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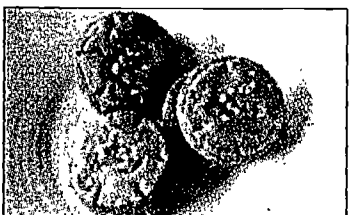


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PINEWOOD PALS Tiger scouts Jack Neuman, 7, and Clay Lindner, 7, both of Pack 929, in Evanston, get excited as racing is about to begin during Sunday's Pinewood Derby at Golf Mill Shopping Center. PAGE 3. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

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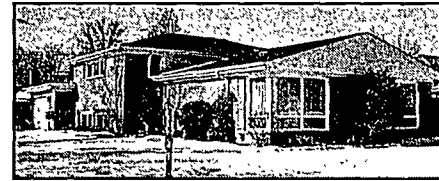


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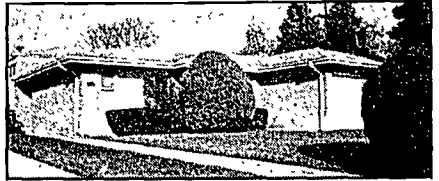
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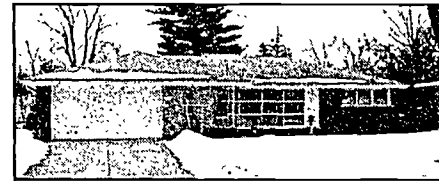
"DEVONSHIRE" BRICK BI-LEVEL!

Skokie...Lovely 7 rm Bi-level in outstanding "Devonshire" Location! Huge living rm, separate dining rm, large eat-in kitchen opens to yard with 2 patios. 3 spacious bds & 1 1/2 baths Lower level family rm. Hardwood floors under carpet in living rm, dining rm & bedrooms. Located close to shopping, schools & transportation. Attached garage. Move right in! Price slashed!!...\$315,900



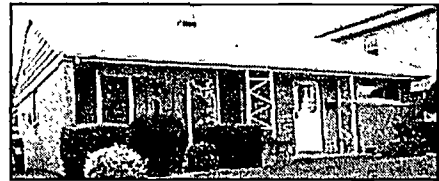
CLASSIC CAPE COD!

Morton Grove...New Listing! Super charming 4 br-2 1/2 bath Cape Cod on huge 76' x 125' double lot! Formal living rm, separate dining rm & eat-in kitchen. Main floor family room & master br w/full bath. Large 27' 2nd floor bedroom with 1/2 bath. Beautifully fenced yard with deck. 2 car garage. Great location close to shopping & transportation. Golf District 67. ...\$290's



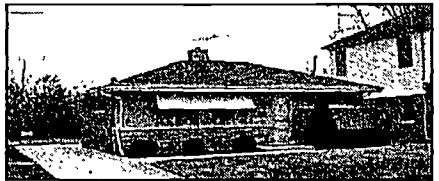
MORE FOR YOUR MONEY!

Glenview...Meticulous 3 br Rambling Ranch on huge 80' x 135' lot! District 34 Schools! Living rm w/BFP. Separate formal dining rm. Large eat-in kit w/walk in pantry, hardwood flrs, 3 bds & 1 1/2 baths on main level. Full basement w/brick fireplace awaits your finishing touches. Huge rear yard with patio off dining rm. Near park, train & town! Reduced to Sell at...\$390's



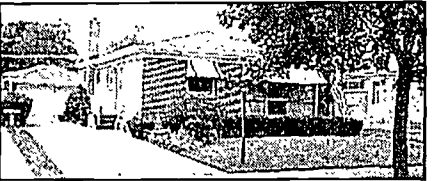
DEAL OF THE YEAR!

Niles...Impeccable 7 rm brick Ranch in very convenient Location! 3 bds & 2 full baths. Huge updated eat-in kitchen opens to main floor family rm w/sliders to professionally landscaped fenced yard. Large master br suite w/master bath. Recent updates include roof, Thermopane windows, furnace & gutters. 2 1/2 car garage. Near Trans & shopping. Priced Slashed!...\$240's



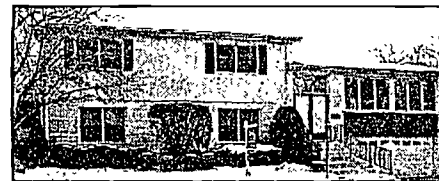
AMAZING VALUE AT \$215,000!

Morton Grove...Lovely 6 rm brick Ranch in great location near park & pool! Large 55' x 135' Lot. Oak floors in living rm, dining rm & bds. Main floor family rm addition has large sliding glass windows overlooking yard. Additional walk in closet/storage & laundry area. Wood cabinet kitchen with large dinette area. Concrete patio & drive. Pull down stairs to attic storage...\$215,000



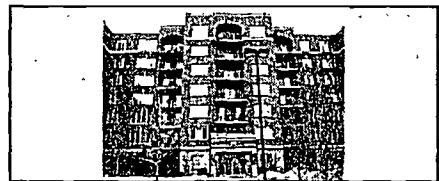
GOLF SCHOOL DISTRICT #7!

Morton Grove...Solid built 7 rm brick Ranch located 1/2 block to Hynes School! Hardwood floors under carpet. Dramatic mirrored entry, large living rm & separate dining "L". 3 bds w/double closets. Updated eat-in kit w/ceramic floor. Full bsmt w/rec rm, bar, bath & loads of storage. 2 car garage & large yard. Roof approx 8 years old. Priced to sell!! Ask \$290's



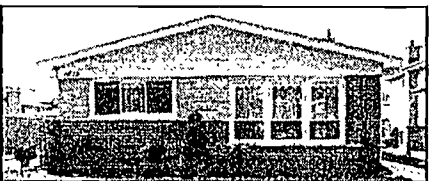
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL!

Morton Grove...Spacious & updated white brick Raised Ranch! Newer custom kitchen w/Granite, hardwood floor & Jenaire over/range. 4 large bedrooms, new Marvin windows & huge dramatic entry foyer with ceramic tile floor. Recessed lighting. Large deck, beautifully landscaped private fenced yard. Extra large 2 car garage w/storage. Truly a 10++ home! Must see!...\$430's



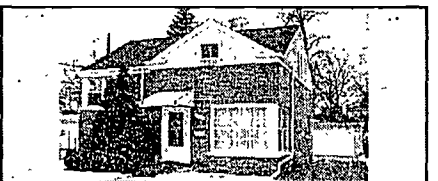
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Des Plaines...Beautiful 5 room rarely available "Crystal" Model with 1 bedroom + Bonus Den/Office! Spacious living/dining rm. Custom Granite & Oak eat-in kitchen. Large bedroom with walk-in closet & sliding glass doors to huge balcony. Oak & Granite bath, in-unit laundry, indoor heated garage space. Near Downtown shopping, train & restaurants!! shopping. Priced Slashed!...\$240's



ACCENT ON DETAILS!

Morton Grove...Incredible quality in this 7 rm brick Split-level located 2 blocks from Niles West High School! Hardwood floors, gorgeous living rm w/big picture window. Elegant separate dining room, 3 large bds & 1 1/2 baths. Huge lower level family room. Eat-in kitchen. Side driveway to 2 1/2 car garage, patio & beautifully landscaped yard. Priced to SELL!! Won't Last at...\$347,000



PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #70!

Morton Grove...Superb updated 3 br - 2 bath brick Tri-level in great location near shops, transportation & more! Solid oak floors & stairs. New windows, updated ceramic baths & skylight w/ Jacuzzi. Oak cabinet kitchen w/ceramic tile floor. 2 zoned GFA & CA, 200 amp electric, copper plumbing, flood control, fenced yard, storage shed. Priced to sell!! Only...\$289,000

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Inside track Spectators and scouts wait patiently for racing to begin during Sunday's Pinewood Derby held in Golf Mill Shopping Center's center court. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)



Sexual misconduct case headed for arbitration

By CRAIG A. WHITNEY whitney@pioneerlocal.com

An incident involving a sexual misconduct allegation against a veteran Niles police officer is going to arbitration as the officer remains on unpaid leave. Niles Village Attorney Joseph Annunzio said officer Fotis Markadas, with the department for nine years, allegedly "committed actions that are unbecom- ing of a Niles police officer"

between late Jan. 13 and early Jan. 14 at Chasers bar and restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue. While Annunzio declined to be more specific, Attorney Richard Reimer, representing the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, said there is an allegation of sexual misconduct against a young woman. Markadas "vehemently and adamantly denies" the allegation, Reimer said. Annunzio said that when

the allegations surfaced, the union filed a grievance, but the filing was premature because the village had not taken any action. The hearing took place March 5. Neither Markadas nor a member of the union attended, and commissioners determined that Markadas should be placed on unpaid leave, Annunzio said. Annunzio said that the union asked the judge to "honor the contract and

allow him (Markadas) to go to an arbitrator on this." The village attorney said it could be three to six months before it goes to arbitration; in the meantime, Markadas is on unpaid leave. Police Chief Dean Strzelecki declined to go into specifics about the incident, but said, "There was an allegation made; it was investigated; there was an inter- Case, PAGE 10

DISTRICT 207 Custodians OK cuts to save 3 jobs

By JENNIFER JOHNSON johnson@pioneerlocal.com

Five custodians whose positions were terminated by Maine Township School District 207 as part of extensive budget cuts will be able to keep their jobs. An agreement reached between the custodians and the school district last week calls for the custodians to take four unpaid furlough days during the next year and forgo scheduled step increases in salary based on years of experience, the district said. These concessions are on top of a separate cost-of-living pay freeze for all noncertified employees that the Board of Education recently approved. Two of the five custodians were able to keep their jobs after two positions became vacant due to a retirement and a resignation, the district reported. The other three positions were saved due to the salary

concessions agreed to by the custodians as a whole, according to the district. The salary reduction amounts to a decrease in pay of approximately 1.5 percent, while the furlough days will save \$125,000 in salary and other employment-related expenditures, the district reported. "We're really pleased that the custodians supported the idea that allowed us to keep staff working," District 207 Superintendent Ken Wallace said in a statement released March 11. "We gave them the information about different options and allowed them to vote democratically on the choice, which they supported overwhelmingly." Not returning to work for the 2010-11 school year will be 75 teachers. The staffing cuts were part of \$13.5 million in spending reductions approved by the Board of Education. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Teachers union rejects job-saving concessions

Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education and Administrators were informed that a majority of the Maine Teachers Association membership voted no March 9 on a board request that the teachers open their contract, a district news release stated. The Board and Administration had proposed salary adjustments that would have facilitated the recall of some or all of the 75 teachers laid off in response to a current and projected structural budget deficit, the release stated.

In response to the MTA vote, Superintendent Dr. Ken Wallace said: "This has been a very difficult process for our teachers and teacher assistants. We are grateful that they thoughtfully considered our request in the context of these difficult economic times, and we respect the decision that the MTA reached in a democratic vote. "We will continue to work together to move forward in the best interest of the District." Comment: pioneerlocal.com

Superintendent down to three candidates

By JENNIFER JOHNSON johnson@pioneerlocal.com

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education is close to choosing a new superintendent who will take over the district's leadership on July 1. "We're shooting for April to be able to introduce the candidate to the communi-

ty," said Board President John Heyde. The School Board has narrowed down its search to three candidates who have already been interviewed. During the next two weeks the board will interview each person again. "When we are done with the next round of interviews, we will choose a can-

didate we prefer and who we want to pursue additional discussions with," Heyde said. Visits to the candidate's current school district and an introduction of the candidate to the District 64 community may follow, he said. Seventy-six applicants expressed interest in becom-

ing the district's next superintendent, but the list included no current District 64 personnel, Heyde said. Superintendent Sally Pryor is retiring June 30 after 20 years as a District 64 administrator; the last seven years as superintendent. Comment: pioneerlocal.com

PARK RIDGE-NILES DISTRICT 64

LAST WEEK
TOP FIVE STORIES

1. Blase to report to prison April 19

Former Niles Mayor Nicholas Blase has until 2 p.m. April 19 to report to an as-yet-undisclosed federal prison following his Jan. 29 sentencing on corruption charges.

Although a tentative surrender date of March 1 had been set at Blase's sentencing, when the order was finalized in the weeks that followed, April 19 was chosen, said Federal Court Judge Wayne Andersen.

2. Body of missing woman found in Des Plaines River

A body found in the Des Plaines River near Prospect Heights has been identified as Maine Township woman who has been missing since early January. The body of Sangitagen Patel, 32, was recovered from the river March 7 by Cook County Forest Preserve Police in the Allison Woods Forest Preserve, the Cook County Sheriff's Department said March 8.

3. White Eagle hires new chef

The White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant has announced the appointment of Viola Mikulsa as its new Executive Chef. Most recently chef at The Big Fish, Mikulsa brings more than 15 years of experience to the legendary White Eagle.

4. I-PASS available in Niles

The Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Secretary of State are teaming up to provide drivers with a convenient one-stop option for motor vehicle services.

5. Patrol to be honored at meeting

An observant eye and a split second decision has made Jacob Vowell something of a local hero. The Carpenter School fifth-grader was on patrol duty the morning of Feb. 2, helping children on their way to school to safely cross Elm Street at Broadway when, according to witnesses, he pulled a kindergarten student away from a vehicle that began moving into the crosswalk after failing to completely stop at the stop sign.

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Maureen Whittelsey, 11, and Maddy Fox, 10, collect their "supplies" during the Junk Food Sculpture program. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Kevin Jiang, 15, of Park Ridge, creates during the recent Junk Food Sculpture program at Niles Public Library. (Brian O'Mahoney/Staff Photographer)

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THINGS SPRING



Audrey Luke of Mt. Prospect, delicately places seeds in their individual sections at the Meinke Garden Center. January and February are slow but the coming months will be getting busy.



Tiger takes a true cat-nap in front of a basket of Elephant Ear bulbs, a member of the Caladium family known for its big leaves. Tiger is one of three of the resident Meinke Garden Center cats who have free roam of the center's 12 separate buildings found on site.



Randy Trettin of Skokie carefully tucks the roots of a Bell Blue Browallia into its individual section. Most of the plants at the Meinke Garden Center are grown on site and then have the plants separated when transplanted from the seedling flats to the plastic inserts they'll be sold in.

LEFT- Jose Hernandez of Skokie has been working for the Meinke Garden Center for over 22 years. "The work makes me feel good when I see something grow, and then you feel bad when you see a plant get sick," Hernandez said.

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DISTRICT 207

'Best' students named for March

Three seniors have been honored as "207's Best" for March by the Maine Township High School District 207 Board of Education.

The winners are **Marco Malusa**, of Maine South, **Erikka-Mae Magpayo**, of Maine East, and **Rebecca Mueller**, of Maine West. All earned the recognition for excellence in electives or performing arts.

In a letter introducing Maine South's honoree to the board, Principal David Claypool wrote that Malusa has become "the face" of the Maine South art program. As a highly talented artist who is very involved in Art Club, Malusa is a young man whose conscientious approach to all of his responsibilities has gained him the respect and admiration of the faculty and his peers. The principal lauded Malusa for his involvement in a wide variety of school activities even beyond the



District 207's recipients of the March "207's Best" award included: Marco Malusa, of Maine South, Rebecca Mueller, of Maine West, and Erikka-Mae Magpayo, of Maine East. (Photo courtesy of District 207)

Fine Arts Department chair, choir director, theater tech director, orchestra director, two theater directors, band director and Orchestras director.

Isoye's letter lauded Magpayo as an "exceptional leader" who currently serves as president of Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter No. 1, president of Thespian Troupe No. 1792, and has been assistant director for both "Unwrap Your Candy" and the musical "Seussical." Magpayo told the board she plans to major in counseling at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

Mueller has been acting since freshman year and is in her second stint as an assistant director. She also is station manager for WMTH Radio and an executive producer for WMTH-TV. Mueller said she will attend Oakland and plans to major in acting and film production.

Art Department and cited the example of his work this year as high-profile mascot Harley the Hawk.

Malusa told board members he plans to major in design at either Elmhurst College or Carthage College.

"Erikka-Mae is the rare, but true triple-threat — a

fine singer, dancer and actor," Maine East Principal Steven T. Isoye wrote in his letter introducing her to the Board of Education. Testimony to her versatility as a fine-arts student and performer is the fact that her nomination was a team effort that included East's

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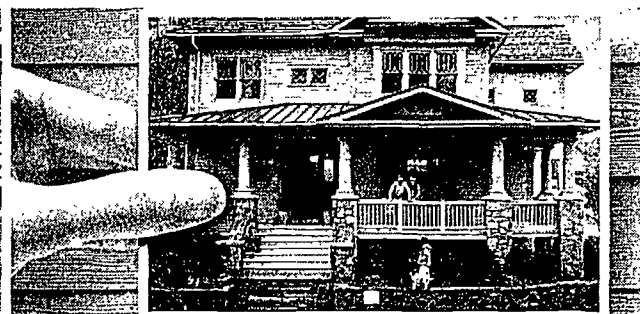
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Top spelling bee performers announced
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The Top 5 qualifiers from fifth through eighth grade competed to become the Top 3 winners for the school. The winners were: first place, **Lauren Holmen**; second, **Andrew Cichon**; and third, **Alyssa Pifac**. They were to represent the council in the regional competition.

Past Grand Knight **Leo Weiss** and his wife **Clara** host this event each year.

SCHOOLS BRIEF

District 207 has 12 National Merit Finalists
A dozen Maine Township High School District 207 students have earned the prestigious status of National Merit Finalist in the 2010 National Merit scholarship program.

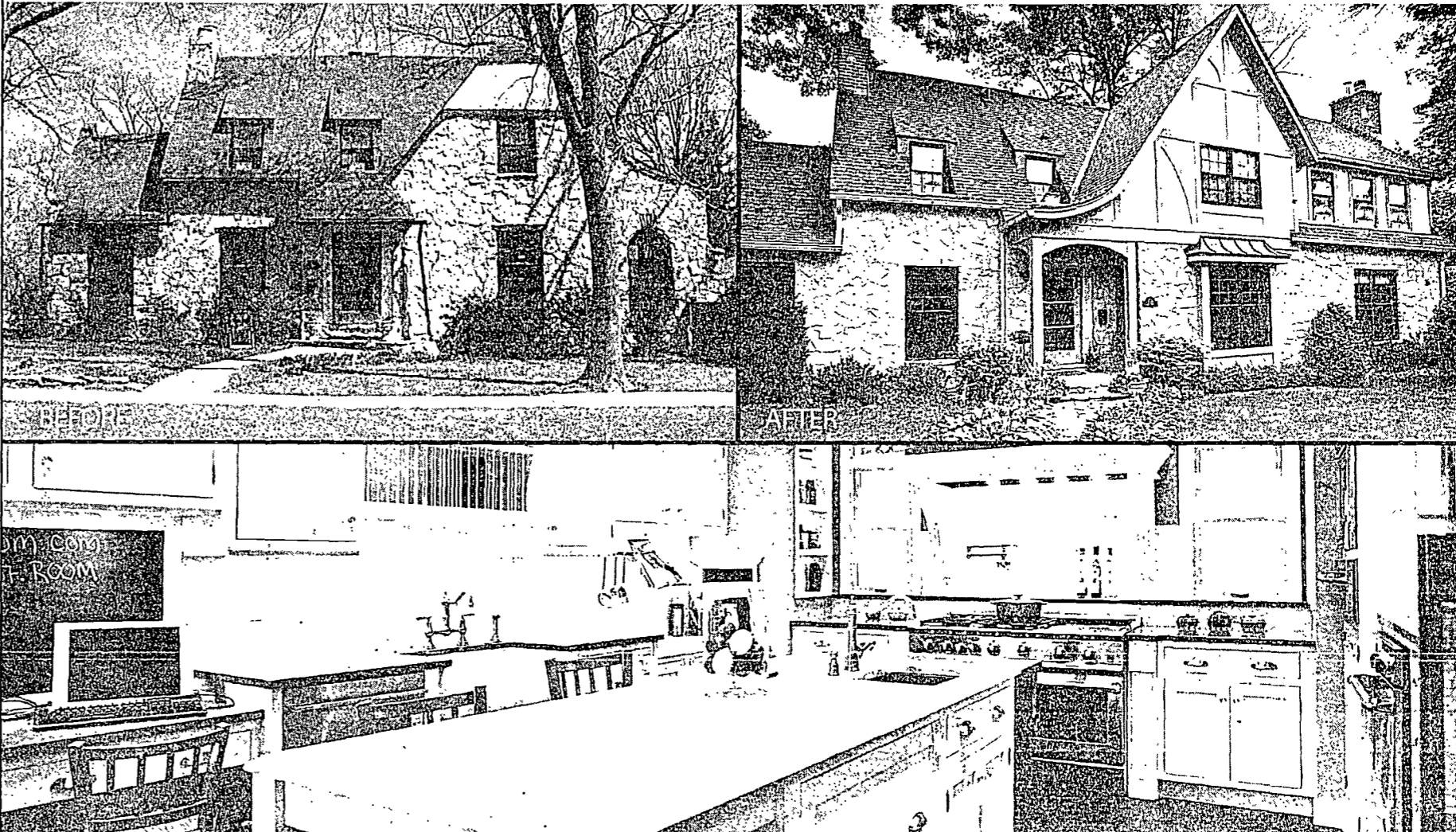
The students include: from Maine South High School, Matthew Ammentorp, Joseph Anderson, Stephanie Bergren, Kathleen Hurley, Ryan Murphy, Charles Schultz and Brian Siwek; and from Maine West, Ellen Coogan, Sean Hansen, Emilie Sinkler, Abigail Wydra and Maciek Zmyslowski.

The National Merit Scholarship program, which dates back to 1955, involves competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Of the 1.5 million students who enter the competition nationally each year, only about 50,000 — those with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores (critical reading plus mathematics plus writing skills scores) qualify for recognition.

In early-September about 16,000 students, or about one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as semifinalists. In February 15,000 semifinalists are notified by mail that they have advanced to finalist standing.

All winners of Merit Scholarship awards will be chosen from the finalist group, based on their abilities, skills and accomplishments. Beginning this month and continuing to mid-June, the National Merit Scholarship Corp. will notify about 8,200 finalists that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship award. These awards are of three types: National Merit \$2,500 scholarships, which are awarded without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice, or major and career plans; corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards; and College-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

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WE SAY

Withholding police reports is illegal and bad policy

Illinois law requires police departments to release information about an arrest within 72 hours of that arrest. The law spells out exactly what information is required. But all crimes — even those with no suspects — should be included in police reporting.

Crime reporting lets residents know what crimes are being committed in their neighborhoods and where and how those crimes are being committed. When your neighbor's house is burglarized, you want to know how the criminals got in. Perhaps you'll even increase the security in your home.

We publish that information in the paper in our police blotter or as news stories. Pioneer Press has a policy of publishing all arrests. No exceptions. It's what our readers expect.

Police chiefs tell us that the fear of getting one's name in the local newspaper for committing a crime is often a deterrent to crime. Drivers are less likely to drink while driving

because they know if caught, their names are published.

However, last week Maywood officials decided not to release police reports to **Proviso Herald**.

Their reasoning: Lots of crime reports makes the village look bad. Maywood officials believed their police reports were giving an unrealistic portrayal of crime in the village, compared to neighboring communities.

It was just bad PR for the village.

But their refusal to release police reports was also against the law.

Thankfully, Maywood officials have since recognized their errors, and have promised to comply fully to the letter of the law.

But there always will be another official somewhere who will think the same way: The best way to keep a lid on crime is just not to report it to the newspapers.

After all, crime affects business and development. Crime affects home sales. Crime affects a politician's

re-election bid.

But crime reporting is not about publicity for the community, it's about ensuring the safety and the overall welfare of the community by keeping the public informed.

This is Sunshine Week, a national initiative led by American Society of News Editors, to promote open government and freedom of information. The goal is to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government and to give them access to information so they can make their lives better and their communities stronger.

Even police will agree. Citizens who fear or mistrust their police departments make law enforcement much more difficult. Yet, active, responsive citizens who get involved are ultimately what makes communities safer and better places to live.

Give us all of the information — the good, the bad and the ugly — about our communities. It's our right and it's good policy.

YOU SAY

Nothing's forever (not even winter)

Invincibility comes in all different shapes. My brother feels invincible right after winning a racquetball game; my sister-in-law right after serving another master meal; my nephews right after making the big score or kiss.

I feel invincible right after nine hours of good sleep. But the message here is all the same.

There will always be times in our lives when the surge of invincibility charges through us. A feeling to be carefully understood before it blinds and consumes us.

This is why triumphant returning Roman generals always had a slave inside their chariot repeating: "Remember Caesar, thou art only a man!" I would presume it's something like what the wives of presidents and prime ministers whisper in their beds at night.

Right now we have an example playing out in our town. The way in which winter's death-grip on our lives is reluctantly yielding to every nudge from an insistent green spring just beneath the white winter.

When winter is at its most invincible, we wither before

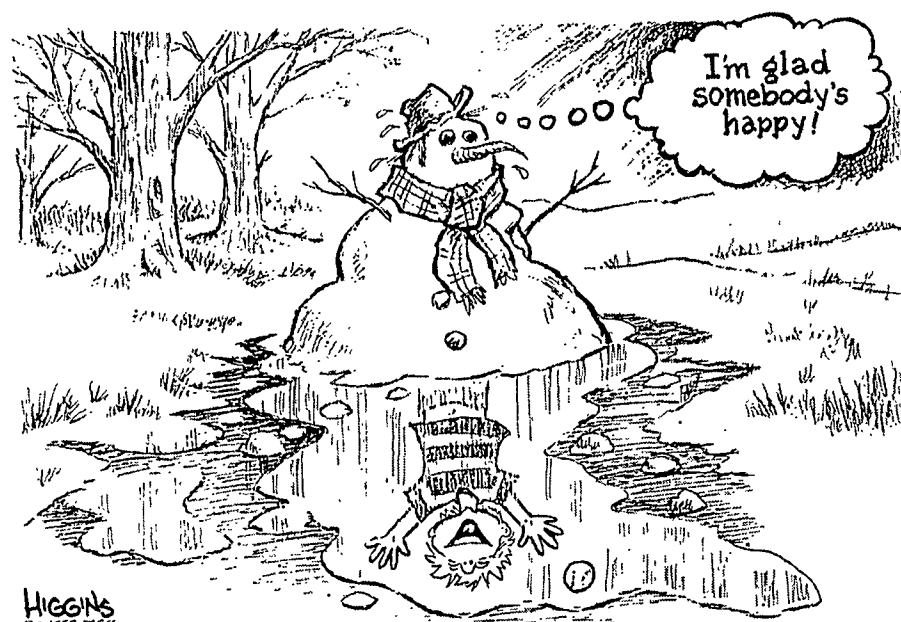
its furies. And yet, there are the ineluctable laws of the planets, against which even nature itself must bow.

In January and February you were master of all you surveyed; now with March, you've once again met your match. We call it spring, and we yearn for its return.

As it does, we are reminded once again that nothing — neither the seasons, nor the triumphs, nor the tragedies — lasts forever. It all passes. What we have to do is wisely wait it out, pick up the results, and go on from there.

Jack Spatafora
Park Ridge

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Airbrushing history



CHERYL O'DONOVAN

VAN MOM STRIKES AGAIN

We decry the airbrushed images of actresses, divas and models, as photographers lop off cellulite, erase pores, and make a 90-year-old granny as dewy as Miley Cyrus.

But we've idealized people all along. Yep, modern-day women view a photo of Christie Brinkley — who insists she's not had plastic surgery — and we roll our eyes.

Those Romans were just as leery. "Hey, I've partied with Venus." The god of wine, Bacchus, groused and adjusted his laurel wreath. "The sculptor took off 20 pounds for that statue." "Well, yeah, no one's naming a planet after you, either."

Recently, I watched a

History Channel special on death masks. Morbid-sounding, I know. Museums store plaster casts and death masks of history makers, Abraham Lincoln, Caesar and Napoleon.

Turns out, Betty Crocker's wasn't made of plaster; but a yellow cake mix. She was plenty miffed when they prepared her death mask. One, she was still alive, and two, batter got up her nose.

Anyway, the narrator scoffed at how painters' brushstrokes idealized our first President.

"George Washington was depicted as square-jawed and heroic, but without his teeth, he looked like Homer Simpson."

"A documentary on Genghis Khan led me to the same conclusion.

One historian lauded him as "strategic" and "cunning," whereas some schmoe expert like me might call him "criminal" and "insane." Khan killed his own brother and had his army slaughter millions. Entire towns were wiped out. His empire stretched across Asia, from the Pacific to the Caspian Sea.

Artists painted the Mongolian marauder wearing a helmet. He's frightening.

Khan resembled that Wolverine guy with those retracting bone claws, suffering from really bad acid reflux. His eyes are snapping, his nostrils are flared, teeth bared.

You know. The way most of us look when we're in line at airport security.

Later, I whisk over to Internet sites to check out the conqueror's true visage.

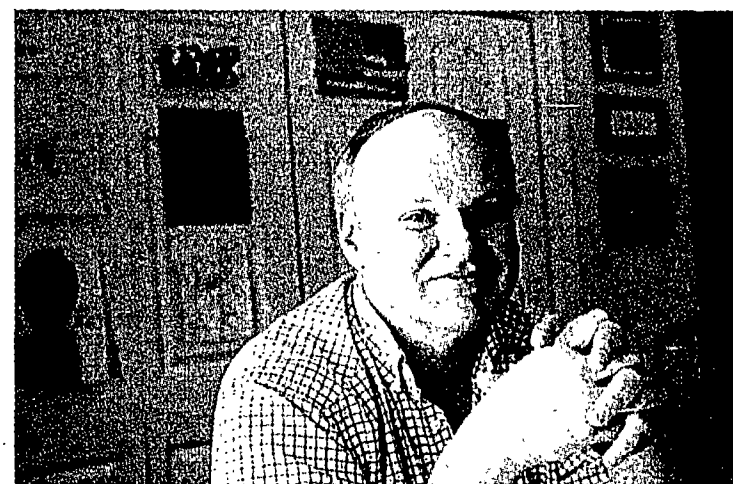
Sheesh.

The real Genghis Khan appears mild-mannered, kindly, a Mongolian Colonel Sanders. This guy didn't seem capable of blood-baths. He'd have people over for stir-fry and Pictionary.

Watching these shows has slipped my notion of historical figures upside down.

So, if Conan had actually existed, he wouldn't have been a muscular Arnold Schwarzenegger, some Hollywood fabrication.

His real-life photo might look more like ... Conan the Librarian.
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Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Jack Higgins, in his home studio. (Jean Lachat/Chicago Sun-Times)

Pulitzer-winning cartoonist joins our editorial team

Pulitzer Prize winner Jack Higgins starts this week as the editorial cartoonist for Pioneer Press and The Doings newspapers.

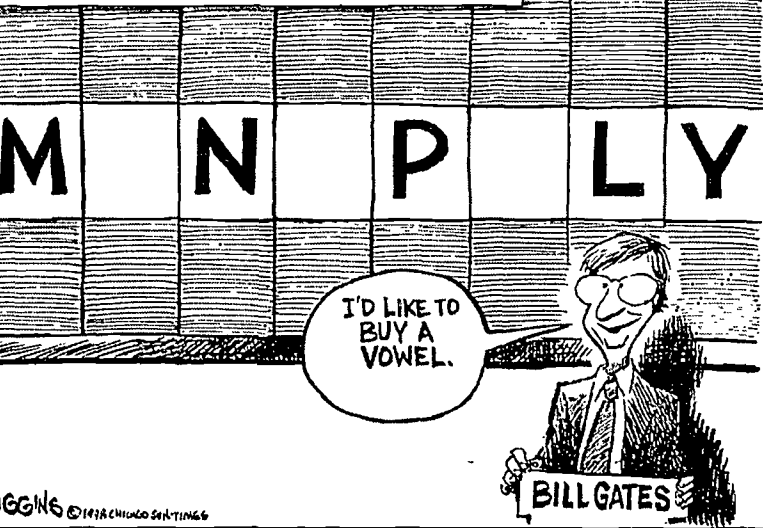
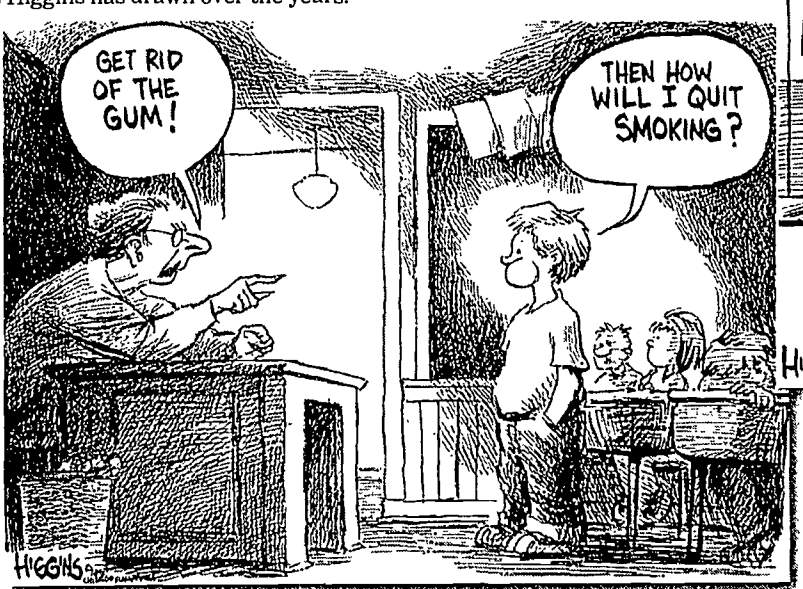
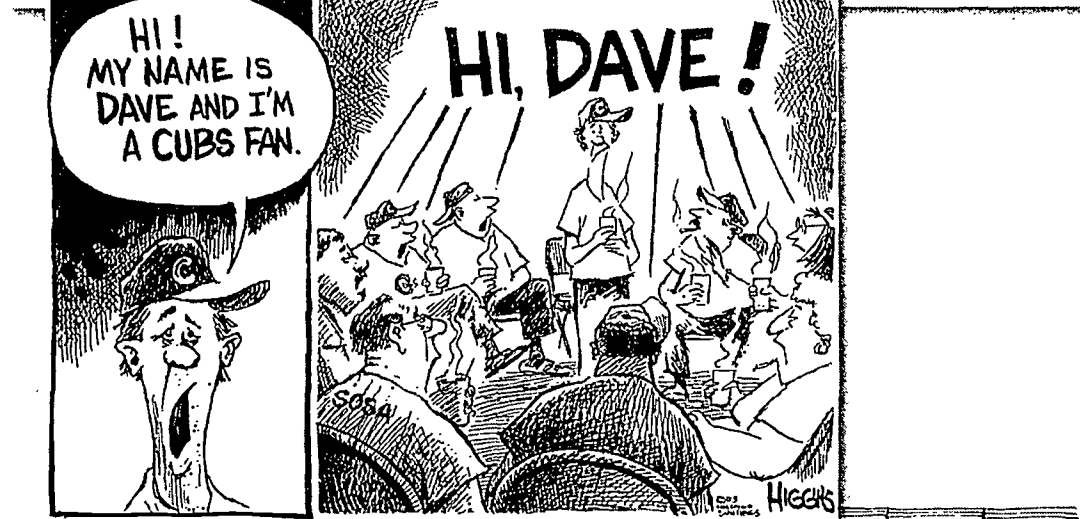
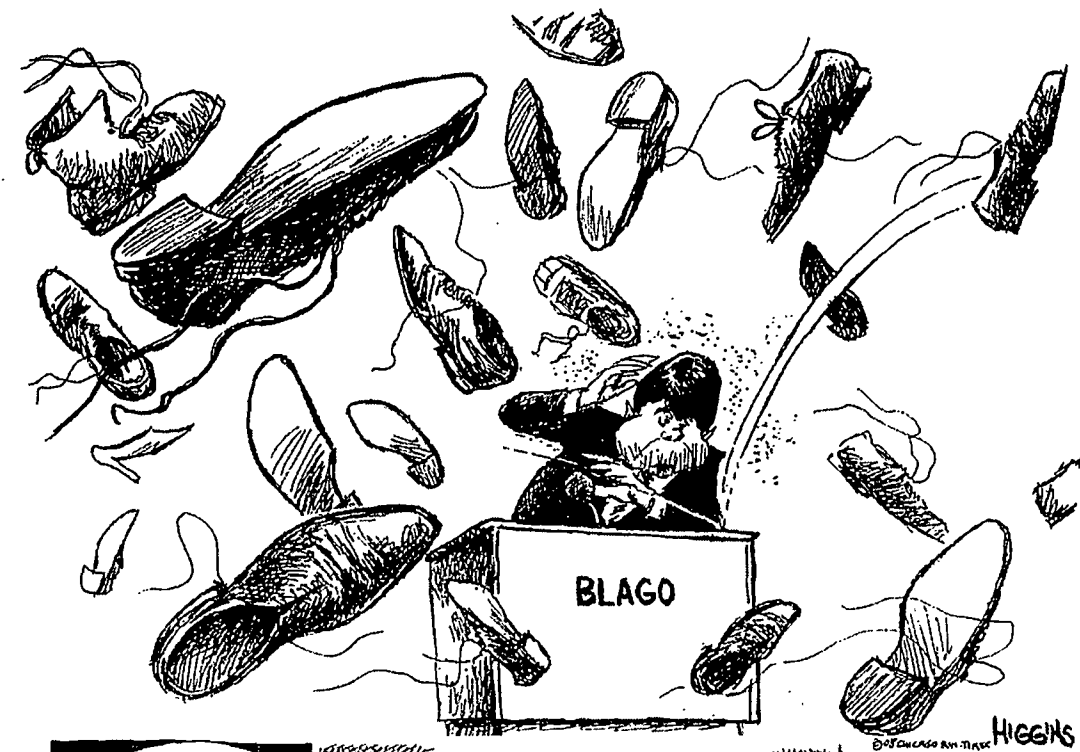
Higgins, a cartoonist for the Sun-Times since 1981, has lived in the Chicago area for most of his life. He now lives in Clarendon Hills with his wife Missy and five children: Tommy, 9; Brigid, 8; Rose, 7; Jackie, 5; and Brendan, 4.

"I'm just a person who loves the whole area," he said. His book, *My Kind of 'Toon, Chicago*, containing 250 of his best editorial and political cartoons, was published last year with a foreword by Roger Ebert.

Higgins began his career drawing cartoons for the Daily Northwestern. Over the years, he has published syndicated cartoons from the Soviet Union, Hungary, Ireland and Cuba.

But he is looking forward to drawing for a more local audience. "It will be great to speak directly to people instead of over their heads," he said. "Everything is utterly local."

Here are some cartoons Higgins has drawn over the years.



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Benefits
Half Price Books launches its annual Half Pint Library Book Drive. The six-week program runs to March 31 and collects and distributes children's books to families and children in need through local nonprofit and community organizations. Books donated through the Half Pint Library program helps boost literacy outside of school. The drive accepts any type of children's book, including Spanish-language books, as long as they are in good condition. All Half Price Books locations: 5605 W. Touhy Ave. (Niles); 1319 N. Rand Road (Palatine); 366-370 W. Army Trail Road (Bloomington); 14 Countryside Plaza (Countryside); 151 Skokie Valley Road (Highland Park).

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.
Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - Income tax preparation, by appointment.
Wednesday, March 24 - Grief and loss support group, call first.
Saturday, March 27 - Legal counseling, by appointment.
Saturday, March 27 - Blood pressure and blood sugar testing, 10 a.m.-noon (no appointment needed).
Low-cost income tax preparation will be available by appointment at the Center of Concern in Park Ridge on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings, through April 10. Adults of all ages with annual incomes under \$40,000 (excluding Social Security benefits) are welcome. The fee for basic federal and state returns, including Schedules A, B and D and forms for the Earned Income Tax Credit, is \$35. More complex returns cost up to \$50. Call (847) 823-0453 to make an appointment. Homebound residents may ask to have a tax preparer come to their home.
Center counselors also are available to help eligible residents apply for Illinois Circuit Breaker property-tax relief grants and license-plate discounts. Illinois Cares Rx (prescription-drug assistance), the senior-citizen real-estate tax exemption and deferral, the senior-citizen tax-assessment freeze, and the longtime-occupant-homeowner property-tax exemption. **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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.
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.-4:30 p.m.

Chamber
The Niles Chamber of Commerce Dollars for Scholars Chapter is offering its annual spring scholarship raffle. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each. Buy five tickets and receive the sixth ticket free. Grand prize is \$10,000; second prize, \$1,000. Drawing will be at the Niles Chamber "Night of Roses - A Tribute to Home Grown Success Dinner" on April 24. Tickets may be purchased at Niles Chamber of Commerce, 8060 W. Oakton St., (847) 268-8180.
March 18, 11:30 a.m.: The Chicago Area Gay Lesbian, DBR, Des Plaines, Glenview, Glencoe, Highland Park, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wheeling/Prospect Heights, Wilmette and Winnetka Chamber members will have a chance to promote their businesses to an expanded audience at the Mega Connect Multi-Chamber Networking Lunch at Bristol Court Banquets, 828 Rand Road, Mount Prospect. There is a \$25 for members (\$35 for nonmembers). Walk-ins are strongly discouraged. Contact Brenda to sign up, (847) 268-8180. Form and payment must be made by March 11.

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.

Classes
Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Inc., is now offering "Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy," dog training classes at various locations, including 6042 W. Oakton St., in Morton Grove. The fee is \$60. Contact Dorinda King at dhking4@yahoo.com or call (773) 736-9021, for schedules and locations.

Classes
The Garden Club of Skokie will meet at 12:30 p.m. March 24 at St. Peter's Rathskeellar, 8116 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Freelance writer Joann Loebel will deliver a slide presentation on "Bulbs for All Seasons." Loebel

is also the author of "Flowers are for Keeping." All are welcome. Call Beatrice Ross, (847) 845-5086.
Morton Grove Group of Hadassah North Shore hosts a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. April 21 at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. The afternoon will feature Dolores Hall, former writer for the Empower Women magazine who will speak about everyday "Humor." The day will include a raffles give-away to benefit the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Patient Tower, to be dedicated in 2012, the 100-year anniversary of Hadassah. Couvert is \$18 for members and \$19, nonmembers. Call (847) 205-1900 or e-mail: northshore@hadassah.org.
Pauline Viviano, Ph.D., associate professor of Theology at Loyola University Chicago and specialist in Biblical languages and literature, will discuss "Can the Warrior God of the Old Testament Be a God of Peace?" at 2 p.m. March 21 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Assembly, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Dr. Viviano will address how to understand and reconcile the warrior God of the Old Testament with the God of love and compassion in the New Testament. The event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society. A good will offering of \$5 is recommended for nonmembers and free parking is available. Call Mike Brennan, (773) 447-3989 or e-mail: michaelbrennan@ameritech.net.

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois will present "Chicago Jewish Orphanages and Family Trees." Julian Frazin and others speak about the Chicago Jewish orphanage experience at 2 p.m. March 21 at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St., Skokie. Ask any genealogical related questions regarding research into a family's history. The JGSI meeting facilities at Temple Beth Israel will open at 12:30 p.m. to accommodate those who want to use the library materials, get help with genealogy Web sites or ask genealogical related questions before the main program. Visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsi or call (312) 666-0100.
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) 774-9671.





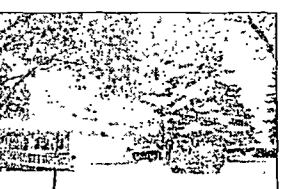
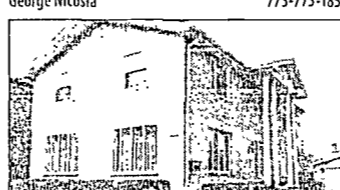

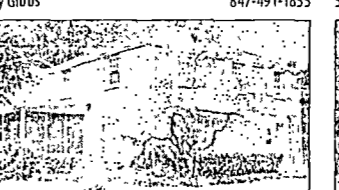
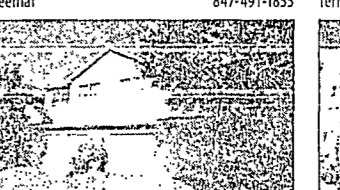
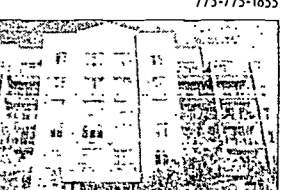


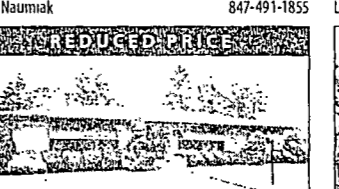
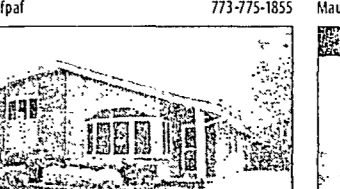
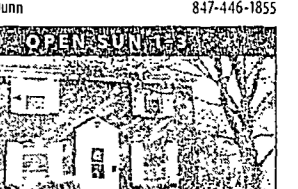

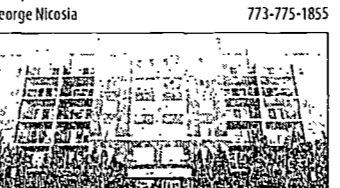
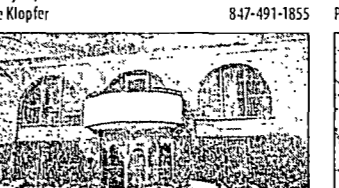
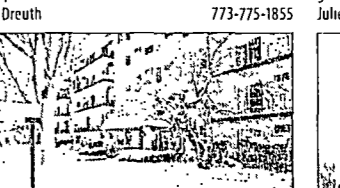
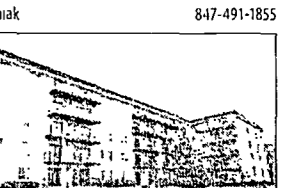
Community
Twice As Nice Mothers of Multiples Society hosts its Resale Event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 27 at First United Methodist Church 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge. Find unbeatable prices on children's clothing, toys and equipment.

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Finding a malt for all seasons

By IRV LEAVITT
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If you're willing to risk your Easter dinner collapsing into drunken recriminations sufficient to last in familial memory until everyone reconvenes at Christmas, we may have just the thing for you.

Lincolnwood distributor Louis Glunz Beer maintains their new 10.5 percent alcohol, limited-edition Belgian brew, Houden Carolus Easter Ale, is the perfect drink for washing down Easter ham.

Pioneer Press convened a largely arbitrary panel to test this claim.

Our mavens assembled at Max and Benny's, a kosher-style delicatessen at 481 Waukegan Road, just east of Northbrook and south of Deerfield. This is a less-than-prime spot for ham-eating of course.

It was chosen because, in the interest of ecumenism, we also tested some kosher beers made by the Shmaltz Brewing Co., which Glunz says go well with the kind of food Max and Benny's is better known for.

Passover is approaching at nearly the same speed (March 29) as Easter (April 4), but neither "He'brew presents: Bittersweet Lenny's R.I.P.A.," a rye-heavy ale, or "Coney Island Human Blockhead" lager is kosher for Passover.

If you can't use yeast in bread, you can't use it in booze, either. Nice try, though.

Panel of experts

One of our judges was Joe Spera, owner-operator of Al's Meat Market in Wilmette. He not only knows a good ham when he carves it, but the cooler of his butcher shop at 1165 Wilmette Ave. is never without a tapped beer keg. Currently, it's Spaten Maibok, a spring beer from Germany, available to his pals during slow periods.

Spera's store may be the

Louis Glunz Beer maintains Gouden Carolus Easter Ale, left, is perfect for Easter dinner, and the other bottles, the product of New York's Shmaltz Brewing Co., are good for deli.



(Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

best place for a drink in Wilmette, if you're not particular about drinking in the general proximity of dead animals.

Sandy Frum, village president of Northbrook, was considered a double-threat judge because she grew up Catholic, like Spera, but converted to Judaism when she married. So she knows ham and delicatessen, too.

Frum's husband Carlos, an Argentina-born computer genius and another Northbrook mover and shaker, was also on the panel.

Three men from the restaurant sat in. Lester Schlan owns the 12,000-square-foot



Joe Spera (far left) of Al's Meat Market in Wilmette passes a corned beef sandwich to Lester Schlan, owner of Max and Benny's, during a beer/food tasting at the deli outside Northbrook. At Spera's left is Northbrook Village President Sandy Frum. Frum's husband Carlos is to her left, and Schlan's son Ben is to Carlos Frum's left. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

Max and Benny's only ham-centered entree is a Monte Cristo sandwich. But the boss ordered the chef to make some thick ham-and-swiss sandwiches, too. The judges ate, and sipped the Easter ale.

Ale is a lot like beer, except it's usually stronger and a little fruity-tasting.

And "very malty," said Spera, who said that was a good thing.

"Oh, that is delicious," added Lester Schlan. "Are you sure that's beer?" He was assured it was ale.

Everybody liked it, whatever it was, and most of two 25.4 ounce bottles — \$11 each — were emptied quickly, which is pretty good for that crowd.

"I'm not really much of a beer drinker," confided Sandy Frum.

She must have felt right at home in Max and Benny's. During the 90 minutes we spent in the restaurant, no customer ordered anything stronger than chocolate milk.

"You probably have more (alcohol consumed) in your place than we do in ours,"

restaurant Schlan told butcher Spera with a shrug.

Next, we tried the new Bittersweet Lenny's from Shmaltz' He'brew line (referred to by the New York brewer as "The Chosen Beer." We're not making this up).

It contained 10 percent alcohol, too, which is well more than twice the content of most beer.

Hop heavy

"Very hoppy," Spera said. He noted that India pale ales like this one traditionally are hop-heavy, which effectively prevented spoilage during shipping from 19th century England to India.

But it also makes them very bitter. Not too bitter to temper my appreciation of Schlan's "Nosher," a trademark corned beef sandwich with a smear of chopped liver inside, or his potato latkes the size of pocket dictionaries. But only Carlos Frum and I thought it wasn't too strong to drink with food.

"I like Guinness (stout), but not this," said Reeder. Stout, though among the most assertive of beers, is the "milder" brew you can mix with a pale ale to make

a Black and Tan.

I noticed that Carlos Frum, while drinking the pale ale, picked up another ham sandwich. Is the Jewish beer really better with ham?

"Whatever you're eating, you drink what you like to drink with it," he said.

I have no idea if that answered my question, but I wrote it down anyway.

FYI: R.I.P.A. stands for Rye India Pale Ale, not Rest in Peace Ale.

The Blockhead lager, also blessed with 10 percent alcohol, has a label featuring a banner identifying it as "Tough as Nails Lager," and a caricature of a man driving a large nail into his own head with a hammer.

This is as accurate a label representation of the actual sensation delivered by a product as I have ever seen.

I cannot describe what Blockhead tasted like. I asked everybody, and nobody could or would say anything about it.

"I am taking the fifth," Lester Schlan said helpfully.

So I had another glass. Just for investigative purposes.

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Bake a batch of April Fools 'cupcakes'



BETH ENGELMAN

MOMMY on a SHOESTRING

Cupcakes for dinner? French fries for dessert? Either your children's wildest dreams have come true or April Fools' Day is just around the corner. This year, surprise your family with a menu of tricky treats in honor of April's most hilarious holiday.

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Watch Mommy on a Shoestring video at www.pioneerlocal.com/video.

Fool your kids with these delicious fast food look-a-likes that are actually made out of sweet treats like cookies and fruit roll-ups. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

Turkey Meatloaf Cupcakes with Mashed Potato Frosting

CUPCAKES

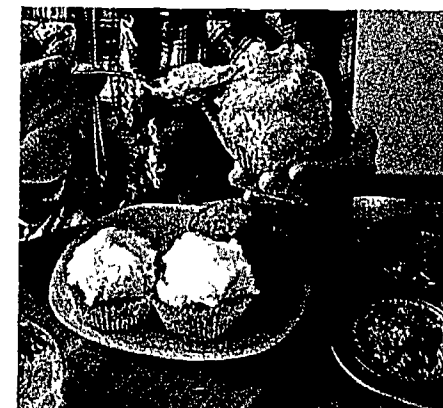
1 lb. ground turkey
3-4 T ketchup
1/4 C Italian seasoned bread crumbs
1/4 tsp. seasoning salt
1 egg
1/4 C spinach

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line muffin tin with decorative cupcake liners. In a bowl, mix ingredients until thoroughly combined. Fill each liner with meatloaf mixture. Bake 15-20 minutes.

MASHED POTATO FROSTING

8-10 medium potatoes (peeled, boiled and ready for mashing)
1/4-1/2 C low fat milk
1/4-1/2 C butter
Salt and pepper to taste
Food coloring

Cut potatoes into small pieces and begin to mash with a ricer or hand mixer. Slow-



Beth Engelman spoons mashed potato "frosting" onto the cupcakes. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

ly add milk and butter and continue to mix until the potatoes are thick and creamy. Add food coloring to entire mixture or divide into several different colored batches. When cupcakes are ready, "frost" each one with potatoes and serve immediately.



Cheeseburgers, Fries and Shakes

There is nothing greasy about these sweet treats.

CHEESEBURGERS

Nilla wafers
Peppermint patties
Red icing (ketchup)
Yellow icing (mustard)
Red fruit roll-ups (tomatoes)
Yellow fruit roll-ups (cheese)
Green fruit roll-ups (pickles).
Coconut with a few drops of green food coloring (shredded lettuce)

Build your cheeseburger by placing one Nilla wafer face down. Add "patty" (peppermint patty), ketchup (red icing), cheese, pickles, tomatoes (fruit roll-ups), a pinch of shredded lettuce (coconut), and mustard (yellow icing). Top with another Nilla wafer and your burger is complete.

FRIES

Ladyfingers
Sugar
White envelopes
Fluted pastry roller (for crinkled fries)
Knife or pizza cutter (for straight fries)

Slice ladyfingers lengthwise with fluted pastry roller or knife. Toss onto a greased cookie sheet and sprinkle with sugar (to look like salt). Brown "fries" in the oven at 350 degrees for several minutes, tossing every minute or so to ensure they do not burn.

To make your own fast food sleeves, cut a sealed envelope in half (width-wise). Puff out each half and fill with fries. Decorate the outside with your favorite logo.

Thank you to Kitty Fishman (www.kitty-screatives.com) for sharing this recipe.

Watch Kitty make these treats along with her "faux" chocolate shake at www.pioneerlocal.com/mommy.

Wiggly Gelatin Watermelon

When it comes to this watermelon, the seeds are the best part.

Watermelon rind
4-6 oz. boxes red gelatin (any flavor)
5 C water
1/4-C mini chocolate chips

Cut melon in half and scoop out the fruit with a melon baller or spoon. Make sure to get all the way down to the green rind. Boil water, add gelatin, and mix well. Pour mixture into prepared melon rind. Place in the refrigerator for several hours.

When mixture is firm but not completely set, push mini-chocolate chips into the gelatin with a chopstick. Let set completely in the fridge. When ready to serve, slice with a sharp knife and enjoy.

Thanks to Mandy and her deliciously creative blog, www.gourmetmomonthego.com, for sharing this terrific recipe.



These watermelon slices are actually made of Jell-O and chocolate chips. (Suzanne Tennant/Staff Photographer)

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Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association Chicago plans a Beginner's Mind Buddhist Meditation Retreat beginning at 7 p.m. March 26 and continuing through March 28 at 1234 N. River Road, Mount Prospect. Buddhist Venerable Guo Gu will visit Chicago to lead this beginner zen meditation retreat with lectures. Some meditation experience is expected. Cost is \$40. Call (847) 824-6882 or see www.dmbachicago.org.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 7373 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, will hold its Spring Bake Sale on from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23 and 24 in the Community Center. The Bake Shop features sweet tsoureki bread and koulourakia. Also, for the Pascha celebration, there will be lambathes, dyed red eggs sold by the dozen, and Easter gift baskets. Home-made Greek pastries, such as baklava, diples, kataifi, galaktoboureko, kourambithes and melomakarouna will also be available for holiday entertaining. A Lenten Lunch will be served both days and shoppers can go to the Coffee Shop and sit and enjoy a pastry and coffee. There is no admission and plenty of free parking. Call ahead to place pastry orders for pick-up. (847) 647-8880.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago invites families and community members across Chicagoland to explore resident camp programs at a "Camp Night" taking place from 8 p.m.-9 a.m. (overnight) March 20 at the Lattot YMCA, 300 E. Northwest Highway, Des Plaines. This event is an opportunity to meet Y staff and learn about available camp opportunities. Camp Night at the Lattot YMCA will include an indoor-overnight campout with traditional camp activities. The YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago operates five resident camps in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. All YMCA camps offer values-based recreational and educational programming with a goal of helping children build self-esteem, self-discipline, and learn about teamwork. Call the Lattot YMCA, (847) 296-3376.

Fitness Center

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

Classes in Speed, Agility, & Quickness Training for ages 10 through high school students will be conducted from 8-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 22 to April 21. The program's goal is to increase speed and agility for basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, baseball, hockey, or any other sport. Athletes will be grouped by age. Fees are \$190 for members or \$203 for nonmembers.

A Bunny Hop for ages 1-5 is offered from 10-11 a.m. March 26. Enjoy activities featuring songs, crafts and more plus an egg hunt. Bring a basket to

collect goodies. This is a parent/child event. Cost is \$8, members; \$10, non-members.

Fundraisers

Rainbow Hospice is selling 500 "Win With Rainbow" Raffle tickets at \$100 each. Only 178 tickets are left. First prize is \$10,000; second through fifth prizes, \$1,250. Thirty percent of the proceeds go to the prize pool and the other 70 percent will benefit the patients and families served by Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care. The drawing will take place March 26. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Win With Rainbow Hotline, (847) 292-2353. If all 500 tickets are not sold, the prize pool will be adjusted accordingly. Winners will be notified by noon, March 30.

A Vendor Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21 at the Park Ridge VFW Hall, 10 W. Higgins Road, Park Ridge. More than 20 vendors will be featured. Vendors will include direct sales companies, small boutiques and gift stores. Admission is free. A portion of all sales will be donated to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

The Service League of Advocate Lutheran General Hospital will hold a Homemade Gourmet Sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 30 in the 10 West Special Functions Dining Room at the hospital, 1775 W. Dempster St., Park Ridge. The sale will feature the Original 4 Meals in 4 Minutes, dressing mixes, dessert mixes and more. Call (847) 723-6105. Proceeds will benefit areas of need throughout the hospital.

Our Lady of Ransom Parish, 8300 Greenwood Ave., Niles, will host its annual St. Joseph Sweet Table from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21 in Paluch Hall. A variety of cakes, cookies and delicacies will be available for sale. Suggested donation is \$5. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society with their work for those in need in the community. Call the Ministry Center, (847) 823-2550.

Kids

A program designed specifically for brothers and sisters of children with special needs will be offered at Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital from 9-11:30 a.m. March 20 in the Yackman Children's Pavilion, 1675 Dempster St., Park Ridge, Room Y2109 (second floor). "Sibsensations" offers support for healthy siblings of children with developmental and physical disabilities. Children meet peers with similar experiences in a fun and friendly atmosphere, where they can discuss their common joys and concerns. They learn how to handle situations they all face regularly and discuss the implications of having a brother or sister with special needs. This is accomplished through games, activities, crafts and age appropriate discussion. Cost is \$10 for each session; \$5 for each additional family member. To register, call Kathryn Smart, (847)723-9484, or e-mail Kathryn.Smart@advocatehealth.com. Parents are welcome to visit the Children's Health Resource Center located adjacent to the class meeting room. South Park Church Children's Ministry is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt & Resurrection Faire from 9 a.m. to noon March 27 featuring 10,000-plus Easter eggs, face-painting, games, inflatables, crafts, refreshments, balloons and puppet shows. Children will meet Bible characters, watch funny skits and more. Friends and family are invited. Free. Visit www.southparkchurch.org for Egg Hunt schedules. South Park Church, 1330 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge, (847) 825-5507.

Library

Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., (847) 663-1234 or online at www.nileslibrary.org. Registration is required for most programs unless indicated otherwise.

The U.S. Census Bureau will be available to help persons who request assistance in completing their 2010 Census questionnaire from March 18 through April 21 at the following times: 1-5 p.m. Sundays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays; 5-8 p.m. Thursdays; 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Census Bureau representatives will be available to answer questions in Russian, Polish, Korean and Spanish. Contact Diana Almanza at the U.S. Department of Commerce Chicago Regional Census Center, (312) 545-2511 or Diana.almanza@census.gov.

The Niles Public Library District is launching its BIG READ! promotion. The project hopes to bring the entire community together to read, discuss, and celebrate The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett, a classic noir novel that introduced the hard-boiled detective character into the mystery genre.

Come to the Niles Library for a sneak preview of the Big Read on March 20, to pick up a copy of the book, along with other Big Read goodies. Students in fourth grade can play a life-size version of the famous Clue board game beginning at 11 a.m. From 2-3 p.m. Niles Library's Val Clark will perform songs from the 1920s and '30s. An eight-page Program Guide with complete event listings will be available throughout the community as well as on the Niles Public Library's Web site. The Maltese Falcon is available for check-out in large print, Books-on-CD, paperback, and in Spanish, Korean and Polish. Participants can register for any of the programs online at www.nileslibrary.org or by calling (847) 663-1234.

Youth programs on a drop-in basis - Babytime: 11 a.m. March 22 for children ages birth to 2 years with a caregiver or parent. Includes stories, songs, fingerplays and extended play-time afterward. Evening Family Storytime: 7 p.m. March 23 for families with children ages 2-6; enjoy stories, songs and activities. Come in pj's or not. Reading with Rover, 7-8:30 p.m. March 24, for kindergartners and older; curl up with a favorite book and a fuzzy canine buddy. Knights of Niles Chess Club for kindergartners-eighth graders meets 3:45-4:45 p.m. March 19, April 2, 16 and 30, May 7 and 21. Learn and improve chess skills, followed by open play; all levels of experience welcome.

Youth programs, registration required - Storytime for Big Kids: 1:30 p.m. March 22 for ages 4 to kindergarten. Toddler Time: 10 a.m. March 23 or 11 a.m. March 24 for children 20-months to 3 years with caregiver; stories, songs, and rhymes followed by optional free-play period. Preschool Storytime: 9:30 a.m. March 24 for ages 3 and one-half to 5.

Teen Programs - Sports Gaming from 3-5 p.m. March 23. Celebrate March Madness and spring break by challenging friends to NCAA basketball on the Xbox and Sports Resort on the Wii; food included.

Movies - "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" 2 p.m. March 27.

Computer classes - Introduction to Excel 2003, 10:15-11:45 a.m. March 23; learn basics about spreadsheets and workbooks, formatting cells and using simple formulas; registration ends at 9 p.m. March 21. Open Lab, 1-4:30 p.m. March 25; Practice what you have learned, working at your own pace; no registration.

Betty Winer, educator and Francophile, will present "Henri Matisse: Innovative Modern Artist" in a slide-lecture format at 2 p.m. March 21 in the first floor meeting room of the Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St. Her presentation is timed to coincide with the opening of the new exhibition at the Art Institute of Chicago, "Matisse: Radical Invention, 1913-1917." Approximately 125 paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints will be on view through June 6. The exhibition then travels to the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Registration is required through the Information

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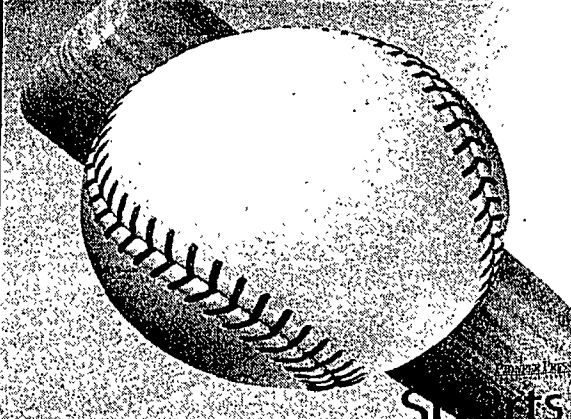
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Parks

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. MNASR 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

Kids up to third grade and adults are invited to celebrate spring at a buffet Lunch with Bunny March 20 at the Howard Leisure Center, 6676 Howard St.; two seatings: 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bunny will be available for photos. Special entertainment and craft project included. All adults and children must register for this event. Fees are: children residents, \$10; nonresidents, \$12; adults, \$8. Call (847) 967-6633. Spring Egg Scramble - Bunny will scatter eggs filled with lots of goodies at 9:30 a.m. March 27 at Golf

View Recreation Center, 7800 N. Caldwell Ave. Kids ages 1-8 are invited to participate. There will be complimentary refreshments and goodie bags for registered children. Remember to bring a basket to collect treasures. Fees are: residents, \$8; nonresidents, \$10. Call (847) 967-6633.

Religion

Catholic men are invited to attend a daylong conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. March 20, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road in Rosemont. Francis Cardinal George, O.M.L., Archbishop of Chicago, will celebrate the closing Mass at 4:15 p.m. The Office for Evangelization and the Office for Hispanic Catholics are sponsoring the Chicago Catholic Men's Conference 2010 entitled, "Be Men of Courage: Be Strong." The day begins with a welcome and prayer followed by several nationally renowned speakers who will address the group in English and Spanish, including: The Rev. William Casey, CPM; the Rev. James E. Goode, OFM, pastoral director of Solid Ground Franciscan Ministry, an evangelization ministry with African American Families; Patrick Madrid, publisher of Envoy Magazine, a journal of contemporary Catholic thought and director of the Envoy Institute of Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina; Curtis Martin, president and founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students; and Hector Molina, a bilingual lay Catholic speaker and Evangelist, who will serve as master of

ceremonies. Conference fee is \$45 per attendee and includes lunch. Fathers wishing to bring their sons, ages 13 to 21, may do so for an additional \$20 each. Registration is available at www.catholicmenofchicago.org, or by calling (312) 534-5288.

Seminars

State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias will host a financial literacy conference for women in Chicago's northwest suburbs March 18 at the White Eagle Banquets, 6839 Milwaukee Ave. Check-in will begin at 4 p.m., and the conference will follow from 4:45-8:30 p.m. Speaker will be Charlene Soby, vice president, Personal Financial Services, Northern Trust. Breakout topics include: "Stretching and Growing Your Money in Today's Economy," "Home Ownership, Entering/Re-entering the Work Force." Certified Illinois teachers may earn one CPDU for attending. A light dinner will be provided. The conference is free but pre-registration is required. Register online at <http://www.treasurer.il.gov> under the Smart Women Smart Money link.

Seniors

Resurrection Retirement Community, 7262 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, will host a day of Irish fun from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. March 26. Residents and visitors will enjoy traditional Irish entertainment, corned beef sandwiches and tours of the facility. Call (773) 792-7930.

CULVER

The **Culver School PTA** is sponsoring a family Pasta Dinner Night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. April 9 at the school, 6921 Oakton St., Niles. Dinner includes salad, bread and drinks. Cost is \$5. There will be a bake sale to complete dinner with dessert. Auction items available.

DISTRICT 64

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 is one of only 83 Illinois school districts to earn the 2010 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence from SchoolSearch, an independent research and consulting firm. Fewer than one in 10 Illinois school districts earned the award this year, according to Superintendent Sally Pryor, who announced the designation at the March 8 Board of Education meeting.

All school districts in Illinois — a total of 869 — were considered using fair, objective data reported on the 2009 Illinois State Report Cards. It is the 16th year District 64 was selected for the award.

The award is based on five essential factors: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary. "District 64 is strong in all five family-favored areas," according to SchoolSearch.

The **Park Ridge-Niles School District 64** Board of Education announced at its March 8 meeting that four schools have been named to the 2009 Illinois Honor Roll sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education. The four schools received an "Academic Excellence Award" for sustaining very high academic performance over at least three years. District 64 is one of only 31 school districts across the state to have four or more schools earn this award.

Carpenter, Roosevelt and Washington Elementary Schools were named to the distinguished roster for a second straight year. In addition, Lincoln Middle School is one of only 23 schools in Illinois to receive an excellence award for the fourth consecutive time. To earn the excellence

award, at least 90 percent of students at these schools "met or exceeded" state standards in both reading and math assessments for three consecutive years on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test. The schools also made "Adequate Yearly Progress" in 2008 and 2009, which also includes student attendance of at least 90 percent and a 95 percent participation rate in the state assessments for all students in each subgroup.

The Board of Education especially congratulated: Carpenter Principal Dr. JoAnn Fletcher; Lincoln Interim Principals Dr. Barbara West and Ralph Heatherington and their predecessor Jim Blouch; Lincoln Assistant Principal Tim Gleason; Roosevelt Principal Dr. Kevin Dwyer and his predecessor Mary Jane Cole; Roosevelt Assistant Principal Andy Petrolino; Washington Principal Kim Nasshan and Assistant Principal Dan Ophus; and, the teachers and staffs of the schools.

DISTRICT 219

The Drama Department at Niles North High School will perform "Rent," Jonathan Larson's award-winning musical exploration of bohemian New York in the 1980s, loosely adapted from the opera "La Boheme". "Rent" explored the AIDS crisis and the people it impacted, bringing a whole new generation of audiences to the theater. This production is for mature audiences. "RENT" will be held in the Auditorium at 9800 North Lawler, Skokie. Show times are 7 p.m. March 12 and 2 and 7 p.m. March 13. A free community performance will be held at 10 a.m. March 11. Tickets are \$10. Call the Box Office at (847) 626-2122.

The "Rent" cast includes: **Anthony Pavel** as Roger; **Martin Hanna**, (Mark); **Steven Yandell**, (Tom Collins); **Ethan Orbach** (Benny); **Danny Takushi**, (Angel); **Sophie Scanlon**, (Joanne); **Rachel Sepiashvili**, (Maureen) and **Nina Roy**, (Mimi). Ensemble: **Jonathan Berg-Einhorn**, **Emma Decker**, **Taylor Gardner**, **Joane Joseph**, **Danielle Kulbak**, **Kristina Loy**, **Monica Pabelonio** and **Rafael Vicente**. Technical Staff/crew: **Timothy Ortmann**;

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director; **Daniel Gregerman**, choral director; **John Maloney**, orchestra director; **Timothy Ortmann** and **Annalisa Ahlman**, scenic designers; **Annalisa Ahlman** and **Kristen Mackie**, technical directors; **Katherine Ripley** and **Teresa Ripley**, costume designers; **Will Boersma**, stage manager; **Eric Jimenez**, scenic assistant; **Linda Room** and **Anita Scanlon**, costume assistants; **Brian Fallon**, hair designer; **Naveen Kanji** and **Kristina Loy**, assistant directors; **Brandon Magid**, assistant music direc-

tor; **Nicole Carlson** and **Elana Weiner-Kaplow**, production assistants; **Allie Zeff**, assistant choral director; **Daniel Friedman**, master electrician; **Jaimie Steffens**, costume mistress; **Rachel Heller** and **Yiorgos Giannetos**, assistant stage managers and **Mark Allen**, production assistant.


Physics Phrenzy, a Physics Open House, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. March 23 at Niles North High School, 9800 North Lawler Ave., Skokie. Physics Phrenzy is

aimed at middle school-aged children to demonstrate scientific principles in ways that are "phantastic" and, yes, phun! Youth and adults will be encouraged to explore, learn and have fun with science. Over 60 Niles North physics students, dubbed Team Phantastic, will be on hand to assist with over 25 stations so children can explore: standing on a liquid, shooting smoke rings, standing on lit light bulbs and riding on a hov-

ercraft. An "explore it further" sheet will be provided for participants to continue the science at home. This free event is open to the community.

About 450 middle and high school family consumer science students gathered at the College of Lake County Feb. 19 to participate in the Grayslake Regional Family, Career and Community

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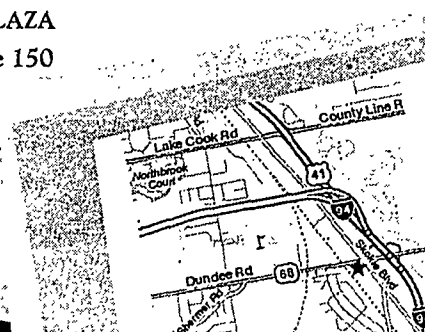
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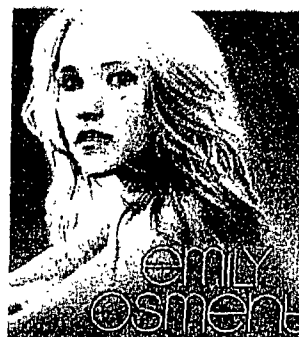
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4 For Your Consideration

A quartet of activities for the coming week

1. "Lena Horne and Friends," starring Ava Logan, 8 p.m. March 20 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, featuring stories and songs from Horne's associations with Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Anita O'Day, Etta James and others. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

2. "Return to Haifa," the world premiere of a work by Evanston-based playwright M.E.H. Lewis, will be presented by Next Theatre Company at 8 p.m. March 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 20 and 2 p.m. March 21 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$25-\$40. Call (847) 475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.

3. Chicago Chamber Musicians present "Baroque, Classical and Romantic" at 7:30 p.m. March 21 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. The program includes Mozart's String Quintet in D Major; Antonín Dvorak's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-Flat Major; and Johann Christoph Pezel's Pieces for Brass Quintet. Tickets are \$20-\$40; \$10 for students. Call (312) 225-5226 or visit www.chicagochambermusic.org.

4. Samantha Martin and The Amazing Acro-Cats and the Rock-Cats, noon and 2 p.m. March 20 at the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door for children. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com.

Sting, Steve Martin, B-52s at Ravinia

RAVINIA 2010

By DOROTHY ANDRIES
Contributor

There will be plenty of new faces on stage at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park this season, which runs June 3 to Sept. 7. The full summer program was announced by Ravinia president and CEO Welz Kauffman March 8 at UBS Tower in Chicago.

Sting will perform in the pavilion July 17 and 18 as part of his world tour with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra. Venerable rockers Crosby Stills & Nash, as well as Steve Martin (yes, the guy who hosted the Oscars) with the Steep Canyon Rangers, and Cuban favorite Orquesta Buena Vista Social Club are among 50 artists making festival debuts.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra has been at the core of the festival since 1936 and this year the orchestra's six-week residency begins June 28 with a night of music by Chopin. The program, under the baton of music director James Conlon, includes both Chopin piano concertos played by Garrick Ohlsson.

Mexican-born pianist Jorge Federico Osorio, who now bases his international performing career in Highland Park, will play the complete Beethoven piano concertos over two nights, July 15 and 16, with the CSO.

Former music director Christoph Eschenbach will conduct four of the CSO concerts, including a pavilion recital with superstar soprano Renee Fleming July 24.

Repeating the successes of two chamber productions of Mozart operas last season, Conlon will conduct two Mozart operas in the Martin Theatre — "Cosi Fan Tutte" Aug 5



Sting

and 7 with Frederica Von Stada, and "The Marriage of Figaro" with Nathan Gunn Aug. 6 and 8.

One of the biggest changes at the festival will be the increased use of the 450-seat Bennett-Gordon Hall, the year-round building at the south edge of the park. Admission to concerts there will be \$10, and because the building is soundproof, a recital could be performed there while a concert was being held in the pavilion. The classical programs will be held in August, after the CSO has left the park.

Musical theater will continue, with Patti Lupone returning to star in Irving Berlin's musical "Annie Get Your Gun" for three nights Aug. 13-15. Yo-Yo Ma is back to mark the 10th anniversary of his Silk Road project Aug. 20 with musicians from his Silk Road ensemble.

The Ravinia Women's Board Gala will be July 31 with a salute to Stephen

Sondheim with performances by Audrea McDonald, Michael Cerveris, George Hearn and Patti Lupone. The Music of ABBA is July 30 and a program of symphonic music from video games and films titled "Distant Worlds" and "Final Fantasy" is July 31, conducted by Arnie Roth, who has toured the globe with this program.

The 2010 season opens June 3 with a piano recital by Nobuyuki Tsujii in the Martin Theatre and closes Sept. 7 with popular pianist/actor Hershey Feder presenting "Maestro: The Art and Music of Leonard Bernstein."

Pop music acts include Sheryl Crow June 13, Jethro Tull June 20, Cheap Trick July 10, The B-52s July 21, The BoDeans Aug. 7, Carrie Underwood Aug. 29 and Nellie Furtado Sept. 3.

As a special incentive to increase audiences at Chicago Symphony



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The B-52s

Orchestra concerts, four dates — June 30, July 11, 15 and 25 — will be priced at \$25. Children 5 and under are admitted free to the lawn for CSO concerts.

Eight Kraft Kids Concerts will be held June 12 to

Sept. 5, with the New Millennium Orchestra, conducted by Francesco Milioto, playing at 11 a.m. July 24 in the pavilion. For complete season information, visit www.ravinia.org.
Comment: pioneerlocal.com

OPENING

THE BOUNTY HUNTER

A bounty hunter (Gerard Butler) relishes the opportunity to track down his ex-wife (Jennifer Aniston).

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID

A wisecracking junior-high student (Zachary Gordon) struggles with daily annoyances at school.

directed the comedy based on the best-selling young adult novel by Jeff Kinney. Rated PG for some rude humor and language.

REPO MEN

An organ-repossession specialist (Jude Law) has to go on the run, chased by his former partner (Forest Whitaker), when he's unable to make the payments on a heart transplant.

THE RUNAWAYS

The story of the 1970s hard-rock-

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"Repo Men"

STILL PLAYING

GREEN ZONE

Matt Damon re-teams with director Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Supremacy," "The Bourne Ultimatum") for this thriller about an army officer going rogue while searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

OUR FAMILY WEDDING

A young couple (America Ferrera and Lance Gross) train to enjoy their upcoming wedding while their fathers (Forest Whitaker, Carlos Mencia) continue their long feud.

REMEMBER ME

A young couple (Robert Pattinson and Emilie de Ravin) cope with tragedy and family issues while falling in love. TV director Allen Coulter ("The Sopranos," "Sex and the City") directed the romantic drama.

SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE

A nerdy young guy (Jay Baruchel) tries to enjoy a relationship with a beautiful woman despite interference from friends and family.

BROOKLYN'S FINEST

Director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") returns with another strong argument against a career in law enforcement. In this case you have three very different types of burned-out Brooklyn cops.

COP OUT

When a veteran New York cop's (Bruce Willis) precious baseball card is stolen, threatening his daughter's upcoming wedding, he and his partner (Tracy Morgan) set out to track it down.

THE CRAZIES

The inhabitants of a small town go violently nuts in this remake of a 1973 shocker from horror maestro George Romero. Directed by Breck Eisner ("Sahara"). (101 min.) Rated R for bloody violence and language.

SHUTTER ISLAND

Unless you happen to be criminally insane - or an insane Martin Scorsese fan - it's probably a good idea to think twice before going to "Shutter Island." That's not to say there's nothing to admire about this tricky old-fashioned suspense thriller, but most of its trickiness arises from a narrative strategy that's likely to make you think some sort of spell has been cast on its high-priced cast.

THE WOLFMAN

Directed by Joe Johnston, an Oscar-winning visual effects guy ("Raiders of the Lost Ark") who has made a directorial specialty of effects-driven films such as "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" and "Jumanji," this grisly remake of the 1941 Universal horror classic ultimately works itself up into a fairly ripping (and chomping and entrail-scattering) yarn, but it takes a good long time.

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF

A teenager (Logan Lerman) discovers he's the descendant of Poseidon and becomes involved in an ancient battle among the gods of Greek myth. Chris Columbus ("Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets") directed the fantasy adventure.

- Reviews by Bruce Ingram

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"Six Dead Queens and an Inflatable Henry" will be presented by the Women of Piccolo Theatre April 9-June 5 at the Evanston Arts Depot, 600 Main St., Evanston, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors; \$15 students. There will be a special "Theater Thursday" performance at 8 p.m. April 22, with free refreshments and an actor "Talk Back" session. Call (847) 424-0089 or visit www.piccolotheatre.com.

"A Streetcar Named Desire." May 4-July 11 at Writers' Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glenview. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m. June 9 and 30 only. No performances on July 4 or 6 p.m. performances on June 13 or July 11. Pre-show lectures on May 23 and June 6; post-show discussions on May 12, 18, June 16 and 22. Tickets: \$40-\$65. Call (847) 242-6000 or visit www.writers theatre.org.

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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. June 28, 7:30 p.m.: André Rieu and his 55-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra, "Celebration of Music Tour." \$39-\$139.

Bach Week Festival, featuring the Bach Week Festival Orchestra, chorus and soloists, with Richard Webster, organist. April 23, 7:30 p.m.: "Organ and Brass Spectacular" at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston. The program includes Bach works for solo organ, brass ensemble, and organ and brass together, plus Webster's "Baroque Suite." April 25, 7:30 p.m.: Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Program includes Bach's Concerto for Violin & Orchestra in E Major; Brandenburg Concerto No. 1 in F Major; and Cantata No. 147, "Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben." April 30, 7:30 p.m.: Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Program includes Bach's Overture No. 2 for Flute and Orchestra in B minor; Concerto for Violin, Oboe and Orchestra in C minor; and Magnificat in D Major. Single ticket prices are \$35; \$25 seniors; \$20 students; \$10 children under 12. Festival subscriptions are \$85; \$60 for seniors; \$45 for students, \$30 for children. For more information, call (800) 595-4849 or visit www.bachweek.org.

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Chicago Chamber Choir presents "Grounded: Songs of Our Majestic Earth" at 3 p.m. April 18 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., Evanston. The program includes the music of Haydn, Brahms and Vaughan Williams. Tickets are \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 for students and groups of 10 or more. Visit www.chicago chamber choir.org or call (312) 409-6890.

Chicago Chamber Musicians, (312) 225-5226, www.chicago chamber musicians.org. Concerts are held at 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on Northwestern University's campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Tickets: \$20-\$40; \$10 for students. March 21: "Baroque, Classical and Romantic." The program includes Mozart's String Quintet

in D Major; Antonín Dvořák's Piano Quartet No. 2 in E-Flat Major; and Johann Christoph Pezel's Pieces for Brass Quintet.

Chicago Chamber Musicians' Sounds and Spaces series, 2:30 p.m. April 25 at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glenview. The program features Mozart's String Quintet in B-flat Major, and pieces for brass and organ by Gabrieli, Pezel, Pachelbel, Viardot and Buxtehude. The afternoon includes a guided tour by a synagogue docent and a wine reception with the artists. Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. Call (312) 225-5226 or visit www.chicago chamber musicians.org.

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The Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall on the Northwestern University campus, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 866-6888, www.chicago philharmonic.org. Tickets are \$70 on the main floor; \$33 main front wings; \$60, \$33 and \$20 in the balcony; \$20 obstructed view. Student tickets are \$10, available in the lobby before the performance. May 2: "Block-

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Evanston Symphony Orchestra performs at 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 864-8804, www.evanstonsymphony.org. Tickets in advance are \$25; \$20 for senior citizens; free for children 12 and younger. Tickets at the door are \$28; \$23 for seniors; \$5 for students. March 21: "The Romantic Cello." featuring cellist Wendy Warner. The program includes Weber: Overture to "Oberon"; Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 in F Major, Op. 93; and Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104, May 2: "Russian Folk-fest," with Irina Muresanu, violin. The program includes Liadov: Eight Russian Folk Songs, Op. 58; Tchaikovsky: Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major, Op. 35; and Stravinsky: "Petrushka" (1947 version).

First Congregational Church, 1445 Hinman Ave., Evanston. (847) 864-8332. April 4, 10 a.m.: Festival music for brass, choir and organ will be presented during the Easter morning service. The program will include Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" as well as the organ toccata from Charles-Marie Widor's Symphony 5.

Fran Randall Memorial Concert will be held at 1 p.m. March 19 at the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, featuring classical pianist Elizabeth Newkirk from Columbia College. Free. Call (847) 448-8250 for information. The Lakeside Singers will present "Whoa, What Was That?" at 8 p.m. April

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William Byrd," featuring the Newberry Consort of Viols and Newberry Consort Singers. A 7 p.m. lecture in Lutkin Hall will precede the concert. \$25/\$5. April 24, 3 p.m.: Thaviu-Isaak Endowed Piano Scholarship Competition. Admission is free. April 25, 3 p.m.: Samuel and Elinor Thaviu Endowed Scholarship Competition in String Performance. Admission is free. April 27, 7:30 p.m.: Joseph Johnson, cello. \$9/\$7/\$5. April 30, 7:30 p.m.: Trio Globo—cellist Eugene Friesen, harmonica virtuoso and pianist Howard Levy and percussionist Glen Velez. \$15/\$12/\$7.

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Music of the Baroque performs at First United Methodist Church of Evanston, 1630 Hinman Ave., unless noted otherwise. (312) 551-1414, www.baroque.org. Tickets are \$30-\$75. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: "Bach-Hummel-Haydn." Music of the Baroque Orches-

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 March 18-April 25 at Northlight Theatre, North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. \$35-\$50. (847) 673-6300 or www.northlight.org.

By **DONALD LIEBENSON**
 Contributor

With an all-Chicago ensemble that includes local treasures John Mahoney and Linda Kimbrough, Northlight Theatre's next production, "A Life," promises to be a wonderful one. Written by the late Hugh Leonard and directed by Northlight Artistic Director BJ Jones, "A Life" shifts back and forth between present and past. Mahoney stars as Desmond Drumm, an Irish civil servant reaching retirement and reflecting on the triumphs and tragedies of his youth; a former childhood friend and the woman they both loved.

Leonard, who passed away last year, was regarded as Ireland's greatest living playwright. The autobiographical "A Life" is a companion play to his best-known work, "Da," which featured Drumm as a supporting character. Just as relationships are at the heart of "A Life," so, too, are artistic collaborations at the core of this production. Northlight and Leonard go way back. Leonard's "The Au Pair Man" was produced in Northlight's inaugural season in 1974.

Jones and Mahoney have worked on several plays together, most recently the world premiere of "Better Late" in 2008. "I was looking for something John would be excited about," Jones said. "We glanced at 'Da,' and then he said that there was another play he liked much better, 'A Life.' 'I've had 'A Life' in my back pocket for quite some time. I saw one of the first productions when it was produced in America and was very moved by it. The ability of this character to

take an unvarnished look at his life is very brave. I think everyone wishes they could do their own inventory fearlessly and then be at peace with it."

Mahoney is one of Chicago's favorite sons and a popular draw for his work on stage and screen. But the consummate character actor has always been about ensemble. When Jones was inartfully asked about what a privilege it is to work with Mahoney, he responded, "If I were to say that, John would say, 'Wait a minute, what about these other actors?' And that's the way I feel. It is a privilege to work with (this ensemble)."

Kimbrough last appeared at Northlight with Mahoney in "Better Late" and Jones estimates he has worked with her on a dozen plays. Bradley Armacost is another Northlight veteran (he met his wife when they both appeared in "Benefactors" in 1987). "Almost any play

benefits from having a longtime personal relationship between actors or an actor and a director," Jones said.

The cast also includes actors at the beginnings of their careers but whose resumes already include estimable credits. Rob Belushi (Jim's son) has appeared at Steppenwolf. Penny Slusher, Joanne Dubach, Melanie Keller, and Matt Schwader are also making their Northlight debuts. "The cool thing about this play," Jones noted, "is that the actors are playing (younger and older versions of their characters). When they're not onstage, they're watching each other for physical characteristics and vocal intonations. John is watching Matt, who plays Desmond 40 years younger."

"A Life" is steeped in authentic Irish culture. "There's the Ireland of John Ford's 'The Quiet Man,' Jones joked, "and the real

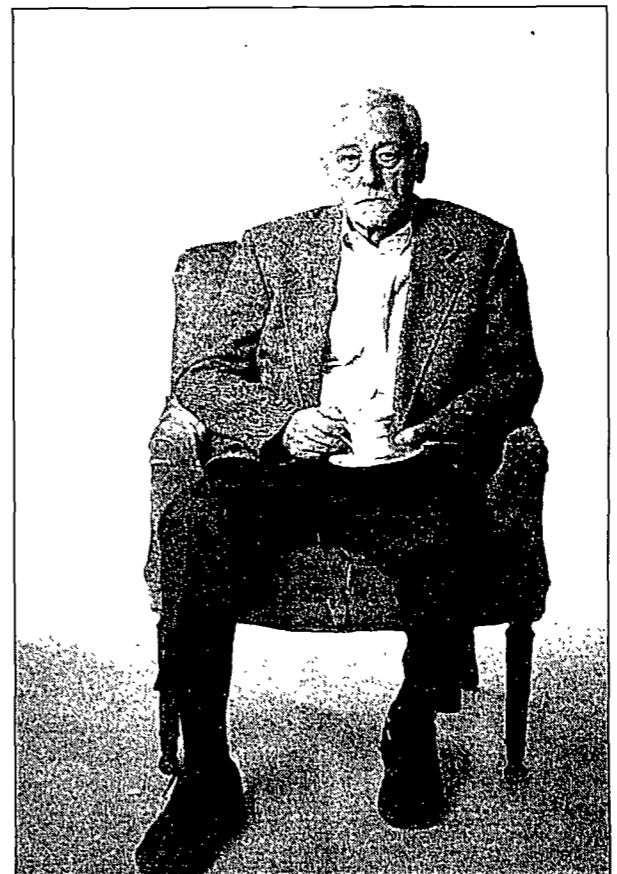
Ireland." To prepare for "A Life," Jones and company have immersed themselves in the Irish "milieu."

"We all read 'Da' and Hugh Leonard's autobiographies, *Home Before Dark* and *Out After Dark*," Jones said. "We have a dialect coach who comes in, and everybody is watching several films to help with accents. We're all looking at

'The Snapper.' I was just watching 'Michael Collins.' Brad took us all to the Irish Heritage Center, where he's practically the mayor."

"I'm 100-percent Irish. This world is incredibly familiar to me. I understand the nuances, the Irish sense of humor, the dry wit, resentment, anger, and frustration. I haven't cast anyone who hasn't done

other Irish plays." But while the play is set in Ireland, Jones called it universal. "Hugh Leonard once said that he is an Irish playwright, but that he doesn't write plays about Ireland, he writes plays about people. 'A Life' is simple, so sublime, and a wonderful character study. I'm luxuriating in it." *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*



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Niles West High School's choir and singers from five area junior high schools will perform March 24.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Niles West's choir, junior high singers unite for concert

By MYRNA PETLICKI
Contributor

Niles West High School's choir will be joined by singers from five area junior high schools to deliver a message of peace as the finale of the school's Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at 5701 Oakton St., Skokie. Over 200 voices will perform "A World That Says Yes" by Chicago composer Michael J. Miles. The song says in part, "There's a world that's kinder/A world that says, 'yes'/'There's hope, not hatred/All races are sacred."

"We are a very diverse community here in Niles Township," explained choral director Amy J. Branahl. "We are looking to send a message about our diversity, and equality as well. That is something that we value here in our district and want to portray in song."

The concert will also feature performances by all of Niles West's curricular choirs: Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Master Singers, Choralliers (men) and Choralliers (women). In addition the three

extracurricular groups will perform: Guys & Dolls (vocal jazz), High Fidelity (girls' a cappella), Echo Effect (guys' a cappella). For details, call (847) 626-2500.

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Something's fishy

Sosuke sets off on an adventure with a goldfish named Ponyo that he rescued from the sea. But trouble awaits the young boy and his friend because the goldfish's father is a sorcerer in "Ponyo." The 90-minute, G-rated movie will be screened in the

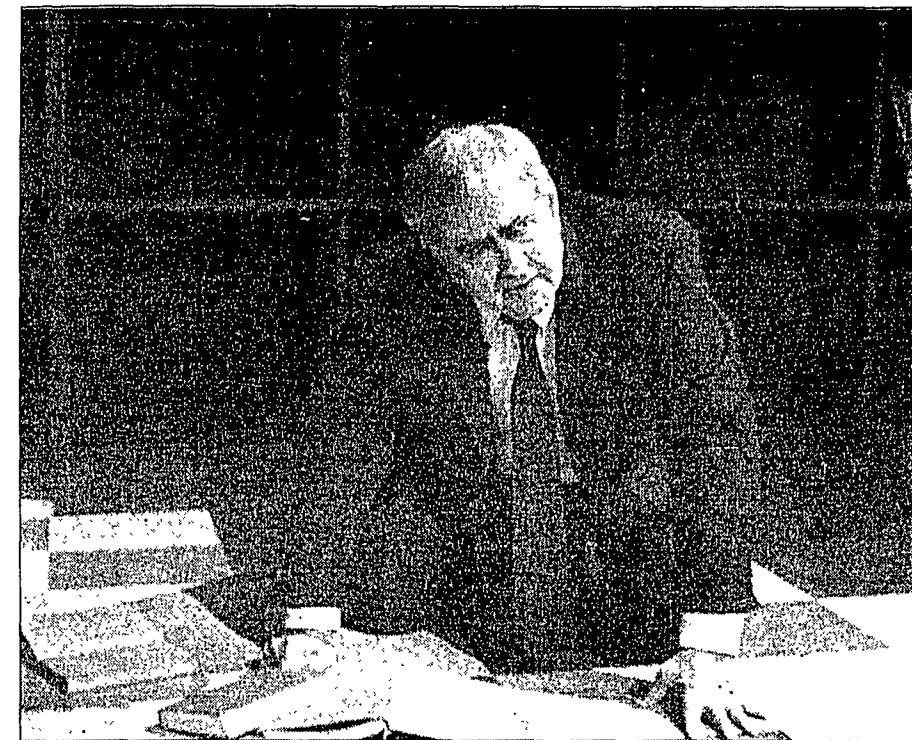
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Great play date

Join the spring celebration at Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, for Come Out & Play: A Family Play Day, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 21. You'll enjoy nature-based activities, such as building a fort for a mouse, using objects found outside and discovery tools. Cost is \$10 per family for residents, \$12.50 for nonresidents. For details, call (847) 674-1500, Ext. 2500.

Focus on nature

Kids ages 2-10, accompanied by an adult, can create a nature-themed craft, 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Wildwood Nature Center, 529 Forestview, Park Ridge. The fee for this drop-in event is \$2. While you're there, explore the interactive exhibits and visit the animal exhibit room. For details, call (847) 692-3570.



Bernard Beck as Leon Gold in a scene from "Number of People" at Piven Theatre Workshop through April 11.

PLAY REVIEW

'Number of People' a story that won't be forgotten

"Number of People" through April 11 at Piven Theatre Workshop, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. \$25. (847) 866-8049 or www.piventheatre.org.

By TOM WITOM
Contributor

The sole character in "Number of People," a compelling 90-minute play premiering at Piven Theatre Workshop, has a story to tell — and he must do so quickly.

For Holocaust survivor Leo Gold (a tour-de-force performance by veteran actor Bernard Beck), the days are numbered, and Alzheimer's disease is rapidly eroding many of the memories that have haunted him.

What Gold remembers and what has slipped away becomes an experience palpable enough to keep audiences fully engaged.

And what horrific events he witnessed during his time at a Nazi prison camp where he saw bonfires consume the bodies of fellow prisoners as well as

their personal records: photos, books and diaries. The episode in which he counted victims massacred in a local church proves especially heartbreaking.

A statistician, he recounts how he considered the odds of whether he would be chosen to live or die ("X" being the unknown quantity in the equation); it all depended on where one stood in the lines. Not being picked was "nothing to brag about ... it's luck," he recalls. "There's no medal for dodging a bullet or the gas chamber."

Through all his suffering, however, Gold never loses sight of his humanity. In the intervening years following the war, he has had a strong, caring relationship with a loving daughter and his now-deceased wife.

It's painful to see him at the end of his life, confused ("I'm a little inside out") as his short-term memory dissipates. Sometimes he can share a joke, while at other times he can't recall the punch line or he finds

himself grasping for the proper word to use in a sentence. Surrounded by shelves of books, he confides that "it's an advantage of my condition — anything I have read I can read again because I will have forgotten it."

While he can't recall why he's wearing his good suit, Gold's earliest memories remain intact as do the fond, lucid remembrances of his wife Ellie ("in a class by herself") and daughter.

The story that Emilie Beck, the real-life daughter of Bernard Beck, tells in "Number of People," is both powerful and relevant. As the playwright's character Leo Gold observes, "We must all bear witness to our story" or lose sight of the six million Jews who perished at the hands of the Nazis. Forgetting could mean the risk of history repeating itself.

Bernard Beck gives an impeccable performance, sensitive and emotive. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*

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Many commuters on their way home from downtown can stop at the Market, do some shopping of fresh produce and enjoy an evening in the park or a quick bite at the Northwest Café at the historic Train Station.

Last year's September Fall Fest was a big hit with Norwood Park families. This year's Fall Fest is scheduled for September 25th, it will include the Halloween topic: costume contests, games, jumping jacks, story tellers, music and lots of great food. Beer bar for adults will return!

All our summer events are fundraisers and support from our member businesses is crucial. Among summer's other attractions will be our traditional Memorial Day Parade (May 30th) and National Night Out (August).

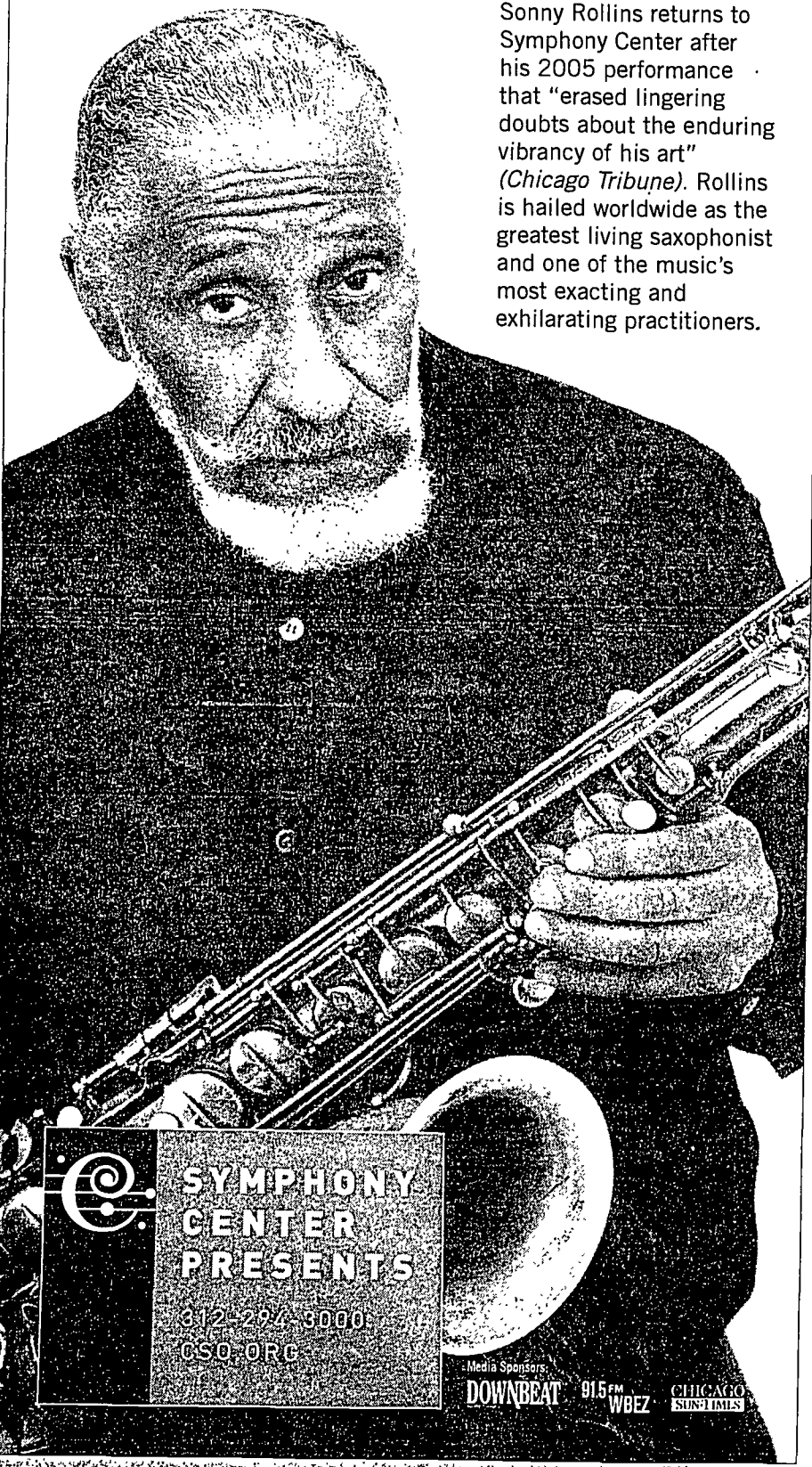


NORWOOD PARK MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
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Norwood Park's century old tradition of honoring our veterans. The Parade brings out all of our residents, schools, scouts, churches and organizations. The parade has grown to an over 100 units event and keeps growing every year. To participate please contact Jim del Medico, 773-497-5852 or Corrine Schreiber: 773-774-4951.

SONNY ROLLINS

Friday, April 9, 8:00



Sonny Rollins returns to Symphony Center after his 2005 performance that "erased lingering doubts about the enduring vibrancy of his art" (*Chicago Tribune*). Rollins is hailed worldwide as the greatest living saxophonist and one of the music's most exacting and exhilarating practitioners.

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NEW THIS WEEK

BANDSLAM

The hopelessly dweeby new kid (Gaelan Connell) at a rock-band-obsessed high school becomes the hopelessly dweeby manager of an upstart group of teens hoping to land a big record deal by winning a national battle of the high school bands. And copes with his first crush (Vanessa Hudgens of "High School Musical") and his father issues and his need to separate from his hovering mom (played with apparent discomfort by Lisa Kudrow). "Bandslam" moves along briskly and even lands a few funny lines for roughly two thirds of its running time, punctuated by a handful of unctuous, overproduced musical interludes — with lots of excess adolescent energy. Then it goes wildly astray in its final act, shifting gears unpredictably from light comedy to blubbery bathos and going out of its way to mine every emotional trauma that's been seething under the surface. Rated PG for some thematic elements and mild language.

THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS

The main problem with this ambling, generally amiable, but ultimately frustrating comedy is that it can't quite decide which way it wants to go with its eccentric protagonists: Whether to hold them up to ridicule or salute them as correct-thinking idealists who can't find their place in a cruel world. Ewan McGregor and George Clooney are an uneasy pairing as a fledgling war correspondent and a retired U.S. Army psychic spy running afoul of insurgents, kidnappers and American mercenaries in

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Lisa Kudrow and Gaelan Connell in "Bandslam."

Iraq while the psychic tries to fulfill one final mission. "Goats" is lots of fun at times, with a fair number of entertaining moments in the quirky Coen brothers style, but debut director Grant Heslov seems to have only a fuzzy idea of where he wants the story to go. As a result, it gets nowhere in particular. Based on a best-selling non-fiction book by English journalist Jon Ronson. (93 min.) Rated R.

SERAPHINE

This gorgeously filmed, award-winning French drama is the quietly moving story of Seraphine Louis (an unforgettable performance by actress Yolande Moreau), a relatively obscure 19th-century artist who cleaned houses by day and painted, more or less in secrecy, at night — until she was discovered by Wilhelm Uhde, an influential collector who also discovered Rousseau. Much of the plot deals with the apparently romanticized relationship between the artist and Uhde, which is challenged by World War I and the Great Depression and a devastating descent into mental illness. But that's not what makes this sad, but still strangely uplifting, film so compelling. Writer/director Martin Provost is less interested in contriving a biography of Seraphine than giving us a glimpse of Seraphine's transports of religious and creative ecstasy, which make the poverty and hardship of her daily life irrelevant.

RECENT RELEASES

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 toad phobia who grows up, kisses a frog thinking he'll become a handsome prince, then goes froggy herself, is often surprisingly funny. Rated G.

THE AFRICAN QUEEN

The classic 1951 action/romance featuring Katherine Hepburn as a "skinny, psalm-singing old maid" and Humphrey Bogart as a boozed-up boat captain gets the deluxe restoration treatment using state-of-the-art 4K digital technology. Extras include a new, comprehensive, making-of documentary. (Paramount)

FANTASTIC MR. FOX

Wes Anderson ("The Royal Tenenbaums," "Rushmore") directed this puppet-animation version of a Roald Dahl children's story about a family-man fox who decides to get back into the thieving business for mid-life thrills. Voice talents include George Clooney, Meryl Streep and Bill Murray. (Fox)

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tra, Jane Glover, conductor, and Robert Waters, violin, Robert Morgan, oboe, and Barbara Butler, trumpet. The program includes: Haydn: Symphony No. 6 in D Major (Le matin); Haydn: Symphony No. 104 in D Major (London); J.S. Bach: Concerto for violin and oboe; Hummel: Trumpet Concerto in E Major. Music Institute of Chicago, Nichols Concert Hall, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. (847) 905-1500. www.musicinst.org. March 21, 3 p.m.: Lincoln Trio performs works by Chopin in honor of the composer's bicentennial. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students. March 30, 7 p.m.: Cyrus Forough, violin, and Tatyana Stepanova, piano, present sonatas by Ravel and Faure. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students. April 20, 7 p.m.: Wendy Warner, cello, and Marta Znavoorian, piano, present sonatas by Brahms, Beethoven and Barber. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students. May 4, 7 p.m.: Abraham Stokman, piano, performs J.S. Bach's Goldberg Variations. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students. May 17, 7:30 p.m.: The fourth annual "O & A with Quintet Attacca" offers an interactive concert with works by Albright, Radzynski, Ravel and Poulenc. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students. May 22, 7:30 p.m.: Pacifica Quartet in concert. \$20: \$15 seniors; \$7 students.

Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane. www.northbrook.info. (847) 272-6224. March 21, 2 p.m.: Jimin Yun and

John Kwan will present a two-piano, four-hands recital, performing Sonata for two pianos in D major by Mozart, Fantasia in F minor for two pianos by Schubert and "Danse Macabre," Op. 40, by Saint-Saens. March 28, 7:30 p.m.: Beethoven Project Chamber Players perform works by Mozart and Brahms.

Northbrook Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Lawrence Rapchak performs at 4 p.m. Sundays at Sheely Center for the Performing Arts at Glenbrook North High School, 2300 Shermer Road, Northbrook. Tickets: \$23-\$45; \$7 for students. (847) 272-0755 or www.TheNSO.org. March 21: "Vienna's Fab Four," featuring Michael Chertock, piano. The program includes Hummel's Piano Concerto in B Minor, Op. 8; Haydn's Symphony No. 30 in C Major, "Alleluia"; Mozart's "Passacaille" from Idomeneo; and Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 36. A pre-concert lecture by Jim Kendros will be presented at 2:30 p.m.

Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Paul Vermeil, 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. March 28: "An Orchestral Fanfare." The program includes Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, Antonio Rosetti's Partita in D for Ten Winds, Paul Dukas' Fanfare

from "La Peri," Aaron Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, Anatol Liadov's "The Enchanted Lake," and the 1919 version of Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

The Orion Ensemble performs in Nichols Hall at the Music Institute of Chicago, 1490 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets are \$25; \$22 for senior citizens; \$10 for students. Free for children 12 and younger. (630) 628-9591 or www.orionensemble.org. March 28, 3 p.m.: "Musical Connections." The program includes Robert Kritz's "Connections," written expressly for Orion, along with the Quartet in B-Flat Major for Clarinet, Violin, Viola and Cello, Op. 18, by Heinrich Baermann, and Tchaikovsky's Trio in A Minor, Op. 50, for Violin, Cello and Piano.

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. April 25, 2:30 p.m.: Haydn's "The Creation," with soloists Sarah Hibbard, soprano; Kurt Hansen, tenor; and Peter Van De Graaff, bass-baritone; and commentator Sasha Gerritson. Also featuring the Park Ridge Civic Orchestra Chorus. John Goodwin, director, and the Park Ridge Community Church Chancel Choir. Sasha Gerritson, director.

Pick-Stalger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstalger.org. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and

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staff; and student rate, March 28, 3 p.m.: Chopin Bicentennial Concert. Polish music, song and dance by the Lira Ensemble, featuring guest pianist Pawel Chocinski, will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of composer Frederic Chopin. \$45 for main floor seating; \$35 for balcony seating. Tickets for children aged 16 or younger are half-price. Tickets are available only from the Lira office at (773) 508-7040 or (800) 542-LIRA. March 31, 7:30 p.m.: Turtle Island Quartet 25th Anniversary Concert, with guests jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut and mandolin virtuoso Mike Marshall. \$18/\$15/\$8. The concert will be preceded by a free discussion with the Turtle Island Quartet from noon-1:30 p.m. April 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Piano master class by Christo-

pher O'Riley in the Pick-Stalger Concert Hall Rehearsal Room. Free. April 8, 7:30 p.m.: The Assads and Friends: "De Volta As Raizes" ("Back to Our Roots"). The program, part of the Segovia Classical Guitar Series, will celebrate the musical legacy of the Assads' Lebanese ancestry by exploring connections between Brazilian and Middle Eastern music. \$26/\$22/\$10. April 15, 7:30 p.m.: New Music. "Music of Kaija Saariaho: An All-Cello Program," with guest cellist Anssi Karttunen. \$7/\$5/\$4. April 16, 7:30 p.m.: Contemporary Music Ensemble. "A Kaija Saariaho Portrait." \$7/\$5/\$4. April 17, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Symphony Orchestra, in a program that includes Bela Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 3 in E Major and Josef Suk's Symphony No. 2 in C Minor

("Asrael"), \$9/\$7/\$5. April 19, 5:30 p.m.: Northwestern Concerto/Aria Competition. Admission is free. April 20, 11:30 a.m.: Dolora Zajick vocal master class. \$7/\$5/\$4. April 23, 7:30 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs works by Arthur Bird, Charles Ives, John Cheetham, Frank Zappa and Arnold Schoenberg. \$7/\$5/\$4. April 29, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Chamber Orchestra. "Une soiree francaise," with soprano Julii Bunyak. \$7/\$5/\$4. April 30, 7:30 p.m.: Keyboard Conversations. "Chopin and the Future." Pianist Jeffrey Siegel will feature music by Chopin and composers he influenced: Debussy, Scriabin, Tchaikovsky and Szymanowski. \$23/\$21/\$16.

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Pilgrim Chamber Players perform at the Highland Park Community House, 1991 Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Tickets: \$20; \$16 senior citizens; \$10 students. (847) 433-0972. www.pilgrim-players.org. March 21, 3 p.m.: "March Winds," featuring chamber music in which woodwinds take center stage. The program includes Poulenc's Trio for Oboe, Bassoon and Piano; Peter Schickele's Serenade for Three for Clarinet, Violin and Piano; Malcolm Arnold's Trio for Flute, Oboe and Bassoon; and Rossini's Duo Brilliant for Flute, Oboe and Piano.

Presbyterian Homes, 3200 Grant St., Evanston. March 19, 1:30 p.m.: Musical insights, a free lecture/recital program presented in conjunction with the Evanston Symphony Orchestra. The program features a presentation by Lawrence Eckerling, music director of the ESO, David Ellis, the ESO's general manager, and Wendy Warner, cello soloist for the ESO concert on March 21 at Pick-Staiger Concert Hall.

Presbyterian Homes Westminster Place campus, Elliott Chapel, 3131 Simpson (Golf) Road, Evanston. (847) 492-2915. Gift of Music recital series - March 29, 1:30 p.m.: Free classical organ recital by Cathryn Wilkinson, organist at First United Church of Oak Park. The program includes works by Jean Langlais, J.S. Bach, Brahms,

Franc and Maybrick. Regenstein Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 60 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. (847) 467-4000. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. March 29, 7:30 p.m.: Callithumpian Consort, in a program featuring Christian Wolff's "Songs from Brecht" and "Berliner Exercises;" Helmut Lachenmann's "Trio Fluido;" Jonathan Harvey's "Flight-Elegy" and Lee Hyla's "Ciao Manhattan" also will be performed. \$7/\$5/\$4. April 2, 4:15-6:15 p.m.: Master class by the Republic of Strings. Free. April 14, 7:30 p.m.: Northwestern University Flute Ensemble presents contemporary and classic compositions. \$7/\$5/\$4. "The Twelve Olympians," an opera

written by Chicago Academy of the Arts students, will be presented at 3 p.m. March 28 at S.P.A.C.E. 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. Tickets in advance are \$12; \$8 students and seniors. At the door, tickets are \$15/\$10. For information, call (847) 492-8860 or visit www.evanstonpace.com.

POP/FOLK/JAZZ

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. March 27, 8 p.m.: Michael Bubl , Crazy Love Tour. \$49.50, \$75, \$95. May 1, 7 p.m.: Freight Train Tour - Alan Jackson with Josh Turner and Chris Young. \$25, \$45, \$75. May 18, 6:30 p.m.: Nickelback 2010 Dark Horse World Tour with guests Breaking Benjamin, Shinedown and Sick Puppies. \$46.50, \$60, \$85. May 24, 7:30 p.m.: Carole King and James Taylor, Troubadour Reunion Tour. \$45, \$85, \$125.

The Black Eyed Peas. The E.N.D. World Tour, a concert performance transmitted live from Los Angeles at 9:30 p.m. March 30, including behind-the-scenes footage and band interviews, at the Niles Showplace, 301 Golf Mill Center, Niles. Tickets, \$15, available at the theater box office and online at www.FathomEvents.com.

Blue Chicago, 536 N. Clark St. (at Ohio), Chicago. (312) 661-0100. www.bluechicago.com. Doors open at 8 p.m.; showtime 9 p.m. Admission: \$8; \$10 on Fridays and Saturdays. Mon-

days: Grana! Louise & the Troublemakers. Wednesdays: J.W. Williams Blues Band with Patricia Scott. Thursdays: The Shirley Johnson Blues Band. March 19-20: The Nellie "Tiger" Travis Blues Band. March 21: Big Time Sarah & the BTS Express. March 23: Linsey Alexander Blues Band with Laretha Weathers-by. March 28: Nellie "Tiger" Travis Blues Band. March 30: Charlie Love Blues Band with Demitra.

Blues Bar, 2 W. Busse Ave., Mount Prospect. (847) 788-9977. www.blues-bar.com. Music from 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m., unless noted otherwise. April 3, 9:30 p.m.: Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials. \$5. 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. March 21, 5-8 p.m.: Eric Lugosch. March 28, 8 p.m.: Andy White.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. April 17, 8 p.m.: "A Night in the Catskills with Mike Burstyn and Mal Z. Lawrence." \$54.

Chambers, 6881 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles. (847) 647-8282. www.thechambersonline.com. March 18 and 25, 7:30-11:30 p.m.: John Bany, Charles Braugham and Don Stille (jazz). March 19, 9 p.m.: The Renditions ('50s-'60s rock). March 20, 9 p.m.: Frank D'Rone (jazz). March 26, 9 p.m.: Ronnie Ross Show. March 27, 9 p.m.: The Meteors (oldies). March 28, 5 p.m.: Connie Marshall and Johnny Gabor (jazz). March 31, 8:30

p.m.: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo. \$10 cover. Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse, 5464 N. River Road, Rosemont. (847) 928-9900. www.gibsonsteakhouse.com. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.-midnight: Lenny Capp Trio. Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest. (847) 234-6060. www.gortoncenter.org. April 17, 8 p.m., and April 25, 4 p.m.: "Entertaining Guests;" Spider Saloff's one-woman musical. \$25.

Gospel/Jazz Nite, featuring The Gospel Tornadoes of Muskegon, Mich., and The Impromptu Trio Jazz Group, 6 p.m. March 20 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 336 Washington St., Glencoe. \$20. Call (847) 835-4421.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.icohare.com/montrose_room. (847) 491-5444; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. April 2, 7:30 p.m.: "Out of My Hands" concert by pianist Christopher O'Riley. The host of National Public Radio's "From the Top" will perform and discuss his arrangements of music by Nirvana, Portishead, Pink Floyd, R.E.M., Tears for Fears, Radiohead and other groups from his new recording, "Out of My Hands."

Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. (773) 282-7035. www.irish-american.org. Entertainment at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays in the Fifth Province Lounge, no cover - March 19: The Dooley Brothers. March 20: Gerry Haughey. March 26: Joe McShane. March 27: Joe Cullen and Friends.

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shin, will be presented at 8 p.m. March 20 at Beth Emet, 1224 Dempster St., Evanston. The performance includes Yiddish, Hebrew, klezmer, folk, opera, jazz-infused scat and liturgical music made famous by the seventh-generation cantor and matinee idol of Yiddish cinema's Golden Age. \$20. Call (847) 869-4230, ext. 301, or visit www.bethemet.org.

Music Institute of Chicago, Thoresen Performance Center, 300 Green Bay Road, Winnetka. March 21, 3:30 p.m.: Jazz classics with vocalist Wendy Morgan and pianist Frank Winkler. Free. Pick-Staiger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: general public; senior citizens and NU faculty and staff; and student rate. Information: (847) 491-5444; tickets: (847) 467-4000. www.pickstaiger.org. April 2, 7:30 p.m.: "Out of My Hands" concert by pianist Christopher O'Riley. The host of National Public Radio's "From the Top" will perform and discuss his arrangements of music by Nirvana, Portishead, Pink Floyd, R.E.M., Tears for Fears, Radiohead and other groups from his new recording, "Out of My Hands."

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Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokiethatre.com. Tickets are \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door, unless noted otherwise: March 20, 8 p.m.: "Lena Horne and Friends," starring Ava Logan. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. March 21, 2 p.m.: "A Touch of Coward in the Afternoon," the words and music of Noel Coward. March 24, 1:30 p.m.: Ester Hana presents "Music of the World." March 26, 8 p.m.: Jimmy Niteclub Chicago

Style. March 27, 8 p.m.: Rob Dorn stars in "Broadway Tenors." March 28, 2 p.m.: Tony Andriacchi. March 28, 7 p.m.: "Femme Finale: A Century of Women Songwriters," starring Hilary Ann Feldman, with musical director Beckie Menzies. March 31, 1:30 p.m.: Jack Muccio's "That's Amore." April 10, 8 p.m.: Special Consensus. April 30, 8 p.m.: Jann Klose and Anne Harris. S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. www.evanstonpace.com. (847) 492-8860. Most ticket prices listed in three categories: in advance; at the door; and reserved table seating. March 18, 8 p.m.: Joe Fillisko and Eric Noden with Jim Libman (roots). \$10/\$15. March 19, 8 p.m.: Chicago Catz R&B Dance Party. \$12/\$15. March 20, 7 p.m.: Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues. \$20/\$25/\$32. March 20, 10:15 p.m.: An Acoustic Evening with Tyrone Wells and Tony Lucca (pop). \$15/\$18. March 21, 8 p.m.: John Oates of Hall & Oates with Matt Duke (soul/rock). \$35/\$40. March 23, 8 p.m.: Cowboy Junkies with Lee Harvey Osmond (rock). \$35/\$38. March 26, 8 p.m.: Adrian Legg (fingerstyle guitar). \$20/\$25. March 27, 8 p.m.: Ellen Rosner & Friends (rock). \$10/\$14. March 28, 8 p.m.: Harry Manx (roots). \$20/\$25. March 31, 8 p.m.: Dave Specter's Adventures in Guitar with Jimmy Johnson (blues). \$12/\$15. April 2, 8 p.m.: California Guitar Trio with Andreas Kapsalis and Goran Ivanovic Duo. \$15/\$20. April 3, 8 p.m.: Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater with Lurrie Bell (blues). \$15/\$20/\$25. April 5, 7:30 p.m.: Prohibition Orchestra: Swing Dance Night. \$5, April 8, 8 p.m.: Gareth Asher, Andrew Hoover and Sun Domingo. \$8/\$12. April 9, 8 p.m.:

Shawn Mullins with Daphne Willis (rock). \$22/\$25. April 10, 8 p.m.: Mason Jennings solo acoustic tour (indie/folk). \$22/\$28. April 11, 8 p.m.: An Evening with Greg Brown and special guests The Pines (folk/rock). \$28/\$30. April 14, 8 p.m.: Gregory Alan Isakov with Rachel Ries (indie/folk). \$8/\$12/\$18. April 15, 8 p.m.: Micah Dalton, Rachael Sage and Mori Einsidler (indie/folk). \$8/\$12. April 16, 8 p.m.: Ellis Paul (folk/rock). \$18/\$22. April 17, 11 a.m.: Ellis Paul Kids' Show (kid rock). \$10. April 20, 8 p.m.: Hoots & Hellmouth with Garrison Starr (indie/roots). \$8/\$12. April 21, 8 p.m.: Guitar Republic. \$12/\$15. April 22, 8 p.m.: Joel Patterson's Modern Sounds (jazz/roots). \$10/\$15. April 23, 8 p.m.: The Guitars of Spain presents "Flamenco Fusion" with flamenco dancer Timo Lozano. \$20/\$25/\$32. April 25, 11 a.m.: Sonos de Mexico CD release (Mexican folk). \$10/\$20. April 25, 7 p.m.: Songwriter Circle hosted by Ingrid Graudins with Robbie Fuiks, Steve Dawson, Naomi Ashley and Chris Neville. \$10/\$15. April 26, 8 p.m.: Johnny A (rock/blues). \$15/\$20. April 28-29, 8 p.m.: Over the Rhine with Lucy Wainwright Roche (indie/folk). \$25/\$30. April 30, 8 p.m.: Alice Peacock with Peter Bradley Adams. \$17/\$20. May 1, 8 p.m.: Jonatha Brooke (folk/rock). \$24/\$28. May 5, 8 p.m.: Jason Reeves with Chase Coy (pop/rock). \$12/\$15. May 6, 8 p.m.: Crooked Still (bluegrass). \$18/\$22. May 7, 8 p.m.: Josh White Jr. and Claudia Schmidt (folk). \$15/\$20. May 8, 8 p.m.: Chad & Jeremy (folk/rock). \$30/\$35. May 9, 8 p.m.: John McCutcheon (folk). \$17/\$20.

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May 12, 8 p.m.: Rebirth Brass Band (funk), \$25/\$30. May 13, 8 p.m.: Natalia Zukerman and Edie Carey (folk), \$12/\$15. May 14, 8 p.m.: Laurence Juber (rock), \$15/\$20. May 16, 2 p.m.: Jonathan Edwards, \$20/\$25. May 16, 8 p.m.: Colin Hay of Men at Work, \$34.50. May 19, 7:30 p.m.: Mike Mangione and Todd Kessler (indie/folk), \$8/\$12. May 20, 8 p.m.: Suzy Bogguss (folk/country), \$20/\$25. May 21, 8 p.m.: Willy Porter (folk/rock), \$22/\$26. May 23, 8 p.m.: Asylum Street Spankers (roots/gospel), \$18/\$22. June 4, 8 p.m.: Iris DeMent (folk), \$25/\$30. June 5, 8 p.m.: Joe Firstman and Josh Hoge (soul), \$12/\$15. June 6, 8 p.m.: Peter Himmelman (folk/rock), \$25/\$30. June 12, 7:30 p.m.: Great Lake Swimmers (indie/folk), \$12/\$15. June 12, 10:30 p.m.: Otis Taylor (blues), \$20/\$25. June 25, 8 p.m.: Sonny Landreth (blues/guitar), \$25/\$30. June 27, 8 p.m.: Paula Cole (folk/rock), \$30/\$35.
Wilmette Theatre, 1122 Central Ave., Wilmette, (847) 251-7424, www.wilmettheatre.com, March 28, 3 p.m.: A Tribute to the 40th Anniversary Concert Tour of Joe Cocker & the Mad Dogs and Englishmen, narrated by Steve Downes, morning host of WDRV "The Drive," \$30. A portion of the proceeds will benefit www.lungchicago.org. April 19, 7:30 p.m.: "Sentimental Journey: The Music of Doris Day," starring Laura Freeman with musical director Beckie

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. Admission to the museum is free; unless noted, admission to all programs is also free. April 9-June 20: "The Brilliant Line: Following the Early Modern Engraver, 1480-1650" in the Main Gallery. The exhibition features works by master artists active in Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and France, including Albrecht Durer, Martin Schonauer, Marcantonio Raimondi and Hendrik Goltzius. Dittmar Memorial Gallery at Northwestern University's Norris Center, 1999 Campus Drive, Evanston, www.norris.northwestern.edu/dittmar.php, (847) 491-2348. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m., daily. Admission is free. March 31-May 6: "Spring Cloud: Michigan-based artist Mark Rumsey's installation presents an imagined "micro view" of cloud structure. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m., April 1. Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, (847) 674-1500. Through April 27: "Nature's Palette," the Skokie Art Guild 2010 members only spring exhibit. For information, visit www.skokieartguild.org. Irish American Heritage Center Art

Gallery, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, (773) 282-7035, www.irish-american.org. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Through April 4: "A Touch of the Poet," a group exhibit of art based on the work of Irish writers. The art includes mixed media, including paintings, sculpture and photography. 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 March 26: "Corey Postiglione: Retrospective of Paintings 1972-2010."

AUDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICIANS

Hondo Entertainment presents "Showdown & Shootout - Rock," a week-long Battle of the Bands talent search competition that takes place at various music venues across the Chicagoland area May 2-6, with the championship round held on May 14 at the Montrose Room in Rosemont. The winners will walk away with a cash prize and a chance at a Hondo management contract. To enter, bands submit one to two rock songs to www.showdownshootout.com, along with a \$25 entry fee. Hondo Records/Entertainment will select 100 artists/bands to compete at one of the five participating venues. Na Mele Aloha Hawaiian music ensemble seeks musicians who play

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SINGERS

The All-Village Singers are seeking men and women who love to sing for the group's June 13 show at the Skokie Theater. "As Time Goes By" featuring songs from the 1930s and 1940s. Rehearsals are held from 7:15-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 213 Hazel Ave., Glencoe. Professional direction. No auditions, but choral experience is helpful. For information, call (847) 328-2358.

Bjornson Male Chorus invites male singers to join in four-part choral singing. They rehearse at 8 p.m., Thursdays in the Park Ridge VFW Hall, Higgins Road and Canfield Avenue. September-June, and sing American and Scandinavian selections at various locations. Call (847) 741-4210 or (847) 546-2050.

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

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

ARTISTS

The City of Evanston is seeking

artists for its Ethnic Arts Festival, to be held July 17-18 in Dawes Park, Church Street and Sheridan Road. The juried festival is open to all ethnic, folk and fine artists whose work expresses the heritage of a national, regional, tribal or language group. Exhibitor fees are \$240 and the nonrefundable jury fee is \$35. Applications must be postmarked by April 9, and are available online at www.cityofevanston.org/arts. For information, call (847) 448-8260.

Custer's Last Stand Festival of the Arts will be held June 19-20 in Evanston's Main Street Station Shopping District. Booths for arts and crafts exhibitors are \$250-\$275. Applications are now being accepted. Download or apply online at www.custerfair.com. Application deadline is May 1.

Ridgewood High School in Norridge is seeking alumni artists for its 50th anniversary Fine Arts Festival on May 15. Artists can submit and show their work in the Visual Artists Exhibition at the festival. Artists must be RHS alumni, faculty or staff (either former or current). All media types will be accepted for the juried exhibition. Ribbons will be awarded at the opening reception from noon-2 p.m., May 15. No fees. Drop-off date for all artwork is April 19 from 4-8 p.m. Entry forms can be found on the RHS Web site, www.ridgenet.org, under the "50th Anniversary" link. Then to the "Fine Arts Festival" pdf. For more information, call (630) 408-3516.

Skokie Art Guild's 49th annual Art Fair will be held July 10-11 in the Village Green, 5211 W. Oakton, downtown Skokie, featuring fine art and offering prizes and awards. For an application or information, visit www.skokieartguild.org or call (847) 677-8163.

BENEFITS

The Musical Offering Benefit Concert, 8 p.m., March 25 at S.P.A.C.E., 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, featuring Chicago Choro, a Brazilian instrumental group, Chicago Klezmer Ensemble,

The Musical Offering Divas and the Dennis O'Sullivan Band, \$25. Visit www.evansonspace.com or call (847) 866-6260.

Ars Viva Symphony Orchestra's annual benefit dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m., April 20 at the Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park. The evening includes cocktails, auction, dinner and music by Ilya Kaler, violin, and Lori Kaufman, piano. Call (847) 615-1811.

BOOKS & POETRY

Irving Cutler will read from and sign his book, *Chicago's Jewish West Side*, at 7 p.m., March 24 at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton, Skokie, (847) 673-7774; at 1 p.m., April 20 at Temple Beth Israel, 3601 Dempster St., Skokie, (847) 675-0959; and from 9:11-10 a.m., April 25 at Ezra Habonim-Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Skokie, (847) 675-4141. The book features more than 200 vintage photographs along with a supportive narrative.

CHILD'S PLAY

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, (847) 673-6300, www.centreast.org, March 20, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.: "Strega Nona," the musical tale of a magical witch who cures the ills of her tiny Italian village, \$24.

Evanston Festival Theatre, in association with The Viola Project, will present "Dash for the Crown: Shakespeare's History Plays," an after-school workshop on Shakespeare's history plays for girls ages 10-14, from 4-6 p.m.

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senior citizens, students and children. Maximum suggested admission per family is \$10. Kids Craft Mornings are offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Museum staffers and volunteers lead informal workshops where children learn to construct simple versions of traditional Native American objects and engage in other hands-on activities related to native culture. Admission is included with an entrance donation to the museum. Kids Craft Workshops are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration is necessary. April 3: Northwest coast button blankets. April 17: Potlatch baskets. May 8: Totem poles. Screenings of the "Raven Tales" animated television series from Canada, which draws on oral traditions of Native folklore, are from 11-11:30 a.m. Dates and episodes include April 10: "Raven Tales: Gone Fishin'." May 1: "Raven Tales: Bald Eagle." May 15: "Raven Tales: Raven and the Coyote."

Pick-Stalger Concert Hall at Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. Information: (847) 491-5441; tickets: (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. April 24: "Percolating Percussion." A diverse assortment of percussion instruments will explore a variety of energetic musical styles. May 1: "Ivories, Buttons and Such" blends music, dance and song in a performance celebrating different keyboard instruments, including pianos, accordions, concertinas and melodeons.

"A Summer in the Theater" will be offered by Three Cat Productions at the Skokie Theatre Music Foundation, June 14-Aug. 20. The camp, open to children and teens, includes the U.S. premiere of "Cinderella" by the British composer Ric Brunnell, "Let Me Entertain You!", a celebration of Broadway classics, "Broadway Rocks!", the student-created play "Choose Your Own Fairytale Adventure," and the "Golly Gee Glee" show choir camp. Camps vary in length from one to four weeks. "Cinderella" and "Choose Your Own Fairytale Adventure" are both \$695 per camper. "Let Me Entertain You!" and "Broadway Rocks" are both \$195 per camper. "Golly Gee Glee" is \$250 per camper. For information or to register, visit www.threecatproductions.com/education or call (312) 725-6859.

Take Two Children's Theater presents "Willy Wonka Kids" at 7 p.m. March 19, 4 p.m. March 20 and 3 p.m. March 21 at the Weissbourd-Holmes Family Focus Center, 2010 Dewey Ave., Evanston. \$8 general admission, \$5 students and seniors, with tickets available at the door. Free admission for children age 3 and under. Call (847) 674-2216 for information.

Take Two Children's Theater offers summer camps at the North Shore

Dance Center, 8401 Crawford Ave., Skokie. "Aladdin" Kids' Drama Camp, for ages 5-13, meets from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 14-July 28, for \$300. Dance and Drama Camp, for ages 5-13, will meet from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Aug. 2-12, for \$250. Call (847) 674-2216.

COMEDY

Chicago Theater, 175 N. State St., Chicago. (312) 462-6300. www.thechicagotheatre.com. April 10, 7 p.m.: The Fluffy Shop Tour - Gabriel Iglesias. \$36.50, \$45.

The Gift Theatre, 4802 N. Milwaukee, Chicago. www.thegifttheatre.org. (774) 283-7071. Through March 31, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays: Natural Gas, the house improv team of The Gift Theatre Company, performs. \$5.

InterContinental Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5300 N. River Road, Rosemont. www.ichohare.com/montrose_room. (847) 544-5300. Saturdays, 8 p.m.: ComedySportz Theatre, presented in the Montrose Room. Open run. \$21.

10's Cabaret Theatre, 3541 N. Clark St., Chicago. www.10improv.com. Saturdays at midnight, open run: Improv Troupe Blackout presents "White People." \$5. For tickets, call (773) 880-0199 or visit www.ticketweb.com.

Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway, Chicago. (773) 472-3492. www.lakeshoretheater.com. March 19-20, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.: Nick Thune presents "The Art of Melodic Comedy." \$18. March 26-27, 7:30 p.m.: Chicago

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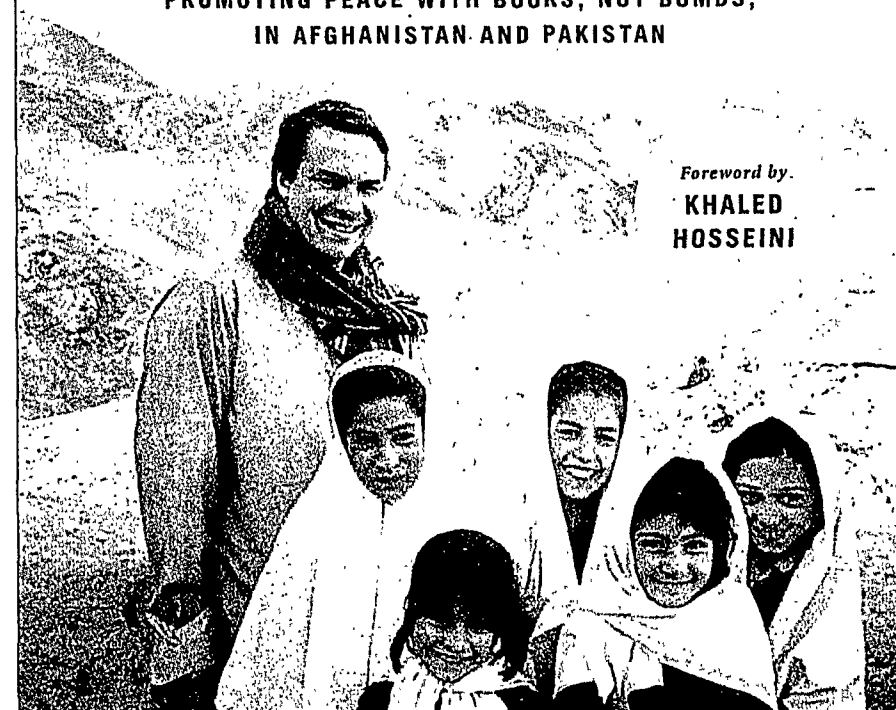
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Foreword by
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Greg Mortenson, author of the bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, will introduce his new book, *Stones into Schools*, at the Central Asia Institute's "Promoting Literacy...Promoting Peace" gala fundraiser 7-10 p.m. Saturday, April 3, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 Bryn Mawr Ave., Rosemont. The book is an autobiography about building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and his experiences with the Taliban and other militants. The gala features Pakistani cuisine, live music, auction items and guest America Ferrera of "Ugly Betty." Tickets start at \$150. The book recounts Mortenson's efforts to establish schools for girls in Afghanistan; his work in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan after an earthquake in 2005; and the ways he has built relationships with Islamic clerics, militia commanders, and tribal leaders even as he was dodging shootouts with feuding Afghan warlords. Mortenson was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2008 and 2009. For gala reservations, call (630) 929-3592 or visit www.ikat.org.

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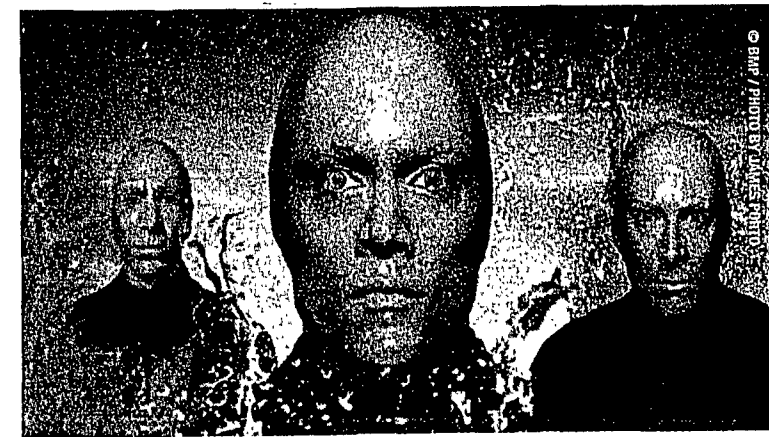
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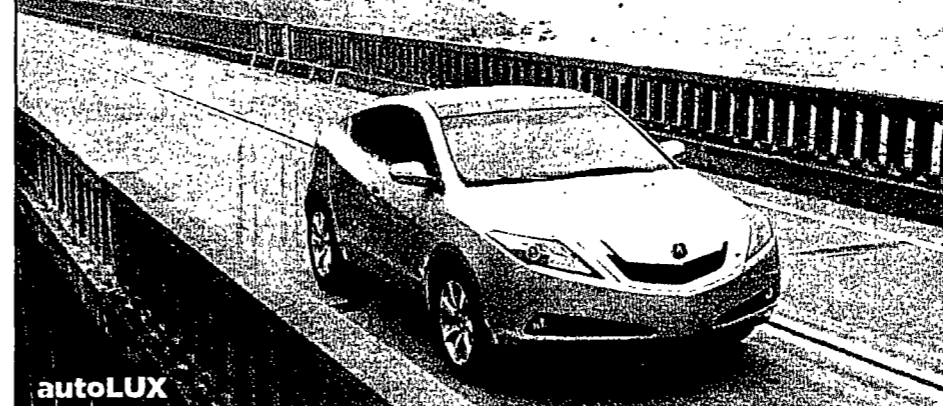


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Provocative ZDX blurs line between luxury and utility

BY IRA SIEGEL
SearchChicago-Autos Correspondent

Acura has a head turner in the all-new 2010 Acura ZDX. The ZDX, a provocative blend between a sports coupe and a crossover utility vehicle, begs to be different.

Acura is proud to point out that the ZDX breaks new ground by being the first vehicle it styled from start to finish in its new Acura Design Studio in Torrance, Calif.

Doing so allowed exterior and interior designers to work closely throughout the entire process and they stayed spot-on with the original sketch from Acura's first woman designer, Michelle Christensen.

Beneath the curious armor, ZDX is essentially an MDX. However, ZDX puts much emphasis on sporty styling and less emphasis on utility and people-hauling ability.

Exterior highlights include a dramatic sloping roofline, hidden rear-door handles, bulging fender flares and standard 19-inch wheels. ZDX looks more couplelike than most anything else with four doors.

As you might expect, ZDX doesn't have as much cargo volume as most crossovers do. And there isn't much head or legroom for rear seat passengers. Most adult rear seat passengers will need to slouch or tilt their head to avoid contact with the headliner.

So I would say the ZDX is not what you'd want if you typically run around with more than one passenger. However, ZDX is perfect if you're looking to get noticed or you like a refined cabin loaded with luxurious amenities and fascinating technology.

The ZDX interior features Acura's first hand-stitched leather dashboard, door panels and sculpted center console. The rich leather appointments are pleasing to the eyes and provide an enjoyable aroma. I also like the ambient lighting and standard power panoramic multipanel glass roof that lets in natural light when desired.

Acura offers the all-new 2010 ZDX in three trim levels. The base model is well equipped and carries a price tag of \$45,495. The other two trim levels are the ZDX with the technology package (\$49,995) and the ZDX with the advance package (\$56,045).

All three ZDX trim levels are powered by a 300-horsepower 3.7-liter V-6 engine mated to an all-new six-speed automatic transmission. Another standard feature across the line is Acura's exclusive superhandling all-wheel drive (SH-AWD) system.

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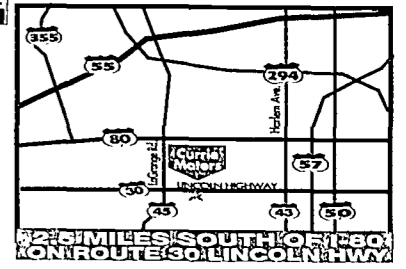
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Acura ZDX is stunning, sporty crossover

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The SH-AWD system provides excellent handling attributes as well as superb all-season capability. No, it's not sports car like, but it's pleasing and enjoyable.

The V-6 engine is adequate. It won't rip up the pavement or throw you back into the seat, but it does provide good acceleration. The transmission is smooth and can be operated manually with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Other standard features in the ZDX include dual-zone climate control, heated power front seats and a power lift gate. The ZDX with technology package adds keyless operation, a 435-watt premium sound system, perforated Milano premium leather seats, a navigation system with real-time traffic and weather and a backup camera.

The ZDX with advance package adds everything in the technology package plus

the integrated dynamics system, heated and cooled front seats, blind spot information system, adaptive cruise control, collision mitigation braking system and premium brushed tricote headliner material.

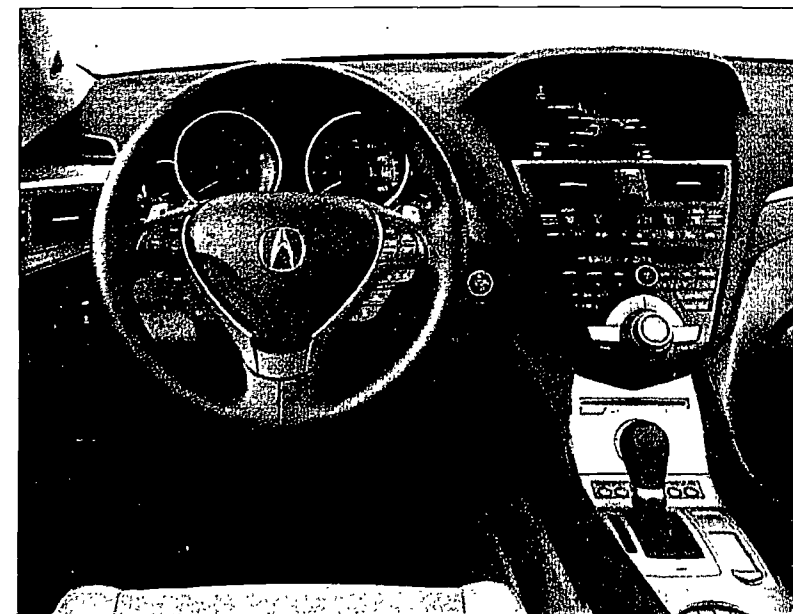
My tester was a ZDX with the advance package and I was disappointed that the navigation system wasn't touch screen. However, I did enjoy the traffic and weather alerts.

My ZDX tester drove exceptionally smooth and handled well, too, due to the integrated dynamics system. With IDS, the driver can select comfort or sport and the suspension dampers are automatically adjusted via a magnetorheological fluid whose viscosity is changed by applying varying amounts of electrical current.

Other features I liked were the adaptive cruise control and the collision mitigation braking system, which uses the radar sensors in the front to detect an impending frontal collision. CMBS will apply the brakes if necessary to avoid a frontal impact.

The blind spot monitoring system is almost a requirement with ZDX's huge "C" pillars, but unfortunately you have to opt for the advance package to get blind spot monitoring. I think Acura should have included blind spot monitoring on all ZDX models.

The ZDX is a delight to drive and looks different than anything else on the road. It's quite refined and offers loads of luxury and techno goodies. ZDX blurs the line between luxury and utility.



2010 ACURA ZDX WITH ADVANCE PACKAGE

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Coalition aims to make roads safer for all

WASHINGTON — A coalition of road safety advocates has formed the Partnership for Advancing Road Safety and vowed to make roads safer by raising awareness of traffic safety initiatives that prevent injuries and decrease fatalities.

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More than 600 communities in the United States and Canada are now using road safety cameras to deter red light running and excessive speeding and the deaths, debilitating injuries and millions of dollars in health-care costs and property damage that result from these dangerous driving behaviors. Working with the communities their members already serve, PARS will develop and advocate best practices in traffic safety to save lives, as well as assess, analyze and communicate the role that technology can play in improving drivers' behavior.

"While a vocal minority may oppose road safety cameras, our research indicates just the opposite — 80 percent of the public support intersection safety cameras and 67 percent support speed safety cameras," Kelly said. "Automated road safety cameras share one thing in common with other proven safety countermeasures — they save lives. And that's the message PARS intends to communicate to everyone we can reach."

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Transportation reports that of the 37,261 fatalities on U.S. roadways in 2008, 31 percent were speeding related. In addition, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the economic cost of speed-related crashes is more than \$40 billion each year. NHTSA also reports that speeding now causes as many fatalities as drunk or distracted drivers.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 762 people were killed and an estimated 137,000 were injured in crashes that involved red-light running in 2008. About half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who are hit by red-light runners, IIHS reports.

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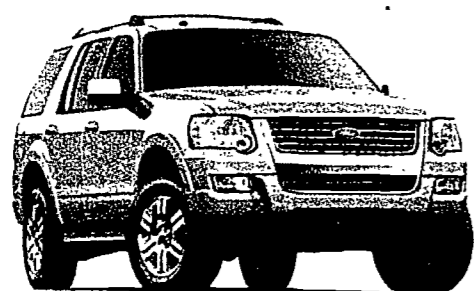
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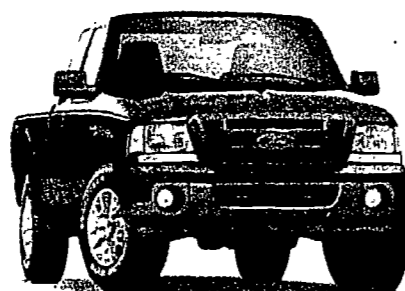


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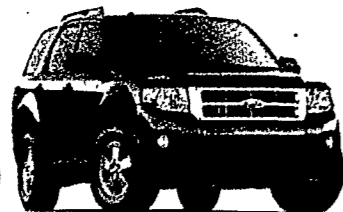


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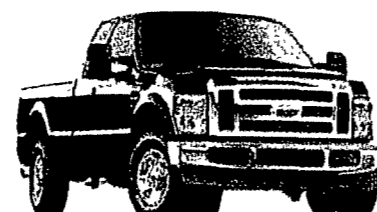
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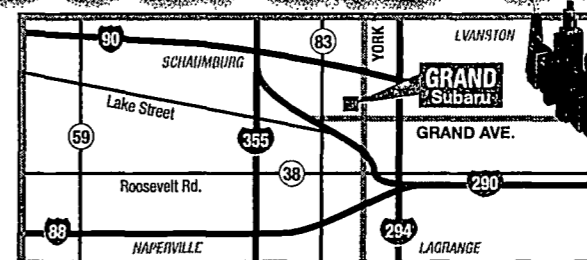
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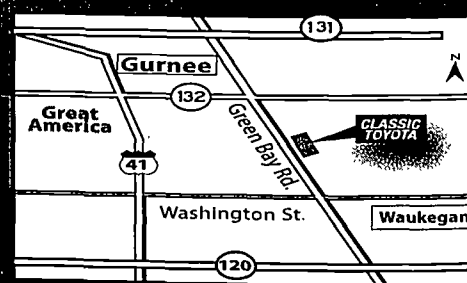
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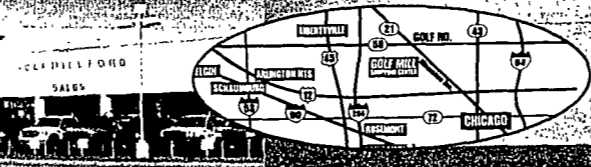
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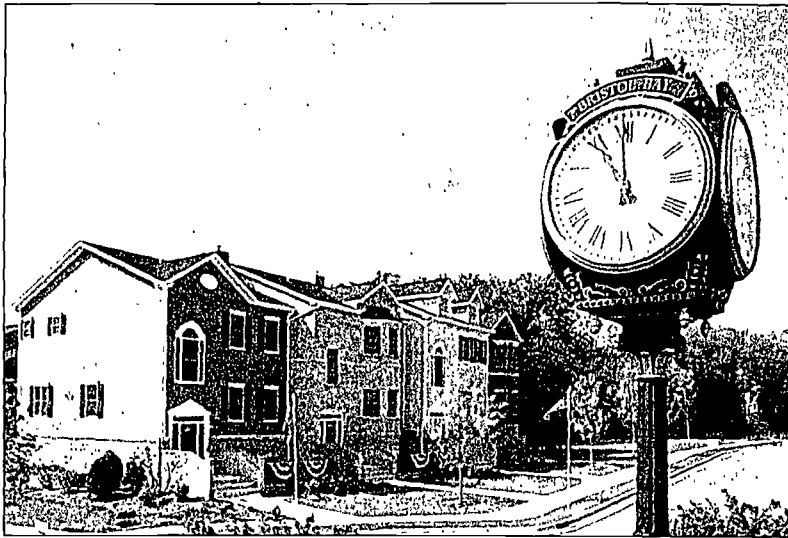
Bristol Bay sparkles with country style

By Marcy Marro
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Just a hop, skip and a jump over the Wisconsin border, the Bristol Bay Condominiums are Kenosha County's newest condominium and townhome development. Sitting on 27 acres of beautiful Wisconsin countryside, Bristol Bay is a charming neighborhood themed community that depicts a historic colonial village.

"The community is designed with the idea of a throwback type of feel to it, almost like Williamsburg, [Va.]," said Doug Stanich of Douglas Kent Homes, the builder. "The townhomes come in clusters of three and four and each facade has a different color, giving each a unique feel."

Once complete, the secluded neighborhood will feature 172 townhomes and ranch-style condominiums and will include a surrounding 10,000-square-foot park developed by the city. Elaborate street lighting, a town meeting hall and walking paths throughout the community, complete the colonial feel, along with picturesque views of water and preservation areas.



The atmosphere of the Bristol Bay condominium and townhome community in Kenosha is deliberately Old World historic.

Attention to detail makes residents feel as if they've stepped back in time, providing a sense of community and closeness.

Available in four- and eight-unit condos, in addition to townhomes, the residences range in size from approximately 1,500 square feet to

just more than 2,200 square feet. The four- and eight-unit condos are

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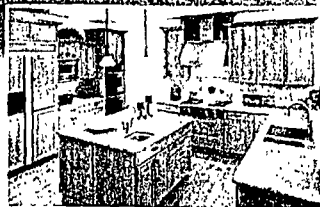
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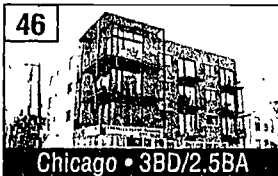
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Enter the revolving world of TV wall mounts

So you finally got the flat panel TV of your dreams. Sleek, compact and high definition, it's the crowning glory of your home entertainment system. So how do you best showcase this jewel? The experts advise... take it to the wall.

Wall mounting a flat screen has become one of the most popular ways to display a TV. It makes a stunning impression, gives everyone a great view and keeps delicate electronics out of the reach of little hands. And thanks to some innovations by mount designers, hanging your flat screen has never been easier, or afforded you so much flexibility in terms of location and use.

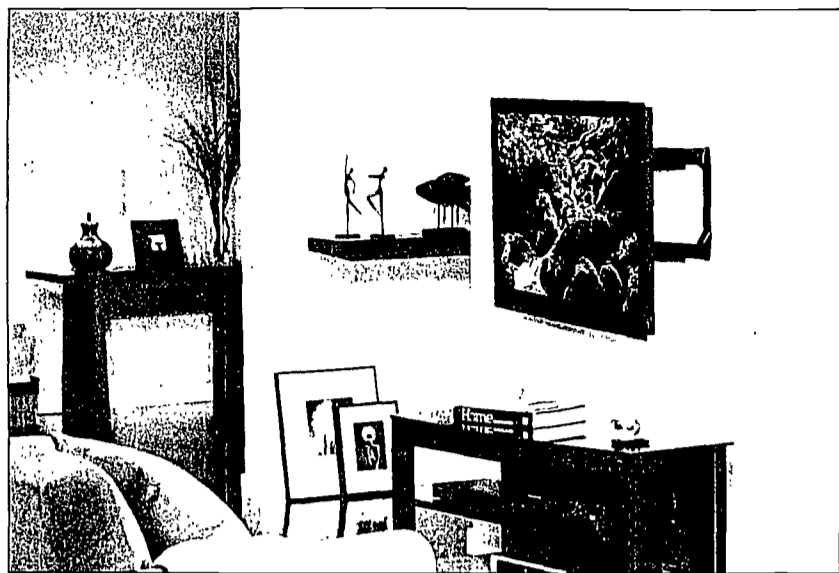
Here are some hot trends in wall mounts to help you show off and enjoy your new flat screen TV.

Look, Mom, no cables

In the early days of wall-mounting, your appreciation of how great your flat screen looked hanging on the wall might have been diminished by the tangle of cables connecting the TV with auxiliary units like cable or satellite boxes, DVD players and surround sound systems. A new generation of "cable-free" wall mounts eliminates the problem with in-arm cable channels that protect and conceal cables the entire length of an extension arm.

Don't take this laterally

Older mounts allowed you to hang the TV on the wall. And there it stayed, unmoving, regardless of the seating arrangement in your room or where you happened to be when you wanted to watch. If you weren't sitting right in front of the TV, you might not get the best view in the house. New mounts allow you to move a TV later-



New wall mounts for big-screen TVs can be found with remote-control motors that allow the angle of the set to be adjusted without leaving a comfy over-stuffed chair.

ally — left or right on the wall bracket — so it's positioned how you want it on the wall. It's also a useful feature if your wall studs are off-center.

Other mounts allow for a full range of movement, so if your flat screen is mounted over a console table, but you happen to be sitting in the recliner on the left side of the room, rather than on the sofa in front of the table, you

can move the TV for the best view from wherever you're sitting.

Lighten up

Old-style heavy steel mounts were often unwieldy to manage and mount, especially for do-it-yourselfers. Mounts made of extruded aluminum compare to steel in terms of strength and durability but are much lighter.

making installation easier. Plus, they're eco-friendlier since aluminum is an easy to recycle material.

Get your motor running

Not only can your mount move, it can move by itself, thanks to motorized versions that allow you to adjust the position of your TV without ever leaving the comfort of your armchair. A new mount, from Sains, supports

37- to 56-inch flat panel TVs weighing up to 110 pounds. A remote control allows you to move the TV by extending the mount up to 9 inches from the wall and swiveling it up to 120 degrees. Fully retracted, the mount sits just 2 inches from the wall, unlike older, bulkier motorized models that require more depth for the motor. The 35-lb motor is quiet enough for a library.

You can never be too slim

Super slim is the hottest trend in flat panels and a new generation of wall mounts continues the minimalist concept by keeping super slim flat screen TVs closer to the wall than ever before. Mounts like the VisionMount L111 Super Slim mount emphasize the sleek look of ultra-thin LCD, plasma and LED TVs by placing them just over half an inch from the wall. Proprietary technology makes the mount easy to install and allows easy cable access without removing the TV from the mount.

More cable news

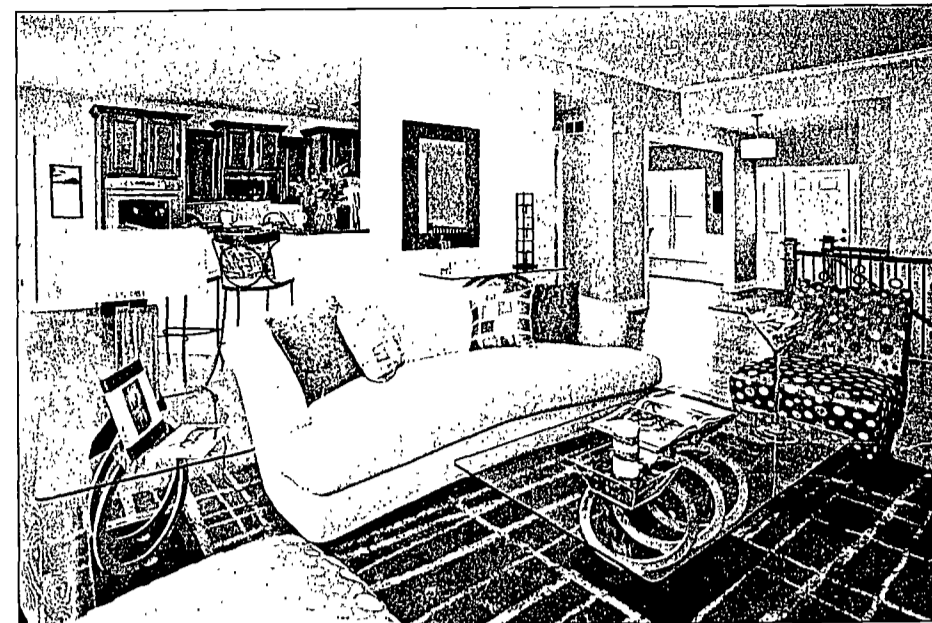
HDMI cables can make all the difference in how great the picture is on your high-definition flat screen TV. Cool quality cables deliver images so crisp and clear you might think you're looking through a window, rather than at a TV screen. But until now, the cables have been unsightly and awkward to use in tight spots, or with super slim screens. The next hot thing in HDMI cables is a head that pivots 180 degrees, making it easy to connect to hard-to-reach ports in tight places and behind TVs mounted on low-profile wall mounts.

Source: ARAcontent

Rock Creek's second model completed at Henning Estates

Visit this community

Henning Estates is on Church Road, ¼ mile east of Route 20 and 2 miles north of the I-90 Tollway. To set up an appointment to view the community or meet with Rock Creek Homes, call 847-338-3821 or visit the Web site at www.henningestates.com or www.rockcreekhomesil.com.



The main living area of the NewCastle creates the impression that this 1,803 square-foot home is much larger than it really is. Because of clever architectural details like the 12-foot volume ceilings in the family room and the elimination of unnecessary walls between the kitchen, dinette and family room, the feeling of spaciousness is emphasized significantly. With a base price of \$347,900, this new cedar-sided model with masonry accents is perfect for families.

Following on the heels of two contracts signed after the opening of its first decorated model in November 2009, Rock Creek Homes has announced the completion of yet another professionally decorated ranch model at Henning Estates.

Located in a peaceful country setting just west of Huntley, Rock Creek's mid-priced, semi-custom ranch homes are priced from the high \$290,000s (including homestead) and provide 1,800 to 2,260 square feet of stair-free living space. Rock Creek's homes will be set on three-acre homesteads that open to woods, tall grass prairies, or ponds/wetlands. For maximum privacy and environmental conservation, none of the homesteads will back to another homestead.

Rock Creek's decorated NewCastle model is an 1,803 square-foot, ranch home with optional three-car garage. With a base price of \$347,900, this new cedar-sided model with masonry accents is open for careful inspection. Families who wish to take advantage of the federal government's housing stimulus program, which expires May 1, may also purchase this model for quick occupancy. The savings through the fed's economic stimulus

program for first-time buyers is \$8,000 and for everyone else a maximum of \$6,500.

The stunning NewCastle floor plan is designed to be attractive to a wide range of homeowner lifestyles. For empty-nesters, the floor plan eliminates the need to climb stairs and the dining room at the front of the home can be dressed up with dual French doors.

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The luxurious master bedroom suite's dimensions of 12-by-16 feet offers more than enough room for a king size bed and an assortment of dressers and night stands. For convenience the room has access to a private bath (with soaking tub and separate shower) and a huge walk-in closet. Also included in the standard NewCastle is furniture-quality cabinetry with crown molding, central air-conditioning, appliance package (stove, dishwasher, garbage disposal and microwave), and full basement.

Optional amenities include a full basement, hardwood floors, stainless steel appliances, vaulted ceilings, energy efficient furnace and air conditioning, insulated windows, finished insulated garages, staggered maple cabinets, ceramic floor tile in baths, luxury master baths, and handscapled yards. Other amenities such as stone hearth fireplaces, walk-in basements, skylights, and additional bedroom options are also available.

Homesteads and homes in Henning Estates are "Right Sized" for families looking for a smaller homestead to maintain and a more space efficient home. Henning Estates features 103 homesteads that average a third of an acre, 80 percent of which are suitable for the construction of a home in a walk-out or basement. As a result of careful planning, 100 percent of its homesteads back up to open space, thus homeowners will never look out their back windows and see the back yard of another home. Of the community's 110 acres, 55 acres is devoted to open space, wetlands or ponds.



Families who live at Henning Estates will have access to Chicago via various road networks and train lines. Residents can commute on the Union Pacific Northwest Line Metra trains, or by car gain access to the full I-90 Tollway interchange within a few minutes.

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Make your bathroom a getaway for every day

Who doesn't need a break from the hectic day-to-day routine once in awhile?

A recent study by the American Psychological Association found that we are more stressed than ever, with nearly 75 percent of Americans experiencing moderate to high stress levels. With time and money as major obstacles, it's difficult for many people to take regular vacations to escape their busy, everyday lives. But with a little time, budget and creativity, an ordinary bathroom can be transformed into a luxurious, relaxing escape for an everyday getaway.

Spacious showers

The central feature of any bathroom is the shower or bath. Enlarging a cramped shower space does not have to entail an expensive overhaul. By installing a curved shower rod, you will add up to 7½ inches of elbow room to your space and feel like you have an oversized, lavish shower without adding any square footage. Moen offers both fixed- and adjustable-length curved shower rods with pivoting flange to make installation a breeze.

Make the most of a mirror

Almost every bathroom has at least one, but a simple addition to your mirror can take the room from ordinary to extraordinary. Framing a mirror is a quick and easy way to draw attention and give any room a luxurious, hotel-like feel.

Storing in style

Storage space might not seem

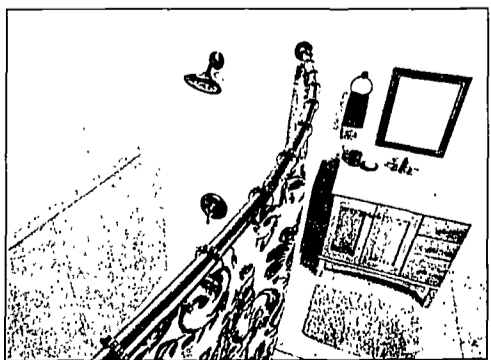
like the most glamorous part of a room, but choosing unique organization accessories can make all the difference in your bathroom's makeover. For example, the Banbury bathroom collection offers functional accessories such as bathrobe hooks, soap dispensers, towel bars and rings, and paper holders in a wide variety of finishes and styles to coordinate with the other items in your bath. Decorative Hotel Shelves, also from Moen, are another option available in today's popular finishes and unique designs to add a hint of luxury to the bathroom while providing maximum storage for linens and towels. These small details are a quick and easy way to give your bath a high-end look while maintaining functionality.

Soothe your senses

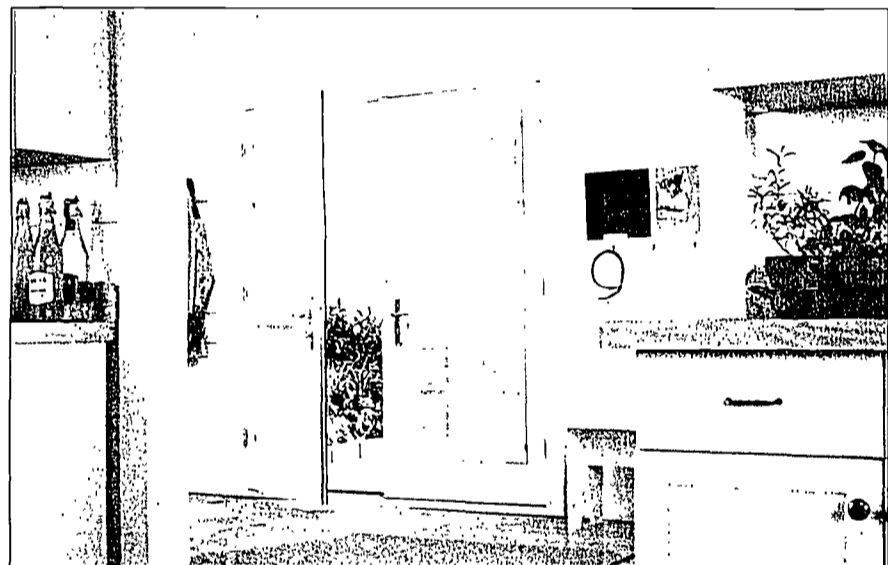
It's the little things that make the biggest difference, and there are many ways to enjoy the indulgent atmosphere of a hotel spa at a fraction of the cost. Pamper all of your senses with bathroom extras such as scented shower gels and lotions, oversized cotton towels and aromatherapy candles. Even a simple coat of paint in a relaxing shade can make a dramatic difference and help create a calming, stress-relieving ambience.

Everyone deserves time away from the stress of today's world, and with a few simple changes you can transform your everyday bathroom into an organized, relaxing daily escape.

Source: ARAcontent



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Energy-efficient doors, windows and window blinds can help cut energy costs and make the home more comfortable.

Help cut costs, tackle home improvement projects

Once spring arrives and the daffodils begin to bloom, your old front door may look pretty drab. Still, many consumers may avoid home improvement projects because of a reluctance to spend money in a questionable economy.

As many as a third to half of consumers expect to stick with money-saving strategies even after the recession ends, according to Retail Forward, a retail consulting firm. However, this could be the season when homeowners can leave it all.

"Today, homeowners are still focused on getting the most for their money," says Kathy Krafcik Harcken, Pella Windows & Doors spokesperson. "Home improvement projects can add to the look and comfort of your home, and help reduce monthly utility bills to help make the most of your hard-earned money."

A new study from Pella Corporation finds plenty of items in homes across the country calling for attention. According to the survey conducted by Ketch Research, almost two-thirds of U.S. homeowners admit they have a major item in their home that needs some maintenance. In fact, the average American has five items that need to be repaired or replaced.

In many cases, items on the "to-do" list include replacing windows or doors. One way to update your home and help cut the maintenance of it is to revitalize

your entryway with an energy-efficient, stylish new prefinished door. Decorative glass options featured in today's entry door systems can welcome in natural light and enhance the curb appeal of a home. Now's also the time to replace those worn-out windows and get the added benefit of energy-saving to keep your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Try these cost-cutting tips when planning your home improvement projects:

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Improve efficiency, lower bills

If your home is overdue for new windows, consider replacing them with Energy Star products that can lower your energy bills by as much as 20 to 30 percent. For a typical home, replacing single-pane windows with Energy Star qualified windows can save \$120 to \$465 a year in energy costs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Star Web site.

For greater energy efficiency, choose double- or triple-pane options and look for windows with low U-values, which measure the ability to resist the transfer of heat.

Another way to help reduce energy bills is to keep window blinds and shades closed during hot months to conserve energy and open on sunny days during

cold months to let in solar heat.

Cash in on tax credits

Energy-efficient windows and doors can add to the comfort and appeal of a home — when properly selected and installed to help keep out air and moisture. Now's the time to replace drafty old windows or doors with more energy-efficient options. American homeowners may claim a U.S. tax credit of up to 30 percent (not exceeding \$1,500) of the cost for qualifying energy-saving windows and doors installed in their home in 2010. Consult your tax professional to determine if your purchase is eligible for the U.S. tax credit.

Spare the paint

Another way to save is by eliminating the need to repaint windows and doors. Quality vinyl or fiberglass products are low maintenance and can increase your home's energy efficiency. Factory-assembled vinyl or fiberglass windows and patio doors don't need additional painting, staining or refinishing.

Another timesaving option is choosing factory prefinished wood, fiberglass and steel entry doors. Factory prefinishing saves finishing time for windows, a significant time and cost savings for homeowners or contractors.

2010 is shaping up to be a year of cautious optimism. With careful planning, home improvements can be made cost effectively to help add to the overall look, energy performance and enjoyment of your home.

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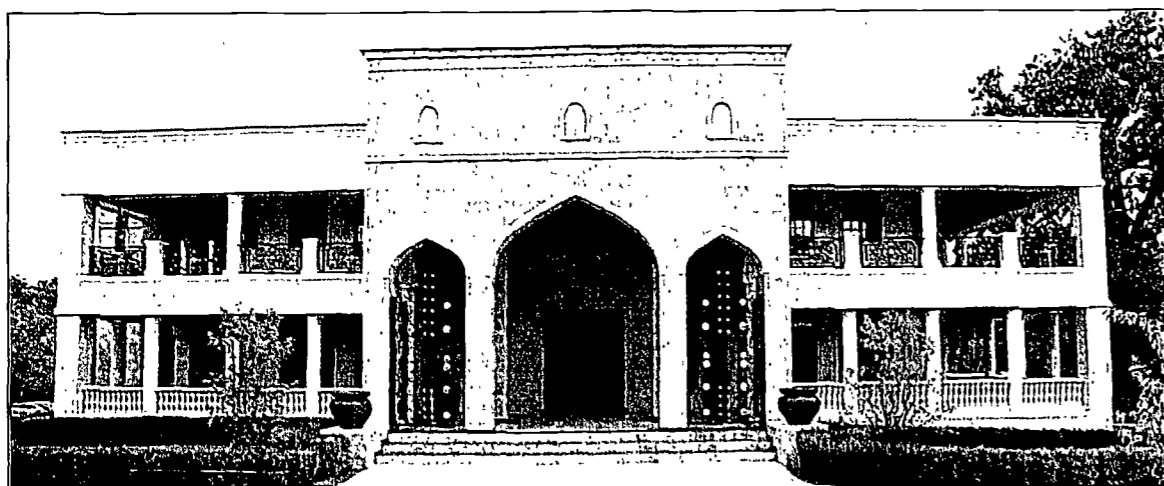
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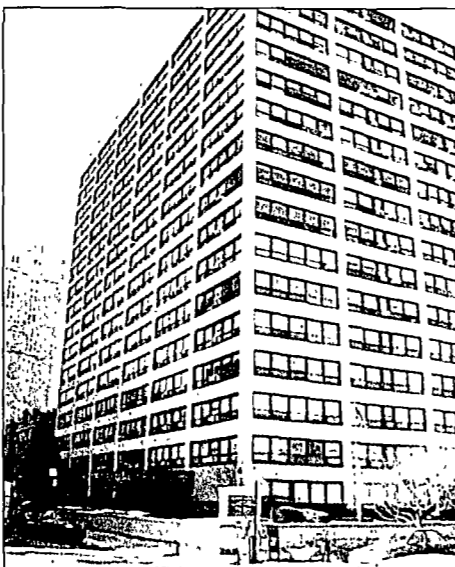
Kenneth A. Goldberg is founder and president of Federal Auctions & Brokerage, which recently closed on its first property from an inventory valued at \$40 million.

Kenneth A. Goldberg — one of Chicago's most experienced real estate professionals — has launched Federal Auctions & Brokerage, a new real estate brokerage firm with offices at 843 W. Van Buren in Chicago's Greek Town neighborhood. A veteran broker who has participated in nearly 2,500 transactions valued in excess of \$420 million, Goldberg, president of Federal Auctions & Brokerage, already has listed an inventory of property valued at more than \$40 million and is in negotiations to acquire \$100 million in new listings. Current listings include 83

"As a full-service real estate firm, Federal Auctions & Brokerage thoroughly examines each property and combines individualized state-of-the-art marketing applications with national resources, ingenuity and depth of experience," Goldberg said. The firm's comprehensive brokerage services encompass demographic analysis, strategic planning and targeted advertising, Goldberg said. "With the doors to our new offices open, but no permanent sign on the building, we recently placed the first property the firm represented under contract and brought it to closing," Goldberg said. "We see that transaction as a sign of good luck symbolizing the good things to come in this new endeavor." The company's client base includes financial and trust institutions, insurance companies.

investor-owned condominium units at Polo Tower, 4180 N. Marine Dr. in Buena Park, and the 30,000-square-foot Villa Taj, an estate residence on 3.5 acres in west suburban Burr Ridge.

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Federal Auctions & Brokerage has a portfolio of 83 investor-owned condos at Polo Tower in Chicago's Buena Park neighborhood.

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Buffalo Grove
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Chicago's housing market appreciates Uncle Sam

Where would Chicago's recession-battered housing market be in 2010 without help from Uncle Sam?

When Congress extended the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time buyers through April 30, 2010, the incentive gave a huge boost to the housing market nationwide, experts say.

The income limits also were raised to \$125,000 for singles and \$225,000 for couples to broaden the impact of the tax credit. In order to claim the credit, a home or condominium must be under contract by the end of April and closed by the end of June.

In addition, the new provision offered a credit of up to \$6,500 to existing homeowners who have owned their residence for at least five years. This incentive provided yet another lift for the housing market, experts say. Through efforts of the



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Federal Reserve Board, the government also is holding interest rates at near record-low levels, analysts said. As a result, benchmark 30-year fixed mortgage rates of 4.97 percent in early March are "helping to maintain affordable home-purchase conditions," noted Frank Notli, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist.

The National Association of Realtors reported that monthly principal and interest mortgage payments for a typical

family buying a median-priced home of \$163,800 were just \$709 in January of 2010, the lowest amount since February of 1998.

First-time homebuyers who took advantage of the tax credit in the fourth quarter of 2009 purchased a residence in the third most affordable quarter since 1981, NAR reported.

Along with Uncle Sam's tax credit incentives, home buyers this spring also can qualify for Federal Housing Administration-insured mortgages with low 3.5-percent down payments and attractive interest rates.

The FHA has been helping families buy homes since the Great Depression of 1934. Now, the national homeownership rate in the United States

is an amazing 66.2 percent. A rising number of condominium developers today are applying for FHA-insured loan approval for their buildings to help more home shoppers become owners, noted Gail Lissner, vice president of Appraisal Research Counselors.

Although borrowers are attracted by the low FHA down payment requirement, purchasers must also be an owner occupant and have a minimum credit score of 620, noted Perry Farella, a loan officer with Wintrust Mortgage in Chicago.

Loan limits for FHA insured mortgages in the nine-county Chicago area currently are: \$410,000 for a 1-unit home or condo; \$524,850 for a 2-flat; \$634,450 for a 3-flat, and

\$788,450 for a 4-unit building. There are other perks with FHA financing. Currently, the seller can pay the buyer's closing costs and the FHA mortgage-insurance premium amounting to 6 percent of the purchase price, Farella said.

The seller concession also can be used to buy-down the interest rate on the FHA mortgage, thus lowering the buyer's monthly principal and interest payment, he noted.

Additionally, the buyer's down payment can be gifted from relatives and if need be a non-occupying co-borrower is permitted if additional income is needed to qualify for the mortgage.

New FHA guidelines recently went into effect for

condo developments, and there are significant advantages for developers obtaining government-insured loan approval for their projects, Farella said.

Under the new federal regulations, FHA condo loans can be closed when the building has reached a 30-percent pre-sales ratio as long as half of the buyers are owner occupants.

For more information on FHA financing, call the Wintrust Mortgage consumer hotline at 773-303-0038, or e-mail pfarella@wintrustmortgage.com.

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Get relief from 'sweating' windows

Water vapor on windows is unsightly. It obstructs the view to the outside, and a sweating window is a sure sign that it needs to be replaced.

And there couldn't be a better time to replace those sweaty, unsightly windows. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) still in effect for 2010, homeowners can take advantage of up to 30 percent in tax credits for energy-saving upgrades, including qualifying energy-efficient windows.

"Most homeowners, especially in colder climates, have experienced condensation," says Erin Johnson, window expert for Edgetech I.G. "Causes of condensation vary from over-provisioning in a bathroom, or simply old, single-paned windows with conductive components. And it can come in many forms — from water vapor and droplets, to frost and ice — any of which can cause unsightly and possibly unhealthy issues."

When condensation exists, often so do these three undesirable effects:

■ **Energy loss:** Inefficient windows, such as those consisting of a single pane of metal-based components, account for up to 35 percent of energy wasted in the U.S. annually. Condensation is a prime indicator that the window is inefficient because it is directly related to heat loss and it even occurs in fairly new insulating glass windows, especially those containing highly conductive metal spacers in the glass system.

■ **Mold:** Visible mold can often be found in poorly insulated or installed windows. Mold is more and more being linked to child asthma and increases in general respiratory illness, allergies and outbreaks of fungal diseases.

■ **Damage:** Excess moisture can damage curtains, walls, carpets and even the window itself, including the frame and seals. Over time moisture damage can stain wood, peel paint and rot frames. But most importantly, moisture can lead to seal failure and the need to replace the entire window system.

Condensation occurs when moist air comes into contact with a cool surface, such as glass. Windows with metal-based components are especially susceptible to condensation because they conduct heat and cold. Convection currents further concentrate cold air along the bottom edge of glass, making that area most vulnerable.

The primary component to watch for to prevent condensation is the spacer, the window component that separates and seals the two panes of glass. According to the National Fenestration Ratings Council (NFRC), an important step toward reducing the potential for condensation is the use of a warm edge spacer system that reduces the conductivity through the edge of the window.

"Non-metal, double-sealed warm edge spacer systems such as Super Spacer, are less

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When shopping for new windows, the first rule of thumb when shopping for new windows is to understand what the labels mean, and to read them carefully. Windows that bear the Energy Star label are proven to reduce heating and cooling costs, and are NFRC approved for U-factor (the rate of heat loss through the window and Solar Heat Gain, which measures how well the window blocks heat from the sun).

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"When information isn't immediately available on the window, don't be afraid to ask questions," Johnson says. "Be sure that you are getting a window system with a non-metal spacer and other non-conductive components. A little legwork up front can make all of the difference in ensuring your investment will save you money on energy bills now, and that the window will continue to perform well into the future."

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Eastgate Village offers closeout pricing

Aggressive new closeout pricing is attracting buyers to Eastgate Village, a Federal Housing Administration-approved master-planned community of 300 homes located just south of McCormick Place and just west of Lake Shore Drive at 26th Street and South Martin Luther King Drive on the city's Near South Side.

The 10-acre Eastgate Village community at 2530 S. Martin Luther King Dr. features a mix of three-story townhomes and walk-up condominium buildings.

"With just a few units remaining, the condominiums and townhomes are now discounted up to 35 percent," said Terrie Whittaker, president of sales and marketing for New West Realty.

Condominiums are closeout priced from \$182,900, which is a discount of 35 percent from prices a year ago. Townhomes start at \$372,900 for a 1,988-square-foot two-bedroom, two-bath home with a two-car attached garage.

The townhomes showcase living areas ranging from 1,998 square feet to 2,543 square feet. They feature an entry-level family room, a main-level balcony, a rooftop deck and a two-car garage. Prices for these last few

Find out more

The Eastgate Village sales center, 2536 S. Martin Luther King Dr., is open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday or by appointment. Call 312-683-0660 or visit www.mynewwesthome.com.

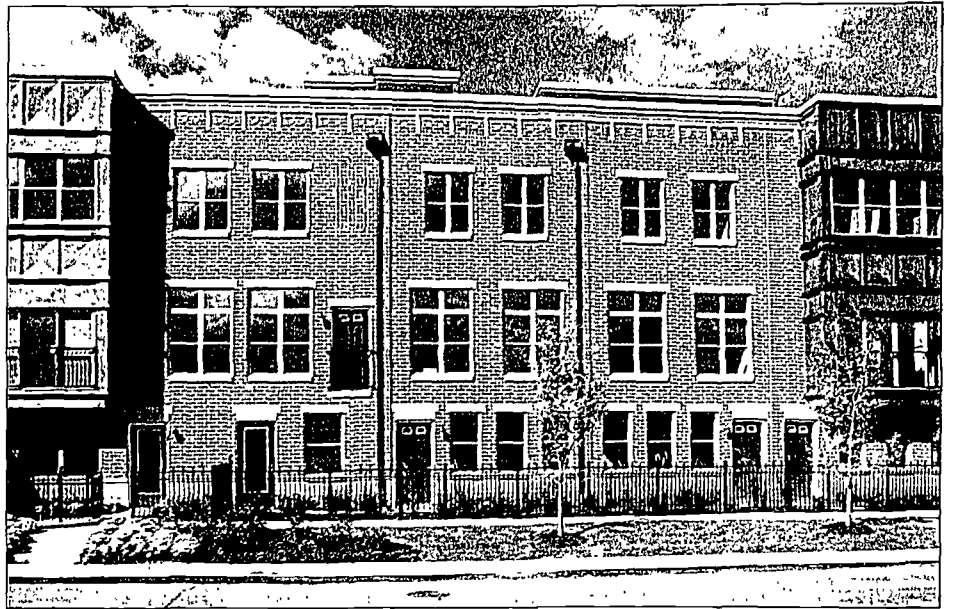
homes range from \$372,900 to \$459,900.

The two-bedroom and three-bedroom condominiums at Eastgate Village have from 823 to 1,455 square feet of space. Prices range from \$182,900 to \$299,900. Each condominium includes an attached indoor garage space.

New West Realty and Mercy Developers — a partnership between Central Station's Fogelson Properties and Forest City Enterprises — are co-developers of the community.

"At Eastgate Village all condominiums, as well as a selection of townhomes, qualify for FHA financing," Whittaker said. The down payment on these FHA-approved homes is as low as 3.5 percent.

"Homeownership for first-time buyers is attainable at

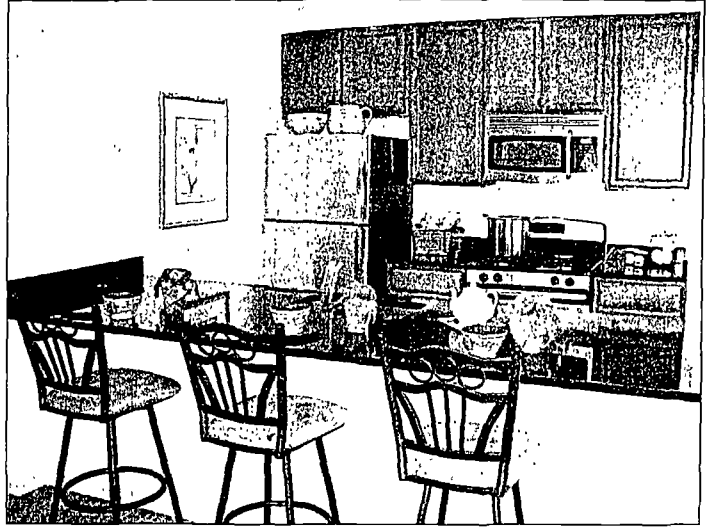


All condominiums and a selection of remaining town homes at Eastgate Village, on the city's Near South Side, are eligible for Federal Housing Administration financing. Remaining homes are discounted 35 percent.

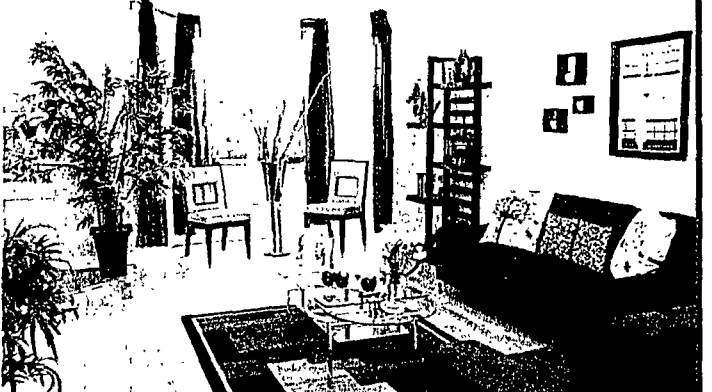
Eastgate Village, especially when you combine today's rock-bottom mortgage rates and the federal government's \$8,000 tax credit that does not have to be paid back," Whittaker added.

First-time buyers must sign a sales contract by April 30 and close by June 30 to take advantage of the tax credit.

All residents will enjoy the community's campus-style design with brick entry monuments, brick-and-stone facades, green space and wide sidewalks. The lack of pass-through streets keeps Eastgate Village more private and there is access to Interstate 55 and Lake Shore Drive.



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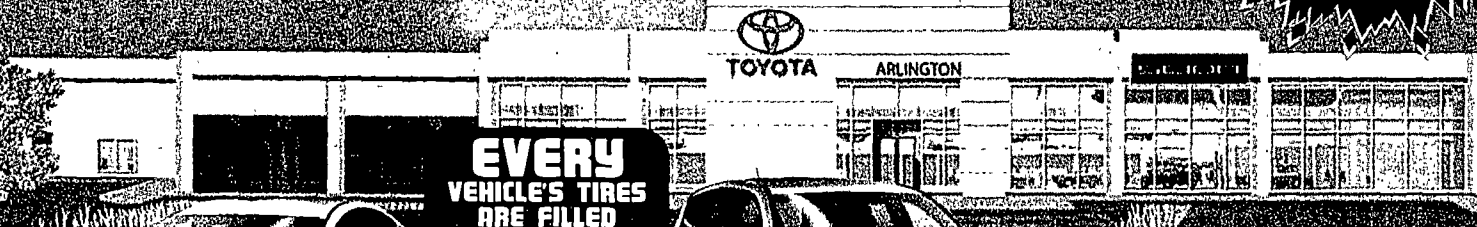
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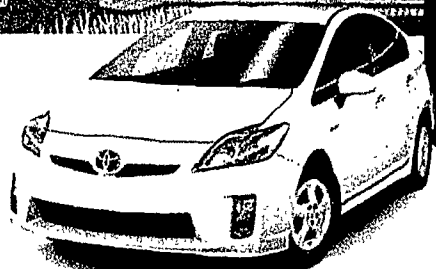
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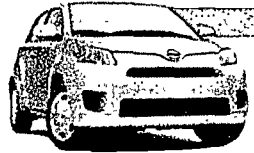
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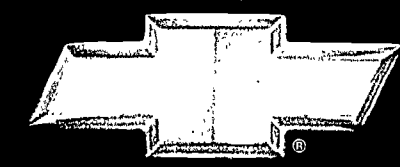
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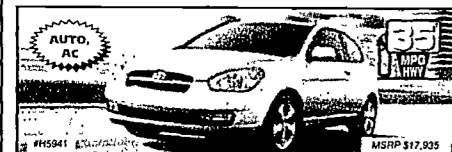
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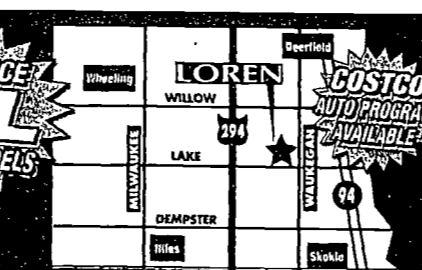
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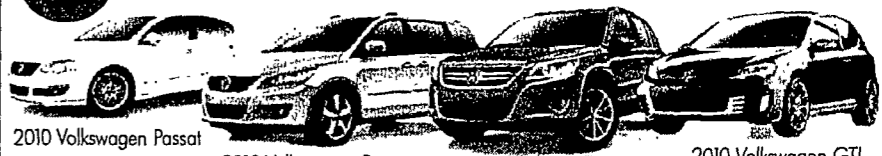
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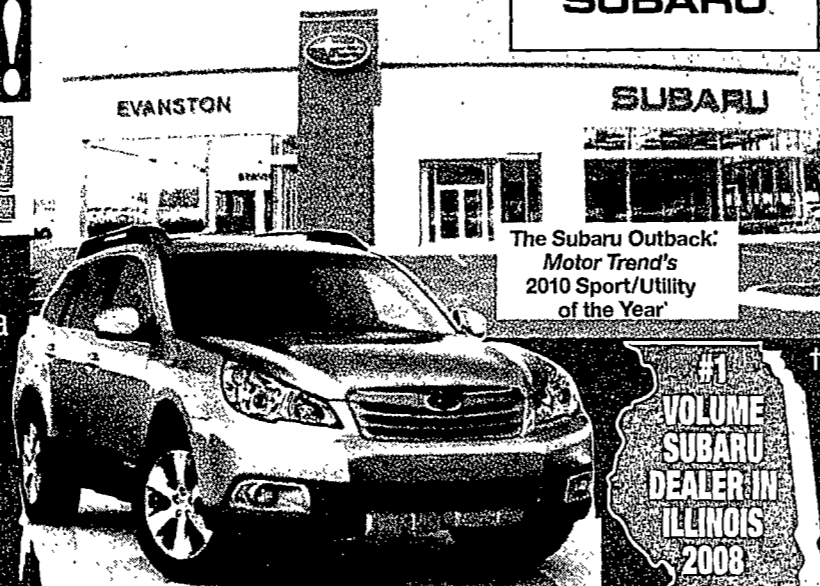
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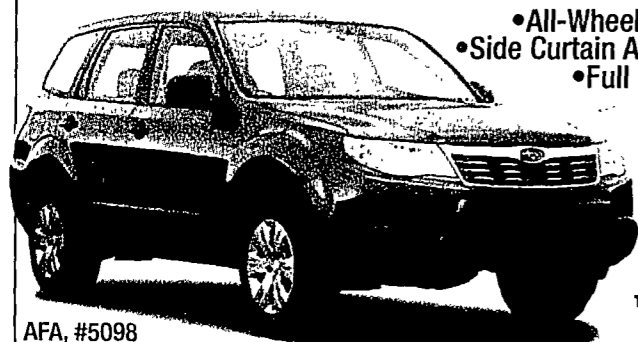
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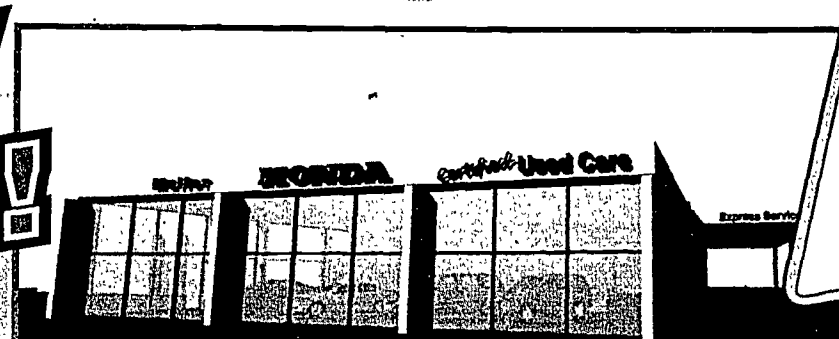
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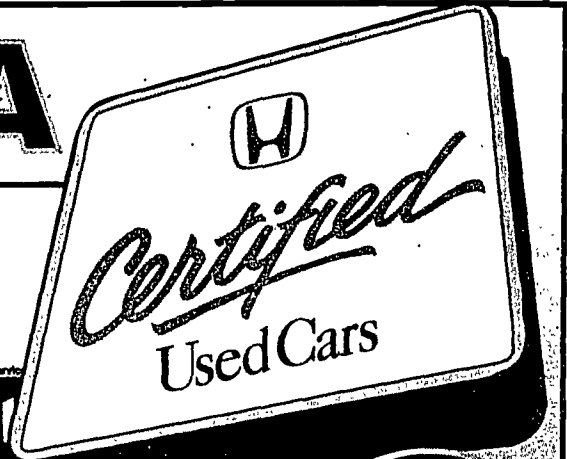
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based comedian, filmmaker and writer Robert Hines. \$15. April 9-10, 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.; Jim Jefferies. \$25. Prop Theater, 3502 N. Elston Ave., Chicago. Through March 27, 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays: "Two Hundred Bullets and Seven Poison Apples" will be presented by the n.u.f.a.n ensemble. Adult audiences. \$5. For information, call (773) 282-0344 or visit www.nufanensemble.com.

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. 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. April 11: Stand-up comedian Chelsea Handler's "Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang Tour," with Josh Wolf. \$49.50, \$59.50, \$75. The Second City e.t.c., 1608 North Wells in Piper's Alley, Chicago. (312) 337-3992. www.secondcity.com. Through March 24, 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Sundays: "Rush Limbaugh! The Musical." \$25.

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Louis Theater, 20 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston. April 23-24, April 29-30 and May 1, 8 p.m., and April 25 and May 2, 2 p.m.: "Danceworks 2010," featuring Jump Rhythm Jazz, modern, classic jazz and contemporary dance. Tickets: \$20; \$18 for seniors; \$10 for full-time students. Call (847) 491-7282 or visit www.lit.northwestern.edu.

Portage Theater, 4050 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. (773) 736-4050. www.portagetheater.org. March 27, 7 p.m.: The Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, Sonas de Mexico Ensemble Chicago and Wesoly Lud Polish Folk Dance Ensemble present "The Essence of Folklore." \$15-\$20.

GROUPS & LESSONS

Chicago Dance Latin & Ballroom School, 3660 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. (773) 267-3411. www.chicagodance.com. April 10, May 8, June 12, 8:30-11 p.m.: Salsa dance parties. \$15. Disco Dance Party, with a retro '70s theme, will be held from 7-9 p.m. March 20 at Congregation Bene Shalom, 4435 Oakton St., Skokie. \$10; \$18 for families. (847) 677-3330 or www.beneshalom.org.

Happy Twirlers Dance Club provides round and square dancing at 7 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. Social Dance Night will be held March 19 at the Lincolnwood Community Center, 6900 N. Lincoln, featuring ballroom, Latin, swing and salsa music. Doors

open at 7 p.m.; free lesson at 7:15 p.m.; open dancing from 7:45-9:45 p.m. \$10. For information, visit www.tinamangos-dance.com or call (773) 282-5108.

Square Spares & Pairs Square Dance Club, a club for couples and singles, dances the second and fourth Mondays of the month all year long at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge. Rounds start at 7:30 p.m., with squares from 8-10 p.m. \$5 for members; \$6 for guests. For information, call (773) 775-9427 or (708) 442-8646. March 22: "Star Thru to Spring," Chili Night and New Dancer dance, with Jack Martocci and Al and Jane Krol.

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. March 27: Howard Hoffman and Wally Smulson. April 24: John Martocci. May 22: Herb Edwards.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

St. Patrick's Day festivities, through March 20 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago. March 20, 7 p.m.: Stepping Forward, a variety show combining Irish music, step dancing and bag piping. \$20 for

general admission; \$30 for VIP tickets, which include preferred seating. Call (773) 282-7035 or visit www.irish-american.org.

Family Fun Fair, presented by the Skokie School District 73.5 Foundation from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. March 20 at McCracken School, 8000 E. Prairie Ave., Skokie. Entrance and entertainment are free, tickets can be purchased at the door for games, raffle and food. Fine Arts Festival, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. May 15 at Ridgewood High School, 7500 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, featuring an art exhibit, concert, swing dance workshop, a performance of "Much Ado About Nothing," dinner and more. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.ridgenet.org. For information, call Carol Valentino-Barry, (708) 456-4242, ext. 225.

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.

ORGANIZATIONS

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

Des Plaines Art Guild meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 Thacker St., Des Plaines. New members are welcome. For information, call Margaret Newman, (847) 924-8952, or visit www.dpag.org.

Northern Illinois Stereo Camera Club meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove. The group is devoted to preserving and promoting all aspects of three-dimensional art and photography. Beginners welcome. For information, call T.J. Adamczyk, (773) 631-7068, or Tom Stremmler, (773) 761-0795.

Park Ridge Art League meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Friday of the month in the South Park Fieldhouse, 833 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Guest fee is \$3. Call Dorothy DuSole, (847) 825-3505.

Skokie Art Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of March, April, May, June and September at the Skokie Public Library, 5215 Oakton St. Visitors welcome. For information, visit www.skokieartguild.org. March 23, 7-9 p.m.: Phil Kantz - Portrait Painting.

April 27, 7 p.m.: Catherine Cajandig - The Art of the Book. May 25, 7 p.m.: Robert Pinhasik - Working with Acrylics. June 22, 6:30 p.m.: Gay Risenborough - members critique and presentation of SAG's Student Excellence in Art Awards.

Skokie Photographic Society meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 W. Oakton St. All levels of photographers

welcome. For more information, call (847) 677-8324.

SINGLES

ComboSingles, comprised of Professional Social Singles and Jewish Social Singles, open to singles 21-plus. All prices include dinner, tax, gratuity and administrative fee, except where noted. RSVP two days before each event. For information about the group and upcoming events, call (847) 757-1299 or (847) 331-1066, or visit www.combosingles.org. March 20, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Sweet Tomatoes, 2351 Willow Road, Glenview. \$25. March 28, April 11, April 25, May 2 and May 16, 6:30 p.m.: Bowling at the Brunswick Zone-Deerfield, 10 S. Waukegan Road. Fee is \$20 for league members, \$25 for nonmembers. No advance reservations required. Socializers who prefer not to bowl are welcome to join the group for a \$10 cover charge. April 17, 6 p.m.: Woodfire & Billiards, 360 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. \$15 includes cover/billiards tournament. Cost of dinner on own. May 15, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Boston Blackies, 405 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield. \$30.

June 20, 6:30 p.m.: Dinner at Senoya Restaurant, 8750 W. Golf Road, Niles. \$25.

Jewish Senior Singles Social Club meets regularly for dinners and a variety of programs. For information, call (847) 676-2872.

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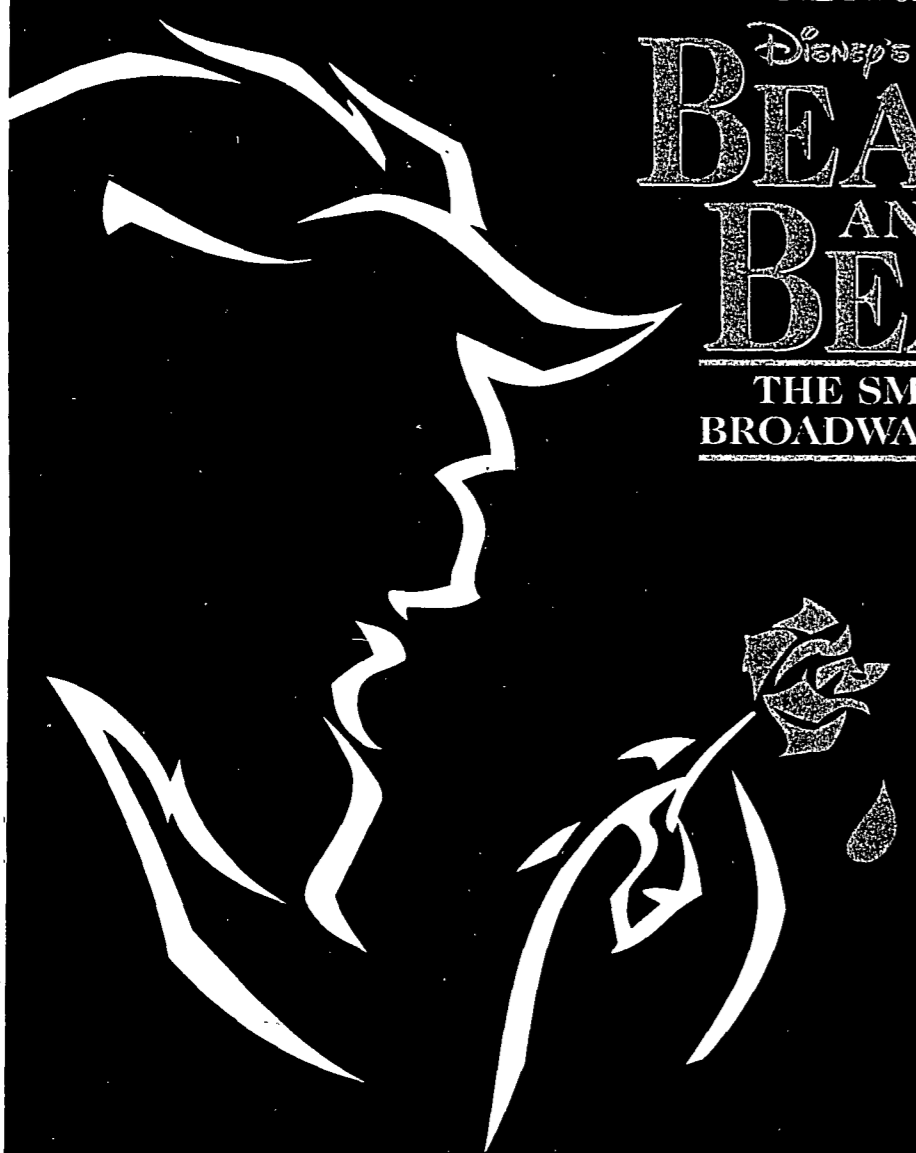
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dressy to dressy attire for women; jackets for men. No jeans or gym shoes. All dances are from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 for members; \$9 for guests. Call (847) 678-7068. March 19: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, with music by The Music Men. March 26: Dance at the American Legion Hall, 9757 Pacific, Franklin Park, music by Ken Jandes.

WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

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Free Hawaiian ukulele workshops will be offered by Earl Essig, director of the Hawaiian music ensemble at Oakton Community College. March 24, 7 p.m., at the Guitar Center, 143 S. Skokie Road, Highland Park; call (847) 579-1830 to register. Essig will also teach a four-week Hawaiian ukulele course at Oakton Community College, 1500 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, starting April 8; call (847) 635-1809 to register.

The Music Institute of Chicago offers a variety of musical theatre programs for grades K-12 and adults at three locations — the Evanston West campus, the Lake Forest campus and Highland Park campus. The programs offer instruction in American musical theater technique and performance at the solo, small ensemble and company level. For information, call (847) 905-1500 or visit www.musicinst.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Oakton Community College Emeritus Program offers courses at its Skokie campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie. For information about the Emeritus Program, call (847) 635-1414 or visit www.oakton.edu/emmeritus. The New Yorker (HUM E93-72) analyzes favorite selections from the magazine that made its debut in 1925. A subscription is required. Six-week course meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, starting March 22. Course fee is \$77. American Musical Theater (HUM C69-71) breaks down the artistic and technical components of "Miss Saigon," "Avenue Q" and other Broadway extravaganzas. Eight-week course meets from 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Wednesdays, starting March 24. Course fee is \$100.

RHINO/the Poetry Forum invites all poets to its Poetry Workshop & Peer Exchange, to be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. March 28 in Room 108 at the Evanston Public Library, Church and Orrington streets. Attendees bring 15 copies of a poem to be critiqued, and participate in a discussion of poetry and poetics. The session will be led by Alice George, author of *This Must Be the Place*, who will discuss the work of Bob Hicok and "the poetic techniques of extravagance, anger, and mess." \$5 donation. No registration required.

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.: Smurker's Stars on Ice Tour, including Evan Lysacek, Tanith Belbin, Benjamin Agosto, Sasha Cohen, Todd Eldredge and Michael Weiss. Tickets start at \$25.

The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston. (847) 864-1679. www.celticknotpub.com. No cover unless noted otherwise. March 21, 8 p.m.: Storytelling in the Snug with Susan O'Halloran, Anne Shimojima and Jane Stenson.

Centre East in the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie. (847) 673-6300. www.centreast.org. April 10, 8 p.m.: The Wit and Wisdom of Dave Barry. Ticket buyers will have the opportunity to chat with Barry at a book-signing in the lobby after the performance. \$65-\$75.

"Science Fiction: An Experiment in Circus" will be presented by The Actors Gymnasium through April 18 at the Noyes Cultural Arts Center, 927 Noyes St., Evanston. The acrobatic adventure into the world of mad science features robots, aliens, time travel and more. With live music, physical comedy and flights through the air, the production is suitable for families. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays; 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays; and 3 p.m. Sundays. No performance on Easter Sunday, April 4. Tickets: \$15; \$10 for ages 12 and under. Tickets available from Brown Paper Tickets, www.brownpapertickets.com or (800) 838-3006.

Skokie Theatre Music Foundation presents concerts in the Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie. Call (847) 677-7761 or visit www.skokietheatre.com. March 20, noon and 2 p.m.: Samantha Martin and The Amazing Acro-Cats and the Rock-Cats. The cats are part of Amazing Animals by Samantha, a private educational zoo owned and operated by Samantha Martin, a Chicago-based animal trainer and feline specialist. \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door for adults; \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door for children.

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont. April 15-18: International Quilt Festival/Chicago. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Thursday (Preview Night); 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Featuring more than 700 quilts, textiles and wearable art on display; 60-plus classes, lectures and special events; and vendor booths offering quilts, fabrics, books, notions, crafts, patterns, machines and sewing supplies. Admission: \$10; \$8 seniors and students. Children 10 and under admitted free with a paying adult. \$10 Preview Night Pass includes one free additional day. \$25 full show pass includes Preview Night. For information, call (713) 781-6864 or visit www.quilts.com.

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Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie. (847) 967-4889. www.ilholocaustmuseum.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. Exhibitions are free with museum admission.

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On the campus of a small New England college, George and Martha invite a new professor and his wife home for a nightcap. As the cocktails flow, the young couple find themselves caught in the crossfire of a savage marital war where the combatants attack the self-deceptions they forged for their own survival. Ensemble members Tracy Letts and Amy Morton face off as one of theatre's most notoriously dysfunctional couples in Albee's hilarious and harrowing masterpiece.



ensemble member Sally Murphy

JANUARY 20 - MAY 15, 2011

Sex with Strangers by Laura Eason

Directed by associate artist
Jessica Thebus
Featuring ensemble member
Sally Murphy with
Stephen Louis Grush

Ethan is a hot young writer whose online journals of "sexcapades" are the buzz of the blogosphere. Olivia is an attractive 30-something whose own writing career is fizzling. They hook up, sex turns into dating and dating into something more complicated. A break-out hit at Steppenwolf's 2009 First Look Repertory, *Sex with Strangers* explores how we invent our identity—online and off—and what happens when our private lives become public domain.



ensemble member K. Todd Freeman

MARCH 24 - MAY 29, 2011

The Hot L Baltimore by Lanford Wilson

Directed by ensemble member
Tina Landau
Featuring ensemble members
Alana Arenas, K. Todd Freeman
and Yasen Peyankov

The Hotel Baltimore used to be the swankiest place in town—now it has a date with the wrecking ball. Eviction notices just went out to its residents, who live on the fringes of society and call the seedy hotel home. This acclaimed play from the author of *Balm in Gilead* is filled with everyday humanity—unexpectedly intimate and moving. Helmed by visionary director Tina Landau, *The Hot L Baltimore* reveals the private lives of an unconventional community about to be turned inside out.



ensemble member Alana Arenas

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 14, 2011

Middletown a new play by Will Eno

Directed by Les Waters
Featuring ensemble member
Alana Arenas

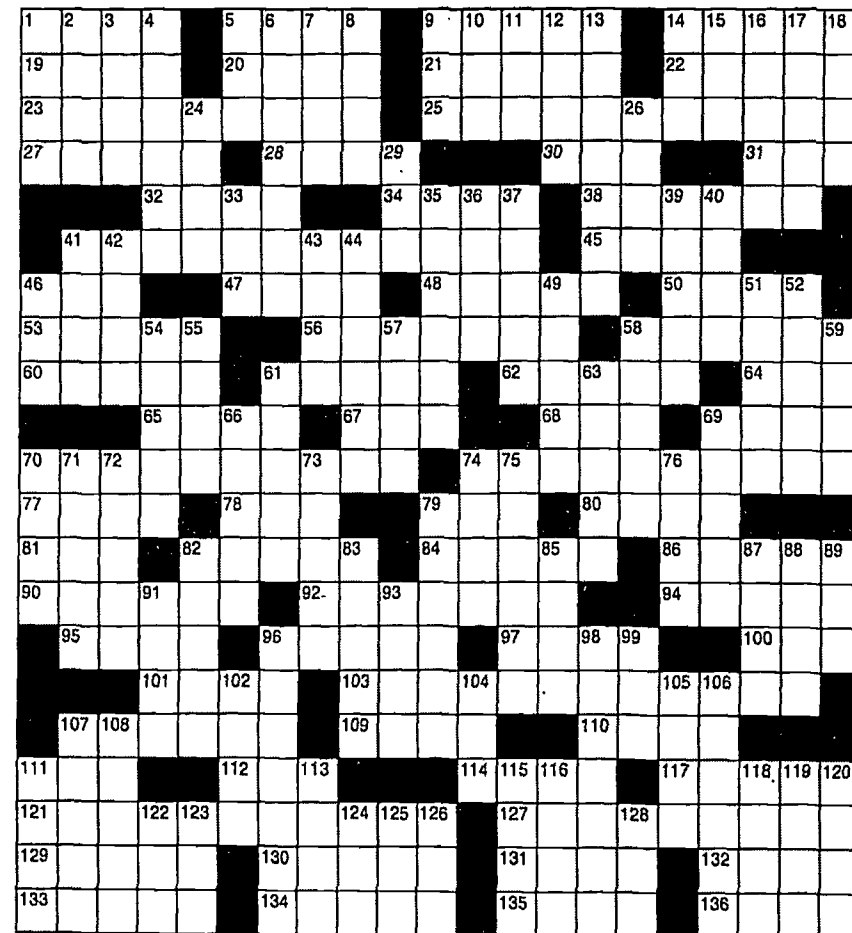
Mary Swanson just moved to Middletown. About to have her first child, she is eager to enjoy the neighborly bonds a small town promises. But life in Middletown is complicated: neighbors are near strangers and moments of connection are fleeting. *Middletown* is a playful, poignant portrait of a town with two lives, one ordinary and visible, the other epic and mysterious.

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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like some cellars
 - 5 Fossey's friends
 - 9 — acid
 - 14 Actress Witherspoon
 - 19 Gulf ruler
 - 20 Computer command
 - 21 Word with coffee or linen
 - 22 Intense
 - 23 Writer born 1/1/1879
 - 25 Bandleader born 1/1/1900
 - 27 Soprano Anna
 - 28 Facts, for short
 - 30 Diocese
 - 31 Flag on filler
 - 32 Vacation location
 - 34 Cease
 - 38 Join the leisure class?
 - 41 General born 1/1/1745
 - 45 Adored one
 - 46 Paid player
 - 47 Athenian arcade (71 song)
 - 48 Musical movement
 - 50 Madison's st.
 - 53 Wrong
 - 56 Splitting headache?
 - 58 Donkey's declaration
 - 60 Flapjack sauce
 - 61 Tacitus' tongue
 - 62 Glue guy
 - 64 Eggs
 - 65 Fancy fabric
 - 67 Nationally suffix
 - 68 Boathouse
 - 69 Secular
 - 70 Patriot born 1/1/1735
 - 74 Comic born 1/1/1943
 - 77 TV's "McBeal"
 - 78 — Tin Tin
 - 79 Welcome item?
 - 80 Norse deity
 - 81 Deteriorate
 - 82 More
 - 84 Singer John
 - 86 Marking post
 - 90 Henson amphibian
 - 92 Deceive
 - 94 Riyadh resident
 - 95 "I Am..."
 - 96 Japanese city
 - 97 Amazes city
 - 100 Smith or Stout
 - 101 A swan was her swain
 - 103 G-man born 1/1/1895
 - 107 "Petrouchka," for one
 - 109 Novelist Seton
 - 110 Memo start
 - 111 Fumble
 - 112 Supporter
 - 114 Nice or Newark
 - 117 Abate
 - 121 Actor born 1/1/1909
 - 127 Seamstress
 - 129 Buttercream, e.g.
 - 130 Northern hemisphere?
 - 131 — podrida
 - 132 Ages
 - 133 "Lovegirl" singer
 - 134 Like the Taj Mahal
 - 135 Viewed
 - 136 Skillful
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Judge
 - 2 Snowballs, sometimes
 - 3 Irritate
 - 4 Make a bundle
 - 5 Palm
 - 6 Exam subject?
 - 7 Like Steven?
 - 8 Medieval menial
 - 9 Rig a race
 - 10 "pro nobis"
 - 11 Ullmann or Tyler
 - 12 Horus' mother
 - 13 "Ta-tal"
 - 14 — room
 - 15 It's found in the Seine
 - 16 Actress Samantha
 - 17 Panther Bobby
 - 18 Ziegfeld Folies designer
 - 24 —
 - 26 Stalk
 - 29 Actress Massen
 - 33 — Alamos, NM
 - 35 Power or Guthrie
 - 36 — about (approximately)
 - 37 Camaby Street
 - 39 London landmark
 - 40 Nastase of tennis
 - 41 Bunch of battalions
 - 42 Film —
 - 43 Jedi instructor
 - 44 Restaurant employee
 - 46 — de deux
 - 49 Actor Alain
 - 51 Shallow area
 - 52 Find fault
 - 54 Tarnish
 - 55 Practice punching
 - 57 Workbench attachment
 - 58 "Salome" character
 - 59 Texas city
 - 61 "The Stepford Wives" author
 - 63 Massenet opera
 - 66 Earn
 - 69 "The Threepenny Opera" star
 - 70 Transmision settling
 - 71 Fugard's "A Lesson from —"
 - 72 Marine leader?
 - 73 Foe
 - 74 Buttermill's mistress
 - 75 Canada's capital
 - 76 Bigwigs
 - 79 Tune
 - 82 — Castro
 - 83 Sangria wine
 - 85 Scent
 - 87 Enlce
 - 88 Central European river
 - 89 Veto
 - 91 Grain grinder
 - 93 British gun
 - 96 Kind of grass-hopper
 - 98 Carve
 - 99 Every guy is one
 - 102 College hotshot
 - 104 Cumberland —
 - 105 French airport
 - 106 Swerved opera
 - 107 Clamp
 - 108 Football's Herber
 - 111 Touch up the text
 - 113 Therefore
 - 115 Bassoon relative
 - 116 Depend (on)
 - 118 Made tracks
 - 119 Lofty initials?
 - 120 Classroom sound
 - 122 Jillian or Sothem
 - 123 Khan opener?
 - 124 New Haven hardwood
 - 125 — is mel"
 - 126 Turf
 - 128 Crestfallen

FIRST BORN



Answers: Inside today's classified section

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HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 22 - March 28

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected problem should be handled as quickly as possible so that it doesn't cause too much of a delay. Someone who knows what you're facing could provide needed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unsettling situation seems to be taking forever to be resolved. Fortunately, your Bovine aptitude for patience is strong this week, so you'll be more than able to wait it out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a stand against an uncalled-for situation involving a friend or co-worker isn't easy, but somehow you'll rise to the challenge and do it. Rely on advice from someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There are still some questions on all sides that need to be dealt with in order to allow hurt feelings to heal. Get your workplace tasks done early so that you can devote more time to loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Consider a new spring makeover that will show all you Leos and

Leonas in your best light. A new hairdo and some fashionable new clothes can help put a fresh glow on your image.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some stormy, emotional weather can blow up in the workplace when an irate co-worker has strong words for you. But if you believe right is on your side, you'll be able to ride it out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Creating more balance in your life is especially important now so that you're not distracted when you get into projects that will make demands on both your physical and mental energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As much as you enjoy being right when others are not, show your generous side by offering to use what you know to everyone's benefit. This way, you gain admirers and avoid resentment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week for the Archer to aim at

healing relationships. Whether it's at home, at work or among your friends, get everyone to set things straight and make a fresh start.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you like things done your way, this is a good time to listen to ideas from others. You might even find yourself agreeing with one or more of their suggestions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor positive action to reclaim your ideas from someone who might want the glory without doing any of the work. Expect to find many people rallying to support you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel uneasy about taking that step forward at work or in your private life. But who knows better than you that while treading water keeps you afloat, it doesn't get you anywhere.

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Holzmann, William A., Jr.
William A. Holzmann, Jr., 86, formerly of Morton Grove, a retired OSHA employee, and previously a stone mason. He was a member of The Construction Safety Organization; AFL-CIO Local #21 Bricklayers Union; Midwest Model T Ford Club of Chicago; Niles Township Toastmasters; Model T Ford Club of North Central Florida; Villages Vintage Car Club; Tin Lizzie Club of North Central Florida; Deutscher Club of The Villages; and The Villages Opera Club. His interests included Model T Fords, Indian motorcycles, The Civil War, American history, American Standard Music, and travelling with The Model T Ford Club. Beloved husband of Ingeborg; loving father of Michael and Iris (Jose) Garcia; dear grandfather of two; step-grandfather of five; fond brother of Doris Gunn. Memorial visitation and services will be Sunday, March 21 at Simkins Funeral Home in Morton Grove; (847)965-2500. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfuneralhome.com.
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McKenna, Patrick R.
Patrick R. McKenna, of Morton Grove. Beloved husband of the late Betty Jane; loving father of Michael, Grace (the late Hank) Hirschauer, Barbara (Dave) Bradley, and the late Patrick Jr.; dear grandfather of Kelly, Chris "Bud", Mike, and Brian; fond brother of the late Andy Smith. Funeral service was held Wednesday, March 17 at Simkins Funeral Home in Morton Grove. Interment Ridgewood Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, March 16. Ret. Sgt. of Morton Grove Police Dept. after 32 years. In lieu of flowers, donations to Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068 appreciated. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfuneralhome.com (847)965-2500.
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Neville M. D. James Brian
James Brian Neville, M.D., Captain, USNR (Ret.), who practiced medicine in Lake Forest and Highland Park for over 50 years, died on March 12, 2010 at Lake Forest Hospital. Dr. Neville was born on October 17, 1925 in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Loyola Academy in Chicago with class honors in 1942. After three years at Loyola University, he entered Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. He graduated from Stritch at the age of 22 in 1948. He was a resident at Henrotin Hospital in 1950. Dr. Neville was then commissioned a Lieutenant JG and entered the US Naval School of Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. He was stationed at NAS El Toro and the deployed to Korea in 1951. While in Korea, Dr. Neville served as the Flight Surgeon assigned to MAC 33-VMF-214 as well as the Marine 9th Infantry Battalion. In 1952, Dr. Neville began his Internal Medicine Residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He completed his residency in 1954 and was a principle physician at the Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Chicago. In 1959, Dr. Neville entered private practice at Highland Park and Lake Forest Hospital, and began a longstanding partnership with Dr. George Wendel. He continued reserve duty at Glenview naval Air Station with 1st Marine Air Wing serving a tour in Vietnam. In 1985, Dr. Neville retired from the Navy. After a decades long career, he retired from private practice in 2001. On September 12, 2001, Dr. Neville volunteered his services as a flight surgeon at Great Lake Naval Training Station until 2006. Dr. Neville is survived by Genevieve MacVeany Neville, his wife of 56 years, his children J. Brian Jr. (Clare), Arthur K. (Dana), Kathleen M., Edward P. (Beth), Michael S. (Elizabeth) and Thomas M. (Kerri) and 15 grandchildren. For the last ten years, he and wife traveled the world together. He was a student of history and languages. He enjoyed sharing his knowledge with his grandchildren. He was caring, intelligent, quick humored and an inspiration to his children. Services will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 at St. Patrick Church (Old Church), 991 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery. Info: Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com.
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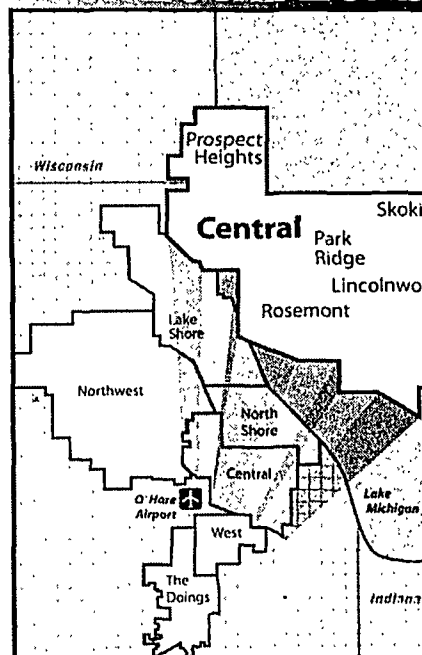
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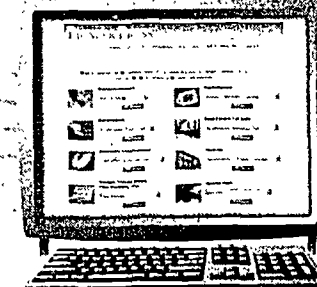
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Qualifications: One year experience in manual, custodial, institutional housekeeping and laundry work preferred. ability to lift up to 50 lbs., and available to work any shift.

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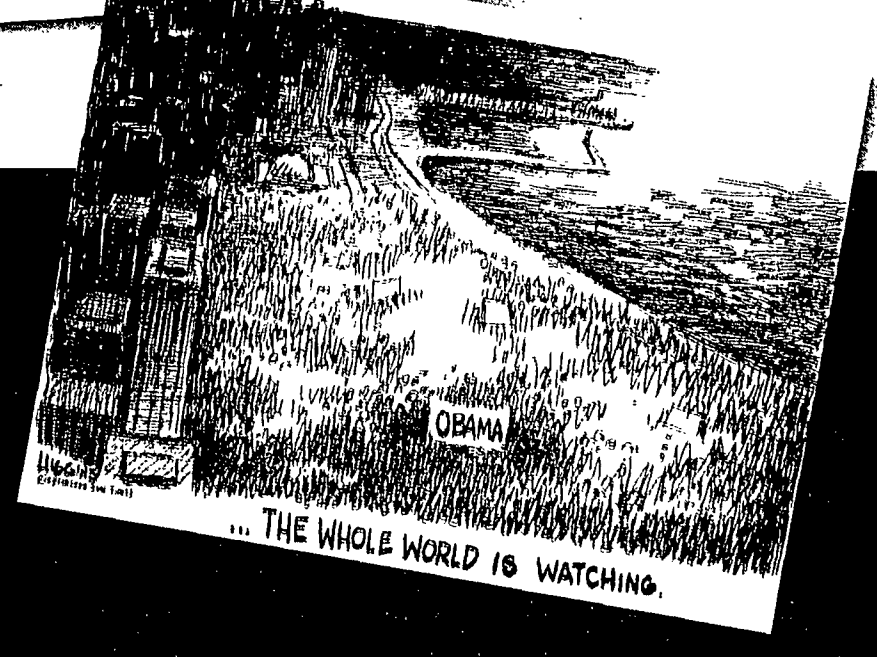
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All proceeds were being donated to victims of the earthquake in Haiti.



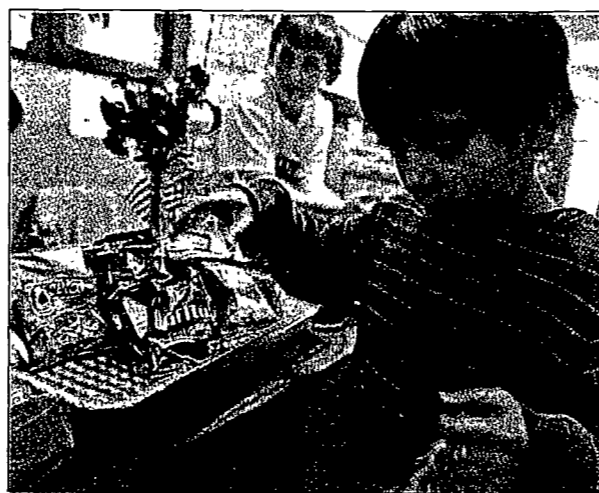
Emilia Malyszko, a first-grader at Children's Learning World, purchases fruit and pie during the bake sale at the school. All proceeds from the sale are being donated to earthquake victims in Haiti. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)



Boris Preobrazhenskiy, a fourth-grader at Children's Learning World, counts money from the bake sale at the school. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)



Luke Jaffe, a first-grader at Children's Learning World, organizes drink boxes during a bake sale at the school. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)



Edson Chavez, a third-grader at Children's Learning World, organizes chips during a bake sale at the school. (Curtis Lehmkuhl/Staff Photographer)

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Leaders of America, Inc. (FCCLA) Competition. Niles North and Niles West High Schools were among the competing schools and earned 53 gold medals, 20 silver medals and 3 students qualified for state competition. The state contest will be held April 8-10 in Springfield.

Niles North results: **Jon Chung, Edis Habibovic and Andrew Jung**, State Finalists, STAR Culinary Arts; **Karen Dam, Kaitlyn Schlauder and Karina Velazquez**, Gold-Most Outstanding, STAR Chapter Service Project Manual; **Reine Hanna and Taylor Olander**, Gold-Most Outstanding, STAR Focus on Children Team; **Jennifer Betshilmon and Eleni Vartelas**, Gold-Most Outstanding, Preschool Lesson Storytelling Team; **Ramon Bobo**, Gold-Most Outstanding, Pastry Arts-Cookie; **Jon Chung**, Gold-Most Outstanding, Food Production-Salad Demonstration; **Andrew Jung**, Gold-Most

Outstanding, Entrepreneurship-Catering; **Nitiwat Kapinlakarn**, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Alexandra Kuechel**, Gold-Most Outstanding, Entrepreneurship-Pastry Arts; **Robert Noia**, Gold-Most Outstanding, STAR Fashion Construction; **Katherine Scheithauer**, Gold-Most Outstanding, STAR-Recycle and Redesign; **Maria Acosta and Islam Wahdan**, Gold, STAR Chapter Showcase Display Team; **Jessica Kath and Victoria Robbins**, Gold, STAR Chapter Service Project Display Team; **Amarra Junagadhwal and Claudia Landsman**, Gold, STAR Entrepreneurship Team; **Ethan Collins**, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Edis Habibovic**, Gold, Food Production-Salad Demonstration; **Nick Jugo**, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Gabriella Lopez**, Gold, STAR Fashion Construction; **Sophia Martin**, Gold, Apparel Construction-Casual Dresses; **Jacob Mazar**, Gold, Entrepreneurship-Catering; **Davit Mkrtychyan**, Gold, Entrepreneurship-Pastry Arts; **Lisa Nahhas**, Gold, STAR Fashion Design; **Calvin Nakprad**, Gold, Entrepreneurship-Catering; **Daniel**

Robbins, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Jennifer Taira**, Gold, Apparel Construction-Semiformal Wear; **Ariel Tidhar**, Gold, STAR Fashion Construction; **Tara Becares and Amber Martin**, Silver, STAR Interior Design Construction; **Sandra Bitros**, Silver, STAR Fashion Design; **Patrice Cadet**, Silver, Apparel Construction-Casual Dress/Jumper; **Julia Choi**, Silver, Apparel Construction-Casual Dress/Jumper; **Marissa Christie**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Nisa Fayyaz**, Silver, Professional Career Image; **Samantha Foreman**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Spencer Fritz**, Silver, Food Production-Salad Demonstration; **Eddie Hall**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Ryan Icasiano**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Ashlei Kehl**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Bisma Makda**, Silver, Apparel Construction-Semiformal Wear; and **Kamila Charkiewicz and Anne Neumann**, Bronze, STAR Environmental Ambassador Team.

Niles West results: **Emma Capps and Diana Kuryakoos**, Gold-Most Outstanding,

Child Development-Storytelling Team; **Sana Haque and Fazali Nkoloma**, Gold-Most Outstanding, Child Development-Storytelling Team; **Sana Anwar and Jamie Palamkunnel**, Gold, Child Development-Storytelling Team; **Natalie Gillespi and Jenna Poladian**, Gold, Child Development-Storytelling Team; **Elsa Flores**, Gold, Apparel Construction; **Jenny Koob**, Gold, Apparel Construction; **Carina Flores**, Gold, Individual Storytelling; **Imaan Ali**, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Dabin Chen**, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Quincy McKinny**, Gold, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Angelo Nikolaou**, Gold, Pastry Arts-Cookie; **Vanja Selak**, Gold, Pastry Arts-Cookie; **Cindy Tran**, Gold, Pastry Arts-Cookie; **Ramsina Youmana**, Gold, Pastry Arts-Cookie; **Samantha Gonzales**, Gold, Food Production-Salad Demonstration; **Andy Pham**, Gold, Food Production-Salad Demonstration; **Kevin Vilanueva**, Gold, Food Production-Salad Demonstration;

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Incomparable Crystals

Sea salt reigns as chefs' favored flavor enhancer

By TOM WITOM
Contributor

Fleur de sel, the prized hand-harvested sea salt collected off the coast of France, has more company in the pantries of professional chefs and home cooks as they discover and experiment with other colorful, regional salts. The introduction of flavored salts also has renewed interest in this dietary mineral seasoning agent.

Use sparingly

At Barrington Country Bistro in Barrington, Executive Chef Luis Quiroz said he has had sea salt in his cooking arsenal for years, though he uses it sparingly because of its cost and potency.

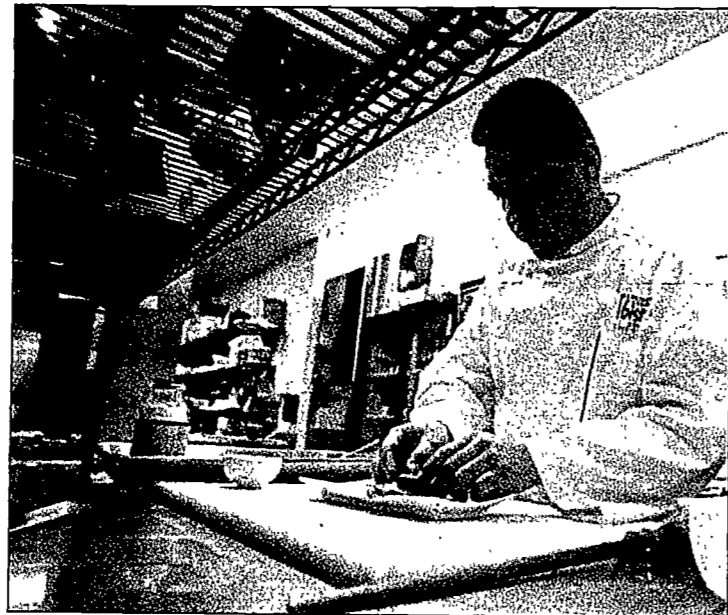
"A few crystals added at the last

minute is all that's needed to enhance the flavor of a dish," said Quiroz, who trained at the Cooking Hospitality Institute of Chicago and worked at various restaurants in Cleveland and Chicago before joining the staff at Barrington Country Bistro 11 years ago. The chef also said he expects to experiment with smoked salt and other flavored varieties. "I'm always trying different things with an eye toward incorporating items of interest to our guests," he noted.

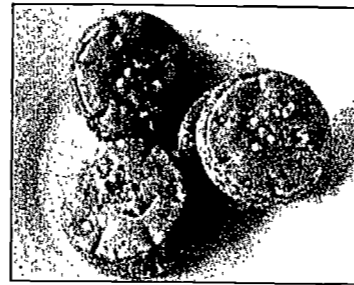
Christopher Koetke, dean of the Kendall College School of Culinary Arts, agrees that using sea salt with its briny ocean taste requires a judicious hand: "A little goes a long way,"

Finishing salt

According to Koetke, there's a misunderstanding that to make great food requires expensive



Chef Luis Quiroz prepares Foie Gras Cookies with three types of jam and sea salt at Barrington Country Bistro in Barrington. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)



Only a few crystals of sea salt at the last minute are necessary to finish Foie Gras Cookies. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

Foie Gras Cookies with Sea Salt

- 4 oz. fresh foie gras
- 4 oz. unsalted butter
- 4 oz. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 tsp. sea salt

Place foie gras and butter in a food processor and process until smooth. Add the flour, baking powder, sugar, balsamic and salt. Process until all ingredients are just combined. Do not overmix. Dough should be somewhat soft.

Divide dough in 2 portions and flatten (that makes it easy to work when ready to roll it out), wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. On a floured table, roll out dough gently to about 1/4 inch thickness. With a 2-inch cookie cutter, cut out circles and place them on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Brush the cookies with the egg yolk and sprinkle with sea salt. Bake for approximately 20 minutes until light golden brown.

Note: If you desire, spread some soft jam on the cookie disks and sandwich them together. Serve as hors d'oeuvres.

ingredients. To a certain degree some of the emphasis on salt has been overdone, he said. Koetke advises home cooks to try a couple different sea salts. "Use them as a finishing salt. But remember, when you're cooking something like a bunch of green beans and boiling them in salted water, regular iodized table salt works absolutely fine."

Where the more elite salts stand out is when they are sprinkled on an entrée right before it's eaten. "Because these salt crystals tend to be larger and crunchier, when you chomp into them there's sort of a salt burst. That's where you can taste the difference between sea salt and ordinary table salt," he said.

Some salts such as pink-hued Hawaiian sea salt and black kala namak from India have aesthetic appeal from a color perspective and are applied primarily for their appearance rather than saltiness.

Flavored salts

Cooks now also encounter a profusion of flavored salts on the market. One that's widely used is smoked salt, which Koetke said is pungent and does not require

much to give food "an interesting flavor profile." Two other interesting arrivals are chili salt and green wasabi sea salt.

One trick chefs have known for a long time is that the tiniest amount of salt with chocolate brings out the chocolate flavor. The pastry world, Koetke said, also is seeing a lot of focus on salts, from salted caramels to salted truffles. "It's a trend that's going to stick around for a while because the results are good — an interesting way of crossing salt and sweet."

Sea salt cooking

Barrington-based cooking instructor Mary Rose Hoover said salt and its transforming power have long held her interest. Cucina Della Rosa Cooking School, run by Hoover, has plans to offer a class in late April on cooking with sea salt.

"Smoked sea salt is delectable on seafood and salads. Sprinkled over a grilled vegetable salad, it brings out the flavors of peppers and zucchini, and it also works well on steak," Hoover said.

Chef Quiroz shared an appetizer recipe from his repertoire in which foie gras gets an extra flavor boost from sea salt.

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Alexa Bits, Silver, Apparel Construction; **Nicole Delort**, Silver, Apparel Construction; **Zena Salam**, Silver, Apparel Construction; **James Hayes**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **T.J. Kunach**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Andrew Schoeneman**, Silver, Food Production-Relish Tray; **Claire Gillman**, Silver, Interior Design STAR event and Katarzyna

Ciesla, Bronze, Pastry Arts-Cake.

District 219 students participated in the North Suburban Regional History Fair held recently at Niles North High School. Thirty-six District 219 students qualified for the Chicago Metro History Fair finals that will be held April 13, at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago. This year's theme is "Innovation in History: Impact and Change." The following Niles North students advanced in the competition: Exhibits: **Zach Hess**, "Cyrus Hall Mc-

Cormick: McReaping America"; Nyree Khamo and JinAh Jong, "Live More with Mary Livermore: A Suffragette's Fight towards Women's Suffrage"; **Mara Joaquin, Diane Choe and Rachel Savella**, "The Playground Movement: Not a Matter to Be Played Around With"; **Amanda Reichardt**, "The Wrecking Ball Hits: CHA's Failure with Public Housing"; **Rebecca Gilbert, Maybelle Sicad and Jeanine Taerbaum**, "Title IX: A New Meaning to 'You Play Like a Girl'"; **Henrietta Cho, Ammara Junagadhwa and**

Joy Sugihara, "Unite and Fight: The Congress of Industrial Organization"; **Leah Wesolowski and Rebecca Levin**, "Wave of Change: Chicago Lakefront as Public Space" and **Jeffrey Wu, Jennifer Jan and Jennifer Lin**, "The CTA: A Public Innovation." The following Niles West students advanced in the competition: Documentary category: **Jennifer Menchavez and Mimi Kapchuk**, "Chicago's Way of Coming Out of the Closet!"; **Anum Kassam, Kim Merado, Neena Marma and Hareem Siddiqui**, "Essanay

Studios: **The Forgotten Treasure of the Film Industry"; Erica Mui**, "Essanay: Before Hollywood"; **Callie Sher and Loren Lewin**, "The Chicago Women's Liberation Union"; and **Meghan Sandstrom, Agnes Krason, Klaudia Adamczyk and Rares Dutu**, "The Scandal that Saved Baseball." Exhibit category: **Forrest Linsell and Jasmin Chacko**, "Abandon the Creeping Meatball" and **Joanne Kwak, Madeleine Schmidt and Rozina Kanjee**, "Tuning in to Children's Television." The Niles West Science

Olympiad team earned second place at the Regional competition held Feb. 27 at New Trier High School. The team's second place finish earned them the right to compete at the State contest held April 10 at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Medals were awarded to: **Josh Lee** and **Urveel Shah**, Gold, Ecology; **Ben Pichler** and **Kara Mui**, Silver, Astronomy; **Josh Lee** and **Fariha Syed**, Silver, Astronomy; **Liz Lotsof** and **Erin**

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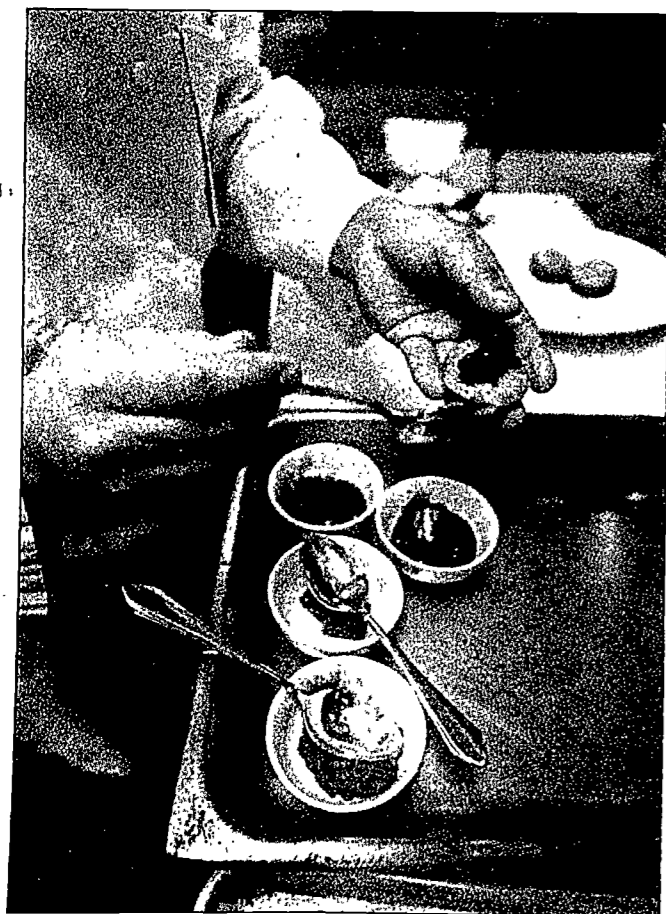
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Barrington Country Bistro's Chef Luis Quiroz likes to pair the sweetness of jam with just a gentle dab of sea salt when he makes Foie Gras Cookies. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

Debit glitch puts hold on serenity



STEPHANIE ZIMMERMANN
THE FIXER - Chicago Sun-Times

Dear Fixer: I purchased gasoline at Thorntons on a recent Thursday. My purchase was for \$56.51 on my debit card.

Upon going home and checking my account online, I noticed that there was an additional \$100 taken from my account in the form of a pre-authorization hold. The hold was on there for 48 hours.

So my \$56.51 purchase cost me \$156.51 for that weekend, holding up the little money I get each week from unemployment.

I talked with the

manager at the gas station that night and she assured me it was not Thorntons' doing but that of my bank. I promptly made a call to my bank manager to inquire about that and was told the opposite.

The hold was taken off after two days. However, it could have been worse if I had been hit with overdraft fees because of the \$100 hold on my money.

Jon Flodstrom

Dear Jon: By the time The Fixer got involved, the \$100 hold was gone and you had carefully avoided any overdraft fees. But your situation made us wonder how many other consumers find themselves in the same situation — surprised that they can't access their money because a hold is still in place.

So we did a little digging. The reason this happens with debit cards is because when you swipe your debit

card at a gas pump, the gas seller doesn't know how much you'll ultimately buy (unlike at a grocery store, where the items are scanned before you swipe the card).

The gas retailer wants to make sure enough money is set aside for your purchase, so they pick some estimated amount. Each brand is different. Thorntons' CFO, Chris Kamer, told us they chose \$100 because they wanted to allow for pickup trucks and big suburban SUVs that buy a lot of gas at sometimes-high prices.

Kamer told us that if you punch in your PIN at the pump, the \$100 hold is supposed to come off within a few minutes of you hanging up the nozzle. If you don't enter a PIN, that \$100 hold typically stays on longer, up to five days in the worst cases.

What's strange about your case is that you did enter your PIN.

It was clear from the billing records that Thorntons had posted the real purchase amount of \$56.51 just two minutes after the \$100 hold was placed. Kamer said the \$100 should have come right off.

We asked the folks at your bank, Standard Bank & Trust, why it stayed on for two days. They investigated and found there was a glitch in their computer network. The good news is it looks like the bank has fixed it, so your troubles may have helped the next person.

On the issue of non-PIN debit card holds, Jeff Lenard, spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores, said he's heard horror stories of consumers incurring multiple overdrafts or travelers who couldn't access their money because they had just gassed up.

We can see where that could be a real problem.

Consumers who want to play it completely safe can use a credit card, pay cash, or bring the debit card to the gas station cashier and

authorize a set amount (i.e., "\$40 on pump number 6"). It's a lot less convenient, but could prevent a headache later on.

Dear Fixer: In a column about shredding documents to prevent identity theft, you said to hold onto bank statements and canceled checks for at least one year. As part of my employment, I help senior citizens obtain public aid for long-term care and financial assistance. The state of Illinois requires at least three years of bank statements from every bank used and sometimes as many as five years of statements.

The applicants' families can obtain these statements from their banks, but they could be charged up to \$20 per month for each statement, and that's for checking or savings, money market or certificates of deposit.

With the economy what it is, it can be a real hardship on the loved ones

just to get the information together. I think people should hang onto banking information for a longer length of time.

Margie Maher

Dear Margie: Thanks for this advice. (We love it when readers look out for one another.) So, everyone — if you or a senior you know may need to apply for public assistance, hold onto your bank records. In a safe place, of course!

Your Consumer Ally

Online readers of The Fixer have noticed an exciting addition: We're now running a continuously updated feed of consumer items from the Consumer Ally, a.k.a. Mitch Lipka, a consumer journalist with AOL's WalletPop site. Mitch writes about everything from recalled products to credit card traps to misleading ads and more. It's good information — check it out.

Comment: pioneerlocal.com

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Balke, Silver, Fossils; Liz Lotsof and Kara Mui, Bronze, Disease Detectives; Daniel Langer, Eric Krikorian and Urveel Shah, Bronze, Experimental Design; Ben Pichler and Nate Pichler, Bronze, Dynamic Planet; and Erin Balke, Jeremy Metz, Steve Chang and Danny Lohan, Bronze, Egg-o-naut. Other medals were earned by: Nate Pichler and Jeremy Metz for It's About Time; Liz Lotsof and Erin Balke for Ornithology; Fariha Syed, Erin Balke and Nathan Kerr for Picture This; Josh Lee and Kara Mui for Forensics; Liz Lotsof and Ben Pichler for Technical Problem Solving; and Daniel Langer and Eric Krikorian for Environmental Chem. Other members who contributed to the team's success: Michael Radko, Sheryl Cherian, Jenny Lee, Mitch Balke, Rishy Chacko, Lucy Chang, Zoya Momin, Shana Nissan and Brinda Shah. The Niles West

Science Olympiad sponsors are Elizabeth Ramseyer, Howard Swider, Chris Barnett, Susie Lim and Chris Hawker.

The staff of Calliope, the Niles North student-published art and literary magazine, recently learned that the 2009 issue received a First Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA). Each year the ASPA evaluates publications from about 1,000 U.S. colleges, junior colleges, high schools and middle schools, awarding points in the following categories: content coverage, organization, design, presentation and creativity. Sensations, the Niles North 2009 issue, scored 945 out of a possible 1,000 points, with a perfect score in design and 390 out of 400 points in content coverage. A judge noted that Sensations was "an excellent publication," demonstrating the efforts of a wide range of talented contributors. More than 46 Niles North writers, photographers and artists, representing each class level, con-

tributed to Sensations. Vicky Kao, Class of 2009, created the cover drawing. Student editors for the 2009 issue were: Pooja Desai and Brianna Nielsen, editors-in-chief; associate editors Jenna Cohen, Sara Kaucher and Kristine Hoang; and assistant editors Becky Dykes, Monica Pabelonio, Esther Reiberg and Alicia Singer. General staff included Faith Barksdale, Max Kirschenbaum, Becca Shea, Stephanie Ruiz, Amanda Decker and Liang Hou. Cohen, Dykes, Kaucher, Hoang, Pabelonio and Reiberg are returning members of the editorial board for 2009-10. English teacher Charles Pratt is the Calliope faculty advisor. The 2010 issue of Calliope will be published in May.

MAINE SOUTH

Maine South High School's Varsity Hawkettes Dance Team took first place in the kick category at the Team Dance Illinois Competition on March 7.

The JV Hawkettes captured second place in the

Elite 8 division of the competition which was held in Peoria.

A team of 20 Maine South High School German students participated in the annual competition for students in German programs throughout the Chicago area at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Feb. 24.

The South contingent had a successful day, bringing home two trophies. Joyce Hanck won the first-place trophy for the delivery of her essay on Hans Scholl, the young founder of a resistance movement in Germany during the 3rd Reich. Rebecca Hoffman, Katie Kinell, Joyce Hanck, Daniel Petroskas, Brian Siwek, and Garrett Pluhar-Schaeffer won the second-place trophy for their skit that incorporated themes from German literature such as Faust, the quest for truth, and the conflict between good and evil.

UIC's Department of German hosts an annual High School German Day competition, typically attended by about 200 students from 15

area schools. The event is judged by representatives of the Austrian, German, and Swiss Consulates, and by a member of the Goethe Institute.

REGINA DOMINICAN

The Regina Dominican Panther Track and Field began its indoor season this past Saturday at the Prospect Invitational. No team score was taken but the Panthers had a number of positive performances in their first meet of the year.

Leading the way for the varsity squad was the 3200m relay team of Jacqueline Ave Maria, Taylor Martinez, Aileen Campanaro, and Ellie Heinrich who took first place with a time of 11:46.3. Ave Maria followed up her leg in the 3200m relay with a third place finish in the 800m run (2:45.1) Amber Seo added another third place finish in the 3200m run (13:33.6) as the distance runners paced the varsity squad. Campanaro also placed fifth in the 1600m run with a time of 6:31.5. In

the 400m dash, junior Paige Lynch took sixth place with a time of 1:15.8

The junior varsity squad was led by a number of newcomers to the Panther Track and Field team. Heather Bucher performed well in the 400m dash (1:11.4) and took home second place with her effort. Bucher also added a fifth place finish in the 50 yard hurdles (9.2). Freshman Clare Flaherty had a great debut in high jump, placing second with a leap of four feet six inches in her first track meet. Fellow freshman Sara Martinez also took home a second place finish in the 800m run with a time of 2:58.7. Finally, the junior varsity sprinters were led by freshman Julia Ehrenberg, who earned a second place finish in the 200m dash (32.4) and a fifth place finish in the 50 yard dash (7.1)

The Panther Track and Field team is off this weekend as they prepare for the Maine East Indoor Invite to

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Fahrenbach - Ethington Engagement

Dr. Gary and Mrs. Anne Fahrenbach, Wilmette are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Nord Fahrenbach to Jason Gibbs Ethington, son of Dr. James and Mrs. Cynthia Ethington, Oconomowoc, WI.

Elizabeth graduated from Loyola Academy, class of 2000. She graduated in 2004 with a degree in Spanish Language, Culture and Society from Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. She is currently in her internship at Resurrection Medical Center, and going on to John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County for dermatology residency.

Jason graduated from Catholic Memorial Highschool, Waukesha, WI, class of 2001. He graduated in 2005 with a degree in biomedical engineering from University of Wisconsin Madison and Loyola University Chicago Strick School of Medicine. He is currently in his internship at Resurrection Medical Center and returning to Loyola University Medical Center for ophthalmology training.

The couple met during our first year at Loyola University Chicago Strick School of Medicine. They were engaged in May 2009 on Mackinac Island, and will be married on September 18, 2010 at St. Francis Xavier in Wilmette.



Goudie - Anichini Engagement

Mrs. Joan Goudie of Edison Park and Mr. Raymond Goudie of St. Charles announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann to Paul Anthony, son of John and Phyllis Anichini of Chicago.

Kimberly is a 2000 graduate of Resurrection High School. Kim is a nurse currently working in Lincolnshire.

Paul is a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame High School and is currently working as an accountant for Old Republic in Chicago.

The couple will be married at St. Juliana Church on September 18, 2010.



Sanchez - Salsgiver Engagement

Fabian and Karen Sanchez are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to John Shelton Salsgiver, son of Bill and Dayna Salsgiver of Manchester, MO.

Jennifer, a 2003 graduate of Northside College Prep High School, attended Saint Ambrose University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2007, followed with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2008. She currently works as an inpatient physical therapist at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, IL.

John, a 2000 graduate of Parkway South High School earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 2005 from Saint Ambrose University and a teaching certificate from University of Missouri - Saint Louis in 2007. In 2009 Webster University presented him with a Master of Arts in Teaching. He currently works as a substitute teacher in the Hinsdale School District and District 88.

The couple is planning an October wedding at Saint Cornelius Church. After their tropical honeymoon, the pair intends to reside in the Chicagoland area.



Taylor - Myers Engagement

Gary and Kathleen Taylor, Park Ridge, IL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Katherine Taylor to Nicholas Richard Myers, son of William and Carrie Myers, Firestone, CO.

Colleen graduated from Resurrection HS, Chicago, she has a BA in Communications from Quincy University in Quincy, IL and is currently a Marketing Manager, GRAPA, Sleepy Hollow, IL.

Nicholas graduated from Plainfield HS Plainfield, IL, he has a BA in Education - Physical Education from Quincy University in Quincy, IL.

An August 7, 2010 wedding is planned in Park Ridge at St. Paul of the Cross Church.



Walshon - Heschel Engagement

Donald and Jeanne Walshon of Skokie, IL are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Daniel Heschel, the son of Mary Heschel, Port Clinton, OH.

Susan is a 2003 graduate of Niles North High School and a 2007 graduate of The University of Dayton with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree. She now works as a Product Design Engineer at Hi-Stat Manufacturing in Lexington, OH

Daniel is a 2003 graduate of Port Clinton High School and a 2008 graduate of The University of Dayton with a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Biology degree. He now works as a Geographic Information Systems Technician at Technographics, Inc. in Wooster, OH

Susan and Daniel are planning a June 2010 wedding at Immaculate Conception Church in Port Clinton, Ohio.



Buckley - Zei Engagement

Cheron Buckley and Charlie Zei are pleased to announce their marriage. They were married last August in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Cheron is the daughter of Eunice Buckley and Kevin Hamilton, of Chicago. A graduate of Chicago Vocational H.S., Cheron received a B.S. in Public Health from Northern Illinois University and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Public Health at UIC. She works at Rush University Medical Center.

Charlie is the son of Martin and Susan Zei, of Des Plaines. A graduate of Maine South H.S., Charlie graduated from the University of Dayton with a B.A. in English and Spanish. He recently completed coursework for a Masters degree at Northwestern University, where he also works as a research coordinator.

Cheron and Charlie reside in Chicago.

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RESURRECTION

The Drama Department of Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott St., Chicago, presents the melodrama, "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" or "Tempted, Tried, and True," written by playwright Bill Johnson and directed by

Kathie Foszcz. "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" features cast members Kaitlin Haderspeck, Cassandra Jordan, Brittany Pontecore, Emily Schultz, Melissa Dziedzic, Nicole McKenna, Aly Cervantes, Megan Murphy, Abaigeal O'Donnell, Amanda Willner, Carmella Imburgia and Brittney Rzany and Notre Dame students Nathan Lane, Stefan Prokusi and Tyler Wynd.

An ensemble cast of olio performers perform comedic skits in-between scenes. The olio performers

include Alexandra Gomez, Nela Herescu, Monika Kawa, Jackie Komada, Madeleine O'Connor, Jazmine Sherman, Jasmine Simmons, Christina Torres, and Hannah Zver.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. March 25, 26 and 27 and at 2 p.m. March 28. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets are available by calling the school at (773) 775-6616, ext. 110, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. See www.reshs.org.

Resurrection College Prep High School, 7500 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, is offer-

ing an adult enrichment course entitled "Come Home to Sweet Home Chicago." This Chicago history course, taught by Resurrection faculty member Mike Longo, will explore Chicago's past and what makes the city unique among great American cities. The class will study Chicago today to learn what is working well and what actions we can take to make the city better for the future.

The class will use the following books: The Plan of Chicago; Daniel Burnham

and the Remaking of the American City by Carl Smith; The Devil and the White City by Erik Larson; and City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America by Donald L. Miller.

The class will meet at Resurrection College Prep High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays on April 6 and 20, May 4 and May 18. The cost is \$50. To register, call (773) 775-6616, ext. 127, or e-mail sthorpe@reshs.org. The Resurrection College Prep High School student lit-

erary journal, The Innerview, received a second-place award from the American Scholastic Press Association for its 2009 publication. The Innerview was judged in the areas of coverage, organization, design, presentation and creativity.

The Innerview is a literary and art magazine published annually by students of Resurrection College Prep High School. It expresses the talents of Resurrection students of all grade levels

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Pioneer Press Mortgage Guide. Check rates daily at http://pioneerlocal-interest.com. Includes tables for Glenview State Bank, Third Coast Mortgage LLC, Bank of America Home Loans, Kenilworth Financial, Inc., United Home Loans, Lamb Financial, Allstar Home Mortgage, Inc., American Bank & Trust, Park Ridge Community Bank, and Evergreen Bank Group.

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through essays, short stories, poetry, art and photography.

ST. JULIANA

On Feb. 22, four teachers from St. Juliana School presented "What Real Teachers Do With Classroom Technology: The Future Is Now" at Loyola Academy for the Office of Catholic Schools Professional Development Con-

vention. The members of the Tech Team were Madelyn Gawne, Instructional Technology Coordinator; Denise Casey, third grade teacher; Kristina Reyes, fourth/fifth grade science teacher; and Amanda Oh, sixth/seventh/eighth grade science teacher.

The St. Juliana Tech Team provided examples of how they have used interactive whiteboards, tablets, document cameras, and handheld student response systems in their classrooms. Also part of the presentation were examples of teach-

ers and students using Web 2.0 sites.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

St. Paul Lutheran School, Chicago, has announced its second-quarter honor students from fifth through eighth grades.

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Honors
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Chase begins for conference crown

Retiring coach looks to go out in style

By DAN SHALIN
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SOFTBALL — A few years ago, Steve Ramseyer announced that 2010 would be his 24th and final season as a coach at Niles West.

The 15th-year head coach appears to have a team capable of sending him out in style. Nearly every starter is back from a squad that finished 17-16 last season.

"Realistically, we should be battling for the top three in the conference," Ramseyer said. "We have enough leadership, and the kids have enough experience, that we can take the kid gloves off and tell them to go out there and perform and get the job done. We'll take it game by game and work hard and get them prepared for games.



Niles West shortstop Kelly Kleppin, applying the tag on Glenbrook South base runner Erika Oswald last spring, has signed a letter of intent with South Dakota State. (Brian Valentin/Staff Photographer)

But when it comes down to it, we have a chance to be there standing as conference champs — on paper. But we have to do the job on the field."

Leading the way for Niles West will be senior shortstop Kelly Kleppin. The 2009 all-conference performer and team MVP has signed to play in college at

NCAA Division I South Dakota State.

Kleppin, a four-year starter, hit .324 last season with 26 runs and 19 RBIs. She committed just four

errors in 133 chances in the field.

"She's the lynchpin to our defense and our No. 3 hitter," Ramseyer said. "She's a captain for the second year. She makes our defense go. She's the Energizer Bunny in the infield."

Junior third baseman Joanna Lefevre — also a captain — is a two-time all-conference selection. She batted .368 as a junior with a school-record six home runs, along with 28 RBIs.

"She has a good bat, a good glove and a strong arm," Ramseyer said. "She's just a true softball player, like Kleppin."

Senior Julie Schwenk, another captain, will once again be the team's top pitcher. She had a few rough outings last season, but Ramseyer believes the Trinity International signee will be back at her best this spring. Junior Jennie Coursey should work some innings, as well.

Senior Lauren Shimanovsky is a four-year

varsity player back behind the plate. She had a solid year in '09 despite coming off shoulder surgery and figures to be healthier this spring.

Senior Jenny DiJohn will play first base and provide a lefty bat in the lineup. Junior second baseman Laurie DiJohn earned all-conference last season, batting over .340. Junior Lauren Papucci will also see time in the infield.

The Wolves starting outfield eventually should feature senior Maggie Kearns in left, junior Shelby Peters in center and junior Casey Nakawatase in right.

However, Peters is recovering from a shoulder injury. So Niles West will start the season with Nakawatase in center and junior Sabrina DiMario in right. Junior Lauren Robak will also play some outfield.

The Wolves open the season with a home doubleheader against St. Ignatius at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Wolves believe they're ready for an encore

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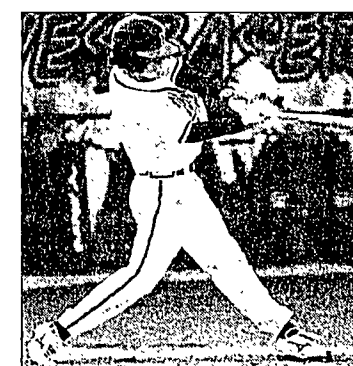
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BASEBALL — After Niles West's record-breaking season in 2009, head coach Garry Gustafson has a rebuilding job on his hands in 2010.

But the coach does have some quality raw materials and is excited about the project.

The Wolves lost 12 players from last year's regional title winner that went 28-8, setting a school record for victories. Eleven of the graduates are now playing college baseball.

Gustafson is counting on a couple players with varsity experience and a number of others



Niles West's left-handed-hitting Tyler Pazik will bat in the heart of the Wolves' lineup and also pitch. (C. Jason Brown/for STM)

who turned in solid performances last summer.

The team will hardly resemble the John Nasshan, Jon Rashid, Tom Endres, Adonis Tountas-led juggernaut of a year ago, but the 2010 Wolves have some potential and should improve steadily as the season progresses.

The coach is certainly up for the challenge.

"This is what makes coaching fun," Gustafson said. "You can't be loaded with returnees every year. It's my job to get them ready to play. We're a young team with a good mix. It's just a matter of hard work and doing the little things, trying to get these guys ready to compete. We'll continue to work. We'll get there."

Senior Tyler Pazik is the team's lone returning starter. The lefty should be the team's pitching ace and play some center field and first base. He will drop to third in the batting order after leading off last season.

Senior righty Dan Kluss has the strongest arm, while Nick Wheeler is a crafty junior pitcher coming off a strong summer. Those two should join Pazik in a three-man rotation.

Senior lefty Jimmy Xamplas,

juniors Ryan Olen, Kenny Blanchard and Brendan Fleitas (Loyola transfer), sophomore Jason Meger, senior Tyler Rosell and freshman Kyle Colletta also will get work on the mound.

Senior Eric Jensen will take over for the graduated Brendan Ryan as the team's No. 1 catcher. Junior Jake Zuckerman will provide backup.

The most intriguing name in the starting infield might be that of Colletta, who is only the second freshman to play on varsity in Gustafson's 19 years in charge. Chris Kontos, now at Northwestern, was the other.

"(Colletta) is a kid that really gets after it, he works hard and we just feel he deserves a shot. If he can handle it, he'll be the everyday shortstop," said Gustafson about the lefty.

Senior second baseman Dylan Lovering will play next to Colletta on the diamond.

Olen, Meger and Kluss are penciled in at the corner infield positions. Xamplas, Pazik and junior Mike Leftakes could also play first base.

The Wolves suffered a blow when starting centerfielder Lorenzo Fiol underwent season-ending hand surgery.

Senior Peter Jimenez, a two-year varsity player with a strong lefty bat, appears headed for left field. Pazik and Fleitas will split time in center and Wheeler should start in right when not on the mound.

George Curran, Harry Smytiotes, Steven Stock, Tommy Atiyeh and Dino Davros also made the Wolves varsity.

Niles West opens the season at 4:45 p.m. Friday at home against Wheeling Foreman visits at 11 a.m. Saturday for a doubleheader.

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Den of skillful Wolves get ready to strike

West features no less than 15 returnees

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS SOCCER – Niles West head coach Brett Clish hopes his team improves on its 8-13-3 record of a year ago.

With 15 returnees on hand, the coach has every reason to believe the 2010 Wolves will be better.

Four team members also played for the school's successful girls basketball team, and Clish said that he's looking for them to bring a winning mentality to the pitch.

Senior Allie Guiang, junior Nicole Moy and freshman Molly Kleppin all were key members of the hoops squad that reached supersectionals, while sophomore Liz Troyk earned a call-up to varsity for the postseason.

The Wolves were scheduled to open the season against Prospect on Monday, and Clish said that the team was already well ahead of where it had been last year.

"Practice has been a lot easier," he said. "We don't have to hammer all the basics. We can do higher-thinking stuff and activities to get them to understand what's going on with their movement and everything. That helps a lot."

One of last season's key moments came when Arlene Bueno was installed as the No. 1 goalkeeper. Not only did it put a talented player in the nets, it allowed incumbent Carolyn Masterton to play her more natural position up front, where she flourished.

Bueno, now a junior, is back between the posts. She worked hard in the offseason and looks to build on her 2009 total of five shutouts.

The defense will miss the departed Alex Heidtke. But Moy and sophomore Marina Sostar-

ic are experienced central defenders.

Junior Nicole Poskrobko, junior Becky Hawk and sophomore Jessica Nianick also have seen time on the backline, while sophomores Lizzie Nguyen and Heather Koder should also work with the defense.

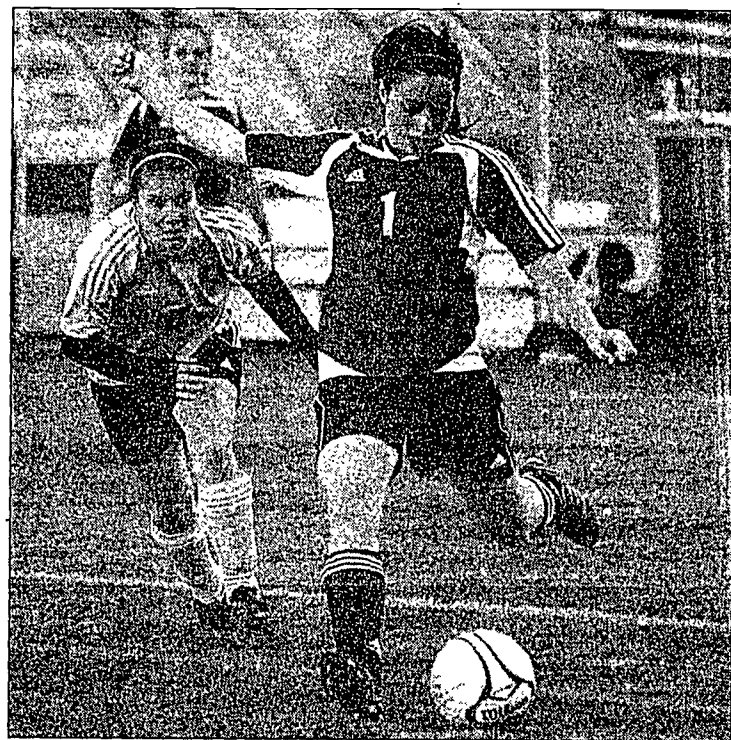
Guiang and senior Katarina Sostaric could be paired in the central midfield, while sophomore Maggie Swanson and Troyk figure to get time on the wings.

Sophomores Jane Ro and Nicole Ostro, and juniors Cheyenne Farrell and Jenny Cornici could also be called upon to play in the middle.

Up top, senior Danya Snowsky is back after leading the team with 12 goals last season. She scored 11 as a sophomore and needs a dozen this year to tie the school's career record of 36.

Masterton, Kleppin and senior Amanda Ko also will be counted on to put the ball in the net.

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Niles West senior Danya Snowsky scored 12 goals last year and needs 12 more to match the Wolves' career record. (Ruthie Hauge/Staff Photographer)

Meshing of old and new will take some time

Veteran core joined by fresh talent

By DAN SHALIN
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GIRLS SOCCER – Niles North did not graduate a bunch of players from last year's 9-9-4 team, but those who did depart significantly contributed.

Gone are top scorer Nicole Valente, goalkeeper Lauren Smith, sweeper Natalie Saunders and fellow defender Jamie Rubinstein.

Head coach Dan Edminster is looking to blend a fair amount of returning talent with an infusion of youngsters — including four or five freshmen.

Leading up to today's 4:45 p.m. opener at Waukegan, the coach said he was still trying to figure out where to play everybody.

"In some ways, we're even younger than last year. It might take a little longer to get in order with so many freshmen and sophomores," Edminster said. "What



Niles North senior Seth Penafiorida (left) returns to give the Vikings some veteran experience on the back line. (Dan Luedert/Staff Photographer)

we have is a learning process for the first few weeks."

The team does include veterans, such as junior defender Amanda

Reichardt, senior defender Seth Penafiorida, senior midfielder Shira Schwartz, junior midfielder Jeannine Taerbaum and junior forward Tiffany Ebeling.

Prior to the season, three girls were battling to replace Smith as the No. 1 keeper: senior Elena Espina, junior Monica Rosenberg and sophomore Annemarie Reid. The back line should feature Reichardt and Penafiorida, along with sophomore Maria Acosta.

In the attack, Ebeling will get a chance to fill Valente's role as the roaming striker/midfielder.

"Tiffany will take over that lead role," Edminster said. "I'm hoping she can handle being up top. She's going to get marked up. Other teams know her already, and I hope she can handle the pressure."

Also likely to play in the midfield: Schwartz, Taerbaum, sophomore Camila Marquez, junior Deborah Steinberg and junior Lily Hernandez.

Taerbaum will take many of the team's free kicks and corners. Reichardt also assumes some free-kick responsibilities. Steinberg

and Reed, if she's not in goal, should be employed alongside Ebeling up top.

Edminster said there were a handful of leaders on the squad, and he expected more to emerge.

"We have four or five we can count on (for leadership)," he said. "The younger ones, they are starting to show leadership and talk more. They are coming out of their shell. It should be a good year for us, chemistry-wise."

Edminster said one of the goals is to finish in the top three in the CSL North.

The schedule once again includes the Pepsi Showdown, a multi-week event that features teams from around the Chicago area. North participated in that tournament for the first time last season.

The Vikings will make their debut in the Glenbrook South/North Tournament, which will feature the hosts, McHenry, Bradford (Wis.), Deerfield, Crystal Lake South and Buffalo Grove on April 23-24.

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THIS WEEK MAINE EAST

Today
Girls badminton hosts Evanston, 4:30 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Glenbrook South, 6:30 p.m.
Girls soccer at Niles West, 4:45 p.m.
Boys water polo hosts Maine West, 6 p.m.
Girls water polo hosts Maine West, 5 p.m.
Friday
Girls badminton at Leyden Invite, 4:30 p.m.
Boys gymnastics at Leyden Invite, 6:30 p.m.
Boys track at Niles North CSL Championship, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Boys baseball hosts Luther North, 10 a.m.
Boys gymnastics at Leyden Invite, 10 a.m.
Monday
Boys baseball hosts Northridge Prep., 4:45 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Von Steuben, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday
Girls soccer hosts Ida Crown, 5 p.m.
Girls softball hosts Conant, 10 a.m.
Wednesday
Boys baseball at Elk Grove, 11 a.m.

NILES NORTH

Today
Baseball hosts Foreman, 4:30 p.m.
Girls track at Glenbrook North CSL Championship, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
Boys track at Niles North CSL Championship, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Baseball hosts Northside Prep., 10:30 a.m.
Monday
Baseball hosts Ida Crown, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Baseball hosts Gordon Tech, 4:30 p.m.
Girls soccer hosts Lake Forest, 4:45 p.m.

NILES WEST

Friday
Boys track at Evanston CSL Invite, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball hosts Wheeling, 4:45 p.m.
Boys water polo at Lake Forest, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Baseball hosts Foreman DH, 11 a.m.
Monday
Baseball hosts Walter Payton, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday
Boys tennis hosts Notre Dame, 4:45 p.m.
Boys gymnastics hosts Highland Park/Deerfield, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Baseball hosts Mother Guerin, 4:45 p.m.

NOTRE DAME

Monday
Volleyball hosts Lane Tech, 5 p.m.
Tuesday
Lacrosse at Marmion Academy, 5 p.m.

New goalie complements vets on offense

Coach returns after year's absence

By MATT HARNESSE
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GIRLS SOCCER – At this time last year, Julie Dickinson was nearing the end of her pregnancy.

Baby Tommy was delivered early, causing Dickinson to miss the 2009 season. She turned over the Demons to assistant Katie Pavlik.

As much as she loves her new son, Dickinson is happy to be back on the field with the girls for a sixth season.

"I did miss it," she said. "I feel bad for the seniors I didn't get to coach. It's nice to be able to show them the drills and be able to play soccer again."

Dickinson looks at Pavlik as a co-head coach rather than a varsity assistant. They will concentrate on different areas, with Dickinson running the defense and Pavlik coaching the offense.

Freshman coach Jeff Bishop brings a goalie background to the program and



Maine East's leading scorer from 2009, Jasmina Markovic (8) once again will pepper opponents' nets this spring. (Buzz Orr/Staff Photographer)

are guided by Jasmina Markovic, who begins her fourth varsity season. The midfielder topped the team in goals scored in 2009.

On the field, the Demons

are guided by Jasmina Markovic, who begins her fourth varsity season. The midfielder topped the team in goals scored in 2009.

"She's definitely our leader on the team, skill-

wise (and with) knowledge and experience," Dickinson said. "She brings a lot to our game."

Joy Ocampo and Harloff are two other senior starters back in the fold.

Ocampo, a third-year varsity member, plays with Markovic in the midfield.

Returning juniors include Audrey Klepadlo, Megan Harford and Angela Thomas.

Samantha Contreras is a freshman Dickinson brought up to varsity to play defense.

"She had come to some of the open gyms," Dickinson said of Contreras. "She's a hard worker with good skills. She wants to prove herself, and she goes the extra (mile)."

Ocampo, Harloff and Klepadlo all played on the varsity basketball team. Dickinson believes that especially helps Harloff in the net. Even bigger is her willingness to play goalie.

"If you have a player who wants to be in goal, that's a positive," the coach said. "It's always so hard to find a goalie who wants to be there. She's stepped up and taking on that role. Hopefully that we will work for her."

The Demons were scheduled to start the season against District 207 rival Maine South on Tuesday. Maine East visits Niles West today.

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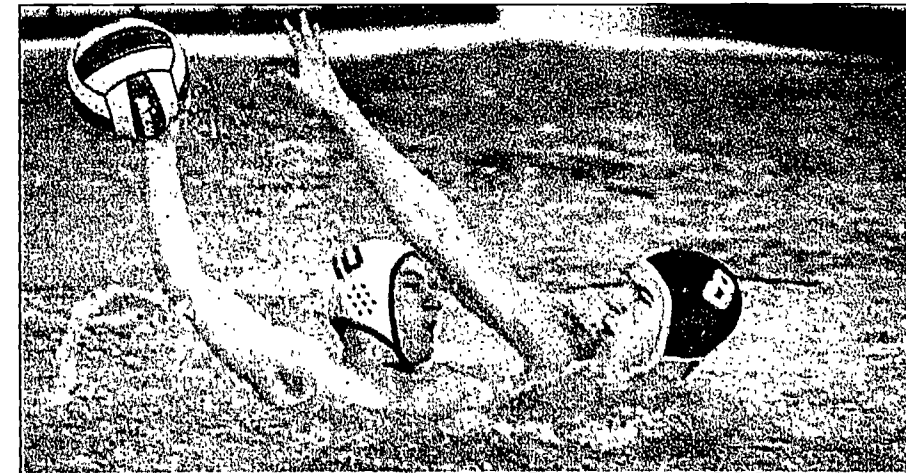
Records tumble in Maine East's home opener

BOYS WATER POLO – Maine East split a pair of games last week.

The Demons began the season with a record-setting 21-12 win over Vernon Hills on March 10. It marked the first time they opened the home slate with a victory, as well as the most goals scored in team history.

Adam Socik completed the trifecta with six goals to tie the single-game scoring mark. He shares the record with 2009 graduate Chris Scanlon and assistant coach Mehul Amin.

Mike Mazur scored five goals and had four assists, while Matt Wiegel added four goals with four assists.



Maine East's Matt Wiegel (left) protects the ball from Glenbrook North's Tytus Kwiatkowski last week during GBN's 13-8 victory. (Michelle LaVigne/Staff Photographer)

The Demons then lost to Glenbrook North 13-8 on

March 11. Mazur led the team with three goals and

also played half the game in goal. Steven Tom matched

Mazur with three goals of his own.

Maine East was scheduled to play Wheeling on Tuesday and will host Maine West today.

GirlsMaine East began the 2010 season with three losses.

But Natalia Bialecka, who advanced to the State Meet as a swimmer, had much success. The senior scored 14 of the team's 15 goals.

Maine East lost to Northside 10-5, fell to Evanston 14-5 and were topped by Glenbrook North 17-5.

The Demons, who were scheduled to play Deerfield on Tuesday, will host Maine West today.

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State qualifiers return carrying high hopes

Both squads feature experience

By **DAN SHALIN**
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TRACK — Last spring was a memorable one for both the Niles North boys and girls teams.

Though some of 2009's superstars have departed, both squads are expecting to boast big campaigns again in 2010.

The Vikings boys team is coming off a 14th-place finish at the IHSA Class 3A State Meet, the best in program history.

Gone are the likes of Rendell Smith (4th in triple jump), Israel Cornelio (7th in the 1600-meter run) and Kelly Williams (8th in the 100 hurdles). Plenty of talent remains.

"We have a solid crew of returnees," said head coach Paul Swanson. "We don't have as much depth as we've had in the past, so we have to keep ourselves healthy in order to be as competitive as last year. What we do have is pretty doggone good."

A solid core of sprinters features seniors Will Kennedy and Tony Kennedy (not related). Will Kennedy was part of the 400 relay team that finished seventh in the state last season.

Senior Cameron Finnegan ran on the 800 relay team that advanced Downstate in 2009. Juniors Sunil Rehmani and Devonir Casey are also talented sprinters. Junior Zheng Feng and senior Ben Raiber are the team's top hurdlers, and both had productive off-seasons.

Seniors Josh Zeidman and Alvin Thomass III are the leading distance runners. As juniors, both were members of 3200 relay team that placed 11th in the



Niles North high jumper Will Kennedy returns to the Vikings this spring after helping last year's 4x100 relay team place seventh at the State Meet. (Allen Kaleta/for STM)

state.

Junior George Neuhaus set sophomore throwing records last season. Seniors Paul Houmpavlis and Andre Merlos will also heave the shot put and discus. Senior Dan Chalus should be the team's top pole vaulter.

The Vikings will be seeking a sixth straight CSL North outdoor title this spring. They also won the conference indoor title last year, though Swanson said he uses the indoor season more as a training exercise.

North will host this year's indoor meet, at Niles West, at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Girls

Niles North's girls team waved goodbye to all-time great Flo Mafany, who finished second in the state in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles as a senior. She helped North to a 20th-place finish overall.

The Vikings do feature a number of talented seniors. Three are returning state qualifiers: Mariya Denisenko (10th in long jump), Nancy Harmon (10th

in discus) and Angie Walinski (discus).

Seniors Alex Christus and Marissa Weiler are the top sprinters, while senior Juni Park emerged in high jump toward the end of last season.

"It's been really nice to be able to rely on (the seniors') experience," said North head coach Andy Swedberg. "They bring a lot of knowledge about what they need to do to get ready to compete."

Sophomores Kiana Foreman, an important part of the team's 1600 relay, and Clara Williamson, an 800 runner, will also be key members of the squad. Senior Pearlane DeGuzman is expected to contribute in sprints during her first year in the sport.

Swedberg said the goal is to win the CSL North outdoor title. Deerfield narrowly edged out the Vikings for the crown last season.

North is scheduled to compete in the CSL North indoor meet at Glenbrook North at 4:30 p.m. today. *Comment: pioneerlocal.com*



Niles West's Jewell Loyd (right), recovering a rebound over Fenwick's Meredith Boardman during the Loyola Supersectional, figures to be the central player on next season's Wolves' team. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

Super support carries Wolves through playoffs

By **DAN SHALIN**
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GIRLS BASKETBALL — After Niles West lost to Fenwick 54-40 in the Loyola University Supersectional on March 1, there were plenty of tears in the Wolves' locker room.

West head coach Tony Konsewicz chose to focus on the positives after a season full of them.

"The kids were conference champs for the first time in 25 years, we were regional champs and sectional champs (for the first time in 29 years)," he said. "We were one of the final eight teams in the state in the largest class (4A), and we stepped up and played (Fenwick) tough. I was proud of our effort."

The Wolves (27-6) came out strong in the contest, showing no fear of their favored opponent or of playing in front of the largest crowd of the season on a college floor.

The game was tied 19-19 after one quarter. Despite some rough shooting in the second quarter, West trailed just 29-25 at the break.

But the game got away from the Wolves in the third quarter, and they had no answer for Fenwick's Duke-

bound superstar Tricia Liston (26 points). The loss was West's first by double digits all season, which speaks volumes about the team's success over the winter months.

"We all worked really hard in practice, and all worked hard to come this far," said senior Jackie Gremlay. "(Losing) is disappointing to everybody. But we had a really great season along the way. I can't thank everybody on our team enough for contributing, whether they played or they helped us in practice. Each person made us better every day. We always wanted to lay it all out on the floor. That's what we did."

Konsewicz praised the lift the team received during the season — especially at the sectional and supersectional.

"It's been outstanding — our whole community. There are people who don't have kids in school anymore and I see them up in the stands," he said. "Our students have come out in droves and really just supported this team wholeheartedly. That's nice for the girls."

Gremlay, who was second on the team in scoring at about 10.8 points per game and in rebounding (7 rpg), will depart along with three

other starters: Kelly Kleppin (7 ppg), Michelle Poskrobko (6.2 rpg) and Allie Guiang, who hit the game-winning shot in the regional final win over Evanston. Jenny DiJohn also departs.

Next season's team will once again be built around all-stater Jewell Loyd, who averaged close to 23 points and 12.5 rebounds during her stellar sophomore year.

Nicole Moy, the team's top substitute, also will be back. Others, such as freshman Molly Kleppin, and juniors Laurie DiJohn, Ashley Brandon and Casey Nakawatase, will be asked to elevate their game.

"We're going to be vertically challenged again," Konsewicz said. "We're not going to be very tall. We have some big shoes to fill. These girls have to step in and put in the work in the off-season to make a difference."

Loyd said she will miss her graduating teammates, but looks forward to making another deep playoff run in 2010-11.

"We had a great season," she said. "We've been with each other for many years. The bond was good. Hopefully, we get this far next year."

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GOLD LIST

State placers
50 freestyle: Dominic Cubelic (1st place, Glenbrook South, Sr.); Andrew Jovanovic (4th, Loyola Academy, Fr.); Ryan Bach (10th, Glenbrook South, Jr.); Jared DeGrazia (11th, Maine South, Sr.).
100 freestyle: Dominic Cubelic (2nd, Glenbrook South, Sr.); Max Grodecki (7th, New Trier, So.); Max Behles (tie-8th, Evanston, Sr.); Konner Scott (10th, Niles West, Jr.).
200 freestyle: Frank Toops (6th, Loyola Academy, Sr.); Max Behles (7th, Evanston, Sr.); C.J. Smith (8th, New Trier, Jr.); Nick Killeen (10th, New Trier, So.).
500 freestyle: C.J. Smith (2nd, New Trier, Jr.); Derick Carlson (11th, St. Patrick, Sr.).
100 butterfly: Andrew Jovanovic (5th, Loyola Academy, Fr.).
100 backstroke: Sam Metz (2nd, New Trier, Sr.); Jared DeGrazia (7th, Maine South, Sr.); Kyle Grant (10th, New Trier, Sr.).
100 breaststroke: Konrad von Moltke (3rd, New Trier, Jr.); Andrew Chiu (11th, New Trier, Sr.).
200 individual medley: Sam Metz (3rd, New Trier, Sr.).
200 freestyle relay: Glenbrook South (2nd, Ryan Bach, Thomas Pollick, Will Porter, Dominic Cubelic); New Trier (3rd, Max Grodecki, Linc Rhodes, Nels Snyder, Nick Killeen); Loyola Academy (5th, Andrew Jovanovic, Patrick Rahill, Connor Murphy, Frank Toops).
200 medley relay: New Trier (2nd, Sam Metz, Konrad von Moltke, Matt Gagne, Max Grodecki); Evanston (11th, Kevin Quinn, Wes Marberry, Matthew Wich, Max Behles); Loyola Academy (12th, Connery Brennan, T.J. Considine, Justin Pasquasi, Frank Toops).
400 freestyle relay: New Trier (4th, Max Grodecki, Nick Killeen, Linc Rhodes, Sam Metz); Loyola Academy (5th, Justin Pasquasi, Connor Murphy, Andrew Jovanovic, Frank Toops); Glenbrook South (6th, Ryan Bach, Thomas Pollick, Will Porter, Dominic Cubelic).
Diving: Jonathan Roby (2nd, Glenbrook North, Sr.); Arsen Sarkisian (3rd, Niles North, Sr.); Woody Lord (4th, Glenbrook South, Sr.); Matt Staab (8th, New Trier, Jr.); Jordan Sacks (9th, New Trier, So.).

2011 WATCH LIST

Evanston: Blake Morgan, Fr.; Mackenzie Miller, So.
Glenbrook South: Adam Klosowiak, Jr.
Glenbrook North: Jason Chen, So.
Loyola Academy: Michael Nash, So.
Maine South: Andrew Salomon, Jr.
New Trier: David Schriesheim, Fr.
Niles West: Zach Rothstein, So.
Niles North: Karol Mlynarski, Fr.; Richard Gomez, So.
St. Patrick: Peter Blume, Jr.
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Cubelic, Roby repeat successes

Each equals his previous efforts at State Meet

By **GEORGE M. WILCOX**
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BOYS SWIMMING — Northwest-bound Dominik Cubelic of Glenbrook South made history last month when he became the school's first swimmer to win back-to-back state titles in the same event.

The speedy sprinter, who last year also helped set the national record in the 200 free relay of 1:22.15, is the North Stars Boys Swimmer of the Year.

Colin Cordes is the school's only other two-time state swimming champion and the pair are linked as two of GBS' all-time best. Both Cubelic and Cordes, who graduated in 2009, own four school records.

Cubelic won the 50-yard freestyle (20.48) at the State Meet and finished second in the 100 free (45.41). He was also the anchor for the second-place 200 free relay and sixth-place 400 free relay.

In the senior's four seasons, GBS won three state trophies and finished fifth at the State Meet. He was named first-team all-state all four years and is a 15-time All-



Glenbrook South senior Dominik Cubelic took first in the 50-meter freestyle at the State Meet to become the only Titans swimmer to successfully defend his title. (Joel Lerner/Staff Photographer)

American. He won the 50 free at State as a junior in a blistering 20.18.

"(Dominik) is very competitive. Whether it is a swim race, a badminton game (we had a team tournament) or penny wars (we had a team tournament where kids battle for a penny underwater), Dominik always wants to win and — and usually does," GBS coach Keith MacDonald said.

Boys Diving

Jonathan Roby of Glenbrook North is another athlete who usually finds the top step of the awards stand.



Glenbrook North senior diver Jonathan Roby last month placed runner-up at the State Meet for the second year in a row. (Rob Hart/Staff Photographer)

While the Minnesota-bound diver never beat his late father's family record 504.15 points for 11 dives, the Spartan senior matched his father twice by finishing second in the state in back-to-back years.

The two-time state runner-up is the North Stars Boys Diver of the Year.

Jonathan (458.40) came in second at the State Meet last month to Hinsdale South's Jordan Dyson and ranks as one of GBN's all-time best. His father, Henry Roby, placed second at State, for Proviso East in 1972. Roby's mother Jessica also doubles as his coach

FIRST TEAM

50 freestyle: Ryan Bach, Glenbrook South junior
100 freestyle: Max Grodecki, New Trier sophomore
200 freestyle: Nick Killeen, New Trier sophomore
500 freestyle: Derick Carlson, St. Patrick senior
200 individual medley: Kevin Quinn, Evanston senior
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200 freestyle relay: New Trier (Max Grodecki, Linc Rhodes, Nels Snyder, Nick Killeen)
400 freestyle relay: Glenbrook South (Ryan Bach, Thomas Pollick, Will Porter, Dominic Cubelic)
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SECOND TEAM

50 freestyle: Ryan Bach, Glenbrook South junior
100 freestyle: Max Grodecki, New Trier sophomore
200 freestyle: Nick Killeen, New Trier sophomore
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FIRST TEAM

SPRINT STARS
DOMENIK CUBELIC, Glenbrook South senior
 North Stars Swimmer of the Year
JARED DEGRAZIA, Maine South senior
 First Hawks swimmer to reach the State Finals since 1996, placing seventh in the 100 backstroke and 11th in the 50 freestyle.
ANDREW JOVANOVIC, Loyola Academy freshman
 Top-five state finishes in both the 50 freestyle (4th) and 100 butterfly (5th) helped the freshman standout make one of the biggest splashes for a first-year swimmer in the program's history. His 50 time of 20.88 was the quickest during the state prelims.
SAM METZ, New Trier senior
 One of the most decorated swimmers in school history added two more state medals, in the individual medley (3rd) and 100 backstroke (2nd) while leading the Trevs to a second-place state finish in the medley relay. Part of two state championship teams during his four-year career.
DISTANCE ACES
MAX BEHLES, Evanston senior
 Steady, if unspectacular, Behles left his mark on the program after placing seventh at State in the 200 freestyle — with the fourth fastest time overall — and a tie for eighth in the 100. Also won the CSL South 200 freestyle title for the second straight year.
C.J. SMITH, New Trier junior
 Won the 200 and 500 freestyle races at the New Trier Sectional, then lowered his times significantly at State with an eighth-place effort in the 200 and a runner-up finish in the 500 in a school record 4:31.17.
FRANK TOOPS, Loyola Academy senior
 Paced the Ramblers to a sixth-place finish in the state team standings after focusing on relays, helping Loyola score top-five finishes in both freestyle relays. Also placed sixth in the 200 freestyle.

BEST ON THE BOARD

JONATHAN ROBY, Glenbrook North senior
 North Stars Diver of the Year

FANTASTIC FOURSOMES

New Trier 200 medley (Sam Metz, Konrad von Moltke, Matt Gagne, Max Grodecki)
 Edged out of a state championship by less than a full second, all but Metz will return next year.
Glenbrook South 200 freestyle (Ryan Bach, Thomas Pollick, Will Porter, Dominik Cubelic)
 Cubelic and Bach — members of South's national record-setting unit last year — joined with newcomers Pollick and Porter to place second at State in a time of 1:24.14.
New Trier 400 freestyle (Max Grodecki, Nick Killeen, Linc Rhodes, Sam Metz)
 Fourth-place state finish had hoped for a team title, but still ranked as the best among area entries in 3:06.52.

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Former local hoops stars shine on big stage at NCAA tournament

By **KEN RYAN**
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL— St. Joseph graduate Evan Turner; Glenbrook North's Jon Scheyer and Proviso East's Jacob Pullen started gaining national acclaim last season. Each is now among the top players in the country, highlighting an impressive list of former Pioneer Press-area athletes who will be competing in the NCAA Tournament, beginning March 18.

Turner, a 6-foot-7 junior guard at Ohio State, was named the Sporting News' National Player of the Year

and is a first-team All-America selection. He was also chosen as the Big Ten's Player of the Year and is a strong candidate for National Player of the Year.

Scheyer, a senior captain at Duke, was selected to the Sporting News' 2009-10 All-America second team. He will be making his fourth NCAA Tournament appearance. He helped the Blue Devils reach the Sweet 16 last season, averaging 13.7 points in three tourney games.

Pullen, a 6-foot junior guard at Kansas State, will be making his second NCAA Tournament appearance. He started 14 games as a freshman when Michael Beasley led Kansas State to the second round of the tournament.

Here are the local players competing in the NCAA Tournament:

EVAN TURNER (Ohio State, junior/St. Joseph High School) joined Jimmy Jackson as the only player in Ohio State history to reach 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 300 assists during his career.
IMAN SHUMPERT (Georgia Tech, sophomore/Oak Park-River Forest) leads the Yellow Jackets (19-11, 7-9 in Atlantic Coast Conference) in assists (4.0 per game) and steals (2.0), ranks third in scoring (10.0) and is fourth in rebounding (3.3). He's also second on the team with 31 three-point field goals.
CHRIS WROBLEWSKI (Cornell, sophomore/Highland Park) Wroblewski helped Cornell (27-4, 13-1 in Ivy League) capture its third straight Ivy League Championship and automatic bid to the Big Dance.
 The 6-0 guard has started 30 of 31 games this season, averaging 8.9 points, 3.3 assists and 2.9 rebounds. He has connected on 51-of-112 (46 percent) three-point attempts.
MATT SHAMIS (Lehigh, senior/Glenbrook North), one of four team captains, has contributed to a record-setting season for Lehigh.

The Mountain Hawks (21-10) captured their first outright Patriot League championship in school history with a 10-4 record.

Jonathan Peoples (Notre Dame, senior/St. Joseph) is a tri-captain this season with the Fighting Irish (22-10) after sharing the team's Most Improved Player award his junior campaign.

JACK COOLEY (Notre Dame, freshman/Glenbrook South), the third-leading scorer in Glenbrook South history, is one of four newcomers on Notre Dame's roster this season. The 6-9 forward has appeared in 20 games off the bench and is averaging 1.0 point and 1.8 rebounds.

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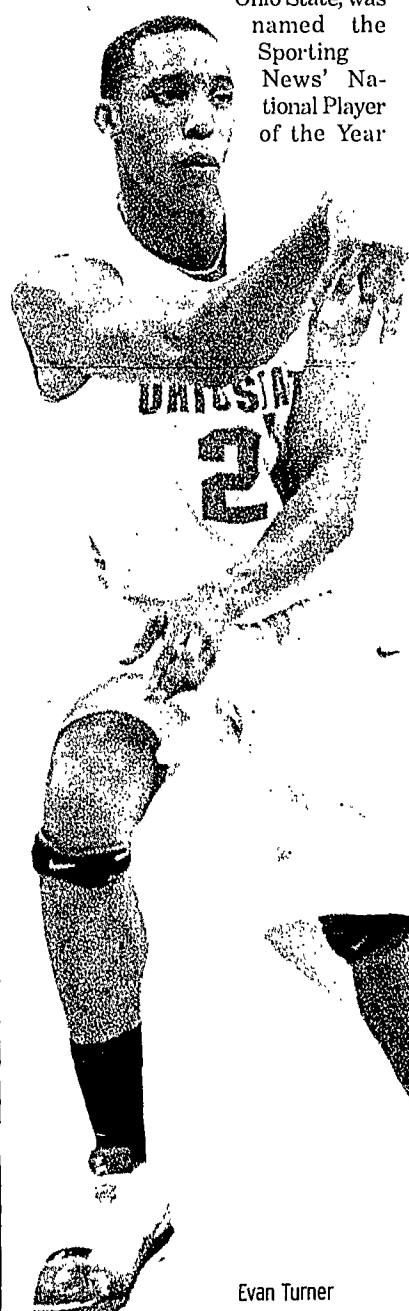
He's played a big role in helping Kansas State enjoy one of its best seasons in school history.
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Evan Turner



Jon Scheyer

FIRST ROUND MATCHUPS

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 #6 Notre Dame vs. #11 Old Dominion 11:25 a.m.
 #2 Kansas State vs. #15 North Texas 1:40 p.m.
 #16 Lehigh vs. #1 Kansas 8:30 p.m.
 #11 San Diego St. vs. #6 Tennessee 8:45 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
 #12 Cornell vs. #5 Temple 11:30 a.m.
 #10 Georgia Tech vs. #7 Oklahoma St. 6:15 p.m.
 #1 Duke vs. #16 Ark-PB/Winthrop 6:35 p.m.
 #2 Ohio State vs. Cal-Santa Barbara 8:35 p.m.

and 2.8 rebounds with the Aztecs. Carlwell has played in all 30 games, with three starts. He played just three games as a sophomore at Illinois before missing the rest of the season with a knee injury.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

1. Maine South
2. Glenbrook North
3. New Trier
4. Loyola
5. Notre Dame

ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK

BOYS BASKETBALL

Justin Tworek, Maine South
Led the Hawks Friday with 14 points in the 43-41 win over Glenbrook North for Maine South's first sectional title since 1999. Senior also scored 10 in the sectional semifinal victory over New Trier.

Alex Dragicevich, Glenbrook North
Notre Dame-bound senior led all scorers with 21 points in Friday's sectional final loss to Maine South.

GIRLS WATER POLO

Zara Wysocky, New Trier
Senior goalie helped Trevians go 3-0 to win their own tournament last week. New Trier beat Glenbrook South, St. Viator and Sandburg.

BOYS WATER POLO

Matthew Wich, Evanston
Senior scored game's first four goals and finished with nine in Wildkits' 17-7 win over Maine South last week.

Tytus Kwiatkowski, Glenbrook North
The senior scored 28 goals in three matches Saturday to lead the Spartans to their first championship at the Highland Park Invitational.

BOYS HOCKEY

Ryan Maize, Notre Dame
The junior goaltender turned away 22 shots on goal Saturday to blank New Trier White 1-0 in the semifinals of the White Division Blackhawk Cup championships.

Greg Ogard, New Trier
The Trevians goalkeeper kept New Trier Green in the game Saturday before the offense got untracked for a 5-1 win over Benet in the opening round of the AHA Red Division Blackhawk Cup.

Notre Dame reaches division final

Goalie Maize pitches shutout in semis

By DAN SHALIN
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ICE HOCKEY - Notre Dame may not have looked like a championship team for most of the season.

But in Bensenville, on Saturday night, the Dons skated off the ice just one win away from hoisting a trophy.

ND (15-83-2) defeated New Trier White 1-0 in the Blackhawk Cup White Division semifinal at The Edge Ice Arena, setting up Tuesday's scheduled championship matchup with Jacobs.

Dons junior goaltender Ryan Maize was the star of the game, turning back all 22 shots he faced.

"Maize was amazing," said first-year ND head coach Claude Desgagne. "He is our player, our MVP, no doubt about it."

"Knowing Maize is in net, is big," said ND junior forward David Fabris. "It's a big boost of confidence knowing that if something happens, he's there to save it. He's standing on his head."

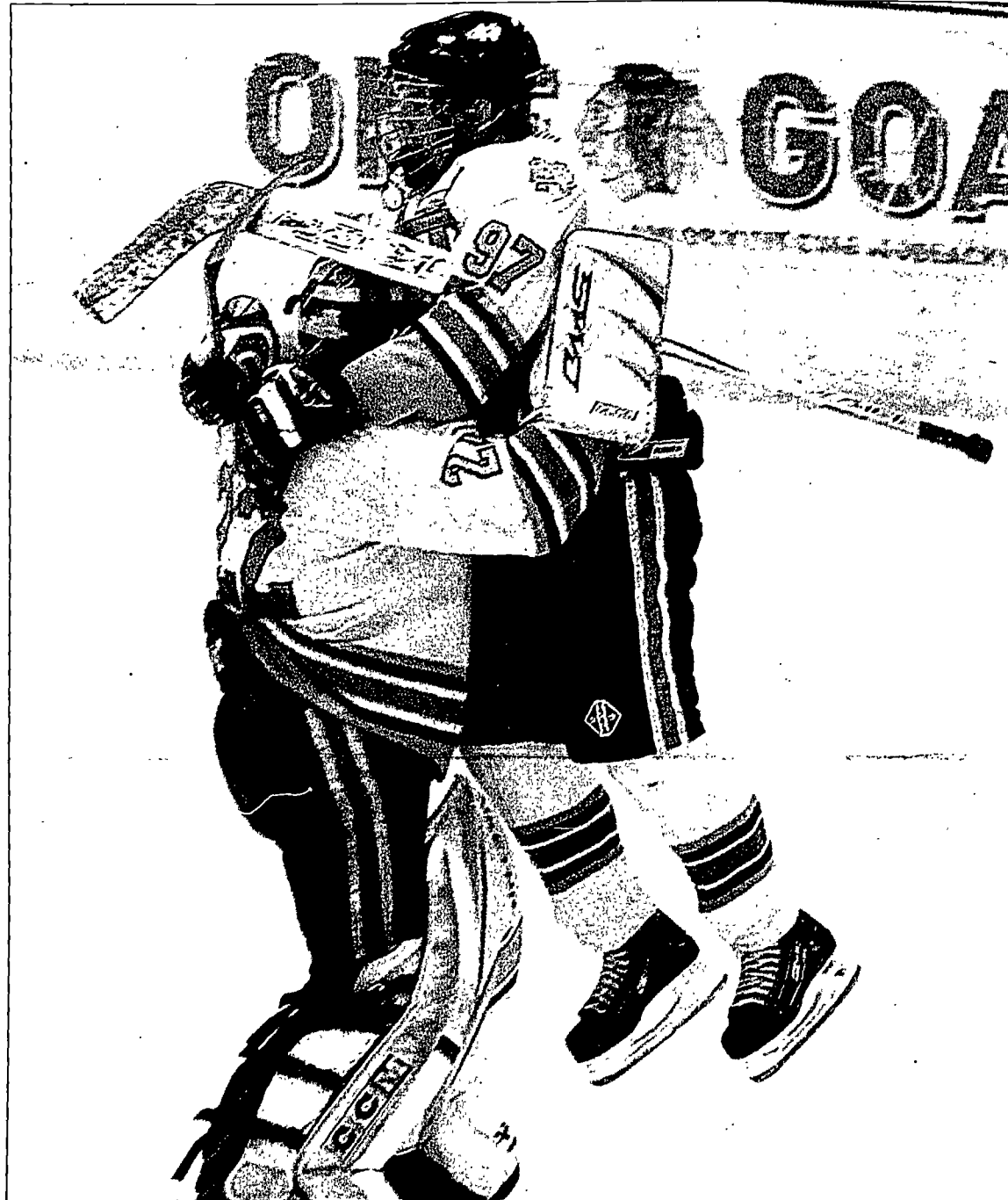
Maize had to be at his best because his counterpart, NT's Charlie Hackley (26 saves), was at the top of his game for the Trevians (7-27-6).

ND beat Hackley with 7:41 remaining in the second period. During a 2-on-1 breakaway, Kyle Gronset fed Fabris, who floated the puck over Hackley's glove and into the net.

The Dons had plenty of nervous moments after that, especially later in the second period when they were forced to kill off the Trevians' second 5-on-3 advantage of the game. Notre Dame was shorthanded seven times in the contest, but Alex Murphy, Micah Orchard and Tom O'Brien turned in stellar performances on the team's penalty-kill.

Most ND players and coaches agreed that the team's turnaround began with a win over Marist in the Catholic League playoffs, even though ND eventually lost the best-of-three series. ND then continued its good form in the Blackhawk Cup, upsetting No. 1 seed Mundelein in a quarterfinal.

The main reasons for the Dons' improved play: health, experience and knowledge, according to Desgagne.



Notre Dame goalie Ryan Maize (left) is congratulated by teammate Alex Murphy Saturday after defeating New Trier White 1-0 in the Blackhawk Cup semifinals at The Edge in Bensenville. (Shauna Bittle/for STM)

Breaking news

Coverage of Tuesday's scheduled Blackhawk Cup championship game between Notre Dame and Jacobs is available at www.pioneerlocal.com.

"At the beginning of the season, we had lost 15 kids from the year before and we were going for it with him," he said. "We had to make adjustments and that hurt us in the beginning. But this spring, we've clicked. All that (Desgagne) has talked about

system better. The defensemen are key to our system and they have been able to move the puck a lot better." Maize said that early in the season, the team also may have been missing former head coach Chris Gallagher.

"(Gallagher) was a really great guy, and we were going for it with him," he said. "We had to make adjustments and that hurt us in the beginning. But this spring, we've clicked. All that (Desgagne) has talked about

... now we're putting it into play."

HONORS: O'Brien, Fabris and Maize were named as Catholic League varsity all-stars prior to the Catholic League Kennedy Cup Championship game at Southwest Ice Arena in Crestwood. It marked O'Brien's first all-star award, while both Fabris and Maize were JV all-stars last year.

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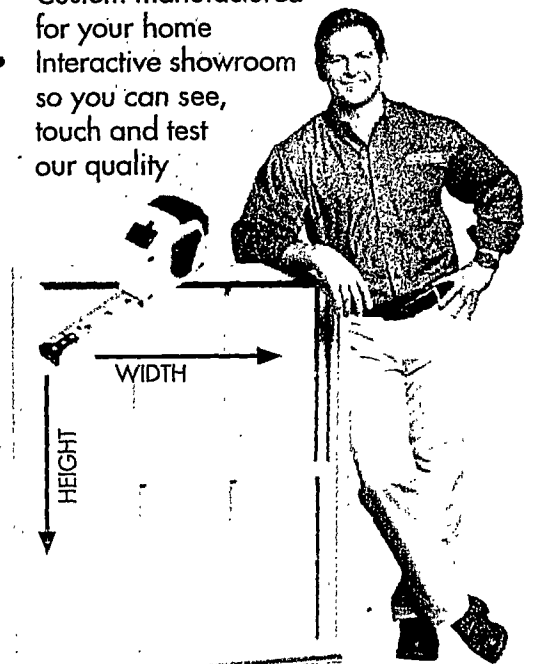
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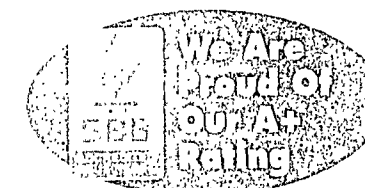
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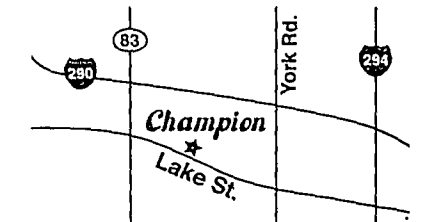
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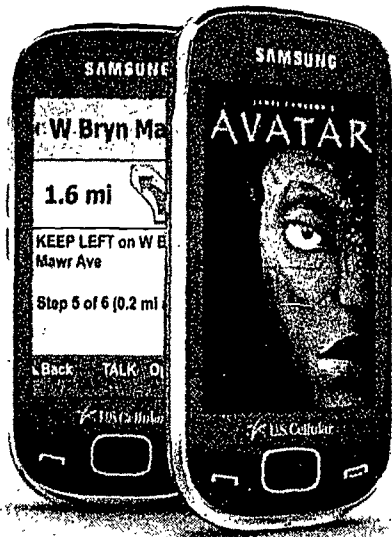
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