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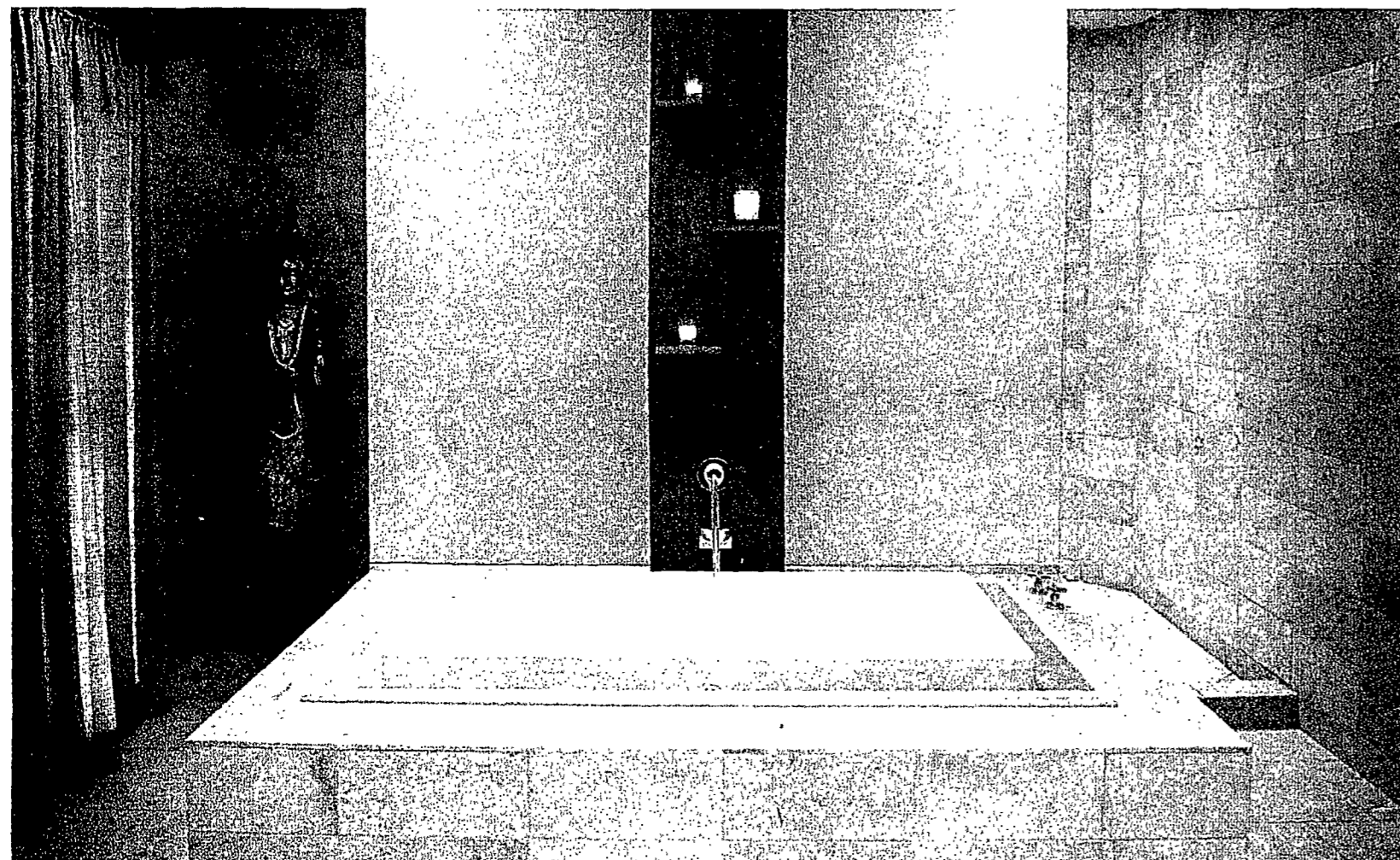
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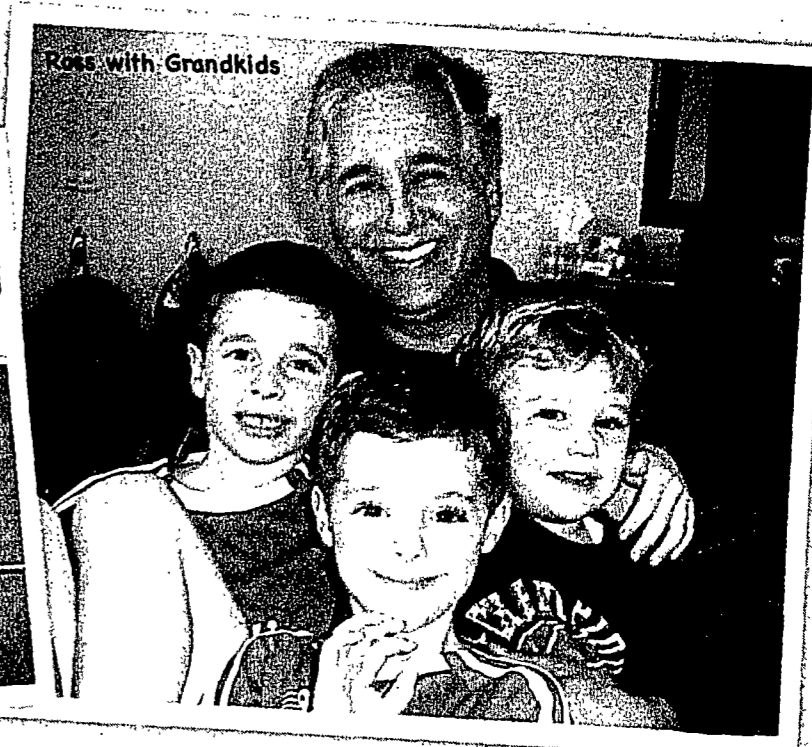


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## WATER-RATE DISPUTE

### Judge says no to injunction to force Glenview payment

Though deemed non-emergency, issue put on fast-track hearing schedule

BY JOHN ROSZKOWSKI  
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A Cook County judge has denied an emergency motion for a preliminary injunction by the village of Niles that would have forced Glenview to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in unpaid water bills.

**'We're still providing water service and right now the amount they owe us is about \$1.5 million.'**

GEORGE VAN GEEM, Niles village manager

After hearing oral arguments from the two sides on Aug. 5, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Rita Novak ruled that an emergency does not exist and denied Niles motion for a preliminary injunction.

Glenview Village Attorney Eric Patt called the judge's ruling "a significant victory for Glenview and a significant defeat for Niles" in the ongoing legal battle over water rates.

In the ruling, Patt said the judge found that "Niles did not establish a likelihood of success on the merits of their claims."

Niles Village Manager George Van Geem said even though the judge ruled there was not an immediate emergency, the judge has not ruled on the merits of the case and has agreed to a fast-track hearing schedule on Niles' lawsuit against Glenview.

"We really don't look at it as a setback," he said. "The judge doesn't agree that it's an emergency but she does agree it's an important case with a lot of issues, which is why she put it on an accelerated hearing schedule."

A status hearing on the ongoing case will be held on Aug. 25 in Chicago.

In the meantime, Van Geem said the amount Glenview owes Niles for unpaid water charges continues to rise. "Meanwhile, we're still providing water service and right now the amount they owe us is about \$1.5 million," he said.

Glenview officials say

they have put the money in an escrow account until the legal dispute is ultimately resolved. Glenview contends that Niles has overcharged North Maine Utilities for sanitary sewer and other services unrelated to water usage over a period of years.

"We continue paying into an interest-bearing account instead of giving it to Niles," said Patt. "We feel putting it into an escrow account is the best way to manage those funds and make sure they're given to the appropriate party once the case is resolved."

Meanwhile, Glenview is still awaiting a ruling on its counterclaim to Niles lawsuit. Glenview is seeking an audit of Niles' books in an order to determine how water rates have been calculated. "We think if we're able to resolve many of the issues that are in dispute now," said Patt.

## DOG DAYS



Members of the Greyhound Alliance show rescued Greyhounds during Dogs Days of Summer event Aug. 5 in Uptown Park Ridge. (JOE CYGANOWSKI-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA)

## VILLAGE BOARD

### Trustees eager to put meetings on TV, Web

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

In a couple of months the Niles Village Board of Trustees will receive an update regarding the possible options for broadcasting its meetings on cable TV and streaming them on the Internet.

At the July board meeting staff originally requested three to six months to investigate and talk to other towns regarding possible options. But trustees wanted to see a quicker turnaround.

Trustee Louella Preston initially requested that the village clerk type up the meeting minutes verbatim, but other trustees preferred broadcasting them on cable and the Internet.

Systems can range from \$30,000 to \$300,000, said village communications

consultant Stuart Chapman, one of the members appointed to an ad-hoc committee recently formed by Mayor Robert Callero. The purpose of the committee is to investigate and research which options are feasible for Niles.

Chapman explained that a wide range of options and costs exist, ranging from smaller systems to more extensive ones that produce better images.

Chapman said there are engineering issues that need to be considered regarding audio and possibly lighting. He said the Niles Village Hall board room has a unique configuration.

Nearby Morton Grove has been video-recording its meetings to put on cable for the past five years.

Morton Grove Village Manager Joe Wade said that village has been fortunate to have volunteers who record the board meetings and community events.

"It really takes care of the bulk of the costs," explained Wade, who said labor comprises a large portion of the cost.

Wade said in the past five years Morton Grove have probably spent about \$25,000 on equipment.

The village of Morton Grove does not show its board meetings online.

"I'm always amazed at how many people really follow events in the village through the board meetings," Wade said of residents watching the meetings on cable.

Other members of the Niles ad-hoc committee include Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinzeano, MIS Director Bill Shaw and MIS Systems Engineer Steve Cusick.

## DISTRICT 64

### New school year begins Aug. 22

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 will welcome about 4,200 students back to school Aug. 22.

Elementary school students in grades 1-5 will attend from 1-3 p.m. and middle-school students will attend from noon to 3 p.m. Kindergartners follow an orientation schedule provided to each student.

Elementary students may learn their teacher and classroom assignments beginning Aug. 15. Class lists will be posted at school entrance doors as follows: Carpenter School,

300 N. Hamlin, 8 a.m., at the south-west (grade one) doors; Field School, 707 Wisner St., 9 a.m., at the main entrance; Roosevelt School, 1001 S. Fairview Ave., 8 a.m. at the south and southeast doors; and Washington School, 1500 Stewart Ave., 9 a.m. at the grade level doors.

Lincoln and Emerson Middle School students received homework assignments either with their final report cards or by mail this summer.

District 64 families will receiving by mail this week the 2011-12 Student-Parent Handbook for grades K-8. It includes important calendars and policies relevant to all families along with a roster for every school.

Superintendent Philip Bender suggests District 64 families use the post-

ing of the class lists and arrival of the handbook as an opportunity "to share your child's anticipation by talking together about some of the challenges a new school year holds. Use this exciting time to help everyone in the family get set for a fresh start by previewing the year ahead."

The district also suggests families review the daily school schedule; establish a safe travel plan to and from school; review the safety guidelines around school, including designated pickup and parking areas; and subscribe to the email listserv through each school's website in order to receive links to newsletters and announcements. Each school's website can be accessed by going to the District 64 homepage at www.d64.org.

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## DISTRICT 219

# School board approves tentative budget

BY PAT KROCHMAL  
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Niles Township School District 219's Board of Education has approved its tentative budget for fiscal 2011-12 while still trying to cut it closer to the bone before it becomes official.

The entire budget, which will be on the district's website for 30 days, is to be approved Sept. 12 during a public hearing.

Total revenue came in at \$220.9 million during the fiscal year of 2011, but only \$157.6 million is expected during 2012, a decrease of \$63.3 million (28.66 percent), said Susan Husselbee, the district's director of fiscal services.

Husselbee, who prepared the budget with Paul O'Malley, assistant superintendent for business services, noted at the district's July 25 board meeting that local sources account for 94 percent of the direct revenue. And property taxes total 93 percent of those sources, providing 87 percent of that revenue.

The actual expenses for fiscal 2011 are being figured at \$195.2 million, while the budget for fiscal 2012 is being planned for \$147.4 million, a \$47.8 million (24.51 percent) decrease, she added.

"The good news right now is that the budget has a surplus, but we know that a few years down the road that will reverse itself," said Board Member Jeffrey Greenspan.

"Once our expenditures start exceeding our revenues, it will continue that way, so we have to cut our expenditures," he added.

Robert Silverman, the board president, noted that the surplus was nice, but questioned why the district's budgeted expenses were estimated at so much more than its actual expenses.

"Were the benchmarks we used too high, and if so, can we lower the benchmarks for this coming budget?" he asked the staff.

"I would rather have the budget really reflect what we think we are going to spend. If we keep coming in so much under budget, we're not (estimating costs) close enough," he added.

However, Greenspan stated that the budget should indicate what funds the district has to spend. "Not that it's there, so we have to spend it."

"If we find between now and September, when all the 'actuals' are in, that there is an opportunity to spend less, we'll budget for less," Greenspan said.

Silverman added that the district is also working on ways to increase student attendance, which will also allow it to receive more funding.

Niles North Principal Ryan McTague and Niles West Principal Kaine Osburn noted that they were working on revisions in the attendance policy now, as well as trying to come up with new ways of reaching out to students who are at risk.

## NILES TOWNSHIP

# Pantry defends Food for Fines program

## Supplies sought as economy takes toll on community

BY CATHRYN GRAN  
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Supplies are flying off the shelves of the Niles Township Food Pantry.

"It's just crazy," said Cynthia Carranza, pantry director. "I can't believe how many people are still applying for assistance. It's getting worse."

Carranza said the pantry serves about 3,100 people

Morton Grove governing board doing anything for the pantry.

"I'd hate to think of the consequences if it wasn't helping because the pantry really appreciates, and really needs, that food. But it's so much more than just food. People feel good paying fines that way."

Carranza said the program also serves as an educational tool.

"Last time, I read the book, 'Some Friends to Feed,' about stone soup," she said. "The kids loved it. It's education in action."

Stone soup is a folktale in which strangers set up a pot of water with a stone in it and convince townspeople to add

## 'I have to thank the community for helping. The bottom line is people need to eat.'

CYNTHIA CARRANZA, pantry director

each month.

"And we're doing registrations daily. I've been director for just shy of five years," she said. "A year after I started, we had the recession. I haven't seen it taper off. People are on the edge, stretched thin and just trying to hold it together."

"It's very hard, and very out of balance."

The pantry opened its doors in 1985 as a one-room operation where people would pick what they wanted off the shelves, Carranza said.

With help from various groups and organizations, the pantry has been able to meet the growing need.

"I have to thank the community for helping," she said. "The bottom line is people need to eat. We get support from individuals, the Morton Grove Moms' Club, the villages of Skokie and Lincolnwood. And from the Foods for Fines program at the Morton Grove Library."

some vegetable scraps, seasonings and other leftover tidbits, which turns the soup into a delicious meal.

The pantry also provides internships for people with special needs, Carranza said.

"We're not the average food pantry," she said. "We work hard. If it gets to the point that someone needs food, they probably need everything else. They've finally reached that point where they have exhausted all their resources, and things have gotten really bad."

## School supplies sought

The Niles Township Food Pantry is teaming up with the Morton Grove Public Library to provide school supplies to children.

"We're just looking for the basics," Carranza said. "Things like pens, pencils, folders and even notebook paper."

The library offers a more extensive list at [www.weary.org/school\\_supplies11.pdf](http://www.weary.org/school_supplies11.pdf).

Donations may be dropped off at the library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., through Aug. 14.

Email [nilesfood@ameritech.net](mailto:nilesfood@ameritech.net) for more information.

## CAR STRUCK



Jeannett Dartez and Molly Weinberg, both of Niles, react to seeing a bright-orange 1939 Lincoln Zephyr on display. The rare car was on sale for an estimated \$150,000 as 50 cars participated in the second annual Harrer Park classic July 28 in Morton Grove. | ALLEN KALETA-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## CRIME BRIEFS

### Police investigate rash of car burglaries

The Niles Police Department was investigating a series of car burglaries that occurred between Aug. 5 and Aug. 7.

Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene said nine vehicle break-ins were reported across the village during the three-day period. Some vehicles were left unlocked and others were burglarized using forcible entry, Tornabene said.

Items stolen "ranged from purses to GPS units to cash," he added. All were reportedly left on a front seat or in plain sight.

The Police Department is not releasing the locations of the burglaries due to the pending investigation, Tornabene said.

Anyone with information on the burglaries is asked to call the Niles Police Department's Investigation Division, (847) 588-6500.

### Purse stolen after woman turns down prostitution offer

A 26-year-old North Dakota woman told Niles police she was the victim of a theft Aug. 1 at a motel on the 6400 block of Touhy Avenue after a man in his 30s asked her to be a prostitute.

The victim reportedly met the man through someone she met on the Internet, police said.

The offender asked her if she wanted to be a prostitute, and the victim told police she refused. The man then brought her to a motel on the 6400 block of Touhy and said he wanted her to be a prostitute.

### Park Ridge, Niles teens charged in vandalism spree

Two teenage boys face criminal charges for allegedly painting graffiti on at least 17 buildings in Park Ridge during a week-long period.

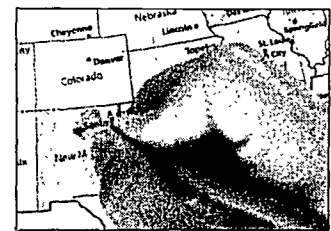
Surveillance-video footage of the suspects and a subsequent investigation by detectives led to the Aug. 5 arrest of a 15-year-old boy from Niles and a 16-year-old boy from Park Ridge, police

### Jogmen said the graffiti was related to the 'skater subculture,' and was largely painted between July 26 and Aug. 4 on commercial buildings and offices along the south side of the 600 block of Busse Highway.

According to police the teenagers have also been tied to graffiti found at Field School, 707 Wisner St.; Jewel-Osco, 481 Busse Highway; the Uptown train station on Summit Ave.; a temp agency at 35 S. Prospect Ave.; and a street sign near Oakton Street and Hamlin Avenue.

"The detectives did a good job of putting a quick end to it," Jogmen said.

Police do not believe any others were involved in the criminal defacement, he said.



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## CORRECTION

In an Aug. 4 story about a Niles Public Library trustee's proposal to pay off bonds, the potential savings for taxpayers was incorrectly stated. The savings could be between \$30 and \$50 a year.

# Haunted house to take up residence in Morton Grove

BY CATHRYN GRAN  
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Halloween has found a new haunt in Morton Grove.

Trustees at last month's village board meeting approved a special-use permit to allow Chicago-based Big City Entertainment to set up and operate a haunted house at 8220 Austin Ave., in the village's industrial corridor.

Though Big City Entertainment will occupy the building year-round, it will operate the haunted house only during the month of October, according to permit requirements.

Other restrictions spelled out in the permit include limiting hours of operation to 7-11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. The haunted house will be open 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 30-31.

Parking will be restricted to lots adjacent to the facility, and not allowed on village streets.

"We are very aware of residents' concerns," Trustee William Grear noted. "That's why (the company) had to apply for a special-use permit."

Grear said the permit allows the village to monitor traffic flow, parking, the volume of visitors, and the

safety of visitors and residents alike.

"And if any problems arise, we have the ability to pull that permit," Grear said, noting that pulling the permit would effectively shut down operations. "We will see that we meet all concerns."

Trustee Sheldon Marcus noted he also was concerned about preserving the integrity of the residential neighborhood around the haunted house.

But, he added, "In dealing with the people (involved in) the organization, they have said they want to be good neighbors."

In his presentation to the board in May, Big City Entertainment mar-

keting director Tony Duffy said the haunted house would occupy 39,000 square feet and feature an interactive "Broadway/motion picture-quality, world-class operation with 40-plus actors."

The proposed cost of admission would be \$25.

And by having a year-round presence the company would be able to upgrade its offerings each year, Duffy added.

Grear also spoke of the "enormous possibilities" this new business will bring to the village.

"It will bring in outside people who will spend money in Morton Grove," he said.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Center of Concern names new director

The Center of Concern, a non-profit social-service agency in Park Ridge, has announced that John B. McNabola has been chosen to serve as the organization's new executive director.

"The Center of Concern board looks forward to working with John as we create and sustain a vision for the agency's future while building a solid revenue stream to support and strengthen the programs we offer to Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Niles and surrounding communities," stated John Schumacher, president of the Center's board of directors. "His commitment to service places

him squarely in the tradition of leadership established by his predecessors, Dee Heinrich and Mary Schurderk."

McNabola, who took over as executive director July 5, succeeds Lea Ames, who served as the organization's interim executive director starting in February.

McNabola previously served as executive director/chief executive officer of St. Mary's Services

in Arlington Heights and is the president and founder of Trainor, Inc. Active in the community, he served two terms on the Park Ridge Rotary board of directors.

McNabola received his bachelor's degree in finance from Loyola University Chicago and his master's of business administration in marketing from DePaul University.

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**Jobless rates rise in June**

BY NATALIE HAYES  
Contributor

**Area unemployment statistics**

Unemployment rates in June continued to climb slowly but steadily, mimicking a recent pattern of rising unemployment during the last several months for most Chicago-area communities within the Pioneer Press coverage area with populations of more than 25,000.

Niles and Evanston experienced the highest month-to-month increases from May to June, with Niles rate jumping a full percentage point to 8.8 percent last month and Evanston moving up .9 percent to a rate of 8.2 percent in June. Morton Grove's unemployment rate rose by .8 percent, bringing it to 8.7 percent.

The communities with the highest unemployment rates as of June were Elmwood Park at 10.2 percent, Niles with 8.8 percent, Morton Grove with 8.7 percent, followed by Skokie at 8.5 percent and Park Ridge with 8.1 percent, according to unemployment rate figures released July 28 by the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Even though Elmwood Park remained the only community in the Pioneer Press coverage area with a double-digit unemployment rate, the positive news was the village bucked the rising unemployment trend by staying steady from May to June.

Employment, however, did not rise in any of the communities, although Buffalo Grove and Park Ridge residents saw the smallest increase in unemployment, both at 0.2 percent.

Despite the monthly increases in unemployment, rates improved slightly from

what they were for most towns at this time last year. Only Park Ridge (0.3 percent increase from June 2010), Evanston and Northbrook (both increased 0.1 percent year-over-year), realized a higher unemployment rate compared to June of last year. Unemployment rates in Glenview and Morton Grove remain the same as they were last June, at 7.4 percent and 8.7 percent, respectively.

Community	Labor force (as of June)	June 2011	May 2011	June 2010	Monthly change	Yearly change
Buffalo Grove	24,202	7.0	6.8	8.4	0.2	-1.4
Elmwood Park	13,148	10.2	10.2	10.4	0	-0.2
Evanston	43,011	8.2	7.3	8.1	0.9	0.1
Glenview	24,095	7.4	7.0	7.4	0.4	0
Highland Park	16,359	5.6	5.1	6.8	0.5	-1.2
Morton Grove	11,765	8.7	7.9	8.7	0.8	0
Mundelein	18,103	7.7	7.3	9.3	0.4	-1.6
Niles	14,067	8.8	7.8	9.3	1.0	-0.5
Northbrook	17,135	7.7	6.8	7.4	0.7	0.1
Oak Park	32,321	7.6	6.9	8.0	0.7	-0.4
Park Ridge	19,202	8.1	7.9	7.8	0.2	0.3
Skokie	33,961	8.5	7.8	8.9	0.7	-0.4
Wilmette	12,636	7.0	6.5	7.2	0.5	-0.2

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

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what they were for most towns at this time last year.

Only Park Ridge (0.3 percent increase from June 2010), Evanston and Northbrook (both increased 0.1 percent year-over-year), realized a higher unemployment rate compared to June of last year.

Unemployment rates in Glenview and Morton Grove remain the same as they were last June, at 7.4 percent and 8.7 percent, respectively.

Statewide, unemployment climbed .7 percent, from 9 percent in May to 9.7 percent in June, but the rate is still 0.8 percent lower than it was in June last year.

Nationwide, unemployment grew month-to-month by 0.6 percent, bringing it to 9.3 percent in June. At this time last year, the nation's un-

employment rate was slightly higher at 9.6 percent.

Until June, the Chicago Metro area was the only metropolitan area in the state where unemployment rates began to slowly increase, according to non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rates released by IDES. June figures, however, show month-to-month increases in unemployment in every metropolitan area in the state, with Champaign-Urbana jumping the highest, by 1.7 percent.

Rockford experienced the highest unemployment rate among all Illinois metropolitan areas last month at 11.6 percent, according to IDES data.

**MAINE EAST**

**Back-to-school police presence planned**

Members of the Cook County Sheriff's Police and Park Ridge Police departments will again maintain a presence around the Maine East High School area when the new school year begins Aug. 22.

Cook County Deputy Cmdr. Anthony Brzezniak told the Maine Township Neighborhood Watch last week that officers "will provide a safe passage" for students going to and from school in the unincorporated Maine Township area just north of Maine East, 2601 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge.

Concerns about gang members bothering students or trying to recruit them into gangs while they are walking

through the Dee Road and Robin Drive neighborhoods have led to a greater presence among officers from both Cook County and Park Ridge over the past few years.

The Cook County Sheriff's Department's Gang Unit also works in the area and takes a "zero-tolerance" approach to gang activity, Sheriff's Department officials have said.

"If we have an opportunity to lock them up, we will," Brzezniak said.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Public safety celebration gets in fun before storm

BY TRACY GRUEN  
Contributor

For the first time the National Night Out event in Niles ended early due to the Thor Guard lightning protection system going off Aug. 2 at Washington Park.

"It was better for us to air on the side of caution," said Niles Police Sgt. Robert Tornabene.

About 200 people came out to Washington Park to participate in the 28th annual National Night Out to help fight crime and drugs and unite the community.

Despite the winds picking up and the rain starting to fall, guests seemed to enjoy themselves at this year's event.

Many children and their parents were in line to receive a balloon from the balloon artist while others were enjoying the free hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones.

Each year many members of the Police Department attend the positive and friendly-family event and interact with the community members.

The annual event features a canine demonstration, informational booths, stranger-danger presentations and a dunk tank.

Tornabene said organizers were able to provide the dunk tank, but they weren't able to do many of the presentations or the group flashlight walk due to the weather. Organizers were also planning to play a "Simon Says" game in order to demonstrate how easily people can be victims of fraud. A "Yell, Run and Tell" presentation was also planned for the event.

"I think it's a nice thing they do in the community," said Kimberly Sawyer, who was at the event with her two children.

Her daughter, Daniella Lopiccio, of Field school in Park Ridge, was the winner of the 2- to 6-year-old competition for the National Night Out poster contest.

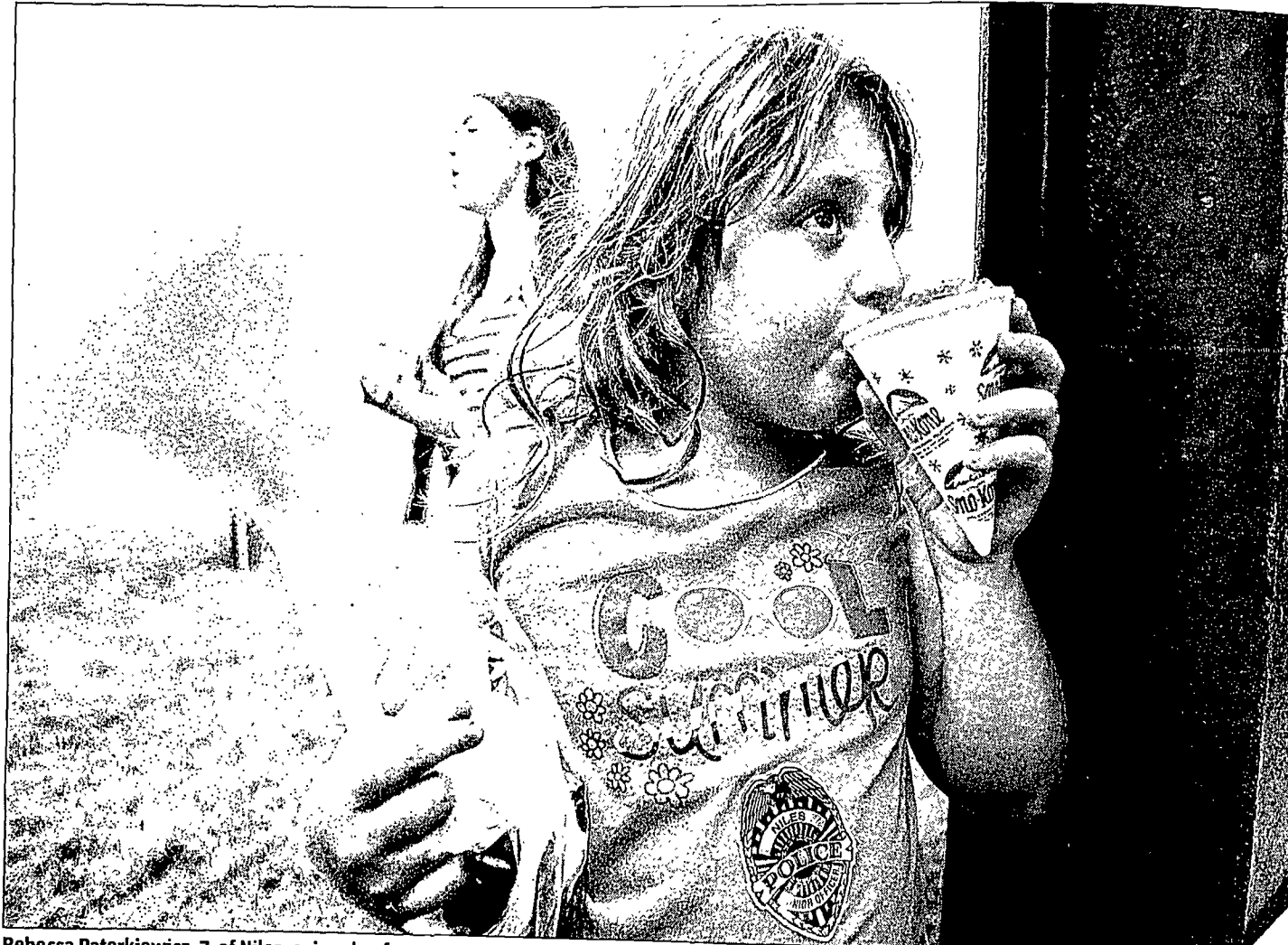
"My kids have fun every year," said Kris Sharples, adding that her three kids pay attention to the positive messages about how to stay safe that are emphasized at the event.

Raymond Brzny, a member of the Citizen's Emergency Response Team, said National Night Out is a fun community event and a great way for citizens to realize that police officers are "just like everyone else."

"It makes for a safer community," Amy Janken said of National Night Out.

Guests said they were enjoying themselves and wish they could have stayed longer.

National Association of Town Watch and the Target Corporation were also involved in the event.



Rebecca Paterkiewicz, 7, of Niles, enjoys her free snowcone and cotton candy at the Niles National Night Out on Aug. 2. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



ABOVE: Claire DeRosa, 13, of Park Ridge, gets a braided balloon hat at the Niles National Night Out on Aug. 2. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



RIGHT: Niles Police officer Tony Scipone hangs on as 14-year-old Gian Bobila, of Niles, drives a golf cart while wearing Fatal Vision goggles at the National Night Out on Aug. 2. | JOEL LERNER-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

MAINE TOWNSHIP

National Night Out events cut short by lightning

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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Threatening storms forced an early conclusion to two area National Night Out events this week.

Unincorporated Maine Township's annual community night against crime at Dee Park wrapped up after about 90 minutes Aug. 2, while the activation of a lightning-detection system had Park Ridge police clearing Hodges Park after only an hour.

Maine Township's National Night Out featured guest speaker Sgt. Jim Henley, of the Cook County Sheriff's Police, as well as representatives from the department's K-9 Unit and Hostage Barricade and Terrorist Team, which brought an armored vehicle to display. There was also a "safety town," which allowed children to ride go-carts while observing traffic-control devices, a craft area, games, raffles and giveaways from local organizations.

"We had to rush through the evening, but I think we still accomplished a lot," said Maine Township Trustee Susan Moylan Krey, a National Night Out organizer.

Krey estimated that only about one-third of the crowds that attended last year's event participated this year, likely because of the weather.

"We're a little disappointed," said Park Ridge Police Cmdr Lou Joglem.

Still, participants were able to take part in some activities before Mother Nature cut the night short. In Park Ridge, Maine South High School alumnus Rob Riddle opened the ceremonies with a performance of "The Star Spangled Banner" on the steps of City Hall. Riddle, a 2004 Maine South graduate, was a college music major and is now appearing in the Light Opera Works production of "The Student Prince" at Cahn Auditorium in Evanston.

Former Chicago Blackhawks player and Chicago Sports Hall of Famer Cliff Koroll was the night's "honorary guest" and spoke to young people in the crowd about the importance of making positive choices, such as avoiding drugs, alcohol and getting in trouble with the police.

"You can make the choice of doing good or bad," said Koroll, who was a resident of Park Ridge for three years.

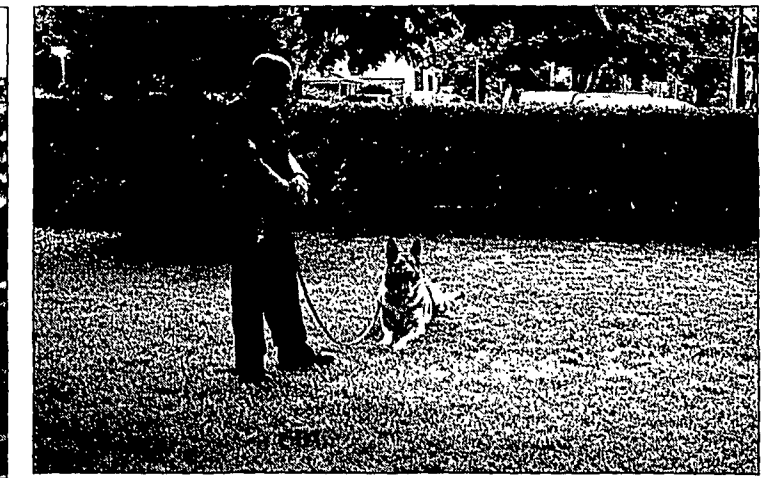
Park Ridge Police Chief Frank Kaminski and Mayor David Schmidt also recognized Boy Scout Troop 1, of First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, for celebrat-



Kayla Cremins, of Niles, works to burst a balloon during National Night Out in Park Ridge on Aug. 2. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Park Ridge Police Detective John Dorner gets splashed by Jackson Wambach, of Park Ridge, during National Night Out events at Hodges Park on Aug. 2. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Thunder, of the Rosemont Police Department's K-9 Unit, demonstrates his obedience during Park Ridge's National Night Out on Aug. 2 at Hodges Park. | CURTIS LEHMKUHL-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

ing 100 years in the community. Mark Gotthelf and son Mark accepted the Chief's Award on behalf of the Boy Scout troop.

"They have contributed so much to the public safety of our community," Kaminski said of the organiza-

tion. Park Ridge's National Night Out featured a number of activities for children, including camel rides sponsored by Taste of Park Ridge, a petting zoo, bounce house, balloon-popping and a pitching game

that gave participants the chance to soak a police officer with a water balloon. But players also risked getting soaked as officers and members of Police Explorers had access to hoses. Police, Fire and Public Works department vehicles were

also on display and a number of local organizations set up tables with information and free gifts. "This is a great event," Mayor Schmidt remarked. "It's a good night to celebrate the community and our Police Department."

## POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents were listed in the official reports of the Niles Police Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

### BATTERY

Jessica Mikos, 21, of 8654 Merrill, was arrested Aug. 5 and charged with battery

and resisting a peace officer. Mikos allegedly scratched her sister in the arm after she refused to give her money. Police said the suspect swore at an officer and struck her in the chest with a closed fist. She has a Sept. 8 court date.

### DEATH INVESTIGATION

A 29-year-old woman was found dead Aug. 4 at an

apartment on the 8400 block of Milwaukee. A witness told police the woman and the witness had purchased heroin earlier in the evening. Three other witnesses said the woman had been drinking beer and spiced rum, but denied she used any drugs, police said. The investigation was pending.

### RETAIL THEFT

A 14-year-old Niles boy was arrested Aug. 2 for allegedly stealing a watch valued

at \$29.99 from Golf Mill Shopping Center. He was issued a ticket and paid a fine at the scene.

Andrej Szczepanski, 44, of 8850 Wisner, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with retail theft for reportedly stealing \$81 worth of clothing. He was issued a ticket and paid a fine at the scene.

### CRIMINAL DAMAGE

A 58-year-old Niles man told police he was sleeping

Aug. 5 at his townhouse on the 8800 block of Washington when someone threw a rock at his living-room window.

### BURGLARY

A 30-year-old Niles woman told police someone broke into her vehicle between Aug. 3 and Aug. 4 on the 8200 block of Oak St. and reportedly stole a GPS device.

A 63-year-old man said

that a man in his 30s stole a bottle of alcohol valued at \$50 from his unlocked vehicle while he was filling up his gas tank Aug. 1 on the 7200 block of Caldwell.

### TRAFFIC VIOLATION

Ethan Simpson, 21, of 8151 Washington, was arrested Aug. 5 for driving without a valid driver's license. He was stopped after driving 51 mph in a 35 mph zone. He has an Aug. 29 court date.

## SHERIFF'S REPORTS

The following incidents in unincorporated Maine Township were compiled by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Readers are reminded that an arrest does not constitute a finding of guilt. Only a court of law can make that determination.

### BATTERY

Two women, both 22 years old, became involved in a physical altercation July 20 on the 9600 block of Bianco Terrace, police said. No charges were filed.

A 46-year-old woman told police that a 17-year-old boy pushed her when she confronted him about his driving through a flooding street July 23. According to police the woman said the man spun his vehicle around, causing the tires to squeal, on the 9500 block of North Greenwood Drive while the street was flooded. The two argued and both ended up shoving each other, police said. No complaints were signed.

### BURGLARY

A residence on the 9600 block of Reding Circle was reported burglarized July 26. There was no sign of forced entry.

### TRESPASS

Four people were taken into custody July 27 after they were found occupying a vacant apartment at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on Holly Lane, police said.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Vehicles were reported damaged July 19 on the 9200 block of North Lincoln

Avenue; July 22 on the 9000 block of North Washington Drive; July 24 on the 8900 block of Lyons Street; and July 25 on the 9400 block of North Dee Road.

Property-damage reports were filed July 18 and July 24 at Crestwood condominiums and apartments on the 9900 block of Holly Lane; July 24 on the 8900 block of Robin Drive; and July 25 at Courtland Square on the 8900 block of Kenneth Drive.

### THEFT

A resident of the 9100 block of North Lincoln Drive

told police that a rear tire was stolen from his vehicle July 22. A neighbor reported seeing four men surrounding the vehicle earlier that afternoon.

A vehicle was reported stolen July 22 from the 9000 block of Federal Court.

On July 23 a vehicle was reported stolen from the 8900 block of North Western Avenue.

### OVERDOSE

A 42-year-old woman was transported July 25 to Advocate Lutheran Gen-

eral Hospital after she was found unresponsive inside her residence on the 9300 block of Hamilton Court, police said. The woman was surrounded by empty alcohol bottles and officers found text messages on her phone indicating she may have taken pills, according to police.

### HIT-AND-RUN

Hit-and-run accidents were reported July 16 on the 9600 block of North Greenwood Avenue, and July 30 on the 9400 block of North Greenwood Drive and at Golf and Dee roads.



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**6845 N Oriole Ave.:** Martin Durkan to Lori K Plier David G Plier, \$825,000, July 13

**7222 N Osceola Ave.:** Schwarz Trust to James R Hardie Jr Candice Hardie, \$247,000, July 6

**7329 W Greenleaf Ave.:** Rick Kurzydlo to Thomas Figlioli Ellenore G Figlioli, \$457,500, July 13

**1220 Depot St. Apt 313:** Margaret J Georgopoulos Estate to Thea Dux, \$99,000, July 14

**1234 Pleasant Lane:** Urszula Novotni to Miroslaw Owczarek, \$471,500, July 6

#### GLENVIEW

**118 Princeton Lane:** Rothenberg Trust to August J Caporusso Marian K Caporosso, \$311,000, July 14

**2912 Linneman St.:** Sandu D Oros to Allen Micu Delia J Micu, \$217,000, July 11

**3223 Greenbriar Drive:** Lyle S Harris to Jesse Semeyn Marta Semeyn, \$313,500, July 6

**3412 Henley St.:** Robert C Lilak to Michael Sefchick Shawn Sefchick, \$612,000, July 11

**1528 Sunset Ridge Road:** Soukoulis Trust to Timothy A Emond, \$327,500, July 13

**1728 Wildberry Drive Unit C:** Carry Trust to Jeremy Boehm Dalia T Boehm, \$260,000, July 7

**1777 Dewes St. Apt B:** Thomas H Schewe to Peggy A Ohalloran, \$100,000, July 14

**1927 Tanglewood Drive Unit 3b:** Hartnett Trust to Jon T Weiss, \$136,500, July 14

**2611 Commons Drive:** Toll II Iv Lp to Allan Adam Adajar Maureen Ocreto Adajar, \$505,000, July 8

**646 Juniper Road:** Andrew P Starr to Stephanie Drobac, \$830,000, July 13

**705 Woodmere Lane:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Todd Herlitz Rebecca Herlitz, \$635,000, July 14

**917 Queens Lane:** Thomas Drake to Peter M Maris, \$1,332,000, July 7

**7928 Davis St.:** Libauer Trust to Alberto Sabanal Jr Arlene Trestiza, \$290,000, July 5

**8126 Central Ave.:** Caryl F Festenstein to Ernest J Banac, \$217,000, July 11

**3933 Raintree Lane:** Gold-mara Trust to Edwin L Feld Cara A Feld, \$565,000, July 14

**4020 Lindenwood Lane:** Fifth Third Mortgage Co to Vaseekaran Janarthanam, \$232,000, July 14

**4244 Kayla Lane:** Fannie Mae to Ginaida Rapoport, \$360,000, July 11

**750 Ballantrae Drive Apt C:** Horwich Trust to Jeom Soon Yu, \$210,000, July 7

**5052 N Rutherford Ave.:** Joseph Zagotta to Thomas S Zaccone, \$203,000, July 7

**5136 N Sayre Ave.:** Chicago Title Land Trt Co Ttee to Juan J Estrada Samantha J Estrada, \$235,000, July 7

**5749 N Elston Ave.:** R&G Properties to Teresa Zalkowska Krzysztof Zalkowski, \$450,000, July 6

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**6301 N Oak Park Ave.:** Helena Bieniewski Estate to Irene M Harrod Michelle M Hoepner, \$300,000, July 8

**6627 W Imlay St.:** 6738 N Oxford LLC to Robert E Kane Jii Nicole L Kane, \$450,000, July 7

**7050 W Summerdale Ave.:** Aik Builders Inc to Mark E Hankins, \$110,000, July 14

**7659 W Rascher Ave.:** Marie Jarvis to Michael Feeney Lori Feeney, \$229,000, July 11

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#### HOT PROPERTIES BY ROB PISKAC

## Wood wonderland

Ranch has hardwood floors, wet bar in basement

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Built in 1953, this single-story ranch comes with a kitchen that has built-in cabinets, granite countertops, modern appliances and vinyl flooring.

Hardwood floors are found the living room, which comes with multiple windows and a chandelier. The family room has carpeted floors, wood-paneled walls and large windows with decorative trim.

A wet bar is featured on the lower level, which also comes with built-in bench-style seating, exposed lighting and storage space.

A wood deck is located behind the home and delivers views of the surrounding neighborhood. The property provides a two-car garage and is a mile west of the Morton Grove Metra station.

**Listing agent:** Joanne Demonte, Sebastian Co. Real Estate, 847-828-5810, justsold5@yahoo.com



The Niles property comes with a back deck, as well as a two-car garage. It is close to a Metra stop.

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**A four-bedroom, two-bath** home at 8925 Oswego Ave. in Morton Grove is on the market for \$279,000. This single-story ranch has a kitchen with granite counters and high-end appliances, hardwood floors, a finished basement with ceramic floors and a two-car detached garage. William Jaramillo of Citywide JMW Realty is the listing agent.

—Nathan Spicer

#### MARKET WATCH AS OF MONDAY

City	For sale	Median price	Foreclosure rate	# of sales	# of foreclosures
Des Plaines	3.07%	\$184,500	36.44%	568	207
Edison Park	2.27%	\$255,000	10%	60	6
Everston	3.53%	\$317,000	15.25%	518	79
Forest Glen	1.08%	\$373,000	7.69%	13	1
Glenview	3.27%	\$423,750	15.3%	477	73
Lincolnwood	2.97%	\$295,750	14.52%	124	18
Morton Grove	2.45%	\$242,500	23.93%	163	39
Niles	2.43%	\$210,000	22.44%	205	46
Norwood Park	2.53%	\$279,000	21.01%	138	29
Park Ridge	2.67%	\$349,000	14.56%	309	45
Skokie	2.73%	\$231,500	30.45%	486	148
Wilmette	2.76%	\$591,250	6.48%	247	16

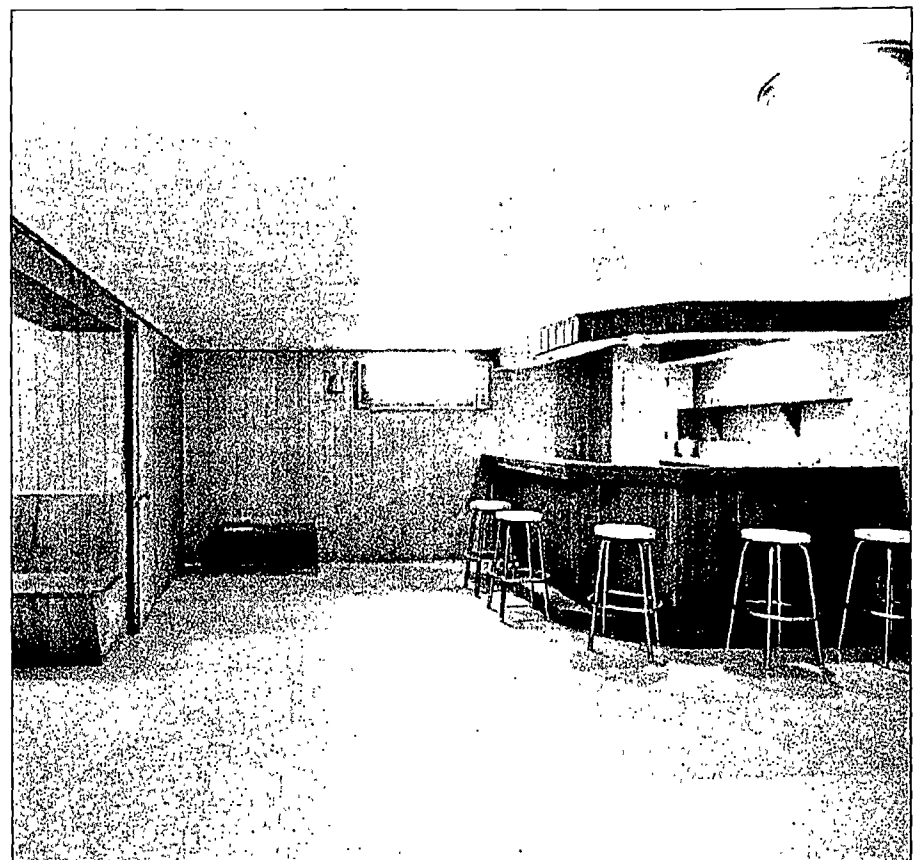
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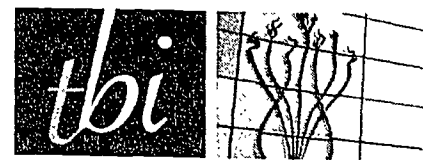
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Lost in an alternate U-verse?



BY STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN  
 The Fixer

Dear Fixer: For five months, I've been having intermittent Internet service with AT&T's U-verse. It just goes in and out whenever it feels like it.

I've had more than 10 technicians out for the same problem. Nobody has been able to fix it. Maybe that's because every technician is a new guy who starts from square one, or maybe it's because half the technicians don't show up at all (I'll get to that in a minute).

I called their hotline, and for some reason the automated system never understands my perfect English. One night, I literally had to call back 22 times before I could talk to a real person. That real person transferred me to another person, and then to another ... until finally I ended up with a lady who couldn't understand why I was so mad.

About three weeks ago, my intermittent Internet turned into no Internet. I called them; they said they would send a technician. Seven days later, still no technician. For seven days in a row, they didn't show up for various reasons (they had the wrong number; they were too busy; somebody canceled my ticket...).

Somebody finally showed up and got my Internet running ... and three days later; it went down again. And OMG, three more days of canceling technicians.

I might note that for all these days, I had to stay home for a four-hour window of time. A technician finally showed up and said there was no signal coming to the entire building, so they would get someone on it ASAP. Surprisingly, they did, and my Internet was fixed! Unsurprisingly, less than a week later, it was down again.

I have homework to do online, but I don't have Internet. I'm paying for Netflix, but I don't have Internet. And there's nothing they can do because it's Saturday and their systems are down for weekly maintenance. Oh, but the good news is they'll make up for the last five months with a credit for one whole month free! Like they're doing me some sort of favor. I get a free month of nothing! Yay! I'm not paying to not have the Internet!

I know you get a ton of e-mails. But I thought maybe if you saw this, you could at least do something about other people who are getting jerked around by AT&T.

Sarah Thelmer

Dear Sarah: Great news — we're going to honor you with our Worst Runaround of the Week Award. The prize? The same as your AT&T credit — nothing!

By the time we got in touch with you, your Internet had mysteriously come on again, but then it had gone out again. We were seriously concerned you might take a sledgehammer to AT&T's lines.

So we got in touch with the phone company's PR folks and asked them to get to the bottom of this. Soon after, a previously scheduled tech came out and tinkered around and pronounced your suffering over. So far, so good — and you now have the direct phone number of a person there in case anything happens in the future.

As for the customer service you experienced, we're speechless. Maybe that last tech can go over and fix them.

Beware onerous overdraft fees

It's been a year since the Federal Reserve made it tougher for banks to pile on overdraft fees on unsuspecting consumers.

Now, banks are required to have consumers "opt-in" for overdraft programs before they can issue the fees.

Smart consumers won't agree to such overdraft "protection," having been burned in the past. The Fixer has heard horror stories from readers who made a small \$5 or \$10 purchase that put their account in the red and resulted in a torrent of fees amounting to several hundred dollars. (That's because the bank, seeing the account was overdrawn, would put through the largest pending transaction and hit all the many smaller pending transactions with fees, oftentimes \$35 apiece.)

Many consumers still aren't aware of this risk, however, and they agree to opt-in. The Consumer Federation of America, which recently surveyed the 14 largest banks' overdraft fees and practices, says many banks continue to process transactions in a manner that maximizes fee revenue for themselves. And some banks pile on still more fees if the consumer doesn't repay the overdraft fee in just a few days, the CFA found.

What people don't realize is that overdraft protection is just like getting a short-term, payday loan — a loan with interest of 2,500 or 3,000 percent APR.

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You're allowed a free look at each report every 12 months. So, if you choose, you can look at one now, the second in four months and the third in four more months, to stagger it over a year. It's up to you.

Please note: This is only to get a free credit report, not a credit score. A score, such as a FICO score, is developed with proprietary information and is something you must purchase — unless you have been rejected for a loan. (A new requirement took effect last month requiring lenders to provide the credit score they used in rejecting a loan application or in determining a higher interest rate.)

You can get a good idea of where you stand financially — and make sure there is no erroneous information in your file — by examining your credit report.

If you want to know more about your credit score, Bankrate.com has a free FICO score estimator here: <http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/managing-debt/worried-about-your-credit-try-our-fico-score-estimator.aspx>.

Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at [www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer](http://www.pioneerlocal.com/fixer), where you'll find a simple form to fill out.

Fees paid, but where's the value?



BY RANDY BLASER  
 Columnist

When I opened the paper recently, it greeted me with a big story about school fees.

The point of the article was that schools charge fees for things like textbooks, workbooks, lab equipment, drivers ed and other things.

Oh, and parents don't like paying them. I know that from personal experience. I'm on year eight of my 12-year stint as a high school parent (three kids four years apart) and I still haven't come around to liking the fees or anticipating them.

It's hard enough to get back into the swing of school as July turns to August. Adding injury to insult are the fees more and more schools across the suburbs are charging parents. Why is that?

It is almost universal that today schools need the money.

You can always find folks who say schools can cut their budgets and pay teachers and administrators less. But that only goes so far.

Schools are immune to the global economy that the rest of us live in, the one that drives wages down. You can't teach kids in Oak Park with a cheaper teacher in India.

And the extra \$300 to \$600 that parents pay in fees really isn't all that much when you consider what an iPhone costs or what a family spends on their monthly communications bill (landline phone, cell phone plan,

cable TV and Internet). So if schools need the money and the fees are relatively affordable, what's the problem? It is an incongruity worth pondering, but most educators won't.

I think the real issue is value. Think about it. People have no problems spending money when they feel they get great value in return.

But if they don't get the value, even the smallest fee is too much. Let me give you an example. Freshman year my son decided to play football. I had to pay a fee. He had never played football before, which I learned too late is a big mistake.

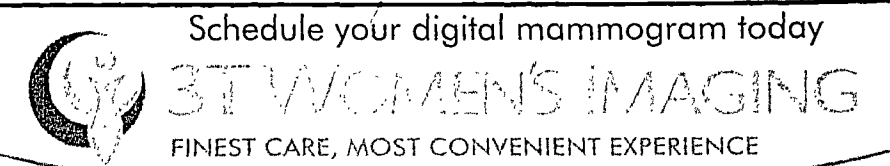
Even though none of the games really mattered (after all it was the freshman B team), the coach played the same 15 kids in just about all the games — despite the fact that there were about 50 kids on the team.

My son didn't learn anything about football and he got to play a few downs in maybe half the games. There was no value in that exchange. The football fee paid by all the parents really subsidized the 15 kids who played most of the downs in most of the games.

So if parents complain about these school fees, maybe it is the same type of experience for them. They feel there is little value in the exchange.

Educators should ponder this incongruity instead of brushing it aside: Why are parents so unhappy to pay a modest fee of \$300 or \$500?

I think it is about value. If parents felt schools were providing it, even twice or three times that amount would be no problem.



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## Blimps evoke modern nostalgia regardless of age



BY PAUL SASSONE  
Columnist

No matter how old you get, there are some things for which you never are too old.

A blimp is one of those things. The other day my wife and I were driving back from the store. "Look!" she almost shouted and pointed ahead and

the ground. They're filled with air, as if they had lungs. And blimps bob up and down as they make their stately progress through the sky. It's almost as if blimps walk and breathe. Like they are alive.

Some giant animal in the sky. Once, on a silent Sunday afternoon, a blimp glided over the garage as I was putting the car away. The blimp's propeller made a whooshing sound only. It sounded like breathing. It seemed to be a mammal, a sperm whale, perhaps, swimming in a celestial ocean. And for a moment, a frozen

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up. I knew right away because that's what I would've done if I'd seen it first. She had spotted a blimp up through the trees.

A lot of us, I think, get excited when we see a blimp.

Blimps are unusual. Blimps are slow. Blimps predate computers. Blimps were something we looked forward to, and that excited us, when we were kids.

Blimps are not now. Blimps are then.

Yet, here they are today. Like us, they're still here.

Blimps must, I think, approximate what early man must have envisioned when he dreamed of flying. Certainly he didn't envision the expensive nightmare flying has become — rush and cram and wait and be patted down and then zoom through frozen nothingness.

Blimps, as I said, don't rush. And they stay relatively close to

moment, there was only me and that breathing leviathan above me. And then it swam through the sky. And I saw it had painted on the side "Monster.com."

Ah, it was the future swimming by me through the air, attached to the charm and thoughtfulness and nostalgic warmth of the past.

All these feelings, and more, are evoked by blimps. Some things just exist. Other things evoke. Blimps evoke.

So, yes, it still is a big deal whenever my wife and I see a blimp.

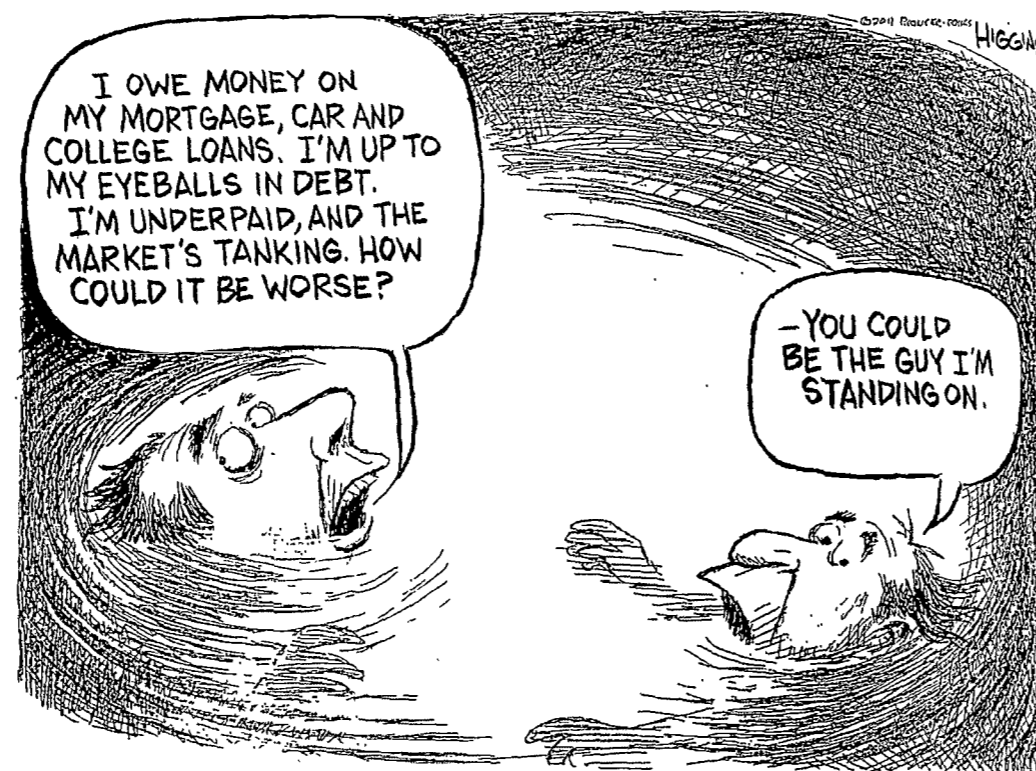
The thought of blimps evokes another memory of things that used to be in the sky.

Summer skies often were enhanced by small buzzing planes spilling out messages in the air. Whatever happened to sky-writing?

I haven't seen any in a long time. Have you?

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## 1000 WORDS BY JACK HIGGINS



## Waiting out storm together truly is a creature comfort



BY CHERYL O'DONOVAN  
Van Mom Strikes Again

A thunderhead can also develop inside the interior of a van during rush-hour traffic. A storm occurs when hot air rises (my husband's temper), and collides with cold reality (someone cutting him off).

Recently, we've had a number of intense storms, many in the middle of the night. When my children were younger, they'd awaken, frightened, and want to cuddle until they fell back asleep. Now, they sleep deeply as it rains. My husband snores through the dramatic cracks of lightning and flashes of bright light. Yes, my children and husband sleep.

But one member of our family can't.

A black, moist nose pokes in my face. Panting from anxiety, Kirby stands alongside my bed. I reach out to pet him until my hand and arm are numb.

"Lie down, Kirbs," I murmur. His tail wags in the shadows. Again, he presses his wet nose against mine. Then a blast of doggy breath hits my nostrils. My eyes pop open.

As a pup, the Kirbster was

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never afraid of storms. Fearless, brazen, he trotted our neighborhood like a "West Side Story" extra, looking to rumble with any Tom, Spike or Hairy. Kirby lived on the edge. He'd bark at the mailman like a Shepherd on a SEAL mission. He'd plunge ahead of me on our walks, eager to sniff traces

of other dogs and adventure.

Today our walks are mellow. The Kirby Meister realizes, like me, that youth is fickle. We squander time when we're young, thinking we've got a backup supply of hourglasses, when we're only given one.

After my writers' meeting, I return home, and he greets me as though I'd been gone forever, or sailed the seven seas with Captain Chip Ahoy. His entire body shakes. He grunts and whimpers. I bury my fingers in his soft wiry fur

until he settles down. So I don't mind when my hand goes numb petting him during those midnight storms. The Kirbster is 7, and I won't have too many more years with him. Besides, a mom never really sleeps. Not even a mom to a four-legged kind.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions for Community Calendar are required 14 days preceding the date of publication. Send to: Niles Managing Editor, Pioneer Press, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Information may be faxed to (847) 486-7495 or emailed to mbottari@pioneerlocal.com.

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Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Grief and loss support group (call first).

Saturdays, Aug. 13 and 27 – Legal counseling, by appointment.

Saturday, Aug. 27 – Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).

Preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also is available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, # 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (The center is open only until noon on Fridays.) 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.

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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 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard Beverley, (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 Hennmueller, (773) 774-9671.

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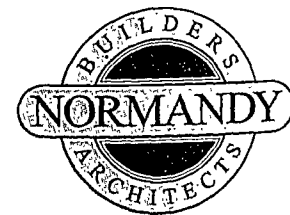
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**1. The Lira Singers** will present "A Concert of Polish and American Marian Hymns" at 3 p.m. Aug. 14 at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 8149 W. Golf Road, Niles. The program includes hymns dating back to the 13th century, including "Czarna Madonna" (Black Madonna), and a few contemporary works commissioned by the Lira Ensemble. The singers will appear in authentic Polish folk garb. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for children under age 16. Call (773) 508-7040.

**2. Belle Plaine**, a folk-Americana quartet, performs at 8 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Ethical Humanist Society Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. \$5. Call (847) 677-3334 or visit [www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse](http://www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse).

**3. Orlando Sentinel** columnist Greg Dawson will discuss and sign his book, *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival, 1941-1946*, from 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9608 Woods Drive, Skokie. The presentation includes a short film by Candy Dawson. Free with museum admission of \$12; \$8 for students and senior citizens. Reservations recommended. Call (847) 967-4889 or visit [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org).

**4. Wizard World Chicago** Comic Con, Aug. 11-14 at the Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Thursday; noon-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. The event features more than 500 exhibitor booths offering movies, comics, toys, video games, art, collectibles and more. Tickets are \$24 in advance; \$35 at the door; \$50/\$60 for four-day, all-session tickets. Admission is free for children age 10 and under, accompanied by an adult. Visit [www.wizardworld.com](http://www.wizardworld.com).

## Edelman hoping his 'Sweeney Todd' is razor-sharp

BY MARY HOULIHAN  
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Broadway actor/singer Gregg Edelman was born in Chicago, grew up in Skokie and attended Northwestern University. But the only show he's done in Chicago was right out of college when he was cast in the 1980 Chicago production of "Evita."

After performing for a year in that show at the Schubert Theater (now the LaSalle Bank Theatre), Edelman moved to New York, where he has earned a long list of credits and four Tony Award nominations for his work on Broadway.

Now, more than 20 years later, Edelman returns to star in the Drury Lane Theatre production of Stephen Sondheim's murderous musical "Sweeney Todd," with director Rachel Rockwell.

Edelman, 52, recently took a break from rehearsals to answer a few questions about "Sweeney Todd," Sondheim and those Tony nominations.

**Question:** You've done a lot of Sondheim but never "Sweeney Todd" until now?

**Gregg Edelman:** Right, I haven't played the role before. But I do a lot of concert work around the country, so I've done some of the songs with the Boston Pops and other orchestras. So I had a little knowledge of the part before starting rehearsals. It's always nice to have a leg up on something as full and demanding as "Sweeney."

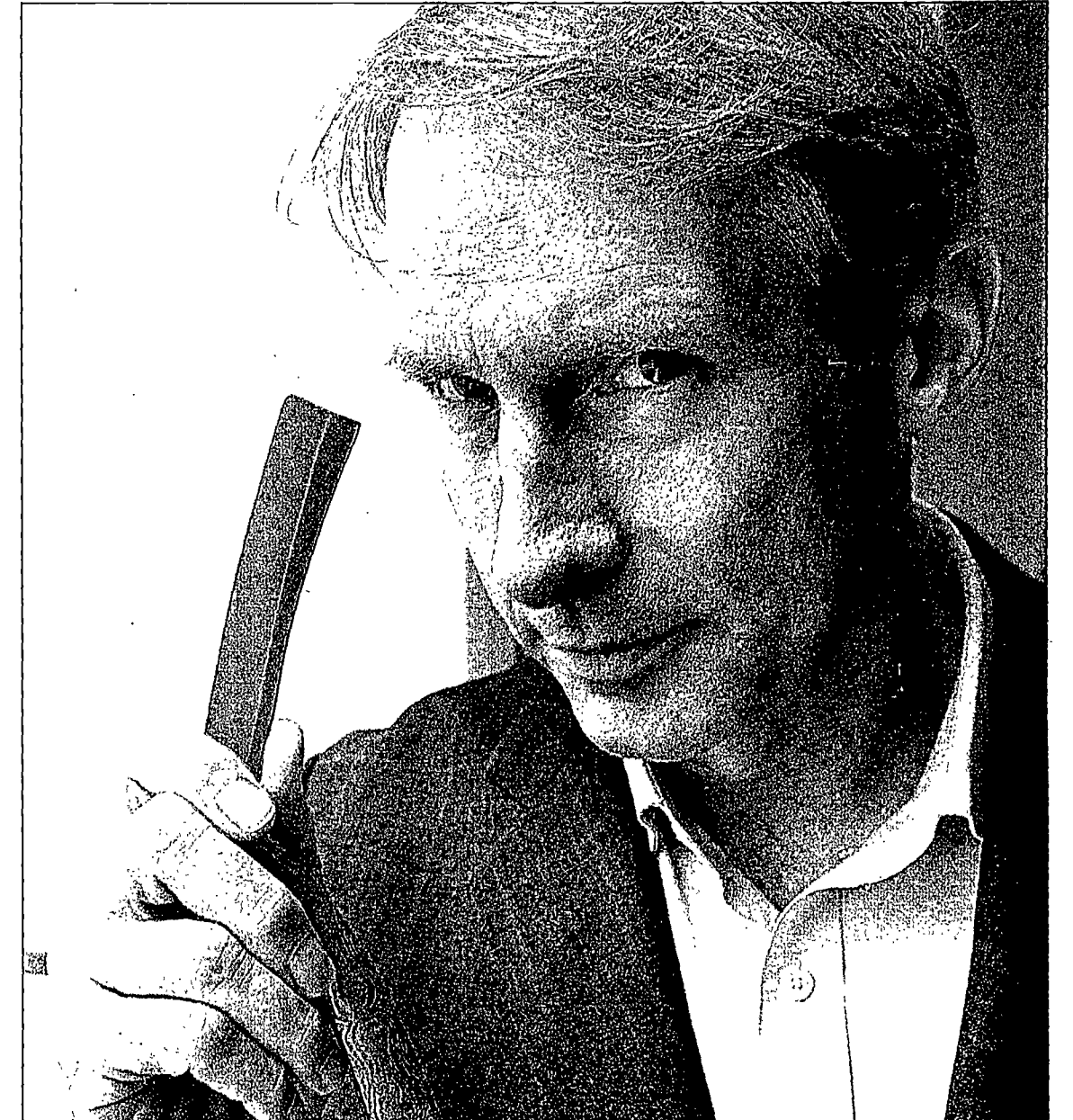
**Q:** This sort of diabolical character is something new for you. Are you enjoying making the role your own?

**GE:** The great thing about "Sweeney" is that it's so brilliantly written. The size of the emotions you get to play are so deep and so large. A lot of times, actors, especially actors of my type, play people closer to ourselves, but this is a role that allows me to play with all sorts of other colors than I normally do.

**Q:** Is playing Sweeney a challenge for you?

**GE:** It's a good kind of challenge. Once you've learned the part, it really just becomes a sort of big sandbox that you get to play in. It's an absolute joy to say I get to go onstage for 2½ hours and sing all these great songs one after another and do all these outrageous things. Sweeney prowls around the stage through the whole show with such a mission that it's a real feast for an actor.

**Q:** Do you have a favorite song in the show?



Chicago native Gregg Edelman gets his first crack at the title role of the murderous barber in the musical "Sweeney Todd" at the Drury Lane Theatre. | SCOTT STEWART-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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**GE:** Right now, I'm loving a song called "Epiphany" that's sung near the end of the first act. It's such a brilliant example of the moment when a man's mind has a break with reality and begins its journey into madness. Steve has found a way to

dramatize that moment in a fascinating song.

**Q:** Sondheim has been a big part of your career?

**GE:** Yes, I've been fortunate to work with him a lot. Before I came to Chicago, I talked with him about

some questions and thoughts I had about "Sweeney." If you ask him about a certain moment in a show, he knows exactly the specific reason behind it. He's an encyclopedia filled with thousands of moments from his shows and a great resource.

**Q:** You have four Tony Award nominations but have never won. Are you disappointed?

**GE:** My brother calls me the Susan Lucci of Broadway. (Laughs) But really, I feel very grateful just to be nominated. A good friend of mine and a great actor, Tom Aldredge, died recently. He had five nominations and no wins. If I'm considered half the actor Tom was, I'll be very happy when all is said and done.

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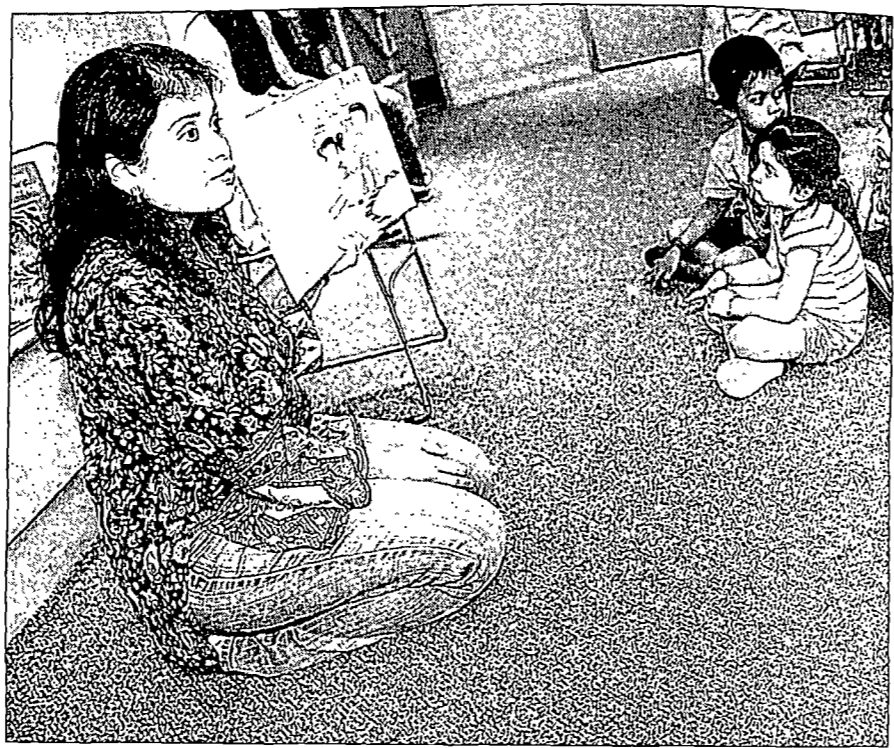
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Manisha Chander, left, will discuss the holiday of Rakhi during a special Travel to India presentation Monday at the Niles Public Library. (SUN-TIMES MEDIA FILE PHOTO)

**Rakhi offers alternative to heated sibling rivalry**

**BY MYRNA PETLICKI**  
Contributor

There will be free children's kite-making workshops and designated flying times for the public. For details, call (847) 835-5440 or visit [www.chicagobotanic.org](http://www.chicagobotanic.org).

**Worship by the water**

Families are invited to bring their own dinners and a dessert to share to Shabbat on the Beach, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 19 at Gillson Park, Lake Ave. at Lake Michigan, Wilmette. Temple Beth Israel of Skokie will host a special worship service that's open to everyone. For details, call (847) 675-0951 or visit [www.tbiskokie.org](http://www.tbiskokie.org).

**Depp perception**

You won't recognize Johnny Depp as the title character in "Rango," an animated film being screened at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., 4-6 p.m. Friday. He's the voice of a kooky chameleon who winds up in the lawless town of Dirt. For details, call (847) 965-4220 or visit [www.webrary.org](http://www.webrary.org).

**Picture that!**

Three kids travel to Narnia after being swallowed into a painting in "Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader." Your family can see the 2010 PG film, 7-9 p.m. Friday at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. For details, call (847) 324-3149 or visit [www.skokieliibrary.info](http://www.skokieliibrary.info).

Brothers and sisters should be good to each other. Manisha Chander will tell how Indian children show their affection for their siblings when she discusses the holiday of Rakhi during a Travel to India presentation for families, 7-8:15 p.m., Monday at the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton. Chander said Rakhi "is a brother-sister day where sisters lovingly tie a friendship bracelet on their brothers and say prayers for them, wishing them good luck in their future." Kids attending the program will make similar bracelets. Children will also get a craft kit to take home.

In addition, Chander will talk about Indian Independence Day. She described the program as "a general introduction to young children to educate them about the diverse cultural events that the Indian community partakes in throughout the year." The bilingual program will be presented in English and Hindi. For details, call (847) 663-1234 or visit [www.nileslibrary.org](http://www.nileslibrary.org).

**Uplifting event**

All eyes will be on the skies during the annual Kite Festival, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe. Members of the Kite Society of Wisconsin & Illinois and Gift of Wings will dazzle viewers with their stunts.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Tidying up history**

**BY BRUCE INGRAM**  
Film Critic

**THE HELP**  
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"The Help" is a well-crafted, Oscar-seeking prestige picture all the way, measuring up to the drama of its subject matter and its feel-good potential with righteousness to spare. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be aghast at the injustice of racism in pre-Civil Rights-era Mississippi.

It's also a bit of a put-up job, though, that makes it a little too easy to imagine ourselves in the same situation being on the side of the angels.



Emma Stone, left, and Viola Davis star in "The Help," a film set in pre-Civil Rights-era Mississippi and adapted from Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel. Octavia Spencer and Allison Janney also star.

Adapted and directed by Tate Taylor (a Jackson native and childhood friend of novelist Kathryn Stockett who bought the rights before the book became a bestseller), "The Help" is the story of young Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan (Emma Stone). Skeeter is white, as are most heroes of Hollywood films dealing with the Civil Rights era, but proper credit must be given to Taylor and Stockett for not placing her at the heart of the story. She is, however, an anachronistically enlightened Ole Miss graduate and society girl whose views on race relations are as out-of-step with her lifelong friends in the Junior League as the Mexican sandals she wears. And her aspiration to become a serious writer. Skeeter is equally at odds with her mother (Allison Janney), who is panic-stricken that her daughter is still an old maid (and suspicious that she may be a lesbian — those sandals, after all...). She is also dismayed that her beloved housekeeper/substitute mother Constantine ('70s icon Cicely Tyson) has mysteriously "moved back to Chicago." And all of those isolating factors come into play when Skeeter begins interviewing her best friend Elizabeth's maid Aibileen (Viola Davis, who provides the film's heart and soul) for the housekeeping column she's writing for the Jackson Journal. Eventually, she decides it would be far more interesting to write about the plight of Constantine and Aibileen and all the other maids in Jackson who clean white folks' houses, raise their children and generally wind up being discarded without a thought.

The same book could be written today, no doubt, with illegal immigrants as a substitute, but it wouldn't have quite the same dramatic oomph as it would have in Jim Crow-era Mississippi, where what cultural time bomb Skeeter is proposing would be not only illegal but extremely dangerous — more for Aibileen and her fellow interviewees than Skeeter. Stockett and Taylor take full advantage of that fact (one of the turning points in "The Help" is the murder in Jackson of Civil Rights activist Medgar Evers) and use it to keep "The Help" suspenseful throughout. They also score points for authenticity (both were raised in homes with African-American housekeepers a few years after the events in this film) in terms of Southern culture, dialogue and humor.

Strong performances also help "The Help" hold interest, particularly those of Davis as Viola and Octavia Spencer as her tough, sassy friend Minny. Both Davis and Spencer are likely Oscar nominees. There's also a vivid, colorful turn by Jessica Chastain (also remarkable in "The Tree of Life") as Celia Foote, the bodaciously sexy white-trash bride of the town's most eligible bachelor. In another anachronistic development, she becomes not only the only person in town who will employ Minny, but her friend, after Minny is fired for putting a little something extra disgusting in the chocolate pie she bakes for her former boss, the boo-hiss socialite racist Hilly Holbrook (Bryce Dallas Howard).

The superficiality of the film's characterization of Hilly (who basically serves the purpose of providing a polar-opposite antagonist for Skeeter and an easily identifiable villain when payback time comes around), is the primary reason "The Help" ultimately falls short of representing the insidious complexity of the situation. Especially as it paves the way for a sentimental, heart-swelling happy ending.

Pre-Civil Rights-era racism was woven into the fabric of normal, everyday life. It was the legally sanctioned status quo. It's possible that most people who see this film, if born and raised in that time and place, would have never questioned it — if they weren't suffering from it. The ones who did took a terrible risk and sometimes paid a terrible price.

Happy endings were not guaranteed. For the era's real heroes, they must not even have seemed particularly likely.

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**FINAL DESTINATION 5**

**Rated:** R for strong violence, gruesome accidents and some language  
**Length:** 92 minutes  
**Stars:** Nicholas D'Agosto, Emma Bell  
More young folks cheat death — temporarily — in this latest installment in the horror franchise, dealing with the survivors of a collapsed suspension bridge. Steven Quale, a second-unit director on "Avatar," directs.

**GLEE: THE 3D CONCERT MOVIE**

**Rated:** No MPAA rating  
**Length:** 90 minutes  
**Stars:** Lea Michele, Cory Monteith, Amber Riley  
A documentary on the TV show's summer tour, featuring concert performances and backstage antics. And hey, it's in 3D!

**THE HELP**

**Rated:** PG-13 for thematic material  
**Stars:** Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer  
In pre-Civil Rights-era Mississippi, a young college graduate (Stone) convinces two African-American housemaids (Davis, Spencer), to help her write a book about their experiences. Tate Taylor ("Pretty Ugly People") adapted and directed the drama, based on the best-selling novel by Kathryn Stockett.

**30 MINUTES OR LESS**

**Rated:** R for crude and sexual content, pervasive language, nudity and some violence  
**Length:** 83 minutes  
**Stars:** Jesse Eisenberg, Danny McBride, Aziz Ansari, Nick Swardson  
Two incompetent crooks (McBride and Swardson) kidnap a pizza delivery guy (Eisenberg), strap a bomb to his chest and threaten to blow him up if he doesn't rob a bank for them. Ruben Fleischer ("Zombieland") directed the action comedy.

**STILL PLAYING**

**ATTACK THE BLOCK**

**Rated:** R for creature violence, drug content and pervasive language  
**Length:** 88 minutes



Jesse Eisenberg and Aziz Ansari star in "30 Minutes or Less." In the film, directed by Ruben Fleischer, Eisenberg plays a pizza delivery man kidnapped by bumbling crooks who force him to rob a bank. Danny McBride also stars.

**Stars:** Jodie Whittaker, Alex Esmail, Nick Frost  
A gang of tough, inner-city London kids defend their turf against an alien invasion. Screenwriter Joe Cornish ("The Adventures of Tintin") makes his directing debut with this sci-fi action comedy, featuring Frost ("Shaun of the Dead," "Hot Fuzz").

**THE CHANGE-UP**  
★ ★ 1/2

**Rated:** R for pervasive strong crude sexual content and language, some graphic nudity and drug use  
**Length:** 113 minutes  
**Stars:** Jason Bateman, Ryan Reynolds, Leslie Mann, Olivia Wilde  
Sometimes, change is a good thing. Not, however, in "The Change-Up," a pointlessly crude, excessively gross and almost entirely wit-free body-switch comedy that does its best to disappoint fans of both "The Wedding Crashers" (also directed by David Dobkin) and "The Hangover" (also written by screenwriters Jon Lucas and Scott Moore). Workaholic attorney/dedicated family man Dave Lockwood (Bateman) and ultra-slacker man-child Mitch Planko (Reynolds) are lifelong best friends who envy the good things in each other's lives — while also despising each other to a surprising degree. Before you can say "Freaky Friday," they've gotten what they ask for, with disastrous results. There's typically an element of moralizing in body-switch

movies, with characters learning to appreciate their own lives or the lives of others or both, and that's certainly the case here. It would have been nice, though, if the lessons in "The Change-Up" could have been learned with a little more sophistication and a little less predictability.

**COWBOYS & ALIENS**  
★ ★ ★

**Rated:** PG-13 for intense sequences of Western and sci-fi action and violence, some partial nudity and a brief crude reference  
**Length:** 118 minutes  
**Stars:** Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford, Olivia Wilde  
What could be better, really, for a little high-concept, super-spectacular summer fun? For starters, "Cowboys & Aliens" works as well as it does because director Jon Favreau ("Iron Man") takes the situation, as crazed and near-absurd as it is, dead seriously. There's not really a deliberately ironic, tongue-in-cheek moment in this surprisingly dark, moody, even occasionally tragic film, which establishes itself first and foremost as a no-nonsense Western. Not a particularly original Western, granted, but a satisfying one.

**CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE**  
★ ★ ★ 1/2

**Rated:** PG-13 for coarse humor, sexual content and language  
**Length:** 118 minutes

**Stars:** Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Julianne Moore  
It's kind of crazy how good "Crazy, Stupid, Love" is. In addition to working remarkably well as a smart, funny, far-above-average romantic comedy, it scores impressive dramatic points as a deeply felt story about how crazy, stupid, complicated and painful love can be. Carell is at his best — meaning he's funny, but also clearly feeling some torment — as nice-guy Cal, a dedicated family man whose beloved wife (Moore, as good as usual) has been unfaithful and wants a divorce.

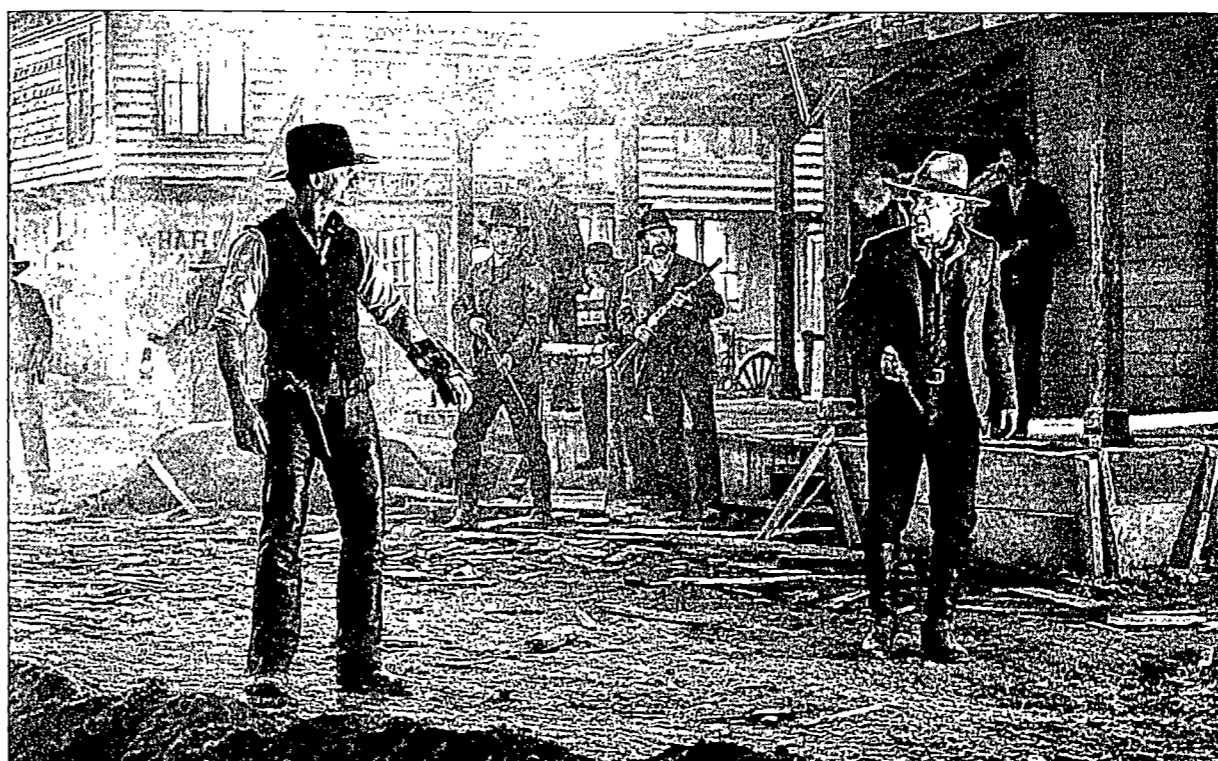
**RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES**

**Rated:** PG-13 for intense and frightening images of action and violence humor, sexual content and language  
**Stars:** James Franco, Andy Serkis, Freida Pinto  
A scientist (Franco) involved in researching a cure for Alzheimer's disease inadvertently creates super-intelligence in a laboratory ape — setting in motion the downfall of mankind.

**THE SMURFS**

**Rated:** PG for some mild rude humor and action  
**Length:** 103 minutes  
**Stars:** Hank Azaria, Neil Patrick Harris, Katy Perry  
A group of tiny blue Smurf villagers try to live in New York City. Raja Gosnell ("Beverly Hills Chihuahua") directed.

**SHOWTIMES**



This town ain't big enough for a certain pair of groups in "Cowboys & Aliens."

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**The Smurfs (PG)** Fri-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:40-7-9:10  
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NEW THIS WEEK

**HOODWINKED TOO!**  
**HOOD VS. EVIL**  
★ 1/2

Rated: PG for sci-fi action and peril

Length: 86 minutes

Stars: Hayden Panettiere, Joan Cusack, Patrick Warburton

Even undiscriminating 6-year-olds aren't going to find a lot to enjoy in this flat, witless, clunkily animated sequel. Obviously taking its inspiration from "Shrek," 2005's "Hoodwinked" essentially had fun putting a subversive spin on the fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood — via a police investigation of the fracas at Grandma's house. "Hoodwinked Too" does pretty much the same thing, involving karate-kicking Red (Panettiere) in a mission to rescue Hansel and Gretel (Bill Hader and Amy Poehler of "Saturday Night Live") from the wicked witch (Cusack). The resulting adventure is both manic and tedious, with an overdose of strained pop-culture references that are likely to bore adults as much as they befuddle kids. Extras include a music video.

**JANE EYRE**  
★ ★ ★

Rated: PG-13 for some thematic elements including a nude image and brief violent content

Length: 120 minutes

Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender, Jamie Bell  
A somber, passionate, powerfully involving adaptation of Charlotte Brontë's oft-filmed classic. Director Cary Fukunaga ranges far afield here from "Sin Nombro," his tough 2009 breakthrough drama about a young couple on the run from a vengeful Mexican youth gang — but his assurance shows in every frame. "Jane Eyre" purists may quibble about the liberties Fukunaga takes with the tale, opening with Jane in full flight from some unknown terror on the moor and filling



Mia Wasikowska has the title role and Michael Fassbender plays the arrogant, embittered Mr. Rochester in director Cary Fukunaga's reimagining of Charlotte Brontë's "Jane Eyre."

**PAUL**  
★ ★ 1/2

Rated: R for language including sexual references and some drug use

Length: 109 minutes

Stars: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Seth Rogen, Kristen Wiig

Somewhat, the comedy never clicks in this sci-fi adventure about a couple of nerdy fan-boys (Pegg and Frost) who help a little green stoner alien (voiced by Rogen) escape from evil government agents. Wiig is a plus, though, as a former fundamentalist Christian girl with an enthusiastic fondness for cursing.

**THE GRACE CARD**

Louis Gossett Jr. stars in this Christian drama about a man whose bitterness and anger at the death of his son isolates him from friends and family. Extras include deleted scenes.

**LAVELL CRAWFORD: CAN A BROTHER GET SOME LOVE?**

The comedian addresses topics ranging from life in heaven to President Obama in this concert appearance at the Orpheum Theatre in his hometown of St. Louis.

**MEET MONICA VELOUR**

An awkward teen (Dustin Ingram) starts a relationship with his favorite porn star (Kim Catrall), whose career peaked in the '80s and is now a struggling single mom. Keith Bearden wrote and directed the comedy featuring Brian Dennehy. Extras include commentary by Catrall.

**PRIEST**

A priest (Paul Bettany) breaks church law while tracking down vampires who have kidnapped his niece. Scott Charles Stewart ("Legion") directed the horror film. Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, disturbing images and brief strong language.

RECENT RELEASES

**MARS NEEDS MOMS**  
★ ★ 1/2

Rated: PG for sci-fi action and peril

Length: 88 minutes

Stars: Seth Green, Joan Cusack, Dan Fogler

Careful what you wish for, kids. Right after young Milo (Green) wishes his mom (Cusack) were no longer around to cramp his style, she's kidnapped by Martians and rocketed to the Red Planet — and he has to go get her back. There's enough so-so comedy and adventure to make this 3-D animated comedy a reasonably good time for the whole family — with the possible exception of Mom.

ALSO NEW

**CUL-DE-SAC**

An early, morbidly comic effort (1966) from director Roman Polanski. A wounded American gangster (Lionel Stander) and his dying partner take refuge from the police in an isolated home owned by a meek Englishman (Donald Pleasance) and his wife — leading to shifting emotional and sexual relationships. The Criterion Collection release features a new digital restoration approved by Polanski, a 1967 Polanski interview and theatrical trailers.

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Free family concerts from the Niles Park District, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays at Oak Park, Lee and Ottawa streets. Visit www.niles-parks.org.

Aug. 12: The Juke Box Band. Aug. 19: BBI presents an all-ages, '70s-'80s show with audience participation.

Norridge Park District hosts concerts at 7 p.m. on select Thursdays at 4631 N. Overhill. Call (708) 457-1244. Aug. 11, 6 p.m.: Hawaiian Night with the Barefoot Hawaiians.

Sunday Sundown Concerts at 7 p.m. at Devonshire Park, 4400 Greenwood, Skokie. For information, call (847) 674-1500 or visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org. Aug. 14: Assembly Required (jazz).

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"The Comedy of Errors" will be presented by Piccolo Theatre Sept. 2-Oct. 22 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$22 senior citizens; \$15 students; \$12.50 for previews, Sept. 2-4. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

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"Godspell" will be presented by Independent Stars Playhouse Aug. 12-21 at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$7.50; \$5 for children and senior citizens. To reserve tickets or for more information, visit www.indistars.org or call (708) 997-1714.

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"Snapshots," a "musical scrapbook" of works by Broadway composer Stephen Schwartz, will be presented Sept. 16-Oct. 23 in the Northlight Theatre, located at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$25-\$65; \$25-\$45 for previews, Sept. 16-22. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

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The Lira Singers will present "A Concert of Polish and American Marian Hymns" at 3 p.m. Aug. 14 at St. Issac Jogues Church, 8101 W. Golf Road, Niles. The program includes hymns dating back to the 13th century, including "Czarna Madonna" (Black Ma-

onna), and a few contemporary works commissioned by the Lira Ensemble. The singers will appear in authentic Polish folk garb. A reception follows the concert. Tickets: \$20; \$10 for children under age 16. Call (773) 508-7040.

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**Music Institute of Chicago,** Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. **Sept. 24,** 7:30 p.m.: Music Institute faculty member James Baur will perform a solo guitar recital featuring 20th century Spanish, French, Mexican and American works. Tickets are \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

The Orion Ensemble performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$26; \$23 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12

and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. **Sept. 25,** 7:30 p.m.: The ensemble's 19th season of concerts, Chamber Treasures Meet Chicago Jazz, open with "Spanish Flair," featuring works by Cassadó, Granados, Khachaturian and Stravinsky.

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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. **Aug. 21,** 7:30 p.m.: Katy Perry. \$35, \$45. **Oct. 14,** 7:30 p.m.: Keith Urban and Jake Owen. \$25, \$59.50.

**Blues Bar,** 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.blues-bar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. **Aug. 27,** 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials.

**Chambers,** 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechamber-sonline.com. Music is from 5-9 p.m. Sundays; 7:30-11:30 p.m. Thursdays; and 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday-Saturday. **Aug. 12:** The Vito Zatto Show, \$6. **Aug. 13:** The Renditions (old-

ies), \$5. **Aug. 16, 23 and 30,** 6:30-10:30 p.m.: Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman. **Aug. 17 and 24,** 6:30-10:30 p.m.: Connie & Johnny. **Aug. 19:** Rick Lindy & the Wild Ones ('50s-'60s rock), \$5. **Aug. 20:** Ronnie Ross Show, no cover. **Aug. 21 and 28:** Judy Roberts and Greg Fishman. **Aug. 26:** Tony Smith Show (Motown), \$5. **Aug. 27:** The Meteors (oldies), \$5. **Aug. 31,** 8:30-10:30 p.m.: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, \$10.

**Ethical Humanist Society** Second Saturday Coffeehouse, 7574 N. Lincoln Ave. (at Howard), Skokie. (847) 677-3334. www.ethicalhumanist.org/coffeehouse. **Aug. 13,** 8 p.m.: Belle Plaine, a folk-Americana quartet including Sharon Appelquist, Lisa Crowe, Dennis Harpole and James Sanabria, following open mic (any genre, acoustic only). \$5 includes refreshments.

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**Kathleen Keane**

"In terms of my career, I've always made my living being the side person in someone else's band or project," said Kathleen Keane, of Norridge. "Only recently have I had the courage to be on center stage and front myself. The response has been great, every show is selling out. It's going well."

Keane, 39, has had a successful and exciting career in Irish music, and is widely acknowledged as a superb multi-instrumentalist (tin whistle, flute, fiddle, button accordion), dancer, singer, and composer, as well as being a true Irish beauty.

She has also seen success as an actress and is emerging as a vocalist of renown. She was a member of the acclaimed Celtic rock band, The Drovers, and toured for three years with Celtic band, Gaelic Storm. While with Gaelic Storm, Keane made multiple TV appearances on episodes of "Providence" and also "The Roseanne Barr Show."

**Movie music**

Keane appears in the movies, "The Road to Perdition" and "Backdraft," performing on tin whistle, and her whistle and fiddle music was included on the soundtrack to "Cinderella Man." With her new trad-influenced band, Tantrum, Keane performs occasionally with other busy and successful artists — Jimmy Moore, Dennis Cahill, Jackie Moran, Declan Fahy, and Patrick Quinn.

But Keane's desire to be a solo artist goes back to 1999, when she released her first solo album. She had just joined Gaelic Storm and was about to tour, so had no time to even do a CD release party.

With her recent self-produced and critically acclaimed solo album, "Where the Wind Meets the Water," Keane has been able to actively promote and perform in support of her recording. She not only had a proper CD release event — a packed house at Mayne Stage in Chicago — but will perform a

second such event at Mayne Stage in September. Keane's stand-out title track, co-written with Al Day, is delivered with her fine vocals, like a fresh Celtic breeze sailing over melody and soulful instrumentation. Other tracks include delightful renditions of traditional and original material with song, reels, airs, jigs and hornpipes.

A surprising and exceptional piece on the new album is Keane's full-versed rendition of the Irish classic, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

**Old favorite**

"A lot of people are surprised that it's on the album," said Keane. "But I was singing in a show and a director asked that we sing it, and half of the musicians turned up their nose at it; but I think the lyric, the music, and the sentiment are great, and the verses are unusually beautiful. When Bing Crosby recorded it, he only did the chorus, and this is the version that is mostly performed, with the verses dropped. This song will (soon be) 100 years old, and there's something to it, a reason why it has lasted so long."

Keane is a Chicago native who grew up with music and performance.

"I think for me, like a lot of first generation Irish Americans living in Chicago, we start dancing and it leads to music lessons," she said. "I was only 5 years old when I started taking Irish dancing

lessons, and an older dancer, Mary Mayer, taught me tin whistle and flute. Then, when I was 10 years old, I wanted to study with Liz Carroll. I knew her from the Irish music scene, because myself, my sister, and some other childhood friends, including John Williams, were all member of this Irish cultural organization (CCE), so we grew up in this community. But Liz didn't teach tin whistle or flute, she taught fiddle and accordion. So I decided to take fiddle, not necessarily because I was interested in the instrument, but because I wanted to study with her."

Later, when Keane's mother suggested she learn the button accordion, Carroll said she would only teach one instrument at a time.

Said Keane, laughing: "Learning the button accordion was my way out of fiddle lessons!"

But more learning was clearly a good idea for an Irish musician. "I had the advantage of starting so young and growing up in a music community where it's common to learn more than one instrument," she said. "I did go to college, got my bachelor's, but knew I would do music for a living from the time I was 18. I knew that there was more work if you were a multi-instrumentalist, that the more things you could do, the more work you would get. I can cover many roles."

Stuart Rosenberg of Evanston's S.P.A.C.E., who is a Skokie resident, recorded and mixed "Where the Wind Meets the Water," and he thinks highly of Keane's musicianship.

"Working in the studio with her on this recording was a thoroughly enjoyable challenge," he said. "Her original instrumental compositions blend the earthy musk of dance music with an elegant sense of balance and arrangement. Her original songs are rich with vivid poetic imagery, sung in a voice that carries love and longing with real tenderness and beauty."

For more information about Keane, visit [www.kathleenkeane.com](http://www.kathleenkeane.com).

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visit [www.montrose.com](http://www.montrose.com).  
com. Aug. 12: Joan Gand and Women in the Blues. Aug. 20: Up Close @ Montrose with Wayne and Marty from the Freddy Jones Band. \$25 VIP; \$20 general admission. Aug. 26: Crisis.

Mayne Stage, 1328 W. Morse Ave. in Rogers Park, Chicago. (773) 381-4554. [www.maynestage.com](http://www.maynestage.com). Aug. 17, 8 p.m.: Eric Tessmer Band. \$10 general admission; \$15 reserved seating. Aug. 19, 10 p.m.: Latin funk ensemble

Brownout. \$15, \$25. Aug. 20, 9 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues. \$25 general admission; \$35 reserved. Aug. 26, 8 p.m.: Folk rock singer/songwriter Michael McDermott with Heather Lynne Horton. \$20 general admission; \$25 reserved. Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.: The Bernie Mac Foundation presents Jazz and Soul Session with Jonathan Butler. \$45 (includes Butler's new CD). Sept. 15, 8 p.m.: Folk singer Stephanie Rogers. \$15 general admission; \$20 reserved. Sept. 22, 8 p.m.: Guitarist Billy McLaughlin. \$20-\$25. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Comedy-folk duo Garfunkel and Oates. \$15 general admission; \$20 reserved.

Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org). Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.: Grammy Award-winning jazz musician and composer Paquito D'Rivera joins Music Institute Jazz Studies faculty for a concert. \$25; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://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 or visit [www.rosemonththeatre.com](http://www.rosemonththeatre.com). Aug. 13, 7 p.m.: Selena Gomez & The Scene with Allstar Weekend. \$27.50, \$123. Aug. 23, 8 p.m.: Stevie Nicks. \$39, \$65, \$95, \$125. Oct. 14, 8 p.m.: Trumpeter Chris Botti. \$29.50, \$48.50, \$58.50, \$65. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Straight

No Chaser. \$27.50, \$37.50, \$47.50. Dec. 11, 3 p.m.: Celtic Thunder Christmas. \$34.50, \$49.50, \$75. Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit [www.skokieetheatre.com](http://www.skokieetheatre.com). Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Aug. 12, 8 p.m.: Roxy Bellows. Aug. 13, 8 p.m.: Marianne Murphy Orland presents "Pet Project: A Tribute to Petula Clark." Aug. 14, 2 p.m.: Steve Richards presents "Memories and Moments with Elvis." Aug. 14, 7 p.m.: Folk singer

Jen Reilly. \$15; \$10 for youth. Aug. 19, 7 p.m.: Young Lions: Directions Jazz Orchestra Arrangers' Showcase. Aug. 20, 8 p.m.: Messmer and Friends, an evening of song to benefit glycogen storage disease research at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Wayne Messmer and friends will perform songs from beloved musicals. \$30; \$50 VIP seating. Aug. 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: "Another Shabbos, Another Show — Jewish Composers & Performers on

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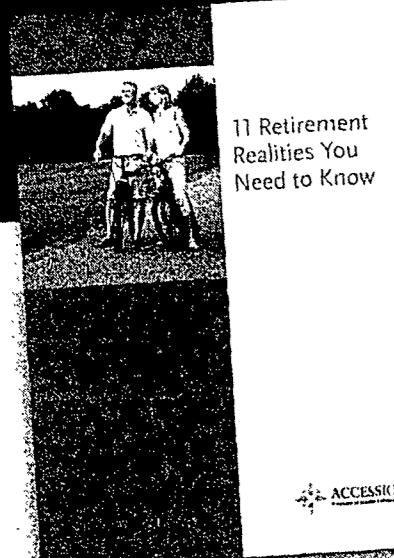
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**TABLEHOPPING**



General Manager Stefanos Naoum (left), and chef/owner Dimitrios Merageas at Mykonos in Niles. | LEE A. LITAS - FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

## Island flavors, hospitality from Mykonos restaurant

BY LEE LITAS  
Dining Columnist

**MYKONOS**

8660 W. Golf Road, Niles  
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You can say that Dimitrios "Jimmy" Merageas, chef/owner of Mykonos Greek restaurant in Niles, is a creature of habit. Not only is he about to celebrate Mykonos' 30th anniversary, but Merageas has been in the place for six years longer, working since 1975 at the restaurant he would one day buy and recreate to his taste as today's Mykonos. "I am from Sparta but was a big fan of Mykonos. I was dreaming to do something blue and white, (like) the original island, and I think I did it," said Merageas.

Over the last third of a century, Merageas has been a pioneer, doing things differently than established Greek restaurants. In 1985, for example, Merageas chose to use the traditional colors of the Greek flag for his décor.

**Patio pioneer**

"Until then all the Greek restaurants were stucco and wood. People laughed at me and said, 'are you going to be selling ice cream?' but now all the Greek restaurants are blue and white," said Merageas.

Merageas also said he built "the first outdoor eating gar-

den in the Chicago area" in 1983 and his al fresco dining spot, bordered by grapevines and featuring a firelit water fountain, has not gone out of favor for three decades. "People told me that a patio in Chicago is just stupid. No one believed it would succeed."

It's easy to say that this gregarious chef/owner, from whom *filoxenia* — the Greek concept of hospitality — oozes like honey out of homemade baklava, may have actually done his job just a bit too well.

By creating dishes that his customers order consistently, he's made creatures of habit out of them, as well. But change is good, says Jimmy, as he and his general manager Stefanos Naoum, graciously show guests just what delicacies they have been missing.

On Mondays, Mykonos serves their special "Katsiki," a pot roast made with

baby goat and potatoes. Infused with allspice, garlic, dry Rosé and oregano, it is prepared in a pot before being put into the oven for final finish. The melt-in-your-mouth tender consistency of the meat will make you glad you ventured out on the first day of the work week (\$18.25).

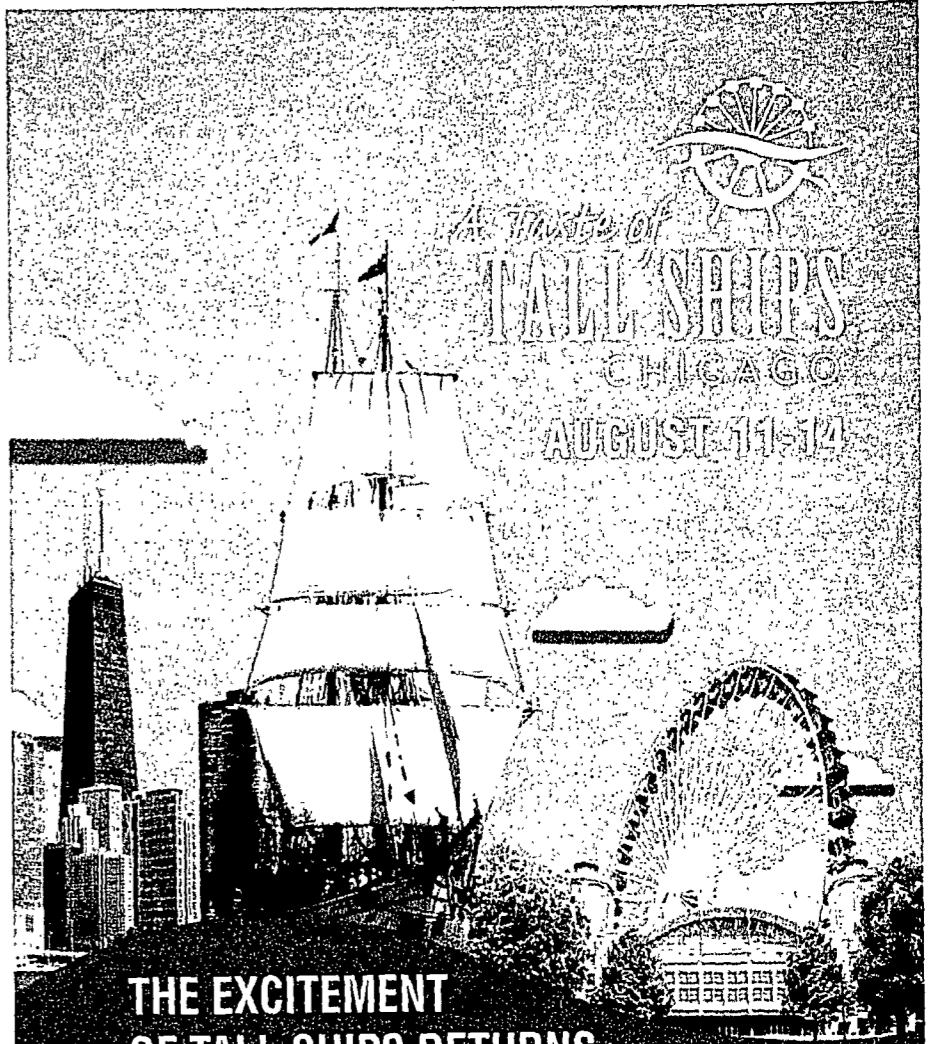
Another succulent choice is the Lamb with Artichokes, made of tender spring (milk-fed) lamb and served with tender artichoke hearts in a rich-yet-light Greek egg-lemon sauce (\$17.95).

**Dessert and no cats**

For dessert, homemade yogurt with walnuts, drizzled with honey, is a tradition in Greece that works just as well for breakfast, or as a snack anytime. Greeks eating it for dessert might just get homesick for "the old country" (\$5.95). And of course, what Greek restaurant worth its salt would be without its baklava, here, made on the premises with walnuts, almonds and honey (\$4.95).

"Akus (listen)," jokes Merageas, "The only thing missing from this place is the cats," to make this a picture-perfect quasi-(Mykonos)-island hop.

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at the Wilmette Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Road. To schedule an audition, call Helia Schramm, (847) 328-0570.

**North Shore Dance & Drama Center**, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie, will hold auditions for its Competitive Performing Group at 6:15 p.m. **Aug. 25.** Callbacks and alternative audition date is **Aug. 28** at 4:15 p.m. Youth ages 6-18 are encouraged to audition for the jazz, modern, hip-hop and ballet groups. For information call (847) 674-2216 or visit [www.northshoredanceanddrama.com](http://www.northshoredanceanddrama.com).

**Moscow Ballet** is seeking student dancers to perform in the Dec. 11 touring production of the Great Russian Nutcracker at Rosemont Theater alongside the classically trained professionals. Auditions will be held at 3:30 p.m. **Aug. 31** at SPACE Peterson, 3433 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago. To register and for more audition information, contact Altin Naska at (773) 463-1220 or [anaska@southportarts.com](mailto:anaska@southportarts.com).

**Artists and crafters** are sought for the 20th annual An Arts & Crafts Adventure II,

to be held **Sept. 17** in Hodges Park in Park Ridge. For information, contact the American Society of Artists at (847) 991-4748 or [www.american-societyofartists.org](http://www.american-societyofartists.org).

**Tonti Council**, Knights of Columbus, seeks artists, crafters and vendors for its 15th annual Art in the Park, to be held **Sept. 17-18** at Portage Park, Irving Park Road and Central Avenue, Chicago. Fee for a 10x10-foot space for both days is \$150. Call (773) 530-5182.

**The Koehnline Museum of Art** at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, invites women artists to submit work for a juried exhibition that will run Oct. 6-28. "Call and Response" seeks women artists of all media to submit a work that honors, critiques, or expands upon the techniques or content of a groundbreaking female "master" from the past or present. Artists may submit only one original work for consideration. Deadline for entries is **Sept. 26**. There is no entry fee. For information, contact Nathan Harpaz at (847) 635-2633 or [nharpaz@oakton.edu](mailto:nharpaz@oakton.edu).

**Crafters needed** for the annual Holiday Fair, to be held **Oct. 22** at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. There is a table rental fee and donation of a sample for the raffle. Call (773) 777-8821 for further information.

**Crafters are sought** for the Christmas in Park Ridge Boutique, sponsored by The Center of Concern, to be held Nov. 12-13 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. 4**.

**BENEFITS**

A screening of the 2005 movie "Serenity" and 2008's Emmy Award-winning "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" will be presented at 7 p.m. **Aug. 20** at the Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Tickets are \$15 (cash only) at the door. Proceeds benefit Equality Now and House of the Good Shepherd. Visit [www.portage-theater.org](http://www.portage-theater.org).

**BOOKS & POETRY**

**Barnes & Noble**, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. (847) 676-2230. **Aug. 26**, 7:30

p.m.: Tom McBride and Ron Nief will discuss and sign *Mindset Lists of American History: From Typewriters to Text Messages, What Ten Generations of Americans Think Is Normal*.

**Conrad Sulzer Regional Library**, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago. (312) 744-2293.

**Aug. 18**, 7-8 p.m.: Skokie resident Debbie Sue Goodman will discuss and sign her books, *My Husband the Stronger, Still Single and Still Doting*.

**CHILD'S PLAY**

**Harlem Irving Plaza**, Irving Park Road and Forest Preserve Drive, Norridge. [www.shopthehip.com](http://www.shopthehip.com). **Aug. 12**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Radio Disney AM 1300 Chicago presents a character meet and greet with Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse in Carson's Court, including interactive entertainment by the Radio Disney Road Crew, activities and prizes. Free. Visitors must have a wristband for meet and greet; 300 wristbands will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m., while supplies last. One wristband per person.

**Take Two Children's Theatre** will audition children

ages 5-15 for "Annie Jr." from 1-3 p.m. **Aug. 27** at North Shore Dance & Drama Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. Come prepared to act, sing and dance. Bring dance shoes and a headshot or picture. Call (847) 674-2216 or visit [www.northshoredanceanddrama.com](http://www.northshoredanceanddrama.com).

**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 nonmembers; \$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](http://www.usadancechicago.org). **Aug. 13**: "Marigold Mambo" at The Centre at North Park, 10040 Addison, Franklin Park.

**Line dancing** for all ages is held from 7-10 p.m. every **Tuesday** at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and new dance or review at 8 p.m. Admission: \$7; \$5 for

ages 17 and under. For information, call (847) 965-6353 or e-mail at [somedaydd@att.net](mailto:somedaydd@att.net).

**North Shore Dance & Drama Center**, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. (847) 674-2216. [www.northshoredancecenter.com](http://www.northshoredancecenter.com). Registration will be held from 4-8 p.m. **Aug. 23, 25, 29 and 31** and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Aug. 27** for the fall session, which begins Sept. 6.

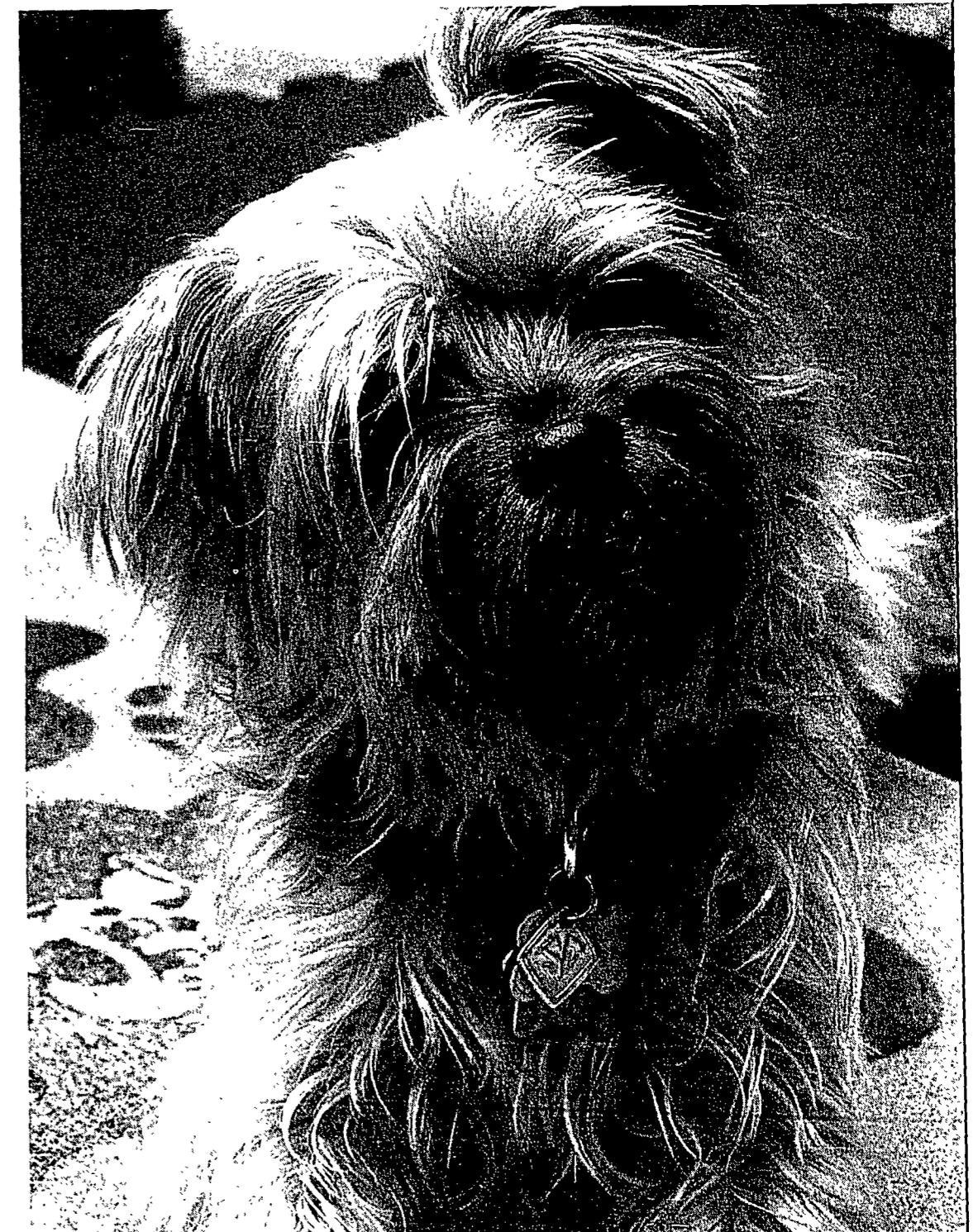
**Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club**, a club for couples and singles, dances the **second and fourth Mondays** of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. **Aug. 22**: "Good-bye Summer."

**FAIRS & FESTIVALS**

**American Craft Exposition**, benefiting ovarian cancer research, will be held **Aug. 26-28** at Northwestern University's Henry Crown Sports Pavilion, 2311 Campus Drive, Evanston. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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# Upbeat show honors music of 'pure Elvis'

BY ELIZABETH OWENS-SCHIELE  
Contributor

August 16 marks the 34th anniversary of the passing of Elvis Presley, and Steve Richards plans to honor his childhood idol with a tribute all his own.

"Memories and Moments with Elvis" is a one-man show by Richards planned for Sunday, Aug. 14, 2-4 p.m. at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie.

With documentary commentary throughout, Richards' golden voice will sing 25 Elvis songs, while Richards is dressed in some of his signature jumpsuits.

"For tribute shows, we try to get away from the typical and be emotional and sensitive to what the music is all about," Richards said. "With Elvis, it's not just sunglasses, sandwiches and jumpsuits. He changed music to what it is today. He should be respected. He had problems like everyone else but in his suffering, he gave great joy to everyone."

## Focus on impact

Some of Elvis' troubled times late in his career are not part of the show. Instead, Richards plans to focus on the impact Elvis had on music, rock 'n' roll and his unique talent.

"He sang from his heart," Richards said of Elvis. "We try to keep it upbeat and talk to the audience and try to get pure Elvis out of the songs. There can never be another Elvis."

His favorite Elvis song is "Don't Be Cruel," for its gospel, soulful feel. Richards reflects on the life of Elvis and the other soulful, rock 'n' roll songs he wrote after he separated from his wife, Priscilla.

He will go on to tell the story of how Elvis stumbled upon a rhythm combining rock and blues to help his career take off in Memphis. This happened after spending years living on the edge with a father who couldn't hold a job, constantly getting kicked out of apartments, until he was discovered by Colonel Tom Parker, who made him a star but kept more than 50 percent of his earnings as his manager, Richards said.

## 'MEMORIES AND MOMENTS WITH ELVIS'

Steve Richards, Skokie Theatre, 7924 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14  
\$20 advance; \$25 door  
More information, (847) 677-7761 or www.SteveRichardsTributes.com

"When you're living on dirt and peanut butter sandwiches and in a month become a star," it was worth the risk, Richards said of Elvis.

Richards has been doing tributes to Elvis, as well as Neil Diamond (his forte, he says), Elton John, Billy Joel, Paul McCartney and others, for more than 20 years. He even sang a duet on stage with Garth Brooks, another one of his tributes, during a visit last year to Las Vegas.

"We sang his song, 'The River,' with a two-part harmony and we got a standing ovation from the audience," Richards proudly remembers.

Richards, who performs the Elvis show with tracks as his music backup, usually travels with a band for some of his bigger gigs at festivals, corporate parties and even Wrigley Field, which total up to 50 bookings a year.

Richards began singing at 18 years old after graduating from Von Steuben High School in Chicago, emulating his favorite entertainers by listening to records and singing in the shower. The self-taught singer went on to attend a few years at Mayfair College but found more enjoyment in performing with bands on the weekends, which he continued to do, along with photography, for more than 20 years.

"Like McCartney, I joined a band because I wanted to get girls," joked Richards, who said his tributes evolved as he began to emulate his favorite singers and he discovered audience members felt like they were seeing the real thing. "Then it becomes a business, you take it seriously."



Steve Richards as Elvis Presley

Although hesitant to share his age, saying he was "over 20 and under 80," the northwest side of Chicago native said he is currently single and looking for a special someone but in the meantime, is focusing on his music and his voice.

## Many voices

"It's a gift from God," Richards said of his voice, "to sound like

Elvis when he was in his 20s, 30s, 40s — I can change in a minute's notice. Some people think I am lip syncing."

But he's not. He says he does every show with "soul, heart and spirit," as every tribute show should, he said, otherwise performers are making a mockery of whomever they are impersonating and become a "Saturday Night

Live" take-off.

"When you're promoted as next best thing, you come out with guns a-blazing, and they're stunned," Richards said. "During this show, I plan to get the audience involved and take them with us on this magic carpet ride. I want people to walk out feeling the heart and soul, memories of Elvis, by ending with his song, 'My Way.'"

# 'Student Prince' still at head of the class

BY TOM WITOM  
Contributor

"The Student Prince," an operetta with music by Sigmund Romberg and lyrics by Dorothy Donnelly, was a success when it debuted on Broadway in 1924 and continues to draw long-time fans and to make new ones.

"Its terrific music keeps audiences coming back," says Rudy Hogenmiller, who will direct and choreograph Hugh Wheeler's adaptation for Light Opera Works in Evanston starting Aug. 18. Music director Roger Bingaman will conduct a 26-piece orchestra.

## Fine songs

Hogenmiller said "Deep in My Heart," "Serenade (Overhead the Moon Is Beaming)," "Golden Days" and "Drink! Drink! Drink!" are "classic songs you never tire of hearing; there's not a bad song in the bunch."

Plus, he added, the show is rife with comedy, romance and heartbreak. It's a coming of age story for the two leading characters, who experience love for the first time as the prince of Old Heidelberg prepares to become a king.

"The Student Prince" also has elements of great drama and the power to stir audiences. "People want to be moved by something that is thought-provoking — something that will make them laugh and cry. This show has that stuff," said Hogenmiller.

Of all the scripts considered, Hogenmiller said, he regarded Wheeler's focused, slimmed-down adaptation as the best in terms of keeping the story moving while preserving its integrity. This production will be presented in three acts with two intermissions to allow for scene changes, and will run for about 2 hours, 45 minutes.

## Strong cast

Now in his sixth season as artistic director of Light Opera Works, Hogenmiller said he is pleased to have a strong cast with Bill Bennett as the Prince and Danielle Knox as



Danielle Knox and Bill Bennett star in Light Opera Works' upcoming production of "The Student Prince."

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Kathie, the love interest. He said Bennett is "one of those tenors where high C's are not hard for him" and described Knox as "a beautiful singer and really strong actress — wonderful to watch, full of

pathos with everything she does."

Besides new faces in the cast there are a number of seasoned veterans. "There's some real age on the stage in the show," said Hogenmiller, citing the well-honed talents of Dale Benson as Lutz, the prince's valet; Bill Stone as Dr. Engel; Chuck Sisson as Ruder the innkeeper; Glenn Braun as the prime minister; and Jody Goldman as the duchess.

Light Opera Works last produced "The Student Prince" a decade ago, so it's about time to welcome the show back.

Next up for the company will be "Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration," Oct. 2-Nov. 6, followed by "The Secret Garden," Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

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Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$15 at the door for three-day entry; \$5 for children 10 and under. Preview party, 6:30-9 p.m. Aug. 25; tickets are \$125 and include three-day pass to the show. Collector's Hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; tickets are \$175. Call (847) 570-5095 or visit [www.americancraftexpo.org](http://www.americancraftexpo.org).

**An Arts & Crafts Adventure II**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 17 on the grounds of Hodges Park, Prospect and Vine, downtown Park Ridge. Visit [www.americansocietyofartists.org](http://www.americansocietyofartists.org).

## FILM

**Lincolnwood Public Library**, 4000 W. Pratt Ave. (847) 677-5277. [www.lincolnwood-library.org](http://www.lincolnwood-library.org). **Morning Matinees** are shown at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays — Aug. 18: "Burlington." **Friday Films** shown weekly at 1 p.m. — Aug. 19: "Fair Game."

**The Northshore Movie Club** will meet at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 7 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie. Attendees will view a feature film, followed by discussion. For information, call (847) 966-8445.

**Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series**, featuring performances of Shakespeare's classic plays filmed in 2010 at the Globe Theatre in London, will be screened at the Niles 12, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles, and the Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Each showing begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in Niles; \$15, \$14 for seniors and students, in Evanston. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com). Aug. 18: "Henry IV, Part 2. Sept. 15: "Henry VIII."

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## ET CETERA

**Antique and Classic Car Show** will be held Aug. 11 at the Village Plaza Shopping Center, Dempster Street and Harlem Avenue, Morton Grove. Rain date is Aug. 18.

Show car registration begins at 5 p.m., show opens to the public at 6 p.m. Kid-friendly entertainment, auto products auction, raffles, police and fire department demonstrations are featured. Free admission; food and beverages available for purchase.

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30 minutes to an hour a day. Homework time may be the exception.

3. Gives kids (some) control.

At Chiaravalle Montessori in Evanston, established work plans help preschoolers through eighth-grade students tackle a group of tasks. Use the same tactic at home, said Beth Caldwell, Chiaravalle's director of communications. Create a list or picture diagram of tasks, and let the child determine the order and duration, she said.

"They're helping build the plan," she said. "It's easier to enforce because they agreed to it."

Bullard said parents should have a conversation with their child before he or she begins a new grade. She recommended answering the following questions: What activities do they really love and want to continue after school? How much do they think they can handle based on how much homework they will bring home?



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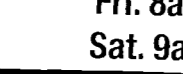
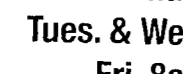
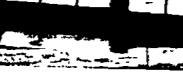
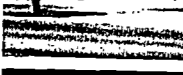
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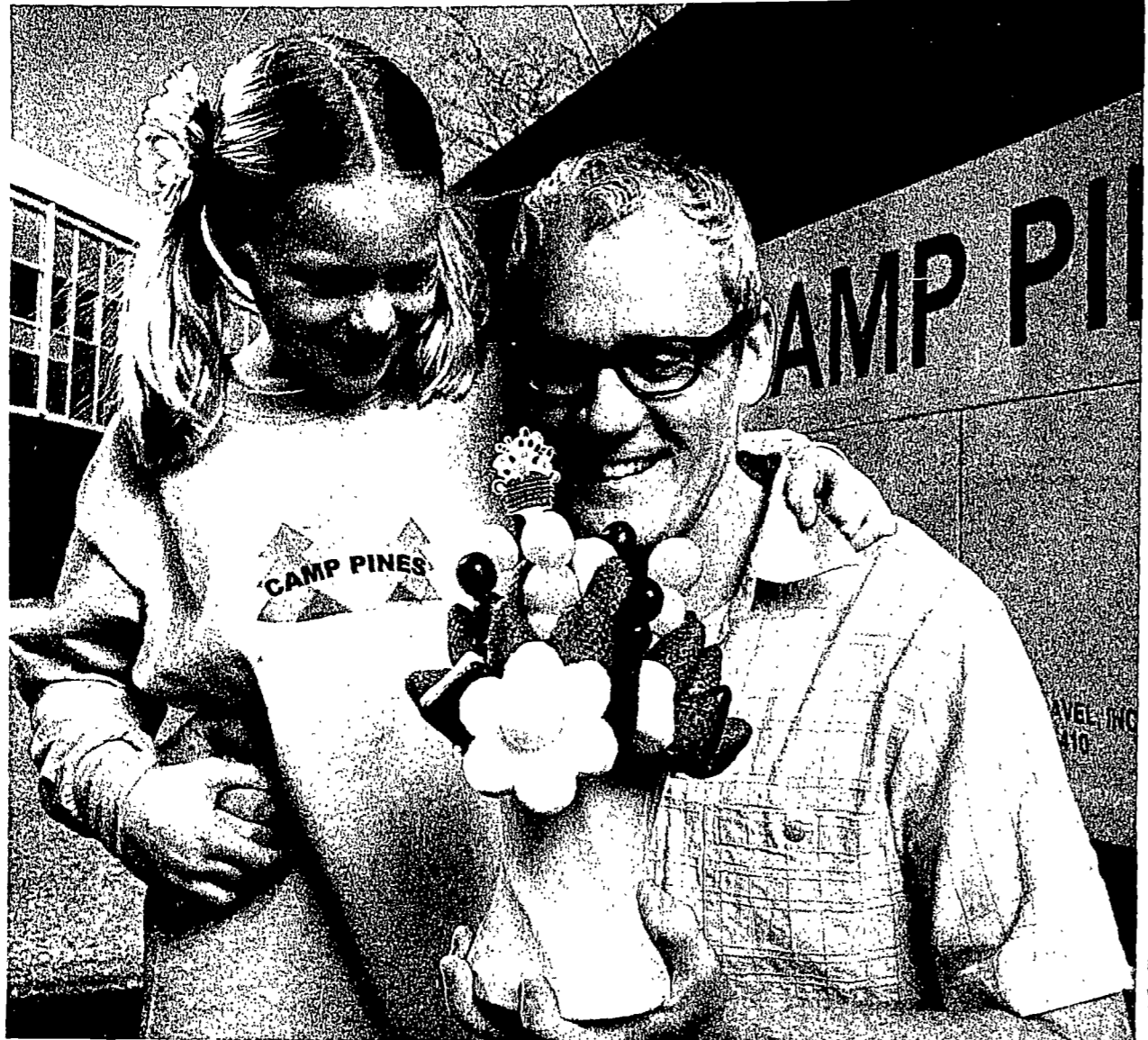
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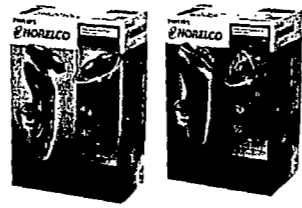
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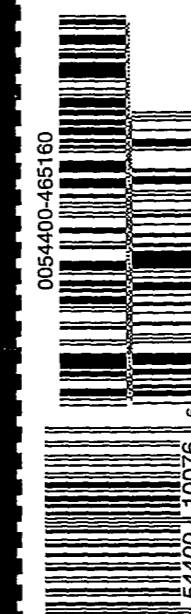
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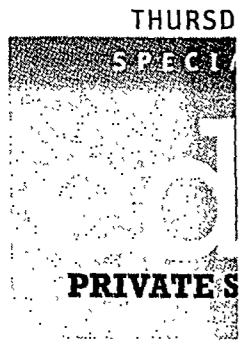
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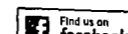
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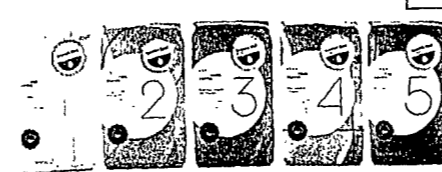
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BY KIL  
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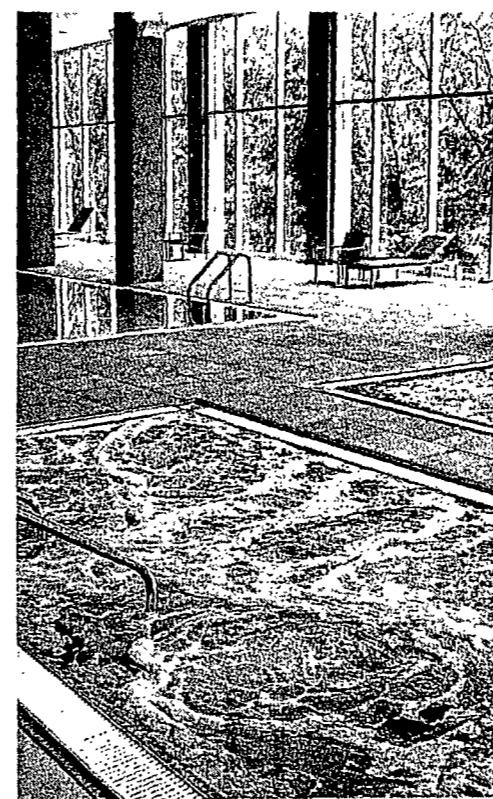
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BY IRA SIEGEL  
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But don't let that fool you into thinking that the current renditions are virtually a carryover. To the contrary, the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado HD trucks are vastly improved.

The minor exterior styling revisions to the 2011 Silverado 2500HD and 3500HD models include a power dome-style hood with a new, louvered design as well as a new grille and full-width chrome steel front bumper.

The huge difference, though, is a totally new, more capable frame, new suspension and brake systems, new Duramax diesel engine that's stronger, cleaner and more fuel efficient, and of course, increased towing and hauling capabilities.

The new Silverado HD frame is much stiffer and stronger, and engineers thought about providing access holes to the rear frame section to enable easier instal-

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To provide for a more isolated feel inside, extended and crew cab models feature hydraulic body mounts under the cab section.

The Silverado HD's front and rear suspension systems have been completely redesigned to improve the ride and handling without compromising the toughness and hauling capabilities.

Surprisingly, the Silverado HD is designed to provide a comfortable ride regardless of whether there's a trailer behind you or not.

Those who pull a trailer will appreciate a standard (on all single-rear-wheel models) trailer sway control system and hill start assist.

Powering the new Silverado HD is either a 6.0-liter V-8 (gasoline) or the new 6.6-liter V-8 Duramax diesel.

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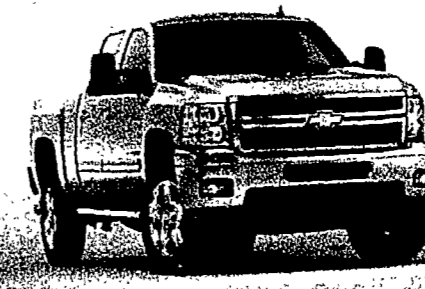
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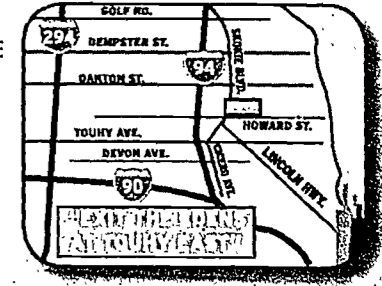
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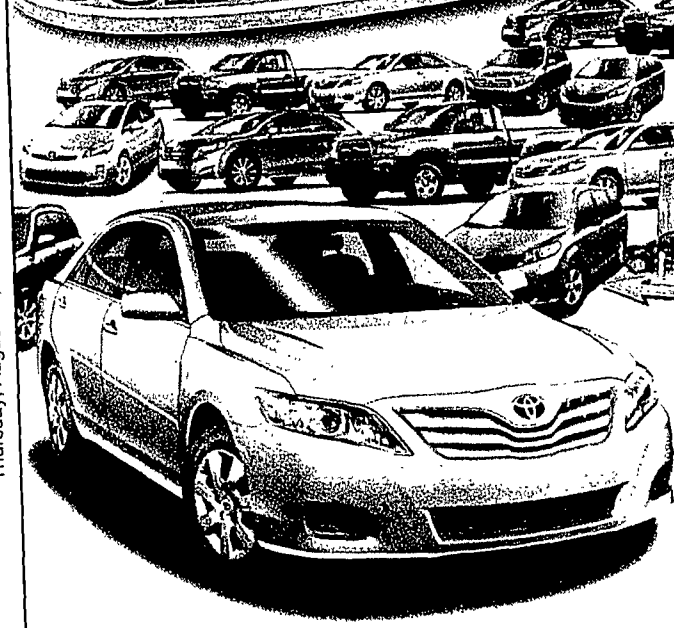
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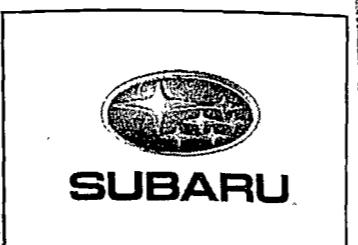
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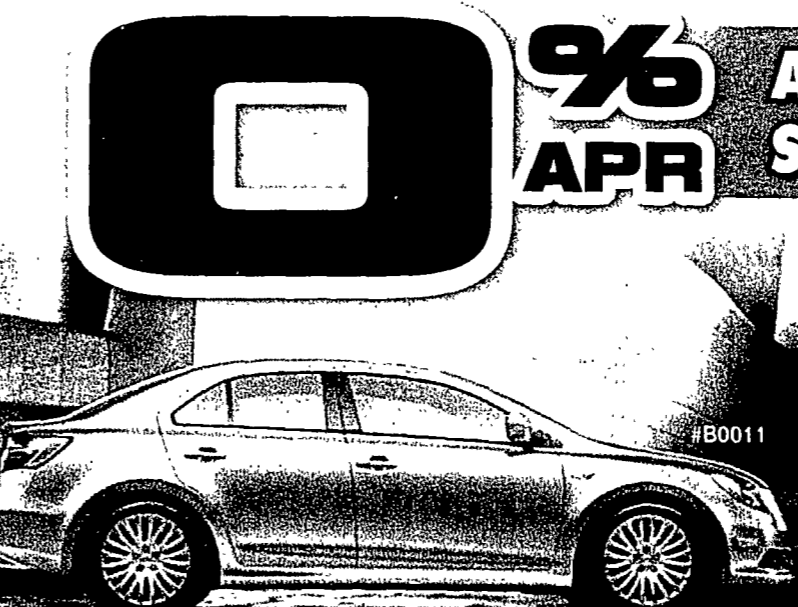
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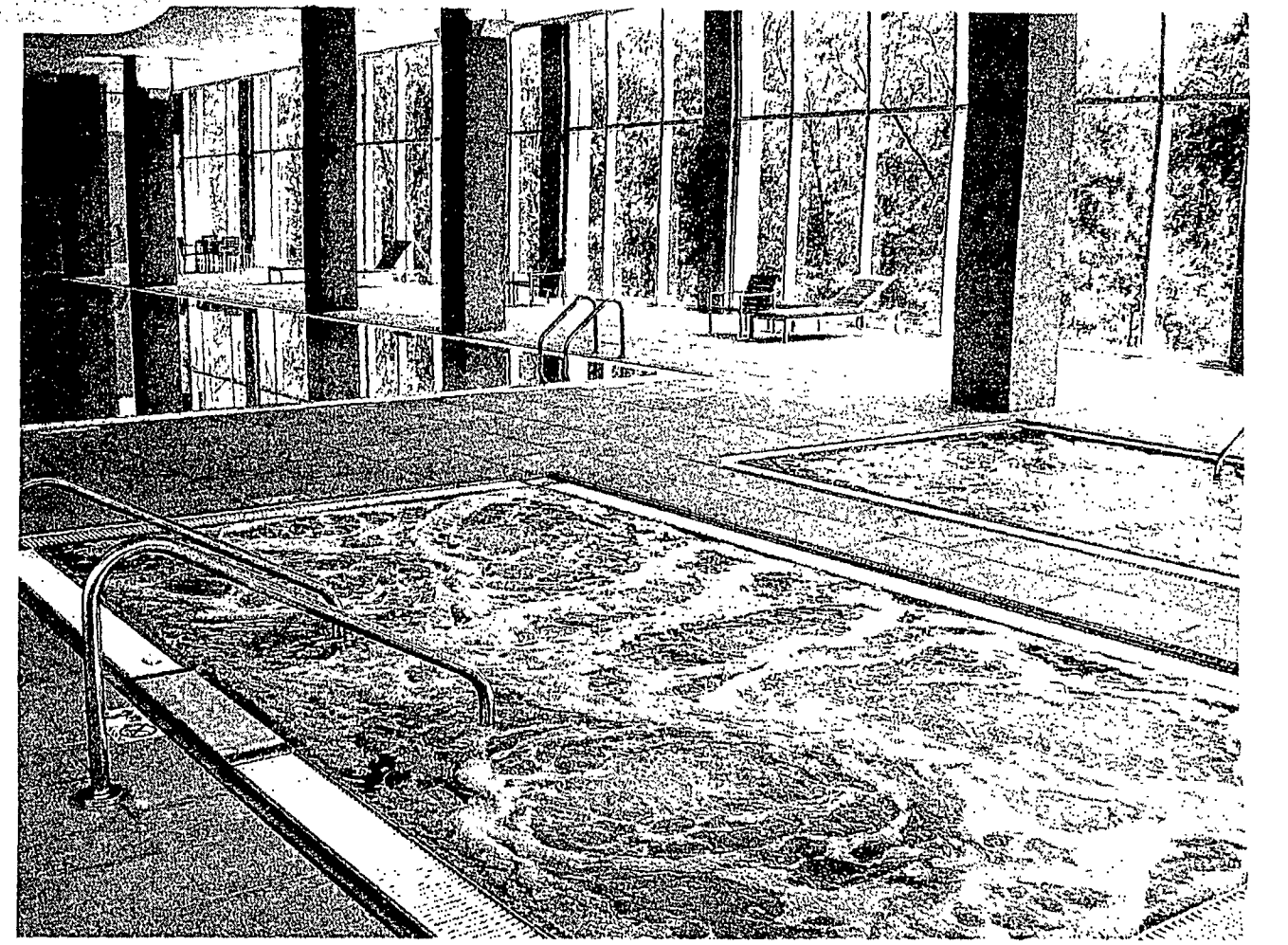
Pools just one reason to call Optima Old Orchard Woods 'home'

Procrastination will result in disappointment for those who desire living the good life at Optima Old Orchard Woods. With 90 percent of the available condominiums taken, those who wish to participate in its special Luxury Leasing Program may want to act.

The popular building overlooking Harms Woods forest preserve is reaching close-out, yet opportunities still exist for those who want to lease a condominium, with the prospect of purchasing it in the future.

"The Luxury Leasing Program has proven to be an excellent opportunity for those who want to live at Optima Old Orchard Woods but are not yet ready to buy," said David Hovey, architect and president of Optima, Inc., developer of the building. "The building offers a rare combination of upscale condominium floor plans with great views, recreational amenities and a convenient location."

Optima Old Orchard Woods has consistently been the best-selling condominium community on the near North Shore, and has also received impressive architectural awards, including the 2010 Distinguished Building Honor Award from the American



Cool place to live: The pools at Optima Old Orchard Woods are just one reason buyers are choosing the Skokie condominium community as home. But time is short: more than 90 percent of the condominiums available at Optima Old Orchard Woods, through the Luxury Leasing Program, have been taken. | SUPPLIED PHOTO

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# Chicago home remodeler reports 100 percent sales increase

The slow economy is negatively affecting many businesses, but Galaxie Home Remodeling continues to thrive.

The foundation was laid in 1984, when the Pinsler family founded Galaxie Home Remodeling in a two-room office located on Armitage Avenue in Chicago. Their goal was to create the largest full service home remodeling company in the Chicagoland area.

Three years later the company's operations had doubled and the increase in business required a move to a larger facility. The Pinsler's moved into their new headquarters in Chicago and annual sales climbed to \$12 million dollars. Galaxie continued to ride the crest of the red-hot residential remodeling market and in 1994 relocated to the corners of Touhy and Cicero avenues in the village of Lincolnwood, just north of Chicago.

Galaxie president Bruce Pinsler said he felt it was essential to have a central location that was convenient to

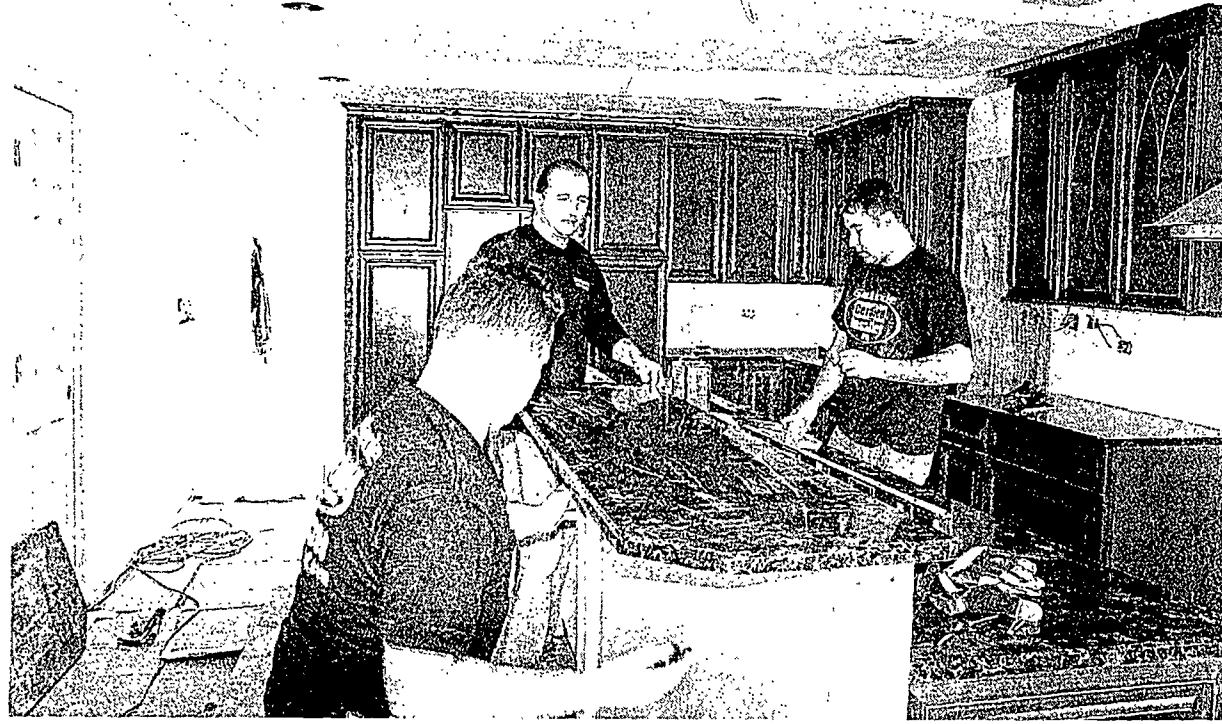
the city and the suburbs and could also house their sales and administrative offices.

With the expansion of their remodeling services into northwest Indiana, Galaxie has earned industry notoriety as Chicago's fastest-growing residential remodeling company.

"Many people are not buying new homes. Instead, they are choosing to remodel their existing homes to meet their changing needs," said Bruce Pinsler. "An empty unused basement can be converted into a fully functional family room that provides living space for a growing family, and a second story addition adds extra bedrooms and bathrooms for grown children or grandparents now living with the family because of job loss or other financial issues."

"It is typically less costly to add new living space to an existing home rather than buying a new home," he said. "Homeowners have been investing their dollars into

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1251 Goldfinch Ln: Slabosz, Paul & Kristine; \$223,000

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40706 N Black Oak Ave: Herner, Thomas & Carolyn; \$295,000

25262 W Highland Ave: Dykiel, Matthew & Jeffrey A; \$180,000

25954 W Oak Ave: Crichton, Tom; \$82,000

1128 Waterview Cir: Swain, Kenneth & Gina; \$262,500

#### Beach Park

39684 N Cambridge Blvd: Bonnes, Carol; \$76,500

#### Deerfield

748 Deerpath Dr: Niesse, Jarret S & Corie L; \$825,000

1332 Hazel Ave: Heffley, Brian & Trina; \$1,050,000

23394 N Forest Ct: Siegfried, Judith; \$281,500

#### Evanston

2635 Central Park Ave: Brown, Kathryn Victoria & Patrick; \$630,000

1111 Church St 507: Wienczek, Fred J & Dorothy J; \$135,000

807 Davis St 303: Turner II, William E & Turner, Jeanne P; \$280,000

2036 Dodge Ave: Race, Melanie & Forstie, Clare A; \$92,500

1228 Emerson St 305: Lester, Richard Brandon; \$245,000

8943 Ewing Ave: Khan, Khayyam; \$275,000

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252 Franklin Rd: Armstrong, Matthew C & Kim, Julie S; \$1,295,000

841 Oak Dr: Cohen, Hal; \$485,000

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3245 Bellwood Ln: Labrie, John & Kelly; \$1,025,000

1018 Castilian Ct 314: Kalinovsky, Anatoly; \$80,000

2824 Central Rd: Varda, Tiglath; \$162,500

2020 Chestnut Ave 505: Conway, Constance A; \$177,000

724 Indian Rd: Burton, John L & Marguerite K; \$200,000

1902 Ivy Ln 1902: Hong, Joon Soon & Chong Soon; \$285,000

2357 Larkdale Dr: Collett, Michael; \$1,350,000

616 Naples Ct: Alam, Mohammad Farhan & Syed, Afia; \$199,000

304 Nora Ave: Lindsay, Andrew & Kristina; \$295,000

2729 Norma Ct: Lee, Dean W & Gabbett, Rita Jane; \$290,000

333 Parkview Rd: Gold, Adam & Sheetal; \$855,000

1411 Pebblecreek Dr: Li, Kyle Cai; \$240,000

1110 Pfingsten Rd: Lee, Jae Sang & Shin, HyeSeung; \$299,000

1771 Rogers Ave: Munro, Ian & Ismail, Seri; \$950,000

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3266 Sanders Rd B: Yu, Rebecca; \$100,000

4100 Triumvera Dr 302: Frantsuzova, Olga; \$137,000

433 Washington St: Wall, Patrick G

& Margaret C; \$195,000  
**Grayslake**

808 Cherry Creek Dr: Hamerlind, Michael & Theresa; \$134,500

348 Heather Ave: Downey, Stephen W & Erin M; \$151,000

1545 Lupine Ct: Carter, David Courtney & Amos, Teresa Joy; \$431,500

32903 N Sears Blvd: Andelman, Benjamin & Cristalla T; \$169,000

1514 Portia Rd: Wziesinski, Fred R; \$285,000

17527 W Pine Creek Trl: Webber, John T & Emily P; \$285,000

#### Gurnee

906 Campbell Dr: Bradley, Hilda D; \$70,000

6040 Golfview Dr: Felinczak, Thomas J & Catherine A; \$250,000

7767 Milan Way: Tillett, Lucas & Callie; \$216,000

36237 N Douglas Ter: Ramos, Jose A; \$212,000

4279 Shadowrock Ct: Gierman Riblon, Catherine M; \$250,000

3715 Sherman Ave: Reyna, Juan; \$125,000

17328 W Maple Ln B: Taylor, Dennis L; \$67,000

17532 W Stillwater Ct: Ungaro, Joseph & Margherita; \$135,000

#### Highland Park

455 Central Ave: Levin, Lawrence; \$389,000

1433 Glencoe Ave: Sloan, Heather R; \$376,000

1549 Green Bay Rd: Cullather, Kevin & Chrysa; \$475,000

3050 Ridge Grove Ln: Torcivia, Bryan A & Morita, Carol H; \$1,150,000

384 Sumac Rd: Key, Brian R; \$340,000

776 Thackeray Dr: Acquasalente, Maurizio & Simona; \$600,000

#### Ingliside

35096 N Shoreline Dr: Stellato, Frank; \$90,000

36268 N Wesley Rd: Selby, Andrew & Lisa; \$95,000  
**Lake Bluff**

321 Belle Forest Dr: Knight, David A & Elizabeth K Chung; \$1,220,000

25 E Blodgett Ave: Bastianelli, Ryan & Alison; \$268,000

654 Garfield Ave: Mikaelyan, Gagik & Shirinyan, Lusine; \$315,000

170 Phillip Ct: Melville, Paul & Clarkson, Catherine; \$925,000

12987 W Sanctuary Ct: Divincenzo, Dominic & Carol M; \$335,000

12 Wimbledon Rd: Boudreau, Philip P & Sonia; \$790,000

#### Lake Forest

920 E Westleigh Rd: Rode, Peter A & Angela M; \$1,460,000

140 Franklin Pl E 103: Payne, Janel; \$280,000

884 Jennifer Ct: Roby, Anthony R & Amy A; \$1,130,000

1031 Olmsted Dr: Mendelson, Steven T & Colette M; \$1,237,500

422 Woodward Ct: Craig, Yvonne J; \$565,000

#### Lake Villa

811 Charlton Rd: Steele, K & Laura Jean; \$290,000

694 Tallgrass Ln: Eimerman, Herb O; \$145,000

21850 W 2nd Ave: Deckert, Kristin; \$120,000

#### Libertyville

226 4th St: Drake, Eugene & Nicole; \$565,000

718 7th Ave: Laurenz, Mark & Theresa; \$179,000

714 Arthur Ave: Vicini, Michael L & Deborah I; \$325,000

725 Benson Ln: Glaisner Jr, Richard J & Glaisner, Heather Moller; \$550,000

1334 Brandywine Rd: Poell, Joseph R & Marla C; \$960,000

14636 N Somerset Cir: Hamner, Jerry L & Jane A Gilligan; \$720,000

729 Thomas Ct: Carreker, Ryan S &

Tiffany M; \$450,000  
**Lincolnshire**

8 Fox Trl: Munir, Jawad & Rashid, Nida; \$550,000

2 Kensington Dr: Fell, Lee M & Beth Ann; \$430,000

5 Regent Ln: Reibel, Anthony & Kathy; \$500,000

4 Reliance Ln: Tarant, Nicholas E & Kristy L; \$615,000

209 Rivershire Ln 301: Narayanan, Sreenivasan & Ije, Vijaya M; \$185,000

304 W Surrey Ln: Muresan, Alexandru & Angela; \$403,000

#### Morton Grove

8401 Austin Ave: Rastogi, Alok; \$160,000

9247 Nagle Ave 59: Kimmel, Lauren R & Choldin, Kate; \$382,000

7201 Wilson Ter: Mendez, Rolando & Graciela F; \$220,000

#### Mundelein

1081 Aster Ct: Battaglioni, David A &

Molly G; \$277,500  
607 Blue Spruce Ln: Mouscher, Finn M; \$240,000

339 Brice Ave: Bohnert, James S & Elynn M; \$145,000

3 Huntington Ct: Grover, Jason & Sarah; \$313,500

1309 Liverpool Ln: Cheung, Yip Pin Eve & Truong, Vinh; \$309,000

26737 Long Meadow Cir: Coyne, Joseph W & Kimberly A; \$455,000

541 N Midlothian Rd: Gonzalez, Ramon; \$68,000

58 N Prairie Ave: Cisinski, Michael & Minkiewicz, Karolina; \$96,000

3211 Rockwell Cir: Wasserman, Stephen M & Faye R; \$295,000

1416 Somerset Ct: Gualdrón, Horacio A & Diaz, Rosalinda; \$325,000

**Niles**

8217 N Olcott Ave: Simpson, Mark S & Connolly, Margaret L; \$229,000

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Lake Chapin Shores offers vacation at home, or just a vacation

A room with a view is a fine thing. A home with magnificent views of lake and woods on all sides carries the "wow" factor into family living.

Few places can offer such perspective on life and living, but there is one community that is taking advantage of maintenance-free affordable homes with large windows and lots of deck space.

Situated on 600-acre Lake Chapin in southwest Michigan, this community of 21 homes has become a family retreat for homeowners. Lake Chapin Shores is just 90 minutes from downtown Chicago, and offers scenic a lake and woods, water activities and the convenience of community services, including year-round maintenance of the heated pool, docks and roadways, common area landscaping and concierge options.

Homeowners at Lake Chapin Shores talk with friends and family about what it means for decompression from the daily grind, "attitude adjustment" when needed, and generally refocusing on the real priorities of life.

Here's a sampling of what they say. "Our home at Lake Chapin Shores is beautiful and comfortable, so much so, in fact, that it has become our favorite family gathering spot. We enjoy views of the water on three levels, with enough indoor and outdoor space and activity that keeps everyone happy during our annual family reunion here since we moved in 3 years ago."

— Carol and Gary

"We chose a hilltop setting for our home and the builder helped us take maximum advantage of the expansive views of lake and woods with lots of large windows and deck space. Wherever we are in the home, we can see the colors and seasonal beauty that surrounds us here. It's peaceful. Our kids drive up from Chicago when they get a break from college. We're having the best time together in this relaxed setting."

— Barb and Ken

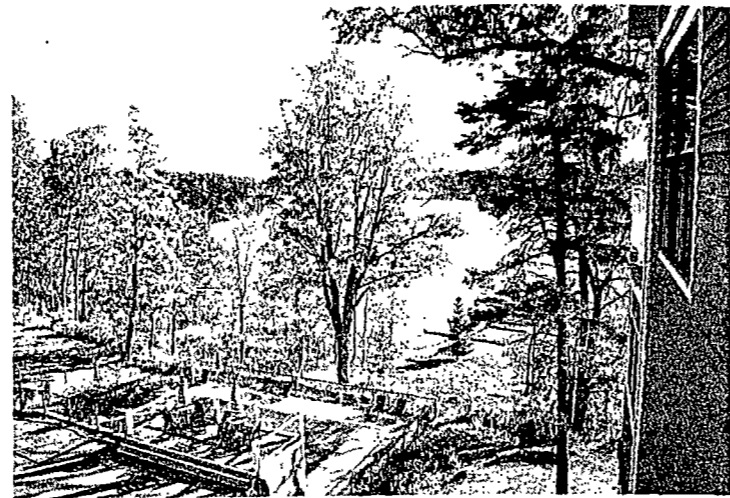
"We appreciate quiet privacy, surrounded by mature trees, and living in a community where we can readily socialize with other couples, other families, just by walking down the road to the lake or pool. The views from every room are absolutely rejuvenating and make the home more inviting for everyone who visits."

— Betsy and Paul

"Perched atop a hill overlooking the lake and the pool, with several levels and steps down to a gazebo and a private dock, our home is the setting for non-stop family fun. We live very busy business lives, so this lake side home, gives us a chance to exhale and take in the breath-taking beauty of the lake while our small children are happy playing at the pool."

— Cheryl and Gary

"As one of the newest residents in this lakeside community, we're just beginning to appreciate the reality of what we recognized as a retreat for the whole family. Our home is built on three levels with the top level as the entry point from the road. When we walk through the front door, into the open floor plan with its wall of windows, we are cap-



Vacation vistas: Lake Chapin Shores in southwestern Michigan offers buyers a chance to get away without being too far away from the Chicago region. It sits on the shores of a 600-acre lake. 1 SUPPLIED PHOTO

tivated by an expanding view of the lake and the surrounding tall trees as we get farther into each room. It's the "wow factor" that gets us every time. We are immediately transported to another mindset and ready to relax. It was the perfect setting for our first family reunion here this past year."

— Laura and Brett

"We are relatively new to the community and have already settled in to thoroughly enjoy the natural woodland setting surrounding our home. The layout and construction of

the home lends itself to an impressive outside view from every angle. This location is cozy and private, the perfect retreat for us and our family."

— Joe and Beth

Call for an appointment to tour the community, see lakeside and woodland models and take a boat ride around Lake Chapin. Visit the Website at [www.LakeChapinShores.com](http://www.LakeChapinShores.com) or just stop by any Sunday between noon and 4 p.m. for an informal glimpse of the spectacular home views at Lake Chapin Shores.

## Experts say housing recovery not far off

Now that Uncle Sam is starting to balance his checkbook, it finally appears seeds are being planted for a housing recovery.

"Fannie Mae's monthly survey reported that Americans expect home prices to drop just 0.5 percent in the next year, and many analysts see this as the real bottom," said Marc L. Kramer, a senior residential lender with Wintrust Mortgage in Chicago.

"Sixty-nine percent of the experts surveyed believe now is a good time to buy a home," Kramer said.

A recent Macro Markets LLC study echoed this. More than 50 percent of the economists, real estate experts and investment strategists polled said they expect a bottom for national home prices this year. Almost two thirds of the respondents felt our residential real estate market is at an historic turning point.

Housing experts say now could be a good time to buy because:

■ Mortgage rates are currently holding around 4.5-per-



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cent, near a 50-year low.

■ Bulging home inventories are supporting a buyer's market, and homes now are more affordable than they've been in years.

■ Moody's calculates the ratio of home prices to income is now 20.9 percent lower than the 15-year average up through 2010.

"Increasingly, the wrong thing for consumers to do is to stay out of the housing market," Kramer said.

In many locales, owning a home is now less expensive than renting. Rents are rising and vacancies falling, according to a national report that tracked leasing data.

For the second quarter, rents rose in all but two of 82 markets, while vacancies dropped in 72 of them, sending the vacancy rate to 6 percent, its lowest level since

2008. Another report showed rental listing prices up 6.7 percent nationally in June versus a year ago.

Meanwhile, national average mortgage rates continued to hold near record lows. In late July, Freddie Mac reported that benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 4.55 percent, up from 4.52 percent a week earlier. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed loans averaged 4.54 percent.

Freddie Mac also reported a positive shift in the home refinance market. In the second quarter of this year, 77 percent of homeowners who refinanced their first-lien home mortgage either maintained about the same loan amount or lowered their principal balance by paying in additional money at the closing table.

Of these borrowers, 51

percent maintained about the same loan amount, and 26 percent of refinancing homeowners reduced their principal balance.

"Seasonal home buying is beginning to prop up house price indexes across the nation," observed Frank Nothaft, vice president and chief economist, Freddie Mac.

Nothaft noted that the S&P/Case-Shiller 20-City Index rose for the second consecutive month in May to the highest reading since January. In addition, 17 of the 20 cities exhibited increases, led by a 2.7 percent monthly gain in Boston and a 2.6 percent rise in Minneapolis.

"Compared to a year ago, though, values were lower in 19 of the 20 markets as of May," Nothaft said. "Bucking the trend elsewhere, the Washington, DC metro area posted a 1.3 percent gain in prices over the past year."

Don DeBat's weekly real estate column is syndicated by DeBat Media Services. For more home-buying information visit his Website at [www.dondebat.net](http://www.dondebat.net).

## REMODELER | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

needs instead of wants, such as new roofs, masonry repairs, remodeled bathrooms and kitchens, and energy-efficient windows and doors. Home offices have become popular remodeling projects because more people are now working from home."

Erin Pinsler, Bruce's wife, added that "the real estate slump has actually affected our business in a positive manner. It has become very difficult to buy or sell a home or to obtain a mortgage.

Homeowners have decided to make the best of a bad situation by staying put and fixing up their homes. And it doesn't have to be a huge project ... a small remodeling project can make a big difference."

Sales are the key to success of any business, and Pinsler makes certain that his sales people are well informed and well trained.

"I put a lot of effort into preparing my sales people because they represent the 'face' of Galaxie. When my salesmen call on homeowners they are equipped with an extensive amount of home

remodeling knowledge. They also provide the homeowner with a variety of financing options. We take a low-key approach to sales because we want our customers to feel secure and comfortable with their choices."

"My sales department thrives on referrals so satisfied customers are essential for new and return business," said Pinsler.

In fact, Pinsler reports a 100 percent increase in sales for the first five months of 2011 over the same time period in 2010.

As the economy slowly improves Pinsler expects the upward trend of his business to follow suit.

"Being aggressive with advertising and marketing efforts now is essential to capturing the Chicago residential market in the future. When the economy finally turns around, we will have hit the ground running," he said.

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Tucked into a secluded location between Harms Woods forest preserve and the Edens Expressway, Optima Old Orchard Woods includes 646 condominiums in three interconnected towers that function as vertical neighborhoods.

"We strongly urge interested persons to contact us immediately to be able to select their favorite floor plan," said Eric Richards, director of sales and marketing. "The Luxury Leasing Program has exceeded our expectations in the rapid leasing of the units that have been made available for the program."

Optima Old Orchard Woods is unique for the many advantages it offers, and the remaining condominiums won't last long.

Many residents choose Optima Old Orchard Woods as an alternative to the more costly, congested lifestyle in Chicago.

"Our residents can enjoy a peaceful environment, proximity to family and friends, and suburban job centers while still being within about 20 minutes of downtown by public transportation or car," Richards said.

"And, the building offers an enticing resort lifestyle." Within the building, residents can relax in an indoor pool and dual spas surrounded by forest preserve views, and a sundeck, party room, fitness centers on the penthouse floor of each tower and indoor secure heated parking provide additional opportunities to live the good life.

The surrounding neighborhood adds to the resort atmosphere. Harms Woods offers miles of trails, a horseback riding stable and an 18-hole public golf course.

The Grove, a private residents' park, is equipped with picnic benches, grills, a tennis court, three ponds and a bridge that connects to the North Branch Trail, another attraction with 20 miles of trails that can be followed to the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe.

A designated dog park is also provided for canine residents, and shoppers will appreciate the nearby Old Orchard Shopping Center three blocks away.

To provide the opulent ambiance in which to enjoy this multi-faceted lifestyle, Optima Old Orchard Woods has been designed with architectural distinction and creature comforts.

Each condominium boasts floor-to-ceiling windows to frame the scenic views, and airy, open floor plans adapt perfectly to individual needs. The condominiums include hardwood flooring in the living areas, kitchens with stainless-steel appliances, designer cabinetry and granite countertops, luxury baths, stainless-steel washers and dryers plus window treatments. Fireplaces and other options are available.

An impressive sense of arrival is created by a 500-foot portico, paver driveway and landscaped quadrangle with lighted 90 by 120-foot reflecting pond and 20 fountains. Each tower has its own two-story, glass-enclosed entrance.

Prices at Optima Old Orchard Woods start at \$278,200 for two-bedroom plans and from \$369,900 for three-bedroom plans. When leasing, monthly payments range from \$1,575 to \$1,800 for one-bedroom units, from \$1,875 to \$2,495 for two-bedroom condominiums, from \$3,125 to \$4,350 for three bedroom residences, and from \$3,200 to \$4,725 for penthouses.

The Optima Old Orchard Woods sales center is at 9739 Woods Drive. To visit, take the Edens Expressway and exit at Old Orchard Road, west to Woods Drive, south one block to sales center. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (847) 583-4700 for voice mail at any time, or visit optimaweb.com.

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7066 W Birchwood Ave: List, Julie A; \$238,500

7028 W Carol Ave: Nano, Joseph; \$160,000

8000 W Foster Ln 407: Wasidlw, Barbara B; \$115,000

8815 W Golf Rd 7B: Baig, Rabbaya & Quadri, Syed M; \$88,500

8208 W Oak Ave: Vong, Power C; \$176,500

Northbrook

1213 Bar Harbor Ter: Pfeiffer Jr, James B & Shorr, Kathryn W; \$517,000

1731 Chapel Ct: Anderson, Peter Jeffrey John & Christina Sallerno; \$440,000

4015 Evergreen Ln: Ansay, Ferdinand; \$206,500

1133 Jeffrey Ct W: Reichart, Patrick & Rushkewicz, Katie; \$620,000

711 Lexington Ct: Collins, Katherine C; \$249,000

3887 Mission Hills Rd: Christensen, Justin & Allison; \$410,000

1066 Shermer Rd 34: Condren, Philip D; \$160,000

3633 Torrey Pines Pkwy: Simon, Bradley & Debbie; \$720,000

2169 Valencia Dr: Neustadter, David W & Barbara M; \$240,000

853 Woodbine Ln: Sullivan, Michael S & Martha J; \$700,000

Northfield

305 Jeffrey Ln: Blachno, Arthur & Darragh; \$385,000

Riverwoods

1435 Saunders Rd: Droegkamp, Bradley S & Aleshia M; \$475,000

Round Lake

979 S Arlington Dr: Grant, Rosemarie A; \$168,500

501 S Jade Ln: Jenkins, Heidi & Scott A; \$155,000

505 S Jade Ln: Cwikla, Christine B; \$130,500

509 S Jade Ln: Dattolo, Joseph; \$130,500

511 S Jade Ln: Hardin, Amanda E & Kyle A; \$154,500

456 W Butterfield Ln: Gonzalez, Jaime; \$232,500

Round Lake Beach

575 E Cardinal Ln: Hernandez, Erlinda; \$77,000

39 E Rustic Ln: Gonzalez, Alex P & Sanchez, Amanda M; \$95,000

Skokie

4917 Carol St: Wilson, Terrence; \$137,000

4216 Church St: Shahid, Mohammad; \$209,000

7921 Crawford Ave: Roman,

Michael J; \$200,000

3921 Enfield Ave: Nguyen, Bich Ngoc; \$224,000

3650 Four Winds Way: Stehl, Daniel R; \$240,000

4028 Howard St: Garcia, Elizabeth; \$200,000

4823 Jerome Ave: Rajput, Abdul R; \$205,000

7517 Kedvale Ave: Ladd, Michael & Lamar, Jennifer; \$320,000

8551 Keeler Ave: Burlingham, William F & Kay A; \$199,000

8741 Keeler Ave: Conway, Colin; \$150,000

8122 Kenton Ave: Dinglasan, Alnair C & Jumeline L; \$265,000

9530 Lamont Ave 114: Apuya, Jo-selito J & Ybanez, Caryn P; \$100,000

9439 Laverne Ave: Lainez, Renand T & Ermelinda R; \$257,500

7601 Lincoln Ave 414: Schwarz, Alison R; \$168,500

5115 Lunt Ave: Checke, Steven & Mary; \$275,000

5440 Main St: Waring, William & Elizabeth; \$241,000

4718 Russett Ln R 3: Price, Veronica E; \$110,000

7719 Tripp Ave: Nonah, Sami & Amena A; \$180,000

Vernon Hills

115 Annapolis Dr: Melone, Tobey J & Cindi; \$242,000

2164 Beaver Creek Dr: Litman, Alex & Shusterman, Inna; \$618,000

1068 Conachie Ct: Harris, Camela M; \$305,000

709 Court Of Spruce: Barkat, Sahim & Aamena; \$440,000

547 E Harvey Lake Dr: Tiwari, Sushil & Devaki; \$175,000

10 Parkside Ct 2: Gilterman, Yakov & Gerbova, Svetlana; \$76,000

219 Redwood Ct: Lewandowski, Daniel; \$95,000

97 S Old Creek Rd: Hu, Peijun & Nie, Teresa Yun; \$520,000

713 Summit Ln: Kaiser, Daniel; \$220,000

668 Sussex Cir: Wanna, Nabil G & Minor Wanna, Leslie; \$385,000

Volo

1087 Galena Dr: McNally, Kevin M & Gach, Phyllis J; \$227,500

908 Galena Dr: Tuber, James & St John, Shannon; \$240,000

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4584 Hogan Ln: Beckmann Jr, Timothy J & Beckmann, Jonathan; \$125,000

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1221 Forest Ave: Dion, Robert & Leslie; \$905,000

501 Illinois Rd: Speck, Robert & Louise; \$325,000

529 Kin Ct: Hylton, Raymond I & Judith S; \$570,000

132 Lawndale St: Okeefe, Robert P & Maryanne B; \$1,155,000

525 Leclair Ave: Putrins, Artjom & Maksimovich, Viktoria; \$169,000

623 Leclair Ave: Klaprasert, Pannee; \$175,000

720 Linden Ave: Two, Michael C & Christine E; \$765,000

635 Maple Ave: Farrell, Paul E & Virant, Elaine M; \$1,100,000

1220 Richmond Ln: May, Karen Lambeth; \$785,000

1041 Ridge Rd 212: Hirschfield, Richard & Ruth; \$470,000

Winnetka

835 Ash St: Baldwin, Patrick W & Melinda W; \$1,350,000

854 Bryant Ave: Nichols III, John D; \$1,562,500

1137 Cherry St: Mohrhardt, Jonathan & Kristen; \$495,000

1031 Elm St: Wiese, Kurt M & Alison A; \$1,385,000

470 Glendale Ave: Prentice, Andrew K & Emily J; \$740,000

516 Meadow Rd: Brown, Andrew P & Heather Devries; \$937,000

1417 Tower Rd: Ho, Sean & Shi-aolan; \$493,000

Winthrop Harbor

4616 4th St: Reckling Jr, Fredrik W & Schick, Jessica; \$210,000

4440 Compton Ct: Mackowski, Jerome & Nubia; \$242,000

Zion

41577 N Henke Dr: January, Robert M & Kristina K; \$188,000

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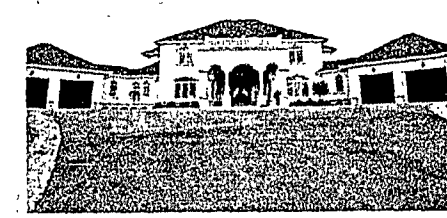
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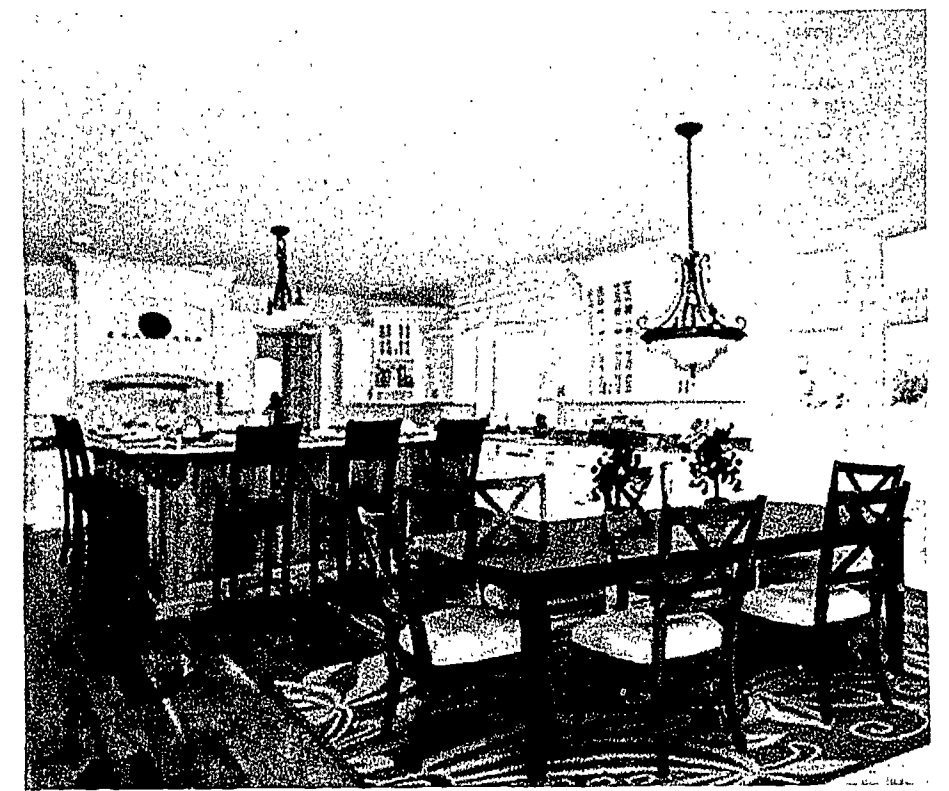
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Deanne Murray of Baird & Warner is listing a two-story French Provincial home at 3402 Deepwood in Crystal Lake for \$1.795 million. The four-bedroom, 4.5-bath new-construction property was built in 2010 on a 9.65-acre lot in the Ridgestone subdivision. It offers 7,000 square feet of living space.

The large kitchen comes with granite counters, glass-front cabinets, stainless steel appliances and recessed lights. The island has space for a breakfast bar. Hardwood flooring extends from the kitchen and breakfast room into the two-story family room, which has a gas fireplace. Hardwood floors and a fireplace also highlight the two-story living room, while the formal dining room has crown molding, wainscoting and a chair rail. The main floor also holds a library full of



built-in bookcases and drawers. Upstairs, the master bedroom has French doors that lead to the master bath, where there are double sinks, a spa tub and a separate full-body spray shower. The property includes an unfinished attic, a full unfinished walk-out basement, a balcony, patio and deck.



New all the way through: The spacious kitchen features a center island with a breakfast bar, as well as stainless steel appliances and pendant and recessed lighting. The property is listed for \$1.795 million. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

ON THE BLOCK A ROUNDUP OF NEW LISTINGS

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 216 Huntington Drive in McHenry is on the market for \$165,000. This tri-level house features a formal dining room with a sliding door that leads to a patio and the landscaped yard. The family room has a fireplace, and the master suite contains a bath. Diane Kelly of RE/MAX Advantage

Realty is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, two-bath home at 1058 Warrington Road in Deerfield is on the market for \$349,000. Built in 1975, this single-story, U-shaped ranch has a foyer, flexible floor plan, living room with built-ins and a family room with original barn siding, a beamed ceiling and a fireplace. Susie Raffel of Coldwell Banker Residential is the listing agent.

A three-bedroom, 2.5-bath home at 1327 Madison Drive in Buffalo Grove is on the market for \$327,000. Built in 1988, this split-level house features an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, granite counters and stainless steel appliances in the kitchen and a family room with a stone fireplace. Julianne Spilotro of Coldwell Banker Residential is the listing agent.

—Nathan Spicer

MARKET WATCH

Table with 7 columns: City, For sale, Median price, Rate of foreclosure, # of sales, # of foreclosures. Rows include Barrington, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Evanston, Gurnee, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette.

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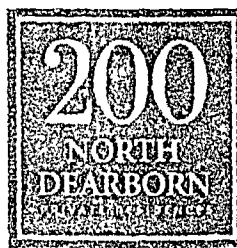
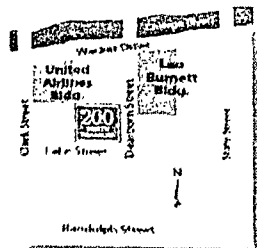
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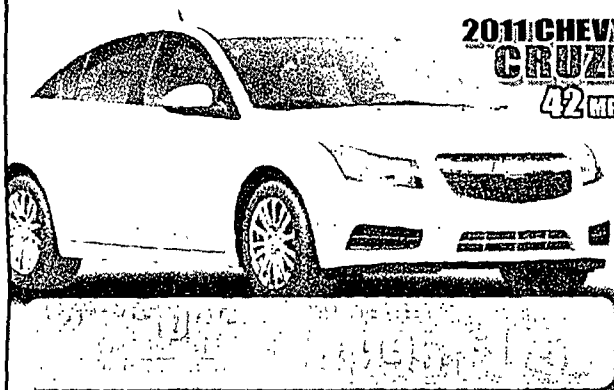
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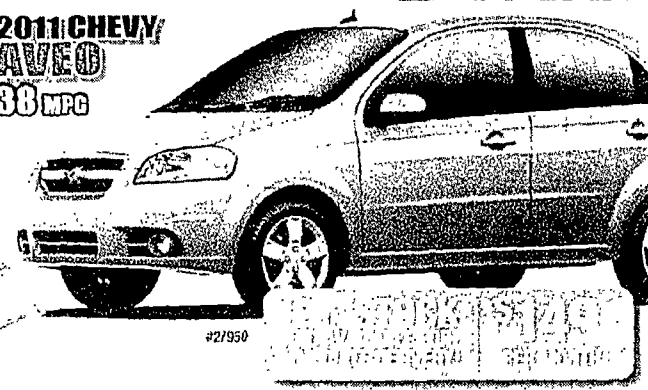
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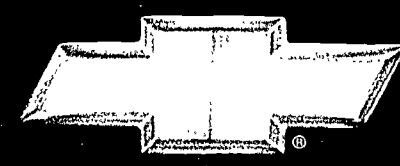
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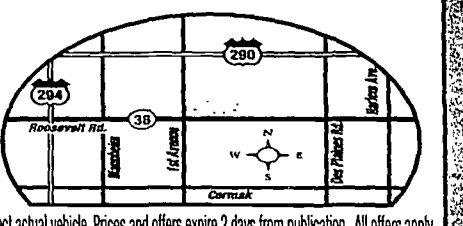
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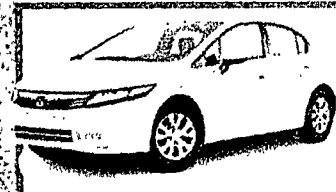
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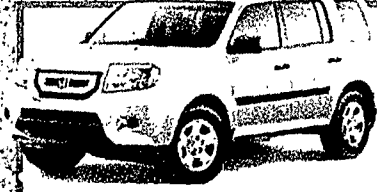


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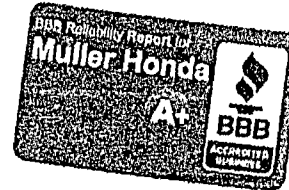
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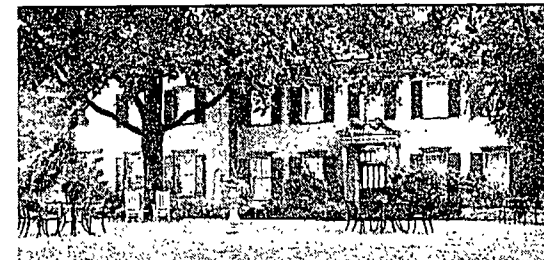
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### Tips for incoming high school freshman and seniors

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#### Launch Pad: Incoming Freshman

Freshman year is a crucial transition in a student's life. According to Keith Anzelmo of Sylvan Learning Center, students can expect at least an extra hour of work per night as well as some drastic changes in their lifestyle.

Meet these changes with success using time-management strategies that ensure you can fit in homework, extra curricular activities and personal time. A detailed planner filled with all your daily and weekly tasks will ensure each one is not forgotten and given the proper attention. Sticky notes on your binder and dry-erase boards in your locker are also good tricks.

The increase in class work is matched by the increase in new faces. Freshman should take advantage of the influx in peers to make new friends. Although the high school environment is vaster than middle school, find your own niche by reaching out to classmates or joining extra curricular activities.

"You need to find people with similar interests," Anzelmo said. "It will put you with people your own age."

Talk to teachers and staff, peruse event posters and listen to daily announcements to find intriguing activities.

Some schools offer meet-and-greet events so students can acclimate themselves to a new environment. St. John's Northwestern Military Academy holds core training, meetings with academic counselors various other activities to help students adjust.

"It keeps them from getting homesick," said John Thornburg, academic dean at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy.

Meeting new people will not only make the social transition into high school smoother but also it also gives you access to an academic support system for study groups and comparing notes.

Keeping on top of homework and participating in class are vital to a successful

freshman year. Although these points might not appear to be a large percentage of a final grade, every one counts. At the end of the semester, homework and participation could mean the difference between an A and a B.

Assess what classes you need to graduate as well as what classes your top colleges require. Plan to finish most core courses before your senior year so you're free to explore other interests and career-specific classes. If your high school requires three years of math, takes these three classes in your freshman, sophomore and junior years.

If you are struggling with school, get help. Don't risk failing a class. Every school offers students the opportunity to improve their skills. Use teachers, classmates and tutoring centers to have greater success.

#### Swan Song: Incoming Seniors

Enjoy your senior year. However, with AP exams and the looming challenge of applying to college, balancing life can seem stressful.

The first thing: do not panic! Sit down at the beginning of the semester and figure out what you want to accomplish. This should be a fun way to challenge yourself: these goals can be anything from college preparation to personal goals you want to achieve before you graduate.

According to Joe Niemczyk, counselor at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, the school offers opportunities for their students to talk to alumni or freshmen in college during their junior and senior year. These meetings may spark goals you hadn't even thought of yourself. If you are having trouble figuring out what you want to accomplish, try talking to your parents, classmates or alumni.

Besides actually graduating, the focus of your senior year should be planning your life beyond high school; thus, college. Start by making a list of criteria that you are looking for in post-high-school education. This list should include potential majors, location, class size, tuition and

campus activities.

"College is a time for exploration," Niemczyk said.

Once you complete your list, visit your school's college career center and the Internet to find colleges match your criteria. Pick out a few, and set up campus visits.

In addition, keep your freshman year time management strategies in mind during your senior year classes. Use your planner everyday, and remember to schedule personal time.

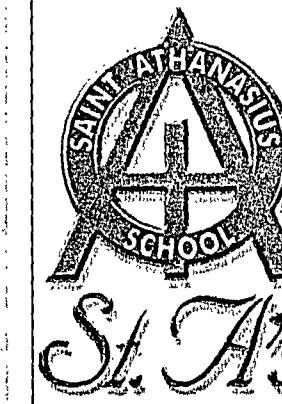
When selecting courses, consider college-level classes. Although they might help you get a leg up in some subjects, they might not be helpful for all students in every subject.

"It depends on the student," said Keith Anzelmo from the Sylvan Learning Center. If achieving at least a 4 on the AP exam seems unlikely, your class schedule may not need the additional strain. Instead, sign up for classes that concentrate on your interests and potential college majors. You can alleviate some stress and be more engaged in school.

Your senior year is also a time to evaluate what skills you need to improve before college. If you'd like to be well read, pick up a book and read everyday. If you are having trouble with math, find a tutor or review textbook.

"There's always options out there," Anzelmo said. "Just saying you're not good at something is a cop out!"

Use every resource placed in front of you to improve your weaker skills. This will give you a head start in college and keep you motivated through senior year. Finally, fight off senioritis any way that you can. Most schools will try to keep seniors engaged by allowing them to choose their own classes, take college courses, work in place of school or have special seniors-only events. In addition, take on extra activities, incorporate time to learn new skills (an instrument, another language, etc) or volunteer. Whatever you pick, keep yourself on a schedule and keep your mind active.



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# Going back to school for grownups

After six years in the working world, I'm back at school. I'm a graduate student at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, and let me tell you — getting back in the education swing is more than swapping your summer break for the schoolhouse.

I picked the experienced and knowledgeable brains of a handful of local university administrators and found 10 ways to keep cool about going back to school.

## Research

List the school and programs that peak your interest. Visit websites, call admissions offices and read, read, read. That's why that information's there.

"Start with the admissions office, so when you get to students and faculty, you have a better idea of what you want to ask them," said Cate Lagueux, director of graduate admissions at Columbia College.

## Organize

Save everything, bookmark useful websites and find a good organization method whether on paper or electronic. Any collaborative or



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online documentation programs can be handy if you will be researching from different locations or from different devices. I used Google Docs to create documents and folders for my grad school research.

## Budget

Julie Collins, associate director of the office of graduate admissions and financial aid at Northwestern University, said to start financial planning early, and be realistic with spending.

Check credit history and start trimming your budget, Collins said. For those with a family, she said it could be more complicated.

"Every school's cost of attendance is based on a single student," she said. "You really have to sit down with a financial aid person to find out what support there is for a parent."

## Focus

"With adult learners, they tend to be a lot more focused," Lagueux said.

"You don't go for a graduate degree because you're casually interested. You want to further or start your career."

Make the most of your time and your dollars by attending every class, asking questions and spending extra time on projects if necessary.

## Be open to changes

Don't worry about being older or different from other students.

"You're a student just like they are," said Manuel French, associate director of admission at DePaul University. "As an adult student, you will have had experiences that you want to certainly rely on."

At the University of Chicago, Daniels said she lets adult learners know the same thing.

"In classes today, even at a campus like ours, where the majority is full time, the reality is that you are seeing a lot more diverse classrooms than ten years ago," she said.

## Manage time

"If you plan to work and study at the same time, have realistic expectations for what your free time is going to look like," Lagueux said.

Use a day planner, wall calendar or your cell phone. Jot down important dates and deadlines at once, and check this calendar many times during the day.

## Brush up on tech

Not so comfy with computers? French said you don't have to be a computing whiz, but just be comfortable with using computers and accessing information online.

Many colleges are moving toward paper-free or paper-light classrooms. Your syllabus, quizzes and assignments may all be given to you electronically, and you may also be expected to turn them in this way.

## Patience

"Give yourself permission to ease back into school and to take it seriously," said Mary Daniels, associate director of the graduate student at large and returning scholar program at the University of Chicago.

"Typically courses are not respectful of travel or personal commitments," she said. "This is part of what you're signing up for."

## Network

Lagueux said networking doesn't have to just be awkward cocktail receptions and swapping business cards. Work with professors or other students. Each person you encounter is part of your network.

"If you happen to know someone and can email them directly, all these little things over time add up and can be the difference between getting an interview and not getting an interview," she said.

## Relax & enjoy

Remember: This is your choice, and you're doing it to get better at something.

"Don't be discouraged if in the first few weeks you're struggling," Lagueux said. "You have to flex those muscles before they get strong."

Daniels said to not forget the importance of doing something for you.

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Students need the skills to face peer pressure or bullying. Whether through a D.A.R.E. program or other means, students should be well equipped to face whatever challenges ahead of them. FILE PHOTO

# Schools promote safe behavior

Healthy choices, healthy kids

BY MARCY MARRO  
Special to Pioneer Press

Students heading into the new school year should be equipped with the skills to face any situation involving peer pressure, gangs, bullying or drugs and alcohol. The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program is a way schools help students make informed decisions.

"What started out as a prevention program for drugs, alcohol and tobacco in Los Angeles in 1983, has expanded to decision-making processes and how to maintain healthy relationships with friends and family," explained Nick Skweres, a Darien Police Officer and current president of the Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association. "D.A.R.E. officers lay the foundation for decision making for the students and give them information so that they can build themselves healthy lives."

Skweres teaches the D.A.R.E. program to students in fifth, seventh and eighth grades at four schools each year. The basic elementary program is made up of 10 lessons on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, friendships, making choices and peer pressures, with supplemental lessons on Internet safety, bullying, gangs, over-the-counter and prescription drugs and role models.

"The benefits we reap from the D.A.R.E. program are many," said Mickey Tovey, principal of Our Lady of Peace Catholic School in Darien, one of the schools that Skweres visits each year. "One of the most important results I see is an increase in ability on the part of our students to stand up for themselves. The D.A.R.E. program builds on the values instilled in the home,

reinforced in the school and given voice by this program."

"Often, our students know what the right thing to do is, but working with Officer Skweres equips them with the language to act upon that knowledge," he continued. "What we take for granted as adults, that ability to simply say no to those behaviors we find at variance with our values, is a skill that needs to be taught. [Skweres] helps our students form the words that support their beliefs."

Schools have a variety of ways to educate students on the same topics that D.A.R.E. covers. Lake Forest Academy, which has a zero tolerance policy, has a required seminar program that educates students on alcohol and other drugs, explained Chris Tennyson, dean of students. Additionally, the school does an alcohol and drug survey each spring, hosts a Healthy Choices Day and has a campus S.A.D.D. chapter and Red Ribbon Club. The Baker Demonstration School in Wilmette has found other methods by which to embed these important conversations into existing curriculum, said Dan Schwartz, head of school.

"We address [the same topics as D.A.R.E.], and other issues in a coordinated approach, relying on our 45-minute daily advisory period, science class and PE to help unpack the subtleties within each issue," Schwartz said. "In addition, through carefully choosing literature and studies in which these issues are apparent (in English, social studies, student government, etc.), we provide an opportunity for guided discussions that run throughout the year. In these ways, we encourage ongoing thoughtful interactions with these ideas over and over again all year long."

Through whatever means, students should be equipped to face whatever challenges ahead of them. To get a D.A.R.E. program started at your school, contact the Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association at [www.idoa.org](http://www.idoa.org) or by email at [idoa@idoa.org](mailto:idoa@idoa.org).

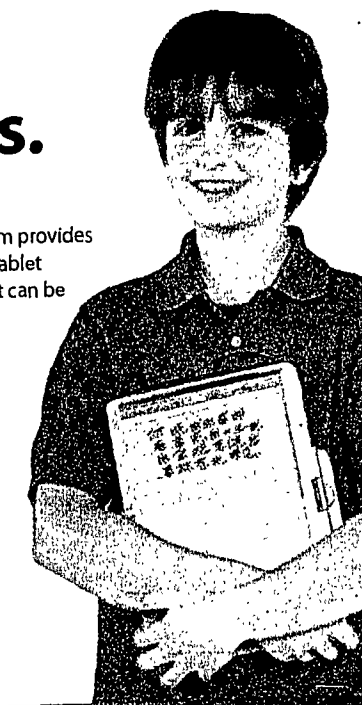
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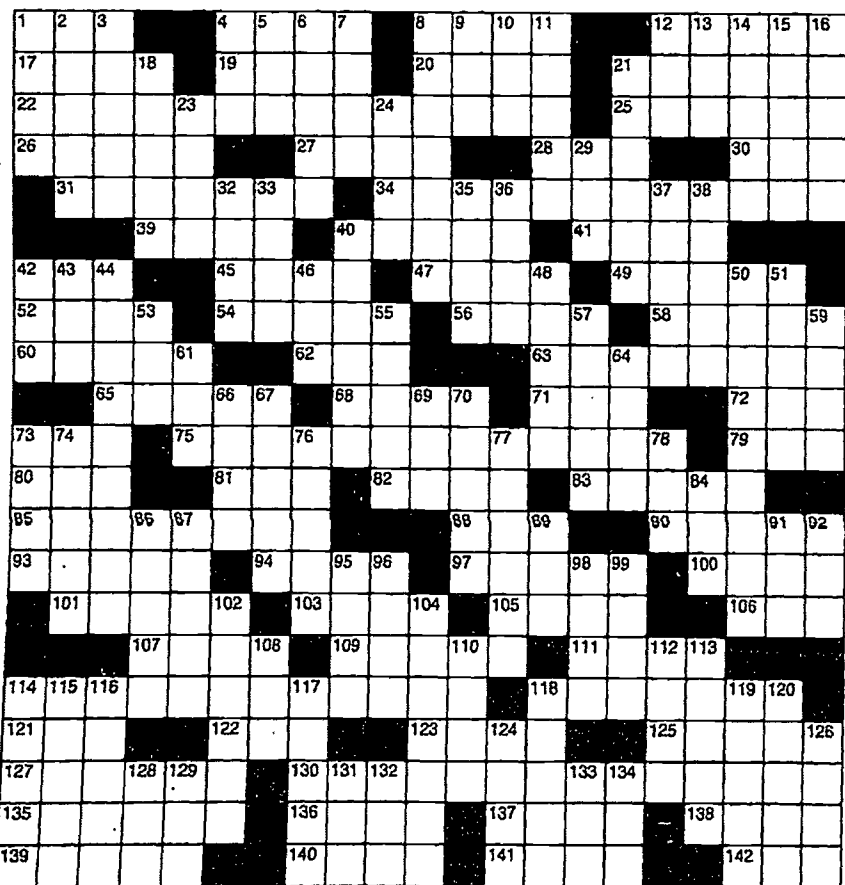
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- 21 Like Schoenberg's music
- 22 Like Felix Unger?
- 25 Act like Holmes
- 26 "Care" (90 film)
- 27 Comic Orson
- 28 Bungle
- 30 Sweater letter
- 31 On the nose
- 34 Skinny novelist?
- 39 Get on
- 40 Rocker Tom
- 41 Curly coil
- 42 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
- 45 Moflo or Magnani
- 47 Reggae's Peter
- 49 Offer an apple?
- 52 Pinnacle
- 54 Downs, to Donne
- 56 Coarse flour
- 58 — on My Pillow ("58 song)
- 60 Stiller's partner
- 62 Tread the boards
- 63 Man from Munich
- 65 Ponderosa, for one
- 68 Mrs. Zeus
- 71 Mineral suffix
- 72 Sgt., e.g.
- 73 Gambia
- 75 Extremely encouraging individual?
- 79 Kitten's comment
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- 81 Hockey great
- 82 A sweeping success?
- 83 Calliope's sister
- 85 '66 Tommy Roe tune
- 88 Merino mate
- 90 Shiva
- 93 Throw forcefully
- 94 "The Ramayana" heroine
- 97 Actress Samantha
- 100 Jury member
- 101 Economize
- 103 Calligraphy supply
- 105 Land in the sea
- 106 Longing, or Nets
- 107 Jets, Mets, or Nets
- 109 Release
- 111 Hideaway
- 114 Dishonest anchorman?
- 118 New Jersey's Pine —
- 121 Port abbr.
- 122 Director
- 123 "Dies —"
- 125 Be of use
- 127 Bring to light
- 130 Corrupt college official?
- 135 Asd's opposite
- 136 Bronie heroine
- 137 Ice-cream thickener
- 138 Writer Hunter
- 139 June birthstone
- 140 Paper quantity
- 141 Stink
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- 2 "That's —" (53 tune)
- 3 Papyrus ingredient
- 4 Lots of laughs
- 5 Part of NATO
- 6 Hayes of westerns
- 7 Crafter's need
- 8 Publisher Cerf
- 9 Ginger —
- 10 Security grp.
- 11 Couldn't stand
- 12 Canonized Mile.
- 13 King's "Salem's —"
- 14 Motionless
- 15 — Man" (78 song)
- 16 Singer John
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- 32 Soho streetcar
- 33 Carson's successor
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- 42 Pin —
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- 44 Einstein's chair?
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- 51 Vestige
- 53 Geologic division
- 55 Cook veggie
- 57 Make chair legs
- 59 Chilly powder?
- 61 Social worker?
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- 67 Toast start
- 69 Dietary abbr.
- 70 TV's "Hearts" shade
- 73 Big party
- 74 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
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- 78 Team scream
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- 86 Lloyd Webber musical
- 87 Principle
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- 91 Billy —
- 92 Williams
- 92 Fancy planter
- 95 Slope



Answers: Inside today's classified section

## HOROSCOPES

For the week of Aug. 17 — Aug. 23

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A troubling situation takes a positive turn and moves toward a resolution that should please you and your supporters. Meanwhile, make time to deal with new domestic issues.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time to reassess your goals and consider shifting directions. Remember to keep an open mind, and be prepared to make changes as new opportunities arise.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Rely on your strong Mercury aspect to help you close that communication gap before it becomes too wide to cross. A sibling or other family member has news.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You're about to get off that emotional roller coaster and start experiencing more stability than you've been used to. This is a good time to let someone new into your life.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Good news: A trusted friend comes through for you. But you still need to shed that last scrap of self-doubt and once more become the cool, confident Cat we all know and love.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Things should be getting back to a less hectic pace. Enjoy the more peaceful atmosphere. You earned it. But don't forget about those still-unresolved issues.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A more positive family relationship develops as misunderstandings are explained away. A job

situation appears promising, but check it out before you act on it.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Congratulations. That on-the-job situation is working out as you'd hoped. Now's a good time to relax and to enjoy the company of family and close friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You might feel as if you're caught in an emotional tug-of-war. But don't be rushed into a decision on either side. Wait for more facts before you act.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The Goat's usually high level of self-confidence is brimming over these days. This should help you deal with a situation that you've avoided for far too long. Go for it.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Relationships become more intense. But be careful not to be pushed into decisions you're not comfortable with. Remember: You're the one in charge of your life.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You need to show more confidence in your ability to reach your goals. Make that long-delayed decision, and avoid floundering around in a sea of self-doubt.

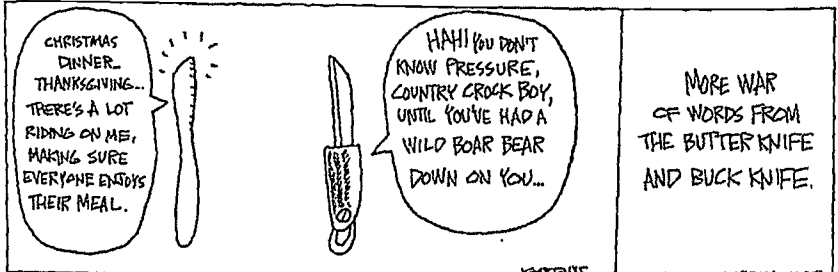
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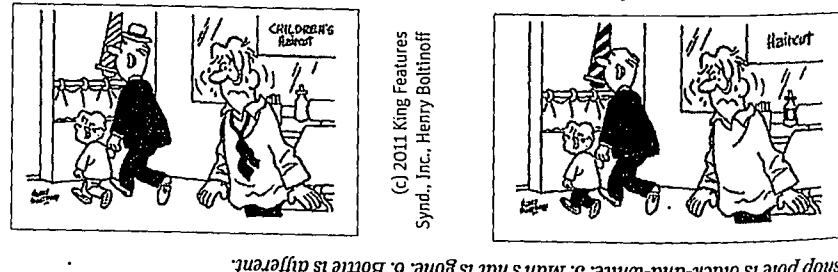
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Mrs. DeYoung was born, May 13, 1927, in Chicago, and passed away August 7, 2011 at her home, ending a lengthy battle with COPD. Her family was paramount to Alice. Her hobbies included, gardening, playing bridge, crafts and drawing sketches.  
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Resumes get a lot of attention during a job hunt. However, don't forget to give your cover letter its due. After all, employers usually review a cover letter prior to looking at your resume. If your cover letter doesn't pass muster, your resume won't ever get any attention at all.

Each time you craft a new cover letter, be sure to avoid these four flubs that can contribute to missed opportunities.

1. Gender Bender

Don't start things off on the wrong foot with a gender-specific salutation, such as "Gentlemen." In fact, it's best to completely avoid references to gender, because they can seem dated and even offend someone who is transitioning to another gender. Rather, try to find out the name of the person who will be reviewing your resume and address the cover letter to that individual. If this isn't possible, opt for "To Whom It May Concern," the most neutral of all salutations.

2. One Letter Doesn't Fit All

It's fine to create a standard cover letter during your job search, but be sure that you use extreme caution when revising the letter for different employers. Common errors include listing the wrong job title, company name, date or source of a job listing. Take the time to be sure that you've got your facts straight in each letter - and while you're at it, spend a few more moments tailoring a unique response to each employer.

3. Size Matters

A cover letter should be just that - a letter. Put thought into its content. While you don't want to submit a two-page tome, you do want your cover letter to consist of more than a sentence or two.

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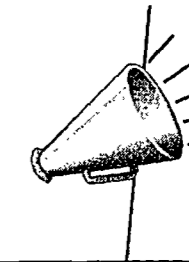
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# Healthcare & Nursing

## BE READY FOR THE HEALTHCARE BEHAVIORAL INTERVIEW

By Cindy Mehallow, Monster Contributing Writer

Many healthcare organizations use behavioral interviews to hire and promote employees. This form of interviewing is based on the premise that past performance is the best indicator of future behavior. Therefore, behavioral interviewers ask candidates to describe specific instances when they demonstrated particular behaviors or skills that are key to performing the desired job. Interviewers want candidates to cite a behavior, tell when and how they demonstrated it and explain the outcome.

Seems simple enough. But many candidates for healthcare jobs make some basic mistakes that torpedo their chances of being hired. Here are three of the most common, with tips from the experts on avoiding them.

### Not Giving Enough Detail

Replying in generalities instead of responding with a specific situation is the most typical mistake. When interviewers ask, "Tell me about a time when..." they are looking for a short but complete story describing a quality, how you used it and the outcome, explains Terry Bishop, PhD, SPHR, associate professor of human resources management at Northern Illinois University.

Give the interviewer a concrete example, and don't make him work to get details, says Matthew Pattelli, a nurse recruiter for Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, part of Advocate Health Care, which has been using behavioral interviewing for more than a decade. Many nurses offer a one-word or one-sentence response, failing to elaborate, he says.

It's fine to use examples from your personal life, especially when you're just starting your career, says Julia Sutch, MT (ASCP), program director for The Cleveland Clinic School of Medical Technology. As administrator of the clinical pathology department, Sutch has interviewed dozens of candidates to keep 150 entry-level positions filled.

For example, do you need an example of a time you led a project? It's fine to explain how you managed your kitchen remodeling. Overall, make sure you choose your examples wisely to show the interviewer good judgment.

### Being Unprepared

Knowing they're in demand has prompted some nurses to approach job hunting in a less-than-professional manner. Even though behavioral interviewing isn't new, many candidates for nurse jobs are unprepared to field behavior-based questions. "There's so much competition for nurses that some employers may have let their hiring practices down," Pattelli says.

Advocate's hiring managers and recruiters receive formal training on "hiring the best" and rely on a 24-page document that details key behaviors Advocate looks for in candidates. Interviewers choose from provided questions and use a scoring mechanism that rates and ranks candidates in a structured, consistent manner. The organization seeks candidates who can meet all their requirements: striving for excellence, acting flexibly, meeting customer needs, working as a team and fostering workforce diversity.

Because interviewers are well-trained in the questions they'll ask candidates need to be equally equipped with well-thought-out answers. "Think of all the qualities an employer would look for in the position you're applying for," suggests Sutch, noting she looks for dependability, initiative, creativity and conflict-resolution skills, among other characteristics. And feel free to take a few seconds to think about your answer. This demonstrates thoughtfulness, while blurring out the first thing that comes to mind can make you look rash.

If you list the key points you want to make as well as questions to ask the interviewer beforehand, don't hesitate to bring your list to refer to during the interview, Sutch says. In behavioral interviews, your actions demonstrate two traits highly valued in a clinical laboratory: organization and preparation.

### Being Too Polished

At the other extreme, some candidates are so well-rehearsed that they come off as scripted, Bishop says. While it's wise to be prepared, avoid the appearance of being mechanized or sterile. If your examples are too glib or polished, an interviewer may sense your story is too good to be true, that

you're a know-it-all lacking humility or that you're putting up a facade. Interviewers can sense -- and are put off by -- the classic right answer. Sincerity helps the interviewer get to know the real you. "Be human, and be warm," Bishop advises. "Smile and respond to the interviewer's question."

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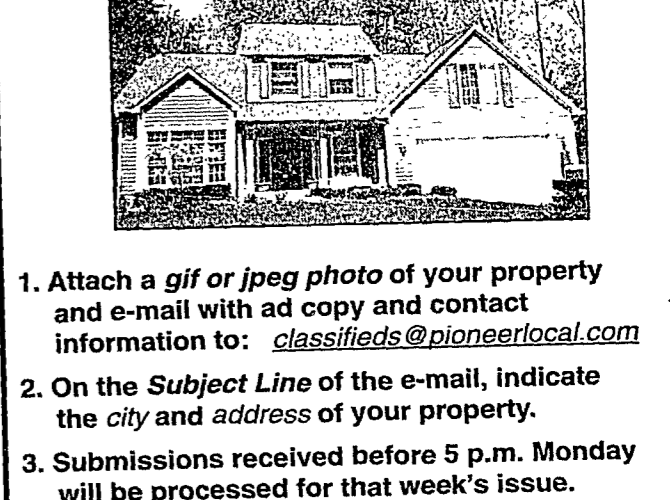
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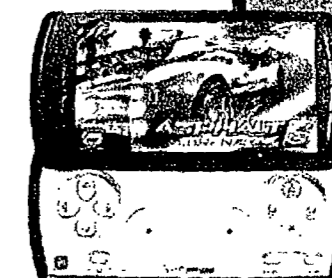
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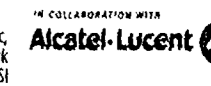
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# Who would have seen this coming?

Free of charge, we offer tales of stupid criminals, strange crimes, odd news and otherwise silly stories from around the area.

**NORTHBROOK, AUG. 2** — Ken Dachman, the operator of a now-defunct Northbrook sleep disorder clinic, was indicted on charges that he fraudulently obtained about \$4 million from more than 50 investors, and used a significant amount of their money to buy a Lake Forest mansion, back his son-in-law's tattoo parlor, purchase vacations and cruises to Italy, Nevada, Florida and Alaska for himself and his family, buy a new sport utility vehicle, fund gambling and stock trading, and buy rare books and antiques, according to the indictment.

He is the same Ken Dachman sued four dozen times over the years in fraud cases, and convicted in 1999 of deceptive practices after allegedly cheating mortgage-seeking clients out of their fees.

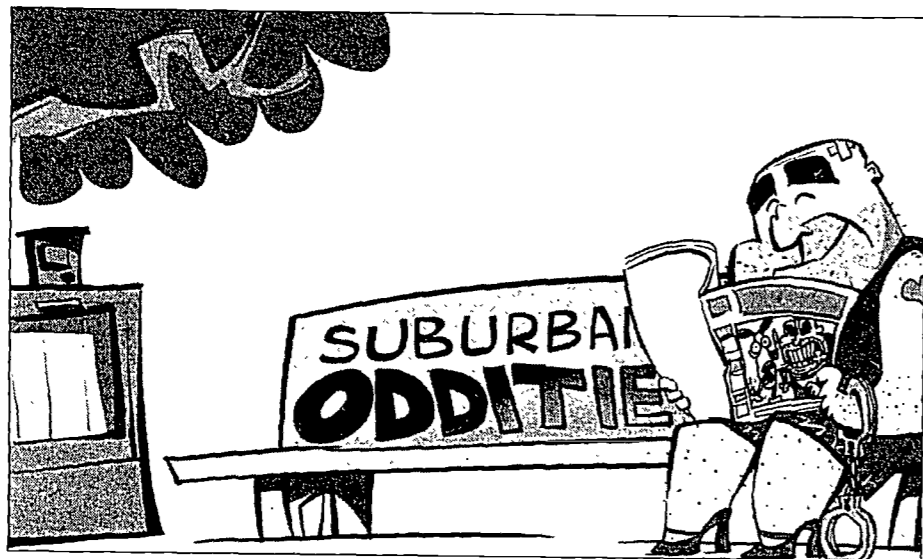
## Civil disorientation

**SKOKIE, JULY 20** — Police operating a drunk driving/seat-belt checkpoint on the 8500 block of McCormick Boulevard were confronted shortly after midnight by a resident of that block, swearing at them and flipping them the bird.

The man, 28, staggered through traffic, chased by the cops, who eventually cornered him in a stairwell.

There, they found another guy, a resident of Chicago's Northwest Side, 31, whom they ordered to back off, but he refused. An officer said he had to pull him away and sit him down, but he continued to try to get up, waving his right arm at him with a cell phone in his hand.

The opening act was charged with resisting arrest and being drunk in public. The second entertainer, obstructing police.



## Sometimes, it doesn't make perfect

**NORTHBROOK, JULY 26** — After residents and municipal officials, angered over widespread power outages, excoriated ComEd's Mike Guerra, he replied, "there are some areas that need some improvement."

"We always do 'lessons learned' at ComEd.... We're getting a lot of practice."

## Wasps take very slow boat from China

**LAKE COUNTY, JULY 28** — The Lake County Forest Preserve District has applied to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to test the effectiveness of Asian predator wasps as a way of controlling the spread of the tree-eating emerald ash borer.

The effectiveness of the wasps is also now being tested in parts of Chicago and Cook County.

Interestingly, the agriculture agency had indicated such experimental Chinese wasp releases could soon be available — in 2007.

## Mixmaster messages

**NORTHBROOK, JULY 18** — Last month, School District 30 indicated that in summer school, "a group of fourth- through sixth-graders

had command of the Maple School kitchen, as they layered graham crackers, caramel bits, milk, peanuts, mini marshmallows and chocolate fudge to create Caramel Crunch Bars.... They also learned about the nutritional aspect of cooking and how to make healthier choices."

## It might have been easier to just take down the plate number

**HARWOOD HEIGHTS, JULY 22** — A resident on the 7200 block of West Carmen Avenue walked in on two men burglarizing her garage and told them if they dropped the drill and drill bits, she wouldn't call the cops. They did. But then, as they fled, she tried to snatch their car keys. They got their car started and drove off, but she grabbed one of the doors. When she fell, she scraped her left foot, knee and elbow.

## Summer fun in Skokie

**SKOKIE, JULY 26** — A crowd gathered at Gross Point Park, 9100 Gross Point Road, urging two 14-year-old girls to fight.

One girl said the other was trash-talking about her both at Niles North's summer school and at the park. The other said her accuser has been causing her grief

at summer school, as well as on the school bus. She said the other girl came up behind her and punched her, and she was only defending herself.

Both were cited for fighting and disorderly conduct. Police dispersed the audience.

## We like the alleys quiet here

**NILES, JULY 24** — A Niles woman, 34, was reportedly walking in the alley behind the 7400 block of Oakton Street when a woman drove toward her, repeatedly honking. Police arrested the driver, 31, and charged her with aggravated assault.

## He would have given it to you if he knew how much you wanted it

**SKOKIE, JULY 26** — A thief sliced open a car's convertible top, causing \$3,000 damage. When the owner looked inside, all that was missing was the knob of his radio.

## Revenge of the tourists

**SKOKIE, JULY 22** — A thief stole 41 T-shirts decorated with the Chicago skyline from a car parked at Westfield Old Orchard shopping center.

## I'll pay you more than double — all you have to do is suspend disbelief

**SKOKIE, JULY 26** — A Skokie man selling a bike for \$150 on craigslist.org received an e-mail from McAllen, Texas, saying if he sent the bike, he'd get back a \$1,650 check. The e-mail further instructed the Skokie man to deposit the check in his bank account and send back \$1,300, keeping the rest for the bike, shipping and incidental expenses. The check, of course, was rubber.

## Tough love

**NILES, JULY 15** — A complainant, 44, told police his girlfriend, 49, of the 7800 block of Waukegan Road, punched him in the head. Police saw a scrape on the right side of his face near his ear. They charged her with domestic battery.

## He must have heard about the woman on Waukegan Road

**NILES, JULY 25** — A resident, 27, reported that his roommate had been hallucinating about "demon girls" in their apartment on the 8400 block of Milwaukee Avenue, resulting in a dispute between the two.

## In search of concrete bamboo

**WESTERN SPRINGS, JULY 14** — A 60-pound concrete panda disappeared from a yard on Nacoma Lane.

## He still cares

**CLARENDON HILLS, JULY 26** — A Westmont man, 21, was charged with criminal damage to property in a 58th Street parking lot after allegedly kicking dents into his ex-girlfriend's car.

## The leader of the laundry room

**WILMETTE, LATE JULY** — Police were called to a condominium building on the

1400 block of Sheridan Road by a man angry that another building resident had taken his clothes out of the washer and deposited them on a nearby table. The man told police he used to be on the condo board and knew the laundry-room rules, and was adamant that his fellow resident had violated them. He confronted her about the rules, then followed her, asking her identity and who had given her permission to use the laundry, "since he has never seen her before." The drama quieted after she threatened to call the police, and the man responded by doing that himself. But while police talked to him, the woman's boyfriend arrived and accused him of threatening his girlfriend. One man "chest-bumped" the other, and both men raised their arms in a way the police thought was threatening. Officers stopped the fight before it could start, admonished both men, and told them to stay away from each other.

## Police are checking Manhattan and the Bronx, too. Then they'll be going to the zoo

**GLENCOE, JULY 27** — A resident reported that a thief used his financial identification to buy a subscription to Dish Network — on Staten Island.

## Smell ya later

**BUFFALO GROVE, JULY 23** — Heavy rains caused three restaurants' grease traps to overflow into the alley and, eventually, a retention pond and playground at 19 East Dundee Road. Officials said that the grease will break down naturally but produce a strong odor.

## Restocking

**HINSDALE, JULY 27** — An entire rotating rack of Maui Jim and Ralph Lauren sunglasses was among items missing from Avenue Eyecare, after a patrol officer saw a shattered glass door at 777 N. York Road. The shop had also been burglarized July 7, and Maui Jim sunglasses were taken then, too.

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Woods Drive, Skokie, (847) 967-4800, www.ilholocaust-museum.org. A special exhibition, "Spots of Light: To Be a Woman in the Holocaust," the first international exhibition to focus exclusively on women and their experiences in the Holocaust is featured from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. through Sept. 6. This large scale video-art based exhibition conveys the strength, initiative, and courage of these remarkable women. Free with museum admission. Aug. 14, 1:30-3 p.m.: Orlando Sentinel columnist Greg Dawson shares the remarkable story of his mother's survival from certain death in Ukraine during the Holocaust, *Hiding in the Spotlight, A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival 1941-1946*. The presentation includes a short film by Candy Dawson depicting the family's visit to Ukraine. A book-signing follows. Free with Museum admission. Reservations recommended. Aug. 21, 1:30-4 p.m.: Film: "Playing For Time," based on the memoirs of Jewish singer-pianist, Fania Fenelon, the film shows how female prisoners who were members of the women's orchestra of Auschwitz performed to stay alive. Free with Museum admission; reservations recommended.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County recently established a Battery Recycling Program for rechargeable and alkaline batteries, partnered with Interstate Batteries in Skokie to provide recycling at no cost to SWANCC communities. Common household batteries are no longer accepted at Illinois EPA-sponsored household chemical waste events and facilities due to their benign nature and high recycling costs. Batteries accepted in SWANCC's program: Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D and 9V; rechargeable: NiCd, NiMH, lithium ion, lithium polymer. Before dropping off rechargeable batteries, residents need to tape the contact points on each battery or place in an individual self-locking plastic baggie to avoid sparks. Local drop-off sites include: Niles Public Services Department, 6849 Touhy Ave., (847) 588-7900, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; Niles Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, (847) 588-8000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; Park Ridge Public Works, 400

Busse Highway, (847) 318-5240, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Additional drop-off sites are posted at swancc.org/recycling/battery-recycling.html.

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County has established a location for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturdays. Under the new Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313), only the following items will be accepted: Computers — PCs and laptops, scanners, computer monitors, mobile phones, peripherals — mice, keyboards, zip drives, MP3 players, televisions, PDAs — printers, VHS players, fax machines, DVD players, video game consoles, and DVR/cable boxes. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted. Visit swancc.org.

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.-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

Crafters are needed for the annual Holiday Fair at Martin Luther Church, 6850 W. Addison St., Chicago, which will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 22. A table rental fee and a sample for the raffle are required. Call (773) 777-8821.

## Fund-raisers

Celebrate the life and music of Terry Kath, co-founder and original lead guitarist and vocalist for rock group "Chicago!" in a fundraiser at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Proceeds will benefit the Terry Kath Scholarship at DePaul, the Taft High School Music Department, and the McAvoy Foundation's "Good Looks for Kids with Cancer" which provides teens battling cancer with items not provided by insurance such as wigs and glasses. Scheduled to appear are the California Transit Authority featuring Danny Seraphine; Kenny Cetera, percussionist, vocalist and younger brother of Peter Cetera; James Guercio, renowned producer of CTA; Joe Iaquinto, bassist and guitarist who has performed with a number of artists; Chicago Tribute Anthology 7 piece band, and the Emerald Underground featuring Joe Kath Jr. on fiddle. Tickets range from \$29 to \$100 and are on sale through the Copernicus Center's website, www.copernicusfdn.org; call (773) 777-8898.

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

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 Stay cool this summer at Oasis Fun Center, 7877 Milwaukee Ave. Full season hours: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call Oasis Water-

park at (847) 967-6648 or the Howard Leisure Center at (847) 967-6633.

**Tam O'Shanter Family Golf Nights** — Up to two children (17 and under) can play free when accompanied by a paying adult on Sunday evenings after 4:30 p.m. all season long at the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 Howard St. Junior tees will be set up on the course so beginners of all skill levels can enjoy playing and keeping score from tee to green.

**New 3's Preschool** — This class offered at Niles Park District is for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2010, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year-old preschool. Children will experience their first classroom experience. Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs to May 20. Call (847) 967-6633.

**Niles Park District** is offering private piano lessons (30-45 minutes) for beginning and intermediate students Wednesdays and Thursdays at Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St. Lessons will focus on the fundamentals of technique, music theory and good practice

habits. Call (847) 967-6633 to reserve a lesson time.

**Golf Maine**  
 Visit one of the Golf Maine Park District offices, Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue), Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000; [www.gmpd.org](http://www.gmpd.org).

**Youth Cricket** — Sign up for a one-day clinic on Sept. 18 or take the six-week class starting Sept. 21. Ages 8-14. Dee Park.

**Totally Tennis** — Learn the basic fundamentals of tennis. Ages 5-10. Starts Sept. 17. At Dee Park.

**Zumba** — Fun and easy Latin-inspired workout to get in shape. Ongoing classes at 7:15 p.m. Mondays or Tuesdays at Feldman (nine weeks).

**Sixth through eighth-grade Fall Basketball League** — Fall league begins in early September. Games on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman. This league fills up fast.

noon-5 p.m. Sundays. Open weekends only Aug. 23 to Sept. 6.

**4th-6th Grade Summer Basketball Summer league** is under way (clinic). Games on Fridays and Sundays at Feldman.

**Ballet & Tap** — Ages 3 years to adult. Ongoing classes year round. Dee and Feldman Parks.

**The Painting Studio** classes for adults: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Feldman.

**Tiny Tots Open Gym** — Parents may drop in and supervise their 1-5 year-old any Wednesday or Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m. for a variety of gym games at Dee Park.

**Preschool** — There are still spots available for second-semester preschool (for 4-year-olds). Offered are morning (5 days per week) and afternoon classes (Mondays through Thursdays). All classes are at Dee Park.

**Tae Kwon Do** — Popular martial arts classes for children (ages 7-15) and adults offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays all year round.

**Youth Soccer Leagues** for children ages 4 to sixth grade

are under way. Games are played at Prairie Lakes in Des Plaines. Practices at Dee Park.

Various rooms/gyms are available for rental for parties, meetings or ongoing activities. Call (847) 297-3059.

**The Golf Maine Park District** offers a selection of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs for sale to the public from a Lights for Learning kiosk. Proceeds from the sale of every bulb will directly fund the scholarship program sponsored by the district. The scholarship program allows children the opportunity to attend camp when they may not have the resources to do so on their own. The kiosk will also house the Lights for Learning teacher tool kits, designed for educators and organization leaders, to provide informational materials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles,

8:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Call (847) 297-3000.

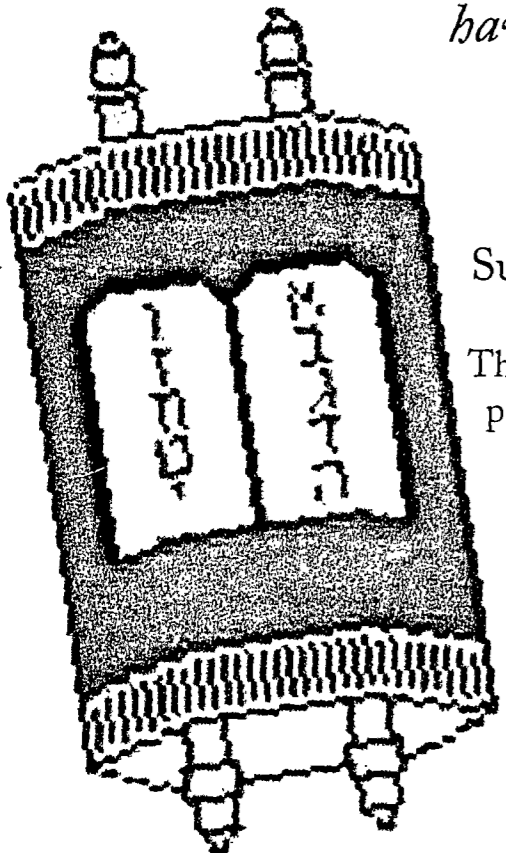
The Golf Maine Park District offers the community an opportunity to recycle paper products. A recognizable green-and-yellow container supplied by Abitibi Bowater was dropped off in the Feldman Park lot, 8800 Kathy Lane, near the corner of Western Avenue and Kathy Lane. Products that can be recycled in this container include: newspapers, magazines, office paper (fax and copy), shopping catalogs, mail and envelopes, catalogs, folders, colored paper and shredded paper (bagged); no cardboard or phone books. All money raised will fund the scholarship program, allowing children to attend summer camp and other programs. Call (847) 297-3000 or go to [www.paperretriever.com/](http://www.paperretriever.com/).

**Religion**  
 Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will offer its K'tonim Pre-School Program of Judaic Arts and Play, for children ages 2 and older. Children will enjoy Judaic

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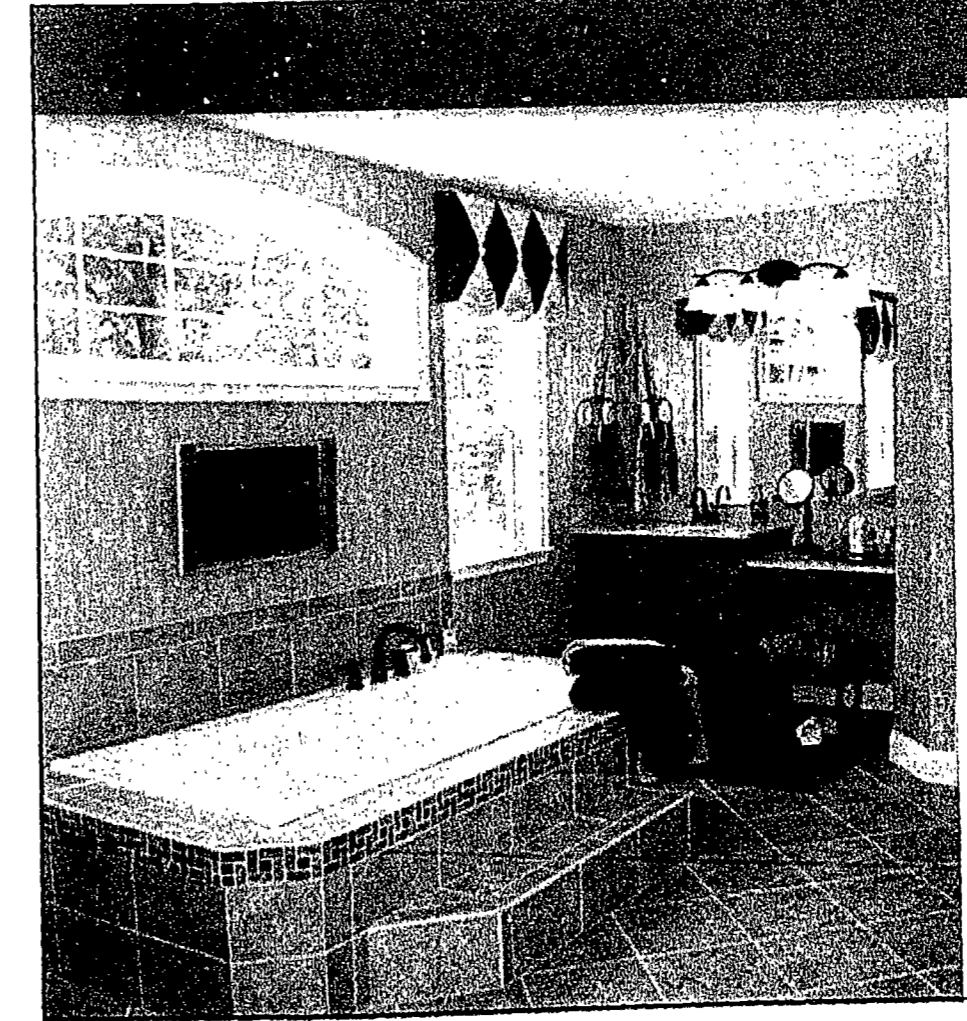
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arts and crafts, stories, games, singing, and snacks with their parents and/or grandparents. Siblings are welcome. Children under 2 are free. The 2011-12 classes will be held two Sundays per month from 9:45-11:15 a.m. Schedule to be determined. Tuition per semester will be \$60 and \$75, respectively, for members enrolling one or two children; and \$85 and \$100, respectively, for nonmembers enrolling one or two children. Call the temple office at (847) 676-1566.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8201 N. Karlov Ave., Skokie, will hold Adult Christian Education classes following 10 a.m. Sunday services. Classes will be held on a variety of topics. A Fellowship Hour follows the 10 a.m. service each week with "Bring a Friend to Church and Brunch" the first Sunday of each month. Call the church at (847) 673-1434.

Messiah Lutheran Church, 1605 Vernon Ave., Park Ridge, holds a Christian-education hour at 9 a.m. each Sunday, with worship service at 10:15 a.m. During

the hour, Sunday school is in church parsonage; children from preschool-sixth grade welcome. Childcare services are available during worship. Call (847) 823-6984.

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel in the Parish Ministry Center, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for spiritual devotion, prayers and meditation. Call (847) 966-8145.

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, offers Introduction to Judaism and beginning adult Hebrew classes on Sundays and monthly Yiddish. Members and nonmembers are welcome. Call (847) 675-4141, or go to [www.ehnt.org](http://www.ehnt.org).

**Reunions**

A Maine North High School reunion is planned for the Class of 1976 from 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sept. 2 at Casa Royale Banquets, 783 Lee St., Des Plaines, including four-course dinner, open bar, music, dancing and class photo. Also planned are a golf outing on Sept. 3 and a picnic on Sept. 4. See [www.mainenorth1976.com](http://www.mainenorth1976.com).

The Niles Township High School Class of 1956, Skokie, will hold its 55th Class Reunion at the Westin Northwest Chicago, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, at 6 p.m. Sept. 10. An informal get-together will be held on Friday night at Shula's Steak House inside the Westin Hotel from 6-10 p.m. For reservations, contact Donna Cutro Campobasso at (847) 259-3598 or e-mail her at [dc1907@aol.com](mailto:dc1907@aol.com).

USS Columbus CA-74/CG-12/SSN-762 Reunion will be held from Sept. 21-24 at Sheraton National Hotel-Arlington, Va. Contact Allen R. Hope, president, 3828 Hobson Road, Fort Wayne IN 46815-4505. Call (260) 486-2221 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time, fax: 260-492-9771 or e-mail: [Hope4391@frontier.com](mailto:Hope4391@frontier.com).

Maine Township High South, Class of 1966, is spearheading a two-day "Mass Reunion" Aug. 26 and 27. Accompanying classes that represented the first collective student body to attend the newly opened high school in 1964 as well as their spouses and guests are

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4. Do not worry about what your dog wants. It is all about what you want.
5. Training your dog should be fun for you and your dog.
6. The above information applies to all dogs, regardless of the breed and size.

7. When you can start training your puppy early in their life, you can help to mold their behavior to suit your family. Jeff Green, owner of Total Recall Dog Training, has been involved in dog training and competitive obedience since 1992 and has won multiple top obedience competition awards throughout the mid-west with his Border Collies.

Our readers are encouraged to submit no more than 2 questions to [info@trainmydog.com](mailto:info@trainmydog.com). Each month, he will answer questions that he feels present the most interesting or common issues among dog owners. If you would like to inquire about Jeff's services, he can be reached at 847-721-0234 or visit his website at [www.trainmydog.com](http://www.trainmydog.com).

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## Cool inspirations

BY VERONICA HINKE  
Contributor

Inspired ice cream makers are inventing cool new treats to beat the heat.

Case-in-point: actor Glenn Bush. Sure, Shakespeare can inspire, especially thespians. But few have gone as far as crafting an ice cream flavor after one of the playwright's classic works — certainly not one based on one of his tragedies.

But while Bush was starring as "Ross" last June in a Chicago theater production of "Macbeth," he concocted an "Out, out damned spots!" ice cream inspired by the famous scene in which Lady Macbeth goes mad, imagining a spot of blood on her hand after she's helped her husband murder the king.

Bush makes ice cream for locally-owned and operated Bobtail Ice Cream Company. Often, at the Wilmette shop, he blended frozen raspberries into Bobtail lemonade and swirled the mixture into orange-citrus ice cream.

### Berry red

"The raspberries gave me the bright red color I needed to depict the blood stains," he said. "Orange-citrus ice cream provided a flesh color."

Bush said Bobtail's caramel apple ice cream, a new "staff favorite," was spawned earlier this season through a unique partnership forged this year with The Cove School, a K-12 school in Northbrook for students with learning challenges. A Cove student involved in Bobtail's summer internship program suggested swirling caramel sauce into French vanilla ice cream and adding chopped green apples.

"I like the tartness of green apples," Bush said.

And even bakers beat the heat by making ice cream this time of year.

"I'm really a baker," said food blogger Michelle Safirstein.

But lately, the Barrington Hills resident is more likely to flip the switch on her ice

cream machine than fire up her oven. The founder of the popular food website, www.BigBlackDogs.net, (named after her two Rottweilers, Eva and Madelyn) has conjured some easy but exotically flavored ice cream recipes.

One of her favorites, lilac, is a springtime inspiration made with one cup of lilac blossoms and some aged balsamic vinegar.

"I used 18-year-old balsamic, but any good balsamic is fine," she said.

### Sweet chill

A recipe she adapted from a friend, "3-ingredient berry blast," is as simple and refreshing as it sounds.

"It is a short and sweet recipe," Safirstein said. "As soon as I read the title, I knew I had to give it a try."

The recipe calls for strawberries, but other seasonal fruits can be incorporated. Safirstein suggested using cherries, other berries or nectarines. She leaves the peel on the nectarines, which she cuts into chunks for more flavor, texture and color.

"The peel adds color and flavor to the ice cream," she said.

Peaches work well in the recipe, too.

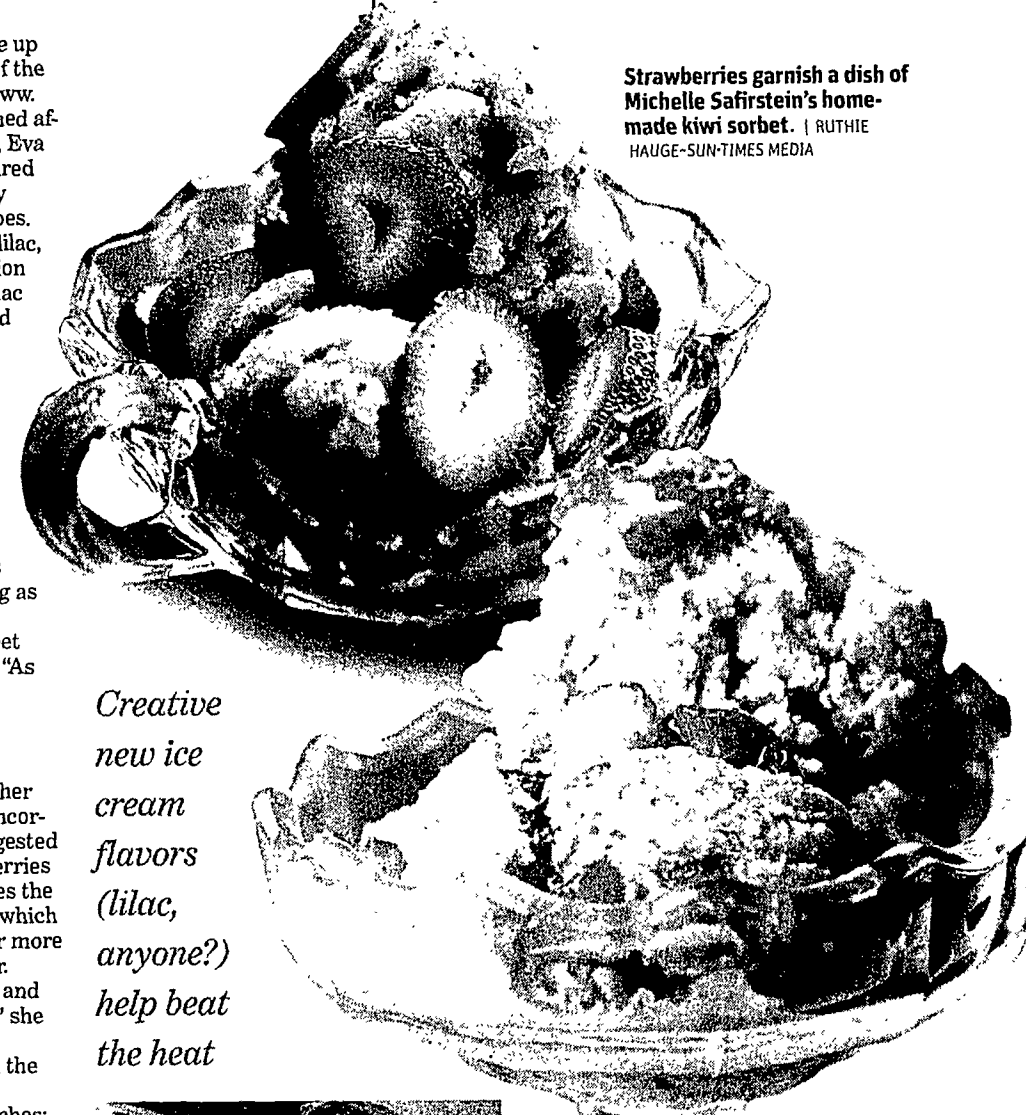
"I love Michigan peaches; they're the best, and they are in season in late August and early September," the Michigan native said.

Whole or skim milk can be used instead of cream in the recipe.

"Cream will give the recipe a much creamier texture, of course," Safirstein said.

For those who aren't in DIY mode, but still like ice cream novelty, inventive ice cream flavors are always emerging at places like Bobtail Ice Cream Company, said Bush. And the accomplished ice cream crafter is open to new suggestions.

"Drop off flavor ideas at the Wilmette shop, and we will give a pint of the ice cream we make to the person who suggests the flavor,"



Strawberries garnish a dish of Michelle Safirstein's homemade kiwi sorbet. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

Creative new ice cream flavors (lilac, anyone?) help beat the heat



Safirstein scoops some of her homemade kiwi sorbet. | RUTHIE HAUGE-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

### 3-Ingredient Berry Blast Ice Cream

(From Michelle Safirstein, www.BigBlackDogs.net)

1 10-ounce package frozen, sliced, mixed berries (or about 13 good-sized fresh strawberries)

1/2 cup sugar (can substitute a no-calorie sweetener)

3/4 cup heavy cream

Place strawberries and sugar in food processor. Process until finely chopped, occasionally scraping bowl. With processor running, slowly add cream. Process until mixture is smooth and creamy. Serve immediately or freeze in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

### Lilac Ice Cream

(From Michelle Safirstein, www.BigBlackDogs.net)

3 egg yolks

1/2 cup sugar

2 cups heavy cream

2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar

1 cup lilac blossoms, packed

Lavender food coloring (One drop can be added to balance the dark brown color of the balsamic vinegar.)

Whisk eggs, add cream and beat for several minutes, gradually adding sugar. Pour mixture into small sauce pan; heat until thick. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature. Mix in lilac blossoms and balsamic vinegar. Put mixture in refrigerator. Cool completely. Pour chilled ice cream mix into ice cream maker and follow manufacturer directions. Serve with lilac blossoms.

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to be included. The nucleus of new students that celebrated the opening of Maine South High School migrated from both Maine East and Maine West and includes the classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967. The two-day event will be held in Park Ridge at the recently developed Uptown Plaza located at the intersection of Touhy and Prospect avenues and Northwest Highway. The Friday evening event will take place at Houlihan's Restaurant, which will be closed to the general public. The alumni festivities will reignite on Saturday evening, and the venues will include Houlihan's, Jason's Deli and various neighboring entities within the Uptown Plaza. Tickets for one or both evening events are on sale now and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, contact event coordinator, Glenn Woerz (Class of 1966), at MassReunion@gmail.com or (847) 757-8377. Maine South alumni can also subscribe to the "Hawk Droppings" newsletter via the above e-mail address to receive updates and ongoing information on classmates and relevant information.

The 1966 Class of Ridge-wood High School is planning a reunion and looking for graduates. Anyone with information concerning alumni is asked to e-mail haydelju@comcast.net or call (217) 352-7254.

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

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

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

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

### Senior Center

The Niles Senior Center offers membership to Niles residents age 55 and older, and their spouses. Drop by the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Drive, Niles, or call (847) 588-8420, for an application. Visit www.vniles.com, click on Departments and then Senior. Registration required for most programs.

Play Supermarket Bingo from 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 17 and win grocery items. Register in advance. Admission is one fresh, new grocery store item.

Play wii bowling from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 18. Refreshments and prizes. Cost is \$2, members; \$3, nonmembers.

Enjoy the sounds of Alex Babby on Aug. 25 (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.). Before the show, enjoy a cool summer lunch featuring an array of sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit salad, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers.

Learn ways to save online from 2-3 p.m. Aug. 17; \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers. Three-handed Pinocchio Tournament with lunch and prizes is noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 12; \$5, members; \$7.50, nonmembers, \$7.50.

A Cooking Class with the Food Network's Big City Chefs will be offered from noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 19. Help prepare and enjoy chipotle barbecue chicken, grilled corn and grilled summer fruit. Cost is \$20, members; \$25, nonmembers.

The Sudoku Club meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Admission is free for members; \$12 for six months for nonmembers. Summer weekly dinner and movie schedule, 5-8 p.m. Registration is required for both. Aug. 16: "The Switch" (PG-13), hot dog, chips and dessert, \$2, members; \$3, nonmembers.

### Seniors

Mather's—More Than a Cafe, 7134 W. Higgins Ave., invites adults 55 and older to experience professionally taught, free-to-moderate-priced programs such as lifelong learning programs, fitness classes, free blood-pressure checks and health screenings, free consumer seminars, special-interest workshops, special events and day trips. Call (773) 774-4804 for more information, except where noted.

Chess Club for checkmate champs and new people who want to learn the rules and basic strategies. Sessions are Wednesdays, at 1 p.m. Jazzercise — Jazzercise is a fitness program that combines aerobic exercises with elements of jazz dance. A series of dance routines is set to popular music while incorporating yoga, Pilates, cardio-kickboxing, and other fitness styles. The classes move incrementally through different intensity levels, so anyone is welcome to join. Classes are held at 11 a.m. Wednesdays, \$5.35. Line Dancing is offered at 11:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Each class costs \$3.25. A variety of exercise classes fit for every level is available. Try the gentle-moderate exercise class, 11:15 Mondays and 10 a.m. Tuesdays that features a combination of seated and standing exercises for a complete cardiovascular workout. The moderate-high energy class is at 11 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays, giving more of a challenge with cardio, strengthening, stretching, and toning routines. Each class costs \$3.25. Computer Classes — All classes are four weeks and meet once a week for two hours. Begin with level one and advance through to level four. Classes are regularly forming and are offered every month. Samuel and Janice Lozada present "Mo' Beat Better Blues" at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12. Donation is \$8. Allison Hinderlitter of the Newberry Library will present "The History of Chicago Dance" focusing on the first lady of Chicago dance Ann Barzel at 1 p.m. Aug. 15. Donation is \$5. Representatives from Koenig & Strey will discuss "How to Sell Your Home" at 1 p.m. Aug. 18; free.

Music therapist Rita Lopienski will discuss "The Seven Metal Vibration Instruments of Tibet and Nepal" at 1 p.m. Aug.



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22. Experience how they are played and their therapeutic benefits. Suggested donation is \$8. Attorney **Richard Larsen** will discuss "Probate" at 1 p.m. Aug. 24; free.

Golf Mill Shopping Center is hosting "Feats of Fitness," a mall-walking program Mondays through Saturdays, to enable seniors to walk within an enclosed environment. The program is sponsored by Bethany Terrace, Golf Mill Shopping Center, Maine Township MaineStreamers and Partners in Healthcare (North Shore Physicians Group). Health seminars and blood pressure screenings will be offered throughout the year every month on the second Wednesday. Call the Golf Mill management office, (847) 699-1070.

CJE SeniorLife is accepting applications for its Robineau Residence, 7550 N. Kostner Ave., in Skokie. Robineau offers a residential community composed of 24 affordable units in a one-story building, in a warm, friendly setting designed to serve seniors, 62-years and older, who may need a helping hand. Staff is available on-site, 24 hours

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Super Seniors, a Jewish Seniors group for people older than 60, meets 3-4:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays at the North Shore University Health System Skokie Hospital, 9600 Gross Point Road, Skokie. Topics include current events, books, jokes and Israel. Call (847) 583-9328.

**Support**

A Meditative Nature Walk for bereaved persons will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 27 at Rainbow Hospice & Palliative Care, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect. An alternative indoor healing art activity is planned in case of inclement weather. Regis-

tration fee is \$15. Call (847) 692-8884.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban Chapter, offers the Family-to-Family Education Program, a 12-week course for families of adults diagnosed with serious mental illness. The classes start in Skokie on Tuesdays, through Aug. 30, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Knox Center, 9701 Knox Ave., on the west side of the Skokie Hospital campus. The course, designed to help family members and friends understand and support their loved ones with mental disorders, is free of charge and is taught by trained family members who have lived the experience. Course topics include the major mental illnesses, treatments and medications, services available, and communication and coping strategies. Call NAMI, (847) 716-2252, to register.

Weight No More, a friendly weight loss support group, welcomes new members. Discussions include weight loss tips, recipes, and helpful ideas to help participants reach their goals. Fees are \$5 monthly to defray the room rental costs, and small fines for weight gain. Meetings

take place from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Fridays at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St., Niles (elevator accessible). Call (847) 679-4229.

Widowed Support Group is an ongoing support group that addresses losses faced by persons, as a general guideline, who have been widowed less than two years. This group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge; \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884 to register.

The Lutheran General Hospital Stroke Club for stroke survivors and their caregivers meets from 3-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (except January and July) at the Outpatient Therapy Center, 9375 Church St., Des Plaines; use south entrance. Contact Meg Poterfield, (847) 723-4765.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) meetings at its Northwest office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines. The

minimum age for the monthly meetings or eight-session groups is 18-years-old. If possible, call the LOSS office, (312) 655-7283, for an initial intake before the first meeting or visit [www.catholic-charities.net/loss](http://www.catholic-charities.net/loss). Groups meet 7-9 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month and also on the second Wednesday of each month.

Families Anonymous is a support group for family members and friends who are concerned about and affected by the substance abuse or behavioral problems of a loved one. Group 831 meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at Carter Westminster Church, 4950 W. Pratt Ave., Skokie, in the basement; enter from parking lot in the rear. Group 173 meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday (except holidays) at First United Methodist Church, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge in Parlor Room, south portion of main level; use entrance at rear (Grant Place), across from parking lot. No dues or fees required. First names only used at meetings to preserve individual anonymity. This is a nonprofessional and non-religious program. Call (773) 777-4442 or visit [www.familiesanonymous.org](http://www.familiesanonymous.org).

NorthShore Hospice will sponsor the following Grief Support Groups: Soul Mates, is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. at NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month 6:30-8 p.m. NorthShore University HealthSystem Home & Hospice Services office, 4901 Searle Parkway, Skokie. Handicap accessible and parking available. To preregister for the programs, call Thom Dennis, (847) 982-4364 or e-mail [dennis@northshore.org](mailto:dennis@northshore.org).

Tops Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international weight-loss network of support groups, holds a local meeting weekly on Monday beginning at 5 p.m. at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level. The build-

ing is handicap accessible. TOPS has helped individuals live healthier lives since 1948 with a combination of sensible eating, regular exercise, and ongoing support to help members achieve and maintain their weight-loss goals. Women, men, teens and preteens committed to attaining and maintaining a healthy weight are all invited to join. Visitors are welcome to visit their first TOPS meeting free of charge. For more information about this meeting call (847) 966-4871 or, to find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call 800-932-8677.

MOMS Club of Northern Chicagoland holds weekly activities (such as playgroups, outings, museums, park dates) and monthly member meetings and Moms Night Out. Call (773) 853-2834 or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/momsclubofnorthernchicago> or e-mail [chicagomomsclub@gmail.com](mailto:chicagomomsclub@gmail.com).

One Hope United, formerly Kids Hope United, is seeking foster, adoptive parents to provide homes for at-risk children. Call (847) 245-6543 or visit [www.onehopeunited.org](http://www.onehopeunited.org).

The Maryville Crisis Nurs-

ery, 4015 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, offers twice-monthly tours of the facility. Tours are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and on the fourth Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Maryville Crisis Nursery, which opened in 2006, is a safe haven for children, newborn to age 6, whose families are experiencing crises in their lives, such as: job/medical issues, homelessness, domestic violence or other stressful situations. The nursery cares for children for up to 72 hours while parents concentrate on resolving the problems that are the root cause of the stress. There are no charges for services. Children are cared for by professionals and skilled childcare volunteers. The Maryville Crisis Nursery is available to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 24 hour help line number is (773) 205-3637. For additional information, call (773) 205-3600.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Cook County North Suburban, invites the public to attend its Family Support Group for families of individuals with a mental illness. Program is free and meets 7-8:30 p.m. on

the third Tuesday of every month at the Nessel Center, 1775 Ballard Road, north of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Free parking. Call (847) 716-2252.

The local TOPS Club chapter meets at 5 p.m. Mondays at the Niles Park District Center, 6676 W. Howard St., Niles, on the lower level (handicap accessible). TOPS meetings are open to women, men and teens. Cost is nominal. Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Call (847) 966-4871; to find another local chapter, visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call TOPS Headquarters at 1-800-932-8677.

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance-Greater Chicago has free support groups for people with mood disorders and support groups for their families. Meetings take place 6:30-8 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge, Evanston, in Rooms G952 and 954. Call Elaine at (847) 674-6376.

An Alzheimer's Caregivers support group, co-sponsored by Advocate Medical Group and the Alzheimer's Association, is offered monthly at the Nessel 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 Nessel Pavilion, 1775 Ballard Road, Park Ridge. Meetings are free and no registration is required. Contact Sandy Guarise, (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.

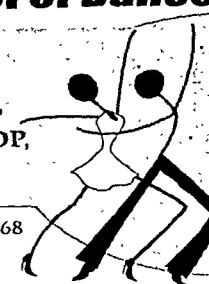
The Les Turner ALS Foundation Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. For directions, call (847) 675-

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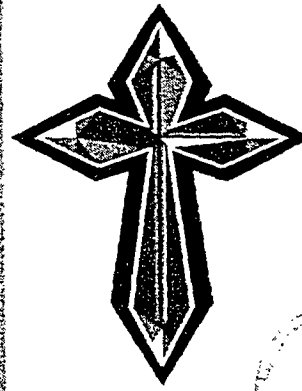
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9:00 a.m. Spirit Bridge  
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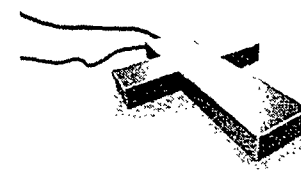
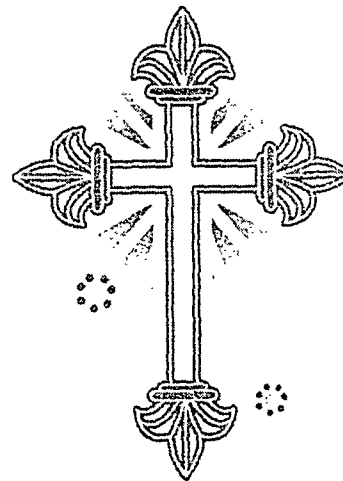
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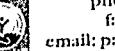
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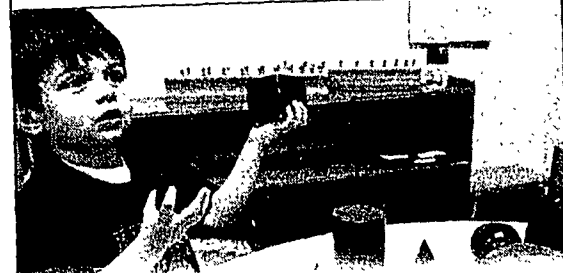
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0951. Those attending are asked to notify Claire Owen, director of patient services, (847) 679-3311 or cowaen@lesturnerals.org.

Grandparents As Caregivers, a program sponsored by Children's Home+Aid, will offer grandparents an opportunity to meet other grandparents, share concerns and talk about interesting topics that will help them care for their grandchildren. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month at

Niles Public Library, 6960 Oakton St. Free child care is available with 24-hour notice. Meetings are monthly. Call Linda, (847) 640-9590.

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

Holding Onto Hope - Rainbow Hospice is a monthly daytime group for widowed

people grieving the loss of a spouse. It meets 1-2:30 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St. Registration is required. Admission is \$5 per session. Call (847) 692-8884.

Rainbow Hospice's 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 the Park Ridge Non-Profit Center, 720 Garden St., 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.

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation support group meets 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 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.

# Area players experience Western Am

BY MATT HARNESSE  
mharness@pioneerlocal.com

Two New Trier graduates showed why the North Shore school is considered the best golf academy in the state.

Former Trevians Mills Rendell and Phil Kenny — alums of a program with a

state-record nine championships — both played in the Western Amateur at Glenview's North Shore Country Club last week. The tournament is considered one of the top amateur events in the world, on par with the U.S. Amateur and British Amateur.

Rendell, a Vanderbilt Uni-

versity sophomore, tied for 125th with rounds of 76-77 for an 11-over-par 153 total. Kenny, a former Arizona State University player, finished tied for 132nd after shooting 76-78.

"It was a lot of fun," said Rendell, who had friend and New Trier graduate Danny Douaire on the bag. "Great

field, and North Shore did a great job. Being comfortable on the course helped a lot, but it was the toughest I've ever seen it play."

New Trier last won a state title in 2003, but the Trevians were runners-up the past two seasons. Rendell was part of the 2009 club that placed second be-

hind St. Viator.

Kenny and Rendell were the only two North Shore members to play in the tournament this year.

Lake Forest's Brad Hopfinger earned honors as the lowest-scoring greater Chicago-area player. The recent University of Iowa graduate finished 51st after

posting rounds of 69-75-70-78 for a 7-over 291 total.

Hopfinger was the only area player to survive the first cut following 36 holes. He missed the cut for match play by nine strokes.

Deerfield's Vince India, a teammate of Hopfinger's at Iowa, tied for 56th after shooting 73-72.

# Ethan Tracy conquers Western Amateur

BY JIM OWCZARSKI  
jowczarski@stmedianetwork.com

As his final putt reached its penultimate revolution, Ohio native and University of Arkansas senior Ethan Tracy took a step toward the hole — and fist-pumped as his 8-foot, left-to-right par save on the last hole knocked out world amateur No. 1 Patrick Cantlay 1-up in a tightly contested final match of the Western Amateur Championship at North Shore Country Club on Saturday.

"I knew I was playing well enough to beat anyone," Tracy said. "And it came out that way."

Tracy entered the match play portion of the week-long tournament as the 11th seed and defeated two-time U.S. Junior winner Jordan Spieth 3 and 2 in the quarterfinals before besting Cheng-Tsung Pan 2 and 1 Saturday morning.

Cantlay, a 19-year-old sophomore out of UCLA, squeaked into match play as the 16th seed. But he bested stroke play medalist Chris Williams 3 and 2 before knocking off world No. 2 Peter Uihlein in 19 holes in the quarters. Cantlay then beat Jeffrey Kang 1-up Saturday morning to reach the final with Tracy.

Despite what he called a poor week of play, Cantlay was the heavy favorite beginning the final match. He was the low amateur at the U.S. Open in June and shot a 60 at the PGA Tour's Travelers Championship. He also finished in the top 10 on the PGA Tour's Canadian Open.

Tracy, on the other hand, had only an eighth-place finish at the Ohio State Amateur from earlier this summer to hang his hat on.



Ethan Tracy pumps his fist after making a par putt to beat Patrick Cantlay 1-up to win the 109th Western Amateur Saturday at North Shore CC in Glenview. PHOTO BY CHARLES CHERNEY-WGA

Yet, he had found his putter after the first round of stroke play and bested Cantlay due to five birdies over the final 14 holes of the match.

"This is the best I've

played," Tracy said. The two traded one-hole margins through seven holes before ending the front nine all square. Tracy took a 1-up lead on the 10th hole

with a par and then kept the momentum going when he poured in a 20-foot birdie on the 11th just moments after Cantlay rolled in a 45-footer for birdie.

"It definitely gave me some confidence going into the next few holes," Tracy said. "To make a putt like that to half is really big in a match like this, especially

since it came down to the last hole."

Cantlay made three birdies on his back nine, but could never get over the hump. He drew the match to all-square with a birdie on the par-5 12th, but Tracy took the lead right back with a birdie on the par-3 13th.

"I didn't play that great this afternoon. I played poorly, to be honest," Cantlay said. "I just never made any putts. I made a lot of good strokes but nothing went in. It was a good tournament and I competed without my best game out there this week. I never felt comfortable all week."

That said, he had a chance to push the match to extra holes after Tracy pulled his tee shot on the 18th left behind trees. He pitched out and hit his approach, all before Cantlay hit his second.

Cantlay's birdie putt nipped the edge of the cup, giving Tracy a chance to win with a par save.

"I played the smart shot out and hit a good shot into the green and was lucky to have a chance to win," Tracy said. "I've been missing it left all day. But I'll say it, I was a little nervous. But I can't blame it on that."

After the match, Tracy received an autographed program from another Ohio native who was celebrating the 50th anniversary of his Western Am victory — Jack Nicklaus. Tracy joins an illustrious list of victors that includes Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

"It's really special," said Tracy, whose only previous amateur victory came his freshman year. "It hasn't sunk in yet. I'm looking forward to getting home, relaxing a little bit, and then I'll believe it'll really sink in."

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## Tight-knit group ready to run for Maine East

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

Among area cross country coaches, Maine East head coach Chris Peters faces some unique challenges.

There is no feeder program in the area, so most of the Blue Demons freshmen runners are participating in the sport for the first time. Also, with many move-ins and move-outs at the school, the coach sometimes finds it hard to keep the same runners for four years.

While potential departures remains a worry, Peters appears to have a talented and improving young group for the upcoming season. The coach is excited about the squad's potential for this year, and in future campaigns as well.

"This is the most talented group we've really had," the

10th-year coach said. "They've really bought in. We've had other guys that were out (for the team), but swimming was their main sport. But these guys are runners — they are reading articles about the sport and that stuff."

Peters said that the team also is tight-knit and good in the classroom.

"This is a close group. They did some team bonding over the summer, riding their bikes down to the lake," Peters said. "In school, many of them are in accelerated classes. The thing that makes you do well in the classroom is the thing that makes you good in cross country — discipline. In both (the classroom and training), it may not be fun, it may not be easy, but you have to get it done."

The summer hasn't all been bike rides to the lake. There's been some intense and com-

petitive training, and Peters said there's been a core group of 10 to 12 runners on hand at most sessions.

Expected to lead the team this season is junior Ayush Shah, who was the team's No. 2 runner last season. Shah competed in the sport for the first time last season and then went on to win the 3200-meter run at the indoor conference track meet.

Fellow junior Saul Lopez has competed in football, wrestling and track, but will debut in cross country this fall. Peters said Lopez is one of the most competitive runners on the team.

"He continues to drive and improve, and he tries to stay with whoever he's running with," Peters said. "It will be interesting to see what he does when he runs against other talented (opponents).

I don't know if he will be able to handle the pace. But he'll go out and give it his best shot. He may be overmatched at the beginning (of the season). But hopefully he'll catch up to those guys and close the gap."

Sophomores Oscar Salcedo and Nissan Patel are two hard workers who each had some chances to run in varsity races last season. Classmate Jigar Patel (no relation) has impressed in summer workouts.

Senior Zack Wallin is a four-year member of the program and a team leader, and he should be in the top seven.

Peters said that Wallin and Ayush Shah are likely to be team captains. The Blue Demons were scheduled to begin the season by hosting the District 207 meet on Aug. 30. It also will include Maine South and Maine West.

## Business booms for youth coach Martin

BY MATT HARNISS  
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When Zach Martin was in elementary school, someone told him he would make a good baseball coach.

More than a dozen years later, Martin is in business — and with the man who spoke those prescient words to him.

Guess what? Phil Apostle, Martin's mentor and youth hitting instructor, was right.

Martin is a good coach, if not a great one.

For the second year in a row, he guided the Glenview-based Academy Elite Nationals to a summer-ending tournament championship. Two weeks ago, the Nationals went 7-0 to win the Diamond Sports Promotion's World Series at Illinois State University. Last summer, Martin led Academy Elite to a title in Iowa.

"I realized in college that I was not going to go pro," said the 26-year-old North Shore native. "If I wanted to stay in baseball, I knew I would have to coach. I just had to wrap my head around it."

A 2003 graduate of New Trier, Martin earned an invitation as a preferred walk-on at Miami University (Ohio) as a pitcher and infielder. But

college game did take its toll. "It's a grueling season and (the wrist) would get sore, and I would ice it and put heat on it (during the season)," he said. "But I don't make excus-

es (for not shooting well). You have to make an adjustment. (The wrist) is not holding me back. After games, it's sore. But it's not really an issue for me right now."

It's an intensely laid-back atmosphere. We treat them with respect, and we expect them to treat us with respect." Charlie Apfelbach is one player who's been with Academy Elite since its inception. Martin likes to think of the recent Glenbrook North graduate as a success story for the club.

"He was a good athlete without direction," Martin said of the Denison University (Ohio) recruit. "He was one I took under my wing, and watched progress and mature. To see them become young men is a cool experience."

Apfelbach is one of 12 Nationals who will play college baseball, mostly at NCAA Division III colleges. New Trier graduate Eric West is another.

"I've taught Eric since he was young," Martin said. "He's an absolute dominant hitter. He's a Division I bat going to Amherst. They are lucky to have him."

Another championship or not, Martin will spend the next several weeks contacting colleges about the next crop of Academy Elite players.

"This is a critical time," he said.

"We saw a need for alternative programs in the Glenview, Northbrook and North Shore area," Martin said. "We started this three years ago, and we built it up."

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FIOL underwent wrist surgery right after his senior campaign and said he felt 100-percent healthy when the college season began last winter. However, he admitted the physical

college game did take its toll. "It's a grueling season and (the wrist) would get sore, and I would ice it and put heat on it (during the season)," he said. "But I don't make excus-

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## Guard Fiol finds comfort zone at St. Ambrose

BY DAN SHALIN  
Contributor

Niles West alum Lorenzo Fiol hopes to become the starting point guard at NAIA St. Ambrose (Davenport, Iowa) this coming winter.

In preparing for that role, the sophomore-to-be has found himself playing against somebody who knows a thing or two about the position — Northwestern alum Michael "Juice" Thompson, who started all 129 games of his four-year career with the Wildcats.



Lorenzo Fiol

Fiol and the former NU star have been training regularly together under the tutelage of Octavius Parker, who coached both on separate Rising Stars AAU teams.

"Michael Thompson has been pushing me around," admits Fiol. "He's getting ready to play (professionally) overseas, and it's good to get beaten up by him."

Fiol knows the experience will be invaluable as he looks to build on a strong freshman season at St. Ambrose, where he averaged 15.4 minutes, 2.5 points and was third in assists for a Fighting Bees team that went 23-9 and was ranked nationally all year.

With last year's starting point guard Justin Tyner (East Aurora) having graduated, the 6-foot, 179-pound Fiol hopes to have the ball in his hands a lot more this coming season.

"It was a good first year and hopefully the second year will be just as good, if not better. I want to make all-conference," Fiol said. "(The starting point guard spot) is more-or-less up for grabs and the shooting guard Justin Blondell and I are good friends and we bond well on the court."

The regular on-court sparring sessions with Thompson have been just part of Fiol's

busy summer. The player also has been lifting weights at his alma mater, overseen by Niles West strength and conditioning coach Fernando Perez, and he often plays hoops in a Waukegan men's league featuring several former high school and college standouts.

Fiol said he added 12 pounds of muscle, but worked hard to maintain his lateral quickness and agility. He also has been working on his shot, which he admits was inconsistent last season.

St. Ambrose head coach Ray Shovlain said he was pleased with Fiol's contribution to the team last season, and is expecting even more from the Niles native in 2011-12.

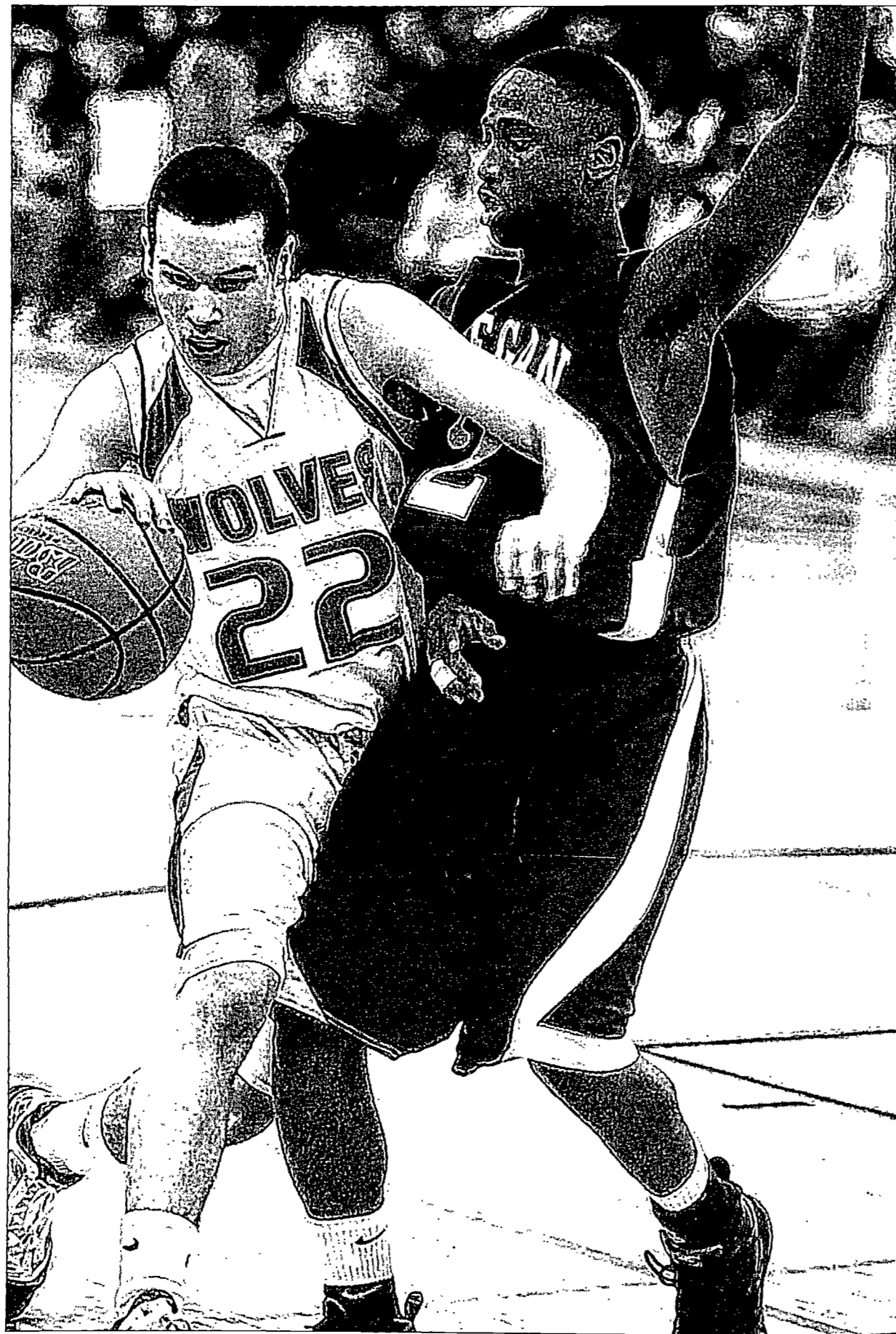
"Lo played quite a bit and did an outstanding job. He's a versatile player, who can shoot and pass the ball," the coach said. "He's done a good job this summer getting bigger, stronger and faster, and practicing his shot. The only thing I'd like him to do is shoot more (in games). He doesn't shoot enough."

"He plays good defense, is quick and is a quality young man from a quality family. We have major expectations for him the next three years."

Fiol said he refuses to make any excuses for any shooting woes as a freshman, though he was coming off an injury to his right (non-shooting) wrist.

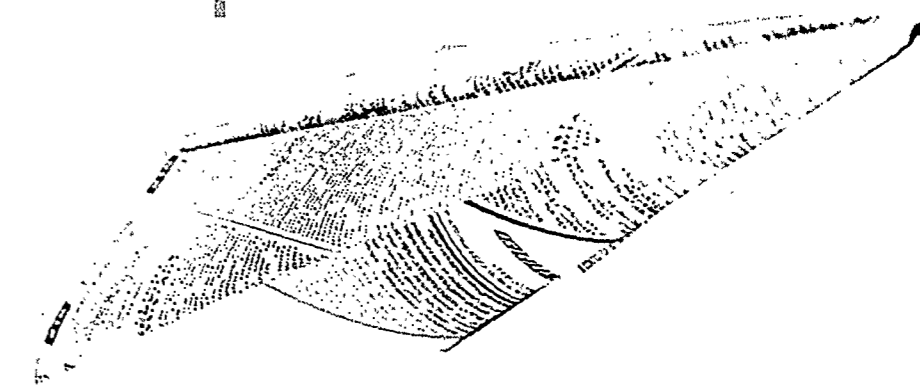
The injury plagued him as a senior at Niles West, but didn't stop him from being a top contributor for head coach Bob Williams' first Wolves team, which went 12-17.

The highlight of Fiol's senior season was no doubt his 17-point performance in a 66-65 upset win at St. Patrick, which ended with Fiol's game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer.



Former Niles West standout Lorenzo Fiol (left) is working on becoming the starting point guard at St. Ambrose. FILE PHOTO-SUN-TIMES MEDIA

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