out and cut the "luggage tag template." Fill in your personal information.
 - Cut a piece of vinyl that is the same size as the luggage tag insert.

- Tape three sides of the vinyl to the duct tape tag, leaving the top space open to slide in the insert.
- Cut the two right-hand corners of the tag and make a 1/2-inch slit in the middle.
- Cut a 6-inch piece of tape and fold in half length-wise. Thread through slit to make a ring and secure to luggage with an additional piece of tape.

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Older Adult Services program of the hospital. Call AiMee Madden, Lutheran General Development Office, (847) 723-8518; Steve Radakovic at Like New Auto Spa, (847) 823-9274; or visit www.like-new-autospa.com. The fundraising program is featured on the homepage with a link to a more detailed flyer containing the discount and donation matrix. This offer is not valid with an outside wash only, or any other promotion/program.

Health

Get practical and up-to-date information about new developments in eye care at the annual Low Vision Fair, co-sponsored by the Park Ridge Public Library and six other area libraries, taking place from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive. Attendees will hear featured speakers, Dr. Frank LaFranco and Dr. Daniel J. Tepper, discuss the latest on macular degeneration, nutrition and eye health. Supportive service providers and vendors of equipment and assistive devices will also be on hand to answer questions. Retina and glaucoma screenings are available to interested attendees. Light refreshments and door prizes. Contact the Niles Public Library, (847) 663-1234.

Women age 35 and older are invited to participate in a national research study of the Hologic, Inc. tomosynthesis 3-D mammography system. The study is conducted at the Advocate Lutheran General Center for Advanced Care, 1700 Luther Lane, on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge. This is the only site in the Chicagoland area selected to conduct this multicenter clinical trial. The principal investigator for the study at this site is Dr. Sarah Friedewald, section chief, breast imaging and co-medical director of the Caldwell Breast Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. The study is being done to see how breast tomosynthesis mammography, a 3-D imaging exam, compares to a conventional digital 2-D mammography exam. Women ages 35 and older who are planning to have a routine mammogram may be eligible to participate in this research study. Participants will have additional 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional views taken of the breast. The study will take about 15-30 minutes, which includes the time it takes to read and complete a consent form. If interested in participating in the research study, call HealthAdvisor, 1-800-323-8622 and mention Code 8W35. There is no cost to study participants.

Kids
The Twenty-First Star Chapter of NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution) is looking for students to compete in this year's annual American History Essay Contest. All fifth- through eighth-grade students in a public, private, or parochial school, and those who are home schooled are eligible. This contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. Topic for 2010-11 is "Memoirs of Paul Revere" in celebration of the 275th anniversary of the birth of Paul Revere. (Pretend you are Paul Revere writing your memoirs; relate various accomplishments for which you wish to be remembered in the annals of American History.) One essay at each grade level is selected as the chapter winner and forwarded to the district American History chairman for further competition. Judging will be based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation and neatness. (Pictures, maps, drawings, graphics and other such additions will not be con-

sidered in judging and should not be included.) Deadline for submission is Dec. 1. Contact Twenty-First Star Chapter Historian Nancy Meyer at (847) 824-1150 or nwymeyerin@aol.com for specific guidelines for this year's contest.

Library
Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

A Super Sunday event on Sept. 12 goes all day and features a huge book sale benefitting the Friends of the Library and the Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars fund. There will also have a live game show, popcorn and hot dogs, a juggler and drawings. Sept. 18 through Oct. 15, the Niles Library presents: Get Back! Beatles Art Show and Celebration. Enjoy Beatles themed films, trivia, memories, art and more. Computer classes, book discussions, new release movies and special programs.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - *Babytime*. 11 a.m. Mondays, for babies age 2 and under. Continuous year-round drop-in program for children with an adult. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended playtime after *Rise & Shine Storytime*: 10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 2-6 with caregiver; enjoy stories, songs and more.

Maine Township
Maine Township's popular annual Community Garage Sale will be held, rain or shine, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 25 in the parking lot of Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Reservations with payment will be accepted until Sept. 20, but spaces are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Spaces are 8-feet by 16-feet and cost only \$20 each. Net proceeds from the event benefit the MaineStay Adventure Camp for disadvantaged youth and the Township's Emergency Food Pantry. Residents can also make a donation of cash or merchandise. Merchandise for resale will not be accepted for drop-off at Town Hall until Sept. 20. Donated merchandise will be sold by Township staff. Donation checks should be made payable to: "Maine Township Adventure Camp" or "Maine Township Food Pantry." Call Marie Worobec, (847) 297-2510, Ext. 270, or see www.maintownship.com.

Maine Township's FISH (Friends In-need 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.

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott Ave., Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advance registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available.

Ongoing programs - Moms In Motion: Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call (773) 990-5600 for more information. **Yoga**: All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at (773) 792-5022, for details.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m.-noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 723-7277.

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Tips for Weatherizing Your Home for Winter

By Michael Preston, BPI Certified Building Analyst

With the next Chicago winter fast approaching, now is the time to prepare your home for the extreme cold temperatures we can expect. Also, due to the government incentives available it is now more cost-effective to weatherize your home than in any time in history.

1. **Insulate, Insulate, Insulate.** The U.S. Department of Energy suggests that improving your home's insulation is one of the fastest and most cost-effective ways to reduce energy waste and to make your home more comfortable. Only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated.

2. **Those with older homes stand to see the biggest difference when:**

- You are uncomfortably cold in the winter or hot in the summer—adding insulation creates a more uniform temperature and increases comfort.
- You pay high energy bills.
- You are bothered by noise from outside—insulation muffles sound.

3. **The right product is key.** For older homes, choosing a product with a high R-value and air sealing properties is critical to reducing consumption and improving comfort. In addition, make certain that the products you choose are formaldehyde free, non-toxic and fire/moisture/insect resistant.

4. **The Whole House System.** If your attic has enough insulation and your home still feels drafty and cold in the winter or too warm in the summer, chances are you need to add insulation to the exterior walls as well. In many older homes, previously installed insulation in the walls may not be sufficient.

The federal tax credit of 30% up to \$1500 for weatherization improvements to your home is set to expire on December 31, 2010. To take advantage of this stimulus, you must act now.

Bottom line, one of the most cost-effective ways to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient year-round is to improve the insulation.

For a complimentary insulation evaluation with Michael at USA Insulation, call 847-564-8300 or visit www.usainsulation.net.

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Nesset Pavilion on the campus of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. Meetings are 1:30-3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the lower-level conference room of Nesset Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guaris. (847) 318-2501.

The Neptune Society, the largest independent cremation company in the nation based in Des Plaines, is bringing comforting teddy bears to Chicago area children who are hurt, frightened or alone. The Neptune Society Teddy Bear Program names a teddy bear in honor of every person whose death care is handled by Neptune on the one-year anniversary of their death. The teddy bears are then donated to organizations such as Rainbow Hospice in Park Ridge and local fire departments to be given to a child in need.

The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowa@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's HomeAid, 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 at the Outpatient Therapy Center, Church and Potter avenues, Des Plaines. Call Megan Potterfield. (847) 723-6690.

Holding Onto Hope is a monthly daytime group for widowed people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets from 12:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Life Transitions Group is an ongoing support group for anyone who, as a general guideline, has been widowed for one to four years, meeting 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge. The fee is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Good Mourning Program will meet 6:45-8 p.m. every third Monday of the month at Lutheran General Family Care Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines. The program is a support group for children, teens and families who have lost a loved one through

death. Preliminary interview is required before registration. To register, call Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care Bereavement Support. (847) 692-8884.

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 a.m., meetings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$5 per month. Call (847) 679-4229.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Saturday of each month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7856.

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

Afterglow Support Group for stroke survivors and their family and friends meets the second Wednesday of the month in the Resurrection Rehabilitation Center of Chicago, first floor, Professional Building, Entrance C. Call (773) 594-7866.

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

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.com to be added to the e-mail list for meeting announcements.

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 Lenh, 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.

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, de-

velop 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.

Register your bike through the Niles Senior 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 re-connect you if it is ever lost or stolen.

Volunteers

Individuals who have few hours to spare are urged to join the Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe Team of Volunteers. Avenues is looking for friendly, hard-working men and women to help staff at the Thrift Shoppe, 7710 W. Touhy Ave. in Chicago. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, or 1-8 p.m. Thursdays. Volunteers receive a discount. No experience is needed. All proceeds from the Thrift Shoppe help Avenues continue valuable programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Contact the store manager, Michael Frustini. (847) 292-0870, Ext. 771.

The Men's and Women's Association of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital is looking for new members. The community-based philanthropic and social organization raises funds for the hospital through a variety of events, including an annual golf outing, glove sale and concert. The organization's donations have assisted the hospital in expanding programs, purchasing state-of-the-art medical equipment, and pursuing research and education initiatives. Yearly dues are \$35. Call (847) 723-6105. Many individuals have found them-

selves laid off or unable to find employment. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care would like to respond by helping professionals stay current with their job skills (or gain experience if recently graduated) by offering professional volunteer opportunities. Possible opportunities include positions in medical records, human resources administration, community outreach, finance, marketing and admissions/customer service. Volunteers must have a willingness to make use of their professional skills and a positive attitude allowing them to take on a great deal of responsibility. Training and seminars for professional and personal development will be provided. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (847) 685-9900, Ext. 3128, or rparrow@rainbowhospice.org. Visit www.rainbowhospice.org

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 45-50 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.

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10 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$975	20%	3.876

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5/1 ARM	3.250	0.000	\$995	20%	3.042
15 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$995	20%	3.839
7/1 ARM	3.500	0.000	\$995	20%	3.203

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15 yr fixed	3.625	0.000	\$850	20%	3.701
5/1 ARM	3.000	0.000	\$850	20%	3.113
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30 yr fixed	4.250	0.000	\$1050	20%	4.304
15 yr fixed	3.875	0.000	\$1050	20%	3.969
5/1 jumbo ARM	4.625	0.000	\$1050	20%	3.648
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20 yr fixed	4.250	0.000	\$1064	20%	4.333
15 yr fixed	3.750	0.000	\$1064	20%	3.855
5/1 ARM	3.250	0.000	\$1064	20%	3.248

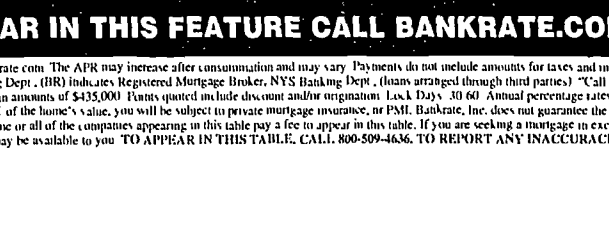
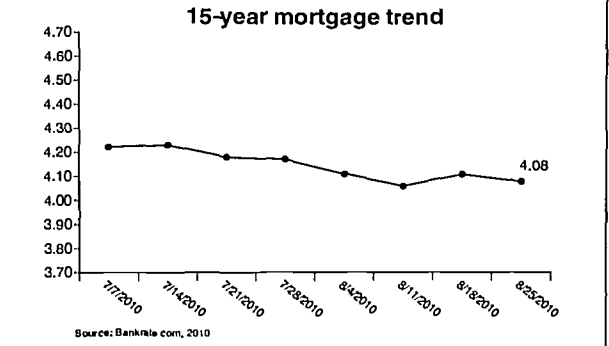
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5/1 ARM	3.375	0.000	\$1782	20%	3.321
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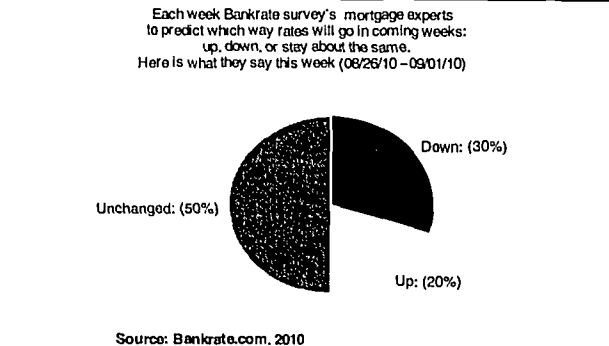
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Demons nab another crown in own tourney

Draw with ND
enough to
secure title

By MATT HARNESS
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BOYS SOCCER — Even a tie felt like a win for Maine East. A draw with Notre Dame on Aug. 31 gave the Demons their fourth consecutive championship in their own tournament. "The kids are happy," said Maine East coach Vic DiPrizio. "I was a little disappointed we tied, and it was a bad tie." Ahead 1-0 at the break, the Demons lost a player to a red card for most of the second half and allowed the tying goal with less than four minutes to go. Hermez Mando was whistled for the penalty when he took down a player on a breakaway. The senior defender also

will miss Friday's CSL North opener against Maine West. "That's unfortunate because the next game for us is Maine West," DiPrizio said. After scoring one goal in its first two losses, Maine East totaled 11 in three tournament matches. The Demons started with a 7-0 win over Northridge and then beat Lake View 3-0 before tying the Dons. Petar Tijanic, Gus Galvez and Alexis Chavero all scored twice during the tournament. Tijanic netted the goal against Notre Dame. Galvez, a defender, had two scores in the opening victory. He missed the game against Notre Dame because of scheduled surgery unrelated to soccer. "We have good balance, and that's a nice sign," said the coach, whose team entered the week at 2-2-1. "I think we are going to be OK this year. We are coming along and we will get bet-

ter at putting the ball in the net as the season goes on. We had plenty of opportunities to finish our shots at the tournament. We could have gone undefeated if we did. Our ball possession and defensive play has been strong." DiPrizio finally was glad to see all three of his primary scorers on the field together: Sophomore Rami Dajani, last season's points leader, missed the early part of the season after having hernia surgery. "Those are our three go-to guys," DiPrizio said. "Then having Gus score a couple of goals as a defender was gravy. We were not expecting that. Rami, Alexis and Petar are the ones we will look to for goals." After playing the Warriors on Friday, the Demons are off until they play New Trier, which finished third at the state tournament last season.



Maine East's Rami Dajani (2) goes airborne with Alex Babusci of Notre Dame last week during the Maine East tournament. (Joe Cyganowski/for STM)

MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

Vasilopoulos serving turns fortunes around

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — What hurt the Demons in their first two losses was the reason for their first victory of the season. Deanna Vasilopoulos' serving down the stretch Aug. 31 was the difference as Maine East rallied to beat Park Ridge rival Maine South 16-25, 25-16, 25-23. "The girls have worked hard to improve on that," coach Chris Broska said of serving. "We didn't give up any easy points." "We've been working hard on consistency and bringing a more aggressive approach. We are working on jump serve, trying to get as many girls to do that as we can." Vasilopoulos finished with three aces and three kills.

Pat Wardynski and Megan Harford led the offense with four kills, while Jamie Short added three. Wardynski also had three blocks. Rookie setter Kate Gebulowicz dealt 11 assists. "She's doing well," Broska said of the sophomore. "We are trying to get her to make good set selections, and she's coming around. It's going to be a learning process throughout the season, but she's capable of doing that and growing into the role." "There's nothing but an upside with her." The Demons (1-3) couldn't maintain their success, losing to Niles West 25-11, 25-22 on Sept. 2. "They have a nice outside

hitter. She's a force," Broska said. "Niles West was probably the best team we have faced so far." The sophomore Wardynski finished with four kills and two aces. "We really struggled with our passing against Niles West," Broska added. "That proved to be our biggest downfall. We couldn't get the ball to our setter." Maine East was scheduled to play Addison Trail on Wednesday.

while Maine West edged the Demons with 44. Jimmy Dickman followed Cristino in 23rd in 18:47. Maine East is off until Wednesday.

Girls Cross Country
Aahuti Patel paced the Demons last week at the District 207 meet by finishing 14th in 22:51. Only three Maine East runners completed the race as the Demons were last with 50 points. Maine South won with 16 and Maine West was second with 47. The Hawks had the first four runners and 12 of the first 13. Maine East competes again Wednesday.



Maine East's Aahuti Patel competes in the District 207 cross country meet last week at Maine South High School. She placed 14th. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

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Large deficit too much for Demons

Three TDs in second half not enough

By JASON SHIMBERG
Contributor

FOOTBALL — The home crowd stuck around, hoping Maine East could overcome a 24-0 halftime deficit. But unlike the team's rally against Schurz in Week 1, the Blue Demons were unable to catch Harlan in a 36-18 loss. Still, the Demons scored three second-half touchdowns, at least giving them a chance.

"We worked all week long trying to swarm and get angles of pursuit — we just missed a ton of tackles," said Maine East coach Gabe Corey. The Demons outplayed the Falcons in the second half.

"I think the positive thing for us is the kids have the fight in them to play a full 48 minutes," Corey said.

The Demons didn't lose because of lack of hustle, and they won't likely face a team for the rest of the year

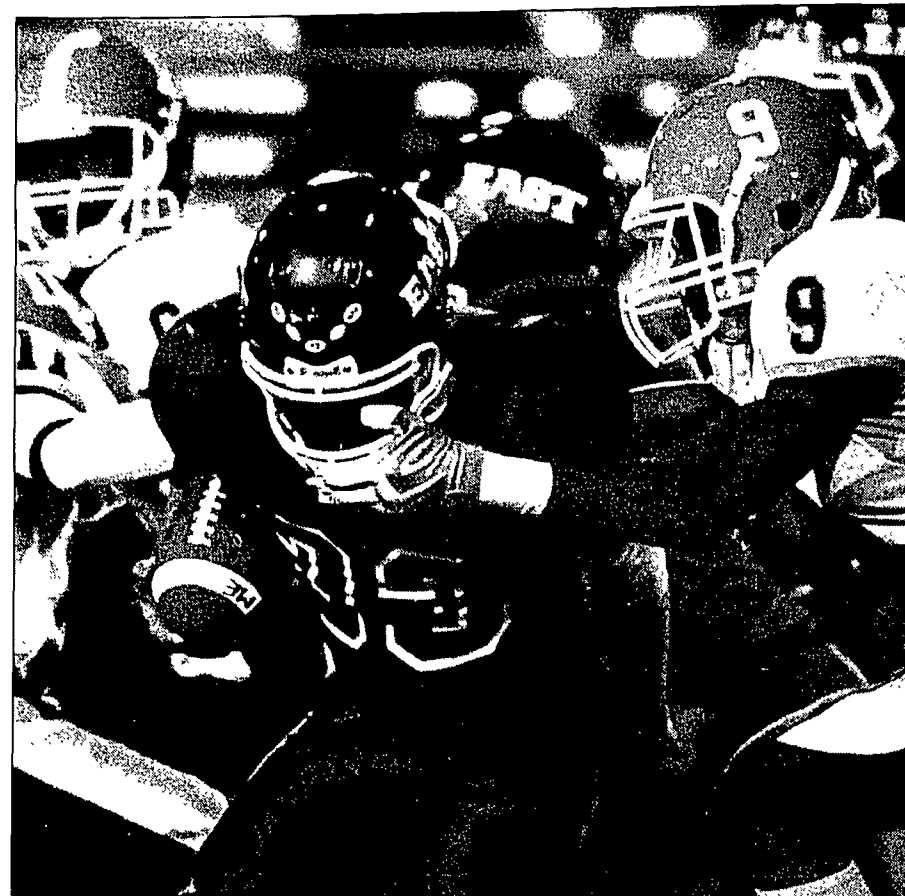
GAME DAY WEEK 3 MATCHUP

Who: Maine East (1-1) at Niles West (0-2)
What: CSL crossover
When: 7 p.m. Friday
Where: 5701 Oakton, Skokie
What to look for: Both teams are coming off losses. The Demons couldn't handle Harlan's speed in a 36-18 loss, while the Wolves were battered by Niles North's bruising running game in a 24-15 defeat. Maine East never got into Friday's game, going into the half down 24-0. This is the first of two conference crossover contests for the Demons before they head into CSL North play in Week 5 against Highland Park. Maine East lost to Niles West 36-6 last season.

with as much speed as the Falcons possess.

"I told them at halftime we gave too many gifts, we put ourselves in a 12-0 hole," Corey said. "We have to learn to pick ourselves up in our down moments. The game is going to be made up of highs and lows. We need to make fewer mistakes than the other team. That is our goal right now, just to learn from it and play hard and get better with it."

Starting East quarterback



Maine East ball carrier Brandon Sloan (33) looks to break free from Harlan's Devontae Pendeleton during the Demons' 36-18 loss. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

George Zakharina played only his second game at the varsity level and did a solid

job of orchestrating drives. He connected with Xavier Levy on a 19-yard pass play

for the team's first touchdown with 5:40 left in the third quarter.

Andrew Lee had a nice outing in his first action of the season, gaining 80 yards on nine carries and scoring twice. Lee offers the team versatility because he knows the offense after starting at quarterback as a sophomore last season.

Desi Sloan enjoyed another productive week out of the backfield, rushing 12 times for 85 yards.

"My goal is to get over 100 yards every game," Sloan said. "It was our first home game, so there were some butterflies in our stomach. I think if we played both halves the way we played the second, we could have easily won this game. We went to the locker room and tried to get our head in the game. We gained focus and played a better half."

Corey said the defense will work on improving its technique.

"We will try and correct the mistakes we made and just make better tackles," he said. "We were in spots, and we grabbed instead of making secure shoulder tackles. A lot of times we just lost our feet instead of driving through the guy." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

Wolves hope to build on success

West sets goal of reaching 20 victories

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL — Niles West broke a school record for wins last season when it finished 19-14.

Though the Wolves have lost some key performers from that team, the 2010 squad is setting some lofty goals.

"We should be competitive," said head coach Stacy Metoyer. "The girls have good team chemistry. We're much further along than at this time last year in team chemistry. Things are looking good. Our goal is 20 wins."

Gone are the likes of 2009 MVP Kelly Kleppin, as well as Lauren LaGioia, Jackie Gremley, Allie Guiang, Christine Ocampo and Jenny DiJohn. But some talented players return.

Senior Jordan Toia is expected to be the team's big gun on the outside, while classmate Denise Tossi is another experienced performer who will play on the right side. Senior Olga Kutkovska returns at starting setter, while senior middle hitter Nicole Moy also has varsity experience.

Olivia Rusek is only a freshman but is projected to be a key contributor. The younger sister of former Wolves star Nicole Rusek, Olivia is playing on the right side but will wind up as an outside hitter.

Sophomore Molly Kleppin has taken over the libero position from her older sister. Other key performers for the Wolves are senior setter Tegan Smith, junior setter Sam Chao, seniors Aundrea Martinez and Casey Nakawatase — who will



Niles West's Nicole Moy (14) and Olivia Rusek block a kill on Saturday during the Wolves' match against Vernon Hills at New Trier Summer's End tournament. (Kevin Tanaka/for STM)

both play in the back row — and junior Milena Zalloni, a solid middle blocker, and junior outside hitter Marina Sostaric.

At Niles North

For the first time in four seasons, the Vikings are lining up without Angie Walinski. The former star has moved on to Carthage College.

But North head coach Mike Cott said he still expects big things from the 2010 squad. The Vikings are coming off a 2009 campaign when they finished 19-18, compiling the school's first winning record since 1996.

"We have a lot back," said the coach about a roster that features eight seniors among its 12 players. "We are going to focus on more of a team concept. Last year, it was Angie and the supporting cast. This year, we have a balanced attack. We have no one lead person. It's all six on the court functioning together as a unit. We are going to spread the wealth a little bit."

Senior outside hitter Keiko Sugihara returns,

while senior Majda Jakupovic takes over at setter for the departed Seth Penafiora. Uzo Ukaegbu was the other key departure from last year's squad.

Senior Rebecca Gilbert is a returning right-side player and serving specialist, while the team welcomes back its two middles in seniors Enela Palavra and Henrietta Cho.

With senior Maybelle Sicad out of action early in the season with a thumb injury, senior Melissa Dominguez and sophomore Rachel Matthies are being counted on to fill the libero position.

Cott likes his team's depth and said defense will be a main focus. "We're defense first," he said. "We'll sacrifice a little offense for defense. We want six girls relentlessly going to the ball and for our good athletes to keep balls in play."

Niles West and North were scheduled to face each other at West in the annual Skokie Skirmish on Wednesday.

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New Dons players pick way through early going

By DAN SHALIN
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SOCCER — Notre Dame's Chris Caudill is in his second season coaching high school soccer. That also means the longtime club coach is dealing with replacing graduated players for the first time.

He's finding out the process can take a little longer than one might expect. The Dons waved goodbye to several key players from last year's 7-9-2 squad. Even though plenty of talent remained, Caudill discovered during the opening weeks of the 2010 campaign that there is no substitute

for varsity experience.

"I didn't realize the effect of losing that many seniors," Caudill said. "I sat and thought about it and realized these are the first extended minutes almost all these kids are getting. Sometimes they are doing well with them, and sometimes not."

The Dons opened the season 1-2-1, going 1-1-1 in the Maine East Tournament and falling to Timothy Christian Sept. 2.

The team's form has been inconsistent, which is to be expected from a young team. There were moments of defensive frailty and times of solid defensive play; there

was some quality finishing, and periods when ND failed to convert its chances.

Caudill experimented with his lineups and formations in an attempt to get the players in the right spots ahead of their ESCC opener at Carmel, at noon Saturday.

One of the changes has been to move senior Alex Babusci from the midfield to the backline. Babusci was team's goalkeeper a year ago.

"I switched people in different spots each game. We'll use the preseason to get the lineup set and we'll hopefully make some noise in the conference," Caudill said.

Caudill said fatigue might have played a role in his team's 5-1 loss to Timothy Christian, where the game was tied 1-1 late in the first half. The contest came just two days after the Dons battled Maine East to a 1-1 tie in the finale of the Maine East Tournament.

"Defensively, I think we need to jell a little," Caudill said. "In the second half, we were a bit tired from the tournament game that we played Tuesday night. That was a hard game and we were on a high. Maybe we let down a little bit after that game. We were tired and we didn't have our best stuff (against Timothy)."

"(Nadolny) has been effective. He's a hard worker, his fitness level is good and he has an ability to read the game and be in the right position defensively," Caudill said. "He's kind of in the Crowley role. He's not as strong (as Crowley) yet. But

he's been a pleasant surprise."

Recap: Junior Brett Bartes' equalizer with 10 minutes remaining helped the Dons earn a share of the tournament spoils in the Aug. 31 contest against Maine East.

ND had allowed an early goal on a free kick, but turned in a solid defensive performance after that. "We had some pressure on them at the end. We didn't get the winning goal, but it was an exciting match and nice to see things come together for us a little bit," he said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

Notre Dame sophomore Eric Hernandez scored his second goal of the season against Timothy after registering his first strike in the season-opening 4-2 loss to Lake View on Aug. 27.

Junior Mark Nadolny, who has replaced the graduated Tom Crowley as a defensive midfielder, is another player who has made an important contribution.

"We had some pressure on them at the end. We didn't get the winning goal, but it was an exciting match and nice to see things come together for us a little bit," he said. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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Niles West's Vicky Georgevich waits at the net while partner Lexi Leftakes serves during first doubles action Saturday at the Buffalo Grove quad. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

Vikes team one for the ages

Lloyd plans to concentrate on basketball

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS TENNIS — Sixth-year Niles North head coach John Amaro calls the 2010 Vikings the deepest team he has coached and predicted the squad could produce the school's first winning record in years.

"I've said to the girls that years down the road, people could compare any great Niles North team to this team," Amaro said. "This is a solid bunch of girls and I really, really like the team dynamic that exists too."

Erica Markovitz returns at No. 1 singles. Amaro said the junior continues to win the matches she should and is close to pulling a few high-profile upsets.

"She's a grinder and makes you beat her," he said. "She's not the kind of girl to give you any point at

any time. She's one of the most competitive girls on the team. When you step on the court with her, she makes you battle."

Junior Rebekkah Fornalewski often has played No. 2 singles this season, but may end up at doubles with her sister, once Marina returns from injury. Sophomore Rupal Desai, the team's youngest player, has been a regular at No. 3 singles.

Senior co-captain Kristine Hoang and junior Maddy Neuhaus form the Vikings' top doubles team. Last season, Hoang was joined at first doubles by Claudia Landesman, who now plays at Cornell College. Aileen Mazalado, the other co-captain, and junior Jolene Strauss are handling No. 2 doubles, and seniors Clara Saliba and Olivia Altmayer are currently at No. 3.

On Saturday, North defeated Elmwood Park 6-1. Singles wins for the Vikings were provided by Markovitz at No. 1 (6-0, 6-3) and Rebekkah Fornalewski at No.

2 (6-3, 6-0).

North won all four doubles matches in straight sets: Hoang/Neuhaus at No. 1 (6-0, 6-2); Marzalado/Strauss at No. 2 (6-2, 6-3); Altmayer/Saliba at No. 3 (6-3, 6-0); and Alissa Burke and Ramsha Ali at No. 4 (6-0, 6-1).

At Niles West

After losing its top two players from last season, Niles West is rebuilding this season.

Last year's No. 1 singles player Uzma Ahmad has graduated. Junior Jewell Loyd, who played No. 2 singles in 2009, is spending the fall concentrating on her basketball recruitment. West tennis coach George Bravos said Loyd could return to the tennis court in 2011.

Ahmad and Loyd qualified for the IHSA State Tennis Tournament as a doubles team in 2009.

Sophomore Alexa Bits opened the season as the team's No. 1 singles player. Bravos said Bits is stronger than last season and has im-

proved her knowledge of the game. He said the experience she will gain playing No. 1 singles is invaluable.

"With our (quality) schedule and the kids she would be playing ... you could learn just by observing how those kids play," Bravos said. "The level of play that she's going to face is going to make her a better player."

Talented freshman Kristine Park had yet to see her first match for the Wolves, but Bravos said she also could vie for the No. 1 spot. He said it's possible Bits and Park will be paired as a doubles team.

Senior Kara Mui opened the season as the team's No. 2 singles player and senior Rita Chiu is at third singles.

Juniors Vicki Georgevich and Lexi Leftakes have solidified their spot as the No. 1 doubles team. Junior Ricki Esses and senior Madeleine Schmidt are playing No. 2 doubles and junior Peggy Cabal and senior Ploy Paungsombat have been at No. 3 doubles.

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THIS WEEK MAINE EAST

Friday
Boys golf at Wheeling, 4 p.m.
Boys soccer hosts Maine West, 7 p.m.
Boys football at Niles West, 7 p.m.
Girls swimming hosts Maine South, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Girls tennis hosts ME Invite, Hoffman Estates, Maine West, Resurrection, 8:30 a.m.
Girls swimming at Leyden Eagle Invite, 10 a.m.
Monday
Boys golf hosts Leyden and Guerin Prep., Guerin Coll. Prep., Leyden, 4 p.m.
Girls tennis at Proviso East, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys soccer at New Trier Twp. (Northfield), 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball hosts Glenbrook North, 6 p.m.

NILES NORTH

Friday
Girls tennis hosts Wheeling, 4:30 p.m.
Girls swimming hosts Waukegan, 5:30 p.m.
Boys football at Evanston Twp., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Girls cross country at Lake Park Invite (East Campus), 8:30 a.m.
Boys cross country at Peoria, 9 a.m.
Girls swimming at Niles West Invite-Dive, 9 a.m.
Boys golf at Antioch Invite, 10 a.m.
Girls swimming at Niles West Invite-Swim, noon
Boys golf at Notre Dame Invite at Rob Roy GC., 7 p.m.
Monday
Boys golf hosts Northridge Prep., 4 p.m.
Girls tennis at Maine South, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys golf at Glenbrook North, 4 p.m.
Girls tennis at Waukegan, 4:30 p.m.
Boys soccer hosts Waukegan, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NILES WEST

Friday
Boys football hosts Maine East, 7 p.m.
Girls volleyball hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Boys cross country at Gordon Tech. Inv. at Horner Park, 9 a.m.
Boys golf at Zee-Bee Invite at Shepherd's Crook, 7:30 a.m.
Girls swim/dive hosts Niles West Invite, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Girls volleyball at Resurrection Tour, 8:30 a.m.
Monday
Boys soccer at Highland Park, 5 p.m.
Girls tennis at Regina at Locust Park, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys and girls cross country vs. Maine South, New Trier, Waukegan at Belvidere Park, 4:30 p.m.

Dons quick to wrap up trip

Notre Dame tunes up for ESCC with win

By DAN SHALIN
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FOOTBALL — Notre Dame took a five-hour bus ride down to Mount Vernon, but struck quickly once the game began.

Dons quarterback Tim Whalen's 60-yard touchdown pass to senior Connor Thomas on ND's first offensive series set the tone Saturday afternoon for the Dons' 40-6 win over the Rams.

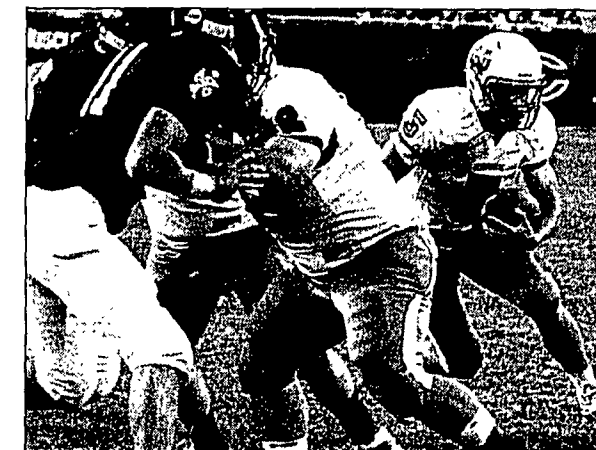
Thomas contributed all over the field, scoring two rushing touchdowns and also intercepting a pass on defense.

"Connor is a game-breaker and has great speed and vision," ND head coach Mike Hennessey said. "He did a little bit of everything out there."

The Dons, who drove downstate Friday and practiced that evening, improved to 2-0 after opening the sea-

GAME DAY WEEK 3

Who: Notre Dame (2-0) at Marist (2-0)
What: ESCC opener
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: 4200 West 115th St., Chicago
What to look for: Both undefeated, the teams meet for the first time since 2007. Though each has a first-year starting quarterback, ND's Tim Whalen and Marist's Luke Oosterbaan have been strong performers so far. A Dons' victory would be their third straight on the road and mean a triumphant return to Niles for next week's homecoming home opener against Benet.



Notre Dame running back Connor Thomas, finding a gap in the Dons' opener against Fenwick, scored two touchdowns and intercepted a pass Saturday in the win over Mount Vernon. (Eric Davis/for STM)

son with a 19-13 win over Fenwick at Soldier Field.

Hennessey observed that teams traditionally make the most improvement between games Nos. 1 and 2, and said the Dons, though good in the opener, appeared even sharper the second time out.

One area of improvement was forcing turnovers, which they did three times Saturday.

"We didn't cause any turnovers in Game 1 and we were preaching about creating turnovers all week,"

the coach said. "Turnovers from your defense sparks your offense and more often than not puts you in good field position, which it did."

Whalen boasted another solid game at quarterback, completing 9-of-13 passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns, including an 11-yard strike to junior Jack Meyer.

Junior Nick Pieruccini once again led ND's rushers, carrying nine times for 76 yards and a touchdown. Nine different Dons players ran the ball.

The Dons capped off their scoring three minutes into the second half when senior Jack McAndrew returned a punt for a touchdown to give the visitors a 40-0 lead. Their South Seven Conference opponent has been outscored 78-13 this season.

Defensively, senior lineman Owen Hiram had a strong game, registering two sacks and two tackles for losses. He also stripped the ball from a running back and recovered the fumble. Senior linebackers Andrew

Franzen and Jeremy Burgos were ND's leading tacklers. Junior Connor DeChant also had an interception for the Dons.

Next Up: Notre Dame closes out its season-opening three-game road trip at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Marist (2-0) in the ESCC opener for both teams. The RedHawks, who lost to Maine South in the IHSA Class 8A title game last season, are 2-0 after defeating Plainfield Central 31-6. Marist and Notre Dame last faced each other in 2007.

Marist plays a spread offense, though the team may be more balanced than last year when quarterback Mike Perish (Western Michigan) was running a pass-happy offense.

"Marist played a quality team (last week) and they have two excellent running backs," Hennessey said. (Perish) was a tall kid who could fling it. But (current QB Luke Oosterbaan) can pass and run, and so they run more option. That gives us something more to think about."

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Mendenhall brothers still have impact

Rashard visits; Walter added as coach

By DAN SHALIN
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FOOTBALL — Waiting for the bus on Saturday, Niles West received a visit from a surprise guest.

Rashard Mendenhall, the Niles West and University of Illinois alum who now starts at running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, came by to visit his brother Walter — North's running backs coach — and former high school coach Mark

Egofske, now a North assistant.

Smith asked Mendenhall if he would say a few words to his team, and he obliged.

"He just said the things you would expect from a professional athlete to folks in his community," Smith said. "He told the kids not to take anything for granted. He said, 'You don't want to have any regrets' and to 'play every down like it's the last.' He said he would be (at the game) watching. It was short and sweet."

Mendenhall II: Walter Mendenhall, Rashard's older brother, was recently added to the North staff after attending offseason

workouts with the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals.

The former Illinois and Illinois State running back, who has spent time with the Philadelphia Eagles and Indianapolis Colts, has not given up his dream of returning to the NFL.

Smith said he is pleased to have Mendenhall on staff, but would be happy to lose him if that meant the player was getting another shot in the NFL.

"Just last week, he was on the phone with his agent, who said he might have (an opportunity)," Smith said. "He's still in the mix (for the pros) the whole year and could be gone. For his sake,

I hope he's gone. I love having him. But (playing football) is what he loves to do."

Quotable I: North lineman Rej Hoxha said it was important that his team bounce back from its opening-night loss and retain the Skokie Skirmish Trophy, a football helmet painted with North colors on one side and West colors on the other.

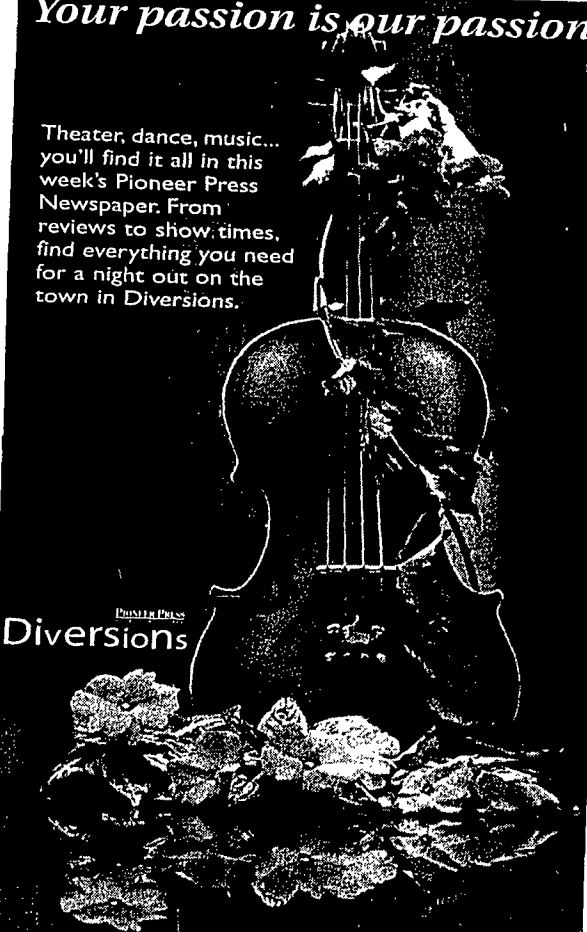
"We had a lot to prove. We forgot all about (the previous) week and put that behind us," he said. "We've beaten West a few years in a row and we didn't want to be the team that let our school down. We strapped it up on defense and did a lot of hitting drills to get ready."

Quotable II: Baum said he expected Loubriel back for Maine East's upcoming visit. He also revealed that Ochoa was nursing a hamstring injury, which limited his time on offense.

The game against Maine East (1-1), which lost to Harlan 38-16 in Week 2, certainly falls under the category of "Winnable Game" for West. But Baum said his team is not in position to take anything for granted.

"We're 0-2, and 0-2 is 0-2," the coach said. "It's not about Maine East. Right now, it's about us. We need to do what's right. We need to win the game." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FOOTBALL

Myron Johnson, Niles North
Senior fullback had 15 carries for 152 yards and three touchdowns as the Vikings bested rival Niles West 24-15 on Saturday.

Ryan Tentler, St. Patrick
Junior quarterback directed the Shamrocks to a 28-14 win over New Trier by throwing to seven receivers for 159 yards and accounting for three TDs.

Spencer Perry, Loyola
After missing the opener with a hamstring injury, senior running back ran 22 times for 114 yards as the Ramblers walloped defending Class 5A champion Montini 31-9 on Saturday.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Ava Kelley, New Trier
Senior's seven kills Saturday helped the Trevians beat Oak Park River Forest in three sets as New Trier won its own tournament for the first time since 2000.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Emily Leonard, Maine South
In her first varsity meet, the freshman finished first in 18:48 at the District 207 race last week as the Hawks swept both Maine East and Maine West.

Courtney Ackerman, New Trier
Sophomore came in runner-up Saturday at the Hornet-Red Devil Invitational, finishing less than three seconds ahead of twin sister Jessica in 17:50.47.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Dave Eckhart, Maine South
Senior took second place in 15:10.29 at Lyons' invitational Saturday as the Hawks, competing without one of their top runners, ended up third overall.

Tommy King, New Trier
An all-stater a year ago, the senior crossed second in 15:14.81 at Saturday's Hornet-Red Devil Invitational for the second year in a row.

BOYS SOCCER

Manny Quiroz, Evanston
One of three sophomores to score for the Wildkats in their 3-0 win last week against Payton. Evanston went on to beat Von Steuben 2-0 on Saturday for the Evanston tournament title.

Johnson gets North off to races

Vikings senior RB collects 3 touchdowns

By DAN SHALIN
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FOOTBALL — Thanks to a burly fullback and a defense looking to make amends for a rough opener, Niles North captured Saturday's Skokie Skirmish over rival Niles West.

North senior Myron Johnson carried 18 times for 160 yards and scored three touchdowns, including a 72-yarder, in North's 24-15 win on its rival's home field. The 5-foot-9, 215-pounder also scored on runs of 22 yards and one yard.

North had 359 rushing yards in all. Defensively, North (1-1) gave up just one touchdown, as another came on special teams, after surrendering 41 points in the first half in the previous week's 41-0 loss to Elk Grove. Sunil Rehmani, Zach Hess and Sergio Benitez each had interceptions for North.

"I'm proud of the kids. Last week was tough. Elk Grove was a good team, but we didn't execute and play very well," said North head coach Scott Smith. "But the seniors took it to heart, had a great week of practice and came away with a nice victory."

Johnson burst up the middle for a 72-yard TD run late in the first quarter to get North on the scoreboard. He then bounced off would-be tacklers en route to a 35-yard score, which put the Vikings up 14-0 late in the second quarter.

"I thought (West) was concerned with (running

GAME DAY

WEEK 3 MATCHUPS

Who: Maine East (1-1) at Niles West (0-2)

What: CSL crossover Game

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: 5701 West Oakton, Skokie.

What to look for: The Wolves hope to have starting quarterback Seve Loubriel back to face the Blue Demons. He missed last week's Skokie Skirmish loss to Niles North after suffering a concussion in the season opener. The West defense was better in Week 2 than in the opener (a 46-0 loss to Vernon Hills) despite being forced to defend a short field on several occasions.

Who: Niles North (1-1) at Evanston (1-1)

What: CSL crossover

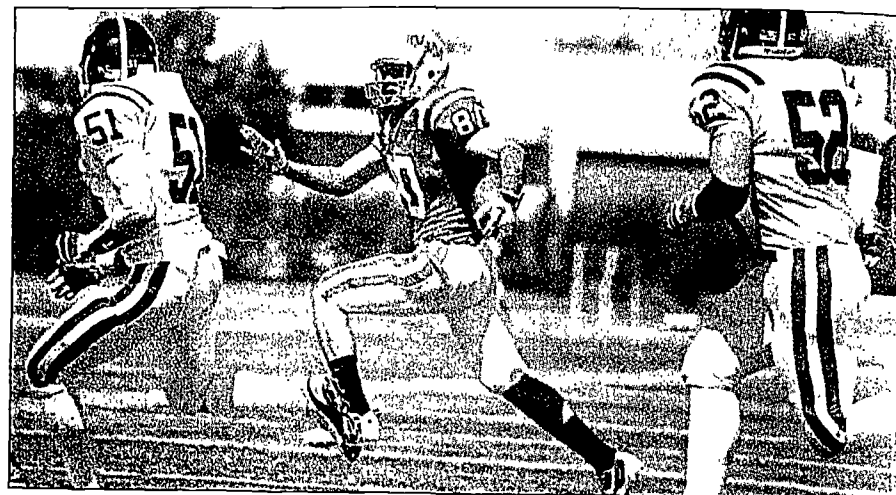
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston

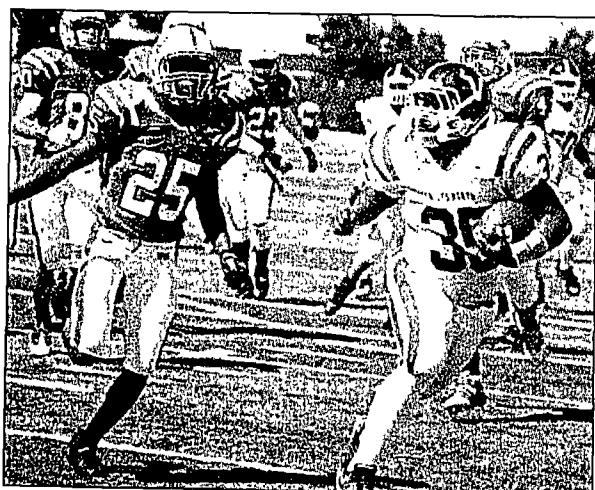
What to look for: The Wildkats are coming off a 52-49 comeback win over Homewood-Flossmoor. Running back Rendell Massie leads an Evanston team looking to avenge last year's 21-14 loss to North in Skokie.

back Sam) Sharples getting on the edge," Smith said. "They loaded guys up to keep Sam inside. We saw it early and ran Johnson (up the middle). When (Johnson) took off (on the 72-yarder) I thought he'd be caught. But he actually turned it on and ran away from them. That was awesome."

West (0-2) was forced to play without first-string quarterback Seve Loubriel, who sat out after suffering a concussion in the team's 46-0 season-opening loss at Vernon Hills.



Niles West's Santiago Ochoa (80) streaks down the field between Niles North's Dan Egan (51) and George Neuhaus. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)



Niles North's Myron Johnson (35) breaks free and pulls away from Niles West's John Purdiman to score a touchdown Saturday during the Vikings' 24-15 victory. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

But speedster Santiago Ochoa helped the Wolves get back into the game. Trailing 14-0, Ochoa returned a kickoff 75 yards before being tackled inside North's 20-yard line. Two plays later, junior Lavelle Jordan scored on a 13-yard run to get the Wolves back in it.

North senior George Neuhaus added a 27-yard field goal in the third quarter to put his team up 17-7. The Vikings' next possession resulted in a 11-play, 64-

yard drive that culminated in Johnson's 1-yard touchdown run, which upped the advantage to 24-7.

Late in the contest, North was close to scoring again but Johnson fumbled inside the West 10-yard line. Wolves senior Hantac Chang scooped up the ball and ran it back to midfield before handing it off to Ochoa. The defensive back/receiver, who was part of two state championship relays in the IHSA state track meet last spring, took

it the rest of the way to score with 2:32 left. West added a two-point conversion and recovered the ensuing onside kick. But a pick by North's Benitez ended any chances of a late comeback by the home team.

"Santiago (Ochoa) is a phenomenal football player and a great athlete. He has the (track state championship) medals to prove it," said West head coach Scott Baum. "You wish we had 11 of him. We don't."

Stat sheet: North senior Sharples carried 16 times for 80 yards, and junior Os-hayne Brown carried nine times for 90 yards. North senior quarterback Bo Bradarich was 6-for-11 passing for 116 yards. Rehmani caught four passes for 88 yards.

Defensively, North senior linebackers Dan Egan and Neuhaus led the way with seven tackles apiece. Junior Romeo Montiel had five stops.

Niles West's Jordan carried seven times for 40 yards. Ochoa had a first-quarter interception.

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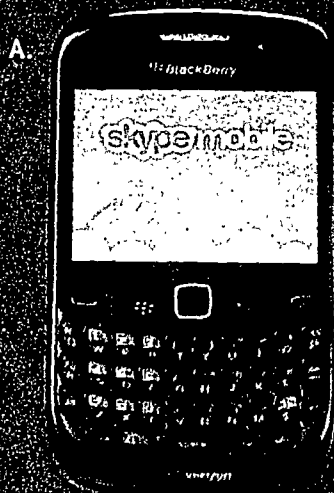
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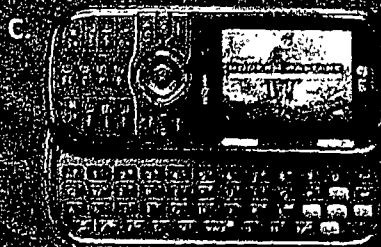
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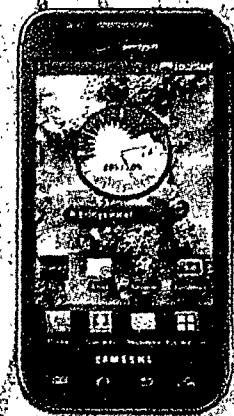
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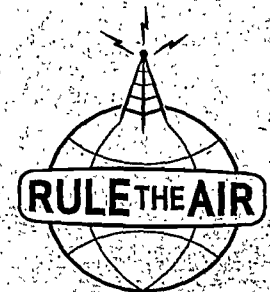
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