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Eighth-grader Tom Carden, of Norwood Park, plays the part of Sir Oblong, during a Dec. 8 dress rehearsal for Northridge Prep's production of "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew." The school held three performances Dec. 10, 11 and 12 at Stage One Productions in Des Plaines. PAGE 10. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

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GOLF MILL SHOPPING CENTER

Mall touts drop in crime despite violent incidents of recent weeks

By TONY BERTUCA
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Golf Mill Shopping Center officials and Niles Police announced last week that the mall has experienced an overall decrease in crime.

That's despite a pair of incidents last month that resulted in the death of a teenage boy and left one man with a bullet wound to his neck - both within two days of each other.

"Since the 1-million-square-foot Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles, Ill. installed a state-of-the-art, wireless video surveillance system in 2007, car accidents, thefts and other adverse incidents are down anywhere from 50 to 100 percent depending on the category," according to a statement issued by Golf Mill.

Michael D. Williams, senior general manager at Golf Mill, said security was a top priority at the mall and touted a surveillance system that assists police in investigations, including the two most recent crimes.

"The video security system is proving invaluable to internal as well as police investigations, including the most recent incidents on and near the center's outdoor property," Williams said.

On Nov. 28 a 16-year-old boy was run down with a stolen car in a Golf Mill parking lot. He later died as a result of his injuries. Another teenage boy has been charged with the crime.

The mall saw a second violent incident on Nov. 30, when a 24-year-old man was shot in what police have called a drug deal gone bad. Police were still investigating the incident.

"By putting out this statement we want to communicate and assure our clientele and merchants that we are acting proactively in reducing crime and accidents and despite these unfortunate incidents are being successful," Williams said.

The statement issued by Golf Mill described a robust surveillance operation with security cameras placed in overt locations both inside and outside the mall, around the 120 specialty shops, four department stores and 89 acres of parking spaces.

"During patrols, officers can access the video feed on PDAs, allowing officers to view feeds from remote locations, making the officers more efficient," according to Golf Mill.

Additionally, Niles Police have access to the security surveillance system and work closely with mall security.

"Golf Mill Mall management works closely with the NPD to keep crime to a minimum at the mall," Niles Police Sgt. Tom Davis said. "Regular meetings as well as upgraded security systems are in place. The holiday season brings more traffic and shoppers to Niles to shop its many stores."

"We welcome all but want people to know that the Niles Police Department will not tolerate any unlawful activity."

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Bingo Freida Holowicki shows off her winning bingo card Dec. 16 during the Niles Senior Center Holiday Breakfast and Bingo event. (Michelle LaVigne/Staff Photographer)

COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

Grand jury indicts murder suspect

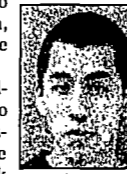
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A Glenview teenager charged with killing a former friend by running him over with a car at Golf Mill Shopping Center has been officially indicted as an adult for first-degree murder, according to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Prosecutors announced Dec. 17 that a grand jury had handed down an indictment against Francisco Moran, 16, of the 1000 block of Michael Todd Terrace in unincorporated Glenview, charging him with first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated battery, according to Andy Conklin, spokesman for the state's attorney.

Moran was initially charged with two counts of aggravated battery after he allegedly stuck Edgardo De La Torre and another boy with a stolen car Nov. 28 outside Golf Mill mall. One victim was not seriously injured, but De La Torre, of unincorporated Des Plaines, was taken to the hospital immediately and died several days later.

De La Torre was taken off life support on Dec. 2, his 16th birthday. Moran's charges were then officially upgraded.



Francisco Moran

Sgt. Tom Davis, of the Niles Police Department, said both boys were involved in an Internet dispute over a girl and prosecutors have alleged that both boys were former friends who became enemies after joining separate street gangs.

Moran is scheduled to appear in a Skokie court Jan. 6 for his arraignment. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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We expect the paper to return to its original stapled format by the middle of January.

LAST WEEK
TOP FIVE STORIES

1. Season's sweet things: Holidays are busiest time for Niles candy factory

Mrs. Prindable's, a Niles confectionery business owned by Afly Tapple, is in full swing for the holiday season. Mrs. Prindables has been in business in Niles for 25 years and has 50 full-time employees year-round and as many as 200 employees during peak seasons (Christmas to Valentine's Day).

2. Freeze wages, save jobs, school board tells union

District officials on Dec. 7 opened the door a bit wider for negotiations with the teachers union when it promised to use savings from reduced cost-of-living increases to save dozens of jobs. About 75 union teaching jobs are on the chopping block at Maine Township High School District 207, which is trying to eliminate spending to close a \$17-million budget deficit.

3. Year's first snowstorm no big deal for crews

Public works crews from the village of Niles hit the streets this month to combat the first major snowstorm of the year. Scott Jochim, director of public services, said trucks were running at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 7 spreading salt and preparing for two days of plowing.

4. St. Patrick alumni remember '49 championship game

As Chicago's St. Patrick High School celebrates its 150th anniversary, two alumni reminisce about another milestone.

5. GBS, Flaws steals win from Niles West

Janelle Flaws tries to turn every basketball game into a soccer match. The Illinois-bound soccer player used her quick feet and ability to accelerate in to a career game Dec. 11.

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DISTRICT 64 Officials approve levy hike

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The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education on Dec. 14 approved the district's 2009 tax levy, an increase of 4.92 percent over the previous year.

The 2009 levy totals \$56.9 million. Due to a tax cap school districts cannot levy more than 5 percent above the previous year's levy.

The levy will not appear until the fall 2010 tax bills of District 64 property owners. The effect it could have on property taxes is currently not known and is based on several factors.

District 64 Business Manager Rebeca Allard explained that while the district has asked for nearly 5 percent more in taxes than the previous year, it is likely the full amount will not be received.

"Traditionally it's common for schools to ask for a little more than we anticipate getting," she said. New construction and property reassessments will impact property values and how much owners pay in taxes, Allard said.

District 64 School Board member Russ Gentile voted against the levy, saying he believed now is the time for the district to consider a "modest budget reduction" rather than an increase.

"All things considered, I did not want to ask the taxpayers for anything more at this time," he said.

Board members John Heyde, Genie Taddeo, Eric Uhlig, Pat Fioretto and Ted Smart voted in favor of the levy, while member Sharon Lawson was absent.

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Magic man Owen Boyd, 5, of Chicago, is amazed as magician Dennis DeBondt pulls about 30 feet of streamers out of his shirt Dec. 13 at Niles Public Library. (Rob Dicker/Staff Photographer)

MAINE TOWNSHIP

More than 600 get holiday meals from pantry

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With local unemployment rates still climbing, Maine Township's General Assistance Department is seeing a growing number of families seeking meals through the township's food pantry.

Just more than 300 holiday meal boxes, which include a turkey and trimmings, have been distributed as part of the food pantry's Christmas meal program, said Maine Township Supervisor Carol Teschky.

In November the food pantry distributed 313

Thanksgiving meal boxes to 468 adults and 218 children across the township, Teschky said, a notable increase from 2008 when 239 boxes were given to 399 adults and 144 children through the program.

Teschky said the township has not seen such a large call for assistance since the early-1980s, when the area was impacted by another economic recession.

A recent food drive conducted by the Park Ridge Human Needs Task Force has also helped to keep the food-pantry shelves stocked, but because of the growing number of struggling families and individuals, more food donations are still sought.

Because of the increased need this year the Human Needs Task Force has discussed moving up a second Park Ridge food drive that had been scheduled for spring, O'Brien said.

"Because of the rough year this year, with so many people needing help, even though we had a very successful food drive they're still in need," said Human Needs Task Force member Millie O'Brien.

O'Brien said boxes were placed at 35 places in the city, including all schools where collections went particularly well.

At Field School in Park Ridge students surpassed the school's goal of collecting 661 food items when more than 1,000 items were donated.

Accepted items include macaroni and cheese; cereal; juice; canned tuna, chicken and salmon; rice; canned fruit; apple sauce; crackers; instant potatoes or canned potatoes; peanut butter and jelly; pancake

mix and syrup; prepared and canned meals; condiments; cake, cookie, brownie and gelatin mixes; cooking supplies; and paper, cleaning and personal-hygiene products.

Another food pantry in Park Ridge is also seeing an increase in requests for food. Nearly 90 people have been visiting the monthly pantry run by St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church's Social Service Ministry, director Adrienne Timm reported to the Human Needs Task Force recently.

The food pantry and Social Service Ministry operates solely on donations. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Game time

Siblings Franklin, 9, and Kaylin Moy, 14, of Niles, work on games last month as teen librarian Donna Block observes the children at work at Niles Public Library. (Shauna Bittle/For STM)



DISTRICT 207

Teachers union rejects salary freeze

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Maine Township High School District 207 teachers union has voted against reopening their contract to mitigate heavy job cuts proposed by the school district, but union members were discussing voluntary contributions to save jobs. District officials announced plans last month to eliminate 75 teaching positions to help close a \$17-million deficit, but said about 50 jobs could be saved if the teacher's union were willing to negotiate salary freezes and other re-

ductions. But that way forward was blocked when the union voted Dec. 11 to keep the contract closed. Maine Teachers Association President Emma Visee said the final vote tally 243-325. "These are tough economic time for our members," Visee said. "Many of them live with spouses who have recently lost jobs and they need to take care of their families." District Superintendent Ken Wallace said he was disappointed with the outcome of the vote. "It was the union's decision alone to make and we

have to respect that," he said. "We have to move on now and not dwell on it." Wallace said a detailed job-elimination plan would be presented to the board Jan. 11. The public will be invited to discuss the proposal at a committee-of-the-whole meeting scheduled for Jan. 20; the board is expected to vote on a final plan Feb. 1. Visee said union members were mulling a proposal that would allow them to make voluntary contributions — akin to charitable donations — to the school district in an effort to preserve teaching

jobs. "It's a recognition by our members that we need to help our colleagues and it may save some jobs," Visee said. "Just how much money would be contributed or how many jobs would be saved by such an effort remained unclear, but Wallace said he was encouraged by the prospect of such an arrangement. "It really reflects well on our teachers," he said. "We expect that the union will go ahead with a proposal when we return from winter break." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Hanusiak resigns committee seats to join planning, zoning boards

The one-time mayor hopeful helped create new ethics code

By TONY BERTUCA
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Former Niles mayoral candidate Chris Hanusiak has resigned from the Citizen's Compliance Plan Subcommittee of the Niles Ethics Board to serve as an appointed member of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board. Hanusiak had to resign because, under the law, he cannot serve on a citizen's committee and be an appointed village official at the same time. "It has been a rewarding experience working with many of the other members of the (ethics) committee, and I leave with a certain sadness since I spent so many fruitful and productive hours working with good and decent fellow citizens," Hanusiak wrote in a

resignation letter sent to Mayor Robert Callero earlier this month. "In my new position I will carry many of the ideals and goals I learned while on the Citizen's Compliance Plan Committee." Hanusiak became active in the village after losing to Callero in the April election. Along with being appointed to the ethics subcommittee, he has also helped spearhead an effort to resurrect the Friends of the Niles Library booster group. He was appointed to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board in November. Hanusiak's subcommittee recently crafted a new draft of the Niles ethics code, which is currently being discussed by the Ethics Board. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



MAINE TOWNSHIP

Township sued over collision

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A traffic accident involving a Maine Township Highway Department truck backed into a 2005 Toyota Camry at the intersection of Church Street and Greenwood Avenue, damaging the Toyota. The lawsuit alleges that both vehicles were driving east on Church when the township truck, which had made a left turn onto Greenwood Avenue, suddenly backed up, striking the Toyota as it entered the intersection. The suit contends that the

crash resulted in over \$3,100 in damage to the Toyota plus \$375 in rental expenses, all of which was paid by State Farm. The car's owner, a resident from unincorporated Maine Township, also paid a \$500 deductible, the suit states. Both the township and the driver of the truck are named as defendants in the suit. A call to Maine Township attorney Dan Dowd was not returned. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

OAKTON BRIEFS

The Alliance for Lifelong Learning at Oakton Community College offers free English as a Second Language classes for adults 16 years and older, sponsored by the Illinois Community College Board. Day and evening classes start the week of Jan. 4. Bring proper identification and Social Security number, if available, to registration. Registration for evening ESL classes will be held - Jan. 4: 7-9:30 p.m., Maine West High School, 1765 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines; Niles North High School, 9800 Lawler Ave., Skokie, Jan. 5: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood; Jan. 6: 6-8 p.m., Family Focus, 2010 Dewey St., Evanston; Jan. 7: 6:30-9 p.m., Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston; Jan. 7: 7-9:30 p.m., Glenbrook South High School, 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview; Maine East High School, 2601 Dempster St., Park Ridge; Niles West High School, 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Registration for daytime ESL classes will be held - Jan. 4: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Huntington Tower, 9201 N. Maryland, Niles, Jan. 5: 8:50-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church, 766 Grace and Ave., Des Plaines, Jan. 5, 9:15-11:45 a.m., Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston; Jan. 5: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Joseph E. Hill Administration Center, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, Jan. 5: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Northwestern University, McManus Hall, 1725 Or-

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NEWS BRIEFS

K of C earns award The local Knights of Columbus Council, North American Martyrs, No. 4338, has earned the international organization's top award - Star Council - for the 2008-2009 fraternal year. The announcement was made by the organization's headquarters, located in New Haven, Conn. The award recognizes the Sponsorship of Service-oriented activities to the community. District Deputy representative John O'Keefe

presented the award to Past Grand Knight Dennis Martin at a special ceremony held Nov. 11. In announcing this special award for the North American Martyrs, Carl Anderson, president of the international organization, offered his heartfelt congratulations on this achievement and asked for continued support of the organization in the years ahead. "This Award bestowed upon us, is quite an honor," said Grand Knight Bob

Galassi. "It's a fitting award for the council officers and members of the council for the superior efforts they had provided last year. We are extremely proud of last year's successes and will work very hard to accomplish and exceed these levels of excellence this year." The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family and fraternal service organization with 1.7 million members in more than 11,000 active councils worldwide. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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BUSINESS BRIEF

Chipotle Mexican Grill to open restaurant in Niles

Chipotle Mexican Grill opened a new location Dec. 11 at 8480 W. Golf Road, Niles. The new location, which joins Chipotle's 60 other Chicagoland restaurants, will be open daily from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., according to a news release. "Chipotle is committed to making high-end dining and top quality ingredients available and affordable so

everyone can eat better," said Chris Arnold, Chipotle spokesperson, in the release. "To do so, we continue to extend our reach with new restaurants, and strive to continually enhance our 'Food with Integrity' philosophy."

Chipotle recently launched its own mobile ordering application with Apple for iPhone and iPod touch users, allowing customers to create their order, place it at the Chipotle loca-

tion of their choice, and pay for their food direct from their device. The free app also allows customers to save their favorite Chipotle meals online, as well as those of friends, family, or co-workers for quick repeat orders.

Chipotle opened its first restaurant in 1993 and currently operates more than 900 restaurants. For more information go to chipotle.com.

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Let's hear it for some 'Good Guys'



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN

THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

All year, Team Fixer struggles mightily to right some of the worst consumer wrongs. From broken computers to messed-up utility bills, we're used to hearing people's gripes.

This week's column, however, is about the opposite: businesses and employees who do the right thing. These edited reader letters about "Good Guys" (and Gals) are sure to get you in the holiday spirit.

Don't forget to check out Part Two next week.

I discovered online that this refrigerator was a recalled unit. But despite my efforts, GE adamantly refused to honor the recall. They said there was a recall "window," which had closed! They said they could send a repair person out, but I'd have to pay for the service call.

At this point I was pretty well beaten down, but since I bought it from Home Depot, I thought I'd give one shot at seeing if they would stand by the product.

I called and explained the situation to Bill Lange, the department supervisor at the Deerfield Home Depot. I expected to hear the standard, canned "I'm so sorry" answers that employees are trained to tell customers. But Bill said he'd investigate, talk to management and get back to us.

To our surprise, Bill Lange actually called us back that evening and said to come in and pick out another refrigerator! I was thrilled. Bill helped us select a wonderful LG refrigerator that we are extremely happy with. After our refrigerator arrived, Bill even followed up with a phone call to make sure everything was OK. I cannot express enough how much we appreciate Home Depot in Deerfield for standing by the products they sell and Bill Lange for his outstanding customer service.

Tammy and Harold Papazian

When the weather is hot, he always shouts, "It's a hot one, hit the fountains." When it's windy, he reminds me of the waves along the rocks. When the winter freeze comes along, he always reminds me to watch for ice and bikes that can't stop.

Even more, he encourages me to help others, to be a role model and to remember the reason why I run — to keep others healthy. My fellow runners all talk about that "cool guy" with the papers who motivates us all to "keep on keeping on!"

In a world of fitness coaches and motivational speakers, somehow passing James at Mile 13 and getting a shot of his inspiration sparks my day more than just reading a comment in my running log.

He is a true example of responsible citizenship. Robert Herskovitz

Wheeling mechanic sets the bar

I had been a loyal customer of Scott Kendall, who owns and works at Tahoe Automotive in Wheeling, for over 20 years until I moved to St. Charles. I haven't found a mechanic who comes close to Scott. When he fixes your car, you don't need to worry about that problem returning.

When my daughter was a 16-year-old new driver, she had a problem with the car she was driving. Even though Scott's business doesn't have a towing service, he used his own car to go where she was stalled because he was concerned about her safety. He is the absolute best.

Diane Goodman Getting the runaround about a consumer problem? Tell it to The Fixer at www.pioneerlocal.com. Or, mail a brief description of your problem, along with your name, address and telephone number, to: The Fixer, 3701 W. Lake Ave., Glenview IL 60026. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Home Depot comes through

We purchased a GE refrigerator in 2006 from Home Depot. From day one, it was nothing but problems. First, the ice-maker wouldn't stop making cubes, which were all over the inside of my freezer. GE came out and replaced it, but I explained that it was due to the bad design of the lever being sideways. The repair guy said to just turn it off and turn it back on when you need more cubes!

The next problem required the electronic board to get replaced. After that, there was another cooling problem; GE said the doors were recalled and had to be replaced.

Several times this year, the refrigerator would not cool due to the freezer side frosting up. I'd open the door to find the refrigerator warm and would have to throw away all the food. We tried defrosting it, believing it was working, only to restock our refrigerator and have to toss everything again.

One-man cheering section lifts spirits

I regularly commute to work by running from Glencoe to downtown. I've tried to spread the message that people can exercise en route to work, and I've been privileged to assist six runners to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

My "Good Guy" is James Allen, a Sun-Times newspaper seller at Lake Shore Drive and Hollywood, who spends many hours each day motivating runners, walkers and even drivers.

ADVOCATE LUTHERAN GENERAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Plush toys bring holiday cheer to ailing teens

By JENNIFER JOHNSON johnson@pioneerlocal.com

Teenage patients at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital got an early Christmas gift earlier this month in the form of some very soft and cuddly creatures carrying special messages.

About 22 stuffed animals — including an orange tabby cat, purple hippo, Dalmatian puppy, and even Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer — were distributed Dec. 2 to teens who have had to call the Park Ridge hospital's second floor home while they undergo treatment or recover from serious illnesses.

Elderly residents of Addolorata Villa, an assisted living center in Wheeling, helped create the animals by filling them with stuffing and placing a special prayer of healing inside for the child who would ultimately receive the animal. Several residents were on hand Dec. 3 to help distribute the animals around the hospital floor.

"It looks like Santa Claus came already," exclaimed Addolorata resident Mary Berg as she eyed the animals lined up for "adoption" on top of the pool table in the hospital's teen lounge.

Emma Walton, 15, of Zion, chose a zebra appropriately named "Stripes." He, like the other animals, even came with a birth certificate as well as a special message.

"He was made with kind-

ness, love and hope," Donna Swanson, Addolorata's memory care coordinator, told Walton as she accepted the gift.

Troy Tucci, 13, of Wood Dale accepted a moose from one of the Addolorata residents, while Samantha Lehman, 17, of Des Plaines, selected a monkey named Pat.

Swanson has been helping the Addolorata's Alzheimer's and dementia patients make stuffed animals for sick teens for the last four years. The animals are distributed prior to the Christmas and Easter holidays.

"We were trying to think of activities for them to do that would make them feel they are contributing members of society and make feel good about themselves," Swanson said.

After learning that teenagers are often overlooked in hospitals when it comes to outside donations of gifts for the holidays, Swanson decided the stuffed animals would be the perfect presents to raise their spirits.

The Addolorata residents are given the fabric bodies of the animals and they add stuffing material and a written prayer to the inside, Swanson said. Then they tie a bow around the animal's neck.

"They enjoy bringing smiles to the children's faces," Swanson said of the residents, some of whom liked the stuffed animals almost as much as the patients did.



Residents from Addolorata Villa assisted living in Wheeling have created handmade stuffed animals for teenagers at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Resident Margaret Cavanaugh meets Dec. 3 with patient Samantha Lehman, 17. (Tamara Bell/Staff Photographer)

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NORTHRIDGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Wizards, warriors and ... weirdos

Area students take on 'Baron Bolligrew' in fantasy play

Northridge Preparatory School staged its production of "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew" earlier this month.

The school held three performances Dec. 10, 11 and 12 at Stage One Productions in Des Plaines.

The fantasy children's play written in 1964 by Robert Bolt follows the adventures of a knight, Oblong Fitz-Oblong, as he journeys to a remote island on a dragon-slaying mission and encounters Baron Bolligrew.

Northridge Prep is at 8320 Ballard Road, Niles.

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RIGHT Eighth-grader Tom Carden, of Norwood Park, plays the part of Sir Oblong, and eighth-grader Mitch Wernet, of Park Ridge, plays Baron Bolligrew during a Dec. 8 dress rehearsal for Northridge Prep's production of "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew." The school had three performances earlier this month at Stage One Productions in Des Plaines.

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Eighth-grader Johnny Falco, of Niles, plays the part of Michael Magpie.



Seventh-grader Joseph Daly, of Berwin, plays the part of Moloch the Wizard.



Sixth-grader Chris Carbone, of Chicago, plays the part of the Mezeppa.

NILES WEST

Math, science careers for girls touted

By JENNA HASKITT
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A conference recently held at Niles West High School aimed to encourage fifth- and sixth-grade girls to pursue careers in math and science.

This is the first year Niles Township District 219 has offered Girls Empowered by Math and Science (GEMS).

"It was an outreach program to talk to fifth- and sixth-grade girls about how they could pursue careers in math and science and to show them different role models. There are women scientists and there are women engineers out there. I don't know if they really get to see enough of that," Ani LeFevre, Niles West science teacher, said.

GEMS was hosted by Niles West science teachers LeFevre and Julie Ann Villa and open to any girl who attended school in Niles Township. About 70 fifth- and sixth-grade girls attended the conference.

"I've attended a lot of girl and women tech conferences ... and they've done research and they've talked to researchers about the age that's most impressionable and they've come out with that (fifth- and sixth-grade) age group. So if you want to catch them and you want to motivate them to keep going into math and science, that's a key age," LeFevre said.

The event was kicked off by keynote speaker Leigh Ann Martinez, a Northwestern University teacher who is also part of a doctoral program.

"Her research is on anthropology, specifically non-human-primates research. She has been out to Africa and also to Malaysia and has done research to show how humans carry certain diseases and how they can have an impact on

the primates that are there," LeFevre said.

The girls attended four sessions.

"The American and Chemical Society Polymer Chemistry Group talked about what polymers are and how they're used on an every day basis. They finished up by making slim and gummy worms," LeFevre said.

In another session the girls did acid/base chemistry activities. They used common household items and a chemical indicator to determine if they were acids or bases.

Another group was involved with engineering and design.

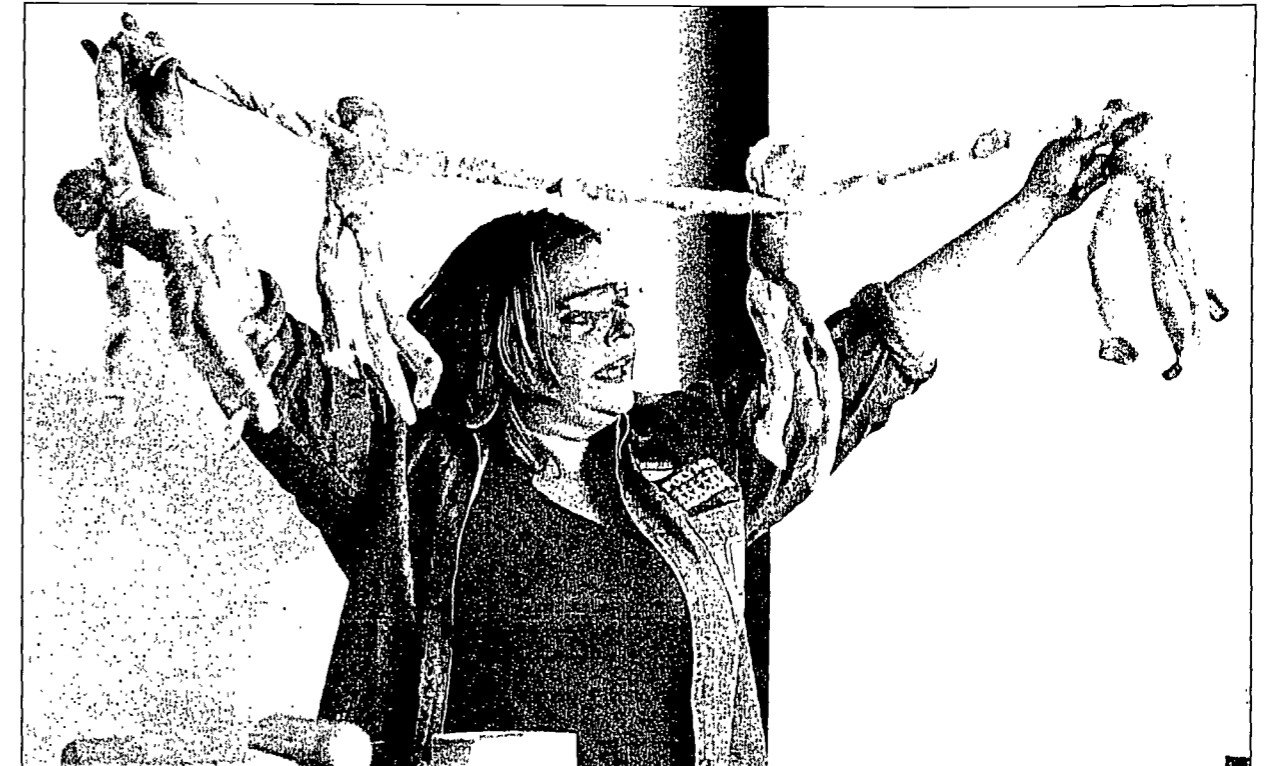
"They took apart VHS tapes and talked to the girls about how chemical engineers work and designs that they come up with and

allowed them to tinker around with VHS tapes and take them apart and then asked them to put them back together again," LeFevre said.

Motorola hosted a session about cell phones, how

they're designed and how batteries and circuits work.

While the girls were engaged in their sessions the parents were busy learning how to prepare their children for math and science in high school and college.



Libertyville High School science teacher Sherri Rukes holds up a string of stuffed animal lemurs, each named "Paul E. Mer" to demonstrate how polymers string together to attain different properties. Niles West High School hosted the Girls Empowered by Math and Science Conference for the third year last month. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)



Despina Baxevanakis and Bethany Keith, both fifth-graders at Parkview School in Morton Grove, squeeze their bags of linked polymers into goo. Niles West High School hosted the Girls Empowered by Math and Science Conference for the third year last month. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Niles West College Career Counselor Dan Gin and Oakton Community College Gloria Liu, who is part of their Science Technology Engineering and Math program, led a session that focused on how to prepare the girls for college and help them get into activities related to math and science.

High school senior girls and a Niles West graduate who is a chemist also led a parent session.

"They talked to the parents about the experiences they've had. It was a discussion session. They also shared the activities they've been involved with and advice on how to help the girls," LeFevre said.

The Niles West Chemistry Club also attended the event.

Participants received a science bag of fun. The re-

ceivable bags were donated by the Chicago Bears and contained pamphlets, brochures and DVDs from The National Girls Collaborative Project about engineers, the American Chemical Society donated pamphlets about National Chemistry Week, stress balls, Motorola hackysack balls and a pocket size periodic table.

They received books relating to women who are in science that describe their careers and their field.

They also raffled off a microscope and robotics kits. The girls were so excited about the microscope according to LeFevre that she had parents e-mail her about where to get a microscope for their daughter.

They plan to do this event again next year.

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10TH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

Four Dems vie for DeLeo seat

By ALAN SCHMIDT
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With the Feb. 2 Primary Election coming up fast next year it's about time to get a quick primer on the Democrats running for the chance to represent their party in the 10th District state Senate race.

It's an open seat with incumbent Democrat James DeLeo set to retire.

The 10th includes parts of the 29th, 36th, 41st and 45th wards in the city. It also encompasses Norridge, Harwood Heights, a part of Niles and sections of Maine, Niles and Norwood Park townships.

Five democrats initially filed petitions: Mary Sandra Anselmo, Wanda Majcher,

Thomas M. Ryan, John G. Mulroe and John Nocita. Four of them, except for Majcher, faced challenges. Those filed by John Nocita — who ran in the 2008 Democratic primary against U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-9th — were disqualified.

Among the survivors Anselmo resides in the 36th Ward. Majcher, Ryan and Mulroe all live in the 41st Ward.

Anselmo and Majcher, both of Polish descent, have strong ties to the Polish community and organizations. Anselmo's two sons developed juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, which led her to get involved Arthritis Foundation. She wanted to learn more so she could help her sons as well as raise

community awareness and help others.

Majcher, a breast-cancer survivor, is active with the Breast Cancer Network of Strength (formerly the Y-Me National Cancer Organization), the Amber Coalition and the Polish-American Breast Cancer Awareness Program.

In regard to political experience Anselmo and Majcher list no direct work in political campaigns in biographies posted on their Web sites.

Ryan is a longtime precinct captain in the 45th Ward and has been involved in "hundreds of campaigns and has knocked on thousands of doors," he said.

Mulroe is president of the 41st Ward Democratic Or-

ganization, run by Committeeman Mary O'Connor. He ran in the 2008 Democratic primary for judicial seat in the 10th Subcircuit.

One of them has to come out on top Feb. 2 to make it to the General Election in November.

There isn't any contest on the Republican side. Brian Doherty, alderman of the 41st Ward for nearly two decades, is the sole candidate on the ballot for the Republican primary election. He has the Republican spot in next year's general election pretty much locked in.

While Nocita is no longer a candidate he's not totally out of the race — Ryan took him on as campaign manager.

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SCHOOLS

One-third of students receive H1N1 vaccine

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
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About one-third of Park Ridge elementary and high school students received H1N1 vaccines from the Cook County Department of Public Health earlier this month, the Park Ridge Fire Department reported.

Deputy Fire Chief Jeff Sorensen said 3,223 free vaccines were administered during the Dec. 2 H1N1 clinic, which included Maine South and Maine East high schools, six Park Ridge-Niles District 64 schools and the city's private and parochial schools.

The number of students vaccinated represents roughly 34 percent of all school-age children with-

in Park Ridge's city limits, Sorensen said.

At Maine South about 32 percent of students received vaccines; at Maine East, 20 percent were vaccinated.

The numbers are low compared with other communities where the Department of Public Health has hosted previous clinics, said Fire Chief Craig Gjelsten. The department has reported that generally about 60 percent of the student population of other communities were vaccinated during the clinics, he said.

"It was less-than-expected," Gjelsten said of the Park Ridge turnout.

Though it is unclear why fewer Park Ridge families opted to have their chil-

dren vaccinated, Gjelsten suspects concerns about adverse reactions to the vaccine — which are said to be rare — may have played a part, as well as fewer reports of serious illness associated with the virus.

Local schools have reported relatively low absence rates this school year compared with some other suburban communities.

Since April there have been just more than 2,400 people hospitalized in Illinois with confirmed cases of H1N1 and 76 deaths from the virus, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Thirteen of the deaths were children age 18 years old or younger.

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Work study program could end up on chopping block

By JENNA HASKITT
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Niles Township High School District 219 is considering eliminating the work study program that has been a part of the district for 40 years.

"We think we're doing the prudent thing. We're not doing this from a cost-cutting move at all. We're doing this from an evaluation of our programs and then secondarily looking at what the financial implication would be as well," said Board President Robert Silverman.

During a Dec. 3 committee of the whole finance meeting, the District 219 administration discussed a restructuring plan for programs for the 2010-11 school year. Some of the programs tabbed for reduction or restructuring would be done through attrition, where retired teacher's would not be replaced.

"This is really independent of our financial situation. This is something that is certainly a common procedure that's done within school systems. You look at how you operate. You look to see are your programs providing value and then are you operating as efficiently as you can. The goal that we're trying to achieve is improving academic achievement of every student," Silverman said.

The board is in the preliminary stages of the discussion, but has a list of programs right now it plans on cutting. The teacher's union and the school board will be meeting Jan. 5 to discuss program restructuring.

"The most controversial of the planned cuts is in the area of Applied Sciences and Technology, where the entire work study program, CVE (corporate vocational education) and CDE (corporate distributive education), are targeted for complete elimination," said Steve Grossman, president of Niles Township Federation of Teachers. These programs have been serving a specific segment of our student population well for over 40 years in the district, providing not just jobs but vocational training for those who might not be college-bound.

Eliminating the work study program could result in elimination of tenured teachers.

"That would be an unprecedented move. With several teachers ready to retire from that department, it would be a simple matter to phase in any restructuring program to allow for reductions in force to be accomplished through attrition," Grossman said, "This suggestion is not just made to save jobs; the union and the teachers of this de-

partment along with the director and one of our principals believes that these programs are essential for our students."

During the Dec. 14 board meeting several District 219 teachers and faculty members spoke about the importance of the programs and their desire to have more discussion with the board before a final decision is made.

Niles West Applied Science and Technology teacher Tricia Brown offered her reasons for keeping the work study program. "You could teach a job readiness unit in a class but there's no way to delve into the challenges a student faces daily at their work site in just one unit," Brown said adding she hopes the teachers, administration and board can work together to restructure the programs.

Programs the board is looking into restructuring include the work study program, the academic achievement center, beginning strings, beginning bands, special education co-teaching and cooperative distributive education.

Angie Hanks has been a work study teacher at Niles North for nine years. She addressed the impact on the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) club if they lose the work study program, specifically

ly the corporate distributive education (CDE) class.

"It directly ties into DECA which is a co-curricular club. If we lose CDE the class, communication, leadership, community service, how to act on the job, that directly ties in to DECA's projects," Hanks said, "Our national qualifiers that we do have for DECA come directly from CDE the class, so if we lose CDE the class we will still have DECA the club but it will not be as successful as it has been."

DECA is a business club that is offered to anyone enrolled in marketing, advertising, accounting or the work study program.

"We're trying to adjust these priorities as best we can and just try to do the right thing. We'll continue the dialogue. This is just the start," Silverman said.

With the exception of the work study program, which is up for complete elimination, the other areas are for restructuring which means they might still be there but under a new design according to Superintendent Nanciann Gatta.

"Our goal during this period of restructuring is to develop models, not do away with things but develop new models that are more cost effective and better serve students," Gatta said.

The board did not vote on the cuts Dec. 14. They only voted on directing administration to continuing evaluating which programs to cut with the main focus on the ones already targeted according to Silverman.

Seventeen positions were eliminated last year to save the district money. However every single person eliminated had an opportunity to another job in the district according to District 219 Community Relations Director Jim Szczepaniak.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

THEFT

Jessica Cabrera, 22, of 4849 W. Hull St., Skokie, was charged with retail theft Friday after allegedly stealing \$446 of merchandise from a store on the 200 block of Golf Mill Center. She was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 22.

A car was stolen Sunday on the 6800 of West Touhy Avenue.

DUI

John Zygowiec, 48, of 7656 N. Oleander Ave., Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the

7800 block of Oriole Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

David Kulik, 19, of 1035 Ash St., Winnetka, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 7300 block of North Waukegan Road. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

Marius Moldovan, 35, of 6660 W. Woodrider Drive, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Sunday on the 7600 block of North Caldwell Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 14.

Dean Bravos, 41, of 167 Hazel Ave., Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday near Milwaukee Avenue and Madison Street. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

Michael Meads, 21, of 1216 Beau Drive, Park Ridge, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Friday on the 7400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 26.

Robert Lovelady, 50, of 8101 Court Drive, Niles, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Dec. 16 on the 8500 block of Golf Road. He was released on \$1,000 bond and is due in court Jan. 14.

BATTERY

Emil Ivanovic, 20, of 6730 N. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, Kenan Vulic, 19, of 1904 N. Morse Ave., Chicago, and Mehmed Vulic, 21, of the same address, were all charged with battery Sunday on the 8700 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. All were released on \$1,000 bond and are due in court Jan. 26.

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1745 Pavilion Way Unit 505, Dina Panagakis to Kimberley A Smith, \$200,000, Nov. 23.
207 N Lincoln Ave., John W Forsythe to Daniel B Stanton Sheila M Stanton, \$289,000, Nov. 18.
307 S Northwest Highway 307 I, 315 Northwest Highway Llc to Camille M Fotopoulos, \$778,000, Nov. 20.

314 S Cumberland Ave., Elbert Strynski to Jose Acuna Rohter Ashley Schroeder, \$347,500, Nov. 17.
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540 N Rose Ave., Druschitz Trust to Tomasz Rajchel, \$220,000, Nov. 23.
600 Thames Parkway Apt 2c, Hubbell Trust to Mahvash Shaker, \$135,000, Nov. 16.
600 W Touhy Ave. Unit 405, Prc Partners Llc to Joseph B Vicicondi, \$325,000, Nov. 23.
625 S Delphia, Martin G Karac to Salvatore Dragotta, \$290,000, Nov. 18.
700 N Home Ave., Johnie K Corder to Christopher T Oliphant Jamie A Shatkus, \$360,000, Nov. 20.
810 Hansen Place, Adams Trust to Robert G Migasi Kathleen J Migasi, \$325,000, Nov. 17.
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The lesson of Christmas: We can do so much better

What are we to make of Christmas?

How do we celebrate in a time of massive unemployment and dream-destroying home foreclosures?

How do we wish each other peace on earth in a time of expanding war?

Perhaps the answer to these painful questions is that Christmas — like other religious observances — is a crucial reminder that we can do better than this, be better than this. Christmas reminds us, in Abraham Lincoln's memorable phrase, of the better angels of our nature.

Yes, the world may be a mess, and we may be who messed it. But that's not all we are, or all we can be.

There is war and poverty and selfishness. But we can be better than that. There also is love and generosity and kindness. There is within us the aspiration to do better, to be better.

Isn't that the point of the most popular and enduring

Christmas story, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens? The miser Ebenezer Scrooge learns from the Christmas ghosts that he wants to be better — a better citizen, a better employer, a better human being. And this requires he forsake total self-interest to become a force for the good of others.

Christmas teaches us to look outside ourselves, to be mindful and desirous of the well-being of others, and that our family is more than just our relatives. That's why charitable contributions pick up at Christmas.

And while the celebration of Christmas has been criticized as crassly commercial, it shouldn't be forgotten that this spending involves buying gifts for others and not for ourselves.

The painful question, then, might not be what are we to make of Christmas, but what are we to make of the rest of the year?

How can kindness and concern for others become

a part of us in April and August and not just for a few days in December?

Christmas offers us this challenge. The world should be better. And we should, and can, be better.

How do we realize and live the better angels of our nature all the year?

It's not as if there aren't examples before us. Just look around at your friends and neighbors who help to provide food and housing for those in want, who tutor children, who deliver meals to the homebound, who provide shelter for the abused. The honor roll of decency goes on.

So, yes, the world is a mess, thanks to us.

But not all of it, also thanks to us.

There is hope for the world, hope for us.

And so — with hope — we wish you, and everyone everywhere, peace on earth and freedom from want.

We wish you a merry Christmas.
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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

Dear Santa, please bring healthy, happy holidays



TERRI SCHMIDT

Dear Santa, We know that you have a lot on your plate this year.

Hunger and war all over the globe makes it hard to make many merry. And then to top it off you have to deliver robot guinea pigs as the hot new toy! That said, the Park Ridge Community Health Commission would like to add a few more requests to your list.

Alderman Frank Wsol: "My Christmas wish is that the Park Ridge Com-

munity continues to be open, sharing and caring. When we remember and emphasize all the good people and all their good deeds, the choices we make are fundamental to healthy families, healthy youth, and a healthy community for all age groups. That is what makes our community so special. Nurturing that spirit in

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Christmas quiz



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

While you read this, I'm circling Woodfield Mall looking for a parking place. I found this zany quiz (below) left by a guy with funny ears and wearing green. I thought the dude was an elf, but he insisted he was in "Avatar."

1. In the song, "The 12 Days of Christmas," what did "my true love" give on the fifth day?

(a) A nicotine patch
(b) Five golden rings, which were sent to one of those gold exchange places for cash

(c) An Advent calendar ransacked of its chocolates

2. When the dude runs to his lawn to see "what was the matter,"

the "clutter" is:

(a) Rod Blagojevich recording his WLS radio show before the trial
(b) Striking union elves roughing up Rudolph
(c) Sarah Palin bagging a noose while signing copies of her new book

3. Santa's reindeer endure many indignities, including:

(a) Vixen is teased mercilessly by the others for being a Victoria's Secret prop
(b) Blitzen in a huff after G8 conference confuses him with Hans Blix, former U.N. weapons inspector

(c) Rudolph snarls he's no Garmin; the elves should have checked MapQuest before leaving the North Pole

4. Where does Santa land his sleight?

(a) on the golf course so he can slap Tiger Woods
(b) on the Hudson next to he's more death-defying than Mindfreak's Criss Angel

(c) on the Hudson next to Captain "Sully" Sullenberger

5. Rudolph's family will star in a VH1 reality show called:

(a) Keeping Up with the Clauses

(b) The Real Elves of the North Pole

(c) Who Wants to Marry an Unemployed Millionaire

True or False
Based on the song, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas," if we really knew what "figgy pudding" had in it, we would never ask anyone to bring us some of it.

You displayed mistletoe in your home, but the sprig was smoked by your son's college roommate.

"In Miracle on 34th Street," Kris Kringle was miffed because he never received Macy's employee discount.

Bonus question: "Good King Wenceslas" ruled which country?

(Van Mom is asking this. If you know, e-mail me at cherylodonovan@comcast.net.)

Readers, have a wonderful holiday. If you're having a rough time during this Great Recession, let's pray 2010 is better for all.

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Yes, Paul, there is a Santa Claus



PAUL SASSONE

Is there a kid who hasn't tried to stay awake on Christmas Eve to see Santa?

First, it would be cool to see Santa Claus in person. Second, there always are ugly rumors circulating through the kid world that there is no Santa.

My brother and I would try to keep each other awake so we could catch Santa leaving our presents and eating the cookies we left for him. It never worked. One minute we'd be awake, the next it would be Christmas morning and there were presents under the tree, no matter how they got there.

There came a Christmas Eve, though, when it didn't matter whether I actually saw Santa. That was the

year I proved, with impeccable kid logic, that Santa Claus exists.

First of all, millions of kids receive toys in one night. This is impossible for human beings to do. Some magical person is required to make all those deliveries. Who else could that be but Santa?

Second of all, I always received the toys I asked for. My brother and sister received the toys they asked for. My pals Tom, Eddie and Jim received the toys they asked for. This incredible insight and accuracy had to be more than human. Again, magic. And again, inevitably, Santa.

And finally, the ugly rumors had it that parents bought our presents and put them under the tree while we slept. No Santa involved. That this cornucopia of gifts was the work of parents strained belief. Weren't parents always saying not to buy toys?

Imagine a dad at 2 a.m. on Christmas Eve trying to put together, say, a

medieval castle and making sure the drawbridge went up and down smoothly, that the turrets all fit and that the knights were arranged in ferocious battle order. Would parents really go to such lengths to give us toys? No, this bespeaks something magical, even supernatural.

This is a job for Santa. So, yes, Paul, Paul said, there is a Santa Claus.

And now that I am grown up (way grown up) I am more than ever convinced of the existence of Santa Claus.

I'm not sure we ever again feel as good about anything as we felt on those Christmas mornings when we discovered what Santa had left for us.

OK, I never saw Santa. All I ever saw on Christmas morning — besides my presents — was two very sleepy parents groggily watching us play with our new toys and begging us to please keep the noise down.

That I saw.
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these uncertain times will keep it special."

Dr. Mark Cichon: "That people enjoy the holidays and New Year's celebration but consider the concept of enjoying everything they do in moderation. Long-term benefits to health are well-documented!"

Dr. Tony Clisshem: "My Christmas wish is that we take time to share with our loved ones — especially our children — the gift that really matters."

Dr. Terri Collins: "Quality and affordable health care for all!"

Greg Fahey: "My wish to all is the ability to handle everything that life throws at them, while

still enjoying what Christmas is all about. Have a safe and healthy holiday season."

Ron Jablon: My wish for Christmas is that our members in the military have a safe and happy Christmas and that they return home soon."

Judy Penzel: "My wish is simple — I would like Santa to bring us a mold-free police station."

Pete Ryan: "I wish for community-wide support for District 64's Health Week in April — Neat to Use Your Feet, TV Turn-Off Week and Earth Day Recycling event."

Santa, you and I both know that once the holidays are over, the holiday lights will be over as well and our city will again become Dark Ridge. So my wish is that we find a way to keep the light

shining. What better way to keep people from having slips and falls in the winter? Not to mention keeping crime low, too?

What's that you say Santa? A property-tax credit for homeowners who light their houses 150 feet out?

But before he could answer my question, he was on his way with his reindeer, shouting "A Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

Ditto from the Park Ridge Community Health Commission.

— Terri Schmidt, a licensed clinical social worker, writes "To Your Good Health" for the Park Ridge Community Health Commission.

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Bunker for bears set at Brookfield

Zoo prepares wilderness exhibit for spring opening

By **ROB SIEBERT**
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Though they're oblivious to it now, the five bears living at Brookfield Zoo will be moving this Spring.

But they won't be moving far. The three polar bears and two grizzly bears will be moving into the zoo's new Great Bear Wilderness Exhibit.

The exhibit encompasses 7.5 acres, and cost about \$27 million to build. It contains three 9,000-square-foot living spaces for the bears to roam through. The exhibit will also house space for bison, bald eagles and Mexican gray wolves.

The living areas for the bears contain temperature controlled pools for the bears to swim in, which have windows installed so visitors can see the animals swimming underwater.

To keep the animals entertained, keepers will place food portions around the exhibit for the bears to hunt for. In addition, stainless steel dens adjacent to the three living spaces allow keepers to alternate the bears between exhibits.

"Whenever they come out, it won't be the same presentation," said Jay Petersen, curator of mammals at the zoo.

Problem roommates

The bears' keen sense of smell will make the experience of switching habitats even more intriguing to them.

"That creates a lot of interest, because they can smell the other bears," Petersen said.

Interestingly enough, the presence of other bears isn't always a good thing. The zoo's two male polar bears, 20-year-old Aussie and his 3-year-old son Hudson, have to be monitored very closely when in the same vicinity, as they both have a strong desire to be the alpha-male bear. This could potentially result in a fight between the two.

"It's just bear biology," Pe-

terson said.

Oddly enough, no such tension exists between brothers Jimmy and Axi, the 14-year-old grizzly bears.

The zoo's current bear habitats are three times smaller than their new ones. They also contain more natural substrates, in addition to sand traps for the animals to dig in.

"They like to dig and chew and basically mess with everything if possible," said Mike Kenney, project engineer for Great Bear Wilderness.

While there was nothing wrong or unsafe the existing bear exhibits, they opened in 1984, and Brookfield's bears were long overdue for a living space upgrade.

"The old facility was state of the art 75 years ago," lead bear keeper Mike Brown said.

Conservation

Great Bear Wilderness is Brookfield Zoo's latest attempt to try and move the facility into the new millennium, and connect humankind with nature.

Stuart Strahl, president of the

"They like to dig and chew and basically mess with everything if possible."

Mike Kenney

Chicago Zoological Society, said bears are the most viewed animal at the Brookfield Zoo, which may not be coincidence. Strahl said bears have had a strong social, cultural and mythological presence since they've existed.

Strahl said 80 percent of Americans now live in highly urbanized areas, and have very little contact with wildlife. As a result, very few people understand their relationship with nature. With exhibits such as Great Bear Wilderness, Strahl hopes to open people's eyes to the symbiotic relationship between themselves and animals.

"Our goal as an institution has always been to make that connection between humans and



Jay Petersen, curator of mammals at Brookfield Zoo, talks about one of the bear yards during a recent tour. (Steve Johnston/Staff Photographer)



Project manager Mike Kinney talks about one of the holding rooms inside of the Brookfield Zoo's new bear exhibit. (Steve Johnston/Staff Photographer)

wild life, and to inspire conservation," Strahl said.

In the coming weeks, one of the bears themselves may remind zoo guests of the importance of conservation. Arki, the zoo's 20-year-old female polar bear, may or may not be pregnant with another set of cubs (she and Aussie conceived Hudson, and numerous other cubs who were given to other zoos).

Maternity igloo

The expanded space offered by

the exhibit will give the Chicago Zoological Society the opportunity to expand its polar bear breeding program, and subsequently increase their population in North American zoos.

Bear keepers can never be fully sure if a female is pregnant (though there are telltale signs). Brown and his staff at Brookfield will have a "maternity igloo" for bears that give birth in the future. Brown said mother bears typically prefer to be enclosed around their cubs, so the igloo

gives them a sense of comfort.

The igloo is a short distance away from a 5-foot pool, in which a mother bear can teach her cubs to swim — the hard way.

"Basically, to teach them to swim, she just drags them into the deep water," Brown said.

Great Bear Wilderness will also include an education center, gift shop and restaurant for visitors. The exhibit opens to the public May 8.

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Benefits

A **Chris Diez Memorial Concert** will be held at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in St. Paul of the Cross Church, 320 S. Washington St., Park Ridge. Tickets are \$10. Mr. Diez was the choir director at St. Paul for 15 years until his death on Jan. 13, 2009 from an aggressive type of brain tumor. The St. Paul of the Cross Choir will perform a concert of holiday and sacred music. All proceeds benefit the American Brain Tumor Association. E-mail: memorialconcert@sbcglobal.net or call (847) 825-7605.

Center of Concern

The **Center of Concern**, 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge, (847) 823-0453, calendar of events includes:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays (every week) - Employment counseling, by appointment.
Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Grief and loss support group (call first).
Note: The Center will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and will close at 1 p.m. Dec. 31.

Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts. Illinois Cares Rx (prescription drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the long-time-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. **Support groups** for Alzheimer's caregivers, those suffering from grief and loss, and seniors seeking to improve their nutrition are available at the Center of Concern in Park Ridge. The center also offers affordable personal counseling to adults of all ages. Call center social worker Myrna Fogarty, (847) 823-0453. The center is at 1580 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, Park Ridge. The center also offers housing counseling for seniors and others seeking affordable housing, programs designed to prevent homelessness, in-home health care referrals, friendly visitors for the homebound and volunteer opportunities in the office and in the field.

Center tax counselors are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property tax relief grants and license plate discounts, Illinois Cares Rx (prescription drug assistance), the senior citizen real estate tax deferral, and the senior citizen tax assessment freeze. **Employment counseling** and preparation of simple wills and durable powers of attorney for health care and property also are available by appointment. All services are offered at the Center of Concern offices at 1580

N. Northwest Highway, Suite 310, in Park Ridge. For services that require an appointment, call (847) 823-0453 weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Chamber

The **Niles Chamber Dollars for Scholars Charter** is an all volunteer committee dedicated to youth. This 2009-10 academic year, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating eighth-grade students and three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors. Applications are judged on service to the community and school, response to an essay, awards and honors, school transcripts, and letters of recommendation. Application information can be found at www.nileschamber.com

The **Maine Township Food Pantry** is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the North Side Community Bank building.

Clubs

The **Twenty-first Star Chapter** of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Lunch will be served at noon with a meeting and program to follow. Hostesses for the day are: Millie Anderson and Louise Kaeding; Mary K. Redmann, chairman; Joy Martin, past regent, present vice-regent and Illinois State chair of the American Indian Committee, will present the program, "What I Know About My Revolutionary Ancestor."

Women interested in membership in DAR should know that any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. DAR recognizes "patriots" not only as soldiers, but anyone who contributed to the cause of American freedom. Contact second vice regent, Betty Borman, at (847) 818-9001.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7712 meet at 7 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Post at 7680 Caldwell Ave. (next to Tam Tennis in Niles on Howard Street). The Post is open also on Fridays from 7 p.m. until closing. All veterans from Vietnam, Gulf War, Afghanistan, Korea and World War II are welcome. Call Bernard 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 Henmueller, (773) 774-9571.

Chiacchieroni Italian-language dinner group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at Salerno's, 1716 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect. This is a casual evening of conversation in Italian. The next meeting will be Jan. 14. Call Gabriella, (847) 541-8524, or e-mail: ichiachchieroni@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Join the Catholic Women's Bowling League for Ladies Night Out at Classic Bowl, 8530 Waukegan Road, Morton Grove. Fee is \$15 per week. All skill levels welcome. Call Deanne Drozd at (224) 628-4009 or drozd@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus (North American Martyrs Council, Niles), provides ways for members to help others in the community while trying to improve their family and spiritual lives. Call Bob Galassi, (847) 965-0920.

The American Jewish Artists Club is accepting new members. The group, founded in the early 1920s, focuses on the broad aspects of artistic performance and serves to enrich the cultural fiber of the Jewish community. Call

Lorrie Slaw, (847) 272-0744, or e-mail lslaw@oakton.edu.
Audubon Society of Park Ridge meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month in the Maine Park Leisure Center, Forestview and Sylvanwood. Guests of all ages are welcome. Call Roger Ginger, (847) 825-2982.

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

Community

Our Lady Mother of the Church, 8747 W. Lawrence Ave., presents a musical performance, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera in one act. "It is the touching story of a crippled boy who is visited by the Three Wise Men on their way to see the newborn Jesus Christ and stars members of the parish," according to a news release. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 and 9 and 3 p.m. Jan. 10. Admission is a free-will offering. Call (773) 625-1213.

Avenues to Independence Thrift Shoppe offers great prices 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. Through the end of 2009, shop on Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and receive a shopping bag to stuff with any apparel items - all for a \$10 donation. House-

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Shoestring Productions presents a holiday musical review, "Celebrate the Season," in an intimate cabaret-style setting at Stage One, 620 Lee St., Des Plaines. Performances are at 7 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Dec. 28. Tickets: \$10 which includes admission, dessert and beverage. Free parking. Call (847) 657-7688.

The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, will welcome its second traveling exhibition, "Anne Frank: A History for Today" runs through Feb. 28. Hours are: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

and Sunday. The story of Anne Frank and her family is juxtaposed against world events before, during and after Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party's rise to power. Included are dozens of photographs of the Frank family and other occupants of the Secret Annex. The exhibition depicts those who chose to join the Nazi party, those who were bystanders and those who were willing to resist Nazi tyranny. It explores how racism, persecution and genocide were facilitated by political decisions as well as the actions of individuals. Call (847) 967-4800.

Fitness Center

Niles Family Fitness Center, 987 Civic Center Dr., Niles, (847) 588-8400 or www.nilesfitness.com.
Registration for group winter session swim lessons is Dec. 29 to Jan. 10 for members. Open registration is Jan. 5 to 10. Fees are \$50, members or \$66 non-members. Swim Club fees are \$90 for members and \$110, nonmembers. All sessions run six weeks and each lesson lasts 35 minutes.

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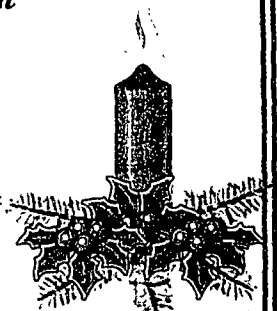
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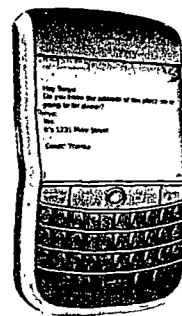
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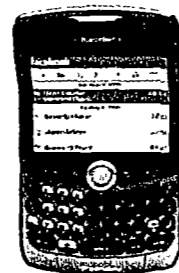
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week



Gin Blossoms

1. New Year's Eve Rock 'N' Roll Ball, Dec. 31 at the InterContinental Chicago O'Hare, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont, with music by the Gin Blossoms, The Nicholas Tremulis Orchestra, Too White Crew and The Breakfast Club. \$85 includes open bar from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., and admission into all entertainment areas. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call (800) 745-3000.

2. Trans-Siberian Orchestra, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 26 at Allstate Arena, 6920 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont. \$58, \$48, \$38, \$26. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

3. Aga-Boom, featuring performers from The Great Moscow Circus, Cirque du Soleil and Barnum & Bailey, Dec. 26-28 at Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. Performances at 7 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday; and 3 p.m. Monday. \$37. (847) 673-6300 or www.centreast.org.

4. ensemble113 will hold its second annual Winter Benefit at 7 p.m. Dec. 30 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. The evening will include food, live music, a silent auction and more. \$15, \$10 students and seniors. RSVP by sending an e-mail to info@ensemble113.org.

Aga-Boom show is a wild slapstick ride

Aga-Boom
7 p.m. Dec. 26; 1 and 5 p.m. on Dec. 27; 3 p.m. Dec. 28 at Centre East at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$37. (847) 673-6300 or www.northshore-center.org.

By J.T. MORAND
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Dimitri Bogatirev grew up in Russia with no desire to be a clown.

"So many bad elowns exist," he said, "I never expected to be a clown."

But, since 2002 he's been leading Aga-Boom, a three-clown troupe coming to Centre East in Skokie Dec. 26-28. The non-stop 75-minute slapstick show, full of paper fights, inflated garbage bags, juggling suitcases, enormous rubber balloons and audience participation is like Blue Man Group crashed its car into the Ringling Brothers Circus bus.

"We're full of paradoxes," said Bogatirev, who used to clown for Cirque Du Soleil.

Indeed.

Funny, not scary

Aga-Boom's show strives to deflate what Bogatirev calls an American-born notion that clowns are scary or evil by not giving the audience time to think about anything except for what's happening on stage. In other parts of the world, he said, clowns are seen as funny.

"We look like cartoon characters. Kids believe we exist, like Sponge Bob Squarepants," he said. "If kids see us from afar, they think we're toys. But, if kids see us closer, they get scared."

"Typically in American circuses, he said, clown performances are broken up by, say, trapeze artists or lion tamers. The clowns come out so the other acts can set up. This, he said, gives audience members time to think about the stressful parts of their lives.

But, with Aga-Boom's constant barrage of slapstick humor, audience members think only about how ridiculous the clowns are.

Relaxation

"It's a kind of stress relief," Bogatirev said.

The other clowns, Iryna Ivanytska and Philip Karp-Briggs, bring with them experience gained as



The Russian clown troupe Aga-Boom entertains with paper fights, suitcase juggling and audience participation.

clowns with the Moscow Circus and Ringling Brothers Circus. Aga-Boom has performed all over the world and has been nominated for the 2003 Ovation Award for Best Touring Show.

The biggest paradox seems to be Bogatirev's life as a clown.

"I wanted to be a cartoonist," he said.

But, he got hooked on clowning when he started pantomiming his cartoon sketches.

"Life is beautiful," he said.

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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL
The singing varmints contend with The Chipettes a rival female trio. Director Betty Thomas returns for the sequel to her animated family hit, featuring the voices of Oavid Cross, Jason Lee, Justin Long, Amy Poehler and Anna Faris. Rated PG for mild rude humor.

A SINGLE MAN
★ ★ ★ 1/2
If you can overlook first-time director Tom Ford's staccato, fragmented editing style and self-conscious use of palette to divide the gray present of his main character from the vibrantly colored past, "A Single Man" repays patience with serious, rewarding dividends. Thanks mainly to a fine performance from the typically light comic Colin Firth, who plays the lead with restrained, almost repressed, high emotion. Set in 1962 against the backdrop of the Cuban missile crisis, "Single Man" is adapted from a Christopher Isherwood novel about a middle-aged, thoroughly closeted homosexual English professor who has lost the longtime love of his life (Matthew Goode) and has decided to end it with a bullet. But only after spending one more day tidying up his affairs, a day in which he is resigned from the world, viewing the things he loves at a distance and being quite honest to the people he meets along the way. (B) (101 min.) Rated R for disturbing images and nudity/sexual content.

AVATAR
★ ★ ★ 1/2
James Cameron ("Terminator," "Aliens," "Titanic") put himself out on a limb big-time with this long-in-the-making, much-hyped sci-fi fantasy adventure, spending \$250-\$300 million and promising a game-changer for the movie industry. And he's delivered in a big-time way. The story might be a bit simplistic and predictable, and the allegorical commentaries somewhat blatant, but the technological advances in his totally immersive creation of an alien fantasy world are mind-boggling in themselves. "Avatar" is basically the story of a paraplegic ex-marine hero (Sam Worthington) who, through various plot machinations, winds up inhabiting the 12-foot-tall body of a hostile warrior race inhabiting a planet the Earth means to invade, becoming a member of the noble tribe, falling in love with a warrior princess and having to choose where his loyalties lie. There's never a doubt about where the storyline in "Avatar" is going, but any frustration you may feel will almost certainly be more than offset by the wowing, be-dazzling quality of Cameron's spectacularly seamless blend of live-action, stop-motion animation, CGI and performance-capture switcheroo, combined to create an entirely believable illusion of an exotic new world. Make the effort to see this one in 3D. (B) (162 min.) Rated PG-13 for intense epic battle sequences and warfare, sensuality, language and some smoking.



"Crazy Heart"

CRAZY HEART
★ ★ ★ 1/2
A familiar story rendered more subtly in 1983's "Tender Mercies," "Crazy Heart" nonetheless gets a lot of emotional mileage out of the saga of Bad Blake, a broke-down-and-busted country music legend badly in need of redemption, thanks to an Oscar-worthy central performance from Jeff Bridges. As the old, tired, perpetually drunk and impressively pot-bellied Bad, Bridges never

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STILL PLAYING

AVATAR
★ ★ ★ 1/2

INVICTUS
★ ★ 1/2
An inspirational story that falls short on artistic inspiration, "Invictus" has an almost unbelievably high-stakes tale to tell. Yet it's told in a way that almost determinedly undercuts emotional involvement. And that takes some doing, considering that we're talking about a root-for-the-underdog sports movie here, crossed with a political drama with the fate of a nation at stake. Morgan Freeman stars as the recently elected South African President Nelson Mandela, who enlists the aid of the white captain (Matt Damon) of the national rugby team in an attempt to inspire his dangerously racially divided country with an unlikely attempt to win the World Cup. "Invictus" has all the makings of a ripping yarn, especially considering that in broad outline, it's basically true. Yet director Clint Eastwood's observation of events from a middle distance, with cool detachment and restraint, consistently underwhelms. (B) (134 min.) Rated PG-13 for brief strong language.

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG
★ ★ ★
The writing/directing team of John Clements and John Musker ("Aladdin," "The Little Mermaid") return for this old-fashioned, hand-drawn animated Disney adventure, which serves as an excellent reminder of how entertaining two dimensions can be. The sassy musical fairy tale about a poor little girl with a frog phobia who grows up and reluctantly kisses a frog when he promises to turn into a handsome prince (and give her enough cash to open her dream restaurant), only to be turned into a bug-eating amphibian herself, is often surprisingly funny. And the vintage New Orleans/bayou/voodoo story elements are imaginative and exot-

THE YOUNG VICTORIA
★ ★ ★
More thankfully, than just the story of the regal young love of Victoria and Prince Albert, "Young Victoria" deals primarily with the treacherous year before the teenage queen assumed the throne - and the various high-powered schemers who attempted to control her. Co-produced by Martin Scorsese and Duchess of York Sarah Ferguson, "Victoria" opts for an opulent sort of gritty real-

ism instead of wallowing in the grandeur of court life, with a near-total emphasis on the drama that takes place behind the throne, and a sharp script by Oscar-winner Julian Fellowes ("Gosford Park"). And the chief pleasure in the film is the performance of Emily Blunt (most familiar as Meryl Streep's obnoxious assistant in "The Devil Wears Prada"), playing the young queen first with girlish naiveté, then with growing strength and maturity. But, of course, there's no shortage of troubled romance with her diffident, awkward, nice-guy prince (Rupert Friend, uncannied). (B) (100 min.) Rated PG for some mild sensuality, a scene of violence, and brief incidental language, and smoking.

EVERYBODY'S FINE

An aging widower (Robert De Niro) takes a surprise cross-country trip to visit his widely dispersed children (Kate Beckinsale, Sam Rockwell and Drew Barrymore) and discovers their lives are not as spectacularly wonderful as he had believed in this expertly handled remake of Giuseppe "Cinema Paradiso" Tornatore's "Stanno Tutti Bene" - which starred the great Marcello Mastroianni. Writer/director Kirk Jones, who made his debut with the delightfully greedy Irish comedy "Waking Ned Devine," keeps the pace slow and easy (though ultimately a little wearisome, perhaps) and generally keeps the sentimentality in check. Though it's ultimately hard to feel much of anything after the artificial way the story resolves itself. (B) Rated PG-13 for thematic elements and brief strong language.

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No need to stay up late for this New Year's party

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Itty bitty kiddies can't keep their eyes open to welcome the New Year at midnight. The answer is Skokie Park District's "Itty Bitty New Year" at the Exploritorium, 4701 Oakton St. Tots and their families will enjoy a countdown to a noon balloon drop on Thursday, Dec. 31, concluding a fun-filled event that starts at 10 a.m.

"From 10-11:30 a.m., there's different activities for the kids to participate in," said Oakton Facility Manager Crystal VanHynning. "There's crafts, like hot decorating and make-your-own sparkling pudding." They can also play in the Exploritorium and have their faces painted.

At 11:30 a.m., The Flying Fool (Ken Schultz) will perform in the multipurpose room. Schultz juggles, does aerobatics and rides a

unicycle in his interactive show. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be sold.

VanHynning reported that "Itty Bitty New Year" is a popular event, with many repeat customers. "It's something for the whole family to do to celebrate the New Year," she said.

The cost is \$10 per person for residents, \$12 for nonresidents. Registration is suggested.

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

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That's the message of bubble artist Geoff Akins who will present his Bubble Wonders show from 2-3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave. Using ordinary soap bubbles, Akins will do everything from create a caterpillar to form a moving merry-go-round. He will even attempt to

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For details, call (847) 965-4220.

On the Dot

Dot Kane, known as Dot the Storyteller, describes her show as "standup comedy for kids." Kane will keep children and parents in stitches, 2-2:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave. She will relate five to seven stories — classics, fairy tales and original pieces. "I net out all the parts," Kane said. "Or sometimes I make kids come be in the story."

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Dreamy project

Kids can decorate their room with a dreamcatcher they make themselves at a Kids Craft Morning, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 26, at Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. They will also learn about Native American culture at this drop-in workshop. Free with museum admission of \$5 adults, \$2.50 children, students and seniors, maximum \$10 for families.

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light Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$55. Call (847) 673-6300 or visit www.northlight.org.

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By BRUCE INGRAM
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BLACK ADDER REMASTERED - THE ULTIMATE EDITION
This devastatingly funny 1983 British comedy series follows the comically villainous Edmund Blackadder (Rowan Atkinson) through various haplessly evil incarnations in the Middle Ages, the Elizabethan age and World War I. It's been remastered and reissued by BBC Warner complete with new commentaries by Atkinson and many of the cast, a behind-the-scenes documentary from the fourth season and several specials including "Blackadder's Christmas Carol." The only thing that improves on it being reissued is that John Cleese's equally brilliant "Fawlty Towers" series is keeping it company.

FARSCAPE: THE COMPLETE SERIES
Just in time for its 10th anniversary, A&E has lovingly collected this much-admired science fiction adventure series from the Sci-Fi Channel. Even the most determined quibbler should be pleased by the image and sound quality in this assemblage of all four seasons of the history of astronaut John Crichton, lost in an alien galaxy and trying to find his way home — featuring special effects combining computer graphic imagery with puppetry by Jim Henson production. Four seasons, 88 episodes and numerous special features.

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NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION ULTIMATE COLLECTOR'S EDITION (BLU-RAY)
They made the title too big to stuff inside the collectible Christmas tin box, but never mind, this Warner Brothers reissue of the 1989 Chevy Chase holiday comedy is already full of seasonal tchotchkes. In addition to the Blu-Ray revamped transfer, you get a Santa hat, a box of novelty snow powder, a set of Griswold family coasters, an "I survived the Griswold family Christmas" button and a miniature moose mug.

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PRIDE & PREJUDICE: BLU-RAY
A&E's hi-def reissue of this Emmy-winning BBC production of Jane Austen's classic novel (featuring a star-making performance

by Colin Firth) improves on the much-lamented image quality of previous DVD and VHS releases — but not in spectacular fashion. The series itself is a first-rate example of its type, though, if you know a fan of British TV drama who has somehow failed to see it.

THE PRISONER: BLU-RAY EDITION
Patrick McGouhan's classic 1960s exercise in espionage weirdness, about an English secret agent who resigns and then finds himself assigned a number and quaintly imprisoned in the Village, has been re-presented in the Blu-Ray format by A&E with dazzlingly crisp and detailed results. "The Prisoner" has never looked so good.

ROCKY: THE UNDISPUTED BLU-RAY COLLECTION
If you just can't get enough Rocky Balboa, or you know someone else who can't, this one's for you. "The Undisputed" collection assembles all six movies, from the Oscar-winning "Rocky" to the surprisingly solid "Rocky Balboa" released 30 years later, in one hard-hitting package. There's not much to speak of in terms of bonus features, but it's nice to have all of the Rock's big bouts muscled into one hard-hitting package. Yo!

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By **BRUCE INGRAM**
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SHERLOCK HOLMES ★ ★ ★ 1/2

In this new "Sherlock Holmes," when the game is afoot, it's a full-contact sport, with less emphasis on deductive powers and more on outrageously hyperbolic action. It's a lot of fun, though, if you don't mind the idea of a non-traditional master sleuth.

As re-imagined by producer Joel Silver ("The Matrix," "Die Hard") and director Guy Ritchie ("Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels"), Robert Downey Jr. gives us not only an action Holmes but a kung fu Holmes — and a comedy Holmes as well. It's hard to say whether it's stranger to see Sherlock Holmes stripped to the waist and enjoying a little recreational no-holds-barred boxing or making with the wicked punch lines. It seems certain no one has ever gotten so much comic mileage out of a comatose bulldog as Downey when he nonchalantly admits that he has indeed been experimenting with various poisons and paralyzers on Watson's pet.

Jude Law makes an action Watson as well, which is a good thing, since he and Holmes are thrown into combat together from the opening moments and generally against unfavorable odds. ("Will you have ment or potatoes?" Holmes asks when they are menaced by a hulking giant and two smaller thugs.)

There's plenty of meat and potatoes and breathless exploits marshaled by Ritchie in his usual style-first, substance-optional fashion, as Holmes and Watson investigate the apparent reanimation of the recently hanged, Satan-worshipping Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong), who plans to take over the world. This seems likely to

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Robert Downey Jr. as Sherlock Holmes.

be the Baker Street boys' last case, and one Watson only undertakes grudgingly, because he plans to move out and marry. That prospect alarms Holmes much more than the impending world rule of a satanic overlord (and inspires a petulance hinting at feelings for Watson that are considerably more than collegial) and he sets out to sabotage the engagement as a side project. Meanwhile, his female troubles are compounded by the arrival of Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams), a world-class criminal and the only woman he has ever cared for.

Though it comes at the cost of much of what makes vintage Holmes a pleasure, there's no shortage of entertainment in the new "Sherlock." And Downey is perfectly at ease in a role that might well have been written for him, with his cocky nervous fitfulness and underlying vulnerability — and familiarity with self-destructiveness and substance abuse.

IT'S COMPLICATED

The latest from mid-life romantic comedy writer/director Nancy Meyers ("Something's Gotta Give," "The Holiday") makes the most of an agreeable little fantasy: A couple of long-divorced exes get back together a little older, a little wiser and find they're still powerfully attracted — and consider giving married life

another go. But really, folks, how long would it be before they started going after each other with the steak knives?

As it happens, in "It's Complicated," the steak knives stay in the kitchen drawer and faux sophistication sets the tone in this romantic comedy with farcical highlights and a bitersweet undercurrent. Meryl Streep plays a well-heeled divorcee, who has successfully raised her kids as a single mom, established a thriving career as a baker/restaurateur and is now settling down to a lonely life as an empty nester. Soon though, a fling with her high-powered lawyer ex (Alec Baldwin), in which she turns the tables on the nubile young shrew who stole her husband, gives her slightly conscience-stricken bragging rights when she's sipping chardonnay with her gal pals. And the situation grows even more complicated when she attracts the attentions of the nee-guy architect (Steve Martin) who's adding a wing to her already perfect home.

You might find it a little hard to work up sympathy for the divorcee traumas of the rich and sunnied, but, otherwise, "It's Complicated" is generally pleasant, clever and well-played, if only intermittently funny. But Meyer gets bonus points for not tying things up at the end with a perfect little bow.

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Faye Butler will give a New Year's Eve concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 31 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. The five-time Jeff award winner will perform songs such as "Old Black Magic," "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," "It Don't Mean a Thing," "Summertime" and "Blues in C." Tickets cost \$55. Call (847) 673-6300, or visit www.northlight.org.

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InterContinental Chicago O'Hare. 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Rock 'N' Roll Ball. The celebration will include entertainment on three stages headlined by the Gin Blossoms on the main stage following opening act The Nicholas Tremulis Orchestra. Other ballrooms will feature hip-hop tribute band Too White Crew and '80s cover band The Breakfast Club, as well as D.J.s. General admission tickets are \$85, and include an open bar from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., admission into all entertainment areas, and party favors. For tickets, call (800) 745-

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Pegasus Players will present its 24th annual Young Playwrights Festival, a professional production of three one-act plays written by Chicago high school students, Jan. 7-31 in the O'Rourke Center at Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago. Previews will be Jan. 7-10, with the official Opening Night Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15, with student and senior discounts available, and may be purchased by calling (773) 878-9761 or online at www.pegasusplayers.org. "The Pirates of Penzance" will be presented by Light Opera Works Dec. 26-Jan. 3 at Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson St., Evanston. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 26; 2 p.m. Dec.

27-28 and 30 and Jan. 3; and 8 p.m. Dec. 31 and Jan. 2. Tickets: \$88, \$67 and \$46 for the main floor; \$67, \$46 and \$30 for the balcony; and \$90, \$69 and \$48 on New Year's Eve. Ages 21 and younger are half-price at family matinees. Call (847) 869-6300 or visit www.lightoperaworks.com

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Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra. conducted by Alan Heatherington, performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.arsviva.org. Tickets: \$39-\$70, with discounts for seniors and students Jan. 10, 4:30 p.m.: "A Musical European Voyage," with Lyon Lefler, flute, and Michael Henoch, oboe. The program includes Richard Rodney Bennett: "Partita"; Respighi: "Botticelli Triptych"; Kodaly: "Summer Evening"; and Ravel: "Le Tombeau de Couperin."

Evanston Chapter, Lyric Opera of Chicago. will host Carla Thorpe of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, discussing "Elisir of Love" by Donizetti at 3 p.m. Jan. 17 at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel, Evanston. \$10 members; \$15 guests. New members may sign up at the program for a full-year membership. For information, call (847) 328-0158 or (847) 475-5345.

The Met Live In HD series. featuring Metropolitan Opera performances transmitted in high definition to movie theaters throughout the United States, including Niles Showplace, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles; and Evanston 18, 1715 Maple Ave., Evanston. Each live per-

formance will be transmitted live at noon Saturdays, followed by a pre-recorded encore presentation at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday after the live performance. Tickets are available at participating theater box offices and online at www.FathomEvents.com. Jan. 6: Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" Jan. 9 and 27: "Der Rosenkavalier"; Jan. 16 and Feb. 3: Bizet's "Carmen"

Northwest Symphony Orchestra. Paul Vermet, music director, presents concerts at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the Theatre for the Performing Arts at Maine West High School, 1755 S. Wolf Road, Des Plaines. Pre-concert commentaries by Carolyn Paulin, a staff member of radio station WFMT, begin one hour prior to each concert. Tickets: \$20; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for students. Children under age 14 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult.

www.northwestsymphony.org. Jan. 24: Featured soloist will be pianist Inna Faliks, who will perform Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto with the orchestra. The program will also include Johannes Brahms' Fourth Symphony. Park Ridge Civic Orchestra presents concerts at the Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect, Park Ridge. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for students and senior citizens. Visit www.parkridgecivicorchestra.org or call (847) 692-PRCO or (847) 823-8861. Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.: "Opera Polpourri," with soloists Sarah Hubbard, soprano; Jessye Wright, mezzo-soprano; and James Cornelison, tenor; and narrator Henry Fogel. The program includes se-

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Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Victor Yampolsky and Blair Skinner and featuring Northwestern Concerto Competition-winning violinist Olga Kaler. The program will include Beethoven's Overture to "Fidelio"; Bartok's Violin Concerto No. 2; and Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 in D Major. \$9/\$7/\$5. Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Band, "Pann-American - The Music of Carter Pann." \$7/\$5/\$4. Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Jan. 23, 11 a.m.: Winter Chamber Music Festival, Jupiter String Quartet master class. Free.

2010 Winter Chamber Music Festival, presented by the Northwestern University Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music Jan. 8-24 in Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Subscription prices for the six-concert series, which includes prime reserved seating, are \$122; \$116 for senior citizens and Northwestern faculty and staff; \$54 for full-time students. Single ticket prices are listed in three categories: general public, senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. To order tickets or for information, call (847) 467-4000 or visit www.pickstaiger.org. Jan. 8: The Evanston Chamber Ensemble (violinist Blair Milton, cellist Stephen Balderston and pianist Andrea Swan) will be joined by six Bienen School of Music faculty members. The program includes Gabrieli's "La Spiritata," "Sonata Pran'e Forte" and "Canzona Noni Toni"; Stravinsky's Octet for Wind Instruments; Crussell's Clarinet Quartet No. 3 in D Major, Op. 7; and Schubert's Trio No. 2 in E-Flat Major, Op. 100. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 10: Cellists Lynn Harrell and Stephen Balderston, violinists

Robert Chen and Blair Milton and violists Roger Chase and Yukiko Ogura will perform Brahms' String Quintet No. 2 in G Major, Op. 111 and String Sextet No. 1 in B-Flat Major, Op. 18. \$30/\$26/\$14. Jan. 15: The Oorian Woodwind Quintet, comprised of flutist Gretchen Pusch, oboist Gerard Reuter, clarinetist Jerry Kirkbride, bassoonist John Hunt and hornist Karl Kramer-Johansen, will perform with violinist Gerardo Ribeiro and pianist Alan Chow. Their program includes Ligeti's Six Bagatelles for Woodwind Quintet; Schubert's Fantasia in C Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 159; Mordechai Rechtman's arrangements of Bach's "Christ lag in Todesbanden" and Fugue in G Minor; and Gould's Concerto Concertante. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 17: Pianist Lori Kaufmann, violinist Ilya Kaler, violist Rami Solomonov, cellist Ken Olsen and clarinetists J. Lawrie Bloom and Steven Cohen will perform Stravinsky's "Suite Italienne"; Martinu's Serenade for Violin, Viola, Cello and Two Clarinets; and Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A Minor, Op. 50. \$22/\$20/\$10. Jan. 22: The Jupiter String Quartet, comprised of violinists Nelson Lee and Megan Freivogel, violist Liz Freivogel and cellist Daniel McOonough, will perform Haydn's String Quartet in F Minor, Op. 20, No. 5; Janacek's String Quartet No. 1 ("Kreutzer Sonata"); and Beethoven's String Quartet in E-Flat Major, Op. 127. \$24/\$22/\$12. Jan. 24: The Lincoln String Quartet (violinists Lei Hou and Qing Hou, violist Lawrence Neuman and cellist Stephen Balderston) and members of the Bienen School of Music faculty will perform Boccherini's String Quartet in B-flat

Major, Op. 58. No. 3: Stravinsky's Three Pieces for String Quartet; and Schubert's Octet in F Major for Strings and Winds, Op. 166. \$22/\$20/\$10.

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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. Dec. 26, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Tickets: \$58, \$48, \$38, \$26. March 27, 8 p.m.: Michael Bubl , "Crazy Love Tour." \$49.50, \$75, \$95.

American Legion Music Hall, 1030 Central St., Evanston. (847) 573-0443. www.chicagobluegrass.com. Bluegrass Legends Concerts - doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Jan. 16: The Henhouse Prowlers. \$10.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.bluesbar.com. Dec. 31, 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. Mondays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Bluegrass and roots music with The Mudflapps. Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m.: Irish music session. Jan. 10, 8 p.m.: Fifth Anniversary Hooley featuring music by the Henhouse Prowlers. Jan. 17, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. Jan. 23, 10 p.m.: Anish.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.icohare.com/montrose.room. (847) 544-5300. Friday Nights Live, fea-

turing music from 8:30 p.m.-midnight in the Montrose Room. \$5 cover. Jan. 15: Train Co. Jan. 22: Michael McCormott. Yellowhammers. Jan. 29: The Muggs.

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Seanson (Celtic folk rock). \$15. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - Dec. 26: Boxing Day party with Brendan Loughrey from BlueStack. Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: New Year's Eve with Joe McShane and Joe Cullen. \$25 includes champagne toast, live music, party favors and appetizers. Jan. 2: Oyed in the Wool. Jan. 8: Joe Cullen and Kathleen Keane. Jan. 9: Reilly. Jan. 15: Gerry Haughey. Jan. 16: The Dooley Brothers. Jan. 22: Seamus O'Kane and Jimmy Moore. Jan. 23: Johnny Cash Night, featuring local bands performing Cash's music. Jan. 29: Joe McShane. Jan. 30: The Mickey Finns. \$5 cover.

Park Ridge Community Church, 100 S. Courtland, Park Ridge. (847) 823-3164. www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Jan. 8-9, 8 p.m.: "Jazz in January," featuring local jazz musicians Kent Wehman, Mike Levin, Wally Hustlin, Neal Wehman and Bruce Nelson. Tickets: \$25; \$30 after Dec. 20.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847)

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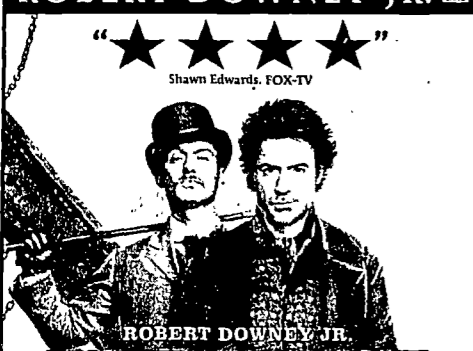
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671-5100 or visit www.rosemonttheatre.com. Jan. 17, 7 p.m.: Nick Jonas & the Administration. with guest Diane Birch. \$39.50. March 25, 7 p.m.: Justin Bieber. \$39.50. \$29.50. April 9-10, 8 p.m.: Celtic Woman (Irish music). \$50. \$75. Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre. 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. Concert tickets \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise. Dec. 31, 8 p.m.: "Stand By Me," music of the '50s with Marcus Gentry. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m.: "Turn Back the Hands of Time," hits of the '60s with Marcus Gentry. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Jan. 3, 2 p.m.: The Fatum Brothers' Jazz Orchestra. Jan. 10, 2 p.m.: "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves with Lou Lang. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.: Three Cat Media presents "Golly Gee! Broadway in the 1950s." Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Latino Opera Hour presents "La Olorosa." Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: "Tribute to Veterans" starring Jack Muccio. Jan. 24, 2 p.m.: "Love Letters," starring Jan Ellen Graves with George van Ousen. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston www.evanspace.com. (847) 492-8860. Most ticket prices listed in three categories. In advance, at the door, and reserved table seating. Dec. 31, 6 p.m.: Jill & Julia Show (comedy/music). \$17/\$20. Dec. 31, 10 p.m.: Beau Soleil

avec Michael Doucet. \$45/\$50. Jan. 2, 9 p.m.: Ezra Furman & the Harpoons (rock). \$10/\$12/\$22. Jan. 7, 8 p.m.: Songwriters Circle with Cathy Richardson, Ingrid Gaudins, Liam Davis and Korbey Lenker. \$12/\$15. Jan. 8, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Otis Clay & his Band (R&B/soul). \$15/\$20. Jan. 13, 8 p.m.: Dave Spector's Adventures in Guitar with Jeff Parker of Tortoise (blues/jazz). \$12/\$15. Jan. 15, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Megan McDonough. \$15/\$20. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.: Paul Cebart's Tomorrow Sound (rock). \$12/\$15. Jan. 23, 8 p.m.: Jeff Coffin MuTet (jazz/lunk). \$17/\$20. Jan. 28, 8 p.m.: Erwin Helfer's Chicago Boogie Ensemble. \$12/\$15. Jan. 29, 8 p.m.: American English (Beatles tribute). \$15/\$20. Jan. 30, 8 p.m.: Alfonso Ponticelli's Gypsy Jazz Tribute to Django Reinhardt. \$12/\$15. Feb. 1, 8 p.m.: Po' Girl (folk/gypsy). \$8/\$12. Feb. 3, 8 p.m.: Greg Laswell with Rosi Golan (indie/folk). \$12/\$15. Feb. 5, 8 p.m.: Syl Johnson's New Old School Soul Revue featuring Mellow D. \$15/\$20. Feb. 9, 8 p.m.: Joe Firstman and Ernie Halter. \$10/\$14. Feb. 11, 8 p.m.: Giryman with Lucy Wainwright Roche (acoustic folk). \$16/\$20. Feb. 12, 8 p.m.: Deep Blue Organ Trio (jazz). \$12/\$15. Feb. 13, 8 p.m.: This Must Be the Band (Talking Heads tribute). \$12/\$15. Feb. 16, 8 p.m.: Cracker (special acoustic performance). \$20/\$25. Feb. 17, 8 p.m.: Greg Laswell. \$12/\$15. Feb. 18, 8 p.m.: Tony Furtado and Trina Hamlin (folk/roots). \$12/\$15. Feb. 19, 8 p.m.: An Intimate Evening with Allen Toussaint. \$38/\$52. Feb. 20, 8 p.m.: Cyril Neville (R&B/funk). \$17/\$20. Feb. 21, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Marc Cohn. \$36/\$42. Feb. 25, 8 p.m.: The Twi-

ght Hours with Frisbie (indie rock). \$10/\$14. Feb. 26, 8 p.m.: Catie Curtis with Ingrid Gaudins (folk/pop). \$18/\$22. Feb. 27, 8 p.m.: Red Stick Ramblers (Cajun/roots). \$20/\$25. Feb. 28, 8 p.m.: Terence Blanchard (jazz). \$30/\$35. March 4, 8 p.m.: Sara Watkins of Nickel Creek (bluegrass/folk). \$15/\$20. March 20, 8 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues. \$20/\$25. March 26, 8 p.m.: Adrian Legg (finger-style guitar). \$20/\$25. March 28, 8 p.m.: Harry Manx (roots). \$20/\$25. April 9, 8 p.m.: Shawn Mullins \$22/\$25. May 1, 8 p.m.: Jonatha Brooke. \$24/\$28. May 16, 8 p.m.: Colin Hay of Men at Work. \$34.50.

ART GALLERIES

Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 491-4000. www.blockmuseum.northwestern.edu. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The museum will be closed Dec. 14 through Jan. 14. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. Jan. 15-March 14: "A Room of Their Own: The Bloomsbury Artists in American Collections" will explore the connections between visual art, literature and social reform during the Bloomsbury era. It will feature more than 150 objects that reflect the creative vision and collaborations of the Bloomsbury group, a collective of British artists and writers active during the first half of the 20th century. Included will be oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, books, decorative art objects and designs by Virginia Woolf, Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant, Roger Fry, Dora Carrington and others. Jan. 23, 2 p.m.: A lecture, "Roger Fry: Art and Life in Bloomsbury," will be presented by Christopher Reed, associate professor of English and visual culture at Pennsylvania State University. Brickton Art Center, 306 Busse Highway, Park Ridge. (847) 823-6611.

www.bricktonartcenter.org. Through Jan. 9: "Russell Phillips: An Exhibition of Six Projects," works by photographer Russell Phillips, as well as an introduction to his latest work, a line of graphic furniture. Included in the show is work from "In Time," a project that explores the nuances of the passage of time from a single view, and the "Power House" series, revealing the end of an era in the Sears Power Station. Other bodies of work presented in the exhibition are "Scene From the Side-walk," observations of urban neighborhoods. "Sintra, Portugal," vignettes that investigate the evolution of color through time, the "Still Life" series, and "The American Movie Theatre." A selection of sculptures by artist Jack Holme will also be on display. Oltmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston. www.norris.northwestern.edu/oltmar. (847) 491-2348. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. The gallery will be closed from Dec. 7 through Jan. 5. Admission is free. Jan. 6-Feb. 8: "Artist Made Books," featuring books, "zines" (nonofficial magazines produced by fans of a particular cultural phenomena) and graphic texts created by 14 Chicago area artists. Most of the works in the show are made from book binding materials and some from homemade papers or copy machine paper. Jan. 6-Feb. 8: "Beethoven, Bach and the Composers Sleeping in the Coffin," comprised of sculptures, paintings, drawings, digital photography and audio and video tributes to some of the world's great composers by Luke Tauber, a resident of Little City Foundation, an organization for the developmentally disabled. Opening reception for both exhibits will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 7. Lincoln Terrace Art Studio & Gallery, 5027 Warren St., Skokie. (847) 673-0345. Through February: "Leonid Osseny: Nu and Flowers," featuring paintings of flowers and figurative studies. Lincolnwood Village Hall, 6900 N. Lin-

coln Ave., Lincolnwood. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact Shirley Engelstein, fine arts coordinator. (847) 674-3806. Through Dec. 31: "The Magic of Art, The Discipline of Science, and the Love of Nature," photographs by Rich Fisher. Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston. (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Admission to events is included with an entrance donation to the Mitchell Museum. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for senior citizens, students and children. Maximum admission per family is \$10. Through Dec. 30: "7 Artists, 7 Teachings: Contemporary Great Lakes Native Art." The group exhibition explores the themes of truth, respect, love, bravery, honesty, humility and wisdom that are central to the ethos and worldview of the Anishinabe tribes of the Upper Midwest - the Chippewa (Ojibway), Ottawa and Potawatomi, also known as the Council of the Three Fires. Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. (847) 965-4220. Through Jan. 2: "New Works," featuring paintings, drawings and digital photography by Niles North High School students. Will be on display in the Baxter Room. Oakton Community College, Koehnline Museum of Art, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. (847) 635-2633. www.oakton.edu/museum. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. Through Jan. 29: "Curt Frankenstein: Dream World and Real World." Works by surrealist artist Curt Frankenstein (1922-2009), who lived

and worked in suburban Wilmette for more than three decades, will be on display. Produced with support from the American Jewish Artists Club, where Frankenstein was a member, the exhibition features paintings and etchings that range from landscapes and purely figurative efforts to more complicated and cerebral images. Seniors Action Service, 1123 Emerson, Suite 200, Evanston. (847) 864-7274. www.SeniorsActionService.org. Through Jan. 22: "Celebrating Experience: A Gallery of Art by Older Adults," featuring works by photographer Josephine Strong and painter Carol Reagan.

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Play On will hold auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," for children in grades K-8, on Jan. 11 and 15 at Open Studio, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston. Rehearsals will be mostly Saturday late afternoons, with performances the week of March 19. Those cast pay a \$200 fee. For an audition appointment, e-mail info@playonil.com or call (847) 337-9614. The Evanston Children's Theatre will hold auditions Jan. 12-14 for its spring production of "Looking Glass Lane," an adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass*. Auditions are open to youth age 8 through eighth grade. Auditions will be held from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 12 and 14 at the Levy Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston; and from 4-6

p.m. Jan. 13 at Fleetwood-Jourdain Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. No appointments are necessary; just arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. For youth who are cast in the play, there is a cast fee of \$75. The show will be presented March 19-21 at the Levy Center. For information, call (847) 448-8250. The Rising Stars Theatre Co. will hold open auditions for "Oliver" at 6850 W. Addison, Chicago. Seeking a large cast of children ages 8-14 years, men and women. Particularly need two boys ages 8-15 for the roles of Oliver and the Artful Dodger. Prepare 32 bars of an upbeat song, preferably from the show. Accompanist provided. Be prepared to dance and possibly read from the script. English accents encouraged. Children ages 8-14 years audition from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 23; no appointment necessary. Teens, ages 15 and up, and adults audition from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 22 and 1-5 p.m. Jan. 24. Teens and adults encouraged to make appointments, but walk-ins are welcome. E-mail director@risingstars.org or call (773) 736-2490 for audition appointments or more information. Performance dates are April 17-May 2. No pay; all roles open. Visit www.risingstars.org. Still Acting Up!, a musical troupe of performers 60 years of age and over, directed by Chicago actor Jill Shellabarger, will hold auditions for male and female performers at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Skokie Park District's Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton, Skokie. The troupe rehearses on Tuesdays and performs 25-28 shows throughout the year. While the troupe commitment is year-around, the group

takes the months of January and July off. The shows are completely original, so the ability to read music is a plus. Be prepared to sing one song (bring music), tell a two-minute or less short story, anecdote or monologue, and move to music. Call (847) 998-8894 for information or an audition appointment. MUSICIANS Skokie Park District-sponsored senior performance troupe seeks a pianist to serve as accompanist. No pay. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons, some Thursdays at the Oakton Community Center, Skokie. Performances and rehearsals held year around, except for January and July. Sight-reading a plus. Call (847) 998-8894. SINGERS Lyric Opera of Chicago will hold auditions in January and February for experienced, classically trained singers in all voice categories who seek positions in the company's choral ensemble for the 2010-11 season. Tenors, in particular, are highly encouraged to apply. Preliminary auditions will be held Jan. 29-30, Feb. 4-5 and 10 and 13. Auditions are by invitation only. To obtain an audition invitation, singers should send a current résumé and photo to Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chorus Auditions Coordinator, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 860, Chicago, IL 60606. Include a cover letter indicating your first, second, and third choices for audition. **go., PAGE B15**

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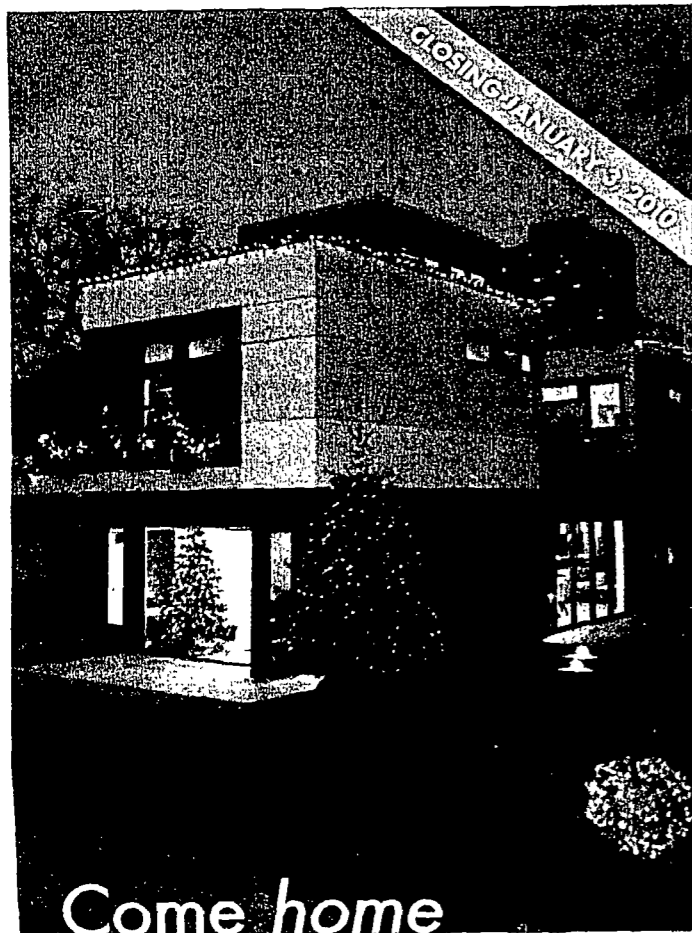
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'Scientology' cast terrific, but material stretched thin

'A Very Merry Unauthorized Children's Scientology Pageant' through Jan. 3 at Next Theatre, 927 Noyes, Evanston. Visit www.nexttheatre.org or call (847) 475-1875, Ext. 2.

By **CATEY SULLIVAN**
 Contributor

Of all the holiday shows that pop up like poinsettias in the grocery store floral department this time of year, perhaps the oddest is running at Evanston's Next Theatre Company. "A Very Merry Unauthorized Children's Scientology Pageant" has a cast of eight elementary and middle-school-age children, but the show itself is definitely not for kids. It's a production with grown-up intentions — to make mock of L. Ron Hubbard and the "religion" he founded, Scientology.

Delving the life of Hubbard and his multi-billion dollar industry would make for a weird story any time of year. This is, after all, a belief system that rests on the premise that alien beings live within our human bodies, that post-partum depression is a character defect and that psychiatry is evil and must be destroyed.

Told by children within the framework of a traditional Nativity Pageant (L. Ron begins his tale in a manger) "Scientology Pageant" is strange indeed. It's difficult to say who the audience is for this 65-minute skit. If you aren't a Scientologist, the subject is probably more odd than interesting. If you are a Scientologist, you'd be far more apt to picket the show than to buy a ticket for it.

But the primary problem with the piece — and with its ability to find an audience — lies in author Kyle Jarrow's weak storytelling. Based on a concept by Alex Timbers, Jarrow's script plays like an over-

PLAY REVIEW



Jennifer Baker and Sara Geist tap their way through the demonstration of the Reactive Mind and the Analytical Mind while Jason Krause as L. Ron Hubbard looks on.

long, mid-level SNL skit. As a 10-minute bit, "Scientology Pageant" would be amusing. An hour feels like overkill.

That said, director Kathryn Walsh elicits guileless and therefore terrifically effective performances from her young cast. There isn't a weak link in the octet. It helps that these aren't your typical school play actors, but rather young professionals with extensive television, modeling and theater credits playing school play actors. As an ensemble, the group is infectiously enthusiastic and engaging. Individually, everyone gets a chance to shine (and does just that) whether impersonating Tom Cruise (Nicole Rudakova) or depicting a hard-charging IRS investigator (Kevin Wyant).

Front and center for most of the show is Jason Krause as L. Ron Hubbard. He's a comic wonderkid, singing, dancing and preaching the gospel of Dianetics with a disarming verve. He keeps an air of earnest sincerity while exposing L. Ron's highly

debatable theories in all their lunacy — er, debatability. And that air makes the send-up all the funnier. The temptation might be to portray L. Ron as either a buffoon or a sinister businessman who finds a way to make millions by preying on the emotionally needy. By having Krause play it straight, director Walsh lets the audience come to its own, (inevitable) conclusions about the man and his theories.

Also a stand-out is Sara Geist, a young lady with charisma to burn. Portraying a lost and lonely starlet who finds happiness by embracing her inner Thetan, she also demonstrates some wonderfully emotive karaoke skills.

But for all the cast's effort, the material remains problematic. Yes, it's amusing watching L. Ron and the dubious science of Dianetics confronted with actual scientific facts (not to mention the IRS). But it's not worth going out of one's way to see what amounts to a single punchline stretched out to an hour's length.

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dition date. The deadline for submitting materials is Jan. 22. Not all applicants who submit a résumé and photo will be asked to audition. Walk-ins will not be seen. To obtain a current audition brochure, visit www.lyricopera.org and click the "About Lyric" link. For information, call the audition hotline: (312) 827-3548.

The Northwest Choral Society invites experienced singers to audition for its 44th anniversary concert season. Auditions are held any Tuesday evening, through March 16, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 855 Lee St., Des Plaines. The ensemble offers a varied repertoire and strong vocal sections in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. The group presents three concerts each season, including an annual holiday concert of carols, spirituals and hymns, a winter concert that is more classical in nature, and a June concert of light classical music as well as folk songs, jazz, contemporary ballads and music from Broadway. To schedule an audition, call (773) 504-3426 or visit www.nwchoral-society.org.

ARTISTS

Amdur Productions announces its annual call for artists for Chicago-area art festivals, including the Barrington Art Festival, May 29-30; Eastside Millennium Art Festival in Chicago, June 4-6; Lincolnshire Art Festival, June 12-13; Cantigny Art Festival in Wheaton, June 20-21; Promenade of Art Arlington Heights, June 27-28; Genesco Festival of the Masters, July 10-11; Buffalo Grove Invitational Fine Art Festival, July 18-19; North Shore Festival of Art at Old Orchard in Skokie, July 25-26; Gold Coast Art Fair, Chicago, July 30-Aug. 1; Art at the Glen Town Center, Glenview, Aug. 7-8; Port Clinton Art Festival, Highland Park, Aug. 28-29; and the Highwood Last Call Art Fair, Sept. 25-26. Artists can apply online at www.amdurproductions.com. Artists should submit four images of their work and one photo of their booth. Applicants who wish to submit traditional slides and use a paper application may still do so for a small conversion fee. All applications must be received by Jan. 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

Skokie Festival of Cultures Planning Committee meets at the Oakton Community Center at least one Monday per month leading up to the 20th annual Festival of Cultures on May 22-23. To participate or for information, call Pamela Zeid, (847) 674-1500, ext. 2180.

BENEFITS

ensemble13 will hold its second annual Winter Benefit at 7 p.m. Dec. 30 at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster St., Morton Grove. The evening will include food, live music, a silent auction and more. ensemble13 is a company of young artists committed to bringing the unique experience of ensemble-generated work to Chicago's North Shore. Admission: \$15, \$10 students and seniors. RSVP by sending an e-mail to

info@ensemble13.org. The Chicago Bar Association's 86th annual holiday revue, "I'm a Lawyer. Get Me Out of Here!", will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines. The production showcases a singing and dancing cast of more than 60 lawyers, judges and law students who are expected to comically chronicle the exploits of President Obama, Sarah Palin, Bernie Madoff, Hillary Clinton, Rod Blagojevich and others. A reception follows the performance. Tickets are \$50 and can be reserved by calling (847) 635-1893. Proceeds benefit scholarships and programs funded by the Oakton Educational Foundation.

CHILD'S PLAY

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston (847) 475-1030. www.mitchellmuseum.org. Suggested donation is \$5 adults; \$2.50 senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Dec. 26: Dreamcatchers. Pick-Stalger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, (847) 467-4000. www.pickstalger.org. Kids Fare series, featuring hour-long concerts for children ages 3 to 8 and their families. All Kids Fare concerts begin at 10:30 a.m. Tickets: \$6; \$5 for senior citizens; \$4 for children. Jan. 9: "Powerful Pipes" at Alice Miller Chapel, 1870 Sheridan Road, Evanston, a program featuring the sounds of the chapel's organ and choir.

Skokie Park District's Young Performers class, Jan. 15-April 30 at the Devonshire Playhouse, will cover musical, dance and acting skills for second-through eighth-graders, culminating in a production of "Aladdin Jr." Every child will be cast in an acting role and learn backstage basics such as props, costumes and set design. Fee is \$150 for Skokie residents; \$188 for nonresidents. Registration is in progress. Visit www.skokieparkdistrict.org or call (847) 674-1500, ext. 2400 for more information.

Take Two Children's Theater, 8401 N. Crawford Ave., Skokie, (847) 674-2216. www.skokiechildrenstheater.com. Dec. 28-30, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Mini Winter Theater Arts Camp, featuring games, acting, dance and crafts. \$100.

COMEDY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 22, 8 p.m.; Jan. 23, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Jan. 24, 3 p.m.: The Capitol Steps presents political and current events satire. \$44-\$48.

Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or (800) 745-3000; the ticket prices listed below do not include service fees. For more information about the theater, call (847) 671-5100. March 27, 7:30 p.m.: Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White presents his new stand-up show, "Behavioral

Problems." The performance is recommended for mature audiences. Tickets: \$45.75-\$35.75.

DANCE

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7:30 p.m. the second Saturday of the month, through May 8, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thacker and Lee streets, Des Plaines. \$6 per guest. For information, call (847) 698-5501 or (773) 685-8407.

Spare Sunday Evening Club holds ballroom dances from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Ave., Franklin Park. Admission is \$8 for members; \$9 guests. Jan. 3: Music by Chuck and Friends. Jan. 17: Music by The Music Men. Feb. 7: Music by The Dick Elliot Band. Feb. 21: Music by Chuck and Friends.

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) 775-9421 or (708) 442-8646. Jan. 17: "We Will Have Fun in 2010." Jan. 25: "Snowflake Shuffle."

Square Wheels Square Dance Club dances the fourth Saturday of each month, September through May, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 304 W. Palatine Road, Prospect Heights. Round dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with Howard and Anna Hoffman, and square dancing starts at 8 p.m. with guest callers. Refreshments served and banner available through April 24. Admission: \$6. For information, call (847) 392-5512 or (847) 253-3206. Dec. 27: No dance. Dec. 31: New Year's Eve ticket dance with Wally Smulson and Howard Hoffman. Jan. 23: Mike Richards

ET CETERA

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. May 8, 7:30 p.m.: Smucker's Stars on Ice Tour, including Evan Lysacek, Tanith Belbin, Benjamin Agosto, Sasha Cohen, Todd Eldredge and Michael Weiss. Tickets start at \$25.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. Dec. 26, 7 p.m.; Dec. 27, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Dec. 28, 3 p.m.: "Aga-Boom," featuring performers from The Great Moscow Circus, Cirque du Soleil and Barnum & Bailey. \$37.

MUSEUMS

Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. www.iholocaustmuseum.org. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Admission: \$8; \$5 for children ages 5-12. \$6 for students ages 12-22 and senior citizens. Special exhibitions are free with museum admission. Through Feb. 28: "Anne Frank: A History for Today."

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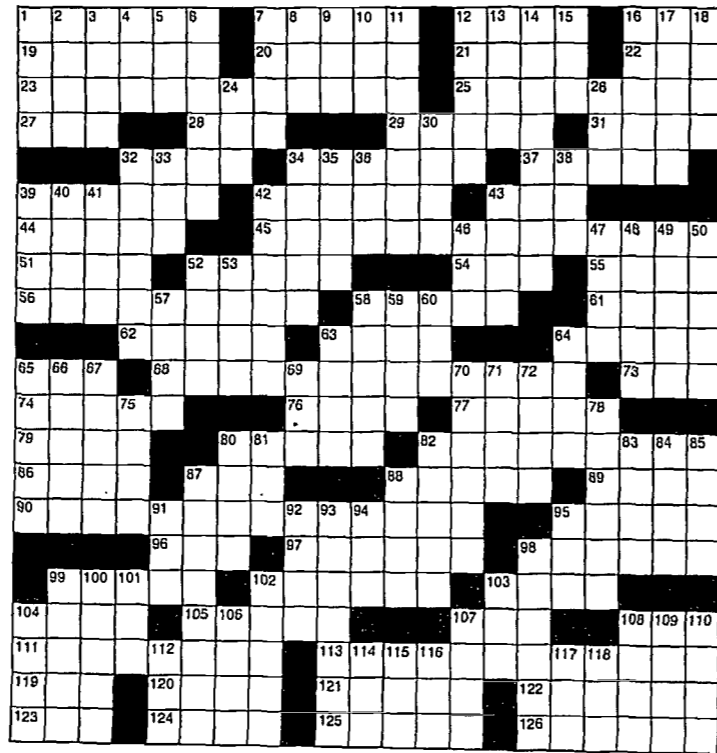
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 - 12 Pacific archipelago
 - 16 Fit
 - 19 Not as affluent
 - 20 Let up
 - 21 "East of Eden" character
 - 22 Negligent
 - 23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash
 - 25 Massachussetts
 - 27 "Kind" (67 hit)
 - 28 Little fox
 - 29 Does some cobbling
 - 31 Jannings or Gillels
 - 32 "Pequod" captain
 - 34 Whippet or wolf
 - 37 Raptor feature
 - 39 Dugong, for one
 - 42 Salon offering
 - 43 Faint
 - 44 Fashionable Emilio
 - 45 Part 2 of quip
 - 61 Agatha's colleague
 - 52 Hardy popular
 - 64 NASA
 - 65 — vera
 - 56 Revolt
 - 58 Prop for Figaro
 - 61 Make murky
 - 62 Alpine area
 - 63 Soccer superstar
 - 64 Gounod opera
 - 65 "Fantasia" frame
 - 68 Part 3 of quip
 - 73 Narcs' org.
 - 74 Old
 - 75 "Testament character
 - 76 Jet-setter's need
 - 77 Spine-tlingling
 - 78 Middle East money
 - 80 Play ground?
 - 82 Cajole
 - 86 Cry of dread
 - 87 — Na Na
 - 88 Tuscan town
 - 89 Surfeit
 - 90 Part 4 of quip
 - 95 Prepare the champagne
 - 96 Vintage
 - 97 62 Across
 - 98 Grown-up grub
 - 99 Cumin or coriander
 - 102 Pieces
 - 103 Noisy birds
 - 104 Tibia
 - 105 Walker's "The —"
 - 107 Kernel feature
 - 108 Catchall abbr.
 - 111 Flirt
 - 113 End of quip
 - 119 Burmese slatesman
 - 120 TV's " —"
 - 121 Early computer
 - 122 Pianist Jose
 - 123 Billy —
 - 124 Scent
 - 125 Musical movement
 - 126 Get in shape
- DOWN**
- 1 Lhasa —
 - 2 Magic-show sound
 - 3 — Linda, CA
 - 4 Zinc or copper
 - 5 Ran into
 - 6 NBC newsmen
 - 7 Actor Damon
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Historic org.
 - 10 Had some halibut
 - 11 Handful oratorio
 - 12 Tale
 - 13 "Dies —"
 - 14 Control lever
 - 15 Office-holders
 - 16 Battle site of 1836
 - 17 Fancy fabric
 - 18 Sachow kin
 - 24 Spare part?
 - 26 — Aviv
 - 30 — in "America" (63 tune)
 - 32 Say yes
 - 33 — polloi
 - 34 Proof-reader's mark
 - 35 Sailed through
 - 36 Tang
 - 38 Orthopedist's org.
 - 39 Detailed description
 - 40 Continental currency
 - 41 Bill of Rights grp.
 - 42 Femme —
 - 43 Couturier
 - 46 — Vicente, Brazil
 - 47 Zhivago's love
 - 48 Audibly
 - 49 Din
 - 50 Actress
 - 51 Burke
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 - 65 Chocolate substitute
 - 66 Yafe or Foot
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 - 69 Palindromic name
 - 70 Most modern
 - 71 MTV viewer
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 - 78 Decorates glass
 - 80 Wearing saddles
 - 81 Author Amy
 - 82 Places
 - 83 Came down to earth
 - 84 Droop
 - 85 Howard or Patty
 - 87 Chose
 - 88 Bacteriologist Jonas
 - 91 Ad — committee
 - 92 Repeat
 - 93 Mitty's creator
 - 94 Harrison's "Star Wars" role
 - 95 Dodgor Ron
 - 98 Good name for a racoon
 - 99 Radiated
 - 100 Stimulate
 - 101 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
 - 102 Weather word
 - 103 Roast beef
 - 104 Move nuckly
 - 108 Football Hall of Famer Jim
 - 107 Puerto Rico
 - 108 To be, to Baudelaire
 - 109 Forbidden
 - 110 Overcharge
 - 112 Inflatable item?
 - 114 Lennon's widow
 - 115 Canterbury can
 - 116 "I've been —"
 - 117 Ike's domain
 - 118 Sister

TOOTH PASTE



Answers: Inside today's classified section

HOROSCOPES

For the week of Dec. 28 - Jan. 3

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

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Remembrances

Beckman, Ann Marie
Ann Marie Beckman, age 77, died on December 15, 2009 at Great Bend Health & Rehabilitation Center, Great Bend, KS. She was born December 31, 1931 in Wichita, KS to Donald R. and Helen (Hamilton) Wiley. She married Harold William Beckman on December 2, 1950 in Oakley, KS. He died September 21, 1998. Mrs. Beckman was a liquor store owner in Oakley, and an assembly line worker for Dolly Madison Bakery, Emporia, KS. She was a Hartford, KS, resident from 1972 to 2004 when she moved to Burlington, KS. She moved to Great Bend in 2009. Mrs. Beckman was a member of the Prince of Peace Parish, Great Bend, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Emporia. She was a Girl Scout Camp Director and volunteer. Survivors include two sons, Robert Beckman of Chicago and Bill Beckman and wife Terena of Mount Sydney, VA; two daughters, Diane Moore and husband Harvey of Great Bend, KS and Debra Powers and husband Ron of Brownwood, TX; two sisters, Marilyn Sydow and husband Norris of Comanche, TX and Donna Rae Stone and husband Robert of Roanoke, VA; three grandchildren, Darcy James, Chris Reid, and Sarah Reid; and four great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Friday, December 18, 2009 at Bryant Funeral Home, Great Bend. Service was held Saturday, December 19, 2009 at Prince of Peace Parish at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Great Bend. Father Reginald A. Urban officiated. Inurnment will be held at a later date at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Hartford, KS. Memorial Fund: Golden Belt Humane Society, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryanfifh.net. Arrangements by Bryant Funeral Home 1425 Patton Road Great Bend, KS 67530.
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Raymond M. Magnus, 80, U.S. Army Korean War. Beloved husband of Doris M. (nee Alfergott) for 56 wonderful years; loving father of Kathleen (Roy) Brock, Kenneth (Joanne) Magnus, Andrea (Dennis) McNally, Alan (Donna) and Daniel (Michelle) Magnus; dearest son of the late Helen Nee Szczepaniak and the late Walter Magnuszewski; fond grandfather of Kim (Joe), Michael (Amy), Jennifer, Mark, Madeleine, Michael, Natalie, Matthew, Nicole, Andrew, Justin, Jonathan, Natalie, Elise and Audrey; great-grandfather of Justin, Owen and Claire; dear brother of the late Joseph, John, Edward, Eleanor and Frances; fond uncle of many. Funeral Mass was held Friday, December 18, at St. Eugene Church. Interment Memory Gardens Cemetery. Raymond was a member of Cement Mason's Local #502 and V.F.W. Post #3579 in Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, donations to Rainbow Hospice or St. Eugene Parish would be appreciated. Visitation was held on Thursday, December 17. Info. (708) 456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com
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Wickstrom, Richard K.
Richard K. Wickstrom, 75 of Inverness, formerly Park Ridge, died December 20, 2009 peacefully at his home. Born November 7, 1934 in Escanaba, MI to the late Oscar and Margaret Wickstrom. He worked for over 30 years for American Dental Association. A veteran of the Army. He was the beloved husband of 41 years to Cherrie (nee Johnson) and the late Mary (nee Hamren); father of Susan Beth (Mike) Pound, Eric (Tracy), Timothy (Karen), Matthew Wickstrom and Amy (Steve) Ivy; grandfather of David Nott, Michael, Hailey, Keven, Cheryl and Mark Wickstrom and Von Ivy; brother of Joanne (the late Neal) Wise; Carol (Dave) Welch; Jerry (Mary), Larry (Linda) Wickstrom and the late Shirley Buckley; also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was a longtime usher at Park Ridge Community Church and member of Senior Men's Fitness Group at the Park Ridge Community Center. Visitation was held Tuesday, December 22, at the Meadows Funeral Home, Rolling Meadows. Funeral service was on Wednesday, December 23 at the Park Ridge Community Church, Park Ridge. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery, Park Ridge. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Community Church of Park Ridge. (847) 253-0224.
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Roomier Outback debuts for 2010

BY IRA SIEGEL
SearchChicago-Autos Correspondent

Subaru has completely revised Outback for the 2010 model year with an offering that is much roomier than its predecessor.

Built on an entirely new platform, Outback's interior volume is up almost 7 percent. The structure is now taller (2.3 inches), wider (2 inches) and features a longer (2.8 inches) wheelbase. Yet the overall length of the vehicle is actually slightly smaller than its predecessor. So there's no need to worry about the new Outback's park-ability. Call it Subaru magic.

The roomier cabin is quickly noticed by anyone slipping into the back seat. I greatly appreciated Outback's extra headroom both in front and back and almost 4 additional inches of rear seat legroom.

I'm quite comfortable riding in Outback's front or rear seats. Plus, the cabin offers exceptional versatility. However, some looking for smaller quarters and a more agile ride may not agree with the new Outback's dimensions. And those looking for a roomy, comfortable crossover may actually prefer the larger Forester model.

But for those with active lifestyles who need something about this size, along with versatility and an excellent road-

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'07 Mini Cooper w/ Nav	5-Speed, Full Power, 12K, Beige, 5311A	'08 Subaru Forester X-Prm	Auto, Air, Sunroof, Silver or Gold P3556/70	'09 Subaru Outback Ltd	Leather, Sunroof, 2-in-stock, P3532/P3546
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'09 Nissan Altima S	Automatic, Air, Mini Condition, Red, P3514	'08 Subaru Forester X-Prm	Auto, Air, Sunroof, Silver or Gold P3556/70	'05 Subaru Outback Lt. Bear	6 Cylinder, Leather, Sunroof, Green, P3536
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gripping all-wheel-drive system. Outback is among the best.

For 2010, Outback buyers can choose the fuel-efficient four-cylinder engine or a performance-tuned six-cylinder.

Both engines feature a Subaru-proprietary horizontally-opposed engine block. This lets Subaru mount them low in the chassis, which helps prevent lots of body sway when cornering.

The 2.5-liter four-cylinder (H-4) puts out 170-horsepower, while the new, larger 3.6-liter six-cylinder (H-6) is rated at 256-horsepower.

Outback's H-4 is mated to either a new six-speed manual gearbox or an available new continuously variable transmission equipped with a manual mode and steering wheel paddles.

The new H-6, which now runs on regular unleaded fuel, comes only with a five-speed automatic transmission that features a manual mode, along with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

For 2010, the Outback is offered in the following trim levels: 2.5i, 2.5i Premium, 2.5i Limited, 3.6R, 3.6R Premium and 3.6R Limited.

The 2.5-liter four-cylinder (H-4) puts out 170-horsepower, while the new, larger 3.6-liter six-cylinder (H-6) is rated at 256-horsepower.

The roof rack is standard on all models and is new and unique. It features stowable crossbars. When not needed, the crossbars can cleverly be folded out of the way to cut down on noise when driving at highway speeds.

Those looking for more amenities will want to step up to a Premium or Limited trim level. Stepping up to the 2.5i Premium adds 17-inch alloy wheels, 10-way power driver's seat, fog lights and a few more goodies.

The 2.5i Limited adds the CVT as standard, a 440-watt harmonic/kardon sound

system, leather-trimmed upholstery, Bluetooth connectivity, an all-weather package and more. The 3.6R models are similarly equipped; however, all feature a five-speed automatic transmission.

My tester was a 2.5i Limited model and I enjoyed the upgraded sound system and leather upholstery. The only options on my tester were a power moon roof and a navigation system.

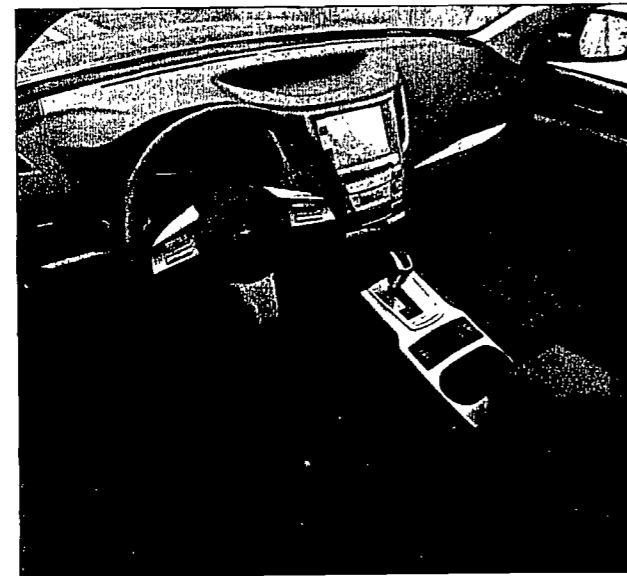
Unfortunately, though, the way Subaru packages these options, you have to step up to the Limited to have the option of the navigation system. And if you do want the navigation system (\$2,000), you also have to get the optional (\$995) power moon roof.

The H-4 in my 2.5i Limited delivered impressive fuel economy, but with all the seats filled it felt underpowered.

I also didn't care for how much road noise entered the cabin and I was surprised that an auto-dimming rear view mirror wasn't available or at least standard in the Limited. Another dislike is that Outback's side mirrors don't fold away.

Still, Outback delivers a smooth, confident ride and provides sure-footed traction regardless of road conditions.

Heck, Subaru's phenomenal all-wheel drive system, along with Outback's versatility and friendly size, make it almost irresistible.



Ford names 10 finalists in top performer competition

DEARBORN, Mich. -- Some sent in essays. Others sent in videos. But when all was said and done only 10 top performers could advance to the second round. After weeks of searching for outstanding individuals across the country, Ford Motor Co.'s "Taurus Top Ten" online competition announces the 10 finalists who have been chosen to compete for the title of Ford's 2010 Top Performer in America.

Just as the 2010 Taurus has 10 class-exclusive features that make it a top-performing vehicle in the market, Ford chose 10 outstanding top performers in the fields of philanthropy, business, entertainment and sports whose actions are making positive impacts in the world around them.

They are:

- Kevin De'Laine of Huntsville, Ala. De'Laine, who served in the Navy, created the Superior Sports Network with the mission of giving student athletes a voice, exposure and connection with the world.
- Marcus Carson of Charlotte, N.C. Carson is the executive director for Growing Kings Inc., a nonprofit organization providing mentoring programs for at-risk middle-school boys in Birmingham, Ala., and Charlotte, N.C.
- Robert Johnson of Concord, N.C. Johnson is the only African-American strength-conditioning trainer at the NEXTEL Cup level of NASCAR.
- Thornon Thomas Tipps of Conover, N.C. Tipps founded Carolina College Tours, a nonprofit organization created to raise awareness, educate and assist with the transition from high school to college.
- William Friday of Richardson, Va. As treasurer for the National Organization of Concerned Black Men, Friday has served in various areas of community service.
- The "Taurus Top Ten" grand prize champion will be determined by the online community and the winner will be announced during a high-profile professional basketball experience hosted by sportscaster James Brown. Voters can visit www.fordurbau.com/top10 to vote now through Jan. 21 to vote for their favorite candidate.
- The winner will receive an all-new 2010 Ford Taurus, a \$10,000 donation to a charitable organization of the winner's choice and a trip for two to a professional basketball experience in Dallas.
- Kevin Howell of Dallas. He created Goals-2-Score Inc., a nonprofit organization that works with high school basketball players to help them earn college basketball scholarships.

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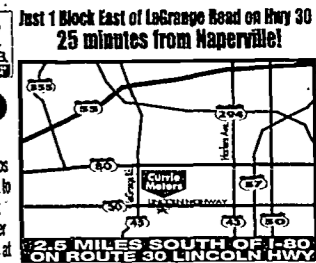
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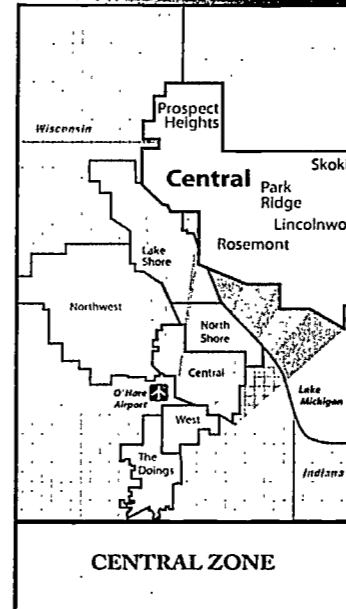
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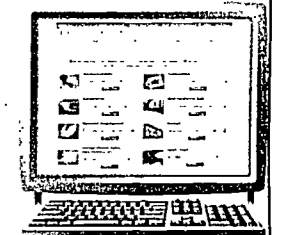
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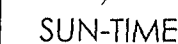
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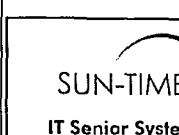
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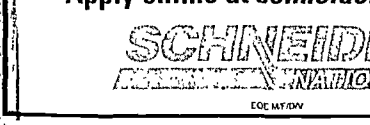
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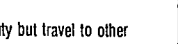
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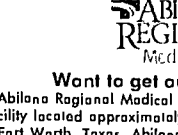
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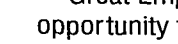
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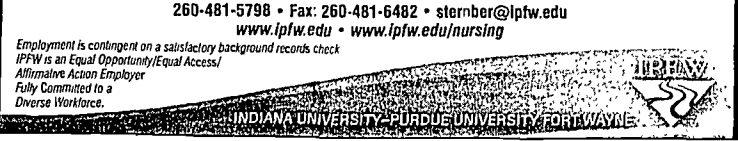
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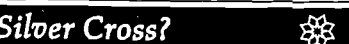


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Niles North crew performs O'Neill comedy

By JENNA HASKITT
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Niles North High School presented Eugene O'Neill's only full-length comedy "Ah, Wilderness!" this month. Performances were Dec. 4 and Dec. 5. There was also a free community performance Dec. 3.

"It's a charming play by Eugene O'Neill. He's famous for 'A Long Day's Journey Into Night' and 'A Moon for the Misbegotten,' these long depressing plays. This is the only full-length comedy he ever wrote and it's really

charming." Niles North Theater Director Tim Ortmann said.

The play is set in New England in 1906 and the main character, Richard, has just graduated high school and he's planning to spend the next year at Yale.

"He's very excited about ideas and about reading and it's not the time of movies or TV or radio so reading is where you're getting all of your recreation and ideas or out being social with people. It's a very social weekend. It's the Fourth of July weekend. These ideas he's getting

which he's got a sort of youthful exuberance about get him into trouble with his girlfriend's father and to some extent at home with his mother as well," Ortmann said.

His girlfriend's dad puts an end to their relationship. "That's what gets everything rolling and gets this kid even more wound up and angry and emotional and depressed. That sets into action him going and doing some questionable things that wouldn't please a mother," Ortmann said.

The main plot is young love and also looking at other

love relationships. "Really, the title 'Ah, Wilderness!' is that feeling of love and you're the only one who's ever dealt with these feelings and going out into the wilderness of love basically. It's kind of that realization that it is that new, crazy, strange, wonderful wilderness for everybody and that even your 50-year-old father went through that," Ortmann said.

O'Neill is one of the most noteworthy American playwrights, according to Ortmann. He came before Tennessee Williams and Arthur

Miller and also won the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize.

"Certainly studying his (O'Neill) work is very worthy and to have characters, many of them that are the same age as these kids and going through some of the stuff they're going through makes it easier for them to identify with the situation. Also to study what was going on 100 years ago and to see that sometimes while a lot of things are different, there are a lot of things that are the same," Ortmann said.

Cast members were senior **Rafael Vicente**, junior **So-**

phie Scanlon, freshman **Alex Hammond**, sophomore **Clark Fox**, sophomore **Shannon Rourke**, freshman **Joey Oliveri**, sophomore **Yiorgos Giannetos**, sophomore **Naveen Kanji**, sophomore **Jonathan Berg-Einhorn**, senior **Kristina Loy**, freshman **Max Dolinko**, senior **Elana Weiner-Kaplow**, freshman **Sarah Alkyer**, sophomore **Andy Mabis** and freshman **Chris Khoshaba**. The stage manager was sophomore **Will Boersma**.

Niles North is at 9800 North Lawler St., Skokie. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

SCHOOLS DIGEST

CAMPUS

Named to the spring dean's list at the University of Iowa were Niles students **Daniel S. Barone** and **Paul A. Kuzmierczak**.

Joyce Deasis Coladilla of Niles qualified for the dean's list during the summer term at Southern Illinois University.

DISTRICT 64

The District 64 Elementary Learning Foundation will host its third annual Casino Carnevale from 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Jan. 30 at Carlucci Rosemont, 6111 N. River Road. The event will feature an open bar, dinner buffet and desserts, silent and live auctions, wine auction, raffles and games of chance.

Cost is \$65 per person before Jan. 15, \$75 afterward. Tickets and additional information are available at www.district64elf.org.

Proceeds benefit the students of School District 64 through innovative and imaginative educational grants.

Kindergarten and new student registration for 2010-11 Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 will be held for students who will be new or transferring to a District 64 school as follows: Elementary grades K-5 on Feb. 2 (all elementary schools); Feb. 4 (all schools except Carpenter); and middle school grades 6-8 on Jan. 28 (Emer-

son and Lincoln). Call your neighborhood school or the District 64 office at (847) 318-4300 to be placed on a mailing list for a registration packet; materials will be available in early 2010 on the District 64 Web site: www.d64.org.

DISTRICT 219

Niles North High School art exhibition "New Works" will be featured at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. The exhibit, which includes paintings, drawings and digital photography created by Niles North artists, will be on display in the Baxter Room (auditorium) through Jan. 2. The library's hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Niles West High School hosted the 19th annual Niles West/University of Illinois Junior High Orchestra Clinic Nov. 19. There were 19 junior high orchestras from around the state. The clinic was run by the Niles West Orchestra Student Board, sponsored by Steven Katz, Niles West High School Orchestra Director. Serving as clinicians were Dr. Louis Borgonzi from the University of Illinois, Joanne May from Elmhurst College and John Fitchuk from Wheaton College.

According to Orchestra Di-

rector Katz, "This was a great event for the orchestra and I received numerous compliments from clinicians and junior high orchestra directors concerning the great job that our Orchestra Board did in running this event." They were in charge of every aspect of this clinic, including videotaping the concert for each school, setting up the warm-up rooms, clinic rooms and stage, emceeing the event, greeting and guiding the orchestras throughout the school and organizing meals for Niles West students, our clinicians and the 20 music major students from the University of Illinois who observed the clinic.

Members of the Orchestra Board who worked on the event included: Lucy Chang, Sheryl Cherian, Rita Chiu, Rhon DeVern, Sandy Gonzalez, Eunice Hong, Grace Kim, Michelle Kim, Hillary Lindwall, Spencer Love, Harris Miller, Michelle Ouy, Rizzelle Prado, Paula Saelim, Divya Shah, Claire Son, Trace Hiyama, Patrick Liscio and especially Orchestra Board President Jennifer Wong and Vice President Tommy Ng. Participating schools were: Herriek Middle School, Downers Grove; Springman Middle School, Glenview; Lake Zurich Middle School South; Lincoln Junior High School, Skokie; Joliet All City Orchestra. The Avery Coonley School, Downers Grove; Park View School,

Morton Grove; Roosevelt Middle School, River Forest; Daniel Wright Junior High School, Lincolnshire; Northbrook Junior High School; Century Junior High School, Orland Park; Columbia Middle School, Peoria; Calvin Coolidge Middle School, Peoria; Nichols Middle School, Evanston; Wilkins Junior High School, Justice; Friendship Junior High School, Des Plaines; Fairview South School, Skokie; Holmes Junior High School, Mt. Prospect; and Lincoln Middle School, Mount Prospect.

For its outstanding work in creating a positive environment for youth athletes, Niles North High School has earned Positive Coaching Alliance's coveted "Honoring the Game" Award. Niles North Athletic Director Karl Costello accepted the award in a ceremony at today's Winter Spirit Assembly at Niles North.

The award goes to schools or organizations serving athletes of high school age or younger that embody Positive Coaching Alliance principles in using sports to teach life lessons. Niles North is the first school in the Midwest to receive the award.

"Winning an Honoring the Game Award is an amazing achievement because of the amount of work it takes to establish and maintain a positive culture in the face of so many negative influences,"

said Jim Thompson, PCA's founder and executive director. "While we honor the youth sports leaders, the real winners are the youth athletes and families who benefit from a positive sports culture."

Niles North's Costello has expanded the school's three-year PCA Partnership to include local elementary and middle schools and park-and-ree sports programs that feed into Niles North. "We're building a culture of athletic excellence here," Costello said. "That's why we're starting at the youth sports level."

In a culturally diverse community with a scarcity of resources at local middle schools and few centralized youth sports organizations, "PCA has given us a tool to bring all these groups together," Costello said. "We've told parents that this is for the total development of your children, and we are facilitating workshops, paying some extra money, filming workshops and putting spots onto our local cable network to spread word about our partnership and what it means to families."

"Not Just Another Teen Art Show" opens at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Avenue, Jan. 6, an exhibit that incorporates a wide variety of artworks created by Visual Arts students at Niles West. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. that day with the artists and live music by Flat-

ley, a Niles West musician. Artwork was created by students in Advanced Placement Studio Art, Advanced Studio Art, Art Studio I, Digital Photography I, Digital Art and Design and Ceramics. The pieces were developed through various in-class and independent art assignments. Students enrolled in the Visual Arts curriculum at Niles West High School are exposed to a wide range of techniques and art media throughout their four-year art experience. No matter the course level, art students are encouraged to develop a unique, creative and personal response to assignments and make risk-taking part of their daily routine.

District 219's national college advisor, Jerry Pope, recently participated in a Masa study trip to Israel. The organization Masa, the Hebrew word for "journey," selects only 25 candidates from around the world to attend the all-expense paid study trip to Israel for college counselors. This year, the trip took place from Dec. 5-11.

The aim of the tour is to inform high school college advisors of the wide range of post-secondary experiences available in Israel, including internships, academic study, community service opportunities, gap-year programs, and more. Trip participants will learn

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about programs like the Young Judea Year Course program and the rapidly growing Kivunim program (which includes international travel opportunities beyond Israel). They will tour Hebrew University and the Rimón School of Jazz and Contemporary Music (Israel's leading music academy), and visit the KCDC International Dance Company. The trip participants will also have the opportunity to meet and interview current program students.

A college admissions expert, Pope has over 29 years of college admissions experience, and held positions as dean of Admissions at Illinois Wesleyan University and director of Admissions at St. Olaf College. He has served on the Executive Board of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) as Vice President for Admissions Practices and Ethics and co-chaired a Task Force on Admission Decision Options for the College Board and NACAC. Pope currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Illinois College Access Network (ICAN) and also chairs the state Human Relations Committee for the Illinois Association for College Admissions Counseling (IACAC).

NORTHRIDGE

Eighteen seniors at Northridge Prep in Niles have been accepted at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Local students include: **Bart Bak** of Niles; **Peter Knapp**, **Rob Rey** and **Brian Taylor** of Park Ridge; **Mike Cheely** and **Dan McDermott** of Chicago; **Bart Radzik** of Norridge; and **Mike Psomas** of Skokie.

NOTRE DAME-GIRLS

Notre Dame High School for Girls will administer a placement exam for the upcoming school year. All current eighth-grade students are invited to test. The test will take place Jan. 9 at 8 a.m. and will be held at the school, 3115 N. Mason Ave. The new Notre Dame High School for Girls, a technology rich, college preparatory, high school boasts a 99 per-

cent graduation rate and a 98 percent college acceptance rate. There is a \$25 testing fee. Students should bring two pencils and a calculator. Contact Julie Raino, president of Development, at (773) 622-1541 for more information or to reserve a spot.

RESURRECTION

Twenty one students from Resurrection College Prep High School were named Illinois State Scholars. Students ranking in the top 10 percent of the state's graduating seniors are recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Rankings are based on a combination of ACT test scores and class rank at the end of the sixth semester in high school.

The students who were honored for their academic achievements as Illinois State Scholars include the following local Resurrection seniors: **Dawn Bangert** and **Paige Catania** (60631); **Angela Betancourt** and **Natalia Filipek** (60641); **Jessica Choate**, **Christine Gawron**, **Nicole Larsen** and **Alexandria Muscolino** (60656); **Megan Gaseor** and **Andrea Westinicky** (Norridge); **Julia Kaufman** (60634); **Heather Mahoney**, **Alexandra Murray** and **Maria Warnock** (60630); **Stephanie Mateja** and **Stephanie Torres** (60646); **Catherine O'Connor** and **Jennifer O'Shea** (60631). The 2008-09 staff of the Resurrection College Prep High School student news magazine, The Res Banner, recently received awards for the quality and content of the news magazine. The Res Banner is a student publication distributed to all students, faculty and staff of Resurrection High School with a total print run of 1,200.

The Res Banner received a Gold Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The news publication was evaluated by a single judge in the areas of coverage, writing and editing, graphic presentation, and business practices. The judge was most impressed with the strong editorial section and the feature stories.

Quill and Scroll, an International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, awarded The Res Banner an International Second Place Award. The Res Banner was awarded this achievement rating as part of the 2009 News Media Evaluation Service. The news publication

was evaluated by a single judge in the areas of policy guidelines, coverage, writing and editing, display and design and business practices.

ST. JOHN BREBEUF

St. John Brebeuf School released its first-quarter honor roll.

Eighth Grade

First honors: Christopher Bargione, Alexandra Guzik, Sarah Ryan, Mimi Sperl, Jan Suarez, Angela Tomas, Chelsea Tuvilla.

Also, Melody Beltran, Andrw Cichon, Meegan Early, Danielle Gomez, Tia Jusi, Alex Piezia, Daniel Rogalski.

Second honors: Melissa Anderson, Chrissy Bucior, Gino Catallo, Amanda Durava, Basia Folga, Patriek McDonough, Martyna Nowik, Christina Printzis, Theodora Protopanousis, Annie Reynolds, Olivia Schoenfeldt, Steven Tarver, Luisa Velez.

Also, Cristina Aguilar, Jacob Kulaga, Emily Lalieh, Catherine Mazur, Lulu Montoya, Robyn McNaughton, Rodney Pintang, Angela Poothurail, Tom Sora, Jennifer Voss.

Seventh Grade

First Honors: Cara Caputo, Darrel Dias, Patriek Sachaj, Anetka Siemianowicz, Jan Solano, Gus Vroustouris.

Also, Ewan Boierwaltois, Nicholas Carsello, Katherine Gittings, Eric Ponzetti, Ania Rostkowski, Mark Sliwa.

Second honors: Amanda Aragon, Jessica Bacon, Angelica Casado, Matthew Infusino, Sen Joseph, Courtney Klingler, Sophie Koziol, Thomas Poleyn, Eric Pozdol, Hannah Remo, Michael Wheeler.

Also, Kristen Brehmer, Anthony Clemente, Katie Doherty, Lauren Holmen, Ray Joseph, Heather Mall, Kelsie Murphy, Alyssa Pina, Angela Printzis, Sherin Skariah, Tiffany Stack, Magda Szala.

Sixth Grade

First honors: Karen Fil, Deanna Hartogh, Michael Stack, Gianna Mae Tan, Akash Vincent, Matt Voss.

Also, Tyler Bartley, Wesley Healy, Rebecca Joseph, Veronica Lane, Diana Martinez, Monica Mastalerz, Colin McNamara, Albin Poothurail, Alexa Tomas.

Second honors: Eden Diez, Bryna Jacob, Rodger McNaughton, Steven Ponzetti, Agnieszka Rostkowski, Max

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Libations that give holidays a memorable glow

By TOM WITOM
Contributor

A cocktail is more than a mixed drink with a liquor base that's iced, sweetened and flavored. Professional mixologists will tell you it's inspiration, skill and panache in a glass.

If you were to ask George Syregelas what constitutes a good cocktail, the partner in family-run Standard Restaurant & Bar in Elmhurst wouldn't hesitate to tell you there's no definitive answer.

Personal taste

"Is a drink out of balance and too strong? Or too sweet? It's largely a matter of personal taste," said the 35-year-old veteran barman. Though he personally prefers an even-handed approach, Syregelas added, "You have to be open-minded, listen to your customers and be flexible."

Whether he's working with vodka, rum or some other spirit, Syregelas enjoys the trial and error involved in the process of developing a new cocktail. "Sometimes it works, sometimes not. I think the most important thing is to use fresh ingredients, especially fruit. It always makes a drink taste better," he said.

For the holidays, Syregelas typically introduces a seasonal cocktail of his own devising. This year it's the Doc Holliday, which Syregelas makes with equal parts RI Premium Rye Whiskey, Liqueur 43 (a citrus-vanilla liqueur produced in Spain) and a made-in-house blackberry syrup; it's shaken and served on ice.

Mixologist guides

Meanwhile, recent guides will help home mixologists navigate their way to the drink of their choice, from



George Syregelas mixes up his famous Doc Holliday cocktail at the Standard Restaurant and Bar in Elmhurst. (Steve Johnston/Staff Photographer)

popular Cosmopolitans to classic Manhattans.

In *Artisanal Cocktails* (Ten Speed Press), author Scott Beattie, who helped shape the cocktail program at Cyrus Restaurant in California, recalls how in the late 1990s and two preceding decades an exotic cocktail was an off-putting, overly-sweet, high-alcohol affair defined by cheap artificially flavored bottled mixes that were paired with liquor.

Beattie broadened his horizons and added dimension to his cocktails by working with freshly squeezed juices, house-made syrups as well as organic herbs and edible flowers. He went on to perfect the use of foams, dehydrated fruit and pickled and candied delicacies to give extra drama.

When it comes to ice, Beattie recommends shying away from cubes made in one's refrigerator because they are apt to absorb flavors of other foods; they also are generally too large.

The Ultimate Bar Book (Chronicle Books) by Mittie Hellmich can function as a handy, indexed guide for home mixologists who want to improve their skills and expand their repertoire. It includes recipes for more than a thousand cocktails.

Food writer Louise Piekford, in *Hot Drinks* (Ryland Peters & Small), offers warmed alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Her easy-to-fix Peanut Butter Crunch is one that both adults and children can enjoy.

Here are three libations to toast the New Year: Beattie's take on the Classic Margarita, Champagne

Punch for your holiday crowd from Hellmich, what she calls the "ideal libation," and the Peanut Butter Crunch.



George Syregelas' Doc Holliday seasonal cocktail mixed up for your toasting at Standard Restaurant & Bar in Elmhurst. (Steve Johnston/Staff Photographer)

Classic Margarita

1/2 lime, for rim
3 T black sea salt, for rim
2 oz. 100-percent agave silver (plata) tequila
1/2 oz. Cointreau
3/4 oz. freshly squeezed lime juice
1/4 oz. simple syrup

Rub the lime half around the rim of a tall collins glass and shake off any excess juice. Dip the glass into the salt to coat the rim. Combine the tequila, Cointreau, juice and syrup in a mixing glass and stir well. Add enough ice to fill the glass, cover and shake well. Pour into the salt-rimmed glass to serve. Makes 1 cocktail.

Champagne Punch

1 C brandy
3 oz. triple sec
4 oz. Frangelico
1 (750-ml bottle) chilled white wine
4 oz. fresh lemon juice
4 oz. pineapple juice
3 oz. maraschino syrup
1 thick block of ice
3 (750-ml bottles) chilled champagne
Apple slices
Strawberry slices
Orange slices

Pour all liquid ingredients but the champagne into a punch bowl. Just before serving, add the block of ice and pour in the champagne. Ladle into punch cups. Garnish each with fruit slices. Makes 20 (5-oz.) servings.

Peanut Butter Crunch

2 C milk
3 T natural peanut butter
1 T maple syrup
1/4 C whipping cream
Ground cinnamon, to serve

Put the milk, peanut butter and maple syrup in a saucepan and heat gently, stirring constantly, until it just reaches boiling point and the peanut butter has melted. Froth the mixture using a balloon whisk.

Divide between 2 heatproof glasses or cups. Whip the cream until it holds its shape and spoon over the drinks. Dust with a little cinnamon to serve. Serves 2.

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cardio interval training combined with segments of weight training and conditioning in a kid-friendly environment. It runs from 3:45-4:35 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 15 to Feb. 5. Early Bird fees before Jan. 8 are \$40, members or \$44, nonmembers.

Zumba for Life is 1-3 p.m. Jan. 30. Join the party rocking the gym at Niles Family Fitness Center to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Whether a Zumba regular or one who has never tried it before, participants will enjoy this workout which many call "exercise in disguise." Zumba is a unique and exciting high energy fitness class that incorporates Latin and international music and dance in an easy-to-follow format. Some of the rhythms in a typical class include salsa, merengue, cumbia, bachata, cha cha and reggaeton. No dance experience is necessary. Registration fee of \$30 includes refreshments, raffle prizes and goody bag for each participant.

To ensure that a child is in the appropriate class, all new participants to the Learn To Swim program must attend a Placement Test. Participation in this test does not guarantee the child a spot in the Learn To Swim program.

Thai Yoga Bodywork is like yoga combined with acupressure combining the stretching aspects of yoga and the subtle use of pressure, enabling a relaxing therapeutic benefit that restores bodily harmony, flexibility, and overall health. Sessions are performed on a cushioned floor mat. Cost for a 50-minute session is \$55, members or \$65 nonmembers. Costs for a 25-minute session is \$30 and \$35.

Body Flex for Kids ages 5-9 takes place from 3:45-4:35 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 26. This high energy exercise class will get a child moving and grooving, with the use of weights, steps, BOSU, and more, ending with kids yoga. Cost is \$36, members; \$45, nonmembers.

Friday Night Fun for ages 5-12 years will be from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 15. The evening includes swimming, gym, crafts, snack and more. Cost is \$10, members; \$15, nonmembers.

Mike Ippjan and the Niles Family Fitness Center present a highly instructional, highly competitive basketball program for ages 7 to 10 from 4:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 to Feb. 16. The camp will address proper shooting mechanics, ball-handling, play-making skills, rebounding, defensive fundamentals, and offensive principles. Players will participate in tournaments as well as various jumping and shooting competitions. Cost is \$99, members; \$115, nonmembers and includes a T-shirt.

Personal Training sessions are on sale through Jan. 15. One Personal Training session: \$50, members or \$60 nonmembers; five sessions: \$245 and \$295, respectively; 10 sessions: \$490 and \$590. All sessions are one hour.

Registration is under way for the following Funlastic children's programs: **Agua Antica**, 1-5 years: Play group in the pool. This non-instructional swim class is designed to help your child become comfortable in the water. Water

toys will be available. Parent/child class. **Mimi Picasso's**, 18 months-3 years: A great place for your toddler to explore their creative side. They will enjoy painting, play dough, bubbles, and more. Class may be messy so please dress accordingly. Parent/child class. **Romp, Stomp & Roll**, 10-20 months: This class is a social experience for both you and your child. Mats, balls, tunnels and age appropriate toys will be offered in this active free play class. Parent/child class.

Me Two, 2 years: This class is offered to ease fears and encourage independence. Semi-structured environment. Stories, music and art are included in each class. Child only class.

Mini Sportsters, 2-4 years: An introductory sports class for your active 2, 3- and 4-year-old. Try out a different sport each week. Parent/child class. **Tumble Bees**, 2-4 years: Children will be introduced to basic tumbling skills by participating in activities that teach gross motor skills and organized movement. Class includes basic introduction to the balance beam, floor and horizontal bar. Parent/child class.

Just for Me, 3-4 years: This class is designed for those children who are ready to be on their own in a social preschool environment. Letters, numbers and colors will be taught through active play. Daily gym time and snacks are provided. Class will be offered with a continuing curriculum through spring 2009.

Breakfast Buddies, 3-6 years: In this pint-sized morning cooking class, kids will make and eat some of their favorite breakfast recipes, like pancakes and French toast. Class is offered one or two days a week.

Body Flex Kids, 3-6 years: Scheduled during adult Body Flex, this high energy exercise class will get your child moving and grooving. To cool down we will end class with kid's yoga. Our instructor will escort your child to and from the clubhouse. **Funlastic Friday's**, 3-6 years: Children will play games, make crafts, go swimming and make new friends. Run errands with out your "little helper." Kids must be toilet trained.

Playtime Picasso's, 3-6 years: Designed to explore your child's creative side. Arts and crafts, painting, play-dough along with age appropriate play will highlight this class. Class will be messy.

Recipe for Fun, 3-6 years: Learn to make simple recipes in this pint-sized cooking class. Measuring, mixing, pouring, and stirring are sure to keep our little chefs busy. Each chef will get to eat or take home their own creations. **Silly Science**, 3-6 years: This hands-on science class is designed to combine learning and fun. With the use of everyday household items, become a silly scientist and create simple experiments.

Group EX Express Card - 10 Class card, \$71, residents; \$81 nonresidents; 20 Class Card, \$124, residents; \$144 nonresidents; 30 Class Card, \$149, residents; \$179 nonresidents. Classes include: **A.L.S. Stretch**, isolated stretching to increase flexibility.

Body Flex: Increase lean muscle mass and boost resting metabolic rate with this strength training class. Use hand weights, body bars, exercise balls, and floor exercises to develop a toned,

strong body. **BOSU, Cardio & Core**: Challenges balance while taking cardiovascular drills that target glutes and thighs, and core strengthening exercises which challenge abs, back and waist. Intermediate to Advanced.

Butts, Guts and Step: A 30-minute lower body strengthening workout, including squats, lunges, and core strengthening, followed by 45 minute step workout, which includes high intensity step aerobics and a cool down stretch. Intermediate to Advanced. **Cardio Dance**: High energy class with music. This 45-minute calorie burner followed by some work at the bar to stretch and work balance. Beginner to Intermediate.

Cardio Fusion: Cardiovascular workout with muscle shaping with interval Step, plyometrics, Kickboxing or BOSU combinations with strength training. Finish with core work and stretch. Intermediate to Advanced.

Dance Aerobics: Includes a mix of dance, and aerobics, followed by an abdominal workout. Intermediate to Advanced.

Fantasy Fight: 60 minutes of choreographed low-impact simulated fight sequences derived from the martial arts, boxing and basic self-defense, designed to condition the heart, burn calories and improve self-confidence; hand-wraps required, available at the Membership Service Desk for \$5.

Heart Rate Up & Pump: Get heart rate up with this variety of high-intensity, low-impact cardiovascular routines with some muscle conditioning. Beginner to Intermediate.

Lite & Fit: Perfect for the mature adult. Work at your own pace - a combination of low-impact (with some high intensity) aerobics. May include basic step, stability ball work, body toning with ab and back strengthening. Beginner to Intermediate. **Step & Stretch**: This 60 minute step class includes a warm-up, high intensity step aerobics, and a Yoga inspired stretch.

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Food Drive

Niles Township Food Pantry needs turkeys to make the holidays special for those in need. Donations of the following holiday items are also sought: chickens, canned sweet potatoes, beets, olives, cranberry sauces, rice or noodle side dishes, canned soups, mixed vegetables, stuffing mix, dinner rolls, gravy (dry or liquid) and cake mixes. All food donations can be brought to the Foodpantry at 5255 Main St., Skokie, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions, contact Cynthia Carranza at (847) 673-9300. Monetary donations to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation are welcome.

Fundraisers

For the eighth consecutive year, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital's Service League is presenting the "Tree of Lights," a special program designed to offer staff members and visitors a way to honor and thank special persons in their lives. The Tree of Lights is an evergreen tree that stands in the hospital's main lobby through the holidays and serves as a symbol of the compassion and generosity of the Lutheran

General community. Every time a donation is made, a bow is placed on the tree, with a white bow for a \$5 contribution; a green bow for \$25; a blue bow for \$100; and a gold bow for a contribution of \$250 or more. This year, the Service League will direct its Tree of Lights gift to the "Good Fight" of Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital. Call (847) 723-6105.

It is not too late to donate money to the annual Knights of Columbus Candy Drive to help mentally handicapped children. To donate, send tax-free donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714. **The Knights of Columbus Council 4338** is conducting a Wheelchairs for the Needy campaign. The public is invited to help others by providing donations for a wheelchair. For as little as \$75, the needy can gain their mobility with a new wheelchair. Donations may be sent to: Wheelchairs for Needy, c/o KC Council 4338, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

The Knights of Columbus are still distributing Tootsie Roll candy and banks with all profits given to mentally handicapped children. Tootsie Roll bars are available at 50 bars per package for \$6. The candy banks are \$2 each. Contact Ken Lee, (847) 967-6234. Send monetary donations to: KC Council 4338, c/o Ken Lee, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles IL 60714.

Entertainment Books are available from the Knights of Columbus Council 4338. The 2010 edition costs \$20 each with a wide selection of metropolitan areas to choose from. All proceeds are donated to area charities. To reserve a book call Mel Koenigs, (847) 966-2293. **Our Lady of Ransom Parish** in Niles is selling Entertainment 2010 Books. \$20. The book offers a variety of values, mainly two-for-one deals at many restaurants and establishments. Discounts also cover travel, car rentals, movie theaters, hotel discounts and more. Proceeds benefit the parish. To order a book call Josephine Bax, (847) 823-2550.

Health

Resurrection Medical Center, 7435 West Talcott, Chicago, will offer the following health programs. Advanced registration is required, unless noted otherwise, by calling 1-877-737-4636. Free on-site parking is available.

Ongoing programs - **Moms In Motion**: Prenatal and postpartum moms are invited to participate in this land/water exercise program offered Mondays and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Club Res Fitness Center. Fee: \$5/class. Call 773-990-5600 for more information. **Yoga**: All levels are welcome. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:10-10 a.m. at Resurrection Medical Center. Fee: \$8/class or \$75 for a 10 class punch card. Call the Health Management Department at 773-792-5022 for details.

Senior Advocate of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital offers free blood-pressure screenings from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of every month at the hospital's Patient Resource Center, 8820 W. Dempster St., Niles (across from the hospital). No appointment is necessary. Call (847)

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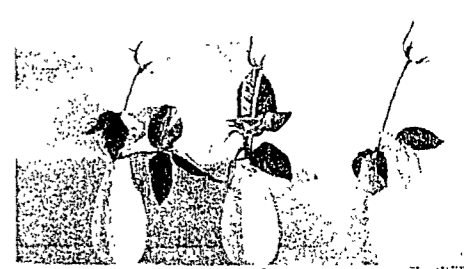
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Grandparents Day At SJB

On Monday, October 19th, SJB School honored grandparents and special friends.

The day began with a liturgy celebrating the Feast of St. John Brebeuf. Following mass, the grandparents and special friends were invited to the classrooms to read, sing, draw, play games and decorate cookies. A reception for everyone was held in the Parish Ministry Center. The PSA provided lots of food and beverages. Each student designed a place mat for their special guests and entertainment was provided by the second and third graders.

As a special memory of the day, each grandparent and special friend was given a portrait drawn by the students. SJB School is thankful for the guidance, wisdom and love that grandparents and special friends share with us.

National Day of Concern at SJB

The students and teachers

at St. John Brebeuf School, along with The Chicago Public Schools and the Archdiocese of Chicago, participated in the nationwide "National Day of Concern". Following the shootings of recent years, this is a day of national observance in the hope of reversing the tide of violence in this country. It is also our hope that by making a common promise on a common day, young people will realize the multiplication effect of individual decisions to end gun violence. Students and teachers reaffirmed our own responsibility for making this country safer from violence.

On the National Day of Concern, we discussed the issue of violence in our country and pledged individually to use our collective power toward change. Our students signed a poster on each grade level, to be kept in the halls of SJB for the remainder of the school year as a reminder of the role each of us must play to effect change.

BREBEUF BRIEFS



Mr. and Mrs. Lochner with grandchildren Danny, Matthew, and Kelsie Murphy. (Photo courtesy of St. John Brebeuf School)



The fifth annual Total Learning Center (TLC) dinner was a huge success on Nov. 12 at the Chateau Ritz. Niles. Here, l to r, TLC Director Pam Surber, Maine Twp Supervisor Carol Teschky, and Township staff members Diane Franzen and Monika Jaroszewicz enjoy a break from checking out the many silent auction items. The event was filled with recognition awards, fundraising for the nationally-awarded TLC after-school program, and just good fun. Maine Township is one of the major supporters of TLC. The township supervisor also serves on the TLC Board. (Photo courtesy of Dick Barton)



On Nov. 7, seven Notre Dame College Prep alumni received Hall of Honor Awards for demonstrating faith, scholarship and service. The awards, given as part of the President's Dinner held at Park Ridge Country Club, were presented to: (from left) Anthony Migon '64 (vice president of Sales at Ophthalmic Imaging Systems); William Kelley '59 (vice chairman of the Jelly Belly Candy Company); John Thode '75 (vice president and general manager of the Consumer Products Group, Small Form Factor Devices for Dell Inc.); Peter Newell '67 (an ND Executive Board member who is retired from Citigroup Global Market in Chicago in Institutional Equity Sales); Lawrence Sowa '65 (president and owner of Town & Country Distributors); Constantine Trela '73 (a partner with Sidley & Austin law firm in Chicago); and Thomas Riley '81 (president and owner of IFS brokerage/securities firm). Also honored with the Sancta Crux Award was the Rev. William Brinker, CSC, the school's first athletic director, a beloved teacher and tutor who worked at ND from 1955 to 2007. The Sancta Crux Award is the highest honor awarded by the Notre Dame community.

Area groups need your help this holiday season

We asked local organizations to send us their holiday needs so we could share this with our readers. We urge everyone who is able to help others to consider giving to one or more of these groups. Contact information is included with each item.

Avenues to Independence in Park Ridge, supporting adults with developmental disabilities, has compiled a holiday wish list: bag-less vacuum cleaners (5), Commercial pots and pans and two large freezers, new outdoor grills, new bath towel sets (32), new standard size bed pillows (16), twin-size bedding sets (5), New small kitchen appliances (microwaves, toasters, blenders), sets of dishes and silverware, small kitchen table and chairs, new window treatments, pots and pans, bedroom furniture (two dressers and two twin size beds and mattresses), forklift truck for the work center, 8 x 11 size paper laminator, canvas boards 10 x 12 or larger for art classes, frames for canvas artwork (10 x 12), drawing paper, acrylic paints, watercolors & oil pastels, paintbrushes, modeling clay, new flat screen computer monitors, new color laser printer, Adobe Acrobat software, new DVD player, new flat screen monitor for conference room, carpeting for office area and board room.

Chicago Lights (www.chicagolights.org), a non-profit based in downtown Chicago, provides tutoring to more than 400 local children (K-12) each week. Tutor age ranges vary from their 20s to their 70s and are from all over Chicagoland (many work downtown and tutor after work). This holiday season Chicago Lights is selling colorful cards with messages created by students in Chicago Lights Tutoring, for \$15 for a pack of 16 cards. Proceeds pay for books, nutritional meals, safe transportation, and other expenses. See the four designs. <http://www.chicagolights.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/woa/1/wa/atp=212> Orders can be placed online. Cards are shipped same day.

The Children's Clinic is accepting a variety of goods and funds for the needy: gift certificates (for food, grocery stores, and toys), toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste plus donations for the Annual Fund Campaign. The Annual Fund supports the clinic's mission to provide quality medical, dental, and social service care to low-income children from Oak Park, Chicago, and 50 Cook County communities. Donations can be dropped off at the clinic, 320 S. Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60302; checks or gift certificates can be mailed to the clinic, or cash donations to the Annual Fund can be made online at www.childrensclinicwv.org. Call (708) 848-0528.

Edward Jones financial advisor, Perry Wein, is supporting the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program by using his office as a drop-off location for this year's toy drive. Residents may help needy children in the area by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy to the office, 32 Main St., Park Ridge, during regular business hours.

El Skinner Chapter of NSDAR knitting helmet liners, scarves, fleece neck gators for U.S. Troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan,



Kosovo, South Korea. Volunteers needed to make wool caps, etc., for troops. Patterns at www.geocities.com/helmetliner. helmetner@hotmail.com or P.O. Box 236, Auburn, IL 62615, or Mary Helfrich (847) 394-1136; e-mail marric36@aol.com.

Greater Chicago Red Cross needs volunteers to train to respond to local disasters in Cook, Kane, Kendall, Will, McHenry, Lake, DuPage counties. Visit www.chicagoredcross.org or (312) 729-6341.

The Harbour, Inc., 1440 Renaissance Drive, Ste. 240, Park Ridge, IL 60068, provides emergency shelter and transitional living support to at-risk in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. 2009 has been a particularly difficult year for them with a surge in demand for their services as families struggle throughout their service area. Meanwhile, keeping their operation afloat is challenged by the double-whammy of a bad economy negatively impacting community support and foundation giving, while the political (and fiscal) instability in Illinois has them counting the days between payments for services they provide to wards of the state and preparing contingency plans for a potential cash crisis. The center welcomes cash donations sent directly to their office or made via Network for Good (link available on their web site). In-kind donations are also welcome. The wish list includes: laser printers, newer computers equipped for high-

speed Internet access, digital camera, heavy-duty pots and pans, flatware, dishes, blender, toaster, crock pot, casserole dishes, bake ware, vacuum cleaner, new towels, new socks and underwear, new bedding for single beds (pillows, sheets, blankets, comforters), clothing for teenage girls, baby items and clothing (847) 297-8540 www.theharbour.org

The Maine Township Food Pantry is in desperate need of nonperishable items, including: Canned vegetables, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, hamburger/chicken helper, cookies, crackers, spaghetti, rice and snack bars. Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Niles Chamber of Commerce office, 8060 W. Oakton St., inside the North Side Community Bank building.

Na'amat USA, Aviva Group, is selling 2010 Entertainment Books for \$20 each. Proceeds support social services for women and children in Israel. Call Susie (847) 253-4085.

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Township at 5255 Main St., Skokie, between 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Monetary donations to the Niles Township Food Pantry Foundation are welcome. Contact Cynthia Carranza at (847) 673-9300.

The Resurrection College Prep High School Campus Ministry, along with the Prayer and Liturgy class, is conducting a Toy Drive to collect Christmas gifts for children who otherwise may not receive Christmas gifts. Gifts will be distributed through Catholic Charities. Resurrection religious studies classes are also organizing a Christmas drive in support of Whipple House, a group home for special needs adults. Resurrection College Prep High School is located at 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Call (773) 775-6616. Ext. 129, or see www.reshs.org.

St. Peter Catholic School, 8140 Niles Center Road, Skokie, is collecting hats and gloves for those in need. Wrap them and indicate whether for a boy or girl. Bring items to the school office for delivery before Christmas. Call (847) 673-0918.

Sarah's Circle serves hundreds of women who are homeless. It traditionally passes out holiday bags and are seeking donations of scarves and hats, socks, bottles of shampoo and bodywash, toothpaste and tooth brush-

es, large size candy bars, flashlights and cosmetics. Items may be dropped off at its resale shop, Full Circle, 942 Harlem Ave., Glenview. Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays. Call (847) 901-5322.

Shelter Inc., seeks foster families for children of all ages, ethnic backgrounds. (847) 590-6190 ext. 35, or www.shelter-inc.org.

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Judea is selling 2010 Edition Entertainment Coupon Books for Chicago North/Northwest Book for \$20, with voluntary \$5 donation to Sisterhood. Available for purchase at synagogue office, the Sisterhood Gift Shop at synagogue on Sundays between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Book contains hundreds of two-for-one discounts for fine dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions, travel. If you need an Entertainment Book from a different Illinois region or from a different state, call synagogue office (847) 634-0777 and leave message for Linda Lippman.

Donate a gift to **Woman in Need Growing Stronger** at the Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles (Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue). Gift tags are available on the "Giving Tree" to help a WINGS family celebrate the holidays. Gifts can be dropped off at Customer Service near JCPenney. Call (847) 699-9440.



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Historical Society

The Niles Historical Museum, 8970 Milwaukee Ave., will be open for business and tours 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 28-30. The elevator has been installed, inspected and is operating. The exhibits are nearly complete, hand-capped accessible ramps and wash-room are available, new carpeting and tile in place, painting, polishing, dusting, vacuuming and cleaning. Guided tours are available by calling (847) 390-0160. Due to the unpredictable weather, the dedication and grand opening are scheduled for 2010.

Holiday

Shoestring Productions at 620 Lee St. in Des Plaines, a new cabaret venue, is hosting New Year's Eve 2009. The Shoestring New Year's package is \$45 per person and includes a full dinner buffet featuring appetizers, Caesar salad, bread, chicken Vesuvio, Italian sausage, Italian beef, pasta with marinara, caldero by Oregon's Café of Hawthorne Woods, coffee, tea and water, and dessert buffet by Sweet Remembrance plus a champagne toast at midnight. Musical cabaret entertainment throughout the evening will be provided by Savoy and guests can enjoy dance music. Call (847) 657-7688 to reserve space. Ample parking is available in the Metropolitan Square Parking Garage.

Gift Mill Shopping Center has a variety of fun, holiday festivities and events to help shoppers and support both local and national charities. Santa is in Center Court through Christmas Eve. Donate a gift to a Woman in Need Growing Stronger. Gift tags are available on the "Giving Tree" to help a WINGS family celebrate the holidays. Gifts can be dropped off at Customer Service near JC Penney.

Kids

Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat service from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 25, followed by a Chinese dinner. Have your family join the temple family and be together. Call the temple office for price information and to reserve a place at (847) 676-1566 or e-mail templejm@aol.com or visit www.templejm.org. The event is designed for children ages 8 to 11, accompanied by an adult, and will feature storytelling and activities in the Museum's Miller Family Youth Exhibition. Participation is free with museum admission, but advance reservations are recommended.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. The Go Club for ages 6 to 12 usually meets the first and third Saturdays of each month on a drop-in basis.

Maine Township

Maine Township's FISH (Friends In-need Serve and Help) is in need of volunteer drivers to provide residents free transportation to medical facilities

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

Parks

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation offers people with physical and mental challenges, behavior and learning disorders, hearing and visual impairments and emotional disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a variety of recreation activities. MHASR serves Des Plaines, Golf-Maine, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge and Skokie. To receive a seasonal brochure, or to offer support for people with special needs by volunteering, call (847) 966-5522.

Niles Niles Park District New 3's Preschool is offered for children who turned 3 after Sept. 1, 2009, missing the deadline for the regular 3-year preschool. Classes are held Tuesdays/Thursdays or Wednesdays/Fridays, from 12:30-2 p.m. at Howard Leisure Center. Session runs Jan. 5 to May 27. Call (847) 967-6633. Niles Park District introduces a new camp called School's Out Sport Camp. The camp will be available on five school holidays. The main emphasis of the camp is to provide safe, fun-filled days of playing and learning sports. Campers should bring a sack lunch and beverage. Camp takes place at Grennan Heights on Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day and Pulaski Day. Fees are: residents, \$36; nonresidents, \$45 per day. Call (847) 967-1529. Resident and nonresident registration for Niles Park District Bright Beginnings Preschool for 2009-10 is still taking place. Spaces are still available in the morning and afternoon for 3- and 4-year-old classes. Registration is accepted at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 W. Howard St., until classes are filled. Call (847) 967-6633 to have information mailed.

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 The Golf Maine Park District has taken a new and innovative approach in raising much-needed funds for the park and spreading the word on energy efficiency. The 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 mate-

rials on the overall Lights for Learning Program. ENERGY STAR Activity Books for children, as well as ENERGY STAR home energy-conservation and electronics information, will also be available. A recycling bin for used CFLs will also be available. CFLs may be purchased at Feldman Park, 8800 Kathy Lane, Niles, from 8:30 a.m. to 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. Golf Maine Park District is taking registration for:

Adult Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. first Wednesday of the month, split-the-pot bingo at the Feldman Recreation Center. Preschool: Early registration is important to ensure child a space for the fall 2009 semester. A five-day morning program and a four-day afternoon program are offered for children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2009. Cricket: Dee Park now has a cricket pitch that will be ready for use this spring. Call the park district for rental fees or availability. Visit one of the Park District offices: Feldman Recreation Center, 8800 Kathy Lane (one block south of Golf Road on Western Avenue); Niles; or Dee Park, at the corner of Dee and Emerson Roads, Des Plaines; or call (847) 297-3000.

Religion

St. John Brebeuf Adoration Chapel is observing its fifth anniversary. The 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.

Registrations for the St. John Brebeuf "Joy in Jesus" Sunday preschool program are being taken. The program is open to children ages 3 1/2 through kindergarten age. Classes are held during the 10:45 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Registration fee is \$40 and covers all materials for the year. Special emphasis is given to the development of self-awareness in the children and their place in the Christian community. The goal of the program is to provide a foundation for a future understanding of their faith. To register, call Charlotte Lindquist, (847) 470-4334.

Extra-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.ehnl.org

Reunions

St. John Brebeuf School in Niles is looking for graduates from the class of 1964. Contact Libby Ryder at ryder@sb-

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Elmwood Park High School Class of 1970 is planning its 40th reunion for the fall of 2010. Classmates are asked to e-mail Christine Thomas Cowan (tcowan@sbglobal.net) or Janice Ryden Deaton (deaton_janice@yahoo.com) to place their information on the contact list.

St. John Brebeuf is looking for all St. John Brebeuf School alumni. Alumni should contact Libby Ryder, (847) 966-3266, or e-mail ryder@sb-school.org, and submit their name, year graduated, address, phone number, maiden name

(if applicable) and e-mail address, and may share a story or tell how St. John Brebeuf made an impact on their life. Immaculate Conception School on Talcott Avenue in Chicago is establishing an Alumni Association. In preparation for its 100th-anniversary celebration the school is searching for its missing alumni. If you attended Immaculate Conception School or know someone who did, e-mail lcalumni@icparish.net, or call the rectory, (773) 775-3833. Alumni who prefer to reach the association by mail are encouraged to send their first, maiden or last name, phone number, e-mail address, the year in which they graduated, along with their favorite IC memory and favorite IC teacher, to: IC Alumni Association, c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago IL 60631. Submissions may also be

dropped off at the IC Parish Rectory during normal business hours or after Masses on Sunday.

Maine Seniors

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership includes a free subscription to the MaineStreamers monthly newsletter, which details activities for the upcoming month. Most activities are at Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. Contact the MaineStreamers, (847) 297-2510, or go to www.maintownship.com. Spend 10 nights traveling the islands of Hawaii aboard the Pride of America from Jan. 20-30. The trip will consist of three nights in Honolulu and a seven-night Hawaiian cruise. The trip includes

home pickup, round-trip airfare, all meals aboard the ship, daily entertainment, shipboard activities and lectures, all transfers and baggage handling. Volunteer drivers are needed for FISH. If interested in providing transportation to township residents who need local rides to medical appointments, etc., call Gloria Stepek, (847) 297-2510, ext. 283. 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.

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Also, Henry Kotlinski, Victoria Mazur, Ashly Pinarkyl, Neil Sundaram, Caroline Winiarczyk.

ST. JULIANA

The spirit of service and generosity was very evident during December as the seventh- and eighth-grade students of St. Juliana School made and wrapped

gifts for the elderly residents of Forest Villa Nursing Center in Niles. The junior high students filled gift boxes with handmade crafts created by the students. Also included in the gift boxes were items like socks, soap, and candy.

On Dec. 16 the eighth-grade students walked from St. Juliana School to Forest Villa Nursing Center to personally deliver their gifts and visit with the residents. Also accompanying the students were junior high teachers Jane Lidgus and Amanda Oh.

Pioneer Press Mortgage Guide. Check rates daily at http://pioneerlocal.com/interest.com. Includes tables for Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, Pillar Financial, LLC, American Bank & Trust, Bank of America Home Loans, Kenilworth Financial, Inc., Third Coast Mortgage LLC, United Home Loans, and Park Ridge Community Bank. Each table lists Program, Rate, Points, Fees, % Down, and APR.



Weekly Worship



EDISON PARK

Edison Park Lutheran Church ELCA
6626 N. Oliphant Ave., 773-631-9131
www.edisonparklutheran.org
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule, Liturgical Worship with Holy Communion 8 & 9:45 AM
Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 AM, Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Attended Nursery for Sunday Services
Handicapped Access from south parking lot

NORWOOD PARK

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
6240 North Avondale, Norwood Park, Illinois
(773) 763-8845
www.saintalbanchurch.com
Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9:30 AM. The communities of St. Alban's Episcopal Church and St. Richard's Episcopal Church will combine their Holy Week services as follows: Maundy Thursday Agape Supper at 6:30 PM followed by church service — St. Richard's Good Friday service at 7:00 PM — St. Alban's, Holy Saturday, Great Vigil at 7:00 PM — St. Alban's, Easter Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM — St. Alban's, St. Richard's Episcopal Church is located at 5101 W. Devon, Chicago, IL 60646, Ph.: (773) 774-4519.
St. Alban's offers the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school program, September thru May. It is a Montessori-based program that enriches your child's knowledge of the Holy Spirit through the presentations of Jesus' parables and liturgical elements. Your child is welcome to join us for morning song at 8:45 AM and class at 9:00 AM

Norwood Park Lutheran Church (ELCA)

5917 N. Nina Ave. (at Nickerson)
(773) 631-2860
(Street level accessibility to main Church)
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM, Holy Communion-1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals
Service of the Word-2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Ministry, Sunday School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May) Confirmation Ministry-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May), Children's Sermon-2nd Sunday, 10 AM, Jazzercise-Tuesdays & Thursdays, Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor
Joyce M. Kissenger, Minister of Music

PARK RIDGE

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church & School
260 N. Northwest Highway
(847) 823-6656

PARK RIDGE

www.standrewsparkridge.org
Sunday Worship: September through May
8:30 & 11:00 AM, June — August
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM.
Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 PM.
Vespers: Monday 7:30 PM
Sunday School & Adult 9:45 AM
(September thru May), Christian Day School — Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th Grade

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (ELCA)

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation
205 N. Prospect Ave., (847) 825-6659
www.stlukespri.org
Email: office@stlukespri.org
Sunday Worship:
8:30 & 11:00 AM (School Year),
8:30 & 10:00 AM (Summer)
Thursday Worship (Summer) 7:00 PM
Sunday — Christian Education for all ages.
9:45 AM (School Year)
Child Care Provided Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Larson,
Lead Pastor. Rev. Kristino C. Weber, Associate
Pastor. Rev. Dr. Malcolm Minnick, Jr., Pastor.
Emeritus, Anna Krentz Organ, Director of Music
Ministries Melinda Ramseth Holland,
Director of Children's Chorus,
Nancy Olson, Member Care Coordinator

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

306 S. Prospect Ave., (847) 823-4126
www.stmorysperi.org
Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service: 9:00 AM, Sunday School & Nursery during worship, Youth Fellowship
The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstoel, Rector
WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!
Check website for all activities.
Handicap Accessible

Park Ridge

Presbyterian Church
1300 W. Crescent Ave., (847) 823-4135
www.parkridgepresby.org
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Nursery care during service Children's
Programming for Ages 3 — High School.
Adult Education Rev. James P. McCracken

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church

411 N. Wheeling Rd., (847) 255-7452
www.saintalphonsus.com
Worship Days & Hours: Monday-Saturday
8:15 AM Mass of Anticipation: 5:00 PM
Saturday Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Pastor: Rev. Curtis A. Lambert. Additional
Information School: Pre-3 thru 8th Grade
- Before & After School Care Ongoing Faith
Formation - Kindergarten thru 8th Grade
High School Youth Ministry Program

SKOKIE

Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation

Your home for Jewish Learning,
Living and Loving.
4500 Dempster St. Skokie, IL 60076
847-675-4141, Fax: 847-675-0327
Weekly Shabbat Services-Fri 8 PM & Sat 9:30 AM
Minyan Mon-Thurs 7 PM; Sat & Sun 6 PM
Monthly Shabbat dinners at 6:30 PM
Religious School Wed & Sat; Youth group,
Early childhood services full & half day.
Rabbi Jonathan H. Ginsburg
Cantor Benjamin Warschowski
Rabbi Neil Brief, Emeritus

North Shore Center for Spiritual Living

Evanson Masonic Temple
1453 Maple Ave. 847-492-0500
Email: revoroth@aol.com,
www.nscfl.com
Sunday Celebration 10:30 AM.
Healing Meditation 10 AM, Science of Mind
classes, Monday eves. 6:30 PM. Revs.
Bill and Elizabeth Arratt Spiritual Directors

Lakeview Church

North Shore Center for the
Performing Arts in Skokie
9501 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, IL 60077
847-480-2900, 847-480-2901
www.elakeview.org
Sunday 10 AM — 11:15 AM, Joshua Kang -
Lead Pastor. Herb Ahn - Worship Pastor
Rosa Rosario - Kidsland Pastor,
John Chai - Youth Pastor.
Jana Holiday - Small Groups Pastor. Multi-ethnic
ministry focused on Transformation through
Making Disciples of All Nations.
Contemporary service with biblical
teaching and spirit-filled worship,
Vibrant community with ministries for children,
youth, college, singles and families

Carter-Westminster United Presbyterian Church

4950 W. Pratt, (847) 673-4441
www.cmup.net
Sunday Morning Worship Schedule: 9:00 AM
Contemporary Service, 10:00 AM.
Sunday School (for all ages) 11:00 AM
Traditional Service, 12:00 AM. Fellowship Hour.
Michael Scott Porter,
Senior Pastor Alex Wickel, Director of Youth
Ministries Office Hours:
Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Central United Methodist Church

8237 Kenton Avenue, (847) 673-1311
www.skokiecentrallumc.org

SKOKIE

Sunday Worship 10:30, Sunday Summer
Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 Sunday school
9:30 AM. Children & Adult Adult,
Choir Practice 8:30 AM Sunday,
Fellowship 11:30 AM — 12:30 PM.
Pastor, Reverend David L. Haley
Choir Director Joseph Poprawski
E-mail: SkokieCentral@UMCNIC.org
Youth Choir 9:15 AM Sunday,
Accessible Church Building

Temple Beth Israel

3601 W. Dempster St., 847-675-0951
www.ibskokie.org
Likrat Shabbat/Kabbalat Shabbat,
first Friday of each month, 5:30 PM,
Light Nosh — 6:15 PM
Kabbalat Shabbat service Shabbat Service,
Fridays 8:15 PM
Shabbat Service Saturdays 10:30 AM
Shabbat Katan, third Saturday of each month,
10:00 AM for families with children under
the age of five. Morning Minyan
Monday — Friday 7:30 AM
Religious School Pre-K — 7th Grade Sundays
9:00 AM — 11:00 AM. Hebrew School Grades
3 - 7 Sundays 11:10 AM — 12:10 PM
and Wednesdays 4:15 PM — 6:00 PM
Youth Groups Adult Education
Kaleynu — Volunteer Choir High Holiday Services
Robbi Michael A. Weinberg Cantor Povel
Rayman Lari B. Sagarin
Director of Congregational Learning

St. Paul Lutheran Church

5201 Goltz Street, (847) 673-5030
www.wab.moc.com/stpaulskokie
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Saturday Evening Worship 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hour, Sundays 8:45 — 9:45 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study Class,
Sundays 9:00 — 9:45 AM Rev.
Matthew Conrad John Schuman,
Minister of Music Dale Luksha,
PK — 8 Academy Principal
The Church is Handicap Accessible
Variety of Worship Formats,
Small Group Ministry Adult Choir &
Handbell Choir

St. Peter's United Church of Christ

Oakton Street & Laramie Avenue,
(847) 673-8166
www.stpeteruccskokie.org
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday School 9:00 AM (September thru May)
Rev. Richard Lanford.
Childcare provided.
Air Conditioned Sanctuary

Congregation Bene Shalom

4435 Oakton, (847) 677-3330

SKOKIE

www.beneshalom.org
Fridays 7:30 PM. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM
on 3rd Fri. of the month.
Kabbalistic Prayer/Meditation Service
10:30 AM On 2nd Sat. of the month,
Esther Knapp Religious School Sundays
9 AM-12 PM. Hebrew School Sunday 12-1 PM.
Rabbi Dr. Douglas Goldhamer
Asst. Rabbi Shari Chen, Cantorial Soloist Charlotte
Brooks, Choir Director Nana Balk
Interfaith Families Welcome.
All services sign language and
voice Handicap Accessible

Devar Emet Messianic Synagogue

7800 Niles Avenue, (847) 674-9146
www.devotemet.org
Saturday 10 AM Shabbat Morning Services
6:30 PM Wednesday
Club Maccabee Children's Club for K-5th graders
7 PM Wednesday Night Religious Studies for
Adult and Youth Rabbi Kirk Glibe Devar Emet
Messianic Synagogue is a community of Jews
who believe and teach that Yeshua (Jesus) is the
promised Jewish Messiah.

Temple Judea Mizpah

8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie, IL
(847) 676-1566
templejm@aol.com, www.templejm.org
YOUR REFORM JEWISH HOME
ON THE NORTH SHORE,
Welcoming community of
multi-generational families
Weekly Erev Shabbat service including:
Monthly Contemporary. Music service- 8:00 PM
Monthly Family service — 7:00 PM.
Monthly Prayer Study service — 8:00.
Monthly Choir Enhanced service
Weekly Shabbat morning
Torah study minyan - 9:00 AM.
Monthly Tot Shabbat — Saturdays- 10:30 AM
High Holiday and Festival Services
Prek K'lonim Program twice per month
Religious/Hebrew School Grades K-12
Youth Group/Youth Choir
Adult Education/Adult Choir/Book Club
** Theater outings and an annual
unique congregational and community
theater production** Home Hospitality/monthly.
Open Shabbat Table Rabbi Amy L. Memis-Faler
Cantorial Intern Beryl Bellows Education
Director Sally Gold Executive Director Terry Kone

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

9000 N. Kildare, (847) 676-1300
www.sttimothyskokie.com
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM.
Bible Study, Monday 10:00 AM Rev.
Erik Weber Birthday Sunday
3rd Sunday of each month Accessible Building



Weekly Worship



CHICAGO

Edison Park United Methodist Church
6740 North Oliphant Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631
Phone: (773) 792-3030,
Fax: (773) 792-3031
www.edisonparkumc.com
Email: postor@edisonparkumc.com

Worship Days & Hours
Sundays, 10:30 AM,
Powluck, 11:30 AM
Sunday School for Preschoolers
& Nursery Age Bible Study,
Thursdays, 10:30 AM & Fridays, 7:00 PM
Youth (High School) Bible Study,
Sunday 1:00 PM,
Young Adults Bible Study,
Sunday, 12:00 PM
Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:30 AM
Susannah Wesley Club (Women's Group)
Meets once a month on
4th Tuesday of the month. Youth
Worship Sunday,
3rd Sunday of every month

Pastor, Rev. Jerry Miller Organist,
Dona Samova Musical/Youth Director,
Noralyne Baraja Senior Exercise Class,
Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 AM
Fellowship Hall James Downing Theatre
Performances. Edison Park United
Methodist Church is a church with Open
Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. &
Chair Lift Available Parking in Rear.

The Edgebrook Church

6155 W. Touhy Avenue, (773) 631-1155
<http://edgebrookchurch.org>
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Ensemble Practice, Wednesday 6:30 PM
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study
Wednesday 7:30 PM
Pastor Scott Stevens

Bethel Community Church

7601 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-2355
www.bethelcommunity.org
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Encounter Gathering: Sunday 6:00 PM
- Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study-9:45 AM
Senior Pastor—Pastor Paul Jorden
Associate Pastor—Pastor Rob Bukowski;
Student Ministries—Pastor Shawn Clark
Music & Worship—Pastor Andy Clifton
Childcare available for all services.
Seniors & Women's Bible Studies
September thru May.
Call for information or see the website.

CHICAGO

Congregation Shaare Tikvah B'nai Zion
5800 N. Kimball, Chicago, IL 60659
773-539-2202

Rabbi Dennis Katz, Cantor Jacob Reiss
Weekly Saturday morning services 9:30AM
Followed by complete Kiddush Lunch
Hebrew School Sunday Only 9AM-1PM
Bar and Bat Mitzvah Tutoring &
Ceremony Book Club on Monday Evening
at 7PM at What's Cooking Restaurant
in Lincoln Village. Call for Synagogue
schedule. Sisterhood Hanukah Boutique
and meeting on Monday, December 7.
Traditional Hanukah. Refreshments served
from 12-1PM. Followed by games and
prizes. Family Hanukah Party Saturday
Evening December 12, 6PM. Supper,
Candle Lighting and games sponsored by
Men's Club and Sisterhood and Hebrew
School Non-members welcome to all
activities. Phone Synagogue to be on our
mailing list. Hanukah Party Donation:
Adults \$10 Youngsters \$5 Reservations
773-539-2202

Norwood Park Lutheran Church—ELCA

5917 N. Nina Avenue (at Nickerson)
(773) 631-2860
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
Holy Communion-1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Festivals
Service of the Word-2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Ministry, Sunday
School-Sundays, 9 AM (September-May)
Confirmation Ministry-Sundays, 9 AM
(September-May)
Children's Sermon-2nd Sunday, 10 AM
Jazzercise-Tuesdays & Thursdays
Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
Rev. Robert C. Johnson, Pastor
Joyce M. Kissenger, Minister of Music

"Our Lady Mother of the Church"

8701 W. Lawrence Avenue, (773) 625-3369
www.ourladymotherchurch.com
Mass Schedule: Weekdays Monday through
Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM, Sunday 11:00 AM
Young People's Liturgy of the Word Holy
Days 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM. Tuesday 9:00 AM
Perpetual Help Novena Eucharistic
Adoration First Fridays 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Saturday Confession 4:00—4:30 PM
Baptism 2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month
Rev. Richard J. Klajbor, Pastor

CHICAGO

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Norwood-Park LCMS
6099 N. Northcott Ave.
(at Nickerson & Hood Avenues)
(773) 631-1100 & (773) 631-1606
www.asfc@sbcglobal.net

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM, Sunday
School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM
Wednesday, Advent & Lenten Worship
Services—Wednesday at 7:00 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church

7958 W. Foster Ave., (773) 775-6659
www.st-eugene.org
Daily Masses: Mon thru Fri 6:30 & 9:00 AM
Weekend Masses:
Sat — 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM,
Sun — 7:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 4:30 PM
Confession: 4:00—5:00 PM Sat
Baptism: 1:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sunday of the
month, Rev. George Koene, Pastor;
Rev. Jerome Twarog, Associate Pastor;
Rev. Philip Grib, SJ, Resident

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church

7033 N. Moselle, (773) 763-0206
www.snow.org
Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM
and noon Weekday Masses,
Mon—Fri 6:30 and 8:00 AM.
Confession Saturday 3:30—4:15 PM.
Holy Days Vigil 7:30 PM
Holy Days 6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM
Rev. Gregory Sackowicz, Pastor
We have a Preschool (3 yrs. Old)
through 8th Grade School. And offer
wonderful programs of Religious
Education for Children and adults.

St. Monica Catholic Church

5136 N. Nottingham, (773) 763-1661
www.stmonicachicago.com
Daily Mass: Mon — Fri 8:00 AM
Weekend Masses: Saturday — 4:00 PM
Sunday — 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM
Polish Liturgy Mass: Sunday — 1:30 PM
Confessions: Saturday — 3:00 to 3:45 PM
Baptism: 1st Saturday and
3rd Sunday of the Month
Rev. Ted Schmitt, Pastor
Rev. Andrew Izyk, Associate Pastor
Fr. James O'Brien, In Residence
Fr. William Holbrook, In Residence
contactpolish@stmonicachicago.com

CHICAGO

St. Paul Lutheran Church
5650 N. Confield, 60631, (708) 867-5044
www.stpaulconfield.org
Street Level, Air Conditioned
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:30 AM
Saturday Worship 6:00 PM
St. Paul Lutheran Christian Day School
Pre-K—Grade 8

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EVERYWHERE

MORTON GROVE

St. Luke's Christian Community Church
9233 Shermar Rd., (847) 966-9233
saintlukescs@sbcglobal.net
www.stlukescs.org
Robin Jones—Senior Pastor
Jeff Nelson—Youth Pastor
Sunday Worship—10:00 AM
Sunday School, Bible Study—11:30 AM
Korean Ark Covenant
Sunday Worship - 1 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Study
Wednesday 7:30 PM—Choir Rehearsal
Friday 8:00 PM Youth Group & KACC Worship

Morton Grove Community Church

Presbyterian
8944 Austin Ave., (847) 965-2982
Sunday Schedule
Adult Choir practice 9 AM
Worship Service 10 AM Fellowship 11 AM
Rev. Lolly Dominski, Pastor
Handicapped Accessible &
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

NILES

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

8450 N. Shermar Rd. Niles IL, 60714
(847) 965-8210
Sunday (Sept.-June) 10:30 AM
(June-Sept) 9:30 AM, 1st Sunday of Month.
7:30 PM - Jazz Vesper Service (Sept.-June).
Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Anderson - Pastor
Carolyn N. Sanderson - Minister
of Music A member congregation
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
St. Michael's Orthodox Church
7313 N. Waukegan Road (847) 647-8398
www.stmichaelniles.org
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM.
Discover the ancient faith

NILES

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Orthodox Church —the first
Christian Church — founded.
By the Lord Jesus Christ and
described in the pages of
The New Testament. Today her
Apostolic doctrine, worship,
and structure remain intact.

NORRIDGE

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

8600 W. Lawrence Ave.
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:35 AM
Youth & Adult Bible Class
Sunday 10:45 AM
Midweek Bible Study -
Wednesday 10:30 AM. Luther John
Bajus, Pastor Communion service
3rd Sunday of every month Choir
practice Thursday 7:00 PM
708-453-3514, Fax 708-456-8818
www.zionnorridgeil.org

NORTHBROOK

Temple Beth-El
3610 Dundee Rd., (847) 205-9982
Fax (847) 205-9921
www.templebeth-el.org
Join us for Shabbat services every
Friday evening and Saturday morning.
We hold a variety of services each
month geared towards specific groups,
as well as, people of all ages.
These include musical, family, tot and
more. Call for details or log on to our
website. All are welcome! Temple
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Comfortable with tradition.
Senior Rabbi Sidney Helbraun
Assistant Rabbi Jeffrey Weill
Rabbi Emeritus Victor Weissberg
Cantor Kim Harris

To List Your congregation please call Jen Tait 630-978-8750 email jttait@stng.com

Holiday Worship Guide



Mary, Seat of Wisdom
Catholic Church
920 W. Granville at Cumberland
In Park Ridge

Thursday, December 24th—
Christmas Eve
NO morning Mass today
Early Evening Masses at
3:00 and 5:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of Christmas
(Preceded by program at 10:30 p.m.)

Friday, December 25th—
Christmas Day
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and noon
NO 7 p.m. today

Friday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of obligation)
Vigil Mass December 31st at 5 p.m.,
January 1st at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6
Advent II — 8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist — Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite II
5 p.m. — Lessons & Carols

Thursday, Dec. 17
Blue Christmas —
An Advent Service of
Prayer and Healing —
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20
Advent IV — 8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist — Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite II
4 p.m. — Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve, Thurs. Dec. 24
4 p.m. Christmas Eve celebration — Choral Eucharist — Rite II
10 p.m. Pre-service carols and choir
10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Celebration — Choral Eucharist — Rite II

Sunday, Dec. 27
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite II

NEW YEAR'S EVE, Thurs. Dec. 31
4:30 p.m. A Candlelight Talzè Service

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
306 S. Prospect Ave.
Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone: 847-823-4126
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Email: parishadmin@stmaryspr.org • Web site: www.stmaryspr.org

INDO-PAK / WEST RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2301 W. Lunt Ave
Chicago, IL 60645
(773) 465-3113

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:
Dec. 24th at 7:00pm (in English)

Christmas Service:
Dec. 25th at 5:00pm (in Hindi/Urdu)

Rev. Ernest C. Singh; Pastor
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Edison Park Lutheran Church Invites You to Celebrate the Christmas Season with us this year!

Sunday, December 20
8 and 9:45 AM Lessons and Carols • 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24
4:00 PM Family Worship • 9:00 PM & 11:00 PM Candlelight Communion Worship

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25
10:00 AM Festival Worship

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31
5:00 PM Service of Light with Communion

EDISON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
6626 N. Oliphant Avenue • Chicago, IL 60631 • 773-631-9131 www.edisonparklutheran.org
Handicapped access from South Parking Lot.

St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church
Rev. Britto Borchmans, Pastor
320 S. Washington St. • Park Ridge, Illinois • (847) 825-7605

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Thursday, December 24, 2009 - The Vigil of Christmas
3:00 pm - PLC Gym Family Mass 5:00 pm - PLC Gym (Children's Pageant)
3:00 pm - Upper Church Prelude Harp 11:00 pm - Upper Church
3:00 pm - Holy Family Chapel Prelude Choir 11:30 pm - Upper Church
5:00 pm - Upper Church Midnight Mass 12:00am - Upper Church
5:00 pm - Holy Family Chapel Midnight Mass 12:00 am - Holy Family Chapel

Fri., December 25, 2009 - The Nativity of the Lord
7:30 am - Upper Church 10:30 am - Holy Family Chapel
9:00 am - Upper Church 12:00 pm - Upper Church
(NO 9:00 am - Holy Family Chapel) 12:00 pm - Holy Family Chapel
10:30 am - Upper Church

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
Thursday, December 31, 2009 / Friday, January 1, 2010 - Blessed Virgin Mary
4:30 pm - Upper Church 9:00 am - Upper Church
10:30 am - Upper Church
12:00 pm - Upper Church

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NORTH POLLS GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. Glenbrook South
2. Niles West
3. New Trier
4. Maine South
5. Resurrection

BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Glenbrook North
2. Maine South
3. New Trier
4. Niles West
5. Niles North

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BOYS BASKETBALL

Austin Weber, Glenbrook North
Senior scored a career-high 32 points in a win over Highland Park on Friday, a week after pouring in 30.

Boris Cayemitte, Niles West
Senior collected a career-high 27 points as the Wolves knocked off Evanston on Friday and put themselves in the thick of the CSL South race.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Audrey Klepadlo, Maine East
Scored a season-high 17 points on Saturday to lead the Demons past Leyden in the tournament opener at St. Viator.

WRESTLING

Mike Williams, Maine South
Came from behind to give the Hawks the go-ahead win in their 36-22 victory over New Trier in a CSL South dual.

Jeffrey Brown, Evanston
Senior heavyweight captured a championship Saturday at Glenbrook South's tournament to run his record to 19-1.

BOYS SWIMMING

Sam Metz, New Trier
After breaking the pool record in 2:00 IM at Hinsdale Central on Dec. 12 the senior standout helped the Trevians to a big win over Glenbrook North on Friday.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Nora Landri, Glenbrook South
Tied for third in the all-around Saturday with a 35.8 at Palatine's invitational. Her top finish was second place on the uneven bars (9.).

New-look Cayemitte lifts Wolves to win

Senior changes hairstyle, has career game

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BASKETBALL — Niles West senior Boris Cayemitte changed his hairstyle from corn rows to a "puff" the day before Friday night's game against Evanston.

The look was meant to be temporary. But after scoring a career-high 26 points in the Wolves' 59-53 win, Cayemitte said he would keep the 'do a little longer. Cayemitte collected most of points at the free-throw line, hitting 16-of-22.

"I have to give it up to my teammates, they looked for me a lot," said Cayemitte, who also had six steals and seven rebounds. "They noticed I was doing well and fed me a lot."

The Wolves (6-3, 2-1) had struggled during crunch-time during each of their first two conference games. But against Evanston, they stretched a one-point lead to nine during the final frame.

"We were much better (down the stretch)," said Niles West head coach Bob Williams. "We were much more aggressive with the basketball, but not doing stupid things."

Tony Pierce added 11 points for the Wolves and Lorenzo Fiol had five. Fiol's biggest contribution came

GAME BALLS RESULTS

Friday: Niles West 59, Evanston 53
Dec. 15: Niles West 59, Loyola 42

STAR PERFORMANCES

Boris Cayemitte: Career-high 26 points in win over Evanston
Lorenzo Fiol: Played lock-down defense on Evanston's Garrett Jones
Lauris Herth: 13 of his team-high 14 points in the fourth in win over Loyola

GAME DAY

Monday: vs. Joliet Township at Pontiac Shootout, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday: vs. Curie or Plainfield North at Pontiac
Wednesday: if Wolves win Tuesday at Pontiac

on the defensive end, as he held Evanston star guard Garrett Jones in check.

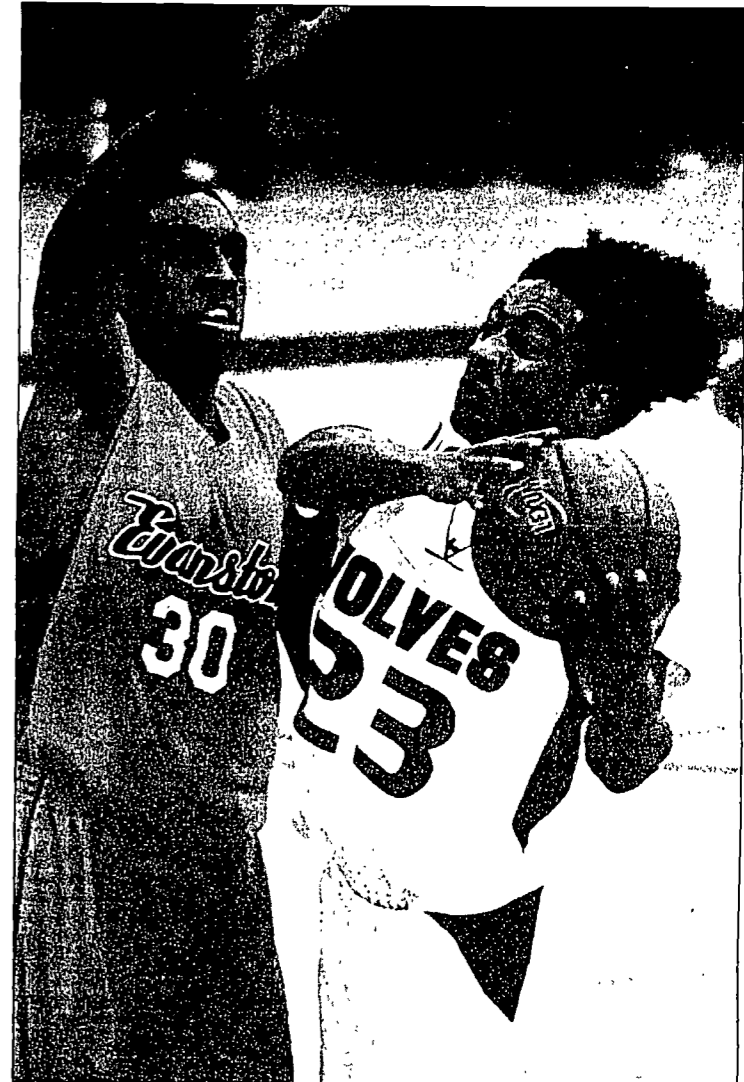
STANDINGS (through Sunday)

CSL SOUTH	
New Trier	2-0
Waukegan	2-0
Maine South	2-1
Niles West	2-1
Glenbrook South	0-3
Evanston	0-3

Last week's results
Waukegan 54, Maine South 44
Maine South 83, Glenbrook South 41
Niles West 59, Evanston 53

CSL NORTH	
Glenbrook North	3-0
Deerfield	3-0
Niles North	2-1
Highland Park	1-2
Maine East	0-3
Maine West	0-3

Last week's results
Niles North 66, Maine West 60
Glenbrook North 74, Highland Park 40
Deerfield 72, Maine East 49



Niles West's Boris Cayemitte (right) challenges Evanston's James Farr during the Wolves' 59-53 win last week. (Brian Valentin /Staff Photographer)

fourth), "You have to be a factor defensively, you can do things down the stretch." He went back in and had that kind of mentality. A lot of the (offensive) plays he made, he originated at the defensive end. He gave a great effort in that way."

The 6-foot-2 Herth has been an important contributor this season after trans-

ferring from North Shore Country Day, where he averaged 17 points a game as a sophomore on varsity. Herth, who moved to Morton Grove from Michigan in seventh grade, enrolled at Niles West last spring and first played with the Wolves last summer.

"(Basketball) was quite an adjustment (for Lauris) be-

cause this a whole different level, and it took him a long time to get used to the speed and the size," Williams said. "But he's competing so hard that it's fun to watch."

Against Loyola, junior Donte Logan and senior Chris McNichols scored 10 points each.

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Henley makes presence felt in return

Soph helps Vikings end losing streak

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS BASKETBALL – Niles North sophomore Mariyah Henley returned Friday night for the first time since offseason shoulder surgery. Her impact was immediate.

The 5-foot-11 sophomore, a key contributor last season, scored a team-high 11 points as the Vikings defeated Maine West 48-33. The win ended North's 10-game losing streak, while improving the Vikings to 1-3 in the CSL North.

"Mariyah hasn't played since the first week of the summer, and we were energized by her return," said North head coach Dan Paxson. "Her conditioning is not there yet, but she made an immediate impact. She gives us a post presence, adds shot-blocking and rebounding. She has really good hands and can catch the ball if it's within grabbing distance."

Senior Jenny Chacko also was back in the lineup after missing a few games with a knee injury. The Vikings had been down to as few as five healthy players during a recent overtime loss. Junior Kaitlyn Schlauder hit three three-pointers and finished with 10 points. Sophomore Sorriyah Ranger added eight points and sophomore Alissa Hirsh had seven.

Paxson said he was proud of the way his team stayed united and continued to work hard despite a tough start to the season, which included a couple of overtime losses in conference games.

"It was such a rough stretch. But the kids stayed with it and kept improving," he said. "We still have a lot of work to do. But they hung in there. We kept telling them to stay positive and get through this. So, to have a win on Friday against Maine West, traditionally a really strong program, is nice for the kids. I was so happy for them."

A day later, North dropped to 1-11 overall with a 49-41 loss to Palatine in the opening game of the Warren Holiday Tournament.

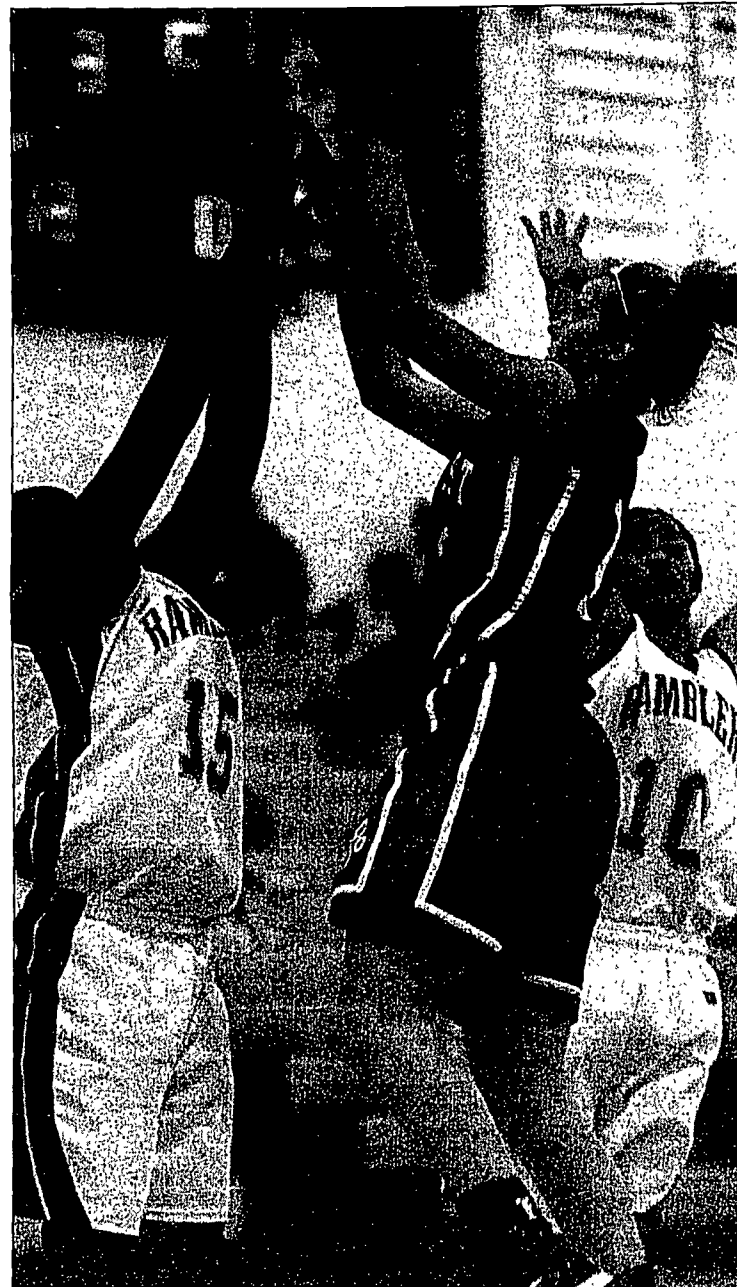
The Vikings trailed by as many as 13 points but rallied to take a one-point lead. Henley scored 19 points and Schlauder added 10.

"The effort and the energy were solid," Paxson said. "We were falling short on a lot of shots, a lot of open looks. Maybe it was the fatigue factor. With the small amount of kids that we've had, they have been logging all these minutes. We looked a little tired."

North also dropped a 63-27 decision to Maine South Dec. 15. Hirsh had 11 points and senior Pearlane DeGuzman added eight.

Niles West

Senior Jackie Gremley enjoyed a big week as the Wolves improved to 12-2. Gremley scored 16 points, 11 coming in the first quarter, during Niles West's 39-25 win over Loyola in the



Niles West's Jaclyn Gremley puts up a shot during the Wolves' 39-25 win over Loyola at the Holiday Showcase at Stevenson High School on Saturday. (Joe Shuman/For STM)

opening game of the Suburban Holiday Showcase on Saturday. Sophomore Jewell Loyd led West with 18 points.

Gremley tallied a team-high 16 points in West's 53-40 win over Highland Park Dec. 15. Loyd scored 15 and senior Kelly Kleppin had

nine points. Niles West improved to 3-1 in the CSL South with a 48-34 win over Evanston on Friday.

THIS WEEK

NILES NORTH

Saturday
Boys basketball at Wheeling Tour, TBD

Girls basketball at Warren Township, TBD

Tuesday
Girls gymnastics at Maine West Invite, 6 p.m.

NILES WEST

Saturday
Girls basketball Suburban Holiday Showcase, Loyola, noon

Monday
Boys basketball Pontiac Holiday Tour, TBD

Girls basketball Suburban Holiday Showcase, Trinity, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Boys basketball Pontiac Holiday Tour, TBD

Boys swimming, New Trier Diving Inv. (Winnetka), 9 a.m.

Wednesday
Boys basketball Pontiac Holiday Tour, TBD

MAINE EAST

Saturday
Boys basketball at Luther North Tour, TBA

Girls basketball at St. Viator Tour, TBA

Monday
Boys basketball at Luther North Tour, TBA

Tuesday
Boys basketball at Luther North Tour, TBA

Girls gymnastics at Maine West, 10 a.m.

Wednesday
Boys basketball at Luther North Tour, TBA

NOTRE DAME

Saturday
Basketball at Wheeling vs. Hardwood Classic, TBA

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Shiheiber emerges as major force for West

Junior wins 20th match of season

By DAN SHALIN
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WRESTLING – When asked to name a team member who has been a pleasant surprise this season, Niles West head coach Anthony Genovesi barely hesitated before mentioning Elias Shiheiber.

The junior will enter the new year with a 20-9 record after placing fifth in the 130-pound division at Saturday's Lake Park Invite.

"He's wrestled well after only having a few varsity matches last season," Genovesi said regarding Shiheiber, who also plays football and is a gymnast as well. "Elias did some off-season wrestling and a little during the summer when we went to a team camp. He's worked hard and gotten stronger, and is having a good year so far."

Shiheiber was one of several Wolves who turned in a strong performance during Saturday's invite. The Wolves finished seventh out of 16 teams at the event, which was won by Schaumburg. Ten of 12 Niles West wrestlers won at least one match.

Leading the way for West was senior Eric Ronning, who captured the title at 152 pounds. Ronning ran his record to 20-5 for the campaign.

Ayala reaches Rus Erb finals at 189 pounds

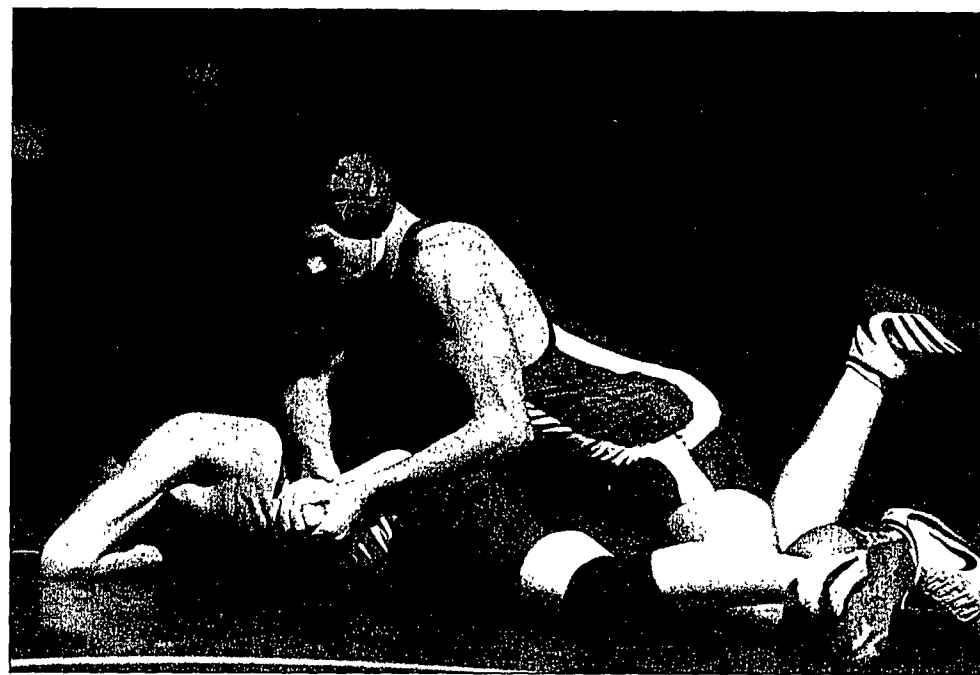
Three Vikings finish in top 3

By DAN SHALIN
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WRESTLING – Niles North may not be celebrating its 13th-place finish at last weekend's 17-team Rus Erb Tournament at Glenbrook South.

But head coach Marlon Felton was enthused about seeing three of his wrestlers reach the semifinals.

Senior Mike Ayala came in second at 189 pounds, junior Chris Pazunino was third at 140 and senior Todd Schoenberg took fourth at 112 at the event held Friday and Saturday in Glenview.



Niles West's Elias Shiheiber controls his Waukegan opponent en route to a victory at 130 pounds on Friday. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

"Ayala did real well and got to the finals," Felton said. "At one time, I had three guys in the semifinals. That's big."

Ayala (13-4) lost 3-1 to Wheeling's Chris Johnson in the 189-pound title match. The two had previously met in the first dual meet of the year. The result was the same, but Felton said Ayala has clearly improved since that initial clash.

"Ayala put it in his mind that he only has two months left in his high school athletic career," Felton said. "He's taken that in mind and stepped it up a notch."

Pazunino, who won the 145-pound title at the previous week's Prospect Tournament, emerged from the GBS event with a 17-2 record. Schoenberg, meanwhile, turned in his third-place effort at GBS after skipping Prospect while taking the ACT exam.

Felton said he also was pleased with the performances he got from senior heavyweight Thomas Ehrlich and senior 119-pounder Danny Robbins, both of whom missed placing (top six) by one spot.

"They almost made it to the semifinal from the wrestleback," Felton said. "At the end of the season, they're going to be tough."

On Dec. 17, North dropped to 0-3 in the CSL North, 3-8 overall, when it fell 41-34 to Maine East. Winners for the Vikings were Ayala, Pazunino, Robbins and Ehrlich.

Additionally, West senior Anthony Suarez (16-3) came in fourth at 160, and senior Steve Stock was fifth at 125. A night earlier, the Wolves improved to 9-10 overall, 2-1 in the CSL South with a

real good kid, works really hard and comes out every match ready to wrestle."

Niles West senior Ben Rosen (10-3) placed third at 119 after entering the competition as the No. 4 seed.

Senior Mike Bahmaseel is one of the team's top talents. But injuries have limited him to just three matches, all of them victories. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

convincing 60-17 win over Waukegan. Shiheiber set the tone by winning the night's opening match.

"Everybody wrestled pretty strong, wrestled hard for the time they were out on the mat," Genovesi said. "We had a lot of pins. But our three losses were by pin, so we have to work on not getting pinned."

In addition to Shiheiber, Genovesi said that Stock and senior Kardiac Rucker also fall into the category of surprises this season.

Stock improved to 16-12 after picking up little varsity experience last season. Rucker, meanwhile, is 11-11, an impressive mark considering he had not been out for the sport since his freshman year.

Among the other Niles West wrestlers who have turned in solid performances are senior Jimmy Rosati (15-9 at 140), senior Chris Nguyen (12-11 at 145), junior David Shields (10-10 at 189) and junior Bayar Bayarsaikhan (10-6 at 285).

Senior Mike Bahmaseel is one of the team's top talents. But injuries have limited him to just three matches, all of them victories. Comment: pioneerlocal.com



Niles North's Mike Ayala (right) works to take down Stevenson's Brandon Weber during the 189-pound semifinals of the Rus Erb Tournament (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Defense improves Dons' chances

ND knocks off Lake Park in Hardwood

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BASKETBALL— The big three of Quinton Chievous, Tim Hirsch and Shawn Wallace carried Notre Dame to an exciting victory Monday on the opening day of the Wildcat Hardwood Classic in Wheeling.

Chievous finished with a team-high 20 points, seven in overtime, and 14 rebounds as the Dons defeated Lake Park 71-65 in OT. ND, which improved to 9-3, was scheduled to meet the Libertyville/Wheeling winner on Tuesday.

Hirsch contributed 19 points and Wallace 16 for an ND squad that trailed by nine points at the break. ND got back into the game by outscoring the Laneers 17-12 in the third quarter.

Lake Park had a couple chances to win it late in regulation. But the Dons, who held the Laneers to

GAME BALLS

RESULTS

Monday: Notre Dame 71, Lake Park 65 (OT)

Friday: Notre Dame 59, Loyola 33

STAR PERFORMANCES

Quinton Chievous: 20 points, 14 rebounds in win over Lake Park

Tim Hirsch: 19 points in victory over Lake Park

Matthias Trizna: 15 points, 12 in the first half, against Loyola

GAME DAY

Saturday: Final day of the Wildcat Hardwood Classic

just nine fourth-quarter points, played strong defense down the stretch.

"They held the ball for the last shot, but we had two quality defensive (sequences) at the end of the game and stopped them twice as time ran out. That was the difference," ND head coach Tom Les said.

The game was tied 52-52 at the end of regulation, and the Dons held a 19-13 edge in the extra session.

Notre Dame was coming off Friday's 59-33 victory over Loyola in Niles. The Dons led by just five points

at halftime before outscoring the Ramblers 18-2 in the third quarter.

"(Loyola) has good size and were pounding it inside (early), and we didn't pressure as well as we should have," Les said. "The difference was our pressure in the third quarter. They were not able to get the ball close around the basket. They were forced to take tougher shots and we limited them to one opportunity (per possession)."

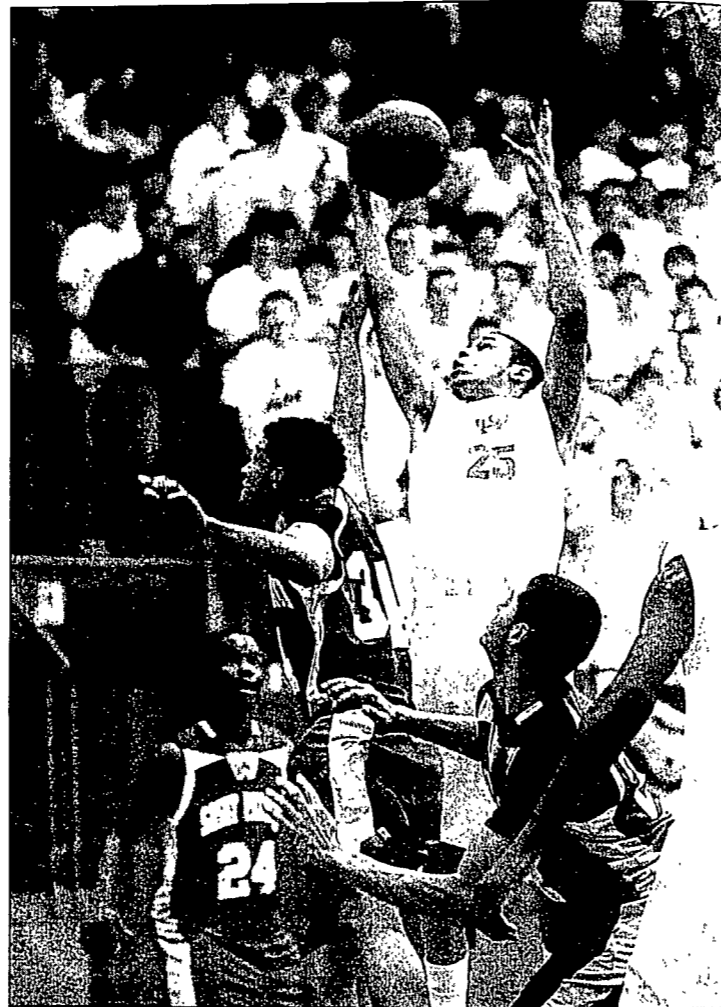
Senior Matthias Trizna led ND with a season-high 15 points, 12 coming in the first half. Chievous had 12 points and Wallace, the team's leading scorer, added nine.

"They did a nice job face-guarding Wallace the entire game, not leaving him to help on other guys," Les said. "But (Wallace) did a nice job not foreing the action. They tried to take him out of the game, but that opened up other opportunities for guys like Trizna. Wallace didn't force that action. That was the important thing."

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Notre Dame's Quinton Chievous (25), reaching for rebound against St. Patrick, poured in 20 points Monday during the Dons' Wheeling Hardwood Classic win over Lake Park in overtime. (Joe Cyganowski/For STM)

Rough match becomes 'wake-up call' for Dons

ND humbled by low series of season

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BOWLING — Notre Dame remains in first place in the Chicago Catholic Conference North Division.

But head coach Dominic Catalano said his team

learned a lesson about the consequences of complacency during Saturday's crossover match with De Le Salle.

The Dons (8-2, 7-2) had their lowest series of the season, losing 21-4 to the South's second-place team in an event held at Stardust Bowl in Addison.

"We had a very rough time. It was absolutely one of those days, and we were really, really off," Catalano said. "It's more or less, get it out of the system. I'd

rather have a performance like that now than at the conference (Jan. 16). It was wake-up call for us. We've been going into matches a little too confident and expecting to win every match. Saturday was evidence that any time you're bowling badly, anybody can beat you."

One of the few individual highlights for the Dons was senior Rob Graff's 245 game.

ND was coming off a strong effort on Dec. 15

when it cruised past Fenwick 24-1 at Chicago's Habeter Bowl. In that match, junior Justin Sanetra rolled 246 and 217, and Graff had 219.

Notre Dame was expected to learn earlier this week just how big a lead it maintains over St. Patrick at the head of the North Division. In a system based on points rather than wins, the Dons held a 35-point edge over the Shamrocks entering Saturday's competition. Only five points

are available per round. The Dons and Shamrocks will meet on Jan. 7. ND's last competition before the new year was scheduled for Monday in the Mather Invite at Chicago's Waveland Bowl.

Catalano was expecting to see continued improvement by senior Tony Oliveira, whose average is climbing.

The coach also was encouraged by a recent performance from talented sophomore Peter Velez.

Called up from JV for a match with St. Laurence on Dec. 12, Velez turned in an impressive 233 to go with 198 and 151.

"We wanted to see how he would react to being called up, and he bowled well," Catalano said. "The other kids were great and accepted him right away. But it helped that he was bowling a 233. Now, we're just looking for him to be more consistent."

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Positive energy helps Beierwaltes

By ROB VALENTIN
Contributor

GIRLS BASKETBALL — A little adjustment has gone a long way for Maine East center Kristen Beierwaltes.

When Karol Hanusiak took over as Blue Demons head coach last year, Beierwaltes was one of the few players to have played for the new coach. Hanusiak was Beierwaltes' shot-put coach in track during freshman year.

"I think she was harder with me because she knew me from track and I didn't react well," Beierwaltes said. "I kind of had a temper problem, but we talked about that before this season. She asked what our goals were and I said, 'I don't want to let my temper get the better of me.'"

Beierwaltes has kept her emotions under control this season, with favorable results. The 6-foot center is averaging nearly a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds per game, and the coach has noticed the change.

"The difference between last year and this year is night and day," Hanusiak said. "She's so much more confident and more aggressive this year. Last year, when something went wrong she would get down. But she's so positive this year. She's a team leader and is doing everything we ask



Maine East senior center Kristen Beierwaltes (11) battles a Deerfield opponent for a rebound on Friday. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

of her." Beierwaltes started playing basketball in third grade but quit and then resumed in sixth grade because she was the tallest girl in the school and the team lacked height.

What made Beierwaltes so valuable on the court was her exceptional footwork. While many tall girls struggle with coordination, Beierwaltes took dance lessons at a young age and that helped tremendously.

"I was dancing since I was 4 years old," she said. "You kind of know where to put your feet, so I wasn't tripping over my feet in basketball."

Once in high school, Beierwaltes wanted to be captain of the freshman team, but hoped to be called up to varsity. She kept asking the coach to bring her up, and midway through the season her wish was granted.

Beierwaltes didn't get a lot of playing time, but proved herself and drew more time on the court. Now she's a four-year varsity player in her third year as a starter.

This season, Beierwaltes has stepped up as a leader. She's a straight-A student in the classroom and has had no problem picking up the new offense Hanusiak installed. Hanusiak has also used the senior in different

roles on defense, adjusting to opponents.

Beierwaltes' biggest contribution may be teaching the three sophomores on varsity this season.

"She really helps the younger kids out," Hanusiak said. "For a lack of better words, she's grooming them. She's so smart and that really helps her."

And while Maine East is still below .500 this season, Beierwaltes has kept the team close in most games.

"The big reason for this is her rebounding, especially on defense. She puts herself in a really good position and that's been huge for us," Hanusiak said. "You can limit someone to one shot and then she can start that break for us. One of our biggest problems last year was allowing two, three and four shots."

Beierwaltes is hoping to attend either Texas or Illinois for college and study archeology and anthropology.

Recap

Maine East suffered a 59-31 loss to Evanston on Dec. 15 and then fell to Streamwood 59-20 a day later. The Demons dropped to 1-2 in the CSL North with a 72-49 setback to Deerfield on Friday.

East (3-9) opened play in the St. Viator tournament on Saturday with a 39-24 win over Leyden.

MAINE EAST ROUNDUP

Khan continues double-digit streak

BOYS BASKETBALL— The Demons lost their sixth game in a row Friday, falling to Deerfield 72-49 to drop to 2-6 overall and 0-3 in the CSL North.

Once again, the Demons played well in the first half, going into the break down two. But they fell apart in the third quarter as the Warriors remained atop the league standings.

Nuse Khan scored 28 points, and the senior entered the week averaging

28.1 per game. He's scored in double figures every game and gone for at least 20 in seven of the eight games.

Maine East plays at Luther North's tournament, which starts Saturday. The Demons open against Latin.

Boys swimming

The Demons ended their 2009 portion of the season with a 108-57 win over Fen-ton on Dec. 17.

Matt Wiegel was among a

group of swimmers who set personal-best marks. The senior swam to record times while securing wins in both the 100-yard freestyle (1:03.21) and 100 breaststroke (1:19.04).

Albert Ciuceesu, Kevin Tom and Danny Ward all recorded career swims last week.

Ciuceesu finished first in the 100 backstroke (1:19.30), Kevin Tom won the 100 butterfly (1:01.40) and Danny Ward took first in the 50

free (24.41).

"I am really pleased with how hard these guys are working," coach Megan Kamarchevakul said. "We are setting ourselves up for some good results at the end of the season."

The Demons are off until Jan. 8 when they compete against Glenbrook North in the CSL North opener.

"I am really looking forward to that one," the coach said.

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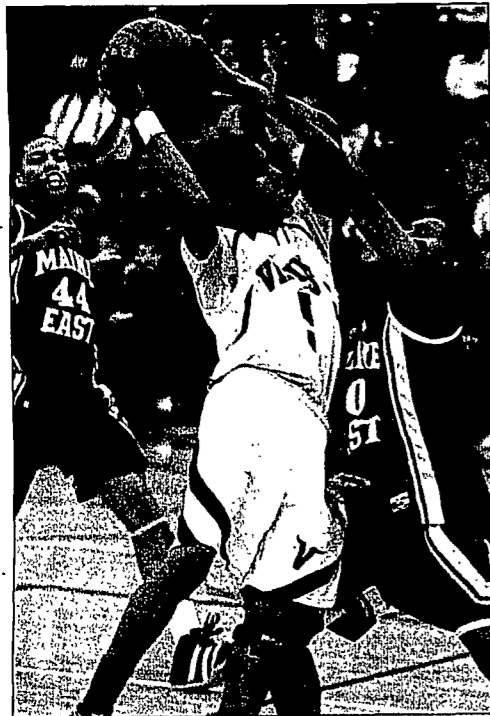
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Niles North's Montreal Sykes powers to the basket over Maine East's Jigar Patel during CSL North action. (Jerry Dallegre/ for STM)

Williams begins to break out

Vikes' senior recovering from stress fracture

By DAN SHALIN
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BOYS BASKETBALL - After picking up a conference road victory Friday, Niles North was unable to build upon the triumph in Monday's Wildcat Hardwood Classic opener in Wheeling.

North trailed 20-9 after one quarter and shot just 21 percent (12-of-49) for the 9 a.m. game in Monday's 70-44 loss to Prospect. The Vikings dropped to 3-6 overall.

Senior Marlon Senior led Niles North with 19 points. Senior Duane Williams added eight and junior Abdel Nader had seven.

Williams was coming off

GAME BALLS RESULTS

Monday: Prospect 70, Niles North 44
Friday: Niles North 66, Maine West 60

STAR PERFORMANCES

Duane Williams: Season-high 21 points in win over Maine West
Marlon Senior: 19 points in loss to Prospect
Malachi Nix: Freshman was solid in first start at point guard

GAME DAY

Saturday: Final day of the Wheeling Tournament

a season-high 21 in Friday's 66-60 win at Maine West, as North improved to 2-1 in the CSL North. The senior guard hoped it was a break-out game after he struggled with injuries and inconsistency early in the season.

"Up to that point, Duane had had a tough go of it,"

North head coach Glenn Olson said. "He hasn't been pleased, he's had a tough year. Because of a stress fracture, he started practice late and it took awhile for him to get in the swing of things. But what an attitude he's had. As he's faced adversity, he's worked harder. I couldn't be more pleased. His performance Friday keyed us."

Nader added 15 points and Senior scored 13. Olson also was pleased with the play of freshman point guard Malachi Nix, who scored 11 in his first start.

"I feel comfortable with Malachi because of his attitude," Olson said. "When we're looking at elevating a kid as a freshman or sophomore, that's the biggest thing we're looking at. He wanted to be with the varsity. It was important to him. He likes the challenge."

"He wants to win and play well and he's willing to do

what it takes, and he's played well. He's going to have his freshman moments. But he competes and he cares. That's what you need to succeed."

The Vikings hit five three-pointers in the first half as they took a 41-29 lead into the break. The Warriors closed the gap to 49-43 after three quarters, and eventually got to within 49-47. Nader then drained two clutch jumpers to keep his team comfortably in front.

"We came out flat in the third quarter. It's the second time we've done that this year, the Niles West game being the other," Olson said. "We kind of fell apart in that one and here we kind of fell apart; it happens through a long season. But we hung in there and responded. They cut it to two, but we built it back up. I was pleased with that."

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